



The Sugar Lake News

SEPTEMBER 2019

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

2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Planned 2019 Dates

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:
Don Peterson

E-mail don@sugarlake.org

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

E-mail membership@sugarlake.org

ZEBRA MUSSELS: Please help!

We would like to enlist your help in the fight against zebra mussels in Sugar Lake. One of the places the mussels first show themselves is on submerged structures like docks and boat lifts. The end of the summer season, when docks and lifts come out of the water, is a great time to see if the mussels are present.

So, how can YOU help? Spend time inspecting your boats, docks, and lifts as they come out of the water. Report the details about any Zebra mussels by email to zebra@sugarlake.org. After inspecting your equipment, assist any of your neighbors who might need help. Also talk to any contractors you hire to remove your equipment. Ask them to inspect your equipment and ask them about the training they have had to spot invasive species.

The DNR says:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources asks every cabin and lakeshore owner to watch for aquatic invasive species (AIS) when removing docks, boat lifts, swim rafts and other equipment from the water.

People should look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. In newly infested waters, adult zebra mussels may not be abundant and there may only be a few mussels on a piece of equipment. On a smooth surface, juvenile mussels feel gritty, like sandpaper.



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
09-16-10	9.5'	66°	55°	23.5"	29.5"
09-15-11	9.5'	68°	52°	23.5"	28.5"
09-14-12	10.5'	70°	71°	11.5"	17.5"
09-20-13	10.5'	70°	60°	8.75"	15.0"
09-19-14	14.0'	64°	60°	16.0"	21.0"
09-19-15	10.0'	70°	60°	20.25"	25.25"
09-14-16	8.0'	70°	60°	24.50"	29.00"
09-12-17	11.5'	70°	75°	14.50"	19.50"
09-14-18	11.0'	74°	80°	12.00"	18.00"
09-20-19	12.5'	74°	80°	19.50"	24.50"

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:

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 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

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.

Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, 2019

General Fund	\$49,294.55
Lake Improvement Fund	\$49,727.56
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$136,463.20</u>
Total All Funds	\$235,485.31

Water Safety

Please be sure you remove all buoys and any other equipment from the water this fall. Anything left in the lake can present a hazard to winter lake traffic.

Chair's Corner

I am Scott Radtke, your new chairperson for the association for the next year. My family has been on Sugar Lake for over 50 years and I have seen the lake from a child's eyes and now as an adult. Much has changed but much remains the same. As a child, my mom would pack up the station wagon with her sewing machine and crafts on the last day of school and off we went, not returning to Minneapolis until Labor Day. My days were spent swimming, fishing, sailing and wandering through pastures and down Cty Rd 7 looking for treasures. The more things change the more they stay the same; now I spend most of the weekends at the cabin with my children (24-24-17), fishing, swimming and doing chores around the cabin. What I have seen is a change in the lake's topography, population and popularity. Sugar Lake is a destination for non-property owners; last year we had close to 1,000 boats use the public access to visit our lake.

I was asked to serve on the SLA Board two years ago and the opportunity to serve was an easy decision based on my 52 years worth of enjoyment of this beautiful lake. Over the last two years serving on the board, I have witnessed the members' commitment to the mission statement of our association, "To provide for the betterment and wellbeing of property abutting and adjoining the shores of Sugar Lake in Wright County MN and to protect and preserve the resources contributing to the natural beauty of Sugar Lake"

I want to encourage all to continue your participation in our membership, not only through your dues but as a volunteer. The level of time and engagement is dependent on you and your availability. We have many committees that focus on both singular events and long term goals.

If you have interest in committing some of your time and energy please consider serving as a future Board Member or serve on one of our committees, (Membership, Vegetation, Water Quality, Annual Picnic, Fisheries, Fund Raising & Special Events, Education, Area Government Liaison, Safety, Communications).

In the words of John Heywood (1497-1580) "Many hands make light work"

The Association is only as strong as its members. We have a long history of dedicated members whom have served with distinction to maintain this special place. If you know anyone who has previously served as a board member or on a committee, make sure you thank them for their volunteering.

Remember you do not need to be on the Board to help with any committee, if you have interest please contact us at:

membership@sugarlake.org

vegetation@sugarlake.org

Thank you and I hope to see you on the lake in the coming year,

Scott Radtke

SLA Chairperson 2019-2020

Labor Day Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day Weekend the annual outdoor Catholic Mass was held at the Shallbetter cabin on Sunset Point. It was a cloudy morning with a few raindrops that kept the attendance down a bit from past years. None the less some 90 people showed up for the event. There were many generous donors during the collection and we were able to send \$307.00 to the "Annandale Youth First" in Annandale.

A special thanks to Fr Marty Shallbetter, the celebrant, and all of you who help put on this yearly event. Thanks also to those who brought refreshments and treats to share after the Mass.

Mark your calendar for next year and please join us for all are welcome. It's a glorious way to end the summer.

Doc Williams



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