



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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From the President's Desk

BOB HUGHES, PRESIDENT

At our March regular meeting the Voting Board authorized the Sussex County Health Department to conduct a free skin cancer screening on Saturday, June 18 at the Clubhouse. The Voting Board also adopted a Resolution amending eligibility for the Goodwill Fund related to residency.

Lastly, the Voting Board accepted

a proposal for road sweeping from Northeast Facility Services of Paramus in the amount of \$2,360.00 per day.

Our April Voting Board meetings will be on Wednesday, the 6th for the Workshop, and Friday, the 15th for the regular meeting. Please also note that there will be a breakfast at the Clubhouse on Sunday, April 24, and the roadside clean-up on Saturday, April 30.

Governance in Highland Lakes - Part 2

LISA ENTWISTLE

Committees and Volunteer Involvement

"The Club's manager is responsible for implementing all of the initiatives and special projects that are authorized by the board... this means the manager works closely with various committee chairs depending upon the project at hand".

Wow! What a mouthful! As a life-long Highland Laker, I never gave much thought to how our community is run. In decades of living here, I've often had passing thoughts like "Why did we do this?" or "Can't we do that? It seems so easy..." but never spent much time thinking about the details. This article is part two of a series intended to explain how our community is governed, and I would like to express my gratitude to 1st VP Sue Ross for spearheading this idea and writing the wonderful article articulating the relationship between members, Club management, and the volunteers that comprise various committees as well as the Board of Trustees.

As you drive through HL, check the website for info, attend activities and see infrastructure improvements, please take a moment to ponder how those things came to be. It reminds one of the smart phone commercial - "there's an app for that!" As you look around your community, note that every aspect has involved at least one committee - "there's a committee for that!"

Committees are groups of invested members committed to sharing their knowledge and experience to improve our community. Committees are so integral to this community that they are mentioned 23 times in HLCC By-Laws. In a political structure, the committee chairs could be equated to the President's Cabinet; these are trusted advisors that have agreed to spearhead research, advise and implement any activity tasked by the board of trustees or Club manager. The only official requirement for joining a committee is HLCC membership, and willingness to be involved.

Unofficially, common sense prevails and any personal interests you have can be dovetailed with the appropriate committee. Artists work with the Communications Committee to create logos and those awesome e-blasts sent

weekly. Professional writers and marketers help create the Newsette and maintain the website. Builders, electricians and engineers work with Road, Buildings & Grounds and Dam Rehabilitation Committees. Those active in social/volunteer work and fundraising join the Goodwill Fundraising Committee. Water and nature lovers are involved with Ecology and Fishing. Those interested in making sure that only members use our facilities donate their time Badge Checking. Rules & Bylaws and the Elections Committee members assist with governance issues. Planning Committee members would naturally attract visionaries, community planners, architects, etc.

Committees exist for very specific purposes (outlined in detail on HLCC.org) and work with the Board and Club manager, often doing research and spending countless hours to develop the information necessary to fulfill the needs of day-to-day operations and special projects. Members and trustees often suggest ideas then wonder, "what ever happened with that?" Those that attend board meetings on a regular basis know that all suggestions get discussed. Even seemingly insignificant issues must be looked at in depth, and committees are tasked to do that research. Committees advise the manager and Board on research they have completed and offer insights as to how projects may be accomplished while keeping in sight the needs and wants of our community. Committees also monitor the community and come to the Board or Club manager with ideas and suggestions. At least one Board Trustee is assigned as liaison between the Board and each committee.

Generally speaking, there are two types of committees. One type focuses on activities and communication, the other on infrastructure and long-term goals (some committees do both.) One look at the community calendar will see activities almost daily, with at least 1 - 2 committees being involved in each. Events like the Fishing Derby, Winter Carnival, Family Day, New Year's Eve Party and more, would not exist without active committee membership and

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Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Monday, April 18 – 7:30 pm
Clubhouse – Wednesday, April 20 – 7 pm
Ecology/CCHL – Thursday, April 14 – 7 pm
Fishing – Thursday, April 14 – 8 pm
Planning – Tuesday, April 19 – 7:30 pm
Roads – Thursday, April 7 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, April 6 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, April 15 – 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.

Nominating Committee Seeks Officers

JUDY NORTON

The Nominating Committee of Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association is looking for Officer candidates for the positions of Club President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for three year terms commencing October 1, 2016. If you are interested in being nominated for a Club officer position, please let us know by June 15, 2016, via a “Letter of Intent”. Please include in your Letter of Intent the Officer position you are interested in and what qualifications you have for that Office. Please note that all Officers and Trustees serve as volunteers on the Club’s Voting Board.

Your Letter of Intent and qualifications may be mailed to the Club office – HLCC, PO Box 578, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422, dropped off at the Club office or placed through the mail slot at the Club Office. In all cases the envelope should be marked: Attention - Nominating Committee. Once the Nominating Committee has reviewed your Letter of Intent and qualifications, the Committee will schedule interviews. Thank you for your interest in Highland Lakes.

Upcoming Events

April 16 – Lakeside Café
April 24 – Clubhouse Breakfast
April 29 – Eclectic Evening of the Arts
April 30 – Ecology Clean-up Day

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Planning Committee Notes

LYNN KAPLAN, CHAIRPERSON

With low attendance at the March meeting several items were reviewed for future follow-up. These included newspaper articles on forest stewardship to be shared with the Ecology Committee, status of the Community Plan update, and topics to be brought to the Voting Board (such as new member meetings, attracting millennials and marketing Highland Lakes).

The next meeting date for this committee is April 19.

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.

Ecology Clean-up Day - April 30, 2016

CAROLE FORTENBACH ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Spring has arrived, Daylight Savings Time is back and we hope you are all set for our roadside clean-up day on Saturday April 30 from 10 am until noon.

We will meet on the clubhouse porch. You are to sign in, take your bag (or bags) supplied and let us know what areas or streets you will be cleaning (we have a map). We need to know this so we know where to collect the trash bags. Once the bags are filled, just leave them where you are. You do not need to drag them back to the clubhouse unless, of course, you would like to do that. Please wear sturdy shoes, a bright colored shirt or jacket and work gloves.

We thank all of you who come out every year to help us. I hope we will see some new faces this year. Remember, this can count for 2 of the 20 hours you need to be “appreciated” by the club in August. Also, high school students, this could count as part of the community service you need for graduation.

Let’s make this country community look clean and neat. Nature gives us so much; this is our chance to give something back. See you Saturday, April 30 at 10 am.

“What would our lives and our children’s lives be like if our days and nights were as immersed in nature as they are in technology” - Richard Louv, 2011.

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April 2016

Highland Lakes Happenings

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Monday Night Adult Ceramics

ANGELA ABRAMS AND KATHY STRUBE

Spring is HERE! Come on down to the clubhouse every Monday night at 7:30. You will be amazed at the projects in progress, and more amazed at the beautiful creations you can create. You can begin a project for this year’s Art Show or create unique, birthday, anniversary, Mother’s/Father’s Day gifts. Let your imagination run wild! Our instructor, Mary, supplies the brushes and paint. She also supplies a collection of bisque for purchase.

All adult members in good standing are welcome. All young people ages 8 to 15 are also welcome, if accompanied by an adult member. And as with all Highland Lakes activities, please wear your badges. Questions, call Angela 973-764-3498 or Kathy 973-764-4210.



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willingness of multiple committees to work together. We would not have a new roof, parking lot, rain garden, Beach 1 upgrade, or Beach Hut - among other things - without the hundreds of man hours donated by Buildings and Grounds.

As you look around Highland Lakes, please take a moment to look deeper. From the lighting to the mulch in the playground, a committee has been involved. When you look at that new dock, know that similar unpaid man-hours went into the planning and research. Safety, liability, cost, maintenance, warranties, usefulness and member enjoyment are ALL taken into consideration first by the applicable committee, then by the Board. Think of the biggest party you’ve ever thrown - has it topped 200 guests? Even in the “slower” winter months there may be three large events at the clubhouse each month, each topping 150 guests.

In preparing for this article, my mind kept drifting to an old TV show, School House Rock, and the episode on How a Bill Becomes a Law. I kept thinking of how that show simplified a huge concept that many adults don’t understand into a kid-friendly format by following one bill through the whole process. With that in mind, I present my own HLCC version: How an Idea Becomes Reality; the Story of the Community Map. A few members realized that there was no official map of Highland Lakes that included freeways, beaches, boat launches and recreation areas. The idea was discussed unofficially, then proposed to the Club manager, who agreed that map would be helpful to the community at large as well as new or prospective members. The idea was then raised at a board workshop and met with widespread approval, then redirected to a committee for further investigation and implementation. Seems simple? Not really. Before the drawing process began, Board discussions were had as to how to publish the map. Consideration was given to the issue of how to ensure accuracy, while also ensuring that our community remains private. Eventually at least three committees, along with the Club manager, office staff, and local authorities were all involved to ensure that details were accurately drawn. Zoning, property lines and deeds were reviewed. After a mountain of work, a basic outline was developed. Maps require precision and artistry, so the Communications Committee was asked to help with drawing, coloring, and detail work. In short, that lovely map that is now available to all members took over a year to develop properly, with over a dozen people and three different committees being involved.

The Board of Trustees and Executive Board are volunteers and community members, just like you, who have a sworn duty to ensure that all Club decisions are made with careful consideration, due diligence, and the benefit of ALL members in mind. Every dues-paying member has a right to attend board or committee meetings. All we ask is that you show up and be involved. Stay for the duration of a meeting, not just the part that interests you. Learn how the Board works, and how our committees can use your involvement. To quote the timeless wisdom of Dr. Seuss...” UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

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.

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Rules for Boat Storage on Club Docks and Racks

With the boating season rapidly approaching and new docks on order at ten locations including Indian Lake (East Highland Lake), Lake 1 (Upper Highland Lake), Lake 5 (Upper West Highland Lake), Comet Row and freeways on the Main Lake (Highland Lake), it is again time for members to review the Club's boat storage rules before placing their boats on Club property.

Extensive changes were adopted by the Voting Board in May 2014 that addressed the storage and use of Club lands, boat racks and docks for boat storage. These changes were necessitated by the use of boating facilities by members not in good standing, members who fail to remove their boats from docks and boat racks in the fall, members who leave boats tied up to trees, etc., and those who disregard the boat lottery system for assigned space.

With an investment of more than \$500,000 in new docks over the past three years, these rules also prohibit any modification, drilling, etc. and establish requirements for how boats are to be moored to the new docks.

These Rules, in six parts, constitute the Club's Rules pertaining to the storage of boats, kayaks, windsurfers, etc. on Club lands, boat racks and docks.

A. **HOLD HARMLESS:** The member agrees to indemnify and hold the Club harmless from any injury, damage or loss resulting from the use and storage of the member's boat anywhere on Club property, including but not limited to lands, docks and boat racks. The member, by keeping their boat on Club lands, docks or boat racks, acknowledges that the Club shall not be responsible for any injury, damage or loss whatsoever resulting from the removal, transport and storage of the boat, and use of the Club's lands, docks and boat racks.

B. **IMPROPER STORAGE:** Improper storage is defined as storage on lands owned by the Club other than on docks and boat racks, storage anywhere on Club properties without a current membership permit, and storage in violation of Rule 24 (C.), (D.) and/or (E.) below. Boats improperly stored will be removed to storage immediately.

C. **STORAGE ON DOCKS and RACKS AFTER OCTOBER 15:** All boats must be removed from Club docks not later than October 15 of each year. In alternating years,

all boats must be removed from boat racks by October 15, as determined by the Boat and Dock Committee and as published in the Newsette. Boats stored after October 15 in violation of this Rule will be removed to storage immediately.

D. **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SPACE ON ASSIGNED DOCKS:** Space on certain Club docks is restricted to assigned use only. These docks are located at Club Park, Comet Row, Eckhart Sailing Center, Beach 3, Beach 4, and such other, future locations as may be authorized by the Voting Board. Docks subject to this assigned space requirement are marked with appropriate signs. Dock space assignments are managed by the Boat and Dock Committee upon receipt of applications from members in good standing and are assigned by the committee through the use of a lottery system and other methods. Boats not authorized by the committee on these docks will be removed to storage immediately.

E. **DOCK MODIFICATIONS AND UNCOATED WIRE PROHIBITED:** Members may not drill holes in any dock or fasten any device without the authorization of the Boat and Dock Committee. Only ropes, chain and plastic coated wire are authorized to attach a boat to a dock. Uncoated wire is specifically prohibited. Members are responsible for all damages caused by unauthorized drilling or fastening to the dock or excessive wear or chafing caused by the use of unauthorized attachment methods. Boats stored on docks in violation of this Rule will be removed to storage immediately.

F. **REMOVAL TO STORAGE, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS:** Boats, kayaks, windsurfers, etc. of members stored in violation of these Rules shall be removed to storage, and will be subject to a special assessment of \$100.00, and a daily storage charge of \$5.00, calculated from the date the boat was removed to storage up to November 15, when a special winter storage fee of \$250.00 will be imposed. After June 15, a disposal fee of \$250.00 will be imposed. Boats may not be retrieved between November 15 and April 15. Members whose boats are identifiable through the boating permit shall be provided notice by regular and certified mail that the boat has been removed to storage. 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. (Amended September 23, 2009).

Message to all Returning Lifeguards

NICOLE GAGLIOSTRO, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Lifeguard data forms were recently mailed out. If for some reason you did not get your mailing or were recently certified and wish to apply for the 2016 season, you can request an application by calling the Highland Lakes Club Office - 973-764-4366 or by email to hlcc@2warwick.net.

Preseason schedules will start the week of June 20. Preseason work will be distributed evenly to those who are interested beginning with senior guards getting first choice. This does not mean that only senior guards will work preseason.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please leave your name and phone number with the Club office and I will return your call. Thank you.



Birding at the Lake

CHRISTINE MAGEE

It is with great pleasure that I share my love of birding with the community. We are fortunate to live in a water-centered environment that attracts both common birds and accidentally migratory birds. The spring abounds with species of birds and is a great time to bird watch. It is also a time when birds can move out of their natural habitats. Everyone can recognize a woodpecker when they are pecking on the bark of a tree, or on the side of a roof or house. There are five woodpeckers that are commonly found around the lake: the Downy Woodpecker, the Hairy Woodpecker, the Red-bellied woodpecker, Northern Flickers and the Pileated Woodpecker.

In the spring woodpeckers can be both beautiful to look at and pests that hammer away loudly on our houses. Woodpeckers hammer to attract mates, defend their territory, excavate nesting or roosting sites, and to search for insects to eat. Wooden shingles, cedar or redwood siding, plastic or metal gutters, chimney caps and light posts are selected drumming sites because they produce loud sounds. Drumming is most common during mating season in the spring and usually ends by July 1. Once a woodpecker stakes out its territory it is difficult to drive them away, so prevention is the best way to avoid the noise and damage to your home. There are simple methods to repel woodpeckers that do not harm them in any way. These techniques include visual repellents, loud noises, or providing nesting boxes.

First make sure insects are not dwelling in your wood siding, as this will attract woodpeckers. Once this has been established, the use of visual deterrents is inexpensive and effective. Cutting long rectangular strips of black plastic and hanging them from the gutters or siding will scare away the woodpeckers. Decorative pinwheels with reflective vanes, or aluminum pie tins hung from fishing line and placed near a previously woodpecker damaged area or potential hammering sites will also frighten away woodpeckers. Allow the wind to blow the strips, pinwheels, and pie tins freely. Owl effigies are more expensive and generally are unsuccessful for frightening away woodpeckers. Where woodpeckers are persistent, use two or more of the above frightening devices simultaneously. Loud noises will also deter woodpeckers.

If a woodpecker has made holes in your siding fill them as quickly as possible with spray foam so there will be no noise produced upon the woodpeckers return to excavate the hole. Providing nesting boxes also may reduce the

chance of hammering on your house. Once you have scared the woodpeckers back into their natural habitat now you can enjoy them!

You don't need binoculars to see this woodpecker. The Northern Flicker is easy to spot hopping around in your garden, under trees. The Northern Flickers is a large (11 to 14 inches), brown woodpecker that is speckled with black-scalloped plumage. Unlike most woodpeckers that you see eating insects from the bark of trees, the Northern Flicker can be found foraging on the ground. Hopping back and forth, it uses its bill to move leaves and find ants and beetles. Once it finds these insects it can be seen digging for them with its unusual, slightly curved bill. In flight it puts on a show with a flash of yellow color on the wings and a bright white flash on the rump.

Til' next time enjoy the sounds and sights of our fine feathered friends at Highland Lakes!



The Northern Flicker



79th Annual Meeting of Members

Held for the purpose of electing directors, approving reports and transacting other such business as may come before the meeting.

Monday, June 6, 2016

High Point Regional High School
299 Pidgeon Hill Road, Sussex, NJ 07461

Doors open at 5:30 PM,
Refreshments at 6:00 PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00 PM

Each member who registers will receive a
\$10 bill credit.



Next Newsette: May 7, 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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Help Wanted: Activity Center Staff

There is an opening in the Club's Activity Center staff. The work schedule includes weekends in May and through the middle part of June, and, beginning on or about June 20, daily through Labor Day. Duties include providing members with their badge packages, selling daily guest badges and snacks, and completing paperwork to enable members to use the limited supply of Club boats for short periods of time.

Applicants must be congenial, comfortable working with computers and telephones, and flexible with their schedule. Stop by the Club office for an application, or call Pat Krause, Office Manager, at 973-764-4366.

Pickleball Paddle Requirements

All paddles used on the pickle ball courts must be selected from the Sun City Grand "Green Zone" paddle list that can be found at this website: <http://pball.grandpickleball.org/paddlerule.pdf>. These paddles were tested by Acoustics Group, Inc. and found to be the quietest paddles on the market. The only paddles approved in addition to those on this list are the "Venom" by Pickleball Specialties (<http://www.pickleballspecialties.com/>) and the "Vortex".

The Club provided "quiet pickleball pads" for paddles purchased by members prior to January 1, 2014. If your paddle does not comply with the Club's paddle regulations, please contact the Club office for more information.

SANJL Championship Regatta

MARK AND SUE BURUCHIAN

Come one, come all and get those sunfish boats out of storage! Highland Lakes will be hosting the SANJL Sunfish Championship Regatta on Saturday, May 21. There are two divisions awarded; Challenger and Championship so come test your skills and sail amongst some of the talented area sailors from our series lakes - Hunterdon/Spruce Run, Swartzwood, and Green Pond to name a few.

Timetable:

8:30-9:45 am - Registration
10:00 am - Skippers Meeting
10:30 am - 1st Race

Contact Mark or Sue Buruchian 973-764-7420 for details or reference SANJL.org for more information.



Highland Lakes Girls Club

JESSIE JAROS

A social group for girls in 2nd through 4th grade focusing on family, community, environmental stewardship, and life skills has been formed. We meet 2 times a month at the Clubhouse. For members and their guests, please contact Jessie for more information at 973-764-0861.

Thank you.

Highland Lakes Artists Group

DENNIS DALELIO

In an effort to bring together the many artists of our community a meeting of HL artists continues to meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month. All Highland Lakes members (ages 18 and up) who create are welcome to join us. The group welcomes creators from all of the arts: visual artists, writers, designers, musicians, dancers, etc. Our goal is to build up our creative community even more and to offer a chance for artists to share original creations with others for encouragement and critique. Our next meeting will be on April 26 from 6 pm - 8 pm in the Lake Room. Please also join us for our evening art show highlighting work from the artists in our group on April 29, 2016, from 7 - 10 pm in the Lake Room. For more information contact Dennis Dalelio at daleliod@yahoo.com

Gypsy Moth Spraying Schedule

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Vernon Township advises that aerial spraying for gypsy moths is scheduled to take place on or after May 16, 2016. This year's recently introduced township budget includes \$124,600 for the aerial spraying program. The township will mail notifications to all affected residents at least ten days in advance of the proposed date of treatment, publish notices in local newspapers, and coordinate the spraying with the local school district. Please note that the spraying timetable in the northern part of New Jersey is contingent on weather and wind, so adjustments may be necessary.

News from the Boat Dock Committee

TOM BUCHNEY, CHAIRMAN, BOAT DOCK COMMITTEE

Additional Docks approved for the 2016 Season

The Voting Board has approved additional funds for the purchase of new docks at the following locations: Canistear Road boat launch, Beach 4, Shadow Path, North Cove Path, White Tail Trail, Roaring Brook Path, Sunrise Path, Comet Row, Beach 7, Pocasset Road and Beach 1. The old docks will be replaced with the new style plastic docks which should provide additional stability, reduce maintenance costs, while also eliminating exposed foam flotation breaking free and floating in the lakes.

While our boaters should enjoy the benefits of these new docks for many years to come, we would like to ensure they are used properly. The following rules should be reviewed by all members prior to use of these docks:

DOCK MODIFICATIONS AND UNCOATED WIRE PROHIBITED: Members may not drill holes in any dock or fasten any device without the authorization of the Boat Dock Committee. Only ropes, chain and plastic coated wire are authorized to attach a boat to a dock. Uncoated wire is specifically prohibited. Members are responsible for all damages caused by unauthorized drilling or fastening to the dock or excessive wear or chafing caused by the use of unauthorized attachment methods. Boats stored on docks in violation of this Rule will be removed to storage immediately.

As noted in the last Newsette, applications will be required for the new pontoon boat dock at Comet Row. These applications are available at the Club website (www.hlcc.org), at the Club office, or a call to the office to request a mailing or email of the application. Please include all information requested.

All applications should be 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.

Recap of Recent Clubhouse Events

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON

Thank you to all of you who attended the breakfasts the clubhouse committee prepared. We enjoy cooking as much as you enjoy the food and companionship. It is such a great time to enjoy your neighbors and meet new friends. I especially would like to thank the crew: Russ, Kathy, Jim, Janet, Bill, Daphne, Jack, Joyce, Ray, Frank, Sue, Doug, Michele, Hugh, Nora, and Steve. They work so hard both cooking and serving.

Special thanks to Chef Frank for working so hard throughout our first pasta dinner. It was a great turnout for some delicious food, great atmosphere, and super ambiance. There was plenty of food and it was all delicious. Watch the Newsette for another pasta dinner coming up.

The winter carnival was a big success. Lisa did a great job planning outdoor "snowless" activities. The clubhouse was buzzing with a lot of other activities. "Tacos in a bag" was definitely a hit for lunch. The "Birds of Prey" presentation was fantastic. Over 80 children sat still to watch the entire show. Thank you to all who helped: Joyce, Janet, Daphne, Paula, Russ, Kathy, Jim, Jack, and Lisa. Special thanks to Jeanette for getting some Vernon Township High School students to help with the event.

New Year's Eve at the HLCC clubhouse was once again a great way to ring in 2016. The delicious food was prepared and served by the owner and staff of Eddie's Roadhouse in Warwick. The Lake Room looked festive. It is a great event that provides a way to stay close to home and have a good time with friends and neighbors in the community. The real plates and utensils and cloth tablecloths were all hand washed by a bunch of volunteers. It will be a much easier task when a dishwasher is installed in the clubhouse.

About Changes in Your Recorded Deed

In planning changes to your ownership of property that would be reflected in the recorded Deed, contacting the Club Office before you do so for guidance is advisable and will eliminate any misunderstandings.

The Club's By-Laws, in part, define Active Members as those who own property in Highland Lakes. When persons take title to property in Highland Lakes when they do not own other Highland Lakes property at that time, even when they join in the ownership of property with someone who currently owns property in Highland Lakes, they automatically become an active member and are required to pay the Initiation Fee. If you are considering adding anyone to your Deed, a wife, parent, child, friend, etc., please be aware of these By-Law requirements.

Sometimes members form a living or family trust as part of their estate planning. However, even this type of trust is a different, and therefore new, owner of property, and the payment of the Initiation Fee is required.

Sailing Tube Storage

LOU IANNUCCI, SAILING COORDINATOR
SUE BURUCHIAN

Ahoy sailors! It's time again to think sailing and tube storage. This year we have expanded the number of tubes at Eckhart Sailing Center from 15 to 22 in total. We will also be adding 5 new tubes at Comet Row. As always, Junior fleet racing sailors have the first right of refusal for the tube storage system at the Eckhart Sailing Center. Junior sailors and/or their parents need to email to request a tube no later than July 1, 2016, or call to reserve a tube for this sailing season. Please mark emails: Sailing Tube Request in subject line to HLCCSailing@gmail.com with name of sailor, parent name if junior and fleet sailing.

We will confirm active junior sailors with the Junior Fleet Captain, email you the release form to sign/return and assign your tube number. Additionally, any remaining tubes not assigned to juniors will be available to the other racers in fleets docked at Eckhart Sailing Center and Comet Row via email request. First come, first served.

Here are the basic rules for review to use the tubes:

1. Do not put wet sails in the tubes. Dry sails only.
2. Junior sailors have first right of refusal due to parent transportation considerations.
3. Lock and combination information must be provided on the form.
4. No wet items of any kind shall be placed in tube.
5. Only HL racing fleet sailors can utilize tubes.
6. Only non-lakefront members can use this option.
7. Only one set of sails with spars per tube.
8. Storage is only during the sail racing season. No year-round storage.
9. When Club docks go in water and are taken out, so must your sails!
10. Any abuse of the tubes forfeits your rights to use them.

Any questions please call Sue at 973-764-7420 or Lou at 973-764-7042 or e-mail. Happy Sailing!

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Register with the COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE and receive THE HIGHLAND LAKES eNEWS direct to your inbox. Get timely notices, updates and reminders of various HLCC happenings, events and activities EVERY THURSDAY!



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Easter Brunch 2016

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR

We had a wonderful Easter Brunch this year filled with great fun from face painting and balloon twisting, by Pixie Pop the Clown, to egg hunting, to yummy food and happy memories made. Special thanks to all who came and helped volunteer to make this event as magical as it is. Thanks again and see you all next year.



Photos courtesy of Dennis Dalelio

“An Eclectic Evening of the Arts”

DENNIS DALELIO

Friday, April 29, 2016
7 pm – 10 pm
In The Lake Room
Free!
Featuring:

- An Exhibition highlighting a variety of 2D and 3D creations made by artists from the Highland Lakes Artists Group
- Live Music
- An Open Mic - for any who would like to share an original written piece, spoken word, or musical creation.
- Homemade Food and Beverages
- All are welcome!
- Hosted by the Highland Lakes Artists Group

For more information, contact daleliod@yahoo.com



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Start a Non-Toxic Garden this Spring: The Why

DANI L. SEGAL, Ph.D.

The Why: Spring is happening in our little corner of Northern NJ, and there are many reasons to get “down and dirty” in a garden. Foremost, whether you decide to go all out with a vegetable garden, or choose to fill hanging baskets on your deck with flowers – gardening increases your sense of well-being, improving your mental and physical health by rewarding you with creating something in the fresh air that’s really beautiful! There is something grand about putting your hands in the dirt.

Deciding on the garden’s plans (using your noggin), moving dirt around (using your muscles), placing plants where they need to be and then caring for, watering and maintaining the plants (using your emotional-heart) helps to ease stress, keeps you limber and offers a “Zen-like” attention that surrounds one with the rhythms of the natural environment. Breathing in fresh air oxygenates our blood, and rays of warm sun stimulate our skin to produce bone-building and disease-fighting Vitamin D.

Gardening requires dedication while being physically demanding - make sure to “stop and smell the roses”. Take breaks and drink plenty of fresh water. Know your limitations! Lighter mood, building muscle, improving cardiovascular circulation, lower blood pressure, better immune function, and the satisfaction of marveling at seedlings growing into your garden’s bounty offers wonderful rewards.

Highland Lakes is a family-oriented lake community, so I feel strongly about gardening without chemicals. In our beautiful lake environment, it is not only possible, but it is imperative to deal with bugs and plant diseases without using toxic poisons that can harm ourselves, our children, our pets, wildlife and pollute our lakes and wells. Be conscious of our eco-system this new season with a non-toxic, health-inspiring garden.

Celebrate spring and get those hands dirty! Stay tuned – in the next article I will discuss THE HOW to family-friendly, non-toxic gardening ideas.

Team Tennis 2016

CATHY TANSEY, COORDINATOR, TEAM TENNIS

The weather is warming up. Spring is here; dust off those tennis racquets; dig those team tennis shirts out of the laundry; it’s happening again. Many of the same people are still involved and many new people have also joined us.

We will meet on Saturday mornings starting Memorial Day weekend, May 28 from 9 am to 11 am. Come one, come all. The matches are based on the number of people who show up. We have a fun time. All levels of play are invited and we welcome players new, old, good, great and even not so good.

Come on down on Saturdays for some good tennis and social fun. Any questions, please call Cathy at 973-764-3174 or see her at the courts.

Get Rid of Bulky Waste Items in April

VERNON TOWNSHIP

The Clean Communities program will be hosting a bulky waste clean-up day on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the DPW facility located on Riggs Way in Vernon Township from 8 am to 4 pm. This event is for Vernon Township residents only.

Bulky items that will be accepted include the following:
tires
furniture
mattresses
carpets
appliances (stoves, washers/dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, televisions)

Residents are allowed four tires per household that must be removed from rims. No truck tires will be accepted. No construction debris or hazardous waste type items will be accepted.

Brush will also be accepted at this time free of charge, however; it must be separated from bulky waste items. Leaves will not be accepted. DPW employees will be available to assist residents. The cost is \$20.00 per residential vehicle load. Tickets may be purchased using cash or check and are available at the DPW office as well as during the event. Please bring proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or utility bill for verification.

For any questions or further information, please contact the Vernon Township Department of Public Works at 973-764-3021.

Highland Lakes Playgroup

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR

Ages 5 and Younger

Come on out to Playgroup on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am - 12 noon at the Clubhouse. Every week we make a craft, play with toys and meet new friends. We do a lot more too! Come on down and check out our calendar. On Fridays we like to go out and about during the warm weather.

Please feel free to contact Melissa Hardin for more information at 973-851-0694.



Red Hat Society/ Highland Hatters

PAT WOOTTON

The Highland Hatters celebrated St. Patrick’s Day in their usual fashion. We were bedecked in a wee bit of green, along with splashes of red and purple. Twelve of us met at the Vernon Inn for a traditional holiday luncheon. We were surprised (not really) by our own leprechaun, Theresa Deady, who arrived with costume, music, and her usual sense of humor. We always look forward to a bit of singing and dancing along with good Irish food. It was my pleasure to plan this event. Those attending were: Marti Allen, Marian Benedicto, Theresa Deady, Kathy Grifone, Joy Logan, Kathy Scialla, Judi Sunda, 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.



Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK AND JIM KENNEDY

Welcome to Spring everyone! As usual, our hikes meet on Sundays at 10 am in the club house parking lot. Just look around, we will find you! Please bring lunch, water, and comfortable hiking shoes. Your well-behaved dogs are welcome, bring a leash since we sometimes cross roads or walk through areas with other people. In case of rain (hopefully not snow!) we will cancel. This month's hike is to Terrace Pond starting and returning to Clinton Road. This is a moderately difficult hike, with lunch at the Pond. We return via the pipeline, an easy downhill.

We are hoping to have a canoe/kayak trip on the Wallkill River in late April or early May. We start on Route 565 in Sussex, and canoe to Route 1 in Pine Island. For anyone who wants to do less of the trip, you can pull out on Oil City Road. The full trip is about 6 hours, the shorter trip about 4. Please let us know if you are interested since I usually do not know the water/weather conditions until 5 or so days before. Call us or email me at christinebillack@yahoo.com.

April 17 - Terrace Pond

May 15 - A/T from Barrett Road to Route 517 (ending at the A/T boardwalk) Hope to see you on the 17th! Chris and Jim



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HLCC Senior Club...The Progressive S/C

JOYCE HEALY, SENIOR CLUB PRESIDENT

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the flowers is??? Happy Spring to all of you “Lakers” wherever you may be. If you’ve weathered the winter months on the mountain with us, it really wasn’t too bad, was it? If you were lucky enough to spread your wings and fly to warmer climates, than you were lucky enough! But, we’ve missed your smiling face at our monthly luncheons. “It’s always a pleasure to behold your shining countenance.” (I remember this quote from a Captain’s Quarters “regular”, when I tended bar a lifetime ago).

Let me bring you up to date about the Senior Club happenings: We’ve had monthly luncheons that were very well attended (Jan., Feb., March and of course coming up, April). We had a guest speaker in March, Mr. Fred Mock. Name sound familiar? There was a newspaper article written about a month or so ago featuring Mr. Mock as the 90-year-old ski instructor at Mt. Creek. Yes, you read it correctly - 90 years young! He was thrilled to join us for our St. Pat’s Day lunch with his lovely friend, Judy E. from our lake community. He spoke about the sheer joy he experiences from teaching folks to ski, apparently it’s all about gravity - “stand still and let gravity do the

work”. If you think about it, physics applies here, no, not ex-lax!!! But, Fred was a delight to us all in attendance (35 to be exact) and he answered our questions and blended in perfectly with our HL friendly bunch. I’m working on getting a guest speaker for our April lunch which will be Wednesday, April 13 at 12 noon in the Lake Room. Got the date? Write it down so you can join us for a wonderful gathering, a yummy luncheon lovingly prepared for you complete with homemade desserts, coffee, tea and lots of giggles. (I usually call ‘youse guys’ to remind you only because we are a senior club who doesn’t sit still. We fill up our calendars and sometimes we need a heads-up to be at the right place at the right time).

Our regularly scheduled evening meetings will begin in May - May 10 and 24 at 7 pm in the Lake Room. We are beginning to plan our Memorial Day ceremony - May 30 on the Clubhouse lawn.

*****IMPORTANT*****

If you know of anyone who could add to our wonderful ceremony, please, please, please contact me. I’d love your input and help.

Now let’s have some Fun with Words. I call these ‘Rhyme-Time’. Ex. a seafood platter: fish dish. Ready?

1. Expensive claret or port: _____
2. An animal characteristic: _____
3. A mailbox: _____
4. Yogi’s historic period: _____
5. Tall, thin & pessimistic: _____
6. Gecko’s throat: _____
7. Cajolery from a circus employee: _____
8. A charged atom’s descendant: _____
9. Male cats’ matriarchs: _____
10. A happy June celebrant: _____

*OK, I know a couple of these are tough! Cool! Use your gray matter, when you’re ready to bag it, use Mr. Webster’s tome!

There’ll be answers in next month’s Newsette and more Rhyme-Times. My loopy brain came up with 51 of them!! Oh, I have one last query for you: Why do we park our cars on the driveway and drive our cars on the parkway????

Give me a call if you need me, love ya, Joyce 973-764-0306



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Road Sweeping Begins mid-April

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Avoid Daytime Street Parking Until Your Road Has Been Swept

Road sweeping by Northeast Facilities Services will begin a month early this year, on or about April 18. Rainy days will delay the program. Of course, there is always the chance of an April snow storm though we are not planning on one. Until your road has been swept, please DO NOT PARK during the daytime in the roadway. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

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