

# RESORTER REPORTER

# **Congress of Minnesota Resorts**

## Message from the CMR President

Happy season to everyone!

Hope you are all ending the summer season on a good note. Keep up the smiles as these guests are still excited to be at your place. For those of you that are open in the fall and winter, may the "bird of paradise fly up your nose" or I hope you have a great fall and winter season.

The CMR Fall Conference is in its last stages of planning and will be held at Thumper Pond Resort near Ottertail, MN, on Oct. 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see a great attendance this year as I know there are a lot of good topics and a vast amount of knowledge that you can draw from (I know that I do every year). It also helps me to run ideas past others in the industry and either confirm my theory or shoot it all to heck!

Another event to consider putting on your calendar is Day on the Hill. We will be having the two– day event on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Consider attending, as we always are involved in something that is going on at the capitol. Also, Joel and Tammy put on a great day at the capitol.

Enjoy the end of summer and keep smiling as the end is near!

Respectfully,

Mark Novotny, CMR President

Hyde-A-Way Bay Resort, Hackensack

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE

**CMR Fall Conference!!** 

October 28-30, 2012

**Thumper Pond** 

Ottertail, MN

www.thumperpond.com

## **Hey Resorters!**

It's that time of the year to start thinking about the CMR Fall Conference and the much anticipated Vendor Show that is always a welcomed addition to the conference agenda. As in the past, it's an excellent time to meet with vendors in a relaxed setting to discuss what they can offer you in preparation for next season or your upcoming winter projects.

If you've been to a CMR Fall Conference you have an idea of the excellent line-up of products and services available from our supporting vendors. The following lists some examples of vendor products: customized resort clothing, gift items for resale, financial planners, credit card processing, insurance, docks, boat and motors, pre-built cabins, accountants, used hotel furnishings, fire prevention equipment, real estate brokers, hotel/motel supplies, golf cars, bird watching and more. There's something for everyone!

We hope you plan to attend this year's CMR Fall Conference at Thumper Pond Resort in Ottertail October 28<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>. It's sure to be a lot of fun and very informative. Just the opportunity to network with fellow resorters is invaluable and alone well worth the conference fee, but don't be surprised when you come away with even more than expected. So please patronize and support the vendors and sponsors that help make the Fall Conference possible and we hope to see you at the Vendor Show on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Always a great Show!

Su Ugstad, Vendor Show Chairperson

Balsam Bay Resort, Remer

### **CMR Silent Auction**

The CMR Silent Auction to help support the CMR Legislative efforts is held during the CMR Fall Conference October 28 to 30, 2012. The bidding comes to a close before dinner on the 29th. Please consider making donations for the Silent Auction. If you have any questions you can contact Pat Addler at <a href="mailto:vacation@crlodge.com">vacation@crlodge.com</a> or Dave Thompson at fisrvilg@prtel.com

## **CMR Renewal Notices**

Renewal notices for 2012-2013 membership year were sent out the end of July. Your dues should be mailed to the office by September 1, 2012. Don't miss out on your benefits with the Congress of Minnesota Resorts. If you need a new form you can login and print one from the CMR website: <a href="www.Minnesota-Resorts.com">www.Minnesota-Resorts.com</a> or contact the office at 320-212-5107 or <a href="cMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com">CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com</a>

## **NEED \$500 FOR SCHOOL?**

It is not too early for your child or grandchild to get the application started!

Application needs to be at the CMR Office March 15, 2013

Each year the Congress of Minnesota Resorts offers four \$500 scholarships to a junior or senior in high school or a current undergraduate or technical school student. March 15, 2013 is the deadline for the scholarship application to be returned to the Congress of Minnesota Resorts office. A scholarship application can be printed by going to the CMR website <a href="www.Minnesota-Resorts.com">www.Minnesota-Resorts.com</a> scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on Membership, then by using your Login and Password you will be able to go to Applications and click on Scholarship Application and print a copy. If you need further assistance please contact Vicky by emailing: <a href="mailto:CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com">CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com</a> or call 320-212-5107.

## **ATTENTION VENDORS**

# The CMR Vendor Show will be held Monday, October 29, 1pm to 4pm Thumper Pond, Ottertail MN More information to be mailed to you later

# NOMINATING RESORTERS FOR THE 2012 RESORTER/S OF THE YEAR AWARD SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 DEADLINE

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts selects, through nomination by its members, one resort and resort owner that has shown a dedication to the improvement of the Minnesota Resort Industry by adopting and carrying out business policies and practices that reflect a personal pride in the industry as a whole. They also live up to the organization's motto of "Resorters Helping Resorters" by involvement in community activities and by displaying a willingness to help other resort owners to successfully operate Minnesota resorts.

You can go to the CMR website <a href="www.Minnesota-Resorts.com">www.Minnesota-Resorts.com</a>, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on Membership. Then, by using your User Name & Password you will get into the Members Only sections and click on Applications then print a copy of Resorter of the Year Nomination form. Mail the completed form to: Congress of Minnesota Resorts, PO Box 358, New London, MN 56273-0358. If you need further assistance please contact Vicky by emailing: <a href="mailto:CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com">CMR@Minnesota-Resorts.com</a> or call 320-212-5107.

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Mar. 15, 2013

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#### CMR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Scholarship Application is due at CMR Office

Sept. 1, 2012	CMR membership dues are due
Sept. 1, 2012	Resorter of the Year Nominations due at CMR Office
Sept. 20, 2012	CMR Board Meeting, Kohl's Resort, Bemidji
Oct. 28, 29 & 30, 2012	Fall Conference Thumper Pond, Ottertail, MN
Oct. 29, 2012	CMR Vendor Show 1pm - 4pm Thumper Pond, Ottertail, MN
Feb. 26 & 27, 2013	CMR Day on the Hill, St Paul

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Keep your listing current on the CMR website.

#### CMR MISSION STATEMENT

The Congress of Minnesota Resorts exists to help family owned and operated resorts in Minnesota to continue as a viable segment of the Minnesota tourism industry

#### **CMR MOTTO**

The Congress of Minnesota Resort's motto is "Resorters Helping Resorters" We believe that none of us is as smart as all of

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