

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The ice left the lake late in March this year and the loons were quickly on the water in the days thereafter. As of this writing (May 20) they haven't yet picked a nesting location, but are both still cruising all around the lake feeding, etc. Please give them plenty of distance when you and your guests are on the water!

Winter Ice Party Fundraiser / Fishing Report: The Winter Ice Party (February 15, 2025) event was very well attended by over 100 folks. The tent was set up at Pauley Park again as this is simply a convenient, accessible location. There were 17 fishers, including two kids. With fishing registrations and many raffle items generously donated by property owners and local businesses, the event netted \$4,800 for purchase of fish stock. Stocking is expensive with prices ranging from \$3-\$5 each depending on species and length. All are still encouraged to make a \$40 family donation as described below.

A Catch & Release Bass Fishing Tournament / Fundraiser is planned for Saturday, June 21 (7am-noon). Unlike the Winter event, the tournament is only for Henderson Lake property owners and their immediate families. Please follow the Henderson Lake Facebook Group for further details including tournament registrations, rules, and participation in raffles (open to everyone). Again, all proceeds will be used to purchase fish stock.

2024	30 gallons Fat Head Minnows, 1000 Black Crappie (4-7"), 624 Walleye (5-8")
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. 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 Members & Volunteers:

Mike Kujawa, President	Bruce Grabarkiewicz	Bill Olsen
Dave Attenberger	Frank Kujawa	George & Barb Losee
Roger Elkins	Bob Bluhm	Bonnie & Dave Skornia

Donate using PayPal from our website <http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html>

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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.