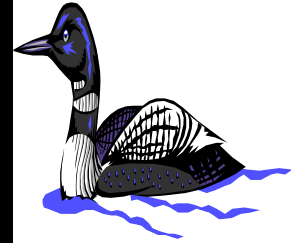


THE SUGAR LAKE NEWS AUGUST 2003



2003

Calendar of Events

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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Thank You to the following merchants and individuals for donating prizes for the Sugar Lake Picnic. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Annandale Video

Tootsie's Bar

Annandale Hallmark

Lee & Friends

Al Marine

Lake Center Store

Andy's Auto Service

Peace of Nature

Lake Center Bar

Annandale Coast to Coast

Kieth's Kettle

Culligan

JJ's

Russel's Bar

Petty Meats

Walmart Maple Grove

Maus Foods Monticello

Blue Waters Café

Jimmy's Pizza

Homestyle Country Café

Dave's Rapid Lube

Annandale Floral

Shear Style Hair & Spa

Whispering Pines

Marketplace

Keavenly Drug & General Store

Tanya's Store

Country Lane Store

Kaz Hardware

Gardendale Center

Tootsie Bar & Grill

Miller Jewelry

MCP

Little Jim's

Carquest

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Dairy Queen

Center Drug

Truk-Mate Toppers

Superior Services/Onyx

Bernatello's Pizza

Silver Creek Corner Bar

Clearwater Hardware

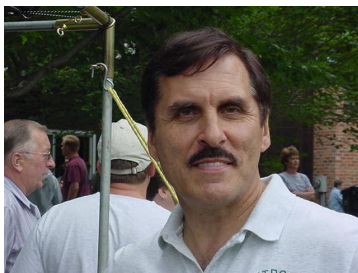
Maple Lake Lumber

H & H Sports

Rob's Custom Upholstery & Floor

Security State Bank

Flicker's in Monticello



Thanks to Karl Enghauser for once again hosting the annual picnic on his property

Also, thanks to Mike Madden and his co-chair, Steve Harnett, for organizing this year's picnic, and many thanks to all who worked to make this event a huge success.



Steve



Mike

AUGUST 16 ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

KASTL'S KORNER—the latest lake report.

The physical condition was 2.5 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). Four loons noted.



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
08-14-97	9'	68°	85°	21"	25"
08-12-98	11'	70°	80°	18"	24"
08-17-99	9'	75°	80°	17"	22"
08-17-00	9'	75°	85°	15"	20"
08-14-01	7'	78°	81°	12"	17"
08-12-02	10'	74°	72°	25"	30"
08-15-03	9'	80°	88°	17"	22"

Treasurer's Report—report as of August 15, 2003

General Fund	\$ 8,640.95
Lake Improvement Fund	\$ 14,770.72
Milfoil Fund	<u>\$ 45,391.19</u>
Total All Funds	\$ 68,802.87

Membership

From John Ostdiek

2003 MEMBERSHIP: SLA membership for 2003 is currently 341.

NEW MEMBERS: We would like to welcome the following new members: Greg Borrell (area A), Pat & Mandi Carlson (area U), Barry & Jennifer Friends (area W), Paul Hobday (area F), Steve & Roxanne Huff (area S-1), Daniel Jenkins (area B), Craig & Sharon Johnson (area O), Wally McKelvey (area U), Charlotte Quiggle (area L), Daryl Rossberg, and Brent Tenhoff & Marie Peura (area K).

EXTRA DONATIONS: Sugar Lake Members have been extremely generous adding over \$4,500.00 in extra donations (over and above their dues contribution). The breakdown of the additional donations are: \$763 to General Fund; \$966 to Lake Improvement; \$1,619 to Milfoil; \$370 to the Walleye Fund and \$875 not specified.

Contributors of extra donations, not previously mentioned, include: Doug & Barb Anderson, Diane & Joe Hall, Paul Hobday, and Daniel Jenkins. The Association thanks everyone for their support.

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.

Sugar Lake Board Election Results

The Annual Meeting and Board elections were held on August 23. The election judge committee consisted of Ed Quinn, Bob Stockstead, and Diane Wiltermuth. The results are:

New Board Members (Terms expire August 31, 2006)

Debbie Beltrand	Debbie Grant
Steve Mann	Karen Pitra
Lorenchia Scott	Tanya Olin

Tanya Olin received the most votes in the write-in category.

New Officers

Chairman: Steve Mann

Treasurer: Lynne Bonine

Vice-Chairman: Suzanne Quinn-McDonald

Secretary: Michelle Pippo

New Business

- A motion was made and passed to increase the treasurer's signature limit to \$300.
- A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to the Fisheries Department of the DNR to help cover the cost of a new well for water to fill their fish hauling tanks. A letter was received from Paul Dietrich, Montrose Area Fisheries Supervisor, thanking the members of the association for their generosity and contribution to fisheries management in the area.
- Although the annual meeting date has been published as August 16 all year, the association bylaws state that the annual meeting must be held on Saturday before the last Saturday of August which is August 23 this year. In order to comply with the bylaws, the annual meeting was reconvened Saturday morning August 23 on the lawn at Corinna Township Hall. The ballots were tallied on 8/23. The results are on page two of the newsletter.

Fishing Resources

Fishing committee report submitted by Lynne Bonine

The recently formed fishing committee has been able to meet a couple times and also has had the opportunity to get together with Paul Dietrich from the DNR. Paul feels the problems with fishing on our lake include too many northerns and too many people taking over their limit of crappies. The fishing committee is planning to recommend to the DNR that the crappie season close from March 1st to opener (which is in May). The committee feels that this would eliminate the late ice fishing and the early spring fishing of crappie. Paul also suggested lowering the limit from 10 to 5.

If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Lynne Bonine by email at b7285@lakedalelink.net.

Sailing News

By Suzanne Quinn-McDonald

The "group sail" set for Sat. Aug. 9th (and then Aug. 10th) was canceled due to light/no winds. In spite of the very variable winds, several boats came out for the fun of it! It was sure great to see Al Wojchowski's E-scow out there. He and his crew even crossed the finish line (with a little help from his friends!). Also, Fr. Shallbetter and his crew from out east sailed south for a visit and a hotdog. Several others on the lake expressed interest as well, including a sailboarder! Looks like we have enough interest to put a few buoys out again next year. We'll see how often everyone wants to "regatta." Call Suzanne Quinn-McDonald at 763-427-5519 (or e-mail at smcdonal@ties2.net) if you'd like to be added to the list.

Catholic Mass

By Doc Williams

An outdoor Catholic Mass was held Sunday, Aug 3, on Sunset Point. The celebrants were Father Marty Shallbetter and his brother, Deacon Clarence Shallbetter. There were about 60 people in attendance. A collection was taken up, in the amount of \$140.00 and will go towards educating those who use Sugar Lake on ways to help keep it beautiful. Refreshments were served after the Mass and many stayed and got to know each other. A "well done" goes to all those who helped put this together on such short notice. In one week's time they were able to produce a choir, musical accompaniment, song sheets, and most important, the refreshments. Thanks to all who attended and made it a success. We will have another Mass when the opportunity presents itself and will notify you through the Sugar Lake news flash (jostdiek@aol.com) and the newsletter if time permits.

****SOMETHING NEW****

in the newsletter...Introducing "Dear Sugar"- a spot for questions (from you! our association members) and answers (from board members and various resources) about Sugar Lake... anything goes— water quality, permit requirements, social events, shoreline gardening, whatever! Send your questions to our newsletter editor, Don Peterson, 319 Wayside Rd W, Hopkins, MN 55343, or email donpeterson@maxigard.com Here's the first question:

Dear Sugar

Dear Sugar, "What kind of dishwasher detergent is the safest to use at the lake?" From, new cabin owner.

Dear new cabin owner, "Seventh Generation" is the name of a phosphorous free dishwasher detergent that would be a great choice! Colgate Palmolive dishwasher detergent would be a good second choice as it has a lower phosphorous rating than other brands on the market.

Water Quality Improvement

- 117th St. project: A motion was made and passed to pay the property owner for crop destroyed if buffer strip work starts early this fall. NTE \$500, maximum \$300 per acre.
- 106th St project: Wenck & Assoc. engineering report was reviewed for the group.
- A class on exotic plant species identification was conducted during the picnic for children. The class was "hands on" with samples of vegetation from Sugar Lake. The class was well attended.
- An education committee has formed. Fall clean up will be the first topic addressed. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$150 on a postcard mailing this fall related to leaf clean up.
- The county can create detailed area maps with names and address data if we pay them for the extra computer technician time. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$300 for the maps.
- Dale Gustafson chaired the first ever meeting of the Wright County Lakes and Rivers Alliance in August. The meeting was well attended with good representation from around the county. The group will be meeting the next two months to work out the formation of a permanent organization that will work on education and water quality issues on a county wide basis.
- A buffer strip status update is planned for this fall. Ed and Jan Quinn have agreed to lead that effort.

INDIVIDUAL MILFOIL SEARCH DAY.

The Vegetation Committee would like to continue a Labor Day tradition started last year - INDIVIDUAL MILFOIL SEARCH DAY. On a day of your choosing, check the area in front of your property and report any suspected milfoil to your area communicator, any board member, or member of the milfoil search committee. Our inspection team will then check the suspected area and report back to you what you have found. Our current plan is to treat areas where there is active milfoil this fall .

Picnic Recap

695 people attended the picnic. The weather was beautiful with a small shower at the very end to help with clean-up.

Expenses were close to the \$2300 budget for the picnic. Total expenses for 2003 were \$2470. For comparison 2002 expenses were \$1909. Expenses were lower last year because unopened beer was returned for credit and attendance was down because of bad weather.

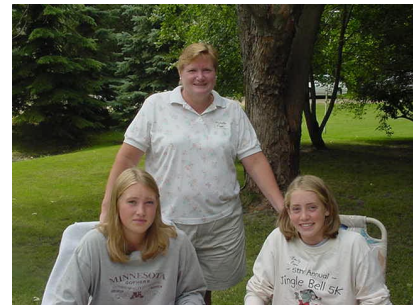
Raffle Winners

1st: Paul Tierney
 2nd: Wayne Hoganson
 3rd: Al & Lorna Ittel
 Upon winning second prize of \$250, Wayne Hoganson turned around and donated \$250 back to the association. *THANK YOU Wayne*



Raffle sales totaled \$3,897. Expenses were \$1,117 resulting in net income of \$2,780. Last year raffle sales totaled \$3,579.00. All income was deposited in the lake improvement fund.

Picnic 2003



Boating Safety News Release From the DNR

No life vests and expired licenses among most common boating violations (2003-07-29)

DNR conservation officers and county sheriffs deputies are taking note of a large number of boaters who violate the law by not carrying the proper number and type of personal flotation devices (PFDs or life preservers) on board their boats.

"It just amazes me as I go through the officers' reports, how many people forget their life jackets or don't have enough on board," said Tim Smalley, Minnesota DNR boating safety specialist. "This law isn't new; it's been in effect for just about forever, but some boaters just 'space out' when it comes to their safety equipment. A life vest is the one thing that has been proven over and over to help prevent boating deaths."

It isn't just life preservers that boaters seem to be forgetting about. According to Smalley, other boating law violation list-toppers include: lack of current boat registration, intoxicated operation of watercraft and operating violations for personal watercraft also called Wave Runners, Jet Skis, Sea Doos, etc.

The DNR offers these tips to help boaters have a safe outing and avoid running afoul of the law.

- Carry the correct number and type of readily accessible life jackets on board. That includes a Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board the boat. Boats that are 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks) must carry a Coast Guard approved boat cushion or ring buoy as a throwable device.
- Make sure your boat's registration (license) is up-to-date and the MN numbers and validation decals are correctly displayed on both sides of the forward half of the boat.
- Avoid alcohol while boating. It is unlawful to operate a motorboat while impaired, and it's a bad idea for even passengers to be intoxicated on a boat.
- Watch your wake. As boats get larger, the damage caused by their wakes can be larger too. A DNR officer recently reported a boat capsized, the occupant thrown into the water by a large boat wake and his head was cut by his own boat's propeller. Wakes can also increase shoreline erosion, especially in times of high water levels.
- Watch where you are going. The number one cause of boat collisions is failure of the operator to keep proper lookout.
- Know the personal watercraft laws and obey them. You are required to display the personal watercraft rules decal issued at no cost by the DNR in full view of the operator. You may only operate a personal watercraft between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset. Maintain a slow no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of non-motorized boats, shore (unless launching a skier), docks, swim rafts, swimmers or moored or anchored boats. You also may not jump the wake of other boats within 150 feet.

Boaters may obtain a free copy of the Minnesota Boating Guide with a summary of the state's boating regulations at 1-800-MINNDNR (646-6367), or download one from the DNR's Web site www.dnr.state.mn.us/

Get the Lead Out

Please support the DNR "Get the Lead Out" campaign by replacing your lead tackle with non-lead alternatives. Just one sinker can poison a loon. Loons swallow small pieces of gravel from the lake bottom to help with digestion. When sinkers are lost while fishing they can be picked up by loons. As the lead sinker is exposed to stomach acids the lead enters the loons system and slowly poisons the bird. A loon with lead poisoning behaves strangely. It may have trouble flying, crash, gasp and tremble, have drooping wings. As the condition worsens it eats very little and hides, staying behind when other birds migrate. The bird can die within two or three weeks of eating one lead sinker. Next time you are cleaning out your tackle box consider replacing the lead with non-toxic alternatives so future generations can hear the call of the loon.

Shoreland Volunteer Training

November 22, 2003

**Warner Lake Nature Center
Clearwater, Minnesota**

At this Shoreland volunteer workshop you'll learn basic limnology, shoreland regulations, watershed concepts, and land use practices that impact water quality. You'll also meet local resource folks and receive tips on sharing your knowledge with others

Trained Shoreland Volunteers make a commitment to return twenty hours of community service in the next year. Additional educational opportunities are made available to you as Shoreland Volunteers.

The Phosphorous Freebies

Pictured at the right is Sugar Lake's newest musical sensation, "The Phosphorus Freebies." This group, led by Suzanne Quinn-McDonald, entertained picnic goers with five tunes meant to educate us on water quality issues. In case you missed the performance here are the narration and lyrics from two of the tunes:

Phosphorous (Happy Wanderer)

If you must fertilize your yard,
Please use phosphorous free...
The big Zero still helps the grass grow,
We love you phosphorus free!!
Phosphorus free,
Phosphorus free,
Phosphorus free,
Phosphorus free ee ee ee ee ee ee,
Phosphorus free,
Phosphorus free,
We love you phosphorus free!!



Narrator: Phosphorous free fertilizer is sold at many stores in the area and helps reduce phosphorus runoff into the lake. Remember – less phosphorous, cleaner water! Look for the "Zero in the middle with the numbers on the ends!"

Autumn Leaves (Autumn Leaves)

Those autumn leaves
Are bad for Sugar Lake
So bag those leaves,
And rake, rake, rake!

Narrator: Raking and bagging your leaves in the fall reduces the amount of phosphorus going into the lake! A great place to put them is the Corinna Township Hall maintenance yard.

From the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Winter fish spearing ban for Sugar Lake to be discussed

The DNR is seeking community input to discuss the fish spearing ban at Sugar Lake at a meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. State rules require a review of the regulation.

Current rules prohibit winter spearing for northern pike. The DNR will seek a continuation of the regulation.

The meeting will take place at Corinna Township Hall, 9801 Ireland Avenue NW, Annandale, MN 55302.

Written comments will be accepted through September 27th for those who are not able to attend the meeting. Contact Paul Diedrich, Montrose Area Fisheries Office, 7372 State Highway 25 SW, Montrose, MN 55363. Telephone 763/675-3301. E-mail: paul.diedrich@dnr.state.mn.us.

Yours truly,
Paul Diedrich
Area Fisheries Supervisor

Give Our Lake a Break

Remember that fall is the most important cleanup time at the lake. Come up often and rake and bag leaves each time. That way the job is small and the lake benefits are large.

What to do with those leaves...

- Don't:
- 1) Rake them into the ditch behind the cabin
 - 2) Rake them into the Lake
 - 3) Burn them
- Do:
- 1) Compost them and incorporate them into the soil
 - 2) Take them to the township compost site

Rainfall

July rainfall was one inch below normal. As of August 16, only one inch of rain has fallen and there has been no rain since August 2.

FOR SALE

84 Harley Sportster, 1100cc,
x-clent condition. Service rec-
ords, many extras and parts.
\$6499.00
Contact Viv, "Old Hog Lady
Rider" 320-274-2196

28-1/2 foot Gulfstream Con-
quest 5th wheel camper. Large
slide-out, loaded, new awning,
very nice. Contact Connie 612-
670-1972

LEFT AT PICNIC

One 8 foot table. Contact Steve
Harnett 320-274-5497

LOST

Purple and Black Knee-
board. Lost on July 4.
Contact Jim Peterson 763-
670-3981

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