

The Sugar Lake News

MAY 2011

2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 18-SLA Meeting*

June 25-Fishing Contest

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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Vegetation Report

by: Dale Gustafson
Vegetation Committee

If you get the e-mail Sugar Lake Newsflash or you read the sign on your shore, you already know that we treated for Curly on May 17th and a small area on the west side on May 24th. The areas treated are shown on the map in this newsletter.

This treatment is possible because we are in the Pilot program to control Curly leaf pondweed on a lake-wide or bay-wide basis. As part of this program we get special help and financial support from the DNR to treat Curly leaf pondweed any place we find it with a low dose chemical treatment. This is our third of five years in the program, and we have reduced the amount of area treated and virtually eliminated the problems with excessive growth of Curly leaf pondweed in the entire lake. It appears that we will have to continue to fight this plant in the future, but it also appears that we know how to do the control. See more at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/habitat/lakewide.html>

We have not seen the new growth of Eurasian water milfoil showing up in the lake yet. We know it is there, and we expect to treat that plant in late June or Early July. We need help in locating any place that EWM is growing. So, please learn what this plant looks like, and search around you shore and out into the lake. If you find it or suspect you have, please call someone on the Vegetation committee or any board member to report the location. We will come over and check and locate the plants on our GPS for possible treatment this summer. Once you learn what this plant looks like it is easy to spot. Let's all be spotters and keep ahead of these plants. Unfortunately these are the first wave of invasive plants and animals coming, but it is a good feeling to know we can manage these into the future.

The next invasive problem may be the Zebra or Quagga Mussels. Read the article later in this newsletter and get ready to join others as a ZEBRA SPOTTER. Let's see how many spotters we can have on our lake. This is simple to do and can become a ritual of arriving at the lake. Have the children or grand children go to your dock and check the ZEBRA trap to see if you have any. Watch for more info on the Sugar Lake Zebra Mussel Watch.

If you want to be a Zebra mussel spotter send an email indicating your interest to zebra@sugarlake.org

Water Level Report.

The water is high all over the state and in our area. Water is flowing out of the lake without restriction. The level should come down with dryer weather.

Annual Fishing Contest Saturday, June 25th!

When: 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:00 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.

The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water Physical condition a 2 on 1 (good) to 5(poor) scale. Two nesting loons have been spotted, one on a natural muskrat/beaver mound in the cattails on the east side by channels north of Addison Bay. The second at the platform in the northeast bay behind Sunset Point. Please keep your distance so they are not disturbed and leave the nest.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
05-17-11	11'	55°	62°	28"	33"

Rainfall

Total precipitation in April was 4.70 inches. May rainfall through 23rd was 4.0 inches. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

Membership

Paid membership to date this year is 227. 46 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 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 May 20, 2011

General Fund	\$27,834.32
Lake Improvement Fund	\$21,901.88
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>122,419.22</u>
Total All Funds	\$172,155.42

Membership Meeting

The June 18 Sugar Lake Association meeting at the Corinna Town Hall will be a general membership meeting. Nominations for the board of directors will be finalized.

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 18 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.

Picnic Prize Donations

If you have prizes to donate for the picnic, or know of a neighbor 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

Second 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 to follow. Invite your wives, husbands, kids, families, and friends for an afternoon of fun.
- 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.
- For more information, contact Greg Selle at 763 476-4844 [home]; 612 719-1824 [cell] or gselle@comcast.net.

5K Run/Walk

On **Saturday, September 3, 2011**, the second annual Sugar Lake 5K run/walk will take place. The start line and finish line will be at the Corinna Township on Ireland Ave. The race will go north on Ireland Ave, along the west side of Sugar Lake, and then back on Ireland Ave.

All ages are welcome. The roads will be blocked-off.

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 Party at The Hitching Post at Lake Center

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.

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.

Sugar Lake Fireworks

Joel Williams and the professional crew he works with are available to do a fireworks show on Sugar Lake Saturday, July 2, 2011. We need your help. The Sugar Lake Board will again be the sponsoring organization of this legal, permitted show. It is a one time, one night show. Since no Sugar Lake funds are used for this display we need your help. A show as good as last year will require more than \$6000. We currently have over \$2000. Donations are ahead of last year but we still have quite a ways to go.



Every year many watercraft gather around Joel's place as evening falls and every one has the best seat on the lake. Still many others view his exhibition from near by shores. All this and NO traffic hassles. 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 2 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 tax deductible donation will make this show happen. Please make your donation payable to the Sugar Lake Association and send to:

Sugar Lake Association
 Fireworks Fund
 c/o Trudy Gutowski
 10939 Hart Ave NW
 Maple Lake, MN 55358

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

NOT WANTED on SUGAR LAKE

Zebra and Quagga Mussel Outlaws



Why be concerned?

Zebra and Quagga Mussels cause devastating impact on municipal water systems, recreation and fisheries. Recent infestation on popular lakes such as Minnetonka, Mille Lacs, Gull, and Prior Lake bring this invasion very close to home. Even closer to home is the infestation on Fish Lake (Wright County) just to the north of us.

We need your help to STOP these mussels from entering Sugar Lake.

How can we arrest the spread?

LEARN how to identify zebra mussels.

REMOVE all aquatic plants and animals from boat, motor, trailer and equipment.

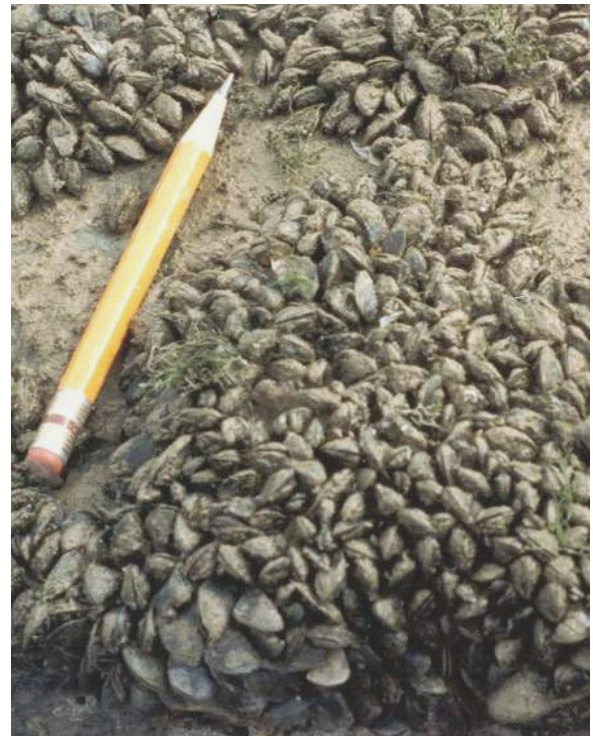
DRAIN water from live wells, bilge, and motor.

DISPOSE of unwanted live minnows and worms in the trash.

RINSE boat and equipment with high pressure or hot water, especially if moored for more than a day OR

DRY everything for at least 5 days

NEVER launch a watercraft with a suspected infection



Are you buying a used dock or lift from another lake?
Are you taking your watercraft to an infested lake (such as Minnetonka, Mill Lacs, Gull, Prior Lake, or Fish Lake)?

VERY IMPORTANT: Clean, pressure wash and dry! And, ideally let dry for at least 5 days before putting in at Sugar Lake

Thanks to our friends on Cedar Lake for this great Zebra mussel article

Did you know?

By Ron Elsner

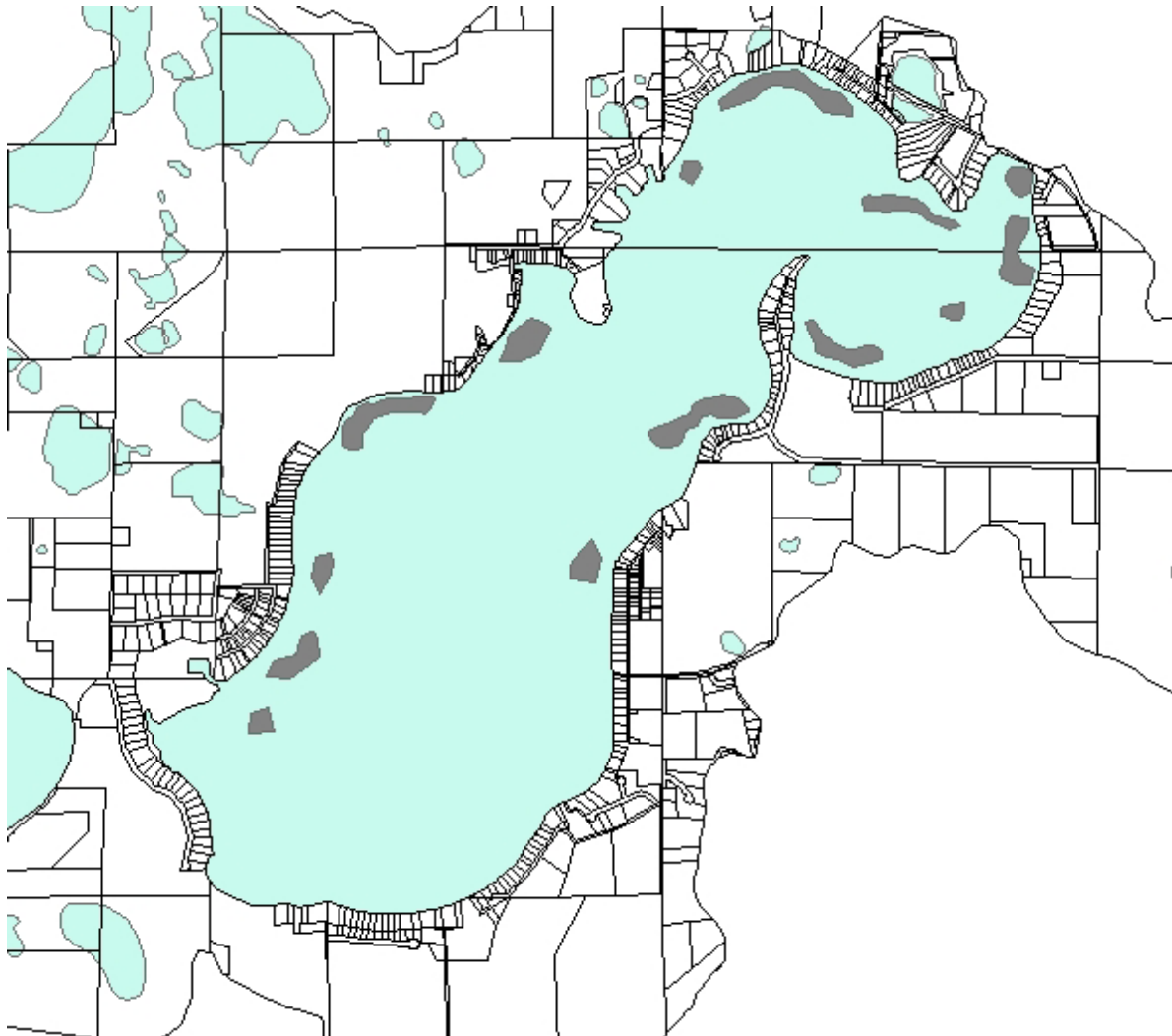
Burning garbage in your backyard—whether done in a traditional burn barrel, wood stove, fire-pit, or at the cabin—is far more harmful to your health, our health, and the environment than previously thought.

The U.S. EPA estimates that one burn barrel (from an average family of four) can produce as much or more dioxin as a full scale municipal waste incinerator burning 200 tons per day. Burning garbage in burn barrels or fire pits creates low temperature fires (less than 2,200° F), which receive very little oxygen and produce a lot of smoke. Under these conditions, a variety of toxic substances are produced and then released directly into the air without being treated or filtered.

For more information about the dangers of burning or how to get involved in the campaign, go the MPCA website at: www.pca.state.mn.us/burnbarrel. Or, you can call the MPCA at 800-657-3864.

**Curly leaf pondweed treatment 2011**

The shaded areas were treated for Curly leaf pondweed May 17. Total acres treated were 53.3. If treatment was with 150 feet of your shoreline a sign on your shore would listed precautions. The product used has a label standard. The only restriction is for drinking or domestic use of the water for two weeks. That period will have ended May 31, 2011. It is safe to use your irrigation system.



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!

Erik & Erica Achman
 Gumer & Amy Alvero
 Melanie & Charles Barry
 Dennis & Debbie Beltrand
 Gary, Bob & Leroy Bendickson
 Chuck & Sandy Benner
 Vernon & Jean Berkness
 John, Gerry & Bill Biebesheimer
 Don & Marianne Borgeson
 Gary & Jan Borrell
 Robert & Cathryn Brabant
 *Michael & Barbara Brandt
 Jerry & Doris Brinkman
 Christopher M. Brown
 Tamzin Brown
 Thomas & Barbara Brown
 Sheldon & Mary Brown
 *Scott & Debera O'Leary Bullock
 Bruce & Dana Chamberlin
 *Ellen Collins
 Darrell & Pat Dahl
 Donald & Mary Dahlke
 Dick & Joann DeGroot
 Mark & Sue Dixon
 Donna & Gary Dovel
 Tom & Sandy Ducharme
 Gerald Dykhoff
 *Daniel & Sheree Mattes Erdmann
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 Karen Moonen
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 Patty Newell
 Tom & Jan Niederer
 Lyn Nonhof-Salvaag
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 *Don & Cindi Peterson
 Mark & Teresa Peterson
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 Ralph & Jeanette Pugh
 Ed & Janet Quinn
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 *Dale & Lois Rasmusson
 *John & Joan Rausch
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 Gerry & Janet Schafer
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 Barb Slimmer
 Michael & Karen Smith
 *Paul & Joan Smith
 JoAnne Solinger
 *John & Jane Spielmann
 John & Shirley Stringer

*Mary Stumpf
 Greg & Kathy Suddendorf
 Tom & Connie Tart
 Steve & Julie Thompson
 *Michael & Gloria Thurmes
 JoAnne Tierney
 Frank & Irene Vinella
 *Bill & Tracy Walker
 Al & Joyce Wallin
 Marilyn Westlin
 *Dave (Doc) & Beth Williams
 Steve & Diane Wiltermuth
 Alan & Susie Wojchowski
 *Alfred & Cathy Wurm
 Tim & Nancy Young
 Mike & Vicki Zieska

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