

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB

May 2012

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President

Loon Report: The Loons returned at first ice out and have been hanging around the South end of the lake. The loons are nesting as of today on the west shore, just south of the duck blind and it is reported that there are two eggs in the nest. The eagles have been spotted but as of now the eggs are ok. You may remember that the eagles ate the first eggs about May 17th last year. The protective buoys should be in before the Memorial Day Holiday. Everybody is requested to respect the nesting area and this includes the wake from your watercraft.

Other news: There is a paddle boat that escaped from somebody over by the island. It has been there for several weeks and the few people that have boats in the water do not know who to return it too.

Fish Fund Raising: At the end of the 2010 season we had \$2,561 in the bank. This includes left over funds from '08 and all that was collected in '09 and '10. Last year in 2011 we collected just about \$1000 with what we collect this season there will be a planting this Fall. We have decided to raise the asking minimum per family up to \$30. Please remember that many individuals give much more than the basic donation and some families that don't fish contribute because they believe it is the right thing to do.

Fish Plantings: There were no fish plantings in 2009 due to a lack of funds so we had a small planting in the fall of 2010. The cost of the planting was \$2,162.40. The 2010 planting consisted of, 300 Black Crappie (4 – 6”), 300 Hybrid Bluegill (4 – 6”), 200 Walleye (4 – 6”) and 300 Perch. The planting occurred in November with just 10 hours notice but was witnessed by George Losee. Our next planting should be this Fall.

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. Make sure that you do not transport weeds or other exotics from other bodies of water. More information is available on hendersonlake.org.

The 4th of July Parade: The annual 4th off July boat parade will be at 1:00 pm on the 4th. If you want to participate, decorate your boat and join the procession. Rafting and partying may occur at various locations after the parade. So, whether or not you decorate and join in the parade or just watch from the shore, have a good time.

Web Site: Henderson Lake has has a web site. You can access the site at <http://hendersonlake.org/> Contact Bill Olsen (webmaster) billolsen3@gmail.com to have useful information, special photographs, newsworthy items, etc. posted.

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS

North Sub:	Ron Chapman & Dave Attinberger	Henderson Heights:	Adam & Dave Skornia
Allen's Sub:	Schweihofer Family	South End:	Alan and Mary Ann Johnston

Donations: Donations will be collected in each of the subdivisions between Memorial Day and Labor Day
If you want to donate by mail you can mail a check to ...

Alan Johnston 2239 Chippenham Chase, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Make all checks payable to HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB.

Basic Family Donation \$ 30.00

If you have good luck let us know by using the attached form. *Remember please don't keep all that you catch, practice CATCH AND RELEASE*

Detach & return form to a club volunteer

Name: _____ Type of fish caught: _____

Method of fishing: _____ Lure/bait or other: _____

Size of fish length and weight: _____ Date caught: _____ Kept or Released: _____

Spring 2012 Treatments Eurasian Water Milfoil Requesting \$150 per Family

Make your check payable, and mail to:

HLMC

P.O. Box 115

Birmingham, MI 48009

We have Milfoil requiring treatment! It's mainly again in the south bay, directly out from the boat launch, just north of the 2010 outbreak area. It is within 2-3 inches of the surface (on May 20), so if not treated will again become a floating mat. The mild winter and early ice melt / open water on our lake unfortunately provided good growing conditions for EWM. Much like 2010 when we experienced similar conditions.

The area been marked with buoys. **DO NOT BOAT THROUGH THIS AREA.** Milfoil spreads by fragments often caused by boat propellers.

Treatments by Savin Lake Services (Hale, MI) are likely to occur during the first week of June using 2-4d pellets, a systemic treatment that should kill EWM in the treated areas.

We are urgently asking for **\$150 minimum donations** from residents / property owners / and **extended families** of owners who use and appreciate the lake.

2010/11/12 financial statements are available by request to billolsen3@gmail.com

Henderson Lake Milfoil Committee (HLMC)

- South End / Henderson Beach → Al Johnston, Bill Olsen, Ron Hildner
- Allen Subdivision → Need a volunteer!
- Henderson Heights → Ken DeGroot / Gary Stancato
- North End / Henderson Lake Sub #1 → Chris Fraser / Rick Mastricola

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<http://HendersonLake.org/> or visit "Henderson Lake" group on Face Book