

# ***THE DISTRICT DISPATCH***

## **The Cuba Lake District Board of Commissioners Information Letter January 2008**

**Dave Bosworth** has retired from the position of Lake Manager to allow more time with his family in North Carolina and beyond. Dave was our first Lake Manager hired under the provisions of the Lake Management Agreement which was first signed in November 2001.



Dave's major objective was to utilize the funds provided by the Lake Management Agreement in an efficient and productive manner. To this end he has been the key driver in the recommendation, development and execution of major projects including:

- The dredging of major areas of the lake subsequent to the major flooding in 2003. (He applied for and received an extension of that permit through 2012 enabling future work in those designated areas.)
- Sediment basin projects including land procurement, project development and execution including basins at Munger Hollow, Abbott's Creek, and Mt Monroe.

Dave insured that the available Management Funds were supplemented to the maximum possible; by funds he applied for and was granted through FEMA.

Dave has long supported, and taken an active roll, in the maintenance and improvement of the environmental quality of the lake both in the water and on shore. He has assisted the cottage owners in situations too numerous to name and give testimony to. We thank Dave for his abundant service to our community and the residents of the Cuba Lake District and wish Sylvia and him many years of fun in the sun.

**Scott Barrey**, is named **Lake Manager** effective January 1, 2008 replacing Dave Bosworth.

Scott has been associated with Cuba Lake for virtually all of his life. He is a year-round resident of the Lake residing at Lot #285 on the West Shore Road.

Scott has a multifaceted background which has provided him with a unique set of skills advantageous to the Lake Manager position. His experience includes:

- Sales of engineered products and repair services in industrial and energy markets,
- designing, writing and implementing quality control standards for OEM chrome plating processes for railroad, marine, and energy industries,
- Design, build and testing of roadway impact absorption devices,
- Consultant on projects providing security upgrades at a nuclear power facility, logistics management of the pre-stressed concrete beams for the Seneca Casino parking garage as well as several industrial insulation projects.



He has held leadership positions with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers( ASME)-Olean Section and The American Society for Materials (ASM); and, served on the Committee of the Eastern Gas Compression Roundtable for 29 years.

Scott's experience has enabled him to take an immediate active role in the Mt Monroe project and in the processing of building permit applications as well as other necessary lake management activities.

Scott has established hours for the District office on Bull Street. Winter hours are **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM and, by appointment.**

Scott's cell phone number is **716-244-8879**. Please provide Scott your cooperation in his new position.

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### **Mt. Monroe Sediment Basin:**

Nine bids were received for the construction project at the Mt. Monroe basin site. The lowest and winning bid at \$113,339 was by LDC Construction from Grand Island, NY.

After some delays, construction was allowed to proceed effective December 26, 2007.

To preserve FEMA funding support, the project must be completed by May 15, 2008.

Clark-Patterson Engineering and LCD Construction have moved on-site and are working in earnest toward an early completion.



### **Spillway Activity:**

Repairs have been made to the West end of the spillway to eliminate water flow around that end of the spillway which had apparently been created by a well-meaning but misdirected individual. The repair work, pictured here was completed about mid-November by Dana Harvey.



### **Water Quality:**

The Cuba Lake Cottage Owners Association (CLCOA) at the December meeting of the District's Board of Commissioners requested the District take over responsibility for the *Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program* (CSLAP). The commissioners voted to accept responsibility for the program which has been ongoing at the Lake for 21 years. Traditionally Cuba Lake has taken specimens from only one test site, the deepest point in the lake. The District has voted to expand the test spots to 3 although this may be adjusted by the new sampling team in this first year of District sampling. The sampling team is required to

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have 2 primary and 2 secondary members – Scott Barrey and Dave Shemeld have been identified as primary members and Dana Harvey and Jerry Collins as secondary team members. Team Leader will be the Lake Manager, Scott Barrey.

Tests are to be taken every other week in a fifteen week interval from May through October. In recent years at Cuba Lake, 8 samplings are taken each season beginning about mid June and ending on or about September 22. The data taken results in chemical analysis of the lake and general observations of the water and weed conditions. The last published report was on the basis of 2006 data. The complete report can be found at <http://www.ourcubalake.com/Quality%20Data/2006%20CSLAP%20Report-%20Cuba%20Lake.pdf>. Or, go to [www.ourcubalake.com](http://www.ourcubalake.com), click on "Water Quality" and then select "CSLAP-2006 Complete Report". The report using 2007 data should be out by February End.

We owe our gratitude to those volunteers who have given of their time and of themselves to maintain these records. In recent years these efforts have been by Jim Mostacato, Dave Bosworth, Larry Kus, and Dana Harvey.

### **Weed harvesting:**

While preliminary specifications to allow bidding on a larger, more efficient weed harvester, trailer and off-loading elevator system had been in the final approval stages, at the last minute it was decided not to pursue a new harvester at this time. To maintain maximum time on the water with the existing machine, working spare parts will be purchased to minimize downtime. The list is currently in development.

The District will be looking to maximize time-on-the-water in this next season. To do this, qualified "drivers" are necessary. The District will be offering \$10 per hour for part time summer help to operate the harvester.

If you or someone you know has an interest, please contact the Lake Manager or the Secretary with your application. To qualify, you must be 17 or over and have a valid drivers license with no "marks" as a demonstration of your ability and responsibility as an equipment handler. The Lake Manager will provide for your training.

Money has been budgeted for the spare parts mentioned plus for a GPS navigation/depth device to enable more efficient operation of the harvester by enabling the operator to steer in straight lines and over identified swath spacing. This may be classed as an experiment.

It is recognized that a replacement elevator or off-loading conveyor is required. The existing elevator is in a state of repair and this is being addressed by the Lake Manager. Used "replacement" equipment is currently under investigation. If an acceptable used unit can be found and the existing unit repaired to provide full function, then two units would have the advantage of allowing two off-load sites one at each end of the lake.

### **Land Use Restrictions:**

Again Cottage Owners are reminded of the Land Use Restrictions & Controls (LUR) that apply to the properties within the District whether leased or "fee" lots. Most "hassles" are created by the owner failing to recognize his or her obligations under these rules. The latest LUR's (adopted by the electorate in August 2006) and associated forms can be obtained from the District Office. You can get the LUR at <http://www.cubalake.org/images/Landuserules06.pdf>; or, the LUR and the associated forms are available at <http://www.ourcubalake.com/Land%20Use.htm>.

So if you have a project in mind, make sure you include the LUR in your early planning. You will save yourself much angst if you incorporate these requirements into your early planning cycle. If you have questions, call the Lake Manager.

### **Town of Cuba District 5 Sewer Project:**

The Town of Cuba will soon be issuing information requesting your input relative to hookup to the sewer line. The mailings for these will be sent to only one address per property. The address used will be the closest address to Cuba that's available. If there is more than one "owner" listed on your deed or lease then it will be up to your "group" to coordinate as may be necessary for your situation.

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### **Other Notes:**

Jim Wetherby, past Mayor of the Village of Cuba, sent me a picture of historical interest. His brief note reads:

“DAVE,

I HELPED RAY DELAND BUILD THIS BEACH AT CUBA LAKE 1955.

JIM”

It turns out, Jim explains later, that the picture is from a web site at

<http://gabrielamericanrealty.com/vintageoleanpage.html>. If you scroll way down to the bottom of that page, you will see some sub-headings. Click on “Cuba Lake Memorabilia” and read “Cuba Lake Pavilion – summer 1959 by Rick Jenks”. If that doesn’t cause nostalgia, nothing will!



Editor’s note - It seems appropriate that the “sand” looks just like snow.

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**Meetings** – District office; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month; beginning at 7:00 PM (Exceptions are published in local newspapers.)