



# The Sugar Lake News

JUNE 2020

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

2020

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Planned 2020 Dates

July 18-SLA Meeting\*

August 15-Annual Meeting/  
Board Election\*

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:

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

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



## Virtual Fishing Contest 2020 Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 1st annual Sugar Lake Virtual Fishing Contest! We had 66 entries! Congratulations to the Winners!!

The \$25 Gift Cards to Little Jim's Bait Shop winners of the contest are:

1. Caden Schimelpfenig: Bass
2. Matt Steinhoff: Sunfish
3. Jonathan Madden: Sunfish
4. Nicholas Brierley: Sunfish
5. Calvin Anderson: Sunfish
6. Tommy Nimmo: Crappie
7. Leif and Hadley Kudla: Bluegills
8. Anne Marie Suddendorf: Bass

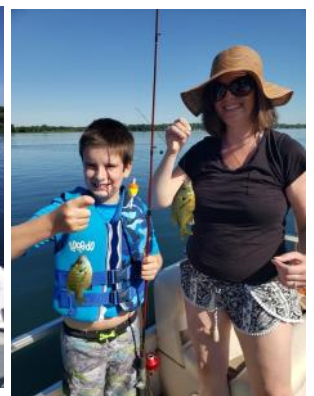
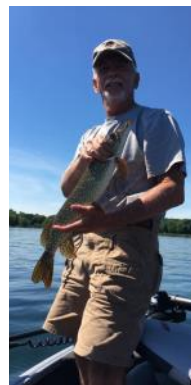
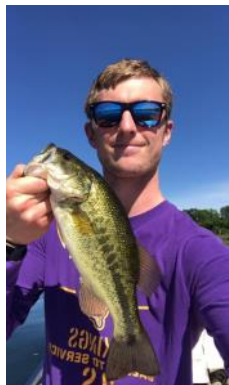
Grand Prize Winner \$50 Gift Card to Little Jim's Bait ship is...

Christina Hayes: Perch

Gift Cards will be mailed to the Lake Association Members.



Christina Hayes



# The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition is a 2 on a scale of 1(good) to 5(bad).

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
06-19-14	8.5'	70°	69°	26"	31"
06-17-15	15.5'	72°	74°	23.50	29.00"
06-23-16	12.0'	76°	70°	23.25	27.75"
06-14-17	16.0'	72°	78°	22.00	26.50"
06-13-18	9.0'	72°	73°	16.25	21.50"
06-13-19	12.0'	70°	63°	23.00	28.00"
07-01-20	11.0'	78°	83°	15.50	21.50"

## 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](mailto:sugarlakemember@gmail.com)

## Township News

**Corinna Township** Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday 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).

## Raffle Update

You should have received your raffle tickets in the mail by now. Note that this year it is 5 tickets at \$5 each. The raffle drawing will take place virtually via Facebook, live on August 1, at 4 p.m.

Please return your completed tickets along with a check made payable to SLA for the full amount in the return envelope provided. Please ensure they are mailed in time to be received no later than July 29.

If you would like additional tickets, or have any questions please contact:

[sugarlakemember@gmail.com](mailto:sugarlakemember@gmail.com)

## Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2020

General Fund	\$56,618.84
Lake Improvement Fund	\$49,756.97
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$143,152.01</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$249,527.82</b>

## 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](http://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](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.

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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 and [jantift@gmail.com](mailto:jantift@gmail.com).

## Fishing Contest History

By Don Peterson

The fishing contest wouldn't be complete without acknowledging and thanking Lynne Bonine. Lynne started the contest in 1988 and hasn't missed a year since. Lynne is pictured to the left in a 2002 photo along with Dan Erdmann. Dan also deserves a big thanks for acting as the official weighmaster for as long as I can remember.



In 1987 Lynne, at that time the SLA Secretary, proposed a fishing contest to start in 1988. A committee was formed including Lynne, Rick Kanninen, and Al Smith.

The May 1988 Sugar Lake News had the following notice:

*The contest will be Saturday, July 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Check in point is the Sugar Lake Resort with a \$5.00 entrance fee. Membership of the lake only. Prizes will be given for the largest fish and the largest string of fish. Your entry fee will be reimbursed.*

Results were reported in the August 1988 newsletter:

*The contest was a great success. We had 38 people there and I'm sure there will be more next year at our bigger and better contest, hopefully with trophies. The winners this year were Jackie Steffens biggest sun fish, Jerry Bonine largest crappie, Steve Harnett the biggest walleye, largest bass was tied with Chuck Benner and Al Smith. The largest northern and stringer was Rick Kanninen.*



Thanks to Mark Snyder for the drone picture above. This is a great picture of the area known as weed island or sunken island. Buoys are now marking the extent of this shallow area we should all stay out of with our boats. Looking north, Sunset Point is at the bottom of the picture.

## Sugar Lake Boat Parade

The Sugar Lake Picnic has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic this year

### BUT

We will be having a Sugar Lake Boat Parade and Raffle in its place!!

Saturday August 1, 2020  
1pm

### SO

Now is the time to dream up an idea to Decorate your Boat for the Sugar Lake Grand Boat Parade!!

### AND

There will be prizes for every person participating!

Grand Prize Winners and Raffle Winners will be announced at 4 PM on Facebook Live on our Sugar Lake Group Facebook Page!!

### NOW

Sign up to participate on Signup Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49AEAB2AAA8-2020>

### There is no fee to enter!

- You will receive a number via email. Make a large sign of the number to place on the Starboard (Shore) side of your Boat
- Have your boat ready at the South Landing at 1 pm. You do not need to line up in numerical order. Just have your number visible
- There will be judges around the lake so make sure that you go counter clockwise from the landing and include the north bay.

## Chair's Corner

2020 what a year it has been. Many of us wish we could hit the reset button and start over, unfortunately life doesn't work that way. We are dealing with a pandemic, civil unrest, and individually we all have our own issues to navigate.

For me, Friday comes, and I head to Sugar Lake to escape for a moment in time. Sugar Lake is my place to recharge my batteries and deal with cards life has dealt me.

I am feeling very fortunate as I write this, realizing not everyone has an escape from this year's challenges. For this I am very grateful.

This is not to say that all is good at Sugar Lake. Social distancing has forced us to adapt our traditions; Virtual Fishing Tournament, no Golf Tournament, and a Boat Parade instead of our Annual Picnic. Thankfully we have adapted to these conditions and are making the best of it.

I hope that all of you stay safe and healthy. Use the beauty and calm of Sugar Lake to energize you for all that comes your way.

Bad times don't last but good people do.

To use one of the beautiful words/concepts my mother taught me.

Namaste, to all of you.

Scott Radtke  
SLA Chair

## Corinna Township News

### JUNK CLEAN-UP DAY - Saturday, July 25th, 2020 from 7:30 AM to Noon

Held at the Corinna Town Hall, 9801 Ireland Ave. NW, Annandale, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39  
The cost per load will be \$15.00 to \$30.00 depending on size plus any surcharges which may apply:

<b>Surcharge Categories:</b>	<b>Per Unit</b>
White Goods - Dehumidifiers, Dishwashers, Dryers, Freezers, Furnaces, Garbage Disposals, Humidifiers, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Space Heaters, Stoves, Trash Compactors, Washers, Water Heaters	\$15.00
Air Conditioners, Heat Pumps, Water Softeners	\$20.00
Mattresses, Box Springs, Stuffed Furniture	\$20.00
General Household - Carpeting, Furniture (not stuffed), Glass, Lawn Mowers, Wood	No Extra Charge
Scrap Metal – Aluminum, Iron, Pipe, Steel, etc. that can be handled manually	No Extra Charge
Brush, Car Batteries and Used Motor Oil	No Extra Charge
Oil Filters	\$1.00
Tires	
Auto – Car/Truck	\$7.00
Semi	\$20.00
Tractor or Equipment	\$30.00
Electronics	
CD Player, VCR, Scanner, Computer, Laptop, Monitor, Printer, Stereo, Console Stereo, TV, Console TV, Copy Machine, Electric Typewriter, Etc.	\$20.00

NO PAINT, NO ADHESIVES, NO FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Wright County Compost & Recycling Facility (505 County Road 37 NE) accepts hazardous wastes by appointment only. Call 763-682-7338 to set up an appointment.

Visit the Township website for full details <https://corinnatownship.com/>

## Sugar Lake History

Below is a reprint of an article written in 2005. Around that time several articles were written highlighting people places and events around Sugar Lake. Since the Point has been for sale it seemed appropriate to reprint this article.

### Area Highlights July 2005

In order for all of us to better know Sugar Lake, the association has decided to do a monthly series of articles emphasizing different areas of the lake. We will attempt to pass along some interesting history and facts about these areas, so you might be better acquainted with your neighbors. The first area we will be highlighting is "Sunset Point". It is the peninsula on the north east side of the lake and is sometimes referred to as "bell point". The communicators for these areas are "G", Mike Zieska, a year round, long time resident, and "H", Tom Hebzynski, a newcomer and a weekend "trunk slammer" to the lake.



Both are very active on the point. Art Beecher owned the entire peninsula in the 1940's. He gave Sunset Point its name and had plans to build a resort there. After running into some financial difficulties, however, he divided the land into parcels and sold them off one at a time. El Lund & Bob Tucker bought several plots at the tip of the peninsula, and together were one of the first to have cabins in the area by 1950. In 1952 the town of Lester Prairie was in the process of remodeling their school house and decided to do away with the school bell. Cliff Beise, who lived in town and owned a cabin directly across the lake from Sunset Point, was given the bell. He hauled it up to Sugar and with permission placed it on the point. His children had to be able to swim from his cabin to the bell ring it, and swim back again, before they were considered old enough to drive the family boat. These days, on any given night, young people will sometimes sneak up and ring the bell thinking they are getting away with something. Bob Lund, El Lund's son, who lives there in the summer, just sits and smiles. Some strangers to the lake consider the tip of Sunset Point to be a public park, and will pull up with the intention of having lunch. Bob quickly sets them straight. Today's residents, on Sunset Point have a great deal of community spirit. They gather around their neighborhood campfire several times a year celebrating Memorial Day with a wiener roast, summer with a public Mass, fall with a booya, etc. On Diane's Lights night, many residents put out hundreds of Luminarys trying to outdo each other. When the sign leading to the point died last year, they took up a collection and replaced it themselves. A number of SLA board members have come from this area.



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