



# South Shore Lodge Newsletter

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We'd like to thank everyone who stopped by at the Fargo Gun Show. If you missed us, please be sure to stop in at the Grand Forks Gun Show March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.

2006 has come and gone and 2007 promises to be an excellent year for waterfowl and upland game. Lake levels in 2006 were at a 55 year high and with the abundance of snow we have now, levels will be even higher! Last year we saw excellent duck and goose hatches and expect the same this year. With the big lake being so high, all the tributaries and small lakes will be very high too. The high snow levels are great for the upland game birds as well. Last year we saw a good increase in ruffed grouse and a very good increase in the sharp tail populations.

Grain prices have nearly doubled and this may mean many more acres seeded, which will mean more acres for the geese, ducks, etc. More acres will also mean a longer combining season and more grain in swaths.

The high levels of water will also mean excellent walleye fishing. Last year we saw the Waterhen river do as good as ever.

The last few mild years have been very kind to the whitetail population. I have seen more deer in this area than I have ever seen. Last year we shot many good ten point Whitetails, but the big guys eluded us during hunting season. Hopefully, the abundance of snow doesn't hurt this years calve crop.

Bears were in abundance in 2006 and seemed to have gone into hibernation early. The poor berry crop last year brought the bears closer to the crop land and near the lakes. The high water meant lots of fish on the meadows for the bear to eat. The bears were good and fat late in the fall.

Moose have made a strong return in 2006. The last few years the tics took a toll on the moose. The bears and wolves were hard on the moose as well, with the high water in the area; the predators could not get at the moose calves easily.

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We hope to see you soon!!

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