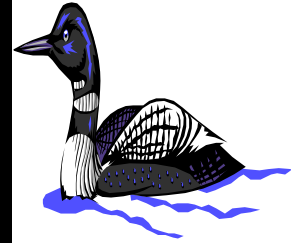


# THE SUGAR LAKE NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2004



2004

### Calendar of Events

**October 16-SLA Meeting\***

\*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna Township hall at 8:00 a.m.

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### *Give Our Lake a Break*

As you pull your docks and boat lifts out this fall look for zebra mussels. (See the zebra mussel article inside for more Information.)

### Fall Clean-Up Time

Fall is a time of year when you can have a major impact on lake water quality. All the beautiful trees around Sugar Lake will be losing their leaves soon. What we do with those leaves can directly affect the water quality of Sugar Lake. Decomposing tree leaves are a source of phosphorus. As they break down the phosphorus released can be washed into the lake by rainfall. Higher levels of phosphorus lead to algae blooms that decrease water clarity. Decreased water clarity is bad for the desirable native plant population and affects our recreational use of the lake and even property values.



#### **Some of the things we can do to help this fall:**

- Rake and remove the leaves. Take them to the Corinna Township yard on Ireland Ave just north of County Road 39.
- Compost the leaves. Composting breaks down organic material to a product that is beneficial to the soil and growing plants. Look at the Sugar lake website, [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org), for an article on starting a compost pile.
- Help a neighbor who can't manage fall clean-up alone. Make it a neighborhood social event.
- Hire a lawn service to clean-up for you if you don't have the time.
- Let the grass grow along the lakeshore or plant a buffer strip of native plants along the shoreline. The longer grasses will catch leaves and debris that would otherwise blow into the lake.
- **Don't burn your leaves.**



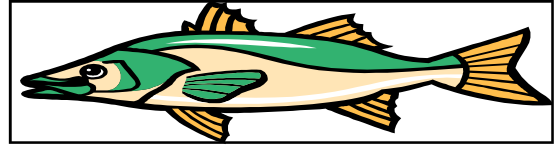
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# SEPTEMBER 18 ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## **KASTL'S KORNER**-the latest lake report.

The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). Two loons noted. The loons will be leaving in mid-September singly or in small groups, usually in daylight.

They winter in Florida or the gulf coast area. Expect them back in late March to mid-May. Average arrival date is 4/23.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Clarity</b>	<b>Water Temp</b>	<b>Air Temp</b>	<b>Culvert</b>	
				<b>Inlet</b>	<b>Outlet</b>
09-15-99	9'	64°	59°	19"	24"
09-14-00	9'	61°	70°	12"	17"
09-12-01	10'	60°	70°	10"	15"
09-18-02	9'	74°	68°	27"	32"
09-19-03	9'	78°	77°	15"	20"
09-16-03	9'	64°	62°	17"	22"

## **Rainfall**

August rainfall was 1.91 inches. No single rainfall in August was more than 1/2 inch. Total for the year is 19 inches, about 1 1/2 inches below normal.

## **Treasurer's Report**- report as of September 18, 2004

General Fund	\$ 13,139.47
Lake Improvement Fund	\$ 16,866.66
Milfoil Fund	<u>\$ 34,359.60</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 64,385.73</b>

## **Membership**

Paid SLA membership for 2004 has reached 371. If you haven't paid your 2004 dues, please send your \$20 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: Sugar Lake Association 7285 120th St NW., Annandale, MN 55302.

If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Karen Pitra. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Karen of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Karen at 320-274-8153 or email kak8900@aol.com.

**SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH:** This e-mail service is available for Sugar Lake members, family, and friends. Contact Tanya Olin at tanya.m.olin@wellsfargo.com or call 320-274-5218 with your e-mail address to get on the Sugar Lake News Flash list or to submit news items or sale items. Please keep your e-mail address updated with Tanya. Effective immediately News Flash sale ads will be sent out on Wednesdays. Please have any ads to Tanya by 10 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Work on the new directory was delayed this year. It was decided by the board to delay publication until spring 2005. Samples and cost estimates will be presented at the winter meeting.

## **Newsletter**

Seven issues of The Sugar Lake News are published every year starting in April and continuing through October. Each issue is mailed to the membership. Some members have expressed an interest in receiving the newsletter electronically. The electronic version of the newsletter is in Adobe PDF format that requires the free Adobe reader program to view. Advantages of receiving the newsletter electronically include receiving it earlier and seeing it in full color rather than black and white as it is printed. The advantage to the association is the savings in postage allowing those dollars to be spent on other lake issues. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically please send a request to Tanya Olin at Tanya.m.olin@wellsfargo.com. Include your email address if it is not on record as part of the News Flash list. If you need a copy of the Adobe reader program you can find a link on the Sugar Lake Association web site. Additionally you can view all 2003 and year-to-date 2004 newsletters at [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org).

## **Township News**

**Corinna Township** Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 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

**Clearwater Township** Town Board meetings are held the third week 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

## **Board of Directors**

Outgoing board members deserve a big thanks from everyone for three years of hard work on Sugar Lake Association business. Thank you to the following individuals:

Lynne Bonine

Richard Choate

Andy Juetten

Gordon Koring

Don Peterson

Steve Wiltermuth

## **New Officers for 2004/2005**

**Chairman:** Steve Mann

**Treasurer:** Tom Hall

**Vice-Chairman:** Deb Beltrand

**Secretary:** Michelle Pippo

## **Diane's Lights Night** By Doc Williams

As I start to prepare my cabin for another winter, I think back to last summer and all the fun times we had. The swimming, boating, fishing, and partying with neighbors were the best, and it was all capped off with the grand finale of Diane's Lights Night. This year's event had some pretty stiff competition and the Peifer's, who did the judging, had to revisit a number of sites before they came to their final decision. Although prizes only go to the top 3 displays, they said that if there had been a 4<sup>th</sup> place, it would have gone to all of "flag bay," on the west side of Sunset Point. Although each house had an individual display, the cumulative effect was dazzling. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner this year goes to the Zieska family in "flag bay." The hill in front of their house was a perfect place to spell out "Sugar Lake" with white luminaries. Mike, Vicki, and Sara were the artists. Second place goes to the Williamsons also in "flag bay." Their display consisted of 7-foot candle-lit letters that read DI'S. I wonder if they will add the letters ANE next year. Mary & Gary Williamson bought their house last fall and this is their first full summer on the lake. First place and a summer of free Pepsi products next year goes to the Groenke family in area Z on the northwest side of the lake. Their display consisted of multiple rows of lighting starting on the beach and ending with candle lit flags in the windows. They used luminaries, tiki torches, charcoal fires, and lanterns. Gloria Groenke said she just sat back and let her children do the decorating and what a nice job it was. Congratulations to all the winners and a job well done to all those who participated. Unfortunately, at least one display was disqualified because it had electric lighting. The SLA board hopes you enjoyed this and all the activities we organized this year. If you have new ideas, come to a meeting and share your thoughts.



## **New Business**

- The budget for next year was developed. Look for a report on the approved budget in the October newsletter.
- A motion was made and passed to put raffle sales income for 2005 into the milfoil fund.
- The updated lake management plan was presented by Don Peterson for board approval. The plan covers history, goals, and action plan items for the association in the areas of water quality, lake vegetation, and education. Once supporting documents are added to the plan in late September it will be submitted for approval to complete requirements for Healthy Lakes program grant money. The completed plan will be posted on the web site at [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org).

## **Education**

### **Sugar Lake Calendar Development restarted!**

The education committee of the Sugar Lake Association has resumed working on the calendar project started earlier this year. Although some pictures have been collected, we need more pictures! More winter pictures are needed. If you have any photos of scenes or events around the lake (with a broad appeal—recent or historical) and would like them to be considered for inclusion in the calendar, please send them to: Jan Quinn, 7696 106th St. NW, Annandale, MN, 55302. Hard copy or disk accepted. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like them returned. Also, please let us know which area of the lake the photo is from. Thanks.

## Zebra Mussels

Zebra mussels are a small freshwater mussel usually found in clusters. They have a D-shaped shell with dark and light colored stripes. Most are under an inch in size. Zebra mussels are filter feeders. They strain the water removing microscopic plants and animals that form the base of the food chain.



They become established regardless of depth, light intensity, or winter temperatures. They attach to firm surfaces and will cover rock, metal, rubber, wood, docks, boathulls, native mussels, and even aquatic plants. They also clog water supply pipes and boat engine cooling systems. In Minnesota, zebra mussels have been found in the Mississippi River, the St. Louis River, and Lake Superior. If you think you have found zebra mussels call the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Exotic Species Program in St. Paul at 800-766-6000 or 651-296-2835.

## 106th Street Project complete

The 106th Street project at the south end of Sugar Lake near the south public access was recently completed to the satisfaction of all participants. The project involved the re-alignment of 106th Street 150 feet south of its original location. Those involved included lakeshore property owners along 106th Street, Corinna Township, John Topfer, and the Sugar Lake Association who followed the project with an interest in the water quality impact of the project. The excavating contractor was Dale Erdman. In addition to an excellent job on the road, a holding pond for farm run-off was built at the east end of the road. The pond, shown in the picture, accumulates water until it reaches the level of the culvert on the right side of the picture. Water from the culvert discharges north onto a grassy area leading to the lake. This pond is one example of capturing the first flush of rainwater as presented in earlier articles on "First Flush Fundamentals." Property owners along the road have planted disturbed land in native grass and wildflowers.



## 2004/2005 Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors

### Terms expiring August 31, 2005

	<u>Lake Phone</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Area</u>
Mike Mengelkoch	320-963-8518	763-546-1945	K
Suzanne Quinn-McDonald	320-274-3226	763-427-5519	O
Dave (Doc) Williams	320-963-6776	952-888-9884	H
Steve Harnett	320-274-5497	Same as lake	U
Shirley Hillstad	320-274-8633	Same as lake	T
Michelle Pippo	320-963-5024	Same as lake	F

### Terms expiring August 31, 2006

	<u>Lake Phone</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Area</u>
Debbie Beltrand	320-274-8299	952-944-1526	T
Debbie Grant	320-963-6630	952-885-0823	C
Steve Mann	320-274-6267	Same as lake	X
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Lorenchia Scott	320-274-3801	Same as lake	A
Tanya Olin	320-274-5218	Same as lake	S

### Terms expiring August 31, 2007

	<u>Lake Phone</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Area</u>
Pat Dahl	320-274-3486	Same as lake	O
Nancy Dunn	320-274-8689	952-440-5355	S
Tom Hall	320-963-5631	Same as lake	S
Carla Huro	320-274-2104	Same as lake	S
Arv Klemz	320-963-5019	Same as lake	F
Linda Williams	320-274-8878	Same as lake	S

## Dear Sugar

Dear Sugar. As I cruise the North Bay, I have been watching someone build a log house. Heard it came from another lake. Know anything about it? *Curious*.

Dear *Curious*: The cabin you have been watching is owned by Tom & Pam Pugh, and it once sat on the shores of Mule Lake near Longville. Tom's grandfather had it built in 1940 using timbers that were growing on the property. In 2000 the state purchased the land to expand a state park. Tom and his son Steve decided to dismantle the cabin and move it to Sugar Lake, much to the joy of Tom's dad. They had to keep the look exact, so when dismantling it, each wall received a letter of the alphabet and each log received a number. A log garage was also dismantled and used to replace rotten logs in the cabin. Boulders, from their shoreline on Mule Lake, were transported here to recreate the original look of the property. Tom even chiseled the "split stones" off the face of the fireplace so he could reuse them. It took a year to get everything down here using only a pickup truck and flatbed trailer. A "Corn blaster" and 3 or 4 sandings returned the logs to their original beauty. With the exception of putting in the foundation and placing the 48-foot ridge beam, the Pugh's have done the work entirely by hand (back hurt yet?). It has taken 3 years, working weekends, to get it to what you see now. The cabin is 1400 square feet and has 3 bedrooms. A 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom is being incorporated into the kitchen to make it larger. Energy efficient doors and windows replaced the original ones. The huge living room, with vaulted log ceilings, overlooking the lake, recreates the charm that it had. A corner stone was placed in a basement wall and reads: Mule Lake 1940, Sugar lake 2001. Tom says it will be finished in 1 year, but Pam said he has been saying that for 2 years now. Will they live in it year round once it is completed, depends on whom you ask.



Send your Dear Sugar questions to newsletter editor, Don Peterson, 319 Wayside Rd W, Hopkins, MN 55343, or email [donpeterson@maxigard.com](mailto:donpeterson@maxigard.com)

### **Automatic Dishwasher Soap Promotion**

The association especially thanks those members who are doing everything they can to keep our lake clean, including the use of the phosphorous-free dishwasher detergent, which Marlin Grant sold on behalf of the association at the picnic. Our association has



inventory of the Seventh Generation phosphorous-free 50-ounce dishwasher detergent, both in powder and liquid form, which Marlin Grant is storing for the association. Call Marlin at 320-274-7242 to purchase

it. Buy two or more and Marlin will personally deliver to your lake home.

### **Catholic Mass**

An outdoor mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 12, at the Shallbetter cabin on Sunset Point. A free-will offering of \$172 was collected during the mass with proceeds going toward lake education. Refreshments and social followed. Thanks to all who attended and donated. We will let you know next year when another Mass will be held.

### **Can cooler and travel mug sale**

Can coolers and travel mugs with a Sugar Lake logo are available for sale. The can coolers are \$2 each,



travel mugs \$5 each with proceeds benefiting the milfoil fund. Contact Karen Pitra at 320-274-8153 for information or stop by Karen's Hallmark in Annandale.



## FOR SALE

1965 outboard fishing motor.  
6hp Johnson motor. Used very  
little.

\$250

Call Al 763-315-0502

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1999 Tahoe 4X4 34,000 miles

\$16,500

Call Rick 320-963-2226

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