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2022

SLA Events Calendar

We hope you will add our events to your calendar, save the dates & plan to join us!

- August 4 | **Spring Lake Aquatic Plants 101 Education Seminar** - Sponsored by Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District and Spring Lake Association
- August 13 | **Summer Concert**
- September 5 | **Pick Your Paddle**
- October 8 | **Bonfire & Smores**

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Presidents Message From Wesley Steffan



It has been a busy three months since our last newsletter!

Our Annual Meeting was held on April 24 and was attended by over 60 members and guests. Guest speaker, Joni Giese from the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed district (PLSLWD) provided information on lake water quality and ongoing lake improvement projects. Patricia Freeman from the Spring Lake Regional Park provided updates on the huge park being planned for the North side of Spring Lake. A huge thank you to all who attended and to the sponsors who provided door prizes for those who were present.

The Spring Lake Association (SLA) has also been busy with Spring Lake water surveys and treatments, stocking bluegills with Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District, volunteers working with the DNR on the Spring Lake Boat Launch Rain Garden Improvements, Pick Your Paddle Event, Kids' Father's Day Fishing Contest and the 4th of July Boat Parade! Our Membership Committee was busy delivering SLA Welcome Packets to all new residents on the lake as well as SLA New Member Packets to all those who joined for the first time in 2022. SLA 70th Anniversary T-Shirts and wine were also delivered to members who made a \$50 or more donation to SLA for water quality initiatives. If you fall into one of these categories and didn't receive a delivery, please let us know.

As mentioned during the Annual Meeting, the Spring Lake Association was awarded a \$50,000 Grant to cover project costs in 2022 and 2023 for managing the Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) that was discovered during the summer of 2021. The first survey was completed on June 8 and showed that the areas treated last fall were successful. Unfortunately, new areas were identified resulting in a subsequent treatment of 14 acres which was done by PLM on June 17. The cost for this treatment is estimated to be around \$17,000 and will be covered by funds from the Grant. Other patches of EWM were identified during the first survey but not treated. These will be monitored during a full lake survey that will take place the latter part of July to determine if additional treatments are warranted.

The SLA continues to work closely with Blue Water Science and the PLSLWD with plans to offer an Aquatic Plant Seminar on Thursday, August 4 at the Prior Lake City Hall. Steve McComas from Blue Water Science will be the featured presenter. Please look for the Evite which will be sent out shortly. We hope you will be able to join us!

Another item of interest was the discovery of a "single" Zebra Mussel which was attached to a leaf stem during the initial lake survey on April 29. See article on the next page for more information.

As the summer rolls on, we hope to see you at future SLA sponsored events (see events calendar) or out on the lake!

Own Your Wake



Almost every motorboat can create a wake, which is why boaters must be aware of the danger wakes present and the damage they can do. While common courtesy dictates boaters should control their wakes, there are consequences beyond how wakes may affect people. So, what do boaters really need to know when it comes to owning their wake?

Under Minnesota law, the damage your wake causes is treated the same as damage caused by an actual collision. Personal watercraft (PWC) must stay at least 150 feet from shore. There is no required distance for boats, but by staying at least 200 feet from shore or other structures boaters can reduce the likelihood their wakes will cause damage. Boats that create an artificial wake may require more distance to lower the impact.

Be aware of your environment and what's going on around you – this applies to everyone on and around the water.

- Have a designated lookout to keep an eye out for other boats, objects, and swimmers.
- If crossing a wake, cross at low speeds and keep a close look-out for skiers and towables.
- Comply with all signs and respect barriers. This includes speed limits, no-wake zones, and underwater obstructions.
- Keep your distance from shorelines, docks, or other structures.
- Minimize repetitive passes.
- Respect the rights of others

Environmental impacts of wakes | Large wakes produced by watercraft can result in a variety of negative environmental consequences, including:

- Shoreline erosion;
- Impaired water quality resulting from increased sediment in the water;
- Loss of shoreline vegetation, which helps stabilize the shore and provides important habitat for fish and wildlife.

These impacts are greater when water levels are high and shorelines are saturated.

For more information, please visit MN DNR at [Own Your Wake | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#) or the University of Minnesota study at [University of Minnesota researchers study waves created by recreational boats | University of Minnesota \(umn.edu\)](#)

Zebra Mussels



Zebra mussels are an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and distinguished by a small striped, D-shaped shell composed of two hinged valves joined by a ligament. The shells are typically one-quarter inch to one and one-half inches long, depending on age, with alternating yellow and brownish colored stripes. Adults are typically fingernail sized. Zebra mussels attach to hard surfaces underwater. A single zebra mussel can filter one quart of water per day while feeding primarily on algae. They live underwater, attached to natural and manmade substrates such as rocks, wood, plants, native mussels, pipes, docks, boat lifts, swim rafts, moored watercraft, and other debris. Reproduction of zebra mussels require a male and a female which can produce 100,000 to 500,000 eggs per year. Fertilized eggs develop into microscopic, free-living larvae, called "veligers," that form shells. After two to three weeks, the veligers settle and attach to a firm surface using tiny fibers called byssal threads. Beds of zebra mussels can reach tens-of-thousands within a single square yard. (Minnesota DNR)

The Minnesota DNR did perform a subsequent snorkel and shoreline survey for zebra mussels on Spring Lake. They searched high priority areas and the area where the single zebra mussel was found. Their investigation did not show any additional ones present.

With the help of Charlie Malecha, Spring Lake Association has installed zebra mussel ladders through out the lake to determine the degree in which the infestation still exists. As you may remember, Charlie used these same Zebra Mussels ladders in 2020 for his Eagle Scout project. At that time, no zebra Mussels were found.

Your cooperation is requested in monitoring conditions around your dock for any zebra mussels activity. If you suspect a new infestation of zebra mussels, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen. Report your findings to a local DNR official or send an email to SLA at board.SLA@gmail.com.

Maintaining a Healthy Shoreline | Contributor: PLSLWD Staff



Measures such as cutting, pulling, or using herbicides can control aquatic plants from season to season. But in the long run, the best way to combat excessive growth of aquatic plants is prevention—reducing the flow of nutrients, sediments, and exotic species moving into a lake or stream.

One of the many benefits of living on a lake is the abundance of wildlife; bald eagles soaring above, mallards diving for food, sun-fish swimming under your dock and the sound of loons. The goal is to have a lake with enough vegetation for wildlife to thrive while still allowing humans to have fun too. A healthy lake relies on a healthy community of native aquatic plants to sustain its clear waters. The more native vegetation in the water, the better the water quality.

In 2019, plant coverage was estimated at 98 acres or about 17% of the lake area (150 sites with plants). In 2020, plants grew out to 9 feet and covered approximately 25% of the lake bottom. In 2021, plants grew out to 12 feet and covered approximately 34% of the lake bottom. The main factor which has supported this increase in plant vegetation has been improvements in the water clarity. This has resulted in additional sunlight reaching the lake bottom and the increase in aquatic plant growth.

What can you do with common aquatic plants near your shoreline?

Cattails: Cattails are native and can only be removed from the water with a DNR permit. Only a small area may be removed to provide boat access to deeper lake water. Floating cattails that land on your shoreline can be moved to an existing cattail colony on the lake or can be left to create a new colony along your shore. **Helpful tip:** cutting cattails below the water surface after first frost provides good control.

Water Lily: Because of its value as fish habitat and a decorative plant, the native white-water lily is usually best left alone. Removing lilies allows more light to reach the lake bottom and typically results in less desirable plants moving in.

Curly-leaf Pondweed: One of the most common undesirable plants present in Spring Lake is curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) (*Potamogeton Crispus*) which is non-native and invasive. It grows quickly early in the season, sometimes smothering native plant growth. The plant releases its seeds and then dies back during mid-summer. The decomposing plants contribute nutrients to the water which then fuels algae growth. The best time to treat for invasive CLP is in the spring before the lake temperature surpasses 60°F and when plants are 1-2' tall because native plants start to grow once the lake temperature reaches 60°F.

Treatments: If you would like to treat other plants along your shoreline, determine if you want to treat with chemical or manual pulling. Whether you hire a company or do it yourself, chemical treatments require a DNR permit that will allow up to 2 treatments per year. If you choose to do a chemical treatment yourself, Hydrothol 191 Granular is a recommended product that can be used to treat both invasive and native plants. The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD or District) treats areas of CLP farther than 150' from the shoreline, when plants are expected to reach nuisance levels. The District cannot manage invasive plants alone and is supportive of landowners taking steps to control CLP along their shoreline.

Listed below are a few practical steps you can take to maintain good water quality-and prevent excessive plant growth. It will take time before these steps improve water quality and reduce plant growth, but they are essential for sustaining and enhancing desirable plant communities in Minnesota lakes.

- Use discretion when fertilizing your property (whether it is directly on the lakeshore or elsewhere within the lake's watershed). Have your soil tested to determine if you really need to fertilize. If fertilizing is necessary, be aware of local regulations before application. Water your lawn after fertilizing, but do not allow water to run off into streets or lakes. Also, clean up any fertilizer spilled onto roads or sidewalks.
- Keep septic systems working properly.
- Remove garden and grass clippings from street gutters, sidewalks and driveways. Compost the clippings or use them as garden mulch.
- Maintain a vegetative "buffer zone"--a strip of unmanaged grasses and woody vegetation allowed to grow along the shoreline. This vegetation will help prevent soil erosion from the shoreland and will intercept some of the nutrients that would otherwise enter the lake.
- Use low-or no-phosphorous soaps and detergents.
- Avoid adding too many hard surfaces (roads, roofs, pavement) close to a lake. They can cause more nutrient-rich water to run into the lake.
- Clean up after your pet. Flush the waste down a toilet or dispose of it away from the water or shoreline.
- Keep livestock away from streams and lakes. Their waste adds unwanted nutrients and their hoofs erode banks.
- Help stop the spread of undesirable exotic plants such as purple loosestrife, curlyleaf pondweed, and Eurasian watermilfoil. Clean your boat, motor, trailer, and other equipment of all aquatic vegetation immediately after leaving the water. Dispose of the plants on higher ground to prevent reintroduction into the water.

You are Invited | SLA 70th Anniversary Summer Concert



- Date:** Saturday, August 13, 2022
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Music: New this Year | Brass Menagerie Live Band
RSVP: Evite has been sent for you to RSVP

SLA Highlights Sponsors

During the 3rd and 4th quarter newsletters, SLA will highlight our great sponsors. We hope you will take the time to learn more about our sponsors and what services they provide. And when you frequent their services, please let them know that SLA sent you!

Boathouse Brothers Brewing has been a Gold Sponsor supporting SLA since 2017.

Who are the Boathouse Brothers? Emmett Swartout and Kevin Lethert grew up spending their summer weekends at the family cabin in Northern Minnesota. In April of 2018, they started Boathouse Brothers Brewing in downtown Prior Lake.



“Our two favorite things in this world are Great Beer and Lake Life. Whether it's an Ale out on the water, a Lager by the beach, a Stout by the campfire or an IPA out on the ice, our goal is to make every beer we brew a thoughtfully crafted reflection of what makes Lake Life here in Minnesota.

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Edina Realty – Jim Gilbertson has been a Gold Sponsor supporting SLA since 2018. Jim is also a past Board of Directors member of the SLA!

In 1999 Jim Gilbertson moved to Spring Lake and began his career in real estate. Jim currently is a realtor for Edina Realty working out of the Prior Lake office. Jim says he “likes helping people find a lake home” and he is most proud of the fact he has 55 real estate transactions on Spring Lake alone!

Jim has been a recipient of Edina Realty’s President’s Club Award the past five years.

Jim has been a member of the Prior Lake Rotary Club the past ten years. Jim especially cherishes the memories of his Rotary sponsored trip to India to help with the distribution of the polio vaccine to children. Jim is also Treasurer of the Southern Valley Alliance.

Jim has two adult sons Sam (student at University of North Dakota in Grand Forks) & Cal (lives in Denver working on HVAC). Jim currently lives on Prior Lake, but his dream is to get back on Spring Lake! Jim says he chose to be an SLA Sponsor because he “really enjoys working with people on Spring Lake” as he finds residents to be personable and down-to-earth.

SLA 2022 Board Members

Each Spring, SLA Board Members change as board member terms expire. Below are the SLA board as of May 1, 2022.



Below are the SLA board positions, current board members and their current terms. Officer terms are three-year and board members terms are 2-year. If you are interested in joining the board next Spring, send us an email to get a conversation started!

Officers

President | Wes Steffan | Term: May 2021 - April 2024
Vice President | Patsy Lundquist | Term: May 2021 - April 2024
Secretary | Audra Miears | Term: May 2021 - April 2024
Treasurer | Lauren Peters | Term: May 2020 - April 2024
Director of Marketing & Communication | Sandy Sauve | Term: August 2019 - August 2023

Board Members

Matt Batulis | Term: May 2022 - April 2024
Monica Costello | Term: May 2022 - April 2024
Jesse Loudon | Term: May 2021 - April 2023
Ken Rodning | Term: May 2021 - April 2023
Val Selle | Term: May 2022 - April 2024

Great Outdoors Dock & Lift has been a Gold Sponsor supporting SLA since 2018.

Trevor Pope is the President & Founder of Great Outdoors Services, LLC. Trevor got his start in the lakefront business in the Spring of 2000. He has extensive experience in all aspects of the lakefront equipment business, and has a long list of many long-term happy clients, and continues to grow the business every year.

When he is not on the water working, he enjoys spending time with his wife Kim, and sons Parker & Brooks. Trevor also enjoys water skiing, down hill skiing, snowmobiling out west, golfing, hunting, watching sports, riding his Harley, and many other outdoor activities. Trevor is currently the Vice President of the Prior Lake Association.

Trevor looks forward to seeing you soon on the water, and thanks each and every one of his customers on his long list of happy lakefront clients. He is very grateful for all of you and your continued patronage.



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Lauren has been with RE/MAX for 13 years and works out of the Prior Lake office. Lauren’s mission is to “develop a trusting relationship by providing professional guidance to make your real estate experience a success from beginning to end. Together, we will have an enjoyable real estate experience!” Lauren has been a recipient of 9 awards in the past 9 years and was awarded the “RE/MAX Hall of Fame” and “Platinum” awards in 2022

Lauren and his wife Stacy have lived on Spring Lake since 1998. Lauren takes pride in helping families with their home ownership dreams. Stacy is a Pilates instructor and a residential real estate appraiser. They have 2 grown sons and a dog named Wilson. They are both active members and volunteers at St. Michael’s Church in Prior Lake. They both love to travel; Sedona is a favorite and a trip to the Holy Land the most memorable. Most summer evenings you will find Lauren, Stacy and Wilson enjoying the lake on their pontoon!

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Sailer's Greenhouse has been a Gold Sponsor supporting SLA since 2016.

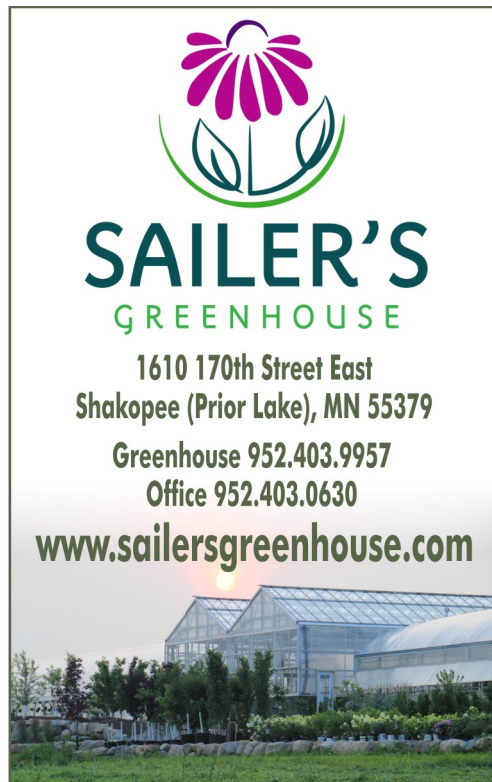
Sailer's Greenhouse is a first-generation family business that has been in business for over 30 years. The greenhouse is currently run by Mark and Peggy Sailer, along with their daughter Nikki. They are Spring Lake residents and have a son and two grandchildren.

Mark and Peggy's favorite part of their business is the fact that they are growers and retailers.

The passion behind growing quality plants is what has made the business successful. Giving people the opportunity to purchase directly from the grower is what sets them apart from other garden centers. As a business their goals have never been to be the biggest but rather the best. Last year they were honored to win the Star Tribune's Best of the Best Garden Center.

They also have the best greenhouse greeters! They have a Labrador greeting crew that no other greenhouse can compete with. The dogs meet people at their car and walk them to the door and demand attention the entire time. They might actually be more known for their dogs than plants. Jake, Murphy, Sully, Duke and Gus. Izzy the black cat keeps the rodent population down in the neighborhood.

They sponsor the Spring Lake Association not only to help give back to the people that support them as a business, but also because they live in the community and want it to be the best it can be.



You are Invited

Spring Lake Aquatic Plants 101 Education Seminar

Date: Thursday, August 4

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Prior Lake City Hall - Parkview Room

4646 Dakota St SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372

Note: Seminar will be Live Streamed on Facebook

RSVP: Evite will be sent so you can RSVP!

Why should you attend: To understand the role aquatic plants play in Spring Lake.

Drawing will be held for those in attendance.

Steve McComas, Owner of Blue Water Science who is known as the "The Lake Detective" will present and will also provide some plant samples to assist in the identification and training. Steve who holds M.S. Degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and aquatic Ecology from Texas Christian University, founded St. Paul-based Bluewater Science in 1985, after several years of designing water treatment plans for a Chicago consulting engineering firm.

Seminar Topics

- Importance of aquatic plants in Spring Lake
- Type of aquatic plants
- Plant Identification
- Invasive Aquatic plants and vertebrates
- Aquatic Lake Plant Management

Spring Lake History | Memories from John & Denise Craig

As we continue to celebrate 70 years of Spring Lake Association, we again visited with John and Denise Craig from Craig's Resort so we could share some of their memories. As a reminder, John is the son of Duffy and Tope Craig, who were owner operators of Craig's Resort on Spring Lake.

John has lived his entire life on Spring Lake. He recalls moving in when he was 3 months old after being in the hospital since birth. While the resort was busiest in the summer, the Craigs lived on the property year round.



Craig's Resort, cabin #5



Craig's Resort, bar and bait shop

Craig's Resort Property was comprised of five cabins, a bar, bait shop and a lakeshore dock with a swimming beach and raft. Craig's Resort occupied addresses 2883—2855 on Spring Lake Road.

2883 was the original location of the Bar and Bait Shop. The bar sold a beer variety along with a 3.2 Bar setup license. They also sold sandwiches, candy, ice cream, pop and pizza. The Resort rented about 20 wooden boats and they also had a boat launch access between 2883 and 2863. This property was sold around 1988 and a private home was built.

2863 is the location of the original log home where John grew up. Cabin #5 was also located on the same property. They had a pump house that was installed in the mid 1970s that was used for Cabin #5 as well as for the bar. The land and all three of these buildings were sold and currently still exist in the same location as a private residence.

2855 is the location where cabins #1, #2, #3 and #4 were located. Cabins were torn down and John and Denise Craig built a home where they currently live today. They have built their home surrounded by many of the wonderful memories of Spring Lake and Craig's Resort.

2839 is the location where John's grandparents lived. John has cherished memories of not only growing up at Craig's Resort on Spring Lake, but also growing up next to his grandparents.

John found a school bell on Spring Lake Road between 2922 and 2936 years ago. He doesn't remember the Spring Lake Public School but wonders if there is a connection.

John remembers that Spring Lake Road was the original location of Highway 13. He also recalls many businesses that were across the street from Spring Lake in the 1950s:

- **Hollywood Inn** - This was an Inn that had three cabins for rent.
- **Myers Resort** - This resort had two cabins and rented wooden boats.
- **Dueffert's Gas Station and Grocery Store** - This was located where Northwood Park is located today.

A farm was next door to Dueffert's.

- **Bait Shop** - There was also a bait shop to the west of Craig's Resort on Spring Lake Road.

The Craigs are fortunate to have many family and fun memories of Spring Lake that include five generations!

Generation 1 | Sellner's - Duffy's parents, George and Anna.

Generation 2 | Craig's - Duffy & Tope

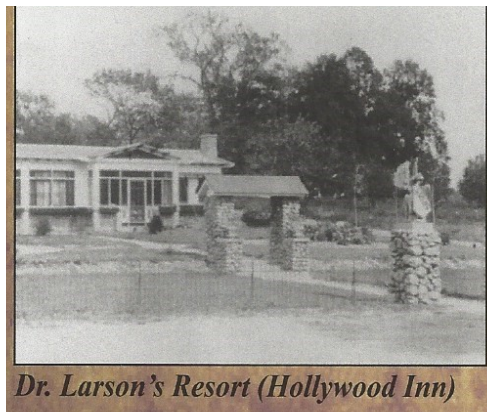
Generation 3 | Duffy & Tope's children Linda, John and Tom.

Generation 4 | John & Denise Craig's children, John and Jaime.

Generation 5 | John & Denise Craig's grandchildren, Owen, Ethan, Makayla, Jaiden and Jackson.



Spring Lake public school



Dr. Larson's Resort (Hollywood Inn)

DNR Warns: Don't Blast Plants and Lake Bottoms with Water Jets

State environmental officials are warning lakeshore property owners to be careful if they use high-powered water jets to clear away plants or muck.

These devices, sold under the brand names like Aqua Thruster, Aquasweep or Torrent Muck Blower, are referred to by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as "hydraulic jets." The jets, which resemble outboard motors, can be a handy tool to clear the waters around a dock or swimming area. But used incorrectly, they can wreak havoc.

"They can do a lot of damage to the bottom of the lake and vegetation and different things," said Capt. Aaron Kahre, administrative manager at DNR. "There's always a bit of a learning curve to use it properly."

In lakes with softer bottoms, the jets can be particularly destructive to plants and fish habitat, Kahre said.

A permit is almost always needed to use the jet cleaners, Kahre said. The DNR has found illegal use of the jets after being tipped off, or by spotting it from the agency's planes.

Jeff Forester, the executive director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, said the use of water jets can stir up another problem — algae blooms.

If the jets disturb sediments, they can stir up phosphorus from the lake bottom, Forester said. That can feed algae blooms, often a stinking, green mess on lakes.

The blooms are "becoming more and more of an issue as water warms" from climate change, Forester said.

Forester said property owners using the jets should avoid pointing them downward. In addition to the DNR, Forester said lake associations are working to educate jet users on proper technique.

While Kahre said the jets have been an on-and-off problem since they became popular a few years ago, the number of citations issued has dropped.

According to data provided by DNR, 11 citations were issued in 2017. The number has dropped each year since then, with four given out in 2020 and one in 2021.

DNR officers have discretion on whether to issue a warning or a citation, Kahre said, and may choose to warn if they find someone using a jet without a permit who hasn't done significant damage to a lake.

Those looking for more information on hydraulic jet permits and usage can call 651-296-6157 or e-mail info.dnr@state.mn.us.

"Anybody that thinks they want to use one of these [should] contact their local hydrologist and work very closely with them for where it can be used and can't be," Kahre said.

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Water Safety



Water Safety | During the 2022 SLA Father's Day Kid's Fishing Contest Weigh-In, Scott County Sheriff's Sergeant Jacob Edwinston and Recreational Safety Deputy Max Kes were on hand to deliver some important Water Safety Tips to the Kids!

Always wear a Life Jacket when in a boat or on a dock!

Step 1 - Reach | If close enough to the dock or shore, Reach to them to try to bring them to safety.

Step 2 - Throw | Throw something to them (like a floatable disk with a rope) to help bring them to safety.

Step 3 - Row | Put on a life jacket and get in a boat and row to the victim to help bring them to safety.

Step 4 - Go | Put on a life jacket and as a very last resort an adult can get into the water to bring the victim to safety.

Resident Liz Weninger emphasized that ALL kids and adults should take swim lessons, not just for a summer but for a lifetime!

Get The Lead Out

During this event, we also highlighted the Get the Lead Out Campaign by educating and exchanging Lead Tackle for Lead Free Tackle. The focus of the campaign, which is being sponsored by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), is education and outreach about the danger of lead fishing tackle to the health of common loons in Minnesota.



SLA has sample packs still available

- Bismuth/Tin Jigs - Arkie Lures, Bullet Weights, or Northland Fishing Tackle.
- Tin Split Shots - Bullet Weights or Water Gremlin
- Tungsten Worm Weights - Swagger Tackle Co.
- Tungsten Ice Fishing Jigs - Amped Outdoors, Bold North Outdoors, or Widow Maker Lures
- Steel Egg Sinkers - Bullet Weights

To learn more about the Get the Lead out Campaign, visit our website at www.springlakeassociation.com/education

2022 SLA Father's Day Kid's Fishing Contest



Thanks to everyone who came out to this year's fishing event.

And the winners are:

- **Smallest by Weight** - Lola Dix | Fish Weighing 1 oz.
- **Biggest by Weight** - Nella Loudon | Fish Weighing 4.5 lbs.
- **Shortest Length** - Anthony Dix | Fish Length 6"
- **Longest Length** - Julia Loudon | Fish Length 9.5"
- **Drawing** - Ben Andrews | He won a Fire Fishing Pole that can be used to roast marshmallows and hot dogs!

SLA 70th Anniversary Wine

Spring Lake Association is partnering with our Sponsor **Viking Liquor Barrel** in Prior Lake to feature a Spring Lake Association 70th Anniversary Wine of the Quarter.

The 3rd Quarter 2022 wine is:

- ◆ Trivento Golden Reserve Malbec - \$19.99
- ◆ Ely Sauv Blanc - \$16.99



Solar Shield has been a Silver Sponsor supporting SLA since 2020.



Denise and Mark Gjerde are long-time residents of Spring Lake, and love what the Association does for the community. Denise grew up in their current home. They two grown children and two grandchildren. Denise is also a Spring Lake volunteer helping with our social events.

Denise & Mark stated their business, Solar Shield in 1989. They are very passionate about educating their customers about window film and the benefits. "We love to help our great and loyal customers save money, protection from interior sun damage and stay cool", said Denise. We've worked hard to build our reputation over thirty years, offering our customers the highest standard of film and installation in the industry.

We love being an established small business in the community, the bridges we've built with and the great loyal customers we have. We are also very proud of what our customers say about us on reviews. Solar Shield was awarded the Eastman's prestigious "SelectPro", among others. It sets us apart as we're able to carry select exclusive films.

Prior Lake Rental has been a Silver Sponsor supporting the SLA since 2021.



Prior Lake Rental began as A to Z Rental in Burnsville, operated by Matt's parents Bob and Susan in 1979. They opened in Prior Lake in 1987 as a small rental store and lawn and garden retailer. Wedding rentals followed, and the company now has more than 150 tent rentals per year as well as tables, chairs and even moving trailers. Prior Lake Savage Rental has been in business for 35 years.

In 2015, Chamber Director Sandi Fleck said Prior Lake Rental is "a huge part" of the Chamber's many events, including Lakefront Days, Fall Community Fest, Downtown Dazzle and others. In 2015 Prior Lake Savage Rental was named Business of the Year! Matt Underferth accepted the award. Prior Lake Savage Rental also hands out the Dick Underferth Humanitarian scholarship award each year. Matt and sister Debbie operate the business with nine full-time employees and four part-time employees.

Complete Family Eye Care has been a sponsor supporting SLA since 2020.



After practicing optometry since 1993, Dr. Steve Reinders and his wife Jennifer founded Complete Family Eyecare in 2010. Dr. Steve, Jennifer, and their entertaining staff provide a state of the art, personalized eyecare experience at their family owned and operated clinic in Prior Lake. Dr. Steve has been a Prior Lake resident since 1998. He and Jennifer were married in 2003 at Shephard of the Lake and they currently have two children in the Prior Lake school system. Dr. Steve served as Prior Lake Association President from 2017 to 2020 and still remains an active board member.

2022 MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM

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