

# The Fishwrapper



Chef Paul Lynch of FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis joins us for Fall Food & Wine Lovers Weekend.

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*Nov. 2 & 3: You can hunt or you can eat and drink - we prefer eat and drink!*

What do pheasant, venison, rabbit, quail, wild boar, bison and Chef Paul Lynch have in common? They will all be joining us for Bluefin Bay's Fall Food & Wine Lovers Weekend held Nov. 2 and 3. This year we celebrate the opening of the hunting season with an exciting and exotic menu of wild game and a variety of fresh ingredients from the area.

The featured guest chef is the renowned Paul J. Lynch, Executive Chef of the FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis. Lynch is best known for capturing the true flavors of the Midwest with a touch of the Mediterranean. He continues to raise the bar on classic Heartland offerings with locally raised and grown foods. Lynch is a leading voice in Minnesota's Heartland Food Network, a collaborative effort to create unique and authentic "taste of place" in Minnesota that highlights the wealth of fresh meats, fruits and vegetables, dairy products and wild food available in the region.

This creativity and commitment to fresh, homegrown food prepared in a unique way is at the core of the Fall Food & Wine Lovers event. Chef Lynch and the Bluefin culinary team are sure to surprise and delight your palette. And, as always, the food will be paired with select wines for your culinary enjoyment.

"We are delighted to welcome a chef of Paul Lynch's caliber to Bluefin Bay for our fall event," said Nadya Maravigli, Bluefin's Food and Beverage Director. "His creativity and expertise, as well as his commitment to fresh homegrown foods, fits well with the theme of our event held the same weekend as Minnesota's hunting opener."

Lynch was recently named one of Mpls. St. Paul Magazine's 2007 Restaurateurs of the Year and was recognized with a Carlson Fellows Award celebrating his lifetime achievement of culinary creativity and innovation. A native Texan, Lynch graduated from the New England Culinary Institute and has worked in prestigious restaurants around the world including Dallas, Houston, London, Nevis and Maui.

"The North Shore coast is the jewel of Minnesota, and Bluefin Bay is the diamond of the crown," said Chef Lynch of FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar. "It's great to display the fabulous foods of Minnesota in such a fabulous environment."

**34th Semi-annual Event:** Bluefin Bay has hosted Food & Wine Lovers Weekends twice per year - in the spring and the fall - for the past 17 years. Each event is unique and many of our guests come back year-after-year to experience the distinct menus prepared by our renowned guest chefs.

This year's event will be hosted in the upper level of the Bluefin Grille. Join us for one event or attend all three. See our full menu and per person pricing in the sidebar.

**Reserve your space now:** To make a reservation for Fall Food & Wine Lovers Weekend with Guest Chef Paul Lynch of FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar, please call us at 1-800-BLUEFIN (258-3346) or locally 218-663-6200. Advance reservations are required and we do expect the event to sell out. We look forward to seeing you Nov. 2 and 3.

## Fall 2007 Food & Wine Lovers Weekend Menu

**Nov. 2, 2007**  
**6pm Dinner**

Pheasant Pot Pie  
Fall Vegetables, Sage Crust

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Frisse & Mizuna Salad  
Roast Beets, Wild Boar Bacon, Poached  
Quail Eggs, Moutarde Dressing

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Surprise

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Venison Osso Buco  
Farro & English Pea Pilaf, Cippolini Onion  
Cream

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Whole Grain & Almond Gateau  
Spiced Plum Compote

*\$59/person plus tax & gratuity*

**Nov. 3, 2007**

**1pm Wine Tasting**

*\$20/person plus tax & gratuity*

**6pm Dinner**

Roast Loin of Rabbit,  
Oven Dried Tomatoes, Artichokes

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Crispy Wild Rice Crusted Quail,  
Mizuna, Brown Butter-Balsamic Vinaigrette

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Wild Boar & Forest Mushroom "Leek  
Cannelloni",  
Mascarpone Fondue

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Surprise

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Roast Filet of Bison, Smoked Tomato &  
Crawfish Fricassee,  
Anna Potato

~  
Chai Spiced Pumpkin Gateau,  
Lingonberry Simifreddo

*\$70/person plus tax & gratuity*

## Gales Special

IT'S BACK!! Stay 3 nights at  
Bluefin Bay and pay for just 2  
October 21 - December 20, 2007  
Except Holiday Periods

AND

That's in addition to our already low

QUIET TIME RATES

Call 1-800-BLUEFIN today  
Or go online at [www.bluefinbay.com](http://www.bluefinbay.com)

# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER 2007

- 8 Columbus Day
- 8 Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
- 18 - 20 MEA Weekend
- 18 - 21 & 25 - 28 The Benevolent Women's Craft Society, Grand Marais Playhouse (Comedy)
- 21 Autumn Quiet Time and Gales Special start at Bluefin Bay
- 26 - 28 Annual Autumn Migration Birding Festival - North House Folk School
- 31 Halloween

## NOVEMBER 2007

- 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 9 - 11 17th Annual Bluegrass Weekend North Shore Music Association Veteran's Day
- 11
- 15 - 18 Winterer's Gathering & Arctic Film Festival - North House Folk School
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 30 Waterfront Photography Weekend at Bluefin Bay

## DECEMBER 2007

- 1 & 2 Waterfront Photography Weekend at Bluefin Bay
- 6 - 9 & 13 - 16 Annie Jr. Grand Marais Playhouse (Musical)
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 22 Winter Solstice
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

## F.Y.I.

### WATERFRONT PHOTOGRAPHY WEEKEND

Join us at Bluefin Bay for a Waterfront Photography Weekend Friday, Nov. 30 - Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007. This special weekend was designed with Bluefin Bay calendar contest participants in mind, but anyone is welcome.

Bluefin Bay is teaming up with professional photographers John Gregor, Coldsnap Photography & Val Doherty, Val Doherty Photography, to host a FREE photography workshop on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 10 - 11 a.m. in the Tofte Room. The workshop will be followed by an open house where people can bring their favorite photographs and have them critiqued by the professionals in a supportive and non-threatening way.

We're also offering 25% off our already low Quiet Time rates (on two night stays) OR take advantage of our Gales of November special and stay three nights for the price of two.

Reservations should be made by calling us at 1-800-BLUEFIN (258-3346) or visiting us online at [www.bluefinbay.com](http://www.bluefinbay.com).

### CALENDAR CONTEST UNDERWAY

The 2008 Bluefin Bay Calendar Contest winners will be announced shortly, and the 2009 Calendar Contest is already underway. Entries are being accepted now through May 15, 2008. Anyone is eligible to participate and each participant may submit up to 10 images to be considered for the calendar.

Fall and winter images of the area are always in demand. So when you are vacationing on the North Shore this winter, keep the Calendar Contest in mind. Selected winners receive lodging certificates and the grand prize is \$1,000 in dining or lodging at Bluefin Bay.

Complete contest rules can be found on our web site. The 2008 calendars will be available after Thanksgiving.

### COAST GUARD HONORS DARREN PECK

Darren Peck of Tofte Charters, and our very own Guest Services Manager, was presented the highest honor given to a civilian by the US Coast Guard on July 4th, 2007 - the Meritorious Public Service Award. Darren received the award for his rescue of four men whose boat capsized in heavy seas on Lake Superior last September.

"This is only the second award I've given out to a civilian in my 22 years in the Coast Guard," said Master Chief Tom Wilson, as he presented Darren with a medal and a certificate. "It was a courageous rescue," Wilson said. "He realized nobody else was around. He did not hesitate whatsoever."



The resort was primed and primed for the video taping of Bluefin as the Official Best Resort in Minnesota. You can view the video on our website at [www.bluefinbay.com](http://www.bluefinbay.com) after it airs on television October 13.

## Bluefin Bay named Official Best Resort in Minnesota 2007

It is always a pleasure to be the best at something. And this year, Bluefin Bay is delighted to be named the Official Best Resort in Minnesota!

We believe Bluefin Bay won the award because we have the best location, the best accommodations, the best views, the best amenities, and, perhaps most importantly, the best staff providing the best service to our guests year round.

Watch the *Official Best of Minnesota* TV program featuring Bluefin Bay as Minnesota's Best Resort on the following dates and times:

- **October 13, 2007**  
NBC KARE 11, 12:00 pm
- **November 3, 2007**  
NBC KBJR 6 in Duluth, 12:00 pm

Or, check out the video at [www.officialbestof.com](http://www.officialbestof.com).  
*The Official Best Of* solicits nominations on

their website. Researchers then scour print and online travel resources to determine which nominees will be named as "Best Of." Bluefin was contacted in September with news of the award.

"This award really belongs to the entire Bluefin Team," said Dennis Rysdahl, Owner and General Manager of Bluefin Bay. "It is a testament to our outstanding and committed staff who work hard every day to provide a high quality experience to our guests. And, we thank our guests who keep coming back to stay with us."

The *Official Best of Minnesota* show, sponsored by MediaWorld USA, was at the resort shooting footage for the TV program Oct. 3rd. The segment featuring Bluefin Bay will also feature about nine other prominent Minnesota businesses as the best in their respective categories.

Congratulations Bluefin Bay! Thank you Bluefin friends and guests.

## Book your massage appointments online

There is perhaps no better time to relax and let the stress melt away with a soothing massage than when the weather starts turning colder. Bluefin Bay's Superior Waters Wellness Center offers a full range of quality massage services - from deep tissue to the feet treat, to heated stone therapies, to the mini retreat, and more.

Now, you can book your Bluefin Bay massage appointment online. Just click on the link at the top of the massage therapy page of Bluefin's web site, and in just a few

clicks you can select your time, treatment and massage therapist.

Of course we'll continue to make appointments for you by phone at 1-800-BLUEFIN (258-3346), but our new online option makes booking your massage easy and seamless.

We hope you'll visit us this fall and winter to partake in a relaxing massage at Superior Waters Wellness Center.

## Comments from Bluefin Bay Guests

We enjoyed our stay! Your run a very classy place, yet it is so natural & beautiful. Private yet you were there if we needed something. Thank you to you & your staff for making our 20th wedding anniversary special. We had an excellent time. *Dan, New Prague*

What a beautiful, and memorable time in Tofte! Thank you so much. It was really above and beyond our exceedingly high expectations. Room had great amenities. Also, love your new web site. *Matthew, Duluth*

Thanks for the beautiful room with fireplace to make our engagement perfect & cozy. *Jesse & Vickie, Thunder Bay*

We loved it! My husband and I were here 6 years ago ... I forgot how wonderful it is. Now we are planning on this being our family getaway spot every year for years to come. Thank you! *Amy, Foley*

Last time up we did not stay here. This time we did, and are we ever glad! Our vacation was perfect. We didn't take advantage of all you had to offer because we were too busy. We definitely plan to make this an annual outing - see you next year. *Brian & Jeannie, St Paul*