



The Sugar Lake News

JULY 2014

2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2 SLA Picnic

August 16 Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

August 30 Diane's Lights Night

August 30 Sugar Lake 5K

September 20 SLA Meeting*

October 18 SLA Meeting*

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

March, September & October meetings at
9 a.m.

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contact Cathy Beckman at
10880 Imhoff Ave NW
Annandale, MN 55302
320-274-8623

E-mail membership@sugarlake.org

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 2

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.*

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, or someone you know, are interested in donating prizes for the picnic

please contact:
Mike Mengelkoch
320-963-8518
Email: mengerm@comcast.net

The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

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

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
07-20-12	11'	81°	93°	19.25"	24.25"
07-19-13	13'	83°	74°	17"	22"
07-16-14	15'	74°	70°	21.5"	26.5"

Membership

Paid SLA membership is currently at 205. 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

We extend our sympathies to the family of Jim Lano who passed away this month.

News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains two email lists for communication with membership:

News Flash: This list is used to send information about invasive species treatment, event announcements, member information, government information, etc. To subscribe to this list send an e-mail to newsflash@sugarlake.org requesting addition.

For Sale: This list is used to send information about items "for sale" by the membership. To subscribe to this list send an email to for-sale@sugarlake.org requesting addition.

If you wish to unsubscribe follow the instructions in the email you receive from the list or send an email requesting removal to the addresses listed above.

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website: www.sugarlake.org

Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2014

General Fund	\$22,901.53
Lake Improvement Fund	\$39,333.30
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$154,131.33
Total All Funds	\$216,366.16

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.

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 for the candidates interested in serving as Board members are enclosed. You may cast your vote in person at the annual meeting, August 16, or you may vote by mail. Please return your ballot to the SLA secretary, Laurie Erikson, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 16.

Six board positions need to be filled this August. Open positions will be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Appointed board members will serve one year of the three year term, then will be confirmed by vote at the 2015 annual meeting to complete the remaining two years.

Suzanne McDonald and Bob Peltier were appointed by the board this year to fill open positions from our election last year. Please vote to confirm these appointments.

Proxy
Sugar Lake Association
Annual Meeting
August 16, 2014

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, Karen Sutherland or
_____ SLA Member, _____
(Print Member Name)

as holder of my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Sugar Lake Annual meeting August 16, 2014. 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 six Candidates for Director by placing a mark next to the name:

- _____ Robin Fox
- _____ Todd Latterell
- _____ Sally Phenow

Vote to confirm the appointment of the following directors by placing a mark next to the name:

- _____ Suzanne McDonald
- _____ Bob Peltier

- Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 16, 2014, to:
Laurie Erikson
2400 Interlachen Rd Apt 403
Spring Park, MN 55358

YOUR SLA PICNIC PRIZES

In recent years we have had a wide variety of door prizes for members who attend the picnic. These prizes have been in addition to the raffle ticket winnings, lunch and beverages, game prizes and other membership "freebies" such as the directory. As always, it takes a team of volunteers and a lot of follow-up hours to seek out these items from the local businesses, several of whom have been feeling the squeeze of multiple lake association requests during a tight economic time. Perhaps you read the requests for our members to offer gift items that could be among our door prizes. Did your family participate?

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to contact:

Mike Menglekoch
320-963-8518

Email: mengemrm@comcast.net

to donate. All items are welcome. Thank you for being a good neighbor and helping make this event successful!

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

The subject of allowing electrical lighting was brought up at the last SLA board meeting. It was decided to keep fire as the only source of lighting for displays participating in the Diane's Lights Night contest. This means that a flame of any sort, be it camp fires, torches, candles etc. is what must be used to illuminate your display. Looking for ideas? Go to our web site www.sugarlake.org click on the newsletters tab, and open past September issues. In the Diane's Lights Night article you will find things that others have done and it may give you some ideas to build on. Diane's Light Night is growing near and the more displays put up, the more Sugar Lake will glow on the final weekend of the summer's season. Hopefully many will participate in some way. For those going for the 12 cases of Pepsi products, not to mention bragging rights, the bar has been set high.



Fifth Annual Sugar Lake 5K Saturday, Aug. 30.

On **Saturday, August 30th**, the 5th Annual Sugar Lake 5K Run/Walk will take place. The start and finish lines will be at the Corinna Township Hall on Ireland Ave. The roads will be patrolled during the 5K. All ages are welcome.



All pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. This is a non-USATF registered event. Funds go to the Sugar Lake Association/ Lake Improvement Fund. The SLA is a 501C-3, and all donations are tax deductible. Feel free to donate even if not participating.

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 – 8:50 am** Registration/Check-In (Get numbers, t-shirts, etc.)
- 9:00 am** 5K Run/Walk (Everyone will start at the same time/location)
- 10:00 am** Awards Ceremony
- 10:15 am** Brunch at The Hitching Post at Lake Center (Buffet and beverages not included in registration fee)

The registration form is available at www.sugarlake.org.

Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day weekend Father Marty Shallbetter will again celebrate an outdoor Catholic Mass at his family's cabin. It is located on the west side of Sunset point at 11777 Gulden Av. N W (area G). Park on the west side of the road. If you wish to come by boat, you may tie up at any of the neighboring docks. Look for the sign. 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. Please join us.

Chair's Corner

As August approaches, you may have noticed the blooms and butterflies in our Monarch garden at the South access. One reason the garden looks so lovely is that a group of us have been weeding every Sunday from 8 to 9 am. We would love to have you join us. Weed identification is not a problem. We will get you up to speed in no time. No need to sign up. Just come. Bring gloves, a garden trowel and clippers if you have them. Both fresh air and conversation are quite bracing.



Our DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Education Grant funded four framed posters addressing invasive species. These were donated to Anchor Dock & Lift, Dingmann Marine, J&J Marine, and Z-Marine. The photos accompanying this article show the posters in their new homes.

We will have additional material on invasives, including actual zebra mussels (very dead) and temporary tattoos at the picnic. See you there August 2!

- Karen



Vegetation Report

By Dale Gustafson

You may have been wondering why you have not seen any signs posted or E-mail flash sent out to tell you we have treated Eurasian water milfoil this year. It is because we have not treated yet. To our disappointment, we are having trouble working out our plan with the DNR. We hope that we will be able to treat, because we have identified areas all around the lake that need treatment. So watch for up coming alerts.

This has been an unusually wet start to the year and our lake level has been high. When the water is high, the plants grow taller. As the water level goes down the plants will be closer to the surface and it will look like we have a lot more vegetation. It is true that the plants will be more dense in the shallow areas, so don't be surprised by this density. We have a very healthy and diverse variety of native plants that keep our lake healthy.

Before you go on a mission to clear away vegetation, be sure to check the rules. You can read about those on this DNR website page. <http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/2014/05/08/aquatic-plant-removal-may-require-a-permit/> Basically, you can clear either area up to 50 feet by 50 feet or one half of your lakeshore property width if it is less than 100 feet wide.

The Bylaws of the Sugar Lake Association have a goal to manage invasive aquatic plants in the parts of the lake where vegetation grows. These areas are generally in the deeper parts of the vegetative portions of the lake. The area close to shore and between docks is the responsibility of the lakeshore owner if they feel they need to treat. There are parts of the lake - such as the northwest corner channel areas, the southwest bay between the Bullrush plants and the shore, and to some extent in the northeast shallow areas - we do not treat because of regulations. The DNR is very strict about not treating near Lilly pads, Bullrush, and Cattails. Because of that, the DNR will not allow us to treat these areas. We have attempted many times to treat those areas, but have been denied each time. In those locations, the property owners need to live with smaller cleared areas or contact the DNR about getting a permit to remove vegetation.

DUES

This is a reminder to send in your dues for this year. Renewal forms were sent out in late February. You will also have the opportunity to pay your dues at the annual picnic, August 30. Your support and participation is key to the success of this association and our goal to protect and preserve Sugar Lake. Please take a moment to complete the form and carefully consider how you can best share your time and talents for the betterment of our beautiful lake.

If you have any questions please contact us by e-mailing Cathy Beckman-SLA Membership Chair at membership@sugarlake.org

3rd Annual Lake Association Heart of the Lakes Golf Tournament

Friday, August 29 —Shotgun Start 1p.m.
Whispering Pines Golf course would like to invite you to the 3rd Annual Lake Association Golf tournament which is right around the corner. Which lake team is going to be able to overtake the 2 year defending lake champions, Sugar Lake. Multiple 4 man teams from the same lake are encouraged. Please get your sign up form in by August 15th

Follow this link for registration information

<https://ondemand.teecitup.com/s.pl?e=183892944&h=mgkPUEXC%2BTgBw4vFLiFNng>

Email—whisperingpinesgolf86@yahoo.com

Call —612-385-7181

Gamble Reunion

On July 11-13, the Gambles gathered at the family cottage on the north side of Sugar Lake to celebrate 86 years of summer fun. Although built by 3 doctors in 1928, it was the women pictured for the reunion T-shirt who sustained the traditions and raised their families each summer at the Lake after all three doctors died before the age of 50. The remaining four cousins--ages 83-86 --made the trip to share their memories with 50 other children and grandchildren of the original "clan" that gathered to celebrate the Lake and their fond memories including swimming to Bell's Point--a family tradition to complete before someone could take a boat out to fish. A memorable weekend, including great conversation, group games and good food and drink, was enjoyed by all.

Oktoberfest Beer and Wine Celebration

Enjoy the first Sugar Lake Oktoberfest Beer and Wine Celebration on Saturday, September 6 from 4-6 pm at the lakeside deck of Blaine Aslakson and Claudia Finneman's home, 10861 Hollister Ave NW.

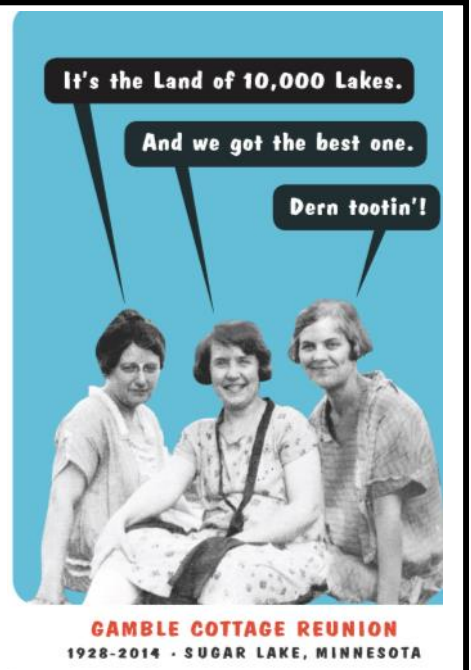


Extend your summer with lake friends sampling craft beer, Minnesota wines, cheeses and sausages. All proceeds will support improving water quality on the Lake. \$25/person

For assuring sufficient good drink and food, please RSVP to Claudia C_M_Finneman@graco.com
(c_m_Finneman@graco.com)

Rainfall

July rainfall through the 22nd has been 2.10 inches. Year to date we are at about 24 inches. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing rainfall data.



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