



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Introducing "The Office" Staff

CAROLYN ACKER, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

As it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a talented, dedicated, and efficient staff to run a community. The office staff of Highland Lakes fits this description, but do you know who does the administrative work for the Club? After reading about the administrative staff, I am sure you will agree that our community is in good hands.

Priscilla Foglia began working as the Club's Office Assistant in 2008 and is the first point of contact when you call or visit the office. Priscilla distributes badges, collects member fees, transfers properties after a sale, sets up new members, and does additional work related to short-term rental properties. She also facilitates the Clubhouse rental and maintains the Club's databases.

Priscilla has lived in Highland Lakes for 20 years and has a sister and nephew who visit frequently. When asked what she enjoys most about her job, Priscilla said, "I'm a people person, and I enjoy dealing with members." She also loves the theater and the ocean and would love to travel to Italy.

Roe Hall started as Administrative Assistant in 2013 and was given the added responsibilities of Events Coordinator in 2020. Previously, Roe volunteered as a committee member, Vice President of the Swim Team, Section 5 Trustee, and Voting Board Secretary.

With her Club knowledge and secretarial experience, Roe supports the General Manager, oversees the publication of the Newsette, and manages the Clubhouse Calendar. She coordinates events such as Appreciation Night and the Annual Meeting, works with Maintenance and Security, and provides needed information for potential sales.

Roe enjoys her job and relies on her ability to remain calm while juggling multiple tasks. Roe takes pride in publishing the Newsette, which requires daily attention on a tight schedule, especially in the summer.

Roe and her husband, Jack, have lived in Highland Lakes for 27 years and raised their son, Matt, and daughter, Kelsey, here. Her son Matt is married to Heather and they have a 2 ½ year old daughter Emma. All live in Maryland. Roe enjoys boating and spending time with her family. She dabbles in crafting and genealogy.

Jennifer Ward joined the Club's office staff in 2021 as Accounting Manager. With years of experience in Corporate Finance, Jennifer manages all of the accounting for the Club, including logging the receipt of dues, paying bills for the Club, handling payroll, preparing Treasurer Reports, assisting with the annual audit, and working with attorneys.

Jennifer considers herself "an accounting nerd" and loves her job. She also enjoys the camaraderie among the staff and is proud of the successful transition to a new accounting software system.

Jennifer likes to read, take walks, and enjoys being outdoors. She lives in Jefferson with her son, Julian, who

will attend the University of Massachusetts come the fall.

Chastity Cortijo began working as Communications Manager in 2022. Experienced in freelance photography and virtual administration, Chastity distributes information to the membership. She manages the Club's website and social media platforms, creates graphics for flyers to promote events, and is a resource for committee chairpersons. Chastity regularly photographs events and attends all Voting Board meetings.

Chastity seeks to employ the latest technology and new ideas while honoring our traditions. Chastity is proud of creating a consistent identity for the Club, both online and in print. She loves teaching people to use technology and loves to hear that members use our website and other online resources to find information.

From Brooklyn, NY, she now lives in Highland Lakes with her fiancé, Joe, and her son, Dominic. Chastity also has a daughter, Evangelina, and a son, Justin. Chastity loves photography, reading and has a long travel bucket list.

Patrick Eckhart is the Recreational Manager for the Club. Long involved in Highland Lakes, Patrick was a volunteer softball coach, a lifeguard, and Athletic Director for ten years. In the interim, he was Program Director for the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA. Patrick now oversees and supports the Youth and Adult Athletics, Clubhouse Activities, Swim Team, and Water Safety coordinators. Additionally, Patrick helps to recruit and train volunteers, coordinates with Maintenance, and prepares budgets for the noted programs.

Patrick plans to continue traditional activities while expanding offerings as new interests arise. He seeks to increase teen participation and offer additional activities in the winter months. Patrick appreciates all of the volunteers who help out and is proud of a successful Family Day.

Patrick lives in Highland Lakes like his father, Ken, and brother, Devon. He enjoys sports and fishing with his fiancé, Alexandra, every weekend. They would love to travel to Italy.

David Martin is the Club's General Manager, overseeing all the above positions. He came to Highland Lakes in 2021 from a career in Corporate Property Management and Community Association Management.

David is a strategic thinker and long-term planner who describes himself as a servant leader. He seeks to follow best practices, make unbiased recommendations to the Voting Board, and carry out their decisions. He wants to help Highland Lakes plan, pursue and implement long-term goals like the Watershed Management Plan.

David enjoys working with the Voting Board and meeting members. He encourages his staff to take calculated risks and has an open-door policy. He is pleased with the results of the Watershed Management plan thus far.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Hamburg, New

Jersey, Dave and his wife of 42 years, Theresa, reside in Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania. He is savvy with technology and enjoys helping others improve their skills.



Upcoming Events

August 18 - Adult Appreciation Dinner
August 20 - Annual Meeting
August 25 - Teen Council Summer Event
August 26 - Jogathon
August 26 - Science Fair



Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting, Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 2 pm

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.

	7/26	7/31	8/11
Beach 1	59.1	6.3	7.2
Beach 2	6.3	5.2	1
Beach 3	12.2	<1	33.6
Beach 4	3.1	4.1	2
Beach 5	17.1	13.1	1
Beach 6	1	4.1	2
Beach 7	12.2	1	1
Swim Lanes	<1	2	<1

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.

- 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.

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, September 21 – 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, September 6 – 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.

Trustee Section 1

SUE BURUCHIAN, SECTION 1 TRUSTEE

Dear Members,
Hello, my name is Sue Buruchian, and I am running for section 1 Trustee. I am currently serving in this position filling the one-year opening. This term will be up in October, and therefore I am running for the 3-year term. Being able to be part of the major decisions that shape our community has been educational and important to me. Finding a balance of the future needs of our community and our amazing seasonal history and traditions are key to the success of our Club.

I have been a very active member in my years in our Club. I have been the past Communications Co-Chair for 17 years. We accomplished many things including conceived HL Directory, started New Members Parties, ran the Beach One Grand Opening, integrated the Newsette into the original website. Currently, I am one of the board representatives on the Communications and Buildings and Grounds committees.

As part of the past Clubhouse Committee, I started and ran Touch A Truck events, Car Shows, and HL Newlywed Games- oh they were fun! I volunteered in all Clubhouse events and headed up the 75th Anniversary

Committee which included the Dinner Dance under the big tent on the Club lawn. Currently, I just organized with other Ecology minded members, the first Lake Appreciation Day event. It all has been great.

I have been active in HL Sailing literally since the age of 2. (I used to crew for my brother in the Sr. Sunfish Doubles - bubble and all). Following in the footsteps of those before us like The Eckhart's, teaching sailing and sharing the sport has been imperative to the joys of our lake experience. I was the Jr fleet Captain for 10 years and ran SANJL Jr. Championship regattas as our children grew up. Now, I am the current Ladies Fleet Captain. Mark, my husband and I help represent Highland Lakes for the SANJL sailing organization, and we still run clinics and sailing events.

Volunteering is the best way to enjoy and care for the lake and properties. It is true, you get back what you give and make new friends along the way. Please volunteer in our Club and consider me for Section 1 Trustee.

Thank you!
Sue Buruchian

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.

Next Newsette: August 26, 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 info@hlcc.org. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!

The Highland Lakes Newsette

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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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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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Attention

Friendly Pet Rule Reminder: Per ARTICLE VI - PETS, WILDLIFE & THE ENVIRONMENT - Ensure your furry friends are always under your control. Dogs must be leashed while on Club property at all times. This includes while walking on private roads and any of the grassy areas. Dogs are not allowed in the playground areas, on the sand at the beaches, or within the swim ropes. Your pup likes to go for a swim? They're welcome to enjoy a dip in the lake from any of the Freeways. Using the Freeways keeps them out of the swim areas, off the sand but still able to enjoy the water as much as we do.

Remember to clean up after your pet, too! Let's create a safe and clean environment for everyone to enjoy.



Science Fair

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

August 26

Guess what Highland Lakes? There is a Science Fair coming to town. When you ask? It's happening next Saturday, August 26 at 1 pm. Here is what you will need to know.

The Science Fair is a great opportunity for you and your child (kids ages 6-10) to have fun together. Your child will need guidance in choosing a project. It is important that the project is exciting for children, but not complex for them to understand as they will be expected to demonstrate it to others.

Please keep safety in mind when choosing a project. Avoid things that can harm the children: no harmful chemicals, flames or explosions.

What You Need To Do:

- Decide on a science investigation or a problem you would like to solve through engineering.
- Conduct your experiment using the Scientific Method or The Engineering Design Process.
- Observe what happens and record your results.
- Create a display on a tri-fold poster board or a laptop. You may also bring artifacts such as prototypes, models, equipment, objects and experimental results.
- Get ready to casually demonstrate your experiment to friends and family at the Science Fair!

The poster board can stand on its own and the project can sit in front of it. The three panels should be used to display the information. You can either write or type it onto pieces of paper, which can then be pasted on to the board.

Please show us your interest by emailing activitycenter@hlcc.org with your child's name and age.



August 2023

Highland Lakes Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
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More Photos of B Invitational



Photo courtesy of Susan Tenner



Photos courtesy of Eileen Brantner



Correction

CORRECTION - Due to a publishing error, the author of A Fabulous Day to “B” a Highland Lakes Swimmer in the August 12 Newsette was inadvertently credited to Jennifer Ziegler and not Sherif Fahmy, President, Swim Team Parent Board. Our apologies to Sherif Fahmy. The electronic version online has been corrected.



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# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$156,982	48	99%
2	\$268,403	32	101%
3	\$327,817	54	101%
4	\$430,767	89	95%
5+	No Sales	No Sales	No Sales
TOWN	\$293,435	50	100%

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“All-Star Sunday Night” Recap

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

There are many sights and sounds that are synonymous with Highland Lakes summers. For example, your swim coach saying “next group ready, go” as you start another workout at swim practice or the starter’s announcement and the beep at the beginning of the swim race. And who can forget Family Day fireworks, or the crack of an egg on the Clubhouse lawn after another failed attempt to win this year’s egg toss. Those were the sounds of our childhoods, and they are still part of childhood memories here in Highland Lakes, but today’s young highland lakers are getting a chance to be stars.

Last Sunday, the second annual All-Star Sunday Night was held at the field at Beach 1 and the night did not disappoint. The pop of the bat and the pregnant pause before the ball clears the outfield fence, followed by cheers for another home run echoed around the lake. New sights and sounds are contributing to core memories as the summer comes to a close and Highland Lakes athletes step on to the stage to perform. The stars were out and the crowd was hyped to celebrate another successful Highland Lakes athletic season.

This year’s event drew record crowds, participants and home run totals. The event could not have happened without the kids, first and foremost, their parents, and the volunteers throughout the summer and on Sunday. Specifically, Coach Rocky and Coach Dan, Patrick, our Recreation Manager, Lauren our Clubhouse Director, Clubhouse staff members, Anthony and Ozzie, Stephanie Berg, and DJ Ryan of High Energy Entertainment.

The night started off with the Farm Team hitting contest. The group was enthusiastic to get started and set the tone for the event. The staff and volunteers helped to organize and encourage the competitors. The action was fast and the points were stacking up as familiar foes battled it out for Farm Team supremacy. The first group saw some of the highest total points of the competition. Maggie, Renae, and Sofie led off the competition setting the bar high for the rest of the hitters. Shane and George posted high totals in the second round. As the competition carried on, two hitters made their way to the top of the leaderboard. Both posting totals in the 20’s. Ranae and Adrian walked away with \$5 gift certificate to the Beach Hut and bragging rights for the next year holding the title of “Farm Team Hitting Contest Champions”.

The main event of the evening was the Home Run Derby. The Mosquito & Gem division started things off as the pressure of being crowned the “2023 All-Star Sunday Night Home Run King & Queen” could be felt around the facility. The leaders in total home runs came at the end of this round of the competition with Ellie and Gavin posting home run totals of 3 & 6, respectively. The home run reign for Gavin did not last long as the second competitor in the ButterHopper Division, Jack, got into an impressive rhythm, hitting 10 home runs. The excitement around the new home run leader did not last long as the next hitter, Joe, posted a new All-Star record - 13 home runs. Silas racked up 9 home runs, but as the pressure mounted, and Silas could not catch the record-breaking performance of Joe. Ellie’s total was enough to capture the crown as this year’s Home Run Queen becoming the youngest home run champion in



Photos courtesy of Pat Eckhart



All-Star history.

History was made again, as the first ever “Hot Shot Shooting Competition” was held at the basketball courts. Mia won the trophy for the fastest female time and Luca took home the hardware for the fastest male time. Great job hoopers.

The evening concluded with the “Open Division Home Run Derby”. Sherif Fahmy came out on top hitting more home runs than the other adult competitor. The Home Run King brought his crown and scepter to the competition, getting the better of the adults hitting more homers than his older counterparts.

A magical night with record breaking attendance, and home run totals was made possible by the participants, the wonderful volunteers, and staff here at Highland Lakes! What a way to bring the season to a close. Thank you to everyone who was a part of our athletic program.



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2023 Ecology Committee Annual Report

MIKE O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Ecology Committee has been meeting regularly on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 pm. We meet at the Clubhouse and on Zoom. Our primary focus is on researching and supporting the implementation of solutions that improve lake water quality and the general ecology of our lakes. We also support member education on all things ecology through communications on social media and the Newsette, as well as member events.

This year we finished up efforts to study and identify solutions for improving lake water quality and then switched gears to support implementation of those solutions. Major initiatives included:

Piloted Weed Harvesting on Lake 4

The committee worked with Club Administration to harvest and remove weed cuttings from Lake 4. This technique allows for the reduced use of chemicals and removes weed debris that accumulates on the lake bottom. We look forward to expanding this program next year.

First ever Carp Removal on the Main Lake

The committee worked with the Fishing Committee and Club Administration to remove invasive carp fish from the Main Lake. By removing carp, we provide a healthier ecosystem for other fish populations and remove a bottom feeder that stirs up nutrients that can feed algae blooms. We plan on doing this again next year.

Expansion of Earth Day

The committee co-sponsored with the Communications Committee to expand the Earth Day event from the Annual Roadside Cleanup to include a luncheon, kid's activities, guest speaker from Rutgers Agriculture, member demonstrations, and a rain garden tour. We plan on continuing this expanded format.

First ever Lake Appreciation Day

The committee worked with the Communications Committee, Fishing Committee, Windsurfing Fleet and Club Administration to plan and hold this event in July during Lake Appreciation Month. At this event there was a fishing derby, windsurfing clinic, kids' activities, lunch, ecology education tables and a visit from NJ Snakeman. We look forward to holding the second annual event next July.

We plan on continuing to make an impact by improving the health and wellbeing of our beautiful lakes. To stay informed, please sign up for our email distribution list at ecology@hlcc.org.



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Jr. Appreciation

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRMAN, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

The following Jr. volunteers were appreciated at a buffet dinner on Wednesday, August 16, and were given an appreciation gift as a token of their volunteer service of ten hours or more.

Abby Amato	Makenzie Getch
Victoria Annunziata	Landon Howes
Luca Berg	Daniel Kabbez
Giselle Bonardi	Abigale Klimash
Regina Branter	John Klimash
Jenna Brennan	Ava Kraus
Owen Buchney	Cody Kutzman
Gabby Cefaloni	Gavin Kutzman
Vanessa Cefaloni	CeCi Laudenberger
Rebecca Cefaloni	Casey McGoldrick
Massimo Cherichella	Makenna Merner
Isabella Cherichella	Anna O'Gureck
David Constantin	Nico Puccio
Allie Conway	Chase Puccio
Sylvia Cotrell	Edith Roman
Eva D.	Aby Roman
Lauren Emmerich	Ale Roman
Megan Emmerich	William Roman
Michael Evanick Nate	Juliet Schwarz
Fahmy	Delilah Taylor
Ben Fahmy	Ozzie Tobin
Maggie Fahmy	Ramona Uschnig
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Alexa Fleming	Samantha Werner
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2023 Fish Committee Annual Report

MICHAEL EWASKO, CHAIRMAN, FISH COMMITTEE

2023...Sport Fishing is alive and well in Highland Lakes. Here we are halfway through our summer season and I have received an inordinate number of accolades this year for the quality of fishing opportunities available to our membership made possible by the HLCC Fish Committee's stocking program.

For a few decades now the HLCC Fish Committee has monitored and studied the different fish species living in our five lakes and have attempted to manage the predator/prey relationship accordingly. The committee has stocked gamefish and baitfish annually in an effort to offer the best fishing experience to our anglers.

Probably the most noticeable has been an increase in the average size of the Largemouth Bass being caught. Traditionally Highland Lakes has always had a quality Bass fishery but in recent years most Bass caught have been in the 1-2 pound size class. Early fishing this spring resulted in more Bass in the 2-3 pound class with a few catches even larger. This along with an occasional Pickerel or Walleye makes for an exciting day fishing our lakes. And a few of our anglers have tangled with their first Channel Catfish, an adventure they won't quickly forget.

The Fish Committee aided in the Club's Carp Removal project in mid-May that successfully captured, removed and disposed of almost 100 adult Carp from the Main Lake. Data was also provided showing healthy populations of Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Yellow Perch and Sunfish.

Fish stocking plans for the fall are still under discussion at the committee's monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Lake Room. All anglers, young and old are welcome.

2023 By-Laws and Rules Committee Annual Report

NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIRWOMAN, BY-LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

The By-Laws and Rules Committee works at the pleasure of the Voting Board researching and reviewing existing By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, and at the Board's request adding additional Rules and By-Laws. This year Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association needed to make changes and additions in order to comply with the State of NJ for governance of Lake Communities.

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More Family Day Photos



This was taken from Ulmers’ dock as Reed Ulmer and his catamaran join the night time festivities on Family Day 2023. What a great day! Photo courtesy of Mardi Ulmer



The Campbell, Jordan, Conti, and Bennett family designed and created for the sand castle contest on Family Day 2023! Not only was it fabulous, but we took Best in Show! Wow, we were honored! Photos courtesy of Barbara Campbell

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The Contract (part 4 of 6)

If you hire a contractor, make sure you have a written contract. The contract may be as brief as one page identifying the project location, owner, service provider, project scope, when the project will begin and end, and the price and payment schedule. It may be beneficial to go into more detail such as identifying what constitutes a delay, remedies, how to handle the project if it increases or decreases in size, and so on.

Talk to your attorney; a simple review may save you headaches and money. Every project, no matter how well planned, will have a few problems, whether it be material delays, weather, or an illness. It is better to agree with your contractor before the project begins how problems will be handled, rather than in court.

If you have hired contractors, make sure they and their subs are available and willing to start. Make sure you have a permit, if needed. Also, get a certificate of insurance for your project from each contractor prior to the initial payment.

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Last Week in Sports

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

The athletic sessions focused on preparation and practice for the events of All-Star Sunday Night. The kids are the best they have been all summer! Most notably, our basketball players are dribbling, shooting, and changing direction at record setting speeds. Ready for when the lights are brightest at The All-Star Sunday Night. See for yourself as Mia showing off her handles with instruction from Dad, Coach Dan. Gavin getting ready to attack the course and Zack weaving through the cones. These are just a few of this year's All-Stars.





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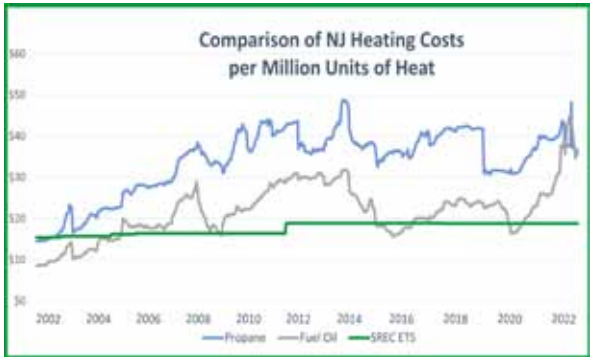
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HL Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Summertime, summertime, sum- sum-Summertime... Yes, It is! Whether we sing it in a golden oldie or jump in to all the activities on the mountain, we're still having fun !

The Seniors had a fun time at a Miner's game and cheered them on to a win! Then our annual Senior Gala gave us great music by The Stragglers...live band, yummy buffet catered by The Lamppost, amazing B&W desserts made by Flo's talented hands...wow! What a fun time with lots of dancing and fellowship!

Many sincere thanks to all the volunteers setting up and breaking down our Lake Room. Fifty-three seniors singing

along with oldies and having a wonderful time...even saw one couple dancing and dipping! Woohoo! If you missed it, we'll plan another dinner dance for our Christmas party.

So, come on down to our evening meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm. We have more events coming: barbeque, lantern walk, craft fair, pumpkin carving party with potluck supper and monthly home cooked luncheons like the San Gennaro Feast, Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving Feast...hey, don't miss out! Questions? Call me at 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce H.

2023 Communications Committee Annual Report

CLIMEEN WIKOFF, CHAIRMAN, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee has been meeting regularly on the second Saturday of every month at 10 am. Our primary focus is on Newsette production, including writing feature articles and editing the issues, in conjunction with Roe Hall, Administrative Assistant. We have also been working with Chastity Cortijo, Communications Manager, on producing content for the website, social media, and email blasts.

This year we worked with the Ecology Committee on Earth Day in Highland Lakes, co-hosting an afternoon workshop that focused on gardening to both beautify and support the health of our lake. Following the annual morning Roadside Cleanup, members gathered at the Clubhouse in the Seckler Room for a lunch of taco bowls and then moved to the Lake Room for an informative and entertaining presentation by Lisa Chiariello, from Rutgers Cooperative Extension, titled Landscaping Design Tips for Lakeside Communities – Protecting Water Quality while Benefiting Wildlife. After the presentation, the audience broke into small groups to learn more from our Club members on composting, country yards, and water runoff management.

Our committee also helped with Lake Appreciation Day, hosted by the Ecology Committee, working with Chastity Cortijo to create the posters and flyers that were used for the event. Communications Committee member, Karen Dolcimascolo, along with Clubhouse Director, Lauren LaRocca, engaged our youngest Club members with related arts and crafts and a very cute book reading.

The Communications Committee will also be hosting a New Member Party on October 22 to welcome new members to the community, introduce them to the general manager and Voting Board, and share pertinent information about the Club.

2023 Goodwill Fund Annual Report

NANCY EISENBERG AND LIZ HOLDA, CO-CHAIRWOMEN, GOODWILL FUND

Our 15th Annual Community Yard Sale was such a success. We are proud of the more than 135 adults and teenagers that helped us in the planning and preparation of the sale and throughout the two days. Our efforts were assisted by the Women’s Auxiliary. At the end of the sale, we continued to reach out to local agencies and distributed the left-over items to those in need.

The 3rd Annual Boat Auction was held in June, allowing seven boats to exchange hands. Fifteen bricks were installed in The Path to Goodwill with an additional 6 in progress. In November a book sale was introduced and was held in conjunction with the Senior Fall Craft Fair. On-Line Embroidery continues to donate a percentage of its sales to the Goodwill Fund. We are grateful and overwhelmed with the community support of the Fund.

Women’s Bowling

PAT WOOTTON, JUDI SUNDA, COORDINATORS

Week 7

We have rolled into the last weeks of bowling for 2023. One more week to go. We’re not sure if any of our ladies are ready for the Bowler’s Hall of Fame just yet; they are just too busy having fun and socializing, along with managing their daily exercise. We will be celebrating our achievements at our luncheon on 8/30.

Notable achievements for the week include:

- Lyn Kaplan - double, 4/5 split
- Eva Willever - double, 158
- Jennifer Ziegler - 4/5 split
- Pat Wootton - double, 155
- Tara Burns - 155



Teen Council News

MELISSA HARDIN, ADVISOR

August 25

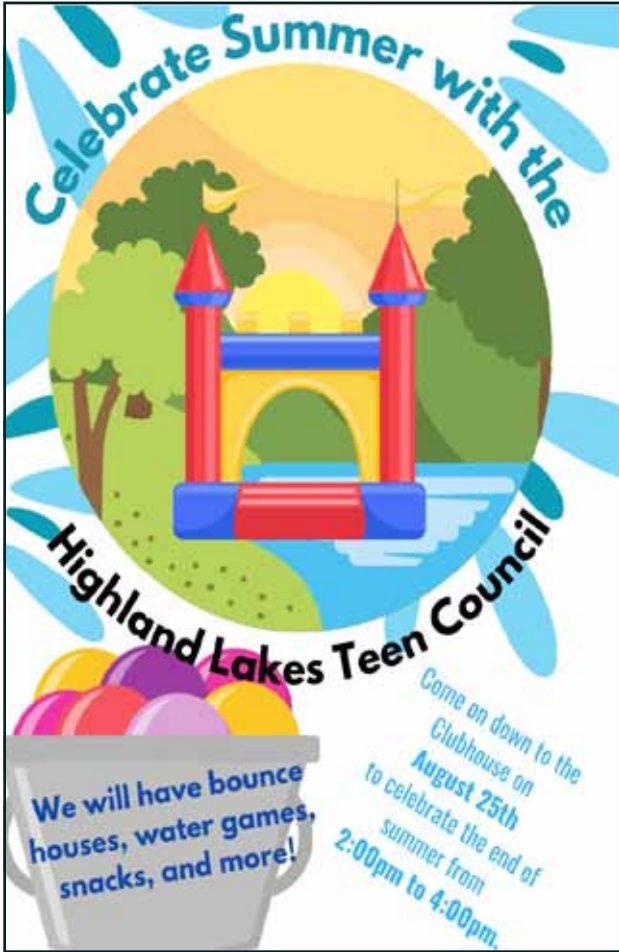
Come on out to our Celebrate Summer event on Friday August 25. There will be open bounce house play from 12 to 2 pm and then 4 to 5:30 pm with water games, snacks, bounce house fun and more!

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.

2023 Boat Dock Committee Annual Report

MARK BURUCHIAN, CHAIRMAN, BOAT DOCK COMMITTEE

The Highland Lakes Boat Dock Committee meets periodically on an as-needed basis to evaluate the boat dock needs of the community. We are currently evaluating the need for additional docks, racks, and spaces on existing docks. The Committee is also looking into the process for assigning open spaces; the utilization of our freeways; and the need for safety equipment, bumpers, and edging for the docks. Members are welcome to attend our meetings and are encouraged to join the Committee.



45th Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jogathon

NANCY GRIMALDI

August 26

Just a reminder - our Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jogathon is coming soon! Remember, even though it's called a "Jogathon", you can run, jog, walk, or do a little of each.

Our course follows a scenic route around our beautiful Big Lake, approximately 4 1/2 miles, starting at the Clubhouse. We start at 10 am, but please arrive with enough time to sign in, stretch, and greet one another. Bagels, Munchkins, and "Joggers Juice" aka, OJ, and water will be provided outside on the front porch. As always, the "Courtesy Car" will be making its way around the lake to provide ice cold water for people and pets, as well as an offer for a ride back if needed.

We hope to see an even bigger crowd this year as we welcome back our regulars and gain some newcomers - and also our friends across from the Clubhouse who sometimes have a family party the day of the jogathon and come in Hawaiian shirts and leis!



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Tremendous Tricks

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

August 4

Abracadabra! Now you see it--Now you don't!! On Friday, August 4, the Clubhouse hosted Mr. Magico and was filled with young and old alike awaiting a magic show. All eyes were on the magician trying to figure out how he did his amazing and mystifying tricks. Everyone had a fabulous time and are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to solve the mystery of magic again next year.



Photos courtesy of Lauren La Rocca



Pickleball Scoops

KATHI TAYLOR

It seems like everywhere you turn you see stories about the growing popularity of pickleball. The number of new players trying to find courts far exceeds the number of courts available to the general public in most areas. As Highland Lakes members we are so fortunate to have dedicated courts for our private use. It has been a real joy to watch the skill level of our newer players take off this season. As I watch everyone play, I am often stunned at the high level of play on our courts. Come join us on Mondays and Wednesday at 6 pm and Fridays at 10 am. All levels are welcome ages 16 and older. Wear your badge and see you on the courts. Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689.



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 11:00 am**
James Sullivan: 201-741-4235
August 20, 27 / Sept. 3

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm
Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102
August 27 / Sept. 3

Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45
Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243;
and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165
August 30

Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am
Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227
August 24, 31

Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11:00 am
Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243;
and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165
August 18, 25 / Sept. 1

Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:00 am
Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092
August 19, 26

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm
Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and Chip Ehrhardt 973-222-6755
August 19, 26

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm
Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923
August 19, 26

All Boat Regatta – Sept. 2
Sailors’ Awards 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



Photo courtesy of Sue Buruchian

Sunday Sunfish - “Hey, Which Course?”

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

August 13
OK, so we didn’t have a large group, but the seven sailors that were not “vacationing” had a gorgeous day and some pretty good, though very shift 2-5 knot winds.
In the first race, just after the countdown for a course three began, the wind shifted, and kept shifting, so almost all legs were on reach. It didn’t deter Mark or JW who were pretty much in charge after yours truly’s main sheet unraveled following what was supposed to be the windward mark. Following the leaders and coming in a surprise third was Rob W. who joined us for the first time in a while! David, Roger and Allan followed by check-your-equipment bozo limping in.
There was a close call for race 2 between a Course One and a Three. The latter prevailed with the typical shifts taking place at the outset. Mark was in the lead by the first mark with JW and David closing. After Mark crossed the finish line, 5 boats were bunched within a few boat lengths. As the winds shifted multiple times, Moi was lucky to float over the line just past JW, with David, Rob and Roger all within seconds and Allan very close behind.
Once again thank you to, LuAnne and Ellen – the #1 dock committee in Highland Lakes! Reminder: August 20 there will be no race due to 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.
Sailors, please have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you on the 27th. 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. Mladen Kresic
3. Rob Wisniewski	3. John W. Wisniewski
4. David Goldman	4. David Goldman
5. Roger Kirchner	5. Rob Wisniewski
6. Allan Napolitano	6. Roger Kirchner
7. Mladen Kresic	7. Allan Napolitano

*Apologies - For the record, correction for Race 2 last week, Allan finished ahead of Roger.

Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

August 12
So far, there haven’t been too many complaints about the wind this year. Ok, a few here and there, but for the most part the wind gods out of the south have risen up and bestowed upon us decent winds for most of the season. Case in point was the race last weekend when southwest winds at around 12mph swept across the lake surface engulfing a cast of characters numbering three. The highest recorded gust came in at 16mph as recorded by Mike Gaston’s trusty dock assistant, Joe Gaston.
The highlight of the day was the noticeably improved sailing skills demonstrated by one of our newest fleet members, Todd Bennett. Todd recently acquired upgraded racing equipment from our long time Windsurfing Fleet standout, Chip Ehrhardt. His improved upwind skills were on full display for all to see, including his personal cheering section in the form of a family filled pontoon boat.
Tommy “Two Tack” Latham, however, quelled the crowd by one tacking his way to the Big Island mark. This enabled, now Tommy “One Tack”, to hold onto his lead over Todd with nothing but a wild and woolly downwind run to the finish line.
There are only two race weekends left. That could only mean one thing. It’s crunch time. Join in the fun. A special shout out goes to Zach Koberlein for making the nearly 3 hour trip from his home in Pennsylvania to make the August 5 race. See you on the line.

Results	Race 2
Race 1	1 - Kevin Gaston
1 - Kevin Gaston	2 - Tom Latham
2 - Tom Latham	3 - Todd Bennett
3 - Todd Bennett	