



# 2017 Newsletter

## President's Message,

Dear Members and Friends of the Henry's Lake Foundation.

I stepped in for Phil Barker, our President, and worked with the board throughout this past year and we've made strong progress on a number of fronts. We reconstituted the Board due to illness, term lapse and for the inclusion of new highly energized Board Members. The new Board is organized around a number of key functions. Below, find the function and Board Members responsible for this next year. Of course, all this depends upon supporting votes from the members on the attached ballot:

Richard Hodge – President .....Phil Barker – Vice President  
Mary and Parmer VanFleet – Projects and Programs....Mike and Patti Weigand – Fundraising  
Dale Almond – Community Outreach.....Kevin Skenadore – Education .....Cheri Poole – Social Media  
Mike Wilson – Fish and Game Communication and Relations .....Steve Snipper – Special Projects

The Board would like to thank Melody and John Taft, Ed Given and Mike Smith for their past work as Board Members and their continued support as lifetime foundation members. We are authorized to have eight or more Board Members and the ballot included enables us to be in compliance with our HLF Bylaws.

2017 fundraising annual event was a smashing success with the Wiegand's and VanFleet's carrying the ball for the Foundation. It was held for the second straight year at the Meadow Vue Ranch and boasted both the largest attendance of any former HLF event as well as the greatest amount of capital raised. Our hosts and partners at Meadow Vue and their current batch of "cowboys and cowgirls in training" did their usual outstanding job. We had both a live and silent auction supplemented with a rodeo, cook-out, country music and line dancing.

We will be creating a strong social media outreach program that plans to raise both engagement as well as new regular and lifetime members. Cheri Poole will be leading that effort.

**Our Simplified Mission Statement follows:** To protect and conserve fish and fish habitat in Henry's Lake, Idaho and its watershed. To promote good sportsmanship, conservation of resources, and recruitment of membership to the organization to further enhance the resources available to protect and improve the habitat of the Lake and its watershed, and the health of the overall fishery.

We put time in and raise money to help achieve our mission above. So, to that end, we are working on a variety of projects. Mary VanFleet will provide a summary of our current and potential projects below. We have in excess of \$40,000 to apply to future projects while we continue to participate in multi-year past commitments. We generally get matching funds from various sources so we leverage each dollar raised by a factor of two or more.

We continue to have a close working relationship with Fish and Game. Our key partner and advocate is Damon Keen. He will provide an update in this newsletter about last year's fishing and the plans and prospects with the lake for the coming year. Anecdotally, numbers were again down, but many trophy fish came out of our lake this last year.

With the addition of Kevin Skenadore and Mike Wilson to the Board, we hope to expand our engagement with a more diverse population, especially the young.

As most know, Phil Barker has been our foundation's fearless leader for a number of years. He is wrestling with health issues his wonderful wife Katie has been experiencing and at his request, I've included some highlights from a note to the board for the membership of the foundation.

Best Wishes Richard and Lynne Hodge

**Note from Phil Barker:**

I just want to thank Richard Hodge and the rest of the HLF board members for taking the baton in my stead. I have been completely focused on my loving wife, Katie. Alzheimer’s is a brutal disease and you try and hold onto every little moment of clarity. Quite honestly it is the best way for me to endure the erosion of 38 years of fond memories. Every once in a while, you find she is still in there and that’s what keeps me going. It is good to hear of the strong turn-out at the picnic. I was hoping to get to the lake this year, but we never made it. It was the first time in 10 years. I could only look at pictures that friends sent and the occasional viewing of the various web cams in the area. I really miss being up there and I know that Katie would have enjoyed it as well, but it was more important to get the prescription regimen nailed down and that required monthly visits with our expert geriatric physician. I know that other members have gone through some gut-wrenching changes in their lives as well. We all worked hard, had a good career and shared many fond memories of Henry’s lake with families. As time passes, we all learn that nothing is forever and that we all need to be strong in dealing with adversity. I like the way one of our members phrased it, “No one told us about these golden years”. That rings true in many respects and allows us to continue learning no matter at what age. I wish everyone a great holiday season, and fingers crossed, hope to see everyone in the spring.  
Phil

**HLF PROJECTS REPORT- Fall 2017**  
Mary Van Fleet

The Henrys Lake Tech team, of which the Henrys Lake Foundation is a member of, has been awarded a large grant to restore vital fish habitat within the Duck Creek watershed. This three year grant focuses on restoring late season flow, reducing sediment input and reducing stream temperature in this important spawning tributary. This grant focuses on a comprehensive approach to accomplish these goals. Most importantly, this plan was driven by a collaborative effort between governmental agencies, landowners and non-governmental entities such as our own HLF.

**BACKGROUND**

In the Rocky Mountains, reliable late season water in streams is necessary to sustain in-stream habitat, support riparian areas, and provide productive wetland habitats. In the semi-arid High Divide region, keeping snowmelt water higher in the watershed for longer periods of time improves the ability of the watershed to sustain rearing habitat and provide increased and cooler flow that is vital to fish survival. Newer research is aimed at improving the process of surface flow water mixing with subsurface water through porous sediments (hyporheic exchange) to eventually re-enter the surface system further downstream later in the hydrologic cycle.



Close up pic of BDA structure . Summer 2017



Upper Duck Creek area where BDAs were installed .

The Nature Conservancy and their partners have looked extensively at headwater basins in the High Divide where there is the greatest capacity to maintain perennial stream flow long-term. In similar high elevation headwater basins, with similar geology and weather patterns, the strongest predictor of late-season flow was aspect to the sun. Northward facing headwater basins had 2-4 times higher late-season flows than southward facing basins.

These structures would enhance sediment and water storage, encourage willow growth, and restore hyporheic exchange. Healthy riparian vegetation provides streamside shade, lowering water temperatures, enhancing groundwater storage as well as improving habitats for Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. Storing ground water allows for gradual return of colder water to the lower stretches of the stream months down the line, particularly in late summer when needed most for habitat for juvenile trout.

### **GRANT FOR WORK IN HENRYS LAKE WATERSHED**

In late 2016 IDFG was awarded a grant from this fund for \$50K for the three year period of July 2017 through June 2020. The Henrys Lake Foundation contributed a matching grant in the amount of \$15K, and USFWS Partners Grant Fund were also used to bring total funds for this project to approximately \$85K. The scope of



work defined in the grant proposal includes installing flow control diversions on Rock and Ingalls Creeks, installing GCS structures on Upper Duck Creek and lower Duck Creek within the meadows, installing riparian fencing on a portion of Upper Duck Creek and a water gap and fencing on Duck Creek. The project also includes required ground water and surface flow data monitoring, as well as habitat data for a period of 3 years. Two BYU students were hired to conduct the monitoring requirements of the project.

### **PROGRESS REPORT**

During this past summer, a total of seven GCSs (beaver mimicry) structures were installed on Upper Duck Creek (south fork). Amazingly simple structures, they consist of poles placed in an arc across the stream bed and willow cuttings weaved between them, creating a type of dam structure not unlike what beavers create. Ponding begins immediately

behind the dam, creating an opportunity for water to linger in the pond and begin the exchange to the sub-surface zone. Flooding raises the bank level, sediment gets trapped, and new riparian width of the stream-bed area will slowly occur because of the increased sub-surface water table. Two beaver were relocated to the project site in September. The beaver had telemetry receivers attached and their movements have been tracked since that time. Currently, one beaver is still at the project site and the second beaver is in close proximity. Habitat monitoring has also been conducted throughout the season until the end of October, including surface and ground water monitoring. Monitoring will start up again next spring and continue throughout the project time period. More GCS structures are planned for Duck Creek potentially including the north fork. This project will continue with the additional items in the project scope next season. Gradient Control Structures can be beneficial in open meadow/pasture habitats by creating gradual step-down ponding throughout a selected stretch of stream, creating opportunity for groundwater flow and resultant riparian growth. This increases stream shading, lowers water temperatures and allows increased, colder flow to the mouth of the stream.



### **OTHER PROJECTS**

Other projects IDFG has completed this summer have included riparian fencing along Upper Duck Creek in specific areas to improve riparian zone by eliminating cattle access, improving conventional pole and wire fencing along the creek with new H-braces that have rotted out, and replacing electric fence, which protects the riparian zone on approx. 1 mile of Duck Creek.

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Additionally, a property border fence was replaced down in the meadows section of Duck Creek to prevent some cattle “escapement” issues, again protecting a riparian zone.

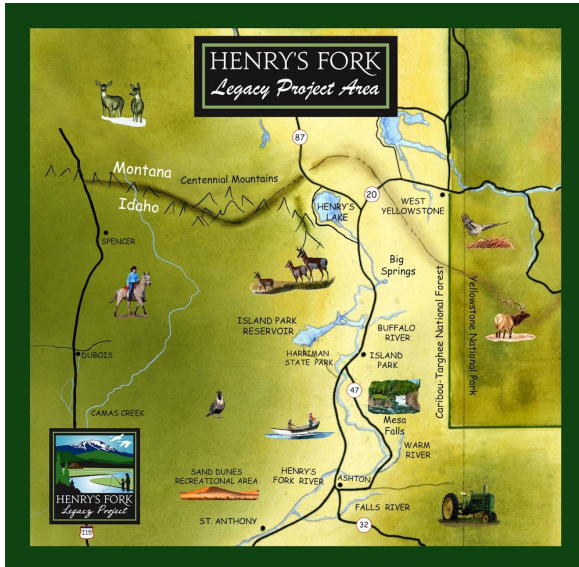
On Kelly Creek, failing panels on a water gap there that allowed cows to get past it into a riparian zone were replaced for streambed riparian security. Lastly, the fishing access site at Pintail Point was improved by jack fencing around the access road and parking area. The purpose is to reduce off-road vehicle access to the shoreline, which has caused degradation and erosion resulting in siltation in the lake. Reducing the traffic across that area will improve the shoreline buffer habitat which will prevent further siltation.

### LOOKING FORWARD

Next year the plan includes starting work on the Rock Creek diversions during the low water period of late summer, additional GSCs on the north fork of Duck Creek and additional work on other aspects of the three year project as engineering, planning, manpower and budget allows. Approximately a third of the project will be tackled every year for the three-year period

### Henry's Fork Legacy Project (HFLP) Collaboration

For more information on how you or your community group can support this effort or become involved, contact Kim Trotter at Y2Y ([Kim@Y2Y.net](mailto:Kim@Y2Y.net)) or Mary Van Fleet at [parmerv@myidahomail.com](mailto:parmerv@myidahomail.com).



The HFLP continues to work as a member of the Henry's Fork Legacy Project (HFLP) that includes governmental agencies and non-profit organizations participating jointly for the improvement and preservation of the natural resources and land within the Henry's Lake Watershed. During 2017, a subcommittee of the HFLP, the Safe Wildlife Passage group has been working to help sustain wildlife passages throughout the watershed area. Members have participated in many public information programs during the summer months such as Harriaman Heritage Days and Sustainable Fire Communities programs. As a reminder to every member of the community, reporting wildlife killed on the highway to the IDFG website provides vital information to decision makers.

If you are not already aware of this project, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is planning a re-do of the 4 miles of Hwy 20 from Hwy 87 to the Montana State Line. This is the last stretch of Hwy 20 that will be updated under the existing Transportation Plan for our region. Further updates of Hwy 20 will be included in the upcoming multi-year ITD Transportation Plan. Several public meetings have been held by ITD in Island Park this past year to inform IP residents of the project and potential alternatives for the scope of work as part of their Environmental Assessment (EA) process. A HFLP Board member, as one of the IP citizen members, has a seat at the table on the Stakeholder Working Group of ITD's EA process. This group's purpose is to provide the EA process with input from the local area so that it can be as thorough as possible. Of particular interest to HFLP is Targhee Creek, Howard Creek and the Howard Creek Springs area, so we appreciate having a voice on this group. If you are interested in further information about the Targhee Pass project visit

[www.islandparkus20.com](http://www.islandparkus20.com).



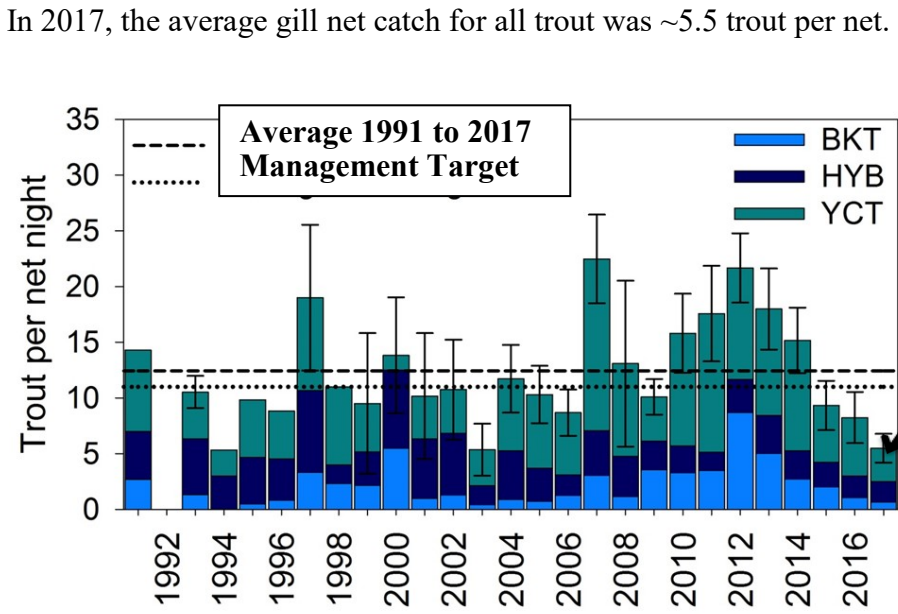
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 Perpetuate and  
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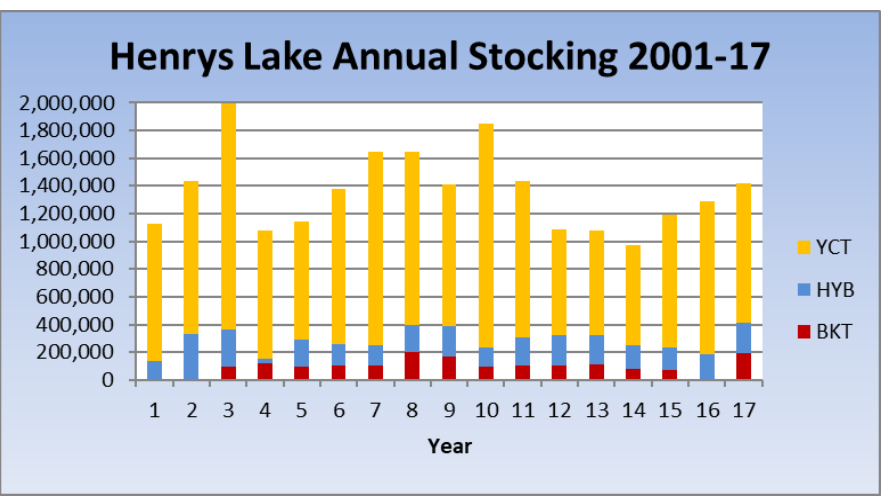
Last year we gave a status update. To keep consistent, we will continue with this format for 2017. Trends are reflective of what’s happening and with all the data we collect and it’s important to pay attention to this information. As a reminder we monitor Henrys Lake fish populations each year with 50 gill nets to see how close we are to meeting our abundance (numbers of fish) and size goals for the lake. Gillnet catch rates from 2017 in relation to past years are shown in the figure below:



The trout number in the nets suggests the population is below our management target of 11 per net (~50% low), following 5 years (2010-2014) where we exceeded this benchmark. Managing trout in Henrys is a balancing act. When we have densities of fish much higher than our average, we see growth slow (smaller fish) but angler catch rates tend to be higher. Similarly, when densities are below our long-term average, fish are larger on average but angler catch rates can be lower.

We stocked more Brook trout in 2017 (~196000) and more hybrids (212,000) and similar numbers of Yellowstone Cutthroat (1,012,000) than in 2016 to attempt to address this shortfall. The 2017 stocking represents a third consecutive year of increased total stocking numbers. Although there is a lag in the anglers catch relative to numbers stocked, the catch rate should begin to respond bringing the numbers of trout back towards our objective.

Stocking conditions in 2017 were good. We stocked the Brook trout on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The hybrid and Cutthroat stocking occurred on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. As in 2016, board members of the Henrys Lake Foundation helped make observations during the stocking. No significant hauling mortality or bird predation was noted and temperatures were good at release for the hybrids and Cutthroat. Release temperatures for the Brook trout were a little higher than we like to see, but the weather was moderating and lower temperatures prevailed the next few days. In 2017, like 2015 and 2016, we stocked both Hayspur and Gerrard hybrids.



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We continue to monitor these two strains to determine relative growth and survival to see if one fares better than the other. Most years we stock ~100,000 Brook Trout. However, in 2017 we were able to bump that number to 200,000. This number represents one of the larger numbers of Brook trout we have stocked and should bolster the sagging numbers of this species. The total number of fish stocked (~1.4 million) is a significant increase over the last several years.

Although many of you are probably aware, we took a huge leap forward in our data collection in 2017 with the implementation of genetic data sampling known as Parental Based Tagging (PBT). Essentially, we collected DNA from all spawned Cutthroat. We will continue to collect this data during the spawn take the next several years. We also will collect this same data from the gillnetted fish and fish from the spawning tributaries. This will allow us to “track” the offspring of these spawners to determine survivability, stocking success and a host of other valuable data. It will also give us a solid number on the contribution of naturally spawned Cutthroat. This number can be tied right back into our habitat improvement and what works and doesn’t work in that field.

We continue to measure relative weight during gillnetting which is a measure of the “fatness” of a fish. This is tied to food availability and overall fish numbers. More available food typically means fatter fish. With the higher numbers of trout between 2009 until 2012, we saw this “fatness” metric decline steadily. More recently (2013-2017), we have seen an increase in the “fatness” of the fish following the decrease in

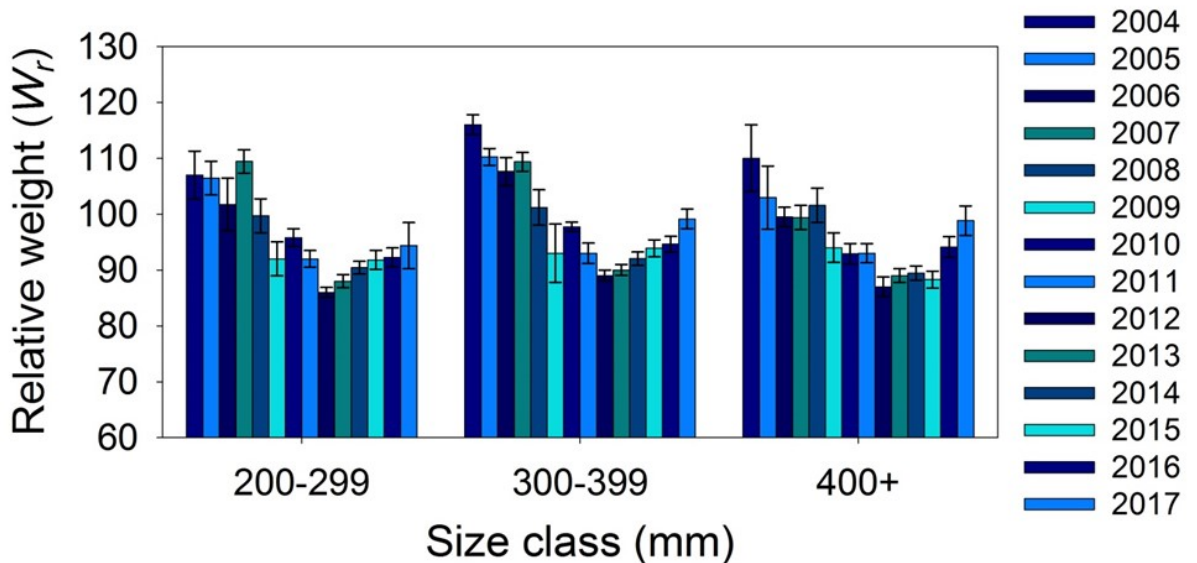


**A large hybrid collected during gillnetting 2017**

trout abundance. In the last couple of years, we have seen catch rates and size similar to the mid 2000’s. Although that means lower catch rates, it also translates to trophy fish.

The spring 2018 gillnets will be interesting to evaluate and will give us our best indicator on what’s going on with the fish numbers for 2018. Especially after three years of increased stocking. However, given the recent trends, we could expect to see a few changes in 2018. We would expect to see an increase in Brook trout, although many will be in the 10-14” range. Fortunately we should still have some of those exceptionally large Brook trout in

the mix as well. After never personally weighing a six pound Brook trout, we weighed three in 2017. Expect to see more of these fish potentially pushing the state record.



After three consecutive years of increased Cutthroat stocking expect to see increasing numbers and better catch rates of this species, with fewer of the 20" plus Cutthroat in the mix. 2017 was a banner year for large hybrids. We may well see this trend continue as hybrids numbers have been fairly consistent over the last several years. Similar to 2017, if you want a large hybrid fish the lake in 2018. Overall catch rates are always tough to predict. Although 2017, like 2016 was not widely fished, many of the top Henrys fly anglers that fish the lake consistently reported outstanding years. I personally had one of my best years and was fortunate to fish the lake often. Don't let 2018 slip by without fishing the lake.

I'd like to end with a personal shout out to the Henrys Lake Foundation and the commitment from many dedicated folks that have given their time, resources and hearts to doing what's best for the future generations that will live and/or recreate on the lake. In 2000 when I first arrived, the HLF had taken a reduced role. Fundraising was minimal and participation in IDFG decisions had waned. Ron Slocum approached us one day and indicated several folks wanted to change this direction. Within a few weeks a collaborative effort was in the works to generate funding for habitat, educate each other on management decisions and input, address perceptions of the past, and to partner for the future. Like hundreds of individuals in the coming years, the HLF did not seek to dictate the future but rather actively participate and gain an understanding of decisions they may or may not have agreed to. Again, like many other organizations and individuals, the HLF board and members wanted accountability. I believe the IDFG met those obligations. With changing membership, board members and IDFG employees in later years, this commitment has continued. Together with the unselfishness of the many landowners that surround this famed lake, this dedication to protecting one of Idaho's finest resources is unwavering. It's been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you.

*Damon Keen*

**2017 FISHING REPORT**  
**Mike Wilson, DRIFT LODGE & FLY SHOP, 208-558-0152**  
<http://www.driftlodge.com/home.html>

By the time the season opener rolled around the ice had been off the lake for nearly a month and the fish were well dispersed throughout the lake. The catch was not what we had seen in some of the years past but better than the previous couple of years. Fishermen did see an increase in larger fish being caught which was sustained and evident throughout the year. Overall Henry's Lake had a much more consistent year than last year with a couple of our longtime residents reporting record days and personal size records. The most exciting part of these reports being the number of fish caught over four pounds. One thing that did happen, that for myself was surprising, is the bait and hardware fishermen struggled this year with the fly fisherman being the most successful this year.

Water temperatures did soar on us slightly early in the season but some good summer storms and cooler air temperatures helped to keep the water temperatures in check. However, The Lake did see its third straight year of blue green algae blooms with warnings again being issued to the public. I have heard both sides of this issue, negative and neutral. This is definitely a concern that seems to be growing with a resolution which appears to be well in the future with an exception of a couple of abnormally cool years that should retard the growth.

This brings us to reports of fall fishing so far this year, OFF THE CHARTS! We have caught and had numbers reported that are beyond anything I have heard before over the past seven years. The hot spots have seemed to move and vary somewhat from past years. I am going to attribute this to this year's plantings happening at the hatchery, county boat ramp and at Wild Rose. This seems to have attracted the bigger fish more to the upper end of the lake in higher than normal quantities.

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However, the largest trout for the fall reported at the shop was caught off the cliffs. I spent some time around Staley Springs the last couple of days closing up cabins for the season and had a hard time staying off the docks when the wind was down and scouting for trout. One particular Brookie caught my eye swimming around that would have a running chance of breaking the state and lake records. It was extremely impressive and stood out as I was tracking him. One additional note is we had a report of two trout being caught outside the springs this summer north of fourteen pounds.

Now for the business aspect of this fishing report, I would like to address and share a slightly different perspective about fishing on the lake in regards to the commerce around the area. Personally I have had a truly amazing year in my fly shop due largely to the new shop building and mostly a consistent fishing year on the lake. Unfortunately as a business owner in the area, I have seen the effect that fishermen and their negative reporting can have on businesses here. I am no different than most of you in the fact that I would like to have this lake to myself, it couldn't make me happier. Reality is without continued and increased numbers of fishermen visiting the lake and area we will not be able to justify larger and continued plantings and/or improved facilities or even infrastructure to sustain the health of Henry's Lake. We need the IDFG license sales, fuel, bed and sales taxes to continue or to increase in order to see additional approved funding for these projects. Exaggerated and stay away "the lake is dead" type of reports are detrimental to this area for all the above reasons. As an example, in 2016 fishing was slow but when a fish was netted chances were it was a fish of a lifetime for most visiting anglers. The question I have is what's better? Having a high catch rate or landing a fish of your lifetime? I actually quizzed most of my clients last fall and would say the majority that visited wanted that one fish (note this was a purely nonscientific survey). I believe we would all like to see the fishery and this area get back to the days where we saw 50 plus boats a day on the lake and a catch rate comparable to those times. The only way we are going to see this again is to continue with a positive outlook for the lake and this area. Let's be a community of the glass is half full anglers. I feel as foundation members it is our responsibility to knowledgably educate other anglers in the continued projects and efforts that has and are planned for Henry's Lake.

To summarize, I look forward to continue improved fishing on the lake for the next couple of years along with larger fish continuing to be caught, all due to sustained planting numbers (Thank You! IDFG) and a better natural production from this year. Also adding a winter forecast that is similar to this past year helping to sustain that natural re-production.

Thanks to all of you for your support and cannot wait to see you all next year. I'll end with our fly shop manger's motto...

LIVE LONG and FISH HARD.

### Annual Election

Officers of the Henrys Lake Foundation are elected annually. Officers also serve as directors. Please vote your approval with a checkmark on the line next to the officer's and director's names on the included ballot card. Directors are re-elected upon expiration of their 3-year term. New directors are nominated and vetted by the Board prior to each election. If you have any nominations we would love to have them!

Please see card enclosed and presidents letter for reference.





**Kevin Skenandore Hybrid above .  
Hybrid below.**



**Mike Tubbs 14lb 5oz Hybrid**



**Bill Fullen with a fish of a lifetime**



**Ed Givens 13 8 oz**



**Lee Sieckman and a Brook trout that approached 6.5 pounds**

## **Invasive Species Report 2017**

Bryce Fowler , Fremont County Weed Control Supervisor, 208-624-7442 ,Cell- 208-709-2181

Dear Henrys Lake Foundation Members,

This year we inspected 12,575 watercraft at the 2 highway locations and 1300 at the 2 dockside locations. This year aquatic plants were being moved around, we had 144 boats with plants on them. I think next year will be another booming year for aquatic plants do to all the late rain and moisture that we have received. In anticipation of next year PLEASE INSPECT AND CLEAN YOUR BOAT after every use, and look at it when you pull it out of the water making sure that there is no vegetation on it. This will help continue our efforts to keep Henrys Lake pristine.

As an added precaution, we included washing every watercraft coming from Montana to our inspection protocol. This additional step made it so 4491 watercraft were washed before they were placed on Idaho waters. This gave us another layer of protection and we are the only boat stations in Idaho doing this. Once again it was brought up that Henrys Lake is still the last lake in Idaho that is still free of any invasive species thanks to everyone's efforts and help.

This year the state intercepted 31 boats with mussels attached to them. Other states such as Wyoming, Oregon, and Washington are stepping up their inspections as well with more and more states finding mussels. The threats are in every state but Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington.

This is why we need everyone's help to keep their boats clean. On a good note, in Canada's Lake Winnipeg they're still working on treating their mussels and have had some good success with a new chemical and it's not impacting their aquatic ecosystem. For now, in our neck of the woods IT'S UP TO US TO KEEP UP THE FIGHT.

Early news from Boise indicate that next year the boat inspections will be the same as they were this year, similar opening and closing dates and hours of operation. This is a good thing and something recreationists have come to expect. .

With the amount of invasive species coming in we think at this time prevention is the way to keep Henrys Lake clean from invasive species

On the Noxious Weed Control side of things, the work goes on. This year we treated about 400 acres of noxious weeds surrounding Henrys Lake. This includes Private and Public lands. Next year we hope to continue to have a lot of projects that involve homeowner associations. This will greatly reduce that amount of weeds around the lake.

Once again THANK YOU for all your support and help. And remember we are here to help. If you have any questions PLEASE CALL,

Bryce Fowler

## **2018 Annual Fundraiser**

**June 29, 2018**

2017 fundraising annual event was a smashing success with the Weigands and VanFleets carrying the ball for the Foundation. It was held for the second straight year at the Meadow Vue Ranch and boasted both the largest attendance of any former HLF event as well as the greatest amount of capital raised. Our hosts and partners at Meadow Vue and their current batch of "cowboys and cowgirls in training" did their usual outstanding job. We had both a live and silent auction supplemented with a rodeo, cook-out, country music and line dancing. Due to the fun and success of the past two events, we will be once again partnering with Meadow Vue for the 2018 Event. Stay tuned for dates and times. If you want to help or have any treasures to donate to the regular or silent action please let the Weigands know.

- When : TBA
- Location: Meadow Vue Ranch , <http://www.meadowvueranch.com> , 208) 558-7411
- Menu: steak, chicken, potatoes, baked beans salad, cobbler
- Auction: Any member or friend of the lake is asked to call or email if you have any items you think would be of interest to other members and be profitable for our auction. Some ideas: artwork, jewelry, fishing gear, historical photos and memorabilia from the local area, and services such as cabin rentals, guide trips, dinners, etc.

Please contact Patti Weigand with donation information.. [flygirljewelry@aol.com](mailto:flygirljewelry@aol.com) or 805-796-9987

## 2017 Obituary's

**James William Parkinson:** April 8, 1943—August 1, 2017



James William Parkinson was born on April 8, 1943 to Marvin and Jeannie Parkinson in Casper, Wyoming. He had two brothers, Marvin and Philip and one sister, Jean Lowndes. Jim attended school in Casper and graduated from NCHS in 1961. Jim went into the Army in May, 1965 and served until 1967.

Jim married, his soulmate, Donna Carrier on September 10, 1966. Together they had three children, James Wayne, Aaron Edward and Amanda Lynn.

Jim worked in the trucking field for many years and owned and operated the Glenrock Casper Truck Line, after selling, he then bought a trailer court and Douglas Cycle Yamaha Shop. He then went to work for Amoco from which he retired.

Jim loved traveling, fishing, snowmobiling, hunting, camping, listening to music, and spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of the Elks, Eagles, American Legion, Life Member -Henry's Lake Foundation, Family Motor Coach Association and Good Sam's plus various other organizations.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Parkinson; mother, Regina Parkinson; brother, Marvin Parkinson; and mother-in-law, Betty Carrier.

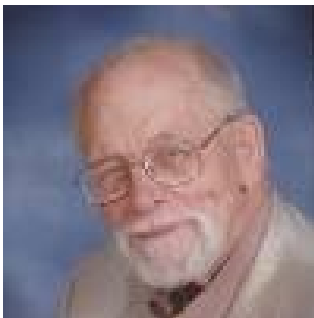
He is survived by his loving wife, Donna; sons, James and Aaron (wife, Stephanie); daughter, Amanda Wood; brother, Philip (wife Linda); sister, Jean Lowndes; grandkids, Aric, Devon, David, and McKenna Parkinson, Eric Yeager (wife Carleigh); great-grandkids, Kathryn and Abigail; multiple nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family and great friends.

Services will be at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the Mountain View Baptist Church, 4250 W. Poison Spider Road, in Mills. Internment will be at the Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery.

**Verna J. Cornett :** April 17, 1919- August 2, 2017

Born April 17, 1919, in Pilger, Nebraska to Herman & Mary Jones. She had two older brother named Elbert and Leo. After graduation with honors from Pilger High School in 1937, Verna became and county school teacher. The Family attended the First Baptist Church where she met Milan Cornett He become the love of her life., They dated for a while and soon ran off to get married in Sioux City, Iowa. They were married for 70 years.

In retirement they enjoyed traveling in the mother home though out the U.S. a, Canada, Mexico and Alaska. For may year they spent three months during the summer fly fishing sis by side at Henry's Lake, where they were life member of The Henrys Lake Foundation.



**Edward John Eagleton :** January 22, 1932 October 16, 2017

Edward John Eagleton, the youngest of four children, was born on January 22, 1932 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at The Flower Hospital, and passed away peacefully at home on October 16, 2017. His parents, William Lemuel Eagleton, Jr. and Pauline Dellinger Eagleton, predeceased him, as did his brothers William Lemuel Eagleton, III and James Ray Eagleton. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Norma Haddad Eagleton, and his sister, Pauline Standifer of Arizona, children Courtney Eagleton of Carbondale, Colorado, and Rick Eagleton of Tulsa, and five beloved grandchildren, Jane, Lily, Sam, Maggie, and Rachel.

He had a can-do spirit and could figure out how to do anything he imagined should be done. Fishing was his thing, and he was as good a fisherman as anyone knew. As a child, he hitchhiked to his beloved Spavinaw Creek and camped out for weeks, teaching himself to catch crawdads, snakes and catfish. He learned to think like the fishes. His favorite place on earth was the Tulsa Ozark Club at Spavinaw Creek; and four generations of Eagletons agree. His professional life was designed around early morning fishing before work at the Southern Hills golf course ponds, with a few casts over lunch, and fishing into dusk after work. Heavybird taught more children in Tulsa to fish than can be counted. John fished the Henrys Lake each October for fifty years and was much attached to this lovely place.. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Henry's Lake Foundation, P.O. Box 1389, West Yellowstone, MT 59758

## Donor Honor Roll

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