

THE SUGAR LAKE NEWS MAY 2003



2003

Calendar of Events

June 14– Healthy Lakes
Visioning Session

June 21–SLA Meeting*

June 28–Fishing Contest

July 19–SLA Meeting*

August 2–SLA Picnic

August 16–Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

August 30–Diane's Lights
Night

September 20– SLA Meeting*

October 18–SLA Meeting*

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

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address, e-mail, or property
owner changes**

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11208 Hoyer Av NW

Annandale, MN 55302

320-274-8669

or

17400 Vergus AV

Jordan, MN 55352

952-226-2914

E-mail: jostdiek@aol.com

Annual Fishing Contest June 28th!

When: 9am to noon. Registration begins at 8:30am. Weigh in at noon.

Where: Home of Dan and Lynne Bonine on the north end of Addison Bay.

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.

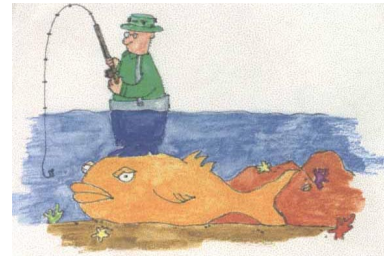
Who: Open to members and friends. The Kids contest is for ages 0-8 and 9-15. Kids can share in the prize money if they pay the entry fee.

Hot dogs and refreshments will be served afterward.

If you have any questions, call Lynne at 320-274-2005.

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.

Picnic Volunteers Needed!



The annual Sugar Lake Association picnic is planned for August 2nd. Help is needed with many of the activities. Short shifts are available. Your help is needed to make this event a success.

Please call Steve Harnett or Mike Madden if you can help.

Steve can be reached at 320-274-5497

Mike can be reached at 763-559-4394

Give Our Lake a Break

If you must fertilize your lawn use a phosphorus-free fertilizer. Fertilizers are characterized by a series of three numbers on the package. A middle number of "0" indicates a phosphorus-free fertilizer.

Sugar Lake Association Board Nominations

If you are interested in becoming a Sugar Lake Association board member or know someone interested in becoming a board member please contact Lynne Bonine 320-274-2005, or Jan Quinn 320-274-3226. The nominating committee would like to have a slate of candidates ready before the June meeting.

MAY 17TH ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

KASTL'S KORNER The latest lake report.

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



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
05-14-98	12'	63°	82°	17"	21"
05-13-99	9'	50°	50°	22"	27"
05-15-00	8'	58°	70°	20"	25"
05-16-01	8'	55°	78°	24"	29"
05-15-02	9'	48°	49°	23"	28"
05-15-03	9'	59°	66°	24"	29"

Treasurer's Report- report as of May 16, 2003.

General Fund	\$11,120.88	(Includes \$958 for Walleye Fund)
Lake Improvement	\$12,382.37	
Milfoil Fund	<u>\$50,339.24</u>	
Total All Funds	\$73,842.49	

Membership

Dues for 2003. SLA membership for 2003 has hit the 270 mark. If you haven't paid your 2003 dues, please send your \$20 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: John Ost diek at 17400 Vergus Av., Jordan, MN 55352.

EXTRA DONATIONS. Sugar Lake Members have been extremely generous adding over \$4,000.00 in extra donations (over and above their dues contribution). The breakdown of the additional donations are: \$618 to General Fund; \$911 to Lake Improvement; \$1,614 to Milfoil; \$300 to the Walleye Fund; and \$640 not specified.

Contributors of extra donations include: Ken & Bonnie Anderson, Melanie & Chuck Barry, Don & Marianne Borgeson, Bob & Cathy Brabant, Tamzin Brown, Albert & Irene Campbell, Tom & Sandy Ducharme, Daniel & Sheree Mattes Erdmann, Tom & Carol Ertel, Jerry & Denise Euteneuer, Marlin & Wilma Grant, Nolan & Deb Grimm, Elvira E Hanson, Tom & Sue Hebzynski, Lee & Jonelle Hennen, Stan & Shirley Hillestad, Karl & Bobbie Kaufmann, Dr. John Klobe, Dennis & Mary Langhoff, John & Bernice Larson, Marie Lehn, Robert Lund, Steve & Sue Mann, Mike & Suzanne McDonald, Mike & Janet Mengelkoch, Fred & Geraldine Menth, Mark & Barb Menth, Doug & Martha Miller, Steven & Adelia Miller, Obert Nelson, Dan & Martha Newell, Butch & Violet Novitsky, Randy & Joyce Ommen, Bob & Chris Peltier, Craig, Scott & Mark Peterson, Dennis & Sally Phenow, Carl & Marion Pohlman, Ralph & Judy Pucci, Tom & Pam Pugh, Larry & Anna Purcell, Ed & Janet Quinn, Elaine & Clara Rasmussen, John & Joan Rausch, Roger & Mitzi Riesgraf, John & Jean Rivers, Gene Sauter, Elmer & Mercedes Schwartz, Ed & Marge Scinto, Irvin & Lorenchia Scott, Stan & Sally Serwa, Roy & Lois Stenberg, Joe & Jean Urista, Frank & Irene Vinella, Alan & Susie Wojchowski, Alfred & Catherine Wurm, Pat & Deanne Wurm, and Tim & Nancy Young. The Association thanks everyone for their support.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Gretchen Peterson and Carrie Dahl who both passed away in February. We also want to note that Lois and Roy Stenberg have moved to the City of Annandale after being on the lake for 35 years.

Sugar Lake Membership Directory was printed and distributed last year. Anyone needing a copy (or extra), please contact John. Many thanks to the advertisers who helped make the Directory a no cost item. Some of the Directory advertisers include: Anchor Dock & Lift, Annandale Café & Catering, Annandale State Bank, Apple Excavation, Inc., B & H Heating & Cooling, Cabin Docktor, Crystal-Pierz Marine, Karen's Hallmark, Lake Center Store, MCP Collision Center, MJR Well and Pump, Purcell Plumbing & Heating, Security State Bank, Tri-County Lumber, Wright County Realty, Wright-Hennepin Electric, C & C HVAC, Smith, Paulson, O'Donnell, Whispering Pines. Please patronize these businesses who have helped us.

If you know anyone new to the Sugar Lake area, please let John Ost diek know. An information packet will be mailed. For address additions, deletions, or changes, please contact John at 320-274-8669 or 952-226-2914 or e-mail at jost-diek@aol.com.

SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH This e-mail service is available for Sugar Lake members, family, and friends. Contact John at jostdiek@aol.com with your e-mail address to get on the Sugar Lake News Flash list.

Water Quality Improvement

Another missed opportunity in the Sugar Lake watershed:

Once again a project was undertaken in our watershed without adequate forethought and preparation, and our environment has paid the price.

The project in mind was the creation of a deeper ditch along the road to direct water to a culvert that takes it to the lake. What happened in this case, is that the county allowed the property owner to start the project too late in the fall so that there was not enough time to re-vegetate the excavated soil. Due to this fact, there was considerable erosion of topsoil deposited into the lake in the fall, and again in the spring. Recently, after discussion with the county again, the property owner re-graded the ditch for a second time. Once more he attempted to reestablish the soil without the use of any "Rolled Erosion Control Products," on the bottom of the ditch. Instead the contractor was allowed to simply install two bands of silt fence across the channel. With the first heavy rain the system failed and considerable silt was deposited into the lake yet again.

As stated in the Field Manual on Sediment and Erosion Control Best Management Practices for contractors and inspectors, "Vegetation provides the best method for reducing erosion in drainage channels ... establishing vegetation in bare-ground drainage channels is difficult when flows occur. The use of RECPS (Rolled Erosion Control Products) might alleviate this problem." (pg. 109)

This manual, as well as others, tells us exactly how to do this, but we do not require the landowner or the contractor to follow these guidelines, and therefore, they don't. This project has been the subject of conversation for many decades, so it is not something new, nor a spur of the moment decision. It does, however, point out the fact that we have lots of work to do in educating residents on the importance of "Best Management Practices" when it relates to earthwork near our lakes and rivers. When are we going to start taking care of our environment by at least telling people how to do it right?

As development continues in Wright County problems like this will continue unless we start to do something now. Let's start to find ways for all of us to do our projects without having to jeopardize our water quality. Any time we remove vegetation around the lake we need to have a plan for protecting the soil until new vegetation is established. NO project is too small for this kind of planning.

Dale A. Gustafson - Water Quality Improvement Committee

Diane's Lights Night

Doc Williams

Although Diane's Lights Night signals the end of summer, it also hails in one of the most beautiful nights of the year on Sugar Lake. In this second in a series of articles, we will be giving you ideas on how to make this night even more spectacular.

In the last article, it was mentioned how difficult it can be to keep your luminaries going if it is raining or the wind is blowing. Although white bags make the best looking luminaries, an alternative in bad weather might be white or semi-clear plastic milk jugs. You can use either the half-gallon or gallon size. Simply cut off the top, remove the labels with mineral spirits, put sand in the bottom to stabilize them, and insert a tea light candle. The jugs can be saved, so you can make a more impressive display next year, and the tea lights are very inexpensive to purchase. Another thought is to mix the bags and jugs to enhance your design. Remember, only light originating from a flame qualifies you for the best individual display prize.

Next month, we will let you know what the prize will be for having the best display, but remember, everyone who participates is a winner through their contribution to the night and their community spirit. Lets make this year's Diane's Lights Night the best ever.

Historian

Lynne Bonine is the Sugar Lake Association historian. Lynne has space in the Association file cabinets to collect historical information. If you have any information that belongs in the historical files, please contact Lynne at 320-274-2005.

Thank you Doc Williams for the donation of file cabinets!

Area Communicators

Work has started on establishing area communicators around the lakeshore. These individuals would be responsible for calling a list of neighbors to communicate information on milfoil treatment or search results for example. If you are interested in helping out as an area communicator please contact one of the individuals listed below.

Dale Gustafson 763-544-4215
Clif Mol 320-274-5343
Mike Zieska 320-963-6082

Andy Juetten 320-274-2264
Don Peterson 952-939-0172



Water Patrol

Remember to renew or obtain your swim raft permit. Contact the Wright County Sheriff's Department at 763-682-7622. Your permit # must be displayed and the raft must be reflectorized to reflect light from all directions.

Picnic

Planning for the annual picnic, to be held on Saturday, August 2nd, is underway. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities. If you can help please contact Steve Harnett or Mike Madden. Steve can be reached at 320-274-5497, Mike can be reached at 763-559-4394.

Old/New Business

- A motion was made and passed to add \$640 in undesignated donations to the walleye fund. Bring the total walleye fund to \$958.
- A motion was made and passed to make the raffle grand prize \$500. A motion was made and passed to make the 2nd prize \$250 and third prize \$50.
- A motion was made and passed to renew the association membership with MLA for \$200. A letter stating the SLA position on current MLA issues will be drafted by Cori Duffy and Dale Gustafson.

Healthy Lakes Partnership

Why you want to be at the visioning session, June 14, 2003

- So you have a voice in the efforts to maintain Sugar Lake.
- We really need your input in the effort to maintain a healthy Sugar Lake.
- We need all ages, kids to retirees, to make this visioning session successful. Bring the whole family.
- We need to preserve Sugar Lake for our grandchildren. There are already three generations of families on the lake!
- A chance to visit and laugh with others on the lake over coffee, juice, homemade rolls and fresh fruit; call it breakfast.
- What a great time to meet new people.

See you there!

It will be fun!

Sugar Lake Visioning Session

June 14, 2003

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast and registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Camp Friendship, 10509 108th St NW, Annadale

Township News

Corrina Township

Junk Amnesty Day will be Saturday, July 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Riverfest Monticello

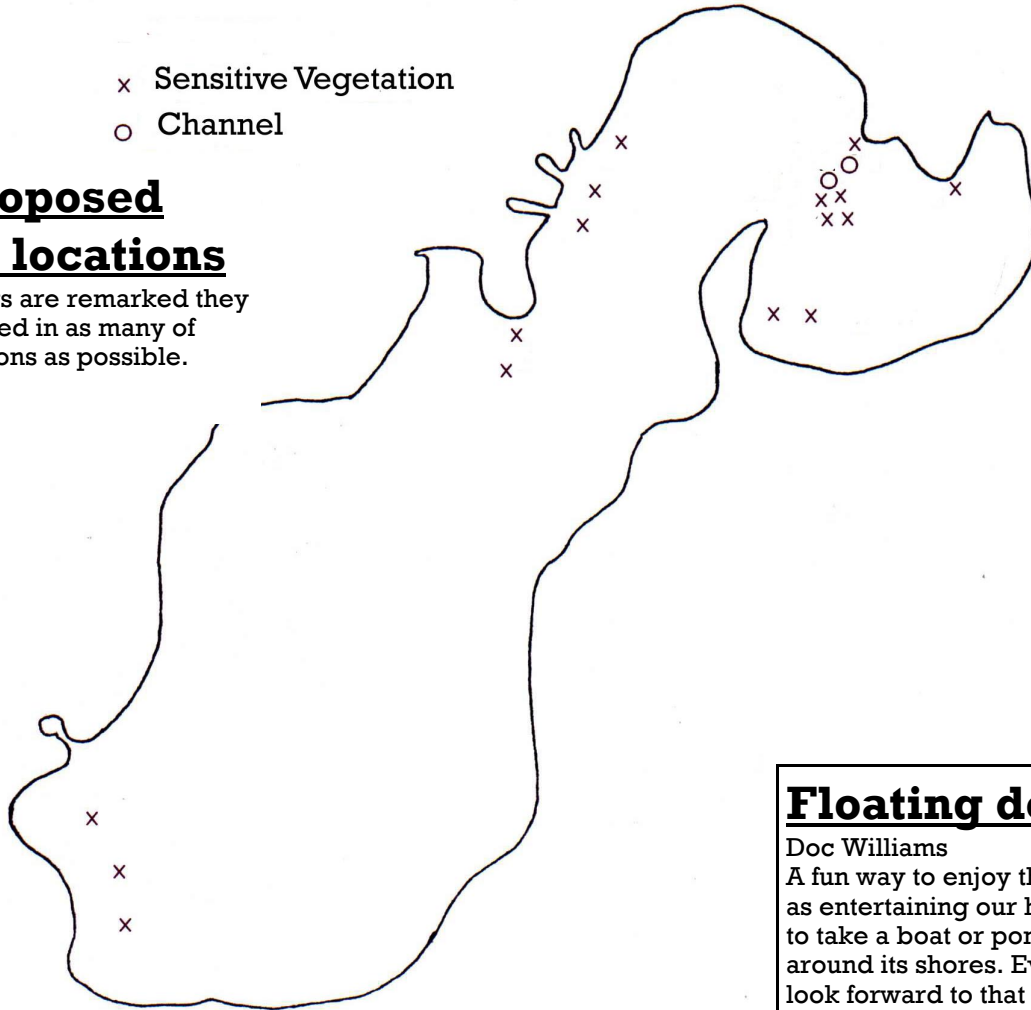
For more information: www.monticellochamber.com

- **Friday July 10th**
Talent show 7:30 p.m at the high school
- **Saturday, July 11th: Art in the Park and Taste of Monticello**
Top notch art/craft show at Ellison Park (on the east side of Monticello, on the Mississippi , behind the hospital.) From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food court, entertainment too.
Evening 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.. Street dance featuring Killer Hayseeds. West end of the community center. Food, beer, and lots of family fun.
- **Sunday, July 12th**
 - Parade 12:30 p.m. (If you want to be in the parade, forms are available at the Monticello web site)
 - Park activities 2 to 6
 - Jonah and the Whales
 - Chicken Dinner
 - The Great Monticello Duck Race down the Mississippi River.
 - Coronation of Queens

- x Sensitive Vegetation
- o Channel

Proposed Buoy locations

As the buoys are remarked they will be placed in as many of these locations as possible.



Floating docks

Doc Williams

A fun way to enjoy the lake, as well as entertaining our houseguests, is to take a boat or pontoon ride around its shores. Every spring I look forward to that first ride and see what's changed. If you have ever done this at night, it gives you an entirely different perspective of the lake and is every bit as enjoyable. There are some hazards to a night ride, however, and one of them is the floating docks. The law requires each dock to have reflectors on all sides. Unfortunately, they only work if light is first shone on them. It would be terrible if an accident occurred. Not only would there be property damage, but personal injury or even death may occur. As a floating dock owner, you might consider purchasing a solar light. Once installed on your dock, they are virtually maintenance free and the prices start at under \$20.00. The light will make your floating dock more visible at night. If stored correctly over the winter, they will last many boating seasons. Lets make this a safe boating season.

For Sale

Mahogany-stained "Victor Talking Machine Co." Victrola cabinet (cabinet only - no player) \$100. 18.5"X24"X41" high (obviously taller when cover is lifted). Good physical condition, finish needs a little work in places. Two storage areas with doors below player cover. Owned by my grandparents, guessing it must be 80+ years old. Contact Paul Smith 952-443-9965

4 HP Evinrude motor with tank, hose, manual, and carrying case. Good condition \$295. Contact Frank 320-963-5297 weekends, 952-944-6713 week days.

Stacked washer and dryer. Contact Stan Hillestad 320-274-8633

Oak planks-rough sawn oak planks that are a full one inch thick by six inches wide and ten feet long. I have 64 planks, will separate for \$4.00 per plank. Contact Ron 320-963-2130

For Sale

LP Dryer (Frigidaire) - \$75, White, excellent condition, like new. Electric range (Kenmore) \$25, Harvest gold, self cleaning, missing oven door handle, works perfect. Poolslide - Great for dock or raft \$100. Contact Mike 320-963-2094

1985 30HP Mariner long shaft outboard motor. Set up for pontoon. All controls, tank, electric start. (no tiller handle) \$875 OBO. Contact Rick 763-780-1956 after 5:00 p.m. or anytime at 612-740-9114 (pager/voicemail)

1996 Kawasaki Vulcan Classic 800 Motorcycle. 16,000 miles, Kawasaki windshield, saddlebags, passenger backrest, Saddlemen "Gel" seat, slash cut drag pipes, belt drive conversion, owners and repair manuals, original factory pipes and chain drive also included. \$4,500 Contact Don Peterson 952-935-4201 days, 952-939-0172 evenings.

Sugar Lake Association Contact Guide

2002/2003 Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors

Terms expiring August 31, 2003

	<u>Lake Phone</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Area</u>
Steve Borgeson	320-274-3129	Same as lake	Z
Cori Duffy	651-235-5240	651-765-9739	W
Dale Gustafson	320-963-5969	763-544-2772	A
Mike Madden		763-559-4394	U
Chuck Benner	320-963-5091	Same as lake	K
Frank Vinella	320-963-5297	952-944-6713	L
Al Wojchouski- Former Chairman	320-274-6863	763-295-2923	W

Terms expiring August 31, 2004

Andy Juetten	320-274-2264	Same as lake	Q
Don Peterson	320-963-8843	952-939-0172	K
Steve Wiltermuth	320-274-6133	763-441-2625	W
Lynne Bonine	320-274-2005	Same as lake	W
Richard Choate	320-963-3048	Same as lake	K
Gordon Koring	320-274-2442	Same as lake	N

Terms expiring August 31, 2005

Mike Mengelkoch	320-963-8518	763-546-1945	K
Suzanne Quinn-McDonald	320-274-3226	763-427-5519	O
Dave (Doc) Williams	320-963-6776	952-888-9884	H
Steve Harnett	320-274-5497	Same as lake	U
Shirley Hillstad	320-274-8633	Same as lake	T
Michelle Pippo	320-963-5024	Same as lake	F

Committee Chairpersons

Government Liaison	Andy Juetten
Fishing Resources	Mike Madden
Fundraising/Grants	Al Wojchouski
Lake Vegetation	Steve Borgeson
	Dale Gustafson
Membership	John Ostdiek
Newsletter	Don Peterson
Nominating	Lynne Bonine
Parliamentarian	Open
Picnic	Steve Harnett
	Mike Madden
Water/ Snow Patrol	Chuck Benner
Water Quality Improvement	Ed Quinn
	Suzanne
	Quinn-McDonald
Water Quality Report	Jim Kastl
Website Coordinator	Don Peterson
Historian	Lynne Bonine
MLA Liaison	Dale Gustafson

Officers

Chairman: Steve Wiltermuth
 Vice-chairman: Lynne Bonine
 Treasurer: Chuck Benner
 Secretary: Michelle Pippo

Sugar Lake Water Patrol 2003

Chuck Benner	320-963-5091	Area K
Dan Bonine	320-274-2005	Area W
Earl Foster	320-274-3902	Area Q
Mike Huro	320-274-2104	Area S
Tanya Olin	320-274-5218	Area S
Bob Stockstead	320-963-3345	Area D