Preparing Like Squirrels for What’s to Come

STU BLANK, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

As I sit by the water this early fall weekend admiring the changing leaves with the explosive oranges, reds and yellows on the trees, it brings to reality that summer is ending and fall brings a certain amount of chores. While this is beautiful, it reminds me that I have to start thinking about fall and winter prep for our log cabin. So between the pumpkin spice coffee and apple cider donuts there are jobs that should be done as we prepare the cabin for the months ahead. Watching the squirrels gathering food like they never have enough is somewhat disheartening; if you look at the Farmer’s Almanac, squirrels gathering nuts early forecasts snow and a colder winter.

So back to winter prep: How’s your fireplace? When was it last used, but more importantly, when was it last cleaned or inspected? The NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) says chimneys, fireplaces, and vents shall be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. If you are going to use your fireplace, it’s recommended to get it inspected and cleaned. If you have an oil furnace, is your tank full and have you had the heating unit serviced? Same with a propane furnace; make sure your tank is full. If you close your cabin down for the season, has the water been drained from your pipes, and have you put antifreeze in your sink, tub and basin drains? Make sure your lawn furniture is secured and covered, and put your patio umbrella away. If you have a floating dock or swim platform, have you secured it or removed it from the lake yet. Don’t forget to remove your ladder if you have one on your dock.

If your boat is on a freeway bring it back to your property, same if it’s on a Club rack. The Club isn’t responsible if it gets damaged over the winter. So as fall continues, be a good steward of your property. There is good evidence that mulched leaves contribute to the health of your lawn and plant beds by returning nutrients to the soil. Unmulched leaves left to linger are easily swept away by the wind, eventually ending up on a neighbor’s property or the roadway where they become quite dangerous when wet. For everyone’s sake, keep your yard tidy and after the holidays are over take down your decorations. No one wants to see ghouls and goblins at Thanksgiving or Christmas. 2020 has brought new challenges and many new neighbors to our community. Let’s continue to keep our unique community safe and welcoming.

An end of season meeting/picnic was held on Sunday 9/6 at the gazebo for all badge checkers. Twenty-five checkers came. Thanks to all for what you have done during these uneasy and difficult times!
Boat Removal Notice from Docks and Racks

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Boats must be removed from all docks and from all racks on the western side of Highland Lakes by Thursday evening, October 15, 2020.

Please take NOTICE that all boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. on all Club docks must be removed by Thursday, October 15, 2020, in order to provide time for the Club's staff to relocate the docks for winter storage. This NOTICE also requires the removal of all boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. stored on the wooden boat racks and on the kayak racks on the western side of Highland Lakes by Thursday, October 15, 2020.

In alternating years, once the racks are clear the wooden boat racks on the western side of Highland Lakes are inspected and repairs are made if necessary in the fall and in the early spring. In addition to maintenance and repair, the purpose of this program is to require that all boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. return home in alternate years, ensuring that for the most part the spaces on these racks are actively used by members and not occupied by boats, etc. as simply storage locations.

Part F of Club Rule No. 25 provides as follows:
F. TRANSPORT TO RESIDENCE, REMOVAL TO STORAGE, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS: Boats, kayaks, windsurfers, etc. of members stored in violation of these Rules which can be identified will be returned to the member's residence. Boats which cannot be identified shall be removed to storage. All boat removals will be subject to a special assessment of $100.00. A daily storage charge of $5.00, calculated from the date the boat was removed to storage up to December 15 will be imposed, when a special winter storage fee of $250.00 will then be imposed. After June 15, a disposal fee of $250.00 will be imposed. Boats may not be retrieved between December 15 and April 15. The Club may, in its sole discretion, elect to acquire title to any boat that has been determined to be abandoned, in compliance with the “Abandoned Vessels Disposition Law,” N.J.S.A. 12:7C-7 et seq.

(Adopted May 16, 2014 / Amended February 15, 2019)

The following boat and kayak rack locations on the western side of Highland Lakes are affected by this notice:
- Lake 5 - Pocasset Road - Beach 7 area
- Lake 1 - Lakeside Drive - Beach 1 area
- Main Lake - western shore areas as follows:
  - Club Park
  - Comet Row
  - Eckhart Sailing Center
  - Crayfish Run Freeway at Winetka Road
  - Sunrise Path Freeway at Wiscasset Road
  - Freeway at Oneota Road
  - Running Brook Freeway at stream crossing south of Oneota Road
  - Catfish Path Freeway south of Ocala Road
  - Freeway north of Monadnock Road
  - Freeway at Lakeside Drive East near Main Lake dam spillway

Avoid costly removal and storage assessments – remove your boats from all docks and boat racks as described above by October 15.

Free Shrimp Concert Had Big Turnout

They came by land, they came by sea. The night was cool and the Shrimp were Free. You’ve heard it before; this was a summer much different than those of summers past. Sharing a socially distanced, outdoor celebration, of our great community will last in the minds of many during these trying times. I want to thank Ray Zimmerman for his belief in this event and Jack McLaughlin for helping our community to safely come together to enjoy a night of music and appreciation for each other. As a member and friend to this community, I never expected anything less.

Sincerely,
Ray and the Free Shrimp Band

Bunco Returns

MARIAN BENEDICTO

1st Friday of the Month Beginning October 2

Socially distant Bunco returns to the Clubhouse on Friday, October 2 at 6 pm in the Lake Room. Using 3 round tables, everyone will have their own dice. Masks are required. Everyone will have their own drinks and snacks. We meet the first Friday of every month. Hope you can join us.

Fall Yoga

ANITA JANKER

Gentle, Spiritual, De-stressing Yoga

Yoga returns to the Lake Room at the Clubhouse. Twice a week – Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 pm. Taught by Alice -- beginner's welcome. Highland Lakes members and their guests only with badges.

Conversations, Coffee and Cocktails Returns

NECOLE KALUCKI, COORDINATOR

Book Club Resumes October 28

Hi everyone, we have gotten approval to resume our exciting and intriguing book club. Please join us on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting in October at 7:15 in the Lake Room. Of course we will be social distancing and wearing our masks. Any questions, please contact me at 732-284-1387.

Next Newsette: November 7, 2020

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club office at hlcc@warwick.net. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!
Clubhouse Activities Roundup

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ EVENTS COORDINATOR

Petting Farm Frenzy!
The summer of 2020 ended its Clubhouse activities with a big bang. Jack’s Petting Farm of Kinnelon came and wowed kids and adults with an array of spunky farm animals. Kids enjoyed a ride on Penny the pony, we met Dolly the goat and Tinker the donkey roaming free on the lawn. Tinker wasn’t going to go very far at 30 years old! Other furry friends included an alpaca, baby goats, a 6-week old calf, a couple of lion-head bunnies, a duck and a few very interesting looking silky chickens. Everyone had a blast and left wanting more.

Other highlights of the summer were a fossil dig provided by Pearl Observatory, with the help and guidance of a complete program coordinated by Melissa Hardin, thank you very much. Under the Sea, Monsters Inc., Jurassic Park and Western Week were jam packed with fun and activities. We had a Prince and Princess Week capped off with a parade lead by Lauren LaRocca of our Clubhouse staff, complete with her very own queen costume. Thank you Lauren and all of the Clubhouse staff for working and playing with the kids who came down to enjoy the crafts and activities provided. It was a challenging summer but we managed to accomplish some socially-distanced fun and games. Thank you to everyone who participated and to the parents and grandparents for bringing the children here for the morning or afternoon sessions.
2021 Dues and Assessments Schedule
Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association
110 South Highland Lakes Drive, Highland Lakes, New Jersey 07422
973 - 764 - 4366 / Fax: 973 - 764 - 7001 / hlcwww.net
Adopted September 25, 2020 - Effective October 1, 2020

HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO PAY? If you own one home, your TOTAL CHARGES for calendar year 2021 will be the $525.00 Early Payment Discount (see below) plus the approved Discount, and Lot Owners may deduct any combination of payments totaling $750.00 for each cabin owned not later than February 28, 2021; one payment of $750.00 for each cabin owned by February 28, 2021; or, payment in full. If you own ONE lot, your TOTAL CHARGES for calendar year 2021 will be $810.00. You have until October 31 to get the $15.00 Early Payment Discount. If you are unsure of what to pay, call the Club's Office at (973) 764-4366.

WHEN ARE THE 2021 CHARGES DUE? By October 31, 2020, for the Early Payment Discount or by February 28, 2021 for the Late Payment Charge Grace Period (see below). Members who have paid all dues, assessments and late payment charges must have been received by the Club by October 31, 2020. (Example: Cabin Dues of $1,295.00 plus Late Payment Charge of $40.00 less $25.00 Discount = $1,310.00).

LOT DUES: (Badges not included): $796.00 All owners of lots, including Cabin Owners owning more than one lot, will be assessed Lot Dues on each lot owned. For the Early Payment Discount of $15.00, see below. Payment of $821.00 for each lot and cabin owned to continue to observe the inscriptions and rehabilitation of the Club’s property, and to provide for the payment of annual loan amounts due the State of New Jersey. The 2021 Special Cabin Rehabilitation Assessment will be invoiced to owners of record on January 1, 2021, payable not later than February 28, 2021. For partial payments, see the Late Payment Grace Charge Period section for further information.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGES: A Late Payment Charge at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, which is an annual percentage rate of 18%, will be added to any balance remaining unpaid after February 28, 2021. Late Payment Charges will continue to be assessed monthly on any outstanding balance (excluding accumulated Late Payment Charges) remaining unpaid. Late Payment Charges on individual accounts, which do not have a single owner of record during the March – May 2021 period if a member has qualified for the Late Payment Charge Grace Period (see below).

PAYMENT COUPONS – CABIN OWNERS Payment coupons are provided to each cabin owner. The suggested payment is $150.00 monthly, though members may pay any amount at any time. There is no requirement that members follow the suggested payment program.

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**In Memoriam**

LOVING FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF CHRISTINE BILLACK

We all extend our sympathy and love on the passing of Christine Billack. She was a beautiful soul and it is sad for us that she had to leave us at such a young age; however, she is now at peace.

The mum plants and pumpkins are in loving memory of Chris as they signify her creativity in the delightful dinners as well as many other celebrations. The large carvings of fresh pumpkins provided the ambiance for her yearly famous Pumpkin Fest. She was Director of the State Arboretum along with being a co-leader of the Highland Lakes Hiking Club for more than 19 years. We will never forget the many long and challenging hikes including all the dogs. We are dedicating the following poem, which was written in memory of a fallen tribe member, to our unique and special friend.

"Do not stand at my grave and weep: I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond’s gild on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn’s rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there.
I did not die."

(Author was never identified)
Ladies Sunfish Season 2020

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

Well, that's a wrap! The Ladies Sunfish fleet finished their last race with a bang on September 3. Ellen, Jessica and Christine dueled from the start with Ellen taking Mark One, Jessica taking Mark Two and Christine finishing within seconds. It was a nice way to finish the season all in white.

Light winds and COVID school schedules played a heavy part on the last few races but we got them all in. We had a lot of great racing with four different first place winners, three new sailors (Kayla, Christine and Alianna) and 8 returning ladies for a total of 11 ladies. This was a fun year of good wind, memorable sailing experiences and challenging courses. Each sailor has her own 'ditty bag' of knowledge to pass on to next year. I look forward to next year already. These ladies are ready for the challenge, and I hope to get more of you out there to enjoy this sport and our beautiful lake.

Thank you to our HL lifeguards and Mark Buruchian for helping in many ways throughout the season. You're all the best! Season standing and congratulations to all; Champion – Kayla Murphy

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Sunday Sunfish – “Late Summer Doldrums?”

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

September 6

It was a day of glass on the lake and we considered cancelling, however, since this was the last racing day of the summer season, 13 sailors gutted it out in winds that were between 0 and 3 knots most of the time (yes, 4 was a gust). There were a number of placements depending on how today's races turned out, most importantly Rich being a mere 2 points ahead of Mark at start of the day.

The committee called a Course 3 red, and requested the safety boat to move the leeward mark closer to the start line because of the lack of wind. In the first race, Mark and Rich came off the line fast (if you could call it that) and never let up, with Mark beating Rich to the finish. Bob made a great move at the end of the race going down the western shore after the leeward mark and using a single tack to beat yours truly for third. Chip, James S., David, the Colonel, Luca, James N., Roger, Bill and Allan finished in that order.

(Interlude – Lots of wind today. Labor Monday – so much so that a tree came down in front of my house and interrupted this article). So, a lot was riding on the second race with Mark needing 1 less point than Rich to take the season. Alas, the winds favored Rich, and a shout out to Colonel Wayne who led most of the way, finishing a close second in front of Mark, with James S. having a great race in 4th, ahead of me and Bob. Rounding out the fleet were David, the indestructible one, Luca, James N., Bill, Roger and Allan. In the end we had an excellent and unique season. Everyone had a great time, evidenced by each race with no less than 12 participants! Special thanks again to Allan and Brett – the best dock committee at HLCC.

Senior order for the season had Rich in 1st, Mark 2nd, Mladen (me) 3rd, James beating out John Wayne for 4th (as JW missed yesterday due to his friend's wedding – where are people's priorities?). JW and Bob were tied with 75 net points, however, JW had the tie-breaker so he was 5th and Bob 6th. Of our Sunday juniors, Richie Amato was tops with a couple of wins and only 52 points.

NOTE: As a number of you have expressed wanting to continue sailing after Labor Day, I am happy to organize an informal fall series. We will not have a safety boat or dock committee, unless some of our family volunteer to start us off, and of course, it will be at your own risk as our sailing always is. I suggest we continue to sail for the next four weekends, Sunday at 2:30, and then play it by ear afterwards, based on weather. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at mladen@negotiators.com or call/text at (203) 918-1102.

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Thank You Highland Lakes

SUE BURUCHIAN

On Saturday, September 5, Highland Lakes sailors and boaters took the water to help our local responders of Vernon Ambulance Squads and the Highland Lakes Fire Department. Yes, there was one detail we couldn't control which was wind, but we still had a great showing and fun on the lake. Over 32 plus registered boats joined in the fun encompassing all the racing fleets plus added kayakers, fishing boats, pontoon boats and more. The lake was in her glory giving back to our helpful volunteer responders.

Donations will be presented separately but from donations and sailing shirt sales, we raised $1,200 to help the cause. Thanks to all who helped by coming out, donating and coordinating. The spirit of giving and thanks to these first responders was evident. Congratulations to all and again, thank you to ALL the sailors/boaters and all who donated.

Winners by Class and Regatta Division were:

- Kevin Gaston won the Windsurfer, Force 5 and Cats Division and Regatta Winner by winning all three races.
- Dennis Jimenez won Junior Sunfish Division and the Joe Mastrangelo Perpetual Sunfish Centerboard for Top Junior.
- Shannon Buruchian won Senior Sunfish Division, James/Cateri/Benin Sullivan and Wayne/John Wayne Wisniewski tied for first in the FJ Division. And a young lady by the name of Devin Arnold won the Other Boat Division in her Kayak.