

The Sugar Lake News

JULY 2011

2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 30-Golf Tournament

August 6-SLA Picnic

August 20-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 3-Diane's Lights Night
5K Run/Walk

September 17-SLA Meeting*

October 15-SLA Meeting*

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

September & October meetings at 9 a.m.

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10880 Imhoff Ave NW
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Annual Picnic

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 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 :

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 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 are interested in donating prizes for the picnic
or know someone who is please contact :

Marilyn Andersen
320-963-5527



Third Annual Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

The Sugar Lake Association will be holding its third annual golf outing at Southbrook Golf Club in Annandale on Saturday, July 30, with a 12:30 p.m. shot-gun start. The "tournament" will have a scramble format, so non-golfers are encouraged to participate for loads of fun. We hope to award lots of prizes (longest putt, most putts on a hole, shortest drive, you get the picture), so we need donations of prizes--they can be useful prizes or amusing prizes. We need individuals or companies to sponsor holes. (cost: \$100, tax deductible) Sponsors will be identified at each hole with a sign. It is great advertising or a way to show your support of the Invasive Species Fund.

- Supper (*great new menu this year*) will follow the golf. Invite your wives, husbands, kids, families, and friends for an afternoon of fun.
- 18 holes of golf (including cart and supper) will cost \$65; supper only will be \$20.
- \$10,000 Hole-in-one prize
- Silent auction gift baskets would be greatly appreciated. Get your creative juices flowing and put something together. Please let us know if you will be donating a basket.
- All money raised will be devoted to the Sugar Lake Invasive Species Fund.
- Call NOW to sign up. For more information, contact Greg Selle at 763 476-4844 [home]; 612 719-1824 [cell] or gselle@comcast.net.

The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

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

Slight amounts algae present.

The Gowen Culvert was flowing 100% full and water is over the top of the inlet and whirlpooling around and in.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
07-15-06	7'	78°	78°	18"	23"
07-17-07	11'	78°	85°	16"	21"
07-16-08	11'	75°	75°	25"	30"
07-17-09	10'	70°	63°	17"	22"
07-20-10	10'	75°	70°	24"	30"
07-13-11	9.5'	80°	69°	30.5"	35.5"

Membership

Paid membership to date this year is 250. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Cathy Beckman. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Cathy of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Cathy at 320-274-8623 or email membership@sugarlake.org.

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 news-flash@sugarlake.org and you will be added to the list. We maintain two lists, one for News Flashes and one for "For Sale" information. To be added to the "For Sale" list send an email to: forsale@sugarlake.org.

Visit our website at sugarlake.org for all the latest.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 14, 2011

General Fund	\$25,652.62
Lake Improvement Fund	\$22,324.37
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$115,967.67</u>
Total All Funds	\$163,944.66

Rainfall

June rainfall total was 4.00 inches. Year to date through June was 17.90 inches. July rainfall through 7/20 has been 7.10 inches, about 6 inches above normal. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing rainfall data.

Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day weekend Father Marty Shallbetter will celebrate a Catholic Mass at his family's cabin which is on the west side of Sunset point. The address is 11777 Gulden Av. N W (area G). Mass will start at 10 AM and refreshments will be served after. Some chairs will be provided however, you may want to bring your own. If you wish to come by boat, you may tie up at any of the neighboring docks. All are welcome.

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: Mary Barkley Brown 320-274-8049

- Visit the Corinna Township website at www.corinnatownship.com.
- Junk amnesty day will be held Saturday, July 30, 7:30 am to noon at the Corinna Township Hall.

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: Jean Just —Town Hall Phone: 320-558-6790

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com.

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 20, or you may vote by mail. Please return your ballot to the SLA secretary, Andrea Welter, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 20.

Sheldon Brown was appointed by the board this year to complete the term of Bob Brabant. Please vote to confirm the appointment of Sheldon to complete the remaining term.

**Proxy
Sugar Lake Association
Annual Meeting
August 20, 2011**

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, David (Doc) Williams or
 SLA Member, _____
(Print Member Name)

as holder of my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Sugar Lake Annual meeting August 20, 2011. 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:

- Jon Juntunen
- Mike Mengelkoch
- Don Peterson
- Charlotte Quiggle
- Peter Ramme
- Charlotte Schreiner

Vote to confirm the appointment of the following director

Sheldon Brown

Yes

No

- **Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 20, 2011, to:
Andrea Welter
PO Box 696
Maple Lake, MN 55358**

Sugar Lake Association

Candidates for the Board of Directors

Jon Juntunen

Lake Address: 11253 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: J; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 17 years

My wife Elizabeth and I were fortunate to be able to purchase our cabin on Sugar Lake in June, 1994. Our family has enjoyed 17 years of experiencing Sugar Lake's natural beauty and friendly neighbors, and we have been members of the Sugar Lake Association since purchasing our cabin. We appreciate the work and accomplishments of the Sugar Lake Association board and many lake residents who actively support the work with both their time and finances. One of my goals as a Sugar Lake board member would be to increase our youth's participation in stewardship of the lake. I look forward to the opportunity of serving Sugar Lake residents as a board member, and working to ensure Sugar Lake remains a relaxing and beautiful lake for future generations.

Mike Mengelkoch

Lake Address: 11107 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: K; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 23 years

I have been coming to Sugar Lake practically my whole life and have been a seasonal owner since 1988. In the past I have been a board member twice. Our family has enjoyed Sugar Lake for many years and I am committed to maintaining the quality of the lake for future generations. As indicated in our mission statement, I will help to protect and preserve the resources contributing to the natural beauty of Sugar Lake.

Don Peterson

Lake Address: 11215 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: K; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 11 years

I am the new kid on the lake in this group, having acquired property on the lake in 2000. I became active in the lake association in 2001 as the newsletter editor, a job I continue doing today. I have served on the board in the past and am excited to do so again. My primary goal is to educate and inform our community on lake related issues, especially those that impact the preservation and protection of our water quality.

Charlotte Quiggle

Lake Address: 10789 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: L/M; Owner/full time resident; an association member for 9 years

I've spent summers on Sugar Lake since the late 50s and have seen the lake eco-system decline over the past half century. My primary goal for the SLA would be that we encourage all property owners to be good stewards of this precious resource and do what they can on their own property to help protect the lake ecosystem and restore it to a more healthy state. This is entirely possible even while having fun with the family at the lake. We want our children and their children to be able to catch healthy fish from the dock, and hear the frogs sing and the loons cry. Without a healthy ecosystem, these sounds may soon disappear entirely.

Peter Ramme

Lake Address: 11769 Grant Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: E; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 25+ years

I grew up enjoying summers at my parents cabin on Sugar Lake. In 1978, my wife and I purchased a cabin and have raised our family by spending many memorable weekends on the water. Sugar Lake remains a beautiful place to relax and enjoy because of our active lake association. I would like to serve the Association, so that I can "give back" for what I have enjoyed and to see that Sugar Lake remains a great place for future generations.

Charlotte Scheiner

Lake Address: 11095 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: K; Owner/seasonal resident; an association member for 24 years

Our family purchased a cabin on Sugar Lake 24 years ago. We consider Sugar the home of our heart and are in the process of retiring and building a year round home. It is this home, not the one in the City that has grounded our family and kept us close. I believe in stewardship of the Lake and land. A few of you may be familiar with my little community restoration garden project at the corner of Hollister and 111th. The SLA has done a fantastic job of working to preserve the Lake and I would be proud to join them in helping preserve a beautiful, clean, clear Sugar for future generations.

High Water Level

To all Sugar Lake Association members and other lake users:

We are all aware of the unprecedented high water levels we are currently experiencing on Sugar Lake. Official readings show the current lake level to be 16" above the normal 'high water' mark for the lake. In most areas, water levels are above rip-rap and other shoreline erosion protection. Many lakefront owners are seeing shoreline damage and/or erosion. Wave action only makes the situation worse. The damage also erodes property values; repairing it is expensive and time consuming.

In response to the high water levels, **the SLA Board is asking Association members and all lake users to adopt voluntary "no-wake" boating practices for the entire lake until the water goes back down to a more normal level.** It is especially important to use "no wake" practices when near shore.

We recognize that this is a difficult request to make at the peak of the watersports season. We wouldn't be making the request if we did not believe the matter to be urgent.

Other lakes in the area are experiencing the same high water levels and associated shoreline erosion and damage. Wright County has is currently exploring temporary emergency "no wake" rules in an effort to protect the shorelines and property values.

We appreciate your understanding, and thank you in advance for honoring this request. We look forward to a timely return to full enjoyment of the lake.

Regards,
The Sugar Lake Association Board

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

A Ferris wheel, crescent moon, American Flag, stairway to the heavens, sailing ship, Loon, Olympic rings, the words peace, love, and Diane's Lights. These are but a few of the displays that residents have erected in the past for Diane's Lights Night. Are you having trouble thinking of a design for this year's event? Go to our web site www.sugarlake.org and click on the news letter tab. Each September issue describes honorable mentions as well as 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place winners from that year and may help you get some ideas. There are those who want to go for the gold and they go all out being a contender for top honors. The real beauty in the evening though is the number of displays that are put out for boaters to enjoy. One family several years ago didn't intend on competing. They simply put out a number of luminaries to make it look festive then sat there with friends and partied. It was the over all atmosphere, including them partying, that got them first place. Why not give it a shot? Get a group of family or friends together and see what you can come up with. Saturday of Labor Day weekend is the date.



2nd Annual Brandon Beckman Memorial- Sugar Lake 5K Run/Walk

On **Saturday, September 3, 2011**, the second annual Sugar Lake 5K run/walk will take place. The start and finish line will be just north of the Corinna Township on Ireland Ave. Please park in the lot at the township. The



race will go north on Ireland Ave, along the west side of Sugar Lake, and then back on Ireland Ave (traffic on route will be limited). All ages are welcome.

Registration form available at www.sugarlake.org

This is a fun/non-USATF registered event, and the proceeds will go to the Sugar Lake Association. This is considered a tax deductible event. Feel free to donate even if not participating.

Schedule of Events

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| 8:00 – 8:45 am | Registration/Check-In (Get numbers, t-shirts, etc) |
| 9:00 am | 5K Run/Walk (Everyone will start at the same time and at the same location) |

All pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Snacks and beverages will be provided in the parking lot after the event.

The top finishers for the 5k run will be given certificates and announced in the Sugar Lake Association newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Email Kristin at kristinturn@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to volunteer. The event will take place rain or shine!

Please make checks payable to Sugar Lake Association and mail other half of form to: Sugar Lake 5K, PO Box 47062, Minneapolis, MN 55446.

****Remember, mail-in registration only (no email). Registration and fee need to be received by August 18, 2011, in order to get t-shirt. Registration will also be available on race day (no t-shirt).**

Registration form available at www.sugarlake.org

Sugar Lake Apparel

Apparel will again be available for purchase at the Sugar Lake picnic. We also have a couple of new items this year:

- dock lines in an array of colors to match your boat, are mildew resistant, will float and made in the good old USA.
- fish etched drinking glasses, wine glasses and bowls. (pictured right)



The 5 pre-printed garments are here now, in sizes S - 2 XL

The 3 full zip jacket samples (L to R: Rust with Gray trim, All Black, Coral with 3/4 length sleeves) will be ordered at the picnic and can be embroidered locally with a Sugar Lake design on the upper left chest. Order now as a nice gift for Mom!



Please contact Sheree Mattes at 320.963.5295 or Karen Gusaas at 612.759.2567 for additional information or with any questions.

July 2 Fireworks

Another fantastic fireworks show by Joel Williams! Thank you and your coworkers for a great fireworks display July 2. Thanks to everyone who donated to make the show possible. Great job! The turnout of boats and pontoons that night make it evident that the fireworks display is a popular event and part of what makes Sugar Lake special. We are looking forward to next year.



DONATIONS HELP

We are still about \$1300 short of paying for this year's show. If you planned to contribute and haven't done so yet or if you watched the show and appreciated it please send in your contribution. Please make your donation payable to the Sugar Lake Association and send to:

Sugar Lake Association
Fireworks Fund
c/o Trudy Gutowski
10939 Hart Ave NW
Maple Lake, MN 55358

Vegetation Report

By Dale Gustafson

This is very similar to the June report because of the weather and the State shutdown. The high water and cloudy water conditions have slowed the search for Eurasian water milfoil. We still expect to find EWM and plan to treat it as soon as possible. Now that the State is going back to work, we should be able to get a permit for treatment.

We need everyone looking for areas of where Eurasian water milfoil is growing. Read the article on removing EWM for the small plants you find near the shore. Also let the Vegetation committee know if you have some in your area.

EWM Removal (Eurasian water milfoil)

It is extremely important that you attempt to remove all the EWM in the areas close to shore by your property. This is generally the area from the end of your dock to the shoreline. Because EWM is a plant that grows back from the root system, it is important to remove as much of the root system as possible. Simply cutting, raking, or pulling does very little good because the plant grows back extremely fast.

What you need to do is to remove the root system of the plant and also remove the top of plant at the same time. The best way to do this is to use a shovel or similar tool and dig around the plant roots to loosen the soil and then use your fingers to dig out the entire root system. As the water gets deeper, the process becomes much more of a challenge. However, because several of us have done it, we know it is possible.

Hopefully this sketch can help you to understand the task.

Eurasian water milfoil
"EWM"



Remove root system with plant

Water Quality Report

By Dale Gustafson

With the big storms this year we are experiencing two serious problems:

1. We are having very bad shoreline erosion because of the high water. You may have noticed that some people have been working to repair their shoreline, a lot more needs to be done. As the water level goes down it will be easier to make repairs. Keep in mind what this summer has been like and remember to start repairs as soon as possible.
2. The heavy rains have caused major runoff into the lake. The water that washed in was loaded with nutrients and many areas experienced excessive algae growth. The nutrients that entered the lake are still there, and it will likely show up on our future water quality samples. We need to a better job of locating and solving serious runoff problems so we are better able to cope with future storms.

The big storms and heavy rains have increased water levels to new highs. Contingent on rainfall, we should begin to see the current high water level drop. Both evaporation and flow out of the lake at the outlet culvert near the north landing will drop the water level. The initial outlet culvert is a 36 inch culvert that runs under County Road 7. It is running nearly full. The water level reports in the newsletter that reference culvert water levels are taken there. The carp trap, in place to prevent carp from entering Sugar Lake, immediately follows the culvert. Although it is normally closed this time of year, it is currently open. The water flows through a marsh after the carp trap until it flows under Gowan in a 24 inch culvert. This culvert is currently running completely full and flowing the maximum amount of water possible. It is obvious it will take some time for the water level on Sugar Lake to drop as it flows out through a 24 inch culvert.

Raffle Update

Raffle ticket sales are on track this year. 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 Marilyn Andersen:

320-963-5527

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 10939 Hart Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358.

Newsletter Classified Advertising

The Sugar Lake newsletter is published 7 times per year. April through October. The deadline for ads in the newsletter is the third Saturday of the month. It is usually in the mail by the end of the month. Please contact Don Peterson:

Email: don@sugarlake.org

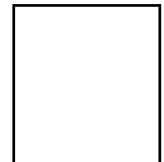
Mail: Don Peterson, 319 Wayside Rd W, Hopkins, MN, 55343

Phone: 952-212-9524

LOST

Lost from Area K on east side of lake in recent storms - Pair of oars and a yoke and bracket for a small boat lift. Please call Al if you find these items 612-309-1378.

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