



# Fastest RENOVATION IN THE *East*

## One East Bay Home Transforms From Rustic to Classic in Record Time

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Things change when people get married. For some men, the fridge gets fuller and the bed gets made. For other men—such as hockey pro Brian Rolston of the New Jersey Devils—the rambling, rustic bachelor getaway morphs into a light and bright waterfront shingle-style family home. “First of all, as a native New Yorker, I’d never heard of Traverse City,” recalls Brian’s wife of now 15 years Jennifer Rolston. “But when Brian took me here, I loved it so much we eventually got married here at a church down the road!”

Those first few years set the pace for a lifetime. As the couple’s family grew, so did their disappointment for having to return to New Jersey at the end of each summer. “We always knew we would be renovating,” said Brian. “I mean, we had two couches and blow up mattresses everywhere for guests.” “Glennwood Custom Homes was brought on board and longtime Traverse City building industry expert Jim Petaja took the helm as project manager, expertly orchestrating everything from cables to codes. As a builder and a seasoned hockey fan and player, Petaja was the perfect fit and worked seamlessly in tandem with designer Jill Rowley.

The log-heavy cabin on a thickly wooded lot was transformed to a white-trimmed, cedar shake classic with wide stretches of emerald land and colorful, manicured flower beds. Logs were removed inside and out. A master bedroom and bath were added, a screened-in porch, guest bathroom, upstairs bedroom, additional garage bay were all added. All windows were replaced, all rooms reconfigured, and the entire landscape was re-designed.



The entire project was completed—right down literally to linens in drawers and plates on the table—in only nine months. “It was such a tight push on those last few days of the construction that the neighbors later told us it looked like the President was coming!” laughs Jennifer. “But the end result was spectacular. Glennwood and Jill truly nailed it! It is absolutely perfect and we are so happy!”

The property includes an entirely separate building for off-season workouts, with an expansive weight room, full kitchen, sauna, outdoor entertainment area and—of course—a state-of-the-art sports court. “Brian’s weights used to be in the garage but they were getting corroded. It wasn’t ideal,” recalls Jennifer. “The upstairs of what we call the Sport Court Building will also double as an extra space for guests, although actually the boys are all excited to sleep there too now!”

Between the couple’s steady stream of guests as well as their growing family, this waterfront home is designed for anything and everything. But, most importantly, its well-planned footprint along East Bay’s shoreline will harbor hundreds of family memories for many more generations of Rolstons. □



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**ABOVE:** The intricate board and batten over the front entryway, the copper custom-made chimney cap and wavy shingles in dormers are the little touches that make a big impact.

**INSET:** The ultimate show stopper on the lake side of this home is the family’s sleek infinity pool, jacuzzi and surround waterfall system.

**INSET RIGHT :** One extra bay was added to the existing garage to accommodate this growing family and regularly visiting extended family.

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**ABOVE:** Incredibly, designer Jill Rowley managed to incorporate a built-in espresso machine, double ovens, a TV, two dishwashers and still have more cupboard space than before the renovation.

**BELOW:** Traffic flow for this busy family is now seamless between rooms thanks to fewer doors and wider thresholds.



**A Perfect Balance of Comfort and Luxury**

**ABOVE:** The owners wanted a comfortable, welcoming home. Mission accomplished! The resulting interior is an even balance of comfort, warmth and elegance.

**INSET:** Expansive waterside windows frame the famously brilliant blue waters of East Bay from every room in the house.

**BELOW:** The custom staircase is both beautiful and functional.



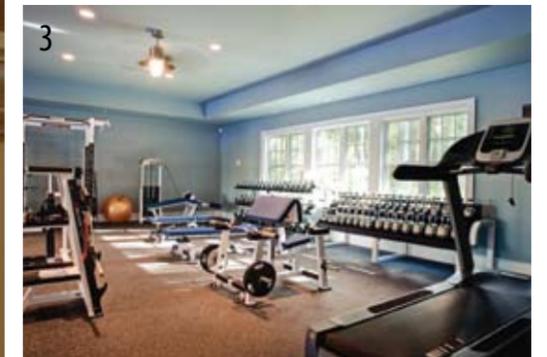
**ABOVE:** The master bedroom opens directly to the bay side patio and pool creating one of many transitions from inside to out, all summer long.

**MIDDLE:** Lighter floors make the darker wood bath components pop, while cutting-edge design makes the master bath a showcase room.

**BELOW:** As a surprise to her hubby, Mrs. Rolston had a mini Jumbtron hand-crafted by Glennwood for the much-loved man den.



Storage was an issue before the renovation. Now, with clever built-ins like these along the new upstairs hallway, there is space and a place for everything.



**1:** The boys have the best seat in the house with a place for cousins to sleep and to check out the activity on the beach.

**2:** Exposed beams give a masculine spin to this boy's bedroom.

**3:** The old gym lived in the garage, where the elements rusted the weights and spiders lived in the treadmill. Today, this gym is in its own Sport Court Building on the property and is everything a sports hero could ever want.

**4:** The Sport Court Building's kitchen is perfect for post-workout smoothies, or a five course dinner.



**ABOVE:** The family's expansive patio is typically full of activity with friends and family providing a steady stream of visitors throughout the summer.

**MIDDLE:** A state-of-the-art sports court is only fitting for a family of boys, boys and more boys.

**BELOW:** The screen porch was added in the renovation and is now a favorite bug-free evening hang-out for both adults and kids.

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