

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB

May 2014

Alan Johnston, President & Editor

Loon Report: The Loons returned at about first ice out (Which was not until April 15 this year!) and have been seen all over the lake. Due to all the wind and rain there has been very little close-up observation. The lake water level is very high and many of the mounds they use for nesting at the South end maybe awash. The loons are not nesting as of today, however, the west shore just south of the duck blind is probably where they will end up. This has not been a lucky spot for them because of the Eagles eating the eggs the last two years. It has also been reported that the Eagle is traveling with a yearling. The protective buoys should be in during the Memorial Day Weekend, assuming we know where the loons are nesting and where to place the buoys. Everybody is requested to respect the nesting area including minimizing the wake from your watercraft.

Fish Fund Raising: We currently have \$2,534 in the bank. Last year (2013) we collected just about \$500 this is the lowest annual amount we have collected. We need to get back to at least \$1,100 per year to have a planting every 2 years. We are again asking for a minimum donation of \$30 per family. Please remember that many families give much more than this and some families who don't fish contribute because they believe it is the right thing to do and good for overall health of the lake.

Fish Plantings: We had a large planting last fall consisting of 250 Bass 4"- 6" (some were larger) 200 Sunfish and 8 x 5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows. The 5 gallon buckets contained thousands of Perch which should have spawned this spring. Also on order for spring planting are 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 x 7" Bass, and 5 gallons of Minnows. As of this writing the spring order has not been received. Looking at past plantings...

2006 500 Bass (5 - 7"), 160 Crappie (4 - 6"), and 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4 - 6").

2008 500 Large Mouth Bass (5 - 7"), 200 Black Crappie (4 - 6"), 200 Hybrid Bluegill (4 - 6") and 100 Walleye (4 - 6").

2010 300 Black Crappie (4 - 6"), 300 Hybrid Bluegill (4 - 6"), 200 Walleye (4 - 6") and 300 Perch

2012 500 Perch

**These levels of plantings can not be maintained at last year's level of contributions.
Your participation is needed! (See below.)**

Weed Prevention: Please keep lawn fertilizer at least 15' away from the water's edge and only use biodegradable soap when bathing in the lake. **We are now paying for weed control do not make it worse by allowing these chemicals to get into the lake.** Also make sure that you do not transport weeds or other exotics from other bodies of water. More information is available on hendersonlake.org.

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS

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

Donations: Please mail your generous donation to:

Alan Johnston, 2239 Chippenham Chase, Rochester Hills, MI, 48306

Make all checks payable to HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB.

Basic Family Donation of \$ 30.00

Fishing Results

Mark Thompson: 21" Bass plus 5 others using plastic worm while casting. Released.

Remember please don't keep all that you catch, practice CATCH AND RELEASE

If you have good luck let us know by using the attached form.

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Detach & return form to a club volunteer

Name: _____

Type of fish caught: _____

Method of fishing: _____

Lure/bait or other: _____

Size / length & weight: _____

Date caught: _____

Kept or Released? _____