



Sugar Lake Association

Sugar Lake, Wright County, Minnesota

www.sugarlake.org

May 2014

Dear Members,

Enclosed is a copy of the May edition of the SLA Newsletter to bring you up to speed on all the latest. Also enclosed are your raffle tickets for the annual fundraiser. The raffle prizes remain the same as last year: \$500 cash grand prize, a \$200 second prize and a \$100 third prize. We ask for your help in selling 20 tickets at \$1.00 each. 100% of the proceeds of the raffle ticket sales (after prizes) will go to the invasive species fund to fight Curly leaf pondweed, Eurasian water milfoil, or other invasives.

In addition to the newsletter, enclosed is a registration form for the Sugar Lake 5K run/walk. This event will be held August 30. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.

Also included in this mailing is a brochure titled Inspection and Cleaning Guidelines. This brochure was developed and printed by the Becker County COLA and is being widely distributed around the state to MNCOLA members. It is a very comprehensive guide on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and how to clean them from all your lake equipment and lake recreational gear.

It's not too early to make plans for the annual Sugar Lake Association Picnic. The picnic will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2014. The raffle drawing will be the final event of the day. Plan to join your friends and neighbors from the lake as you enjoy the food, games, and refreshments. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets. You won't want to miss it! (Note: Winners of the raffle prize drawing need not be present to win.)

Please return stubs from the tickets you have sold, along with a check payable to the Sugar Lake Association, (NO CASH please) in the enclosed envelope postmarked by July 28 or in person at the picnic. Donations for the Raffle Drawing are tax deductible. Please remove the staple from your ticket stubs before you send them in. If you need additional tickets, contact Jon Juntunen at Jon.Juntunen@live.com or call 320-963-7344.

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Regards,
Karen Sutherland
Chairman, Sugar Lake Association



The Sugar Lake News

MAY 2014

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

2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21 SLA Meeting*

June 21 Summer Splash

June 28 Fishing Contest

June 28 Wine & Gardens

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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changes

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Annandale, MN 55302

320-274-8623

E-mail membership@sugarlake.org

Plant Exchange 2014

Excellent weather provided the perfect backdrop for the plant exchange this year. The coffee, lemonade, and treats were great. Thanks to Karen Sutherland 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
05-15-09	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"
05-23-14	9.5'	48°	49°	24.25"	28.25"

ICE OUT: April 26, 2014

The loon elected not to use the platform on the east side near Sullivan's Sugar Lake Shores, but is nesting on the back side of the cattail group in the area. Still separated from shore by water. There is a pair using the platform in the north east bay at this time.

Membership

Paid SLA membership is currently at 187. 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

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 forsale@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, 2014

General Fund	\$20,276.13
Lake Improvement Fund	\$39,924.28
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$142,725.24</u>
Total All Funds	\$202,925.65

Rainfall

Total precipitation in April was 5.60 inches. May rainfall was 5.55 inches. Year to date rainfall is 13.95 inches, about 5 inches above normal. Thanks to Andy Juetten for the rainfall information.

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.

5K Run/Walk

On **Saturday, August 30th**, the 5th Annual Sugar Lake 5K Run/Walk will take place. The start and finish lines will be at the Corinna Township Hall on Ireland Ave. The roads will be patrolled during the 5K. All ages are welcome.



All pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. 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.

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** Awards Ceremony
- 10:15 am** Brunch at The Hitching Post at Lake Center (Buffet and beverages not included in registration fee)

The registration form is attached to this newsletter and is also available at www.sugarlake.org.

Zebra Mussel Watch Program

The Sugar Lake board has an established Zebra mussel watch program. If you are interested in participating in the program send an email to zebra@sugarlake.org. We will give you a brick that must be put in the water at the end of your dock. (Don Peterson & Dale Gustafson shown with a sample of the monitoring brick) You will need to check it once a week and report monthly findings. 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.



Vegetation

SLA Vegetation Report:

The vegetation committee has been working on our mapping of the entire vegetative area of the lake, referred to as the littoral area (from the shoreline out to where vegetation does not grow; in Sugar Lake that is approximately twenty feet deep). This “ice out” mapping will give us a starting point for identifying new plant growth. At this point in time I thought I would be telling you about how much Curly leaf pondweed (CLP) we had to treat this year. However, regardless how much we searched we could not find more than a few very small pieces of CLP. At this time we do not know for sure what happened to the CLP, but we probably will learn more as the vegetation get larger. Everyone has different ideas, but the bottom line is that if it doesn’t start growing soon we may be lucky enough to be in a low point in the CLP spread. The most popular idea is that the long winter with snow cover on the ice killed the plants that were growing last fall. That is a good thing, but it does not mean that there are not any turions that will grow plants in the future. We will just have to keep vigilant.

We are about to start searching for Eurasian water milfoil so you may see us out on the water soon. We are very thankful to some new volunteers who have taken the time to learn the use of our Lowrance High Definition depth finders and have spent considerable time mapping the vegetation this spring. Watch for these volunteers as they are on the lake making trips back and forth from the near shore to about 20 feet deep. They need to make regular passes and completely cover the areas they are searching to get good data. Please give them room and the “right of way” to work if you see them in your area.

Our next treatment will most likely be for Eurasian Water Milfoil, and that should happen in late June or early July when we finish our surveys of where to treat. Watch for news flashes as that time approaches. If you are not on the New Flash list this a good reason to sign up.

Dale Gustafson Vegetation Chair

Annual Fishing Contest Saturday, June 28th!

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.

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.

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

Don Peterson: 952-361-3026.

The nominating committee would like to have a slate of candidates ready before our June 21 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.

Membership Meeting

The June 21 Sugar Lake Association meeting at the Corinna Town Hall will be a general membership meeting. Nominations for the board of directors will be finalized.

Water Patrol

Deputy Matthew Sturm, Wright County Sheriff's office, spoke at the May meeting of the SLA Board about the new direction of the Water Safety Patrol program. Sugar Lake has been without a volunteer water patrol for some time.

Deputy Sturm explained that under the new guidelines, the water patrol will not carry a Sheriff's official flag but rather represent the lake association. Water patrol duties will focus on education and aid. A sheriff's deputy will be on call to respond to dangerous behavior observed on the lake. Any confrontations regarding water safety will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's office.

The Wright County Sheriff's office would like SLA to again have a water patrol, a sentiment reflected by the Board. Doug Beckman has volunteered to start discussions on how the patrol will operate. He will report back to the Board at the June 21 meeting. Anyone who is interested in serving on the prospective new SLA water patrol should contact Doug immediately in order to be part of this planning process.

Phone: 320-274-8623

Email: beckmanhardwoodfloors@hotmail.com



Doug & Cathy Beckman with Deputy Matthew Sturm

COLA NEWS

By Dale Gustafson

Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WCCOLA) and Minnesota Coalition of County COLAs (MN COLA)

This has been a very busy year for these organizations working on setting up programs on the county level to work to control invasive species. The Wright COLA has established a Public Land-ing Watch Program and will have trained people monitoring the public landings in the Wright County area. Sugar Lake will be the first to have one of these county employees working our land-ings. Give them all the courtesy and support you can.

Now the Big News!!

\$20.4 Million to fight Aquatic Invasive Species!

Both the WCCOLA and the MN COLA have worked very hard at the legislature--with great success! Perhaps the best way to summarize is with this report from the Minnesota Lake & Rivers Ad-vocates report from the director Jeff Forester:

Aquatic Invasive Species

"In 2011 MLR heard from our members that they were concerned about the spread of Aquatic Inva-sive Species (AIS) across the state. MLR set the goal, "To establish a reliable and ongoing source of funding for a comprehensive statewide plan to stop the spread of AIS." In 2012 we worked for an increase in funding for the Department of Nat-ural Resources. But AIS efforts remained uncoor-dinated and uneven. In conjunction with MN COLA, MLR surveyed Lake Associations and learned that locals were collecting and spending more money than the state to protect the public waters. Jeff Forester, in his role as Executive Di-rector of MLR, began urging for AIS funding at the local level. MLR pushed this message in the media. Lake Associations, COLAs and MLR members sent thousands of emails to legislators urging them to locally fund a comprehensive statewide AIS plan.

As a result, six key measures passed the Legisla-ture on Friday, May 16th. Governor Dayton is expected to sign them into law within the next two weeks:

\$10 million dollars ANNUALLY will come from the general fund directly to counties for local AIS work. The first installment will arrive in the counties on July 1, 2014 with subsequent payments to arrive in March and then July in future years. Counties will work to establish a coordinated AIS action plan. The Legislation allows counties to make grants to lake associ-ations and other groups that support their AIS programs. The money is apportioned based on a formula of the number of public boat ramps in a county combined with the number of watercraft trailer parking spots. This will be a game changer in AIS work at your lake association. Special thanks go to Senators Rod Skoe and Ann Rest, and Representatives Ann Lenczewski and Ron Erhardt for their authorship of the bill and leadership.

Change in the language of Delegation Agreements that local units of government must sign with the MN DNR to do work at public boat ramps. The changes make it easier for the counties or local government units to sign.

Legislation that requires the Department of Trans- portation and MN DNR to work together to use wayside rest areas for AIS education, in- spection and decontamination.

\$4.4 million in Legacy Funds for grants to support innovation and pilot projects around the state to control the introduction and spread of AIS.

\$6 million in bonding to build a world class lab at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Re- search Center at the University of Minneso- ta."

How is that for great work in 2013-2014!

Many of you have joined the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, and we encourage more of you to join and contribute to their efforts. These are the people who help us by having their lobbyist at the legislature every day to encourage the process of get- ting this outcome. There is no doubt in my mind that the success this year would not have been possi- ble without the hard work of the Lakes and Rivers Advocates.



Sugar Lake Summer Splash

A New Event This Year!

Don't wait until the SLA picnic to mingle with your Sugar Lake neighbors. Join us on Saturday, June 21 from 11-1

Grab Some Lunch-Free Hot-Dogs and Lemonade!

We will have booths representing the various social events sponsored by the Lake Association, including the 5K & Wine Tasting Event.

A Zebra Mussel display.

Sign up for Zebra mussel watch and pick-up your monitoring brick.

Sugar Lake History and Photo display for those who were not able to attend the Winter Meeting. Dale Gustafson will be on hand to explain our lake plan for invasives, and demonstrate the high-tech GPS mapping program used by our association.

Check out some fun Sugar Lake apparel. Kids will enjoy the Monarch Display and fun activities. Adults, bring your camera, we have a fun Summer Splash Photo Prop. Enjoy the Music, and register to win a SUP rental from Anchor Dock. Anchor Dock will also have a display of their SUP Boards and kayaks to check out.

If you have any questions please contact:

Cathy Beckman-753-412-9340

E-Mail-cbeckman01@gmail.com

Sugar Lake Association Wine and Garden Event

This year we will taste wines, craft beers, chocolate, cheese, and sausage from some of our local treasures! This is sure to be a fun an opportunity to try different varieties of wine and beer with your neighbors and raise money for Sugar Lake Association!

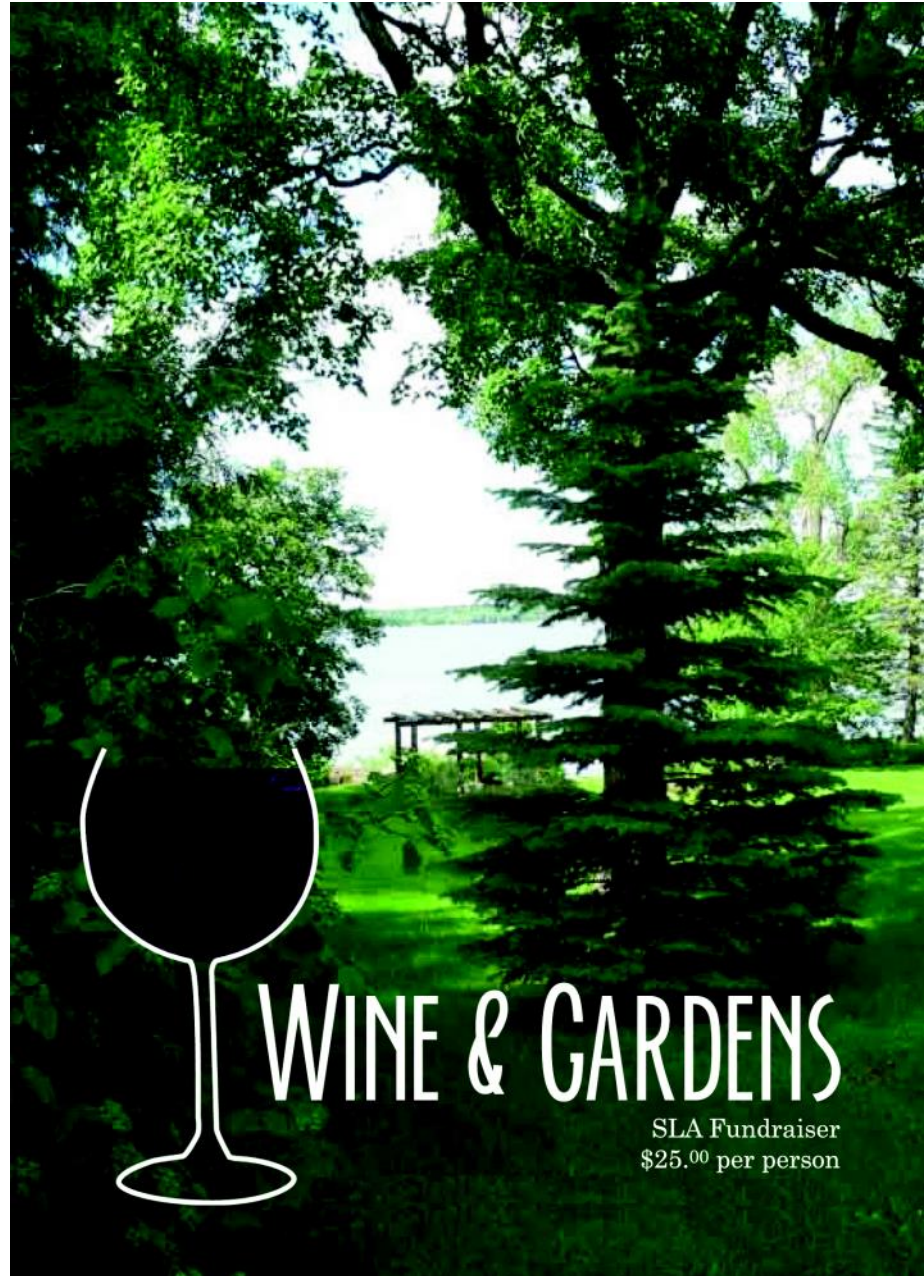
Cost is only \$25/person.

If you have any questions, please contact Claudia Finneman at 612-599-9846, or e-mail cfinneman@graco.com.

When: Saturday, June 28, 2014,
5 p.m.– 7 p.m..

Where: 7488 106 ST NW, Ma-
ple Lake (Sutherlands)

Driving Directions: From the intersection of Hwys 7, 39, and 123, go north on 123. Where 123 makes a sharp right turn, go straight onto the gravel road (Howe), (now flanked by only one fieldstone pillar). The house is at the end of that road. Parking areas will be designated. From the east on 123, turn right onto the gravel road at the sharp turn.



Wright County Soil and Water Hiring Part-Time for the Summer.

Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District is hiring Watercraft Inspectors part-time for the summer. Inspection training will be provided. Duties include inspecting watercraft entering and leaving lakes in the area and educating boaters on the importance of preventing transportation of aquatic invasive species.

Applicants must be 18 years or older. \$10/hour.

Contact Joe Jacobs, Water Resource Specialist, Wright County SWCD:

joe.jacobs@mn.nacdnet.net

763-682-1970

2014 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
How did you hear about the race? _____

Shirt Selection (circle size and shirt style):

ADULT S M L XL XXL

100% Cotton T-shirt- \$25

Polyester Athletic T-shirt- \$30

Race entered:

5K Walk _____

5K Run _____

Donation Only _____

In order to plan, we will need the following information. This does not commit you to attending- you may opt out or decide to come later.

Check if you plan to 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 5k Run/Walk, the Sugar Lake Association, and 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 14, 2014 in order to receive a t-shirt. Registration will also be available on race day (no t-shirt).**

On **Saturday, August 30th**, the 5th Annual Sugar Lake 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 roads will be patrolled during the 5K. All ages are welcome.

Adults - \$25 for cotton or \$30 for athletic. Pre-registration and race day registration fees are the same. However, only pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt.

Children (who are running or walking on their own) - \$10 if no shirt size is selected. \$25 for cotton or \$30 for athletic shirt (adult size only). No charge for children in strollers, carriers, etc.

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 Awards Ceremony

10:15 am Brunch at The Hitching Post at Lake Center (Buffet and beverages not included in registration fee)

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 3 adult finishers and top child finisher (14 and under) for the 5k run will be given certificates and announced at the post-race awards ceremony and in the Sugar Lake Association newsletter.

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

Kristin Turner

Sugar Lake 5k

15605 24th Ave N Unit A

Plymouth, MN 55447

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

