

# THE SUGAR LAKE NEWS

## JUNE 2005



2005

### Calendar of Events

**June 25-Fishing Contest\***

**July 16-SLA Meeting\***

**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.

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

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Karen Pitra

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## Picnic Update

**Date:** Saturday, August 6

**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

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

Please call Steve Harnett if you can help.

Steve can be reached at

Home: 320-274-5497

Cell: 651-491-0754



## Raffle Update

Raffle ticket sales are on track this year. So far, \$1,100 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 \$5,000.00 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.

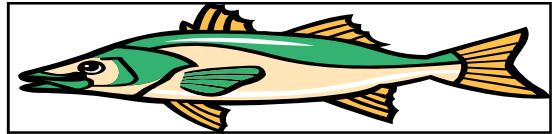
## Curly leaf pondweed:

By Dale Gustafson / vegetation committee

The battle is on and it is hard to tell who is winning. That is how I describe what has happened on Sugar Lake this spring. We started our large-scale control efforts on Curly this spring with a liquid treatment provided by Lake Restoration. Last year we had marked the areas of Curly with our GPS, and this spring we set out to treat those areas. However, we could not find plants in all the areas identified last year, and we did not treat where we could not find the plant. Some time after the treatment time was past, the Curly showed up everywhere. We don't know exactly why it followed a different pattern this year, but it did. Lake Restoration, with the help of the DNR and the manufacture of the chemical we use, has treated an area a second time in an attempt to identify future effective treatment rates.

Our efforts then shifted to cutting and removal and we thank all of you that helped with your part of the lake. This cutting and removal is a vital part of the control process because it removes the seeds (Turions) and the plants before they die down and release nutrients into the water. The Association has purchased a small cutter that we will use on the areas out in the lake, but we will continue to have to rely on individual property owners to cut and remove plants in their immediate area of the lake. Please get together and work as teams and help those who cannot handle the task.

# JUNE 18TH 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. 1 pair with 2 young.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
06-16-04	9'	75°	85°	24"	29"
06-15-05	12'	64°	72°	26"	31"

## **Treasurer's Report**- report as of June 18, 2005.

General Fund	\$19,397.98
Lake Improvement Fund	\$16,402.70
Milfoil Fund	<u>\$30,779.32</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$66,580.00</b>

## **Membership**

Paid SLA membership for 2005 has reached 296. 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.

Please welcome new members Troy & Lori Roovers and Marilyn Westlin.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Stan Miezwa who passed away in June.

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.

**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.

Effective immediately 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:

Amy and Gumer Alvero	Daniel and Sheree Mattes Erdmann	Gary and Cindy Hoganson
Ken and Bonnie Anderson	Tom and Carol Ertel	Mike and Carla Huro
Christopher & Brenda Behm	Jerry and Denise Euteneuer	Dan and DeAnne Jenkins
Dennis and Debbie Beltrand	Barry and Jennifer Friends	Jeff Jonswold
Emma Bendickson	Richard and Barbara Goldstein	Jon and Elizabeth Juntunen
Gary and Jan Borrell	Nolan and Deb Grimm	Mrs. Karl Kaufmann
Bob and Cathy Brabant	Gloria Groenke	Gordon and Annette Koring
Tamzin Brown	Bob and Kathy Gruys	Dennis and Mary Langhoff
Scott Bullock and Debra O'Leary	Dale and Nan Gustafson	John and Bernice Larson
Tom and Terry Carter	Paul and Patricia Gustafson	Marie Lehn
Bruce and Dana Chamberlin	Elvira Hanson	Dr. Nancy Lund
Darrell and Pat Dahl	Jim Hanson and Betsy Van Gorp	Robert N. Lund
Donald and Mary Dahlke	Lee and Jonelle Hennen	Mike and Barb Madden
Dick and Joann DeGroot	Jerome Hertel and Toni deRosier	Jim and Sandi Martin
Mark and Sue Dixon	Stan and Shirley Hillestad	Fred and Geraldine Menth
Tom and Sandy Ducharme	Harold and Carol Hinnenkamp	Mark and Barb Menth
Gerald and Rose Dykoff	Paul and Mary Hobday	Stan and Mary Miezwa

**Extra donations continued:**

Doug and Martha Miller  
Steven Miller  
Tom and Kathy Miller  
Russ and Pat Mittelstaedt  
Dave and Karen Moonen  
Obert Nelson  
Dan and Martha Newell  
Leander and Joan Ohnsorg  
Keith Otto  
Craig Peterson  
Don and Cindi Peterson

Jim and Cindy Peterson  
Dennis and Sally Phenow  
Jerry and Karen Pitra  
Ralph and Jeanette Pugh  
Ed and Janet Quinn  
Elaine and Clara Rasmussen  
Dale and Lois Rasmusson  
Manfered and Irene Rasmusson  
John and Joan Rausch  
Roger and Mitzi Riesgraf  
John and Jean Rivers  
Allan Safranek  
Gene Sauter

Jerry and Janet Schafer  
Ed and Marge Scinto  
Irvin and Lorenchia Scott  
David and Annie Seestrom  
Al and Joyce Wallin  
Dave Williams  
Joel and Linda Williams  
Gary and Mary Williamson  
Steve and Diane Wiltermuth  
Alan and Susie Wojchouski  
Alfred and Catherine Wurm  
Tim and Nancy Young

**Fundraising**

Treatment costs for curly leaf pondweed and eurasion milfoil are increasing dramatically. It will take several years to control the curly leaf pondweed that has recently become so pervasive in Sugar Lake. The annual cost per resident is exceeding current dues, donation, and fundraising efforts. If you are interested in working on fundraising, plan to attend a meeting July 18, 6:30 p.m.at the home of Karen Pitra, 11102 Hoyer Ave NW. Contact Karen at 320-274-8153.

**Diane's Lights Night**

By Doc Williams

Summer has finally arrived in Minnesota. Hopefully the rains will slow, and temperatures rise enough for us to be able get out and enjoy all the fun times Sugar Lake has to offer. The Groenke family has gotten a head start on the season when they received their prize for winning last years Diane's Lights Night contest. On Memorial Day the Sugar Lake association presented them with a case of Pepsi product for each of the 12 weeks of summer. Their display consisted of multiple rows of luminaries, torches, campfires, and candle lit figures from their shoreline, to the front windows of their cabin. Gloria Groenke said she just sat back and let her family design the display and do all the work. Now that's thinking!

Wouldn't you like to be this year's winner? It's not too early to start thinking about what you can do. You may want to take advantage of the terrain in front of your place to build a really unique display. Maybe you have someone in your family who is artistic and can help you design a theme. You may want to team up with several neighbors and build a mammoth display. The only rule to the contest is that all light sources must come from a flame. Anything from candles to campfires is allowed. No electric lighting however, for that will disqualify you. The judges may ask to view your display up close, if they are in doubt of the light source.

Why not get your entire family involved with the design and building of your masterpiece. Saturday of Labor Day weekend is the date for the contest. Remember; everyone who puts up a display, on Diane's Lights Night, is a winner, for they are showing their community spirit by making Sugar Lake shine.



The Groenke family, first place 2004  
Diane's Lights Night

The tradition of lighting up the shore with luminaries was renamed in 2000 in memory and honor of Diane Radtke who started the Sugar Lights Night tradition in 1996. Diane donated the proceeds of her hand-made luminary sales to the Lake Improvement Fund and in the process created a great tradition of fun and beauty that seems to draw the Sugar Lake community together.



Dear Sugar Lake Association,  
Thanks very much for the Pepsi products delivered to our cabin on Sunday, May 29, 2005, by Dave (Doc) Williams. It was the prize for Diane's Lights Night September 2004. It was a most enjoyable project for our family. We encourage everyone to get involved and put your candles out in September 2005.

Thanks again,  
Gloria Groenke  
Scott & Benda Groenke & family  
Craig & Chris Groenke & family

# Fishing Contest



The annual fishing contest held June 25 was a huge success. Sixty 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 Bonine, pictured at the left, who did a great job.



## The winners were: NORTHERN

- 1st Steve Klobe
- 2nd Linda Patnode
- 3rd Denny Wurm

## BASS

- 1st Pat Wurm
- 2nd Jason Wurm
- 3rd Eric Jensen

## SUNFISH

- 1st Patrick Newell
- 2nd Mike Erdman
- 3rd Andrew Chadwick
- 3rd Jessie Jolson
- 3rd Jon Slimmer
- 3rd Chris Behm

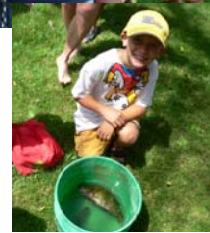


Traveling trophies were awarded to Ethan Euteneuer in the children's category and Steve Klobe in the adult category.



Ethan Euteneuer

Steve Klobe



## Lake Vegetation Report

### **Eurasian water milfoil:**

We will be treating for Eurasian water milfoil about the time you get this newsletter and we will keep you posted on the results. The milfoil struggle has been our success story, and we have kept it from spreading very far in the lake. We have found some in most of the areas of the lake, but for the most part they remain scattered and do not form large masses or grow to the surface. We will continue to watch for this plant and treat it wherever it is found.

### **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. This plan will be a detailed study of the lake and our watershed that will help us identify the best ways to protect our lake quality in the future. The initial data from this summer will help form our plans for next year and the control of Curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil.

**Curly leaf pondweed:** The next two weeks are critical in the control of curly leaf pondweed. The plant will be floating in the lake spreading seeds for next year. As much of it as possible needs to be removed. Please do this in your area and offer to help those who can't. If you can help with cutting and collection contact Marlin Grant at 320-274-7242.

## Education

- 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!!
- The education committee will also be organizing a TOUR of John and Jean River's SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT- a beautiful example of how to manage shoreline erosion, and improve our water quality through reestablishing native plants at the shoreline. A video was created as the project progressed from start to finish, complete with commentary as to the how's and why's of each step. Contact Suzanne Quinn-McDonald (763-427-5519) if you would like to check out a copy of this video. We will start by gathering at Ed and Jan Quinn's cabin at 12:00, watching the video together (refreshments provided), and taking a short pontoon ride over to the River's property to see the real thing. The tour is tentatively scheduled for July 23. Please RSVP for this event by calling Suzanne Quinn-McDonald, 763-427-5519, or Jan Quinn at 320-274-3226. Event to be held rain or shine so dress accordingly!
- The Sugar Lakescapers will again be at work this summer identifying lakeshore that is suitable for restoration, developing plans with the landowners, and implementing these plans with volunteer work parties. If you would like to nominate a site or would like more information about the Sugar Lakescapers, contact Suzanne Quinn-McDonald.

## 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

- **Junk amnesty day, July 30, 2005 8-1 p.m.** On that Saturday, Corinna Township residents can haul unwanted items for disposal to the Township Hall. A fee is charged to accept certain items. Electronic items, such as TVs, computers, stereos, printers and copiers will also be accepted. A newsletter will be in the mail early July to announce the items that may be disposed.
- Visit the Corinna Township website at [www.corinnatownship.com](http://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

## Other business

- A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$2000 on a sickle bar cutter to be used for cutting curly leaf.
- A motion was made and passed to allocate \$75 for Diane's Light's Night prizes.
- The April 2006 meeting date has been changed to April 22.

### **Dear Sugar**

**Dear Sugar:** *I have noticed an unusually large number of dead sunfish along the shoreline this spring. I also heard that the SLA did a treatment for Curly Leaf. Could this have caused the fish kill?* **Smelly situation.**

**Dear Smelly:** I called Jason Neuman from the Minnesota DNR fisheries department. He was out and surveyed our lake several weeks ago and determined the most likely cause for the fish kill, was a bacterium called "Columnaris." This bacterium is present in all fish and sometimes causes problems when they are under stress from spawning in the springtime. Columnaris most affects Sunnies and Crappies but can also kill Bass and Northern in the same situation. Jason was unable to obtain a fresh kill, which he would have needed to determine if it was, in fact, this bacterium. A number of other lakes in our area are also experiencing the same situation. Some have significantly larger numbers of fish kill than does our lake. This occurs in all lakes, to some degree, every year. The DNR doesn't know why some years are worse than others and there is no treatment or cure. A far less likely cause would be the curly leaf treatment. The only possible scenario would be if large quantities of rotting vegetation would have depleted the oxygen in the water, at night, in sufficient quantities to kill fish, when photosynthesis was not taking place. Jason stressed, however, that this was highly unlikely because of the time lapse between the treatment and the fish kill. In any case, all healthy looking fish from our lake are safe to eat. If you want more information on this matter, you can call Jason Meumah at 763-675-3301 and he will e-mail you a brochure on the matter.

## More Fishing News



Above is the photo of a 48.5 inch muskie caught in Sugar Lake on Thursday, June 9 by Brian of Hasty, MN. After the photo, the fish was returned to the water safely.

If you have a fishing picture you would like to see published in the Sugar Lake News submit your photo and information to newsletter editor Don Peterson at the email or mailing address shown on the front page in the calendar of events column.

## Can cooler and travel mug sale

Can coolers and travel mugs with a Sugar Lake logo are available for sale. The can coolers are \$2 each,



travel mugs \$5 each with proceeds benefiting the milfoil fund. Contact Karen Pitra at 320-274-8153 for information or stop by Karen's Hallmark in Annandale.



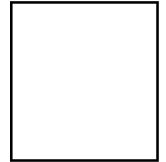
## For Sale

1996 Sea-Ray 190 Signature with custom trailer. Perfect Condition. always kept on lift under canopy, and stored in garage in winter. Used only on Sugar Lake. Mercruiser I/O CD-player...matching Sea-Ray cover. Photo's available if interested. \$11,500.00 Dick DeGroot Home #952-881-3370 Cell#952-292-6316 Sugar Lake #320-963-5963

## *Give Our Lake a Break*

Watch behind your boat. If you are stirring up silt you should not be running your boat motor in that area.

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