



# The Sugar Lake News

**JUNE 2014**

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

2014

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**July 19** SLA Meeting\*

**August 2** SLA Picnic

**August 16** Annual Meeting/  
Board Election\*

**August 30** Diane's Lights Night

**August 30** Sugar Lake 5K

**September 20** SLA Meeting\*

**October 18** SLA Meeting\*

\*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna  
Township hall at  
8:00 a.m.

March, September & October meetings at  
9 a.m.

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### **For membership, address, e-mail, or property owner changes**

contact Cathy Beckman at  
10880 Imhoff Ave NW  
Annandale, MN 55302  
320-274-8623

E-mail [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

## **Fifth 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 26, 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.

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](mailto:gselle@comcast.net).

## The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition is a 3 on a scale of 1(good) to 5(bad).

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
06-19-14	8.5'	70°	69°	26"	31"

## Membership

Paid SLA membership is currently at 192. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com).

## Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2014

General Fund	\$22,712.62
Lake Improvement Fund	\$38,898.86
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$149,014.30
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$210,625.78</b>

## Rainfall

Total precipitation in June was 7.90 inches, about 4 inches more than normal. Year to date rainfall is 21.85 inches, about 8.0 inches above normal. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

## Nominations

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

## Summer Splash

It was a great day to kick off summer 2014 with the Summer Splash event held at the Corinna Township Hall. Those in attendance enjoyed refreshments and were able to check out:

- AIS information including our new posters you will soon see in area merchants
- Hear about the Sugar Lake Zebra mussel watch and sign up to participate
- Sign up for the Sugar Lake 5K run/walk
- Sign up for the fishing contest
- See a monarch display and learn more about our Monarch Way station at the South Landing
- Look at the equipment displayed by Anchor Dock
- Win door prizes
- See the Sugar Lake history information presented at the 2014 winter meeting

Thanks to Cathy Beckman (pictured to the right) for organizing this event and all the volunteers that made it possible.



## Picnic

**Date:** Saturday, August 2

**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](mailto:dbeltrand@comcast.net)

## 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](mailto:mengemrm@comcast.net)

## 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 80<sup>th</sup> St NW, Buffalo, MN 55313.

# Fishing Contest



Chuck Bonine and John Borman did a great job tabulating the winners and distributing prizes.

Although it was a little cloudy and windy, the weather cooperated for the morning Saturday and 53 contestants met at noon for the weigh in and lunch. The contest was organized by Lynne Bonine and held at the home of Rick and Mary Olson (pictured above right). 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:

### BASS:

- 1st- Jim Schimelpfenig 2 lb 2 oz.
- 2nd- Steve Harnett 1 lb 13oz
- 3rd- Mike Kluge 1 lb 6 oz



### NORTHERN:

- 1st- Troy Schmidt 1 lb 14 oz
- 2nd- Drew Giertsen-1 lb 11 oz
- 3rd- Jared Erdmann 1 lb 6 oz

### CRAPPIE:

- 1st- Brenda Behm 9 oz
- 2nd- Nate Budde 8 oz
- 3rd- Christopher Behm 7 oz



### WALLEYE:

- 1st- Mike Kluge 4 lb 14 oz
- 2nd- Ryan Bayerl 2 lb 8 oz

### SUNNY:

- 1st- Eric Erdmann 5 oz 9 in.
- 2nd- Eric Erdmann 5 oz 8.75 in.
- 3rd- Eric Erdmann 5 oz 8.5 in.
- 3rd- Al Kowalski 5 oz 8.5 in.
- 3rd- Lexi Keller 5 oz 8.5 in.

## Traveling Trophies

Traveling trophies this year went to Ryan Bayerl in the children's category and Mike Kluge in the adult category.



Ryan Bayerl



Mike Kluge

## Fifth Annual Sugar Lake 5K

On **Saturday, August 30, 2014**, the fifth annual Sugar Lake 5K run/walk will take place. The start line and finish line will be at the Corinna Township Hall on Ireland Ave. Please park in the lot at the Township Hall. 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 – 8:50 am Registration/Check-In  
 9:00 am 5K Run/Walk  
 10:00am Awards ceremony  
 10:15 am Post-Race Brunch/Party at The Hitching Post at Lake Center

The registration form is available at:  
[www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org).

## Diane's Lights Night

As the saying goes; "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry". If you remember, last Labor Day weekend was a washout. The rain started around noon and continued off and on throughout the day. It was disappointing, but that was last year. You have another opportunity to show off your skills and ingenuity this year. As usual, it will take place on Saturday evening of Labor Day weekend. There may be a new twist to the event this year. The SLA board is considering adding electrical lighting to displays. They will discuss it at the July meeting which will take place on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM. You can give input to this idea at that meeting or simply call Doc at 952-888-9884 and I will forward it to them.

If accepted by the board, the changes will:

- Make it easier to illuminate a display thus more participation.
- It will be easier for those on the windy side of the lake that night to participate.
- We may very well see bigger and brighter displays.
- There should be more variety in the displays.

In keeping with tradition, all displays still must include some sort of flame in their design. That could include anything from a campfire, luminaries, Tiki torches, etc. Let us know what you think.

Remember, the winner gets a case of Pepsi products for each of the 12 weeks of summer and most importantly, bragging rights.

Event Chairman  
 Dave (Doc) Williams

## Chair's Corner

On our annual SLA membership forms we have three possible funds to support. The Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund is listed first. We all know about our successful treatments of Eurasian watermilfoil and Curly leaf pondweed and our effort to keep zebra mussels out of Sugar. Many of us have bought an acre to support this work. The General Fund is next, clearly used for regular expenditures of the Association. Number three is the Lake Improvement Fund. It is not often foremost on our minds or a topic of conversation. In the next few months, the Board will discuss supporting lake improvement projects with a goal of a healthier Sugar Lake. Some projects will be large. Some will be small. We might be able to divide some into pieces with work on those pieces being done at different times. We will try to obtain outside funding for as many projects as possible. The underlying philosophy is to get the biggest bang for the buck in lake quality improvement.



How you can help: The recent record rainfalls have given us all an opportunity to view areas of runoff into the lake. Report these to a Board member. Do you, as I, have an area on your property that has not dried out for the past several weeks? It is squishy to walk on and impossible to mow. I can only imagine how different my small swamp would look if it was planted with native grasses whose several foot long roots far surpass those of my current struggling turf grass. I'm thinking rain garden. Are you considering a new driveway or outbuilding? Make sure your project is designed to limit runoff into the lake. If you need additional information, consult a board member. If you have a potential rain garden, let me know. Native plants do multiply and we now have enough extra native plants at the south access to populate several rain gardens.

With careful observation and judicious use of resources, we will ensure a legacy to be proud of for future generations of Sugar Lakers.

Have a wonderful 4th and a great July!

- Karen

# Vegetation report

By Dale Gustafson Vegetation Committee

This is a strange year for the Vegetation in Sugar Lake. The Curly leaf pondweed has only now developed, and in smaller amounts than we expected. We did not treat Culy this year, but most likely we will have to treat next year.

We expect that to treat Eurasian water milfoil the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>. An e-mail flash will be sent out and you should see signs where the treatments were made. Most of the areas will be well off shore so you may not have signs posted on your property. The chemicals disperse very rapidly so there is no worry. Just don't drink a lot of lake water. That is not a very good idea anyway.

At this time we intend to treat along the west shore near areas S, & T. Also we expect to treat in Areas G & H, and probably along the east side of the lake near areas J, K, & L. There are other areas we are considering but we will decide on those over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

As we have been mapping the vegetation we have been seeing greater concentrations of native plants like Large Leaf Pond weed, Claspng leaf pond weed, and other species. Our native plants really look healthy this year.

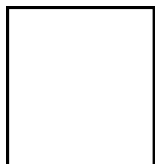
Because of the high water level, the plants have been growing very tall. As the water level gets back closer to normal you should expect to see a situation that looks like the plants have over grown. That is not the case, they will just look thicker and taller because the water level will be lower (we hope).

## FOR SALE

Fishing Boat Lift for sale. No cover. \$500.

Call 952-937-0479

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