

The Sugar Lake News

JUNE 2010

2010

Calendar of Events

July 17-SLA Meeting*

August 7-SLA Picnic

August 21-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 4-Diane's Lights Night

September 18- SLA Meeting*

October 16-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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Lake Association of the Year

The following is from the Minnesota Waters announcement of Lake Association of the Year for 2010. Congratulations to the entire Sugar Lake Association membership for your part in making us a candidate for this award.

Minnesota Waters, the statewide non-profit dedicated to empowering citizens to protect and improve the lakes and rivers of Minnesota, announces its 2010 award winners, selected from nominations around the state.

The nominations revealed an impressive and heartening number of water quality achievements made by citizen volunteers across the state, but the four award winners were notable for demonstrating success in collaborating with other individuals and groups. "There is a best and brightest in every community - a diligent person or group who goes the extra mile and inspires others to support and enrich our state's water legacy," said Marian Bender, Executive Director of Minnesota Waters. "The efforts of these individuals and organizations serve as a model for all who live by and take pleasure in our lakes and rivers. I congratulate them for their outstanding work to protect and enhance our state's greatest resource."

The Sugar Lake Association (SLA) was named the Lake Association of the Year, sponsored by HDR Engineering.

The honor recognizes a group whose committed and enterprising members achieve successful outcomes in lake management while forging productive connections with the surrounding community and government agencies. Serving residents of the Sugar Lake area since 1972, SLA boasts a membership of approximately 350 members; over 80 percent of the lake's private shoreland owners as well as many nearby property owners are association members. Each year, twenty six members of the SLA serve as liaisons to the entire lake population. Members also man a Wright County Sheriff's water patrol, harvest invasive plants such as milfoil and curly leaf pondweed, mark sensitive vegetation areas with buoys, plant and maintain shoreland restoration projects, and staff both public accesses on Memorial and Labor Day weekends to remind boaters to check for invasives. SLA was awarded a Conservation Partnership Grant by Minnesota Waters to restore the lake's south public landing by installing two rain gardens and planting native species in weed-filled areas. SLA was accepted into the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Whole Lakes Invasive Treatment Program and, under DNR guidance, has treated large areas of the lake with low doses of herbicides; the curly leaf pondweed treatment was so successful last year that no cutting/removal was required for the first time in several years. DNR also awarded a three-year Habitat Restoration Grant to SLA which has funded two completed shoreland restoration projects with work started on a third. SLA has also partnered with DNR to maintain a healthy, diverse fishery and to maintain a carp trap/barrier to keep rough fish out of the lake. With Wright County Soil and Water (WCSW), the association completed the Hollister Avenue Project, which created a new creek bed for Hollister Creek to act as a filter for farm runoff. SLA also partnered with WCSW to do wetland delineation for the Sugar Lake watershed and to create a buffer strip program whereby acreage within the lake watershed is seeded with native grasses to filter drainage. The association has partnered with a wide range of individuals and community and government groups. Sugar Lake Association uses newsletters, a website, and emailed news flashes to keep its members educated and updated. It provides funds for members to attend local and state-wide workshops and meetings related to improving water quality. SLA also provides for member involvement by sponsoring many community events throughout the year..

For the full news release go to the Minnesota Waters Award Winners press release at:

<http://minnesotawaters.org/sites/default/files/2010%20Annual%20Award%20Winners.pdf>

Raffle Update

Over \$1500 has already been raised in the annual fund-raising event. Many thanks to all of you who have sold tickets! 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.

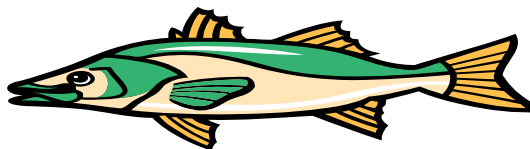
If you would like more tickets to sell, please contact Marilyn Andersen:

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.

KASTL'S KORNER

The latest lake report. The physical condition was 3 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor).



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
06-15-05	12'	64°	72°	26"	31"
06-15-06	10'	59°	81°	22"	27"
06-13-07	10'	75°	85°	20"	25"
06-18-08	11'	68°	78°	28"	33"
06-16-09	12'	62°	70°	18"	23"
06-16-10	9'	70°	75°	24"	29"

Membership

Paid membership to date this year is 261. 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.

If you haven't sent in your dues and membership form please do so.

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.

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

Treasurer's Report

As of June 18, 2010

General Fund	\$17,226.44
Lake Improvement Fund	\$19,941.73
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$83,496.36
Total All Funds	\$120,664.53

Picnic Prize Donations

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

Marilyn Andersen
320-963-5527

Rainfall

Total precipitation in May was 2.7 inches. June rainfall through 6/28 was 7.2 inches. Year to date precipitation has been 14 inches, about 2 inches above normal. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

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:

- Junk Amnesty day is scheduled for Saturday, July ??, 2010, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- 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

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

Picnic

Date: Saturday, August 7

Time: Picnic begins at noon
Children's 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 3 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.

Sugar Lake 5K Run/Walk

We are excited to announce the first annual Sugar Lake 5K Run/Walk! This event will take place on Saturday, September 4, at 9am. Attached is a registration form and details-free to make copies. Hope to see you there!! Please contact Kristin at kristinturn@gmail.com for questions or if you want to volunteer.

House Tours

By Doc Williams

One of the favorite pastimes on Sugar Lake is to cruise the shoreline in our watercraft looking at the various homes. Ever wonder how some of those homes look like on the inside? Would you like to see their view of the lake? Here is your opportunity to find out and at the same time help raise funds to fight invasive species. The Sugar Lake Association is organizing several fundraisers as a way of raising money to fight Curly leaf and Milfoil in our lake. One of these is a house tour, organized by Wilma Grant, to be held on July 10th, from 1 to 4 PM. Three homes on the west side of the lake have been chosen for the occasion. When you make your reservations you will be assigned a starting point; then every hour your group will go to a different home. Upon entering each dwelling you will be asked to remove your shoes so dirt transfer can be kept at a minimum. While in the home, the owners will give you the tour and a brief history of their place. Light refreshments will be furnished and several door prizes will be given out in each group at 4 PM. The price for all this is \$16.00 per person or \$50.00 for a group of 4 with advanced reservations or \$20.00 at the door. Admissions for this event will be limited to 200. By participating you will be helping to fight the weeds that have invaded our lake while enjoying a wonderful afternoon. Call Doc Williams home: 952-888-9884, lake: 320-963-6776 to make your reservations. If this venture is successful, different homes will be featured in coming years as an annual tour.

Nominations

Nominations for the SLA Board were held open to allow more time for the candidate search.

Second Annual Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

The Sugar Lake Association will be holding its second annual golf outing at Southbrook Golf Club in Annandale on Saturday, July 31, 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 of burgers and brats 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.

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.

Sign-up deadline is July 20. For more information, contact Greg Selle at 763 476-4844 [home]; 612 719-1824 [cell] or gselle@comcast.net.

Music & Marketplace

From the Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce:

We are kicking off a summer nights program this year called "Music & Marketplace" that will take place every Saturday evening in July 2010 from 4-8 PM.

"Music & Marketplace" will be held in downtown Maple Lake on Birch Avenue. We will have live entertainment each Saturday featuring a variety of music; plus a marketplace of vendors, organizations and crafters. The event is free to attendees and provides a great opportunity for year-round and weekend lake community members to come down and have some fun.

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

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

In the first week of June, Mary and Gary Williamson, received their "summer of free Pepsi" because they were the 1st place winners in last years Diane's Lights Night contest. If you recall, their display consisted of randomly scattered red white & blue luminaries on their front lawn along with Tiki torches. They also placed tea lights in baby food jars and placed them among the rocks of their sea wall. Then they sat on their patio with friends and partied. It was the overall festive scene, including the partying, that caught the judge's eye. Until they got the word that they had placed 1st in the contest, they had no idea they were even being considered. They built their display just so others could enjoy it as they passed by. Goes to show what last minute planning and partying can do. Mary admitted that with the help of children and grandchildren, the 12 cases might not last the summer. The Williamson's have agreed to be this year's judges.

Diane's Lights Night contest will again take place Saturday evening of Labor Day Weekend. It's not too early to start planning. Have a brain storming session with your family or friends and come up with a winner. You could be pictured receiving a summer of free Pepsi products.



Fishing Contest



After a rainy Friday night the weather cooperated Saturday morning. 40 people registered early Saturday. The contest was again hosted by the Bonines. Lynne and Chuck pictured to the left.

Special thanks to the great volunteer help. Dan Erdmann, Rick & Mary Olson, Deb McManus, Terry Delbow.



The winners were:

Northern

- 1st 1.13 lb Tom Tart
- 2nd 1.7 lb Toby Ironside
- 3rd 1.4 lb Chuck Bonine

Bass

- 1st 2.2 lb Joe Vanasse
- 2nd 1.8 lb Deanne Wurm
- 3rd 1.6 lb Mike Ramme

Sunfish

- 1st 7 oz 8-3/8" Mike Erdman
- 2nd 6 oz 8-5/8" Chris Madden
- 3rd 6 oz 8-3/8" Eric Erdman

Crappie

- 1st 8 oz Don Peifer



Traveling Trophies

Traveling trophies this year went to Brady Giertsen in the children's category and Joe Vanasse in the adult category.



Brady Giertsen



Joe Vanasse

Water Quality

By Dale Gustafson

We are ready to close off the old Hollister Creek and start the water flowing through our new channel. Based on recent weather, we will wait until we have a period of dry weather to conduct the grading and filling. This new channel should retain water from the heavy rains and slowly release the water over an extended time. Also the new channel is well vegetated and we do not expect the type of silt flow we have had in the past.

We are looking at projects for our Rain Water Run-Off Management plan and getting estimates for these projects to become part of our potential project list. If you know of areas of excessive run-off or washing of silt into the lake, please let someone on the Water Quality committee know about them.

We are also planning our annual bull rush planting project and are looking for other sites where we can attempt to get them started. Let us know if you have a potential area.

Sugar Lake Apparel Sweatshirt Pre-orders



The 2010 sweatshirt garments/color samples are pictured. These are made up by 12's per color in mid-July so we can not take additional orders at the picnic, sorry! Please contact Sheree Mattes or Karen Gusaas to order them with this loon design. We have samples at our homes for you to try on. Please let us know by July 8th if you want to order for your family, Christmas or birthday gifts. If all 12 are pre-ordered we can add another color. Pricing is

\$44 for the light birch, tomato and blue zips (pictured); the pink v-neck hoodie with pocket or a red with shoelace v-neck. \$40 for the rust crew. \$3 more for 2X.

At the picnic we will also take single orders for other items with an embroidered design. Several colors of sweatshirts, full zip jackets, and golf windshirts will be available. Images & colors will be on the web site.



Plant Exchange

The third annual plant exchange was held at Rick and Carol Kanniainen's Saturday, May 22. Although the morning ended with rain, the event was a success. Karen Sutherland did a great job organizing the plant exchange. A wide variety of native plants were available. Sunrise Native Plants had a selection of plants for sale and Grant Everson with Hasty Woods was back again.



Grant with
Hasty Woods

Len with
Sunrise Native Plants

Vegetation report

By Dale Gustafson

We did treat 53 acres this spring on the very last day that treatment is allowed. In Sugar Lake, the vegetation starts to actively grow later than most lakes. The problem with late treatments is that the research says that when water temperatures reach about 60 degrees, the chemical we use for treating Curly leaf starts to act differently and it then can effect other native plants as well. Some parts of the lake we treat probably had water temperatures that were slightly over 60 degrees, and we could see some leaf burn on the large leaf pondweed, but those plants seem to be recovering fine with no loss of plants.

Our treatment seems to have controlled Curly leaf again. We do have some small areas still showing, but nothing very significant. All things considered, we were very successful with our treatment again this year.

We have spotted some areas of Eurasian water milfoil and have submitted a request to treat an area in the north west corner of Addison Bay and an area on the west side around where the resort used to be. We plan to identify these areas with gps and have the DNR review them so we could treat them soon. The treatment we will use for treating EWM is a 2,4-D based product that will require not irrigating in those areas for about two weeks after treatment. We will give a news flash warning and signs will be posted, but people in these areas will need to turn off automatic irrigation systems. We will attempt to post as much advance warning as we can.

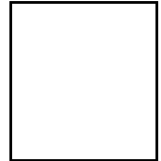
Fundraising

Thank all of you who have donated money beyond the basic dues amount. These contributions will allow us to treat invasive aquatic species according to our plan.

We will be able to continue the work of maintaining and improving the water quality of Sugar Lake to the benefit of all property owners.

We had planned on publishing additions to the list of extra donators published in the May newsletter but will wait and publish a complete list in the July newsletter.

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