

The Sugar Lake News

JULY 2007

2007

Calendar of Events

August 4-SLA Picnic

August 18-Annual Meeting/Board Election*

September 1-Diane's Lights Night

September 15- SLA Meeting*

October 20-SLA Meeting*

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

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contact Pat Dahl at
7630 106 St NW
Annandale, MN 55302
320-274-3486

Annual Meeting and 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 August 18 or you may vote by mail. Please return your ballot to the SLA secretary, Nancy Dunn, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 18.

Michelle Pippo was appointed by the board this year to complete the term of Marsha Schrupp. Please vote to confirm the appointment of Michelle to complete the remaining one year of a three-year term.

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 4

Place: Enghausers, SE corner of the lake.

Schedule of events :

8 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.
- Please leave your dogs at home.
- If you are bringing extra guests consider making a donation to help cover the cost
- Anyone under 40 should be prepared to show ID for beer or wine service.

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

Please donate an hour of your time at the picnic to help make it a success for everyone.

If you can help please contact:

Deb Beltrand 952-944-1526

email: dbeltrand@comcast.net

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

Raffle Update

Raffle ticket sales are on track this year. So far, \$3000 has been raised in the annual fund-raising event. Many thanks to all of you who have sold tickets! It's still early enough to get out and sell those tickets to help raise the approximately \$5,000 that was budgeted for raffle income this year. Raffle ticket proceeds will all go to the Milfoil and Invasive Species 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 Nancy Dunn at 320-490-4047.

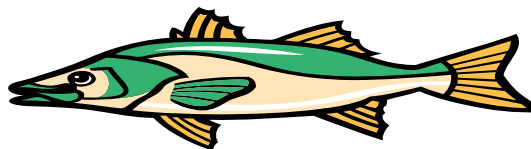
If you would like to return your sold ticket stubs and checks (NO CASH PLEASE!), made payable to the Sugar Lake Association, please send them to SLA Treasurer 10597 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358.

Give Our Lake a Break

Plant a native shoreline or stop mowing along your shore and see what kind of native plants develop. Buffer strips along the shoreline trap sediments and absorb nutrients that would otherwise end up in the lake

KASTL'S KORNER

The latest lake report. The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). 6 loons noted.



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
07-15-06	7'	78°	78°	18"	23"
07-17-07	11'	78°	85°	16"	21"

Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2007 has reached 350. If you haven't paid your 2007 dues, please send your \$25 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: Sugar Lake Association, 7630 106 St NW., Annandale, MN 55302.

Please welcome new members:

Jan & Jay Kanakares
Tom & Jan Niederer
Trudy Richter & Alan Kamrath

If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Pat Dahl. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Pat of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Pat at 320-274-3486 or email darelpatt@lakedalelink.net.

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 webmaster@sugarlake.org and you will be added to the list. We maintain two lists, one for News Flashes and one for "For Sale" information.

And, by the way, visit our website at sugarlake.org for all the latest.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 21, 2007

General Fund	\$14,099.74
Lake Improvement Fund	\$16,355.12
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$86,816.19
Total All Funds	\$117,271.05

Rainfall

May rainfall was 1.95 inches. June rainfall was 1.68 inches. At the end of June we were running about 3.25 inches below normal. July rainfall through the 25 has only been .213 inches. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing rainfall data.

Additional donations

Gumer & Amy Alvero
Steve & Joan Harnett
Doug & Martha Miller
Tom & Jan Niederer

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

- 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

Thank You

This thank you was received and reflects the feelings of many people around Sugar Lake:

To Marlin Grant,

Marlin, We thank you and your team very much for your work this year in cutting and removing the curly leaf! We noticed very few cut weeds on our shore this year. Thank you again,
Ron and Judy Wolseth

Dues Increase Vote

A dues increase is required to support ongoing Sugar Lake Association activities. Current costs per member include \$6 for the newsletter, \$9 for the picnic and other social activities. Mailings, insurance, hall rental are another \$4. These expenses alone total \$19 per member. That leaves \$6 to cover DNR permits, testing, required data collection, buoy maintenance, and all treatment costs for invasive species including curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil. Donations and fundraisers like the raffle have covered these extra expenses. Many of the treatment expenses directly benefit water quality and will be ongoing expenses. The full membership of the Sugar Lake Association should share in these costs as they share in the benefits. You are being asked to vote on a proposed dues increase to \$50. The increase to be applied to ongoing water quality expenses.

Proxy
Sugar Lake Association
Annual Meeting
August 18, 2007

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, Don Peterson or
 SLA Member, _____
(Print Member Name)

as holder of my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Sugar Lake Annual meeting August 18, 2007. 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:

- Rhonda Hiler
- Rick Kanniainen
- Steve Mann
- Ed Quinn
- Greg Suddendorf
- Karen Sutherland

Vote to re-affirm the following director to complete a remaining one year term.

Michelle Pippo

Yes

No

Vote to affirm a dues increase to \$50.

Yes

No

- Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, 2007, to:
Nancy Dunn
11046 Hoyer Ave Nw
Annandale, MN, 55302

Sugar Lake Association

Candidates for the Board of Directors

Rhonda Hiler

Lake Address: 10655 Hollister Ave. NW, Maple Lake, MN

Area: N; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 8 years.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve on the SLA board. I hope to use my passion, skills, and cooperation to help the board and residents reach their defined goals. I would also like to help the board continue to grow in its visionary function by anticipating the needs and desires of the lake and residents, and then develop and implement strategies to facilitate those needs and desires. I would like to create more opportunities to grow community and personal relationships, that is, a sense of neighborhood with the residents around and about Sugar Lake.

Rick Kannianen

Lake Address: 11023 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: K; Owner/full time resident; an association member for 30 years.

I have been on the lake almost 30 years. I have served on the Sugar Lake board a couple of times in the past. I have been on the water patrol for nearly 30 years. I ran the games at the annual picnic for nearly 25 years.

Now that I am a permanent resident and have the time I would like to give additional time to try to make sure the lake is preserved for us and the future. My main concern is the water quality of Sugar Lake.

Steve Mann

Lake Address: 12169 Hart Ave NW, Annandale, MN, 55302

Area: Y; Owner/full time resident; an association member for 8 years.

My family and I have lived on the lake for the past 8 years and being a past SLA Board member (03-06), I am ready to serve again! I have appreciated the work done and support given by volunteers and the real progress made towards improving the lake. As a lake, we continue to face new challenges as well as new opportunities, and I hope to be part of shaping this future!

Ed Quinn

Lake Address: 7696 106 St NW, Annandale, MN, 55302

Area: O; Owner/full time resident; an association member for 36 years.

I would like to serve as a director of the Sugar Lake Association to help continue the work we have started on lake improvement projects, septic systems monitoring, lakeshore and stream buffer strips, and the monitoring and control of invasive plant species.

Greg Suddendorf

Lake Address: 7562 106 St NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: O; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 2 years

I would like to serve as a director because I have concerns as a property owner about lake quality on Sugar Lake. I have a long history on Sugar Lake, since the early 70's, and would like to see this lake and fish population continue. To this end, I would like to do what I can.

Karen Sutherland

Lake Address: 7488 106 St NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: N; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 28 years.

I have been impressed with the steps the Lake Association has taken during the last few years to combat invasive species and encourage good lakeshore stewardship. I am particularly interested in native landscapes and the use of rain gardens to limit runoff into the lake and look forward to contributing to the effort to keep Sugar a lake of high quality.

Armistice Day Storm – 1940 (Area K)

Written by Dick Choate

This is written through the memory of a 10 year old boy who experienced that horrible weekend in November.

We went up to Grandma Aszmans cabin as we did almost every weekend from April through November. Grandpa had died in August. It had been decided that Gram would live with us in St. Paul during the winter. This was the weekend to move Gram! Saturday was a beautiful day. All outdoor chores were done; leaf raking, storm windows washed and put on, the radio battery put in the basement, ice box cleaned out, the garbage pit covered over, the pump was drained and ready for winter, and, oh yes, Gram's beloved oak rain barrels drained and tipped over, all was ready for winter.

We had a big supper that Saturday night. We cleaned out all the "left-overs" found in the ice box. We planned to leave early Sunday morning for St. Paul.

My Dad and Mom always went to Silver Creek on Saturday nights. The excuse was to get eggs! They, of course, did get eggs plus a few beers and visited with friends. When they got back to the cabin it had started to snow. Dad debated if we should pack up and leave that night or wait until early Sunday morning. He decided to wait until morning.

That morning we packed the car and Dad, Mom, Grandma, sister Nancy and myself hopped in to go. Dad backed the car out of the driveway and started to slide uncontrollably backward off the road. Our 1938 Chev's bumper went over a stump and that is as far as we got.

We unpacked the car, got the battery out of the basement, restarted the fire and took stock of what we had and what we didn't have.

Gram looked behind the ice box and found an old envelope of yeast. There was plenty of flour so Gram made bread. We had no milk, no treats and very little else. My parents had been given two pieces of pork on Saturday night so we did have meat. There was plenty of fuel oil for the oil burner and lots of kerosene for the lamps and cooking. Remember this was 1940 – there was no electricity, no telephone, and no indoor plumbing!

I remember playing lots of bunco and cards. We listened to the radio and shoveled snow. One minute the front yard would be three feet deep in snow. In a short time the ground would be bare. The wind blew constantly and it was very cold. Finally we got our 38 Chev off that stump and into the middle of the road. In fact, it stayed right in front of where we now live.

Dad went out several times a day to start the car. He said this was to keep it loose but I think he was looking for, and hoping to find, a loose cigarette! He smoked at that time and was really hurting for a smoke.

Monday came and went. The snow slowed a bit so we could shovel through a huge drift near the car. I also went out with my trusty 410— I still have that gun— looking for a rabbit or squirrel with no luck.

Tuesday morning we heard a car coming through the field. It was Henry Mol and his son Chris. They drove a 1929 Model A Coupe with 21 inch wheels. They drove through the field – driving over the fence top. They knew we were stranded and I have never forgotten they brought quarts of milk and Nellie, Mrs. Mol, had baked donuts for us. They heard that if we could

get to the top of the hill by Ed Smith's, we could make it to Silver Creek. A plan was formed. They had a set of chains that would fit the 38 Chev. They would lead the way. We spent Tuesday shoveling so we could get out Wednesday morning early.

Wednesday morning we loaded the car and followed Henry and Chris in the Model A. Mols cut their fence so we could get through and we made it to Silver Creek. What a wonderful effort on their part and I will be forever grateful. Chris and I still talk about all this. I remember it as if it all happened only a short time ago.

We got to Silver Creek but no farther. We went on what is now Hwy 39 to 24 to Clearwater, there was no interstate 94, then on to Clear Lake and Hwy 10. The trip home was uneventful but we got stuck in the driveway when we arrived home.

Our house was a mess – all the pipes had frozen. We heated with wood and coal. After my Dad spent several days being a plumber, life returned to normal.

We were all thankful for the help we received.

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

In 1995, Diane Radtke was visiting with a friend from another lake. This friend told Diane of a beautiful thing that she and her neighbors would do. On a particular evening, several neighbors would put luminaries on their dock to help set the mood for an



area party. After contemplating this for a while, Diane thought, wouldn't it be grand if it could be done on a lake wide scale. On Labor Day weekend of 1996 the first "Sugar Lake Lights Night" took place, and Diane promoted the event until she lost her battle with cancer in 2000. During an SLA meeting that year, Dick Choate proposed a resolution that the Lights Night name be changed to "Diane's Lights Night" in honor of its founder. The resolution passed unanimously and this year will be the 11th celebration of Diane's idea. Why not be a part of this gala event and make our lake glow like the jewel that is. Every lake shore owner is invited to make a display of their choosing, from luminaries, or any flame lit display, on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. See you on the lake.

Sugar Lake Apparel

Lee Slama & Kathy Radtke-Slama will once again be offering Sugar Lake Apparel at the annual picnic this year. Look for some new items. Lee & Kathy do not profit from this sale. They feel this is a way they can help the Association and offer others who buy the clothing a way to feel they are benefiting the Association. All profits are donated (\$200 last year) to the Sugar Lake Association.

Dear Sugar

A huge "Thank You" to JOEL WILLIAMS & his fellow pyrotechnics for the masterful display of fireworks on the evening of Saturday, July 7th! All we can say is "WOW! Best Ever!" Also, a big "Thank You" to the SLA Board for being real leaders by leaning forward and sponsoring JOEL & friends which allowed them to perform the glorious and celebratory event. Lastly, a huge "Thank You" to everyone who helped make it possible via generous donations. It's things like this that make Sugar Lake such a special place and very distinct from your "very average" Minnesota lake. The number of boats & pontoons on the lake that night serves as evidence how popular the fireworks are as part of our special lake. I know that our neighbors & guests were all a buzz about the fantastic show. I can't imagine how anyone could not appreciate it!

My questions are:

How do we keep the momentum going? Will the board lean forward & sponsor Joel now, so next year is much easier on him & others? Will there be anything at the picnic (i.e. information, type of fireworks displayed, fund raising, etc.)? Assuming everything progresses as it should, will they always be displayed on days other than the 4th?

Signed,

Fired Up for Fireworks

Dear *Fired Up*,

It was a **great** show! In answer to your questions:

Yes, we will work to keep the momentum going. This year it was all put together in about a three week period. We will start now to support next years show with publicity and fundraising. There will be at least a fundraising opportunity at the picnic. As for the schedule, that hasn't been worked out yet but will be published far in advance.

The pictures below and to the right show the setup required to put on the professional fireworks show we saw on July 7. Thanks to Joel and all his co-workers.

Joel could still use a donated pontoon to rework as a platform for next year. No motor required. The only requirement is that it float. If you are interested in donating a pontoon please contact Joel at 320-274-8878.



Fireworks Fund Help!

We are about \$600 short of paying for this years show. If you planned to contribute and haven't done it yet or if you watched the show and appreciated it please send your contribution to Tom Hall, SLA Treasurer, 10597 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358.



LAKESCAPERS SOCIAL

By Lanette Dammann

What is a buffer? Do you want to change your lawn or shoreline, but you don't know where to begin? On August 18 at 11 a.m. we will have an informational meeting to answer these questions and more!



We will meet at Don Peterson's property in area "K" of the lake.
11215 Hollister Ave NW

He will have several yellow balloons at the end of his dock. We will begin with our lake expert Dale Gustafson plus another lawn/shoreline expert. Our experts will be there to give out information and answer questions.

Some of the topics will include caring for lake home lawns, buffer strips on your shoreline, buffer strips next to the shore, emergent and submergent plants, Sugar Lake's health, etc. We will have several books available for sale.

If you would like, you can bring pictures along with any questions that you may have concerning your lakeshore property. After an informational session, we will take a pontoon ride to look at other successful shorelines around Sugar Lake. We will end with lunch and social time back at Don's. For more information, you may contact Lanette Dammann at (320) 864-3004 or (320) 510-1882 or Don Peterson at (952) 212-9524 or (952) 939-0172. See you at our FIRST LAKESCAPER SOCIAL on August 18th!

August 25 the Lakescapers will be planting bulrush at several locations around the lake. If you are interested in helping with the planting or have a good planting site please contact Lanette.



Vegetation Report

By Dale Gustafson

Now that the Curly Leaf Pondweed season is over, it is time to concentrate on locating new Eurasian Water Milfoil infestations. This is not a happy subject this year because we have a dramatic increase in the amount and the density of EWM. It is most noticeable along the west shore in Areas S & T and in Addison Bay. In area S&T it is out in deeper water (about 6-10 feet deep) In Addison Bay it is in the area where you enter the bay. We have decided that we need to restrict the traffic to a single channel in Addison Bay so we have installed 6 buoys to mark a path in and out of the bay. If we can keep boat traffic to that lane, we hope to reduce the amount of prop cutting. Remember that EWM can be spread by cutting the plant into pieces that drift to new locations and root to start new colonies. We have made application for treatment and most likely will be treating in a couple weeks.

We need your help to locate new locations of EWM, and also to help spread the word not to boat through the EWM. The more we cut it up, the more we will have.

Reduce Runoff Into the Lake

This article is reprinted from the Minnesota DNR website. It is one of the "Lake Waves" columns developed by the North Central Minnesota Lakes Project.

Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and natural areas are hot real-estate. What was once a small lakeshore cabin has become a lake lot with large structures and paved areas. This development increases runoff of rainwater and snowmelt. Runoff can reduce water clarity, damage vegetation, and harm fish and wildlife habitat at an astounding rate.

The lakeshore with a small cabin and lots of natural areas allows rainwater and snowmelt to be absorbed into the soil. New development adds rooftops, roads, walkways, decks, parking areas and driveways, many with impervious surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground, so it runs off into the lake, river, or wetland. Runoff often carries with it contaminants, soil particles, and nutrients.

In some areas impervious surfaces contribute to erosion and sedimentation, and change water temperature (by adding warmed water from roads and parking lots), negatively affecting aquatic plants and animals.

Property owners can take steps to reduce runoff through planning and landscaping. Here are some suggestions.

Reduce impervious surfaces:

- Choose gravel or pervious materials for driveways, parking areas and walkways
- Use stepping stones or mulch for walkways instead of concrete

Divert rain and snowmelt:

- Slope paved surfaces so water flows into vegetated areas
- Direct rain from gutters and down spouts to rain gardens
- Use a "S" shaped walkway rather than a straight (funneling) pattern when creating a path to the lake

Use vegetation:

- Minimize lawns by not mowing a strip of land near the shoreline
- Plant a vegetative buffer strip or rain garden using native grasses, flowering plants, trees and shrubs which slow runoff, absorb nutrients, and break down pollutants
- Minimize land disturbances and use precautions, such as silt fences, if a land disturbance are necessary.

You can make a difference. A little planning when constructing and a little planting in your shoreland landscape can help keep your lake healthy.

For more information on reducing rooftops, roads and other impervious surfaces, visit <http://www.shorelandmanagement.org> or email the North Central Minnesota Lakes Project (NCML) at lakewaves@dnr.state.mn.us. NCML is part of Governor Pawlenty's Clean Water Initiative.

FOR SALE

A 25 foot 1993 Bayliner Rondavouis with 120hp Force motor, runs good and just serviced. Includes trailer and canopied lift with power winch. Contact Barb Slimmer. Phone numbers: 320-274-7164 or 612-554-0066. It is located at my trailer at Warner's Resort. It is listed on www.craigslist.org

FOR SALE

21 foot Harris Deckcraft boat
Please call Bev Barringer at 320-274-8788 for price and details.

FOR SALE

An 8x8 foot metal floating raft.
It is on an old trailer. \$400.00
We also have a small lift.
7 feet deep and 7 1/2 wide. \$100.00
Contact Joan Ohnsorg
Phone no. 320-274-2357

New Directories Available

The new Sugar Lake directory will be passed out at the picnic August 4. Additional copies will be for sale for \$5. Contact Pat Dahl

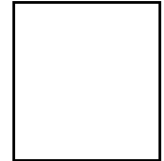
Curly leaf cutting

Thank you again to Peter Ramme for the donation of his 14' aluminum fishing boat and motor. Also thanks to Gary Kindmeyer for the use of his J boat again this year.

Corinna Township P & Z

On Thursday, July 12, Corinna Township P&Z continued the public hearing on the ordinance. Of interest to people on Sugar Lake: Bill Lieb has requested that the Township mandate that all septic systems be inspected, excepting those that are less than 5 years old and already have certificates of inspection on file with the County. Notices would go out to everyone and septics would have to be inspected at the owner's expense, and reports sent in to the township. All out of compliance systems would then be required to be brought up to code. After the first inspection, the certificates will have to be updated every 3 years. Chuck Marohn is writing the language for this newly added section, and it will be discussed at the August 11 meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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