



Sugar Lake Association

Sugar Lake, Wright County, Minnesota

www.sugarlake.org

May 2018
Dear Members,

Enclosed is a copy of the May edition of the SLA Newsletter to bring you up to speed on all the latest. Also enclosed are your raffle tickets for the annual fundraiser. The raffle prizes remain the same as last year: \$500 cash grand prize, a \$200 second prize and a \$100 third prize. We ask for your help in selling 20 tickets at \$2.00 each. 100% of the proceeds of the raffle ticket sales (after prizes) will go to the invasive species fund to fight Curly Leaf Pondweed, Eurasian Water Milfoil, or other invasive species.

When you launch your boats this season at either the North or South Access please take a moment to visit with the Watercraft Inspectors. They will check your boat for invasive species, and can fill you in on the Decontamination station if needed. With Zebra Mussels as close as Clearwater Lake, everyone entering and leaving our lake knows how important it is to check their boat. Don't forget to remind your guests to 'Clean, Drain, and Dry', and to "Bring a clean boat to the party!!"

The Sugar Lake Fishing tournament will be held on June 23th at Rick and Mary Olson's cabin on the North Shore, see details in the newsletter.

Greg and Joni Selle (East Shore) will be organizing the SLA golf outing again to be held at Southbrook Golf Course on July 28th. It is a casual event, and great fun. Not golfing?? Please join us for dinner and prizes.

It's not too early to make plans for the annual Sugar Lake Association Picnic. The picnic will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018, at Enghauser's cabin on the East Shore. Games will be held on the Kannianen property next door. The raffle drawing will be the final event of the day. Plan to join your friends and neighbors from the lake as you enjoy the food, games, and refreshments. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets. You won't want to miss it! (Note: Winners of the raffle prize drawing need not be present to win.)

Please return stubs from the tickets you have sold, along with a check payable to the Sugar Lake Association, (NO CASH please) in the enclosed envelope postmarked by July 28 or in person at the picnic. Donations for the Raffle Drawing are tax deductible. Please remove the staple from your ticket stubs before you send them in. If you need additional tickets, contact Don Peterson at don@sugarlakemn.net

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

See you on the lake,
Ron Elsner
Chair, Sugar Lake Association



The Sugar Lake News

MAY 2018

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

2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 21-SLA Meeting*

May 19-SLA Meeting*

June 16- SLA Meeting*

June 30—Fishing Contest

July 21-SLA Meeting*

July 28-Golf Benefit

August 4-SLA Picnic

August 18-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 1-Diane's Lights Night

September 15- SLA Meeting*

October 20-SLA Meeting*

November 17-SLA Meeting*

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

September, October & November meet-
ings at 9 a.m.

Send Newsletter submissions to:
Don Peterson

E-mail don@sugarlakemn.net

**For membership,
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changes
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E-mail membership@sugarlake.org

WRIP Regional Inspection Site Opens

As you have read in the SLA Newsletter in previous months, the Wright County Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance last year making it a requirement for all boats, trailers, docks, lifts, and other water-related equipment to be inspected at the regional station before launching into Sylvania, John and Pleasant. The ordinance was passed to help prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Wright County. In order to implement the ordinance, the Wright County Regional Watercraft Decontamination and Inspection Program (WRIP) was created. The program is a joint effort between the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District, the City of Annandale, and the lake associations of Lake Sylvania, Pleasant Lake, and Lake John. Significant financial support is also being provided by the Initiative Foundation Aquatic Invasive Species Program (Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council).

Representatives of other area lakes are participating as members of the WRIP Governance Council. Area lakes represented include: Sugar, Cedar, Granite, and Moose. Ron Elsner currently represents Sugar Lake interests on the Council.

To implement the program, a regional inspection station was created in the City of Annandale Industrial Park. The station is located at the east end of Business Blvd. The station has two lanes for inspection, and is staffed by at least two DNR certified watercraft inspectors. The Wright County decontamination station is now also located at the inspection station.

On Thursday, May 10, the WRIP inspection station opened for the 2018 boating season. Given that the station opened just before the fishing opener, additional inspectors were on hand to be certain that boaters could move through the site in short order. About 120 inspections were conducted over the weekend. The station will be open from sunrise to sunset, 7 days per week until the end of October.

All boats heading for Wright County lakes are welcome to be inspected at the site. Sugar Lake boaters and their guests are encouraged to have their boats inspected before launching, particularly on those days and at those times when inspectors are not present at the Sugar Lake launch ramps. Please remind your guests to bring a clean boat to Sugar Lake!

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The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition a 3 on 1 (good) to 5 (poor) scale.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
05-16-12	11'	65°	75°	22.5"	28"
05-25-13	11'	56°	58°	18.5"	23.5"
05-23-14	9.5'	48°	49°	24.25"	28.25"
05-17-15	9.0'	60°	67°	20.50"	23.00"
05-20-16	12.0'	64°	70°	22.00"	27.00"
05-19-17	9.0'	58°	55°	20.50"	25.50"
05-19-18	8.0'	65°	72°	16.16"	22.00"

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.

Our sympathies to the family of Elaine Fox. Elaine passed away May 19, 2018 .

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 membership@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 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

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2018

General Fund	\$24,275.49
Lake Improvement Fund	\$47,832.28
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$118,987.07
Total All Funds	\$191,004.07

Ice Out

May 4 was the consensus ice out date for 2018.

5K Run/Walk

The Sugar Lake 5K will not be held this year.

Membership Meeting

The June 16 Sugar Lake Association meeting at the Corinna Town Hall will be a general membership meeting. Nominations for the board of directors will be finalized.

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.
- Junk Clean Up Day scheduled for July. See website for details.

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.

Facebook

Visit our Sugar Lake Facebook Page!

Sugar Lake now has our own Facebook Page called [Sugar Lake Spirit](#). We welcome any feedback or suggestions for this page! jantift@gmail.com

WRIP Regional Inspection Site Opens

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If watercraft decontamination is required, decontaminations will be conducted during normal open hours at no charge on a 'first come; first served' basis.

On Friday, June 8th, the WRIP and Wright SWCD will host a Community Informational Meeting to discuss the 'Why, What, and How' of the program. The meeting will be held from 4pm-6pm at the Annandale City Hall (30 Cedar Street Annandale, MN). Information about the impact of aquatic invasive species on our community will be provided, as well as how the watercraft inspection program works. Tips will be provided to help make the experience with the program as efficient as possible. Presentation starts at 4:30. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

Save the Date

The Sugar Lake Association will be holding a golf outing at Southbrook Golf Club in Annandale on Saturday, July 28, with a 1:00 p.m. shot-gun start. The "tournament" will have a scramble format, so non-golfers are encouraged to participate for loads of fun. Supper will follow. Invite your wives, husbands, kids, families, and friends for an afternoon of fun. Prize donations and hole sponsorships are welcome. For more information, or to sign up, contact Greg Selle at 612-719-1824 or gselle4844@gmail.com.

Sugar Lake Association Board Nominations

Are you interested in becoming a Sugar Lake Association board member? Do you know someone who may be interested in the position or you believe would be a good board member, please contact

Ron Elsner

elsnerrw@comcast.net

The nominating committee would like to have a slate of candidates ready before our June 17 meeting. Our eighteen-member board administers the SLA. Each board member serves for 3 years and then is required to take a year off before being eligible to be elected again. Board members can serve on committees including water quality, vegetation, education, fisheries, communication as well as helping with annual events like the picnic. It is a great way to learn about the lake and be involved in what is happening.

Vegetation

With the summer-like weather, the water has warmed up to near the limit for the treatment of Curly leaf pondweed (CLP). However, no one told the plants that it was time to grow! All of the plants are behind by the calendar and they are developing slowly.

We treated on Tuesday, May 22. With the chemical we use for CLP, there are no restrictions for use of the lake water in any normal way, except drinking or watering animals. It only makes sense not to drink lake water at any time, but for a few days after a treatment of any kind it would be wise not to drink the water. The markers for the treated areas are required to be left in place for 14 days. Please attempt to avoid them until they get removed.

Also, this week the Sensitive Vegetation buoys were installed. You will see them around the lake near the stands of Bull Rush. The Bull Rush is a valuable plant in the lake and is important to the spawning of several varieties of fish. They also help stabilize the soil and sediment in the lake which help maintain the lake water quality.

One of the biggest problems for the Bull Rush comes from power boaters getting too close. Where the boats go, the Bull Rush do not survive. Please attempt to keep away from these areas with speeding boats. Fishing is okay, but attempt to fish from outside the Rushes. The less we disturb them the better they should grow. As you go in and out of the shallow areas where Bull Rush grow, go slow and attempt to go in the same channel each time to reduce the threat to the plants and habitat.

Help out by explaining to your young boater, neighbors, and friends who come to enjoy Sugar Lake that we all need to be proactive in protecting the lake habitat. Do what you can for Sugar Lake.

Dale Gustafson – Vegetation Committee

Annual Fishing Contest Saturday, June 30th!

When: 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Weigh in at noon.

Where: Home of Rick & Mary Olson, 6611 123 St NW Annandale, MN 55302

Cost: \$5 per person. All entry fees applied to the prize fund.

Prizes: First, second, and third prizes awarded for the largest fish in each category.

Who: Open to members and friends. The Kids contest is for ages 0-8 and 9-15. Kids can share in the prize money if they pay the entry fee.



Hot dogs and refreshments will be served afterward.

If you have any questions, call Lynne Bonine at 320-980-2586 (cell) or 320-274-2005(home).

If you have one of the traveling trophies awarded last year, please return it to Lynne Bonine before the fishing contest, or call Lynne and arrange to bring it to the contest.



Stand-Up Paddleboard Safety Tips

One of the most popular watercraft these days is the Stand-Up Paddleboard, or SUP. While they provide great fun for many folks, safety is something many people take for granted while enjoying the increasingly popular SUPs. But a lot of people don't appreciate the dangers of a SUP. The Coast Guard reports that paddle-sports fatalities — including those in canoes and kayaks — have been on the rise in recent years, including 15 SUP-related deaths in 2016. Here are some important safety practices to consider this season:

Wear a life jacket

The Number One most important safety practice: **Wear a life jacket**. Why? In 14 of the 15 reported SUP fatalities in 2016, the victim was not wearing one. Every reported SUP incident, even the nonfatal ones, involved a rider falling and getting separated from his or her board. If you fall off a paddleboard and it gets caught in the wind, you can't swim fast enough to catch up to it. If you are able to recover your board, the buoyancy a life jacket provides makes it easier to climb back aboard.

Wear a leash

Of course, chasing a board wouldn't be as much of an issue if people practiced the second most important tenet of SUP safety: **wearing a leash**. The leash is a flexible tether that attaches to the back of the board and around one of your ankles, keeping you connected even if you fall. But even if you use a leash, it's still important to wear the life jacket.

Wear appropriate gear:

Put on a wetsuit in cooler conditions. Consider a drysuit in cold weather conditions.

Paddle with a buddy

If possible, **paddle with a buddy**. It's always good to have someone else around should something go awry. And always tell someone else where you are going and when you expect to return. If you get into trouble and no one knows you're missing, no one will come to help.

Follow boat safety and navigation rules

Is the SUP actually a boat? The answer is yes, depending on where you use one. The Coast Guard states that unless used in a swimming, surfing or bathing area, a paddleboard "is a vessel under 46 U.S.C. 2101 and therefore subject to applicable regulations administered by the U.S. Coast Guard." This means SUP users, unless on or near the beach, are subject to the same safety and navigation rules as regular boaters.

Take the right safety precautions and you'll enjoy your SUP time on the water!

Source: Boating Magazine