

# The Sugar Lake News

MAY 2010

2010

## Calendar of Events

**June 19**– SLA Meeting\*

**June 26**-Fishing Contest

**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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Annandale, MN 55302  
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## Vegetation Report

by: Dale Gustafson  
Vegetation Committee

This spring the invasive species efforts are full of good news and bad news. The hard part is telling which is which.

Last winter the early snow on ice should have restricted the plant growth over the winter. That appeared to be true. The early warm up of the weather should have started the Curly leaf growing early, but it did not. Instead the Curly leaf started very late, and we have not been able to find nearly as much as last spring at this time. Of course that is good news if there isn't much Curly leaf, and it would be bad news if it just hasn't started growing by the time we had to treat. Also we have found Curly leaf in new places and not found it everywhere we expected it. To some extent this has happened to other lakes in the state, and the experts are scratching their heads and attempting to understand what is happening.

We don't understand exactly why, but we do know that the reduced areas where we found Curly leaf has led us to treating a much smaller area this spring. Our treatment was delayed until the last minute of the last day to give us the best results. Our treatment was made on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. To be effective, Curly leaf treatment must happen early in the season. If we wait too long, the treatment can harm the native plants that we need present to fill in the empty areas left open from killing off the Curly. In the first few days of last week, the water temperature rose about 2 degrees a day.

Over the next few weeks we will be watching to see where and how much Curly leaf remains, and only then will we have an idea of how good our decision was.

Also we will be watching for Eurasian water milfoil and we will be doing spot treatment to control that plant in the early summer. We need to remain positive and determined to keep after these pesky plants, but our chances are good. We owe gratitude to all that help with these efforts—from the people that help gather signatures, to the spotters of the plants, to those involved in the treatments.

But we are most thankful for the support of you the members who have contributed so generously to the Invasive Species fund to allow us to have the funds needed to do battle when we can.

## Annual Fishing Contest Saturday, June 26th!

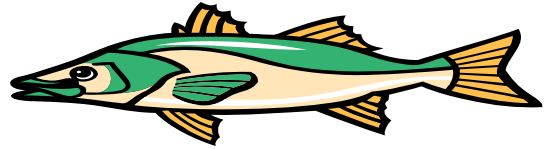
When: 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Weigh in at noon.  
Where: Home of Lynne Bonine on the north end of Addison Bay.  
Cost: \$5 per person. All entry fees applied to the prize fund.  
Prizes: First, second, and third prizes awarded for the largest fish in each category.  
Who: Open to members and friends. The Kids contest is for ages 0-8 and 9-15. Kids can share in the prize money if they pay the entry fee.

Hot dogs and refreshments will be served afterward.  
If you have any questions, call Lynne at 320-274-2005.

*If you have one of the traveling trophies awarded last year, please return it to Lynne Bonine before the fishing contest, or call Lynne and arrange to bring it to the contest.*

## KASTL'S KORNER

The latest lake report. Two pair of nesting loons spotted in the north end of the lake.



| Date     | Clarity | Water Temp | Air Temp | Culvert |        |
|----------|---------|------------|----------|---------|--------|
|          |         |            |          | Inlet   | Outlet |
| 05-20-05 | 10'     | 52°        | 62°      | 22"     | 27"    |
| 05-21-06 | 10'     | 48°        | 60°      | 26"     | 31"    |
| 05-12-07 | 10'     | 61°        | 62°      | 22"     | 27"    |
| 05-16-08 | 10'     | 54°        | 60°      | 27"     | 32"    |
| 05-15-09 | 11'     | 52°        | 69°      | 20"     | 25"    |
| 05-14-10 | 10'     | 56°        | 64°      | 23"     | 28"    |

## Rainfall

Total precipitation in March was 1.4 inches. April rainfall was 1.60 inches. May rainfall through 5/20 was 2.10 inches. Year to date precipitation has been 6.50 inches, about an inch below normal. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

## Membership

Paid membership to date this year is 227. 74 acres of the lake have been sold. 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:forsale@sugarlake.org).

Visit our website at [sugarlake.org](http://sugarlake.org) for all the latest.

## Treasurer's Report

As of May 14, 2010

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund                      | \$16,881.04         |
| Lake Improvement Fund             | \$20,307.80         |
| Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund | <u>\$106,123.38</u> |
| <b>Total All Funds</b>            | <b>\$143,312.22</b> |

## News Flash / For Sale

Rhonda Hiler is taking over operation of the SLA *news flash* and *for sale* email list. Send your requests for either list to:

[forsale@sugarlake.org](mailto:forsale@sugarlake.org)  
[newsflash@sugarlake.org](mailto:newsflash@sugarlake.org)

Or Rhonda can be contacted at [rhondi02@yahoo.com](mailto:rhondi02@yahoo.com)

Thank you Rhonda, for taking over this important Association communication job.

## Sugar Lake Association Board Nominations

If you are interested in becoming a Sugar Lake Association board member or know someone interested in becoming a board member, please contact Karen Gusaas:

952-941-4089.

The nominating committee would like to have a slate of candidates ready before the June 19 meeting.

An eighteen-member board administers the SLA. Each board member serves for 3 years and then is required to take a year off before being eligible to be elected again. Board members can serve on committees including water quality, vegetation, education, fisheries, communication as well as helping with annual events like the picnic. It is a great way to learn about the lake and be involved in what is happening.

## Membership Meeting

The June 19 Sugar Lake Association meeting at the Corinna Town Hall will be a general membership meeting. Nominations for the board of directors will be finalized.

## Picnic Prize Donations

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

Marilyn Andersen  
 320-963-5527

## 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)

## House Tour

By Doc Williams

Many of us enjoy cruising the shoreline in our watercraft and viewing the homes that others on the lake have built. Ever wonder how the inside of some of those homes are decorated and what their view of the lake is? Here's your chance to find out. The Association is organizing a house tour featuring 3 of these homes with proceeds from the tour going to the invasive species fund. This event is the first of its kind and if successful, will be held again next year with different homes. Wilma Grant is chairman of this event which will be held on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 PM. Look in next month's news letter for more details.

## Carp Trap

As reported last month, the carp trap was vandalized earlier this year. This is the third year the trap has been deliberately damaged. The damage done has escalated each year. The purpose of the trap is to prevent carp from entering Sugar Lake. An increase in carp population will lead to a decrease in water quality. The trap can also accumulate debris which is cleaned regularly by Tim Pippo. While other obstructions downstream from the trap may impede the flow of water, debris collecting at the carp trap is not allowed to accumulate enough to block the flow of water from Sugar Lake. The Sugar Lake Board of Directors is very concerned about this vandalism and decided to offer a:

**\$300 Reward for information  
leading to the apprehension of  
the person vandalizing the carp trap.**

If you have any information please contact Sugar Lake Association Chairman, Dave (Doc) Williams, at 952-888-9884.

## 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 \$60; 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](mailto:gselle@comcast.net).

## 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: Vi Novotne 320-274-5179

- 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: Sharon Lee 320-558-6725

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at [www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com](http://www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com).

## Water Patrol

Remember to renew or obtain your swim raft permit. Contact the Wright County Sheriff's Department at 763-682-7622. Your permit number must be displayed and the raft must be reflectorized to reflect light from all directions.

Are you interested in participating in the Sugar Lake Water Patrol? Call Rick Kanninen at 320-963-2226.

## Sugar Lake Fireworks

Joel Williams and the professional crew he works with are available to do a fireworks show on Sugar Lake Saturday, July 3, 2010. The Lake Association board will not be able to collect money or manage the show this year. We can still make it happen. We need your help. It is a one time, one night show. A show as good as last year will require more than \$6000. We are starting from zero this year.

Were you one of those in the watercraft around Joel's place or on the shores viewing the show? Would you like to see this event continue? We are asking YOU to give a donation for the July 3 fireworks display. The more donations we get and the earlier we get them, the better the display. If we don't get enough, we may have to cut back the show this year.

Your donation will make this show happen. Please make your donation payable to Joel Williams and send to:

Shirley Hillestad  
Fireworks Fund  
11236 Hoyer Ave NW  
Annandale, MN 55302

Thank you Joel for offering to do a fireworks show again and thanks to all the members who donate and make this possible.



## 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.

### Thank You!

|                                     |                                 |                                |
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| Gumer & Amy Alvero                  | Lee & Jonelle Hennen            | John & Jean Rivers             |
| Marilyn Andersen                    | Stan & Shirley Hillestad        | Troy & Lori Roovers            |
| Scott & Sandy Anderson              | Harold & Carol Hinnenkamp       | Roz Roswell                    |
| Melanie & Charles Barry             | Gary & Marilyn Hiscock          | Gerald Sauter                  |
| Dennis & Debbie Beltrand            | John & Deb Hoaby                | John & Bonnie Schacherer       |
| Gary, Bob & Leroy Bendickson        | Gary & Cindy Hoganson           | Peter & Charlotte Schreiner    |
| Vernon & Jean Berkness              | Steve & Roxanne Huff            | Elmer Schwartz                 |
| Don & Dawn Berry                    | Jill & Todd Jackson             | Ed & Marge Scinto              |
| John, Gerry & Bill Biebesheimer     | Dan & DeAnne Jenkins            | Irvin & Lorenchia Scott        |
| B.J. Bjorkman                       | Toni deRosier Jerry Hertel      | Dave & Susie Seestrom          |
| Nathaniel & Susan Blaylock          | Craig & Sharon Johnson          | Greg & Joni Selle              |
| Don & Marianne Borgeson             | Gordon & Olive Johnson          | Barb Slimmer                   |
| Gary & Jan Borrell                  | Jeff Jonswold                   | Al & Cheryl Smith              |
| Michael & Barbara Brandt            | Jon & Elizabeth Juntunen        | Paul & Joan Snyder             |
| Jerry & Doris Brinkman              | Mary Kastl                      | David & Jean Snyder            |
| Christopher M. Brown                | Chris & Mary Kastl              | JoAnne Solinger                |
| Tamzin Brown                        | Mrs. Karl (Bobbie) Kaufmann     | John & Jane Spielmann          |
| Thomas & Barbara Brown              | Dr. John & Dorothy Klobe        | James & Trudy Gutowski Stewart |
| Sheldon & Mary Brown                | Dennis & Mary Langhoff          | Herbert & Judy Storms          |
| Scott & Debera O'Leary Bullock      | Jim & Deb Lano                  | Mary Stumpf                    |
| Pete Campbell Family                | Judith & Ronald Libertus        | Karen Sutherland               |
| Tom & Terry Carter                  | Robert N. Lund                  | Tom & Connie Tart              |
| Tom Castle                          | Dr. Nancy & Sally Thompson Lund | Michael & Gloria Thurmes       |
| Bruce & Dana Chamberlin             | Steve & Sue Mann                | Joe & Jean Urista              |
| Ellen Collins                       | Jim & Sandi Martin              | Frank & Irene Vinella          |
| Darrell & Pat Dahl                  | Mike & Suzanne McDonald         | Bill & Tracy Walker            |
| Donald & Mary Dahlke                | Mike & Janet Mengelkoch         | Ralph & Kristina Walker        |
| Dick & Joann DeGrood                | Mark & Barb Menth               | Al & Joyce Wallin              |
| Mark & Sue Dixon                    | Fred & Geraldine Menth          | Richard & Mary Ward            |
| Donna & Gary Dovel                  | Steven E. Miller                | Andrea Welter                  |
| Tom & Sandy Ducharme                | Doug & Martha Miller            | Jim & Deb Werdin               |
| Gerald Dykhoff                      | Russ & Pat Mittelstaedt         | Marilyn Westlin                |
| Ron & LuAnn Elsner                  | Dave & Karen Moonen             | Tom, Carol Ross Westrup        |
| Daniel & Sheree Mattes Erdmann      | Mary Lou Nelson                 | Fred & Elizabeth Williams      |
| Ronald & Mary Lu Flick              | Patty Newell                    | Alan & Susie Wojchouski        |
| Jim & Jan Foldenaur                 | Robert & Diane Niederer         | Denny & Sue Wurm               |
| John & Alta Heneman Fossum          | Rick & Mary Olson               | Alfred & Cathy Wurm            |
| James & Elaine Fox                  | Dorothy & Scott Olson           | Michael & Victoria Zieska      |
| Jim & Robin Fox                     | Robert & Christine Peltier      | Debbie Zinniel                 |
| Donna Frank                         | Don & Cindi Peterson            |                                |
| Eric & Lisa Berglund Gamble Cottage | Craig Peterson                  |                                |
| Drew & Laura Giertsen               | Mark & Teresa Peterson          |                                |
| Joe & Pat Gill                      | Scott & Katie Peterson          |                                |
| Nolan & Deb Grimm                   | Denny & Sally Phenow            |                                |
| Bob & Kathy Gruys                   | Marion Pohlman                  |                                |
| Jerry & Carol Hackenmueller         | Ralph & Jeanette Pugh           |                                |
| Tom & Maggie Hall                   | Charlotte Quiggle               |                                |
| Mark Hanson                         | Ed & Janet Quinn                |                                |
| James & Betsy Hanson                | Peter & Lynn Ramme              |                                |
| Elvira E Hanson                     | Dale & Lois Rasmusson           |                                |
| Chris & Richard Marshall Harff      | Joan & John Rausch              |                                |
| Bob & Jean Heberle                  | Mark & Pam Rentz                |                                |