



The Sugar Lake News

AUGUST 2017

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

2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 2-Diane's Lights Night
- September 2 Sugar Lake 5K
- September 23- SLA Meeting*
- October 21-SLA Meeting*
- November 18-SLA Meeting*

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

September, October & November meetings at 9 a.m.

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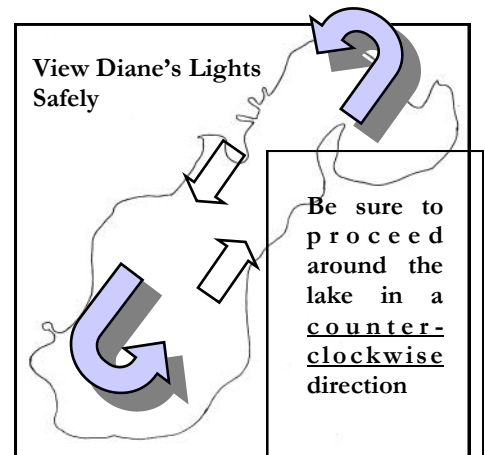
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Diane's Lights Night By Doc Williams

The end of summer is fast approaching and we must say good-bye to another beautiful season on the lake. Before that happens the Lake Association has one last event for you to enjoy, and it's the most beautiful of the season. On Saturday evening of Labor Day Weekend, all lakeshore owners are invited to decorate their property with Luminaries and celebrate Diane's Lights Night. **If it rains on Saturday after 12 PM this event will take place on Sunday.** Your display can be as little as a few luminaries on the end of your dock to something grand. A number of people in the past have done what they considered just a fun display and ended up winning, so why not give it a shot? Your grandchildren are a great source of help. A number of past winners have been designed and constructed by them. For the most outstanding displays a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will be chosen. All winners will get bragging rights but 1st place will get 12 cases of Pepsi product donated by Bernicks Beverage of St. Cloud. The rules are simple for contestants. All lighting for your display must come from a flame of some sort — candles, torches, campfires, or anything else that creates a flame. Any electric lighting will disqualify you for the contest. The more displays we have, big or small, the more the lake we love will shine in the night for all to see. As twilight approaches, light your display then hop in your watercraft and proceed counter clockwise around the lake to avoid congestion, and view what others have done. We ask owners of swim rafts to bring them in or light them in some way to avoid accidents.

Participate, view, and enjoy the evening.



Sugar Lake 5K Run/Walk

September 2

The eighth annual Sugar Lake Run/Walk will be held on Saturday September 2, beginning at 9 a.m. All profits go to SLA Lake Improvement Fund.

It is not too late to register. Download a registration form from the Sugar Lake website www.sugarlake.org. Registration will also be available the day of the race. Registration/check-in begins at 8 a.m. at the Corinna Township Hall on Ireland Ave, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

Water Quality Report.

By Dan Erdmann

The latest lake report. The physical condition was 3 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor).

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
08-15-12	10.5	76°	79°	15.75"	21.75"
08-16-13	10'	76°	78°	11.5"	17"
08-20-14	14'	78°	82°	15.5"	20.5"
08-06-15	11'	78°	76°	25.0"	29.5"
08-18-16	10'	79°	77°	24.75"	28.25"
08-23-17	11'	72°	66°	16.00"	21.00"

Membership

Paid membership is at 251. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Membership at the email listed below. Notify us of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact membership by email at:

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

Newsletter

Help save postage and printing costs by subscribing to the electronic version of the Sugar Lake News. You will receive a PDF file by email that looks like this newsletter *but in color*.

Contact newsletter@sugarlake.org with your email address if you are interested.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2017

General Fund	\$27,280.89
Lake Improvement Fund	\$43,308.96
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$143,656.82</u>
Total All Funds	\$213,246.67

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: Jean Just —Town Hall Phone: 320-558-6790

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

Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day weekend Father Marty Shallbetter will again celebrate an outdoor Catholic Mass at his family's cabin. It is located on the west side of Sunset point at 11777 Gulden Av. N W (area G). Park on the west side of the road. If you wish to come by boat, you may tie up at any of the neighboring docks. Look for the sign. Mass will start at 10 AM and refreshments will be served after. Some chairs will be provided however, you may want to bring your own. Please join us.

Sugar Lake Board Election Results

The Annual Meeting and Board elections were held on August 19. The results are:

New Board Members

(Terms expire August 31, 2020)

Dave Arneson

Scott Radke

Peter Ramme

Jim Schimelpfenig

Jan Tift

Appointments made in 2016 of Paul Gustafson, Don Peterson, Gary Borrell, Sheldon Brown, Dan Erdman, Larry Jude, and Andrea Welter were confirmed.

Sally Phenow will serve another year as past-chair.

Elected officers for 2017/2018:

Chair—Ron Elsner

Vice Chair—Gary Borrell

Secretary—Andrea Welter

Treasurer—Doug Miller

Thank You

Thanks to the following outgoing board members.

Robin Fox

Todd Latterell

Robert Strom

Sue Mann

Suzanne Quinn McDonald

Lake Level by Dan Erdman

The lake seems low but remember the 100 year historical high water mark is 15-3/4".(From DNR web site) Ordinary high water level (OHW). "Ordinary high water level" means the boundary of public waters and wetlands, and shall be an elevation delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For watercourses, the ordinary high water level is the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel. For reservoirs and flowages, the ordinary high water level is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool.

Rainfall

July rainfall totaled .93 inches. Thanks to Doug Beckman for providing rainfall data.

Chair's Corner

By way of introduction, my name is Ron Elsner. I will be serving as the Chairman of the Sugar Lake Association Board for the next year. My wife, Lu-Ann, and I have a seasonal cabin on the southeast shore of the lake. We've been on Sugar Lake since 2003.

The coming year will be my second term as Chair of the Association, having previously served in that role for the 2011-2012 year. I consider it to an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chair. The balance of the Executive Committee for the coming year will be Gary Borrell – Vice Chair; Doug Miller – Treasurer, and Andrea Welter – Secretary. My thanks to them for stepping up to serve. As the new Chairman, one of the first orders of business is to acknowledge the work of the outgoing Executive Committee. For the past year, Sally Quinn-Phenow has served as Chair, and Todd Latterell as Treasurer. Thanks to each for their dedicated service to the Association. We look forward to their ongoing support as we move into the future.

In addition to the Executive Committee, there is, of course, the annual rotation of Board members. We thank them all for their commitment to Sugar Lake and their service to the Association.

As we move through this coming year, look for some changes in the look and feel of Sugar Lake Association: Changes in how we renew our memberships, pay our dues, and make contributions. Changes in how we volunteer to serve. We will be looking at some changes to the website, as well. Lots of work is happening to update the "behind the scenes" functions that keep the Association working. Stay tuned!

Remember that the Board meetings are open to all Association members. We hope you will be able to join us. Next meeting is Saturday, September 23, 9 AM, at Corinna Town Hall.

Best regards,
Ron

PS: Many of us will be pulling our docks and lifts in the next few of weeks. Remember to do a Zebra Mussel check as the equipment comes out of the water. . . . And, as always, Be **Safe!**

PICNIC 2017

Picnic Recap

Picnic photos by Ken Vande Steeg

Perfect weather drew a crowd of 465 for this year's picnic.

Deb Beltrand did an excellent job of organizing the picnic and was helped by many volunteers. Thanks to Deb and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the annual picnic a success. Thank you for the extra donations for extra guests. Thanks to all the members and others who donated door prizes. Thanks to Karl Enghauser and Rick Kanninen for hosting the picnic on their grounds.

Raffle winners were:

- 1st: Heidi Wilson
- 2nd: Andrea Welter
- 3rd: Mark Kraemer

Thanks to Joe Stewig with the DNR for joining us and answering questions.



Deb Beltrand



Karl Enghauser, Carol & Rick Kanninen



2017 Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

54 Golfers enjoyed a great day at Southbrook. The weather was perfect and dinner was excellent. This year dinner was pulled pork and chicken with salad and chips. Many door prizes were handed out. Thank you to all who helped, participated, and donated to this great event.

Thank you Greg and Joni Selle for organizing and hosting the event.

Winners:

Larry Jude, Nick Jude, Steven Hanson, Kevin Kristie

Special Thanks to:

Maureen Prestifilippo - Hole in One Official



Donations

Joni & Greg Selle
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 Mark & Barb Menth
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 Tammy & Phil Carlberg
 Pittsburg Paints
 Jim & Julie Mendesh
 And anyone I may have forgotten.



Hole Sponsors

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 360 Wall Systems—Jeff Lipinski
 The Handyman (Putz) - Joe Biondo
 Hirschfields of Plymouth
 Shand Painting
 Chris Johnson
 Keith & Stephanie Eiler
 Pittsburg Paints



September SLA Board Meeting

Don't miss this opportunity to see a presentation of our new Sugar Lake Watershed program!

At the September meeting of the SLA you will be able to learn about this new tool to improve the water quality of Sugar Lake.

Alicia O'Hare, the Water Resource Specialist from the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District in Buffalo, will be presenting the completed project for the Sugar Lake Watershed.

Over the last three years the staff of the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District have been working with Houston Engineering, Inc. of Maple Grove and the development of the computer program called: Prioritize, Target and Measure Application (PTMApp). This program creates the hydrologically conditioned digital elevation model (HDEM) for the Sugar Lake Watershed. Yes, this is a lot of computer talk, but it is important to know what this computer program can do for Sugar Lake.

The PTMApp creates maps and data to identify how water rain fall and snow melt flows to Sugar Lake. Sugar lake has no river flowing into the lake, (except for a small stream from Sandy Lake just SouthWest of our lake), so our water source is from run-off and ground water within our Lake Water Shed. After the program identifies where the water is coming from, it analyzes the Priority and Cost of how the quality of that water can be improved.

Ms. O'Hare will help us understand what the data tells us and how we should focus our projects to improve the water quality of Sugar Lake. Come to hear the presentation and come early to sit in on the September meeting of the SLA Board.

Date: September 23^r

Time: Board meeting starts at 9:00AM and the PTMApp program at about 10AM. (about 30 minutes)

Place: At the Corina Township Hall 9801 Ireland Ave. NW

Don't miss this opportunity!

End of Season Food Drive

As many of us clean out the cabins for the off season, there are always plenty of leftover non-perishable food items to deal with. Every year, we pack up the leftovers, haul them home, and then have to unload and re-shelve them all. This year, there is a more convenient way to deal with them: Donate them to the Annandale Food Shelf at a drop-off right here at Sugar Lake.

The collection point will be a weatherproof container at Elsner's cabin (10995 Hollister; At the corner of Hollister and 110th on the east side of the lake). Donations will be accepted (24/7) from Labor Day week-end thru the first weekend in October. The container will be in front of the garage with a sign above. You can't miss it!!

Questions? Contact Ron (612-718-2087) or LuAnn (651-338-7239) Elsner

Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections

We have had trained inspectors monitoring our North and South Landings this year. They are managed by Anchor Dock & Lift. Anchor keeps statistics on inspections and violations.

Here is the data they collected between May 6 and August 15:

North Landing

Inspections—1145 (enter & exit)

Plant or water violations—19

South Landing

Inspections—2561 (enter & exit)

Plant or water violations—32

No Zebra mussel or Starry stonewort violations reported.

Plane Ride Auction



Bob Gruys donated a ride in his float plane to the Association. A live auction was held at the picnic. Robert Strom and Marsha Schrupp were winners.

Thanks Bob!



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