

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The ice left the lake during the first week of March this year and the loons were quickly on the water in the days thereafter. Because of the early thaw (vs. the last week of March in 2023), the loons nested early. It appears they nested in the canal area because that is where loon distress calls were heard, while an eagle was observed hovering in the area. It's likely the eagle got the egg(s) as both loons are now back on the lake again. Hopefully, they will re-nest as the season is still young. Please give them distance when you and your guests are on the water!

Winter Ice Party Fundraiser / Fishing Report: The Winter Ice Party (February 17, 2024) event was very well attended by over 100 folks. The tent was set up at Pauley Park again because of concern for poor ice conditions. The event netted \$3,700 for purchase of fish stock this year. Fish stock is expensive ranging \$3-\$4 each depending on the species. Fat Head minnows are \$75/gallon this year, so are still encouraged to make a \$40 family donation as described below.

A Catch & Release Bass Fishing Tournament / Fundraiser is planned for Saturday, June 8 (7am-noon) which is a DNR's - Free Fishing Weekend. Unlike the Winter event, the tournament is only for Henderson Lake property owners and their immediate families. Please follow the Henderson Lake Facebook Group for further details including tournament registrations, rules, and participation in raffles (open to all). Again, all proceeds will be used to purchase fish stock.

2024	30 gallons Fat Head Minnows on May 19. Fall planting is TBD as of this writing.
2023	300 Bass (6-10"), 400 Black Crappie (4-6"), 400 Walleye (5-8"), and 25 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
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

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:

North End	Ron Chapman, Dave Attenberger, Mike Kujawa	50
Allen Sub	Bryan Pepper	25
Henderson Heights	Dave & Adam Skornia	30
South End	George & Barb Losee, Bill Olsen	85 = 190

Donate using PayPal from our website <http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html>



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(Please generously cover service charges from PayPal or Venmo.)

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Make checks payable to Henderson Lake Fishing Club
Basic Family Donation \$40.00 (More is always welcome!)



- 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.