



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Thanks to Ann Marie Sweeney for submitting this photo of the sunset on Lake 4 in late January.

From the President's Desk

SUE ROSS, PRESIDENT

The Voting Board met on Friday, February 18 for its usual monthly meeting. Four votes were taken and all were unanimously approved.

The first vote concerned changes to Rule 25 which governs the use of Club boat docks and racks and addresses procedures and penalties for boats that are improperly stored on Club properties. For years members have been expected to remove their boats from Club docks by October 15 and on alternate years are expected to do the same with boats stored on Club boat racks (as published in the Newsette). Boats left on docks or on designated boat racks after that date were removed and transported to the boat storage area and members were fined. The rule adopted on February 18 states that these boats will now be transported to the member's residence (if it is clear who the boat belongs to), and left on their property (unlocked) while those that cannot be identified will be taken to storage.

Unchanged is the special assessment for boat removals - \$100.00. Daily storage fees of \$5.00 will be assessed for boats that remain in storage up until December 15 (previously

November 15), when a winter storage fee of \$250.00 will then be imposed after December 15 (previously November 15). Boats may not be retrieved between December 15 and April 15. Boats remaining in the storage yard after June 15 will incur a disposal fee of \$250.00 Please bear in mind that all fees are completely avoidable. Members have only to make sure that their boat is properly stored, that current boating permits are on their boat, and that they remove their boats from Club docks and designated racks by October 15.

The second vote taken at the meeting pertained to a resolution terminating any new assignments of permanent dock space and converting forfeited assigned spaces to open spaces available to all members in good standing. The spaces that were permanently assigned to members previously will continue to be honored and remain assigned to those members until such time as they no longer use the space or forfeit the space. Members forfeit spaces when they fail to put their boat in their assigned space by July 4; they do not use space; they fail to pay dues and assessments in full by

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St. Patrick's Dinner

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

We will be having a dinner on March 16, 2019, from 5 to 8 pm at the HLCC Clubhouse. Tickets will be available at the door, and are \$15 per adult and \$8 for child (4-10 years old).

The menu will consist of corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, hot dogs, soda bread and dessert. Ice tea, lemonade, coffee and water will be available. BYOB and ice. DJ Mark will be keeping the evening light and entertaining. So save the date on your calendars and come on down to enjoy a delicious dinner.



Easter Brunch 2019

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR

This year's Easter Bunny celebration will be on Saturday, April 20 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please come on down and enjoy two hours of a pancake breakfast, along with a craft, games and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny! There will also be an egg hunt and of course you can try to find the special hidden golden eggs. Ticket prices are \$4 for children and \$6 for adults. Everyone is invited to attend to help make this a special and fun event.

Volunteer help is always a phone call away and children over 11 are encouraged to help as well. There is always room for more helping hands to set up and clean up. If you have any questions or need further information, you can contact Melissa at 973-851-0694.



Upcoming Events

March 8 – Creative Cordials
March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner
April 7 – Clubhouse Breakfast
April 20 – Easter Bunny Brunch
April 27 – Ecology Cleanup Day



Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – March 18, 2019 – 7 pm
Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, March 20 – 7 pm
Ecology Committee – Thursday, March 21 - 7 pm
Fishing Committee – Thursday, March 21 – 8 pm
Planning Committee – Tuesday, March 5 – 7:30 pm
Roads Committee – Thursday, March 7 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, March 6 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, March 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.

2019 Badges and Permits

Available for Pickup April 15

Starting April 15, 2019, members who have paid their dues and assessments in full may pick up their 2019 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.

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Pasta Dinner 2019

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

If you were not one of the 100 plus members at the Clubhouse on February 23, you missed a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Frank, Chef Ray and Bolognese Bob. There were meatballs, sausage and peppers, salad and Italian bread from Calandra's. Our chefs made marinara sauce, Alfredo sauce, vodka sauce and Bolognese sauce to top your favorite pastas. At least 5 different types of pasta were available. There were also plenty of delicious desserts including Ricotta cake, Italian cookies, chocolate eclairs and fresh fruit. Special thanks to our chefs, Ray, Frank and Bob, setup crew, servers and cleanup crew. Thanks Jack, Joyce, Sue, Mark, Chelsea, Myra and Lauren for serving. Thanks Mark for picking up the bread. Thanks Steve, Frank, Bob and Paula for all of the kitchen cleanup. Thanks to shoppers Frank, Carol, Steve, Cheryl and Clayton. What a great night. Thanks all.

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May 31 and therefore are not a member in good standing; or their membership is suspended by the Voting Board due to a disciplinary ruling. These changes in procedures came about because so many dock spaces that were assigned in previous years remained unused as of July 4. It is expected that this new resolution will open up dock space to a greater number of members without burdening office staff, Security personnel and Boat Dock Committee volunteers with the administrative tasks created when dock spaces went unused while other members were waiting for spaces.

Our third vote pertained to rental properties at the lake. This is a subject that has been discussed at length by our By-Laws and Rules Committee and the Voting Board. The Club's By-Laws have historically required that members who rent their homes ensure that their tenants become Associate Members with the Club. This is a private community and we want to know the identity of those who live here, even if they are only here for a limited time. The fees related to Associate Memberships have remained unchanged for quite some time (Associate Membership dues of \$300 for a yearly rental (3 months to a year), per tenancy; \$100 for properties that rent monthly, per tenancy; and \$50 for properties that rent weekly or less, per tenancy.) What has changed significantly is the penalty that will be imposed if a member fails to register their tenants as Associate Members.

There was never a penalty imposed for this failure and as a result many members simply ignored the ruling. The penalty for doing so from this time forward will be an amount equal to the current annual cabin dues for each violation. Again, there is a very simple way to avoid paying this penalty: Register your tenants as Associate Members each and every time a new tenant resides in your home.

The final vote that was taken was acceptance of a proposal from Strunk-Albert Engineering in the amount of \$6,500 for design and construction management services related to the installation of an emergency generator. This is the final step in a commitment made in the planning of the parking lot project that provided for the installation of the necessary transfer switch and construction of a pad for a future generator. Once installed, the Clubhouse will be able to stay in operation, providing a place for those without power to stay warm during prolonged power outages, kitchen and toilet facilities, and a place to sleep if necessary.

I'm very proud of the members of our Voting Board for their dedicated efforts in seeing these resolutions and motions through the many stages of discussions and to a final vote. There was significant, thoughtful deliberation on all of the above matters and all votes were made with the community's best interest at heart.


Next Newsette: April 6, 2019






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.



MARCH 2019

HIGHLAND LAKES HAPPENINGS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 AM Exercise 7:00 PM Bunco 	2
3	4 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:00 PM Yoga 7:30 PM Ceramics	5 7:00 PM Scout Ceremony 7:30 PM Planning Comm. Mtg.	6 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:30 PM Yoga 8:00 PM VB Workshop	7 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Road Comm. Mtg.	8 8:00 AM Exercise 7:00 PM Creative Cordials 	9 Private Member Party
10 Private Member Party 6:00 PM Scouts	11 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:00 PM Yoga 7:30 PM Ceramics	12	13 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:30 PM Yoga 12:00 PM Sr. Club Luncheon	14 1:00 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Stitching Group	15 8:00 AM Exercise 8:00 PM Voting Board Meeting	16  5:00 PM St. Pat's Dinner
17  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:00 PM Yoga 7:30 PM Ceramics 7:00 PM Bldgs. & Grnds Comm. Mtg.	19 7:00 PM Artists Group	20 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Clubhouse Comm. Mtg.	21 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Ecology Comm. Mtg. 8:00 PM Fishing Comm. Mtg.	22 8:00 AM Exercise	23
24 Private Member Party	25 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:00 PM Yoga 7:30 PM Ceramics	26	27 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:30 PM Yoga	28 1:00 PM Bridge 7:30 PM Stitching Group	29 8:00 AM Exercise	30 Private Member Party
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Winter Carnival Recap

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

It was another wonderful day in Highland Lakes. The air was cold and the snow was on the ground. Many were gathering at the Clubhouse for the Winter Carnival. There were games and activities for all ages. The activities were both inside and outside the Clubhouse for all to enjoy. Some brought their own sleds to go down the hills. I want to thank our Junior Volunteers for helping out wherever you were needed. Thanks Meghan, Lauren, Katy, Juliet, Isabella and Maddie. You all made things run more smoothly. Thanks to our adult volunteers for their valuable time and energy. Thanks Frank, Ray, Patty, Mark, Joyce, Jack, Shaun, Joann, Sue, Paula, Terry, Elaine, Joan, Marian, Bob and Andrew. You are all awesome.

This year there were some new games and activities to enjoy. One was a children's book swap. Children brought their old books for others to enjoy while they returned home with new material for themselves to enjoy. Some people came and did not know about the swap. They went back home to get some books to trade and came back to participate.

We had a presentation from Jungle Dave's Magic Show which kept the kids mesmerized and fully entertained.

The Chili Challenge cook off is a tradition for our winter carnival. There was some delicious chili to taste and vote for the best one you liked. Tacos in a bag, hot dogs and brats, and drinks were available for a small price to purchase as you became hungry from all the activities.

Special thanks to Joyce for taking over the carnival this year, and thanks to Sue for all the help with advertising.



Bunco is Back


MARIAN BENEDICTO

Bunco is held the first Friday of each month at 7 pm. Come and join in the fun. Easy game – only need to know how to throw dice. Bring \$5 and a snack to share and yourself. RSVP - Need 6 people to play. Marian B. & Kathie G. 973-764-7998.

Adult Ceramics

ANGELA ABRAMS

Adult ceramics continues every Monday night at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there.



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Creative Cordials

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

March 8, 2019 – 7 pm

Mark your calendars for this new event. Do you make your own Irish cream or coffee liquor? We are setting up an evening to do this and have some fun. Gather your best recipe to make a bottle or a favorite recipe that uses one or both as an ingredient. Please bring the following if you wish to make your own cordials.

For Irish Cream:

Put a wine bottle in the dishwasher and run the cycle (save the cork or top)
Remove bottle, fill with boiling water for 2 minutes.
Swish it around and empty and air dry. Bring to cordial night.
Also, 1 can of condensed milk, 1 cup whiskey (rye is ok)
1 pint half and half
We will have the rest of the ingredients for you.

For coffee flavored liquor (Kahlua):

2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups Vodka
4 cups sugar
½ gallon bottle that seals
Don't forget to bring your recipes to share



HLCC and CA Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hello, my friends. Here's hoping all is well in your world and you're really not minding the cold weather too much. Some of our Senior Club members are out and about in southern states as you read this. The weather is quite toasty, but the bugs in Florida are yucky (as kids would say). Keep these friends: the Kaley's, the McNulty's, the Wisniewski's, Cathy Tansey and Ron, Hugh and Nora, in mind while down south, and wish them well until we see them again.

Many of you know that I really enjoy reading. Jack once asked me, "How can you read so much?" I answered, "How can you not?" Well, I came across something as part of my daily nuggets of info. I'll paraphrase some of the writers' article: PUT IT ON A SHELF & GET ON WITH IT.

Some wise advice was from a radio broadcaster: Early in his career, a guy struggled to know how to deal with both criticism and praise. He was overcome by a strange feeling and decided to put this out of his mind and shelve it. But he did learn something about criticism and praise. C. and P sets up powerful emotions, that, if left unchecked, can lead to either self-loathing or a big head! "Good news gives health to the bones...Those who disregard discipline hate themselves, but the one who listens to correction, gains understanding."

If we're on the receiving end of a rebuke, may we choose to be bettered by it. "Whoever takes in life-giving correction will be at home among the wise." And if we are gifted with words of praise, may we be refreshed and filled with gratitude. Let us walk humbly and learn from

both criticism and praise, put them on a shelf and then move on for the better. R. O'Reilly-Smith

Many, many sincere thanks to my dear buddies in the SC. They ALWAYS come through to lend a hand when I'm in need. Helen, Daphne, Bill, Andrew, Jack, Terri, Paula...thanks so much for your helping hands at the Valentine lunch. We had a great turnout and Jack's homemade meatloaf was a big hit, even if it looked as big as a football field in the pan!!! Delish! Oh, by the way, his recipe is in the new cookbook that will be delivered soon. I'll keep you updated.

The winter carnival was a big hit with the kids and once again, our Mighty Seniors jumped in to volunteer their time and energy. Great job, everyone.

Our next luncheon will be for St. Patrick's Day - mark your calendars: Wednesday, March 13 at 12 noon. AND, AND, your Clubhouse Committee will be hosting a St. Patty's Day dinner on Sat, March 16 from 5 – 8 pm. Boy, oh, boy, bring your appetites.

I'm getting help from Bob Hughes in setting up guest speakers. There will be a speaker or two coming up in the next few months. Thanks so much, Bob. I appreciate your help. So, my friends, keep a good thought, send good thoughts or phone calls, or texts and emails to our other members who can't be at each activity. Anyone who likes to play pinochle, please give Bob Duthaler a call, he's home from rehab and I bet he'd enjoy a card game or two. So, if you want to come to a SC activity and have no wheels, don't hesitate to call me for a ride. I'm here for you. 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce H.

Voting Board Resolution – Tenant Registrations Required and Owner Penalties Established for Unregistered Tenants

RESOLUTION of the Officers and Trustees of HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION February 15, 2019

WHEREAS, the Club's By-Laws, Article II - Purposes & Objectives, provide for the formulation of rules and regulations for the use of the common properties and further provide that the Club shall guard against discord, annoyance, disorder, interloping, disturbance and trespassing; and

WHEREAS, Article III-Membership, Section II (b) states Associate Members are those who are Tenants or Lessees of Active Members. The term of membership of this class shall be limited to the period of such tenancy, and only for the length of time such persons shall be residents of Highland Lakes. This membership shall also be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section VII; and

WHEREAS, Article III - Membership, Section VII, provides that Associate membership privileges shall not be granted to a tenant or lessee if landlord or lessor is delinquent in Club dues, assessments or initiation fees; and

WHEREAS, Article VI - Club Funds, Section I, provides that the annual assessments for residence and lots shall be established by the Voting Board and further Associate Members shall be assessed equally for each residence rented or leased on such basis as shall be determined by the Voting Board, from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII - Membership Cards and Badges, Section II, provides that Associate Members will not be issued a membership card but will be required to obtain badges for each member of the family at a nominal cost; and

WHEREAS, Article XV - Property Covenants, Section XII, provides that it is agreed that the member will not sell, rent, lease or permit to be occupied the said lands or the building now, upon or hereafter placed upon said premises except to an Active or Associate Member of the Club, and this rule is made expressly subject to the restriction that the same may not be used, occupied, rented or leased, except by such a Member of the Club; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Board, having considered and reviewed the Club's policies regarding Associate Members, has determined that properties which are currently rented by Members to tenants are not always in compliance with the Club's policy regarding the registration of Associate Members and the payment of an additional fee so that the Associate Members may enjoy full privileges; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Board finds that it is consistent with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and policies of the Club, and in the best interest of the Club, that the policy for registration of tenants as Associate Members be amended to address administrative issues associated with tenancies, and clarify the responsibilities of the Members and Associate Members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Officers and Trustees of Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association as follows:

1. 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 no later than the first day of the first occupancy by tenant(s).

2. Members who rent their premises are also required to register all tenants with the Club office upon each change of occupancy, and prior to each tenancy establish the tenants as Associate Members. For each tenancy, Members must pay the corresponding Associate Member dues. For Calendar Year 2019, Associate Member dues shall be \$300.00 for properties that rent for more than 3 months, up to annually, per tenancy; \$100.00 for properties that rent monthly or any part thereof, per tenancy; and \$50.00 for properties that rent weekly or less, per tenancy. Associate Member dues in subsequent years shall be established by the Voting Board in its annual adoption of the Dues and Assessments Schedule.
3. 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
4. Associate membership badges to be used by tenants may be purchased by registered tenants at the Club office or Activities Center only. For Calendar Year 2019, 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 shall be established by the Voting Board in its annual adoption of the Dues and Assessments Schedule. Associate members 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.
5. 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.
6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect as of May 1, 2019.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2019 by the Voting Board at a Regular Meeting, at which a quorum was present.

Allen Buchney
Allen Buchney, Secretary



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Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK AND
JAMES KENNEDY, COORDINATORS

Hello hikers! We lucked out with a pleasant day in February for our lake walk. We even encountered 2 other hikers on our adventure. This month, we are planning the hike for March 31 with the hope of more good weather. We will be doing the Laurel Lake circular hike, leaving from the Clubhouse. The walk begins along the big lake with breathtaking views of the lake, across the pipeline, visiting the Williams mine, and lunch at Laurel Lake. We return on a shorter trail. The entire hike is about 4 hours and is mostly flat. If you want to join us for a less strenuous hike, this is the one. We look forward to meeting new folks, and we hope that you are one/some of them. If you can call us by 10 am that morning we would appreciate it.

Meet at the clubhouse at 10:30 Sunday morning, March 31. Please bring lunch, water, and walking shoes, well behaved dogs are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you...happy hiking, Chris and Jim at 973-764-1458.

Water Safety News

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Kaitlyn Nix Appointed Water Safety Director

I am pleased to announce that Kaitlyn Nix has been appointed Water Safety Director. Ms. Nix has been employed by Highland Lakes since she was fifteen years old, working as a lifeguard, teaching swim lessons in Highland Lakes and elsewhere, taught swim lessons in and outside of Highland Lakes to individuals from three months to sixty years of age, and served as Lifeguard Instructor for the past ten plus years. Ms. Nix served as Assistant Water Safety Director for the last four summers.

All lifeguards will be receiving a letter from Ms. Nix and other documents in approximately two weeks for the upcoming 2019 summer season. Please follow the guidance and deadlines in the documents you receive, and note that you will not be scheduled for work until all of the required paperwork and certifications have been received.



Chit Chat

Would you like to congratulate anyone on their birthday, anniversary, birth of children/grandchildren, marriage, etc.? Please share your special news with all of us by sending the information to the Club Office by email at hlcc@warwick.net. We would love hearing from you.

Voting Board Adopts Resolution Eliminating Boat Dock Lottery

RESOLUTION of the Voting Board of HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2015, pursuant to the By-Laws, Article II, the Voting Board terminated the annual boat dock space lottery for certain larger docks; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Board determined on January 17, 2015, that the allocation of boat dock space on a permanent basis was of benefit to the membership as a whole and is a more productive and efficient use of volunteer and staff resources; and

WHEREAS, since the implementation of the permanent assignment of dock spaces approximately three-hundred thirty-three (330) permanent assignments have been made and approximately one hundred fifteen (115) revocations have taken place, fifty-five (55) in 2018, with all but a few as a result of failure to use the spot based on the requirement that spaces must be occupied by July 4 of each year; and

WHEREAS, as a result, approximately two-hundred twenty-two (222) boat dock spaces are currently subject to permanent assignments; and

WHEREAS, an unanticipated and unproductive administrative burden has been placed on Club office and Security staff, and the volunteers of the Boat Dock committee, involving the assignment, inspection, forfeiture, etc. of the two-hundred twenty-two (222) boat dock spaces subject to permanent assignment; and

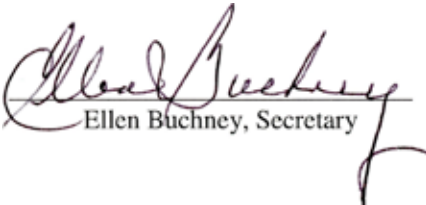
WHEREAS, this administrative burden has undermined the utilization of boat dock space by Club members through the restriction that the use of these spaces is by assignment only when spaces are clearly vacant and unused, and new assignments have yet to be made; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Board finds that the conversion from permanently assigned boat dock spaces to open boat dock spaces which would be available to all members in good standing on a first-come/first-serve basis, is in the best interests of the Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Voting Board of Highland Lakes:

1. No further assignment of permanent dock space shall be made.
2. All spaces permanently assigned to members in good standing as of March 1, 2019, remain in full force and effect until such time as:
 - a. the member fails to place their boat in the assigned space not later than the July 4th holiday of each year; or
 - b. the member is not a member in good standing by May 31st of each year, or
 - c. the member's membership is suspended by the Voting Board under the Club's disciplinary Rule (Rule No. 22 as of January, 2015).
3. All pending applications for boat dock space awaiting assignment are hereby cancelled.
4. All unassigned boat dock spaces, and all dock spaces forfeited in the future, shall have their existing, numbered tag removed and replaced with a new tag of a contrasting color containing the space number, the word "OPEN", and a graphic depicting the type of boat appropriate for the space as determined by the Boat Dock Committee.
5. The Boat Dock Committee is authorized to restrict the use of certain dock space based on the space's design characteristic (pontoon, row boat, etc.).
6. The five members who, as of January, 2015 were assigned nine grandfathered boat dock spaces, shall continue to maintain their permanent assignment, subject to paragraph 2., above.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2019 at a meeting at which a quorum was present.


Ellen Buchney, Secretary

Ice Safety Tips

Here are some tips to help make being on the ice a little safer this winter:

Always check the thickness of the ice, although that does not always guarantee safety. Ice should be at least five to seven inches thick to support a group of people. Beware of holes left by ice fishermen, especially if ice is snow covered.

Check the ice for cracks.

Carry along precautionary equipment such as a cell phone, ice awls, floatation device and/or a life preserver. Also take along some rope at least 150 feet long. Other good ideas include a two-way radio, whistle or a strobe light.

If you live in a lake community, keep some rescue items in your vehicle in case you come upon someone who has fallen through the ice. Some rope, dry clothes (sweatpants, T-shirt, socks), and a blanket are just a few things that can help in a pinch.

If you fall through the ice, kick your feet to stay afloat and try to perch yourself on the ice. Then try to pull yourself out and roll away from the hole. If trapped under the ice, remember the ice will appear white underwater and the hole to the surface will appear as a black area.

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Ecology Committee News

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

The January 24 meeting of the Ecology Committee was jam packed with important information regarding our lakes and environment.

Dr. Stephen Souza, together with Chris Mikolajczyk, Senior Aquatic Scientist, from Princeton Hydro delivered its 2018 Water Quality Report for the Club's lakes. This was the last report given by Dr. Souza as he is retiring from Princeton Hydro. Club President Suzanne Ross and Ecology Chairperson Barbara Jaggi presented a plaque to Dr. Souza on behalf of the Highland Lakes Community thanking him for his outstanding dedication, guidance and consultation in promoting lake stewardship in Highland Lakes for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Souza explained that the Club's lakes are in overall good shape. Chris explained the relationship between different types of algae and how they work with and against each other, and noted that the aeration/destratification systems combined with selective chemical treatments are helping maintain a healthy balance. Lake 4 is the most nutrient rich lake, most likely due to the fact that the lake was created by the flooding of a lowland/wetland area to create the lake. Water flows from Lake 4 into Lake 3, contributing to plant growth at the south end of Lake 3.

Aquatic vegetation management goals entail limiting plant growth so that swimming and/or boating is not impeded but enough plant growth is maintained to support the lakes' fishery. In 2018 herbicide treatments by Solitude Lake Management (the contracted herbicide/algacide treatment company) were conducted in all lakes at least once during the growing season. Most of these treatments were near beaches and other near-shore areas, reducing the impacts of plant growth on recreation.

Chris Mikolajczyk recommended a storm water sampling program which would involve the collection of



Dr. Souza is presented with plaque honoring his service.

wet-weather samples from the major streams that feed Lakes 1 and the Main Lake. This information would prove useful in coming up with a Watershed Assessment and Watershed Management Plan for the lakes.

Mark Grammerstorf of the Fishing Committee asked Dr. Souza if the cormorants living in the Main Lake are detrimental to the fish population. Dr. Souza explained the numbers of cormorants present do not pose a problem.

Data collected by Princeton Hydro are used to guide HLCC and Solitude in the day-to-day management of the lakes. The objective of the monitoring programs is to use the data in a pro-active manner to maximize the lakes' recreational usage, aesthetic attributes, and ecological services and functions. For this reason the monitoring program is focused on the collection of water quality data from May to September, commonly referred to as "the growing season".

The ability to effectively control most of the lakes' problems and minimize lake user impacts is the direct

result of HLCC's pro-active management approach, which is guided by the lakes' water quality data and a strong line of communication between HLCC, Princeton Hydro, and Solitude. This annual reporting and ensuing discussion is always informative, and I would strongly encourage all to attend these meetings in the future.

At the meeting a presentation was delivered by Joe Weingram who described his Eagle Scout Project. He is building bat boxes of recycled, repurposed materials. The Voting Board has agreed to the installation of five of these boxes on Club properties - locations are to be determined. Joe explained the benefit of having a healthy bat population and how this population has been decimated due to white nose disease. He encouraged those attending the meeting to install bat boxes on their properties and explained that the boxes must have fifteen feet of clear space below them and should be south facing.

SAVE THE DATE: on April 27 Ecology Committee member Bob Taffer will run our annual Cleanup Day. Details will be posted in the April issue of the Newsette.

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