

The Sugar Lake News

April 2010

2010

Calendar of Events

May 15-SLA Meeting*

June 19- SLA Meeting*

June 26-Fishing Contest

July 17-SLA Meeting*

August 7-SLA Picnic

August 21-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 4-Diane's Lights Night

September 18- SLA Meeting*

October 16-SLA Meeting*

*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna
Township hall at
8:00 a.m.

September & October meetings at 9 a.m.

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Sugar Lake Association Plant Exchange

When: Saturday, May 22, 2009, 9 - 11 a.m.

Where: Rick & Carol Kannianen's
11023 Hollister Ave NW

Driving Directions:

From County Rd 123, turn at farm with big blue silos (Hart Ave) and go down hill. Continue on Hart until you come to 110th St on left. Take 110th St. It's the house at the intersection of 110th and Hollister.

How it works:

- Exchange every plant you bring for another
- Extra plants can be purchased for \$1 each
- All proceeds go to the SLA Invasive Species Fund

In addition:

- Plants from Sunrise Native Plants (www.sunrisenativeplants.com) at very reasonable prices
- Heritage tomato plants for \$1 each
- Sugar Lake Apparel for sale



Pot up your extra plants to share or plan to start that garden you have been thinking about with \$1 bargains from your neighbors. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. Lemonade and cookies will be served.

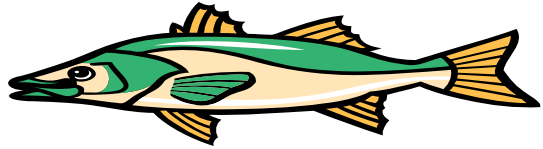
Questions: 651-698-2284 or 320-963-5597 (Karen Sutherland)

Sugar Lake Association Meetings Resume

As a reminder, the monthly Sugar Lake Association meetings began in April and will continue each month through October on the third Saturday of the month. Meetings are open to all members. Issues you want addressed by the board at the next meeting should be given to your local board member or by calling Chairman Doc Williams at 952-888-9884 one week prior to the meeting. Advance notice is requested so the issues can be included in the printed agenda. Issues not included in the agenda will be received at the meeting from the floor at the conclusion of the agenda items.

KASTL'S KORNER

The latest lake report: Seven loons sighted but none nesting yet. Two loon platforms are out.



Date	Ice Out	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
					Inlet	Outlet
04-12-05	4/8	10'	48°	48°	22"	27"
04-15-06	4/7	9'	39°	59°	28"	33"
04-14-07	4/4	9'	39°	40°	24"	29"
04-18-08	4/24				19"	24"
04-09-09	4/15	10'	54°	70°	22"	27"
04-11-10	4/1	10'	46°	62°	23"	28"

Membership

Paid membership to date this year is over 200. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Cathy Beckman. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Cathy of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Cathy at 320-274-8623 or email membership@sugarlake.org.

We extend our sympathy to the Beckman family. Brandon Beckman, son of Doug and Cathy Beckman died in a car accident January 12, 2010.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jim Kastl. Jim passed away January 20, 2010. Jim was a lifetime member of the Sugar Lake Association. He monitored and reported Sugar Lake water quality and level readings to the MPCA since 1974. Kastl's Korner has been a regular feature of the Sugar Lake News for many years.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dan Bonine. Dan passed away February 2, 2010. Dan grew up on Sugar Lake and was an active association member. He served on the water patrol, and he and Lynne have hosted the SLA fishing contest for many years.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Theresa Pearson. Theresa passed away March 22, 2010. She was a former SLA board member.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Andy (Leander) Ohnsorg. Andy passed away April 22, 2010. Andy was a long time resident of Sugar Lake.

SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH:

Want the latest information on what's going on at the lake? If you are not getting the occasional e-mail from the Association it's probably because we do not have your up to date e-mail address. Please just send an e-mail to news-flash@sugarlake.org and you will be added to the list. We maintain two lists, one for News Flashes and one for "For Sale" information. To be added to the "For Sale" list send an email to: forsale@sugarlake.org.

Visit our website at sugarlake.org for all the latest.

Kastl's Korner

Jim Kastl delivered his last water quality report last October. Sadly, Jim passed away this January. Jim has been gathering and reporting water quality information for Sugar Lake since 1974. He has been recognized numerous times for his continuing service by the MPCA and also by a grateful Sugar Lake association. Just as we wondered what we would do now that Jim was gone, his son, Chris, stepped up and volunteered to continue the work Jim did. Thank you Chris! We look forward to the continuation of Kastl's Korner.

Township News

Corinna Township Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The Corinna Town Hall is located on Ireland Ave, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

Clerk: Mary Barkley Brown 320-274-8049

- Visit the Corinna Township website at www.corinnatownship.com.

Clearwater Township Town Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Clearwater Town Hall is located on Highway 24, 3-1/2 miles south of Clearwater.

Clerk: Sharon Lee 320-558-6725

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com.
- A spring clean-up day is planned for June 19, 2010

Membership Dues

Membership forms were sent out earlier this year. If you have not sent your form and dues payment in, please do so.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 16, 2010

General Fund	\$14,671.22
Lake Improvement Fund	\$17,681.86
Milfoil & Invasive Species Fund	\$90,745.90
Total All Funds	\$123,098.98

Raffle Prizes

The Board of Directors set the raffle prizes for the picnic drawing this year at:

- First \$500
- Second \$200
- Third \$100

Rainfall

April rainfall through April 29 has totaled .74 inches. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall totals

Vegetation Committee Update

- We have been approved by the DNR for \$20,000 for help with the Curly leaf pondweed treatment.
- Our permit request is in and we paid the \$750.00 fee
- The DNR has started to survey the lake for curly leaf pondweed. Treatment areas will be defined as soon as the survey work is complete. Treatment will most likely happen, weather permitting, the first week of May. The most up-to-date information regarding treatment will be sent in an email newsflash.
- Your dock or shoreline will be posted if your area is treated. We will also send a newsflash detailing the treatment plan. Do not use lake water for irrigation if your area was treated.
- The DNR forced us to start from scratch in obtaining treatment signatures this year. Nothing we had from the past would be acceptable. Thank you to all who participated in collecting signatures and thanks to all of you who signed. We apologize if you were contacted multiple times and thank you for your patience and understanding. Signatures collected this year should be good for three years.
- We plan to do our own treatment of EWM this year in late June or early July. We will be doing our own searching and plan to treat it with our own people.

Newsletter

Help save postage and printing costs by subscribing to the electronic version of the Sugar Lake News. You will receive a PDF file by email that looks like this newsletter but in color. Contact membership@sugarlake.org with your email address if you are interested.

Fundraising

The "Buy An Acre" program is off to a great start. Thank you to everyone who has purchased an acre. 72 acres have been purchased so far.

Water Quality Committee Update

- We plan on planting more Bull Rush this year in late July or early August. We are interested in developing more sites. If you are interested in helping or planting at your property email Dale Gustafson at dalegus@earthlink.net.
- We also hope to do one or more major water diversion/rain garden projects. We are having trouble getting engineering help at affordable prices, so we will attempt to do it ourselves. We understand the basics and can hire good installers to do the work.



Carp Trap Vandalized

The carp trap/gate in the outlet stream at the north end of Sugar Lake has been vandalized again this year - within the last two weeks.



A 3 X 3 foot section directly under the gate, under water, was cut out. This criminal activity is beyond vandalism and is an escalation of the lock cutting that took place last year. Whoever did this had the tools and skill to use them.

A report has been filed with the Wright County Sheriff.

The primary purpose of the gate is to keep carp out of Sugar Lake. An increase in the carp population in Sugar Lake will result in declining water quality. Carp stir up sediment from the lake bottom. The individual responsible for this criminal activity is potentially affecting property values of every property on Sugar Lake. We all work very hard and contribute towards activities to improve our water quality. We need to work together now to apprehend this person. Don't let one bully dictate what happens with the carp trap that has been installed at the lake outlet for so many years.

If you have any information please contact Sugar Lake Association Chairman, Dave (Doc) Williams, at 952-888-9884

Sugar Lake Association **Awarded \$5,000** **Minnesota Waters** **Grant**

The SLA has been notified that we are one of seven organizations out of 27 applicants to be awarded a 2010 Lakes and Rivers Conservation Partnership Grant by Minnesota Waters. The \$5,000 grant will be used to install two rain gardens and plant weed-filled areas at the South Public Landing with native plants. Our goals are to 1) decrease runoff into the lake at the access, 2) provide an environment that will no longer encourage trash dumping and 3) create an "idea showcase" on which to base further lakeshore improvement projects.

We plan to have the area graded by July 1 and do the planting before July 15. Exact planting dates will be published in the May newsletter. We need volunteers to help plant, check on the plants, and do any needed weeding throughout the summer. We are estimating a time of two hours for the planting and one hour per week for subsequent maintenance. Members with planting experience will be matched with new volunteers, so experience is not necessary for this exciting activity. Families are welcome to participate as a group.

Contact Karen Sutherland (suther@acm.org or 651-698-2284) if you can help with the planting and/or volunteer an hour of care this summer.

The grant was funded by Michelob Golden Draft Light/Anheuser-Busch, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Minnesota Waters.

Running of the Bulls



These two guys were spotted getting a little time on the lake this March by Cathy Beckman.

Shoreland Habitat Program

This program provides funding to organizations that develop projects to improve the quality of shoreland habitat, expand the diversity and abundance of native plants, and enhance and protect water quality.

The Sugar Lake association is in year two of a three year grant program. Two projects were successfully completed last year and one has been identified for this year.

Projects for this grant are required to have at least 75% of the frontage restored with an adjacent buffer zone at least 25 feet deep/wide. A landowner agreement is also required.

If you have a possible project on your property, want more information, or have questions contact Don Peterson at 952-212-9524 or email don@sugarlake.org. For information about the Shoreland Habitat Program go to www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/shoreland.html



Sponsored by the Sugar Lake Association with funding provided through a grant from the MN DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife Shoreland Habitat Program

Winter meeting

By Karen Sutherland



Pictured above are some of the approximately 30 SLA members who attended the winter meeting.

Three excellent speakers updated members on invasive aquatic species at the winter meeting Saturday, February 6, 2010. Two new invasives to watch for are the [zebra mussel](#) and the [spiny water flea](#). They can enter a lake through bilge water, bait buckets, livewells, fishing lines, weeds on boats and trailers, anchor ropes, even your waders! The "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" website referenced below explains how to clean items before putting them into the lake. It is easy and does not take very long. To illustrate the persistence of these creatures, spiny water flea eggs can live out of water for up to 12 hours and adult zebra mussels can survive for up to a week out of water! Sugar Lake deserves our careful monitoring to keep these new invasives at bay.

Speakers:

- Heidi Wolf from MNDNR on the [Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers Program](#).
- Eric Lindberg from [Environmental Sentry Protection](#) on I-LIDS, an un-manned system to monitor boat landing activities.
- Patrick Selter from [PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation](#) on innovative, eco-friendly and cost-effective management of invasives.

FOR SALE

Roll-in dock for sale - 64 feet - steel frame with new green treated wood decking. \$1,800 or best offer. Call Darrell at 320-274-3486 or 612-202-1411

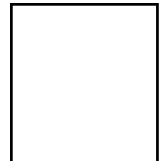
WANTED

1500 pound boat lift
Call Brad Anderson
952-930-3132

FREE

"FREE" 6-sided Cedar Picnic Table
This item can be picked up at 11920 Gulden Av NW
(Area G - Sunset Point)
Contact Bob @ 320-963-9199

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