



Sugar Lake News

April 2025

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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SLA Board Meetings

April 17-SLA Board Meeting*

May 15-SLA Board Meeting*

June 19- SLA Board Meeting*

July 17-SLA Board Meeting*

August 18-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 15- SLA Meeting*

October 20-SLA Meeting*

**SLA meetings are held at
the Corinna Township hall at
6:30 p.m.*

Send Newsletter submissions to:
Ron Elsner

E-mail: elsnerrw@comcast.net

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

E-mail membership@sugarlake.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for a Newsletter Editor, as well as support for the Lake Improvement and Education Committees of the SLA Board. You do not need to be a Board member to serve in these roles. Please contact Ron Elsner at elsnerrw@comcast.net if you are interested.

Sip & Shop - June 13 & 14

Fishing Contest - Saturday, June 28 (8 am to noon)



Boat Parade - Saturday, July 5



Golf Tournament - Saturday, July 26

Scramble Event with dinner, prizes, and auction to follow!
Southbrook Golf Course (1 pm Shotgun Start)



Association Picnic - Saturday, August 2

Join your Sugar Lake friends for some great food, games, and prizes!
Rachel Property (Noon to 3)



Chair's Corner - by Ron Elsner

As you can see from the Calendar of Events on the front page, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy Sugar Lake with your neighbors, friends, and family this summer. Mixed in with the fun, there is some work required to care for the lake. Unfortunately, there appears to be a healthy crop of Curly Leaf Pondweed in the making. We have received permits for treatment, public notices have been made, and treatment should be done in the next several weeks. Thankfully, again this spring no Starry Stonewort was found.

After repair of some winter damage, the rebuilt South Landing is ready to go. New features include additional parking, a clean & tie-down area, and a new floating dock.

Remember that the Association has changed our membership cycle to the calendar year to better match up with accounting and tax functions. See the Membership Update article in this issue of the Newsletter.

PS: **Be Safe!** - When the boat comes out of storage, remember to check the fire extinguisher and horn (.. . as well as the bilge plug!!).

Winter Shoreline Damage

Many of you are well aware that a good share of the west shoreline suffered ice heave damage this winter. As was the case last year, we had a 'non-typical' winter: fluctuating temperatures and little snow cover. We have been in contact with the DNR's regional hydrologist in Sauk Rapids regarding the matter. He reported that the DNR has had higher than normal reporting of shoreline damage this spring in our region. And, oddly enough, most lakes have reported damage primarily on the west shorelines.

South Landing Update

Winter damage at the new boat ramp at the South Landing has been repaired. The landing (including the new dock) is ready to go!!

A colorful poster for a 'Sugar Lake SIP & SHOP' event. The background is light gray with two large, stylized wine glasses in the center, one orange and one light blue, clinking together. The text is centered and reads: 'Sugar Lake' in a cursive font, 'SIP & SHOP' in large bold letters, 'June 13th 4:30pm-8:30pm & June 14th 9am-12pm' in bold, 'Dan & Marilyn Popp's Home' in a smaller font, '6989 124th St. NW' and 'Annandale, MN 55302' in bold. At the bottom, it says 'CHECK OUT THE NEW SUGAR LAKE APPAREL - ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SUGAR LAKE ASSOCIATION' and 'BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE AND A LAWN CHAIR - COME READY TO SHOP!'. The poster is framed by a decorative border of colorful circles in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

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Lake Report

By Dan Erdmann

Date	Ice Out	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Inlet	Culvert Outlet
04-26-25	4/1	17.5'	44°	50°	18.75"	24.75"

The ice went out on April 1st.this year.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 15, 2025

General Fund	\$92,853.98
Edward Jones account	\$217,494.08
Total All Funds	\$310,348.06

2024-2025 Board Roster

Terms expiring 8/31/25	
Chair	Ron Elsner
	Nicole Hedlund
	Barb Johnson
Treasurer	Doug Miller
Bogs	Paul Pardus
	Jan Tift
Vice Chair	Tom Velin
Water Quality/ Immediate Past Chair	Dan Erdmann
Terms expiring 8/31/26	
	Steve Mann
	Kristin Otten
Secretary	Lisa Salfer
	Mark Snyder
Terms expiring 8/31/27	
	Craig Allen
	Damin Barnier
	Biill Biebesheimer
	Steve Heaney
Apparel	Dan Popp
Fisheries/Carp Trap	Jim Schimelpfenig

Membership Chair	Mark Ertl
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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.
- **BRUSH & COMPOST**

The Township has instituted a new procedure for entering the brush & compost area. Until further notice, all residents must check in at the Township Office to gain access. The security code system has been disabled as a result of misuse by commercial haulers. The area will be open and accessible during the following hours:

- 8AM-3PM M-F
- 3PM-7PM Tues
- 8AM-12PM Sat

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.



Membership Update - Mark Ertl, Membership Chair

Again this year, we are continuing our work to move our membership year to coincide with the calendar year (instead of the 'fiscal' year as we have done in the past). As part of that process, we continue to encourage members to pay their dues in the first quarter of the year.

As of 4/16/2025, we have 75 paid-up/active members. These are folks who have paid their dues since Jan 1, 2025. That number includes three new members! There are also 83 'expired' members who have not yet paid their dues for 2025. In addition, there are many other 'inactive' members in the database - those who are more than one year past renewal.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW TO ASSURE YOUR PLACE IN THE 2025 DIRECTORY!

So far this fiscal year, we have received 157 donations to the association in the form of dues and donations. The breakdown of those donations by campaign/fund is as follows:

2025 membership dues: \$3861.50
Invasive Species Fund: \$8344.85
Migrating Bog Donations: \$1234.35
Lake Improvement Fund: \$2481.85

This is a directory year. Former (non-current) members will be receiving a renewal letter letting them know that they must renew their membership in order to be included in the 2025-2026 directory AND to continue receiving NewsFlash updates and the Newsletter. The membership renewal deadline to be included in the 2025 directory will be in early June.

Bog Policy

In the event a bog impacts your shoreline, and you want to remove it, the SLA has adopted a Sugar Lake Association (SLA) Bog Assistance Policy for reference. The Policy is on the website at: <https://sugarlake.org/bog-policy.html>

Important parts of the Policy include:

- The SLA is obtaining a lake wide permit for the use of all Property Owners for removal of migrating bogs (those that have not permanently attached in front of your property.)
- A form is required to be submitted to SLA's "bog liaison" including a picture describing the removal plan. An approved plan is required to use the SLA permit. Proper disposal of the bog is required and locations for such disposal are identified in the Policy. (Please note: if you decide to proceed without following the Policy, you are required by law to obtain your own permit.)
- Bogs larger than 225 square feet require an additional approval from the DNR. The SLA bog liaison will obtain that approval prior to approving your plan.
- Vendors with experience in managing bogs have been identified by the SLA and those vendors have agreed to follow the SLA permit including proper disposal. It is the responsibility of the Property Owner to make their own arrangements if they desire such assistance with one of the identified vendors
- If you are a SLA member and incur vendor removal costs in excess of \$500, you may seek reimbursement of these excess costs from the SLA. There is no reimbursement available to non-members of the SLA.

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.

Facebook

A new Facebook Group Page has been set up using the same name we used before, Sugar Lake Spirit. This Facebook Group is for those who live on, enjoy, and care about Sugar Lake in Wright County, MN. Please like this Group and share with others who would like to post photos, news, and events about Sugar Lake. Any questions contact Jan Tift at jantift@gmail.com.

Visit our Sugar Lake Facebook Group:
Sugar Lake Spirit

News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains an email list for communication with membership via a 'NewsFlash'. The NewsFlash 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 to the list.

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.

Sugar Lake Website

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website:

www.sugarlake.org



PUBLIC NOTICE

Sugar Lake Property Owners
AIS Treatment—2025

As part of its ongoing effort to preserve and maintain the water quality and recreational enjoyment of Sugar Lake, the Sugar Lake Association is planning to treat aquatic invasive plants. Current rules require that lakeshore property owners be notified of the plan to treat. This serves as notice of Sugar Lake Association's intention to treat in 2025.

Plans include two treatment periods:

- **Curly Leaf Pondweed** will be targeted, as in previous years, with an Endothall compound. This treatment will be done in the next several weeks when only Curly Leaf Pondweed is actively growing.
- **Eurasian Water Milfoil** will be targeted for later this summer with a 2,4,D product called DMA 4. This product has also been very effective in the past and has also resulted in a reduction of the areas needing treatment.

Signs will be posted in the affected areas when these treatments are made. There are very few water use restrictions with these chemicals, but property owners should take note of the information on the signs if treatment is done in their area. For more information, please contact the Association via email to vegetation@sugarlake.org.

Property Owners have the right to refuse treatment in front of their property from the shoreline out to 150 feet. Property Owners who do not want to have the water near their property treated must immediately send a letter to the **Sugar Lake Association at PO Box 373, Annandale, MN, 55302**, stating their desire to opt out of treatments to be made in the littoral area in front of their property. Please ensure that the lakeshore property address is included with your request, and that the request is signed by the property owner (or their representative).

The cost of these treatments is funded by the Sugar Lake Association and is an important step in maintaining the superior water quality that we all enjoy. If you are a lakeshore property owner and don't already belong, please consider joining the Sugar Lake Association and help by providing a donation to support these important programs. More information can be found at www.sugarlake.org/membership

Thank you for your consideration and support!

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