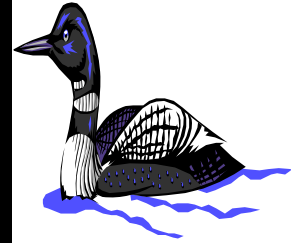


THE SUGAR LAKE NEWS

AUGUST 2005



2005

Calendar of Events

September 3–Diane's Lights Night

September 17– SLA Meeting*

October 15–SLA Meeting*

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

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owner changes**

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Karen Pitra

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Diane's Lights Night Sat, 9/3/05 By Doc Williams

Our Diane's Lights Night spectacle is just around the corner. On Saturday evening, September 3, many lake shore owners and their friends will assemble. They will once again light the night sky with their displays of luminaries and torches signaling the end of summer on Sugar Lake. Will you be one of them? It's lots of fun for the whole family and gives someone the chance to win a "summer of free Pepsi" for next year. Remember, the Groenke family (this years judges) will be looking for only flame lit displays. No electric lighting will be considered. For those of you wanting to view other displays by boat, we remind you to think about safety. Nighttime boating can be hazardous, so check your water craft for proper lighting and lifejackets. Don't overload your boat and be watchful of other boats around you. To limit congestion, we ask everyone to proceed clock-wise around the lake. If you own a floating raft, we ask you to put some kind of lighting on it such as a luminary on each corner or simply bring it in to prevent collisions. Above all, have fun and enjoy the last official weekend of the summer season. We will be paying the winners a visit on Sunday.

The tradition of lighting up the shore with luminaries was renamed in 2000 in memory and honor of Diane Radtke who started the Sugar Lights Night tradition in 1996. Diane donated the proceeds of her hand-made luminary sales to the Lake Improvement Fund and in the process created a great tradition of fun and beauty that seems to draw the Sugar Lake community together.



Thank You

to the following merchants and individuals for donating prizes for the Sugar Lake Picnic. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember these merchants as you shop.
Special thank you to Waste Management. They donated all the trash containers.

American Family Insurance
Annadale Properties
Annadale Video
Annandale Advocate
Annandale Americinn
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Annandale Bank
Annandale Subway
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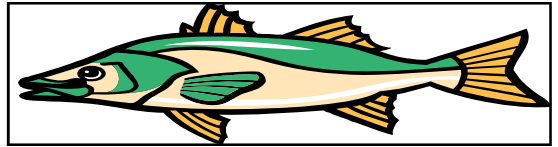
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Homestyle Café
In Hot Water
Jerry's Floor Store
Judy's Cottage
Just Your Style
Karen's Hallmark
Kathy Radtke-Slama
Kaz Hardware
Kearny Drug
Keith's Kettle
Lake Center
Lake Center Store

Little Jims
Lundeen Ford
Maple Lake Lumber
Marketplace
Mary Kay-Karen Pitra
MCP
Miller Jewelry
Oak Realty
Petty Brothers
Rob's Upholstery
Sassy's Salon
Security State Bank
Smokin' Joe's Road House
State Farm Insurance
T.J. Dollar Store

AUGUST 20 ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

KASTL'S KORNER-the latest lake report.

The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). 1 loon noted.



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
08-11-04	9'	65°	68°	17"	22"
08-17-05	8'	70°	78°	18"	23"

Rainfall

July rainfall was 2.24". Normal rainfall is 4". Total rainfall this year 19.61". Normal is about 19". July had 17 days 90 degrees or warmer. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall information.

Treasurer's Report - as of August 20, 2005

General Fund	\$12,085.19
Lake Improvement Fund	\$16,511.59
Milfoil Fund	<u>\$33,348.05</u>
Total All Funds	\$61,944.83

Membership

- Paid SLA membership for 2005 has reached 360. If you haven't paid your 2005 dues, please send your \$25 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: Sugar Lake Association 11102 Hoyer Ave NW., Annandale, MN 55302
- Please welcome new members: Tim & Tawny Karbo Dieterichs, Thomas & Suzanne Ninmo, David Pietrzak, Heath & Heather Radtke, Perry & Roseanne Reed, Bob & Deb Sodman, William & Mary Spielmann.
- Sugar lake members have been extremely generous in making extra donations beyond the \$25 dues payment. Extra donations have recently been received from the following: Marilyn Anderson, Jean Christensen, Joe & Pat Gill, Marlin & Wilma Grant, Dirk & Julie Moorhead, Thomas & Suzanne Ninmo, Charlotte Quiggle, Greg & Joni Selle, Dorothy Stannard.
- We extend our sympathies to the family of Edith Carlson. Mrs. L.A. Carlson Sr., a 54 year summer resident of Sugar Lake, passed away August 8, 2005 at the age of 100 years. The family thanks the many friends from Sugar Lake who attended Edith's funeral and extended their sympathies.
- If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Karen Pitra. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Karen of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Karen at 320-274-8153 or email kak8900@aol.com.
- **SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH:** This e-mail service is available for Sugar Lake members, family, and friends. Contact Tanya Olin at tanya.m.olin@wellsfargo.com or call 320-274-5218 with your e-mail address to get on the Sugar Lake News Flash list or to submit news items or sale items. Please keep your e-mail address updated with Tanya. News Flash sale ads will be sent out on Wednesdays. Please have any ads to Tanya by 10 a.m. Wednesday morning.
- **Directory:** The new 2005-2006 membership directories were handed out at the picnic. Remaining directories will be distributed by area communicators.

Sugar Lake Board Election Results

The Annual Meeting and Board elections were held on August 20. The election judge committee consisted of Ed & Jan Quinn.

The results are:

New Board Members

(Terms expire August 31, 2008)

Jerry Euteneuer	Charlotte Quiggle
John Harapat	Marsha Schrupp
Don Peterson	Joni Selle

New officers for 2005/2006:

Chairman: Don Peterson
Vice-Chairman: Karen Pitra
Treasurer: Tom Hall
Secretary: Nancy Dunn



Thanks to the outgoing board members pictured above. From left to right: Doc Williams, Suzanne Quinn-McDonald, Steve Harnett, Michelle Pippo, and Mike Mengelkoch. Also thanks to outgoing board member Shirley Hillstad not pictured above.

Sugar Lake Calendar

If you are an SLA member and have not received your calendar yet please contact your area communicator. If you have your calendar but would like to order more at \$12.00 please contact Suzanne Quinn McDonald at 651-320-1512 by September 1, 2005.

Newsletter

The Sugar Lake News, published 7 times a year from April through October, is available electronically. Please consider opting in to electronic delivery of the newsletter. You will save the Association money by reducing printing and postage costs. You will receive a high quality version of the newsletter that can be read on the computer or printed on your own printer. Additionally all photos are in color in the electronic version. The electronic version is an exact duplicate of the printed version sent as an Adobe PDF file. Adobe PDF reader is required to view the newsletter. If you don't have Adobe reader there is a link to it on the Sugar Lake website (www.sugarlake.org) on the newsletter page. PDF files for current and previous year newsletters are also posted on the website. If you would like to be removed from the hard copy mail list send an email request to Don Peterson at don@sugarlake.org

Dear Sugar

Dear Sugar While at the Sugar Lake Picnic last week, I noticed something called a "loon nesting platform". It was about 4 feet square and made out of PVC tubing with reeds on top of wire mesh. What are they going to do with it? **Looney idea**

Dear Looney; The nesting platform will be put out next spring for loons to nest on. The idea came from Gary Williamson, a member of the lake association. Gary owns a pheasant farm and raises 40,000 of the best game birds in the five state area. He has been in the business for 21 years, is president of the North American Game Bird Association, and really knows his stuff when it comes to birds. You might say he is a real "Bird Brain". Gary obtained the nesting plans from the DNR and wants to build 4 of them for the lake. There are only 2 pairs of Loons on our lake now, in part, because of the lack of adequate



nesting material in other areas. Gary identified 4 potential sights suitable for nesting. If platforms are put in all 4 areas, it will increase the chance that each area will produce multiple chicks. When nesting, loons are very territorial and will drive off other loons if they see them. If the platforms are put in the water at the right time and place, loons can nest safe from predators and be out of sight to other nesting loons. The day the ice goes out next spring, Gary will put the platforms in the water. They will be placed near the bull rushes on the south west corner, Addison Bay, north-west side, and the south side of the North Bay. If you see these platforms, give them a wide berth. It takes 28 to 30 days for the eggs to hatch and you wouldn't want to scare away any potential nesters. It might take 2 or 3 years for it to work, but hopefully, before long we will have more loon families on the lake. Good luck Gary!

Give Our Lake a Break

If your outboard motor is old, or not running well, think about replacing it with a new four cycle. What a great excuse to get a new motor!

Shoreland Volunteer Workshop

September 16, 2005

Mankato, MN

Contact Gary Wyatt 507-389-6748

wyatt@umn.edu

The Sugar Lake Board has approved tuition reimbursement for up to 10 members who complete this workshop. This offer is open to all Sugar Lake Association members

Shoreland volunteer training is sponsored by the University of Minnesota extension service. The one day training session topics include basics about how lakes work, shoreland regulations, watershed concepts, land use practices that impact water quality, and tips on how to share your knowledge. Fifteen of your fellow members have completed the training. Previous graduates of the workshop include: Chris Behm, Tony Rieger-Borer, Dale Gustafson, Steve Harnett, Karla Heeter, Arv Klemz, Justin Mann, Steve Mann, Mike McDonald, Suzanne Quinn-McDonald, Don Peterson, Irvin Scott, Lorenchia Scott, Andrea Welter, and Doc Williams. These individuals are a resource for your questions about Sugar Lake and lake living. If you are interested in this training contact any of the graduates listed, a current board member, or your area communicator. If the September 16 date does not fit your schedule the next workshop date is September 30 in Carlton, MN. The contact for that workshop is Joan Weyandt, 218-862-3760 ext 178, joan.weyandt@co.carlton.mn.us.

The Sugar Lake board and the alumni of this workshop agree that this is the best day you can spend to learn about your lake.

Picnic Recap

885 people attended the picnic. The weather was perfect, the food was great, and everyone had a good time.

Raffle sales totaled \$4799. Expenses were \$2580 resulting in net income of \$2219. Last year raffle sales totaled \$4,859. All income was deposited in the milfoil Fund.

Expenses were right on the \$2600 budget for the picnic. Total expenses for 2005 were \$2580. For comparison 2004 expenses were \$2522.



Thanks to picnic committee chair Steve Harnett for organizing this year's picnic, and many thanks to all who worked to make this event a huge success.



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



Raffle Winners

1st: Lynette Gagnelius

2nd:
Bethany Wilmes

3rd:
Jan Quinn



Picnic 2004



Lake Vegetation Report Dale Gustafson

The Vegetation Committee is still working hard on vegetation efforts for our Lake. Our divers have been out several times and have located two new areas of Eurasian Water milfoil that we will add to our treatment areas. We may do a fall treatment in those areas this year. Also the divers have been doing some hand removal of EWM in Addison Bay. While in Addison Bay diving, they discover that we also have a lot of new plants growing there. This just points out that we need to keep focused on continually looking for new infestations of both EWM and Curly leaf.

We are also working on our LVMP (Lake Vegetation Management Plan) and we will continue to update you on that program. We expect that the plant identification survey will be done in September, and the lake bottom testing will be done in October. After that data is assembled we will begin our strategic planning based on that information. Perhaps we will be ready to present our long range plan at the winter association meeting. We have applied for a Milfoil grant to help with costs of locating this plant and hope to hear soon about our application. These funds will be very much appreciated, but will do little to meet the needs we will have in the future.

By the time you read this, our Sugar Lakescapers should have completed some additional shoreline plantings in the areas we planted last year. We had very good results in getting bull rush established and we intend to add to it and help it grow into good size stands. This is great news because this is one of the most valuable plants for our lake's health, and we have lost so much in the last couple decades. If we are successful on a small scale now, perhaps we can move on to a larger scale in the future. Please continue to be aware of our Sensitive Vegetation Buoys and keep your wake away from these areas. Boat wakes are destructive, and it is one thing we can control. It is so important that we retain every Bull rush plant that we now have.

Vegetation Committee statement of purpose

The Sugar Lake board approved, by unanimous vote, the following statement of purpose for the vegetation committee and will consider adopting the statement as part of the bylaws.

The Sugar Lake Association desires to protect its valuable native vegetation by aggressively working to prevent invasive non-native species from becoming dominant.

Area Highlights

South Shore Sugar Lake by Suzanne Quinn-McDonald

As a part of the SLA plan to build a shared sense of community on the lake, this article is about past history and current events on the south shore of our lake. The land was purchased from Mr. Topfer's farm; and the cabins were built in 1955, 1956, and 1957. Historically a very social area of the lake, families hosted many campfire singalongs, shoreline corn boils, Hawaiian Luau's with live music and song skits, badminton tournaments, canoe races, and several pig roasts. One pig roast memory included the whole beach signing up for 2-hour shifts throughout the night to spray water on the frequent fire flare-ups at the shoreline spit. Another involved the Annandale bakery; they had graciously agreed to roast 3 pigs for another of the pig roasts in their large ovens, and then had to close down for a week to clear out the smell!

Creative water-skiing was also a south shore trademark. One water ski spectacular involved two boats (one with a 60 horse mercury, and the other with a 100 horse mercury motor and a prop designed especially for the event) that pulled up 13 skiers. While very exciting, the event was nixed when one of the skiers was caught in a rope and dragged underwater for a ways- events in the future involved slalom courses. The huge walls of spray were beautiful to behold.

Ed Quinn the area communicator for area O also holds the honor of "father of the fleet", the founder of the Sugar Lake sailing club which was a group of sailing enthusiasts from around the lake who held regattas on the lake from 1979 to 1987. M-16s, C-scows, and Catamarans were frequently seen whipping across the waves on Sunday afternoons.

Current events on the south shore include the recently finished 106th street project, a 20 year effort to build a new road behind the cabins nearest to the south shore access with a holding pond to filter the runoff water from the farmer's field before it reaches the lake. Many of the cabin owners on the south shore have also joined the association's efforts to promote buffer strips by letting their hillsides and shorelines grow.



Pictured above are Dan Erdman and Steve Klobe hard at work removing milfoil by hand in Addison Bay.

Sugar Lake Apparel

Many of us were disappointed at the picnic in 2004 when we found no Sugar Lake hats, t-shirts, or sweatshirts for sale. Thankfully that has changed. Lee Slama and Kathy Radtke-Slama have formed A.U.S. Sales and are offering Sugar Lake apparel and gifts. Lee and Kathy are donating the profits from sales to the Sugar Lake Association. They anticipate profits from sales at the picnic to exceed \$500. Thank you, Lee and Kathy, for your generous donation and for making Sugar Lake apparel available again. Contact Lee and Kathy as listed below or see the complete brochure of what is available on the Sugar Lake website at www.sugarlake.org. Orders for Christmas are required by 11/1/05.

Sugar Lake Apparel and Gifts

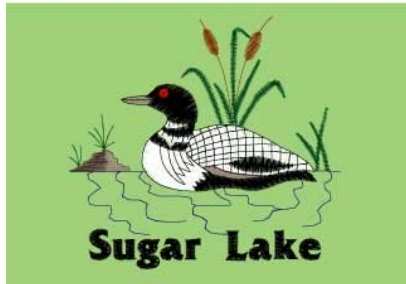


A.U.S. Sales was formed by Lee Slama and Kathy Radtke-Slama. We offered to provide apparel and gift products for the Sugar Lake Picnic and the Board of Directors approved our offer to do this service. The profits from the sale of items will go to the lake association for whatever they see fit to help keep our beautiful lake clean and safe for all of us to enjoy today and in the future.

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Contact Lee and Kathy at:

AUS Sales
4602 Wentworth Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55419
612-822-4507 OR
320-963-1936 (Cabin)
lee-tah@juno.com



The Radtke Family has in the past sold the luminaria for Diane's Lights which we will be doing again for this year's event, proceeds from these sales will also go to the lake association.



Help to support the Sugar Lake Association and enjoy wearing or using your new Sugar Lake items.

— Lee and Kathy

Fundraising

We are at a critical time in our fight against aquatic invasive species. Specifically Eurasian watermilfoil and curly leaf pondweed. Spending has exceeded income and projections indicate the need for higher levels of spending. Areas infested with curly leaf pondweed have doubled every year since 2003. If this trend continues we will be faced with 100 acres of curly leaf choking the shores of Sugar Lake next spring. Much is being done this year including development of a LVMP (Lake Vegetation Management Plan), negotiations with the DNR for permitting next year, and accurate identification and mapping of areas requiring treatment. Experience on other lakes has shown we are in a 3 to 5 year fight to gain control. A fundraising committee has been formed to evaluate how to raise the additional funds that will be required to gain control of this problem. Those who have already donated will be recognized in a future newsletter. Look for information from the fundraising committee soon. If you are interested in helping with the fundraising effort contact:

Karen Pitra
11102 Hoyer Ave NW
Annandale, MN 55302
320-274-8153

We're not just boating and fishing on Sugar Lake.



Tyler Blixt, grandson of Rick & Mary Olson, was baptized in Sugar Lake on August 13. Shown (from r to l) parents Amy & Jeff Blixt, minister Kari Williamson, godparents Leesa & John Koch and Tyler's brother Zachary.

FOR SALE

14 foot Alumacraft boat

\$350

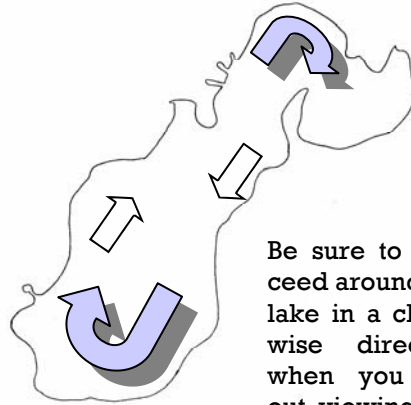
Contact:

Terry Delbow

320-963-3997



Diane's Lights Night



Be sure to proceed around the lake in a clockwise direction when you are out viewing the Diane's Lights Night displays.

Can cooler and travel mug sale

Can coolers and travel mugs



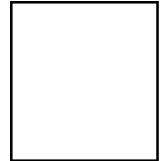
with a Sugar Lake logo are available for sale. The can coolers are \$2 each, travel mugs \$5 each

with proceeds benefiting the milfoil fund.

Contact
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