

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The Loons successfully nested along the west shoreline in a new spot just north of the “island”. The nest was very low and close to the waterline. They were on the nest about two weeks, then something (eagle, snapper, large wave, etc.) got to the egg(s) and the loons were off the nest for the season. As of this writing the adult loons are still on the lake.

Fishing Report: The spring planting consisted of 400 Perch (4-6”), 500 Hybrid Bluegills (3-5”), 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows. This was to have included 850 Black Crappie, but the Minnesota hatchery we’d planned to use lost most of their fish to deeply frozen ponds this past winter. The Fishing Club hopes the fall planting can include 850-1,000 Black Crappie and 400-500 Perch depending on pricing, availability and donations. Please donate to the fall planting. See below for those details.

Winter Ice Party: Please hold the date of Saturday, February 15, 2020 for the Second Annual Ice Fishing / Ice Party weekend. The 2019 party was a good fundraiser for the HLFC, but also a great social event with neighbors-meeting-neighbors from around the lake. Over 100 people attend the fundraiser, most just to socialize, enjoy the big bonfire on the ice and watch the Lupton Volunteer Fire Department’s ice rescue demonstration (scroll back in the Henderson Lake Facebook group for two drone videos of that).

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 Special Assessment District (SAD) which provides funding for aquatic management of our lake was renewed for seven years (Dec. 2019 – Dec. 2025 tax bills) by Cumming and Hill townships. The previous five-year SAD ends with this 2019 treatment season. The overall health of Henderson Lake is A-Rated in large part because of funding from the SAD. For the past two years, the Milfoil Committee worked closely with the Townships to renew the SAD by Board Resolution as allowed by Public Act 188 of 1954. 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, Brad Bellville	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 account for that in your 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.**