

# HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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**Loon Report:** The Loons nested twice this year! The first nest was in the canal area at the north end. It was attacked early in the season by predators, so the loons re-nested several hundred feet east of the single dock at the south end of the lake. They hatched two chicks, however, only one survived. As of this writing, both adults, and the now adolescent, are still fishing and feeding all around the lake. Please caution your guests to stay several hundred feet away from the loons.

**Henderson Lake Fishing Club Update:** Both Catch & Release Bass and Pike Fishing Tournaments / Fundraisers were successful. Both events also served as a great way to meet fishers from around the lake during the awards “ceremony” and 50/50 raffle drawing at their conclusions. The Catch & Release **Bass Tournament** was Saturday morning, June 8 and netted \$470 to HLFC. The quickly scheduled **Pike Tournament** was Saturday morning August 17 and netted \$330 to HLFC. The Pike event was a late idea of HLFC and intended to help control the number of Northern Pike in the lake. Pike of legal limit (24”) were encouraged to be kept. **Winterfest 2025** will be on Saturday, February 15, 2025, so hold the date! Finally, there are still some **flip-top 12 ounce can holders** available through [HendersonLakeFC@gmail.com](mailto:HendersonLakeFC@gmail.com)

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. 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](http://HendersonLake.org) for downloadable copies of all the various reports and studies.**

## Henderson Lake Fishing Club and Volunteers:

Mike Kujawa, President	Roger Elkins	Frank Kujawa	Bonnie & Dave Skornia
Dave Attenberger	Bruce Grabarkiewicz	Bill Olsen	
Ron Chapman	George & Barb Losee	Brian Pepper	

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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.
- Not everyone is on Facebook, so for direct communications from HLFC about upcoming events and other newsworthy items, please send your email address to [HendersonLakeFC@gmail.com](mailto:HendersonLakeFC@gmail.com)