



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Preparing Like Squirrels for What's to Come

STU BLANK, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Getting Your Home Ready



For Winter

2nd Annual Lantern Walk

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Sponsored by the Senior Club



Hi, everybody! Get your flashlights and lanterns ready for a return event here at the lake! The Senior Club is sponsoring the Lantern Walk around Lake 1...Beach 1. For new residents of our mountaintop community: You and your family are invited to join in a FREE event on Friday, October 9 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm up at Beach 1. All ages may come to this cool family activity. Bring your own beverages and packaged snacks will be provided. Please wear a mask at the snack table especially. We had a wonderful turnout last year for the very first Lantern Walk, and we hope you'll join in this year. Light up your lanterns, some folks light up strollers and carriages and enjoy a night walk on a cool autumn night. Just 2 hours of your time to get out of the house, bring the kids, do an easy walk around a little lake and maybe they'll be another campfire on the beach for toasting marshmallows! Bring a chair and we'll socially distance enough to have a fun time. The Senior Club hopes to see your smiling eyes!!!



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

Boat Removal Notice from Docks and Racks

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

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

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

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

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

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

The following boat and kayak rack locations on the western side of Highland Lakes are affected by this notice:

Lake 5 - Pocasset Road - Beach 7 area

Lake 1 - Lakeside Drive - Beach 1 area

Main Lake - western shore areas as follows:

Club Park

Comet Row

Eckhart Sailing Center

Crayfish Run Freeway at Winetka Road

Sunrise Path Freeway at Wiscasset Road

Freeway at Oneota Road

Running Brook Freeway at stream crossing south of Oneota Road

Catfish Path Freeway south of Ocala Road

Freeway north of Monadnock Road

Freeway at Lakeside Drive East near Main Lake dam spillway

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

Free Shrimp Concert Had Big Turnout

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

Sincerely,
Ray and the Free Shrimp Band

Bunco Returns

MARIAN BENEDICTO

1st Friday of the Month Beginning October 2



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

Fall Yoga

ANITA JANKER

Gentle, Spiritual, De-stressing Yoga

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



Next Newsette: November 7, 2020

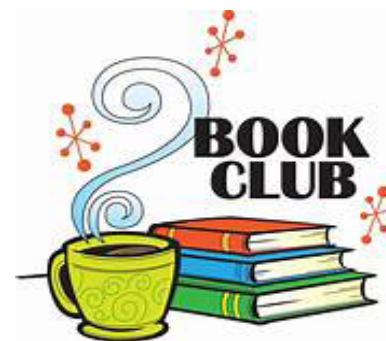
Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club office at hlcc@warwick.net. Sorry – we can only print photographs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

Conversations, Coffee and Cocktails Returns

NECOLE KALUCKI, COORDINATOR

Book Club Resumes October 28

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



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Clubhouse Activities Roundup

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
EVENTS COORDINATOR

Petting Farm Frenzy!

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

Other highlights of the summer were a fossil dig provided by Pearl Observatory, with the help and guidance of a complete program coordinated by Melissa Hardin, thank you very much. Under the Sea, Monsters Inc., Jurassic Park and Western Week were jam packed with fun and activities. We had a Prince and Princess Week capped off with a parade lead by Lauren LaRocca of our Clubhouse staff, complete with her very own queen costume. Thank you Lauren and all of the Clubhouse staff for working and playing with the kids who came down to enjoy the crafts and activities provided. It was a challenging summer but we managed to accomplish some socially-distanced fun and games. Thank you to everyone who participated and to the parents and grandparents for bringing the children here for the morning or afternoon sessions.



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2021 Dues and Assessments Schedule

Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association
PO Box 578
Highland Lakes, New Jersey 07422
973 - 764 - 4366 / Fax: 973 - 764 - 7401 / hlcc@warwick.net

Adopted September 25, 2020 - Effective October 1, 2020

HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO PAY? If you own one home, your **TOTAL CHARGES** for calendar year 2021 are \$1,335.00. Pay \$1,310.00 by October 31 to get the \$25.00 Early Payment Discount. If you own ONE lot, your **TOTAL CHARGES** for calendar year 2021 are \$836.00. Pay \$821.00 by October 31 to get the \$15.00 Early Payment Discount. If you are unsure of what to pay, call the Club Office.

WHEN ARE THE 2021 CHARGES DUE? By October 31, 2020, for the Early Payment Discount or by February 28, 2021, UNLESS your partial payments qualify (cabin owners only) for the LATE PAYMENT CHARGE GRACE PERIOD (see below).

CABIN (HOME) DUES: \$1,295.00 Members will be assessed Cabin Dues for each cabin owned. For the Early Payment Discount of \$25.00, see the [Early Payment Discount Program](#) section. The 2021 Cabin Dues will be invoiced to the owners of record on January 1, 2021, payable not later than February 28, 2021. For partial payments, see the Late Payment Grace Charge Period section for further information.

LOT DUES: (Badges not included): \$796.00 All owners of lots, including Cabin Owners owning lots, will be assessed Lot Dues on each lot owned. For the Early Payment Discount of \$15.00, see the [Early Payment Discount Program](#) section. Full membership privileges (badges, parking and boating permits) may be purchased with an additional payment of **\$499.00**. The 2021 Lot Dues will be invoiced to the owners of record on January 1, 2021, payable not later than February 28, 2021.

SPECIAL DAM REHABILITATION ASSESSMENT: \$40.00 - Members will be assessed \$40.00 for each lot and cabin owned to continue the inspections and rehabilitation of the Club’s dams, and to provide for payment of the annual loan amounts due the State of New Jersey. The 2021 Special Dam Rehabilitation Assessment will be invoiced to owners of record on January 1, 2021, payable not later than February 28, 2021. For partial payments by cabin owners, see the Late Payment Grace Charge Period section for further information.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGES: A Late Payment Charge at the rate of 1 ½% per month or fraction thereof, which is an annual percentage rate of 18%, will be added to any balance remaining unpaid after February 28, 2021. Late Payment Charges will continue to be assessed monthly on any continuing balance (excluding accumulated Late Payment Charges) remaining unpaid. Late Payment Charges will not be assessed during the March – May 2021 period if a member has qualified for the Late Payment Charge Grace Period (see below).

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

1. CABIN OWNERS: DISCOUNT OF \$25.00 IF \$1,310.00 IS PAID BY OCTOBER 31, 2020
Members owning homes are entitled to one Early Payment Discount of \$25.00 on each of the assessed 2020 Cabin Dues under the following conditions:

- All outstanding dues, assessments and late payment charges must have been received by the Club by October 31, 2020; and
- Payment of \$1,310.00 for **each cabin** owned, and payment of \$821.00 for **each lot** owned (if any), is received by the Club by October 31, 2020. (Example: Cabin Dues of \$1,295.00 plus Dam Assessment of \$40.00 less \$25.00 Discount = \$1,310.00).

2. LOT OWNERS: DISCOUNT OF \$15.00 IF \$821.00 IS PAID BY OCTOBER 31, 2020
Members owning lots are entitled to one Early Payment Discount of \$15.00 on each of the assessed 2021 Lot Dues under the following conditions:

- All outstanding dues, assessments and late payment charges must have been received by the Club by October 31, 2020; and
- Payment of \$821.00 for **each lot** owned is received by the Club by October 31, 2020. (Example: Lot Dues of \$796.00 plus Dam Assessment of \$40.00 less \$15.00 Discount = \$821.00).

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

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE GRACE PERIOD – CABIN OWNERS
The Club suggests that members use the \$150.00 monthly coupons for the five months ending February 2021. If on February 28, 2021, the Member has paid at least \$750.00 (\$150.00 - five payments or any other arrangement) for each cabin (home) owned, **has paid all lot dues and all assessments on the lots, and is not delinquent in any other amounts due the Club,** the Member has earned a LATE PAYMENT CHARGE GRACE PERIOD on their balance for three months ending May, 2021. Note that you can qualify for the LATE PAYMENT CHARGE GRACE PERIOD by paying all Lot Dues and Dam Assessments on the lots and for each home owned making:

- ✓ the suggested five monthly payments of \$150.00 using the coupons;
- ✓ one payment of \$750.00 for each cabin owned not later than February 28, 2021;
- ✓ any combination of payments totaling \$750.00 for each cabin owned by February 28, 2021.

Members should continue making (but are not required to do so) the \$150.00 payments for March and April. Following this schedule, the eighth (and last) payment, due not later than May 31, 2021, will be \$285.00 representing the balance of the 2021 cabin dues and dam assessment. ALL AMOUNTS DUE THE CLUB MUST BE PAID BY MAY 31, 2021. Increasing your monthly payment above the suggested \$150.00 will reduce your final payment in May.

Members failing to qualify for the LATE PAYMENT CHARGE PERIOD will have their balance (excluding accumulated Late Payment Charges) subject to Late Payment Charges after February 28, 2021 when the 2021 Dues and Dam Assessment(s) are due.

SENIOR CITIZEN AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED DISCOUNT PROGRAMS
Members may qualify for either the Senior Citizen or Permanently Disabled Discount. Only one discount may be taken. Members must meet all of the following requirements:

- One of the owners must be over 65 years of age or permanently disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration. If applying for the Senior Citizen Discount for the first time, proof of age is required.
- All Club dues and assessments for each of the five years immediately preceding the year of application must have been paid in full by September 30 in the years in which the same became due.
- Not more than one home is owned, whether in Highland Lakes or elsewhere.
- The total annual income from all sources of all owners and members of the family residing in the same residence in Highland Lakes, or in the case of a lot owner the total annual income from all sources of all owners and members of the family residing in the residential address on file with the Club, including Social Security benefits, must not exceed \$28,399 if single or \$34,817 if married. Income levels are identical to eligibility under New Jersey’s Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled Program (PAAD). Income levels will be adjusted automatically based on the 2021 levels established by the State of New Jersey late in 2020.
- PROOFS REQUIRED:** A copy of the New Jersey PAAD card must be filed with the Club. For those without a PAAD card, a copy of the Federal Income Tax Return or other verifications with supporting documentation for calendar year 2020 or 2019 must be submitted for review. For either discount, the Club specifically reserves the right to request such additional proofs as may be necessary in order to determine eligibility. All copies of income verification information, etc. will be returned - no copies will be kept at the Club Office.

After the signed application for the Senior Citizen or Permanently Disabled Discount has been filed and approved by the Club, Cabin Owners may deduct **\$677.50** from the 2021 Cabin Dues for the approved Discount, and Lot Owners may deduct **\$406.00** from the 2021 Lot Dues for the approved Discount.

Note: Applications must be submitted each year for the discount. If you received a discount last year, an application will be mailed to you in January 2021, which should be returned not later than February 28, 2021. Applications for the discount will not be accepted after May 31, 2021. If any part of the 2021 Dues and Assessments are unpaid on July 31, 2021, the 2021 Senior Citizen or Permanently Disabled Discount will be FORFEITED.

GOODWILL FUND: Financial assistance with the payment of the 2021 Dues and Assessments is available to those members who have experienced a catastrophic event and who are unable to pay their current year dues and assessments. Examples of a catastrophic event include, but are not limited to, personal events such as: the death of a member or a member’s spouse; a life threatening illness, serious accident or injury, or a criminal activity against a member (assault, theft) which has seriously impaired the financial stability of the household. Applications for assistance must be received by July 31, 2021. Voluntary contributions to the Fund are always appreciated.

INITIATION FEE: \$2,000.00 - When persons take title to property in Highland Lakes *for the first time*, even when they join in the ownership of property with someone who currently owns property in Highland Lakes, they become a new owner and are required to pay the Initiation Fee. The Initiation Fee is due on or before the first day of the first month following acquisition of title. Members who sell their only property in Highland Lakes, and purchase another within one calendar year, are exempt from the assessment of the Initiation Fee. **Please always check with the Club Office when purchasing property or considering changes in your recorded Deed.**

BUYER’S PROPERTY TRANSFER FEE: \$150.00 - Applies to all transfers of property between Members. The Buyer’s Property Transfer Fee is due on or before the first day of the first month following acquisition of title.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGES: \$40.00 - Members will be assessed a \$40.00 charge for any check returned to the Club as not satisfied by the bank upon which it is drawn. Additionally, an assessment of \$5.00 per day will be made, beginning on the day the returned check was received by the Club from the bank, for each day Membership Materials (badges, and permits) are not returned to the Club Office after the Membership Materials were delivered.

STATUS REPORTS: \$50.00 - Reports on the status of outstanding dues and assessments, required for all real estate sales, ownership changes, and mortgage refinances/modifications are available for a fee of \$50.00 and should be requested seven days in advance of the closing. There is no charge for reports issued directly to members for mortgage refinances and modifications.

ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE FEE: \$250.00 – Assessed when a member’s account is referred to the Club’s attorneys for the purposes of collection, foreclosure, and/or bankruptcy.

BADGES: Owners who have paid the dues and assessments in full will receive badges for each owner (limit of two badges for corporations, partnerships, associations, etc. – “Entities”). The following is applicable to Owners other than Entities:

Owners may obtain, at no additional cost, Family Badges for each family member who resides with them in Highland Lakes. For seasonal residents, this includes Family Badges for those who reside in Highland Lakes for at least thirty days.

For an Owner’s non-resident parents, children and grandchildren, Family Facilities Badges are available for \$10.00 each. Family Activities Badges, for \$50.00 each, are available for those persons permitting participation in the Club’s Rostered Activities. Badges that are lost are replaceable as follows: Owner, Family or Family Facilities Badge: \$10.00; Family Activities Badge: \$50.00.

Membership Permits for your boat, car, and dock are available from the Club Office at no additional charge.

GUEST BADGES and BEACH GUEST PASSES: \$1.00 PER DAY
Available for purchase by Members in Good Standing upon presentation of the 2021 Membership Card or a 2021 Owner’s Badge. Complimentary Guest Parking Permits will be available with the purchase of Guest Badges. Subject to limitations as established by the Voting Board.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Voting Board adopted the following policy changes which are expected, with modification, to continue in calendar year 2021. Please consult the Club’s website - [www.hlcc.org](#) - for updates.

GENERAL

- for guests at beaches, a Beach Guest Pass is available during the beach season.
- for other guests (parks, fishing, courts, etc.) – a Guest Badge is available but is not valid for admission to the beaches.

GUEST BADGES (Valid throughout the year)

- guest badges are valid at all Club facilities except beaches and the swim lanes.
- a member may purchase not more than twenty Guest Badges per day for use at Club facilities (parks, courts, fishing, Clubhouse) except beaches upon presentation of the membership card or owner’s badge, and identification.
- advance purchases of Guest Badges are authorized, provided that the purchase date is four days (including the purchase date) or less from the requested date. All purchases are final, not exchangeable and not refundable.

BEACH GUEST PASSES (Valid during the beach season)

- members may purchase under their membership number not more than two Beach Guest Passes daily for one designated beach upon presentation of the membership card or owner’s badge, and personal identification. No guest parking passes for beaches will be issued.
- Beach Guest Passes are available for purchase on the day ONLY – advance purchases are not permitted.
- the following Beach Guest Passes are available each day: Beach 1 – 15; Beach 2 – 10; Beach 3 – 7; Beach 4 – 2; Beach 5 – 2; Beach 6 – 2; Beach 7 – 2.
- Beach Guest Passes are valid ONLY for the purchased beach and not valid at other beaches or Club facilities.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS
Members who rent their premises at any time, regardless of the length of the term of the rental, are required to register their property as a rental with the Club office. Registration of the property must be done by its owner(s) no later than the first day of the first occupancy by tenant(s). A copy of the Application may be obtained by contacting the Club Office.

Members who rent their premises are also required to register all tenants with the Club office upon each change of occupancy, and must establish the tenants as Associate Members prior to each tenancy. For each tenancy, Members must pay the corresponding Associate Member dues as established in the Dues and Assessments schedules.

Associate Member dues established in this Dues and Assessments Schedule are:

1. Year-round basis (no badges included)	\$300.00	Badges: \$10.00 each (household members only)
2. Monthly basis (no badges included)	\$100.00	Badges: \$ 1.00 each per day
3. Weekly basis (no badges included)	\$ 50.00	Badges: \$ 1.00 each per day

Associate Memberships expire on December 31, 2021

Compliance by members with the Club’s By-Laws is not optional. Failure to register properties and tenants in accordance with Club policy, or misrepresentation of the amount of rentals or rental durations, will subject the Members to a penalty assessment in an amount equal to the then current annual cabin dues for each violation, together with late payment charges if the penalty assessment is unpaid on the first day of the second month following the assessment of the penalty.

Associate membership badges to be used by tenants of members in good standing may be purchased by registered tenants at the Club office or Activities Center only. Tenants who rent annually or monthly may purchase activities badges for household members only, for \$10.00 per badge. Tenants who rent weekly may purchase daily badges for \$1.00 per badge. Charges for badges in subsequent years are established by the Voting Board in its annual adoption of the Dues and Assessments Schedule.

Associate Members renting/leasing properties owned by members in good standing are eligible for garbage service, parking permits and boat permits, in accordance with Club policy. Associate members’ children with activities badges are eligible to participate in “rostered” activities, such as Swim Team, softball, tennis, basketball, sailing, etc.

Members who rent their premises are required to notify their tenants that the tenants are subject to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and all policies of the Club. In the event the tenants fail to comply with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and all policies of the Club, in addition to any action the Club may have against the tenants, the Member shall be responsible for the violation of the tenants, including the imposition of fines and assessments by the Club.

References: Section II (b) of Article III – Membership and Section XII of Article XV – Property Covenants of the By-Laws of Highland Lakes Country Club and Community.

Now Let’s Talk Trash



BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

To date I must say that I am pleased with the community response to the initiation of the carry-in/carry-out program. I always pack a trash bag in my backpack I take to the beach and my pickleball bag, and have only had to put them to use once all summer. Thanks to all of you for your diligence and community spirit.

However, when it comes to trash along our roadways, that is a different story. The Ecology Committee asks that all residents take part in a day to day clean-up of our properties and roadways. Take the time to patrol a section of your neighborhood, carry a trash bag and pick up any trash that might have escaped from a neighbor’s trash can on pick-up days or, sadly something carelessly tossed out of a car window. It does not take much time, and during this pandemic we all have disposable gloves to use for such a purpose.

Speak to your neighbors. Get the children involved. If any of you are interested in “adopting” a section of road please give me a call. It would be your responsibility to keep it free of trash and I’d give credit in subsequent editions of the Newsette. Next spring we will have the annual roadside clean-up once again.

If you smoke, keep in mind that cigarette butts ARE trash, put them in your pocket until you get home and then dispose of them in your trash. If you own a dog it is your responsibility to pick up its waste and to dispose of the waste bag in YOUR trash. It is not acceptable to just toss the little blue bag into some trash can you see in front of someone else’s house. The trash haulers will leave it in the can for the other homeowner to dispose of - very unfair. I should not have to mention that leaving the bag by the side of the road is not acceptable. It is pretty sad that I am less concerned with wearing my gardening shoes in my house than the shoes I wear to walk the roads around the main lake due to dog waste. See photos below.



These bags are found all along the roadway.

The ultimate disrespect - leaving the waste bag under the sign on Beach 4

Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE



Emerald Ash Borer...More

Due to the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer and necessary removal due to construction, septic replacement, etc. we have lost and will be losing many of our old trees here in Highland Lakes. The native ash accounts for one third of all of the trees in our community. This is a good time to look into planting a tree native to our part of the country.

Consider planting a red maple (*Acer rubrum*), a medium-sized tree from 40 to 60 feet high at maturity with a rounded or irregular crown spreading to 40 feet. Young bark is smooth and gray, turning rough and darker with age. Red maple transplants easily and grows very fast in moist soils, but it can also do well on dry sites. (Fall color is shown below.)

Red maple is one of the best named of all trees. There is something red in all seasons - buds in winter, flowers in spring, leafstalks in summer, and brilliant foliage in autumn. This pageant of color, along with red maple's relatively fast growth and tolerance to a wide range of soils makes it a widely planted favorite.

Thinking about a renovation or addition?
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Free no obligation consultation



Jim Schriner, AIA

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The Red Hatters Still Active

QUEEN MARIAN BENEDICTO

The Red Hatters had their annual Progressive Luncheon outdoors on September 19 beginning at 12 noon. We had a large variety of appetizers at Helen Carlson's house. Although it was cool when we arrived, it warmed up quickly when we sat in the sun. Then at 2:00 we went to Joyce Healy's large back yard and sat in the warm sunshine eating tasty desserts. We enjoyed lively conversation and laughs. This was enjoyed by 12 Red Hatters and one guest. We hope to have pool, ping pong and pizza at the Clubhouse on October 17.

Red Hatters

MARIAN BENEDICTO

Pizza, Pool and Ping Pong

The Red Hatters will meet on Saturday, October 17 at 6 pm in the Clubhouse for pool and ping pong. Wear your mask.

Pickleball News

KATHI TAYLER, COORDINATOR

We have been having some fantastic games during our fall pickleball season. The number of players coming out has been good and the games have been very competitive. Thank you to the Club for our new shirts. Come on out Monday and Wednesday at 4 pm for all players and Friday mornings at 9 am for ladies pickle ball. Bring your badge and paddle and wear sneakers. Questions? Call Kathi Taylor at 973-303-2689.



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LOVING FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF CHRISTINE BILLACK

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

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

"Do not stand at my grave and weep: I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond's gild on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there.

I did not die."

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Ladies Sunfish Season 2020

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

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

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

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



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Thank You Highland Lakes

SUE BURUCHIAN

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

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

Winners by Class and Regatta Division were:

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

Sunday Sunfish – “Late Summer Doldrums?”

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

September 6

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

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

(Interlude – Lots of wind today, Labor Monday – so much so that a tree came down in front of my house and interrupted this article). So, a lot was riding on the second race with Mark needing 1 less point than Rich to take the season. Alas, the winds favored Rich, and a shout out to Colonel Wayne who led most of the way, finishing a close second in front of Mark, with James S. having a great race in 4th, ahead of me and Bob. Rounding out the fleet were David, the indestructible one, Luca, James N., Bill, Roger and Allan. In the end we had an excellent and unique season. Everyone had a great time, evidenced by each race

Sept 6 Race 1	Sept 6 Race 2
1 - Mark Buruchian	1 - Mark Buruchian
2 - Rich Mastrangelo	2 - Rich Mastrangelo
3 - Bob Tomsey	3 - Bob Tomsey
4 - Mladen Kresic	4 - Mladen Kresic
5 - Chip Erhardt	5 - Chip Erhardt
6 - James Sullivan	6 - James Sullivan
7 - David Goldman	7 - David Goldman
8 - Col. Wayne Wisniewski	8 - Col. Wayne Wisniewski
9 - Luca Bonardi	9 - Luca Bonardi
10 - James Napolitano	10 - James Napolitano
11 - Roger Kirchner	11 - Roger Kirchner
12 - Bill Weis	12 - Bill Weis
13 - Allan Napolitano	13 - Allan Napolitano



with no less than 12 participants! Special thanks again to Allan and Brett – the best dock committee at HLCC.

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

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

Final Standings for Sunfish (Seniors):				
Rank	Senior Name	Total	Net	
1st	Rich Mastrangelo	66	22	
2nd	Mark Buruchian	88	25	
3rd	Mladen Kresic	112	59	
4th	James Sullivan	119	72	
5th	JW Wisniewski	1 49	75	
6th	Bob Tomsey	135	75	
7th	David Goldman	176	105	
8th	Chip Ehrhardt	231	151	
9th	James Napolitano	235	153	
10th	Luca Bonardi	233	157	
11th	Wayne Wisniewski	256	165	
12th	Bill Weis	245	169	
13th	Roger Kirchner	265	178	
14th	Rob Schaap	285	194	
15th	Maryjane Kresic	293	195	
16th	Lyndsay Kresic	287	196	
17th	Allan Napolitano	282	199	
18th	Will Kresic	291	200	
19th	Joe Weingram	312	220	
20th	Kayla Murphy	323	225	
21st	Susie Witt	323	228	
22nd	Albert Bonardi	331	234	

