

Venues

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Grand Traverse Bay. The Lake Shore Rooms can host about 130 guests.

Mike Ruedee, director of catering, says all aspects of wedding preparation can be addressed and are under one roof for optimum convenience. Being based downtown also allows many fine entertainment options for guests.

"The history of the Park Place makes it one-of-a-kind in the area," Ruedee said, "which is why we host around 90 weddings a year, many of whom travel across the country to have their event with us. We handle weddings in the off-season, not just spring and summer, and it's not uncommon for us to hold three to five weddings a weekend during the peak season."

Park Place Hotel; 300 East State Street Traverse City; 946-5196; www.park-place-hotel.com

Grand Traverse Resort & Spa

This past spring, the Resort in Acme invigorated itself with \$10 million worth

or renovations, all of which has the facility looking better than it ever has, says Special Events Manager Terri Jenema, who is responsible for handling arrangements for all weddings.

"We average somewhere between 25-50 weddings a year," she said, "and most all of them involve very extensive planning and coordinating of arrangements."

"If the bride and groom want to be married on a golf

tee with a magnificent view, or down at our beach shore with a view of the bay, we can arrange that. What we offer here is unparalleled with touches you couldn't find elsewhere, from a salon and spa to get the bridal party ready to a golf outing where the guys can relax.

We can make this day as special as you deserve it to be, whether you want something smaller or the Governor's Ballroom."

Reservations are suggested one year out.

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd. P.O. Box 404 Acme; 534-6352; (800) 748-0303, ext. 6352; www.GrandTraverseResort.com

Victories Casino & Hotel

"We are booking about 15 weddings a year on a steady basis, so we're asking those who are interested to give us nine or ten months in advance," said convention sales coordinator Meagan Krzywosinski

Their facilities can accommodate up to 200 guests; provide room blocks for a bridal party; four-hour use of a limousine if you have a room block and have booked a reception; and assistance is available for every detail of wedding planning.

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