

The Sugar Lake News

JUNE 2007

2007

Calendar of Events

July 21-SLA Meeting*

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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Picnic Update

Date: Saturday, August 4

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. See contact information on page 2 of the newsletter.

- Please consider making a donation at registration for extra guests you bring.
- Dogs are not allowed.
- Anyone under 40 should be prepared to show ID for beer or wine service.
- Please help by picking up after yourself at the end of the picnic.



Curly Leaf Pondweed Update

As of June 16, 2007

By Marlin Grant

During the past nine days the very few weed removal volunteers have removed 11 boat loads of curly leaf pondweed from various areas of our lake. These volunteers are working very hard attempting to pick up all of the weeds which are cut. However it is not possible to see and pick up every weed. I can assure all that at least 95% of the weeds are picked up. It is especially difficult to do so on windy days of which we have had so many. In fact Monday, June 11, while cutting and picking up the weeds it was difficult for the people picking the weeds out of the water. To load the weeds into the boat it is necessary to stand and work without falling out of the boat in the windy conditions. We apologize for the weeds that may have gotten away. Had there been less wind and more volunteers it would have been possible to pick up more weeds. As to how many weeds we can harvest, this depends on who volunteers to help and when the curly leaf becomes dormant and sinks to the bottom of the lake. Our thanks to the following volunteers who helped: Ken Anderson, Darryl Dahl, John "Jack" Geyen, Al Smith, Steve Harnett, Don Peifer, John Klobe, Bill Stelman, and Ed Quinn. Additionally 4 young men helped out for a reasonable hourly wage:

Chuck Bonine 320-274-2005

Ben Hilla 320-274-6860 or 612-432-1085

Mike Planer 320-274-8636

Brad Williams 320-274-8878

Their telephone numbers are included because we would highly recommend them if you need to hire help for any projects this summer.



Raffle Update

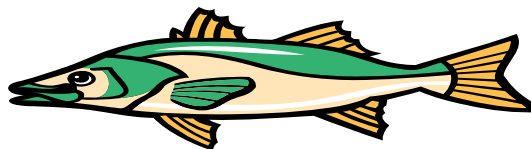
So far, \$1800 has been raised in the annual fund-raising event. Many thanks to all of you who have sold tickets! It's still early enough to get out and sell those tickets to help raise the approximately \$5,000 that was budgeted for raffle income this year. Raffle ticket proceeds will all go to the Milfoil 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.

KASTL'S KORNER

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



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
06-15-06	10'	59°	81°	22"	27"
06-13-07	10'	75°	85°	20"	25"

Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2007 has reached 334. 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:

Jim & Robin Fox

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 darepat@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 June 16, 2007

General Fund	\$13,706.86
Lake Improvement Fund	\$16,407.88
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$83,143.33
Total All Funds	\$113,257.99

Additional donations

As of June 16, 2007, additional donations were received from the following members:

Lisa & Todd Latterell

Dennis & Mary Langhoff

Marsha Schrupp

Give Our Lake a Break

Join the Sugar Lakescapers this summer and plant some bulrushes. The Lakescapers have been planting for a couple years and are seeing some success. Bulrushes take time and patience to establish.

So take care around our existing bulrush stands and join the Sugar Lakescapers in planting more later this summer.

Find contact information for the Lakescapers on page 6 or look for the vegetation display at the annual picnic.

Picnic Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with picnic activities. 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

Sugar Lake Apparel

Sugar Lake apparel will be available at the picnic again this year from Kathy Radtke-Slama. T's, sweatshirts, and caps, as well some new items will be available.

Windsock

If we owe you a windsock please contact Pat Dahl to arrange a time to pick it up. Pat can be reached at:

320-274-3486

Eurasian Watermilfoil

A treatment is planned for milfoil. Application for this treatment has been made to the DNR.

Now that the Curly leaf is done for the year there is no need to cut **any** submergent vegetation including milfoil. If you spot what you believe is milfoil please contact one of the board members or an area communicator.

Dear Sugar

Why is it that the pontoons & boats go clockwise during Diane's Night Lights? Most pontoons & deck boats are configured with the bulk of the seating on the port side which makes it about impossible to fully enjoy Diane's Night Lights. As a result, most passengers are twisted looking backwards to enjoy the lights. Frankly, it seems illogical. I know it's why some of our lake neighbors do not go out to enjoy the lights. It would also likely explain why we often have a "rebel" or two going counter clockwise. Rather why don't we go COUNTER clockwise which would be more sensible given the aforementioned set up of most pontoons & deck boats?

Pain in the neck

Dear Pain, What you say makes a lot of sense. Because I have been in the driver's seat during the ride around the lake, I, or my neck, hadn't noticed. The reason we went clockwise was for uniformity and ease in communicating the direction. Going counter clockwise would accomplish the same thing. The only problem I see is, can we get the word out before Labor weekend. I will bring your request before the next SLA meeting and if they agree, counter clockwise will be the "way to go" on the next Diane's Lights Night.

Coalition

The Sugar Lake Association joined a coalition of 9 area lakes called "Heart of the Lakes Citizens' Coalition." This coalition will work on common issues. Charlotte Quiggle will represent Sugar Lake on the committee defining the coalition. The Sugar Lake board voted to contribute \$50 to the coalition for organizational expenses.

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:

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

Dues

A dues increase to \$50 was discussed. It was agreed to ask the membership to vote on an increase to \$50 on the ballot scheduled to go out with the August newsletter.

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 is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 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

Corinna Township

By Charlotte Quiggle

On Thursday, June 14th, 4 Corinna Township officials met with Wright County P&Z Administrator Tom Salkowski, 1st District Commissioner Karla Heeter and Wright County attorney Tom Zins to find areas of agreement with the township taking over administration of its land use. They also explored the most efficient ways to transfer and share property records and continue constructive communication following that transfer.

Later that evening, The Corinna Township Planning and Zoning Commission held public hearings to discuss both the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan as well as the Corinna Land Use Ordinance. The P&Z Commission voted to recommend that the Supervisors adopt the amended Comp Plan, but continued the public hearing on the ordinance until the July 12 meeting so that those people who had been in Buffalo regarding the asphalt plant that same night would have an opportunity to comment (the asphalt plant was approved, following significant revisions to protect the air, ground, and water). Both the amended Comp Plan and the Ordinance can be found at www.corinnaplanning.info.

As everyone has probably noticed, construction has begun on Highway 24 between Clearwater and Annandale and will continue until the end of the season. People should take posted detours and should pay close attention to the new 4-way stops.

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

A lakeshore owner wrote "Dear Sugar" and reasoned that we should go counter-clockwise around the lake on Diane's Lights Night (see Dear Sugar article). The request was taken to the SLA meeting and the agreement was that it made a lot of sense. The consensus



from the board members was that the direction should be changed to counter-clockwise when viewing displays that evening. On the off chance you are not sure what direction that is, simply stand on your shoreline, face the lake, and look to your right. We ask that all boaters that evening go in the same direction to avoid congestion and possibly an accident.

How is your display plan going? Have you thought of a theme or decided on the members of your crew? Many lakeshore owners have guests that weekend. If you know who they will be, why not get them involved in the planning now. Together you should be able to come up with a great display. Remember everyone who participates is a winner, for together we will make Sugar Lake shine like no other that evening.

Fishing Contest

By Lanette Dammann



The weather was beautiful for the annual fishing contest held June 30. 73 people registered for the contest. Lunch was provided at the noon weigh-in. The contest was hosted by Dan and Lynne Bonine, pictured to the left. Thanks to Sue, Rich, Glenn and all the other helpers.



The winners were: Northern

- 1st Nick Banker & Craig Wurm
- 2nd Eric Jansen

Bass

- 1st Glen Lindmeyer
- 2nd Dorothy Klobe
- 3rd Steve Harnett

Sunfish

- 1st Jason Peterson
- 2nd John Slimmer
- 3rd Mable Thomas, Linda Patnode, & Dan Nuell

Walleye

- 1st Phil Ulku



Traveling Trophies

Traveling trophies this year went to Matt Ostdiek in the children's category and Glen in the adult category.



Matt Ostdiek



Glen Lindmeyer

Curly leaf pondweed final report 2007

By Marlin Grant:

I have good news and bad news.

The good news is thanks to the help of a few dedicated Sugar Lake volunteers we were able to cut and remove 13 large boat loads from our lake which we are grateful for.

The bad news is just like last year we had too few volunteers to be able to remove the weed we found. We did have some new volunteers but did not have the help from some of last years volunteers. I fear that those volunteers lost interest after seeing how few lakeshore property owners or their family members are interested in helping to remove the weeds. For whatever reason St Cloud Muskies did not respond to my request for help. With more help we could have removed many times more weeds.

What must our association do for next year:

As I reported last year we must have many more volunteers to harvest the weeds.

- We need two additional cutter operators to cut the weeds when I cannot be at the lake. Our association now owns its own cutter, weed collectors, and thanks to the donation of Peter and Lynne Ramme, its own boat and motor
- We need support help to call and schedule volunteers.

Unfortunately there is only a maximum of two weeks to harvest the weed from the time we can see and reach it until it falls to the bottom of the lake. It matures that fast. Not every member can do the manual labor required to remove it from the lake but support help is also needed. We need volunteers if we hope to control this weed.

Who will help?

It will be helpful to know who this team will consist of in 2008. We need to start the 2008 planning now. If anyone has any questions or suggestions please contact me, Marlin Grant or any board member.

From the Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors: The Board would like to thank Marlin Grant for again acting as the curly leaf pondweed removal coordinator. This is a difficult, physical job complicated by the lack of volunteer help. The removal of curly leaf directly impacts water quality and property values. In addition to removing seed that would grow in coming years the plant is removed from the lake instead of falling to the lake bottom and decaying. If you see Marlin or any of his helpers please thank them. Next year when it is time to cut and remove curly leaf in early June take a day off and help.



Marlin Grant is pictured to the left with a curly leaf display in 2006. Pictured to the right are Bill Stellman, Ken Anderson, Don Peifer, and Ben Hylla. Bottom left picture is Al Smith and Ken Anderson. Bottom right picture is Brad Williams, John Geyen, Al Smith, & Ken Anderson. Not pictured are Ed Quinn, Dan Bonine, & Travis Cleveland.



Sugar Lakescapers

By Lanette Dammann

Have you ever wondered what to do with your beach, your lawn, or your shoreline? The LAKESCAPERS have put together several hours on August 7th for some pointers. We will bring in some professionals to talk about your lake projects and how they affect our Sugar Lake.

Some of the topics will include buffer strips, lakeshore lawns, aquatic plant identification, and how all of this ties into the quality of Sugar Lake.

The meeting will take place August 18 following the Sugar Lake Association annual meeting. Location to be announced in the July newsletter.

Bring your questions and concerns. Our meeting will have a boat-load of information!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lanette Dammann at 320-864-3004 or email: daseed@myclearwave.net

Hudek Sewer Service

Many of us have used Hudek Sewer Service in the past. Dan passed away last February from cancer. Dan's nephew, Scott O'Konek, has taken over the business. He is located at 16501 4 Ave E, South Haven, MN 55383, 320-558-9083.

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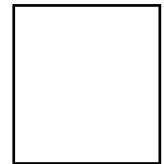
By Pat Dahl

"We would like to thank Wright County Commissioner Karla Heeter and Corinna Township for taking action regarding the holding pond at the end of 106th Street. A resident of 106th Street contacted Karla with concerns about the farm field runoff becoming stagnant and green in the holding pond until a rain event would wash it directly into Sugar Lake. Karla held a meeting at the holding pond on June 5th with Corinna Township board members and Highway Dept staff in attendance, along with a representative from Wright Cty Board of Soil & Water, land-owner John Topfer and 106th Street residents. It was decided that Corinna Township would dig the pond 2-3 feet deeper with the hope that the runoff would no longer flow into Sugar Lake, and instead will remain in the holding pond. Anyone who has environmental concerns for Sugar Lake should feel free to contact Karla Heeter for assistance."

Fireworks

The Sugar Lake Board voted to be the sponsoring organization for a fireworks display put on by Joel Williams on July 7, 2007. This was planned as a one night, one time display. No Sugar Lake funds were used for this show. Donations were solicited to be sent to Tom Hall, SLA Treasurer, 10597 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358, marked fireworks, and used solely for the show. The fireworks show is a legal, permitted show put on by professionals. Enjoy the show with your families without having to drive anywhere and send your contributions to Tom.

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