

The Sugar Lake News

JUNE 2013

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

2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 20-SLA Meeting*

July 27—Golf Benefit

August 3-SLA Picnic

August 3-Fireworks

August 17-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

August 24—Wine & Gardens

August 31-Diane's Lights Night

August 31-Brandon Beckman 5K

September 21- SLA Meeting*

October 19-SLA Meeting*

*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna
Township hall at 8:00 a.m.
March, September & October meet-
ings at 9 a.m.

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Fourth Annual Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

The Sugar Lake Association will be holding its Fourth annual golf outing at Southbrook Golf Club in Annandale on Saturday, July 27, with a 1:00 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 \$70; supper only will be \$25.

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.

The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition is a 1.5 on a scale of 1(good) to 5(bad). Loons have had a successful hatch with 2 pair with 2 young and 1 pair with 1 young.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
06-25-13	14'	74°	78°	20.50"	26.00"

Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2013 has reached 219. 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.

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 for-sale@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

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.

Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2013

General Fund	\$17,256.45
Lake Improvement Fund	\$36,084.98
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$147,434.08
Total All Funds	\$200,775.51

Prize Donations

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

Mike Mengelkoch
320-963-8518

Email: mengemrm@comcast.net

Nominations

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

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

Are you one of the many who take to their water craft the evening of Diane's Lights Night to enjoy the beauty of what others have done to transform their shore? Have you put up your own display before leaving? There are some who go all out trying to be one of the winners and that's great. I sit there and marvel at what people can do with bags and candles to make such a beautiful piece of art. There are others however, who put out smaller displays just to say I love Sugar Lake and want to be a part of the festivities. I want to add to the beauty of the evening in a smaller way. We need both. Why not erect a display for this coming event and make Sugar Lake shine like the jewel that it is.



Zebra Mussel Watch

By Doc Williams

The Zebra watch program is underway with each Area Communicator taking part in the program. They received a brick in early June, tied a rope through it, and placed it in the lake at the end of their dock. The communicators will be checking that brick at the end of this month and reporting their findings to a special web address. This is a good beginning but we would like more lakeshore owners to take part. The task is simple and takes only a few minutes of your time each month but would be invaluable to the health of our lake. Would you like to be part of this important program? Call Doc Williams (H 952-888-9884, C 952-486-3573) and he will supply you with the items you need. Someone left a message on my cell indicating they wanted to take part. Unfortunately, I lost their contact number. Please give me another call.



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

Picnic

Date: Saturday, August 3

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.

Swimmers Itch Reported

We have had reports of swimmers itch.

Swimmer's itch is a temporary skin infection acquired by swimmers in some lakes when they accidentally become involved in the life cycle of the trematode worm parasite. It appears during warm weather in June and reaches a peak in July. It tends to concentrate along the shoreline. Not everyone is sensitive to Swimmer's itch. However, much like poison ivy, your sensitivity to swimmer's itch will increase with each exposure. Treatment of swimmer's itch is available through the use of calamine lotion or antihistamines to relieve the itching and swelling. Before taking any of these drugs, however, consult your physician for advice.

Strategies to avoid swimmers itch:

- If you are currently feeding waterfowl from your dock, stop.
- Avoidance—swim from a raft or boat farther out from shore.
- Grease down, coating your skin with a water repellent substance like petroleum jelly or baby oil prior to swimming may assist in repelling the parasite from penetrating.
- Dry off quickly. The organism in the droplets of water on your skin will look for somewhere to go as the droplet of water evaporates; into your skin is their next refuge. Rub down briskly with a towel when emerging from the water and do not reuse the towel until it has been laundered.

For more information see the DNR website:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/swimming/swimmersitch.html>

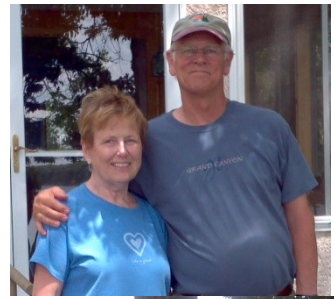
The application of copper sulfate in the shore area may temporarily help. A permit to apply copper sulfate is required. Contact your DNR Regional Fisheries Office.

Fishing Contest



Contest started under gray skies and humid conditions. Air temp 66. Surface water temp 73. 77 participants signed up. Notable this year is that 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes were awarded in all 5 categories.

The contest was hosted by Lynne and Chuck Bonine (pictured to the left) at the home of Rick and Mary Olson (pictured above right). THANKS Lynne and Chuck! 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. Photos by Andrea Welter.



The winners were:

BASS:

- 1st- Peter Ramme 2 lb 12 oz.
- 2nd- Jim Schimelpfenig 2 lb 4 oz
- 3rd- Max Schimelpfenig 1 lb 11 oz

NORTHERN:

- 1st- Rick Kanniaainen 2 lb 11 oz
- 2nd- Rob Gusaas-2 lb 0 oz
- 3rd- Doug Schutte 1 lb 11 oz

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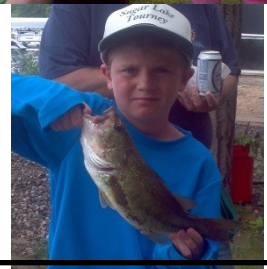
- 1st- Brenda Behm 13 oz 12.75 in.
- 2nd- Phil Ulku 7 oz 9.75 in.
- 3rd- Phil Ulku 6 oz 10.25 in.

WALLEYE:

- 1st- Toby Ironside 1 lb 13 oz
- 2nd- Toby Ironside 1 lb 6 oz
- 3rd- Sheri Bidwell 7 oz

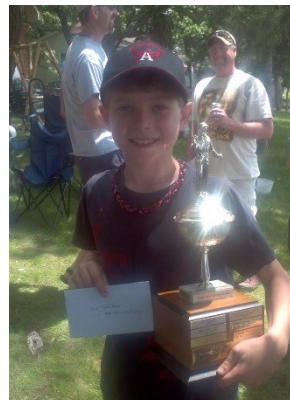
SUNNY:

- 1st- Kylie Klemz 8 oz 8.5 in.
- 2nd- Brenda Behm 7 oz 8.75 in.
- 3rd- Bella Hoxie 7 oz 8.5 in.



Traveling Trophies

Traveling trophies this year went to Max Schimelpfenig in the children's category and Peter Ramme in the adult category.



Max Schimelpfenig

Peter Ramme

Fourth Annual Brandon Beckman Memorial- Sugar Lake 5K Saturday, Aug. 31.

On Saturday, August 31, 2013, the fourth annual Sugar Lake Brandon Beckman Memorial 5K run/walk will take place. The start line and finish line will be at the Corinna Township Hall on Ireland Ave. The race will go north on Ireland Ave, down Imhoff Ave NW, and then back on Ireland Ave. All ages are welcome. The roads will be patrolled.

This is a non-USATF registered event. Funds go to the Sugar Lake Association/ Lake Improvement Fund. The SLA is a 501C-3, and all donations are tax deductible. Feel free to donate even if not participating.

8:00 – 8:45 am Registration/Check-In
9:00 am 5K Run/Walk
10:00 am Post-Race Brunch/Party at The Hitching Post at Lake Center

The registration form is available at:
www.sugarlake.org.

New this year, order a t-shirt even if you don't run/walk. Refer to the registration form for details.

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 Juntunen
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.

Vegetation report

By Dale Gustafson

Treatments:

We are seeing a good response to our curly leaf treatment. In preparation for Milfoil treatment we are confirming data from the last survey and investigating new areas. A newsflash will be sent prior to any treatment and property will be posted if treated.

Buoys:

We put out buoys to mark the bullrush as sensitive vegetation. Watch for the buoys and keep motorboats away from them. The bullrush are very important to healthy lake ecology.

Fisheries

By Paul Gustafson

Joe Stewig has been named to replace Paul Diedrich as the Area Fisheries Manager at the DNR Office located in Montrose, MN. You may remember Joe from a few years ago; he represented the DNR at the Sugar Lake Association Picnic. While our guest he answered many questions and handed out much literature. Congratulations Joe! There is a DNR Area Website that you may find of interest: www.dnr.state.mn.us/areas/fisheries/montrose.

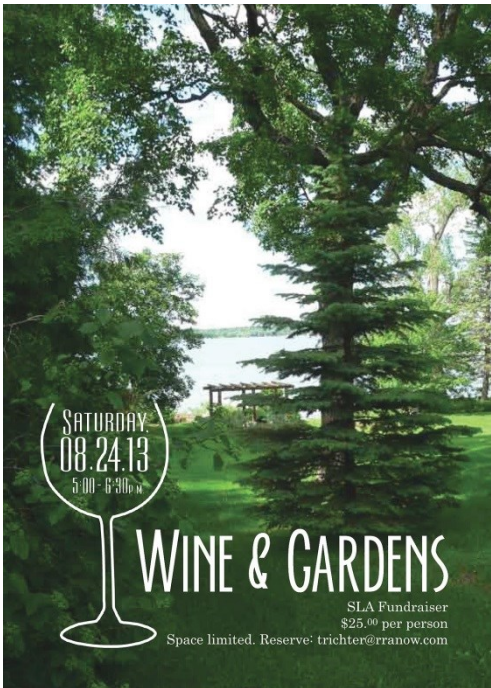
The Sugar Lake Association installed a carp barrier decades ago on the east side County Road 7 where Sugar Lake's water exits on its way through the swamp and on to Limestone Lake. Our volunteers clean the Carp Barrier three times a week in the late spring and summer while the door is closed and locked. Paul Gustafson ran in to Joe Stewig there last Thursday. Upon walking across the road to the barrier they saw about 15-18 very large carp, equally distributed on the Sugar Lake and the Limestone side. Within the barrier there was a huge dead carp that weighed between 20 to 25 pounds. The carcass was disposed of by Joe back at the Montrose facility after he lugged it up the hill and to his truck. Sugar Lake does not have a carp problem. The volunteers believe it is in part because of the barrier.

By coincidence, on Sunday, June 30, 2013, the Star Tribune ran an article titled "Night of the Bow" which describes night bow hunting for carp. Bow hunting for carp now has a season of its own and the rules are outlined in the 2013 Fishing Regulations.

SUGAR LAKE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 24, 5 - 6:30 pm
Wine sampling and garden viewing at Karen Sutherland's Native Lakeshore 7488—106 St NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358

Cost is only \$25/person. Space is limited. Contact Trudy Richter today at trichter@rranow.com to express your interest in attending.



Fireworks

Scheduled for the evening of the annual picnic, **August 3, 2013**. The \$5,000 funding for a good fireworks show is on hand or pledged. To have a great show like last year's, we still need another \$1,000 paid or pledged prior to July 28th. Please make donation checks payable to: Sugar Lake Association, in the memo space put fireworks and send it immediately to:

SLA Treasurer
Jon Juntunen
1342 80th St. NW
Buffalo, MN 55313

In that last week of July only, please also e-mail your pledge to Paul Gustafson at ppgustaf@lakedalelink.net so that we can determine the final funding level.

Thanks to Joel and Linda Williams, and the professional crew you work with for putting on the event in the usual spot on the southwest side of the lake. Looking forward to "Proud to Be an American" as part of the grand finale.

As announced before, there will be no coordinated 6th of July Sugar Lake Fireworks show this year. Sugar Lake residents and guests are left to their own devices, so to speak.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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12282 Hart Ave NW
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