



VIEWS FROM NORTON'S POINT

by Bill Grantges, 2013 SLA President

As I look outside I not only see snow falling, but a completely frozen lake as well. It is April 24th; last year at this time we all had our docks in by now. At this rate, we may have ice on the lake for Fishing Opener on May 11th. The snow and ice may be melting slowly, but I am very happy to report that your SLA Board of Directors is off to a fast start.

This year SLA will be testing Siseebakwet, South Sugar and Little Siseebakwet Lakes for phosphorus and chlorophyll-a. We will also be working with the DNR to have Siseebakwet Lake tested for Aquatic Invasive Species.

As you all should know by now, the Weir on Siseebakwet Lake has sustained damage that became evident after the floods and drought of last summer. Work with the DNR has continued through the winter. At this year's SLA Spring Pot Luck meeting that will be held at Sugar Lake Lodge on Sunday, May 26th, Marv Christenson, member of the SLA Board of Directors, will present a Weir briefing for all those attending. Marv's Power Point presentation will provide historical information, information on the Weirs current condition as well as a briefing on plans for the Weirs repair or replacement. You won't want to miss this Pot Luck meeting and briefing.

Karen Lucachick has volunteered to be this year's SLA Social Committee Chairperson. A veteran with many years of SLA volunteer work to her credit, Karen has already made program arrangements for our Spring Pot Luck meeting. Look for Marv Christenson's Weir briefing as well as the Itasca County Sheriff's Department presentation on the new county wide CodeRED Emergency Notification System that came online just a few weeks ago. This promises to be a fantastic meeting with a terrific program!

For the first time ever, the Flotilla this year will be held at night! Come along for a night time tour of the lake. Decorate your boats with festive lights, or come as you are. The Flotilla will end in the Lodge Bay area in time for the fireworks.

Work to help stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species continues. Come help us Meet & Greet boaters at the Siseebakwet Lake public landing on May 11, the fishing opener. We are in the process of distributing 5,000 table tents and 5,000 flyers to as many businesses and organizations as possible in Itasca County. Look for the **"Protect Your Waters, Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers, Clean - Drain - Dry"** table tents and flyers. When you see them, please let the business owners know that you appreciate them caring and helping to get the word out!

This year is off to a great start. Look for more updates on what your elected SLA Board of Directors have accomplished in the next newsletter. I look forward to seeing you on the lake!

SPRING POT LUCK MEETING

Two very Special Guest Speakers!

Sunday, May 26, 2013 5-7:45 P.M. at Sugar Lake Lodge
(See the Events Cut Out Page for details)

Celebrate the beginning of summer with friends, neighbors and relatives!!! Sugar Lake Lodge has again generously provided the SLA with their facility and place settings to use for the Pot Luck. The Lodge will prepare turkey and lemonade. Please bring a favorite dish to share along with a serving utensil. A cash bar will be available for your enjoyment.

This year we have two special guest speakers. Our first speaker will be from the Itasca County Sheriff's Emergency Management Department. The second speaker will be Marv Christenson from the SLA Board of Directors.

Marv Christenson will be discussing the Siseebakwet Weir Project. Marv is the SLA Director that has been working with the DNR over the winter months. This important project was discussed in the previous article.

The Itasca County Sheriff's Emergency Management Department will explain the recently launched CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

Both Marv Christenson's and the Sheriff's Emergency Management Department presentations deal with matters that directly affect all of us. We hope to see all of you at the meeting!

FIREWORKS FUND by Pat Doherty

As I wrote this note last year, we were enjoying temps in the 60's and the lake ice was nearly out. I wrote that note on February 14th. But maybe the thought of summer at the lake and fireworks to celebrate July 4th will help end this winter that does not know when to leave.

SLA is again asking for monetary support from all members of the lake community for fireworks on the July 4th weekend. SLA continues to be very thankful for the number of people who want to see this 20+ year tradition continue.

Please make your donation to the Siseebakwet Lake Association (SLA is just fine) and note "Fireworks Fund" on the memo line. The earlier SLA can get the money turned in, the better the "deal" on the fireworks. Your donation can be sent to: Roger Quern - SLA Treasurer, 39454 Siseebakwet Shores Rd, Cohasset, MN 55721 OR SLA, P.O. Box 295, Cohasset, MN 55721. You may also give a donation in person to Bill Grantges, Ryan Mogan or myself (see the end of this newsletter for contact information).

Thank you for your support. Any donation, small or large, will be greatly appreciated.

AND THE ICE-OUT CONTEST WINNER IS

We don't know yet! We will announce this year's winner at the Spring Pot Luck Meeting.

CodeRED by Karen Lucachick

CodeRED is a new emergency notification service provided by the Itasca County Sheriff's Department to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message or e-mail about emergency situations or critical community alerts.

This is primarily a weather warning product, however, the following is a list of situations where CodeRED will be used: to report severe weather situations, substantial utility outage, evacuation notices, missing or lost person, fires or floods, major roadway issues, significant criminal situations, chemical spill or gas leaks.

What is unique about CodeRED is that calls are delivered so quickly they often arrive prior to any other public notifications, usually before television or weather radio broadcasts are aired. The public notification specifically targets only the residents in the affected locations based on Itasca County mailing addresses.

If you would like to enroll in this free CodeRED program, go to www.co.itasca.mn.us/Home/Departments/Sheriff's/Pages/default.aspx and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page.

A representative from the Itasca County Sheriff's Department will give a short presentation on CodeRED at our Spring Potluck on May 26th, 2013, with a question and answer period to follow.

FLOTILLA IS SATURDAY, JULY 6, AT 9 PM

It's New!! Gather your family and friends together and begin making your creative plans for this year's 4th of July Flotilla. The parade will start at 9 p.m. in the Sugar Lake Lodge bay. Decorate your boats with lights or just come on out and enjoy a unique night time tour of the lake. We will gather in the Lodge bay area and set off on the one hour tour of the lake no later than 9 PM. Form up behind the lead boat that will be identified by a white strobe light. After circling the lake, the Flotilla will arrive back at the Lodge bay area in time for you to select your spot for optimum fireworks viewing around 10 PM. In the event of bad weather, there are no plans for an alternate date for the Flotilla. Call Bill Grantges @ 259-8797 if you have any questions.

BE PART OF THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

If you have something you would like to be included in the next newsletter, such as Community Service Announcements, Nature Notes or items for sale, please send it via:

Mail: SLA Editor, PO Box 295, Cohasset, MN 55721

Email: djheren@q.com **Call:** Dianne Herendeen 326-8487

Submission deadline for the next Newsletter is July 28, 2013

ARE YOU DANGEROUS? by Bill Grantges

dan-ger-ous [*deyn-jer-uh s, deynj-ruh s*]

adjective

full of danger or risk; causing danger; perilous; risky; hazardous; unsafe.

Are you dangerous? Well are you?

If you live on one of the lakes in the SLA watershed and you do not know the answers to all of the following, you are a danger to yourself, your neighbors and anyone else who uses the beautiful lakes in our watershed.

- How are Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) spread?
- How do you know if a body of water is infested with AIS?
- How do I identify an Aquatic Invasive Species?
- How do I remove & kill (decontaminate) AIS?
- What is a lake service provider?
- Does my lake service provider have a valid permit? Have all of the employees completed their Lake Service Provider On-line Training?
- What is the minimum amount of time required by law that has to pass before a boat lift, dock, swim raft, or associated equipment that was removed from one body of water be placed in a different body of water (such as when you buy a used swim platform, dock equipment or boat lift)?
- How can I help stop the spread of AIS?
- What should you tell any guests from other areas that come to visit you at the lake before they go into or on the water?
- Why should you be concerned about AIS and keeping them out of the lake you live on and the waters you use?

If you do not know the answers to all of the questions above, you are a danger to the lake you live on and any waters you visit. You need to know these answers. You can not rely on someone else to do this for you. It is not something that will go away or lessen in popularity or severity. AIS spread is real, it is a huge problem and as a lakeshore owner or person who uses any of the waters in our area, **you have an obligation to do something about it.**

Where do you find the answers to the above questions? Reading the SLA newsletter is a good place to start. Every issue for the past year has had AIS articles in it. Last month's issue had four. Your Lake Service Provider should know the answers. If not, I suggest you find another Lake Service Provider, fast. Rest assured, Dale Anderson, Paul Grooms and I have all completed the required training and have our permits. All of the training material we used for our lake service provider training is available for free on the DNR website. Here are some useful links to help you find the answers you need:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index_aquatic.html

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/infested_waters.pdf

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/ais_volunteer_handbook_20120503.pdf

<http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/permits/lsp/lsp-training-manual.pdf>

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT by Karen Lucachick

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, the ice will be gone and we will once again be able to enjoy the lake in liquid form! In preparation for the upcoming recreational season, I thought it would be a good time to review some of the personal watercraft laws to minimize potential conflicts with the lake and its residents.

What is a personal watercraft? A personal watercraft (sometimes called PWC) is defined by law as a motorboat powered by an inboard motor powering a jet pump or by an outboard motor or propeller driven motor and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a motorboat. Personal watercrafts are considered motorboats under the law so they must follow the regulations that govern other motorboats.

In addition, personal watercraft...

- Are required to have a rules decal (provided at no charge by the DNR) in full view of the operator. Operators and passengers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (life vest).
- Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher.
- Must travel at a slow-no wake speed (5 MPH or less) within 150 feet of: shore (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water), docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft or non-motorized watercraft.
- While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have an additional person on board to act as observer. Wide-angle rearview mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer. Cutoff lanyards must be properly used and attached to the person, life vest or clothing of the operator.
- May only operate between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset.

You may not...

- Chase or harass wildlife.
- Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other boat/watercraft.
- Travel through emergent or floating vegetation at greater than a slow-no wake speed.

Let's all have a safe and great summer!!!

IN FOND MEMORY – 2012

Each year SLA donates \$100 to the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation's Lakes and Rivers Fund in memory of members that have passed away.

This year SLA is honoring member Max Smith. Thanks to his support SLA has been able to continue working on fulfilling the mission statement to Protect, Preserve and Enhance Siseebakwet and the membership area.

The SLA would also like to honor other friends of the lakes that have passed away: John Mogan and Jacqueline Schatzel.

The Siseebakwet Lake Association Board of Directors extends their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of these fine people.

SUGAR LAKE LODGE SCHEDULE – 2013

Phone: 327-1462; Website: www.sugarlakelodge.com

♥ MAY 12TH MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Reservations: 327-1462
\$23.95/adult; \$9.95/child (ages 4 – 10)

Y OTIS'S GRILL & BAR: (May 24 – September 2)

Food service: 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Bar until 11 p.m.

☉ MAIN LODGE DINING ROOM (May 25 – September 2)

Sunday Buffet: 7 – 10:30 a.m.; Mon. – Sat. Menu Service

☺ 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION – HELD JULY 6TH at OTIS'S

4 – 8 p.m. BBQ; 4 – 10 p.m. Beer Garden; Dusk Fireworks

T GOLF

Spring & Fall Special: Opening to May 24 & Sept. 3rd to closing

	<u>Walking</u>	<u>W/Cart</u>
9 holes	<u>\$18</u>	<u>\$30</u>
18 holes	<u>\$28</u>	<u>\$40</u>

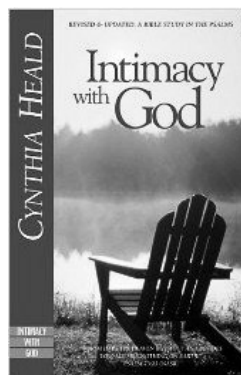
May 25 – September 2

	<u>Walking</u>	<u>W/Cart</u>
9 holes	<u>\$28</u>	<u>\$40</u>
18 holes	<u>\$38</u>	<u>\$55</u>

All golf fees are subject to 6.875% state tax

LADIES SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

by Kelly Sue Robinson



What: "Intimacy With God" A study in the book of Psalms written by Cynthia Heald, 12 week, non-denominational study (\$6 for the book)

When: Begins Monday, June 10th, 6:30 – 8 P.M.

Where: Kelly Sue Robinson's House, 38859 N. Sugar Lake Rd, Cohasset, MN

How: Please contact Kelly Sue via email: kellysue22@msn.com or mobile phone (913)220.4781

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER

Home with 2,000 feet of shoreline at low tax rate; 40 acre wooded lot on South Sugar Lake, \$424,900. Contact sellcedarcreek@gmail.com or 218.244.7671.

Many amenities including; 30'x40' carriage house with heated one stall attached garage; open concept two level living with ample storage; sleeps 8; two ¾ baths; 8 operable roof windows; gas fireplace; semi-furnished; 28'x10' screen porch; 40'x10' concrete patio; 200 amp panel; duel fuel, central air, 2 ceiling fans; Paul Bunyan service to house; certified septic; deep well; 40'x60' shop with mezzanine, duel fuel rate; infloor heat; boat house; permanent pier with floating dock; boat ramp. Building site for "dream house".

SPRING POT LUCK & MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2013

LOCATION: SUGAR LAKE LODGE

The Pot Luck and Meeting will be held in Alexander I

5:00 Registration; Social and Cash Bar

5:45 Introductions, Announcements

POT LUCK Please bring a dish to share--with serving utensils

6:45 GUEST SPEAKERS:

Itasca County Sheriff's Department:

Itasca County's new CodeRED emergency notification service

Marv Christenson, Siseebakwet Lake Association Director:

Siseebakwet Weir Project briefing

7:45 Adjourn to Otis's Grill & Bar (formally known as Jack's)

- Turkey and lemonade will be provided compliments of Sugar Lake Lodge & SLA
- Bring a Dish to Share and a Serving Utensil.
- Place settings and a cash bar will be provided for your enjoyment.

*This Pot Luck Meeting is the perfect time to get acquainted with the people in the area and enjoy some great food! **SEE YOU THERE!!***

4TH OF JULY NIGHTTIME FLOTILLA

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2013 9 P.M. LOCATION: Sugar Lake Lodge bay area.

Please join us for the first ever Nighttime Flotilla and join in on the fun! You can decorate your boats with lights or just show up 'as you are'. Please be sure that your navigation lights are in working order. The start and finish of the Flotilla will be at the bay area offshore from Sugar Lake Lodge. The Flotilla will start the tour of the lake no later than 9 P.M. A lead boat identified by a white strobe light will show the way. Circumnavigating the lake should take about an hour. The Flotilla will arrive back at the Lodge bay area in time for you to select your spot for optimum fireworks viewing, around 10 PM. In the event of bad weather, there are no plans at this time for an alternate date for the Flotilla.



Contact: Bill@Grantges.net or Bill 326-0486



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2013 LOCATION: Sugar Lake Lodge
TIME: When it gets dark. (Before 10 PM for the best spots)

Come to Sugar Lake Lodge to view this special **private** show for Sugar Lake Lodge guests and lake area residents.

Fantastic viewing can also be had on the water from your boat!

Many will have a good view from their own docks.

No rain date information is available at this time.

Please make a donation to the fireworks fund. Send your donation to Siseebakwet Lake Association, P.O. Box 295, Cohasset, MN 55721. Make the check payable to Siseebakwet Lake Association and earmark it **Fireworks**.

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL and CONCERNS/INTERESTS DATABASE

Your membership expiration year is on your newsletter mailing label. Dues are \$10 per adult or \$20 per household per year. **SPECIAL RATES: 5 YEARS FOR THE PRICE OF 4; PAY \$80 (or \$40 for a single) AND GET ONE YEAR FREE.** Use this form to pay current dues or upcoming dues. Help update our database by completing your mailing and the lake concerns and interest information. **PLEASE** give us your email address; we may be able to cut costs with electronic transmissions to members and we are sending email 'reminders' of meetings and events. To place you on our SLA lake map, please indicate the neighbors on each side of your property or the previous owner of your property. Contact a Board member if you have any questions.

(Please print clearly)

Name(s): _____

Lake Address: _____

Telephone(s): Lake: _____ Permanent: _____ Email: _____

Property Owner: Yes: _____ No: _____ Permanent Resident: Yes: _____ No: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(If different than above)

Neighbors/Previous Owner: _____

Lake Concerns and Interests: _____

Indicate areas of concern or interest you may have as a supporter of the Siseebakwet Lake Association.

Please send me my Newsletter by email only: Yes: ___ No: ___

PLEASE JOIN THE SLA or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Make checks payable to Siseebakwet Lake Association

MAIL TO: Roger Quern, 39454 Siseebakwet Shores Rd, Cohasset, MN 55721

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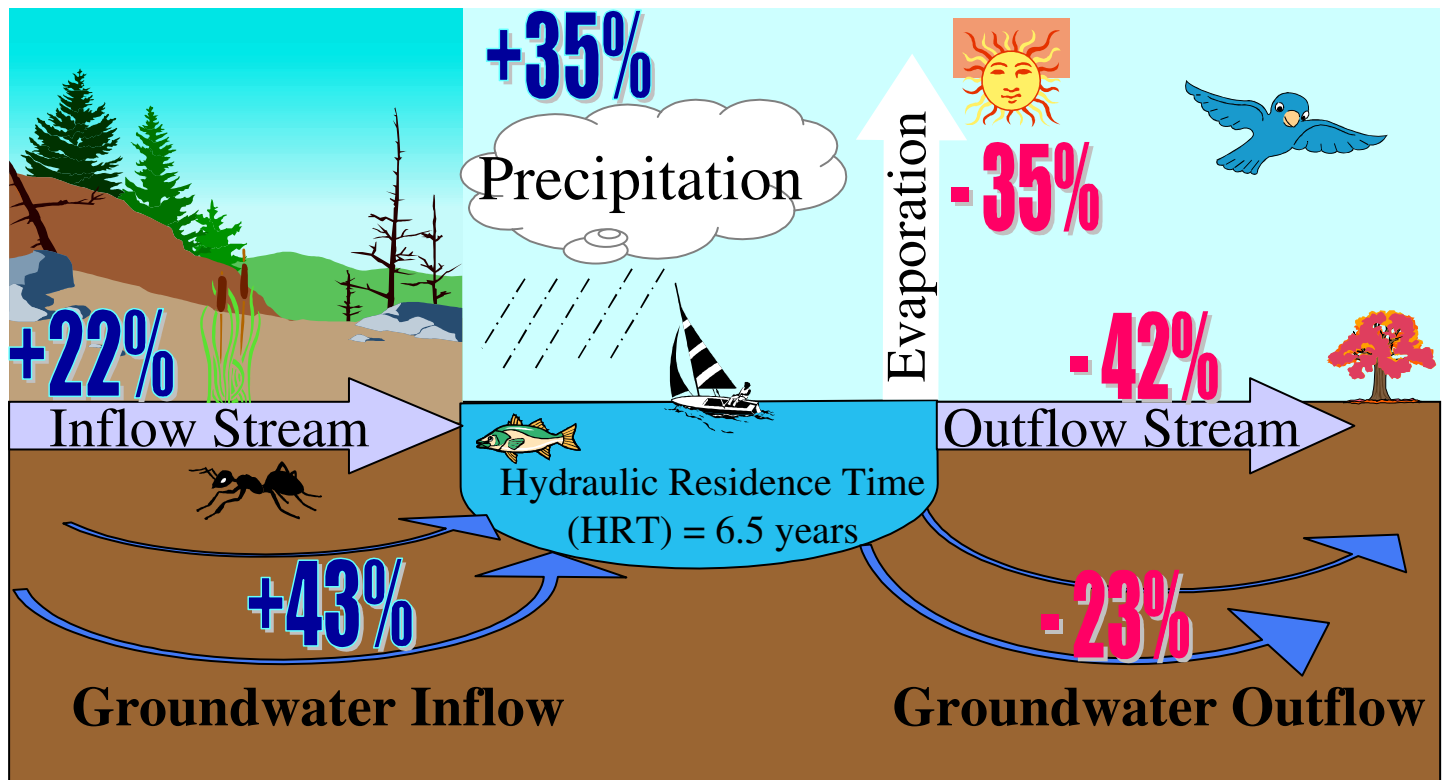
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Water Budget for Siseebakwet Lake
From 12/31/2001 Lake Assessment Report

Protect Your Waters

PULL THE PLUG IT'S THE LAW
\$200 FINE

CLEAN: Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment. Remove aquatic plants, animals and mud.

DRAIN: Empty all water from motors, livewells, bilges and bait buckets before leaving the water access. Dump live bait on dry land or at bait disposal sites.

DRY: All equipment must be completely dry before any launch. Allow 5 days of drying time in the summer before moving to another body of water, or have equipment decontaminated using 140° water.

\$200 FINE

Drain plug must be pulled when you are transporting a boat on public roads.
(Drain all water from bilges, bait & live wells.)

\$500 FINE

For transporting an invasive species.
For leaving designated infested waters with drain plug in.

Itasca Coalition of Lake Associations
Itasca Water Legacy Partnership

