



# The Sugar Lake News

**JUNE 2016**

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

2016

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**July 16**-SLA Meeting\*

**July 30**-Golf Tournament

**August 6**-SLA Picnic

**August 20**-Annual Meeting/  
Board Election\*

**September 3**-Diane's Lights Night

**September 3** Sugar Lake 5K

**September 17**- SLA Meeting\*

**October 15**-SLA Meeting\*

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

March, September & October meetings at  
9 a.m.

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contact Cathy Beckman at

10880 Imhoff Ave NW

Annandale, MN 55302

320-274-8623

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

## **Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing**

The Sugar Lake Association will be holding its benefit golf outing at Southbrook Golf Club in Annandale on Saturday, July 30, 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. We hope to award lots of prizes (longest putt, most putts on a hole, shortest drive, you get the picture), so we need donations of prizes--they can be useful prizes or amusing prizes. We need individuals or companies to sponsor holes. (cost: \$100, tax deductible) Sponsors will be identified at each hole with a sign. It is great advertising or a way to show your support of the Sugar Lake Association Invasive Species Fund.



Supper will follow. Invite your wives, husbands, kids, families, and friends for an afternoon of fun.

18 holes of golf (including cart and supper) will cost \$75; supper only will be \$25.

All money raised will be devoted to the Sugar Lake Invasive Species Fund.

For more information, contact Greg Selle at 612-719-1824 [cell]

## The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition is a 3 on a scale of 1(good) to 5(bad). A fair green tint to the water.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
06-20-11	15'	70°	65°	28.75"	33.75"
06-12-12	10.5'	70°	71°	24.75"	29.25"
06-25-13	14'	74°	78°	20.50"	26.00"
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"

## Membership

Paid SLA membership is currently at 165. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Cathy Beckman. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Cathy of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Cathy at 320-274-8623 or email

[membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

Our sympathies to the family of Bob Bendickson who passed away June 6, 2016.

## 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 [for-sale@sugarlake.org](mailto:for-sale@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)

## Nominations

Nominations for the SLA Board were held open to allow more time for the candidate search.

## 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).

## Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2016

General Fund	\$7,557.09
Lake Improvement Fund	\$34,648.51
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$151,832.89</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$194,038.49</b>

## Raffle Update

Returns are coming in for the annual fund-raising event. Many thanks to all of you who have sold tickets! Raffle ticket proceeds will all go to the Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund. As always, there will be additional opportunities to buy more raffle tickets at the picnic.

If you would like more tickets to sell, please email:

[don@sugarlakemn.net](mailto:don@sugarlakemn.net)

If you would like to return your sold ticket stubs and checks (NO CASH PLEASE!), made payable to the Sugar Lake Association, please send them to SLA Treasurer 5717 Fairfax Ave, Edina, MN, 55424.

## Co-Chair's Corner

Sometimes my daughter and I will exchange a text or an email marked "random"...one of those out of the blue thoughts that deserve attention or pondering, but aren't necessarily connected to one another. Here are a few of my recent Sugar Lake "randoms":



1. What a treat it was to be in the middle of the lake on a pontoon ride the evening of the Summer Solstice. I didn't know which was prettier- the sun setting in the West, or the full moon rising in the East...the Strawberry Moon...the last one was in 1967; the next one will be in 2062!
2. The environmental movement has introduced us to the importance of healing nature, but rarely do we explore the reverse- nature's ability to heal and renew human beings. While recuperating from a recent injury, gazing at Sugar Lake and it's beautiful wildlife every day for two weeks, it occurred to me that I had inadvertently immersed myself in what the U of M's 'Center for Healing and Spirituality' calls "Nature Healing". Cool. I think it helped!
3. How "old" is our lake today? Sugar Lake was formed during the last glacier age- around 10,000 years ago. What is the translation in human age...adult?...middle age?...elderly?...
4. I sincerely hope our relationship with Sugar Lake remains strong for many, many, years to come!

Suzanne Quinn-McDonald, co-chair, SLA.

## Picnic

**Date:** Saturday, August 6

**Time:** Picnic begins at noon

Children's games start at 1 p.m.

Drawing starts at 3 p.m.

**Place:** Enghausers', SE corner of the lake

Set-up work begins at 8 a.m. Additional help is needed with many of the activities. One-hour time slots are available. See contact information below.

- Please consider making a donation at registration for extra guests you bring.
- Dogs are not allowed.
- Anyone under 40 should be prepared to show ID for beer or wine service.
- Please help by picking up after yourself at the end of the picnic.

## Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with picnic activities. 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

Text or call 952-210-2511

Email: [dbeltrand@comcast.net](mailto:dbeltrand@comcast.net)

## Seventh Annual Sugar Lake 5K

On **Saturday, September 3, 2016**, 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).

## Weed Killer Application

A recent question came our way: Why not apply chemicals to the water in front of my cabin to kill the weeds? First of all, the DNR has to approve any chemicals applied in Minnesota lakes- a permit is needed. They are very selective, and while concerned about ridding our lake of aquatic invasive species such as Eurasian Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed, they want to make sure that the native plants critical to a healthy lake environment, remain intact.

# Fishing Contest 2016

The weather Saturday morning was humid with a very challenging wind. Contestants met at noon for the weigh in and lunch. The contest was organized by Lynne Bonine and held at the homes of Steve & Sue Kaltinger Grant, Mike & Debbie McManus, Joel & Linda Williams.

A delicious hot dog lunch was served. Thanks to Dan Erdmann for weighing and measuring all the fish! Also thanks to everyone else who helped out and those who participated in this fun event.



Thanks to Lynne and Chuck Bonine for organizing the event.



Dan Erdmann took care of weighing and measuring all the fish caught.

### HOSTS:

Steve & Sue Kaltinger Grant, Mike & Debbie McManus, Joel & Linda Williams



# Fishing Contest Results

## The winners were:

### Bass

- 1st Jim Schimelpfenig 2.52
- 2nd Max Schimelpfenig 2.04
- 3rd Jim Schimelpfenig 1.70

### Northern

- 1st Ben Martel 1.86
- 2nd Sam Kluge 1.46
- 3rd Jim Schimelpfenig 1.44
- 3rd Molly Giertsen 1.44

### Sunfish

- 1st Vicki Arnst .80
- 2nd Colten Piefer .72
- 3rd Dick Arnst .64

### Walleye

- 1st Caden Schimelpfenig 1.30

## Traveling Trophies

Traveling trophies this year went to Max Schimelpfenig in the children's category and Jim Schimelpfenig in the adult category.



Max Schimelpfenig



Jim Schimelpfenig



## Zebra Mussel Watch

This year we are again watching for zebra mussels with our brick monitoring program and a NEW four plate style zebra muscle monitoring device that we have at the south and north landing. The new monitoring device is pictured below. We are in a pilot program with the Wright County COLA to detect a new zebra muscle infestation in the early stages when current chemical treatment strategies may be effective.

In the middle of July we will send in these two monitoring devices to have them inspected with a microscope for young zebra mussels.

Just another way Sugar Lake is trying to stay ahead of zebra mussels.



## Diane's Lights Night

When Diane's Lights Night was first held on Sugar Lake it was a great success with many participants and great displays. In the past several years however the participants have become fewer and fewer. There are still many boats cruising the shoreline that night but fewer and fewer displays to view. Diane Radtke, a lakeshore owner at the time, was visiting another lake and viewed a similar event. There were simple displays of luminaries on docks and the intent was a way of saying good-bye to neighbors at the end of the lake season. Diane thought it was such a beautiful gesture that she introduced it to our lake and named it Sugar Lights. When I (Doc Williams) took over the event, I introduced prizes hoping to increase participation and it did for a while. The displays were grand and plentiful. People were outdoing their neighbors trying to get bragging rights and a prize for the best display. We hope that continues for it's great to view the marvels that people can come up with. But for those who don't wish to put in the effort to build something spectacular, a few luminaries on the end of your dock or in your yard is still a beautiful way to say good-bye to your neighbors at the end of the lake season. Please consider participating. If we could get some sort of display on every property it would add so much to the evening.

Event Chairman  
Dave (Doc) Williams

## Zebra Mussel Found in Lake Sylvia

Lake Sylvia posted the following news:

A crew from Anchor Dock and Lift discovered a Zebra Mussel in about 15ft of water at the southernmost part of the East Lake and attached to weeds. We conducted subsequent searches with the DNR, Blue Water Science and volunteers. We found a single ZM in a second location also on the East Lake. Based on these findings, the DNR has classified Lake Sylvia as infested with Zebra Mussels and has posted a warning sign at the public access. Steve McComas of Blue Water Science is preparing a report for the GLSA Board of the search efforts and our options for treatment. We will use that report, his recommendations and recommendations from the DNR to determine whether treatment is advised.

## Sugar Lake Association Intern

SLA Association is very fortunate to have Chryssa King as our summer intern. The King family are residents and Association members of Sugar Lake. Chryssa is a junior at Saint Cloud State University and working on a degree in Biomedical Engineering. She will be working on various projects including invasive aquatic species, monitoring lake conditions/temperatures, zebra mussels and mapping watershed. The Association is working closely with staff at Wright County to map watershed in and around Sugar Lake. If you see Chryssa on the lake or around your property identifying culverts please welcome her to this intern position. She can be spotted wearing a yellow hat.

## Large carp shot in Sugar Lake

Robbie Meyer shot the carp pictured to the right with bow & arrow June 17th at about 12:30 p.m. Robbie lives on the east side of Sunset Point and shot it in the east bay on the south end. Keep an eye out around your dock and let a board member know if you see any carp like this one.



## Vegetation

This Vegetation report was sent out earlier as a newsflash. Thanks to all of you that responded with Curly leaf location information.

Our treatment of Curly leaf pondweed took place in early May this year. It looks like the treatment was effective with killing many of the plants. Time will tell if we have a seed bank of turions that will germinate next year. In Sugar Lake in the past, it usually takes a few years of control to see the maximum reduction of the CLP in a given area.

Because we have not treated large areas of CLP in recent years we fear that we could be on a cycle of increase in our lake. We are asking for everyone to help in this effort. Please examine the areas around your dock and lake shore for clusters of CLP plants. Also look in the areas by your property out to about 15 feet of water. On clear calm days it is easy to see a patch of CLP. Look for a thick patch of plants with the tell-tail serrated leaves. The clusters of plants can grow to the surface or just be a dense clump of plants a few feet tall. Check the picture below to help remember what it looks like. If you identify patches of this plant, or think you do, please contact our new email contact: [Vegetation@sugarlake.org](mailto:Vegetation@sugarlake.org). Please enclose your address and a brief description of where you found it. Something like: on the west side of our dock, out from our dock about 100 feet, or something of that nature. It would be helpful if you can take a picture with your smart phone because we can locate it by the geotag. One of our Vegetation Committee with check it out to confirm your find and put it on our watch areas. We do not treat every patch of CLP, but small patches may develop into large areas and require treatment. Thank you for your help.

Dale Gustafson  
Vegetation Committee



# Free Little Library

Need a book for the weekend? Visit this new "Free Little Library." Located at 6521 123rd St NW, Anandale. It is just east of the junction of Grover Ave & 123rd St. on the top of the hill! North side of Sugar Lake.



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