

# *THE DISTRICT DISPATCH*

The Cuba Lake District Board of Commissioners Information Letter

## **September 2005**

### **Lynn Sweet is re-elected to the Board of Commissioners:**

On August 27, 2005, Lynn Sweet has been reelected to the District's Board of Directors for another five year term (August 2005 through August 2010).

At the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, he was reelected by the Board to the position of Chairmen. Erick Laine was reelected to the position of Deputy Chair. These positions are voted on by the Board on an annual basis.

### **We're Moving!**

With the cooperation of the Seneca Nation of Indians, an agreement is being finalized between New York State and the District that will enable the District to utilize Cottage #106 as the District Office. The next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, October 19, 2005**, will be held at 106 South Shore Road on Cuba Lake. Note that the mailing address will remain as PO Box 201, Cuba NY 14727.



**The spillway is spilling!** The rains of Katrina brought the lake to full level for the first time this summer season demonstrating the level that can be expected after the completion of repairs, with adequate rainfall.

### **Winter Draw-Down Schedule:**

**First 4 ties removed – November 1, 2005.**

**Remainder – The first Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2005.**

### **Abbott's Creek Sediment Basin**

*L.C. Whitford Co., Inc.* has completed the work on the Abbott's Creek Sediment basin. The rains provided by the remnants of Hurricane Katrina provided the first "test" of the basin. Pictured below is the basin at work.

The next watershed control projects include the Mt Monroe sediment basin and the development of a marsh area along the Rawson creek. Hopefully, physical work on these projects can begin in 2006.



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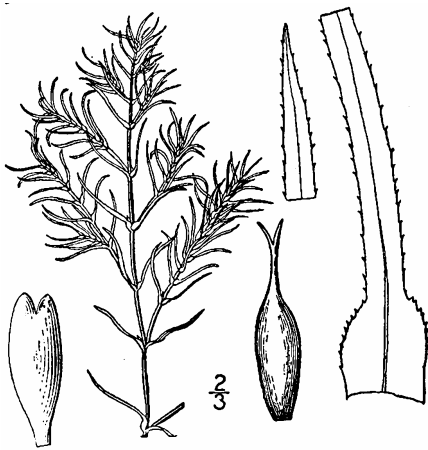
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### **Weed Control:**

It has been noted from the CSLAP water testing sponsored by the CLCOA that the lake water has been the clearest this year than in the past 20 years. Partially as a result of this, it has been further noted that the weed population has been at a higher level than in the recent past. Further concern has been expressed that there appears to be a new variety of weed introduced into the lake in recent years that appears to be very prolific.

An effort has been made by the CSLAP volunteers and the Board of Commissioners to identify the weed variety in anticipation that direct, corrective action could be taken to reduce the spread of this weed.

Both samples of weeds and pictures have been reviewed by DEC personnel. Based on the samples the "new weed" has been tentatively identified by a DEC representative associated with the CSLAP program, as *Najas flexilis*. A second opinion by a visiting DEC Representative was an algae formation called "pond scum". The *Najas flexilis* is represented by the following pictures:



More research is required to rationalize the two tentative identifications offered to this point. Information on *Najas flexilis* can be found at:

[http://plants.usda.gov/cgi\\_bin/topics.cgi?earl=plant\\_profile.cgi&symbol=NAFL&photoID=nafl\\_002\\_ahp.tif](http://plants.usda.gov/cgi_bin/topics.cgi?earl=plant_profile.cgi&symbol=NAFL&photoID=nafl_002_ahp.tif).

As yet, information on "pond scum" has not been located.

**Fall leaves are coming!** A good way to help in the control of the weed population is to keep nutrients from entering the lake. A major source of nutrients can be the unnatural addition of high quantities of leaves into the lake. Please don't deposit your leaves into the lake water or into the lake bed. Leaves sink to the bottom and provide compost nutrients for the aquatic plant life. The picture at right shows the spreading impact of raking leaves into the lake.



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## Notes From Around the Lake:

**Catherine Young, State Senator 57<sup>th</sup> District,** makes a visit to the Cuba Lake District office. Senator Young has long been an active supporter in advancing the activities of the District. The purpose of Cathy's visit was to get an update on the on-going projects at Cuba Lake being done under the Cuba Lake District/New York State, Management Agreement.



**Dave Bosworth**

**Cathy Young**

**Jerry Collins**

**The Cuba Rod and Gun Club's Pike tournament** was held September 17<sup>th</sup>. Thomas Krott, Chairman of the event reports Six teams participated but netted no Pike. Three children's teams participated the winner catching about 2 lbs of Perch.

## Cannu Canoe?

Perhaps you can but you could still probably learn something from this pair of experts periodically seen working-out on the Lake.



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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.)