Henry's Lake Foundation Inc. Newsletter

The Henry's Lake Foundation, Inc.

President's Message

All considered 1998 has proven to dation? I think so. be a pretty good year. The cement operation was denied permission to operate in our small basin, thereby eliminating fears of contamination finding it's way into Henry's Lake. Attorney's fees were also awarded thereby facilitating a refund to the Foundation of a portion of moneys donated for legal fees.

The Lake was close to full all summer with some fishermen doing very well and others still looking for the right fly. However, things are happening that could seriously effect our fishery over the next few years. Where as the Fish & Game has made the decision to discontinue spawning and planting of Brook Trout indefinitely. (The entire State is under this policy.) Virgil Moore, Idaho Chief of Fisheries, explained in a meeting with Jeannie the decision was purely financial. They have cut back everywhere possible and do not have the money to continue all planting. Since Brook Trout planting is of the least importance, and costly - the decision was easy. That is if you are looking at it purely from a cost standpoint, which I can appreciate, but not necessarily agree with. However, shouldn't an effort be made to consult with fishermen and non-profit groups involved and dedicated to continuous improvement of fishing, such as the Henry's Lake Foun-

Virgil did promise that, should spawning of the Brook Trout see hard times again, then Fish & Game will reconsider the planting program.

Should anyone wish to express their own opinion on the Brook Trout decision, Virgil's address

Further, an effort is underway to rid the Lake of all spawning Hybrids over the next ten years and replacing them with sterile Hybrids. Virgil assures us that Hybrid spawning and planting will continue. Could it be an effort to rid the Lake of any competition to the Yellowstone Cutthroat? Thereby, transforming Henry's Lake into a predominately Cutthroat fishery. The majority of fishermen that frequent Henry's Lake are looking for a prize Hybrid or Brook Trout. Cutthroats are great fish, but in my opinion that's not what brings fishermen from all parts of the country to Henry's Lake. Voice your opinion - whether you agree or take issue. Let Fish & Game know how you feel about these issues. Please send a copy to Jeannie on all correspondence.

The Foundation Office is functioning well with Jeannie working on Grant Proposals, solicitation of funds for projects and donations for the Auction in 1999. Further, through

Jeannie's constant drive, Henry's Lake Foundation's interests are constantly voiced to the various Government entities with interest in the Henry's Lake fishery.

Our spring spawn was once again successful with good numbers and healthy fish. As mentioned above, there was no fall spawning by Fish & Game. However, there appeared to be a good spawn run of Brooks in the

We ask for your continued support by providing input on the issues I have discussed, helping out with events or donating to the Auction, and strengthening the membership by recruiting New Members. If you want to become more involved, or have a concern you wish to voice, contact the Foundation Directors or myself or send a letter at the office, we look forward to your comments

I Challenge each member of the HLF to sign up one New Member. I will. Send information & check to Jeannie or call her. What's an easy way to Double our membership! Lets hear from you. We need your Help!

Tight Lines.

Stan Horton

Virgil Moore

Idaho Fish & Game

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1998 Auction / Picnic

It was a beautiful day July 4, perfect for the 1998 Henry's Lake Foundation Silent Auction. The cool angry weather calmed and the window of opportunity was quickly seized. With a superb selection for everyone, active bidding commenced at 11:00 am. Highlights of the Auction were, the dated Foundation Buckle, Knife and Bracelet by Montana Silversmiths, the Bottom Line Fish Finder, the Caddis Float Tube, the Loomis GLX Fly Rod, the Al Agnew Fishing Print, the Marble and Pewter Fish Cutting Board, Expertly Tied Fishing Flies, Courtland Fly Lines, Cabela's Bags, Bear Sportswear Fleece Clothing and those won-

derful Chocolates from Doris Goodall -Yum, they sure were good! Speaking of Good Food, the Membership and Guests promptly lined up and Lunch was served at noon. Becky Bega organized a tasty BBQ Beef Lunch and Nancy P's delicacies for Desert were a hit for all. Total combined Receipts amounted to \$6415.08 with expenses of \$1004.19 less State Sales Tax of \$270.04 for a profit of \$5140.85. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event! All of you who missed out, plan on attending next year, July 3, 1999, it's guaranteed a Great Time!

A special Thank You goes to Barbara

Day for all her hard work organizing the Auction for the last six years. Ba bara retired from the Chair and as a Director at this year's Auction. Such dedication and effort is much appreciated by the Foundation. Don't look now Rex, after all those years soliciting donations Barbara knows all the Good Shopping Spots! Have a Great time Barbara, you deserve it!

In parting Barbara and Rex would like to Thank all who have lent a hand in the tradition of cooperation for the good of the Henry's Lake Fishery. Without everyone's help and input we would not have seen the Foundation prosper as it

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Love'em And Leave, "ALIVE"

By Ed Given

Everyone of us has their own reasons for coming to Henry's Lake year after year. They might include beauty of area, closeness to Yellowstone Park, nearness of family, renewing summertime friendships, or a myrid other reasons. At the top of that list for most of us however, would be FISHING.

Henry's offers that unique quality of fishing that most waters do not. Lots of fish, a variety of trout species, and a chance to catch really trophy size fish. With that in mind, let's discuss how all of us might help keep Henry's a quality fishery. Several simple things can be done to ensure survival of more trout in the lake. What I'm getting at is the catching and releasing of trout that is most beneficial to the fish.

Often I see well intended people catch a trout, net it, and then put it in the bottom of the boat or drag it on to their float tube. The whole time it is flopping around, knocking scales and protective slime off it's body. After this stressful period, the hook is removed and the fish is back into the water.

The only time a fish that is to be released should be removed from the water is to extract a hook or to take a photo of it. If in a boat, lean over the side for releasing the fish. If in a tube, please do not drag the fish to your lap. Simply lean forward, the whole time leaving your net, with the fish in it, against the side of your tube and remove the hook. If taking a photo, hold the fish in the water until camera ready, then quickly take the photo, and then return the fish to net, revive and release.

Big Fish, "The Lunker Club"

Dennis Austed 81/4 lbs. Hybrid

Don Anderson 51/2 lbs. Brook

Ed Given 11 lbs. Hybrid + 91/2 lbs. Cut

Mike Glen 11 lbs. Hybrid

Harry Tuper 11 lbs. Hybrid

For hook removal, gently cradle the fish in one hand and use forceps or your hand to remove the hook. Once the hook is removed, place the fish back in the net and make sure it can swim away on it's own. Most fish will dart away from the net when fully recovered.

If a fish appears stressed and turns belly up, you need to spend a little time helping it to revive. Quite often just moving the fish back and forth will force enough oxygen through it's gills for the fish to recover. Once in a while however, you must spend more time reviving the fish.

To do so, place one hand around the wrist of the tail and the other hand under it's body. Gently move the fish back and forth forcing water through it's gills. When the fish is sufficiently recovered, it will try to swim from your grip. Then and only then, let it swim away knowing you just recycled a precious resource.

Let's also consider the badly hooked fish. Most often a trout is hooked in such that we can easily extract the hook. However if the fish has engulfed your bait or fly, either in the throat or gills, bite or cut your line. If it's the last of your hot pattern, cut it off anyway and thank the fishing gods for the action you had. If it was your last bait hook, cut it off and cuss yourself for not bringing more hooks.

Also why not barbless? Not just flies, but bait hooks and lure hooks. I know you don't fish barbless because you think you will lose to many of those

Mike Kevitch 9 lbs. Hybrid
Pete Flynn 91/2 lbs. Hybrid
YOUNG ANGLERS
Mark Eixemberger 31/4 lbs. Cutthroat
Joey Eixemberger 31/4 lbs. Hybrid

hard earned strikers. Maybe so, but consider this.

In California where I fish for and catch somewhere in the neighborhood of two hundred salmon from the ocean every spring, barbless has been the law for years. I have never heard an angler complain he lost a salmon because of barbless hooks. To sea lions or because of to tight of a drag, yes, but not to barbless hooks. Sure a fish can pull loose, but so can fish on barbed hooks.

I have just finished my 25th year fishing at Henry's Lake. Approximately 20 of those years my family and I have fished barbless. We may not catch the most fish on any given day, but we usually catch a goodly number of trout. Just think how many more fish would be in Henry's the following year, if every member of the foundation was able to release just one difficult hooked fish alive because of the ease of barbless

One other thought that applies to lure fishermen only, besides bending your barbs, why not cut off one of the hooks on the treble. My young grandchildren all spin fish until they can learn to fly fish. All the lures they use have one of the trebles cut off and the other two hooks are barbless. Removing the third hook certainly makes releasing fish much easier. Surely if 5 to 10 year olds can catch fish this way, adults with all your ability ought to be able to do so as well

This is not a message to release all trout. If you enjoy eating them, then keep some. This is not a message to just fly fish or bait fish or lure fish, it's a suggestion on how to keep the fish you release alive. A badly hurt, dying or dead fish will never have the chance to grow larger. A healthy live fish has the chance to become that trophy size fish we all desire.

Shane Parcel 61/2 lbs. Hybrid Let us know about your "Lunker"!

Funnies on the Lake

Our first story begins on an early July morning. Bill, one of the "early bird" fishermen decided he would secure a spot by Duck Creek. Now the fishing hadn't been good till about 8:00 am, but you know Bill - he'll be early! It was just breaking daylight when he saw something out in the Lake. His first thought was "what the heck is that?" The more he looked, the worse looking it got and being out there by himself he didn't know if he should believe his lying eyes. There were these things sticking out from it and it was leaving a wake. It was coming from the direction of the Hatchery (that's about 3 miles) and the wind was calm so there wasn't anything that could be drifting with that kind of speed, and it certainly was not a boat. At that point his first thought was "power tube, don't fail me now!" To say the least he was getting "wide eyed" and ready to scatter at any moment. Finally, the sun blessed Bill and in the sunlight he could see the Henry's Lake "Nesty" was actually two - four point Bull Elk swimming across the Lake!! Side by side - horns, heads and rumps above water, it was no wonder in the early morning dusk the mind could go wild! Luckily, at that point Bill's friend Ed was arriving in his boat and he always carries a camera."



Up came the bright rainbow colored umbrella

wild: Edekiy, at that point but a ment of was at many the direction of the Elk. Ed hadn't noticed the "clump", nodded his head thinking Bill was showing him a good spot to fish started to move over a bit. Bill was about to stand on his power tube, NO No, look over there!! Ed turned, saw what he thought was a tree trunk floating - roots and all. All of a sudden Ed realized what Bill was trying to show him! WOW!! Out came the camera, Ed shot two - 36 rolls of film, driving the boat beside the two Bulls and even circling the pair! The Bulls weren't to sure about their human swimming partner, decided to turn and head back to the Hatchery! Ed understanding wildlife, turned the Bulls and guided them to the closest shoreline by Duck Creek. Let me tell you, these two guys were wound up like two dollar watches!! It was very fitting Ed titled his pictures "Elk Hair Caddis".

This poor fellow experienced the one thing we all live in fear of.... Hooking ourselves in the face! Well, actually it was his ear. I didn't have the heart to mention it was the stylish thing for guys to do these days, only his shot was a little off from the normal earning position. No one wants to hear (this is true) you can damage the nerves in the side of your face, if the piercing touches a nerve. As you can imagine, there was great discussion, a little beer for the patient, plans of approach, a little more beer for the patient, more discussion, more beer - you get the idea. The decision was made, the removal would be by means of pushing the hook threw the cartilage then breaking the barb off so the hook would slide out easily. The patient took another big swallow of beer, taking a good hold of a supporting post the "doctor" then proceeded with "surgery". What a lucky guy! After all the deliberation it was discovered the hook had only pierced the skin covering the cartilage. Wouldn't you know, the skins the painful part! I don't think I've seen anyone turn so red in the face! The "operation" was a success, with photos plastered on the Staley's poster board to remind all "beware in the wind"!

Mid October, Bob, from Kansas City, checked into cabin #4 along with friends. All being a part of the Tenny Eagleton Safari Group. Parking his car in front of the cabin pointed towards the springs. Bob went about relaxing and enjoying everything Staley Springs had to offer. After three days of fishing and several late night poker games, Bob was napping mid afternoon when he awoke by a commotion outside his cabin. His car had evidently slipped out of park and rolled down into the Springs coming to rest by the boat slips as if he drove down to go fishing! I guess some guys will do about anything to keep from walking up & down steps!

Submitted by Stan Horton.

Dejavoo!!

Friendly Ed, you know him - he's always friendly, he really does visit with everyone. Well, it seemed as though a young family took his hospitality to heart. Have you ever experienced a feeling when you see someone you just can't take your eyes off them? You get this strange feeling something is going to happen. Apparently I wasn't the only one - it seems as though everyone around had the same feeling and all eyes were on Ed and the drift boat! The drift boat was occupied with Mom, the two kids and Dad was rowing. As they came close to Ed, he in his warm manner said "good morning, nice day isn't it?" You know the old saying, "circle the wagon"? That's just what this drift boat did at about twenty feet from Ed. Ed almost looked like an owl with his head following them around him! Then, kuplunk went their anchor and up came the bright rainbow colored umbrella which covered the entire drift boat! Ed was literally shell shocked! Harry, who was fishing beside us was horrified and exclaimed "did you see what they did to Ed"?! Ed was speechless! Once Ed regained his thoughts, back to fishing he went!

If you have some funny tales to share, please contact Jeannie at the Office. We'd love to spread the FUN!!

Fly Patterns: The Naked Lady, Bill Schiess

There are a lot of stories out there about the Naked Lady; most are lies like a lot of fish tales; it will be up to you to discern which is the true story. Jeannie Fullen requested an article about it and her being a wonderful lady will get her wish, so here it is.

The pattern is a stolen one – I think the pattern was first introduced to me by Fred Fiernick from Colorado. I gave it the name because I was in bad need of a nameless fly. The story was created before the fly was. I don't think that we invent many patterns anymore – they are just readjusted recreations.

First of all this fly is not worthy of an article because just like a naked lady, it doesn't have much on it. The hardest thing about the tying of this fly is finding the material to tie it. I tie it in a size 12, 14 or 16.

First step is to put a gold bead on for a head – if you do not want to dip-and-doodle much, then replace the gold metal bead with any beautiful glass bead. The sheerer and sheener the bead, the better.

Next step is it to use red Blended Thread for the body, this material can usually be found in craft stores. Porter's Craft Store in Idaho Falls and Rexburg usually has it. I build up the body a taper which goes from heavy just behind the bead to almost nothing at the bend in the hook.

To finish the fly I put white ostrich herl or white peacock herl – three turns just behind the bead. Now I have become very lazy – instead of using white herl, I tie it with white thread building it up just behind the bead. The herl is not very durable and this white thread makes it more durable.

I now tie it in a lot of colors – any color of blended thread I can find. Use your imagination. I like the copper, gold and orange colors for Henry's Lake. I have had enough fun with this patter to write a book about it, but I will not bore you with the minor details about my experiences with the Naked Lady. It is effective – very effective from time to time. Every fisherman should have one of each hue and color.

Materials:

Hook: DaiRiki 075 size 12-16Thread: Red or if you want to bypass the herl, use white.

Head: Usually a gold bead – but others work.

Thorax: White peacock or ostrich herl. Body: Red Blended Thread (or other colors may be substituted if you prefer a Green Naked Lady, Yellow Naked Lady, Black Naked Lady; which ever appeals to you or the fish).

Most beginning fly tyers could have tied a dozen during the time it took you to read this. Just got you to waste some time — method in my madness. Good Luck!

Membership News

What a wild year we have seen, the Stock Market with violent swings, Mark McGwire's 70 home runs, Cutthroat Trout's petition to the endangered listing, President Clinton's "laundry", hurricanes, tornadoes and extreme weather patterns, it makes you wonder what could be next. The one thing we can't overlook in such crazy times is the Foundation. This is when we are in need of your membership and donations. The many issues surrounding the future for Cutthroat, Hybrid and Brook Trout will require extensive time, energy and funding. The Foundation IS working for YOU, but we depend on your financial support. Please be prompt to renew your 1999 membership, they are due and payable January 1, 1999. Along with your renewal consider adding a donation, remember it's tax deductible! Don't be embarrassed to ask if people are aware of the Foundation and if they'd like to help. It's so easy and generally people will get involved! We need to concentrate on recruiting and involving our youth (middle aged falls into that category too!) They are the generations who will be the caretakers of Henry's Lake and the Foundation, preserving this fabulous fishery. The office and services it offers is available to all members, what we can do to help you, strengthens the Foundation. Call or stop by, you'll always be greeted with a happy voice and a smile!

Big Thank You's to John Homme and David O'Neal Jr for their generous Donations to the Foundation!

Howdy Do From Gretta Lou

Hello friends of Henry's Lake! We had a great summer, caught fish, tied flies and enjoyed seeing friends again. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Here is a great recipe for the Holidays – or anytime, I just made it yesterday.

CHEESECAKE ALMONDINE

1 1/2 c finely crushed vanilla wafers

1 1/4 c sugar - 3 eggs

1/2 tsp grated lemon rind

3/4 tsp almond extract

1/4 c margarine, melted

3 (8oz) pkgs cream cheese softened

1 c sour cream

Combine wafer crumbs, 2 T sugar, lemon rind and 1/4 c melted margarine. Press into bottom of greased 8" spring form pan or regular pie pan and refrigerate. Stir cream cheese, 1 c sugar until light & fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend 1/2 tsp extract. Pour into chilled crust. Bake 375 for 45 minutes. Let

cool, meanwhile blend sour cream remaining 2 T sugar and 1/4 tsp extract.

Spread over cooled filling, sprinkle with sliced almonds and refrigerate over night before serving.

As my daughter Penny would say "This is Killer!"

Enjoy,

Gretta Lou Askey

New Plymouth, ID

Letters

Dear Henry's Lake Foundation:

Thanks for the reminder about renewing our membership. I've enclosed a payment for our family membership.

We live on the north shore and we noticed a shocking increase in the amount of incessant wave runner activity up and down the shoreline. Of some interest is the fact that the operators go along the shore rather than out back in front of their own place! This allows them to share with the neighbors all of the noise and wave action but doesn't disturb the site of origin. Ironic.

I know that there has been a great deal of debate about these wave runners: they are not safe (either to the operator or to others), the operators have no training and are often children, the machines are noisy, the wave action is obnoxious, dangerous and destructive, ect. I know too that people love their toys and are angry when someone suggests restricting their freedom. As usual, the discussion reduces down to "your right to swing your arm ends at my nose." Well, the way these machines are operated has now inter-

sected with other people's safety, peace and quiet, shore property protection, ect., ect. I have no doubt that if one polled the residents, the vote would be significantly against any use of these machines on Henry's Lake. Why? Because the vast majority of people are there for a

very different reason than to drive around on a wave runner and they resent having to listen to and be bothered by and actually be threatened by these machines. (These people zooming around a person in a canoe for example is down right dangerous.)

Sadly, one cannot rely on good manners. First, because a lot of people don't have them. Second, for some people knowing something is unpleasant to others does not stop them from doing it if they are enjoying the activity.

What to do? I think most of us would always opt for a campaign of awareness and "self policing" first. We see rules



The wave action is obnoxious, dangerous and destructive

of etiquette for fishing—so why not for wave rurners. How about: 1. B aware that virtually everyone within earshot is offended by your activity. 2. Drive out and back from shore in front of your own place instead of going along shore. 3. Limit the time of day and length of time of operation. (I

counted virtually three straight hours last summer when one group was operating these things in sort of a "tag team" manner.) 4. Don't cut in front of other vessels. 5. Stay away from canoes, float tubes, windsurfers and other such craft (your waves can injure the people operating these craft).

If people continue to operate these things in a manner which infringes on others, let's ban them from the lake.

Hybrid and Brook Update

On August 10, 1998 Tom Herron and Jeannie Fullen met with Fish & Game Managers Mark Gamblin, Steve Wingert, Jeff Dillon and DEQ Analyst Sheryl Hill.

Mark Gamblin informed us that there had been a formal petition to the US Fish & Wildlife Service to list Yellowstone Cutthroat as "Threatened" on the Endangered List.

It is known and recognized that there are Hybrids capable of reproduction in Henry's Lake. In order to stay ahead of legal demands to remove all Hybrids from Henry's Lake, it would be to our best interest to remove those Hybrids capable of spawning and replacing

them with known sterile Hybrids. It would probably take at least ten years to complete this exchange and our efforts would be accepted as a means to protect the Yellowstone Cutthroat. Mark Gamblin assured us, there is no intention to completely remove Hybrids, Fish & Game would do whatever possible to keep Hybrid Trout in Henry's Lake.

It was announced in September a State wide policy to not plant Brook Trout in Idaho, therefore there will be no Brook Trout spawning in the Hatchery this Fall or planting of Brook Trout next year. This policy came from the State Chief of Fisheries Virgil Moore.



There is no intention to completely remove Hybrids

Biologists have confirmed the Brook Trout population is healthy and is naturally spawning in the tributaries. This is a temporary policy until the Cutthroat endangerment is resolved. It is unknown when planting will resume.

Death in the Ranks

We are saddened by the loss of Syd Cook of Ketchum, Idaho. His wife Mary called the office to inform us of his passing June 22, 1997. They both enjoyed the lot they owned at Henry's Lake, which had quite an interesting story. Syd's close friend Tom Henry owned a lot at Henry's Lake which he enjoyed immensely. One day Tom called Syd on the phone and asked Syd to send money (at that time it was hundreds of dollars). Syd and Mary thought Oh, Tom needs money - OK. They never heard anything back for quite some time, when one day in the mail arrives the deed for a lot right next to Tom's!! Syd and Mary were now proud owners of a lot at Henry's Lake! Unfortunately, they didn't make use of it as much as Tom thought they would, but the minister who married Syd and Mary had a wonderful time there! Thank You Mary, for sharing your story and the spunk between two friends.

Another HLF member passing was Mary McBroom of Island Park. Mary passed away March 12,1998 from heart failure. Mary worked as an editor and writer for the Island Park Villager, the Island Park Bugle, the Yellowstone Times, the Yellowstone Gateway Post, and, most recently the Island Park News. She was a great help and very supportive to the Foundation with our Auction / Picnic adds. Mary was the founding member and president of the Island Park



We extend our sincere sympathy

Historical Society. Her goal was to have a permanent museum in Island Park. The preservation of the Island Park history was extremely important to Mary, we will miss such a dedicated, talented, warm person. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Island Park Museum, may send them to the Mary McBroom Museum Fund, Island Park Historical Society, PO Box 224, Island Park, ID 83429.

Our beloved Jack Garland of Oklahoma City, passed away August 28th. Jack was a good friend and a dedicated fly fisherman. Jack and his family frequented Staley Springs since the 50's, introducing many of friends to fly fishing at Henry's Lake. Jack and Rosland were responsible for the first Chili Cookoff, a tradition continued at Staley Springs every summer. We'll miss him.

1999 Calendar of Events

3/15/99: Deadline for Spring Newsletter

5/30/99: Opening Day of Fishing Season

7/2/99: Board of Directors Meeting 7PM at Staley Springs Lodge

7/3/99: Henry's Lake Foundation
Annual Silent Auction & Picnic
~ Silent Auction 11am - 1pm
~ Picnic 12pm - 1pm

Volunteer Projects:

To be announced in the Spring Newsletter

7/5/99: Foundation Project Tour and Open House

9/15/99: (approximately) Fish Planting Begins

10/31/99: Last Day of Fishing Season

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