



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Diving Into the Lore of Lake 1

CAROLYN ACKER, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Is Lake 1, home of the popular Beach 1, a natural or man-made lake? At a recent wedding I attended, a group of Highland Laker's were debating this question. While no agreement was reached that night, the question led me on a journey to find out the answer. Like all the lakes in Highland lakes, the research revealed that Lake 1 is indeed a man-made lake. However, it differs from the other four lakes because it was not developed by the founders of Highland Lakes. Lake 1's origin story is a unique tale that takes us back to a time before Highland Lakes existed. The creators of Highland Lakes included John R. Seckler and S. Clayton Shepperd, proprietors of Seckler and Shepperd, Inc., a partnership they formed in 1928

According to local historian Ronald J. Dupont, Seckler was the sales and financial expert while Shepperd was the building aficionado. Their first foray into lake development involved the creation of Lake Wallkill. In 1929, Seckler and Shepperd were brought in by a group of Sussex developers to help complete the project. They did so, and officially opened Lake Wallkill on July 4, 1929. Despite the Great Depression, according to Ron Dupont, Lake Wallkill was a success, and by 1933 Seckler and Shepperd were looking for a place to build a new lake community.

Seckler and Shepperd found the spot for their project at the pinnacle of Breakneck Road. They purchased the first one hundred acres of land including today's Beach 1 area, from Joe Opici, a Paterson businessman, and his business partner, Dick Sauerbutt. In a 1973 interview, John Seckler recalled how sparsely developed the mountain top was when they first saw it. Seckler recounted that only a few houses remained from the old mining days. The terrain of today's Beach 1 was that of "an old overgrown mountain farm," as Ron Dupont describes in his book, Images of America - Vernon Township. As they scouted this tract of land, Seckler and Shepperd noticed a small lake towards the back of the property.

The Opici family built this small, 25-acre lake, that would become our Lake 1, in 1925. It was built with the help of a steam shovel owned and operated by Robert F. Baldwin Sr. of Vernon. Coming from the valley, it was no easy feat to transport the steam shovel up the mountain. In his book, Images of America, Ron Dupont discusses how it took three days to complete the journey with the shovel pulling itself, and sometimes being pushed by the men, up and over the crest of the hill. The picture from Dupont's book shows the steam shovel after it made it to the site of the lake. (insert picture here)

Another historic tidbit comes from Seckler's interview where he shared that the lake was once used to harvest ice before the area had electricity. In fact, many farmers in Vernon used their ponds as a source of ice to preserve milk in their ice houses. Additionally, in his interview, Seckler specifically mentioned how the lake did not hold water well



As seen in this photograph, excavation of Lake 1 using a steam shovel begins.

and how it did not have a sufficient supply of water to keep it full. Seckler and Shepperd repaired the leaks after they purchased the lake and supplemented the sources that fed the lake by rerouting the stream coming from present day Lake 5 under Breakneck Road into the lake. It was a leaky lake no longer!

Lake 1 was the first lake in Highland Lakes, but it would not be alone for long. In 1933, Seckler and Shepperd, together with William Dailey and Clarkson Potter, formed a development corporation called Lake Vernon, Inc. for the purpose of building what is now Highland Lakes. Their initial plan was to call the new community Lake Vernon. In 1935, they changed the name of their company to Highland Lakes, Inc. and the name of the community to Highland Lakes to better reflect the nature of the land on which they were building. After their first one-hundred-acre purchase, Seckler & Shepperd continued acquiring property on the mountain to achieve their dream of creating one of the largest lake communities in Sussex County. But the acquisition of hundreds of additional acres of property and the development of four more lakes is a story (or stories) for another day!

Much thanks to Ron Dupont for his conversation and research about the origins of Highland Lakes. If you're curious about the development of the rest of the lakes, information is available from a number of sources including the Highland Lakes 50th Anniversary Book, Vernon 200 - A Bicentennial History of the Township of Vernon, New Jersey, and Images of America - Vernon Township by Ronald J. Dupont Jr., and in interviews conducted by Dr. Roswell S. Coles, the founder of the Vernon Historical Society. His scrapbooks containing a variety of historical writings are available at the Dorothy Henry Library in Vernon.



Upcoming Events

July 15 - Community Yard Sale
July 22 & 23 - Art Show
July 29 - Highland Lakes "B" Invitational
July 29 - 70s/80s Dance
July 30 - Sailor's Social



Save the Dates - Swim Team Events

August 11, 6 pm - Pre-A Championship Pasta Dinner
August 15, 6 pm - Swim Team Awards Dinner

Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule

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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

2023 Swim Team Meet Schedule

July 15	Odd Age Invitational @ Packanack
July 19	Highland Lakes @Erskine Lakes @
July 21	Canistear Cup @ Highland Lakes
July 22	Individual Age Invitational @ Wayne Township
July 26	Highland Lakes @ Green Pond
July 29	Highland Lakes “B” Invitational
August 2	Wayne Township @ Highland Lakes
August 3	Coaches’ Choice @ Fayson Lakes
August 5	“C” Invitational Meet @ Erskine Lakes
August 9	Highland Lakes @ Fayson Lakes
August 12	“A” Championships @ Pequannock

*TBD Canistear Cup - Cliffwood Lake @ Highland Lakes

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.

Beach Hours

Beach 1 – 9 am to 7 pm
*Beach 2 – 10:30 am to 5 pm
Beach 3 – 10 am to 6 pm
*Beach 7 – 10 am to 6 pm
*Beaches 4, 5 and 6 – 11:30 am to 5 pm
*(openings will vary depending on availability of lifeguards)



Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, August 1 – 7 pm
Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Communications Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, July 26 – 8 pm
Fish Committee – Thursday, July 20 – 7 pm
Planning Committee - No meeting schedule at this time
Road Committee – Thursday, August 3 – 7 pm
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, August 16 – 7:30 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, July 21 – 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.

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.

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Beach 1	<1	7.4	25.3
Beach 2	3.1	1	1
Beach 3	1	10.8	6.3
Beach 4	13.1	4.1	15.6
Beach 5	3.1	5.2	12.2
Beach 6	3	14.4	6.3
Beach 7	<1	1	16
Swim Lanes	4.1	2	3.1

Register Your Rentals

Thinking about renting your home? Don’t forget to register your tenants with the Club Office and pay the required fees. Long-term rentals are classified as a stay for ninety-one days or more. Members must own their home for at least two years before they can rent it on a short-term basis (limited to 180 days per year). Tenants can obtain daily guest wristbands at the Club Office. Rental Rules and forms can be found in the DOCUMENTS section of TOPS.

Voting Board Roster

October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

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Badge Checkers Needed and Appreciated

Please contact badgechecker@hlcc.org if you can donate a few hours of your time to help keep our beaches free of outsiders!

HL Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hello, my friends! It's summertime and the livin' is easy... some familiar words from an old song. I wonder how many of you sang a few more lines of that tune.

Just some basic info about our Senior Club:

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of the month from May through Sept. Then we continue with a monthly luncheon or event October - April. We collect \$15 pp annual dues. We host short business meetings naturally featuring homemade refreshments, our annual dinner/dance with live music, attend baseball games, feature guest speakers sharing all kinds of info, attend a lovely off-premises luncheon at a country club, and so much more.

Come on down at 7 pm on meeting nights and join in with a terrific group of HL seniors. Questions? Give me a call anytime, 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce.

Next Newsette: July 22, 2023

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!

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1:00 PM	Sings	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Board Games	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Sings	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Jenga	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	All Kids Crafts	Clubhouse			
2:00 PM	Game Room	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Game Room	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Game Room	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Game Room	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Karaoke	Clubhouse			
4:00 PM	Ceramics	Clubhouse	4:00 PM	Twister Hunt	Clubhouse				4:00 PM	Weekly Family Evening Activity							

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July 2023

Highland Lakes Happenings

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Pickleball Scoops

KATHI TAYLOR

One of the benefits of playing pickleball here in Highland Lakes is the opportunity to play this popular sport with new people. It's great to head to the courts with three other friends and get some games in, but after a while the games become predictable. Playing during organized Highland Lakes pickleball sessions gives you unlimited combinations of people to play with and against. Adding to that is the fact that we are all really welcoming and love this game for the laughs we have every session. All level of players age 16 and older are welcome to join in on the fun on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm and Fridays at 10 am. Make sure you have your membership badge and head to the courts on Glen Wild Way. Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689.

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Competitive Pickleball

KEITH MCCOTTER

Fridays at 5 pm and Sundays at 4pm
Our “Pickle Pros” group has really taken off! This past weekend brought us some spectacular games. We play our games up to 11 but since you must win by two, several games went way beyond that. Peter gets the MVP for not only winning many games, but bringing an extra paddle and bottle of water to share. Now with the summer in full swing, we can expect at least 12 high quality players at the courts each Friday and Sunday. This means plenty of opportunities to mix in with different partners and test your skills against the best players on the mountain. Pro tip of the week: Dink responsibly. If you have questions, email me at pickleballkeith@gmail.com.



Photo courtesy of Keith McCotter.



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This Week in Sports

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Monday’s farm team squad grew even bigger this week! This great group of guys started out with some glove work. Then, the guys practiced scooping balls with their gloves and throwing. As the heat and humidity picked up, so did the action! The boys got their official “Farm Team” hats. Everyone got to hit and before you knew it the session was over. Great job dudes.

Monday night basketball drew a big crowd of various abilities and skill levels. The night started off with some “Knockout”. The group and coaches played some “Treasure Monster” (modified Red-light/Green-light). Then they did some ball handling and passing drills. The competitive juices started to flow and a challenge was laid out during passing drills and the teams battled it out for a week’s worth of bragging rights.

Tennis meets every week multiple times a week. The sessions are broken into different groups based on the players’ ages. Check the weekly athletic schedule for times and age ranges.

Tuesday was July 4, so activities were canceled.

Thursday girl’s Farm Team drew a nice crowd of enthusiastic young ladies. The group started out with some glove work - practicing picking up and throwing balls. The ladies got to

hit and they were on their way to the rest of the day’s activities.

Thursday night, we had our second softball gathering, with a better turnout than the first week. We started with 11 players, both boys and girls, so we let Sophia and Vera be captains and select the players. Sophia got first choice and when everyone was selected, she had the stronger team. The game started with a 2-1 lead after the first inning. A few more boys joined and then the lead expanded to 5-1. Coach Anna arrived a bit late after her work and joined Vera’s team. Key hits tied the score at 5-5.

Sophia’s team brought on a few more players and after two 3-run home runs the game became pretty lop sided. They kept scoring with aggressive base running and some throwing errors. The score got a bit exaggerated when someone said it was 24-6 and then 42-6, but the kids had fun and want to do it again next week.

Friday got off to another great start with soccer. The players started out with warmups and stretches. Then, we played “Hungry Hippos” and capture the flag.

Girls’ Gems League had it’s largest turnout of the season. The girls practiced fielding and hitting with Coach Isa. The girls battled the heat and humidity to have a great session.

Get Ready for the 63rd Annual Art Show

CHRISTINE ALBER, ART SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER





Special Theme - Birds of Highland Lakes

It’s that time of year again, and we are very excited to announce this year’s details for this special Highland Lakes tradition. Join us for a “Meet and Greet” with our professional artist exhibitors on Saturday, July 22 from 6-9 pm in the Lake Room. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception while you view the beautiful artwork on display, talk with the artists, and think about perhaps making an art purchase.

All of our Club’s talented artists are invited to display their art and compete for prizes on Sunday, July 23. Members should bring their submissions to the Clubhouse between 9-10:30 am. Each submission needs a registration form (see reg. form in this Newsette and blanks available at registration) and a nominal registration fee of 50 cents per piece. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure your drawings and paintings are framed or matted and ready for display. We have a short window to arrange the art before the judges begin their review to find our winning pieces and are not able to frame or mat the art.

Members of all ages are invited to participate, and we encourage art in all forms. There are many categories for prizes recognizing the work from children, teens, and adults in all different mediums, including painting, sculpting, drawing, ceramics and pottery, photography, textiles, quilting and more. The doors open for members to view the amateur exhibits in the Seckler and Craft rooms at 2 pm and prizes will be awarded at 3 pm. Our special theme this year is BIRDS OF HIGHLAND LAKES.

Come one and all and enjoy the wonderful creations of the talented artists in Highland Lakes. We hope to see you there and personally greet you on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23rd. With best regards, the Art Show Committee.

<div><div></div><div>Summer Athletics</div><div>SUMMER 2023</div></div>																	
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9:00 AM	Tennis (11-12 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Boys Softball Monarchs League (8-8 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Tennis (7-8 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Girls Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Youth Soccer	Field 1	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
9:00 AM	Boys Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	4:00 PM	Girls Softball Butterfly League (9-12 yrs)	Field 1	10:00 AM	Tennis (2-4 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	10:00 AM	Women's Volleyball 18+ yrs	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	10:00 AM	Pickleball	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Carondeau)	Sunday		
10:00 AM	Tennis (9-10 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	4:00 PM	Adult Men's Basketball (17 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	4:00 PM	Pickleball (7-8 yrs)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Carondeau)	4:00 PM	Boys Softball Grasshopper League (9-11 yrs)	Field 1	10:00 AM	Girls Softball Gem League (9-8 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
3:00 PM	Youth Basketball (9-14 yrs)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts				7:00 PM	Swim Team Scheduled Meets	James				3:00 PM	Boys Softball Little League (12-14 yrs)	Field 2	4:00 PM	Intermediate /Advanced Pickleball (14 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Carondeau)
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Amateur Art Show Registration

(one form per entry)

Sunday, July 23 - Registration: 9 – 10:30 am

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Member # _____

☐ CONSIDER FOR AWARD (competitive)

☐ DISPLAY ONLY (non-competitive)

Age Category

* _____ 18 and under / Age: _____ (please specify)

* _____ Adult

Special category: Birds of Highland Lakes

(any media) _____

Media (circle /check /specify where indicated):

*Painting _____

*Drawing: _____

*Photography (Recognizable HL scene: _____)

*Needlework * Mixed Media

*3-D art *Quilting *Craft *Fiber Art

*Ceramics *Computer Graphics

*Other _____ (media: _____)

Entry Fee: \$.50 cents per item

Promising Start to the 2023 Swim Team Season

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

The 2023 Lakeland Swim Conference season kicked off on Wednesday evening, July 5 with an inter-division matchup between the perennial powerhouse Pequannock Piranhas and the Highland Lakes Swim Team. Highland Lakes came prepared for a challenging meet, fielding a lineup with an exciting mix of veteran experience and rookies with raw talent. Ultimately, the Piranhas showcased their strength and depth and reminded the hosts of their status as annual LSC title contenders, departing the mountain with a 342-315 victory.

The meet started off with Highland Lakes jumping out to a strong lead through the breaststroke events. The 8/U Boys team of Cae Laudenberger, Nate Fahmy, and Luca Berg kicked off the contest with a 1, 2, 4 finish, quickly backed up by a 1-2-3 sweep by the 8/U girls team of Maeve Olsen, Anabelle Schwarz, and Junie Beauregard. A few events later, the 11/12 girls team of Adrienn and Alicia Kovacs, and Juliet Schwarz also delivered a 1-2-3 sweep! The senior squads also brought home big points, with Michael Puccio and James Brantner delivering the 1-2 punch for the boys, followed by a historic 1-2-3 finish by the senior girls team of Abbey Amato, Hannah Wisniewski, and Sophia Randazzo.

An exciting note for all Highland Lakes Swim Team history buffs- yet another Swim Team record fell! Abbey Amato took down her second straight Juliann Rienecker 50M Breaststroke record! Having claimed the 13/14 record last year before aging up, Abbey was well-positioned to challenge for the 15/18 50M breaststroke record this year, and wasted no time in doing so, breaking the record in the first meet of the year! The new time stands at 37.64! Congratulations to Abbey who is now featured three times on the team record board! Abbey is a model teammate and works extremely hard all year to turn in these performances. This coach is very proud!!

Now back to the action...The butterfly events saw Pequannock make their move. Highland Lakes took a 13-point lead into the discipline, but conceded a lot of ground over the next few events. Notable performances included young Chace Puccio attempting the event for the first time competitively and taking an impressive first place in the 10&U event! Also a great showing by Alexandra Kovacs, Samantha Werner, and Regina Branter in the 13/14 girls race kept the damage limited, but by the end of the butterfly events, Pequannock pulled into a 9 point lead which they would not conceded.

In the backstroke events, HL got impressive returns from the 9/10 girls team of Zoey Levens, Abigail Klimash, and newcomer Eleanor McCarney who turned in a 1-3-4 victory, which was bolstered by the 13/14 girls team of Kovacs, Gabriella Cefaloni, Jenna Brennan, and Isabella Evicci who ran away with a clean 1-4 sweep! Let's go! Wisniewski, Vanessa Cefaloni, and Julie Evanick capped off the run with a 1-3-4 performance of their own. Highland Lakes Ladies backstrokers represented very well tonight!

Pequannock made a strong sprint for the finish as they rounded the final turn, dominating the freestyle events and seizing the victory. Notable HL results came from the team of Levens, Ceci Laudenberger, and Avellina Reiser in the 9/10 girls freestyle and the 13/14 girls squad of Cefaloni, Brennan and Evicci.

Highland Lakes fielded strong relays, taking 5 of the 7

relay contests on offer, but it was not enough to surmount the deficit Pequannock had developed through the freestyle events. Impressive victories were turned in by the 8/U mixed team of Fahmy, Kutzman, Olsen and Schwarz; 9/10 Boys team of Leiter, Howes, Puccio, and Evanick; 11/12 Boys team of Contreni, Elliott, V. Fisher and D. Fisher; and the 13/14 girls team of Evicci, Werner, Brennan, and Cefaloni. Of note, in the final senior relay match-up the 15/18 team of Puccio, Amato, Wisniewski and Brantner delivered a 2:10.66 performance, the best time in at least a decade, to come within a second and a half of a long standing 1995 record. Will they eventually overcome it? Time will tell. The LSC is on notice, however, the 15/18 unit in HL is a force to be reckoned with!

Special congratulations to the following swimmers who made their Highland Lakes Swim Team debuts: Mia Chonko, Liana Kalucki, Callie Opfer, Eleanor McCarney, Philip Whitby, Marcus Arias, Olivia Kluck, Declan Olds, Aiden Montgomery, Brayden Vradenburg, Hailee Hamilton, Annette Kaicher, Ryleigh Brennan, and Ava Kraus! I wish you all long and decorated careers with the Highland Lakes Swim Team. We've got many more swimmers waiting to make their first appearances soon, with one of the largest rookie classes in recent memory, why not join in the fun- it's not too late! Walk-ons always welcome, we practice each weekday morning at the Clubhouse lanes.

Full Results

Event # 1 Boys 50 Breast 8 & Under			
1	Cae Laudenberger	1:12.12L	
2	Nathaniel Fahmy	1:12.16L	
4	Luca Berg	1:23.23L	
5	John Klimash	1:33.73L	
Event # 2 Girls 50 Breast 8 & Under			
1	Maeve Olsen	56.85L	
2	Anabelle Schwarz	1:04.00L	
3	Junie Beauregard	1:09.82L	
Event # 3 Boys 50 Breast 9-10			
1	Landon Howes	53.06L	
Event # 4 Girls 50 Breast 9-10			
2	Ceci Laudenberger	1:00.24L	
Event # 5 Boys 50 Breast 11-12			
4	Silas Elliott	58.00L	
Event # 6 Girls 50 Breast 11-12			
1	Adrienn Kovacs	40.32L	
2	Alicia Kovacs	43.98L	
3	Juliet Schwarz	45.79L	
6	Delilah Taylor	1:01.64L	
---	Breea Beebe	1:04.05L	
---	Greycey Steady	1:05.18L	
---	Jenalyss Laszloczky	1:08.26L	
Event # 8 Girls 50 Breast 13-14			
2	Alexandra Kovacs	46.22L	
3	Samantha Werner	49.14L	
4	Regina Brantner	54.42L	
7	Elizabeth Allen-Poole	1:03.22L	
Event # 9 Boys 50 Breast 15-18			
1	Michael Puccio	33.84L	
2	James Brantner	34.85L	
6	True DiGuiseppe	43.16L	
7	Kiernan Corbutt	47.13L	

Event # 10 Girls 50 Breast 15-18			
1	Abbey Amato	37.64L	
2	Hannah Wisniewski	41.03L	
3	Sophia Randazzo	43.28L	
5	Lia Wootton	50.97L	
Event # 11 Boys 50 Fly 10 & Under			
1	Chace Puccio	58.12L	
Event # 13 Boys 50 Fly 11-12			
1	Vincent Fisher	40.52L	
Event # 14 Girls 50 Fly 11-12			
2	Adrienn Kovacs	38.62L	
4	Rebecca Cefaloni	43.25L	
5	Delilah Taylor	1:04.41L	
6	Lauren Emmerich	1:11.98L	
Event # 16 Girls 50 Fly 13-14			
1	Alexandra Kovacs	36.98L	
3	Samantha Werner	47.91L	
4	Regina Brantner	56.14L	
Event # 17 Boys 50 Fly 15-18			
2	James Brantner	29.94L	
4	Michael Puccio	30.70L	
7	Colin Dignan	40.88L	
Event # 18 Girls 50 Fly 15-18			
3	Hannah Wisniewski	34.71L	
4	Abbey Amato	34.77L	
5	Vanessa Cefaloni	38.70L	
6	Mia Chonko	43.04L	
Event # 19 Boys 50 Back 8 & Under			
3	Benjamin Fahmy	1:09.58L	
4	Cae Laudenberger	1:11.53L	
5	Clayton Hastie	1:14.01L	
6	Gavin Kutzman	1:16.29L	
Event # 20 Girls 50 Back 8 & Under			
1	Anabelle Schwarz	55.39L	
5	Junie Beauregard	1:26.44L	
7	Liana Kalucki	1:47.20L	
8	Charlotte Schreiner	2:01.24L	
Event # 21 Boys 50 Back 9-10			
2	Chace Puccio	55.04L	
3	Graden Leiter	55.09L	
5	Joseph Evanick	1:00.64L	
8	Daniel Kaicher	1:32.09L	
Event # 22 Girls 50 Back 9-10			
1	Zoey Levens	50.66L	
3	Abigail Klimash	1:04.34L	
4	Eleanor McCarney	1:07.87L	
7	Callie Opfer	1:17.56L	
Event # 23 Boys 50 Back 11-12			
4	Braeden Contreni	51.21L	
5	Derek Fisher	52.34L	
6	Philip Whitby	57.79L	
7	Cody Kutzman	1:18.52L	
Event # 24 Girls 50 Back 11-12			
1	Juliet Schwarz	41.25L	
3	Rebecca Cefaloni	48.68L	
6	Lauren Emmerich	59.46L	
---	Makenzie Getch	1:06.80L	
7	Greycey Steady	1:20.79L	

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Event # 25 Boys 50 Back 13-14			1	Maeve Olsen	50.54L
2	Ryan Berutti	45.21L	---	Annette Kaicher	1:46.60L
3	Marcus Arias	45.33L	---	McKenna Reiser	1:49.86L
5	Caleb Dalelio	47.68L	---	Ryleigh Brennan	1:52.84L
Event # 26 Girls 50 Back 13-14			7	Charlotte Schreiner	2:04.14L
1	Alexandra Kovacs	39.10L	8	Olivia Kluck	2:20.91L
2	Gabriella Cefaloni	39.77L	---	Hailee Hamilton	2:22.49L
3	Jenna Brennan	41.06L	Event # 31 Boys 50 Free 9-10		
4	Isabella Evicci	42.74L	4	Landon Howes	48.31L
---	Maddie McCabe	47.79L	5	Joseph Evanick	50.18L
Event # 27 Boys 50 Back 15-18			7	Daniel Kaicher	1:29.15L
1	Michael Puccio	31.75L	Event # 32 Girls 50 Free 9-10		
5	Michael Evanick	40.58L	1	Zoey Levens	45.61L
6	Elijah Dalelio	41.27L	3	Ceci Laudenberger	57.22L
Event # 28 Girls 50 Back 15-18			---	Abigail Klimash	1:06.98L
1	Hannah Wisniewski	36.31L	5	Avellina Reiser	1:10.26L
3	Vanessa Cefaloni	41.18L	---	Ava Kraus	1:14.73L
---	Meghan Emmerich	41.54L	---	Morgan McCabe	1:25.30L
4	Julie Evanick	42.66L	Event # 33 Boys 50 Free 11-12		
---	Mia Levens	44.76L	1	Vincent Fisher	35.07L
---	Devin Arnold	44.90L	5	Derek Fisher	48.28L
5	Ryleigh Bernier	45.86L	6	Silas Elliott	48.76L
---	Mia Chonko	47.68L	8	Braeden Contreni	49.43L
Event # 29 Boys 50 Free 8 & Under			---	Sebastian Tobin	59.15L
---	Clayton Hastie	1:09.74L	---	Philip Whitby	59.81L
4	Gavin Kutzman	1:14.73L	---	Cody Kutzman	1:03.99L
5	Benjamin Fahmy	1:17.11L	Event # 34 Girls 50 Free 11-12		
6	Nathaniel Fahmy	1:18.84L	2	Juliet Schwarz	34.71L
8	Luca Berg	1:19.38L	4	Alicia Kovacs	39.96L
---	Brayden Vradenburg	1:42.75L	6	Breea Beebe	47.75L
---	John Klimash	1:52.11L	7	Lauren Emmerich	52.09L
Event # 30 Girls 50 Free 8 & Under			---	Makenzie Getch	57.23L
			---	Greycey Steady	1:07.37L

---	Jenalyss Laszloczky	1:08.81L
Event # 35 Boys 50 Free 13-14		
3	Caleb Dalelio	36.86L
4	Ryan Berutti	37.91L
5	Marcus Arias	38.34L
7	Declan Olds	46.05L
Event # 36 Girls 50 Free 13-14		
1	Gabriella Cefaloni	32.89L
3	Jenna Brennan	36.09L
4	Isabella Evicci	39.52L
---	Regina Brantner	42.67L
6	Maddie McCabe	44.97L
Event # 37 Boys 100 Free 15-18		
5	Michael Evanick	1:24.66L
6	Colin Dignan	1:26.21L
7	Ketchell Terzakis	1:37.30L
8	Kiernan Corbutt	1:37.86L
Event # 38 Girls 100 Free 15-18		
3	Abbey Amato	1:09.72L
5	Mia Levens	1:26.43L
6	Mia Chonko	1:29.05L
7	Meghan Emmerich	1:32.52L

FJ Recap

JAMES SULLIVAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

Week 2 - July 9

Race 1

- 1. Mark Buruchian and Lorayne Castiglione #118
- 2. James and Luke Sullivan #24
- 3. John Wayne Wisniewski & Alex Kresic #13
- 4. Maryjane and Briana Kresic #87
- 5. Bill and Liz Giannini #18
- 6. Jeff and Lisa Pellet #1
- 7. Mike and Sara Gillooly #2
- 8. Lou Iannucci and Abbey Amato #20
- 9. Alan and LuAnn Napolitano #15
- 10. Rick Thompson and Raelene #320

Race 2

- 1. Mark Buruchian and Lorayne Castiglione #118
- 2. John Wayne Wisniewski & Alex Kresic #13
- 3. James and Luke Sullivan #24
- 4. Bill and Liz Giannini #18
- 5. Maryjane and Briana Kresic #87
- 6. Lou Iannucci and Abbey Amato #20
- 7. Jeff and Lisa Pellet #1
- 8. Mike and Sara Gillooly #2
- 9. Alan and LuAnn Napolitano #15



10. Rick Thompson and Raelene #320
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July 8 Race

When I saw the wind forecast for last Saturday’s race, for me, it was one of great concern. Not that the wind strength would be overpowering but rather the direction of said winds would create a quagmire for us. It was predicting light winds out of the north for the start of the first race. Now, that’s all fine except for the fact that it was also predicting south winds for the start of the second race. That transition from north to south via an easterly swing just about shut us down smack in the middle of the second race.

I wasn’t sure which one of the following three noteworthy headlines should come first, so, in no particular order I’ll start by saying that Justin beat me in both races by basically outrifing me. Then in the Challenger Division, our second headliner, Dennis Gaston, notched out a pair of victories over our third headliner, Tommy “Two Tack” Latham, who was making his first appearance in our race series in over a decade.

A special shout out to all the volunteers that helped out at our windsurfing clinic as part of Lake Appreciation Day last Sunday. The clinic, albeit short lived due to thunderstorms, was a success nonetheless. Join in the fun every Saturday at 3 pm at the starting line. Call or text 845-893-2923 if you have any questions.

Championship Division

Race 1

- 1- Justin Murphy
- 2- Kevin Gaston
- 3- Joe Gaston

Race 2

- 1- Justin Murphy
- 2- Kevin Gaston
- 3- Joe Gaston

Challenger Division

Race 1

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Race 2

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First Hobie Cat Race of 2023

CHRISTINE ALBER, DOCK COMMITTEE

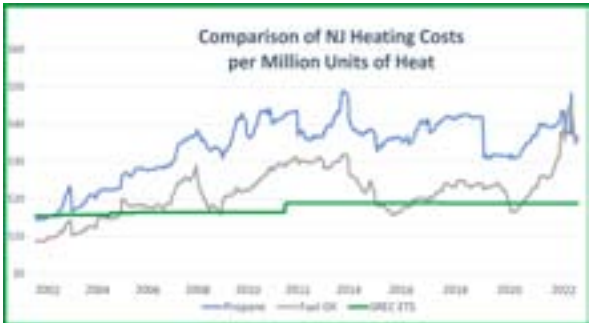
The Hobie Cat racing season got off to a slow start with nearly nonexistent winds and only two boats, one captained by Reed Ulmer and the other with captain Rick Thompson and crew Raelene Smith. Because of the extremely light winds, we chose a shortened, two-buoy racecourse, and the sailors completed two races. We saw some rising wind with occasional gusts to 5 mph, and the races were competitive, with Reed and Rick and Rae trading positions as they dealt with dead spots along the shoreline and difficult tacking strategies. Rick and Rae ultimately took the first race by a good measure, but Reed won the second race using clever short cuts on the upwind tacks to the finishing line. We are looking forward to an excellent season racing the Hobies and welcome any new racers. Call Rick (973-868-0236) or Chip (973-222-6755) if you are interested in joining the fleet.



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MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 4 Series - July 2 and 4

We began the season early, taking the opportunity with some good weather to sail on Sunday the 2nd. The winds were not particularly strong, at 3-4 knots from the south, dictating a short course one. We had nine enthusiastic sailors engaged in a cautious start at the horn. By the island mark, Will was off, taking the lead that was never really challenged. Mark and JW duked it out for second and third respectively. Bob T. nosed out Rob for 4th and Roger came in a close 6th nipping David at the finish with yours truly (after a flip on the very first tack) and Bill W. rounding out the fleet.

Race 2 started a bit more aggressively, with Mark taking off to the island and a boat length lead over Will and JW. By the downwind leg, Will passed Mark, but the very senior sunfish sailor tacked east off the windward Mark, passing Will for the victory. JW and Bob were again 3 and 4, while Roger nosed out Rob for 5th, with David and Bill following. Moi is now officially retired for the foreseeable future until the knee doesn’t tell me anything.

So, going into July 4, the series was tied! July 4 was nice and sticky with not much wind; 2 knots at best - not ideal racing conditions. We called a real short course 3, to the dam and back. The bobbbers...oops, excuse me...racers were taking their time to the dam. Despite being stuck over the line at the start, Will managed a few lengths separation on the windward leg and finished 1st followed by Mark, while Bob eked out JW at the line for 3rd. James was 5th, passing David on the last leg who finished 6th followed by Roger and Bill.

The wind picked up for race 2 so we optimistically sailed a full course 3. Will was off to a fast start, followed by Mark and John. Will extended his lead on the last leg, while JW passed Mark to finish second. James, sailing with his motor outdueled Bob for 4th. David, Roger and Bill were the last bobbbers...there I go again...racers...racers!

Congratulations to Will for winning the July 4 series again, though I am not sure that Mark or JW were unhappy given the nature of the award.

The turnout was great even though we were missing a number of sailors. We hope to continue growing the fleet throughout the season!! For any new entrants, my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102.

Thanks Lyndsay for stepping in as last-minute dock committee and doing a fantastic job together with baby Isabel!

IMPORTANT NOTES AND RULES:

- When you start the race, you must cross the line between the starting buoys, and the same is true for the finish.
- Please check in with the dock committee at the start as some of us have very similar boats and sails.

By now everyone is aware that the July 9 races were cancelled because of heavy thunderstorms.

Sunfish team, please have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday, the 16th. Spread the word!

Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates.

The default for every week will be 2 races.

July 2 Race 1

1. Will Kresic
2. Mark Buruchian
3. John W. Wisniewski
4. Bob Tomsey
5. Rob Schaaap
6. Roger Kirchner
7. David Goldman
8. Mladen Kresic
9. Bill Weis

July 2 Race 2

1. Mark Buruchian
2. Will Kresic
3. John W. Wisniewski
4. Bob Tomsey
5. Roger Kirchner
6. Rob Schaaap
7. David Goldman
8. Bill Weis

July 4 Race 3

1. Will Kresic
2. Mark Buruchian
3. Bob Tomsey
4. John W. Wisniewski
5. James Sullivan
6. David Goldman
7. Roger Kirchner
8. Bill Weis

July 4 Race 4

1. Will Kresic
2. John W. Wisniewski
3. Mark Buruchian
4. James Sullivan
5. Bob Tomsey
6. David Goldman
7. Roger Kirchner
8. Bill Weis

2023 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

MARK BURUCHIAN, HL SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2023 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All local fleet races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center Dock located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road. All fleets include 2 races except for the Ladies Sunfish Fleet. The safety boat should arrive approx. 15 minutes prior to the start of each race.

Flying Junior (FJ) Races – Sundays at 11:00 am

James Sullivan: 201-741-4235

July 16, 23, 30 / August 6, 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm

Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102

July 16, 23, 30 / August 6, 13, 27 / Sept. 3

Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

July 19, 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

July 20, 27 / August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11:00 am

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

July 14, 21, 28 / August 4, 11, 18, 25 / Sept. 1

Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:00 am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

July 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm

Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and Chip Ehrhardt 973-222-6755

July 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm

Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923

July 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26

All Boat Regatta – Sept. 2

Sailors’ Picnic – Sept. 3

(safety boat lifeguards are welcome to attend)

SANJL Championship Sunfish Regatta – Sept. 30th

Mark Buruchian: 973-271-0213

Registration – 8:30 am / Skipper’s Meeting – 10:00 am / 4 races starting at 10:30

Questions? Call Mark at 973.271.0213 or hlccsailing@gmail.com

Ladies Sunfish Fleet

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

Thursday, July 6

Eight anxious ladies arrived ready to sail and get those winter cobwebs off their sails. The winds filled in beautifully and allowed the skippers to hike and stretch those unused muscle groups that sailing requires. All did great!

Congratulations to:

1. Emmaline Stoddard
2. Nancy Grimaldi
3. MaryJane Kresic
4. Kerri Bednarick
5. Patty Thompson
6. Christine Alber
7. Janet Zatta
8. Carol Hastie

Thank you to our safety boat team and Mark Buruchian as Fleet and Race Committee helper! Hope to see you all out next week.