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Notice to All Readers from Fred Grimes, Newsletter Coordinator.

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President's Message:

Boy how time flies. Seems like winter was awfully short this time around. We had a very mild winter in Eastern Idaho. Sounds like Henry's Lake came through in fine shape. Although the ice has not broken yet, the dissolved oxygen content is high enough to get the fish through until ice out. In talking with Tom Herron, hatchery manager, he says that it looks like we're in for a record return of cutthroat to the hatchery. He also says that the fish are in good shape with healthy eggs. This sounds like nothing but good news to me.

The money needed to complete the water quality study on the lake has been applied for. If you were not aware, it was felt that some further study needed to be done on some of the tributary streams to see where the source of their high nutrient contribution to the lake was located. Once these studies are completed, then we should see some suggestions on what can be done to help the lake.

Our annual membership meeting will be held Saturday, July 2, 1994 at Staley Springs Lodge. I hope everyone can attend. We will have a picnic and silent auction. Bring your folding chairs and a salad type dish. The Foundation will provide the meat dish, beverage, dessert, plates and utensils. Remember this is our only fund raising function and we need your help to continue to enhance Henry's Lake.

We are also planning to build a fencing project along Kelly Springs Creek (west side of lake) on the old Webster Ranch - probably on July 5 and 6. The Foundation will be cost and labor sharing the project with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Please plan to work with us and bring your gloves. It will be great to work together outdoors on another fine fishery improvement project for Henry's Lake.

I hope all of you can have the opportunity to visit Henry's Lake this summer. Last season was the best for fishing that I have ever experienced, but I have a sneaking suspicion that this season will be even better. I know one thing for sure, I will be putting in my time on the lake.

Doug Siepert

Spring 1994 Hatchery Report

The 1993 season is complete and we're gearing up for the 1994 season. The summary for 1993 is included and shows a pretty good fishing season. There were many large fish caught during the 1993 season and this trend should continue in 1994. From length frequency data we see evidence of a fairly strong year class recruiting into the 16 inch range for this season. Oxygen levels have been the highest that we have seen since we've been sampling comprehensively (since 1991).

The hatchery run is very strong this year with hybrids averaging around 22 inches in the first 11 days of the run and cutthroat averaging around 18 inches. As of March 11th, 7,500 total fish have been handled in 11 days from the ladder. This compares with a 60 day total in 1993 of just over 6,000 fish.

The work schedule for the 1994 season includes fin clipping adult fish from the spawning run and extensive trap netting prior to the season opener to estimate the trout population and to estimate year class strength, survival, exploitation and average size. This population work will also include around 2,000 fish that will be jaw tagged for rewards to help estimate exploitation. Gillnetting will be conducted as part of the standard yearly assessment and we hope to gain more information on the Utah chub population in the lake.

There will be a fencing project conducted adjacent to the annual Foundation meeting if anyone is interested in helping. We will be fencing Kelly Spring on the Taft and Hartman property. This project was re-scheduled from last fall because we were informed that this property had sold, but the buyer pulled back during the winter and we are going to try again.

If there is any interest in a willow planting this year, a good time to shoot for would be around the third week in April if the weather continues as it has. A good project would be along Howard Creek to try for a better take than the last planting.

There will be no regulation changes this season, none are warranted biologically or sociologically - enough said.

The lake is within 4 inches of full pool and snowpack is at around 80 percent so the water year looks good pending spring and summer rains and the ludicrous determination by the National Marine Fisheries Service that dams pose no threat to outmigrating anadromous fish. This could result in an unnecessary draw down on Henry's Lake for flushing flows from the Upper Snake River storage system.

We will also be conducting a standardized stream survey with the Nature Conservancy on the Henry's Lake Outlet to try and find directions to enhance the fishery there.

Creel Census Records For Henry's Lake

	Effort (hours)	Fish Harvested	Catch Rate (fish/hr)		Percent Released	Ct	Catch Composition (%)	
			Harvest	Total			Hybrid	Brook
1950	17,008	12,246	.72	.82	12	77	-	2
1951	27,947	12,302	.44	.50	12	80	-	20
1971	102,233	36,720	.36	.36	0	70	14	16
1972	83,800	27,027	.32	.32	0	69	19	12
1975	86,304	29,914	.35	.38	10	89	-	11
1976	68,109	18,650	.27	.54	49	81	.1	19
1977	66,139	16,466	.25	.44	44	71	.4	29
1978	85,304	25,510	.30	.48	37	48	20	33
1979	93,921	18,728	.20	.32	37	35	42	24
1980	68,446	9,262	.14	.21	37	31	59	10
1981	65,918	7,471	.11	.21	47	30	54	16
1982	63,273	7,071	.11	.45	75	62	25	13
1983	95,996	25,447	.23	1.23	81	84	9	7
1984	162,878	47,017	.29	1.70	83	92	5	3
1985	125,666	37,921	.30	1.28	76	92	4	4
1986	172,772	67,681	.39	.87	55	85	14	1
1987	150,234	35,712	.24	.54	56	60	34	6
1988	100,479	19,503	.20	.82	76	49	39	12
1989	339,986	103,736	.31	.77	60	50	45	5
1990	344,245	63,139	.18	.51	64	53	41	5
1991	147,023	18,844	.13	.34	63	49	49	2
1992	115,526	12,192	.11	.45	72	38	52	10
1993	144,267	26,710	.18	.64	71	76	21	

Note: All fish under "catch composition (%)" column are in angler possession and checked during IDFG creel surveys.

Mean Size Harvest/Sport Fishery

Year	Cutthroat				Hybrid		Brook	
	Mean Size (mm) Harvest	% >20"	No. >20"	Total Harvest	Mean Size (mm) Harvest	% Over 20"	Mean Size (mm) Harvest	% >18"
1979	452	10.8	701		456	7.7	378	6.1
1980	429	10.9	317		459	16.0	391	4.8
1981	445	13.2	298		450	11.3	389	19.2
1982	416	6.9	300		451	17.2	405	25.4
1983	388	2.5	534		448	13.7	392	17.3
1984	388	0.5	214		427	5.4	393	30
1985	378	0	0	34,888	416	0	364	0
1986	407	0	0	57,274	441	5	364	0
1987	436	5	1,071	21,427	447	26	371	3
1988	430	8	765	9,556	432	17	383	20
1989	404	4	2,241	56,017	435	11	387	10
1990	427	2	669	33,464	461	24	433	0
1991	460	21	67	7,902	473	35	369	20
1992	452	27	21	3,722	474	42	417	22
1993	410	7.2	26	21,905	485	35	382	23

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Henry's Lake 1993

May - October

Effort (total hours)	Harvest	Harvest Rate	Catch Rate	% Released
144,267	26,710	0.18 f/h	0.64 f/h	71%
Catch Composition (%)				
	Cutthroat	Hybrid	Brook	
May - Oct.	75.92	20.83	3.25	
Total Harvest				
	Mean Size	% >20"	No. >20"	May - October
Cutthroat	410 mm	7.2%	26	21,905
Hybrid	485 mm	35%	42	3,891
Brook	382 mm	23%	6	1,321
				TOTAL *27,117
	Effort	Released	Harvested	Total Catch
Interval 1 (5/29-5/31)	26,962	8,304	4,449	12,753
Interval 2 (6/1-6/22)	41,169	14,704	9,112	23,816
Interval 3 (6/23-7/20)	24,249	10,401	4,296	14,697
Interval 4 (7/21-8/17)	18,995	7,601	3,784	11,385
Interval 5 (8/18-9/14)	8,444	2,818	1,176	3,994
Interval 6 (9/15-10/12)	14,573	16,540	1,428	17,968
Interval 7 (10/13-10/31)	9,875	5,308	2,465	7,853
TOTALS	144,267	65,676	26,710*	92,466

* difference is software rounding error

Tom Herron

Report From Regional Fisheries Biologist

As I write this (March 29), Tom reports that the hatchery run numbers are up to 11, 500 trout handled and fish should be coming into the ladder for another month. The '94 run will be one of the largest on record. Taken together with the excellent size and catch rates from last season, all evidence points toward a very healthy trout population and a 1994 fishing season that should be as good, if not better, as the '93 season. Our monitoring and research activities will continue, and in some cases be expanded, however our current management program (including regulations) will not change in the near future.

As we discussed at the annual meeting last summer, the Department will be expanding our monitoring and evaluation activities on Henry's Lake during the next several years. Our efforts will be focused on evaluating the status of Utah chubs in Henry's Lake, increasing our knowledge of the lake's trout population and, trying everything together, evaluating and updating our Henry's Lake Management Program. We will be very busy this field season with extensive trap netting, standardized gill netting, experimental purse seining, fish tagging, limnological surveys and genetic evaluation of the Henry's Lake

cutthroat trout population. We will attempt to obtain solid estimates of the trout population size and structure, angling exploitation and the relative condition of wild and hatchery trout to the Henry's Lake fishery. Of course the annual creel survey will also be conducted.

Finally, I want to encourage all Foundation members to make plans to attend a workshop we will be conducting this summer in Island Park, on the nuts and bolts of trout management. We will explain in laymen's terms, basic principles of trout population biology, how fishing regulations work to provide desired angling opportunities, what regulations can and cannot achieve and how the Fish and Game Department evaluates the potential of trout populations to sustain fishing opportunity under different levels of angling pressure and harvest. Doug Siepert attended a workshop we conducted in March. By all accounts, I believe it was informative and thought provoking exercise for all anglers who want to better understand how their fishery resource is managed. Please keep your calendar open for a one-day affair and keep in touch with myself or Doug for scheduling details. I hope to see you on the lake this season.

Mark Gamblin

A New Direction?

Over the years, it has been challenging for the volunteer officers, board of directors, and members to run all the affairs of the Henry's Lake Foundation. Whether it's carrying out those endless duties associated with the position of President, securing new memberships, gathering items for the annual auction, or coordinating conservation projects with agencies and landowners, it can really be difficult for volunteers to get all the work done. Especially when they're from all over the U.S. and meet only once a year for just a few hours! At the July 1993 meeting, the officers and board of directors decided to begin considering the idea of hiring a person to more professionally run the business of the Henry's Lake Foundation. Vice President Dr. Roger Land, Secretary/Treasurer Polly Holbrook, and Board Member Richard Prange volunteered to be the "search committee", and were charged with writing a report that would evaluate the needs for and duties of an executive director for our organization. Our report has been written and concluded that a salaried executive director is warranted given the full range of Henry's Lake issues that we should be dealing with.

You might say that the thirteen year old Henry's Lake Foundation has reached a crossroad - which way will it turn? After two years of serving faithfully as President, Doug Siepert will be stepping down following the July meeting. We don't have his replacement identified at this time. And after years of service, there are other board members and officers that would like to do the same. It could be a good time to bring some new blood into our leadership. If you've wanted to serve, here's your chance. Our membership peaked at over 600 several years ago, but it's down to about 400 now (half are life members). To be honest and forthright, in my opinion, we're partially burned out and our organizational work is not getting done. Yes, the reports in this newsletter are positive on last year's

fishing and we apparently had no winter kill this year. Folks are upbeat about the fishing prospects in 1994. That's great, but there's still much to be done (and always will be) to protect the lake for the next generation. There's miles more of riparian fencing yet to be built on spawning tributaries, water quality and fishery studies need funding and project implementation, land use protection and conservation easements are needed. There's always agency and county government meetings to attend at the drop of a hat. We need to develop better rapport with landowners, agencies, and other organizations such as the Henry's Fork Watershed Council. We need to recruit lots more members from the thousands of people and fishermen who really do have a stake in Henry's Lake. The Henry's Lake Foundation needs an effective local and year round presence in the Island Park/Fremont County area. We need a concerted fund raising effort. In short, we could use some professional assistance and the money to pay for it.

We will be talking about these things at the July 2nd meeting. **If you have a sincere interest in participating in the dialog, I can send you a copy of our report addressing the need for an executive director. If you have some thoughts on where the Henry's Lake Foundation should be headed, send me a letter. We could use some expertise in fund raising, grant writing, organizational promotion, water quality and fishery sciences, newsletter production, report writing, establishing land conservation easements, legal assistance, etc., etc. If you have some talents and are willing to be an officer or director of the Henry's Lake Foundation, drop Doug Siepert or myself a line.** We'll be in touch. Our mailing addresses are on the back cover of the Newsletter.

Richard Prange

The Saga of the Fremont County Planning and Zoning Commission

With a two to one vote, the Fremont County Commissioners overturned the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and their own earlier decision to prohibit the building of a grocery store and vehicle park along Henry's Lake flats.

The Fremont County Planning and Zoning ordinance assigns points to every project based on such considerations as buffer zones, wetland, availability of water and sewer and compliance with state and local building codes. The proposed project on Henry's Lake flat did not score enough points for a green light under the ordinance. Commissioner Neal Hughes upheld the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission while Grant Chandler and William Baxter voted to overturn it. Chandler and Baxter based their decision on the anticipation of the new revenue for the county from the proposed grocery store.

The Commissioners not only overturned the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation, it overturned its own decision to not allow the project. After listening to the same recommendations as last year, they approved the project.

On September 20, 1993, a public meeting was held at Elk Creek Ranch. It was explained that this was not a formal public hearing but an effort to inform residents and property owners of the changes before many of them left the mountain area for the winter months.

It was noted there was little change in the plan, but many changes in the code. The changes to the plan: 1. adoption of a Well Head Protection Plan to insure city and county cooperation and adoption of a sentence to cooperate with smaller cities that may desire to adopt the plan and code. 2. addition of a paragraph on the plan maintenance that calls for annual plan and code review. 3. making the visual policy of Island Park plan clear, to discourage development that is incompatible with Island Park rural resort image.

Seven of the ten members of the Island Park Advisory Committee were present at the September 20th meeting and they held an ad hoc meeting wherein they approved the changes to the plan and code presented to them. As of this date, it has been reported that there is no further progress.

George Lang

Fly Pattern

Even though Henry's Lake is my favorite fly fishing destination, there are those occasional times when no matter how hard I try, the cutthroats, brookies and hybrids of Henry's Lake do not respond to my most creative offerings. On those rare occasions I grudgingly jump in my pickup and within minutes can reach other quality waters including Hebgen Lake, Wade Lake, Cliff Lake, McDonald Pond, Hidden Lake and others.

I learned long ago to carry my fly patterns to Henry's Lake just in case I found myself detouring to one of the near by waters. One may fly nymph pattern I've found effective over the years and especially so in 1993 is the "Timberline," a Hares Ear like pattern by Randall Kaufmann. I usually fish the pattern with a slow twitching retrieve on a floating or sink tip line when I see fish working near the surface. I prefer a size 14 for most of my fishing.



Hook	12-16 unweighted or slightly weighted
Thread	Brown or black
Tail	Three moose hairs
Rib	Copper wire
Body	Hares ear fur dubbed
Wing case	Dark side of pheasant tail
Thorax	Same as body
Legs	Pheasant tail fibers

Jim Wood

Fly Pattern

This pattern is the result of playing around with beadheads and flashback material. I have been tying flashback nymphs (Pheasant tail, Hare's Ear, etc.) for the last several years. In fact, I think I had my pheasant tail flashback in this newsletter last year. The pattern I came up with was a flashback woolybugger. I tied it in olive, black, brown, and peacock and brown with and without beadheads. All of these were successful, but the olive flashback stood out as outstanding. A fishing friend and I took at least ten (10) fish over seven (7) pounds and three (3) were over ten pounds. About half of the fish were taken on the beadhead version. The beadhead version seems to work best in high and/or murky water. I used #10 Tiemco 9300 hooks for the regular version and #10 Tiemco 5262 or 5263 for the beadhead versions. All of the fish listed above were taken during our winter catch and release season. All but two (2) were rainbows. The others were wise old browns.

Materials:

Hook	Tiemco size 10 9300, 5262 or 5263
Thread	6/0 olive
Tail	Med. dark olive Maribou
Body	Dark olive chenile (size 0)
Shellback (Flashback)	Pearlescent Mylar (This is available in sheet form or on a spool in 3 widths. I use the widest from the spools)
Hackle	Medium to dark olive saddle hackle
Beadhead (optional)	Med. size gold or copper

Tying Procedure:

- Step 1: Place hook in vise and cover entire hook shank with waxed thread.
 Step 2: Tie in maribou tail about same length as hook

shank. (I like to tie maribou in along the entire hook shank to provide a nice smooth finished fly body).

Step 3: Tie in hackle feather by butt, then mylar flashback material, and last tie in olive chenile. (All of these should be tied in directly above barb of hook).

Step 4: Wrap thread to eye of hook, wrap chenile in tight turns to eye of hook (leaving enough room for tying off all materials and finishing head) and tie off with 3 or 4 wraps of thread and trim excess chenile.

Step 5: Pull mylar shellback (flashback) forward directly over top of hook shank and tie off with 4 or 5 tight turns of thread. Trim excess mylar.

Step 6: Palmer 4 - 5 wraps of hackle over chenile and shellback. Tie off with 4 or 5 wraps of thread. Wax thread and double whip finish. Although it isn't necessary you can apply head cement if you like. If you will use a double whip finish of 4 or 5 wraps each with waxed thread the fly will stay together forever without head cement.

Note: For beadhead version place hook in vise by the shank with the eye and point up. Using tweezers, place beadhead over hook point. Remove hook from vise and place in vise in normal tying position, move bead up against hook eye, build up thread behind bead to hold in place. (If you so desire you can place a drop of super glue on thread. I have not found this necessary). Now proceed as on the regular fly.

Although my experience with this fly has been in running water, I predict that it will do equally well in still water. I can hardly wait to try it on the Henry's Lake Monsters!

Fred Grimes

On Another Subject

This will be my last issue as Newsletter Coordinator. I want to thank all of the people who have contributed articles over the years. By getting these articles in on time, (or almost on time) you have made my job easier. I want to publicly thank my wife Shirley (an English teacher) for helping me with the editing. I hope the membership has enjoyed and appreciated the work that goes into the newsletter.

I will also be leaving the Board of Directors. After approximately eight years, I feel it is time for some new blood. I have enjoyed it immensely, but there comes a time when a person needs to step down and give someone else a shot.

Fred Grimes

Ed Landry (1898 - 1994)

Once again the thinning ranks of the real old-timers at Henry's Lake have been decimated by death. Ed Landry of Montrose, California, died on January 8, 1994, just short of his 96th birthday.

Only the advancing years had stopped Ed and wife Elise from spending each summer in the RV line at Staley Springs. They had started spending full summers at the lake in 1970 when his sporting goods store was sold, and they were able to come for the summers through 1988. Prior to that it had been vacation time of two to three weeks each summer starting in 1949, with the store closed back home in Glendale.

In those early years Ed helped "invent" the RV. He and good friend Jerry McDonald would come to the lake with two beds fixed in the bed of the truck and cook in the back end.

From these rudimentary arrangements concocted by many campers have come the modern day trailers, fifth wheelers and motor homes in which many of us enjoy "roughing it smoothly".

To say the least Ed was a dedicated trout fisherman, and a skilled one at that. He always came up with new patterns of flies that would catch fish in Henry's Lake. He wasn't stingy with them either. He shared his knowledge, and in fact all through the years was known for his helpful attitude toward youths and perfect strangers in teaching them the art of fishing. This marvelous attitude caused him to be widely admired among a host of friends and acquaintances. I have fly patterns in my box right now that Ed Landry gave me!

We all knew Ed Landry, the bright and friendly fisherman. But his early life as a member of famous "big bands" is equally fascinating. His parents operated the Minneapolis Conservatory of Music, so Ed was exposed early to the world of music. He spent a short stint in World War I in the U.S. Navy Band, and after discharge played in various bands, landing in Southern California in the late 1920's where he joined the Gus Arnheim Band, playing at the Coconut Grove. Fellow band members included Bing Crosby, Lou Ayers, Phil Harris and Fred McMurry.

His next move was to the Abe Lyman Band in New York City. The band was engaged to play in the orchestra pit for the opening of "Gone With The Wind" at the Capitol Theater, and it was at that occasion that Al Baker, member of the band, introduced him to Elise. Ed and Elise were married the next year, and this union lasted a happy 55 years, ended only by Ed's death.

Ed was forever fixing golf clubs and fishing rods of all the band members, and that eventually led to his second career in sporting goods.

Even after a completely full and happy life of ninety-six years, many more years than granted to most of us, a void will be felt when Ed's name is mentioned. He was surely one of the kindest and gentlest, and in every way upbeat, personalities ever met on the trout waters.

Since Ed's death Elise has moved into a nice retirement home located not far from their apartment. Friends wishing to contact her can address her as follows: Mrs. Elise Landry, 2640 Honolulu Ave., #34E, Montrose, CA 91020.

John O'Neill, Jr.

Barbara Brickner 1940 - 1994

We are saddened, beyond words to express, over the loss of our dear friend and fishing companion, Barbara Brickner. Barbara died on Friday morning, April 8, at 7:30 a.m. of a rapidly spreading malignancy stemming from her lung. This

illness was only discovered in mid-January, so you can imagine the shock and dismay of her family and close friends in this area.

The last nine years were the happiest of Barbara and Mike's lives, as they enjoyed semi-retirement and the joys of spending the summers out West at Henry's Lake, Idaho, Cut Bank, Montana, and other marvelous trout fishing spots. Barbara didn't just go along for the ride either; she was one of the most proficient lady fly fishers we have ever encountered in lake fishing.

Beyond that, Barbara was a beautiful lady both inside and out. She had a good set of personal values. She and Mike reared two fine sons. Good sportsmanship was always the order of the day. Her passing leaves a void in our lives, and we are going to miss her every day.

If you would like to give Mike a call, you can reach him at (706) 568-0317. His address is 13744 Upatoi Lane, Upatoi, GA 31829.

Obituary below from the *Columbus, GA Ledger-Enquirer*, April 9, 1994

Barbara J. Brickner

Barbara J. Brickner, 53, of Upatoi died Friday at Doctors Hospital.

The graveside funeral will be 4 pm Sunday at Parkhill Cemetery, according to Striffler Hamby Mortuary, Columbus.

Mrs. Brickner was born May 12, 1940, in Santa Rosa, California, daughter of Lyle and Evelyn Bartelle Emmons Hagerman of Santa Rosa. She lived in Columbus since 1964 and retired as a vice president of AFLAC.

Survivors, other than her parents, include her husband Michael E.; two sons, Michael Floyd Brickner and Richard D. Brickner, both of Columbus; and two sisters, Beverly Houghsen of Santa Rosa and Bonnie St. Clair of Victor, Mont.

In lieu of flowers, donations may go to Henry's Lake Foundation, 15200 Northwest Burlington Court, Portland, OR 97231.

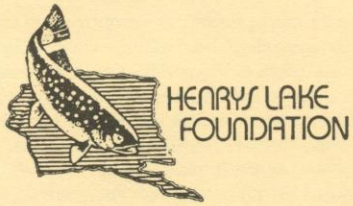
John & Pat O'Neill, Jr.

Fish Tales

Two very old, very retired friends went fishing together. They sat in their boat for four hours, neither of them moving a muscle.

An hour later, one friend said to the other, "Damn it. That's the second time you've shifted your feet in the last 40 minutes. Did you come out here to fish or dance?"

The Rough Neck, Grant Hamilton



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