The Sugar Lake News
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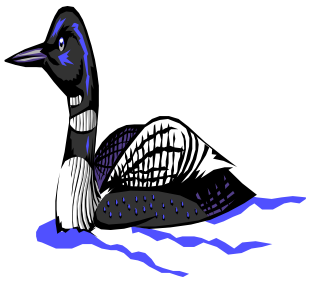

2003
Calendar of Events

May 17-SLA Meeting*
June 14– Healthy Lakes Vision
June 21-SLA Meeting*
June 28-Fishing Contest
July 19-SLA Meeting*
August 2-SLA Picnic
August 16-Annual Meeting/ Board Election*
August 30-Diane's Lights Night
September 20– SLA Meeting*
October 18-SLA Meeting*

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

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WELCOME BACK TO SUGAR LAKE

ATTENTION
Help direct the future of Sugar Lake

You are invited to attend and participate in a visioning session to provide direction for Sugar Lake's lake management plan. Your participation will help protect and improve the water quality of Sugar Lake for current and future generations.

Mark Your Calendars

Date: **June 14, 2003**
Time: **Registration and coffee 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**
Visioning Session 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Where: **Camp Friendship**
10509 108th St NW
Annandale
Who: **Everyone in the Sugar lake Watershed**
Purpose: **To help the lake community develop and implement a lake management plan based on a shared vision.**

Others attending this session will include key local, state agency, and government officials. It will be facilitated by Doug Malchow, a professional facilitator from southeastern Minnesota.

Sugar Lake was fortunate to be one of eight lakes selected to participate in the Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership. The program is sponsored by the Initiative Foundation, established in 1986 by the McKnight foundation to address human and economic needs in central Minnesota. Six association members have completed two training sessions required for participation in the program. Completion of the training has earned grant money to conduct a professionally facilitated visioning session with the community. Further grant money is earned when a lake management plan is completed and again when action begins on one of the plan primary goals.

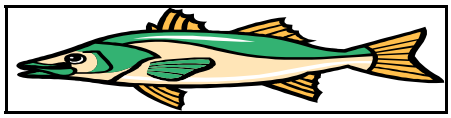
This is your opportunity to provide input on the future of Sugar Lake. See inside the newsletter for more Healthy Lakes Partnership information

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 Steve Wiltermuth at 763-441-2625 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.

APRIL 26TH ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

KASTL'S KORNER



The latest lake report.
Six loons reported.

Date	Ice Out	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert Inlet	Culvert Outlet
04-15-98	4/20	13'	40°	38°	19"	23"
04-15-99	4/1	12'	46°	45°	20"	25"
04-12-00	3/24	11'	38°	41°	19"	23"
04-20-01	4/20	12'	34°	36°	21"	25"
04-20-02	4/16	14'	34°		23"	28"
04-22-03	4/12	10'	49°	61°	23"	28"

Treasurer's Report- report as of April 26, 2003.

General Fund:	$10,297.70 (Includes $833 walleye fund)
Lake Improvement Fund:	$12,543.53
Milfoil Fund:	$50,198.53
TOTAL	**$73,039.76**

Membership

By John Ostdiek
DUES FOR 2003. Recently we sent out an "invoice" for the annual SLA membership dues for 2003. Dues are $20. Please send your check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: John Ostdiek at 17400 Vergus Av., Jordan, MN 55352.

Members paid for 2003, year to date: 221. Total paid membership for 2002 was 351 with 216 as of the first April 2002 meeting.

EXTRA DONATIONS. Sugar Lake Members have been extremely generous adding nearly $4,000.00 in extra donations (over and above their dues contribution). The Association thanks everyone for their support. The breakdown of the additional donations are: $613 to General Fund; $906 to Lake Improvement; $1,559 to Milfoil; $275 to the Walleye Fund and $540 not specified.

Contributors of extra donations received last fall included: Melanie & Chuck Barry, Bob & Cathy Brabant, Joyce & Orv Doering, Karl Enghauser, Jim & Elaine Fox, Mary & Paul Gilles, Barbara & Richard Goldstein, Chris & Mary Kastl, Dan & Irene Klein, Dr. John Klobe, Jim & Phyllis Ludwig, Robert Lund, Doug Miller, Tom & Kathy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Obert Nelson, Peter Ramme, Clara & Elaine Rasmussen, Arthur Sauter, Ed & Marge Scinto, Carol Seestrom, David & Ann Seestrom, Joe & Jean Urista, Al Wallin,

The Sugar Lake Membership Directory was printed and distributed last year. Anyone needing a copy (or extra), please contact John Ostdiek. Many thanks to the advertisers who helped make the Directory a no-cost item. Some of the Directory advertisers include: Howard's Plumbing & Heating, Fobbe Well, Oak Realty, Hegle Door, Annandale Laundromat, A-1 Marine, Shadduck Young & Brown, Little Jim's, Maple Lake Lumber, Dearing Construction, Carefree Lawn Sprinklers, Andy's Auto Service, and Granite City Concrete. Please patronize these businesses who have helped us.

If you know anyone new to the Sugar Lake area, please let John Ostdiek know. An information packet will be mailed. For address additions, deletions or changes, please contact John at 320-274-8669 or 952-226-2914 or e-mail at jostdiek@aol.com.

SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH This e-mail service is available for Sugar Lake members, family, and friends. Contact John at jostdiek@aol.com with your e-mail address to get on the Sugar Lake News Flash list..

Minnesota Lakes Association

After the last Sugar Lake Association meeting Dale Gustafson attended the Minnesota Lakes Association annual meeting an was asked to do a presentation on ice ridges and shoreline restoration.

Water Quality Improvement

- The septic survey information gathered over the last year is complete and has been compiled in a table enclosed with this newsletter. On the back of the table you will find septic system care information and resources.

  Thank you to all who worked on putting together the information in the septic system survey including Dale Gustafson, Clif Mol, Ed Quinn, and especially Andy and Andrea Juetten for completing the tough part of the job at the end and summarizing the results. Many hours were spent researching and compiling records, chasing down information on foot, talking to contractors, phoning property owners and finally summarizing the survey information.

- Wright County Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program 2002 results are in: The results are good, showing a decrease in both phosphorus and chlorophyll and an increase in clarity.

	2002	2001
Phosphorus (ppb)	19.2	28.0
Chlorophyll (ppb)	4.8	8.4
Secchi Disk (ft)	10.0	8.7

Township News

Corinna Township Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays 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: Vi Novotne 320-274-5179

- Calcium Chloride will be applied on township dirt roads for dust control. Additional calcium chloride is available. Gravel is available for dedicated roads for $3/yard. This includes hauling and spreading. Contact Vi.
- Junk Amnesty day is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wood chips are available at the township yard. Brush, yard clippings and leaves can be dropped off. If you are building or relocating your driveway, culverts can be ordered through the Township at cost. Mailbox supports are also available through the township.

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

- Calcium Chloride will be applied on township dirt roads for dust control.
- Curbside pick-up recycling is on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

Old Business

- A motion was made and passed to deposit grant money earned by the Healthy Lakes Committee and spend it on the visioning session scheduled for June 14th. A motion was made and passed to spend up to $400 for printing and postage for a Healthy Lakes mailing to be reimbursed from future grant money earned.

Lake Vegetation

Milfoil Update: The milfoil treatment approach this year will continue to be "kill it as we find it." Chemical expenses are expected to be up slightly. A pontoon to be used for chemical application was generously donated by Bob Borgeson, Steve Borgeson's uncle. One to two volunteers are still needed to help with chemical application and boat preparation. If you can help please contact Dale Gustafson or Steve Borgeson.
Permit fees for treatment will increase this year. In the past the fee was $20 per property up to a $200 maximum for one area. In their quest to become self-sufficient the DNR proposed raising fees to $50 per property with no cap. This would have meant $3500 to $4000 permit fees for Sugar Lake. More than the cost of the chemicals. The Minnesota Lakes Association organized a group to meet with the DNR and is negotiating a lower fee structure.

Wright County Recycling

The Wright County Compost and Recycling Facility handles hazardous material recycling including solvents, pesticides, paints, oil as well as tires, electronic parts, and batteries. There is a nominal charge for some items. The facility is east of Maple Lake on County Road 37 at 505 County Rd 37 NE. Telephone number: 763-682-7338. Hours are: Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 & 1 – 3 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 & 1 – 6 p.m., Fourth Saturday of the month 8 a.m. – 12 noon.

Healthy Lakes Partnership

The Healthy Lakes Committee has collectively completed 72 hours of training and scheduled the visioning session described here to earn initial grant money from the Initiative Foundation. Please contact any of the committee members if you have further questions and watch for more information in the May newsletter.

Dale Gustafson	763-544-4215	Andy Juetten	320-274-2264
Clif Mol	320-274-5343	Don Peterson	952-939-0172
Mike Zieska	320-963-6082		

What do we gain from participating in the Healthy Lakes Partnership program?

We gain the input and direction of the lake community. We earn grant money by completing the training, holding a visioning session, developing a lake management plan, and beginning work on issues defined in the plan.

Who is the Initiative Foundation?

Th Foundation was established in 1986 by the McKnight Foundation to address human and economic needs in central Minnesota. The Healthy Lakes Partnership was started in 1999. Training is provided to groups of eight associations to assist them in developing and implementing water management plans.

What is a visioning session?

The visioning session is an opportunity for the community to provide input to the development of a lake management plan for Sugar Lake. The session provides a forum for questions, comments, and direction.

What is a lake management plan, don't we already have one?

A lake management plan addresses issues deemed important by the lake community. These issues usually fall into one or more of the following categories:

Water Quality	Fisheries Management	Aquatic Vegetation
Shoreline Habitat	Exotic Species	Land Use and Zoning
Water Surface Use	Public Access	Social

We have a lake management plan last updated in 1999.

Diane's Lights Night

Doc Williams

Diane's Lights Night, which takes place on Saturday night of Labor Day weekend, is a beautiful and fun way to bring the summer to a close on Sugar Lake. Many lakeshore owners decorate their yards with luminaries using white lunch bags and candles. This can make for some impressive displays. If the weather doesn't cooperate however, it can become quite a chore to keep them upright and lit. In each newsletter, throughout this summer, we will be giving you suggestions on how to make your displays easier, cheaper, and more elaborate. The S.L.A. will also award a great prize for the best individual display of the evening.

To qualify for the best display prize, "all" outdoor lighting must originate from a burning flame. The fuel for that flame would be of your choosing. You can use paraffin, kerosene, oil, wood, or anything else you can think of as long as it is done in a safe manner. You could for example use tiki lights or plan your decorations around a campfire. Electric lighting of any kind such as porch, yard, Christmas, would disqualify you. Fireworks would also not be allowed.

Lets make this year's Diane's Lights Night the best ever.

An April 1st story…

Pictured at the right are, from left to right, Vera and Sue Wurm with their unbelievable catch. These nice looking fish were released immediately after the picture was taken.

Give Our Lake a Break

Don't park or drive on your drainfield.

For Sale

Glasstream boat & trailer. Very clean – runs great – stored inside. Boat: 17ft open bow runabout, 140hp I/O Mercruiser, three post tow line connection, AM/FM cassette radio, fishing rod holders, heavy duty cover and much more. Trailer: New slides, tires and bearings, spare tire. $4,900 Contact Tim 763-360–1929 or to view call 320-963-3345.

12ft Magnum Nova sailboard with mast, sail, etc. $150 Contact Doc or Beth 952-888-9884.

40 sheets 1/2" 4X12 sheetrock. $5.00 a sheet. Contact Marilyn Andersen 320-963-2226

17 ft Grumman "Eagle" canoe. All aluminum in excellent condition. $400 Contact Viv Gullett 320-274-2196

Cleaning Service We are expanding our cleaning service. If you need a good spring cleaning or if you are looking for dependable, affordable, and very thorough cleaning service, you found it. We have many references. We only have room for 1 or 2 more clients. Contact Sue 320-274-3680 or Judy 320-963-3942. We give free estimates. Think spring!

For Sale

Year round home. 3br, 2ba, 2 kit, double garage. Boathouse and small storage shed. New siding & roof. New blacktop & concrete driveway. 100 X 200' lot. Updated sewer in progress. Moving, must sell, $465,000 or best offer. Contact Blaine Aslakson 320-963-6675. Cell 320-260-2409

4 room sized carpet remnants; 9X11, 9X11, 8X16, 8X20. Good condition, removed from home during remodel. $20 ea. Contact Bob 320-963-9199 or 952-828-4362

1973 Dodge Camper. Runs good & sleeps 4. On Sugar Lake now. $1500 or best offer. Contact Scott 763-424-5071

2002 Polaris 700 ATV of the year. 5' plow. $7000 Low hours and miles. Hand warmers, windshield etc.
1973 Honda SL125 enduro motorcycle, collectors, antique, very good condition. $1500 or best offer.
2002 new Z28 Camero, t-tops, red. 800 miles. $25000
1970 5.5 Johnson, runs, needs TLC $75
1996 & 1997 Polaris two up indy touring snowmobiles $2500 & $2700. Contact Herbie 320-963-8854

1987 16 foot Kennedy Pontoon with 28 hp Evinrude, trailer, and lift. $3800 Contact Lou or Mars Schumacher 612-781-8813

For Sale

Visioneer 8820 USB scanner. Like new. Complete with software and cords for USB hookup $100 Contact Sharon 320-963-5173

New oak flooring in bundles. 19sq.ft. per bundle. 6 bundles, $25 each. Rough sawn oak planks 1" thick by 6" wide by 10' long. Have 64 planks $4 per plank. Contact Ron 320-963-2130

8' X 8' carpeted floating swim raft… make offer. Contact Anderson's 763-428-4451

Wanted

Private party would be interested in renting a 3-4 bedroom cabin for 3-6 weeks summer 2003. Contact Fran or Dennis 952-945-9416

Sugar Lake cabin. Under $200,000. Contact Evon or Craig Baldy 763-479-2383

14 ft aluminum fishing boat. 8 to 10 hp motor. Must be in good condition. Contact Jim Fox weekdays 507-835-1755. Weekends 320-963-3057

The Sugar Lake Association is looking for a tax deductible donation of a pontoon trailer. Please contact any board member if you can help.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

SEPTIC SYSTEM GUIDELINES

The septic system owners guide is available from:

The University of Minnesota Extension Service
Extension Distribution Center
1420 Eckles Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108-6069

Order # PC-6583-0F2. Enclose a check for $6.25 to cover the cost of the guide, shipping and handling. For credit card orders call 612-624-4900 or 800-876-8636. This is a 24 page illustrated booklet covering the operation and care of individual sewage treatment systems.

Recommendations include:

- Set up a schedule for pumping your system
  - Every three years maximum for all tanks
  - Holding tanks should be pumped as needed
  - Every two years for large families or heavy usage
  - With older systems (over 20 years) pump every three years for seasonal use, two years for medium usage
  - For systems over 25 years old or very heavy usage pump every year
- All systems except holding tanks should be pumped from the manhole, not the inspection pipes. This is because the baffles must be inspected and the condition of the tank(s) assured.
- Consider bringing manhole covers to within six inches of finished grade. If not, the pumper may charge a locating and digging fee.
- Follow suggestions in the booklet regarding conserving water usage.
- Use minimum amounts of soap
- Use low/no phosphate dishwasher soap and laundry detergent products
- Do not park or drive anything heavier than a small riding mower on the drainfield.
- Do not plant trees within ten feet of the system drainfield
- Pumpers charge from $75 to $150 depending on size.
- New septic systems range from $2000 for a small holding tank to $12000 for a mound system.
- Wright County Soil and Water has 3% loans available for new systems.

Lets make it a goal of Sugar Lake over the next three years to get everyone on a pumping schedule and get non-conforming systems in compliance.

New Fishing Regulations for 2003

The following new fishing regulations have been summarized from the 2003 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet. As always, please consult the Regulations or the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.mn.us for complete information.

- **New reduced bag limits** for crappie, sunfish, lake trout and catfish take effect on the fishing opener, May 10, 2003. Daily and possession crappie limits go from 15 to 10, sunfish go from 30 to 20 and lake trout go from three to two. The daily and possession limit for catfish will remain at five, but only one over 24 inches. Two flathead catfish will be allowed in the total limit.
- **The Senior fishing license** has been eliminated so senior citizens must again buy a regular license.
- **A new recreational turtle license** has been established and allows the use of three turtle traps. The turtle license fee is $25.00.
  - Only licensed residents are allowed to harvest turtles.
- **A new gross overlimits law** has been implemented. License privileges can be revoked for three or five years, depending on the number of fish involved in the fishing violation.
- A number of lakes have been added to the list of waters infested with Eurasian Milfoil. This list now includes Lake Mille Lacs.
- A number of lakes and streams have been added to the Designated Trout Lake and Stream list. See the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.mn.us.

Experimental Regulations in effect for Mink and Somers Lakes

The following fish limits and regulations were enacted March 1, 2003, for Mink and Somers Lakes in Wright County. Fish taken from these waters with length limits for that species must have their heads, tails, fins and skin intact while on the water. Also, while fishing on these lakes, all fish in possession must be within the specified length limits regardless of where they were caught.

Fish Type	Possession Limit
Sunfish	5
Crappie	5
Yellow Perch	10
Walleye	2
Largemouth Bass*	1 less than 12"
Northern Pike**	1 over 36"

Possession or use of live minnows on these lakes is prohibited.

*All Largemouth Bass 12" and larger must be immediately returned to the water.
**All Northern Pike from 24" through 36" must be immediately returned to the water.