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Henry's Lake Foundation Inc. Newsletter

The Henry's Lake Foundation, Inc. Spring 1999

President's Message

As noted in the Fall Newsletter, due to lack of funds the Fish & Game Department discontinued planting brook trout throughout Idaho and have no plans to plant in the future unless numbers from tributary spawning show serious decline. The last few years Fall water levels have been conducive to tributary spawning and numbers sighted going upstream are definitely on the rise. Hopefully this trend will continue. Planting of hybrids and cutthroat will continue as in past years except the hybrid program will change in that an effort will be made to assure sterilization of all hybrids in the lake.

An effort to make it illegal to operate a personal watercraft (jet skies) on Henry's Lake was put into motion with Fremont County Commissioners. A public hearing will be held in Ashton the evening of July 1st to further discuss this important topic. Make

plans to attend and voice your opinion as this is an issue that could influence the future of Henry's Lake as a trophy fishery. If you are unable to attend the meeting write a letter to Jeannie voicing your opinion or better yet to the County Commissioners in St Anthony. The address is:

Freemont County Parks and Recreation
315 East 5th North
St Anthony, ID 83445
email fcpkrec@ida.com

Our annual 4th of July "bash" (silent auction and picnic) is fast approaching and as usual it will require a lot of volunteers to make it all happen.

Should you wish to participate contact Rebecca Bega at Staley Springs Lodge.

I would like to end with the following comment. The Henry's Lake Foundation is not my foundation nor the board of directors foundation. It is

your foundation. Furthermore, it was set up for a very good cause, to protect and improve our fishery for present and future generations, but in order to accomplish these goals it takes money and involvement. Money is generally generated by involvement of some kind. For example: The Foundation has 424 members. By each member getting a friend or neighbor to become a member (\$50 membership) we could generate \$21,200.00. The larger our organization the more money we can do to reach our goals.

Tight Lines
Stan Horton

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• 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.

In Memory of John S. O'Neill Jr.

Dear Members and Friends,

It is with heavy heart, unsure hand and profound sadness that I address this special message / newsletter to you to announce the untimely death of John O'Neill, Jr. of Hatchechubbee, Alabama. In recent years it has been John's task to sit many times at the typewriter or with pen in hand to compose tributes to friends and colleagues around the country and he always did it eloquently. I shall attempt to pay tribute to him in this correspondence knowing that I cannot muster that eloquence, but also knowing that he is overlooking my shoulder with a smile.

John died Monday 21 December 1998 at the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham while undergoing a complex procedure and ultimately surgery in an attempt to correct an irregular heart rhythm.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was conducted on Saturday 26 December at the United Methodist Church in Hatchechubbee with standing room only attendance by his friends and associates in Alabama and surrounding area.

John came into the world in Greenville, South Carolina on 30 March 1926. At the age of ten he moved with his family to Knoxville, Tennessee. He met and made friends with Claude Ledgerwood and Claude Ledgerwood, Sr. and spent many happy childhood times fishing the many trout streams in and around the great Smokey Mountains. He often spoke of the great times they had and of the friendship that endured. This friendship planted the seed that grew into John's passion for fishing the best waters in all parts of this great land.

At the age of 14 John was selected as a GIFTED student to attend the prestigious Culver Military Academy in South Bend, Indiana and went there on a full scholarship. Upon graduation from Culver he was selected by the US Navy to be a part of the Naval V-5 pro-

gram (a WW II era special project).

This was an appointment for only the brightest officer candidates. He also attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduating with a degree in English.

While on a fishing trip to the West Yellowstone area in the 40's with his dad he was in the Canyon Village area of the park and inadvertently met a nice looking chick behind the soda fountain at the Hamilton Store. She was a college student from Minnesota by the name of Patricia Jane Tanner. Little did he know at that moment that he had met the lady of his dreams. Pat was a lady who could fish with the best, was tough as a "lighter knot", but was as delicate as a rose and shared John's love for the great outdoors. This mating was surly ordained by the Lord himself. John said "I never tried to buy a new shotgun or fishing rod and hide it from Pat. She never complained. She just wanted one too!"

John (Sonny) and his father created a successful business in outdoor advertising in the South. Pat contributed and also worked at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee Nuclear Facility during the Manhattan Project years. In the early 1960's the O'Neill's sold the business and the whole family (including Pat's father) moved lock, stock and barrel to South Alabama where Bird Dogs, Bob White Quail and Mild Winters are King!

His devotion to hunting dogs and field trials during his lifetime of training and breeding champion field trial dogs, judging trials and competing earned him a place (alongside his Dad) in the FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME in Grand Junction, Tennessee where the NATIONAL BIRD DOG CHAMPIONSHIP has been conducted on the Ames Plantation since the turn of the century. John continued on the Board of Directors of the Field Trial Hall of Fame at the time of his death.

During the ensuing years John served

as president of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America, Trustee and Founder of the Board of Directors of the Bird Dog Foundation and Founder of the English Setter Fund.

In November John told me that he was the luckiest man in the world. He said, "I have a wonderful wife who is my best friend and the greatest hunting and fishing partner a man could ask for." He also expressed his contentment with his life in South Alabama with his dogs and horses, mild winters and where "every night is Saturday night in Hatchechubbee." John was looking forward to starting his 31st Westward adventure to his PARADISE on the shores of HENRY'S LAKE at Stan Horton's Staley Springs. John pursued fishing as he did all other aspects of his life, with GUSTO! He loved fishing for the fabled Western Rainbow Trout and was always ready to help a neophyte learn the techniques for stream fishing, belly boating, or in more recent years POW-R-TUBING. All who knew John can remember his BOOMING voice over the waters of Montana and Idaho as he fished, coached, cheered and celebrated with his friends old and new, but no lake meant as much to John S. O'Neill, Jr. as HENRY'S.

Pat plans to "keep on keeping on." She is looking forward to starting her new life. Those who know her understand that she is a strong willed, determined person with a very optimistic outlook.

It is in memory of John's love for Henry's Lake and with Pat's optimistic outlook that it is requested that those interested in remembering John should do so by making contributions to the Henry's Lake Foundation, Inc. earmarked for a special project to be determined by the Board of Directors and named the JOHN S. O'NEALL, JR. PROJECT.

John was one of several devoted fishermen who founded the HENRY'S LAKE FOUNDATION in 1981 at a time when the lake was in trouble.

John O'Neall, Jr. continued

Once again the lake is in need of a boost and contributions to a project could help the lake recover in much the same way it did at the time the founders of THE HENRY'S LAKE FOUNDATION had the foresight to organize.

This is my tribute to my friend. I shall close by quoting one of my favorite sayings that I heard John utter so many times after a particularly good meal:

"SAVE YOUR FORKS MATES
THERE MAY BE DESSERT!"

Michael E. Brickner

The project targeted to be named the John S. O'Neall, Jr. Overcrossing will be the replacement of two culverts at the first crossing on Duck Creek.

The culverts have been a continued problem for washing out causing obstruction for fish passage and continued excessive silting into Duck Creek and Henry's Lake.

The replacement will be a trailer spanning Duck Creek, a permanent structure for single lane passage. The Henry's Lake Foundation is working in conjunction with Idaho's Fish & Game to ensure continued riparian development on Duck Creek.

Your donations are needed to help complete this much needed project. Please send your tax deductible donation in Memory of John S. O'Neall, Jr. to the Henry's Lake Foundation office at:

PO Box 854, Nampa, ID 83653

This is a long lasting tribute to one of our "Founding Fathers".

John would be proud.

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Proposal to Ban Personal Watercraft on Henry's Lake

The increasing complaints from members and fellow fishermen, verbally and written, has prompted the Foundation to ask the Fremont County Commissioners to place an ordinance to ban the usage of personal watercraft (jet skis) from Henry's Lake.

Jeannie Fullen, representing the Henry's Lake Foundation, attended the Commissioners public meeting requesting the ordinance. The primary purpose for Henry's Lake is an irrigation reservoir and it is a world renown trophy trout fishery. These very purposes are what designates that Henry's Lake is not a multipurpose recreational lake. The ecosystem of Henry's Lake is fractious and it is considered a dying lake. The Foundation has successfully taken the responsibility along with Idaho's Fish & Game to preserve and enhance the fishery. It is extremely important for the Foundation and it's members to continue monitoring the activities surrounding Henry's Lake. Therefore, the Foundation is trying to "nip" the personal watercraft issue "in the bud".



The primary use for Henry's is a trophy trout fishery & irrigation water.

The issues presented to the County Commissioners Neal Christiansen, Glen Davis and Frank Mackert, where;

- 1) Henry's Lake primary purpose is an irrigation reservoir and a world renown trophy trout fishery.
- 2) The Lake is very shallow not enabling it to disperse excessive waste as would larger bodies of water. There are two lakes close to Henry's Lake that are multiple recreation lakes. Island Park Reservoir and Hebgen Lake, they are much larger and deeper than Henry's Lake and better suited for personal watercraft.
- 3) Personal watercraft has been known to pollute 3 gallons of unburned gas and oil per every 2 hour ride. The two stroke outboard motors typically used on Henry's Lake are minimal in comparison and have been improving consumption and emissions.
- 4) These pollutants will be carried downstream for cattle, wildlife, campers and fishermen to either drink or contact. The Lake's natural ecosystem for plant life, insects and micro organisms which feed and produce oxygen for the trout in Henry's Lake will also be effected. In the past, the clean water testing has had a concern for this type of pollutant.
- 5) Property owners and fishermen are complaining the personal watercraft is eroding the shoreline. They have been observed ripping up and down the shorelines, the added wave action does in fact cause additional erosion. The Foundation has been working very hard to stabilize and enhance these very shorelines.
- 6) Property owners and fishermen have complained to the excessive noise emitted from personal watercraft.
- 7) Property owners and fishermen have complained concerning the dangerous driving tactics personal watercraft users have committed. There has been close calls with other boats, tubers and canoes. Accidents of this nature are extreme and the Foundation is concerned for all involved.
- 8) Henry's Lake draws a large volume (thousands) of out of state fishermen and women as well as from within the state of Idaho. These tourists stay for lengthy periods of time to enjoy the fabulous fishing, serenity, beauty and wildlife. The Foundation encourages this tourism and is concerned the personal watercraft will endanger and irritate these tourists. Many have or will be buying property and building cabins (homes) on or in the close proximity of Henry's Lake. The majority of membership in the Henry's Lake Foundation is from out of state, we need to keep these members donating to preserve one of Idaho's great assets.

The intent of this ordinance is to protect the primary users of Henry's Lake, the fishermen and irrigation water. There is no intent to restrict the motors on fishing boats. By controlling the worst polluters we can sustain a balance between boats and the ecosystem. We will monitor the water quality either through DEQ or privately.

Should there not be a ban but restrictions for personal watercraft users, enters the field of enforcement. At present, boating enforcement falls into the jurisdiction of the Fremont County Sheriff's Department. They do not enforce Henry's Lake because the boat they use on Island Park is to large and it is a horrendous problem trying to move from lake to lake. The Department has applied for a grant to purchase a boat adequate to patrol Henry's Lake, but as we know, not all grants are approved. Jeannie mentioned to the Commissioners it was impossible to patrol both lakes at the same time. No enforcement, no compliance - there will always be people who break the law. Monitoring age limits, speed limits, the State's Narrow waterways law (in effect, but no compliance), training certificates, rental insurance, the list continues - how will these be monitored and enforced? Who's going to finance the expenses for the additional enforcement?

The Fremont County Commissioners will hold a public meeting July 1, 1999 at the Ashton Community Center at 7:00 p.m. to hear both sides, for and against the ordinance to ban personal watercraft from Henry's Lake. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting to support the Foundation's proposal. Please make your plans to attend. You may contribute verbally up to 8 minutes per participant. Advance scheduling for verbal comments/testimony is advised. You may contact Jeannie at the Foundation Office or Tamra Cikaitoga at the Fremont County Parks and Recreation Office (address/phone below).

The Foundation encourages every member and all who love Henry's Lake to write the Fremont County Commissioners, Fremont County Parks and Recreation, 315 East 5th North, St. Anthony, ID 83445, tel: 208/624-7266, expressing your concerns and thoughts concerning the personal watercraft issue.

Project Update, Tom Herron

Henry's Lake Foundation projects in 1998 were directed toward evaluating the affect of riparian fencing projects on Henry's Lake Tributaries. Riparian projects have led to significant improvements in water quality, fish habitat and fish populations since habitat improvement projects began in 1986.

Stream bank stability and vegetation cover are two important aspects of riparian habitat condition. When a stream is protected from the effects of over grazing, several natural processes are set in motion that allow the stream to recover some of its potential to function properly.

The most immediate relief is eliminating the trampling of streambanks. This reduces erosion from chiseling and allows plants to grow which further stabilize banks. Plants increase in number and the types of plants on the streambank and at the water's edge change. Sedges, willows and, in some cases, cat-tails begin to grow, and trap sediment that is carried in the water from erosion. This reduces the amount of sediment that is deposited on the bottom of the stream. The stream narrows from the trapped sediment, increasing the energy of the water flowing in the stream allowing it to pick-up sediment that has been previously deposited during erosive times, prior to streambank protection.

Deeper rooted plants eventually begin to grow on the previously eroded stream banks and the banks become more stable, resulting in less sediment to coat the stream bottom. The deeper rooted plants tend to be shrubs. As these types of plants grow, they not only stabilize streambanks and trap sediment during peak flows, they reduce erosive energy and shade the stream and prevent it from warming excessively. They also provide food and shelter for birds and other animals. Additionally fish use the overhanging vegetation for cover and protection from overhead predators such as herons,

gulls and pelicans. Ultimately this stabilizing vegetation contributes to the development of undercut banks, and with the new-found energy that the stream has, deeper pools develop.

Gravel that fish spawn in is more abundant and closer to refuge that protects the adult fish, increasing the success of spawning and the survival of adult fish.

The result of improved spawning conditions within the stream generally result in increased fry production and fry survival, and ultimately more spawning fish for future fry production.

There are a number of features of these recovering systems that can be monitored to track the improving conditions. The stability of streambanks can be measured in terms of plant cover, bank height, bank slope and erosive condition. Stream gravel can be dug to a uniform depth and circumference, and the percent of fine sediment can be separated and measured to compare with previous and future samples. Temperature monitors can be placed in the stream to record temperatures each hour for several months. The width and depth of streams can be measured and represented as a ratio to compare changes over time. The aquatic insects that live within the stream have varying water quality and habitat requirements and the number and type of aquatic insects can be monitored over time to show changes in conditions. The number of fry that migrate out of a particular stream can be estimated by trapping fry, collecting flow measurements and marking and recapturing fry to calculate the number of fry migrating out of a spawning tributary.

All the above mentioned samples have been collected on Henry's Lake tributaries to help monitor the improvements in stream condition over time. Creel survey data, water chemistry and oxygen depletion monitoring, plankton diversity, aquatic plant distribution and diversity, sediment chemistry, nutrient budget analysis, gill netting and

purse seining data, snorkel surveys of tributaries, thesis on the ecology of cutthroat and brook trout and adjacent land use data for the Lake also have been collected.

Monitoring During 1998 shows that the tributaries are generally much better shape than before riparian projects with the exception of Timber and Hope Creek. Timber and Hope Creeks continue to suffer the abuse of inappropriate management of livestock and irrigation and likely will continue to be degraded for the foreseeable future. The lower reach of Timber Creek produces some fish, but water temperatures rise quickly in June beyond the tolerance of cutthroat. A few brook trout are produced in Timber Creek, but sedimentation precludes any significant production on the stream above the Foundation's Riparian Demonstration Project on Gordon Hunt's property. Hope Creek is in such bad shape that it has little value with regard to fish.

Targhee Creek exhibits the best water quality and habitat conditions of all of the Henry's Lake Tributaries. Water Remains cool, spawning gravel is abundant and generally has less than 30 percent fine sediment less than 1/4 inch diameter (above 30 percent, fry survival decreases significantly). Fry production is significant to maintaining the population of fish in the Lake.

Howard Creek has shown the most dramatic improvement of Henry's Lake tributaries monitored. Prior to it's fencing, it was wide and shallow, with severely eroding banks, no significant vegetative cover and warm stream temperatures in July, August and early September. Below the diversion structure, there was little flow, and very few fish could move upstream beyond the diversion.

Today, water temperatures remain within the preferred range for trout and other aquatic organisms important to the existence of trout. Width to depth

Project Update Continued

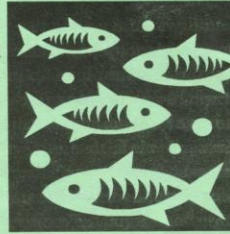
Ratios are well below the threshold of 10, above which conditions are generally degraded. Sedges grow thick at the waters edge and have trapped sediment to build streambanks up and further improve the width to depth ratio. Fine sediment is below 35 percent and will continue to improve. Abundant cut-throat and brook trout were trapped as they made their way back to the Lake.

Fisheries Management projects on Howard Creek include a combination fish ladder / diversion structure and off site watering to conserve water in the Howard Creek stream channel. The lower portion of Howard Creek (approximately 1/2 mile) has been excluded from Grazing for a number of years. It courses through a lush wetland with numerous beaver dams, undercut banks, and overhead cover ideal for rearing trout when enough water flows in the stream channel.

Duck Creek has been a little slower to respond, but is very much improved in the last 10 years. Stream banks are much more stable and abundant willows are shading and stabilizing the banks. Stream temperatures remain cool during the warmest part of summer and fine sediment is below 35 percent in most spawning gravel. Numerous fry were documented migrating to

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Kelly Spring has been recently fenced (in 1992) and is tracking well. Riparian vegetation is coming back well and water temperature remains cool through July and August. Because of its nature as a spring creek, it lacks the energy to quickly remove sediment that clogs spawning gravel, however it is currently very good rearing habitat, and spawning conditions will improve with time.

Monitoring will continue to be important on Henry's Lake to identify the production potentials and trends of the lake and tributary system over time. An unforeseen benefit is that the Henry's Lake Fishery is a model for improving rangeland water quality and fisheries values state wide. There are numerous water sheds that are very similar in many ways to Henry's Lake, and the actions taken to turn the Henry's Lake Fishery around will be useful in many other areas that may one day reclaim the fisheries potential that was once the rule rather than the exception.

Letters

Pat O'Neill sent the Foundation office a news paper clipping about Elise Landry. Elise and husband Ed used to camp near the restrooms at Staley Springs. Pat thought it would be of interest to those who remembered the Landry's and Ed's fly tying skills.

Elise Landry applied to be a hospital volunteer at Verdugo Hills Hospital in 1972. At 96 years young she is still actively volunteering. She has worked in the gift shop, pushed gurneys and wheelchairs and acted as hostess. She is also active as an archivist for the

hospital.

Elise played a large roll to inspire the hospital staff to act courteously toward visitors in the early 1980's. The movie all trainees would watch featured a Mrs. Tims, an elderly lady who's late husband had previously owned the hospital. Mrs. Tims went to visit the hospital with a shopping bag in hand. When she was treated rudely at the hospital she returned home with her shopping bag, full of money she was going to donate!



Elise dressed up as Mrs. Tims and would ask questions as to how to treat people. When answered correctly she would give them \$5! She had a lot of fun!

Send us your comments or ideas

The Landry's owned Landry's Sporting Goods for 17 years in Montrose, California. Ed passed away four years ago.

Membership News

Big Thank Yous to our members who so generously have donated above their memberships to the Foundation! Those people are: Roger & Vicki Cantlon, Jim Aho, George & Susan Donovan, Von Strasser Winery (Freestone Wine), Vern Given, Don Salisbury and John O Homme. Your continued devotion to the Foundation is an inspiration for all.

There has been a tremendous response to the John O'Neall Jr. Memorial Project. The Foundation is honored and appreciates the generosity shown by the following: Mick Miller, Wayne & Martha Meeks, Myrle & Len Mannenen, James & Wilma Scheel, Carl & Sue Yates, Mark & Barbara Roberts, Augie & Ruby Alves, Sandy & Bill Hayes, Bob & Gretta Lou Askey, Mrs. Morris B. Willis, Marj & Bob Roseberry, Jack & Valarie Forman, Evelyn S. Brittingham, Robert C. Patton MD, Stan Horton, James & Nancy Whatley, and Claude

& Olivia Ledgerwood, Elwin & Marge Robison, Don & Jean Orth, Mike & Maryann Brickner and Bill & Jeannie Fullen. Total receipts of donations in the amount of \$1,155.00 will go towards the permanent overcrossing on Duck Creek.

Anyone interested in donating to the John O'Neall Jr. Duck Creek Overcrossing may send their donation earmarked for the project to the Foundation Office. Idaho's Fish & Game Engineering Department is presently drawing the specs for this project. We do need more funding to complete this permanent tribute to John O'Neall Jr..

Your donations are tax deductible and the Foundation sincerely appreciates all donations received.

We have heard Rosland Garland has been diagnosed with cancer. Ros and her late husband Jack, both fished Henry's Lake

since the 1950's. She's the undisputed Chili Cook-off Queen of Henry's Lake – what a good sport she is!

Ros is beautiful inside and out, she truly is a fabulous lady, you can send cards and good thoughts to:
Rosland Garland, 2332 Brush Creek Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

Members – if you have not renewed your memberships please do so no later than the picnic / auction. We will have our membership desk available and while you sign up, bring a friend to sign up too!

Anyone not current with their membership will be dropped from the mailing list. You can read on your Spring Newsletter label the year you last paid, ie 99 is for 1999, 98 is for 1998. You will be able to tell if you are a Life Member, L, or a Individual Member, I, Family Member, F. You get the idea, now you know the code, there's no excuse not to renew!

Internet News

Tom Herron has been having a hectic schedule, between his work at DEQ, Family and home and maybe a little fun time somewhere in between!

Tom sent the office a note saying he'd like to indicate in the Newsletter, that by early May he will have the Henry's Lake Foundation Internet site dupli-

cated on SRVNet. The new (additional address) will be: <http://www.srv.net/~henryslk.htm>

Thanks Tom, the site looks great!

The site has excellent information!

Auction / Picnic

Get those tennis shoes ready! We have another wonderful selection for the Auction this year and more items arriving weekly! We've had many promises of lucky flies – you know, the ones that catch the big ones! The Foundation logo Montana Silversmiths Belt Buckle, Knife and Ladies Bracelet look beautiful. There's rumor next year replacing the knife will be a fantastic Pocket Watch! Other items include clothing for fishing, fly lines, tying materials, hand

crafts, ohhhh, you won't believe the biggest item we've ever had!! A wonderful donor has donated a 22 foot sailboat!!! It has a cabin and new canvas– WOW! We all must tell everyone we know about the sailboat, let's generate some real excitement and competitive bidding!

Bring those checkbooks, remember this is a tax deductible donation!

Stan has some wonderful, fun games planned for the picnic. Casters, be pre-

pared for distance and accuracy! Bowlers (even if you don't) be ready to "bowl for turkeys"! We promise this will be a whole lot of fun for the entire family!



Becky has promised a delicious picnic. The menu may just have a new flavor!

Ohhhh you won't believe the biggest item we've ever had We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

Idaho Fish & Game Update, Mark Gamblin

This is a good time to review the past years activities on Henry's Lake and the tributaries. There have been several developments over the past year that will be of interest to Foundation members and others.

Creel Survey

I'm sure most of you have been aware that we have shifted to an every other year format for the Henry's Lake creel survey. We made that decision three years ago to free up our personal and other resources for other important management investigation activities on the lake and tributaries on alternate years. Last year we began to look closely at several tributaries, evaluating the effectiveness of our fish screens and monitoring fry migration to the lake. More on that later. This year there will be a creel survey, so you can expect to see our personal out on the lake periodically, interviewing anglers and conducting angler counts. A quick reminder to those who may not see our creel survey crew on the lake on a given day, or who aren't interviewed in the course of the fishing season. We don't try to count every individual angler every day of the season, nor do we try to interview everyone. Creel surveys are based on sub-sampling the population of anglers over the course of the fishing season and then deriving statistical estimates of angling effort and catch, much like public opinion polls are conducted. This gives us accurate and affordable information to track the health of the fishery.

Tributary Surveys

Last year we began a combined state research and regional management effort to better understand the effectiveness of the tributary fish screens and developments more accurate estimates of the total number of trout being naturally produced in the tributaries that contribute to the Henry's Lake fishery.

In recent years our estimates of the percentage of hatchery and wild fish in Henry's Lake catch have hovered around 25% hatchery – 75% wild trout. Those estimates are based on the proportion of fin-clipped hatchery trout we see in the creel, a reliable but imprecise estimate. We will refine those estimates and gain a better understanding of how much of the Henry's Lake fishery is being supported by natural production as we develop accurate estimates of young trout migrating to the lake from the tributaries.

In the early 1980's hatchery trout comprised the majority of Henry's Lake catch. Over the years irrigation diversions, channel erosion and other habitat problems in the tributaries had taken its toll, greatly reducing the contribution of natural trout production to the fishery, not a good situation. That situation was the genesis of our cooperative tributary fish screening and habitat improvement program. The success of our efforts is demonstrated by dramatic improvements in the riparian and in-stream habitat of those Henry's Lake tributaries and by high percentage of wild trout in the Henry's Lake catch. By developing more accurate and precise estimates of natural trout production we will be able to safely reduce hatchery stockings to levels that are truly necessary to sustain the fishery in optimum health and meet the management goals we have set for Henry's Lake. We will continue our fry trapping and tributary monitoring efforts until we have three to five years of good information. The Henry's Lake Foundation is an integral partner in the habitat enhancement program and our monitoring and evaluation efforts. We will provide up-date reports through the newsletter as we develop a clearer picture of the tributary trout production and contribution to the lake fishery.

Winter Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring

There's only one good news to report on this subject. Dissolved oxygen levels were again high through the winter this past season. The excellent water supplies and relatively mild winters we have enjoyed for the last 4 years are benefiting Henry's Lake in many ways, including good winter water quality.

Hatchery Operations

There are probably more questions about the status of the hatchery program than any other Lake subject right now. The first thing I want to emphasize is that the Henry's Lake hatchery program will continue to be a key part of our management program on the lake. We are making some adjustments

Henry's Lake catch have hovered around 25% hatchery – 75% wild trout

and improvements in our egg tasking and supplementation program, changes that are designed to streamline the hatchery operation and improve its contribution to the lake fishery.

Brook Trout

Many of you know by now that we have dropped brook trout from the state-wide hatchery program, including Henry's Lake. This was made necessary by the Department of Fish & Game funding shortfall and the recent petition to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to list Yellowstone cutthroat trout as a "Threatened Species" under the Endangered Species Act. Brook trout have essentially been a specialty fish for our state hatchery program, along with

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brown trout and a few others. The hatchery program more than any other arm of the Department has been falling further and further behind in funding and has been forced to reduce its operations to bare bones programs. Specialty fish, which are used for a small number of fisheries and require extra planning and logistics in the hatchery production system, are a luxury we can't afford now.

Equally important is the petition to list Yellowstone cutthroat trout. Brook trout are known to be a serious problem for Yellowstone cutthroat populations across the west. Keeping Yellowstone cutthroat off the list of threatened species under the ESA is critically important resource users in Idaho, including anglers. Discontinuing brook trout stocking will not make an appreciable difference in brook trout numbers in the lake by far. However, stopping hatchery supplementation is one step we can take to demonstrate that we are managing the fishery as responsibly as possible to conserve, protect the Henry's Lake Yellowstone cutthroat resource. I want to emphasize that we do not expect this change to significantly affect the Henry's Lake brook trout fishery. Brook trout have been steadily increasing in the catch, both in size and numbers. We believe this has more to do with the good water years and higher fall tributary flows we have seen in the past five years, than with the hatchery brook trout program

Bottom line; Henry's Lake will continue to be the premier lake fishery for it's always been, and brook trout will continue to be a part of the fishery.

Sterile Hybrids

Beginning this year, we will be stocking only sterile hybrids. We have worked on sterile hybrids at Henry's Lake several times over the years, with varying success in producing quality sterile

trout. With improvements in heat stocking technology (the technique used to produce sterile fertilized eggs) we have developed our techniques to the point where we can reliably produce sterile Henry's Lake hybrids that perform at least as well as the "traditional" reproductively viable hybrids. This too is a Yellowstone cutthroat trout conservation measure we are implementing in our lake management program to protect not just the cutthroat resource but also the future fishing opportunity on Henry's Lake by keeping Yellowstone cutthroat trout off the Endangered Species List. We will be monitoring the performance of the new and improved hybrids along with Henry's Lake anglers. I expect that we will see little or no change in the prized hybrid fishing the lake is famous for.

New Staff

Steve Wingert, Henry's Lake hatchery manager since 1997, transferred to our Grace Hatchery facility last fall. Steve has been replaced by Bill Stultz, formally stationed at our Sawtooth Anadromous Hatchery in Stanley Basin. Bill brings years of experience in hatchery operations and other important skills and perspectives to the Henry's Lake project. This is a busy time for Bill, getting to know a new facility, a new fish management program and a new community of anglers. I encourage Foundation members to stop and say hi to Bill during the coming months and welcome him to the community. Bill is excited by the challenges of the Henry's Lake program and we are excited to have him here.

Fishing Rules Review

It's time again to look ahead to the next two years of fishing regulations. We will be talking to the public this summer about our current rules, asking for

input of recommendations for changes to the 2000-2001 fishing rules. Our first round of public scoping meetings will be held in Ashton at the Henry's Fork Foundation Resource Center meeting room on June 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and in Idaho Falls at the EITC cafeteria on June 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Our scoping meetings are for you the angling public to give us feedback on management programs and fishing rules. If you have any comments or recommendations for the Henry's Lake management program or for any other Idaho fishery management program, please consider attending one of these meetings in the same locations later in August to discuss Department recommendations to the Fish and Game Commission for changes to the fishing rules.

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We're looking forward to a productive season on Henry's Lake this year. Here's hoping for tight lines for everyone, and all of the other rewards that come from this great lake. I hope to see you on the lake at the annual meeting in July.

Fly Patterns:
Mick's Extended Body Damsel,
 Mick Miller

Hook: Mustad 3366 - 1X sizes 10 to 14

Bead: Gold 3/32

Thread: Olive 6/0 or 8/0

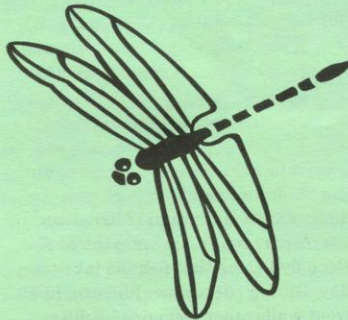
Wing Case: Turkey

Abdomen & Tail: Marabou Olive to Tan

Thorax: Olive Dubbing

Tying Instructions

Put gold bead on hook. Tie in section of marabou in back of bead wrapping thread over marabou to bend of hook, leaving 3/4 to 1 inch marabou for extended tail, past the bend of hook. Wrap the thread under marabou at the bend of hook and figure 8 thread up and down leaving you an extended tail. Wrap thread up to the bead head and tie in 4 or 5 strands of marabou wrapping back to bend of hook. Palmer marabou up to bead head. Tie in wing case 1/2 way down shank of hook. Dub thorax with olive dubbing pull wing case over dubbing and whip finish.



Howdy Do,
 From Gretta Lou

Hi Friends of Henry's Lake!

Well summer is on it's way and we are looking forward again this year, to seeing old friends and meeting new ones, learning to tie new patterns of flies, trading receipts and above all Happy Hour at Staley Springs. That is where we find out what everyone has been doing all winter. I have read some good books so I am bringing them to share.

If you are close, come on by and join us. In the meantime here is a great recipe for Brunch.

Festive Egg Squares (serves 15)

Heat oven 350 degrees

- 1 each sausage cooked & drained
- 1/4 lbs. Mushrooms sliced
- 2 medium tomatoes chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions w/tops
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese(8oz)
- Layer all above in greased 13x9 pan
- Beat following and pour over meat mixture.
- 1 1/4 cups Bisquick
- 12 eggs 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup milk 1 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 dried oregano leaves
- Bake until golden brown & set about 30

HLF Raffle Quilt
 "Twilight Sampler"

Maureen Horton and Christine Proffer have artfully and generously donated a beautiful queen size hand made quilt to raffle; proceeds to the Foundation. The description sounds absolutely fabulous, the name reflects it's thyme. The raffle tickets may be purchased from Staley Springs Lodge, the Henry's Lake Foundation Webb site or the Foundation Office. Ticket prices will be one ticket for \$5.00 or three tickets for \$10.00. You will be able to view the quilt during the Auction / Picnic and at Staley Springs Lodge. Tickets may be purchased now through October 31, 1999. The winner will be announced in the Fall Newsletter.

What a great idea to help the Foundation!! Thank you Maureen and Christine!!

minutes.

One layer I add is 1 cup Ortega chilies.

Enjoy!

Bye for now, See you at the Lake!

Gretta Lou Askey

Staley Springs

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In Memory of Phil Anderson

In 1976 I introduced Phil Anderson to fly-fishing. Within a week he purchased a float tube, flippers and waders and a complete fly fishing outfit.

He mastered the basics and was on his way to becoming one the most skilled fly fishers in the Western United States. Fly-fishing became his passion. He went fishing at least once every week throughout the year-every year!

Phil organized and was the leader of a large group of skilled fly fishers in the Boise Valley. He planned annual trips to Pyramid Lake in Nevada, Lake Lenore in Washington State, and to Phil's favorite Henry's Lake in Eastern Idaho.

Phil's friends included: His son Eric Anderson, Rupert Gates (deceased), Bob Glen, Ray Bush, Ken Magee, Grant Yee, Harry Chirumblo, Roger Tomlinson, Dr. Gary Snodgrass, Jake Thompson, Dave Frisbee, Terry Thomas, Duane Marler, myself and many others. On several trips over 25 Boise Valley fly anglers attended these trips. King Phillip supervised every trip and never failed to outfish his fishing companions.

In about 1987 Phil learned how to fish chironomid patterns with a floating line and long leaders up to 15 feet in length. He loved this system and fished chiro-

nomids with confidence.

He fished the chironomids at Henry's Lake much to the chagrin of many of the local Henry's Lake "experts", often catching fish after fish while other anglers struggled to catch a single fish.

In February of 1999 Phil joined a line-up of 15 fly fishers at Pyramid Lake. Many of the anglers in the line were the local Reno fly fishers that fish the lake every day. During one session Phil caught 10 trout while others remained fishless. On this trip Phil caught a 9 1/2 pound cutthroat.

Two weeks later Phil caught a 9 pound rainbow at Richfield Canal near Shoshone, Idaho. I wonder how many fishermen have caught a 9 pound trout in their lives?

The past few years Phil went on fishing trips to Mexico, Alaska, Russia twice, the Amazon in Peru twice, and Mongolia last year. He was looking forward to a trip to Bolivia. But of all these waters Henry's Lake was Phil's favorite.

Phil was born in 1940 in Medford, Ore-



We extend our sincere sympathy

gon and died April 21,1999 at his home in Boise, Idaho, of natural causes. Approximately 400 people attended his funeral.

Sincerely,
Clayne F. Baker

Roger and Vicki Cantlon have generously donated to the Henry's Lake Foundation in memory of Phil Anderson.

Roger, recognizing the dedication and devotion Phil had towards Henry's Lake would like to encourage not only the fishermen who knew Phil but all members to send a donation to the Henry's Lake Foundation.

Phil's name will be added to the Henry's Lake Memorial prior to the normal July 3, 1999 dedication. The Boise Valley Fishermen will be at the Lake on a scheduled trip June 24,1999 and the Foundation felt it appropriate for Phil's name to appear on the Memorial.

We will all miss Phil's enthusiasm for life and fishing.

Death in the Ranks

Eleanor Tupper passed away December 2, 1998. She and her husband Harry Tupper had returned home from the hospital after taking tests and treatment for cancer which had appeared in her hips. Eleanor had courageously conquered breast cancer in the past and had been having difficulties last summer at Henry's Lake.

Eleanor shared Harry's love for Henry's Lake and fly fishing which Harry had taught her. She loved to feed the wild hummingbirds and kept a salt lick for

the deer to feed. The bird motels were always at full occupancy.

You may have observed her taking her walks down the road from Staley Springs. She was always interested in the fishing and the fishermen visible from their summer home overlooking the springs at Staley's.

We, in a short period of time became great antiqueing buddies and loved to shop at the many favorite shops in Ennis and West Yellowstone. Dining out

was always a pleasure with favorites such as The Grizzly Bar, The Gusher, the Ancient Moose and The Sportsmen's. One day Eleanor asked me, "were you a tom-boy"? "I was a tom-boy, of coarse you were a tom-boy, otherwise you wouldn't be doing the things you do"! I laughed and with a big smile said "yes, you're right"!

Eleanor was the Mother of Cathy, Steve and Leslie and Grandmother to Rachel, Stephanie and Scott Carpenter and to Chris Stuva

Death in the Ranks, continued

Her late husband Don Carpenter owned the award winning Ledger Newspaper in Montrose, California. She was a California native residing in La Canada and La Crescenta.

Those of us who had the pleasure of knowing Eleanor will greatly miss this truly wonderful lady.



We extend our sincere sympathy

Dean Pollard passed away early December, 1998. Dean was from Idaho Falls but had been living in Boise, Idaho. He loved to fly and had some pretty crazy tales concerning his piloting! Dean loved to fish Henry's, with his dark brown cabin overlooking Staley's, and his boat moored on the point, he had a wonderful summer home.

Betty Boltrucyk of Hemet, California passed away April 16, 1999. Betty was 74 years old, heart and respiratory disease prematurely took her life. She and her late husband Hank spent a great deal of time fishing Henry's and Hebgen Lakes. Hank passed away on Henry's Lake September 1987. It was unknown if Betty had returned to the lake after Hank had succumbed.

1998 Calendar of Events

5/30/99: Opening Day of Fishing Season

7/1/99: County Commissioners public meeting: Banning Personal Watercraft (jet skis) from Henry's Lake, to be held at the Ashton Community Center - 7:00 pm

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

7/3/99: Henry's Lake Foundation Annual Silent Auction & Picnic
~ Fish & Game Public Meeting 10:30 am
~ Silent Auction 11am - 1pm
~ Picnic 12pm - 1pm
Donation: Adults \$5.00
Kids under 12 \$2.00

Volunteer Projects:
7/?/99: John O'Neall Overcrossing Paint and replace boards

7/5/99: Foundation Project Tour

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

10/31/99: Last Day of Fishing Season

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C/O Secretary - Treasurer

~~Jeannie Fuller~~

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Enclosed is payment for my annual membership dues for The Henry's Foundation.

(Please pay annually January 1 for each year due, we welcome new members !)

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