



The Sugar Lake News

MAY 2013

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

2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15— SLA Meeting*

June 29—Fishing contest

July 6—fireworks

July 20-SLA Meeting*

July 27—Golf Benefit

August 3-SLA Picnic

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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CORRECTION: The dates for Diane's Lights
and the 5K were incorrectly reported as Sep-
tember 1. The correct date for both is August
31.

Plant Exchange 2013



The weather cooperated this year and helped with a great turn-out. Over 400 plants were either exchanged or sold. The profit this year totaled \$313 including \$36 from Hasty Woods for 20% of Hasty Woods sales. The coffee, lemonade, and treats were great. Thanks to Karen Sutherland (pictured to the left) for hosting and organizing the exchange, and thanks to all who helped set up. Please return empty flats and pots to Karen or bring them to the June board meeting or the picnic.



The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition a 2 on 1 (good) to 5 (poor) scale.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
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"
05-16-12	11'	65°	75°	22.5"	28"
05-25-13	11'	56°	58°	18.5"	23.5"

ICE OUT: Thursday, May 2, 2013

Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2013 has reached 201. 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

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 contact:

Deb Beltrand

952-944-1526

Email: dbeltrand@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2013

General Fund	\$12,958.54
Lake Improvement Fund	\$35,891.92
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$148,700.31</u>
Total All Funds	\$197,550.77

Membership Meeting

The June 15 Sugar Lake Association meeting at the Corinna Town Hall will be a general membership meeting. Nominations for the board of directors will be finalized.

Rainfall

Total precipitation in April was 3.50 inches. May rainfall has been 4.35 inches through May 30. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

5K Run/Walk

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 attached to this newsletter and is also 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.

Zebra Mussel Watch Program

The Sugar Lake board is implementing a Zebra Mussel watch program and would like you to get involved. If you would like to volunteer for this program call Doc Williams (H 952-888-9884, Cell 952-486-3573) and he will get you all the items you need to identify and detect Zebra Mussels. All you will need is a computer with e-mail access. We will give you a brick that must be put in the water at the end of your dock. You will need to check it once a week and report findings to a special e-mail address. You can make this a fun thing to do. Have your children or grandchildren make this the first item of business when you arrive at the lake.

Please volunteer, our lake needs your help.

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.

Sugar Lake Fireworks Fireworks Order Deadline Approaches – Help Us

We need to fund our July 6, 2013 firework show by **June 6th. If not funded there will be no show this year.** The delayed fireworks order and payment date is rapidly approaching. Last year the display was funded by voluntary donations of close to \$6,000 and we are currently almost halfway there. If you have yet to



send in your annual dues, do so today, including a fireworks donation. If you are already a 2013 member please reconsider and contribute some or some more specifically to the Fireworks Fund. Make your check out to: Sugar Lake Association, in the memo space put fireworks and send it to SLA Treasurer

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

Have an old pontoon boat to donate for a fireworks display stage, please contact Joel Williams at : 612-363-0197.

Annual Fishing Contest Saturday, June 29th!

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

Where: Home of Rick Olson on the north end of the lake at 6611-123 Ave NW.

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 Bonine at 320-274-2005.

Sugar Lake Association Board Nominations

Are you interested in becoming a Sugar Lake Association board member? Do you know someone who may be interested in the position or you believe would be a good board member, please contact

Paul Gustafson: 320-274-8635.

The nominating committee would like to have a slate of candidates ready before our June 15 meeting. Our 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.

Water Patrol

Remember to renew or obtain your swim raft permit. Contact the Wright County Sheriff's Department at 763-682-7689. Your permit number must be displayed and the raft must be reflectorized to reflect light from all directions.

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

This past Memorial Day, the DeGrood family took possession of their prize for taking first place in the 2012 Diane's Lights Night contest. They received a case of Pepsi product for each of the 12 weeks of summer and it was a well-deserved prize. The DeGroods are on the south east corner of the North



Bay and their display was awesome. As you approached their place, you noticed 4 lines of luminaries cascading down from a high point to a fire pit on their beach. Every minute or so, a ball of fire would appear at the top and cascade down to the fire pit then erupt into a big flame. You can read the entire description of the night's events by going to sugarlake.org and click on the newsletter tab. Look for the September 2012 issue. The DeGrood family has agreed to be this year's event judges.

Why not start thinking about what you might want to do for a display. If you know who will be at your cabin on Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, get the group together and come up with an idea. Can't think of one? Go to sugarlake.org and read what others have done in the past. Click on the newsletter tab and go to past September issues where you will find many ideas that you can expand upon.

Good luck.

Vegetation

The shaded areas on the map below were treated by Lake Restoration for Curly leaf pondweed May 28, 2013. Total acres treated were 23.49. If treatment was with 150 feet of your shoreline a sign on your shore listed precautions. The product used has a label standard. It is safe to use your irrigation system. There are no other restrictions with this product.

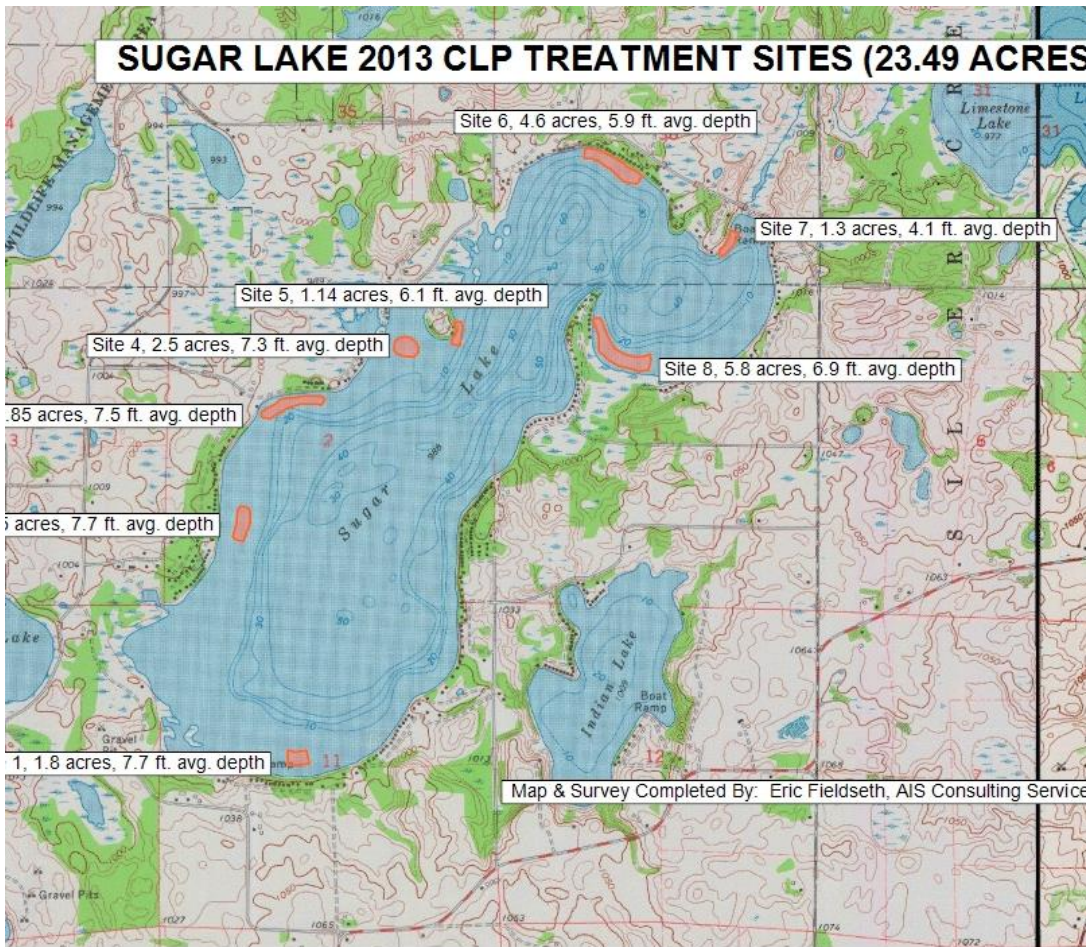
You may notice that some of these areas have been treated before. That is true, and the reason is that turions (they look like pine cones) can remain in the lake bottom for many years and still germinate. The total area of Curly leaf has been reduced in Sugar lake, but we will continue to attempt to keep on top of this invasive plant.

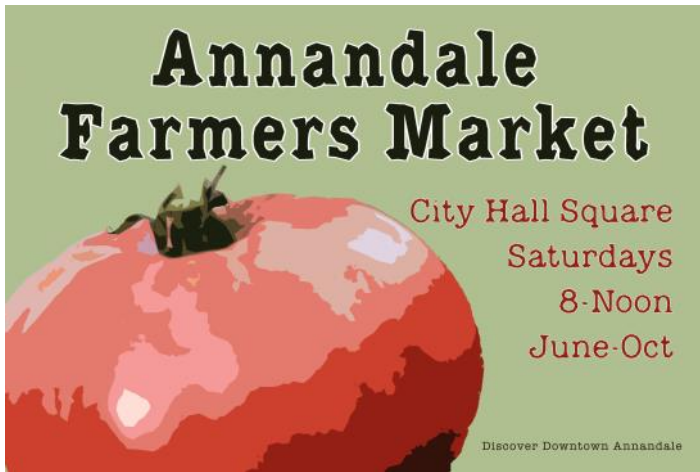
The next big event for the Vegetation Committee will be the Eurasian water milfoil treatment some time in June. We have some areas located, but we have to look for other new or persistent patches of this plant. If you see any areas of Eurasian water milfoil please call some one on the committee or call Dale Gustafson. (763-286-5142) We will check it out and see if it needs to be treated this early summer.

We want to thank those people that helped us with reporting daily lake temperatures at their dock this year. We keep close records on the temperature for Curly leaf treatment because we can only treat the lake between 50 to 60 degrees. Next year we would like to also have someone taking temperatures daily on the south end, and the north bay. We want temperature taken about 8AM each day when you can and emails sent that morning to Dale. These temps are then relayed to the treating company and the DNR to help us decide when to treat.

We have purchased new software from Ci BioBase and equipment to map our vegetation this year and we are excited about what this can do for us. If you happen to own a Lowrance HD Gen 2 depth finder consider helping us track the vegetation. We collect data from the lake with these depth finders and then load it on to a web site where we can analyze the density of the vegetation and see the changes in vegetation in the lake. The map you see shows the areas we identified this spring with this new equipment and web site.

Vegetation Committee





Spend your Saturday mornings in downtown Annandale at City Hall Square! The Market proudly presents artisan breads, cheeses, honey, syrup, local produce, eggs, pies, caramel rolls, music and more. Market runs June 1 thru the first weekend in October.

Brandon Beckman Memorial Sugar Lake 5K- Registration Form

(Please complete one per participant)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Age on Race Day: _____ Gender M F

Shirt Size (circle one):

ADULT S M L XL XXL

Race entered:

5K Walk _____

5K Run _____

T-Shirt Only _____ (Pick up only-Day of Race)

Donation Only _____

**For help in planning, please check if you think you will attend brunch at the "Hitching Post" _____ How many in your group? _____

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.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby release the Sugar Lake Brandon Beckman Run/Walk, the Sugar Lake Association and the Corinna Township from any and all liability arising from illness or injuries I may suffer as a result of my participation in this event, for which I am physically fit and trained.

Signature: _____

****Mail-in registration only (no email). Registration and fee need to be received by August 15, 2013 in order to get t-shirt. Registration will also be available on race day (no t-shirt).**

On **Saturday, August 31**, the 4th annual Sugar Lake Brandon Beckman Memorial 5K run/walk will take place. The start and finish lines will be at the Corinna Township on Ireland Ave. Please park in the lot at the township. 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.

Adults - \$25 (Pre-registration and race day registration). Only pre-registered participants will get a t-shirt.

Children (who are running or walking on their own) - \$10 if no-shirt size is selected. \$25 if t-shirt size is selected (adult size only). No charge for children in strollers, etc.

**New This Year-You can order just a t-shirt for \$10 (without participating). Submit form by August 15. Must pick-up on race day at Corinna Township by 10am (no deliveries).

Schedule of Events

8:00 – 8:50 am Registration/Check-In (Get numbers, t-shirts, etc)

9:00 am 5K Run/Walk (Everyone will start at the same time/location)

10:00 am Brunch/Party at The Hitching Post at Lake Center

All pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Snacks and beverages will be provided in the parking lot after the event. The top finishers for the 5k run will be given certificates and announced in the Sugar Lake Association newsletter.

Please make checks payable to Sugar Lake Association and mail other half of form to: Cathy Beckman

**10880 Imhoff Ave NW
Annandale, MN 55302**

Contact Kristin at kristinturn@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to volunteer. The event will take place rain or shine!

What Can YOU do to Halt the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)?

“Eyes and Ears of the Lake” is Good Lake Stewardship

VISIT www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information



Zebra Mussels impact recreational use of lakes



Zebra Mussels can attach to aquatic plants



Juvenile Zebra Mussels are small



**Zebra Mussels on a native clam
ALSO: Zebra Mussels deplete food supply for native fish**

- **Hire dock & boat lift installers that are DNR trained Lake Service Providers** They are trained to protect non-infested waters from AIS and identify new infestations. It's the law for anyone working for hire in Minnesota public waters - the business is required to obtain a \$50 DNR permit. The employee is required to obtain a FREE DNR certification online. (DNR website - search **LSP**) Use your Smartphone to scan this QR code for a list of DNR permitted Lake Service Providers.

Ask to see the DNR issued certificate of the LSP dock and lift worker. They are required to carry. Businesses and workers that are properly trained will be happy to show you their credentials.



- **Know that watercraft and all water-related equipment can spread AIS** Adult Zebra Mussels (ZM) can live for up to **30 days** and ZM larvae (veligers) are microscopic and cannot be seen. Veligers can live in water for up to **27 days** - so any watercraft that has moist areas and not completely dry could transport live veligers when moving boats from lake to lake. That includes all wakeboard/fishing/sail boats, jet skis, scuba gear, float planes, canoes, kayaks, all fishing gear, waders and waterfowl hunting gear. **CLEAN DRAIN and DRY** thoroughly before going from lake to lake.
 - **Moving a dock, boatlift or other water-related equipment is risky** Docks, boat lifts, rafts and all other water-related equipment must be out of water **at least 21 days** prior to installing into another lake. **IT'S THE LAW!** If purchasing used equipment, be cautious about where it previously had been installed. The safest is to let used equipment freeze over winter and install in the spring.
 - **Educate guests!** Make sure transported watercraft or water-related equipment of guests arriving from other lakes/ivers (including out-of-state) are free of zebra mussels and other Aquatic Invasive Species. (Eurasian watermilfoil, spiny water fleas and others not yet in Minnesota - like hydrilla)
- Watercraft coming from infested waters should adhere to recommended dry times or professional decontamination. (100thmeridian.org - search **dry time estimator**)
- **Know current laws and follow them.** Before leaving public accesses, water must be drained from all water-related equipment. All bait containers with lake water must be drained and watercraft must be **transported with the plug out**. (DNR website - search **invasive species laws**)
 - **Know where designated infested waters are** in Minnesota (DNR website - search **infested waters**) and other states. It is important to know that others waters could be infested and not yet identified. It is best to take precautions when moving any watercraft or equipment from lake to lake. This means treating with 140° water for 10 seconds **or** drying for recommended times which can be found at: 100thmeridian.org search **dry time estimator**. A unilateral 5 days in MN is not enough.
 - **Learn to identify each aquatic invasive** (zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, spiny water fleas, rusty crayfish etc). Be aware of AIS not currently in MN such as hydrilla which is in Iowa.
 - **Promote good relationships** among your lake neighbors. Make sure neighbors know how to prevent the spread of AIS and follow the laws of the state. Boats coming from other lakes should take precautions.
 - **Report suspected new AIS sightings to the DNR.** It's the law!

QUESTIONS: DNR - Ecological and Water Resources - 651-259-5100

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