



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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From the President's Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

I've lived in Highland Lakes for over 20 years now, and it took a pandemic for me to fully realize just how lucky I actually am. If you've been following what I've written in this column or in our regular Club emails since February, you're probably wondering, "How can Mr. Bad News possibly feel lucky about the state of affairs we're all living through?" Well, it's easy, actually, and I'll bet I'm not alone in this thought—being forced to stay in and around my home every day has made me appreciate just how unusually beautiful Highland Lakes is, both in terms of the literal place, and our community at large.

I've realized that despite normal differences of opinions between people wherever they may live, most Highland Lakers are aligned around a core set of values. We appreciate natural beauty, and largely respect each other's rights to enjoy our property, both private and communal. Most importantly, despite our collective frustration with the cards the pandemic has dealt us, nearly all have done our best to make lemonade out of lemons. This is not the summer we were looking forward to in January, but we're lucky to live here in wide open spaces, we've made the best of it—without too much hysteria along the way. In many ways I think the pandemic has brought out the best in us...kindness, generosity, courtesy.

Part of what's made it easy to be here is the hard work and dedication our Club staff has shown during this time period. There is no easy way to convey how difficult their jobs have been across the board, and how diligently they've worked to keep things running smoothly in a time of such duress—they've performed their jobs and served our community with patience and resolve in ways that go far beyond the norm. I'm particularly grateful for the tireless work of the Club's General Manager, Jack McLaughlin, whose commitment to the Club, leadership of its staff, and detailed advice offered to the Voting Board remains invaluable.

While what's currently going on in other regions of our country provokes lots of concern for me, I'm particularly grateful to see things here slowly being allowed to return to what most of us would consider "normal," especially with regard to traditional and new summer activities. As you may have noticed on the Club's website and Facebook page, we can now safely conduct swim team, some sports clinics and other activities and events as long as they follow current social distancing and mask guidelines. We're ready to adapt to any new changes as they come, but for now we're moving in the right direction.

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Upcoming Events

July 17 – Friday Night Lights



Wawayanda State Park

SUE ROSS, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



Overlooking Wawayanda Lake from South End Trail

A Welcome Neighbor

There is no denying that Highland Lakes is filled with beautiful rustic scenes but if you are looking for an opportunity to really get "lost" in the woods you'll have a hard time doing it here. For that, you'll have to stray from our roads and onto the trails of Wawayanda State Park, which is literally minutes from your doorstep (no matter where you live at the Lake.)

Three seasons out of the year (fall, winter and spring) the park is accessible and free. To access it simply drive on Wawayanda Road through Barry Lakes and instead of turning left to go down Barrett Mountain Road, continue straight. You will find a small parking area at the end of that road and a trail off to your right that you can follow to get to Wawayanda Lake and the many trails that surround it. During the summer months, access to the park by car on weekends costs \$10/vehicle. If you prefer to avoid the charge, you can walk in by following Cherry Ridge Road which leaves our community and becomes a Park trail in short order joining up with Pumphouse Trail. From Pumphouse, there are many opportunities to connect with other trails that, when stitched together, will take you straight around Wawayanda Lake. With a map, you will easily

become familiar with how one trail leads to another, enabling you to take hikes of many lengths. I often walk 7-8 miles by stringing together several trails in a connecting loop. The park offers 60 miles of trails to choose from, picnic areas with grills and tables, a playground, boating area and beach.

Despite years of living so close to the Park, it wasn't until recently that I started actively exploring it. Now I go there whenever I can and never tire of it. Most trails are easy to moderate in difficulty. Even if you are a beginner, as long as you have good footwear and are in reasonably good health, you can comfortably navigate them. While I have on occasion seen a bear or two, they always continue on their way without giving me a second glance. (I never carry food with me while hiking for fear that it might peak their interest.) Far more frequently, what I see is a wide array of birds, squirrels and chipmunks. Regardless of the season, I find what nature always offers...ever changing, breathtaking beauty and serenity. To learn more about the park and find a trail map that you can download and take with you, visit <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/wawayanda.html>.



Woodland critter spotted along the way
Photos courtesy of Sue Ross

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Current guidelines in place from the state government also make it impossible to have as robust a summer schedule as we'd like, but the Club has worked hard to find innovative ways to get back to normal—or as close to it as is possible. While there won't be Family Day, the Community Yard Sale, Appreciation dinners, dances or concerts for some time to come, there's still a lot going on and being planned in addition to the spontaneous bustle of activity around our roads and lakes and trails that we create for ourselves every day. Clearly, members are finding new ways to have fun, and the Club is trying to add to that repertoire, however it can, within the guidelines we have to work within. Either you understand that difficulty and appreciate the effort, or you're simply detached from the demands of reality.

But back to my original statement: It took a pandemic for me to realize how good I've got it. As you've hopefully realized, I've been in the rather unenviable position of having to be the bearer of bad news to members since March, so why am I suddenly gushing with enthusiasm? Fact is, despite having to share a new workspace with two videogame enthusiasts, all of my days are spent here rather than commuting to and from Manhattan. I have time to walk around the Main Lake every day and take in its shimmering beauty. When I look out my office window I notice how the sunlight changes across the full length of each long summer day, and can spend time outside watching turtles catch a breather on the lake's surface or watch a blue heron on the prowl for a meal...It sure beats sitting in traffic for 2.5 hours to get home from work every day.

Make no mistake, I'm far from oblivious to everything that we've all missed during this time, the loss of social connection is glaring and painful. But so far I'm fortunate not to have lost anyone—or anything—that can't be replaced or repaired. I hope the same holds true for you, and look forward to a time when we can all reflect on this period from the safety of retrospect, talk together about how we got through it, what we've learned from it, and with any luck note how we're somehow all better for it. Until then, I'll look forward to seeing you around the community enjoying the bounty we're lucky enough to call home.

Petitions for Trustee Available

ARTHUR D. DAWSON, Ph.D., ELECTIONS CHAIRPERSON

Filing Deadline - Monday, July 27, 2020

At this year's Annual Meeting on August 16, 2020, elections will be held for full, three-year terms commencing October 1, 2020, for Trustee positions for Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5.

In order for a candidate's name for Trustee to be on the ballot, a petition must be filed with the Elections Chairperson containing five signatures from members in good standing in the section electing a Trustee. Petitions are available at the Activity Center only, Monday through Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm. The petition must be received at the Club Office or Activity Center at least twenty (20) days before the election, which means no later than 4 pm on Monday, July 27, 2020.

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 2020 Membership Card enclosed in the provided envelope no later than Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 4 pm.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on August 16, 2020. If you do not use an Absentee Ballot and plan to vote at the Annual Meeting, please make sure that you have your 2020 Membership Card and badge with you.

Voting Board

Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association

October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

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Beach Hours

Beach 1..... 9:30 am – 7 pm


Beach 2.....11:00 am - 5 pm

Beach 3..... 10:30 am – 6 pm

Beach 7..... 10:30 am – 6 pm

Swim Lanes....12 pm – 4 pm

Beaches 4, 5 and 6....12 pm – 5 pm – these beaches will be open based on staff availability- see postings at beaches.



Activity Center Open

The office remains closed to the public. The Activity Center is open for your convenience seven days a week from 9 am to 4 pm. At the Activity Center you may pay the balance on your account, pick up your badges and permits, and purchase guest badges. Note: see the revised policy about guest badges and the new beach guest passes elsewhere in this Newsette.

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Athletics Clinics Planned

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Social distancing among children required

We welcome Orlando Gomez to our staff as Athletics Director who will be assisted by Kerri Culhane. They are joining our staff during very difficult and concerning times, with news headlines as this article is written indicating an uptick in corona virus cases in New Jersey, the reversal of certain relaxations, and the potential for further restrictions.

Based on the reduced volume of registrations and permissions slips received, combined with the prohibitions against sports activities recently lifted, we understand and share with parents the concerns we all have about the ongoing public health emergency and the safety of our children. We have determined that the Club's athletics activities for children this summer must be scaled back due to the requirement for social distancing and the requirement that equipment must not be shared.

It is also clear that softball competition among teams is not possible, and that no equipment is to be shared by youngsters. Parents: please make sure your child comes to tennis or softball with their own racket, baseball glove, batting helmet, and bat. When not actively at play, we are asking parents to help ensure social distancing among the children, and to practice social distancing among themselves.

We have determined that the best course to pursue is to delay the commencement of athletics activities until Monday, July 13, while continuing to encourage parents to register their children so that the number of children participating in activities may be properly estimated. This delay provides time for parents to consider the Club's athletics programs for their children this summer, and to complete the registration forms. During the week of July 6, schedules will be developed based on enrollments using the registration forms, and meeting times and days will be posted on the Club's website and in the Newsette of July 11.

Note: it may be necessary to alternate weeks of a particular program if enrollments are so high that social distancing cannot be maintained. Not only must children participating in activities maintain their distance from others who are not part of their household, parents and guardians must do the same while watching their children from the sidelines.

Registration forms are available on the Club's website at <https://hlcc.org/oldsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Events-Activities-and-Athletics-Permission-and-Registration-Form-Final-2020.05.12.pdf>

Below are the summer clinics with all days and times tentative:

- Softball / T-Ball
- Boys Farm Team ages 4-5 Beach 1 ballfield - Mondays, 9 am
 - Girls Farm Team ages 4-5 Beach 1 ballfield - Thursdays, 9 am
 - Boys Mosquito League ages 6-8 Beach 1 ballfield - Tuesdays, 9 am
 - Girls Gem League ages 6-8 Beach 1 ballfield - Fridays, 10 am
 - Boys Grasshopper League ages 9-11 Beach 1 ballfield - Thursdays, 6 pm
 - Girls Butterfly league ages 9-11 Beach 1 ballfield - Tuesdays, 6 pm
 - Boys Little League ages 12-16 Field 2 - Canistear Park Ballfield - Fridays, 6 pm
- Softball Beach 1 ballfield 1 and Canistear Park ballfield: Competitions will be avoided. Instead, clinics will take place, focusing on the basics of the sport. We will work on proper hitting techniques as well as defense and base running. Each clinic session will end with a discussion of the importance of teamwork and how crucial it is in order to build championship character on the field of play.

Boys and Girls Basketball Ages 8-14 Beach 1 courts - Mondays, 5 pm:

The focus of the basketball clinics will be on conducting drills that will concentrate on the introduction of the game. Drills will include proper footwork on defense, dribbling techniques, as well as learning some offensive positioning. Clinics will end having a question and answer session on the strategies on the days' lessons.

Boys and Girls Soccer Ages 5-8 and Ages 9-12 Beach 1 ballfield - Fridays, 9 am

The objective of the soccer clinic is to establish small groups of players who will rotate among defined skill stations placed around the field during a reasonable amount of time. The stations ill rotate during the course of the summer clinics so that the children would have a chance to maximize and address as many of the basic skills as possible.

- Tennis - Beach 1 Tennis Courts
- Mondays: 9 am ages 11-12
 - Mondays, 10 am ages 9-10
 - Wednesdays, 9 am ages 7-8
 - Wednesdays, 10 am ages 5-6

Youth summer tennis program for ages 5 and up. Offers fun, exercise, and youth interaction through tennis. Includes one-on-one and group learning. Skills clinic and game play are included in every session.

Clubhouse Activities

ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

Week of July 20 – 24 Under the Sea

We are going to run these activities and more. Weather permitting, we will do as many activities as we can outside for social distancing. Check the Club's official Facebook page - facebook.com/highlandlakesnj for daily/weekly updates.



Monday – July 20

- 9:30 - 10:30 am: bubble fun (ages 3-6)
- 10:30 – 11:30 am: corn hole (ages 6+)
- 1 - 2 pm: bubble fun (ages 7+)
- 2 - 3 pm: corn hole (ages 6+)

Tuesday – July 21

- 9:30 - 10:30 am: make a paper plate turtle (ages 4+)
- 10:30 – 11:30 am: can toss (ages 6+)
- 1 - 2 pm: make a sea horse (ages 4+)
- 2 - 3 pm: can toss (ages 6+)

Wednesday - July 22

- 9:30 – 11 am: tie dye day (all ages)
- 11 am – 12 noon: scoop toss (ages 6 – 10)
- 1 – 2 pm: tie dye (all ages)
- 2 – 3 pm: scoop toss (ages 10 +)

Thursday – July 23

- 9:30 – 10:30 am: grow sponges (ages 3 - 6)
- 10:30 – 11:30 am: kick ball (ages 4+)
- 1 – 2 pm: paint a fish (ages 4+)
- 2 - 3 pm: kick ball (ages 8+)

Friday – July 24

- 9:30 am – 10:30 am: water color under the sea (all ages)
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am: water balloon bonanza (ages 2 – 4)
- 1 – 2 pm: paint a sun catchers (5+)
- 2 – 3 pm: water balloon bonanza (ages 4+)

Beach 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 milliliter. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

| | 6/23 | 7/1 | 7/7 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|
| Beach 1 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 25.6 |
| Beach 2 – Clubhouse | 2.0 | 6.3 | 2.0 |
| Beach 3 – Lookover Lane | 14.8 | 15.8 | 24.6 |
| Beach 4 – Bushwick | 4.1 | 5.2 | <1 |
| Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr. | 5.1 | <1 | 1.0 |
| Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr. | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr. | 12.0 | 3.1 | <1 |
| Swim Lanes – Clubhouse | 17.3 | 1.0 | 10.9 |

Don't Miss the
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, August 19
at 2 pm

Friday Night Lights

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE
ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

Teens 13 – 18 – 6:30 - 8 pm
Adults, 8:30 pm til ?? Clubhouse

We have added an adult session for food and competition starting Friday, July 17. Cornhole, can toss, badminton, ladderball and more.

Teens competitive games continue as well throughout the summer to include: cornhole, dodgeball, badminton, egg tosses, water balloons, ladderball and... Burgers and wings will be back on July 24. Tacos are what's for dinner July 17. Weather permitting, food will be served on the decks. Age restrictions will be enforced, both young and old. Teens welcome from 6 – 8 pm, adults 8:30 pm til ??

Club Events, Activities and Athletics Permission form will be required for teens. Social distancing requirements will be in place--bring a mask. Be ready to laugh and be hungry, this informal competition will be on Fridays throughout the summer.

Windsurf Standings

MIKE GASTON

Open Class Standings through July 4, 2020

| Racer | Race # | 1 | Total Pts | Points w/0 t/o | Place w/0 t/o |
|----------------|--------|---|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Kevin Gaston | 1 | 1 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 1 |
| Justin Murphy | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Joe Gaston | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Joey Gaston | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Randy Staley | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Dennis Gaston | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| George Gaston | DNS | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| Dennis Jimenez | DNS | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 |



Next Newsette: July 25, 2020

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

Beach Rules

Please be aware that there are official beach rules that are in place to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone.

- Swimming is permitted ONLY when a lifeguard is on duty, within the roped-in areas, and is done at the swimmer's own risk.
- Lifeguards supervise the roped-in areas only.
- Directives from lifeguards must be followed at all times.
- Flotation devices may only be used where the user can stand.
- An adult must accompany children requiring supervision.
- Swimmers must enter and leave the swimming area via the beach.
- Swimming is prohibited when thunder or lightning is present.
- Roughness, rowdiness, spitting, foul language, littering or other conduct affecting the safety and/or comfort of others is prohibited.
- Alcohol, glass containers, and pets (with the exception of dogs used for medical/physical assistance) are not permitted on the beach at any time.
- New Jersey's bathing beach regulations require that all children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands. Acceptable disposable swim pants are now available in the diaper aisle in grocery stores. Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
- All boats must stay clear of the swimming areas. Boats may not drop-off or pick-up swimmers from within the roped swimming areas.
- Fishing is prohibited within designated areas at all beaches.
- In the interest of the safety of all members using our beaches, please be advised that grills are allowed ONLY on Beaches 3 and 5 and ONLY in the grassy area where the picnic tables are, away from the beach patrons, lifeguard equipment and any playground equipment. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Smoking, vaping or the use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times on all Club properties, including Club beaches and parking lots.

About Thunder and Lightning

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Bathing Rules Enforced for Everyone's Safety, Including Staff

Lifeguarding standards in effect at the Club's beaches require removal of all bathers from the water upon hearing thunder and the waiting period is thirty minutes after the last instance of thunder is heard. These standards are in effect for everyone's safety, and follow guidelines from the American Red Cross which require that everyone be cleared from the water at the first sound of thunder or first sight of lightning.

Whether at one of the Club's beaches, boating on one of our lakes, or swimming from a lakefront home, everyone should be aware of the following:

- Leave the water at the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning.
- If possible, get to an enclosed area during an electrical storm.
- Do not stay in an open area, under a tree or near anything metal.

Lightning is the result of the build-up and discharge of electrical energy, and this rapid heating of the air produces the shock wave that results in thunder. 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes occur in the United States each year. Lightning often strikes as far as 10 to 15 miles away from any rainfall with each spark of lightning reaching over 5 miles in length and temperatures of approximately 50,000° F. Even if the sky looks blue and clear, be cautious. One ground lightning strike can contain 100 million volts of electricity. The National Lightning Safety Institute recommends waiting 30 minutes after the last lightning sighting or sound of thunder before resuming activities.

- Source: National Weather Service Web at www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov

We appreciate the cooperation of most of our members. For those adults who disagree with the actions of the lifeguards in removing bathers from the water, please direct your concerns about the Club's adherence to safety guidelines and standards to your Section Trustee. Your disagreement must not be expressed to the lifeguards.

The Great Rock Hunt

THERESA RUIZ

Something New and Fun starting July 19

Attention all Highland Lakes Country Club residents aged 2-102. This summer there will be a painted rock hunt where you can win prizes. Three small, painted rocks will be hidden around the lakes, playgrounds and parks in Highland Lakes. Clues to where they are will be provided elsewhere in the Newsette each week. This hunt is designed for ages 3 – 14. Young adults and teens are welcome to participate and take selfies just for the fun of it.

Eligible contestants need to find rocks each week and email a selfie with each rock to (rockhunt@hlcc.org). The contestants who send all three of their rock selfies the fastest each week will win a prize. Take a selfie with the rock (don't move it), please leave it where you found it so others can find it, too. Be sure to look for new clues for rock whereabouts in the Newsette each week. Happy hunting!

Clues

1. You find this at the end of a rainbow; I'm at the end of a lake
2. I used to be a caterpillar; I'm near trees
3. I needed a break, so I'm hanging out by the closed beach



Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Protecting our Lakes from Runoff

There is always construction going on here in Highland Lakes. As homes are being torn down and rebuilt much of the vegetation must be removed to allow for new septic systems and home construction. This is unavoidable. We can help prevent runoff and erosion. Storm water rushing into the lakes carries dissolved household chemicals, garden fertilizers, and pesticides along with sediment that slowly fills our lakes.

- Ways to prevent harmful runoff:
- Plant a vegetative buffer at least ten feet wide by the lake's edge. Plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. This buffer can keep the geese off your property and filter out pollutants while slowing runoff into the lake.
 - Consider using pavers or crushed stone for your driveway rather than impervious asphalt.
 - Minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides in your garden. The fertilizers that make your plants grow also encourage lake algae.
 - While phosphates have been eliminated from dishwasher detergent, inspect every label of other cleaning products used in your home and choose those with low or non-phosphate formulations.
- Septic Systems
- All homes in Highland Lakes 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 use.
 - 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

flush anything else. 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 on it. Do not drive or park vehicles on it or plant trees near it. Have the field inspected when you have the 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, the surrounding soil, streams and lakes where they are also toxic to wildlife.

To gain a better understanding and appreciation of the ecology and management of our lakes and streams, the Ecology Committee invites members to join us. I can be reached at 973-479-7416 and look forward to hearing from interested club members.



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Friday Night Lights Roundup

LOUISE STALEY,
CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE
COMMITTEE
ROE HALL, EVENTS
COORDINATOR

The rains came down on Friday, July 10, but that didn't keep the teens away. We had a great showing of 26 youths come down to the Clubhouse for a night of fun playing corn hole, can toss and ping pong. They started off with dinner provided by our resident Chef Frank of burgers and wings, salad and chips. This informal night of game play will continue throughout the summer. If you are looking for something to do, join us.



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Sunday Sunfish – “Wow”!

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 12

The morning winds for the FJ races were moderate so we had great hopes. Yet, as we were rigging for sunfish, the winds had died down and, frankly, I was worried that we would have another “baker in the sun”. But 30 minutes before start time, it began to pick up, and by race time, we had a pretty good course 1 with 8-10 mph puffs. And, WOW! The boats kept coming. By 2:30 we had 17 sailors. For all the spectators, it must have been something to watch the start line... Well, ok,... we don't exactly have spectators... but we do have a dock committee and various family members along the shoreline.

Of the 17 sailors, it was good to see James Napolitano with the seniors for the first time after sailing as a junior many years ago. Also, great to see Chip; back as the bionic man in great form and spirit. Also joining us were Will and Lyndsay, who made their maiden HLCC voyage for the season.

Just off the start line in race 1, the winds on the eastern side of the line picked up, and Lyndsay was, off to the races...wow...?! Heading to the leeward mark, she had a good lead on Mark and Rich that expanded downwind. I was jockeying for position with Bill close behind...but, wow, what happened? Where was the pre-race co-favorite, Will... nowhere to be found?... Coming around the downwind mark, our junior, Richie, was giving chase, as I heard him steaming up. The reach (ok, downwind/reach) leg saw some interesting jockeying for position as Rich and Mark were trying to close on Lyndsay. As the wind shifted about 50 yards short of the mark, she made a tactical starboard tack that ensured she would reach the mark first and have clear sailing home. An expert move from a really good sailor! WOW! She finished a few boat lengths ahead of Rich, with Mark a boat length behind. I was fourth, but not that close (well...ok, a tack off), with Richie fifth, Will, having been found, in 6th, just ahead of John Wayne who was sailing an old reliable cruiser he just repaired. Rounding out the fleet were James Sullivan with a new number, David, Chip, Bob, the colonel, Bill, James N. (beating out his dad), Joe W., Alan N. and Luca.

The conditions remained reasonably consistent before the second race, sort of...just as the horn sounded, the wind totally died on the west side of the line (typical HL)! Argh...As some of us lumbered off the line, while Lyndsay, Mark, Will and others got off to a fast start. Rich made up ground quickly after a reasonably shaky start from the west, along with yours truly. On the leeward leg there was some “missed” calling of starboard by a boat which was in fact on port. (More on this later.) In the end, it was truly a great race with good wind--and the “Wow” came at the finish. Mark was in the lead with Will and Rich within a boat length coming down the middle of the lake to the east buoy of the finish line. Lyndsay, having rounded the reach mark in 4th, took the Island route to get a lift and try to catch them. That required a tactical maneuver on port straight down to the finish line to try and sneak in ahead of Mark who was on starboard. Well, there was a little crashing involved, with Lyndsay crossing the line ahead, but Mark, the “experienced” warhorse, knew that he had won given the circles Lynds had to do. Observing within a boat length were Will and Rich

coming in 2nd and 3rd, with Lynds fourth after her circles. Yours truly was fifth in a photo with Richie (great racing!). David was a close 7th followed by Bob, JW, Chip, James Sullivan, Joe W., Bill, Colonel Wayne, Alan (getting revenge against his son), Luca and James N. Great sailing by all... WOW, WOW!

Thanks to all who came to sail. The more the merrier! We count on continuing great turnouts throughout the season.

A couple of important notes:

Our dock committee has requested that those finishing races early stay away from the line as it is challenging for them to see those crossing later if there are boats between them and the line.

We are working on organizing a socially distanced sailing and rules clinic for the newer sailors and those wanting a refresher. This is especially important for safety and to give all our sailors the ability to make confident decisions on the water.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me - my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102.

Thanks Allan and Brett for doing another stellar job amidst the many boats coming and going (seems like old times, right Alan?...WOW!).

Senior Sunfish team, please continue to stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you all next Sunday at 2:30 pm, if weather and the wind gods cooperate. Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates.

July 12 - Race 1

- 1 - Lyndsay Kresic
- 2 - Rich Mastrangelo
- 3 - Mark Buruchian
- 4 - Mladen Kresic
- 5 - Richie Amato
- 6 - Will Kresic
- 7 - John W. Wisniewski
- 8 - James Sullivan
- 9 - David Goldman
- 10 - Chip Ehrhardt
- 11 - Bob Tomsey
- 12 - Wayne Wisniewski
- 13 - Joe Weingram
- 14 - Bill Weiss
- 15 - James Napolitano
- 16 - Allan Napolitano
- 17 - Luca Bonardi

July 12 - Race 2

- 1 - Mark Buruchian
- 2 - Will Kresic
- 3 - Rich Mastrangelo
- 4 - Lyndsay Kresic
- 5 - Mladen Kresic
- 6 - Richie Amato
- 7 - David Goldman
- 8 - Bob Tomsey
- 9 - John W. Wisniewski
- 10 - Chip Ehrhardt
- 11 - James Sullivan
- 12 - Joe Weingram
- 13 - Bill Weiss
- 14 - Wayne Wisniewski
- 15 - Allan Napolitano
- 16 - Luca Bonardi
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Another view of the sunset captured from Beach 4 by Rosemary Polhemus on July 8

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HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

LOU IANNUCCI, SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2020 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road.

***Please note there will be no Jr. Doubles Sunfish races on Fridays this year.**

****Tentative Dates: All Boat Regatta - Sept. 5; Sailors' Picnic Sept. 6; SANJL - Sept. 26**

Sunfish Races – All races Sundays at 2:30 pm

Mladen Kresic: 973-764-0452

July 19, 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / Sept. 6

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

Krissy Amato 512-206-6717 and Dominick Beninati 917-566-3136

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

Ladies Sunfish Races – Thursdays at 11 am

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

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

Force 5 Sailing Races – Saturdays at 10 am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

July 18, 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Flying Junior Fleet Sailing Races – Sundays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45am

Mike Gillooley: 973-764-4185

July 19, 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / Sept. 6

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3 pm

Kevin Gaston: 973-764-7332

July 18, 25, / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV-Annual Meeting, Section 1, of the By-Laws, the Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Sunday in August; and

WHEREAS, due to the current coronavirus public health emergency and the Executive Orders of the Governor of New Jersey restricting gatherings, requiring social distancing and other coronavirus emergency protocols, certain modifications in procedures must be made in order to conduct the Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 15A: 2-11, the Voting Board may adopt emergency By-Laws subject to repeal or change by action of the members, which shall notwithstanding any different provisions elsewhere in the Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws, be operative during any emergency in the conduct of the business of the Club as may be practical and necessary for the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:22A-46, By-Laws may be amended by a Voting Board action to the extent necessary to render the By-Laws consistent with State, federal or local law; and

WHEREAS, upon the advice of counsel, the Voting Board has determined that emergency By-Laws are necessary to render the Annual Meeting procedures consistent with the current Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of New Jersey and any other applicable regulation, regarding gatherings, social distancing, and other coronavirus emergency protocols; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the community to hold the Annual Meeting with modifications made to the By-Laws to address the emergency coronavirus situation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Officers and Trustees of the Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association that the following Emergency By-Laws be and hereby are adopted for the 2020 Annual Meeting and elections only:

1. Article IV-Annual Meeting, Section 1, currently provides that the Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Sunday in August and may be adjourned by a vote of the majority of the Active Members in good standing present. Only Active Members in good standing shall be permitted to vote, but others may be permitted to participate by the President or Board of Trustees subject to such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed.

Proposed: Article IV-Annual Meeting, Section 1, shall be amended to read: the Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Sunday in August. In the event it is impossible to hold the Annual Meeting on the third Sunday in August for reasons related to the coronavirus emergency or otherwise, the Annual Meeting for 2020 shall be cancelled. Only Active Members in good standing shall be permitted to vote, but others may be permitted to participate by the President or Board of Trustees subject to such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed.

2. Article IV-Annual Meeting, Section 2, currently provides that a quorum shall consist of five (5%) percent of the Active members in good standing.

Proposed: Article IV-Annual Meeting, Section 2, shall be amended to read that a quorum shall consist of two and a half (2.5%) percent of the Active Members in good standing.

3. Article IV-Annual Meeting, Section IV, provides if no quorum shall be present at the Annual Meeting, the presiding Officer shall adjourn such meeting for one (1) week, and from week to week until a quorum be present.

Proposed: Article IV-Annual Meeting, Section IV, shall be amended to read if no quorum shall be present at the Annual Meeting on August 16, 2020, the Annual Meeting shall be cancelled.

4. Article XII-Elections, Section III, provides that voters shall obtain their ballot from the Elections Committee members representing the section in which they reside. Ballots shall be deposited after voting the ballot box designated for each geographic section.


Proposed: Article XIII-Elections, Section III, shall be amended to read: voters shall obtain their ballot from the Elections Committee members representing the section in which they reside. Ballots shall be deposited after voting in the ballot box designated for each geographic section. On the day of the Annual Meeting, members may obtain their ballot and vote in the election for a period of three (3) hours immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, i.e., from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All votes cast during this time period, in addition to all absentee ballots received, will be counted toward the quorum for the Annual Meeting, even if the members voting prior to the meeting are not present at the Annual Meeting start time of 2:00 p.m.

5. Article XII-Elections, Section VII (new). In the event the Annual Meeting is not held due to the lack of a quorum, the coronavirus public health emergency or any other reason, the election of Trustees may proceed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the By-Laws, as amended in these emergency By-Laws.

6. Article X-Meetings, Section IV provides that all meetings of the Club shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.

Proposed: Article X-Meetings, Section IV shall be amended to read that all meetings of the Club shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order, except to the extent necessary to implement the objectives of these emergency By-Laws.

ADOPTED this 30th day of June, 2020 at a Special Meeting of the Voting Board of Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association in the presence of a quorum.


Climeen Wikoff, Secretary



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Ladies Sunfish

LORAYNE CASTIGLIONE, REPORTER

It was so refreshing to see and hear the Ladies Sunfish Fleet today back on the dock for the first race of the season. What a great mix of sailors. The ladies got busy rigging their boats and catching up with each other. Given the shifty winds and long course, the ladies were able to sail a full course one and chat at the same time, especially Nancy. Thank you to the Safety Boat ladies who helped us out; Tory Zacarria and Molly Bednarick.

Ladies start at 11 am on Thursdays. Come join us! For more info, contact Fleet Captain, Sue Buruchian 973-271-0227.

Results for July 9:

- 1 - Emmaline
- 2 - Ellen
- 3 - Nancy
- 4 - Jessica
- 5 - Arianna
- 6 - Patty

Men's Golf Outing

RAY LOUGHREN AND MIKE SWEENEY

Friday, August 7

Happy summer 2020. It's been a crazy year so far, and I hope this finds you all in good health. This year the HLCC Golf Outing will be back at Black Bear Golf Course on Friday August 7 for a one pm Shotgun Start. The format is a 4 Man Scramble. In lieu of lunch we will be staying at Black Bear after the round for an outdoor social distance barbeque. Awards will be given at this time.

The cost of all this fun will remain at \$110. Please sign up early. The cut off will be August 1. All checks should be made out to Ray Loughren, contact Ray 973-919-3270 or Mike Sweeney 973-764-7306.

WANTED: 2021 Summer Rental Sought - retired couple seeking furnished one or two bedroom HLCC rental for four to six weeks during June and July of 2021. We are not looking for lakefront. We have lived in HLCC the past 10 years so know the rules. We will not be an Air B&B party house. We are available for an interview through the end of July. Call 908-265-4019.
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Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON

What a difference a week makes. It's either feast or famine. In a perfect world a 10 mph wind would be just right for a novice yet tolerable for the seasoned racers. However, the first week of racing proved to be nothing short of a snail's race, and the grumbling among competitors could still be heard in week #2 but for a different reason. Epic conditions ensued with south winds reaching upwards of 16 mph along with the occasional whitecap sighting. Some of us found ourselves spending more time in the lake than on the board (names withheld to protect the innocent). One particular racer, however, namely Dennis Gaston, was quoted as saying "I blame it on an invisible mischievous entity called wind." Then there were equipment problems. Justin's sail decided to detach itself from his board. Even the lifeguards had to make snap decisions on which crazed capsized competitor to rescue first. All things considered, though some may think otherwise, a good time was had by all.

The Windsurfing Fleet welcomes yet another new face. Joey Weingram could be seen braving the challenging elements to complete his first ever Sport Class race. The Sport Class is geared toward the beginner and novice sailors with the emphasis on shorter courses, learning some tips from the Open Class racers and just having some plain old fashioned fun. Maximum sail size for the Sport Class is 7.5 square meters. See you on the line.

Results for July 11

Open Class Race 1

- 1 - Kevin Gaston
- 2 - Joey Gaston
- 3 - Justin Murphy
- 4 - Randy Staley
- 5 - Joe Gaston
- 6 - Dennis Gaston

Open Class Race 2

- 1 - Kevin Gaston
- 2 - Joey Gaston
- 3 - Joe Gaston
- 4 - Randy Staley
- 5 - Justin Murphy (DNF)

Sport Class

- 1 - Dennis Gaston
- 2 - Joey Weingram

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