

# HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB

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President

**Loon Report** The Loons did return and tried to nest at the South end of the lake. However the Bald Eagles were seen eating the Loon's eggs and this affected the nesting. Also, the protective boat buoys did not get deployed this year due to time and manpower. It only takes 3 guys and a pontoon boat to get the job done, so if they nest next year successfully we will need the buoys out almost as soon as the ice comes off. So, I am asking for volunteers for next spring. The buoys are kept at the main launch at the Henderson Lake Heights sub just north of camp Lu Lay Lee.

**Fish Plantings** We planted 10 gallons of Fathead Minnows in July '08. The Nov '08 planting consisted of 500 Large Mouth Bass (5 to 7"), 200 Black Crappie (4 to 6"), 200 Hybrid Bluegill (4 to 6") and 100 Walleye (4 to 6"). The Fall '06 planting consisted of 500 Bass (5 to 7"), 160 Crappie (4 to 6"), and 160 Hybrid Bluegill (4 to 6"). As you can see, we are planting fish every other year. This is because the cost of the fish is about double what we collect each year.

**Fund Raising & Expenses** The cost of the a planting of minnows is about \$450 and the cost of a planting like the one in Nov '08 was about \$2300 (without an '09 price increase). The fund rising for this year stands at about \$1,100. This amount appears to be a good start and if we could raise another \$1000 this fall, a planting in Nov. is not out of the question. So, if you have not donated yet please do so and ask your neighbors if they have. We are asking a minimum of \$25.00 donation from each family. Please remember that many individuals give much more than the basic donation and some families that don't even fish contribute because they believe it is the right thing to do.

**Weed Control** Several people have expressed their concern about the amount of weeds in our lake. I understand that the weed problem got so bad at George Lake that tens of thousands of dollars were spent to combat the problem. We need to protect our lake before we end up in the same situation. Please keep lawn fertilizer at least 15' away from the waters edge and only use biodegradable soap in the lake. Make sure that you do not transport weeds or other exotics from other bodies of water. More information is available on the Henderson Lake web site <http://www.hendersonlake.org/>

**4th of July** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks were greatly appreciated. Please keep up the good work. Several people indicated that they would like to get involved and or contribute. However, I indicated that this would have to be a separate effort from the fishing club.

## **HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

North End	Ron Chapman
Allen Sub	Schweihofer Family
Henderson Heights	Bruce Baumann & Dave Skornia
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 \$ 25.00**

**Fishing Results** The results have not been very popular recently so I am discontinuing the form. However results will still be published when received.

**Remember please don't keep all that you catch, practice CATCH AND RELEASE**

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