

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FALL 2005

Based on the recommendation of our Consultant, GeoSyntec, Inc., we postponed the introduction of weevils into Dudley Pond, to combat Eurasian milfoil. This assessment was influenced by the cool spring 2005 weather, the need for more mature plants and the desirability of a more stable growth pattern and plant congregation. Based on GeoSyntec's current evaluation, weevils will be introduced in mid summer 2006.

While the postponement of weevils was not anticipated, 2005 has been a good if not outstanding year for the Dudley Pond Association and more importantly, Dudley Pond.

A combination of our s319 grant, assistance from the Surface Water Quality committee, the tremendous results of our milfoil hand-pulling project and a nice increase in both membership and financial contributions has made this a year to remember. It is also apparent that there is now a much stronger awareness throughout Wayland and even surrounding towns, as to what those folks at Dudley Pond are trying to do and why.

While Dudley Pond and for that matter any pond or lake will always have some form of invasive growth, our water is as clear as it has ever been, the shorelines are in very good condition, many nice size bass are once again swimming about and there is a renewed sense that "we are all in this together". Once again, only through everyone's combined efforts and involvement can we ensure that Dudley Pond does not return to the sad shape it was once heading towards, only a few short years ago.

While General Elections for a new DPA board do not take place until next spring (April), it is time to consider where you want your association to put its efforts and who will make this happen. At this time, we do not know who will stay on the current board, as list below, however, my full 2 year term will be up. It is important that we bring in new board members and better yet get candidates involved by attending our monthly board meetings. We cannot continue to wait until the very last minute but instead we should be giving individuals the opportunity to see how things work and where to turn for help. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the board, now is the time to get involved. Remember it is your pond and you are its stewards.

*-Jim Thompson*

## Race Day 2005!

Along with one of our better weather days for this 9th Annual 5K Race, 2.5M Walk and Children races, we had a great turnout and a wonderful atmosphere prevailed. Also this year we experienced a nice 18% increase in registered runners and an even more impressive increase of over 50% in our net income, most of which was earmarked towards paying our divers. Much of this profit was derived from the advanced and race day sale of raffle tickets, as well as large contributions from our on-going and new sponsors. Some highlights of this race and raffle included:

For the first time ever, the top three "Overall Male" winners all came from the 40 to 49 age group. Also, the winning time of 17:28.7 for a 5K race was truly outstanding, keeping in mind that more than several runners have rated this course as somewhat difficult due to all the hills, curves and down portions, even by those who routinely run the Boston Marathon.

A 13 year old male runner finished 6th overall in a field of over 100 runners. Also a 53 year old runner finished as high as 8th, while a 77 year old runner not only ran the entire 5K course but finished in great time and with hardly a sweat. Truly impressive and an inspiration to everyone who watched.

In the "Overall Female" winners, the top three winners had an age range of 16 to 41, making for a very interesting and competitive race. All three participants finished in great time and less than one minute apart.

For the first time in the 9 year history of the DPA Run, we had 3 female contestants enter the 70 and above age category, run the entire course and all three finished in excellent times. Our sincere congratulations to these wonderful women runners.

In the Walker Division, we had 14 individuals register and enter this event. The top walker, who mentioned he has a personal goal of entering at least 100 races in 2005, finished the course in just under 30 minutes for this 2.5 Mile distance. He added that he can't wait to come back next year and try this course again.

For our raffle we had some wonderful prizes ranging from various gift certificates to full years health club memberships to the \$150.00 Cash Prize. The winner of our \$150. cash prize was won by Wayne Cunningham of Wayland and the actual drawing occurred on his birthday. Now how's that for luck?

### OUR SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Prior to this race, The Race Day Planning Committee (Linda Smith, Marcia Filiurin, Jamie Pierce, Karen Lowery, Mike Lowery and myself) held several meetings and strategy sessions, over a period of three to four months. The coordination provided by Linda, the incredible raffle sales and sponsors obtain by Marcia and the incomparable work performed by Jamie guaranteed the success of this event. Above all, and the committee agreed, Karen and Mike Lowery through their hard work and organizational skills and ideas, as well as their financial commitment in both time and printing expenses, were the true stalwart behind this event and deserve everyone's heartfelt thanks.

As in the past, our many Race Day volunteers did an outstanding job and the music provided by Matt Shears and his band added a nice touch. A special thank you also goes out to Ted and Sherri Fiust, for the many tasks they performed, both before and during the actual race.

**Bi - Annual  
Come One, Come All...  
To the Dudley Pond Associations**

**Membership Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner  
Annual Fall Meeting  
and Spaghetti Dinner  
Sunday, October 30, 2005, 5 p.m.  
Town Building Senior Center, Wayland MA**

**There will be a spaghetti dinner and refreshments  
prior to the meeting**



### Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking members to serve on our Standing Committees: Nominating, Communications and Membership as well as appointments to the DPA's Social/Event Planning Committee. Please call any member of the Executive board or email JETHompson33@aol.com if you're interested in becoming more active in the Dudley Pond Association.

Free line and two-step dance lessons each Fri night in Oct and Nov for DPA members. Families welcome. Kids will love the hip hop line dance. 7:30pm Longfellow Sports Club, Wayland. [www.longfellowdance.com](http://www.longfellowdance.com) for info call Linda Smith at 508-655-1923

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

When you change your email address or service provider, don't forget to notify [dpaprez@aol.com](mailto:dpaprez@aol.com). Some of you who have been on our email list, no longer receive DPA related messages as your address has changed and your email has been returned as undeliverable. Send a message to the above with your current address and we'll gladly update our address book

The Dudley Pond Association  
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## RESPONSIBLE LAWN CARE

Although we don't often think of lawn care this time of year, it is just as important in the fall to take positive steps to ensure that your lawn and yard will not only be beautiful, but also healthy and good for your community. This is also one of the best times of year to seed or reseed your lawn.

Here are several suggestions and proven methods:

- Mow your lawn low enough so that you can rake leaves without damaging the roots, yet high enough to hold the soil and ensure the healthy return of your lawn come spring.
- If using fall fertilizers, use com gluten and organic fertilizers, instead of standard brands.
- Avoid repeated applications of pesticides which may not work and could be harmful.
- Never allow unidentified products to be applied to your lawn (Note several lawn services has recently been sued over misuse of banned products)
- To supplement your fertilizer, always use lime on your lawn, especially if the ph is lower than 6.8. Fertilizers are of little use, if the ph is out of balance. Correct your soil now, for a better and healthier lawn next year.
- Above all, use your leaves and grass clipping to start or nourish a compost pile. This is an excellent investment that will greatly reduce your degradable food products and also provide high quality food for your plants, garden and lawn. If you already have a compost pile, consider spreading a thin layer (1/4" deep) on your lawn now, to ensure its health throughout the winter and to guarantee a better start come spring.

For further information refer to the websites "www.massorganic.org" and "www.ci.wellesley.ma.us./nrc/pesticide"

## www.dudleypond.org and email addresses

If you haven't logged onto to our website in a while, you should. Ferenc Vasady-Kovacs working with Vice President Jim Thompson has done a fantastic job in updating and maintaining dudleypond.org. Each month the minutes of our Executive Board meetings are added to the website so that everyone can be aware of what is discussed and voted.

It is our hope that future newsletters will be available through the website. This could save hundreds of dollars in printing and postage costs. If you routinely receive messages from dpaprez@aol.com then we have your current email address; if you aren't on our email list and want to be, send a message to dpaprez@aol.com and we'll add you. Visit www.dudleypond.org and let us know what you think.

### DUES

ADULT - any member 19 years old or older  
\$15

YOUTH - any member 16 to 18 years old  
\$10

SPONSOR - adult membership plus a \$60 donation  
\$75

LIFE MEMBER -  
\$200   
(One time payment includes Dudley Pond Sweatshirt and name on life member plaque)

clip and send to: 22 Algonquin Path, Wayland, MA 01778

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### How I can contribute:

# HAND PULLING OF MILFOIL

Ted Fiust, better known and feared by the milfoil plants as "Ted the Tyrant" has been busy pulling weeds for the better part of the summer and now into fall. Ted and his band of divers have performed the almost impossible task of pulling just over 42,000 milfoil plants as of October 3rd.

Ted submitted the following information:

-It's October 4th and I am still scuba diving, along with my diving team, including Allison snorkeling in the lower depths closer to shore.

-We are currently approaching last year's level of milfoil growth, except near the Chateau and the Cove below Knollwood Lane, which seems to have proliferated in the last 2 months.

-The cost for divers, based on workable hours, stands at approximately two times that of 2004.

(Note: funding was obtained from a combination of the s319 grant, funds from Surface Water Quality Committee and the Dudley Pond Association)

-The area in front of the Chateau was designated, by Geosyntec, as the most likely site for the introduction of weevils, next summer.

-plant fragments continue to spread, often merely by the

wind and the fact that additional volunteer help is needed to assist my diver team.

-The good news is that the najas plant, now prevalent in Dudley Pond, is actually helping to prevent the re-rooting of milfoil fragments that may fall to the pond bottom.

-We could use a strong vertical fragment barrier across the mouth of the Chateau cove, if and when weevils are introduced next year. Hopefully this barrier will help control the spread of milfoil and allow the weevils to do their job.

As noted above, Ted and his merry men and women need your help. One important task is to man the boat when the divers are actively pulling milfoil. This task, which can greatly increase the divers effectiveness and productivity, involves loading and unloading bags of milfoil, acting as a spotter for the divers, skimming off loose plant fragments and assisting the divers whenever possible. Most often this task has been performed by Jamie Pierce or Jim Thompson and a small number of other volunteers; however Ted hopes to enlarge this base to allow volunteers to work shorter shifts and accommodate their schedule. No one works harder for your pond, than Ted, so please try to help him and his team by calling him at (508) 647-1544



## FIRST ANNUAL DUDLEY POND YARD SALE

The above event was held on Saturday, September 24th and for all indication this will hopefully become an annual occurrence. The spirit of this event, headed by Russ Ashton and his band of volunteers, was to attract new members while introducing residents and friends to the benefits and uniqueness of Dudley Pond. Our congratulations to Russ for taking on this major project and with only minimal support, partly attributed to the associations resources committed to the next days fun run. For all indications, those who did participate appreciated this great idea, with it's important community contribution. The DPA board would like to support this event next year and maybe even as early as May, 2006.

### Dudley Pond Officers 2004/ 2005

**Jim Thompson, President (1997-99 2004-06)**  
**Russ Ashton, 1st Vice President**  
**Steve Robb, 2nd Vice President**  
**Jamie Pierce, Treasurer**  
**Karen Lowery, Secretary**



serene views of the pond.

