



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## Entrance to Beach 1 from Breakneck Road Closed Saturday, July 24

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

### Parking in Loop Road Around Beach Hut Reserved for "B" Invitational

The Highland Lakes Swim Team is sponsoring its "B" Invitational on Saturday, July 24. To accommodate the event's parking requirements, the following ONE DAY changes are being made to parking at Beach 1.

The Swim Team will be using the entire "loop road" around the Beach Hut for parking. Access from Breakneck Road to the parking aisles next to the ball field and playground will not be possible. Use the rear entrance at Lakeside Drive for beach parking. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Art Show

ART SHOW COMMITTEE

### August 21 and 22

ATTENTION - PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS  
Exhibitors MUST respond to the Art Committee by August 4. Exhibiting is through PREARRANGEMENT ONLY. No walk-ins accepted on August 21 or 22.

Contact: Carole Fortenbach at 973-764-4659. We welcome new professional artists.

## Carry In Carry Out

KAREN VOGEL, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Club's Carry In Carry Out policy was adopted by the Voting Board in 2019 and implemented the summer of 2020. Although this policy is not unique to us, it was a new concept for our community. Like many new ideas, it takes some getting used to. Pre-planning for your events or time spent in public areas such as freeways, ball fields, recreational courts, and beaches is a must (garbage cans can still be found at the Clubhouse and Beach 1). The idea is simple and easy to follow – if you bring it in, you take it out.

Like our community Clean Up Day, it's all about keeping our shared outdoor spaces clean and beautiful, and pest- and odor-free. It also helps to keep all of us mindful of the other Three R's: Reducing waste, Reusing whenever possible, and Recycling.

This policy reminds us to bring reusable containers, cups, plates and utensils to our events and get-togethers, as well as to use cloth napkins and tablecloths. And of course, make sure to bring garbage bags with you so you can bring home and dispose of any refuse.

Don't forget to separate recyclable cans and glass from the rest of your trash, and dispose of them properly at home. For a bigger impact, you can also research and purchase products that are made from or packaged in recycled materials.

The Carry In Carry Out policy is a small step that encourages us to cut down on waste. Look for and invest in durable, quality outdoor items such as chairs and sports gear (and indoor items as well) that will last longer and

save money and resources in the long run. Repair used equipment and other items instead of discarding them. Think about what you could donate or reuse somewhere else, or even sell. Think Highland Lakes Yard Sale! Or have a yard sale of your own; there is always someone out there who will see your unneeded or unwanted item as a treasure. Ultimately although some may find it inconvenient, there are many benefits of Carry In Carry Out, including:

- Elimination of overflowing garbage containers
- Increased safety due to the reduction of stinging insects, rodents, bears, and other wildlife that is attracted to garbage
- Reduction of odors from garbage
- Encouraging people to reduce, reuse, and recycle

My grandmother had a great plaque in her kitchen and I remember her repurposing many things so as not to be wasteful. I believe the saying originated during World War II and is still relevant today:

Use it up  
Wear it out  
Make it do  
Or Do without!

Our parents and grandparents were reusing and recycling long before it became popular. In the long run though, we are all responsible for keeping our community clean and beautiful. It's a wonderful place to live; let's keep it that way!

## From the President's Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

### By-Law Change Proposed at Upcoming Annual Meeting

At the upcoming Annual Meeting, members are being asked to vote on proposed changes to an existing By-Law that currently limits the Voting Board's spending authority for property acquisition at \$10,000 in the aggregate, per year. As of today, any property that costs greater than that amount cannot be purchased by the Club without a two-thirds approval by the entire Voting Board, then a two-thirds majority vote of members at a properly scheduled special meeting with a quorum present.

Why is this a problem, you wonder? When the By-Law in question was written—in 1936, the year Highland Lakes was founded—\$10,000 was equivalent to the purchasing power of nearly \$194,000 today.

Understandably, our community needs safeguards in place to prevent the Voting Board from irresponsibly spending. But the current By-Law's spending limit has

never been adjusted for inflation and is no longer sufficient for many potential real estate acquisitions. This is highly problematic for the Voting Board of today and tomorrow, making it impossible to move quickly or decisively when such opportunities arise.

To put things into a real-world context, an undeveloped, 65-acre lot just outside the border of Highland Lakes recently sold in May 2020 for \$235,000. When it came on the market, a special committee was created by the Voting Board to perform a preliminary analysis of the property's strategic benefits and potential risks for the Club. We considered the utility of the parcel in the context of long-term planning goals, including maintaining a buffer on our border, relocation of existing storage and maintenance facilities, or even hiking/nature trails. Serious concerns about remediating known property hazards as well as inherent limitations on the property's use led that committee to eventually recommend against the purchase.



## Upcoming Events

July 23 – Friday Night Lights - Adults  
July 24 – HL B Invitational

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## Beach Water Testing Results

Below are the results of the most recent E. coli testing at the Club's beaches and swim lanes performed by Garden State Laboratories, Inc. Weekly tests are required by the State of New Jersey, and results must not exceed 320 organisms per 100 milliliters. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	6/29	7/7	7/13
Beach 1	58.80	38.8	86.0
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	2.0	2.0	50.4
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	<1	33.2	67.7
Beach 4 – Bushwick	1.0	6.3	8.4
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	1.0	22.8	61.3
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	4.10	7.3	39.3
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	9.70	12.1	63.1
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	2.0	3.0	7.4

## 2021 Swim Team Schedule

### Practice Schedule

9 am - 10 am: ages 13+  
 10 am - 11 am: ages 9 - 12  
 11 am - 11:45 am: ages 8 and under  
 11:30 am - 12 pm: ages 6 and under

### Meet Schedule

July 24	Highland Lakes "B" Invitational
July 28	Highland Lakes @ Pequannock
August 4	Highland Lakes @ Erskine Lake
August 5	Coaches' Choice @ Fayson Lakes
August 7	Erskine "C" Invitational Meet
August 11	Highland Lakes @ Packanack
August 14	"A" Championships @ Pequannock

## Goodwill Fund Applications are due by July 31, 2021.

## Beach Hours

Beach 1: 9 am - 7 pm  
 Beach 2: 10:30 am - 5 pm  
 Beach 3: 10 am - 6 pm  
 Beach 7: 10 am - 6 pm  
 Beach 4, 5, 6: 11:30 am - 5 pm\*  
 Swim Lanes: 9 am - 4 pm

\*These beaches will be open based on staff availability-see postings at beaches.

## Friday Night Lights - Adults

### Friday, July 23

Come down to the Clubhouse at 7 – 9:30 pm for a night of fun with your neighbors and enjoy some pizza, games and laughs. BYOB.

## Petitions for Trustee Positions Available

### Filing Deadline - Monday, July 26

At this year's Annual Meeting on August 15, 2021, elections will be held for full, three-year terms commencing October 1, 2021, for Trustee positions for Sections 2, 9, 10, 11 and Section 5 for the remaining 2 years of the 3-year term.

In order for a candidate's name for Trustee to be on the ballot, the candidate must reside in the section, be a property owner and have been a member in good standing for the three years immediately preceding the election. The candidate is required to file a petition with the Elections Chairperson containing five signatures from members in good standing in the section electing a Trustee. Petitions will be available at the Club Office only, Monday through Friday, 10 am to 3 pm, and on Saturdays, 10 am to 1pm beginning July 5, 2021. The petition must be received at the Club Office at least twenty (20) days before the election, which means no later than 4 pm on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Once the petitions have been certified by the Elections Chairperson, Absentee Ballots will become available. The Absentee Ballot must be received at the Club Office, either by mail or in person, with your validated 2021 Membership Card enclosed in the provided envelope no later than Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 4 pm.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on August 15. Please make sure that you attend this meeting and that you have your 2021 Membership Card and badge with you.

## Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time

Clubhouse Committee – Tuesday, August 17 – 5 pm

Communications Committee – Saturday, July 24

Ecology Committee – Thursday, August 19 – 7pm

Fishing Committee – Thursday, August 19 – 8pm

Planning Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time

Road Committee – Thursday, August 5 – 7:30 pm

Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time

Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, August 11 – 8pm

ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, August 15 – 2 pm

Voting Board Meeting – Friday, September 17 – 8pm

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.

## Women's Bowling

LYN KAPLAN AND PAT WOOTTON

### Week 2

The HLCC high scorin', high rollin', fun-loving ladies continued to heat up the lanes at Pinstreet in Warwick. Week 2 was an awesome week, and all are looking forward to continued fun. Many are confident they could be on their way to the Bowler's Hall of Fame!

Eva Willever - two doubles, 180

Lyn Kaplan - 159

Dolores Gaspari - 161

Adeline Fraunberger - 157

Jennifer Ziegler - double

Joyce Healy - 4-Bagger, 165

Marian Benedicto - double, 3/4/6 split

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# Schedule for Week of July 26 – 30

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

## Theme: Jurasaic World

Activities will be outside but inside the Clubhouse if it rains. Activities listed for time frames 11 am – 4 pm will also be held at Beach 1 weather permitting

### Monday – July 26

10 am - 11 am: popsicle dinosaur (all ages)  
11 am - 12 pm: salt dough dinosaur (come back at 2 pm to paint it) (ages 4+)  
1 pm - 2 pm: Lego dinosaur (bring your own Legos) (ages 6+)  
2 pm - 3 pm: paint dino salt dough (all ages)  
3 pm - 4 pm: dinosaur garden (ages 3+)  
6 pm - 8 pm: Kids ceramics (all ages)  
Please sign up by Wed. July 28 for next week  
12:30 pm - 4 pm: Pool room open (10+)

### Tuesday – July 27

10 am - 11 am: lunch bag chomping T-Rex (ages6+)  
11 am - 12 pm: hatching fizzy dino egg (ages 4+)  
1 pm - 2 pm: homemade dino dig (all ages)  
2 pm - 3 pm: pop up dinos (ages 3+)  
3 pm - 4 pm: mini dino balloons (ages 6+)  
6 pm – 8 pm: make a mini dino travel tin (bring your own tin box)  
12:30 pm – 4 pm: Pool room open (10+)

### Wednesday – July 28

10 am - 11 am: egg carton and cupcake liner dino (ages 4+)  
11 am - 12 pm: dino flower pot making (all ages)  
1 pm - 2 pm: dino toilet paper roll (all ages)  
2 pm - 3 pm: paper pterodactyl (all ages)  
3 pm- 4 pm dino movement game (all ages)  
12:30 pm – 4 pm: pool room open (10+)

### Thursday – July 29


10 am – 12 pm: tye dye (bring something white) (ages 4+)  
1 pm – 2 pm: dino toss (ages 6+)  
2 pm - 3 pm: dino sand art (all ages)  
3 pm - 4 pm: triceratops toss (ages 4+)  
12:30 pm - 4 pm: pool room open (10+)

### Friday – July 30

10 am - 11 am: dino mask (ages 4+)  
11 am - 12 pm: paper plate dino (ages 3+)  
1 pm – 2 pm: dino matching game (all ages)  
2 pm - 3 pm: pasta dino (ages 4+)  
3 pm - 4 pm dino bingo (ages 4+) (win a prize)  
12:30 pm - 4 pm: pool room open (10+)

July 2021

## Highland Lakes Happenings

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## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Art Show

JOYCE HEALY

### August 21 and 22

Our Annual Art Show is back this year after taking a break due to COVID 19 last year. Mark your calendars for the Meet & Greet with the professional artists on August 21 from 6 – 9 pm in the Lake Room with a wine & cheese reception. Our theme this year is “Heroes”. All HL members in good standing may participate in the art show...from the youngest to the oldest by bringing in any form of art work: painting, drawing, quilting, photography, mixed media, sculpting, etc. All amateur art work will be accepted at registration on Sunday, Aug. 22 from 9 – 11 am only. Artwork will be on display at the Clubhouse from 1 – 3 pm.

M-F: 9-6  
W: 9-7  
S-S: 9-5



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Sunday, August 15  
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If the Voting Board had wanted to bid on the property at that time, it would have been unable to do so without first receiving approval from the membership. And in the time it would have taken to receive that approval we may have missed out on the opportunity altogether. This specific opportunity arose in the late fall and early winter, which is a notoriously difficult time of year to plan and notify members of a special meeting with any hope of having a quorum present to vote.

The benefits of property acquisition are varied. Sometimes there are property tax advantages achieved for the Club by consolidating lots. Other times we've purchased lots where the deed covenants and restrictions weren't in the title and the acquisition helped protect the community's neighborhood scheme. Back in the 1990s the area that is now Beach 1 was going to potentially be turned into a strip mall, and may have eliminated buildings, road access, and a bus stop. Can you imagine our community today with a strip mall in place rather than the Beach 1 facility? In this case, the Club was only able to purchase the property to prevent what was being planned when the court forced the property in question (along with others) to be sold, enabling us enough time to get the necessary approval from members to thwart disaster.

In each and every instance, when such opportunities arise, we assess potential benefits, risks and threats to the community with input, as needed, from legal counsel, the Planning Committee and/or the Buildings & Grounds Committee, and from paid subject matter experts (examples of which might include a Highlands Acts lawyer, a geologist, a forester, or an endangered species specialist).

In order to move forward on any acquisition—whether it's less or more than \$10,000—two-thirds of the entire Voting Board (12 or more votes whether the entire 17-member Voting Board is present or not) must vote in favor of the purchase. That means it takes a lot of hard work to build a strong consensus around any decision and get the votes to support it—it doesn't happen without lots of due diligence, transparency, and serious discussions over the course of multiple meetings.

In other words, no big-ticket real estate deal is ever going to receive the necessary votes unless a two-thirds majority of dedicated Voting Board members analyzes it thoroughly, discusses it to death, concludes it serves the Club's—and, therefore, members' interests, and votes to support it. And if you've been paying attention to projects that past Voting Boards have been considering—such as whether or not to install drinking fountains at the Clubhouse—you know that the Voting Board sweats details and doesn't take any decision lightly, particularly those that might justifiably raise eyebrows or incite members to come to a meeting with pitchforks and torches.

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From the President's Desk (continued from p1)

There will always be properties in, contiguous to, and within relative proximity of Highland Lakes that are not currently for sale today but will be someday. The Voting Board has identified a handful of such properties that would be strategically attractive and highly beneficial additions to our community if they were available. With the current By-Law in place, we would be unable to quickly act on any of them if they went on the market—we researched their fair market values and found that they range between \$180,000 - \$1.4 million.

If and when one or more of those properties becomes available, this Voting Board—or, more likely, a future one—will need greater financial flexibility to quickly bid and negotiate with a seller before another interested party can act. This doesn't mean that it will buy for the sake of buying, that it will do so without careful consideration, or that it'll even be authorized to spend what it might take without a vote by members to approve it. But right now the Voting Board's hands are tied behind its back. Without this proposed By-Law change, we would be unable to move forward on any of these prospects, and would find ourselves on the outside looking in at a time when serving the Club's purposes—to acquire, hold, own and provide for the care, maintenance and control of property commonly used by members—remains paramount.

At this year's Annual Meeting, please support the proposed By-Law amendment and empower future Voting Boards to responsibly serve and preserve the best interests of our community.

### THE PROPOSED BY-LAW

Here's the proposed By-Law (the underlined words are the modifications to the existing By-Law):

Purchase vacant land or improved properties lying within the boundaries of, contiguous to, or in relative proximity to the Highland Lakes community when, to do so, would better effect the fulfillment of one or more of the Club's purposes and objectives; provided, however, that such purchase be first approved by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Voting Board and provided further, however, that the total dollar amount of all of such purchases shall not exceed, in the aggregate, fifteen percent (15%) of the Club's reserve funds at the end of the preceding fiscal year per year. Reserve funds are defined as Operating Reserve, Capital Reserve, and the Long-Term fund.

In my next column I'll go into a detailed explanation of what these Reserve funds are, how they work within the greater scheme of our overarching annual budget, and will provide you with a few hypothetical examples that show the budgetary impact—year over year—of a real estate acquisition.

Tom Watson



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## Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

We have been experiencing a weather pattern that has contributed to poor water quality in our lakes recently. Periods of extremely hot weather followed by heavy rain washes nutrients into the lake which encourage algae growth. Every homeowner here in Highland Lakes can help prevent storm water runoff containing nutrients and harmful chemicals from washing into our lakes.

### Septic Systems:

We all have septic systems to treat waste. Caring for your septic system involves five key elements:

- Inspect and pump your tank regularly. Depending on household usage, every three to five years is recommended. Most pumpers will include a tank inspection.
- Use water efficiently. Every time you turn on a faucet, shower, wash clothes or dishes you are adding water to your septic which puts added stress on the system. Encourage your family to minimize water usage.
- Avoid using bleach and use septic safe detergents and soaps (avoid anti-bacterial soaps). Your tank needs some bacteria to function properly.
- Properly dispose of waste. Your toilets should be used for human waste and toilet paper only. Do not put food scraps, grease, or cooking oil down the sink drain. Do not install or use a garbage disposal unit in the kitchen sink.
- Maintain your drainage field. Determine where it is located by checking your survey. Do not plant anything but grass or plants that die down in winter (flowers, no trees or bushes) on it. Do not drive or park vehicles on it or plant trees near it. Have the field inspected when you have your system pumped. If there is an odor coming from it or it gets soggy it may indicate that the field needs replacement.

### Driveways:

When living in a lake community, a major consideration for driveways and walkways is to make sure they are permeable to assist with proper drainage and water flow.

Ecologically, the best driveway materials are natural or crushed stone. They are inexpensive, easily replenished, readily available, allow for water permeation and, as a natural material, fit nicely with our lake community aesthetic. An attractive but more expensive alternative is permeable pavers. Concrete is ecologically better than

asphalt, but neither is permeable. If you already have an asphalt driveway and need to reseal it, your safest option is an asphalt-based sealer. Although they contain carcinogens, the amounts are viewed as negligible and considered environmentally safer than coal based sealers.

### Never Use Coal Tar Based Sealers:

Coal tar is a known human carcinogen. Unfortunately, once these harmful toxins are used on your driveway, they do not stay put. When it rains or snows the contaminants from coal tar sealants leach into the drainage system, and the surrounding soil, streams and lakes where they are also toxic to wildlife.

### Ecology Tips For Homeowners:

To gain a better understanding and appreciation of the ecology and management of our lakes and streams, the Ecology Committee invites members to join their discussions once a month at their meetings held on the third Thursday of the month at the Clubhouse. Check the Club calendar in the Newsette for details. We welcome your ideas and your help.



## Ladies Golf Outing

MARYANN GUNNING, COORDINATOR

### August 10

Hello Ladies! It's time to SAVE THE DATE of August 10 for the annual HL Ladies Golf Outing. Details to come as we are making final arrangements. Get your foursomes lined up and ready for a great time. As always, a 9-hole event with lunch. Bring a new friend this year. Look for details to come in the next Newsette. Or contact [maryanngunning@me.com](mailto:maryanngunning@me.com).

## Men's Golf Outing

RAY LOUGHREN

Well it's that time of year again. I hope everyone is well and ready for a great summer. This year the outing will be on August 6 at Black Bear Country Club, 1 pm shotgun scramble. The cost is \$110 which includes golf, dinner, prizes and a HL Golf Outing Commemorative Polo. Please include each player's size when signing up. Any players without a requested size will receive an XL. Please contact Ray Loughren at 973 919-3270 or Mike Sweeney 973 764 7306. Thanks Ray.



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## Highland Lakes Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hello! There will be an evening meeting on Tuesday, July 27 at 7 pm. I'm still working on getting a guest speaker. Come on down for coffee and, a short business meeting and relax with fellow S/C members. If you don't belong to the S/C, you can join at any time of the year. We run activities from January to December and we'd love to have you with us. There is a \$10 annual dues fee per person...that's all...\$10.00.

Our Annual Senior Gala is scheduled for Friday, August 13 from 6 – 10 pm. It's a wonderful dinner/dance complete with delicious catering and live music. It's free to S/C members...don't miss out on this one! Please try to get to at least 3 activities prior so you are eligible to attend the Gala.

We'll be doing our own version of "Antiques Roadshow" on Tuesday, August 10 at 7 pm. Please bring 1 or 2 of your lovely antiques to the event. We'll display them and learn about their history.

August 19 is "Thirsty Thursday" at Skylands Stadium and we're going to a Miner's Baseball Game. It's a lot of fun so come sign up for this event.

Ron Dupont, Jr. will be our guest speaker about Vernon's history on Tuesday, August 24 at 7 pm - another reason to join us.

If you need a ride to attend a meeting or an activity, just call me. We welcome you if you're 50+ years of age and enjoy staying involved and semi-active to active. See you soon, Love ya, Joyce 845-544-3749.

### Next Newsette: July 31, 2021

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](mailto:hlcc@warwick.net). Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!

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## Pickleball News

KATHI TAYLOR

After a long year of COVID restrictions, it is fantastic to see Highland Lakes pickleball returning to a high level of participation. Despite a few rainouts, attendance has been incredible on those days when the weather was good. All three permanent courts and the auxiliary court on the basketball court have been in use. We have welcomed back returning players while a great group of new players have joined in. There is nothing better than introducing this sport to new players. If you would like to join us, we play Monday and Wednesday at 6 pm. Ladies pickleball plays Friday morning at 9 am. Wear sneakers and bring your membership badge. We supply paddles and balls. If you have any questions call Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689 or Peggy Warner 201-317-2654.

## Happy Walkers

MARYJANE WISNIEWSKI

### Monday, July 19

We had a great walk. Each of us had a lot to talk about to catch up after last year. We meet each Monday at Beach 1 at 9 am. See you all next Monday.

## Community Yard Sale Success

NANCY EISENBERG AND LIZ HOLDA, CO-CHAIRPEOPLE,

### Goodwill Fundraising Committee

Our sincerest thank you to all who participated in this year's Goodwill Community Yard Sale. Your involvement whether you donated, volunteered, shopped or joined us for lunch made this year's our most successful. Over \$9,400. was raised!

We also extend our thanks to David Martin, Jim and Steve for all their efforts on our behalf. Thanks to Blue Diamond Disposal for generously donating their services in support of the Goodwill Yard Sale.

The Yard Sale is truly a community event that continues to assist our fellow members through extraordinary circumstances and eligible seniors.

## Mark Your Calendar

Family Day is Sunday, August 1

Rain Date – Sunday, August 8

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# Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

## Saturday, July 17

Normally, I would rig a certain sail size based on the wind forecast. Let me emphasize the word forecast here because the forecast called for winds out of the south/southeast at around 7mph. That's a no brainer. I'll rig up the maximum allowable sail size for the Open Class - 9.5 square meters.

What actually followed smack dab in the middle of the downwind leg of the second race can only be described as pure mayhem. A microburst of wind from a pop-up storm system well to the south slammed us with winds in excess of 20mph. The following are events that unfolded as described by real eyewitnesses:

\* Dennis Gaston performed a perfect yet unrehearsed 720 degree helicopter tack beautifully, but ended up crashing and burning.

\* Justin's sail resembled a "U. A. P." (Unidentified Aquatic Object) as it detached from his board and nearly took out the entire dock crew.

\* Multiple wipeouts had the lifeguards' heads spinning in circles.

\* After falling in three times myself, I realized that I would have been better off rigging up a pillowcase rather than a 9.5 square meter sail.

\* A rude awakening is putting it mildly as Kevin Murphy needed a rescue in what was his first windsurfing action since the Paleozoic era.

\* Battle cries could be heard coming from the direction of Dennis Jiminez but it was difficult for each sailor to turn and see for they had to focus on their own personal impending disasters.

\* Joey Gaston described the nautical Armageddon as almost more of a comedy than a tragedy.

Eventually, the wind gods decided that the punishment was enough and conditions started to return to normal. The sun came out and the wind was out of the south/southeast at 7mph and all was well in Windsurf World once again. Come and join in all the mayhem.

Race 1	Race 2
Open Class	Open Class
1. Kevin Gaston	1. Justin Murphy
2. Joey Gaston	2. Kevin Gaston
3. Justin Murphy	3. Joey Gaston
4. Kevin Murphy	4. Kevin Murphy
Race 1	Race 2
Sport Class	Sport Class
1. Dennis Gaston	1. Dennis Gaston
2. Dennis Jiminez	2. Dennis Jiminez



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# Press Release

SUSSEX RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## Pet Photo Contest

Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative has announced a summer pet photo contest as part of their "Summer Energy Savings" campaign. Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative has a longstanding practice of partnering announcements calling for members to take voluntary measures to conserve energy on the hottest days of the year with photos of animals keeping cool and beating the summer heat in a variety of ways. Dogs in pools and cats with fans have graced these messages reminding members that high temperatures exceeding a certain threshold are designated as likely to bring about increased demand for power, which in turn drives up the cost for utilities to purchase power on particularly hot days. If members work together to take conservation measures, such as shifting high-energy activities like laundry to the evening hours during "off-peak" periods when there is lower demand, they can reduce overall demand on Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative's system.

Members can now share their love for their animals with their fellow cooperative members by submitting either new or preexisting photos of their pets and/or farm animals keeping cool or beating the summer heat. This can include animals swimming, lounging by cooling equipment, at the beach, or in a variety of other scenarios. No animal should be put in danger for a photo and if we receive photos featuring animals in positions that are potentially dangerous or posed in unnaturally coerced ways, such as in a refrigerator, we will forward them to proper authorities.

By submitting photos, participating members agree to allow Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative to share their photo for voting purposes and grant permission for the Cooperative to use submitted photos in future "Summer Energy Savings" messaging campaigns with photo credit provided.

Entries are open as of Thursday, July 15 and will be accepted until Thursday, August 26. You must be a member of Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative to submit a photo in this contest. Finalists will be selected by SREC staff and during the week of August 30 the general public will have the opportunity to cast a vote online for their favorite photo. After voting is concluded, the member who submitted

the winning photo will be awarded a deluxe gift basket that includes prizes for the member as well as their pet. In addition, the winning member may choose from a list of local animal shelters or sanctuaries and Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative will make a \$250 donation in the winning member's name. Photo submissions and voting will take place online at [www.sussexrec.com/petpics](http://www.sussexrec.com/petpics). Contact: Claudia Raffay, Director of Marketing & Member Services – 973-875-5101 ext. 117 or [craffay@sussexrec.com](mailto:craffay@sussexrec.com)

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2	\$181,444	67	99%
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4	\$355,986	51	97%
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## Ladies Sunfish

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

### Thursday, July 15

...and we're off! The season has started with light winds but that didn't stop these determined ladies. They were ready for sun, fun and hopeful wind of any sort. Let's do this were the deck cheers! Being flexible is important to the enjoyment of our fleet. A shortened-shortened course mid sail allowed two races and we "sailed where the wind was"! (make up from last weeks thunder cancellation).

Race 1 was Course 3, red buoy to finish. Race 2 was Course 1, red buoy to finish. Hey, we got it done! We are making waves! Looking forward to our traveling sailors Jessica and Kayla returning next week. As always, thank you to our HL safety boat crew. Come on out and join us.

Race 1	Race 2
1. Emmaline	1. Emmaline
2. Ellen	2. Ellen
3. Nancy	3. Chris
4. Chris	4. Nancy
5. Janet	5. Janet
6. Arianna	6. Arianna



## Sailing Fleet Schedule

LOU IANNUCCI, SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2021 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road.

**\*\*Tentative Dates: All Boat Regatta - Sept. 4; Sailors' Picnic Sept. 5**

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm  
Mladen Kresic: 973-764-0452  
July 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am arrive by 10:45  
Krissy Amato 512-206-6717 and Dominick Beninati 917-566-3136  
July 28 / August 4, 11, 18, 25 / Sept. 1  
Ladies Sunfish Races – Thursdays at 11 am  
Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227  
July 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26 / Sept. 2  
Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11 am  
Krissy Amato 512-206-6717 and Dominick Beninati 917-566-3136  
July 23, 30 / August 6, 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3  
Force 5 Sailing Races – Saturdays at 10 am  
Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092  
July 24, 31 / August 7, 14, 21, 28  
Flying Junior Fleet Sailing Races – Sundays at 11 am arrive by 10:45 am  
Mike Gillooley: 973-764-4185  
July 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / Sept. 5  
Hobie Cat – Saturdays at 1 pm  
Chip Ehrhardt: 973-764-2125 and Rick Thompson: 801-737-3005  
July 24, 31 / August 7, 14, 21, 28  
Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3 pm  
Kevin Gaston: 973-764-7332  
July 24, 31 / August 7, 14, 21, 28  
Questions? Call Lou at 973-764-7042 or hlccsailing@gmail.com

## Sunday Sunfish

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

### Sunday, July 18

Today's races were another notable example of the vibrancy of the sunfish fleet at HLCC as we added 3 veteran sailors with Emmaline Stoddard, Grant Wisniewski and Luke Sullivan joining the fleet as we had 13 enthusiastic sailors on the water. To put it succinctly, we were hoping for good winds, and we got OK winds. Being hopeful, we called a modified course 1 white-red-red for the first race, but then defaulted to all red for the second.

In the first race there was great contention from the start of the line as ½ of the fleet began near the west shore while the rest flew down the middle, but the finish was not unusual. Mark followed by Richie with Rich M. and JW a close fourth. Rob Schaap was 5th and Emmaline with a great last leg finished 6th. Somewhere along the line on the downwind leg after the island, Chip decided to cool off involuntarily and he was almost joined by yours truly who lost his mainsheet due to a badly tied bowline knot.

In the second race, not much changed at the top (yes, Mark won) other than Rich M. nosed out Richie for second and Emmaline, was 4th with another great final leg, while Rob S. had his second 5th in a row. Congrats both Emmaline and Rob!

It is great to have so many sailors enjoying the racing and interaction on the water. Please encourage your friends and family to participate. For any new entrants, my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at 203-918-1102. Spread the word! On behalf of the entire Senior/ Sunday Sunfish fleet, I want to wish our dock committee chair Allan Kratavel a very speedy recovery. In Allan and Brett's stead, we were joined by Rob Wisniewski, Ricky Chefalos and Sinead Noughton who all did a great job calling the races. Sunday Sunfish team, please have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday. The default for every week is 2 races. Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes.

Race 1	Race 2
1. Mark Buruchian	1. Mark Buruchian
2. Richie Amato	2. Rich Mastrangelo
3. Rich Mastrangelo	3. Richie Amato
4. John Wayne Wisniewski	4. Emmaline Stoddard
5. Rob Schaap	5. Rob Schaap
6. Emmaline Stoddard	6. David Goldman
7. Grant Wisniewski	7. Mladen Kresic
8. Mladen Kresic	8. Grant Wisniewski
9. Bob Tomsey	9. John Wayne Wisniewski
10. James Sullivan	10. Luke Sullivan
11. David Goldman	11. Bob Tomsey
12. Luke Sullivan	12. James Sullivan
13. Chip Ehrhardt	13. Chip Ehrhardt



## Red-trunked Heroes to the Rescue

CRYSTAL GASTON

As a beginning sailor, I decided it was time to take the red sleek sunfish out for my first solo venture. Sunny, winds out of the south averaging 10 miles per hour. "I can do this," I said to myself and set out from our house near Beach 3. With each new tack, my turns were becoming smoother, more instinctual. I became more aware of feeling and keeping the wind on my back. Passing the islands with what I deemed a kind of grace, I was gaining speed and confidence by the time I hit the more open water. It seemed this ship and I were becoming one.

Almost to my final tack near the south end of the lake to position myself for a swift and enjoyable run back home, so full of self-pride that in my mind I had promoted myself to sunfish admiral when - and I am not entirely sure what I lost control of first - in a flash, I was flying through the air like a Wallenda. Splash! The craft and I were no longer one. As I bob in the choppy water, thankfully unharmed, wearing my trusty lifejacket, I peered at my vessel. No longer was she the red, sleek watercraft. Now white underbelly gleaming in the sunlight and her dagger board

awkwardly signaling me like an angry proverbial middle finger, I began to check my surroundings. What do I do now?

I was fortunate enough to have a lovely family fishing from the shore fish me out and shuttle me home by boat. But I had to leave the sunfish in order to fetch help.

Summoning the lifeguards at Beach 3, I requested aid and returned to the wreckage with family members by rowboat. A cape-less team of superheroes including J.T., Luke, Richie, and Michael, arrived by their flotilla and were able to free the mast tip from its hold in submerged rocks. Like a swooping band of red-trunked Avengers, they aptly righted my yacht. Even when I attempted to re-board and capsized a second time, they did not complain or laugh at me. They simply righted her again. My brother-in-law, who happens to be the HL Windsurfing fleet captain Kevin Gaston's face strongly suggested HE pilot her back home. Sigh. So in case anyone was wondering: Pride, indeed, does cometh before the capsize.