



Delta Lodge

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Hello All,

Usually at this time of the year we are suffering from frostbite on the medulla and typically we expect one or two more snow days. It ain't over till its over, but the skies look clear and the lake is definitely defrosted – a month early. Guests kayaked yesterday to the middle of the lake. Thinking continuously in survival mode, I muttered “a brutal swim for shore” and checked the insurance. We should administer some sort of common sense assessment before distributing kayak paddles when the water is 42 degrees.

Before fully departing from the descriptions of winter, envision both boys in spandex ski suits thundering through the woods. It has happened. Andy (61) can hold his own in the middle of the pack with Andrew (15) leading and Zach (12) close behind. A friend chooses not to ski with his son, preferring to imagine the possibility that he *might* be able to somehow keep up if required to do so. Denial is so much more pleasant than reality. Andrew finished the Kortelopet (22K – about 12.5 miles) in 1:15, just fifteen minutes off of the adult winning time. Zoom. Andy finished his 18th Birkie. Two more to go until he gets his purple bib (20 Birkies), then he is backing off and doing the Korte.

The cross-country ski portion, including the biathlon, of the World Cup Paraolympics (for world class athletes who are disabled) was held at Telemark in Cable. Andrew was the forerunner on the trails one day, skiing before each race, looking for debris. I gave out Gatorade and primarily gazed at these amazing athletes, some war veterans, from 15 countries. Humbling. A blind skier and her guide moved so seamlessly and silently together, amid a field of guides who barked information through a microphone to their athlete skiers, it was like ballet. They had become one entity – very moving.

Splatball and targets have been employed in an effort to engage US kids in the biathlon (ski/target shoot). Regarding the local trial run of this Andy suggested: *Change the venue to Russians vs Finns. Finns will be on skis and will defend the North End Ski Hut, renamed Helsinki. Russians will be on snowshoes and will attempt to capture Helsinki.*

The mountain bikes and track shoes have been pulled out now as I hike with the dogs. Gone are the days when I could pack them in the car and wander off on some little adventure of my choosing, keeping all of us entertained. *It goes fast* is a statement that I understand much better now. I keep photo updates of four-legged and two-legged children on Facebook/DeltaLodgeWisconsin, if you are interested in pictures and stories.

There have been many roadside speculations about the little building which sprang up last summer, *drive through coffee house* was the #1 response. The office is nearly finished and includes a *green* compost pottie. Bring your mug of coffee and Andy will give you his current theories on history and politics. We have also made progress in the cabins, most notably on the walls – removing the old varnish, restaining and revarnishing. This gives the cabin a fresh and clean atmosphere on the interior. Completed: #2, 6, 7, 8 and 10. Anyone who has stripped furniture can appreciate the lengthy process this entails.

Please notice the 2012 abbreviated rate information on the reverse side. A copy of our newly redesigned four-color rate sheet is on the website: www.delta-lodge.com. If you would like your own copy please contact us and we will send you one through traditional mail.

We hope that you are able to join us this spring, summer or fall!

Love and Peace –
All the Einspaniers



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