

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The loons were quickly on the water in the days after the ice left in March, however, no new chicks were observed this year. A number of factors may have influenced the nesting effort in 2025, including an unseasonably cold spring, disturbance by predators, and other causes. Despite the apparent nesting failure, both adults (and frequent loon visitors) have been on the lake all summer and loons are still observed fishing, feeding, and calling all around the lake. Please caution your guests to always stay at least several hundred feet away from the loons.

Henderson Lake Fishing Club Update: Both the Catch & Release Bass and Pike Fishing Tournaments were successful fundraisers. 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 21 and netted \$525 to HLFC. The **Pike Tournament** was Saturday morning August 9 and netted \$350 to HLFC. Both income numbers are up from 2024. The Pike Tournament is also intended to help control the number of Northern Pike in the lake, so Pike of legal limit (24”) were encouraged to be kept. Our long-time fish supplier (Crystal Springs) has closed their operations, so HLFC is now looking for a new supplier. Suggestions are welcomed. Finally, **Winterfest 2026** will be on Saturday, February 14, 2026, so hold the date!

2025	There was no spring planting due to unavailable supply. The fall planting is being planned.
2024	1,000 Black Crappie (4-7”), 625 Walleye (5-8”), and 30 gallons Fat Head Minnows
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”)

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, Phragmites, 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 and Volunteers:

Mike Kujawa, President	Roger Elkins	Frank Kujawa	Bonnie & Dave Skornia
Dave Attenberger	Bruce Grabarkiewicz	Bill Olsen	
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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