



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## Governance in Highland Lakes

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

From its inception, Highland Lakes has been structured to encourage active participation from all of its members, but it is the Voting Board that ultimately decides the direction our community takes at any given time.

Information about how Highland Lakes operates, how members can best voice their ideas and concerns, and how they can share their talents to keep our Club thriving is likely old news for many members who are already actively involved. This article seeks to explain how things work for the new members of the community and those who need a refresher. Once you fully understand the governance structure, you are bound to appreciate why you want to know who your elected officials are and what is being decided at Voting Board meetings.

Highland Lakes is made up of twelve geographic sections. Your membership card has your section printed on it. (To get a full view of our lakes, freeways, and sections, take a look at this map <https://hlcc.org/memberresources/#documents> that the Communications Committee created in 2019.) Each section elects a member (living in that section) to serve as their trustee. At the Annual Meeting on August 20, elections will be held for sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 11. Once elected, the trustee is expected to attend monthly Board workshops which are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month, and Voting 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." You are encouraged to speak with your trustee if you want to express an opinion about something that is occurring in your section, or the community. It is the responsibility of your trustee to bring this issue up at the next meeting.

Alternatively, all Club members in good standing are invited to attend Friday Board meetings to voice their opinions and share their ideas directly with the full Board. Board workshops and meetings follow a standard format. At the Wednesday night workshops, the Board fully discusses the issues that each officer and trustee will be expected to vote on the following week. At the workshops, only the Board officers, trustees, and Club manager are permitted to join in the discussion. At the Friday night Voting Board meetings, Club members in good standing are permitted to speak on the topics under discussion before officers and trustees cast their votes. An additional open forum, where any matter pertaining to Highland Lakes can be voiced, is offered to members at the end of every Friday meeting. While members are encouraged to attend Board meetings to express their opinions and share their visions, they should do so with the clear understanding that it is the Board that bears the responsibility of deciding what



Annual Meeting approximately 1966



Annual Meeting 2022

action to take.

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. Every three years the five officers on the Voting Board 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.

See you on Sunday, August 20, at 2 pm. Be sure to bring your membership card and wear your badge.

## Upcoming Events

August 13 - All Star Sunday Night  
August 15 - Swim Team Awards Dinner  
August 16 - Jr. Appreciation Dinner  
August 18 - Adult Appreciation Dinner  
August 20 - Annual Meeting  
August 25 - Teen Council Event  
August 26 - Jogathon  
August 26 - Open Mic Night



Family Day Fireworks as seen from the lake  
Photo courtesy of Yana Randazzo



## Beach Water Testing Results

Below are the results of the most recent E. coli testing at the Club's beaches and swim lanes performed by Garden State Laboratories, Inc. Weekly tests are required by the State of New Jersey, and results must not exceed 320 organisms per 100 milliliters. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	7/19	7/26	7/31
Beach 1	25.9	59.1	6.3
Beach 2	5.2	6.3	5.2
Beach 3	24.6	12.2	<1
Beach 4	2.0	3.1	4.1
Beach 5	12.1	17.1	13.1
Beach 6	2.0	1	4.1
Beach 7	9.7	12.2	1
Swim Lanes	<1	<1	2

## 2023 Candidates Nominated for Election as Trustee

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

The following individuals have been nominated as candidates for election as trustee for their respective section. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on August 20, 2023, and by Absentee Ballots received by 4 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

- Section 1 - Sue Buruchian
- Section 3 - Heidi Fuhrmann
- Section 4 - Joseph Sweeney
- Section 5 - Julia Campbell
- Section 11 - Eric Card
- Section 11 - Andrea Cottrell

The trustees for Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 will serve full, three-year terms commencing October 1, 2023. The trustee elected for Section 11 will serve the balance of the term expiring on September 30, 2024. Members may vote for one of the candidates listed for their section or write-in the candidate of their choice in the "Personal Choice" space provided on the ballot.

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, September 5 – 7 pm
- Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Communications Committee – Saturday, September 9 - 10 am
- Ecology Committee – Wednesday, August 23 – 8 pm
- Fish Committee – Thursday, August 17 – 7 pm
- Planning Committee - No meeting schedule at this time
- Road Committee – Thursday, September 7 – 7 pm
- Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, August 16 – 7:30 pm
- Annual Meeting – Sunday, August 20 - 2 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.

## Swim Team Events

- August 11, 6 pm - Pre-A Championship Pasta Dinner
- August 15, 6 pm - Swim Team Awards Dinner

## Voting Board Roster

October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023		
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## Trustee for Section 4

OWEN HYLAND

My name is Owen Hyland, and I am running for Section 4 Trustee as a write-in candidate. My wife and I have lived in Highland Lakes since 1996. I'm a Bergen County transplant, here for 27 years, but when we were deciding where to raise our two children, we knew Highland Lakes would be the place. I graduated from Fordham University in 1982 with a B.A. in Economics. I then started full time in a family-owned flooring company, eventually managing it until 2004, when I heard the call and decided to transition into sustainability and renewable energy. I'm currently an electrician working as a solar service tech for a commercial solar developer. Sustainability and the environment have been a great interest of mine for many years. I have been on the HL Planning Committee since 2017, helping to update the Community Plan recently. I've also been a member of the Ecology Committee for the past year and have volunteered at various Club sponsored activities. I have attended most of the Voting Board meetings and Workshops for the past year – that experience is why I've decided to run for Trustee. Many of the issues that are paramount to the Club right now are, but not exclusively, of an environmental nature. That great interest of mine, combined with my background in economics, causes me to come at the issues from both an environmental and a fairness and equity viewpoint. I hope to bring that perspective to the Board and am asking Section 4 residents to consider me as a write-in candidate as your Trustee. I would also like to encourage the general membership to attend the Annual Meeting on August 20 and make your opinions on the issues known. We need communication and consensus to move the Club forward successfully.










# KIDS Club

SUMMER 2023

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
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10:30 AM	Make & Take Crafts [ages 6-8]	Clubhouse	10:30 AM	Make & Take Crafts [ages 6-8]	Clubhouse	10:30 AM	Make & Take Crafts [ages 6-8]	Clubhouse	10:30 AM	Make & Take Crafts [ages 6-8]	Clubhouse	10:30 AM	Make & Take Crafts [ages 6-8]	Clubhouse	12:00 PM	Craft	Beach 1
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1:00 PM	Bingo	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Board Games	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Legos	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	JENGA	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	All Kids Crafts	Clubhouse			
2:00 PM	Game Room	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Craft	Beach 1	2:00 PM	Game Room	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Craft	Beach 1	2:00 PM	Karaoke	Clubhouse			
6:00 PM	Ceramics	Clubhouse	6:00 PM	Family Activity	Clubhouse				6:00 PM	Family Activity	Clubhouse						

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### Adult

APPRECIATION DINNER

 **AUGUST 18**  
 **7:00 PM**  
 **CLUBHOUSE**



## Teen Council News

MELISSA HARDIN, ADVISOR

**August 25**  
Come on out to our Celebrate Summer event on Friday August 25. There will be open bounce house play from 12 to 2 pm and then 4 to 5:30 pm with water games, snacks, bounce house fun and more!  
We are asking that participants bring school supplies to donate to families in need to kick off a positive school year. Pencils, crayons, notebooks and scissors are welcome. We are looking forward to participating in this event with you. For more information, please call Melissa Hardin at 973-851-0694.



## August 2023

### Highland Lakes Happenings



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<b>13</b> 4:00 PM Pickleball (Intermediate & Advanced) 4:30 PM All Star Sport Night Beach 1 7:00 PM Sr. Gala	<b>14</b> 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Women's Auxiliary Mtg. 1:00 PM Bocce Swim Team Awards Dinner	<b>16</b> 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball Jr. Appreciation Dinner	<b>17</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce 7:00 PM Fish Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Stitching	<b>18</b> 10:00 AM Pickleball 5:00 PM Pickleball (Intermediate & Advanced) Adult Appreciation	<b>19</b>																																																	

## Celebrate Summer with the



## Highland Lakes Teen Council

Come on down to the Clubhouse on August 25th to celebrate the end of summer from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

We will have bounce houses, water games, snacks, and more!





Pickleball Tournament

KEITH MCCOTTER

It has been an awesome summer for Pickleball in Highland Lakes. As is happening all over the country, this sport is growing rapidly in HL. On August 6, we held our first Family Day Pickleball Tournament. The games were all competitive and exciting. Everyone had a great time. Fitting for Family Day, the final game came down to a married couple, Lauren and George, against the father and son team of Will and Keith. This tournament went so well, we hope to do a bigger and better one next year.



2023 HL Pickleball Champs - Will and Keith McCotter  
Photo courtesy of Keith McCotter

Pickleball Scoops

KATHI TAYLOR

Most of us have seen the recent surge in pickleball participation. It has grown tremendously in the last few years, and that growth has translated into a high level of play here in Highland Lakes. We have five organized times to play on the schedule with many club members making good use of the courts at other times. Because of injury concerns we limit our scheduled play to ages 16 and older. However, it is hoped that possibly next year a member or members will step up to do some clinics or scheduled play time with our younger members. Kids also love pickleball and have at times asked to join us. Hopefully we can get some volunteers to add kid's pickleball to the schedule next year. Hope to see you on the courts on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm and Fridays at 10 am. Badges required. Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689.

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**PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR**

Thursday night brought out one of our lowest numbers

All events are susceptible to weather and schedules/ events are subject to change. There is no rain date scheduled at this time.








# Summer Athletics

## SUMMER 2023

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location
9:00 AM	Tennis (11-12 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Boys Softball Mosquito League (6-8 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Tennis (7-8 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Girls Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Youth Soccer	Field 1	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
9:00 AM	Boys Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	6:00 PM	Girls Softball Butterfly League (9-12 yrs)	Field 1	10:00 AM	Tennis (5-6 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	10:00 AM	Women's Volleyball 18+ yrs	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	10:00 AM	Pickleball	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)	Sunday		
10:00 AM	Tennis (9-10 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	6:00 PM	Adult Men's Basketball (17 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	6:00 PM	Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)	6:00 PM	Boys Softball Grasshopper League (9-11 yrs)	Field 1	10:00 AM	Girls Softball Gem League (6-8 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
5:00 PM	Youth Basketball (8-14 yrs)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts				7:00 PM	Swim Team Scheduled Meets	Lanes				5:00 PM	Boys Softball Little League (12-16 yrs)	Field 2	4:00 PM	Intermediate /Advanced Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)
6:00 PM	Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)										5:00 PM	Intermediate /Advanced Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)	5:00 PM	WOOD BAT Softball League (17 yrs+)	Field 2
												6:00 PM	Boys Softball Little League (12-16 yrs)	Field 2			

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## Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

FIREFLY POPULATION DECLINE IN NJ - taken from an article in the July 16 issue of the Star Ledger by Steve Rodas, NJ Advance Media

“I have qualitatively noticed fewer fireflies in New Jersey” said Matthew Aardema, an entomologist and assistant professor of biology at Montclair State University. Aardema is not alone and there may be a reason for this observation.

Artificial lights can lessen fireflies’ ability to see their blinking lights, which can be mating signals. That can then negatively impact reproduction and mean fewer insects. Although most fireflies are predatory, the animals they feed on will do better on diverse plant communities relative to homogeneous grass lawns.

A dip in the number of fireflies could likely translate into a decline in bird and bat populations as well, which can be problematic for the health of other animals and habitats, experts shared. Until we have a better understanding of their population here and can make use of that data, there’s plenty that people can do now to help fireflies flourish in New Jersey.

- Experts said residents and businesses can:
- Get rid of purely aesthetic and superfluous outdoor lighting (use shielding, timers, stop using or minimize the use of pesticides in backyards, parks and other green spaces;
  - Advocate for local governments to create policy



that reduces light pollution motion detectors, and - where needed - dim bulbs instead;

- Install diverse native plants where appropriate to help fireflies, firefly prey species and pollinators in yards, parks and other outdoor spaces;
- Encourage state agencies to study and conserve fireflies and other at-risk invertebrates;
- Work with tourism groups to establish guidelines to protect fireflies;
- Protect and restore coastal salt marshes and cypress swamps which support threatened species;

Taking such steps is more than worth it experts say. “The decline in firefly and other insect populations is a major concern because it will have negative impacts on nearly every other area of the natural world,” Aardema said.

## Action Packed Summer Week

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/  
EVENTS COORDINATOR

If you missed any of the events from our action-packed week, there are some highlights throughout this issue featuring The Men’s Golf Outing, Lifeguard Olympics, Artists Studio Tour, Pickleball Tournament, Fishing Derby and culminating with the highlight, our annual Family Day. Enjoy!

## Lifeguard Olympics



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# Family Day - Another Year in the Books

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

## August 6

Fun and Sun, that was Family Day from start to finish. Canopies galore were set up on the Clubhouse lawn. Games and events were scheduled throughout the day. The grill was sizzling with delicious burgers, hot dogs and sausage.

None of this could have happened without my terrific Clubhouse staff, dedicated group of extremely hardworking volunteers, Maintenance crew and Security team.

Thank You! Thank you! To everyone that helped make this day such a memorable event for our members. I greatly appreciate all the hard work and planning that went into making Family Day a spectacular event. Thank you again.



Egg Toss Winners



Photos courtesy of Susan and Nic Tenner.



# Family Day Fish Derby

MIKE EWASKO, CHAIRMAN, FISH COMMITTEE

The August 6 Highland Lakes Family Day turned out to be the perfect day for a Fish Derby. Over two dozen of our junior anglers with rod and reel in hand registered for the event. It was no surprise that the bait of choice was night crawlers but hotdogs ran a close second.

It wouldn't take long before the first fish was hooked and checked in with the fish committee and for the remainder of the event an endless stream of fish would be caught and released. As usual Bluegills would dominate, but a few Largemouth Bass and Yellow Perch would add to the excitement.

Food and cold drinks were made available by the fish committee volunteers in between unhooking, registering and releasing fish as soon as they were caught. At the close of the derby, almost 100 assorted fish were caught and released and trophies were awarded to notable catches.



Photos courtesy of Mike Ewasko



## Undertaking A Home Improvement Project Hiring Contractors (part 3 of 6)

Some contractors may prefer charging time and materials (T&M) for a project, others may offer a fixed price. A T&M approach may make it easier to modify the scope and facilitate the contractor's ability to respond to the unexpected. On the other hand, you may feel that the work is progressing too slowly, as there seems to be no incentive for the contractor to finish. A firm contract price successfully locks in a price, but you may feel that the contractor is rushing and cutting corners to make a greater profit.

Either approach may be suitable for your project. Whatever course you take, allow a fair profit for the contractor. If the contractor starts the project, but can't afford to finish, what is the value of a great price if the work is never completed?

If you are bidding the work, request pricing in a comparable format. Ask for a total price as well as the cost for discrete elements. These prices can help you compare pricing and understand progress. Ask for a payment schedule. Don't agree to make too large an initial payment; frequent smaller payments are better than fewer large payments. Whatever you agree, pay promptly. Check references for the contractor(s)!

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# 2023 Open House Tour

DORI ZARR

## Artist's Group Studio Tour - August 5

The tour was a unique opportunity to visit the studios of our Highland Lakes artists. There were demos of pottery, textiles, watercolor and acrylics. We were blown away by the local talent and variety right here in the neighborhood.



Photos courtesy of Dori Zarr

## Next Newsette: August 19, 2023

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!

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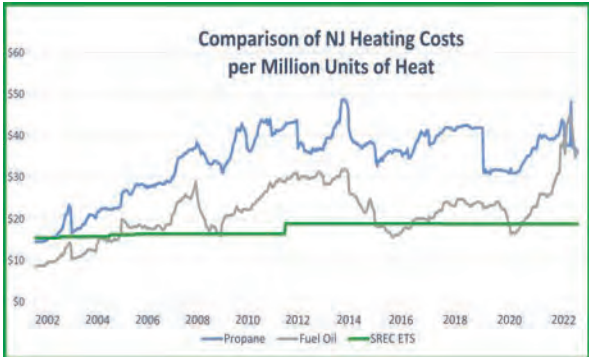
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# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$136,080	67	99%
2	\$232,817	21	101%
3	\$286,957	56	99%
4	\$335,000	61	96%
5+	No Sales	No Sales	No Sales
TOWN	\$232,659	53	99%

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# Annual Meeting Minutes August 21, 2022

Art Dawson, Elections Chairman, asked for members to hold up their membership cards to be counted toward a quorum.

President Michael Gelfand called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reviewed the Order of Business as determined by the By-Laws: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting as previously published in the Newsette; 2. Reports of Officers and Trustees; 3. Privilege of the Floor to Membership; 5. Election of Officers and Trustees.

President Michael Gelfand thanked all members present and introduced the members of the Voting Board in attendance: Section 2, Lyle Timpson; Section 3, Patricia Thompson; Section 4, Janice Fajardo, Section 5, Julia Campbell; Section 6, Melissa Hardin; Section 8, Dominick Beninati; Section 9, Thomas Castiglione; Section 10, Madeline Hollingsworth; Section 11, Suzanne Maher; Section 12, Len Bogdon; Secretary, Climeen Wikoff; Treasurer, Mike Gillooley; Second Vice President, Ray Zimmerman; First Vice President, Judy Norton. He also introduced General Manager Dave Martin and General Counsel Eileen McCarthy Born, and acknowledged the past Club Presidents in attendance: Adelle Huttner, Rich Spoerl, and Sue Ross. President Michael Gelfand presented recognition plaques to Len Bogden, Mike Gillooley, and Judy Norton and Judy Norton presented a recognition plaque to Michael Gelfand.

President Michael Gelfand asked for a motion to approve last year’s minutes. Chris Mann, Section 1, made a motion, seconded by Bill Miklovic, Section 12, to approve the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

President Michael Gelfand reviewed projects and initiatives from the past year that included awarding a contract to install a generator capable of providing emergency power to the Club, revising the short-term rental policy, renewing commitments to new member events, and hosting a Board Member and Committee Chair meeting to further the relationship between the two groups. He stated the Club acquired an empty lot to protect Club boundaries, implemented a number of road drainage projects, authorized the licensing and installation of a new community management software platform for the Club office that includes an Owners Portal, and authorized the hiring of a new Communications Manager.

President Michael Gelfand stated the Board approved the new Consolidated Rules and Regulations document which provides clarity around existing rules by categorizing them into tiers with applicable fines, and adopted a Code of Ethics for the Voting Board. He also noted that the infected ash trees removal project on Club property continues.

President Michael Gelfand reviewed the contracts awarded to vendors for studies that will provide the data needed to create a watershed management plan. He stated the studies included a bathymetric study, hydrology modeling, a nutrient load study, as well as stormwater inventory, mapping, and assessment. He stated in addition to the above studies, the Board contracted an independent limnologist, repaired and expanded our existing aeration

systems, authorized the use of new chemical lake treatments, is working with the township to address known drainage issues on town-owned roads, hired a vendor to address our lakes’ carp population, and will request a revision to our water monitoring contracts that will allow the vendors to increase the frequency of visits and provide more urgent on-premises care as needed. President Michael Gelfand noted the ways to pay for remediation are to work with the township, pay out of pocket, and/or apply for grants.

Mike Gillooley, Treasurer, stated that inflation in the economy may cause a challenging time economically and the Club will factor that into the budgeting process. He stated that part of the Club’s ability to sustain itself so well is due to the Club setting aside funds to use for emergencies. He reported that the Club is close to what was budgeted for from a revenue standpoint for this time of year, but as inflation occurs in the economy, costs rise for the Club as well. Mike Gillooley anticipates a rise in Club dues for the year due to this.

General Manager David Martin provided the members with a brief update on TOPS One, the Club’s new accounting and community management application, the Consolidated Rules Document and Compliance process, the Emerald Ash Borer project, the 2022 Road Paving project, and Lake ecology challenges and opportunities.

General Counsel Eileen McCarthy Born addressed the members regarding legal matters handled by her firm in the past year. Eileen Born reviewed the litigation against Vernon for the Municipal Services Act and how it affects the Club’s reimbursements for the snowplow services, noting that the Club had joined with other lake communities in the town in order to do this. She also briefly reviewed the 2006 case that went to the New Jersey Supreme Court that allows HLCC to collect owed dues even in the event of a foreclosure and how a recent case may affect that judgment in the future. Eileen Born stated she is hopeful the new Club Rules and Regulations with the tiered fines will cut back on the time and expense of Rule 22 case hearings. Eileen Born provided an update on the renewed/ revised easement granted to Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions (formerly SUEZ Water Technologies & Solutions). She reviewed the purchase of a lot made by the Club in order to protect Club boundaries. Eileen Born provided an update on 6 Mondamin Road. She also stated the Club re-recorded the 1983 judgments regarding HLCC being a mandatory dues-paying community. Eileen Born reviewed forming a foundation to apply for grant monies for watershed management. She stated future by-law change recommendations will need to be made to stay compliant with Planned Real Estate Development Law.

Privilege of the Floor to Membership:

Al Coldon, Section 2, stated that the people need to be more respectful of Badge Checkers and reminded members to wear their badges at all times and to honor the community’s rules.

Brian Morton, Section 12, asked for clarification on the line item in the Treasurer’s report labeled as “Architectural Plans for Changes to the Clubhouse.” President Gelfand

responded that the budgeted line item was to gain confirmation from licensed architects about what could and could not be done should the Board decide to expand the Club’s facilities.

Glenn Kamp, Section 7, expressed appreciation for the current Board and their efforts toward the lake’s health.


Bob Taffer, Section 11, requested that the annual minutes be published sooner, rather than waiting for the next annual meeting. President Gelfand responded that the minutes are published closer to the annual meeting because they need to be approved by the members soon after they are published and suggested that a member could report on the annual meeting.

Bob Ulmer, Section 7, asked if the contract for the remediation of the Emerald Ash Tree was exposed to requests for competitive bidding and if it was advertised. President Gelfand responded that requests for competitive bidding were solicited, and the Club will follow up with further details. Bob Almer also asked why the report from Princeton Hydro has not been released to the general membership. President Gelfand responded that the report

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was not released because the Board had not yet had the opportunity to review the report with the vendor in preparation to field questions from the membership. He added the report will be uploaded into the TOPS Owners Portal.

Doreen Edwards, Section 2, asked if the Club could consider meeting with Planet Networks which is a company that could offer better cable and internet connection.

Sue Ross, Section 7, expressed appreciation for the current Board and the officers for their efforts over the past 3 years. She also expressed concern about lake health and asked if the Club has the authority to require septic testing of anyone who purchases a home here. President Gelfand responded that has been a topic of discussion and will continue to be until a decision can be made. Sue Ross also asked the Club to explore leaf pick-up services.

Rafael Davis, Section 7, expressed appreciation for the current Board for their efforts over the past 3 years. He stated while lake quality is the number one concern, there are other maintenance items that need to be addressed, specifically mentioning the tennis courts and requesting that the Club perform the appropriate repairs.

Joe DeLorenzo, Section 2, expressed appreciation to the current Board for their efforts around lake quality and stated that the discussions around lake quality continue to take priority over the next couple of years.

Knox Strube, Section 10, requested that the gates at parking lot beach 1 remain open due to safety concerns.

Lisa Hunt, Section 7, asked about the criteria the Club uses to decide which ash trees to remove. President Gelfand responded that it depends on whether or not the tree is on

Club property. General Manager, David Martin, added that each tree on Club property is inspected on a case-by-case basis.

Al Coldon, Section 2, shared a story of being thanked for being a badge checked after expressing gratitude towards members following the rules and showing their badges.

Nicole Kruck, Section 1, noted that not all members place their membership stickers on their vehicles and asked members to remember to do so.

Lynn Kaplan, Section 7, stated that Canistear Road is a township road so Vernon Township should address dead the ash trees on Canistear Road, expressed gratitude for the Board reinstating the New Member Party, and requested that the Club mail printed material for important announcements. She also stated she feels requiring members to show proof of septic pumping would be a good idea.

Owen Hyland, Section 4, shared a positive story about a member returning his wallet, commended the Board on handling the short-term rental issues, and expressed faith in the Board's ability to address the lake quality issues.

Doreen Edwards, Section 2, requested the Board show discretion on spending to minimize increasing membership dues and expressed appreciation for the Board.

Carol Fortenbach, Section 7, shared a memory of the lake dues being \$12 before the roads were built.

Michael Gelfand closed the floor to members and the meeting proceeded to the election of Officers and Trustees.

Art Dawson, Election Chairman, announced the following results:

**Election of Officers:**  
President, Ray Zimmerman - 220 votes, Elected  
Michael Gelfand - 4 votes

Susan Berkley - 1 vote  
Martin Brady - 1 vote  
Ann Moriarta - 1 vote  
Neal Skyta - 1 vote  
Lyle Timpson - 1 vote  
1st Vice President, Lisa Entwistle - 223 votes, Elected  
Julia Campbell 1 vote  
Joe DeLorenzo 1 vote  
Michael Gelfand 1 vote  
Adele Huttner 1 vote  
2nd Vice President - Patty Thompson - 148 votes, Elected  
Dominick Beninat - 92 votes  
Treasurer, Lou Iannucci - 224 votes, Elected  
Brian Morton - 1 vote  
Secretary, Jennifer Ziegler - 161 votes Elected  
Climeen Wikoff - 78 votes  
Election of Trustees:  
Section 6, Melissa Hardin- 18 votes Elected  
Susan Berkley - 1 vote  
Section 7, Stuart Blank - 21 votes Elected  
Robert Ulmer - 19 votes  
John McNally - 14 votes  
Jacquelyn Green - 6 votes  
Section 8, Joan Danaher - 20 votes Elected  
Section 12, Robert Reffelt - 15 votes Elected  
Janice Fajardo, Section 4, made a motion, seconded by Climeen Wikoff, Section 4, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chastity Cortijo  
Communications Manager

Ecology in the Home

GLENN KAMP, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBER

There are many things that residents can do to help the ecology of our lakes and community, and at the same time help manage their septic systems and conserve their well water. Obviously, any liquid that goes down the sinks, the toilets, the shower, or the washing machine ends up eventually in your septic field, and then at some point into the water table. The EPA has a Septic Smart campaign that we highlighted at Lake Appreciation Day and is outlined below.

Think at the Sink. Avoid using harsh chemicals and use cleaners and detergents in moderation, always checking for the label that says no phosphates. Don't pour cooking oil or grease down the drain and dispose of your food waste properly, not down your sink. Make sure your sink drain has a small mesh strainer to catch food scraps because the only thing that should go into your septic system from your kitchen sink is water.

Don't Strain the Drain. Use your water efficiently and stagger use of water-based activities, such as running washing machines and dishwashers, bathing, etc. Fix plumbing leaks quickly and install low flow showerheads in your bathrooms. Showers use much less water than baths and dishwashers use less water than washing by hand. Encourage your family to turn

off the faucet when they are brushing their teeth. Making these changes can save up to 1000 gallons of water a year. Don't use pods in your dishwasher or your laundry as part of them can remain and can clog your system. Sharing first-hand experience, when my dishwasher was not draining, I found a piece of a pod in there.

Don't Overload the Commode. Don't flush anything but toilet paper and bathroom waste. Despite claims that wipes and other products are safe for septic systems, they are not. When you replace toilets, purchase a brand that offers two different levels of flushing, for number one and number two. It will save a tremendous amount of water.

Pump your Tank. Be sure you pump your septic system every three years and if you take advantage of discount coupons and a credit to your dues offered by the Club you can reduce that cost to approximately \$250 every three years. Pumping regularly protects your septic field, which is a most critical part of your septic system.

There are many other ways in the home to conserve water and help the ecology of our lake. If we all do our part, we can definitely make a difference.

Men's Golf Outing



Men's Golf Outing Champions: Mark Buruchian, Huey Gardner, Scott Robertson and Mladen Kresic Photo courtesy of Mladen Kresic



## Swim Team Pulls Off Upset Win vs. Wayne Waves

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

### August 2

The Highland Lakes Swim Team hosted the Wayne Waves in a Week 5 Lakeland Swim Conference interdivision match-up on Wednesday evening. The final home meet of the 2023 season started off with the traditional “Senior Night” ceremony where we honored our graduating swimmers. A heartfelt congratulations to: Victoria Annunziata, Vanessa Cefaloni, Kiernan Corbutt, Michael Puccio, Sophia Randazzo, Ben Sullivan, Kateri Sullivan, and Lia Wootton. I’ve had the pleasure of coaching these young adults since they were 9 or 10 years old! They’re a fantastic crop of kids and a testament to the tireless efforts of their parents. Swim Team is proud to send them onward to their next adventure, good luck to you all - continue to make us proud!

After the conclusion of the ceremony, the swimming events kicked off, and Highland Lakes raced out to an early lead via the breaststroke events. Highland Lakes breaststrokers were victorious in 8 of the first 10 contests - an outstanding team performance! The 8/u Boys team of Laudenberger, N. Fahmy, and Berg swept their event to open proceedings, while the 8/u Girls team of Olsen, Schwarz, and Brennan quickly followed up with a 1-2-4 performance of their own. The 11/12 girls continued their dominant season, taking 1-3-4 with swims from Adrienn and Alicia Kovacs and Alexa Fleming; while the 13/14 Girls team of Cefaloni, Werner, and Allen-Poole turned in a 1-2-5 performance for big point hauls. At the end of the breaststroke events, Highland Lakes had a 93-58 lead, a commanding position that they would not relinquish for the remainder of the meet.

Highland Lakes butterflyers only took one win outright and a draw, but managed to minimize the damage with a lot of close contests. Shout out to the 11/12 Boys team of Vincent Fisher, Caleb Burns, and Logan Cole who took the lone butterfly win for the team. Highland Lakes held onto a 144-131 lead at the end of the butterfly swims.

Highland Lakes backstrokers continued the trend of steady performances, winning only two events outright and drawing two, but keeping the damage to a minimum in the losses. The 9/10 Boys team of Puccio, Leiter, and Evanick had the stand out performance, going 1-2-3 and taking maximum points. At the end of the events HL clung to a narrow 217-215 lead.

HL made their move in the freestyle events and extended their lead winning four contests including the 8/u Girls team of Olsen, Paluzzi, and Kaicher; 9/10 Boys team of Puccio, Evanick, and Kaicher; the 11/12 Boys team of Fisher, Fisher, and Contreni. The most notable win was turned in by the 13/14 Girls team of Bonardi, Cefaloni, and Brennan who went 1-2-3 for a big point haul. At the end of the freestyle events, HL extended the lead to a 300-289 margin, meaning the relays would be critical. Highland Lakes relay teams took 5 of the 7 contests to ensure the victory! With a final score of 348-317 the Highland Lakes Swim Team earned an unexpected upset win over the top-division Wayne Waves. Coach Sofia was thrown into the lake as a sacrificial offering to the summer swimming gods,

but Coach Mike joined her in the water shortly thereafter, of his own accord, to punctuate the win. Congratulations to all swimmers - it was a GREAT team win, a nice send off our seniors, and a fitting end to the 2023 home meet schedule.

### Full Results

<b>Event # 1 Boys 50 Breast 8 &amp; Under</b>		
Cae Laudenberger	58.67L	
Nathaniel Fahmy	1:05.20L	
Luca Berg	1:09.93L	
John Klimash	1:22.52L	
<b>Event # 2 Girls 50 Breast 8 &amp; Under</b>		
Maeve Olsen	1:04.37L	
Anabelle Schwarz	1:06.20L	
Ryleigh Brennan	1:38.61L	
<b>Event # 3 Boys 50 Breast 9-10</b>		
Landon Howes	56.70L	
<b>Event # 4 Girls 50 Breast 9-10</b>		
Ceci Laudenberger	1:00.31L	
Callie Opfer	1:29.98L	
<b>Event # 5 Boys 50 Breast 11-12</b>		
Philip Whitby	1:01.72L	
Logan Cole	1:01.86L	
Caleb Burns	1:03.00L	
<b>Event # 6 Girls 50 Breast 11-12</b>		
Adrienn Kovacs	41.39L	
Alicia Kovacs	45.80L	
Alexa Fleming	46.25L	
Isabella Cherichella	55.71L	
Delilah Taylor	1:01.00L	
Jenalyss Laszloczky	1:01.44L	
Greycey Steady	1:01.96L	
<b>Event # 7 Boys 50 Breast 13-14</b>		
Derek Fleming	41.10L	
Caleb Dalelio	54.09L	
<b>Event # 8 Girls 50 Breast 13-14</b>		
Gabriella Cefaloni	45.65L	
Samantha Werner	49.09L	
Elizabeth Allen-Poole	1:03.69L	
<b>Event # 9 Boys 50 Breast 15-18</b>		
Michael Puccio	35.29L	
James Brantner	36.43L	
Sean Allen-Poole	38.99L	
Ketchell Terzakis	40.66L	
True DiGuiseppe 4	3.22L	
Ben Sullivan	45.06L	
Kiernan Corbutt	46.64L	
<b>Event # 10 Girls 50 Breast 15-18</b>		
Abbey Amato	36.83L	
Sophia Randazzo	41.82L	
Hannah Wisniewski	43.09L	
Mia Levens	44.95L	
Isadora Salomonsson	48.57L	
Victoria Annunziata	48.78L	
Lia Wootton	51.83L	
Ryleigh Bernier	56.39L	
Kateri Sullivan	1:41.28L	
<b>Event # 11 Boys 50 Fly 10 &amp; Under</b>		
Landon Howes	1:04.87L	

<b>Event # 12 Girls 50 Fly 10 &amp; Under</b>		
Zoey Levens	57.10L	
Anabelle Schwarz	1:12.06L	
Avellina Reiser	1:43.76L	
<b>Event # 13 Boys 50 Fly 11-12</b>		
Vincent Fisher	40.86L	
Caleb Burns	1:20.04L	
Logan Cole	1:21.09L	
<b>Event # 14 Girls 50 Fly 11-12</b>		
Adrienn Kovacs	38.46L	
Alexa Fleming	43.22L	
Rebecca Cefaloni	45.95L	
Lauren Emmerich	1:08.77L	
<b>Event # 15 Boys 50 Fly 13-14</b>		
Derek Fleming	35.61L	
Declan Olds	51.46L	
<b>Event # 16 Girls 50 Fly 13-14</b>		
Alexandra Kovacs	36.48L	
Giselle Bonardi	39.08L	
Jenna Brennan	42.29L	
Samantha Werner	46.11L	
<b>Event # 17 Boys 50 Fly 15-18</b>		
James Brantner	29.52L	
Michael Puccio	30.91L	
Sean Allen-Poole	40.32L	
Farrell Bednarick	1:05.15L	
<b>Event # 18 Girls 50 Fly 15-18</b>		
Abbey Amato	35.04L	
Hannah Wisniewski	36.48L	
Vanessa Cefaloni	40.32L	
Mia Chonko	43.82L	
Mia Levens	44.58L	
Ryleigh Bernier	46.79L	
Meghan Emmerich	50.25L	
Lia Wootton	59.66L	
<b>Event # 19 Boys 50 Back 8 &amp; Under</b>		
Cae Laudenberger	1:07.37L	
Clayton Hastie	1:08.76L	
Benjamin Fahmy	1:18.70L	
<b>Event # 20 Girls 50 Back 8 &amp; Under</b>		
Anabelle Schwarz	1:02.28L	
Aubrey Paluzzi	1:25.95L	
<b>Event # 21 Boys 50 Back 9-10</b>		
Chace Puccio	51.72L	
Gaden Leiter	53.89L	
Joseph Evanick	56.45L	
Daniel Kaicher	1:30.84L	
<b>Event # 22 Girls 50 Back 9-10</b>		
Abigail Klimash	1:03.76L	
Callie Opfer	1:03.76L	
Morgan McCabe	1:25.39L	
<b>Event # 23 Boys 50 Back 11-12</b>		
Derek Fisher	48.44L	
Braeden Contreni	55.76L	
Ryan Allen-Poole	56.76L	
Cody Kutzman	1:11.92L	
<b>Event # 24 Girls 50 Back 11-12</b>		
Juliet Schwarz	41.85L	



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Rebecca Cefaloni	46.10L	Nathaniel Fahmy	1:09.24L	Juliet Schwarz	33.94L
Lauren Emmerich	57.76L	Clayton Hastie	1:13.41L	Rebecca Cefaloni i	39.23L
Delilah Taylor	1:07.72L	Benjamin Fahmy	1:18.44L	Alicia Kovacs	40.06L
Event # 25 Boys 50 Back 13-14		Brayden Vradenburg	1:27.71L	Isabella Cherichella	40.58L
Derek Fleming	38.74L	John Klimash	1:39.31L	Eva D.	49.38L
Caleb Dalelio	48.17L	Event # 30 Girls 50 Free 8 & Under		Makenzie Getch	51.32L
Event # 26 Girls 50 Back 13-14		Maeve Olsen	46.31L	Jenalyss Laszloczky	1:01.84L
Alexandra Kovacs	36.85L	Aubrey Paluzzi	1:25.52L	Greycey Steady	1:04.95L
Gabriella Cefaloni	42.54L	Annette Kaicher	1:51.77L	Event # 35 Boys 50 Free 13-14	
Samantha Werner	43.37L	Ryleigh Brennan	2:02.88L	Caleb Dalelio	40.19L
Isabella Evicci	45.45L	Event # 31 Boys 50 Free 9-10		Declan Olds	42.63L
Maddie McCabe	47.77L	Chace Puccio	41.16L	Event # 36 Girls 50 Free 13-14	
Elizabeth Allen-Poole	51.87L	Joseph Evanick	49.55L	Giselle Bonardi	33.84L
Event # 27 Boys 50 Back 15-18		Stephen Kaicher	1:17.91L	Gabriella Cefaloni	34.37L
Michael Puccio	31.91L	Daniel Kaicher	1:27.11L	Jenna Brennan	36.86L
Elijah Dalelio	37.97L	Event # 32 Girls 50 Free 9-10		Isabella Evicci	37.67L
Michael Evanick	40.62L	Zoey Levens	47.65L	Viola Colle	41.86L
Ben Sullivan	45.86L	Ava Kraus	54.03L	Maddie McCabe	42.75L
Ozzie Tobin	52.64L	Ceci Laudenberger	55.89L	Delilah Taylor	52.18L
Event # 28 Girls 50 Back 15-18		Abigail Klimash	1:06.02L	Event # 37 Boys 100 Free 15-18	
Hannah Wisniewski	37.68L	Avellina Reiser	1:16.46L	James Brantner	1:05.91L
Vanessa Cefaloni	41.84L	Morgan McCabe	1:20.96L	Sean Allen-Poole	1:21.01L
Meghan Emmerich	42.20L	McKenna Reiser	1:52.49L	Michael Evanick	1:26.85L
Julie Evanick	43.80L	Event # 33 Boys 50 Free 11-12		Farrell Bednarick	1:47.08L
Isadora Salomonsson	44.56L	Vincent Fisher	33.38L	Event # 38 Girls 100 Free 15-18	
Devin Arnold	44.67L	Derek Fisher	45.81L	Abbey Amato	1:09.04L
Mia Levens	47.32L	Braeden Contreni	50.59L	Mia Chonko	1:25.25L
Ryleigh Bernier	48.56L	Ryan Allen-Poole	51.06L	Meghan Emmerich	1:28.46L
Event # 29 Boys 50 Free 8 & Under		Philip Whitby	53.66L	Julie Evanick	1:29.01L
Cae Laudenberger	1:04.36L	Caleb Burns	55.62L	Devin Arnold	1:30.77L
Luca Berg	1:06.55L	Cody Kutzman	56.93L	Victoria Annunziata	1:33.42L
		Event # 34 Girls 50 Free 11-12			

Women’s Auxiliary  
Mr. Hypno Recap

JENNIFER ZIEGLER, PRESIDENT, WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

Our August 1 meeting had 34 members present. The Auxiliary then went to work setting up for our fundraiser featuring Stephen Christopher, Mr. Hypno! Guests dined on shrimp toast, roast beef canapés with horseradish sauce, cheese and fruit plates with vegetable crudité. Delectable mini donuts from Dream Donuts in Warwick for dessert rounded out the menu.

Stephen Christopher was amazing! He put the crowd through mental exercises that blew our minds! Then adventurous audience members went up on stage and were put under hypnosis. They delighted the spectators while Mr. Hypno tapped into their subconscious minds. It was hilarious and all in good fun.

Many people won beautiful door prizes from Hip and Chic, Cafe a La Mode, and Frazzelberries to name a few. Rooster Tees donated gorgeous Highland Lakes hats, some with Hawaiian motifs on the visor. Our live auction allowed the highest bidders to get great deals for donated items from Crystal Springs, Restaurants in Warwick and Vernon/Sussex areas, Golf from Wallkill Golf Club, a glam package that included a Vitality Hair Salon gift card, a facial from Radiating Wellness plus a gift card from Forever Jewelers.

Thank you to all who came out to support the Women’s Auxiliary and to our members that worked so hard to make the evening a success.



Photos courtesy of Jennifer Ziegler and Dori Zarr



## A Fabulous Day to “B” a Highland Lakes Swimmer

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

### July 29

On Saturday, July 29, the Highland Lakes Swim Team hosted another installment of its annual “B” Invitational swim meet. Much like the rest of our summer, thunderstorms were threatening, but could not dampen the spirit of our swimmers, families, and volunteers. Prior to the arrival of the over 240 swimmers from 8 different teams, and during the entire 5-hour meet, it took nothing short of a herculean effort from a formidable army of volunteers to make the event a success. The remarkable people that make Highland Lakes so special and the spirit of volunteerism were on full display as everyone dove in headfirst to help.

Planning and prepping for the “B” happens several weeks in advance. The concessions team (Louise Staley, Lisa Entwistle, Christine Fleming, Bryan Fleming, Cathy Cefaloni) plans out what food will be served, orders, and arranges the delivery and receipt of all food and beverages. The “B” Program team (Caitlyn Kutzman and Jade Beebe) starts soliciting advertisements and arranges for the creation, printing, and putting together of the Program. The entries coordinator, Barry Brantner, aggregates all the teams’ entries and finalizes the meet program. The meet Referee and Chair of Officials, Jeanette Emmerich, assembles a team of trained officials (Maureen Cherichella, Eileen Brantner, Heidi Howes, Christine Fleming, Don Taylor, John Laudemberger, Caitlyn Kutzman) who will enforce all USA Swimming rules and regulations. The Chair of Timers, Lucelia Zamborlini, recruits a team of 36 timers to ensure fair and consistent reporting of results for every event. The officials’ luncheon, an event that is highly touted in the Lakeland Swim Conference as setting the standard for swim meet luncheons, is organized by Nicole Puccio who has contributions and donations made by many HL families. The delicious dishes are enjoyed by over 50 of the meet’s officials and coaches.

Then in the days leading up to the meet, the rubber really hits the road. Our Chair of Facilities, Dennis Dalelio, organizes a facilities team (Tom Howes, Brian Fleming, Dominick Beninati, Don Taylor, Chris Burns, Jonathan Laszloczky, Bret Reiser) to raise the marshalling tent, set-up the concessions tent, grill, tables, and other critical meet-related equipment. The concessions team (Christine Fleming, Bryan Fleming, Cathy Cefaloni, Cheryl Hastie) gets back at it in the kitchen prepping trays of pasta, meatballs, and breakfast items. Many such activities happen late on Friday evening and as early as 6 am on Saturday morning.

Once Saturday morning arrives, it’s all hands on-deck! The parking team (Rob Wisniewski, Craig Bernier, Steve Randazzo, Nick Salomonsson, Randy Staley, and Ray Mann) maneuvers hundreds of cars into the Clubhouse parking lot, which would draw the envy of a world Tetris champion. The facilities team prepares the starting and timing systems while the kitchen and grill teams get the coffee percolating and breakfast sandwiches hot and ready to serve. By 7:30 am, our admissions team (Lorayne Castiglione, Jessica Castiglione, MJ Kresic, Chris Annunziata, and Lisa Wisniewski) are monitoring the gates. Coaches report to the Lake Room at 7:30 am to check in and final scratches and



deck entries are handled by the entries coordinator.

Visiting families roll in and set up their tents and chairs quickly as swimmer warm-ups start promptly at 8 am. Teams attending this year’s Invitational were Erskine Lake, Fayson Lakes, Lake Mohawk, Packanack Lake, Pequannock, Wayne Township, and Sussex County YMCA.

Final heat sheets are printed and sent to the marshalling team (Lynette Prince-Bernier, Ann Studer, Kerri Bednarick, Sophia Contreni, and Jessica Castiglione with the help of junior marshallers Megan Emmerich and Isabella Cherichella) who spend their entire morning tirelessly organizing herds of swimmers into their correct events/heats/lanes. After an officials’ meeting at 8 am, and a timer’s meeting at 8:30 am, all take their spots as the Invitational is opened by the beautiful voice of Jenna Brennan singing the national anthem. Our announcer, Sara Werner, then announces the first event on the starting blocks and we’re off!

The pressure is then on the scoring table (Shane Schwarz, Barry Brantner, Heidi Howes, and Mike Cordes) who ingest the meets results with speed, precision and accuracy to appropriately calculate scores for each event. Those results are then sent up to the awards team (Amy Buchney and Justine Duffin with Junior Volunteers and Runners Landon Howes, Cody Kutzman, Owen Buchney, Ben Fahmy, and Nate Fahmy) who attach the results to all the teams’ ribbons, medals, and trophies.

Meanwhile, the grill team (Kelly Uschnig, Mike Annunziata, William Dignan) get going on cooking all lunch items for the concessions sales team (Louise Staley, Veronica Corbutt, Jana Randazzo) to plate up for the hungry swimmers and families.

As the volunteers continue to run the meet, the coaches get the swimmers focused on their races. Michael Buchney coaches the Highland Lakes team again this year with Catie Lovett and Sofia Staley returning as assistant coaches.

For those swimmers who have already qualified for the “A” championship meet in a particular stroke, they swim in the open events. One of the great things about the “B” is that it lets other swimmers, who have not yet achieved an “A” time, shine in the official events. The Invitational is concluded with a fun, non-scored step-up relay where swimmers, coaches, lifeguards, and families can compete against each other for bragging rights. The event was so



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popular this year, a second heat was required.

Clean up and breakdown concluded around 3 pm just ahead of a crazy downpour in the early evening. While the volunteers were exhausted by the end, all the swimmers’ smiles, and happy families made for an awesome “B” Invitational. On behalf of the entire Highland Lakes Swim Team, we sincerely thank all of the volunteers who made the “B” such a huge success!



## 2023 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

MARK BURUCHIAN, HL SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2023 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All local fleet races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center Dock located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road. All fleets include 2 races except for the Ladies Sunfish Fleet. The safety boat should arrive approx. 15 minutes prior to the start of each race.

**Flying Junior (FJ) Races – Sundays at 11 am**

James Sullivan: 201-741-4235

August 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3

**Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm**

Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102

August 13, 27 / Sept. 3

**Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am**

**Arrive by 10:45**

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy:

973-2228243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

August 30

**Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11 am**

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

August 17, 24, 31

**Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11 am**

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717;

Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243;

and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

August 11, 18, 25 / Sept. 1

**Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10 am**

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

August 12, 19, 26

**Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1 pm**

Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and

Chip Ehrhardt 973-222-6755

August 12, 19, 26

**Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3 pm**

Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923

August 12, 19, 26

**All Boat Regatta – Sept. 2**

**Sailors’ Picnic** – Sept. 3 (safety boat lifeguards are welcome to attend)

**SANJL Championship Sunfish Regatta** – Sept. 30th

Mark Buruchian: 973-271-0213

Registration – 8:30 am / Skipper’s Meeting –

10:00 am / 4 races starting at 10:30

Questions? Call Mark at 973.271.0213

or [hlccsailing@gmail.com](mailto:hlccsailing@gmail.com)



## Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

**Welcome Aboard - August 5**

With open arms we welcomed two new racers plus a returning standout to the fleet for the August 5 race. Abby Amato and Todd Bennett saw their first race action ever. Meanwhile, Ally Latham returned in grand style by dominating the Challenger Division with two masterful performances. It was her first competition in six years and her first ever victories on the windsurfing circuit. She even put dear old dad, Tommy “Two Tack”, in his place when “Two Tack” three tacked his way to the upwind mark. We knew Tom was in trouble when we heard him shout out “When in doubt, Tack!” We now have a total of seven members in the Challenger Division alone. This division is designed for beginner and novice skilled racers with the focus on developing racing skills while enjoying the camaraderie.

In Championship Division play, Justin and I once again won a race and lost a race. Just three points separate us for the second week in a row.

Many thanks to my Dock Committee Commander, Mike Gaston, and to the masses who gathered on the dock. In fact, there were more spectators on the dock than there were competitors on the water. Join in on the fun every Saturday at 3 pm. See you on the line.

Results	2 - Tom Latham
<b>Championship Division</b>	3 - Zach Koberlein
<b>Race 1</b>	4 - Abby Amato
1 - Kevin Gaston	5 - Todd Bennett
2 - Justin Murphy	<b>Race 2</b>
<b>Race 2</b>	1 - Ally Latham
1 - Justin Murphy	2 - Tom Latham
2 - Kevin Gaston	3 - Zach Koberlein
<b>Challenger Division</b>	4 - Abby Amato
<b>Race 1</b>	5 - Todd Bennett
1 - Ally Latham	

## Strong Winds - Big Winners!

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

**August 3**

Thursday provided another heavy wind day for the Ladies fleet. One big difference from last week, winds were steady without the heavy gusts. We had a new sailor, Amy Cambell, come join us who showed real talent once she went through the start marks.

Emmaline and Maryjane duelled the first leg even after Maryjane hit the mark and had to do her circles - well done! Ellen took a more direct route downwind in the center of the lake on course one and helped her close the distance door.

Kerry and Patty tacked beautifully in the heavy wind. They are all getting a feel of the power of our lake on a windy day. It’s a wonderful thing to watch. Emmaline continues to show her leading skills. Hope to see the whole fleet next week. Congratulations to all! Thank you to Dock Committee Mark Buruchian and our HL Safety Boat - always ready. Season standings on the Club Sailing Board.

## Women’s Bowling

PAT WOOTTON, JUDI SUNDA, COORDINATORS

**Week 6 and 7**

The ladies are getting better and better each week. They continue to strike it up and spare it out. There’s always tons of groans and laughs. We enjoy our Wednesday morning get-togethers.

Some accomplishments from both weeks follow:

Lyn Kaplan - double, 158

Eva Willever - 4/5 split

Pat Wootton - triple 166

Jen Ziegler - double

Dianne Kelly - 5/10 split twice, double, 174

## Classified Ads

**BOATS/TRAILERS:** Old unwanted boats and trailers taken away for free. Also, can move boats from home to dock and shore for reasonable rates. Call Al for details: 973-271-4282 5/24

**ELECTRIC:** Free estimates, insured and bonded. Serving HLCC since 1986 license and permit #8521. Brian Boeren 973-670-4175. 7/6/24

**MOUNTAIN CHIMNEY SWEEP:** Since 1977. We clean, repair, reline and inspect chimneys. Also repair heatilators, replace dampers, chimney caps and repointing. Fully insured, call 973-764-3125. 11/23

**CHIMNEY MAN - GEORGE EDMONDSON MASONRY:** Stone chimney builders, repairs, cracks, walls, stairs, block floors, deck excavation, etc. Waterproofing and sealer. Thirty-two years in business in Highland Lakes. Fully insured. Call 973-764-1359. 5/25/24



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**Results:**

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| 1. Emmaline Stoddard | 4. Amy Cambell     |
| 2. Ellen Wisolmerski | 5. Kerri Bednarick |
| 3. Maryjane Kresic   | 6. Patty Thompson  |



## Sailor’s Social

MARK BURUCHIAN, SAILING COORDINATOR

July 30

Many of the HL Sailing Fleet members came to relax, meet and share sailing stories on beautiful Beach 2. From a three-year-old crew in training to “seasoned sailors” all shared their experiences with different boat and race stories. Highland Lakes is big enough to hold fast and fun Hobie, FJ races to winds challenging enough for Sunfish, Windsurfers and Force 5 boats.

Representatives from all of the five fleets came sharing delicious appetizers, s’mores and cornhole. Come join us and sail HL! We are mid-season so there’s plenty more sailing to learn and enjoy. Contact the fleet captains for information on how you can join in. Congratulations to sunfish sailor, David Goldman winning the sailing blanket!



Photo courtesy of Sue Buruchian

## Sunday Sunfish - “Family Day Quick”

MLALDEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

August 6 - Week 6

Since it was Family Day, we had to move quickly. Unfortunately, with 4 knots at best (1-2 most of the time) there wasn’t that much movement. Some of us had trouble moving at the start and others at the finish. It was a Course 1 blue for the 10 that made it.

Mark and JW duelled from the outset of Race 1. In the end Mark prevailed with JW second and James a close third followed by Bob who had 2 good races and David in 5th. In the middle of the fleet Col Wayne nosed me out for 6th with Bill a hair behind while Roger and Allan were closing fast.

In Race 2 there was a little more wind – really not much, to be sure. Bob got off to a quick start. By the leeward mark, Mark and John were just a bit ahead. There was a bit of controversy as someone (oops) forgot which mark was leeward – yes, buoy room is primary everywhere other than at the windward mark where a starboard or leeward boat when entering the zone has precedence.

In the end it was a similar finish for Mark and John with Bob and me next while James did the right thing circling after striking the home buoy allowing Bill, David and Wayne to cross. Rodger and Allan raced in quickly to make Family Day more than just about sailing. What a gorgeous day!

Once again thank you to our #1 dock committee, LuAnne and Ellen.

Reminder: We race next week – the 13th but there will be no race the day of Aug 20 – the day of the HLCC Annual Meeting.

For all prospective HLCC sailors, come and join us and spread the word. The time is 2:30 every summer Sunday. The default is 2 races, weather permitting. Call me at (203) 918-1102 or email me at [mladen@negotiators.com](mailto:mladen@negotiators.com).

Sailors, please have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday. Check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates.

Race 1	Race 2
1. Mark Buruchian	1. Mark Buruchian
2. John W. Wisniewski	2. John W. Wisniewski
3. James Sullivan	3. Bob Tomsey
4. Bob Tomsey	4. Mladen Kresic
5. David Goldman	5. Bill Weis
6. Wayne Wisniewski	6. David Goldman
7. Mladen Kresic	7. Wayne Wisniewski
8. Bill Weis	8. James Sullivan
9. Roger Kirchner	9. Roger Kirchner
10. Allan Napolitano	10. Allan Napolitano

## Force Five

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN

August 5

A warm welcome to our newest Force Five sailor, Steven! Two short course threes resulted in a lovely day of sailing.

Results:

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| 1. Rob Wisniewski  | <b>Race 2</b>      |
| 2. Erika Rodger    | 1. Erika Rodger    |
| 3. Mike Gillooley  | 2. Rob Wisniewski  |
| 4. Steven Violante | 3. Mike Gillooley  |
|                    | 4. Steven Violante |

Thank you to Sara Gillooley for dock committee, and to the great safety boat.



## FJ Results

JAMES SULLIVAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

August 6 - Week 6

Race 1

1. Maryjane Kresic and Lisa Wisniewski #87
2. Kevin and Emma Murphy #25
3. Mark and Sue Buruchian #118
4. John Wayne Wisniewski & Alex Kresic #13
5. Rick Thompson and Raelene #320
6. James and Benen Sullivan #24
7. Bill and Liz Giannini #18
8. Abbey Amato and Lou Iannucci #20
9. Krissy Amato and Dominick Beninati #8
10. Wayne Wisniewski and Dewey Oppenheimer #3
11. Sara and Mike Gillooly #2
12. Allan and LuAnn Napolitano #15

Race 2

1. Kevin and Emma Murphy #25
2. James and Benen Sullivan #24
3. John Wayne Wisniewski & Alex Kresic #13
4. Mark and Sue Buruchian #118
5. Bill and Liz Giannini #18
6. Maryjane Kresic and Lisa Wisniewski #87
7. Abbey Amato and Lou Iannucci #20
8. Sara and Mike Gillooly #2
9. Wayne Wisniewski and Dewey Oppenheimer #3
10. Jonathan and Erika Oak #4
11. Allan and LuAnn Napolitano #15
12. Rick Thompson and Raelene #320
13. Krissy Amato and Dominick Beninati #8

If anyone is interested in joining the FJ Fleet (or serving as a fill-in crew) on Sunday mornings at 11 am, please contact James Sullivan at 201-741-4235 or [jms07432@yahoo.com](mailto:jms07432@yahoo.com).