



# The Sugar Lake News

AUGUST 2019

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

2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Planned 2019 Dates

**September 21**– SLA Meeting\*

**October 19**-SLA Meeting\*

**November 16**-SLA Meeting\*

\*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna

Township hall at

8:00 a.m.

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

**Send Newsletter submissions to:**  
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changes**  
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E-mail [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

## Lake Vegetation Report

### Starry stonewort

We are continuing our search for Starry stonewort this fall. Steve McComas of Blue Water Science is planning on another search for Starry stonewort in September or October. This is a good time of the year to look for Starry and is likely to tell us if we have any Starry yet. Starry stonewort is an Algae that looks like the Kara we have growing native in Sugar Lake. To get a better idea of what Starry is, click on this YouTube site for a great short video about how to identify Starry stonewort. This can give you a good idea of what to look for as you drag your equipment from the lake.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te9iF5OTdtg>

### Zebra Mussels (ZM)

We are now in the period where Zebra Mussels (ZM) are showing up. It is likely that you could see some extremely small ZM and some larger ones on your equipment as you take it out of the lake. Several people have found them, and they have reported their find.

### Check your lake equipment and report your findings to

[Zebra@sugarlake.org](mailto:Zebra@sugarlake.org)

We are tracking the spread of Zebras to have a good record of what has happened in Sugar Lake. The hope is that this recording can be helpful in securing early treatment for this critter. To support this effort, we are asking everyone to send an email to [Zebra@sugarlake.org](mailto:Zebra@sugarlake.org) stating these few things.

Yes or No to finding Zebra Muscles

Approximate count 1 to 5, 10 to 50, over a 100

Size - Very small, about 1/2", or larger

When you are searching, look in these areas first. If you have tires on your lift or dock, the side and small indents are likely places. Also look in places that provide protection like open ends of pipes and other flat places on your structures.

When sending your report, please include your name and address in this email so we can get accurate information.

If you can't be around to do a search, ask a neighbor to help and submit a report for you. If you can help, volunteer to check for you neighbors who may have trouble getting it done. It does not take long to check your equipment so give it a try. We will be looking for your email, please pitch in and help.

Dale Gustafson, SLA Vegetation Chair

## Water Quality Report.

By Dan Erdmann

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
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"
08-10-18	8'	80°	75°	12.25"	17.75"
08-9-19	10.5'	79°	75°	17.50"	23.00"

## Membership

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](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org).

## News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains an email list 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 [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@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](http://www.sugarlake.org)

## Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2019

General Fund	\$50,056.28
Lake Improvement Fund	\$49,575.38
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$127,073.22</u>
Total All Funds	\$226,704.88

## 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](http://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](http://www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com).

## Sugar Lake Board Election Results

The Annual Meeting and Board elections were held on August 24. The results are:

### New Board Members

(Terms expire August 31, 2023)

Nick Hatfield

Mark Kramer

Keith Theisen

Rob Gusaas

Tom Nimmo

Doug Miller-1 year

### **Elected officers for 2019/2020:**

Chair-Scott Radtke

Vice Chair- Keith Theisen

Treasurer- Doug Miller

Secretary- Jan Tift

# PICNIC 2019

## Picnic Recap

Picnic photos by Ken Vande Steeg

The Sugar Lake picnic moved to a new home this year. Thanks to Don Rachel for hosting the picnic on his property. Perfect weather on Saturday drew a crowd of 600.

Co Chairs Sally Quinn Phenow and Jan Tift did an excellent job of organizing the picnic and were helped by many volunteers. Thanks to Sally, Jan, 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 Bob Gruys for auctioning plane rides with proceeds to the SLA.

**Raffle winners were:**

- 1st: Carol Kanniainen
- 2nd: John Duff
- 3rd: Dick DeGroot



## Sugar Lake "For Sale" Group

In order to continue our informal buying and selling of items around the lake and to have this activity be self-supporting, we established a closed group on Facebook called the Sugar Lake Rummage Sale.

Sugar Lake Rummage Sale is a convenient way to buy, sell, or swap used or new items through our Sugar Lake community. This is a closed group so only those that request access will be admitted and only see posts once access is gained.

How to sign up:

If you don't have a Facebook account, you will need to get one or use a family member's account.

Log into Facebook

- In the search bar at the top of your Facebook page type Sugar Lake Rummage Sale
- A white banner menu bar will appear at the top, under the Facebook search bar, click on \*Groups\*
- You should see the Sugar Lake Rummage Sale
- Click "Join"
- Your request will be sent to the Admin and you will be added to the group.

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