

Thanks to all of our guests who helped make 2008 another great season for BBL. Even though the ice went out very late in May and the temperatures stayed well below normal for most of the summer, the fishing was exceptional. Many of our long time guests said 2008 was the best fishing they have experienced in more than 20 years! Our fish tally board showed that our guests caught over 6,500 fish. I can not remember seeing so many "lunker" fish being caught in one season. We would like to thank all of you who released many of your trophy fish. Your conservation efforts will help make 2009 a very exciting year. Thanks again to all of our organizers, friends, guests, and relatives who made last season so special.

Thank You Group Organizers

The following organizers brought
15 or more people in their group!

- **Lee Wahlgren** (Princeton HS): 49
- **Brian Waugh** : 36
- **Rick Miller** (Oswego HS) : 19
- **Jim Still** (Yorkville HS): 32
- **Denny Hendrix** : 41
- **Ken Liebenstein**
(Sheboygan Falls HS): 34
- **Tim Heth** (Putnam Co. HS): 23



Fish Wall

These figures are based on the people who participated in our fish wall tally this year. Imagine what our numbers would look like if everyone participated!!

Biggest Fish Caught This Year

Walleye - 31" (July 1st) by: Brad Shields

N. Pike - 49" 29# (May 27th) by: Dave Merrigan

Lake Trout - 39" 26# (June 19th) by: Tim Green

How Many Were Caught?

Walleye - 4,895 (104 were 27+ inches long)

N. Pike - 1,525 (35 were 40+ inches long)

Lake Trout - 170

Hunter Stats

This year we harvested 6 bears.



Three were in the 400 + lb. range.



The other three were between 250
and 350 lbs.

Great Job Hunters!

Greg Cavanaugh	Chance Battles
Shawn Antol	Dale Parish
Greg Money	Brad Anderson
	Scott Dowd

New For '09

PRICES will stay the same as last year with the exception of American Plan Adults. The new rate for American Plan Adults will be \$550 per week.

ALL GROUPS must fill out a booking/registration form and turn it in with their deposit in order to reserve their spot.

Up and Comming Events

We are going to try something new! We have booked the Conference Room at Dick's Sporting Goods in Schaumburg for **DECEMBER 27th** from **12.5pm**. We plan to have snacks and drinks as well as pictures and stories. Please plan to attend with pictures and stories of your own. We would love to have as many current guests as possible as well as friends and potential guests interested in checking us out. **There will also be door prizes and give aways!** Come out and enjoy the fun!

2008 stories

We had our first ever BBL talent Show....Hoping to be repeated!

3 people hooked themselves...all in the finger. One was handcuffed to a 29lb. Pike and his boat partner had to cut him free.

Once again we had wonderful treats from our guests: Charlie Peterson, Grayslake Gang, and many, many more...Thank you so much!

The pirate flag was found!

Youngest Guest

Ben Shields
4 years old!

Longest Returning Guests

40+ years at BBL

Denny Hendrix
Pete George
Jim Kalina

Group with the most kids/teens
Shaboygan Falls HS
77

Wildlife Sightings

This was a busy year for wildlife sightings. Here are some of the things people told me they saw: bears (of course), moose, bald & golden eagles, wood peckers, humming birds, beavers, lynx, wolves, and other rare birds

Northern Bights

The northern lights only came out twice that we know of this year....but they were excellent. I think the one time ranks right up there with the best I have ever seen!

Jim & Jillian are

PREGNANT

Due right before we will be leaving for camp will make for such an adventurous summer!



All Camp Fish Fry

Thanks to the groups who had and all camp fish fry for dinner. Not only did it give Jillian the night off...but it was a great experience and a whole lot of fun for everyone!