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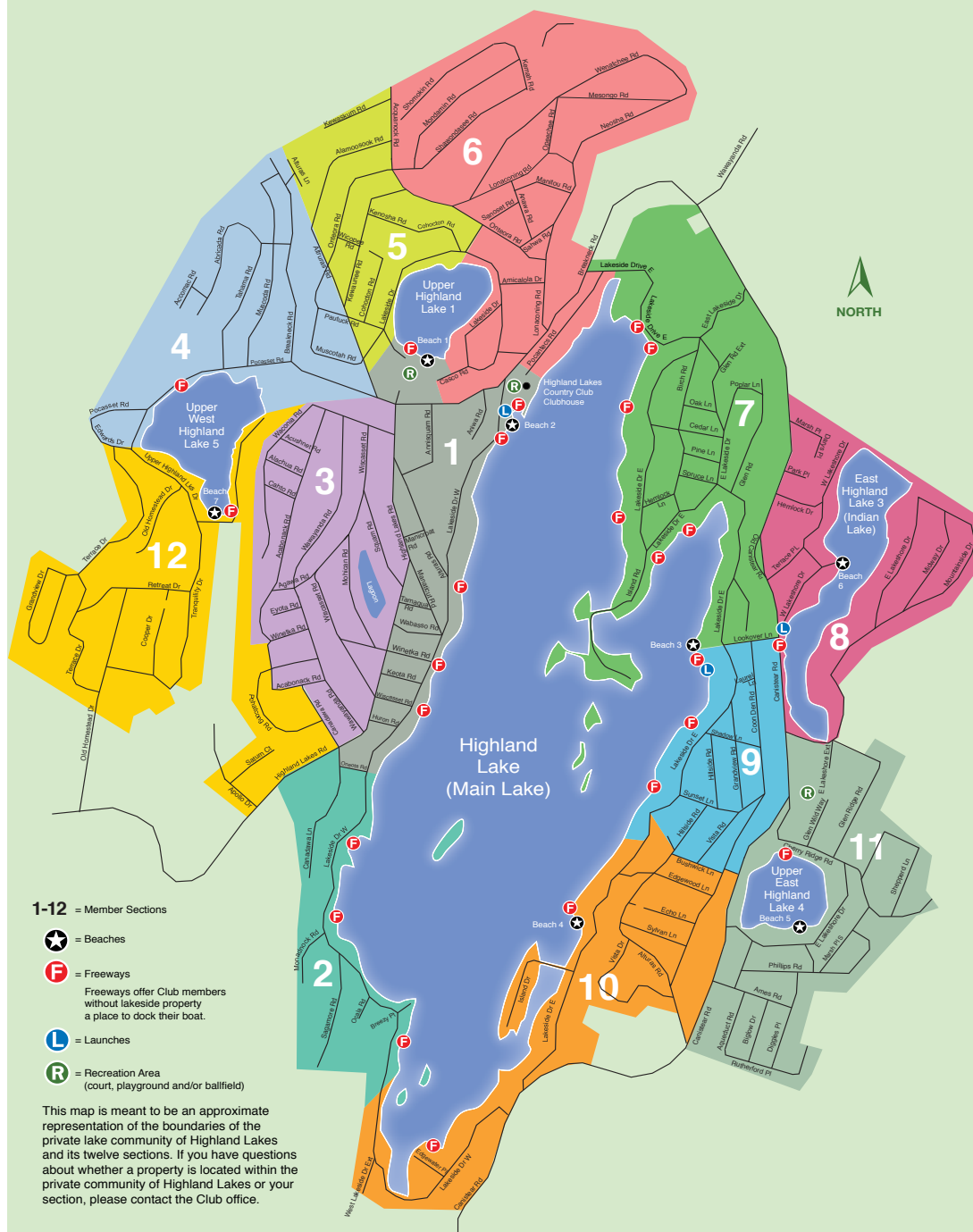
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COMMUNITY MAP



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Large map prints will be available in the Club office beginning April 18 with your new badges and permits. Go to <http://hlcc.org/about-hlcc/highland-lakes-community-map/> to see an enlarged view of this map.

Governance in Highland Lakes - Part 1

SUE ROSS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF
OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

I am pleased to submit this article about governance, a collaboration among our many Communications Committee volunteers. From its inception our community has been structured to encourage active participation from all of its members. This article is part one of a two-part series that is intended to explain how our community is governed, how members can best voice ideas and concerns and how they can share their talents to keep things thriving.

Highland Lakes is made up of twelve geographic sections. (Your membership card has your section printed on it. Each section elects a member (living in that section) to serve as their trustee. Once elected, the trustee is expected to attend monthly board workshops which are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month and board meetings which generally occur on the third Friday of the month. Club members are encouraged to attend these meetings to gain first-hand knowledge of the Club's current business, hear committee reports and learn about the issues under discussion.

Your trustee is your “government representative.” It is to your trustee that you should turn if you want to express an opinion about something

that is occurring in your section or in the community. It is the responsibility of your trustee to then bring this issue up at the next meeting. Alternatively, all Club members in good standing are invited to attend our Friday board meetings and voice their opinions and share their ideas directly with the full board.

Board workshops and meetings follow a standard format. It is at the Wednesday night board workshops that the board fully discusses the issues that each officer and trustee will be expected to vote on the following week. At this meeting, only the board officers, trustees and the Club manager are permitted to join in the discussion. Many times presentations are made to the board by committee chairs and others involved in Club activities and operations. Club members in good standing are permitted to speak at the Friday night board meeting on the topics under discussion before officers and trustees cast their votes. There is an additional open forum offered to members at the end of every Friday meeting where any matter pertaining to Highland Lakes can be voiced.

While members are encouraged to attend board meetings and express their opinions and share their visions,

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From the President's Desk

BOB HUGHES, PRESIDENT

At our February meeting the Voting Board authorized submission of a lake drawdown permit for the main lake for the fall of 2016. The board also authorized the purchase of a pontoon dock with space for 12 pontoon boats from Tri-State EZ Dock of Seaville, NJ, for Comet Row in the amount of \$39,510.39. Also from Tri-State, the purchase of replacement docks at ten sites on all of the lakes, as recommended by the

Boat Dock Committee, was approved in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, including disposal costs of the old docks. The board approved the transfer of \$20,000 from the Capital Fund to the Asset Replacement Fund, providing a total of \$120,000 for these purchases. Lastly, the board authorized the purchase of an AED (automatic external defibrillator) for the clubhouse (the life we save may be my own).

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Monday, March 21 – 7:30 pm
Clubhouse – Wednesday, March 16 – 7 pm
Ecology/CCHL – Thursday, March 10 – 7 pm
Fishing – Thursday, March 10 – 8 pm
Planning – Tuesday, March 22 – 7:30 pm
Roads – Thursday, April 7 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, March 9 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, March 18 – 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.



Upcoming Events

March 6 – Clubhouse Breakfast
March 19 – Lakeside Café
March 20 – Easter Bunny Brunch

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Rules and Regulations for Docks, Swim Floats and Inflatables Updated

BILL BEARDSLEY, SECTION 2 TRUSTEE

After several months of extensive discussions, the Voting Board revised the Rules and Regulations pertaining to docks, swim floats, and inflatables. Throughout the decision making process, the concerns and needs of the entire Highland Lakes community were kept in the forefront. The complete copy of the Rules and Regulations, which apply to all lakes except for Lake 1 and the lagoon, can be found on the Club's website.

A major revision was that inflatables, which were not addressed in previous regulations, were grouped with floating swim docks. The new Rules and Regulations state that swim floats can be a maximum of 64 square feet and inflatables can be a maximum of 13 feet in diameter. Larger, currently owned inflatables are grandfathered.

Another major revision for swim floats and inflatables is that their distance from the shoreline has been increased from 50 feet to 60 feet. With special approval from the Board, members may extend that distance to a maximum of 75 feet in an attempt to find deeper and/or safer water. The distance from the shoreline for docks remains the same - 25 feet with a possible maximum extension to 35 feet with board approval.

In addition to affixing annual Club permits to all docks, swim floats, and inflatables, they now need reflectors to help boaters see them at night. The revised Rules and Regulations state that rectangular swim floats must have reflectors or reflective tape on each side and docks must have reflectors or reflective tape on the lake side and on the other two visible sides. Inflatables must have reflectors or reflective tape that can be seen from each side.

An important reminder, members who own lakefront properties may not place, replace, or reconstruct a dock, swim float, or inflatable on any lake without applying (in writing or by email) to the General Manager at the Club office, and receiving approval in writing. Since the Club is the owner of all lakefront on Lake 1, the Voting Board must approve replacement of existing docks on that lake. The details of the application process can be found in the complete copy of the Rules and Regulations on the website.

Applications are currently not being accepted for the reconstruction of lake walls as an analysis of NJDEP permitting requirements is currently underway in preparation for the drawdown of the main lake in the fall of 2016.

The revised Rules and Regulations standardize and clarify the responsibilities of members with regard to the size, placement, and identification of their docks, swim floats, and inflatables, and will make our lakes safer to navigate.

Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed on March 25 in observance of Good Friday and Saturday, March 26 for the Easter Holiday. The Club office will reopen on Monday, March 28 at 9 am.

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It's the Annual
Easter Bunny Brunch

MELISSA HARDIN, PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR

It's that time of year when we gather together for our Easter Brunch. Please come down to the Clubhouse on Sunday, March 20 at 11:30 am with your family for a fun-filled Highland Lakes event. Admission is \$3.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child will get you a pancake and more breakfast, games, a craft and a visit with the Easter Bunny himself. Did I forget to mention your child can participate in an egg hunt as well? What an egg-citing day!

This year we will also have Pixie Pop the Clown entertaining us with her face painting & balloon sculpting! She will also bring fun face frames to take wacky pictures in. If you would like to purchase tickets before the event please go to the Highland Lakes Clubhouse during office hours.

Hope to see you all there. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Melissa Hardin at 973-851-0694.

Clubhouse and Beach Hut
Summer Positions Available

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

This warmer-than-normal winter has us thinking that summer is around the corner. Though we know that is not true, we have begun our planning for this coming summer season.

A limited number of positions will be available in the Clubhouse. Staff members assist volunteers in organizing Clubhouse activities, plan and conduct activities themselves, supervise movie nights and the pool room, and work when needed in the Activities Center.

The Beach Hut at Beach 1 will also have positions available. This job involves selling snacks and drinks throughout the day and early evening.

If you will be 16 by May 31, 2016, are a Highland Laker in good standing, and interested in working in the Clubhouse and/or Beach Hut, please stop by for an application or request one by email to hlcc@warwick.net.



Chit Chat

Marybeth and Robert Mabey of Highland Lakes are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Meghan, to Antony Palaia of Westminster, MD. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Vernon High School and graduated from Salisbury University with Bachelor's degrees in English and Communications. She completed her postgraduate work with a Master's degree in English. Meghan currently runs her own copywriting / editing company. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Westminster High School (MD) and graduated from Salisbury State University with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. Tony currently operates a surfboard crafting and repair business in Ocean City, NJ. An October 2017 wedding is planned.

Highland Lakes Country Club

WINTER THAW

Clubhouse Breakfast

\$7 ADULTS

\$3 KIDS

Sun, March 6th FROM 9 - 11:30am

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET

Hosted by The Clubhouse Committee

Ecology Clean-up Day

CAROLE FORTENBACH, COMMITTEE MEMBER

March is upon us and that means spring is knocking at our door. Yes, it's Roadside Clean-up time again. So mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30 from 10 am until noon. More information to follow in the April Newsette.

Next Newsette: April 2, 2016

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication. 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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Red Hat Society/ Highland Hatters

PAT WOOTTON, QUEEN PAT

February 20 found fourteen Highland Hatters enjoying a "winter social" at the home of Joy Logan. We enjoyed several hours of great edibles, along with some happy hour beverages alongside the fireplace. As always, the chatter was constant and jovial. The treat of the day was having Dot join us, along with her daughter. We haven't enjoyed her company in ages, so it was great catching up. Also wonderful to see Theresa, all the way from the city. Joy always makes us so welcome, and the best treat of the day was the Irish coffee!! Thanks, Joy, for your warm hospitality. In attendance were: Irene Boeren, Theresa Deady, Kathy Grifone, Joyce Healy, Janet Kaley, Terry Kohn, Joy Logan, Dot McAlary, Kathy Scialla, Cathy Tansey, Jo VonEssen, Paula Walk, Joan Yankowski, and myself.

We generally meet every third Saturday, so why not join us. Contact any member, or myself, Queen Pat, 973-764-3749 for information.

Get Updates About Highland Lakes

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Via our website - hlcc.org, Facebook page, and regular emails

If you'd like to keep a finger on the pulse of what's going on and coming up at Highland Lakes throughout the year, there are three easy ways to do so online:

Visit our official website – www.hlcc.org - for fast access to the Club's calendar, useful member information, current and past issues of the Newsette, and helpful updates and summaries about our activities, events, committees, clubs, sports, governance, and much more.

Check out our official Facebook page – go to facebook.com/HighlandLakesNJ. It's another way for all of our members to stay on top of upcoming events and it's the only page you can trust for official information on how our community is governed and the events that we have scheduled.

Sign up for regular email updates. To do so, go to www.hlcc.org and locate the "email sign-up" link on the lower right side of the home page, or go to <http://eepurl.com/hbHRw> and follow the simple instructions.

Thank you,
The Communications Committee

Planning Committee Notes

LYN KAPLAN, CHAIRPERSON

At its February meeting, the Planning committee discussed a number of topics. First was a presentation being on forestry management being made to the Voting Board by Ecology committee chairperson Mary Jo Jablonski. Then mention was made that an email had been sent to four committee chairs requesting their assistance in updating chapters of the Community Plan relevant to each.

The next topic related to a request from the Voting Board to give input concerning this committee's thoughts about the need for internet access. This generated many comments and resulted in a reply which was sent to the board. Other topics which were looked at briefly will be followed up on in the future: new member meetings, foreclosures in Highland Lakes and attracting millennials. The next meeting will be March 22.



Woman's Club Offers Scholarships for Vernon Students

The GFWC Vernon Township Woman's Club is offering two \$500 scholarships to Vernon residents in their senior year of high school and planning to attend college. Scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Office at Vernon Township High School, Sussex Technical School, and Pope John High School. Submission deadline is May 10, 2016. Questions may be directed to Valerie at 973-764-3314.



Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK AND JIM KENNEDY

Hi hikers! It hasn't been much of a hiking season so far. We managed to plan for two days, one when it snowed, and one with 8 degree temperatures. We are hoping that March 6 smiles better weather on us! We will be meeting at 10:30 am at the clubhouse and are planning on doing the Cherry Ridge circular hike that we keep missing. We start on Cherry Ridge Road in Highland Lakes and into Wawayanda to the red trail. Lunch will be on a youth camp's log cabin porch a short walk on Clinton Road, and then back down Cherry Ridge Road. This hike is about 8 miles, mostly on old roads requiring easy-to-moderate walking. Please bring appropriate footwear, lunch, and water. Well behaved dogs are welcome (bring a leash since we do cross roadways on occasion).

We are planning on having April's hike on the 17th to Terrace Pond. This is a moderate hike from Clinton Road with a climb to Echo Pond where we have lunch and a downhill along the pipeline. We sometimes have canoe/kayak river trips in April, so please let us know if you want us to contact you by phone/email. Keep your fingers crossed for a great weather day on March 6 and hope to see many of you shake off winter and get out and enjoy the outdoors! Chris and Jim 973-764-1458.



News from the Boat Dock Committee

TOM BUCHNEY, CHAIRMAN

Dock for Pontoon Boats Purchased

The ice is quickly melting from our lakes and the time is upon us to turn our thoughts to the upcoming boating season. All members who have not already been assigned spaces and who would like permanent boat dock spaces must fill out a boat dock application for the following locations: Club Park, Comet Row, Beach 3 and Beach 4. Dock space at Eckhart Sailing Center will be reserved for juniors participating in the Club's sailing program on an annual basis.

The Voting Board has approved the purchase of a new dock for pontoon boats at Comet Row. Twelve (12) spaces will be available on this pontoon boat dock and an application will be required. These applications will be processed starting April 15. In the event that more applications are received than there are spaces available, a drawing will be held to determine the assignment of spaces. Members are requested to only file applications for pontoon boats which will actually be able to be deployed in the space by July 5, 2016.

New applications will also be required for anyone who currently has a permanent space at any of the above locations and plans to change the type/size of the boat they wish to place at that location.

Boat dock applications are available at the Club website (www.hlcc.org) by clicking a link in the "At a Glance" section on the right-hand side of the home page. You may also pick up one at the Club office, or call and ask that it be emailed or mailed to you. When filling out the applications, please make sure to include all of the requested information so that the assignment of spaces can be appropriate for the boat type/ size being requested.

All applications should be completed and delivered or mailed to the Club Office, 2240 Lakeside Drive West, PO Box 578, Highland Lakes, N.J. 07422, attn. Dock Application, or by email to hlcc@warwick.net, or by fax to 973-764-7401.

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they should do so with the clear understanding that it is the board that bears the responsibility of deciding what action to take. A decision on a topic raised by a member is rarely made that night. Instead, if the board chooses to pursue the topic, the matter is either added to a future board workshop agenda so that it can be discussed at length by the board or referred to the appropriate committee for investigation and recommendation. Conversely, after hearing a Club member's comments, the board may decide that they do not agree that it is in the Club's interest to pursue the matter further. If that is the case, no further discussion takes place.

Elections for one-third of the trustees (4), together with elections for any open seats due to resignation, etc., are held at each annual meeting which is held on the third Sunday in August (the date is set by the By-Laws). Every three years the five officers on the Club board (president, first and second vice-presidents, treasurer and secretary) are also elected. Once elected, each position is held for three years. No position may be held by the same Club member for longer than six consecutive years.

The Club's manager is at every board workshop and meeting. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the Club, and all of the part-time and full-time staff, the manager is responsible for implementing all of the initiatives and special projects that are authorized by the board. Oftentimes this means the manager works closely with various committee chairs depending upon the project at hand.

The second part of this article will focus on the work of our committees and the vital role members can play in shaping the community by participating on this level. Look for it in the April edition of the Newsette.

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2016 Badges and Permits



Available for Pickup April 18

Starting April 18, 2016, members who have paid their dues and assessments in full may pick up their 2016 membership badges and permits at the Club Office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, and on Saturday, from 10 am to 1 pm.

Please pay particular attention to the emergency information section on your badge pick-up form. Having emergency contacts and telephone numbers on file at the Club Office makes it much easier to contact you in an emergency.

Parking permits are valid only for those vehicles listed in the records at the Club Office. If you have replaced any vehicles, please bring copies of the appropriate vehicle registrations.

A complimentary Community Map of Highland Lakes, prepared by the Communications Committee, showing the twelve geographic sections of Highland Lakes and the locations of Club facilities, will be offered when you pick up your badges.


 **NOTICE** 
All boats MUST:

1. Display a **current** Highland Lakes boating permit at all times.
2. Be **maintained** in operable condition and good repair.
3. Be stored **ONLY** in individual spaces on boat racks or secured to docks in the water.
4. Be **removed** from Club property not later than Oct. 15th of each year.

Boats stored on Club property are subject to the Rules and Regulations of HLCC and CA.

The improper storage of a boat will result in removal of the boat, the imposition of special assessments and related charges, and the disposition of your boat in accordance with applicable law.

The Club is not responsible for any loss or damage to boats, including loss or damage resulting from the removal of any boat for violation of the Club Rules.



What’s in a (Road) Name?

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If you know Highland Lakes, you know it has a complex maze of roads that confuses newcomers, devours unwary visitors, and mystifies delivery drivers.

You also know that about half the roads have names that sound like a Native American alphabet soup. They go from “Abricada” to “Wicopee” and everything in between. This is primarily the western and northern parts of Highland Lakes, many of which were the earliest areas to be laid out. Later areas used other types of names, which is another story for another day.

People have asked me how these roads got their varied, sometimes tongue-twisting Indian names. I have often said (jesting) that maybe back in 1936 the developers, John Seckler and S. Clayton Shepperd (S & S for short) sat down with a bottle of booze, a pencil and paper, a book of place names, and just went wild.

As it turns out, I may not have been so wrong.

The origin of Highland Lakes’ road names came into question recently when Mr. Steve Baker, Director of the Kewaskum Public Library in Kewaskum, Wisconsin, sent an email to Township Clerk Lauren Kirkman, who in turn forwarded it to Jack McLaughlin, general manager of the Highland Lakes Country Club.

“Kewaskum” is the name of one of the roads in Highland Lakes, and Mr. Baker wondered how the name of his town happened to get applied to a road so far away in New Jersey. Did somebody here have ties to Wisconsin, maybe? Neither of those folks knew, so they forwarded it to me. Strictly speaking, I don’t know either. But here’s my thoughts.

Highland Lakes began in 1936 as a summer lake community, and S & S clearly wanted to accentuate the rustic and natural aspects of their planned resort. Another new lake community in Sparta had already been successful with the Native American theme, indeed had chosen one for its name: Lake Mohawk. So I’m guessing they figured giving the roads Indian names was a no-brainer. Today some would frown on it as cultural appropriation. Back then it was just good marketing.

Thus Native American names from places, tribes, and natural features across the U.S. were applied to roads here in Vernon. But how they chose the particular names they did is the real mystery. Early newspaper articles and other histories of Highland Lakes are silent on the topic.

I should note up front that between choosing the names, copying them down,



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putting the names onto maps, and then duplicate maps, and later road signs, errors crept in. The spelling of some names was either intentionally altered back in the day, or perhaps mistakes were made over the years. Examples of original names and their Highland Lakes versions include Pocantico/Pocantecs, Pawtucket/Pautuck, and Canadaway/Canadawa.

Some names could have one of two or more sources. Is Pautuck a shortening of “Pawtucket” (RI) or an alteration of Pawtuck (Long Island)?

It’s also clear that S & S were having an inside joke naming at least one road: Opeechee. You would look long and in vain to find that name in any book on Native Americans place names. That’s because it was the name of a popular gum at the time (O-Pee-Chee), and also a tongue-in-cheek tribute to one the people Seckler & Shepperd bought property from, prominent Paterson wine importer and distributor Joe Opici (Seckler was from Paterson, too.) The Opici family owned 100 acres around Lake No. 1 and built the original lake there in the 1920s. Opici’s partner in these efforts was a friend, Paterson highway contractor Dick Sauerbutt (yes, his real name.)

In researching the origins of the remaining road names, I attempted to employ the most advanced and

sophisticated research methodologies possible. Failing that, I Googled them. But I got some interesting results.

Only one name, “Wawayanda,” is truly local. There are other local names they could have chosen--Papakating, Pochuck, Kittatinny--but didn’t. And only one other is local to northern New Jersey: “Pohatcong.” Another is, I suspect, an abbreviation of another north Jersey name: “Aquanonk” is likely a shortening of “Acquackanonk,” the Lenape name for the area around the Passaic River.

Some are well-known Native American names that have been used in multiple locales--Mohican, Huron, Sagamore--and can almost be considered generic. And Jack McLaughlin notes that at least one road name has vanished: Algonqwin (again, note the odd spelling), which was S & S’s original name for Breakneck Road as it passed through Highland Lakes.

Some road names derive from the larger New York-Connecticut-Long Island area: Abricada (CT), Acabonack (LI), Pawtuck (LI), and Pocantecs (NY). Only two names comes from Pennsylvania: Tamaqua, and Shomokin, which I suspect is an alteration of the original, Shamokin.

The largest number of names come from upstate New York and New England: Acushnet (MA), Agawa (MA), Alamoosook

(ME), Anawa (MA), Annisquam (MA), Canadawa (NY), Casco (ME), Cohocton (NY), Manaticut (MA), Monadnock (NH), Onteora (NY), Pocasset (MA), Shawondassee (CT), Squam (NH), Wicopee (NY), and Wiscasset (ME).

Names from the mid-Atlantic states include Accomac (VA), Lonaconing (MD), and Mesongo (MD). The southeast states and Texas give us Alachua (FL), Alaqua (FL), Amicalola (GA), Kemah (TX), Ocala (FL), and Wabasso (FL).

Only three names come from the West Coast: Alturas (CA), Cahto (CA), and Wenachee (WS). One name, Tahama, comes from the southwest, around Monument Valley.

A large group of names comes from the central and upper Midwest: Aniwa (WI), Eyota (MN), Kenosha (WI), Kewaskum (WI), Kewaunee (WI), Mahtoa (MN), Mondamin (IA), Muscoda (KS), Muscotah (KS), Neosha (KS), Oneota (WI), Waconia (MN), and Winetka (IL).

I suspect that one road name, Sanoset, is another misspelling. The only thing close to it I can find is “Samoset.” (Remember your Pilgrim history? Samoset was the first friendly Native American they encountered.)

Two road names are an utter mystery to me: Sahwa and Manicroat. The only “Sahwa” I can find anywhere is a Saudi Islamic reform movement affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood. I am beyond reasonably certain this is not what S & S where thinking of when they named the road. I wonder: if Opeechee Road was a remembrance of Joe Opici, might Sahwa Road been the same for Dick Sauerbutt (Sauer/Sahwa)? It’s a stretch, I know. Manicroat seems related to Croatan, the Natives that lived near Jamestown, Virginia. But the name itself is a mystery to me.

There’s also a curious custom they had of giving different roads nearly identical names. There’s Anawa Road and Aniwa Road; there’s Muscoda Road and Muscotah Road; there’s Oneota Road and Onteora Road; there’s Tahama Road and Tamaqua Road; there’s two Sanoset roads (probably supposed to be one, originally); and there are three, count ‘em, three Alturas Roads (to be fair, Alturas Road, whose three sections run in a straight line through Highland Lakes, was originally one road that predated the community by 50 years, having been built to service the Olean-Bayonne Oil pipeline that passed through the area in the 1880s.) Why choose names that could so

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easily lead to confusion? I. Do. Not. Know. (Unless maybe they really were drunk).

So, do you see a pattern emerging from all this? A unifying methodology? If so, send me an email or letter, because I sure don't. Like I say: a couple of guys picking interesting-sounding Indian names out of a book at random.

And the notion that's exactly what they did--pick names out of a book--is supported by one fact: 15 road names in Highland Lakes, more than 25 percent of the ones we're looking at, begin with "A." Like a hungry shopper who fills up his cart in the first aisle in the grocery store, they went nuts with names under "A," then tapered off. And there was no attempt to space them out: all the names begin with a mere twelve letters of the alphabet. Guys flipping through a book, grabbing a bunch here, a bunch there.

While many of the names are from well-known places, towns, and natural features, a few (like Mesongo) are really, really obscure. An internet search found almost all of these, including the peculiar ones, in one source, which can be found on Google books: "The Origin of Certain Place Names in the United States," by Henry Gannett, and published by the U.S. Geological Survey in 1905. It includes all kinds of U.S. place names (not just Native American) and would have been a common reference book back in the 1930s. Found in most any library, I am guessing.

Henry Gannett (1846-1914) was an interesting dude: he was a pioneering geographer who pretty much invented the modern quadrangle map. Anything to do with geography, map making, topographical surveys, etc., in the U.S. in the late 1800s and early 1900s and Henry Gannett had a hand in it. He also was a founder and ultimately president of a little organization you may have heard of: The National Geographic Society (that's Nat Geo to those of you under 40).

Was Gannett's book the one S & S used to give Highland Lakes its Native American road names? Well, there's this: by my count, there are 60 Native American place names used for roads in Highland Lakes. 94% of them can be found in Gannett's book. A few can be found almost no place other than Gannett's book.

Of course, that doesn't mean they didn't used some other book of Native American place names, does it? Except for this: in their desire to choose Native American names, a few mistakes were made. In among all kinds of Native American names for roads in Highland Lakes is Alturas Road. "Alturas," however, is not a Native American name--it's a Spanish one, meaning "heights." It would not appear in a book of Native American names only--but it does appear in Gannett's book.

So was Gannett's book the one they used? Most likely it was more than just one--probably a few, mostly common reference books. John Seckler, who was interviewed several times on the early history of the lake community he built, never seems to have talked about how they named the roads. Heck, in my much younger days I knew Mr. Seckler, enough at least to chat about local history. I could have asked him. Did I? Nope.

Any way you reckon it, I still suspect a bottle of booze was involved.

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Some Highlights from the Winter Carnival and Pasta Dinner



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Winter Carnival 2015 tee shirt design winner Rachel Donnelly



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Crafting and face painting



Kids playing Jenga on the porch





Some members of the Clubhouse Committee prepare and serve the pasta (photos courtesy of Sue Buruchian)



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Happy greetings to you, and you, and you! So, what's happenin' down your way? Everything seems to be going along A-OK so far and I just want to say HL Seniors R O C K!! No kiddin'. Special thanks to Senior Club members who volunteered at the 2nd Annual Winter Carnival a few weeks ago - you know who you are and yes! Each of you is a shining star! What a successful event and I can't wait to see the plans for next year's winter carnival - NJ Sled Dog Club just may be coming to visit. (I know it's a whole year away, but good plans make good things happen!)

How wonderful it was to have 36 of our members join in for a wonderful catered lunch in February. We certainly are an involved group of go-getters! I was thinking just the other day (perhaps a dangerous activity on my part...or so my hubby would comment), about the goofy things in the world that go under the category of Murphy's Law gone bad!

- 1. Have you driven past Mt. Creek's parking lots after a busy day on the slopes? You'll see tons of garbage, litter and what-not strewn not 6 inches from the trash receptacles--er, ah, empty trash receptacle!
- 2. How about going to a diner or your favorite eatery with a bunch of your girlfriends or gal-pals and you are waited on by a lovely young lady who immediately addresses you as

- "you guys". (Obviously having failed Science class or Health & Hygiene class...guys??)
- 3. How about drivers in front of you on rte. 23 or rte. 80 who repeatedly change lanes without signaling. Are they trying to get ahead quickly so they can reduce the odds of having a fender-bender?? and why? why? do they salute you with one of their digits when you pass them? Are they trying to tell you that you're Number 1??
 - 4. How about needing to make a phone call to correct something on your account, or to simply require some needed information perhaps about a product. You finally get a human being on the other end who is incredibly difficult to understand due to a language difference or you are told with whom you are speaking and "how may I assist you" (at least I think that's what is said at a rate of 100 words per second!) You then proceed to enlighten them of your situation and they do not respond in a way that makes any intelligible sense. You repeat yourself because you think they misunderstood your request and they give you another bone-headed response! Sheesh! When this happens, I either ask them very nicely if they were indeed listening to me, or, I ask them if I may please speak to a supervisor (which, I think sounds like "May I please speak with your mommy" to them) usually, they suddenly

awaken from a deep entranced state of sub-consciousness and you now have their full attention to answer your question. I have it on good authority that these folks on the other end of your phone line probably are sitting at a desk deeply engrossed in a hand-held device texting, Twittering, Facebooking, blogging and the Lord above knows what else. Should I comment that at least they can multi-task?? Yeh, no! They indeed cannot multi-task efficiently.

So, what do you think? I have a dear friend with a very appropriate sign hanging in the kitchen - You Can't Fix Stupid or You Can't Fix Stupid But, Nurses Can Sedate It!! Anyway, oh-blah-dee, oh-blah daa life goes on. Let's bring you up to snuff with the March Senior Club calendar:

- Tuesday, March 15 12 noon - lunch at the clubhouse for St. Patty's Day.
- Wednesday, March 16 at 4 pm VTHS dinner/ theater you should receive your invitations in the mail if you signed up.
- So, hope to see you in March. Special hello and warm smiles & hugs to our snowbirds, warm smiles & hugs to Gene & Clare, miss you dearly. T T F N (ta ta for now) Love ya, Joyce.



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