

The Sugar Lake News

JUNE 2012

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

2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21-SLA Meeting*

August 4-SLA Picnic

August 18-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 1-5K Run/Walk

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.

September & October meetings at 9 a.m.

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Vegetation report

By Dale Gustafson

Treatments:

The treatment for Curly leaf pondweed went very well again this year. It was expensive, but we were able to control the Curly in most of the lake.

We have completed the delineation of where we plan to treat the Eurasian water milfoil this season. We plan to treat the week of July 9th so you should expect to see a new batch of signs along the shore and in the water. We recommend that you shut off your automatic irrigation for that week. This chemical has different properties, and you should read the restrictions on the label carefully. Also watch for a news flash announcing the treatment. We plan to test after the treatment to be sure it is safe to start watering your delicate plants with lake water. This chemical does NOT have any effect on grass, but if your irrigation included sensitive shrubs, flowers, or vegetables there could be a problem.

We are spending more money this year because the DNR is not reimbursing as much as in the past, and with the mild winter we feel we had more invasive plants to treat than other years. Both of the chemicals we are using have new labels and different ways to interpret how much to use. This has led us to being allowed to better treat the areas we need to control.

Our treatment of Eurasian water milfoil will also be more expensive because we have located the bad infestations in deeper water so we will need to use more of the chemical to be effective. The price for the granular materials to treat at this depth is almost 3 times more expensive than having the treatment done for us with liquid chemicals. We intend to have it done. At this time it looks like we will probably treat about 20 acres of EWM. See page 5 of the newsletter for a map of the planned treatment areas.

Buoys:

We put out buoys to mark the bullrush as sensitive vegetation. In the process of doing that we found that we need to replace some of the very old buoys and add a couple more to cover some new areas. Watch for the buoys and keep motorboats away from them. The bullrush are very important to healthy lake ecology.

The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition is a 2 on a scale of 1(good) to 5(bad). 3 loon pairs with one young each have been observed on the lake.

| Date | Clarity | Water Temp | Air Temp | Culvert | |
|----------|---------|------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | | | | Inlet | Outlet |
| 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" |
| 06-12-12 | 10.5' | 70° | 71° | 24.75" | 29.25" |

Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2012 has reached 218.

If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Marianne Borgeson. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Marianne of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Marianne at 320-963-2674 or email membership@sugarlake.org.

Our sympathies to the family of Chuck Benner, who passed away in May this year.

Our sympathies to the family of Avon Kreatz, who passed away recently.

News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains two email lists for communication with membership:

News Flash: This list is used to send information about invasive species treatment, event announcements, member information, government information, etc. To subscribe to this list send an e-mail to newsflash@sugarlake.org requesting addition.

For Sale: This list is used to send information about items "for sale" by the membership. To subscribe to this list send an email to forsale@sugarlake.org requesting addition.

If you wish to unsubscribe follow the instructions in the email you receive from the list or send an email requesting removal to the addresses listed above.

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website:

www.sugarlake.org

Treasurer's Report

As of June 16, 2012

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| General Fund | \$41,686.06 |
| Lake Improvement Fund | \$24,766.67 |
| Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund | <u>\$97,296.01</u> |
| Total All Funds | \$163,748.74 |

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.

No-wake ordinance vote

You should have received your ballot for the no-wake ordinance and a copy of the final ordinance in the mail. A postcard was also sent to clarify wording on the ballot. If you did not receive your ballot please contact SLA Secretary, Andrea Welter, at 612-845-3488. Ballots must be in to Andrea before 8:00 a.m. July 20, 2012

Fireworks

The fireworks show scheduled for June 30 had to be postponed. Joel Williams and Waconia Pyrotechnic donate their time to put on the show. Joel spends his weekdays involved in road work in the Two Harbors - Duluth area. Since the recent flooding in Duluth and surrounding area, Joel has been working long days with no weekend time in sight. This is expected to go on for some time due to the massive amount of damage in the area. We will have to reschedule. The show will go on - just a little bit later this summer. Look for updates in the newsletter and the newsflash.

We are still in need of contributions to make our funding goal. Please send your contribution to SLA Treasurer, Jon Juntunen, 1342 8th St NW, Buffalo, MN, 55313.

Joel is interested in another old pontoon to use a platform. If you have an old you would like to donate, contact Joel at 612-363-0197.

Rainfall

Total precipitation in June was 3.95 inches. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

The Sugar Lake Association will not be holding a golf outing this year. We need a year to re-group and plan to come back stronger in 2013.

Nominations

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

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

The pictures included with this article are of the Tom Pugh and Joe Urista families. They tied for first place in the Diane's Lights Night contest last year and split the first place prize. Each received six cases of Pepsi products. With each family, it was a team effort to pick a design and put it together. In interviewing them the day after the event I could feel the enthusiasm and pride each family had, working as a unit, trying to come up with a winning design. Why not do the same? Contact the family and friends you plan on having at your place on Saturday of Labor Day weekend and include a Lights Night design in your activities. To get some ideas you



may want to see what others have done in the past. Go to our web site www.sugarlake.org click on the newsletter tab and go to past September issues. It's not too early to get started.



Picnic

Date: Saturday, August 4

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 below.

- 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.

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

Prize Donations

If you have prizes to donate for the picnic, or know of a neighbor who does, Betsy Hanson is collecting the prizes prior to the picnic. She can be contacted at:

Betsy Hanson

320-963-5772

Raffle Update

Returns are coming in for 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 Jon Jun-tunen

320-963-7344

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 1342 80th St NW, Buffalo, MN 55313.

Fishing Contest



A beautiful summer day inspired a record 88 people to register early Saturday morning, June 30, for the Sugar Lake Association fishing contest. The contest was again hosted by the Bonines. THANKS Lynne and Chuck (pictured to the left)!

Special thanks to Rick and Mary Olson for helping out and cooking a delicious hot dog lunch. Thanks to Dan Erdmann for weighing and measuring so many fish! Also thanks to everyone else who helped out and those who participated in this fun event.



The winners were:

Northern

- 1st 2.40 lb Preston Fobbe
- 2nd 2.20 lb Ben Mason
- 3rd 2.12 lb Jim Schimelpfenig

Bass

- 1st 1.60 lb Caroline Young
- 2nd 1.14 lb Peter Giertsen
- 3rd 1.12 lb Jim Schimelpfenig

Sunfish

- 1st 6 oz Nancy Young
- 2nd 5 oz Steve Huff
- 2nd 5 oz Al Kowalczyk

Walleye

- 1st 3.9 lb Rich Klemz
- 2nd 4 oz Chuck Bonine

Crappie

- 1st 8 oz Ben Mason
- 2nd 3 oz Dalton Patnode
- 2nd 2 oz Don Peifer



Traveling Trophies

Traveling trophies this year went to Preston Fobbe in the children's category and Rich Klemz in the adult category.



Preston Fobbe



Rich Klemz



Fundraising

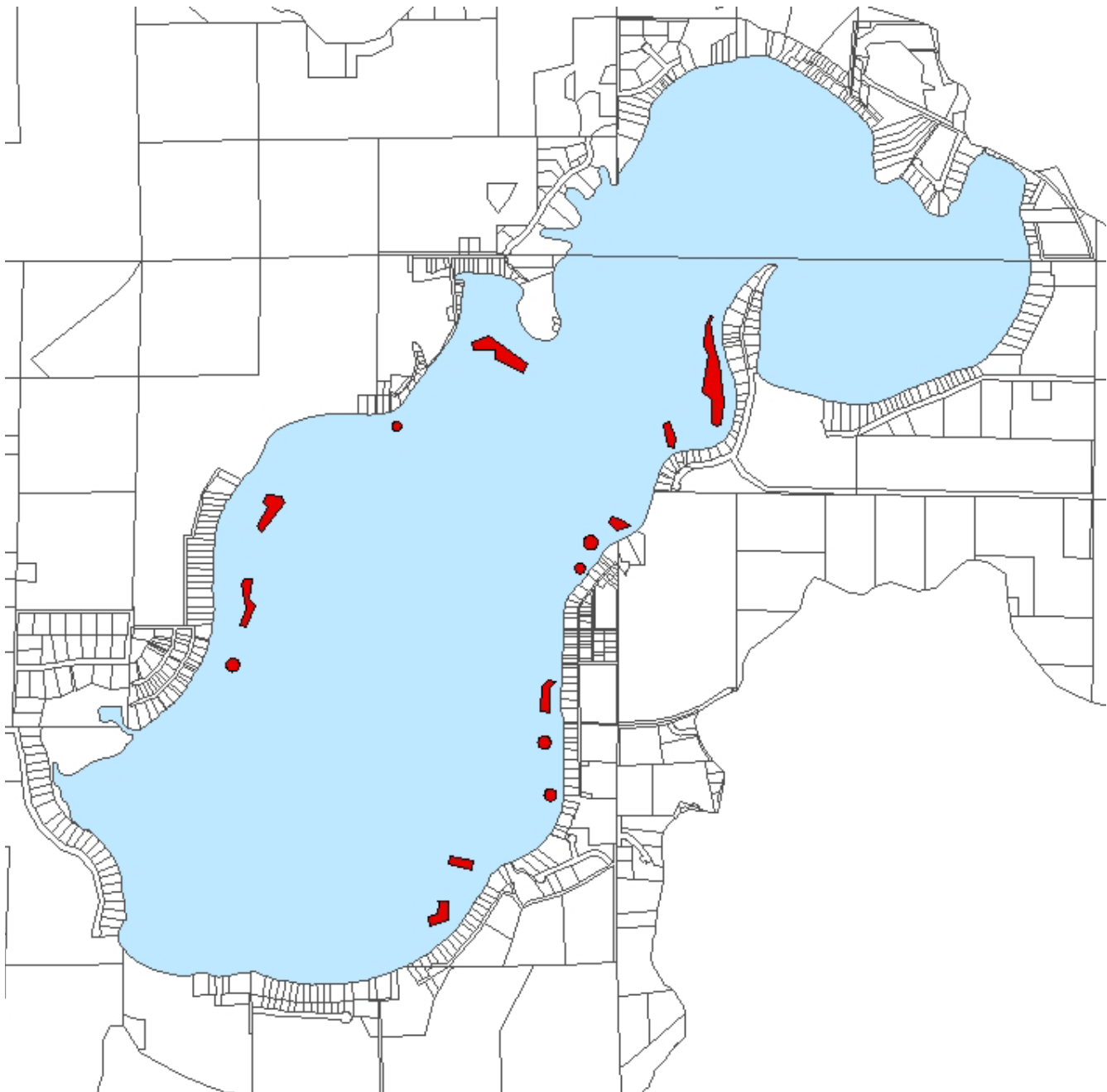
The following individuals have contributed money beyond their dues. These contributions will allow us to treat invasive aquatic species according to our plan. We will be able to continue the work of maintaining and improving the water quality of Sugar Lake to the benefit of all property owners. (Contributions through July 1, 2012)

Thank You!

Doug & Cathy Beckman
Linda & Jerry Donabauer
*Marlin & Wilma Grant
*Peter & Lynne Ramme
*Mary Stumpf

* We would like to recognize and thank these people for their generous donation of an "acre" or more.

Planned treatment areas for milfoil



Lake Improvement Committee:

After experiencing the high amounts of rain and flooding in the Hollister Avenue area on the southeast corner of the lake last year we knew we had a serious problem. We discovered that with the current situation we can not protect the water quality of the runoff entering the lake. From a standpoint of lake water quality we need to attempt to find a way to slow the volume of water reaching the lake during the abnormally heavy storms. In addition there is very valid concern about protecting properties in that area.

About fifteen years ago we started a new effort to work on this problem. Our very first option was to see if we could attempt to negotiate a way to slow down the runoff from the adjacent fields south of the woods. In spite of our efforts, we were not able to devise a plan that protected the farming operation to the satisfaction of the landowners up on the hill. It is easy to understand that farming the land is how our neighbors make their living, and they need to be able to manage that land in a similar fashion to the rest of the land they farm.

I am happy to report that the Water Quality Improvement committee has had very cordial and productive meetings with our farming neighbors. The farm community is willing and anxious to be part of the solution to the problem. With their new input, and the known concerns from the lakeshore owners we are ready to have the engineers start working possible solutions. Our plan is to gather these ideas and then meet again with the shareholders. Our goal is to come up with a solution that can be supported by everyone with equal contribution to the investment needed to solve the problems in this area. It is a difficult task, but we are approaching it with optimism and a spirit of cooperation.

Dale Gustafson

Imagine No Malaria

Dessert Social Fundraiser

11144 Hoyer Ave NW

Sugar Lake

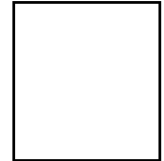
Saturday, July 14, 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Linda Williams is hosting a dessert social fundraiser serving a variety of her favorite desserts as a way to raise money for Imagine No Malaria. Malaria claims more than 1 million lives each year. It is 100% preventable and treatable. Your donation helps provide bed nets, medicine, and training to health workers.

“Please join my family and me for an afternoon of desserts and socializing! Ice water and lemonade will also be served. Bring a beverage of choice if you would like something else. Boat dockage is available. All proceeds will go to Imagine No Malaria in memory of David Sill, my niece’s husband, who died of cancer this past February.”

Linda Williams

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