

The Sugar Lake News

October 2009

2010

Calendar of Events

February 6-winter meeting

April 17-SLA Meeting*

May 15-SLA Meeting*

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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Sugar Lake – Your Lake

"Timing is everything"

"A stitch in time saves nine"

"Teach your children well"

These every-day sayings remind us that we must act *today* to reap rewards in the *future*. This is especially true when it comes to improving the water quality of our beloved Sugar Lake.

As many of you know, we are at a critical juncture in our efforts to control invasive aquatic plant species. This past year, largely due to the Sugar Lake Association's strong commitment (in terms of both financial and volunteer support), the DNR selected Sugar Lake to be just 1 of 18 of Minnesota's 15,000 lakes to participate in its 5-year pilot "Whole Lake or Whole Bay Treatment" program. We were able to keep Curly leaf pondweed under control this summer largely because we were allowed to treat it wherever it was growing in the lake without the area limitations that have constrained us in the past.

Other lakes that have been in the program for a few years have had **tremendous success**; the initial treatment of all invasive plants has resulted in diminishing the infestation to such an extent that treatment in ensuing years has been reduced to a fraction of previous levels, and in some cases, those lakes have required no treatment at all for a few seasons. It is not feasible to remove all of the invasive plants from an infected lake, but **if you can reduce the quantity so you only have to manage small areas, you win the game**. That is what we hope to do with these two invasive plants in Sugar Lake.

The key to getting both Curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil under control is **TIMING**—we are in the program **NOW**, so **NOW** is when we must act. If we work together and support aggressive treatment of invasive species **NOW**, we (and our children and grandchildren) will benefit in the future. Reducing the number of existing plants now means that we will be able to curtail their growth and spread. Conversely, if the plants that are in the lake now are not all treated, they will continue to grow exponentially along *all our shores* and will cost us *much more* to control in the future.

Treating the whole lake for invasive plant species costs a lot of money, but if all of our members (and other friends of the lake) participate in our fundraising drive, we can continue our success with Curly leaf and make similar progress in controlling EWM (Eurasian water milfoil).

It is a tough time to be asking for money, but please consider making a generous donation to the SLA Invasive Species Fund. Many of you are now planning your year-end charitable contributions. Christmas gifting is just around the corner. Consider a gift to the lake in your honor! Why?

It is a gift you all can enjoy all year long and for years to come

It doesn't have to be dusted

Duplicates need not be returned

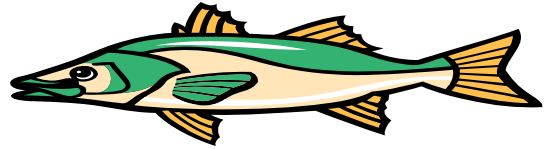
It is tax deductible

Best of all it is a gift to all who love Sugar Lake!

Thank you
Karen Gusaas and the SLA Board

KASTL'S KORNER

the latest lake report. The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor).



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
10-13-04	6'	64°	68°	18"	23"
10-11-05	11'	47°	54°	26"	31"
10-03-06	8'	58°	60°	17"	22"
10-12-07	10'	56°	50°	20"	25"
10-13-08	10'	55°	58°	16"	21"
10-17-09	11'	57°	55°	18"	23"

Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2009 has reached 320.

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 correct 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 October 23, 2009

General Fund	\$6,535.04
Lake Improvement Fund	\$18,219.14
Milfoil & Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$70,677.47</u>
Total All Funds	\$95,431.65

2008-09 Budget

The proposed budget for 2009-2010 was unanimously approved:

General fund	\$7,088.50
Lake improvement	\$14,310.00
Milfoil & invasive species	<u>\$90,200.00</u>
	\$111,538.50

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: 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: Sharon Lee 320-558-6725

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com.

Rainfall

October rainfall was 5.6 inches. Year to date rainfall has been 25.9 inches. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall totals

Winter meeting at Cabela's in Rogers

The SLA winter meeting will be held at Cabela's in Rogers Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Meeting topics include:

- An invasive species expert will address the group
- Review our current invasive species status
- Discuss the threat of new invasive species
- Fundraising update
- 2010 plans
- This meeting will also be a general membership meeting. Financial decisions may be made.

Cabela's is located in Rogers near the intersection of I-494 and MN Hwy 101 at 20200 Rogers Dr. The conference rooms are on the second floor near the deli. A complimentary continental breakfast will be available.

Jim Kastl Retires

"Kastl's Korner" on page 2 of this newsletter marks Jim Kastl's last report. Jim is retiring from taking our water quality readings. Jim has been reporting secchi disc and lake level readings to the MPCA since 1974. He has received MPCA recognition for his years of service. We wish Jim the best and thank him for his dedication to monitoring the water quality of Sugar Lake for so many years.

***Give Our Lake a Break***

Please remove any buoys or equipment from the lake before ice-over. Help keep the lake clean by picking up any trash on the ice this winter.

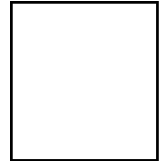
Need snow removal?

Need snow removal this winter?

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