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Notice to all readers from Richard Prange, Newsletter Coordinator.

From time to time we may have articles of a controversial nature in this newsletter. It will be our policy not to censor or edit the content of the articles without the consent of the authors. However, the opinions and statements made are those of the authors and are not necessarily the views and opinions of the Henry's Lake Foundation and Board of Directors.

#### President's Message

The snow lies cold on the ground, it is time to think of summer. I am surprised to be President of the Foundation, but it is a job that needed to be done this year. I am pleased to be able to contribute to the foundation that has done so much for me, by family and Henry's Lake.

The new staff consists of me, Bob Hall, VP Roger Lang, Sec. Treas. Jeannie Fullen and many new Directors. We would like to hear from you.

I spent two months at Staley Springs fishing Henry's Lake this summer from the 18th of June to the 18th of August. The fishing was excellent and a tribute to the work and money members of the foundation have put into the lake and the fishery. While many of the lakes of Idaho and the West are either dry or over fished, Henry's shines. The great fishing can be attributed to good management of the fish and care of the watershed. I believe we all know the big role that we, as the Henry's Lake Foundation, have played with our work and cooperation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. We will use your money and volunteer labor to continue this work on the lake and oversight of the fishery.

Short term, we have committed to stream fencing and fish passage improvements on Howard and Targhee Creeks, this should be done in 1995. We are looking forward to more creek fencing to protect the watershed and to enhance natural trout spawning in lake tributaries.

Idaho Fish and Game has conducted a catch survey on the lake and has done a small amount of netting to estimate the total population of fish in the lake. They have a preliminary estimate that the lake is vastly under-harvested. I personally believe that the only way you can utilize all the fish is in a mall fish pond. I think there has to be many fish in a large lake that are not caught every year to make a good fishery. What do you think?

The Idaho Fish and Game Regional office is considering whether the hybrid trout are harming the native cutthroat in

Henry's Lake. I don't think so and I can't imagine Henry's Lake without the hybrids, can you? The Foundation's stand is for hybrids to always be a part of Henry's Lake. What is your opinion on keeping hybrids in Henry's? Please write me a note and tell me how you feel, don't wait until next annual meeting. My mailing address is:

Bob Hall, Route 1 Box 103 - Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

This was not my year for 10 pound fish, but it was great for Pat O'Neall and Harry Tupper, they caught theirs. I hope 1995 is your year for the big HYBRID, (maybe mine too).

Bob Hall

# New Membership Dues Structure (Payable by January 1, 1995)

As a member of the Henry's Lake Foundation your tax deductible contributions will provide the Foundation with funds needed for habitat restoration, fish and game assistance (i.e. lake aerators, fish screens), fishery improvement, water quality monitoring, and normal operating expenses. No Officer or Director receives a wage or salary. All of your generous donations goes toward these improvements to enhance the quality trophy fishery that Henry's Lake continues to be.

Future preservation is a must, and with rising costs comes rising expenses. Therefore The Board of Directors has concluded it necessary to restructure the membership schedule with a more diverse outline.

As of January 1, 1995 the structure will be as follows: Individual Membership \$20 - \$49, Family Membership \$50 - \$99, Life Membership \$100 - \$299, Patron Membership \$300 and up. New Life Memberships will be assessed a yearly \$10 office charge. Failure to pay the yearly fee will result in loss of the receipt of the Henry's Lake Foundation newsletter. ALL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS PAID PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1995 WILL FALL UNDER A "GRANDFATHER CLAUSE" AND WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY OFFICE CHARGE. All dues are due and payable January 1, 1995. Failure to pay dues by March 31, 1995 will result in the loss of all mailings. Please send your dues to me at the Secretary-Treasurer's address listed on the newsletter front and back cover.

Remember, The Henry's Lake Foundation is a non-profit, tax deductible organization. This is a donation to preserve your fishery. Any membership and/or additional donation is sincerely appreciated by the Henry's Lake Foundation.

Jeannie Fullen

## 1994 - 1995 Officers and Board of Directors

The following folks were elected as officers and board members at the Henry's Lake Foundation membership meeting/potluck/auction held on July 2, 1994:

#### Officers

#### **Board of Directors**

Mike Brickner - Upatoi, GA Barbara Day - Mountain Home, ID Milan Cornett - Redmond, WA Bill Fullen - Nampa, ID

Grant Hamilton - Henry's Lake/ Valley Center, CA

Mike Horton - Henry's Lake/Moscow, ID

Stan Horton - Henry's Lake, ID

George Lang - Henry's Lake/Dana Point, CA

John Magleby - Rexburg, ID

John Nunes - West Yellowstone, MT

Patricia Pothier - El Cerrito, CA Richard Prange - Boise, ID

Dr. Thomas Tully - West Yellowstone, MT

## Henry's Lake Memorial

Several years ago the idea was first broached of having a Henry's Lake Memorial to honor the many great Henry's Lake fishermen no longer with us, who have embodied the spirit of sportsmanship and have contributed to the fame and well being of the superb lake. At the time it was felt that all resources of the Henry's Lake Foundation should continue to be placed behind the objective of protecting and enhancing the lake and not spent on such a Memorial. However, the idea of such a Memorial was not discarded, and in the summer of 1994 a group of interested sportsmen got together and determined to undertake such a project independent of the Foundation and with funds raised separately for the purpose. These sportsmen felt that it is important to retain some of the history of what well may be the top fly fishing lake in North America and the many memorable and colorful personalities who have passed this way.

Once the Memorial is constructed, completely paid for and a sizable maintenance fund established for all future contingencies, the entire project is to be presented to the Henry's Lake Foundation. Support for the project has been magnificent, and it is projected now that the formal presentation can be made at the July, 1995 barbecue, annual meeting and silent auction. The Memorial, consisting of four large and rugged travertine (marble) slabs, set in a row in many yards of concrete, is in place, and marble flagstones front and back are installed. The location is on the picturesque peninsula at the end of Staley Springs Campground, readily available to annual visits by sportsmen frequenting the lake. On September 12 the first two large black granite plaques telling some of the history of Staley Springs Resort and its succession of owners since 1939 were affixed to the marble pillar on the left end.

So far over 70 names of great sport fishermen (and ladies) have been submitted, and accepted, for inclusion on the monument. There is room for some one hundred names in all. During the approaching winter, individual black granite plaques will be prepared with the names and state of residence of these individuals for installation next spring. Other "finishing touches" are installation of two stainless steel flagpoles for the American flag and the Idaho flag, landscaping and further planting of grass will be accomplished. Happily, funds to cover all of these items are already on hand, and future gifts will be dedicated to the maintenance fund for lettering future

individual plaques (up to one hundred at this time) and other upkeep as needed.

Where does one start in thanking the individuals who so unselfishly spent their time and resources to make this Memorial a reality? First, there are Stan and Mike Horton of Staley Springs Lodge, who provided a perfect site for the Memorial on their property, believing that our plans showed we would build a unique and impressive edifice, very compatible with the rugged mountains and beautiful scenery in the background. Then they provided valuable machinery time and labor in the construction. Claude Ledgerwood of Knoxville, Tennessee, had drawn some impressive plans for the project, and he prevailed on his (and our) great good friend, Ted Orchard of Idaho Tra ertine Company in Idaho Falls, to provide the travertine slabs and flagstones for the construction. This material, of untold value, was presented as a gift by Ted Orchard! All we had to pay for were the transportation and installation time of these multi-ton slabs. And to boot, Ted Orchard took off his tie and coat and acted as straw boss for the installation. Besides Claude Ledgerwood and the author, other busy laborers on the project were Stan Horton, Carl Yates and John O'Neall. In just a few hours all the stones were safely in place and five yards of concrete poured to secure them very safely.

At the outset, when this project was just a dream and then a Ledgerwood concept on a piece of paper, neatly drawn, several people who had faith in our ability to bring it off came forward with vital support, not only dollars but encouragement. Besides Stan and Mike Horton, Claude and Olivia Ledgerwood, Carl and Sue Yates, John and Pat O'Neall, and Ted Orchard, these included Bob and Mary Hall, Jack and Roz Garland, Bill and Jeannie Fullen, Morris and Forrest Willis, Don and Jean Orth, Don and Evelyn Emmons, Elwin and Marge Robison, and Bill and Pat Pothier. To this sturdy base in the beginning have been added a great many supportive sportsmen and ladies who have pitched in to complete the project as soon as they were contacted. Our heartfelt thanks go to all these wonderful friends who are listed at the bottom of this article.

We plan to do an update of this article in the spring new letter. Additional donors between now and then will be listed, and a progress report on manufacture of the name plaques, and possible additions, will be given, and those being honored will be listed. Installation of the names is planned for Henrys Lake Foundation 3 approximately June 1, 1995. A financial report, also to be mailed to each donor, will be published. Upon completion of the

project, all funds left over will be presented to the Henry's Lake Foundation as a maintenance fund.

Please be sure to join us at the dedication of a fine Memorial and presentation to the Henry's Lake Foundation, which has done so much to preserve and enhance the fishery in this world-class lake, in early July, 1995.

Mike Brickner

Following is a complete listing of de	onors to the Henry's Lake Memorial at the	time the fall newsletter goes to pre
Patsy Akers	Bob and Mary Hall	Richard and Carrie Prange
John Anderson	William "Hoppy" Hopkins	Jack Rainey
Phil Anderson	Stan and Mike Horton	Jewell Rainwater
French J. Berry	Max J. Huber	Phil Reed
Michael E. Brickner	Marjorie Hughes	Jim Roberts
James and Evelyn Brittingham	Rich and June Kingsbury	Elwin and Marge Robison
Don J. Calcaterra	Elise Landry	Doug and Mary Ann Siepert
Rhoda M. Coe	Claude and Olivia Ledgerwood	Aka and Carol Soderstrom
Milan and Linda Cornett	William C. Lieffer	Dave and Ginny Sullivan
Lee Davis	Thelma F. Longhofer	Ron Stockdale
Gene and Dot DeReus	John and Fancy Lundborg	Larry and Carol Tarnol
George Donovan	Ken Magee	Harry H. Townshend
Bill Eason	George Margott	Gerald and Peggy Walker
Jack and Elizabeth Elder	Craig and Jackie Mathews	William and Gloria Walker
Don and Evelyn Emmons	Ima B. Myers	Edward and Kathleen Weber
Edmund and Scotty Evans	Brown Nicholson	Stephen W. Whatley
David L. Fayman	O'B and Joan O'Brien	William B. Whatley
Bill and Jeannie Fullen	Art Odell	Morris and Forrest Willis
Wayne Z. Gbrilson	John and Pat O'Neall	John Wilson
Garland's Garden Center	Ted Orchard	Jim Wood
Jack and Roz Garland	John R. Orndorff	Dorris Woodall
Joy Garland	Don and Jean Orth	Alex Wortmann
Larry R. Good	Robert G. Pitterman	Kathleen Wright
Fred Grimes	Bill and Pat Pothier	Carl and Sue Yates
If you wish to contribute to the Men	morial project, send your contribution to:	

If you wish to contribute to the Memorial project, send your contribution to: Henry's Lake Memorial Committee c/o Mike Brickner, Chairman 13744 Upatoi Lane - Upatoi, GA 31829 Phone (706) 568-0317							
We wish to contribute to the Henry's Lake Memorial and enclose our check made to the Henry's Lake Memorial Committee for \$							
Suggestions for additional names of deceased Henry's Lake Fishermen for inclusion on the monument: (Name and State)							
Other Comments and Suggestions:							
Donor's Name/s							
Street or Box							
City/State/Zip							
Telephone (Optional)							
Each donation will be acknowledged. Many thanks!							

## 1995 Fishery Improvement Projects

Much was accomplished this year with regard to riparian fencing around Henry's Lake and arrangements are being made for many other habitat and fish passage projects in the future. On the 5th through the 7th of July about a half mile of Kelly Spring Creek was excluded from grazing with help from the Henry's Lake Foundation and Island Park Sportsman Association.

This section of fence is on the John Taft and Bud Hartman ranch on the western shore of Henry's Lake. The value of this project is around \$2,000. Kelly Spring has much potential for spawning and rearing habitat for cutthroat and brook trout. Surplus fry of both species have been planted in Kelly Spring over the last 3 years so there should be some adult fish imprinted to this stream already and water conditions allowing, we should see some use of this stream by adult and juvenile trout in the near future.

Lower Howard and Targhee Creeks on the Salisbury Corporation's Diamond D Ranch are set up to be completed in May 1995. Posts have been driven, insulators attached, water crossings built and sagebrush cleared along the fence line. All that remains is to stretch the wire and attach solar panels and energizers. The cross fencing adjacent to these two project areas has been designed by the Soil Conservation Service and final plans are being made for off-site watering locations this winter. Off-site watering will allow for less water to be diverted from Howard and Targhee Creeks and for removal of cattle from the eastern shore of the Lake to increase bank stability and decrease erosion and nutrient loading. Hopefully off-site watering systems will be completed during spring and summer of 1995, however completion will depend on funding. The Henry's Lake Foundation committed \$5,000 and Island Parks Sportsman Association donated \$1,500 toward this big project. When completed, over 15 miles of fence will have been built. An additional \$13,000 is needed to complete the project which consists of riparian fencing above Highway 87 on Targhee and Little Targhee Creeks as well as Howard Creek above Highway 87 and off-site watering and cross fencing adjacent to the ranch homes.

A grant application has been submitted to the Henry's Fork Watershed Council for the remaining funds needed to complete the project. The application will be reviewed this winter with a determination expected in January. Costs for off-site watering could go higher depending upon the final design by the Soil Conservation Service of off-site watering

facilities.

On August 27, 1994 I assisted Fish and Game Department engineer Mike Maffey in surveying the diversion structure on Howard Creek on the Diamond D property. Currently this diversion structure is a migration barrier to adult cutthroat and brook trout ascending Howard Creek to spawn. It is a physical as well as velocity barrier that prevents fish from accessing the existing fencing project on Howard Creek on the Flying R ranch recently purchased by Tom Cole of the Slash E Ranch. Once a cost analysis is complete, funding will be sought to install a fish ladder and redesign the diversion structure to improve fish passage.

The Idaho Department of Transportation may rebuild culverts on Howard and Targhee Creeks within the next several years as part of the reconstruction of Highway 87. Hazardous materials may no longer be transported along the Gallatin River due to the moratorium initiated by the National Park Service on hazardous materials transportation within Yellowstone National Park. This will result in increased heavy truck traffic along Highway 87, as an alternate route. The current construction of Highway 87 is not suitable to this kind of increased traffic and would necessitate rebuilding. This would be an opportunity to put structures in that would be effective at fish passage and increase fish production within Targhee and Howard Creeks. It's too early to have cost figures and time frames but it is something on the horizon. This project would involve cost sharing among agencies and private groups.

A verbal commitment has been obtained to fence Duck Creek above John Magleby's project on Robert Pearson's property. As the Diamond D project is completed more details will be worked out on this prospective fencing project. It is the remaining section of Duck Creek that begs for protection and stabilization.

As is obvious above, there is much ground to cover in terms of habitat and fish passage projects around Henry's Lake. There will be plenty of work to keep everyone busy in terms of fund raising, willow planting, fence building, stream habitat assessment and in-stream projects for years to come. Determination, commitment, enthusiasm, vision and hard work must take precedence, if we are to prevent further decline in the Henry's Lake fishery in the years to come.

Thomas Herron Idaho Department of Fish and Game Henry's Lake

#### **Henry's Lake Foundation Auction**

The 1994 Henry's Lake Foundation Silent Auction was once again a success, thanks to area businesses and friends of the HLF who contributed so generously to the event. We hope we can count on your continued support. Many thanks go to Gretta Lou Askey, Sue Yates, Pat McGuire, Mary Hall, Sandy Hayes, R.A. Day, and their helpers during the silent auction; also a special thanks to the previous auction committee who helped us through this transition. Another big thanks must go the Mari Anne and Doug Siepert for their efforts in providing the tasty BBQ and cheesecake for our

picnic the past three years.

The annual event, held this year at Staley Springs, continues to support the Henry's Lake Foundation's projects. The auction and sales table realized \$2,836. Looking ahead to the 1995 auction, several items of special interest have already been donated; an engraved HLF buck knife and the ever popular silver belt buckle (created by Montana Silversmiths) donated by Cowboy Express, Inc. as well as other interesting surprises. We will be prepared next year for a bigger and better auction.

Barbara Day

#### List of Donors for the 1994 Auction

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Gretta Lou Askey
Tom Blythe
Don Calaway
Betty Carrier
George Close
Milan & Joy Cornett
Rex & Barb Day

Jack & Val Forman
Bill & Jeannie Fullen

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Shirl Hustead Roger Lang

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Staley Springs Lodge Tuxedo Custom Rod

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The Cradleboard
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## Henry's Lake Foundation Video

We have prepared a VHS video of the July 1994 Kelly Springs Creek fencing project. It shows Foundation volunteers and Idaho Fish and Game personnel working jointly to improve the Henry's Lake fishery. It shows the results of past projects and has informative interviews with Fish & Game and Foundation officials. Even though it was all unrehearsed, we feel it is quite good. We plan to show it during the next annual picnic, and possibly at other functions or promotions of the Foundation. It runs about 25 minutes, and we plan to show it continuously at the picnic so those attending can see it at their leisure.

I would like to include in the video pictures of large trout caught at Henry's Lake. The best pictures would be of you proudly holding those whoppers, but any photos of large fish would be welcome. If you have such photos (slides or prints) would you please send them to me at 1128 Maple Drive, Mountain Home, ID 83647. Please include your name, address, species, size and/or weight, fly or lure used, and when caught, if known. The photos with this information will be shown in sequence at the end of the video. This should greatly improve the video and show what fishing at Henry's Lake is all about. When I have finished recording the photos, I will return them to you.

Rex Day

## Henry's Lake Foundation Membership and Addresses

The membership of the Henry's Lake Foundation requires an extensive data base of the members and their addresses. I have been involved in the transfer of these records to Jeannie Fullen, our new Secretary-Treasurer. It was necessary to establish these records in a new computer program which required the re-entry of each name and membership data. It is unlikely, but still possible, that a misspelled name or other error could have been made when this information was transferred. In any event, this would be a good time for you to examine the mailing label on this newsletter to make sure it is accurate. Any corrections should be sent to me at 1128 Maple Drive, Mountain Home, ID 83647, or to our Secretary-Treasurer.

Rex Day



c/o Richard Prange 2320 Independence Dr. Boise, Idaho 83706

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(Send all membership dues/donations to Secretary-Treasurer)

The Henry's Lake Foundation invites you to join and support our non-profit, tax exempt corporation formed to preserve, protect, and enhance the great trout fishery of Henry's Lake. Just fill in the information below and send your tax deductible contribution or membership dues to:

#### Henry's Lake Foundation

c/o Secretary-Treasurer Jeannie Fullen 7545 Southside Blvd. Nampa ID 83686

Nallipa, ID 65000								
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Enclosed is payment for my annual membership dues for the Henry's Lake Foundation. (Please pay by January 1 each year.)								
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