

THE SUGAR LAKE NEWS JUNE 2003



2003

Calendar of Events

July 19-SLA Meeting*

August 2-SLA Picnic

**August 16-Annual Meeting/
Board Election***

**August 30-Diane's Lights
Night**

September 20- SLA Meeting*

October 18-SLA Meeting*

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

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DNR

Longtime local conserva-
tion officer Jim Smith is re-
tiring. His retirement cele-
bration is scheduled for
July 25th. For more infor-
mation contact a board
member.

Picnic Update

Date: Saturday, August 2

Time: Picnic begins at noon
Childrens games start at 1 p.m.
Drawing starts at 3 p.m.

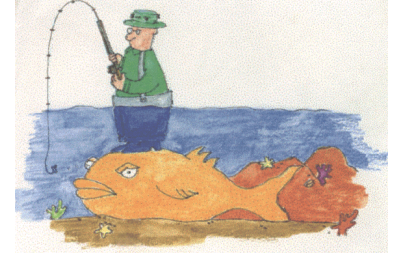
Place: Enghausers, SE corner of the lake

Additional help is needed with many of the activities. Half hour
time slots are available. Set-up work begins at 8 a.m.

Please call Steve Harnett or Mike Madden if you can help.

Steve can be reached at 320-274-5497

Mike can be reached at 763-559-4394



Raffle Update

Raffle ticket sales have started out strong this year. So far, \$967 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 money that was budgeted for raffle in-
come this year. Raffle ticket proceeds will all go to the Lake Im-
provement fund. As always, there will be additional opportunities
to buy more raffle tickets at the picnic.

If you would like more tickets to sell or to return your sold ticket
stubs and checks (NO CASH PLEASE!), made payable to the Sugar
Lake Association, please contact Chuck Benner 11245 Hollister Ave
NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358, 320-963-5091.

Give Our Lake a Break

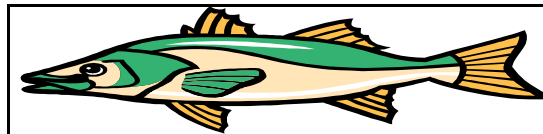
RE: Maintain Healthy Native Vegetation

Attempt to save all the native vegetation you can in the lake in
front of your property. Clear only the amount necessary for
swimming and boating. Remember – the native vegetation oc-
cupies the space that the invasive exotic species, i.e., Eurasian
watermilfoil and Curley Leaf Pond Weed, could use to get es-
tablished. Perhaps the reason we have held off the spread of
Milfoil as long as we have is because we have very healthy na-
tive vegetation species. The more native vegetation we have,
the cleaner the water.

JUNE 21ST 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: One pair on the north end with one young. One pair on the south end with one young.



Culvert

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air temp	Inlet	Outlet
06-17-98	10'	66°	80°	17''	22''
06-16-99	11'	68°	65°	21''	25''
06-16-00	10'	67°	65°	17''	22''
06-12-01	10'	65°	69°	21''	26''
06-13-02	9'	68°	77°	21''	26''
06-17-03	11'	72°	85°	23''	28''

Treasurer's Report- report as of June 20, 2003.

General Fund	\$10,368.27
Lake Improvement Fund	\$12,586.35
Milfoil Fund	\$46,008.09
Total All Funds	\$68,962.71

Membership

By John Ostdiek

Dues for 2003. SLA membership for 2003 has hit the 290 mark. A "Reminder Note" is enclosed for anyone who has not paid the 2003 dues. If you haven't paid your 2003 dues, please send your \$20 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: John Ostdiek at 17400 Vergus Av., Jordan, MN 55352.

NEW MEMBERS. We would like to welcome the following new members: Gumer & Amy Alvero (area A); Chris Ferrell (area K); Lyn & Jeff Nonhof (area W); and Jim & Cindy Peterson (area S).

EXTRA DONATIONS. Sugar Lake Members have been extremely generous adding over \$4,000.00 in extra donations (over and above their dues contribution). The breakdown of the additional donations are: \$693 to General Fund; \$961 to Lake Improvement; \$1,614 to Milfoil; \$370 to the Walleye Fund and \$670 not specified.

Contributors of extra donations, not previously mentioned, include: Gumer & Amy Alvero, Joe & Pat Gill, Robert & Diane Niederer, Lyn & Jeff Nonhof, Robert Palmer, and Al & Susie Wojchowski. The Association thanks everyone for their support.

If you know anyone new to the Sugar Lake area, please let John Ostdiek know. An information packet will be mailed. For address additions, deletions or changes, please contact John at 320-274-8669 or 952-226-2914 or e-mail at jostdiek@aol.com.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Karl Kaufmann and Carl Pohlman who recently passed away.

SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH This e-mail service is available for Sugar Lake members, family, and friends. Contact John at jostdiek@aol.com with your e-mail address to get on the Sugar Lake News Flash list.

Nominations

Nominations for the SLA Board were closed. The following candidates have agreed to serve three-year terms if elected at the annual meeting in August. The nominees are:

Debbie Beltrand	Debbie Grant
Steve Mann	Karen Pitra
Lorenchia Scott	

New Business

A motion was made and passed to hire a professional engineer to develop plans for the holding pond related to the 106th street project contingent on securing a letter of agreement from the landowner. Cost not to exceed \$2,000.

FFF watch this space for Dale's explanation of First Flush Fundamentals

Water Quality Improvement Update from Ed Quinn

On June 4th Jan and Ed Quinn of the SLA and Brad Wozney of Wright Soil and Water Conservation District participated in a three hour field trip to Pleasant Lake with 75 sixth grade students from the Annandale Middle School. The class was split into two groups with Ed and Jan in one group and Brad in the other. Halfway through the groups were exchanged. Jan and Ed covered lake water quality. Activities that contribute to good or poor lake water quality were reviewed. Measuring and sampling methods were demonstrated then everyone went out on the dock for some hands on experience. Thanks to Mike Zieska for inviting us and teacher Mark Cobalt for coordination and crowd control.

Water quality was one of the main concerns identified at the visioning session held June 14th. A group of more than 30 people started discussing water quality issues and defining future actions. The next meeting of this group will be July 19th at 10 a.m. immediately following the Sugar Lake Association board meeting at the Corina Township Hall.

Lake Vegetation Report Update from Dale Gustafson

Exotic Species Report

The vegetation committee will be treating Eurasian watermilfoil after the fourth of July. We will start our treatment on the northwest end of the north shore and in Addison Bay. We have found other areas, but so far the quantity seems to be less than last year. It is too early to say that this is good news, because it could be that it will develop later this year. We will keep you posted.

If you did not sign a consent slip for milfoil treatment in front of your property with your yearly dues, please sign and return the bottom of page 5 so we have your permission on file. We are required to collect signatures every year. It is extremely important to have your signature on file to expedite milfoil treatments.

Curley Leaf Pond weed was rampant this year on our lake. Our committee is reviewing our option for treatment next year. You will hear more later. Curley Leaf Pond weed should be dying out soon so the evidence of its presence will diminish, however it releases the phosphorus it has gathered and will contribute to algae blooms later in the summer. This is becoming a serious problem for us.

Vegetation Committee Meeting

After our Visioning Session the newly invigorated Vegetation Committee met for the first time after the Sugar Lake Board meeting on Saturday June 14. With several new and enthusiastic members attending, we had a great meeting with many new ideas proposed. You will hear more from this group as they work on the issues related to vegetation in Sugar Lake. There is plenty of room for people to join this committee, so if you are willing to help please contact Dale Gustafson or your area communicator and get involved.

Wanted! We need a person with good computer skills who can help with GPS locations and mapping of the lake vegetation – good and bad. You don't need lots of experience, just a computer and the willingness to help. Contact Dale Gustafson.

Shoreland Volunteers

A class on Control of Algae is scheduled for July 29 at 7 p.m. at the Warner Lake Nature Center, Clearwater, featuring Julie Klocker, Sauk River Watershed District. Contact Karen Sherper Rohs at 800-433-5236 or 763-241-2720.

Area Communicators

Our Healthy Lakes team determined it would be valuable to have a contact person in each area of our lake as a resource for communication to and from the association and its members. We have volunteers in many areas but we still need more. Communicators are needed for the following areas: C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, U, V, W, X, Y. If you can help out please contact one of the individuals listed below:

Dale Gustafson	763-544-4215	Andy Juetten	320-274-2264	Clif Mol	320-274-5343
Don Peterson	952-939-0172	Mike Zieska	320-963-6082		

Diane's Lights Night

Doc Williams

Summer is finally here and that means weeks and weeks of fun on Sugar Lake. Sometimes I wish it would never end, but if it didn't, it wouldn't be as special next summer. One thing I do look forward to however, with the end of summer, is Diane's Night Lights. Just think how beautiful the entire lake would be if every cabin had some kind of luminary display on that evening. Have you been saving your milk cartons and planning your yard display?

This month's idea to enhance your display is "floating" luminaries. They are inexpensive and easy to make. Lace a plastic milk jug to a ¾ inch by one square foot piece of Styrofoam. Tie twine to the underside and to a brick or heavy object. Put a little sand in for stabilization. Insert 1 or 2 tea lights and place them on the water. You should keep your floating luminaries in a minimum of 4 feet of water so the wave action, from the passing boats, won't swamp them.

Your planning for this event should involve the entire family because the prize will be for the entire family. The lake place with the best display for the evening will receive a FREE SUMMER OF PEPSI. That's right, The Sugar Lake Association will provide the winner with a free case of Pepsi, every week next year, for the 12 weeks of summer. You can choose from a variety of Pepsi products including Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Aquafina, Sierra Mist, and many others.

Diane's family members, the Radtke's have agreed to do the judging for the evening. They will tour the lake as night falls and make their decision. The winner will be announced in the September newsletter. They will also be selling candles, bags, and tea lights at the Sugar Lake Picnic with proceeds going to the association. If you haven't started planning for the evening, better get going. It promises to be a fun and glamorous night. If you have questions on any particulars call Doc Williams at 952-888-9884 or 320-963-6776 on the weekends.

Fishing Contest

The annual fishing contest held June 28 was a huge success. Both the weather and the fish cooperated to make it a great day. Fifty-eight people registered for the contest and more showed up at noon for the weigh-in and excellent lunch provided. The contest was hosted again by Dan and Lynne Bo-nine, pictured at the left, who did a great job. The fisheries group formed at the June 14 visioning session also collected detailed information on fish caught for their records.



The winners were:

NORTHERN

- 1st Allen Lindemeyer 5lbs 3oz
- 2nd Rick Meyer 3lbs 3oz
- 3rd Bob Patrode 2lbs 14oz

BASS

- 1st Pat Wurm 2lbs 13oz
- 2nd Diane Ironside 1lb 11oz
- 3rd Charlie Benner 1lb 8oz

WALLEYE

- 1st Diane Ironside 9oz

SUNFISH

- 1st Lynn Baldy 7oz
- 1st Diane Wiltermuth 7oz
- 3rd Chuck Benner 6oz
- 3rd Benny Skaji 6oz
- 3rd John Wurm 6oz



Traveling trophies were awarded to Ethan Euteneuer in the children's category and Allen Lindemeyer in the adult category.



Allen Lindemeyer
For 5lb 3oz norther



Ethan Euteneuer
For 2lb 6oz norther

Healthy Lakes Update

Between 60 and 70 people attended the Healthy Lakes visioning session held at Camp Friendship June 14. Also in attendance were Paul Diedrich from the DNR and Brad Wozney from Wright County Soil and Water. The session was facilitated by Doug Malchow. After a brief update on lake status by the DNR and Wright Soil & Water small groups were formed to discuss and vote on areas of concern. When the results were tallied, three areas of major concern were identified: water quality, vegetation/exotic species, and fisheries. Attendees then voted with their feet and gathered in one of the three groups. The groups discussed desired outcomes, defined benchmarks, and identified actions to take. All three groups scheduled subsequent meetings to refine future plans. Next steps in the Healthy Lakes Partnership will be to continue activities identified in the groups, update the lake management plan, and begin work on identified goals.



Brad Wozney



Paul Diedrich



Doug Malchow

Fishing Resources

Due to excellent production the DNR has already stocked Sugar Lake with 315 pounds of 8-1/2 ounce walleyes. The goal for this fall is that much or better.

Are you concerned about the fish population on Sugar Lake? Would you like to have your voice heard or gain more information regarding this topic? We have a group for you! As a result of the Healthy Lakes Visioning session held at Camp Friendship on the 14th of June, a committee was formed to explore the current fish population and how to improve on it. The focus of this group is to gain a better understanding of the cause and effect relationship of all factors that influence fish population, educate the principal users of Sugar Lake of those effects, make suggestions regarding fish habitat and stocking, and continue to work with the DNR to improve our current relationship. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Lynne Bonine 320-274-2005

The table on the right is from the Lake Fisheries summary from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at the Montrose, MN, office dated April 18, 2003. Prepared by John Madden.

The DNR had placed 5x6 foot large frame tarp nets at various locations around the lake to check the population of Muskellunge in the lake. There were a total number of 35 observations. The table on the right lists the species of fish, the total number of fish in the nets, and the average number of fish taken per trap observation.

FISH	TOTAL FISH	# OF FISH PER NET (ROUNDED TO WHOLE FISH)
Black Crappie	568	16
Bluegill	1380	39
Bofin(Dogfish)	1	Less than 1
Brown Bullhead	4	Less than 1
Carp	2	Less than 1
Golden Shiner	1	Less than 1
Hybrid Sunfish	23	1
Largemouth Bass	63	2
Muskellunge	72	2
Norhtern Pike	622	18
Painted Turtle	2	Less than 1
Rock Bass	23	1
Sunfish	863	25
Walleye	213	6
White Sucker	1	Less than 1
Yellow Bullhead	5	Less than 1
Yellow Perch	11	Less than 1
Average total number of fish per net:		110

Eurasian watermilfoil signatures

Printed name: _____
 Lake address: _____
 City and Zip: _____
 Lakeshore footage: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

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For Sale

50ft X4ft all steel dock with 8ft T and ladder. On 4 tires with tongue and carpeted. In lake at Sunset Point.

Contact Jim Kastl 320-963-5933

FOR SALE: Two twin beds with box springs. Excellent condition. Asking \$25 for both. Contact EllaMae at 320-963-6205. Leave message if no answer.

Wanted

8 X 8 aluminum pontoon unit floating swim raft
Contact Herbie 320-963-8854 or 763-553-6227

Wanted: 6-10 h.p. Johnson outboard motor. Call Jean or Bob at 612-789-9020

Monthly rainfall totals for Sugar Lake ID#86-0233 Site 202 (Andy Juetten)

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
2001	7.2	4.0	2.53	1.5	2.25	2.35	.75	20.58
2002	2.78	2.04	6.38	4.12	9.27	5.41	4.32	34.32

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