

The Sugar Lake News

JUNE 2011

Sugar Lake Association Minnesota Waters' 2010 Lake Association of the Year 2009 Star Lake Recipient

2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 16-SLA Meeting*

July 30-Golf Tournament

August 6-SLA Picnic

August 20-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 3-Diane's Lights Night
5K Run/Walk

September 17-SLA Meeting*

October 15-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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Third Annual Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

The Sugar Lake Association will be holding its Third annual golf outing at Southbrook Golf Club in Annandale on Saturday, July 30, 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 will follow. 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.



2nd Annual Brandon Beckman Memorial- Sugar Lake 5K Saturday, Sept. 3.

Please mark your calendars to attend the 2nd Annual Brandon Beckman Memorial-5K scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3 at 9 a.m. Last year over 170 people ran and walked to raise money for Sugar Lake Assoc.-Lake Improvement Fund. This event is in memory of Brandon Beckman who was a lifelong resident of Sugar Lake. Please register by August 18 to receive a t-shirt. Anyone interested in volunteering please call Cathy Beckman at 320-274-8623 or Kristin Turner at 952-484-9288. The registration form is attached to the newsletter or download registration at: <http://www.sugarlake.org/Beckman/5KRegister2011.pdf>

The latest lake report

Water physical condition 2.

By Dan Erdmann

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
06-20-11	15'	70°	65°	28.75"	33.75"

Membership

Paid membership to date this year is 245. 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.

Our sympathies to the family of Charlie Benner, son of Chuck and Sandy Benner, who passed away June 23.

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 news-flash@sugarlake.org and you will be added to the list. We maintain two lists, one for News Flashes and one for "For Sale" information. To be added to the "For Sale" list send an email to: forsale@sugarlake.org.

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

Treasurer's Report

As of June 18, 2010

General Fund	\$28,407.75
Lake Improvement Fund	\$21,901.88
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$89,216.42
Total All Funds	\$139,526.05

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 6.20 inches. Year to date precipitation through May has been 13.90 inches, about 2.5 inches above normal. June rainfall through 6/27 was 4.0 inches. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

Township News

Corinna Township Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday 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.

Sugar Lake Apparel



Apparel will again be available for purchase at the Sugar Lake picnic. We also have a couple of new items this year:

- dock lines in an array of colors to match your boat, are mildew resistant, will float and made in the good old USA.
- fish etched drinking glasses, wine glasses and bowls. (pictured below)



Please contact Sheree Mattes or Karen Gusaas for additional information or with any questions.



Nominations

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

Raffle Update

Almost \$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.

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

The DeGrood family received their prize for taking first place in last year's Diane's Lights Night contest. They got a free case of Pepsi product for each of this year's 12 weeks of summer. If you were one of the many boating around the shores of the lake Saturday night of Labor Day weekend, and entered the North Bay, you couldn't miss it. The DeGrood family had erected a 20 foot high revolving Ferris Wheel. To make the structure they started with an octagon shaped electrical box, attached 10 foot lengths of rigid electrical conduit for the spokes, then placed free swinging luminaries around the outside of the circle. The entire structure turned slowly with the use of a rotisserie motor and an occasional push. It was quite a sight.

Their display was only one of many though that made Diane's Lights Night a success. There were numerous other displays, some big and elaborate, some small and simple. Some put a lot of work into their display while others simply put a few luminaries at the end of their dock. Each and every display added to the night and made our lake glow in the night. If you were one of the participants last year, it's time to start thinking of your display for this year. If you have never put out a display, consider doing so this year. Each display, big or small, adds to the fun and helps make our lake shine like the jewel that it is.



Picnic

Date: Saturday, August 6

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.

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

Vegetation report

By Dale Gustafson

As you should know, the treatment for Curly leaf pond weed completed May 17 and 24. The effectiveness of that treatment appears to have been good, but curly leaf could still be developing. We have hired PLM Lakes and Land Management to do a complete plant survey for us this year. They will do the first of two surveys sampling about 275 locations on the lake in June. That survey will give us a better idea of how much Curly leaf pond weed exists.

We are starting to locate Eurasian water milfoil in the lake at this time and plan to do our own treatment of Eurasian water milfoil in July. We will use a chemical that will have a period of restriction for irrigation. We will test the treated areas and let people know as soon as possible when it is OK to irrigate again. Watch for notices on the Sugar Lake News Flash, and be ready to have your automatic irrigation turned off when the treatment is done.

We need everyone looking for areas of Eurasian water milfoil, and Curly leaf pondweed. If you find areas of these plants please contact the Vegetation Committee or any Board member or Area Communicators with the location you have found.

Fishing Contest



The weather cooperated Saturday with 57 people registered early in the morning. The contest was again hosted by the Bonines. Lynne and Chuck pictured to the left. THANKS Lynne!

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



The winners were:

Northern

- 1st 1.15 lb John Klobe
- 2nd 1.11 lb Doug Schuette
- 3rd 1.10 lb Josh Bidwell

Bass

- 1st 3.5 lb Jim Leslie
- 2nd 2.3 lb Al Kowalczyk
- 3rd 1.15 lb Jason Wurm

Sunfish

- 1st 6 oz John Slimmer
- 2nd 5 oz Eric Erdmann
- 3rd 4 oz Mike Erdmann

Walleye

- 1st 1.0 lb Jim Leslie



Traveling Trophies

Traveling trophies this year went to Josh Bidwell in the children's category and Jim Leslie in the adult category.



Josh Bidwell



Jim Leslie

Native Habitat Restoration Workshop

A landscaping workshop was held Saturday, June 25, at the American Legion Hall in Maple Lake. The workshop was limited to 30 participants who listened to Jackie Froemming from the University of Minnesota Extension's Shoreland Education Program Team speak. Participants then broke into 3 groups to work on individual projects. The three areas were:

1. Upland planting
 2. Rain Gardens
 3. Shoreland restoration
- Individual plans were presented and discussed. Each group presented one of the plans to the entire class at the conclusion of the workshop.



Jackie Froemming pictured to the left.



Jointly sponsored by the Sugar Lake Association and University of Minnesota Master Gardeners-Wright County with funding provided through a grant from the MN DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife Shoreland Habitat Program.

Plant Exchange

The fourth annual plant exchange was held at Rick and Carol Kanninen's Saturday, May 28. The weather cooperated this year, the event was a success. Karen Sutherland did a great job organizing the plant exchange. A wide variety of native plants were available. Grant Everson with Hasty Woods had a selection of plants for sale.



Grant with Hasty Woods



Water Quality

By Dale Gustafson

We had very bad erosion during the heavy rains at the end of May on the south east part of the lake in Areas L & M along Hollister Avenue. This area has become our number 1 priority for action. We had a site meeting with Joe Jacobs of Wright Soil & Water, and we expect to develop a complex set of rain gardens and holding areas to slow down the heavy run-off to the lake.

If you are aware of other areas where silt runs into the lake in the big storm event, please let Dale Gustafson or Charlotte Quiggle know.

For Sale

Franklin stove and accessories, plus chimney pipe. \$350 or best offer. Contact Bill at Mpls: 952-927-9157
Lake: 320-963-5293

For Sale

16 foot Lund Pike Rebel boat and 25 hp Mercury outboard motor, trailer, and boat lift. Asking \$1400
Contact Mark Laven at 952-451-4561

Wanted

Fishing boat lift.
Contact Bill at Mpls: 952-927-9157
Lake: 320-963-5293

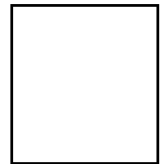
Public Landing Inspectors.

You probably have noticed the DNR staff at the Public Landings. We have paid for 500 extra hours of Access Inspector time and it will be split 250 hours at each access. We hope this extra emphasis will help to protect us from other invasive species like Zebra Mussels.



Pictured to the right is Adam Michhalicek, on duty at the south landing June 26, 2011. Adam is a St. Cloud State student spending his weekends working for the DNR and protecting Sugar Lake from Zebra Mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Thank You Adam, from everyone on Sugar Lake.

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