



The Sugar Lake News

AUGUST 2020

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

2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Planned 2020 Dates

September 19- SLA Meeting*

October 17-SLA Meeting*

November 21-SLA Meeting*

It is unknown at this date which of any meetings listed will be in person. Newsflash notices will be sent prior to the meeting dates.

*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:
Don Peterson

E-mail don@sugarlake.org

For membership, address, e-mail, or property owner changes contact :

E-mail membership@sugarlake.org

Lake Vegetation Report

Zebra Mussels (ZM)

It is getting close to the period when we think that summer has gone too fast. We are already getting ready to start to request that you assess the Zebra Mussels (ZM) in the water along your property. We know that the ZM have been showing up all over the lake. They are not showing up everywhere. So this is what we would like you to do for the SLA so we know something about where and how dense the ZM are.

You can start now when the water is warm. Wade around and examine all your docks and lifts. If you have them, they should show up in places that they settled and attached to something they can hold to. They like dark areas or under docks or especially plastic tires on your docks and lifts. Early in the late summer you can find them on boards, pipes, rocks and branches where you can reach them. They also establish themselves on sturdy plant stems. So look closely.

If you leave the lake early in the fall maybe you could get a neighbor to examine your equipment. If you don't find help send a note to Zebra@sugarlake.org and we will attempt to get a volunteer to check on your equipment. When your equipment is on the shore it is easy for you to find ZM but it can get cold and windy later. Remember, it is important for us to have records of the spreading of ZM each year until and if we get to 100% coverage if it does.

We want to be ready with good information so if there is an opportunity to do some treatment to attempt to reduce ZM, data may help us get into an experimental treatment to reduce them. So send in your email to let us know the status. **Check your lake equipment and report your findings to Zebra@sugarlake.org**

To support this effort, we are asking every property owner to send an email to 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

Or (ZM are very thick and big on everything!!!) Even that is better than no detail, so thanks for your effort.

If you can volunteer to check your neighbors in an area please send a note by email.

Please help, this is important for the future of Sugar Lake.

Vegetation committee

Dale Gustafson

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"
08-11-20	13.0'	78°	80°	18.00"	23.50"

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:

sugarlakemember@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2020

General Fund	\$60,526.75
Lake Improvement Fund	\$50,411.18
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$142,062.73</u>
Total All Funds	\$253,000.66

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.

Light Up the Lake

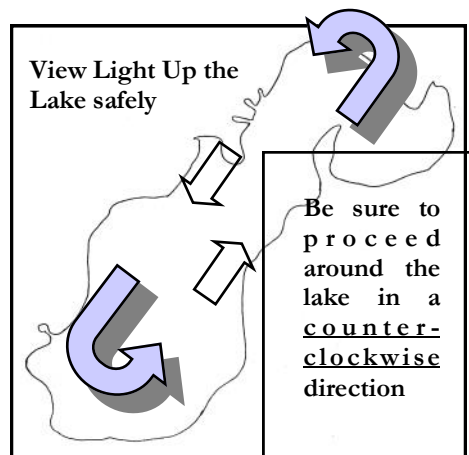
There will be no contest and no restriction on the type of lights.

Please continue to participate by lighting up your shore with luminaries, campfires, electric lights, torches, etc.

The date of this event is Saturday evening of Labor Day Weekend, September 5, 2020.

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 Board Election Results

The Annual Meeting and Board elections were held on August 15. The results are:

New Board Members

(Terms expire August 31, 2023)

Todd Jackson

Kim Hanson

Trudy Richter

Lisa Salfer

Kevin Welle

Elected officers for 2020/2021:

Chair-Keith Theisen

Vice Chair- Nick Hatfield

Treasurer- Tom Nimmo

Secretary- Todd Jackson

Scott Radtke will continue as Past Chair

Raffle Results

Raffle Winners Drawn

The winners of the 2020 Sugar Lake Association raffle were drawn live on Facebook Sunday afternoon, August 1, at 4 p.m.

\$500 Richard Paul

\$200 Karen J Smith

\$100 Jane Kluge

Congratulations!

Thank you for all the support for the Sugar Lake Association and thanks everyone who purchased a raffle ticket.

Chair's Corner

This is my final *Chair's Corner* as my term as SLA Chair ends this month. It has been my honor to serve all of you and with this incredible board. A new slate of officers and board members were elected by the Association this month, and we move forward to what the remainder of 2020 has in store for all of us.

Through this strange and trying six months, I have had one constant escape form the chaotic series of events--Sugar Lake.

I am sure many of you have similar feelings of escaping to a place that has a certain sense of calm which allows us to feel at ease. Our social events of the association have not been the same as in previous years, and personal gatherings have been fewer and different from normal. We have had to adapt to the current challenges and issues; however, through all of this the loons on Sugar Lake still call out to one another, the waves lap against our shorelines, and the beauty of the lake has remained constant.

For fifty-three years of my life I have enjoyed the beauty of Sugar Lake and its community. Memories of the Sailing Club and its Regattas, the Annual Picnic, fishing contests, playing cards with neighbors, skiing and tubing, bring a big grin to my face and a warm feeling to my heart.

I applaud all of you and all the Board Members for keeping focus on what is important and adapting which allows us to move forward.

As we move into the Fall, and the night skies become more beautiful, raise a glass to yourselves and those who have proceeded us through tough times.

Scott Radtke
SLA Chair

Labor Day Mass

Due to the ongoing threats from the Covid 19 pandemic we have decided to cancel the annual, Labor Day weekend, outdoor Mass. The social distancing would be difficult and gathering after Mass would be impossible. Also, our celebrant, Fr Marty Shallbetter, will be 5 days post op from having bypass surgery. He will enter Abbott Northwestern hospital August 28th for that procedure. If you would, keep him in your prayers.

Boat Parade

Sugar Lake Boat Parade August 1, 2020 Results

The boat parade made it part way around the lake before a brief rain shower ended it. Thanks to all the participants who braved the weather. Thanks to the judges and everyone who helped with the event. Big thank you to Jan Tift who organized the event. All participants received a large Sugar Lake beach towel.

The winners and categories pictured below.

EVERY DAY IS SWEETER AT



SUGAR LAKE

Large Sugar Lake beach towel prize for participants.



Cream of the Crop
The Pirate Ship by Scott Radtke.



Minnesota Nice
The Loon Pontoon by Deb Urista.



Something Fishy
Sugar Lake Snack Shack by Tracy Walker.



Made Me Laugh
Sugar Lake til the Cows Come Home by Trudy Richter.



Imagination at Work
Sugar Lake Construction Crew by Anna Anderson.



Made My Day
Trolls by Wes Gagnelius.

Connect with the Sugar Lake Association

Sugar Lake Rummage Sale Group

To support 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. This is a closed group so only those that request access will be admitted and only see posts once access is gained.

Here is what you need to know:

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.

Sugar Lake website

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website:

www.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 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:

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Facebook

Visit our Sugar Lake Facebook Group

Sugar Lake Spirit change on Facebook

A new Facebook Group Page with the same name we used before, Sugar Lake Spirit, has been set up.

There is a new Facebook Group for those who live on, enjoy and care about Sugar Lake in Annandale MN. Please like this group and share with others who would like to post photos, news, and events about Sugar lake. We are moving from a Facebook Community page to a new Group page! Any questions contact Jan Tift at jantift@gmail.com.

Nextdoor

Sign in or sign up for the Sugar Lake neighborhood on Nextdoor:

https://nextdoor.com/events/3647049?init_source=copy_link_share

More Sugar Lake History Sunset Point

From your newsletter editor, Don Peterson.

Shortly after the July newsletter went out I received the note and picture below from Jill Snyder. What a great story! Thanks Jill for sharing the picture and thank your father for finding it.



Thank you for sharing the history of Sunset Point in Sugar Lake's June newsletter. As I was reading the history of the bell that rests on the point, I was surprised to learn that the bell originally came from the school in Lester Prairie.

I called my 88 year old dad, who had grown up in the small town of Lester Prairie, to tell him the bell from the school he once attended was the same bell that was located on Sugar Lake! To my surprise, he said he had a photo that his mother took as the bell was being taken down from the school.

He found that photo!

We'd never have known this special connection to the bell...many thanks!

Jill Snyder

Tidbits



Evelyn Lund wrote in this winter about the history behind the bell located on the "Bell Point", and I thought it was worth sharing.

Cliff and Ella Biese were on Sugar Lake for at least 30 years and lived across the lake from the point where Evelyn and her family were located. According to Evelyn, when the Biese's saw all of the "goings on" over at the point, they went over there for a visit. From that point on, the Lund's and the Biese's were friends until Cliff and Ella passed away.

Anyway, the Lund's told Cliff that they needed a "big bell" so that they could call their kids in from the lake. *One Saturday* in May 1950, Cliff came over in a big truck. You see, the Biese's were from Lester Prairie where they were building a new school and in the truck was the bell from the old school house! The bell was put out on the point and we've heard its ringing ever since.

Evelyn and her family occupy the two log cabins on the point and hope to be there for many years to come.

Thanks for the history, Evelyn!

While looking back through the Sugar Lake Association "archives" I ran across this Tidbits article about the bell on Sunset Point. It is from the April 1997 Sugar Lake Newsletter.