



Spring Newsletter 2009

President's Message

As we enter our 27th year, the foundation is as strong and active as ever. Our membership continues to grow and is incredibly supportive of our project efforts. Even in these tough economic times we have been fortunate in continuing to receive generous donations from our members and supporting businesses. Our 2009 project commitments are substantial as you can see in the report from our Projects Director Ron Zega. It will be important that our fund raising efforts at the annual picnic at the State Park on July 4th and the Patron's Dinner on August 8th are as successful as ever. If anyone has any fishing related items or memorabilia that they would like to contribute to the live or silent auctions at these events it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know as soon as possible since the fund raising for those events is happening now. The lake is in great shape. The opener on Memorial Day was a big success as you see in the report from Damon Keen of the IDFG. There were some large brookies and hybrids caught along with a large number of cutties caught close in to the shore. I know everyone is expecting a great fishing year just as I am, so tight lines! We have been updating our website and we will continue to post updates throughout the season so please check there for the latest and greatest news and fishing reports. I would also encourage anyone who wishes to participate in the foundation, maybe become a director, do volunteer project work or just help with our fund raisers, to please contact us. We are always looking for new folks to help carry the torch. We have an incredible tradition to uphold. Our founders set us on a mission to forever enhance and protect the fishery of Henry's Lake. For many of us, this has been a no-brainer since we have enjoyed the lake for many years. So I encourage you to become a part of this great organization and take an active part in our efforts. I wish everyone a safe and wonderful fishing season, good health and I look forward to seeing you at our summer fund raising events.

Thank you, Phil Barker

Henry's Lake Foundation

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Greg Barker with a nice 4 lb 12 oz Brook Trout on opening weekend



New culvert installation on Spring Creek last summer



Riparian habitat improvement after fencing on Duck Creek

Damon Keen, Idaho Fish and Game

Spawn Take

The spring spawn season went well with over 4.6 million eggs harvested. The fall plant request for cutthroat, hybrids, and brook trout should all be met. With good dissolved oxygen conditions all winter, the spawners were in great shape and egg quality was excellent.

Gill Netting

A late ice out prevented a full 50 net sample, but 23 nets were set in May. Preliminary results are good and a full evaluation will be completed later this year. Average trout numbers remain strong with multiple year classes represented.

Season Expectations

Catch rates were exceptional and among the best recorded the last couple of decades. Late ice out translated to many fish close to the shore and anglers quickly found the fish. Several brook trout between 4 and 5 pounds were reported. We also saw hybrids up to 10 pounds. Although fishing slowed later that week, expectations are high for a good angling season ahead and a possible repeat of 2008. The IDFG will be conducting a full creel survey this year, so expect to be quizzed on your angling success. The creel data is of critical importance to the fishery management program, and the department appreciates your help in compiling this data. If you'd like a catch rate update, we'll be happy to give you the latest information we have. For the second year in a row, the water situation looks good for Henrys Lake. The lake will be near full all fishing season long and that usually bodes well for angling success. Tributary inflow should also remain good throughout the summer. That provides area of fish concentration and angling success.

Bill Stanik

July 14 1946 - April 27 2009



St. George, UT – Bill Stanik, 62, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2009. He was born July 14, 1946 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania to Zigman & Mary Stanik. He married the love of his life, Lore in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1975.

Bill, an avid fly fisherman, fished the waters of Idaho, Colorado, Montana and Utah and landed many trophy trout out of Henry's Lake in Island Park, Idaho. He was a life member of the Henrys Lake Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Lore, in St. George, UT; his children, Mike, in Henderson, NV, Frank, in Las Vegas, NV and Elke in Cabot, AR; and his brother, Ted in Neshanic Station, NJ. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Projects Report, Ron Zega

Since our Fall 2008 newsletter, several HLF sponsored undertakings at Henrys Lake have been advanced toward completion. Among these was the purchase of automated water flow/temperature sensors and installation on Targhee, Howard and Duck Creeks. These sensors will create a database of stream spawning conditions for possible future stream restocking.

In March of this year, the foundation, along with Damon Keen, sponsored nine students from the Basin Alternative High School to assist with the egg take at the fish trap. It gave the students an opportunity to learn about the IDFG's efforts in sustaining the reproduction of the fish species in the lake. For some of the students it may even open up future career opportunities. A special thanks goes out to HLF Director Gail Eason in assisting at this event.

In June, IDFG Engineering will design a re-circulation pump facility for the fish trap. This HLF project will ensure that the return of fish to the trap will not be impacted by low flows in Hatchery Creek. Construction will commence later this year.

A prior \$4,000 grant from HLF, combined with an approved Landowners Incentive Program (LIP) grant, is earmarked for the replacement of a Duck Creek diversion screen on the Taft property near O'Neil. We are grateful for the support of the landowners John and Melody Taft for this worthwhile project. We anticipate the actual diversion work to be scheduled August 2009.

Our thanks go out to landowners Chuck Stockton and Cindy Salisbury for their permission to rebuild a large diversion screen on Targhee Creek. IDFG is working to design a screen which meets the dual goals of fry protection and aesthetics of the area on this our most important Henrys Lake spawning stream. With the necessary co-funding from FRIMA the project should be completed by Fall 2009.

Consistent with the foundation's focus on stream culverts to assure safe fish passage, the foundation is working with Lee Mabey of the US Forest Service, Fremont County and IDFG to replace the Duck Creek culverts on Red Rock Road. The first of these is a \$5,000 HLF grant to assist with the replacement in Fall 2009 of one of the four culverts to be replaced. The new culverts will facilitate the passage of spawning fish from Henrys Lake to spawning beds the full length of Duck Creek. The other culverts will be replaced in 2010.

The last new funding initiative that was approved was for \$5,000 grant for an additional boat wash/inspection attendant on Henrys Lake. This grant will support the Fremont County's Weed Department proactive initiative to prevent the introduction into Henrys Lake of aquatic nuisance species such as Eurasian Watermilfoil, Quagga mussels and Zebra mussels. The boat wash stations can now be staffed 7 days a week and 12 hours a day.

Missing Addresses for some of our Life Members

The foundation is not able to locate the following life members. If you know any of them please let ask them to contact the foundation at 208-558-9660 so that they can continue to receive the newsletter. Thank you.

ROBERT E ALLEMAN	TRISHA MARIE GRINSTEAD	JUAN MENCHACA	CHARLES K SNODGRASS
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**July 4th Picnic at Henrys Lake State Park
11:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**August 8th Patron's Dinner
at the Slocum Residence
4:00 PM—8:00 PM**

This is our 26th annual fundraiser and the second year we have held it at the Henrys Lake State Park. Our thanks go out to the State of Idaho Parks and Recreation Department for their continued support of the foundation. Admission to the park is free if only attending the picnic. Consistent with our by-laws there will be an annual election of officers and directors. There will be over 200 live and silent auction items, a raffle, fly tying demonstrations and some key representatives from our partner government organizations to answer all of your questions regarding the lake and fishery habitat. The menu will feature BBQ beef brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, and cold drinks. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. As mentioned in the President's Message, everyone is encouraged to donate old fishing gear and memorabilia to the auction. Please contact the foundation at 208-558-9660 or web@henryslakefoundation.com in advance of the event if you wish to donate any items. This is the opportunity to meet fellow foundation members, share fishing stories and learn what the foundation is doing. Please join us for this fun event!



This is an authentic chuck wagon BBQ provided by Tumbleweed Camp Grug, live music by the Fall River Boys and some outstanding Zinfandel and Chardonnay wines from California. Last year's event was a tremendous success. The live auction will include guided fishing trips, fishing gear, art work, and much more. The cost is \$75 per person. Western attire is encouraged. Hope to see you there!

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