

## Reserve 2013 and 2014 Dates

Don't let this opportunity slip away. People are making plans to travel and reservation requests are once again steady. Please call soon to reserve space for 2013 or 2014.

*Thank you for your support by referring Crystal Creek Lodge to your friends!*



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## Congratulations to CCL's Longest Returning Guest



Lee Piester, longest running guest at 23 years

Lee Piester is our longest running guest at 23 years. Lee is from Phoenix, AZ, where he owns a hobby business. Lee visits every year with his son, Rick. They always plan an extra week before or after their stay at Crystal Creek Lodge to explore some corner of Alaska. When asked for a quote for our newsletter, Lee responded: "Visiting Crystal Creek is a highlight for us each year. It serves as a reward for working hard all year and gives us a rare chance to spend time together as father and son. The fishing is always excellent. In fact, it's hard to find this quality of fishing anywhere else. The friendships we have developed with staff and guests are another bonus that make Crystal Creek an important part of our lives." Lee and Rick will be back in 2013.

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Crystal Creek Lodge, King Salmon, Alaska

January 2013

## 25 Years at Crystal Creek Lodge

What began as a summer lark has become a life's work. I was CCL's first employee, as a guide during the 1988 season. It's been an amazing path and a rewarding life. Thousands of guests and staff have come to Crystal Creek Lodge over the years. All have left behind and taken away an impression. There's a thick book to be written about it...

While I am active at the lodge daily, flying one of the Beavers, sometimes guiding and every night hosting the dinner table, this next 25 years will be about mentoring others. Heather, Alex and Josh (Spud) are now tackling the day-to-day management and they are doing an exceptional job. It's fun to see others doing the job I once did, only better.

Our Mission Statement is "Hosts of the Alaskan Experience". Our purpose is to inspire others through hospitality, adventure and interaction with nature. Please come by for a dose of inspiration!

*Ben Miller*



Crystal Creek Lodge and Yantarni Salmon Camp are both independently endorsed by The Orvis Company as exceptional vacation experiences.

## Review CLL at orvis.com

Crystal Creek Lodge has a unique web page on the Orvis website. We invite all previous guests to leave a review to help prospective guests gain an accurate picture of a trip to CCL. Thank you!

Go to: [www.orvis.com/crystalcreek](http://www.orvis.com/crystalcreek)



## New brochures

New brochures available in February. Watch for our new, full-size color brochures, featuring photography by Brian Grossenbacher, Fred Hirschmann and Terry Gunn. Available online and mailed by request.



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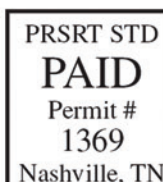


A warm, enchanting lodge of log and river rock is the setting for one of your life's most memorable vacations. Each day is a unique adventure as you board an immaculate seaplane and fly across vast expanses of wilderness to fish everything between small streams infested with trout to clear rivers stuffed with salmon. Those who rather nobly may fish the superb Naines River and catch salmon in sight of the lodge or take a shot at a wild rainbow trout exceeding 30 inches. Wildlife viewing and adventure activities available for non-fishing guests. Low guest capacity, fine amenities, and an uncompromising dedication to service creates an environment suitable for families, couples, friends, or entertainment. Travel logistics to and from the lodge are easy. Unlimited WiFi and phone service. Use of Orvis waders, rods, reels, and flies included.



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## Alaska Seafood Dinner at the Miner Family Winery



Save the date, March 23, 2013. Join Dan Michels with Alex and Heather Oberholtzer for dinner at the Miner Family Winery in St. Helena, CA. A dinner of the freshest Alaska Seafood available will be prepared and presented by Chef Joe Fossett of Crystal Creek Lodge and served in the wine-cave! Enjoy a slideshow of Crystal Creek Lodge including images by renowned photographer Brian Grossenbacher; a tour of the winery; and barrel tastings with Dave Miner, visionary and Gary Brookman, winemaker. This event is sponsored by Crystal Creek Lodge and is open to all past and prospective guests of CCL. Dinner, wine and local transportation included. Please call to reserve a place at the table.



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www.yantarni.com



## Three Wilderness Overnight Sites Now Available

If you would like to enhance your visit to the most beautiful lodge in Alaska with a visit to an overnight wilderness camp, we have options for you. None are really camping options, as accommodations are snug, bedding is freshly laundered, food is prepped at our kitchen and our guides take excellent care of you: Ugashik Narrows Cabin, Nushagak River King Camp and Yantarni Salmon Camp. All locations have unique logistics and seasonal availability. Please view the website or inquire for complete details.



## Fitness and Spa Center is Complete!

CCL's new fitness and spa center is complete. If you are a fitness fanatic, or if Dan's legendary stream hikes aren't doing it for you, keep in shape in our heated, riverside fitness room packed with weights and quality Precor machines including an elliptical trainer, an adaptive motion trainer, a treadmill and a bike. If your day in the field was exercise enough, you can just slip into the huge hot tub, which is attached to the fitness center within a beautiful and spacious screen gazebo.



Dan Michels and Alex Oberholtzer will be presenting Crystal Creek Lodge at the following locations this winter. Enjoy a slide presentation about Alaska while snacking on smoked salmon and sipping delicious wine from Miner Family Winery. Bring a friend!



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# Presentations & Dinner Events

February 8 - Orvis Woodlands, TX

February 9 - Orvis Houston, TX

February 16 - Private Dinner, Location TBA Scottsdale, AZ

February 22 - Orvis San Francisco, CA

February 23 - Orvis San Jose, CA

March 1 - Private Dinner, Location TBA San Antonio, TX

March 2 - Orvis Austin, TX

March 9 - Orvis Atlanta

March 16 - Orvis Dallas

March 23 - Miner Winery, St. Helena, CA



## How About Lunch or Dinner?

We are considering other cities and will send invitations to guests within 50 miles of presentation locations when we have exact dates. We promise an educational and inspiring forum served-up along with tasty smoked salmon and other appetizers. If you can't make the show, call us for a lunch or dinner date while we are in town.

## Private Presentations

We will travel anywhere in the contiguous 48 states to put on a presentation and host a dinner, and it's on us. Want to visit CCL and have a friend on the fence? Got a group of friends or neighbors with whom you want to share CCL? Call and we'll bring the show to you and yours, and it will be fun! You just have to ask.

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