

Golf Minnesota® 2004 Resort of the Year!



In 1898 you could spend \$5.00 for a week of bed, board and boat at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. Four generations later, this oldest family-owned resort in Minnesota is Golf Minnesota's Resort Of The Year. While the price to stay at Ruttger's has gone up a good deal since its founding 106 years ago, the resort continues to be a top choice among families and organizations looking for the ideal getaway.



Why:

- Professional, helpful and courteous staff from the top down. The Ruttger name has stood for quality and service since the resort was founded by Joe and Josephine Ruttger in the 19th century. The same is true now that the resort is run by great-grandson Chris, who followed in his father Jack's footsteps in running this Bay Lake delight.
- First-class hospitality, fine food, championship golf course and a quiet, serene north woods setting
- Golf, tennis, two outdoor pools, an indoor pool, a beautiful sandy beach, fishing, boating, supervised play programs for the kids, conference and convention center.
- Value. With green fees generally in the \$40 to \$50 range, this is one of the better courses for the price in all of Minnesota. Though no longer \$5.00 for a week, a stay at Ruttger's is still a great-value vacation option.



Bay Lake Lodge

The Hospitality:

- Log cabins with all the latest amenities, golf course condominiums, lakeside condominiums, and rooms attached to the main lodge.
- Log Dining Room built in the early 1920s.

The Golf:

- Since 1921, when it was first introduced, golf has been a significant part of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. The Lakes, Ruttger's 18-hole Championship course, was designed by Joel Goldstrand and plays 6,626 yards from the back tees. With two natural lakes, water is a factor on ten holes. Carved from 100 acres of rugged north woods terrain, each hole will offer you a challenge as well as the beauty of northern Minnesota. Improvements have been made to holes #1 and #10, and a new hole #11 was opened in 2003. With the bunker on the left and water behind this is a nice golf hole. You can also enjoy the Alec's Nine course, Ruttger's more recreational short course.