



# The Sugar Lake News

**JULY 2017**

2017

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 29-Golf Benefit

August 5-SLA Picnic

August 19-Annual Meeting/  
Board Election\*

September 2-Diane's Lights Night

September 2 Sugar Lake 5K

September 16- 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.

### Send Newsletter submissions to:

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319 Wayside Rd W  
Hopkins, MN 55343

E-mail [don@sugarlakemn.net](mailto:don@sugarlakemn.net)

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

E-mail [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

## Annual Picnic

It is annual picnic time! Come out and enjoy the day with your friends, family, and neighbors from around the lake. Check in at the membership table for your name tag and raffle entry. Enjoy the great food, drinks, kids' games, educational opportunities, and annual raffle.



**Date:** Saturday, August 5

**Place:** Enghausers and adjoining Kanniainen property, SE corner of the lake. 7112-108 St NW, Maple Lake.

### Schedule of events :

8 a.m.	Setup
12 noon	Picnic starts
1 to 3 p.m.	Kids' games
3 p.m.	Raffle and door prize drawings

Food will be served all afternoon until it is gone.

- *Please clean up after yourself, and be sure you don't leave anything behind on the grounds.*
- *Please note that registration and a name tag will be required for food and drink. Please register as soon as you arrive.*
- *Please leave your dogs at home.*
- *If you are bringing extra guests consider making a donation to help cover the cost.*
- *Anyone under 40 should be prepared to show ID for beer or wine service.*

Please donate an hour of your time at the picnic to help make it a success for everyone.

If you can help please contact:  
Deb Beltrand 952-944-1526  
email: [dbeltrand@comcast.net](mailto:dbeltrand@comcast.net)

If you, or someone you know, are interested in donating prizes for the picnic

please contact:  
Doug Miller  
12287County Road 7 NW  
Maple Lake, MN 55358  
Phone: 612-710-8899  
email: [douglasmiller@me.com](mailto:douglasmiller@me.com)

## The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

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

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
07-13-11	9.5'	80°	69°	30.5"	35.5"
07-20-12	11'	81°	93°	19.25"	24.25"
07-19-13	13'	83°	74°	17"	22"
07-16-14	15'	74°	70°	21.5"	26.5"
07-17-15	13'	80°	78°	20.25"	25.25"
07-15-16	9'	76°	74°	22.25"	26.25"
07-14-17	12'	76°	73°	16.50"	21.50"

## Membership

Paid membership is at 220. 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sugarlake.org)

## Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2017

General Fund	\$27,112.70
Lake Improvement Fund	\$39,253.96
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$153,206.82</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$219,573.48</b>

## 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).

## Annual Meeting and Board Election

Proxy vote ballots for the candidates interested in serving as Board members are enclosed. You may cast your vote in person at the annual meeting, August 19, or you may vote by mail. Please return your ballot to Sally Quinn Phenow, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 19.

Five board positions need to be filled this August. Sally Quinn-Phenow will stay on an additional year as past chair. We are also voting to approve appointments made last year to fill open positions.

## Rainfall

June rainfall was 3.4 inches. Thanks to Doug Beckman for providing rainfall data.

Proxy  
Sugar Lake Association  
Annual Meeting  
August 19, 2017

Sugar Lake Association Bylaws, Article 4, Section 10;

A vote may be cast in person or by proxy, provided that proxies shall be in writing, shall be only for the particular meeting designated therein, and shall be filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting.

I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ SLA Chairman, Sally Quinn-Phenow or  
\_\_\_\_\_ SLA Member, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Member Name)

as holder of my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Sugar Lake Annual meeting August 19, 2017. My proxy for Directors should be cast as shown below.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Sugar Lake Association member.

Select Candidates for Director by placing a mark next to the name:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Arneson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scott Radke
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Ramme
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Schimelpfenig
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jan Tift

Vote to confirm the appointment of the following directors by placing a mark next to the name:

Appointed to fill open positions with terms expiring August 31, 2018

- \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Gustafson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Don Peterson

Appointed to fill open positions with terms expiring August 31, 2019

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gary Borrell
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sheldon Brown
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Erdman
- \_\_\_\_\_ Larry Jude
- \_\_\_\_\_ Andrea Welter

- Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 19, 2017, to:
- Sally Quinn Phenow
- 13251 Lily St. NW
- Coon Rapids, MN 55448

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## Vegetation Report

By Dale Gustafson

On July 19<sup>th</sup> we treated 30.5 acres for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM). This is the largest amount of EWM treatment we have made in several years. We were pleased that the DNR approved this large treatment, but we think it was obvious that we needed to do this. We continue to cycle up and down in the amount of EWM we need to treat. Just as we seem to have it under control requiring less treatment, it surges back the next year. We probably have to continue that pattern if we want to stay ahead of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) we have. At this point we are doing OK with our battle with EWM and Curly leaf pondweed. If, or when, we get Zebra Mussels and/or Starry stonewort we will be really busy fighting to preserve the beauty of our lake. There are lakes that have had success with Zebra Muscles and also Starry stonewort. We need to evaluate the options and be ready to treat these new AIS agents as soon as we find them.

We are working on a plan of **extremely** rapid treatment of Starry stonewort. The SLA Board has approved the effort be ready to act if we find that we have Starry stonewort. This very rapid response is in part important because this alga can grow (according to some experts) up to 1.5 inches a day. If it takes weeks to get approval to treat it can be too late to keep this alga under control. We know that if the Starry is too advanced you can only kill a small part of the mass. Our thought is if we get it when it is small we may be able to stay ahead of it and control the extent of its damage. You will hear more about this effort because it may be difficult to get the pre-approved status we would need to be able to treat within a few days of finding Starry stonewort. Stay tuned.

Remember, as you look at the vegetation in the lake now it seems like there are a lot more plants. Our water level has dropped about 6 inches in recent weeks and the plants have grown up to the surface. Now they look denser and thicker than they did at the high water period of the early summer.

Be sure to read about the August 5 Starry Trek program in this newsletter

## Seventh Annual Sugar Lake 5K

On **Saturday, September 2, 2017**, the seventh annual Sugar Lake 5K run/walk will take place. The start line and finish line will be at the Corinna Township Hall on Ireland Ave. Please park in the lot at the Township Hall. All ages are welcome. The roads will be patrolled.

This is a non-USATF registered event. Funds go to the Sugar Lake Association/ Lake Improvement Fund. The SLA is a 501C-3, and all donations are tax deductible.

Feel free to donate even if not participating.



8:00 – 8:50 am Registration/Check-In

9:00 am 5K Run/Walk

10:00am Awards ceremony

The registration form is available at:

[www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org)

## Wanted: Picnic Prize Donations

The SLA is moving away from relying on local businesses to donate door prizes for the Sugar Lake picnic, and instead, asking interested members to contribute a prize to give away during this fun picnic tradition. It could be anything! Share a skill such as a wakeboard, sailing or golf lesson; donate a gift; a food item; a pontoon happy hour; a campfire gathering; a craft item...you name it! Thanks in advance for your generosity- we have such good people on Sugar Lake- it will be fun to see what we all come up with!

To donate, please contact Doug Miller at  
12287County Road 7 NW  
Maple Lake, MN 55358  
Phone: 612-710-8899  
email: [douglasmiller@me.com](mailto:douglasmiller@me.com)

# Starry Trek 2017

Throughout the state on August 5th, volunteers will be joining together to conduct a statewide search for a new, nefarious AIS, Starry Stonewort. This effort, known as Starry Trek

(<https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/starrytrek>)

is being undertaken as a means to better understand the species' distribution in the state.

In our area, Wright County SWCD and the Stearns County Coalition of Lake Associations are hosting rendezvous sites for this effort, and volunteers are being sought. No experience is necessary, as volunteers will be trained by experts on how to look for and identify this and other AIS, but a free registration is required:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/starry-trek-tickets-35404725487>

Participants will meet at the local rendezvous sites in the morning and will be assigned sites to search upon arrival. All participants will need to return to the site to check-in and turn in all specimens and datasheets at the end of the day. Training will occur on-site upon arrival.



## Starry Trek 2017

Saturday, August 5 · Locations throughout Minnesota

Join a statewide search for Minnesota's newest aquatic invader, starry stonewort

Free · No experience necessary · Registration now open!

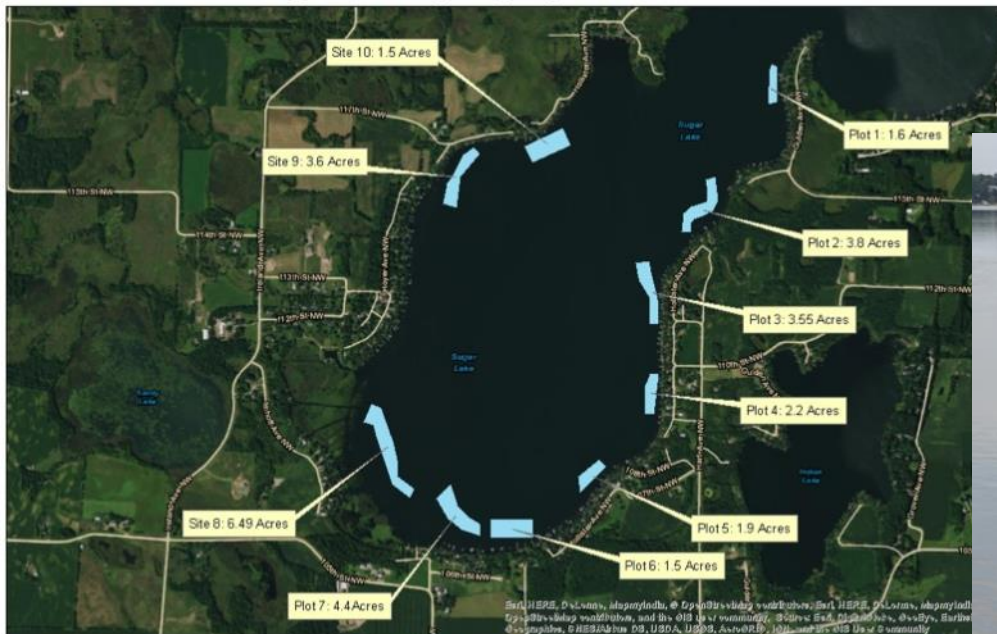
[www.StarryTrek.org](http://www.StarryTrek.org)

Funding for these programs is provided in part by the Environment and Health Research Trust Fund, the Clean Water Fund, and private donations.

# 2017 Milfoil Treatment Map

The blue polygons mark areas treated for Milfoil July 19. Bottom right picture is of the applicators.

## Sugar Lake (Wright) EWM 2017



## DIRECTORY

The new 2017-2018 Sugar Lake Directory is printed and will be distributed at the picnic. August 5.



**2017 - 2018**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**DIRECTORY**

## Thank You Waste Management

Waste Management has been donating their time & containers to our picnic for years. Once again, for our 2017 picnic, they will be our provider.

Check out their website for great rates  
on your garbage pickup -  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

## Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day weekend, 9/3/2017, 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.

## Chair's Corner

I hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There was a lot of activity on the lake over the long weekend. As usual it looked like everyone had a boat out and was taking advantage of the sunshine.



When we took our cocktail cruise over the 4<sup>th</sup> we decided to count all of the new construction projects that were going on all over the lake. To our surprise we counted 14 either new homes or existing homes with construction in progress. We think this is the most we've seen in one year since the lake was first built up. This also says a great deal about the people who love Sugar Lake. They care enough to stay on the lake and go through the growing pains of construction.

Our goal on the Sugar Lake Board is to try our best to keep Sugar Lake beautiful so that everyone who has invested their time and money in the lake can enjoy it for years to come.

Sally Quinn Phenow  
SLA Chairperson

## Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

It's hard to believe that summer's end is only a few weeks away. We all have an opportunity, though, to say goodbye to our neighbors in a grand fashion. On Saturday night of Labor Day weekend we will hold our annual Diane's Lights Night contest. All lake shore owners are invited to put out luminaries, be it a few or many, as a way of saying farewell to another great season on Sugar Lake. For those of you who are going for the "gold" in putting up a big display remember that all illumination must come from a flame. Any electric lighting will disqualify your display.

To the first place winner goes 12 cases of Pepsi products for the twelve weeks of summer and most importantly - bragging rights. We will also have second and third place winners. Look to the September newsletter for the results.

# Swimmers Itch Reported

We have had reports of swimmers itch.

Swimmer's itch is a temporary skin infection acquired by swimmers in some lakes when they accidentally become involved in the life cycle of the trematode worm parasite. It appears during warm weather in June and reaches a peak in July. It tends to concentrate along the shoreline. Not everyone is sensitive to Swimmer's itch. However, much like poison ivy, your sensitivity to swimmer's itch will increase with each exposure. Treatment of swimmer's itch is available through the use of calamine lotion or antihistamines to relieve the itching and swelling. Before taking any of these drugs, however, consult your physician for advice.

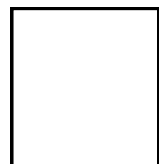
Strategies to avoid swimmers itch:

- If you are currently feeding waterfowl from your dock, stop.
- Avoidance—swim from a raft or boat farther out from shore.
- Grease down, coating your skin with a water repellent substance like petroleum jelly or baby oil prior to swimming may assist in repelling the parasite from penetrating.
- Dry off quickly. The organism in the droplets of water on your skin will look for somewhere to go as the droplet of water evaporates; into your skin is their next refuge. Rub down briskly with a towel when emerging from the water and do not reuse the towel until it has been laundered.

For more information see the DNR website:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/swimming/swimmersitch.html>

The application of copper sulfate in the shore area may temporarily help. A permit to apply copper sulfate is required. Contact your DNR Regional Fisheries Office.



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