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# From Under the Straw Hat

A message from Todd

It is hard to believe that my wife Krista and I are celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> season operating County Shores, not because of how quickly time has flown, but because of how much we have accomplished in just five short years. **2015 has been one of County Shores' best seasons yet.**

Of course, this could not have been possible without the hard work and support of our entire family, staff and of course our Campers, RVers and Anglers. We are so proud of where County Shores is today and could not be more thrilled for what is yet to come.

We hope you enjoy our 2015 Fall/Winter Newsletter, as we are pleased to announce exciting new ventures at County Shores - from partnering with Werner's Angling Adventures to offer Angler Charter Packages, opening our new 3 bedroom Vacation House, to supporting our three children in their new business ventures through County Shores Farms!

It is our hope that these bi-annual newsletters will not only keep you up-to-date on new and exciting things at County Shores, but we hope to offer helpful hints and insights about Camping, Fishing and RVing, highlight exciting events and must-see things to do in Prince Edward County, share recipes from our Camper's kitchens to yours and much more.

*We hope you enjoy this Edition and look forward to seeing you at the Shores!*

*Todd Foster*



## Your Own Piece of Paradise With a View



### New Vacation House Now Available

The new 3 bedroom Vacation House overlooking the Bay of Quinte, is a must see! Customers are raving about how private and convenient it is, with its own access to Cty Rd 15. Once lived in by the owners, the House features a back deck with water views, a 3-piece bathroom, full kitchen with dishwasher, satellite TV and BBQ. **It is open year round so book now for your Ice Fishing Getaway!**

# NEW 2015 Fishing Charter Packages



County Shores is excited to have partnered this year with Nick “Walleye” Werner from Werner’s Angling Adventures to offer incredible specials to our customers. No matter the number in your party we will create a package that works for you. ***Packages include accommodations at County Shores Vacation House and Suites and full day fishing charters with Nick Werner.*** Check out our website at [www.countyshores.com](http://www.countyshores.com) for more details. On our website, you will also find our new Fishing Reports, written every Tuesday to highlight where the best fishing spots are and tips and tricks to help you catch the big one.

***Don’t know what to do with all the Walleye you will catch on the Bay of Quinte?***

***Try this famous Walleye Chowder Recipe***

***Serves 12***

***Courtesy of Connie Robb***

## Walleye Chowder

### Ingredients:

2 lbs Walleye  
2 cups diced carrots  
2 cups diced celery  
2 cups diced onions  
2 cups diced potatoes (optional)  
2 cups butter  
2 cups flour  
4 litres whole milk  
2 tbsp seafood chowder base  
2 tbsp white pepper  
2 tbsp chicken base

### Directions:

Sauté diced vegetables in butter until soft. Add flour and mix well. Add whole milk, slowly stir until smooth. Add fish base, chicken base, and white pepper. Simmer for 1 hour on low heat. Add cream and white wine. Add Walleye 15 min before serving.



## Winter at the Shores



***County Shores is one of the best kept secrets when it comes to Ice Fishing on the Bay of Quinte.***

Their Vacation House and Suites are available year round, as are camping sites for those brave winter campers. They offer 24 hour access to the ice with ample parking and their Bait and Tackle Shop is open for all your fishing needs—including 5 different types and sizes of minnows.

In addition, they have expanded their winter storage capacity this year to accommodate more RVs and boats. ***County Shores also offers winterization services—to ensure your RV and boat are properly prepared before freeze-up.***



# Maple Tapping with Andrew

After a school trip to a local outdoor educational centre, Todd and Krista's oldest son Andrew, became fascinated at the process for making maple syrup. A few months later while on the farm, Andrew identified maple syrup trees on the property and got the idea to start producing his own syrup. After researching the entire process, Andrew asked his parents for maple syrup making supplies, instead of a hamster that year for his birthday. In his first season, Andrew tapped about a dozen trees and produced about 5-8 litres of syrup. He sold his syrup to family and friends and re-invested his earnings into equipment and supplies to increase production.



In 5 years since beginning his maple syrup operation, Andrew now has 185 taps and produces over 100 litres of syrup a year. *Andrew does all the work himself, in the winter he collects sap from the maple trees, evaporates the sap into the early hours of the morning and bottles it all between school, work and hockey.* He now sells his syrup at County Shores and at local markets and festivals. So the next time you are at County Shores, be sure to pick up a bottle or two of his delicious syrup produced on site. If you are interested, he would be more than happy to give you a tour of his operation and explain the process.

## Connor's Chickens taste the difference farm fresh makes

After seeing his older brother's success in the maple syrup business, Connor Foster also wanted to try his hand at his own business venture. After careful consideration and much research, Connor decided he wanted to raise chickens. With the help of his parents to build a chicken coop, Connor began raising laying chickens and meat birds two years ago. He began with 25 laying hens and 30 meat birds, Connor sells the farm fresh brown eggs and roasting chickens at County Shores. With his earnings, Connor has now expanded his chicken operation to 65 laying hens.

*"Raising chickens is a lot of work," says Connor, "every day I make sure they have food and water, collect their eggs 2-3 times a day and ensure their coop is properly cleaned out."* The chickens go through about 40kg of feed every week and free range throughout the day. Connor says the best part of raising his chickens is seeing the end product on the store shelf. He plans on expanding his farming operation to include raising cattle in the coming years.



## Bethany's Bees

Not to be out done by her two older brothers, Bethany Foster also wanted to contribute to County Shores Farms with her own operation. With some thought and guidance from her parents, she decided on producing her own honey she could sell at County Shores. This summer Bethany began her business by acquiring two honey bee nucs, each nuc has approximately 10,000 bees.

*"It was a little unnerving at first when you are standing around 20,000 bees and they are landing on you and you can't swat at them, but you get used to it really quickly," she says.* She also explained that it usually takes about a year before a honey bee colony will start producing enough honey to harvest, so she is looking forward to being able to bottle her honey next season and start selling it in the store.



# From Behind the Counter

## Krista's Korner

It is hard to believe Fall is already upon us and we here at County Shores have been gearing up for ice fishing, winter camping and boat and RV winterization. 2015 has been an incredible season with so many changes and improvements to the campgrounds. This year, County Shores has expanded their product line at the Bait and Tackle Shop. We have introduced new Patterson's Reel Bait and Spin Doctors and carry a larger variety of bait and tackle than ever before. We have everything an angler may need from the most popular tackle and bait, to boat rentals and we even sell fishing licenses right here at the office.

In addition, County Shores sells convenience store groceries, fresh vegetables, maple syrup, farm fresh brown eggs and roasting chickens produced right here on our farm by our children. ***New this year, County Shores offers beach passes to the famous Sandbanks Provincial Park.*** Come see me at the desk anytime to sign one out for the day and be sure to ask me about all the things to see and do around the County. With close proximity to wineries (a new winery just opened a short walk from us) and all the wonderful things the County has to offer, County Shores is truly a wonderful place to bring the whole family for a vacation—anytime of the year. Hope to see you soon!



## Stories from the Shores



Like every summer at the Shores, this season there were many great parties and fun gatherings of campers, friends and neighbours. ***Regular campers at County Shores, decided to play 'Camp Manager' for a day, and have some fun with the Owner, Todd.*** Donning Todd's famous straw hat, plaid button-up shirt, khaki shorts and work boots, campers stormed into the park office with 'official' duct tape name tags and began shouting orders. It took Todd a minute before he could figure out what was happening—it is rumoured this was the only time Campers have seen him speechless.

In September, County Shores threw a Customer Appreciation BBQ with a redneck and camouflage theme. Campers and staff decorated the barn full Duck Dynasty style and roasted chicken and pork on the BBQ for their guests. It was a great night with lots of food, drinks and camo!



## Win a Weekend Getaway

Subscribe to our newsletter on our website at [www.countyshores.com](http://www.countyshores.com) and your name will be automatically entered into a draw to win a Weekend Getaway at County Shores. Winner will be drawn December 31st, 2015—**ENTER TODAY TO WIN!**

