



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## Waking Up Your Garden

SUE ROSS, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

“Well, of course, I’m a ‘putterer’; I’m always out there doing something depending on what time of year it is,” Murt Meltzer replied when I asked her what she did during the growing season to keep her gardens looking so beautiful. In addition to being a ‘putterer’, Murt, a member of Highland Lakes, is also a master gardener. In preparation for writing this article, I had contacted her, Cathy Spoerl and Barbara Jaggi (two other HL members whose gardens I have admired through the years) to see if I could get some tips from them about how best to nurture a garden along on this mountaintop of ours. “It’s not easy in Highland Lakes,” Cathy says with a knowing smile. “You’re contending with poor soil, rocks, boulders, shade and of course, the animals (deer, rabbits, chipmunks and groundhogs, to name a few.)”

Still, every year at around this time I see the three of them and others in our community out “playing” in their yards even though they all mentioned to me that it is too early to plant anything. “The last frost for this growing region is about May 21st, but I never consider planting anything until Memorial Day,” Murt says. Barbara and Cathy agree, and the three of them go on to explain that there is still plenty to be done to prepare the earth. They

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### Tips from these gardeners:

- Plant a tree. Serviceberry or Sugar Maple will add beautiful color to any property.
- Use potted plants to bring colorful flowers to areas of your property that are inhospitable planting locations.
- Strive for a green lawn, not green grass. Even weeds are green and look good when they are mowed.
- Stick with native plants. Plants thrive in their natural environment. No fertilizers needed.
- Whatever you do, protect our lakes by eliminating the use of fertilizers. If you use a lawn service, be sure to insist that fertilizers are NOT in the mix!

### Resources recommended by these three gardeners

- Emmerich Greenhouses - 17 Onderdonk Rd, Warwick, NY
- E.P. Jansen Nursery - 161 Glenmere Ave, Florida, NY
- Andersen Farms - 212 Rt 23 Sussex, NJ
- Heaven Hill Farm and Garden Center - Rt 94, Vernon, NJ
- Native Plant Society of NJ <https://www.npsnj.org/index.html>
- Get your gardening questions answered for free by experts. Call Rutgers Extension Service Hotline for Sussex County 973.948.3040 <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/home-lawn-garden>

## From the President’s Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

I was recently at a party where a friend asked me how things have been going as president of our voting board. (Yes, I get invited to parties; and no, I don’t like talking about the Club outside of meetings if I can help it.) I get asked this question frequently, and my response is usually the same: “It’s going great... deeply rewarding, with incredible pay.”

In all seriousness, I appreciate that people ask. The Club’s business is constantly rattling around inside my head, so it’s good to have people who are willing to discuss certain issues or simply listen to me vent. But if you understand the meaning of the saying, “You don’t want to see how the sausage gets made,” you also understand why I usually stick to the political truth, which goes something like this:

“Everything’s fine, we’re addressing some major pain points, making progress in several key areas, refining some policies, processes, and approaches, planning for the future, and I feel good about the general direction the Club is headed.” Obviously, the complete version is more complex. It’s loaded with tons of details that require a more intricate narrative to explain what’s at stake, the history, the characters, and the challenges involved.

To be blunt, if you ask me how it’s going and I start reeling off the whole story, you’ll likely be sorry you asked. (Not because it’s bad news—in fact, the news is quite good, we’re doing good work and pushing through on new issues that no previous board has had to confront.) You’d be sorry because explaining things properly requires lots of time.

Issues evolve, so when I’m not talking about them to myself, I’m talking about them with our general manager, or other board members. This helps me prepare to confidently lead conversations about the various issues with the entire voting board. But if I were to suddenly dump all that info onto someone who innocently asked, “how’s it going, Mr. President,” their head might explode. Not because it’s so hard to understand, but because it’s too much to take in.

My term ends on October 1, and former presidents tell me my life will return to normal very quickly. As time passes, they say, I will reflect back and feel good about

what was accomplished during my tenure. The meetings and issues du jour will no longer be my problem. The shouting lunatics and chronic complainers will have new people to focus their insanity on. All that will be left behind is a profound sense of satisfaction, gratification, and accomplishment. To that, I say “alevei.” (It’s Yiddish. Look it up.) When that day comes, feel free to ask me how it’s going. I’ll tell you.

A similar question I often get asked is what it’s like to be on the voting board. It’s slightly easier to answer, and quite relevant today even though it’s still early spring and our Annual Meeting on August 21 is months away. Here’s why...

Members are duly elected as officers or trustees of the voting board at our annual meeting. Once elected, they are essentially signing on for a three-year term. They are expected to regularly attend monthly workshops and meetings and to show up fully prepared to discuss agenda items and new business items that arise. They also serve as liaisons on two committees, both of which have their agenda items and meeting cadences.

It’s a lot of work, and most—but not all—board members take the commitment to heart. It’s far from a cakewalk, and I’d be lying if I said it wasn’t a grind at times. Ask anyone else who’s ever served on the board and they’ll all tell you the same thing—doing it right requires showing up, paying attention to tedious details, and reviewing lots of background info to stay on top of everything. And that kind of work, especially when it’s in addition to the job you get paid for, can often feel frustrating, especially during the darkest and coldest winter months. But it’s ultimately rewarding, and I can say with absolute certainty that it’s much easier to appreciate how great this community is, and easier to understand its challenges and idiosyncrasies, when you are part of the engine that helps keep it running.

At this year’s upcoming annual meeting, there will be four trustee positions on the ballot, and all five officer positions, as well. Nine out of 17 board positions will be filled by some mixture of familiar faces and/or entirely new board members. It’s a great opportunity for experienced

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## Upcoming Events

May 27 – Free Shrimp Band Dance  
May 28 – Comedy Night  
May 29 – Clubhouse Breakfast  
May 29 – Kids Patriotic Craft/Game Event  
May 30 – Memorial Day Ceremony

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start by cleaning up the debris from the fall and winter, pulling out any invasive weeds that are trying to make a home, raking any lawn you have to remove dead grass, and then focus on nourishing the soil. All of this needs to be done with a bit of care as plants are already starting to grow and you don't want to be inadvertently pulling these plantings out.

Nourishing the soil without the use of chemical fertilizers is where my conversation with each of the women centered, because that is what their focus is during these last few weeks of cold weather. All of them lean heavily on composting in one form or another, making good use of dead leaves, plant cuttings from years gone by, soil from potted plants that have been discarded, etc. Barbara adds food scraps to her compost as well, although she warns that she never adds anything other than vegetables, for fear of attracting the bears. No fruit, meat, oil or milk products, she insists. They all turn the compost a few times a year, which eventually leads to decomposition resulting in nutrient rich soil that can be spread in the garden to nurture plants naturally. Cathy uses wood mulch (not chips) to keep moisture from evaporating and deters weed growth by laying newspaper (which naturally decomposes) under the mulch. Murt has a leaf grinder, which she admits is a bit labor intensive, but also provides her with an abundance of ground covering that is nutrient rich and, when mixed with the dirt already in her garden or quality top soil, gives her plantings exactly what they need without endangering our lakes.

## Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, June 7 – 7 pm  
Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Communications Committee – Saturday, June 11 – 10 am  
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, May 25 – 8 pm  
Fishing Committee – Thursday, May 19 – 8 pm  
Planning Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Road Committee – Thursday, May 5 – 7:30 pm  
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, May 11 – 7:30 pm  
Voting Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 20 – 8 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.

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## About Changes in your Recorded Deed

In planning changes to your ownership of property that would be reflected in the recorded Deed, contacting the Club Office before you do so for guidance is advisable and will eliminate any misunderstandings.

The Club's By-Laws, in part, define Active Members as those who own property in Highland Lakes. When persons take title to property in Highland Lakes when they do not own other Highland Lakes property at that time, even when they join in the ownership of property with someone who currently owns property in Highland Lakes, they automatically become an active member and are required to pay the Initiation Fee. If you are considering adding anyone to your Deed, a wife, parent, child, friend, etc., please be aware of these By-Law requirements.

Sometimes members form a living or family trust as part of their estate planning. However, even this type of trust is a different, and therefore new, owner of property, and the payment of the Initiation Fee is required.

## Now Hiring: Swim Team Assistant Coach

MIKE BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH, SWIM TEAM

The Highland Lakes Swim Team is hiring for an assistant coach position for the upcoming 2022 Season. The assistant coach will primarily support the head coach to develop age group practices, and work with individuals and small groups of swimmers to develop strokes and improve technique. In addition, the assistant coach will be responsible for managing and marshaling swimmers at weekly swim meets and Saturday Invitational swim meets. Candidates for the assistant coach position should have competitive swimming experience; prior experience working with or coaching youth in any sport setting is a plus, experience teaching swimming lessons would be ideal, but is not a requirement.

Interested candidates should contact Michael Buchney, the head coach of the swim team via email: hlccswimteam@gmail.com. Please include a resume along with your email.

## Road Sweeping Planned for May

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Road sweeping is scheduled to begin during the week of May 9th, weather permitting. Please check the Club's website - [www.hlcc.org](http://www.hlcc.org) - for an update when sweeping will begin.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE ROADWAY during the daytime, until your road has been swept. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

## Lifeguard Class

KAITLYN NIX, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

### Lifeguards Wanted

The following dates in June are the scheduled dates for the 2022 Blended Learning Lifeguarding Certification Class. This certification includes CPR, AED, Lifeguarding and Waterfront. Blended Learning includes online modules to be completed by the student prior to the start of the first class. Please note that the class costs \$100 due at the start of the first in-person class on June 27. Checks can be made out to HLCC marked attention Water Safety. All classes are mandatory and include a ½ hour lunch break. Students are required to bring an exercise appropriate bathing suit, a notebook and something to write with every day of class. It is recommended that students bring 2 towels, a change of clothes, lunch and snacks, plenty of water and sunblock. Students will be provided with a CPR mask and a textbook. Classes will be held rain or shine, and will meet at the swim lanes at the start of every day unless told otherwise.

Please email Richie Amato at [richieswims@gmail.com](mailto:richieswims@gmail.com) to sign up. You will be provided with the essential information for the online modules shortly after the signup deadline.

The signup deadline is June 6.

PLEASE NOTE: You must be 16 years of age in order to be hired to work at a waterfront, however the course is open to anyone who will be 15 by the completion of the course.

Dates:

Monday, June 27: 9 am – 6 pm (pretest at 9)

In Water Pretest: swim 300 yards continuously using front crawl or breaststroke, tread water for 2 minutes, swim 20 yards and dive to a depth of 7-10 feet to retrieve a 10lb object then exit the water without ladder.

Tuesday, June 28: 9 am

– 6 pm

Wednesday, June 29: 9 am – 6 pm



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October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022			
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Game Night

JOYCE HEALY

Come on down to the Clubhouse for a weekly Game Night starting at 6:30 pm. The night may change from week to week depending upon availability and geography (which room will we be in?). Once again, call this number for the latest dates for dominoes, dice, cards, billiards, board games: 845-544-3749. We bring a little snack to share 1/2 way through the evening. It's a fun couple of hours to share with some terrific folks...usually older teens – adults AND it's FREE! Hope to see you there.

Adult Ceramics

Ceramics continues every Monday night at 7 pm. New members and new “artists” always welcome.




Memorial Weekend Breakfast

LOUISE STALEY AND RAY ZIMMERMAN

Sunday, May 29

Our first breakfast of the summer will be on Sunday, May 29 starting at 9 am until 11:30 am. Come down, reconnect with family and friends, and maybe even meet some new neighbors. Adults \$9 and kids \$6 for children ages 3-10, and children under 3 years are free. We welcome any new volunteers at our breakfasts. We can always use help with the set up and clean up, just come on down.



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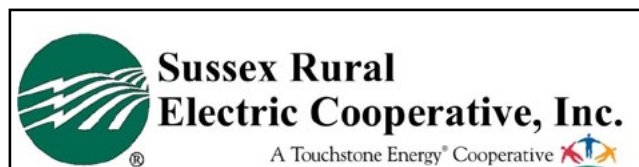
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## Spotlight on Rules

Heading to the playground? Planning a day at the beach? Attending one of our fabulous events? Don't forget your BADGE! Member cards, owner badges, and family badges are issued to members in good standing. Badges are not transferable, but guest badges can be purchased by members in good standing and are valid only for the use and enjoyment of the Club's recreation facilities.



### Annual Meeting of Members Event

Held for the purpose of electing directors, approving reports and transacting other such business as may come before the meeting.

#### Online Business Meeting, Monday, June 6, 2022

Business portion of meeting including Chairman's speech, election results, Treasurer's report and question-and-answer with CEO can be viewed at [www.sussexrec.com/online-meeting](http://www.sussexrec.com/online-meeting)

Also, register for our in-person member event to receive up to two free NJ State Fair tickets for our **In-Person Event, Monday, August 8, 2022** at the Sussex County Fairgrounds as part of the NJ State Fair. Visit SREC tent to receive member appreciation gift, \$10 bill credit and enter our prize drawing. Board Members & SREC staff members will be available to answer questions at this event.



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officers and trustees to continue serving our community in existing roles or progressively more responsible positions. It's also a great opportunity for conscientious members with fresh ideas who aren't currently involved to step up. But getting onto the voting board isn't a snap decision you should make after sucking down a six-pack or reading some nonsense on social media. And it's not going to happen if you don't seriously pursue it. (That is, not unless you have great neighbors like I do who think it'd be funny to vote for you as a write-in candidate without telling you beforehand.)

Maybe you're someone who has been on committees and would like to get more deeply involved to drive the Club's agenda in one direction or another. Or perhaps you attend board meetings from time to time and leave them often thinking you could do a better job than your current trustee...or the current president. If that's your take, stop thinking or talking about it, and do something about it. Step up.

Whatever your motivation is, express your interest and get onto the ballot for the election at the annual meeting. Let your fellow members know what you think about the issues, what you stand for, and what you'll work to accomplish on the board. Getting elected is the way you steer the voting board's conversations and decisions about capital improvements, policies, and the philosophical trajectory our community governance travels. You can't do that effectively or consistently from the sidelines.

For anyone interested in learning more about our governance, as well as the process for getting elected, and what is expected from voting board members—the requirements to get on the ballot, as well as the responsibilities, obligations, and behaviors that come with the territory—there's lots of good information to help you figure things out. Start by attending some workshops and meetings to get a sense of what our agenda is, and how we work through the agenda.

For more specifics about how the voting board works, call your trustee or reach out to an officer with some questions. Or go to <https://hlcc.org/members-information/> governance on our website. You can also read our By-Laws for more information about our governance (Article V) and the duties of the Voting Board (Article VII). A copy of our By-Laws is available to all members in the Club office.

If you're seriously considering running for an open position this August you should be aware of a few things. Petitions to get onto the ballot must be submitted by August 1 for trustee and officer roles; trustee candidate petitions need 10 signatures from members-in-good-standing from their section, officer candidate petitions need 60 signatures of members-in-good-standing from the community-at-large.

Officer candidates who submit valid petitions will be interviewed for the role of their choice by the Nominating Committee. This committee is made up of seven appointed members-in-good-standing who have served the Club in past years either as an officer, a member of the voting board, a standing committee chairman, or any member who through their particular association with the Club is knowledgeable of officer responsibility and duties. The committee must collectively select a qualified officer candidate for each office and obtain the candidate's agreement to accept such nomination before the selection of all nominees shall be made final. The names of the candidates chosen are submitted to the Chairman of

Elections no less than 30 days before the election.

If you're interested in becoming an officer but aren't selected by the Nominating Committee, you can still get onto the ballot as long as you file with the chairman of the Elections Committee no less than 20 days before the election (which also includes submitting a petition of candidacy signed by at least 60 active members in good standing). The chairman of the Elections committee announces the names of the prospective officer candidates to the membership in the Newsette and posts them on the bulletin board outside the Club office no less than seven days before the election.

All candidates selected by the Nominating Committee are identified in these publications, but no candidates are anointed with the committee's endorsement on the election ballot. Write-in candidates can run for the trustee role in their section or any open officer position, as well, without any petition requirements.

Finally, if you're considering running for an opening position—and even if you aren't—please be aware that the current Voting Board is making headway toward the adoption of a code of conduct that will apply to all voting board members. Being elected to serve on the voting board is a privilege as well as a serious commitment. Having an approved code of conduct in place will clearly define what is expected from our individually elected officials by their fellow voting board members as well as on behalf of the community each board member was elected to represent and serve. It will also create an unbiased enforcement mechanism that enables the removal of voting board members who are unwilling or unable to abide by the approved standards. The final document will be posted on our website and published in the Newsette upon approval.

Committees and club meetings, which had gone mostly remote from 2020-2021, are now meeting in-person with greater frequency. Similarly, you'll see many more events being announced in coming weeks as spring slowly unveils itself and the temperatures outside get warmer. This is all great news for our community—the more we're engaged with each other, the better this place gets.

With engagement in mind, the Voting Board strongly encourages new members who joined the Club over the past three years to take advantage of everything that's happening in our community. Attending voting board workshops and meetings is the best way to understand what's happening here—and how the community is governed.

Joining a committee is a great way to participate in activities and discussions where your job or interests can help make a difference in how our community operates. Similarly, joining one or more of our many clubs will give you new ways to expand your network around areas that interest you. And as you consider these options, please keep in mind that volunteerism is what makes Highland Lakes different from many other private lake communities in the area. Our talented and dedicated employees do a great job taking care of operations, security, and maintenance, but most of the activities and events that occur here (breakfasts, dinners, dances, concerts, etc.) throughout the year happen through the hard work of volunteers. Be the change you want to see.



Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday		
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9 am	Tennis (11-12 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9 am	Boys Softball Mosquito League (6-8 yrs)	Field 1	9 am	Tennis (7-8 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
9 am	Boys Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1				10 am	Tennis (5-6 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
10 am	Tennis (9-10 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts						
5 pm	Youth Basketball (8-14 yrs)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	6 pm	Girls Softball Butterfly League (9-12 yrs)	Field 1	6 pm	Pickleball (13 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)
6 pm	Pickleball (13 yrs)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (canistear)	6 pm	Adult Men's Basketball (17 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	7 pm	Swim Team Scheduled Meets	Lanes

Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location
9 am	Girls Softbal Farm team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	9 am	Youth Soccer (4-6 yrs), (7-9 yrs), (10-13 yrs)	Field 1	9 am	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
10 am	Women's Volleyball (18 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	9:30 am	Ladies Pickleball	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)			
			10 am	Girls Softball Gem League (6-8 yrs)	Field 1	Sunday		
6 pm	Boys Softbal Grasshopper League (9-11 yrs)	Field 1	6 pm	Boys Softball Little League (12-16 yrs)	Field 2	9 am	Pickleball (13 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)
						5 pm	Men's WOOD BAT Softball League (17 yrs+)	Field 2

## Summer Athletics

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

### Season Starts June 27

Fellow Highland Lakers, summer '22 is right around the corner! It is time to start thinking about the activities in which you would like to participate. The 2022 athletic season will start on Monday, June 27. The schedule will be changing back to that of summer 2019. Please see the schedule included below. Over the next few weeks, I will be taking steps to ensure a memorable athletic season this summer. The activities include tennis, soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, and pickleball.

There will be a slight change in the sign-up procedure. Registration forms will need to be completed which are available on the Club's website. Also write your child's name in the binder on the Clubhouse Activity counter for the sports you have filled out the registration form for (so I can gauge participation levels). Every participant must have a registration and permission form completed and submitted to the Club's website (hlcc.org). If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the registration binder as well. The binder will be available starting Memorial Day weekend.

I am looking forward to establishing both senior and junior volunteers to work alongside me this summer in any capacity. If you or your child volunteered over the past few years and wish to continue, please consider helping out again. If you are new to the community, welcome, and please consider joining the team! The teamwork and enthusiasm of our volunteers and athletes create lifelong memories. I hope everyone is as excited as I am for another fun filled Highland Lakes summer. See you on the fields!





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# Dart Night is taking a break until the fall. Have a nice summer

## Bocce Spring Season Begins

JOE PIERINI, COORDINATOR

Good weather is here, and outdoor activities are welcome. Skill not required; miracle shots are common. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 pm, with Friday as a rain day. Play started in early May and will continue into the summer and fall. For information call 212-535-3270, come try it out.



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## Swim Team Sign Ups for 2022

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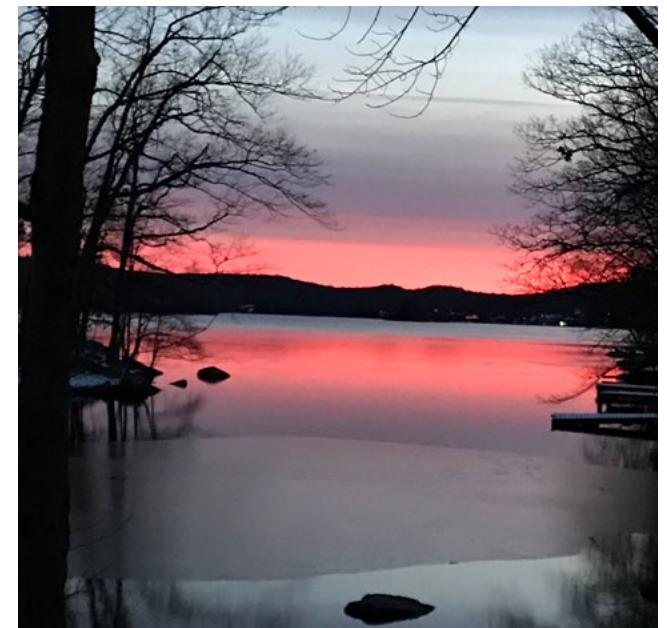
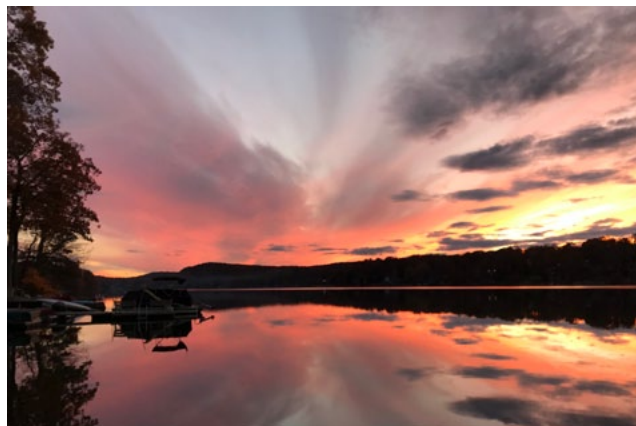
Get ready for an active summer swim team season down at the swim lanes. Practices will start the week of June 27, so be sure to get the kids signed up online at HLCC.org.

If you are new to the community or have not been involved before, please note we are always welcoming new swimmers and there are no additional fees for joining the swim team. Families are expected to help out as volunteers for the team to put on meets and other functions. The team has been part of our community for many years, and it is a great way to be involved. Once signed up please email hlccswimteam@gmail.com to request access to our closed Facebook site and to be informed of the latest announcements.

### Key Dates:

- June 6: Parents Meeting 6:30pm - Lake Room (and Facebook Live)
- June 27: First Practice Week
- July 6: @ West Milford (Away)
- July 13: Green Pond (Home)
- July 20: Erskine Lakes (Home)
- July 27: Lake Mohawk (Home)
- July 30: Highland Lakes B Invitational
- August 3: @ Pequannock (Away)
- August 10: @ Packanack (Away)
- August 13: League Championship Meet
- August 16: Awards Dinner @ HLCC Clubhouse
- TBD: Picture Day
- TBD: @ Cliffwood Lakes

See you at the parents meeting or reach out to the team directly at hlccswimteam@gmail.com for more information.



These glorious pictures of the main lake at sunset were captured by Mardee Ulmer over the last year.

## Calling All Cooks

JOYCE HEALY

Highland Lakes has a 50th Anniversary Cookbook for sale @ \$10 each. What a great collection of recipes from our grand ladies of past years and current great cooks. Want a copy? Stop in at the Club office or give me a call: Joyce H. 845-544-3749.

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## Next Newsette: May 28, 2022

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!

Tom Watson

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## Chili Cook Off Delicious Success

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/  
EVENTS COORDINATOR

On Saturday, April 23, four members submitted their secret chili recipes and about 20 members came down to try the aromatic pots of chili and cast their vote for the best. The winning entry was submitted by Dillon Waltner with his spicy beef chili. He received an apron and kitchen towel donated by OnLine Imprints and also a \$50.00 Visa gift card from HLCC. Second Place went to Mark Nealon and Mei Lamson with their delicious turkey chili. There was a tie for 3rd Place with Cindy McCann's tasty beef chili and Taylor Ruffino's yummy white bean chicken chili. Thank you to all the members who participated with either their entry or their appetites and vote. We will probably hold another Cook Off in the fall/winter and hope to have more entries.



Chili contestants and their entries. Photo submitted by Roe Hall.

## Memorial Day Weekend Events

ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

We have a busy weekend planned for you. Kick off the holiday at the Clubhouse. First, on Friday, May 27 our annual 21 & Over Dance featuring the Free Shrimp Band will be back for another great evening filled with classic popular hits to sing and dance to. Then on Saturday, May 28, our first comedy night, previously scheduled for January but was postponed due to COVID, will be held with comedians from New York City who have appeared on various television shows. Sunday, May 29 will be the first breakfast of the summer season hosted by the Clubhouse Committee followed by patriotic crafts and fun for kids at 11 am, hosted by Lauren LaRocca, Clubhouse Director. Then on Monday, our Memorial Day Observance Ceremony hosted by the Senior Club will be held starting at 11 am. So come on down for one or all of these events to have a good time with friends and family. The Clubhouse will be bursting with activity.



Winner Dillon Waltner and his daughter, Photo submitted by Roe Hall.

## Watercraft Wanted

JENNIFER PELLET

### The Goodwill Fundraising Committee is Looking for Donations for Our Upcoming Boat Auction.

Do you have a kayak gathering dust in your basement? A pile of paddles with no purpose? A sailboat or paddleboat that your grown kids no longer need? Free up space at home and make a difference in your community by donating canoes, kayaks, fishing boats and/or other watercraft or boating accessories you no longer want or need to the Goodwill Committee. We'll be auctioning off donations in June, with the proceeds going towards paying the dues of members experiencing financial hardship. Call or text Jennifer at 917-232-2365 for more information.

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## SANJL - Save the Dates

MARK BURUCHIAN, FLEET COORDINATOR

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the SANJL Championship Regatta series this year.

The four-regatta series will be sailed on these beautiful lakes. Any questions, call Mark Buruchian, HL Fleet Coordinator/SANJL representative for HL at 973-271-0213.

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# Calling All Golfers

CAROL HASTIE

Team Massimo Warriors Foundation will be hosting a Benefit Golf Outing on Thursday May 19, 2022, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. Shot gun start at 1 pm. We are accepting 4-somes, 3-somes, 2-somes and singles for golf. Cost is \$125.00 per golfer, which includes golf, prizes, dinner, basket raffle and hours of fun in the great outdoors! If you don't golf, come to the dinner at 6 pm for \$45 a person. If you want to donate a basket or gift or sponsor something, please call me. I would love to hear from you. To get information about registration for golf and/or dinner call Carol or Steve at 973-764-6521 or 973-670-0538.

## About Massimo and Team Massimo Warriors:

Massimo was born at 23 weeks, 1lb 6oz. In the delivery room, the doctors said that they did not expect much when he was born, and unless he showed any signs of a fight, they would just let things run their course and not help him. He came out fighting and crying as loud as he could, and the doctors went to work. Massimo spent 4.5 months in the Morristown NICU, growing, gaining strength, taking steps forward and backward. When he was finally released to come home, he was almost 5lbs.

Throughout his journey in the NICU, there was incredible support. The support came from family and friends, local fire departments and motorcycle clubs, and people from across the country that did not know the family but willingly sent supportive messages. They did so much to support the family that can never be repaid, and it was this support that kept them going, kept them fighting, and kept Massimo fighting.

Over the last nine years, Massimo and his family have traveled to Philadelphia, Delaware, St. Louis, and West Palm Beach, searching for experts to help Massimo. They have met some incredible doctors, nurses, and families going through various procedures and treatments on this journey.

Massimo is a very strong boy. Those of you who know him, know he is very determined and wants to do things himself. If you haven't met him yet, you can usually find him at Swim Team practice or at Beach 1 enjoying the water and with his friends. Come on and meet him. You will be glad you did.

The goal of Team Massimo Warriors Foundation is to raise money and help other families of children with special needs, give back to local volunteer organizations, and provide local scholarships.



Brian Kloza captured this double rainbow on April 9 after a freak hail storm.



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# Spring Cleaning? Donate to the HLCC Annual Yard Sale

MARYANN GUNNING AND KATHY PIAZZA, CHAIRPERSONS

## Save the Date – July 16

The HLCC Annual Yard Sale to benefit the Goodwill Fund is fast approaching. Here's what you need to know:  
Donation Drop-Off: Friday July 15, 2022, 8 am to 5 pm  
HLCC Yard Sale: Saturday July 16, 2022, 8 am to 2 pm

## We are NOT ACCEPTING the following items:

- Books & Magazines
- Clothes
- Artificial Flowers
- Baby items (cribs, high.chairs, car seats)
- Stuffed animals
- Candles
- Electronics (landline phones, computers, VCR's, answering machines, TVs, dehumidifiers)
- Pianos
- Exercise equipment
- Holiday items and decorations
- Luggage without wheels.

Special Note about FURNITURE: we will accept wood furniture in very good condition: dressers, table & chairs, outdoor furniture, side tables, bookcases.

Due to past difficulty in disposing of unsold furniture, any large-scale furniture such as wall units, china cabinets, etc., MUST BE APPROVED before you bring it down to the donation center. Details of how to submit a photo or measurements will be posted closer to the July sale date.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE (couches, loveseats, etc). However, we WILL post photos of donated furniture that is available to be picked up at YOUR home nearby.

Volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday, all day or just a couple of hours, one day or both. Contact information and how to volunteer will be in the Newsette and on the HLCC website as we get closer. If you need further information, you can contact Maryann Gunning (Maryanngunning@me.com) or Kathy Piazza (rkpiazza27@gmail.com). Thank you.

# Team Tennis News

JERRY NATHAN, COORDINATOR

Spring is finally upon us and it won't be long before it's Memorial Day and the beginning of the Team Tennis season. If you're new to the Lake and interested in playing tennis with a nice, friendly group of people, here are the facts. Team Tennis has no teams. The name is a throw-back to an earlier time when we played more competitively. Now we get together each Saturday morning from 9-11 am and play for fun and exercise. Skill levels vary and patience is in abundance. The Club provides the tennis balls and all you need to bring is a tennis racket. We look forward to meeting new people, as well as welcoming back our friends of long standing. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jerry Nathan at 973-670-8151.

# HL Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

Hello, all my Senior Club friends! Here's hoping all is well with you and your families. Let's start this article with a little bit-o-funny:

There was a house painter who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he too often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of their buildings. He put in a bid and because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and planks, buying the paint and yes, I'm sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.... Well, he was up on the scaffolding, nearly done with the job and there was a huge clap of thunder. The sky opened and rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church. He got knocked off the scaffold to land on the ground among the gravestones surrounded by tell-tale puddles of thinned and useless paint.

He was no fool; he knew this was a sign, so he knelt and cried: Oh, please forgive me, what should I do?" And from the thunder came a mighty voice: (you're going to love this) ..."REPAINT! REPAINT! AND THIN NO MORE! (oh, stop groaning, you know you're going to repeat this! LOL). OK, yes, it was a groaner. Let's get on with the S/C news: Many sincere thanks to all the volunteers who prepared, served, decorated, brought yummy desserts and cleaned up at our Easter Brunch. It was a big hit again. (baked ham, potato casserole, tossed salad, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, desserts...no calories, HAHA) 50 were in attendance and

we celebrated 2 new members joining, Judy & Jim. Judy supplied us with adorable table favors for each person. So sweet!

Our summer season is getting ready to begin with evening meetings. So if you're 50 yrs. old + and a HLCC member in good standing, come on down starting Tuesday, May 10 at 7 pm in the Lake Room. There will be wonderful refreshments, a short business meeting and a chance to be with your S/C gal-pals and guys. I'm trying for a guest speaker that evening and be assured that during our summer schedule, there will be guest speakers and special events. Meet with us on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday evening of the month @ 7 pm. Dues will be collected for returning and new members: \$15 p/p.

Our absolutely wonderful ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & ALL-AMERICAN LUNCH is coming up on...you guessed it... Memorial Day, May 30 @ 11 am at the Clubhouse. The outdoor ceremony (weather permitting) should not be missed. Our HLCC community is invited to attend the ceremony as well as the luncheon @ 12:00 in the Lake Room. There is a nominal fee for the meal. Hope to see you there. If you're thinking about joining the Senior Club (S/C), but you have some questions, don't hesitate to text or call me. We seniors may not all have computers, but we have phones and we enjoy a pleasant chat. So, I hope we can top our highest enrollment in the S/C from last year of 90 members. Go for the gold, we LOVE meeting new friends. Questions? Here's how to reach me: Joyce H. 845-544-3749. Love ya.

# Teen Council News

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR

## About Elections:

Our Teen Council met on Thursday, April 7 and it was a successful meeting. Our first election of officers was held on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. The council members were voted into positions for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary by other teens at the meeting. Look for results in the May 28 issue of the Newsette.

## Open MIC Night:

The Teen Council had a great Open Mic night last month, where members shared their singing and creative talents. We enjoyed snacks and silliness during down time. It was truly a good time.

Thank you to the teens who came out. Great job Teen Council members!

For more information about joining Teen Council, please contact Melissa Hardin at mhcreate32@yahoo.com.



This rainbow ring around the sun was captured on April 4 by Helen Carlson at the pickleball courts



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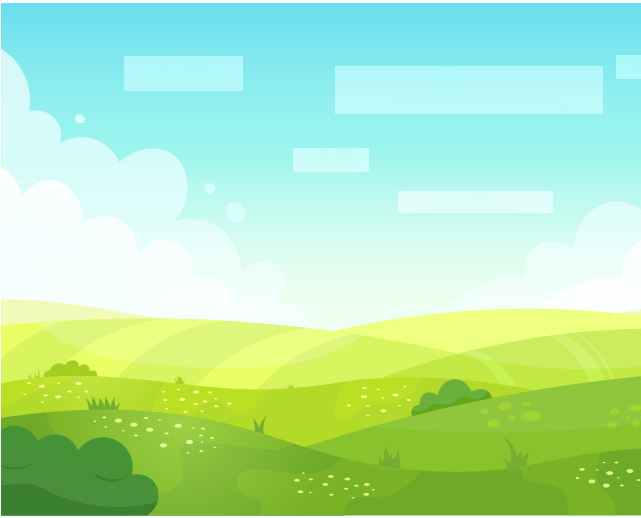
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## The Sailing Fleets of Highland Lakes

MARK BURUCHIAN, SAILING COORDINATOR



We are fortunate to have 5 active sailing fleets in Highland Lakes: Sunfish, Force 5, Flying Junior "FJ", Windsurfing, and Hobie. The boats sailed represent different experiences for those interested in sailing. In order to help members find out which boat best fits the needs and wants of their desired sailing experience, here are the fleets:



Sunfish - Highland Lakes Sunfish Fleet #23 with the International Sunfish Class (<http://www.sunfishclass.org>) One sail. Is raced either with one person or two. Current builder is Laser Performance in Rhode Island. The Sunfish is the most popular recreational sailboat in history. Its classic design, unmatched stability, and sailing ease are enjoyed by all ages. Owners appreciate the lightweight hull, which easily travels on the top of a car. The ultra-durable construction ensures years of maintenance-free enjoyment. Sailing trips are a breeze, just load the Sunfish on your car and go!

This is the classic boat you grew up with. The Sunfish has two easy to rig lines and easy-snap sail rings. A racing sunfish can have an outhaul, cunningham, race-sail with window, and quick-release gooseneck upgrades. The International Sunfish Class sanctions more than 1,000 racing events

each year. In Highland Lakes, we sail four fleets of Sunfish: Junior - Singles (under 19) on Weds @ 11:00 am; Junior - Doubles (two under 19) on Fridays @ 11:00 am; Ladies (19 and over) as a singles race on Thursdays @ 11:00 am; and, Seniors (19 years of age men and women) on Sundays @ 2:30 pm. We also are part of SANJL (Sailing Association of North Jersey Lakes) that holds four Championship regattas at various local lakes. We annually host one of the SANJL regattas and in various years have held the prestigious SANJL Junior Championship Regatta.

Fleet Captains are: Mladen Kresic, Senior Fleet; Sue Buruchian, Ladies Fleet; and, Krissy Amato, Kevin Murphy, and Justin Murphy as Co-Captains of the Junior Fleets.



Force 5 - Class Fleet #27 (<http://force5class.org>) The Force 5 is a small one-design racing sailboat that is similar to the more well-known Laser, but with a hard chine aft. Although it is designed for single-handed racing, two people can easily fit into the large cockpit. The boats are currently built in Long Island, New York by Weeks Yacht Yard. This is a competitive, sleek boat that is sensitive to the wind, making for exciting sailing. This 14-foot craft has a 91-foot mainsail, rolled deck, and an adjustable rig. It can be car topped. Force 5 races are held Saturdays @ 10:00 am from the Eckhart Sailing Center. Erika Rodger is the Fleet Captain.

Flying Junior "FJ" - Fleet started 2012. (<http://www.cfjclass.org>) The current builder is Laser Performance in Rhode Island. The Club Flying Junior is a tough, agile performer for beginners to elite sailors.



The FJ is a fantastic choice for clubs and junior programs looking to introduce young and less seasoned sailors to double-handed sailing with a spinnaker. The collegiate version of the FJ (no spinnaker) is the most popular boat in college sailing and is the type we sail in Highland Lakes; more collegiate sailing teams in North America sail FJ's than any other double-handed sailboat. The Highland Lakes FJ races are sailed on Sundays with two races starting @ 11:00 am. Come enjoy this growing energetic fun fleet. James Sullivan is the Fleet Captain.



Windsurfing (<http://uswindsurfing.org>) Windsurfers are simplicity in design – one board, one sail, and one sailor. The lightweight foam core boards also make for a quick and painless transport to your favorite launch site. Loading and unloading can easily be done by one person. Manufacturers produce everything from stable beginner designs with stand-up paddle options to planning hull race boards. We utilize two basic classes for racing – Sport and Open. The Sport Class

is designed for beginner to novice racers. The maximum allowed sail sizes for racing are 9.5 square meters for the Open Class and 7.5 square meters for the Sport Class. Both classes can use any type manufactured board and sail. US Windsurfing sanctioned events run throughout the year at various locations with points counting toward national rankings at the end of each year. We sail on Saturdays @ 3:00 pm. Kevin Gaston Fleet Captain.



Hobie – Most of the catamarans on the lake are made by Hobie. The Hobie 16 is made of fiberglass, has 2 sails with 20m of sail area, a 27' mast, and weighs 320 lb. Hobies are fun boats to sail, especially in higher wind. We sail Saturdays @ 1:00 pm so come join us if you can. We'd love more of you to join in. Let's show all how these big boats fly! Chip Ehrhardt and Rick Thompson are Co-Captains for this fleet.

There are plenty of different experiences for any boater to choose on Highland Lakes. Highland Lakes Sailing burgee apparel and burgee stickers to support the sailing programs and events are available. Contact Sue at 973.271.0227

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