

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The Loons successfully nested along the south shoreline. The nest was in some overgrowth for cover and not too close to lake level. There were reports that two chicks hatched and then disappeared after several days. It's likely that an eagle or snapper unfortunately got them. As of this writing the adult loons are still on the lake.

Fishing Report / Winter Ice Party Fundraiser: The big news is that Northpoint Fisheries Management, LLC completed a fish sampling or survey of the lake in June which concluded that we have a very healthy lake. Based on the sampling, Northpoint recommends the addition of more predator fish, specifically Walleye. The HLFC Team is now busy looking for availability of Walleye from various hatcheries around the Great Lakes region. The hope is to locate and plant 900 – 1,000 Walleye in the 6-8" range. See the Henderson Lake Facebook Group or <https://www.hendersonlake.org/> for a copy of the Northpoint report. *See below for how to make your generous donation to this effort!*

This year's Winter Ice Party Fundraiser was a great success by all measures and raised just under \$2,500 for the Fishing Club! (This is about \$1,000 more than the 2019 first annual event.) Estimates are that well over 150 folks attended the fundraiser throughout the day. A big thank you to all who participated and to the many local business who helped sponsor the event. For those who like to plan ahead, the 2021 event will be on Saturday, February 13, 2021 (*COVID permitting*).

2020 4.5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows. No other spring planting, but conducted Northpoint Fisheries survey / sampling.
2019 400 Perch (4-6"), 500 Hybrid Bluegills (3-5"), 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows (not including this fall's planting)
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
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 (5-7"), 200 Black Crappie (4-6"), 200 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6"), and 100 Walleye (4-6")
2006 500 Bass (5-7"), 160 Black Crappie (4-6"), 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4-6")

Lake Health Management: The water / aquatic health of Henderson Lake is A-Rated as defined by Michigan DNR guidelines, and now the Northpoint Fisheries report provides a very positive view of health and balance of the Lake's fish stock. Those who donate to the Fishing Club, and those who are part of the Lake's Special Assessment District for weed control should be very proud of these findings! This is OUR lake to properly use, manage and care for future generations.

The Special Assessment District provides for treatment of Invasive species of aquatic 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. See <https://www.hendersonlake.org/> for copies of the various reports and studies.

Henderson Lake Fishing Club Volunteers:

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

Please mail your generous donation, or use PayPal from <http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html>
(Note that PayPal charges a 2.9% service fee, so please add 2.9% to your intended donation.)

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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 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.**