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Aquatic Invasive Species

Busy on the Water - Busy in Meetings - Busy Helping Other Lakes - Busy Getting Help From Other Lakes

By Blaine Barkley

Protecting Lake Sylvia is the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee's focus. This summer even more activities than usual are going to take place such as:

- Control of existing invasive species, curly leaf pondweed, Eurasian milfoil, and starry stonewort.
- Being alert to the newest invasive species in the area, flowering rush, found in Granite Lake: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/herbaceous/floweringrush.html>
- Watching for boats coming from Lake Mille Lacs with spiny waterfleas. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticanimals/spinywaterflea/index.html>
- Install a new multi-camera system at the landing to identify and prosecute watercraft owners in violation of state law. <http://environmentalentry.com/>
- Education through the multi-camera system at the landing, the GLSA newsletter, and at the ramp inspectors when available.
- Inspection-We will use the automated camera system as well as at the ramp inspectors at the public landing as available to identify and prosecute those found in violation of state laws.
- Partner with lakes in the Annandale area

to help all lakes optimize the money they spend to protect their lakes which also protects Lake Sylvia.

• Provide you with links where you can join statewide organizations to help raise the voice of lakeshore owners in the legislature. Lake owners need a stronger voice in the legislature and you can help by joining these two organizations. <http://mnlakesandivers.org/> and mn-cola.angelfire.com/

• Perform multiple surveys of Lake Sylvia by hired professionals to find invasive species as soon as possible so they can be treated.

• Offer updated training to divers and rake teams.

• Use divers and rake teams to watch known areas of private accesses where transient boaters launch boats.

• Notify property owners in advance through the GLSA web site of the general time frames and locations of invasive species treatment.

Please remember to be a good member of GLSA and when you see a boat being launched from a private access and you do nothing, the entire lake is being exposed to new invasive species or existing invasive species that are being spread to new areas in the lake. Talk to your neighbor allowing access of uninspected

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New Equipment Will Help Lake Sylvia Detect AIS

By Blaine Barkley

By early June we will have an exciting new piece of equipment on Lake Sylvia to help us fight AIS. The I-LIDS system will help detect AIS and give us launch- and boat-retrieval information. The equipment uses cameras to record watercraft going in or coming out of the lake 24 hours a day. The information is instantly sent to a remote server where it is reviewed for violations of State AIS laws. This will help us bring charges against offenders. There are presently over 70 I-LIDS operating in Minnesota.



The I-LIDS system detects boaters coming in and out of Lake Sylvia 24 hours a day.

The I-LIDS camera captures the boat, license, and

people walking around the tow vehicle. It's solar-powered and relatively maintenance free. There are many features that prevent tampering or vandalism. This equipment on Lake Minnetonka reduced infected watercraft launching from 7.5% to .9%. We hope to have the owner of the company attend the GLSA Annual Meeting and bring a camera for members to view.

Rose Mary Nelson loved Lake Sylvia and requested her memorials help fight AIS in Lake Sylvia. Don Nelson approved the purchase of the I-LIDS in Rose Mary's memory. A huge thank you!

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Al's Almanac
by Al Ostlund

Precipitation

Month	Precip	Snow
Nov.	0.88"	1.35"
Dec.	0.64"	6.0"
Jan.	0.69"	6.5"
Feb.	2.85"	32.5"
March	1.53"	6.0"
April	1.54"	6.1"
Total	8.13"	58.45"

Ice Out Date

2019	4/22
2018	5/4
2017	3/23
2016	3/21
2015	4/11
2014	4/26
2013	5/2
2012	3/20
2011	4/12

Record ice-out is
May 6, 1950.
The ice went in last winter
on Nov. 28, 2018.

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A Few Words From Your President

Russ Fortner



Finally, the ice is gone and a new season is starting. Another annual meeting is coming up in June, and AIS is still a problem that will never go away. We have many exciting events coming up again this year. The 4th of July parade and fireworks, the golf fundraiser and the annual picnic. See more details on these events inside this edition of the newsletter.

The WRIP station in Annandale will be used for voluntary cleanings, not inspections. Boat inspections will again be at the ramp, as boats are launched and picked up. Time will tell if the WRIP station will continue as we move forward. It was the only initiative that was working, and who is picking up the pieces? At this point, not Wright County or the DNR. The inspection station was run on grant money, and was not costing either one of these great institutions anything.

The DNR is still casting its large shadow over the lakes, and nothing is being done. Lake Sylvia will protect itself as well as possible, with on-site inspections, and now the I-LIDS going in will be another tool for us to use. I-LIDS stands for Internet Landing Installed Device Sen-

sor. It basically is a self-contained, solar system installed at boat launches to help prevent AIS through video capture and remote inspection of launching boats/trailers with an audio message playback. This system will be utilized 24/7, and give us data that we never had for the night launches. The company who sold us, will get the permits from the DNR, hopefully and help with installation. Insurance will be obtained in case of vandalism. Although the company has not had a history of this occurring.

Well, enough said, let's get on the water and enjoy the greatest lake we know of.

Busy

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boats that do not launch at the public access where cameras and inspectors can help protect the lake. Uninspected boats will doom all of our efforts. At some point, the DNR limits the amount of lakeshore that can be treated for invasives. Don't let that limit be next

to your property. It is all about the boats and trailers bringing us invasive species from other lakes. Demand they be professionally cleaned.

Finally, be a good neighbor if you are hiring any of the various chemical companies to treat the water in front of your property. Notify your neighbors in advance so they can plan water related events around that

date. Too often the AIS Committee receives a phone call from an angry lake property owner because water is being treated in front of their house or next door. When you contract with a chemical company, GLSA is not given any information about the time, the place, the type of chemical, or limits on the use of water.

GLSA Event Calendar for 2019

May 11 - Bd. Mtg. 9 a.m.
Southside Township Hall

June 1 - GLSA Annual Meeting
8:30 a.m. Social
9 a. m. Meeting
South Haven City Hall

July 4 - Boat Parade 2:30 p.m.

July 6 - Fireworks Display, 10 p.m.

July 13 - Bd. Mtg. 9 a. m.
Southside Township Hall

July 13 - 6th Annual GLSA Golf Tournament
Registration 9 a.m.
Tee-off 10 a.m.
Southbrook Golf Club

Aug. 10 - Bd. Mtg. 9 a.m.
Southside Township Hall

Aug. 10 - Annual Picnic
Chi Rho Center – 4-8 p.m.
5750 Porter Ave. NW

Sept. 14 - Bd. Mtg. 9 a. m.
Southside Township Hall

Oct. 12 - Bd. Mtg. 9 a.m.
Southside Township Hall

All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. To request a presentation to the Board, contact President Russ Fortner.

Wright Regional Watercraft Inspection Program (WRIP) Waiting for DNR Approval to Open

By Chris Hector

Six additional area Lake Associations have joined the Wright Regional Inspection Program (WRIP). The contribution from these associations is \$110,000 annually with a 3-year participation agreement.

In 2018, lakes in the program were Sylvia, John, and Pleasant. The program requires free watercraft and trailer inspection prior to entering those lakes.

There was a great deal of activity over the winter to secure the program expansion and enhancements with the Wright County Commissioners and the DNR. A key enhancement for the 2019 program includes spot-checkers, scheduled for shifts, at the accesses in the program. The spot checkers will provide program education and exit inspections. Program rovers will continue to regularly visit accesses (see question below).

As of this writing, the program is in the final stages of securing DNR approval. On April 5th, the DNR communicated they would not approve the submitted 2019 Plan. In the past, the plan has been adjusted; the need to adapt processes in a new, complex program is not surprising. Collaboration will continue to seek DNR approval.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the inspection

tion involve?

During the free inspection, an inspector will visually and tactily inspect your watercraft and trailer for AIS. You may be required to undergo a hot water decontamination, which is also provided at no charge. After, you will receive a Certificate of Inspection to place on the dashboard of the tow vehicle. Your watercraft will be zip tied to the trailer and after launch, the zip tie seal must be placed in the collection box at the landing.

Will the entrance inspection requirements apply to me as a lake shore owner?

Yes, all inspection requirements will apply to lake shore owners. To launch in the spring, an inspection of the watercraft + trailer must be performed. If your guests launch a watercraft, they will need to have an inspection prior to launch. In the fall, if you use an access to remove your watercraft, the trailer must be inspected before using the access.

Docks, lifts, other watercraft that are removed from the lake and stored on your property (not transported over public roads) do not need an inspection.

Can I get my boat inspected ahead of time?

Yes! The Proof of Inspection and zip-tie are good until the zip tie is broken. Plan ahead to maximize fun time on the lake.

What are these "rovers" I hear about for the program?

As part of the process, the accesses in the program are checked regularly by a member of the WRIP staff. They check for compliance and gather the zip tie seals. Law enforcement is alerted of noncompliant tow vehicles.

Are there special provisions for fishing leagues?

Yes! If there are 10 or more boats needing an inspection, call 763-682-1933 ext. 3, three business days in advance. A best effort will be made to arrange for inspections at the access for the event.

Where are the funds coming from to run the program?

Lakes in the program contribute money and a grant was awarded by the Initiative Foundation. State AIS Prevention funds (managed by Wright County) also help fund the program.

Where is the Regional Inspection Station? When it opens, what are the hours?

The regional site is in the Annandale Business Park — 1300 Business Blvd in Annandale, MN (north on Annandale Blvd from Hwy. 55 and follow road to the end).

PROPOSED 2019 LAKES

- _____ **Bass** _____
- _____ **Cedar** _____
- _____ **Granite** _____
- _____ **John** _____
- _____ **Maple** _____
- _____ **Moose** _____
- _____ **Pleasant** _____
- _____ **Sugar** _____
- _____ **Sylvia** _____
(East and West)

Where: Annandale Business Park – 1300 Business Blvd. in Annandale,
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Mon.-Thurs.; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri.-Sun.
Voluntary decontaminations are available free of charge (not inspections at this time).



True or False?

Brought to you by The GLSA Aquatic Invasive Species Team

- True or False
- Lake Sylvia has never been cleaner.
- Lake Sylvia has invasive species under control and there is little concern about them.
- Lake Sylvia is well protected from new invasive species.
- Everyone on Lake Sylvia is working to protect the lake.
- Water craft are all cleaned before launching in Lake Sylvia.
- Watercraft used in other lakes pose little threat to Lake Sylvia
- Ducks, birds, and turtles bring invasive species to our lake.
- There is nothing you can do to make an impact on the lake.
- Since we already have invasive species, we don't need to do more prevention.
- The Department of Natural Resources is protecting the lake for us.
- Using the power of your boat motor to help load your boat on the trailer causes no problems.
- There is a time limit on how long you can park at the public access.
- There are no speed limits on Lake Sylvia.
- There are no boat wake limits on Lake Sylvia.
- At the launch ramp inspectors will stop invasive species.
- Inspectors at the boat ramp are the most economical solution to protecting Lake Sylvia.
- There are no laws about drinking alcohol while boating.
- When you are asked to write your legislators about an issue and are busy, others will do it.
- Your GLSA membership guarantees you a weed free beach.
- GLSA Board members have little to do between annual meetings.
- There is no reason to volunteer, others will do what needs to be done.
- The legislature is working hard to protect the lakes.
- The assessed value of the city of Annandale is higher than the assessed value of Lake Sylvia.
- Talking to or writing township, city, county and state legislators won't make a difference.
- Lake Sylvia is safe for generations to come.
- There is no benefit derived from GLSA working with other lakes.

Hopefully you wrote a short true or false next to each question. Now is the time to give you your score.

EVERY STATEMENT IS FALSE. EVERY ONE OF THEM. HOW DID YOU SCORE ON THE TEST?

What can you do to support changes to some of these items? **VOLUNTEER!** Write letters to legislators, put political affiliation aside and donate to supportive legislators, thank them for their assistance to GLSA. Join those statewide associations that lobby the legislature for the protection of our lakes. Join Minnesota Lakes and Rivers at mnlakesandrivers.org and join Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations, MN COLA at mncola.angelfire.com/
Above all, continue to support GLSA.



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Spring Loon Report

By Mike McNellis, the Old Loon Ranger

Maybe by the time this is printed spring will have returned, the lake will be free of ice and the Loons will be back. The returning Loons will be seeking out their old nesting site or will be looking for a new place for nesting. We are very fortunate to have on average 7 or 8 nesting pairs each year. Many lakes of our size only have 4 or 5 nesting pairs because of the territorial nesting habits of the Loons. Our irregular and wooded shoreline offers many nooks and crannies for the nesting pair to call home. Although Loons will nest on ponds from 5 to 50 acres, they prefer to be somewhat isolated from other nesting pairs. Our lake offers them their required isolation.

This may change in the future, (warning here comes the doom and gloom of my report). As the Zebra Mussels continue to take hold it will change the food chain in the lake. This change will reduce the small forage fish that Loons require in order to live and thrive. Adult Loons can consume a fish that is 10 or 12 inches long, young loons cannot. They need the small 2, and 3-

inch fish, whose numbers will be reduced because of the Zebra Mussels effect on cleaning the Zooplankton out of the water. In other parts of the country that have seen Zebra Mussels take hold over the last 20 years, it has been documented that there is a reduce number of Loons returning each year, fewer nesting pairs mean fewer chicks. For ALL of us the thought of not hearing Loons singing out, calling to each other, on a summer's eve will be heart breaking to say the least.

Everybody agrees that invasive like Zebra Mussels, and their cousin the Quagga Mussel, can be prolific and cause trophic collapse in aquatic food chain, causing the upper level of the food chain "the Loons and other birds" numbers to be depleted.

Please for the sake of the Loons do everything you can to stop the spread of all AIS. Support the on going efforts of the GLSA's Invasive Species committee, donate.

Do not lose hope, the Loons are counting on us.

Go Fish Lake Sylvia

By Kelly Woyke

The GLSA Fishing contest is an annual event that is enjoyed by Lake Sylvia residents and their family members. Each year from the fishing opener through July, kids and adults head to our beautiful water hoping to reel in a whopper. When the excitement of landing your lunker ends and you snap those memories with your phone's camera, remember the GLSA Fishing contest is just one more step away. Just visit the Lake Sylvia Website, select the events tab, then fishing contest. Upload the photo with species and length of the catch. For fairness, I do have the rule that the fish should be on a ruler and if possible the fisherman should be in the shot too. Any Lake

Sylvia resident and their family members can participate. There is both a youth (up to 15 years) and adult category (16 years and older). The top 3 catches in the youth division and 1st place fish in the adult division are all awarded. Awards will be distributed at the GLSA picnic. The categories for the fishing contest are as follows: Sunfish, Bass, Crappie, Northern Pike and Walleye. The GLSA Fishing Contest runs Saturday May 11th through midnight July 31st 2019. I really appreciate your enthusiasm for this event. It's been a pleasure meeting some wonderful families who have participated.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or for assistance regarding the GLSA Fishing Contest <https://lakesylvia.org/Fishing> or K_Woyke@hotmail.com

Go fish!

4th of July Fireworks

By Randy Wilson

Like many of you, I'm in the middle of spring chores at the lake. At the same time, I'm thinking about the fourth of July weekend and fireworks over beautiful Lake Sylvia.

This year we have scheduled the fireworks display on Saturday, July 6th.

There is always a discussion about what date will be best for the most residents and friends on the lake.

Frankly, it is also dictated by when RES Pyrotechnics is available.

The last four years we have been fortunate to raise the funds we need to have a great display. Because of everyone's generosity, we have met the goal of \$7,500.00 each year, In fact we have exceeded our goal and have had a nice start for the following year. This

year we're off to a great start and have a significant portion of what we need. If you can help, it would be great.

As a lake community it's up to us to add this fun stuff for summer activities with family and friends. Nobody's going to do it for us. The list of people willing to give what they can is great. If you can help at any level we appreciate it.

I'm looking forward to a fun summer.

Mark Your Calendar for the GLSA Summer Picnic

By Mike McNellis

The GLSA Summer picnic will be on August 10th at the Chi Rho Center, from 4 to 8 p.m. Near everything will return as last year. Prepare to have Fun and Enjoy an afternoon with your lake family. There are many new faces that have moved to the Lake in the last year, come and make new friends with your new neighbors.

There will be Music, Raffles, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Root Beer and Orange Floats for the kids, Spilled Grain Brewing for adults. The winners of the fishing contest will be announced. Be sure to enter your catches on our web site. Chi Rho will again be providing the best picnic meal you can imagine, as they have in the past.

Mark the date down on your calendar, more information will be coming as plans move forward.

Stranded Boat?

Contact these volunteers if you need stranded boat assistance. This information is also available on the GLSA website at lakesylvia.org

Our thanks to these volunteers. If you'd like to add your name, contact Russ Fortner.

- East Lake: Russ Fortner, 612-867-5470 (cell) or 320-274-8228 (home)

- Channel: Don Nelson, 612-961-1000 (cell) 320-274-7177 (home)

- West Lake: Chris Hector, 952-239-8103 (cell)

Welcome Wagon

If you know of a friend or neighbor that is new to the lake, please let us know so we can welcome them and reach out with a variety of information on the lake and the local area. Or if you have neighbors who moved to the lake in the last 3-4 years, check with them to see if they have joined and are receiving the newsletter.

Thank you!

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Something New This Summer 'Sundays on Sylvania'

By Tysann Forsman and Carla Struble

Have you heard about Sundays on Sylvania? A number of cabin owners have come together with a desire to have a casual outdoor worship gathering on the lake. They have discussed this for several years and recently decided the time to do it is now. The group is planning for five gathering opportunities over the summer months. Put on your favorite swimming or boating attire and

load up your boat with friends and family.

Plan to attend any of the following dates: May 26, June 16, July 7, August 11, and/or Sept. 1. One of our local lake residents, Bill Bohline, will lead us in worship the morning of May 26. We will be gathering near the Koinonia cove on East Lake Sylvania and will begin worship promptly at 10:33 a.m. Plan to come early to anchor and enjoy some music. Like our "Sundays on Sylvania" facebook page for updates and weather alerts.

Lake Sylvania's Annual 4th of July Boat Parade

By Carla Struble

Don't miss the 2019 Lake Sylvania Boat Parade which will take place again this year on Thursday, July 4, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

We are starting a half hour later than we have in years past, to allow a little extra time for those who decide they want to take part in the Annandale parade earlier that day.

We have been alternating the starting point each year between the East and the West lakes. This year boaters should plan to gather on the west side of the channel. We will begin on the West

Lake, continuing through the channel around the East Lake and ending by the channel on the East

Lake where we will again gather to draw for prizes. All boaters that decorate their boat and participate in the entire parade are eligible for the prize drawing. The parade generally takes approximately 2 hours to complete and then it takes a few minutes longer for the prize drawing at the end. You may

want to remind anyone riding on your boat to make certain to lather on the sunscreen, bring beverages to stay hydrated, and make certain to make a rest room stop before boarding the boat. We wouldn't want anyone

having to rush off and miss the prize drawing! Also, keep your eyes

open for the best decorated and engaged dock. We will also be awarding

a prize for that as well.

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Whether on land or lake – a good time is had by one and all. Don't miss one of the best boat parades in Minnesota! Get your shirts ordered and decorations ready!



2018 4th of July Boat Parade

• Save the date – Saturday August 10th
GLSA Annual Picnic 4-8 p.m.
at Chi Rho Center

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Water Quality on Lake Sylvania

Prepared by Mike Mischuk, Chair of GLSA Water Quality Committee
2018 Citizen Monitoring Team: Joe Lepley, Doug Greven,
Carol Greven, Gary Johnson, Patty Behrends, and Jim Dandrea

A full and detailed report for the 2018 Water Quality Perspectives will be posted to the lakesylvia.org web site.

- Overall the water quality in both basins of Lake Sylvania was good and meeting its use attainability classification. Water quality parameters continue to be better than the reference lakes within the Northcentral Hardwood Forest (NHF) ecoregion.

- Transparency averages do fluctuate slightly from year to year, but have remained good over the past 40 years. Current water clarity is considered good to very good.

- Average summer time total phosphorous levels have remained below State Standards and reference

lake values since 2005

- Phosphorous from lake sediments is the most significant driver for phosphorous levels within each basin. Loading from upstream lakes and failing septic systems were low contributors.

- The range of chlorophyll-levels in both basins is near the oligotrophic level. Both basins are below the range for the reference lakes and well below the State Standard.

- The average summertime TSI (Trophic State Index) for the East Basin is 35 and that of the West Basin is 37, and represents a trophic state that is between Oligotrophic and Mesotrophic.

- Fish consumption advisory is still in effect for both basins based on mercury levels in tested species, but the data is very old. No new sampling is planned at this time.

- No other water quality parameters were collected by the Lake Sylvania Citizen Monitoring Group or Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 2018.

- Groundwater testing in the vicinity of the Lindala landfill indicates that under current conditions the contaminants of concern (COCs) are diminishing and will not reach the lake.

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FIGHTING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.
The future health of our lake
literally depends on it.

-Thank you!

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