## HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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**Loon Report**: The Loons nested again this year several hundred feet east of Diehl's single dock at the south end of the lake. They hatched a single chick (we occasionally get two) who appears to be doing well. As of this writing, all three are still fishing / feeding all around the lake. Please caution your guests to stay several hundred feet away from the loons.

**Fishing Report:** Our second **Catch & Release Bass Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser** on Saturday morning, June 10 was a positive event. In all there were 13 adults, and three 14-and-under entries. After the fishing prize and 50/50 raffle payouts the Club netted \$185, all of which will be used for fish stocking of the lake.

Hold the date of **Saturday, February 17 for the 2024 Winter Ice Party and Fishing Tournament**. As further plans are developed, they will be posted to our Henderson Lake Group on Facebook and to <u>HendersonLake.org</u>. The 2023 event netted over \$5,400 for the purchase of fish stock for the lake.

- 2023 No planting yet due to very limited fish supply.
- **2022** 30 gallons Fat Head Minnows, 1,000 Walleye (6-8")
- **2021** 1050 Black Crappie (4-6"), 200 Largemouth Bass (5-8"), 15 Walleye (6-8")
- **2020** 4.5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, conducted Northpoint Fisheries survey, fall planting of 1,155 Walleye (6-8")
- **2019** 725 Perch (4-6"), 1100 Hybrid Bluegills (3-5"), 200 Walleye (4-6") and 29 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
- 2018 740 Hybrid Bluegills (5-7"), 6 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, 600 Black Crappie (4-5"), 400 Perch (4-6")
- 2017 950 Large Mouth Bass (5-8"), 100 Walleye (6-9"), 300 Black Crappie (3-4"), 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
- 2016 25 gallons of Perch
- **2015** 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 Bass (very small sized at 2-3")
- **2014** 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
- 2013 250 Bass (4-6"), 200 Sunfish, 8x5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows. The Perch should spawn Spring 2013

**Lake Health Management:** The Special Assessment District (SAD) which provides funding for aquatic management of our lake was renewed for seven years (Dec. 2019 – Dec. 2025 winter tax bills) by Cumming and Hill Townships. The overall health of Henderson Lake is A-Rated in large part because of funding from the SAD. The assessed monetary amount and technical content of the SAD did not change.

Invasive species of weeds (Eurasian Water Milfoil, Starry Stonewort, Curly Leaf Pondweed, etc.) found anywhere in the lake, and nuisance weeds only along the developed shoreline out to five feet of water depth are being treated. **Please see HendersonLake.org for downloadable copies of all the various reports and studies.** 

## Henderson Lake Fishing Club Volunteers:

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- Practice CATCH AND RELEASE! Please do not keep all that you catch.
- Keep a rake-by-the-lake to remove / clean-up weeds washed ashore. Milfoil spreads by fragmentation, so get those weed fragments out of the water.