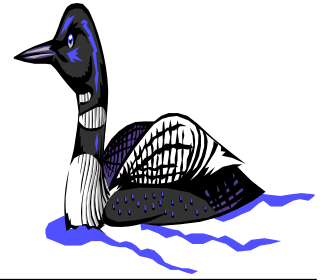


# THE SUGAR LAKE NEWS

## JULY 2005



**2005**

### Calendar of Events

**August 6**-SLA Picnic

**August 20**-Annual Meeting/Board Election\*

**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.

**Send Newsletter submissions to:**

Don Peterson

319 Wayside Rd W

Hopkins, MN 55343

Home 952-939-0172

Work 952-361-3026

E-mail donpeterson@maxigard.com

**For membership, address, e-mail, or property owner changes**

contact Karen Pitra at

Karen Pitra

11102 Hoyer Ave NW

Annandale, MN 55302

320-274-8153

## Picnic Update

**It is annual picnic time! Come out and enjoy the day with your friends, family, and neighbors from around the lake. Check in at the membership table for your name tag(s) and raffle entry. Enjoy the great food, drinks, kids' games, educational opportunities, and annual raffle.**

**Date:** Saturday, August 6

**Place:** Enghausers, SE corner of the lake.

**Schedule of events :**

9 a.m.

Setup

12 noon

Picnic starts

1 to 3 p.m.

Kids' games

3 p.m.

Raffle and door prize drawings

Food will be served all afternoon until it is gone.



*Please clean up after yourself and be sure you don't leave anything behind on the grounds.*

*Please note that this year registration and a name tag will be required for food and drink. Please register as soon as you arrive.*

There are still one-hour shifts available for serving food.

Please call Steve Harnett if you can help.

Steve can be reached at

Home: 320-274-5497

Cell: 651-491-0754

If you were interested in donating door prizes for the picnic and were not contacted by anyone, please contact Steve Harnett at the numbers listed above.

## *Give Our Lake a Break*

Walk your property during a heavy rain and find out where the water is going. Look for ways to use First Flush Fundamentals to get water to soak into the ground and not run into the lake.

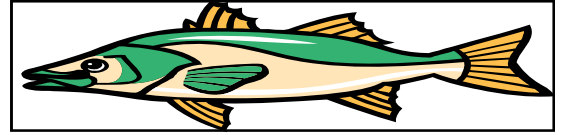
## Raffle Update

Through July 16, raffle ticket sales have brought in over \$2000. Remember the great prizes this year; \$500 grand prize, \$250 second prize, and \$50 for third prize. We need all members to sell only 20 tickets at \$1 each to help raise the \$5000 that was budgeted for raffle income this year. Raffle ticket proceeds will all go to the milfoil fund. As always, there will be additional opportunities to buy more raffle tickets at the picnic.

If you would like more tickets to sell, please contact Michelle Pippo at 320-963-5024.

If you would like to return your sold ticket stubs and checks (NO CASH PLEASE!), made payable to the Sugar Lake Association, please send them to SLA Treasurer 10597 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358.

# JULY 16TH ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



## **KASTL'S KORNER** The latest lake report.

The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). Loon Count: 1 pair with 1 young, another pair with 2 young.

### **Culvert**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Clarity</b>	<b>Water Temp</b>	<b>Air temp</b>	<b>Inlet</b>	<b>Outlet</b>
07-19-00	10'	75°	85°	20''	25''
07-13-01	9'	77°	89°	14''	19''
07-17-02	15'	82°	96°	23''	28''
07-18-03	7'	84°	84°	23''	29''
07-15-04	10'	80°	84°	20''	25''
07-14-05	8'	70°	90°	24''	29''

## **Rainfall**

June 2005 rainfall total 7.70 inches. The June 28 rain was 2.8". Year-to-date total about 17.37 inches, 3 inches above normal. June 2004 rain was 4.75 inches.

## **Treasurer's Report** Report as of July 16, 2005.

General Fund	\$15,745.65
Lake Improvement Fund	\$16,333.87
Milfoil Fund	\$31,074.73
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$63,154.25</b>

## **Membership**

Paid SLA membership for 2004 has reached 311. 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.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Roger Barringer who passed away in July.

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.

Please welcome new members Marilyn Westlin and Roz Roswell.

**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 for sale items. Please keep your e-mail address updated with Tanya.

News Flash for sale ads will be sent out on Wednesdays. Please have any ads to Tanya by 10 a.m. Wednesday morning.

**EXTRA DONATIONS.** Sugar Lake Members have been extremely generous in making extra donations beyond the \$25 dues payment. Extra donations have been received from the following: Marlin and Wilma Grant, Steve and Joan Harnett, Gary and Cindi Hoganson, Andy and Andrea Juetten, Robert and Diane Niederer, Kathy Swinehart.

## **Directory**

The new directory will be passed out at the picnic on August 6. If you can help deliver directories in your neighborhood to those who can't make it to the picnic please let someone at the registration table know or contact Karen Pitra 320-274-8153, Pat Dahl 320-274-3486, or Don Peterson 952-939-0172.

## **Annual Meeting / Board Election**

Proxy vote ballots and candidate statements for the candidates interested in serving as Board members are enclosed. You may cast your vote in person at the annual meeting on August 20, or you may vote by mail. Please return your ballot to Deb Beltrand, 5816 W 70 St, Edina, MN, 55439, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 20.

There are six Board positions to be filled this August.

## **Sugar Lake Divers**



The Sugar Lake Board would like to thank Steve Klobe and Dan Erdman for the work they do diving on Sugar Lake. We are lucky to have them as a resource. We can all acknowledge their contribution best by being careful if they are on the lake. Please observe the warning flag posted by those diving on the lake. The state flag is red with a white stripe running diagonally from corner to corner and may be displayed from a float or on a boat. The warning flag is used when diving is in progress. No person may operate a watercraft within 150 feet of the red and white flag.



The three pictures below were taken by Steve. Pictured at the left is curly leaf pondweed, the right picture is eurasion water mifoil and the center picture is one of their underwater 'friends.' If you see Steve and Dan on the lake give them some room and say thank you.



## **Reminder from the Sugar Lake Water Patrol**

- Remember it is against the law to ride or sit on the gunwales, bow, transom, or decking over the bow, sides or stern of any motorboat while underway, unless it is equipped with an adequate railing, or to operate a motorboat while any person is so riding or sitting. (From the 2005 Minnesota boating guide.)
- In Wright County a spotter is required in the boat for water skiing Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays
- Water skiing and similar acts are prohibited between one hour after sunset to sunrise of the following day.
- Personal watercraft must travel at slow – no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of non-motorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.
- Personal watercraft may not weave through congested watercraft traffic, or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other watercraft. This includes other personal watercraft.
- Personal watercraft may only be operated between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset. Sunset on Sugar Lake in the month of July ranges from 9:06 p.m. at the beginning of the month to 8:45 p.m. by the end of the month.
- Use "Sound Judgement." Let's all keep the neighborhood peace and quiet in mind while operating our boats, personal watercraft, and stereos.

## **Sugar Lake clothing & articles**

There will be articles of clothing, with the Sugar Lake emblem, for sale at the picnic this year. Items available will include hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, windbreakers, and tote bags. You will also be able to place orders for special items from a catalog for future delivery. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the SLA. This will be a great opportunity to help out your association while getting a head start on your Christmas shopping.

## **Diane's Lights Night**

Have you purchased your bags and candles for Diane's Lights Night yet? If not, the SLA picnic on August 6 would be a good time to do so. The Radtke family will be selling them at one of the booths that day with all the proceeds going directly to the association. They do this every year in memory of Diane Radtke, the person who started it all and that this night is named after. It was her vision to have an evening where every lake shore owner would have the opportunity to beautify the lake in a unique way. If you are new to Sugar, you are in for a one-of-a-kind event. As the light of day fades on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, many residents will light up the night sky with displays of luminaries, torches, and fires that will dazzle the mind. Why not be one of them? Gather together with family and friends to design an unrivaled display. You could win a case of Pepsi products for each of the 12 weeks of summer for next year.



# **Education**

## **Sugar Lake Association Scholarship**

Donations this year allow the Sugar Lake Association to offer a \$300 scholarship. You are eligible to apply for a scholarship if you are a member, child of a member, or grandchild of a Sugar Lake Association member who will be attending a post-secondary school in the fall of 2005.

Applications are available on our website at [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org) or by contacting Deb Beltrand at [dkbeltrand@msn.com](mailto:dkbeltrand@msn.com) or 952-944-1526.

Application deadline: August 25, 2005. Winner notified by August 31.

Return to Deb Beltrand at above e-mail or 5816 W. 70th St. Edina, MN 55439

## **Sugar Lake Association Calendar**

The education committee has just finished an exciting new venture— A SUGAR LAKE CALENDAR! The calendar comes complete with 12 great photos reflecting the beauty, fun, and people of Sugar Lake. There are also short paragraphs on each page sharing information about the SLA, its current projects, and ways that we can all work together to continue to improve our water quality. It runs from August 2005 to July 2006, and will be a great reminder throughout the year of the beautiful treasure we all hold so dear. There are approximately 300 FREE copies to be handed out at the Sugar Lake picnic to the first SLA members who check in. Additional copies of the calendar can be ordered at the picnic for \$12.00 per calendar (includes mailing costs), payable at the time of the order. If the idea catches on, we will need 12 beautiful photos for next year's calendar. Keep snapping those photos this summer!!

## **SLA picnic bonus for children**

Develop a "science fair" paper or project on curly leaf pondweed, bring it to the picnic, and turn it in at the registration table. All participants win a sailboat ride and have their project displayed on the SLA website. Information on curly leaf pondweed can be obtained through the DNR, U of M extension service, SLA education committee members or on line by searching for curly leaf pondweed. Click on the 'SLA picnic bonus' link on the Sugar Lake home page at [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org) for more information.

# **Area Highlights**

In order for all of us to better know Sugar Lake, the association has decided to do a monthly series of articles emphasizing different areas of the lake. We will attempt to pass along some interesting history and facts about these areas, so you might be better acquainted with your neighbors. If you know some history about your area and would like us to do an article, contact Suzanne Quinn-McDonald at 320-274-3226, or Doc Williams at 320-963-6776. The first area we will be highlighting is "Sunset Point". It is the peninsula on the north east side of the lake and is sometimes referred to as "bell point". The communicators for these areas are "G", Mike Zieska, a year round, long time resident, and "H", Tom Hebzynski, a newcomer and a weekend "trunk slammer" to the lake. Both are very active on the point. Art Beecher owned the entire peninsula in the 1940's. He gave Sunset Point its name and had plans to build a resort there. After running into some financial difficulties, however, he divided the land into parcels and sold them off one at a time. El Lund & Bob Tucker bought several plots at the tip of the peninsula, and together were one of the first to have cabins in the area by 1950. In 1952 the town of Lester Prairie was in the process of remodeling their school house and decided to do away with the school bell. Cliff Beise, who lived in town and owned a cabin directly across the lake from Sunset Point, was given the bell. He hauled it up to Sugar and with permission placed it on the point. His children had to be able to swim from his cabin to the bell ring it, and swim back again, before they were considered old enough to drive the family boat. These days, on any given night, young people will sometimes sneak up and ring the bell thinking they



are getting away with something. Bob Lund, El Lund's son, who lives there in the summer, just sits and smiles. Some strangers to the lake consider the tip of Sunset Point to be a public park, and will pull up with the intention of having lunch. Bob quickly sets them straight. Today's residents, on Sunset Point have a great deal of community spirit. They gather around their neighborhood campfire several times a year celebrating Memorial Day with a wiener roast, summer with a public Mass, fall with a booya, etc. On Diane's Lights night, many residents put out hundreds of Luminaries trying to outdo each other. When the sign leading to the point died last year, they took up a collection and replaced it themselves. A number of SLA board members have come from this area. When you pass by on your water craft give them a wave and say hello.

**Proxy  
Sugar Lake Association  
Annual Meeting  
August 20, 2005**

Sugar Lake Association Bylaws, Article 4, Section 10;

A vote may be cast in person or by proxy, provided that proxies shall be in writing, shall be only for the particular meeting designated therein, and shall be filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting.

I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ SLA Chairman, Steve Mann or  
\_\_\_\_\_ SLA Member, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Member Name)

as holder of my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Sugar Lake Annual meeting August 20, 2005. My proxy for Directors should be cast as shown below.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Sugar Lake Association member.

Select up to 6 Candidates for Director:

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

- **Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 20, 2000, to:  
Deb Beltrand  
5816 W 70 St  
Edina, MN, 55439**

# Sugar Lake Association

## Candidates for the Board of Directors

**Jerry Euteneuer; Lake Address: 11470 Hoyer Ave NW, Annandale, MN, 55302**

**Area: T; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 9 years.**

Our family has had a cabin on Sugar Lake for nine years. We have enjoyed the Lakes beauty and all the wonderful activities we can partake in. My goal for the SLA would be to help maintain the quality of life all the Sugar Lake residents enjoy now. We must continue to monitor water quality so we can all enjoy the water activities and fishing this insures. The SLA needs to be responsive to all its members needs so the lake community can enjoy the wonderful resources we have in Sugar Lake.

**John Harapat; Lake Address: 11386 Hoyer Av NW., Annandale, MN, 55302**

**Area: T; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 18 years.**

My name is John Harapat. Our lake address is 11386 Hoyer Avenue N.W., Annandale. It is on the west shore. We have been association members for 18 years. We own our cabin and are seasonal residents. The association will be facing many quality issues in the years to come for which a well organized, local approach will be needed. Use of committees and personal involvement of residents and developing means of financial support not involving governmental taxation need to be our goal. We need to maintain our lake quality and our control over it.

**Don Peterson; Lake Address: 11215 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358**

**Area: K; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 5 years.**

We are seasonal residents on the east shore in area K. I have served a previous term on the Sugar Lake board. I have been the Sugar Lake News editor since 2001, maintain the association website, and work with most of the committees on communication issues. I was involved in the Healthy Lakes grant program and am interested in pursuing other grant opportunities. The next three years are a critical time period for Sugar Lake. We face serious water quality issues that will require an active, focused association with financial support from the community. I am interested in continuing to work on these issues as a board member.

**Charlotte Quiggle; Lake Address: 10789 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358**

**Area: L; Owner/full time resident; an association member for 2 years.**

I've spent 48 summers on Sugar Lake and expect to spend the rest of my life here. I don't consider myself a property owner so much as a steward of the lake and the land on which my home rests.

I wish that the kids who live here now could catch the frogs, turtles and salamanders that I did when I was a kid, but they can't. I would hope that our grandchildren and great grandchildren would be able to waterski and fish on Sugar Lake, but if we continue to actively destroy the lake (or benignly neglect it, which has the same results), in one short generation those joys may become as distant a memory as the salamander. Sugar Lake is currently on its way to being choked with curlyleaf pond weed; hello impassable waters and stink, goodbye water-skiing and fishing.

At its core, the SLA is an organization which can protect the lake so that it remains the wonder that it is well after we are long gone. I would like to do whatever I can to help in that effort.

**Marsha Schrupp; Lake Address: 6521 123 St NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358**

**Area: B; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 5 years.**

I would like to be a director because I would like to help preserve our beautiful lake for future generations and ourselves. My husband's family and our family have been on the lake since 1961. As a family, we have enjoyed many summers of fun.

The Sugar Lake Association has a very active and excellent group of directors giving of their time and talents. I would like to help in whatever way I can. I would encourage others to do the same.

**Joni Selle; Lake Address: 10829 Hollister Ave NW., Maple Lake, MN, 55358**

**Area: L; Owner/seasonal resident;**

I am proud to be in my 4<sup>th</sup> decade on Sugar Lake. My father, Robert Van Valkenburg, built the cabin my family now owns. I am determined to continue his legacy and his beliefs in conservation and responsibility toward Sugar Lake. I want future generations to enjoy and respect the lake as he did. I firmly believe that we as a group of concerned lake owners can make a difference. We need to keep education, responsibility, and concern as top priorities. Let's keep Sugar Lake the place it has always been.

# Lake Vegetation Report

Dale Gustafson

The season has now changed and we have stopped hunting for and removing Curly leaf pondweed, and are now focused on other issues like Eurasian water milfoil and our LVMP. We hope to have some graphic information and the plan for next year to show you at the annual picnic, so plan to stop for a few minutes and talk to the vegetation committee.

## **Curley leaf pondweed:**

It looks like we will have plenty of areas to treat next year and we want to be very organized to fight this pesky plant. We are completing our mapping of what we found and will have our plan for next spring formulated soon. We expect that we will treat a much larger area next spring and then do hand removal in the new areas that get infected. The increase in area treated will most likely mean that our funds for fighting exotic plants we be gone soon. Expect to hear about fundraising efforts.

## **Eurasian water milfoil:**

We treated a few areas for Eurasian water milfoil just after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and we are still measuring our results. Our divers are watching the areas, and you may see a few volunteers from the vegetation committee out removing plants by hand. If you find any Eurasian water milfoil by your shore make sure the vegetation committee is informed and we will advise you how to remove it. Remember DO NOT just rake out EWM because it will come back even thicker! EWM is a perennial plant that regrows from the roots and fragments, and Curly leaf pondweed is an annual that grows from Turions (seeds) ONLY.

## **LVMP (Lake Vegetation Management Plan)**

With the help of Blue Water Science, Lake Restoration, and the MN DNR, we have started the process of developing our formal LVMP. We had our first meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> and we had three officials from the DNR including our area Aquatic Plant Specialists, and the top experts on both Eurasian water milfoil and Curly leaf Pondweed with us to tour the lake. We also had two representatives from Lake Restoration, a representative from the chemical company that produces the products we use and Steve McComas of Blue Water Science. That group along with five members of our committee made for a full boat on our lake tour in the morning. We would like to give a special thanks to Mike Zieska and his daughters for hosting lunch on his deck and arranging for the pontoon for our tour. In the afternoon we met at the offices of Lake Restoration in Rogers and continued the start of the detail work that we will do on our LVMP.

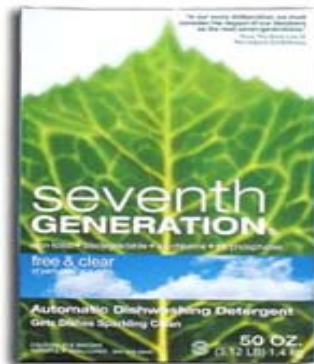
# Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically please send a request to Don Peterson at donpeterson@maxigard.com. Include your email address and your mailing address. The current newsletter is also available to view or print from the Sugar Lake home page at [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org). Also click on the newsletter menu choice for links to all current and previous year newsletters. The electronic version of the newsletter is in Adobe PDF format that requires the free Adobe reader program to view. If you need a copy of the Adobe reader program you can find a link on the Sugar Lake Association web site. Advantages of receiving the newsletter electronically include receiving it earlier and seeing it in full color rather than black and white as it is printed. Pictures like the color pictures of milfoil and curly leaf in this newsletter are much more interesting in color. The advantage to the association is the savings in postage allowing those dollars to be spent on other lake issues.

## Automatic Dishwasher Soap Promotion

In order to promote the use of zero phosphorous automatic dishwasher soap the Sugar Lake Association purchased Seventh Generation automatic dishwashing products to sell to the membership last year. A limited amount of the 50 ounce powder and liquid product is still available. Contact Marlin Grant at 320-274-7242 to purchase.

The small profit made by selling this soap will benefit the lake improvement fund. Using zero phosphorous products benefits the lake. Using zero phosphorus dishwasher soap may also benefit your glassware. Products including phosphorus can etch your glassware giving it a cloudy look that won't clean off. This can happen when used with soft water and relatively clean dishes in the dishwasher.



## CAN COOLER— TRAVEL MUG SALE



Can coolers and travel mugs with a Sugar Lake logo will be available for sale at the picnic. The can coolers are \$2 each, travel mugs \$5 each with proceeds benefitting the milfoil fund



## **FOR SALE**

Paddleboat—4 person— fiberglass. \$125  
2 wheel fiberglass garden cart. \$15  
Weidner weight machine. \$50  
Kids wagon, wooden and slat sides. \$8  
Battery powered winch. \$35  
Piano approx 30 years old. \$300  
Dehumidifier.  
Humidifier.  
Gas trimmer.  
Contact Gene Sohler 320-963-3899

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Paddleboat that seats 5. Call Ron at  
763-421-9232

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Golden retriever puppy, akc, vet  
checked, and first shots, light color, 8  
weeks old, ready to be adopted. \$250.  
Contact Kathy or Bob 320-963-6525

## **WANTED**

Used aluminum fishing boat lift.  
Contact Marlin Grant 320-274-  
7242 or cell 612-363-1208.

## **FOR SALE**

2BR Cabin for sale - 60 ft lake  
shore, finished, gas fireplace,  
3/4 bath, garage, 50 ft of lake-  
shore, sand beach, 32'  
dock, single garage, \$259,000 -  
Call Don/Rhonda Hiler, 612-  
327-8260 or 320-963-6353 will  
show by appointment

2BR, 2BA, Year-round Shelmire  
Beach lakeshore, 1450 sq. ft,  
hardwood floors, gas fireplace,  
great room, fam. room, partial  
basement, double + garage,  
front & back deck, in ground  
irrigation, Just move in and en-  
joy great lake and sunset views!  
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6353 OPEN HOUSE, Sunday,  
July 24, 3-5PM

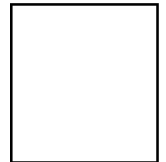
## **FOR SALE**

1998 Dutchman 38 foot trail-  
ere. 2 slideouts, sleeps 10.  
Rear queen, front bunks. Great  
condition. Loaded. \$12,999.

Older model electric golf  
carts: 3 wheeled Cushman  
\$300 or 4 wheeled E-Z Go  
\$450.  
Contact Ron 763-421-9232.

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