

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB

May 2016

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Loon Report: The Loons returned shortly after first ice out and were all over the lake. They seemed to be looking for a nesting site at the north-end of the lake, which is very different from their usual south-end locations. If they do choose the north-end it may not be possible to put out as many or any buoys because residents need access to the lake from docks. Either way, please respect and give ample distance to our Loons. The Eagles are taking close notice of where the Loons are hanging out. The Eagles are great, but let's wish our Loons good luck! In spite of the Eagles, last season the Loons raised two chicks which seem to have made it to migration.

Fish Fund Raising: We currently have \$926 in the bank. We collected only \$915 last season which is not our worst year, however, it is far short of what's required to have a planting of any size more than every other year. Having \$2,000 on-hand / in the bank each year would allow for a reasonable planting every year. (Possibly part of the reason our collections were down in 2015 was no Labor Day / Fall newsletter was due to health problems I was dealing with, and simply could not focus on the task.) If you did not donate last year, please consider a \$50 / \$60 donation to catch up. We are again asking for a minimum donation of \$30 annually per family. Please note that many families give much more than the \$30 suggested donation, and some of these do not fish, but believe it is the right thing to do.

Fish Plantings: Although we were able to have plantings in 2014 & 15 we used money from past years. The cost of fish has skyrocketed in recent years. At this time and based on our bank balance, we could only afford a bucket of minnows. The Committee will look for bargains for Fall plantings, otherwise we will not be able to plant in 2016. We have told one supplier that we are looking for good size Bass and if they find some please call. If that happens, we may be up and down the beach with hat-in-hand!

Past Plantings:

2015	300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 Bass (very small)
2014	300 Hybrid Bluegills, 5 gallons of Minnows
2013	250 Bass 4"- 6", 200 Sunfish, 8x5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows. The Perch should have spawned spring 2013
2012	500 Perch
2010	300 Black Crappie (4-6"), 300 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6"), 200 Walleye (4-6") and 300 Perch
2008	500 Large Mouth Bass (5 to 7) 200 Black Crappie (4 to 6) 200 Hybrid Bluegill (4 to 6) and 100 Walleye (4 to 6).
2006	500 Bass (5 to 7"), 160 Black Crappie (4 to 6"), and 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4 to 6").

Weed & Milfoil Control: 2015 was the first year of our Special Assessment District for weed control which provided funding for three treatments to weedy areas during the season. Remember that invasive species of weeds (Eurasian Water Milfoil, Starry Stonewort, Curly Leaf Pondweed, etc.) found anywhere in the lake and nuisance weeds along the developed shoreline out to 5' of water depth are being treated. There is also experimentation with "Mukk Buster" which is an enzyme that digests composting vegetation or muck. The canal and north-east tip of the lake are the target areas for this. The weed control program has come a LONG way since the major outburst of Milfoil in May / June of 2010 thanks to the generous financial support from many of you.

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS

North End	Ron Chapman, Dave Attenberger and Mike Kujawa	50	
Allen Sub	Schweihofer Family	25	
Henderson Heights	Dave & Adam Skornia	27	
South End	Alan & Mary Ann Johnston and George Losee	90	200

Donations: Please mail your generous donation or give them to your local subdivision committee member

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Make all checks payable to HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB.

Basic Family Donation \$ 30.00 (More is always welcome!)

- **Practice CATCH AND RELEASE!** Please don't keep all that you catch.
- **Please do not blow grass clippings or fall leaves into the lake.** They add to the vegetation load which the Weed Control Program is in-part trying to combat.
- **Keep a rake-by-the-lake to remove / clean-up weeds that wash ashore.** Milfoil spreads by fragmentation, so get weed fragments away from the water.