

LSIA Newsletter

2014 Lake Sarah Neighborhood Directory

A wonderful resource to connect with friends and neighbors! This year's directory is arranged alphabetically and by street to make your search easy. Please email all revisions to lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com



The 26th Annual LSIA Picnic

Date: July 20, 2014

Place: Jorgenson's Park – 4594 Shady Beach Circle

Time: 2:00pm

Our annual picnic is an opportunity for members and non-members to come together and enjoy an afternoon collectively.

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LSIA Mission Statement

To promote policies and practices that represent and protect the interests of the Lake Sarah stakeholders and enhance their ability to maximize enjoyment of their shared resource.

Water Quality Update

A **second successful** "whole lake" Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) treatment!

Lake Sarah's experienced volunteers treated 260 acres as planned on Saturday, May 17. With two treatment pontoons, volunteers completed treatment in approximately 5 hours time. The photo shows one of the pontoons. Here Scott Walsh (with the respirator) managed the application dosage, with John Wise running the GPS to guide Craig Smeby driving the pontoon.

Craig Mueller of Aquatic Solutions again provided us free use of his application equipment, and he donated his time to manage the other pontoon application, along with the assistance of Mike Peterson and Al Moen. Roger VanBeusekom and Todd Zaugg manned the product trailer and kept the dock operating smoothly with the exchange of barrels. All of these volunteers participated last year, so all went very smooth.

Thanks to all for your time, efforts and donations toward cost effectively treating CLP, which remains our #1 targeted invasive species!



Block Captains

Terry Wise and Doris Smeby
 Paulette Speed, Sally Moen, and Terry Holten
 Dan Cady and Kevin and Lori Luksik
 Melissa Sorensen
 Jerry Horazuk
 Chad Langdon
 Ron Lyrek
 Matt Den Hartigh and Jeff Hansen
 Wade Bemmels
 Gerry Evenson, Mike Peterson
 Colleen and Mike Malone
 Greg Koopman

North Shore Dr
 Lake Sarah Heights Dr West
 Lake Sarah Heights Dr East
 Sunset Lane
 East Channel
 Fern Dr
 Windmill and CR 11
 Woodhill Dr
 Shady Beach Circle
 So Lake Sarah Drive East
 So Lake Sarah Drive West
 Rachel Ridge and Genaker Way



LSIA Picnic - Schedule of Events

2:00pm

- Kubb Tournament registration
- Silent auction opens
- LSIA membership sign-up

2:30pm

- All games begin (youngest to oldest)

3:00pm – 3:20pm

- LSIA meeting

RESUME ALL GAMES AFTER THE END OF THE MEETING

4:00pm

- Dinner

4:30pm

- Silent auction CLOSES

5:00pm

- Group photo

ADULT AND FAMILY GAMES: Kubb. (Do not miss this one). This game works well with one adult and one child or two adults. We will be running only one tournament so you need to pick that partner and be ready to play by 2:30pm. Make sure you are a part of this craze. Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place.

Coloring Contest: Children can start participating right now by coloring the full-page picture in this newsletter and bringing it to the picnic. We'll have five age groups toddlers, 5-6 year olds, 7-8, 9-10 and 11+. Feel free to make several copies and have all your children, grandchildren, or neighbors' children enter this contest. We will have copies at the picnic and time for all to color.

Limbo, kick your shoe, hula hoop, and twist contest for adults and children. There may be a few other games!!!!

Annual Meeting: A brief meeting will begin at 3:00pm where new board members will be elected. Boat Parade Contest winners and Fishing Contest winners announced and awards presented.

VOLUNTEERS: We need your help! Please email (Theresaewise@gmail.com)

FOOD: The menu is the "All American Traditional Picnic Menu of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, and potato chips. **Please bring a dish to pass.**



2nd Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser

We have a two-fold auction this year. First we are having an auction online that is currently live and will end on the morning of the picnic. This online auction will then resume at the picnic along with new items never seen before. Please bid online and before it ends online to ensure a chance of winning, that's if you can't make the fun in the sun picnic.

Link to online bidding
<http://lakeassociation.bidsinmotion.com/>

All items have been donated from local twin city business. All bids will go straight to the lake to help with maintaining it. **BID OFTEN AND BID HIGH.** Everything should go for face value or higher. The whole premise is you are helping take care of the lake and you are rewarded with a gift.

LSIA Membership Update

Thank you to all who have paid their 2014 LSIA membership dues! We currently have 138 neighbors who have supported LSIA through membership this year. Your dues not only help with a variety of LSIA projects, but you are eligible for discounts through Randy's Sanitation and Finken Water System. For those of you who may have forgotten to join this year or are interested in joining, please log on to LSIA.org and find the "Membership" tab. We offer a convenient "Pay Pal" option or you can download the membership form and mail your check.

Any questions? Please feel free to contact Anne Horn at annehutchhorn@msn.com



2014 Lake Sarah Bass Tournament

When: July 20, 2014

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Fee: \$20 per 2-person team

Where: Joe Slavec's Dock (4520 Shady Beach Circle)
- located in the channel north of the open lot

Entries form and payment due on or before July 20 to:

Brent Lau
4614 S Lake Sarah Drive
Independence, MN 55359

Make Checks Payable To: Brent Lau

Captain	Partner
Address	Address
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip
Phone	Phone
Email Address	Email Address

Tournament will run from 9am- 1pm with Start and End (Weigh in) at Joe Slavec's Dock

Payouts: Top 3 - Largest Bass and Top 3 – 3 Bag Limits (Dependent on Participation)

Persons under the age of 16 must fish with a parent or guardian. Persons under age of 18 are required to have parent or guardian also sign entry form.

Release

- 1) I will assume all risk of injury or death and loss of personal property which may result from my participation in the event(s).*
- 2) I hereby release and discharge all sponsors, beneficiaries, other participants, the Lake Sarah Improvement Association and their respective officers, directors, officials, representatives, agents and employees from any and all liability, obligation, loss, damages, claims or causes of action in any way resulting from or arising out of the event(s). I grant this release and discharge with full knowledge and awareness of the inherent danger associated with competitive fishing such as these events.*
- 3) I certify that I have liability insurance on the boat used in this event.*

I, the undersigned, have applied to participate in the 2014 Lake Sarah Bass Tournament and in consideration of my participation in the event(s), I have read, understand and agree to all conditions of this registration, fee, release and tournament rules:

Captain Signature:	Partner Signature:
Date:	Date:

Water levels, Safety and Navigation – By Scott Walsh



We survived another "June Monsoon" season with the second wettest 6 months in history and the wettest June ever in Minnesota history. I cannot say I was not worried about flooding because I was very worried, the only consolation was I knew Sarah Creek was clean(un-obstructed). For the last 3½ years, a lot of volunteer labor was put in to make sure Sarah Creek is flowing at its best. I like to compare this year with 2002 when Lake Sarah hit its all time high water level of 982.4 feet above sea level from 8.3 inches of rain. At the time, Sarah Creek was blocked with cattail bogs/beaver dams and the weir project was another 2 years down the road. In June 2014, we received 10.8 inches of rain and our high water mark was 981.63 above sea level. The steps taken over the last several years on Sarah Creek via lake volunteers is one of the utmost importance to Lake Sarah. I plan to continue to do all I can to make sure Sarah Creek flows without blockages. Lets all take time to thank those that have volunteered removing bogs and beaver dams from Sarah Creek!

Some problems from high water:

- Shoreline erosion
- Increased levels of nitrogen released into the lake from erosion
- Loss of recreation due to "no wake" periods
- Cattail will float and uproot itself and become loose, blocking the creek or damaging docks like the 2004 bog
- Home and yard flooding.

I Spy the DNR



A representative of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources was providing education on aquatic invasive species, and inspecting boats and trailers, at Lake Sarah's public landing on Friday evening June 27th.

LSIA TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer's Financial Report as of: 6-30-14

	2013 ACTUAL	2014 YEAR BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL TO DATE
Assets:			
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$ 6,619.07	\$ 6,534.45	\$ 5,693.45
Beginning checking Walleye (Jan1st)	3,208.50	2,488.50	2,488.50
Beginning checking North Shore EWM prepay (Jan 1st)			841.00
21st century CD (1) <i>renewed to 6-18-14</i>	6,959.87	6,973.79	6,973.79
21st century CD (2) <i>renewed to 7-24-14</i>	8,900.87	8,929.81	8,929.81
21st century CD (3) <i>renewed to 3-4-14</i>	20,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	\$ 45,688.31	\$ 54,926.55	\$ 54,926.55
Receipts:			
Membership for 2014 (26 paid 2013 for 2014) (110 paid in 2014) (target - 150)	945.00	5,250.00	3,850.00
Membership for 2013 (40) members pd in 2012)(105 pd in 2013)(target=125)	3,713.88		
Contributions-Other	250.00	100.00	90.00
Contributions-Clean water	1,170.00	1,200.00	(205.00)
Contributions-Walleye Fund	280.00	250.00	340.00
EWM (All North Shore prepayment)	841.00		
Interest-checking	7.74	5.00	6.43
Interest-CD's	67.79	40.00	38.68
Advertising proceeds	556.00	-	
Total Receipts:	\$ 7,831.41	\$ 6,845.00	\$ 4,120.11
Disbursements:			
Printing/Mailing (directory, news letters, postcards)	325.43	1,000.00	
Office Supplies	34.31	100.00	
Dues/Subscriptions			
Membership/Board meetings	100.00	200.00	180.00
Fundraising cost--Other			
Boat Parade (prizes)	200.00	200.00	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	111.15	500.00	
Walleye Program	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Clean Water Fair	100.00	100.00	
Other lake Improvement Projects (Beaver/Cattail)	728.10	450.00	
Lake Improvement Projects (cost) (B-1 below) (2014)		46,370.00	47,183.03
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds) (B-2 below) (2014)		(46,370.00)	(49,006.30)
Lake Improvement Projects (cost) (A-1 below) (2013)	47,140.57		
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds) (A-2 below) (2013)	(51,217.98)	-	
PayPal fees	71.59	75.00	75.79
Total Disbursements:	\$ (1,406.83)	\$ 3,625.00	\$ (1,567.48)
Overage / (Deficit)	9,238.24	3,220.00	5,687.59
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$ 54,926.55	\$ 58,146.55	\$ 60,614.14
(A-1) <i>Actual</i> -Product cost of \$45,886, consulting and supplies of \$1,255.			
(A-2) <i>Actual</i> -Proceeds of: DNR \$26,000; Watershed \$2,216; TRPD \$7,707; Stakeholders \$15,295.			
(B-1) <i>Budget</i> -Product cost of \$45,770, consulting & supplies of \$600			
(B-2) <i>Budget</i> -Proceeds of DNR Grant of \$20,800, TRPD \$7,419, PSCWMC \$2,557, LSIA Stakeholders \$15,594.			
Reconciliation at 6/30/14:			
Checking	44,694.18		
CD - 1 (6 Mo)	6,979.01		
CD - 2 (12 Mo)	8,940.95		
	\$ 60,614.14		\$ 60,614.14

Note: Check written to Aquatic Solutions on 7/3/14 included in this report

Coloring Contest

