

Silver Lake

SUMMER 2001

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

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CHAIRMAN'S COVE

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. As I speak with property owners around the Lake, I am frequently asked "What do I get for my membership in SLIA?" This newsletter is one thing, helping to keep you informed about the lake we all live on and enjoy, and educate you on how to protect OUR resource. The SLIA represents your interests on issues such as key-holing and water quality. Members can subscribe to "Riparian", an outstanding publication regarding lakeside living and water management. The SLIA has an established fund ready to protect your interests should an issue arise that threatens our Lake. I then ask, "What do YOU want your membership in SLIA to provide?" This is our association, and we are YOUR board. If you have an issue or an idea for a project, contact a board member and let us know what you want. *Chuck Fricke, President*

YOU'VE GOTTA REGATTA!

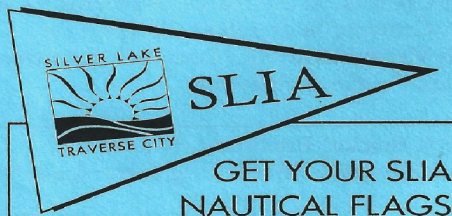
The July 4 regatta was a very fun success. We had between 25-30 boats in our parade around the lake. Many boaters joined in after we had started the flotilla. Some folks decorated with colorful flags and balloons. It was especially fun to see the warm, cheering crowds on the beach as we passed by people waiting even to give us a "thumbs up". One group actually had score cards! I was very pleased with the amount of enthusiasm, laughter and support. It shows how much we Silver Lakers enjoy our lake lives and wonderful support for the holiday.



Next year, it was suggested that we have a "Silver Lake Regatta" trophy, something to pass on annually. Also, some sort of gathering following the sail was mentioned. Any thoughts on this are appreciated. Come to the annual meeting in August and share ideas.



Our thanks to the leaders of the regatta and all who participated. I regret I did not get a chance to meet all of you! The red, white and blue balloons on Rob the Raetz boat were festive! We had another boat with at least 10 brightly colored flags placed all around that I thought were especially fun. See you again next year! *Submitted by Barb Vanderzouwen*



GET YOUR SLIA NAUTICAL FLAGS

Silver Lake residents can now display their very own, custom printed SL Flag. The new aqua and white flag is available at the August 11th Annual Meeting. The requested donation for a flag is \$10. Show your pride in Silver Lake by displaying a flag on your boat or at the end of your dock. If you are not able attend the annual meeting, the flags will be available from association board members or you can call Jim Lievensen at 943-3757.

COOKIN' CORNER

Chinese Chicken Wings

- 4 lbs of chicken wings
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 1 Tbsp of molasses
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1.2 cup oil
- 1 md. onion, minced
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic



Marinate wings overnight. Drain & then bake 90 minutes at 350 degrees. **Enjoy!** *Submitted by Barb Bloomer*

THE LAKE MANAGER VIEW

In the last newsletter Stan Lievensen gave his comments on the fishing conditions. In this article Stan takes the view of a "lake manager" and gives his comments about Silver Lake.

"Silver Lake is what is known as a valley lake. This is a lake that is relatively deep with limited shallow edges. Because there is not a lot of weed cover and a limited food supply in relationship to the total acreage,

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Silver Lake will never produce huge numbers of fish on its own. In comparison, Houghton Lake, for example is a shallow, weedy lake that can produce an endless supply of fish."

"The amount of pan fish (blue gills, perch etc.) will be limited in Silver Lake because the predator fish (walleye, northern pike and bass) will keep the numbers down. The good news is, while fewer pan fish may be caught, there should be much larger pan fish in the lake as a result."

"Silver Lake is perfect for Walleye and Pike as they prefer a depth of twenty feet or less. This leaves unused room in the depths of the lake for trout. Planting trout again in Silver Lake would be a great experiment." *Submitted by Jim Lievensen*

WHERE'S THE WALLEYE?

According to the DNR, the walleye are here and doing quite well. Pond-reared, 1.5" walleye fry are planted every 3 years by the DNR. In June of 2000, 24,000 fingerlings were planted. A follow up survey in September 2000 showed these fish were 8.3" and had a good survival rate. These walleye are now 11"-14" and are a bit ahead of the state average growth rate. Most of the walleye being caught now are 17"-21" and are from the 1997 planting (20,000). The most recent netting survey was done in 1994. It showed that Silver Lake has an abundance of shiner minnows and small perch, a walleye delicacy. Pike numbers are declining. This is blamed on the loss of weedy habitat that results from heavy lakeside development. Overall, Silver Lake is a healthy and varied fishery. Do you have an interesting SL fishing story? Let us know for our next newsletter! *Submitted by Kevin Gagnon*

WHAT'S COMING UP!

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 11 at 9:00am
Garfield Township Hall
3848 Veterans Drive