



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Reserved Tables for Appreciation Volunteers Only!

Reservations Not Accepted

Please note that the only tables that will be reserved at Appreciation Night will be for those volunteers who have helped set up the room and planned the evening. Otherwise, you will need to claim a table as you enter the room - doors open at 7 pm and food served at 7:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

August 18 – Senior Gala
August 19 – All Boat Regatta
August 19 – Lakeside Café
August 20 – Annual Meeting
August 25 – Adult Appreciation
August 26 – Jogathon
August 26 & 27 – Art Show



ALL BOAT REGATTA SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

Awards - Many Awards Including ALL Boat Winner

A Joe Mastrangelo Trophy Regatta - Top Junior Sailor

Sunfish, Force 5, FJ, Windsurfer, Hobie and Open Classes

Any Crew Combinations

Bring your grandmother and your dog!
Celebrate the beauty of Highland Lakes.
Come sail with friends and have some fun!

Registration **Saturday 8:30 am**

Skippers Meeting 9 am in the clubhouse

Lunch and awards provided

Donation requested \$5.00 per person - pizza/salad

Please try to register in advance so lunch plans can be made.

RSVP to Maryjane@negotiators.com (203-918-1103) or HLCCSailing@gmail.com

We will try to get four races in depending on the wind conditions.

First race to start at Eckhart Center at 9:45 am

Beach Hours

Effective August 21, 2017

- Beach 1 12 pm – 7 pm
- Beach 2 Closed for the season
- Beach 3 12 pm – 6 pm
- Beach 7 12 pm – 6 pm
- Swim Lanes...Closed for the season
- Beaches 4, 5, 6...Closed for the season



Beach Testing Results

Below are the results of the most recent fecal coliform 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 200. All samples conformed to state recreational bathing standards. Testing results are reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	8/8	8/1	7/24
Beach 1	<10	<10	<10
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	<10	<10	10
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	<10	10	110
Beach 4 – Bushwick	15	<10	10
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	<10	<10	10
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	<10	<10	10
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	<10	<10	20
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	20	<10	<10

Upcoming Meetings

- Buildings and Grounds – Monday, August 21 – 7:30 pm
 - Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, September 20 – 7 pm
 - Ecology Committee – Thursday, September 14 - 7 pm
 - Fishing Committee – Thursday, September 14 – 8 pm
 - Roads Committee – Thursday, September 7 – 7 pm
 - Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday September 6 – 8 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.

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2017 Junior Appreciation

The following junior has been added to the Appreciation List:
Nicco Puccio

Dam Committee
2017 Annual Report

RICH SPOERL, CHAIRMAN, DAM COMMITTEE

The Committee again worked with staff and the Club engineer to review the required dam inspection report. This year the Lake 1 (Upper Highland Lake) dam was inspected, and the report was accepted by the NJ Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control. By the end of this year, the other four dams are due for inspection: the Main Lake, Lake 3 (East Highland Lake), Lake 4 (Upper East Highland Lake), and Lake 5 (Upper West Highland Lake). New Jersey requires inspections by licensed engineers every two years, and the Club fully complies with this requirement.

Work includes the ongoing maintenance/cutting of the embankments and lining the upstream face with additional riprap stone.

Conservation Club
2017 Annual Report

This year the Conservation Club of Highland Lakes (CCHL) has continued working on various projects. These include improving and maintaining various freeways. Continued work was also done at Saw Mill Pond Trail. The start of removing invasive Norway Maples and other invasive plants was started around Lake 1. Later this year we plan on working with the forester who did the forest survey for the club. We will be working on maintaining/improving the forest lands that the club owns. So far we have provided the club with approximately 160 “man” hours on these projects.

Office/Activity Center Hours

The Club office is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm and every Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm.
If you are a new property owner or a tenant renewing or registering as an Associate Member, please come to the office between 10 am and 1 pm only.

The Activity Center is open for your convenience as follows:
Monday – Friday 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm for dues payments and badge pickup only.

Louis M. Iannucci, CPA

Running for Trustee of Section 1

Hi, my name is Lou Iannucci and I am running for Trustee of Section 1.
To my fellow Section 1 members, I am not officially on the ballot this year. However, I am asking for your vote by writing me in on the ballot at the Annual Meeting on August 20.
For those of you who don't know me, I am a practicing CPA. In the past, I was a Trustee and I am now the current Highland Lakes sailing coordinator. I spent every summer of my life in Highland Lakes and there is no other place I love more. Like so many, I made lifelong friends at the lake and continue to make new ones every day. I am now blessed with the ability to give my children the same opportunity to experience life at Highland Lakes, and I will do whatever it takes to make sure that Highland Lakes continues to prosper, progress, and be that special place I love.
Thank you for your consideration and – Please take the time to vote because it does matter!

Sincerely,
Lou Iannucci



<div><div>Highland Lakes Happenings August 19 - 25, 2017</div><div></div></div>	
Saturday 8/19	8:30 AM All Boat Regatta 11:00 AM Force 5 Race 3:00 PM Windsurf Race 8:00 PM Lakeside Cafe
Sunday 8/20	11:00 AM FJ Race 2:00 PM Annual Meeting 2:30 PM Sunday Sunfish Race
Monday 8/21	8:00 AM Exercise 5:00 PM -6:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Teen Council 7:30 PM Adult Ceramics 7:30 PM Building and Grounds Comm. Mtg.
Tuesday 8/22	10:00 AM Women's Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 PM Senior Club Mtg.
Wednesday 8/23	8:00 AM Exercise 11:00 AM Jr. Singles Sunfish 1:30 PM Bocce
Thursday 8/24	11:00 AM Ladies Sunfish Race 1:00 PM Bridge
Friday 8/25	8:00 AM Exercise 11:00 AM Jr. Doubles Sunfish Race 7:00 PM Adult Appreciation

Don't Miss the
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, August 20 at 2 pm



Activities Schedule Week of August 21 - 26

Theme: Throwback Week
(All Your Favorite Summer Activities)

Monday – Aug 21

10:30 am – 11:30 am: Make and Take Crafts (ages 6+)
Sand Painting
11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Tween Room (ages 9-12)
Duct Tape Projects
12:30 pm - 1 pm: BINGO on the porch
winners get prizes (all ages)
1 pm - 2 pm: Kickball Game (all ages)
2 pm - 4 pm: Pool Room Open (ages 10+)

Tuesday – Aug 22

10:30 am - 11 am: Munchkin Fun (2-4)
Hand Print Camp Fire
11 am – 12 pm: Make and Take Crafts (8-10) Iron Beads
12 pm - 1 pm: Tween Room (9-12)
DIY Turn a Shirt Into A Tote (Bring your Own Shirt)
1 pm - 2 pm: Arts & Crafts (7-9) Troll's Painted Rocks
2: pm - 4 pm: Pool Room Open (10+) /
Krazy Karaoke (all ages)

Wednesday - Aug 23

10:15 am - 11 am: Picture Bingo and Story Time
winners get prizes(6 and under) in the LAKEROOM
11 am - 12 pm: Arts & Crafts (6 and under) Summer Slime
12 pm - 1 pm: Card Games / Small Board Games
on the porch (7+)
1 pm - 4 pm Pool Room Open (10+)

Thursday – Aug 24

10:30 am - 11 am: Friendship Bracelets, and Wonder Looms
11am - Noon: Leathercraft (8+)
Noon - 1:30 pm: Bingo, board games, and card games
on the PORCH (all ages)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: Cardboard Tube Frilled Lizards
2:30 pm - 4 pm: Pool Room Open (10+)

Friday – Aug 25

CLUBHOUSE CLOSED DUE TO ADULT
APPRECIATION

Saturday - Aug 26

12 pm - 1 pm: BEACH 1 crafts (all ages)
NOTE: The Pool Room will be OPEN during craft activities,
for ages 10 and up only, in addition to the scheduled time slot.

Art Show Hype Increasing for August 26 and 27

MARY ANN MASTRANGELO, CHAIRPERSON,
ART SHOW COMMITTEE

Professional Artists (members of HLCC and CA): you are invited to display your art on Saturday, August 26 at the “Meet the Artists” reception in the Lake Room from 6 - 9 pm. Professional artists will hang their work on Saturday, August 26 from 9 am to 12 noon. Sign up in advance with Mary Ann so that we will allot you proper space. Thank you.

All HLCC and CA members in every age category are invited to compete in our Art and Craft Show on Sunday, August 27. Registration is from 9 am - 10:30 am. See the Registration Form printed below. There will be a special category this year honoring the 40th Anniversary of “Star Wars.” Any questions, call Mary Ann at 973-764-7972.



2017 Amateur Art Show Registration

(one form per entry)

Sunday, August 27 - Registration: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Member # _____

____ CONSIDER FOR AWARD (competitive)

____ DISPLAY ONLY (non-competitive)

Age Category

* ____ 18 and under / Age: ____ (please specify)

* ____ Adult

2017 Special category: 40th Anniversary Stars Wars

(any media) _____

Media (circle /check /specify where indicated):

* Painting : oil__watercolor__acrylic__

* Drawing: b&w__color__

*Photography (HL scene: Y __ N__)

* Pastel * Needlework * Mixed Media

*3-D art *Quilting *Craft *Sculpture

*Ceramics *Computer Graphics

* Other__ (media: _____)

Entry Fee: .50 cents per item

Boat Dock Committee 2017 Annual Report

TOM BUCHNEY, CHAIRPERSON, BOAT DOCK COMMITTEE

The Boat Dock Committee continues to work on the allocation of wet and dry spaces on Club Park, Comet Row, Beach 3, Beach 4 and Eckhart Sailing Center. A comprehensive data base was developed by General Manager Jack McLaughlin with the assistance of Grace Lewin to make this task more manageable for the assignment of permanent spaces.

The availability of access to all members in good standing for docking their boats on a first come first served basis continues on the freeway docks and racks placed throughout the community. The location of these facilities around the community are outlined on a map available at the clubhouse or in this publication.

Additional new docks were added this year at Sunrise Path, 2100 Lakeside Drive West, Catfish Path, Beach 4 and Comet Row. There were also two kayak racks added at Beach 3 and one at Comet Row.

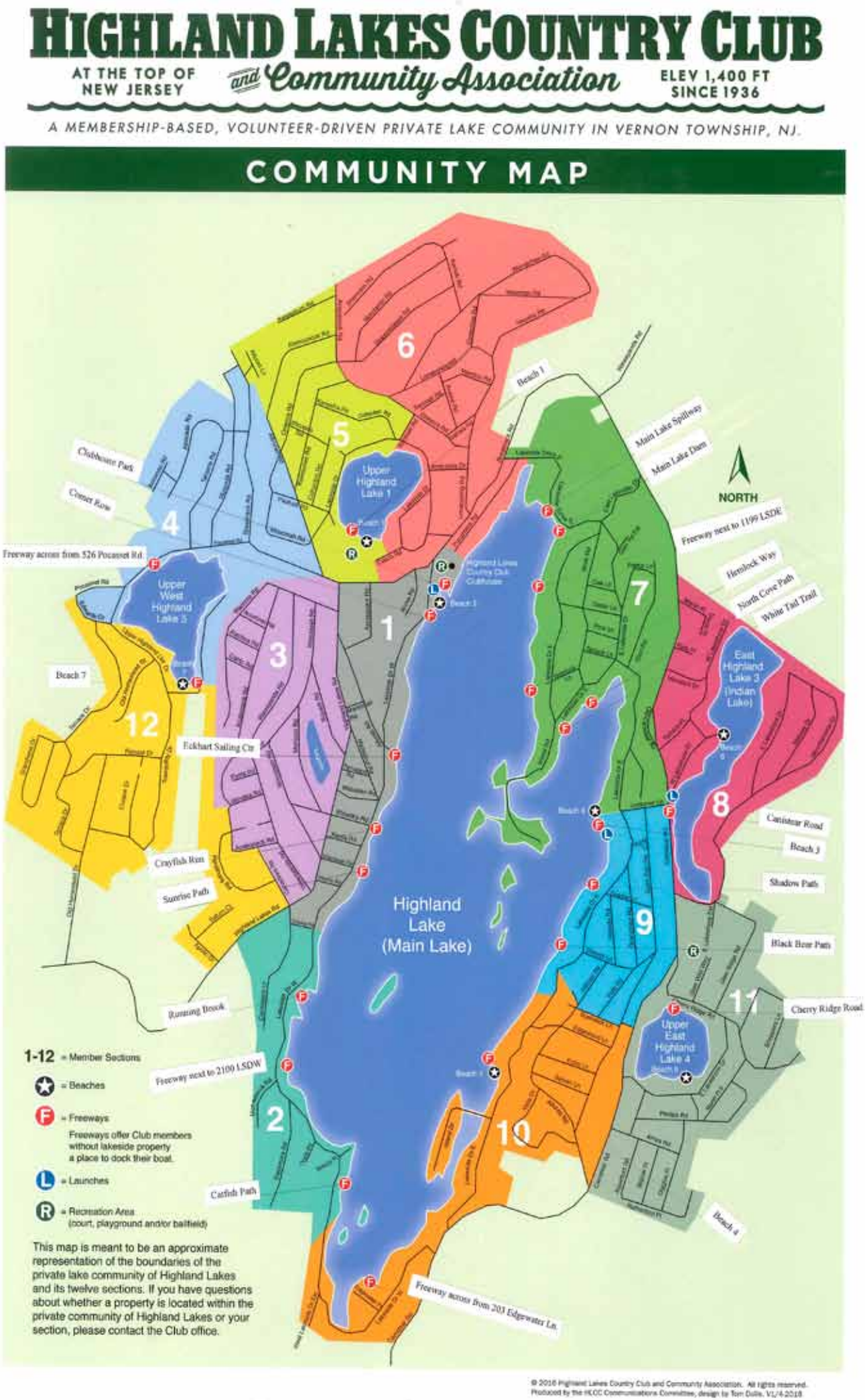
The committee would like to ask all members to continue to store boats properly at all club facilities. This would include, storing all boats on racks and dry docks upside down so they do not fill with water, using cables and chains that are coated or of a material that does not rust and securing boats so they do not rub and damage docks. Work has been done by the committee to identify areas where improvements can be made to club infrastructure during the drawdown of the lake this fall. Please stay alert to the notices regarding the removal of boats from club facilities this year as they are different from in the past.

Women’s Auxiliary 2017 Annual Report

JUDI SUNDA, PRESIDENT, WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

The Highland Lakes Women’s Auxiliary was started years ago as a social gathering of women who came up to the mountain with their families to spend the summer away from the city heat. Unfortunately, the husbands had to work and only came up for the weekends. Many women were left without cars so they bonded together and came up with ideas and activities to socialize and amuse themselves.

Today the Auxiliary is very similar to then except now we also try to give back to the community. The Fashion Show is our major fund raiser. Proceeds go to the Highland Lakes Fire Department, the Vernon Ambulance Squad, and our own Goodwill Fund. We also purchase items for our club membership such as benches, tablecloths, and most recently the “Elmo” projection system which is available for use by our committees. We meet in the Lake Room every Tuesday morning at 10 am starting on the last Tuesday in June, for a continental breakfast followed by a business meeting, until the last Tuesday in August and an end of season luncheon. Membership is limited to women members in good standing with the Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association. Come join us. We’re always looking for new friends and new ideas.



Buildings and Grounds 2017 Annual Report

**SAM LEWIN, CHAIRMAN,
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Lake Room. If the meeting is cancelled an email is sent to the office and the members of the committee. The committee has or is working with the club staff on the following projects:

- New lifeguard chairs for the beaches.
- The evaluation of the electrical systems of the Clubhouse and maintenance buildings. This will include upgrades where necessary as well as preparation for a standby generator.
- The evaluation and feasibility of adding air conditioning to the remaining clubhouse rooms.
- The potential redesign and reconfiguration of Beach 3.

Future projects that the committee will be working with the club staff include:

- Replacement of the flag pole located outside the clubhouse.
- Repair/replacement of the Highland Lakes Signs.
- Repairs to the beach hut.

Road Committee 2017 Annual Report

TOM MULCAHY, CHAIRMAN, ROAD COMMITTEE

Since my last report the Road Committee reviewed potential speed hump locations and formulated a list, taking into consideration club member requests. The Voting Board approved the list and it was sent to our consulting engineer for review. He reviewed all locations to determine if they meet all state requirements. As a result, he recommended the installation of approximately 28 speed humps on 18 sections of roadway. We plan to start installation this fall. At this time we do not have the total installation cost, which will determine how many humps will be installed this year.

The Voting Board has approved a proposal from Tilcon New York, Inc. for the 2017 road paving. The work includes a little over 1 ½ miles of roads and is currently scheduled to start in September. The design proposal for road and drainage along Lakeside Drive East and Shadow Lane was also approved. In addition to changing the road profile and cross slope and installing inlets, sedimentation tanks will be installed prior to discharging into the lake.

The speed limit on our roads is 25 mph. There are many sections of our roads where this speed is not practical due to poor visibility, limited width, and other factors. So, please slow down in these areas. Reducing our speed is the easiest and most economical way to make our roads safer. I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work, Jack McLaughlin & Jim Zabrieski for all their help and the Voting Board for their support.

The Road Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Lake Room. All members are welcome. If you have questions or comments you can contact me at tjmulc@warwick.net.

Communications Committee 2017 Annual Report

TOM DOLLE, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The past year continued to be an active one for the Communications Committee, as we managed a number of projects to enhance overall communications at Highland Lakes. All of these projects have been tremendously successful in increasing communication between members, raising awareness and participation, and drawing outside interest to our lake community.

Newsette – After the new digitally-produced Newsette launched in early 2014, the Newsette has continued to grow through 2017, with many 16-page full color issues, continued high ad revenue and enthusiastic community response. The Newsette is also immediately posted as a pdf on the website, which regularly attracts over 700 downloads. Several members of the committee act as an editorial team, with one person assigned each issue to assist the office in obtaining, editing, and formatting content. A schedule of story assignments is planned several months in advance to assure that each issue has a feature article, and we also solicit stories and photos from the community.

E-mail Blasts – Now in its fourth year, we have continued the successful program of weekly e-mail blasts publicizing upcoming events and member alerts. Utilizing the free Mailchimp platform, and featuring fun, sophisticated graphics by Chris Kaas and others, the weekly e-mails directly reach over 800 members who sign up to be

on the list (the list is currently restricted to HLCC members only, who are vetted through the office). Advertised events have greatly benefited from this increased marketing.

Facebook presence – the HLCC Facebook page continues with posts of events, member news, vintage scenes and current images. It has attracted a wide audience in the thousands, enhancing overall communications to members who are Facebook users as well as being an effective tool to promote the lake to potential home buyers. Posting guidelines have been established, and the project gets continued input from the Voting Board.

Website – Content is regularly added to keep current, and a local firm has been contracted to keep the coding up to date and assist in the development of an enhanced site.

All of these projects are done in close cooperation with the Club's Administrative staff. This is a tremendous amount of work and coordination by a dedicated group of volunteers, many of whom are professionals in communications and related fields. The active members of the Communications Committee include Tom Dolle, Sue Ross, Michael Gelfand, Suzy McCotter, Chris Kaas, Climeen Wickoff, C. Max Magee and Judy Norton. Lisa Entwistle is the Voting Board liaison, and also an active member. We are always looking for new volunteers who can help us expand HLCC communications.

Planning Committee 2017 Annual Report

MIKE GILLOOLEY, CHAIRMAN, PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee has been looking into several topics centered around foreclosures/sub-standard homes, attracting new members, marketing the community, and local government engagement. Although the foreclosure situation has greatly improved due to an improving economy and employment opportunities, there still remain homes that are eyesores throughout the community. A few years ago, the township mandated that bank owned properties needed to be maintained by the banks, which helped a great deal. However, homes that are in the process of being foreclosed or homes that aren't maintained by members or by delinquent members still remain an issue.

The committee is looking to engage the township and possibly other communities to see what can be

done to strengthen the town's ability to address these situations in Highland Lakes and throughout Vernon. We're also looking into how to market the community to make Highland Lakes stand out when a potential buyer is deciding where to move to.

The committee is also exploring the possibility of forming a "Goodwill" type of group to help members who qualify for the Club's dues discount program with property maintenance and simple house repairs, should this be needed. These ideas were presented to the board which agreed that we should continue to work on these topics. We're always looking for people to join this committee so please consult the Newsette or the website for future meeting dates.



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Donations Needed for a Highland Lakes Family

DENISE EICKMEYER-TZE

Please consider helping Cpl. Harry Russo and his family. This HL family lost their home July 21 to a fire. Police are requesting that donations be made in the form of a gift card that can be dropped off at the Vernon Township Police Department Dispatch Center, 21 Church St., Vernon NJ 07462; 973-764-6155. You may also go onto the "gofundme" account at: <https://www.gofundme.com/the-russo-family/donate>. Any questions call Denise Eickmeyer-Tze 973-764-5373. Thank you.

Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

To keep our property values up our lakes must be in good shape.

- Maintain your septic systems.
- Be aware that any chemicals used on your property eventually reach the lake as run-off.
- Trees and vegetation act as a natural filter - preserve them.
- If you must use fertilizers, choose environmentally sound products.
- Remove any accumulated debris from the top of storm drains in front of your property.
- Pick up after your dog - and dispose of the collection bags in YOUR TRASH.
- Keep in mind that ALL storm drains in the community eventually reach the lake.



Summer Athletics

PATRICK ECKHART, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

As the athletics season comes to a close, I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the coordinators, coaches, and umpires that have volunteered their time this summer. We could not have done this without you. We look forward to the continued success of our athletic program for years to come. REMINDER: if you or your child were not present at the last week of youth activities, you can claim your trophy or medal at the clubhouse activity center. Let's get to the action.

Monday:

No activities held due to the heavy rainfall.

Tuesday:

Mosquito League (ages 6-8, 9 am, Field 1)

Coordinator: Peter Parigi

Game postponed due to wet field conditions.

Butterfly League (ages 9-11, 6 pm, Field 1)

Coordinator: Chip Ziegler

The Blue Jays and Robins got together and played the sixth game of the season on Tuesday evening. Christina Kievit and Ashley Antonini both hit home runs for the Blue Jays. Ali Roman and Megan Emmerich kept the Robins close with some hard hits and heads-up defense, but the Blue Jays prevailed to win the game by the score of 14-6. Nice job girls.

Men's Basketball (ages 17+, 6 pm, Field 1 courts)

The Orange Team welcomed back veteran point guard Luke Madden who made his 2017 debut. Luke made his presence felt immediately, raining a barrage of three pointers and leading the Orange team to a 3-1 record on the night. Blue suffered their first losing night of the season, and will look to rebound against Grey and Orange next week.

Standings: Blue 10-4, Orange 8-6, Grey 1-9

Wednesday:

Tennis Lessons (ages 5-8, 9 am, Beach 1 tennis courts)

Coordinator: Darren Werner

We had a beautiful morning for Wednesday tennis. We warmed up and practiced ball control by bouncing the balls up and down with the racquets. The coaches put the kids



There is nothing better than starting your week off with some HLCC tennis.

through some hitting drills, both backhand and forehand. Some of these kids have really impressive backhand strokes. The kids were able to get some extra time playing four square. We spent extra time practicing serving this week. The kids did some serving drills at the fence, and then served one on one to each other for the second half of practice. We finished up by playing some fun games of Jail and Clear the Court. See you Wednesday for the final session and some mini games.

Thursday:

Girls Farm Team (ages 4-5, 9 am, Field 1)

Coordinators: Patrick Eckhart

The Girls Farm Team got together for the seventh time this season on Thursday morning. After warming up, we played a fun game of ball scramble. The girls were eager to hit, so we loaded up the tee and let them swing away. We are seeing the balls go further and further, and that's a good thing. The girls had a fun time running the bases to conclude practice. See you next week.

Grasshopper League (ages 9-11, 6 pm, Field 1)

Coordinators: Frank Fogge, Robbie Wisniewski

This game will be postponed until next week due to the rescheduled swim meet at Green Pond.

Standings: Wasps 3-2, Hornets 2-3

Friday:

Kids Soccer (ages 5-12, 9 am, Field 1)

Coordinator: Annika Salomonsson and Chris Conway

We held our fifth soccer practice of the season on Friday (8/11) morning. The kids were excited to get some live game action in, so we flew through our dribbling and passing drills. Ali Roman stopped many shots on goal, she is some goalie. Edie Roman played some ferocious defense and Chaz Vought added two goals. The little guys played some fun mini games and held two separate scrimmages at the end. Soccer was a lot of fun all around. See you Friday.

Gem League (ages 6-8, 10 am, Field 1)

Coordinator: Vaida Yesse

The Gems took the field Friday (8/11) morning following soccer. The Red Gems batted first and jumped to an early lead behind strong hitting from Abby Roman and Lauren Emmerich. Yellow Gems were led by leadoff hitter and shortstop Reese Pietrucha who had a great overall game. Nice job girls.

Boys Little League (ages 12-16, 6 pm, Field 2)

Coordinators: Patrick Eckhart

The Choctaws and Comanches faced off in the fourth game of the season Friday (8/11) evening. The Comanches jumped to an early lead behind the strong hitting and pitching from Peter Parigi. The Choctaws stormed a huge comeback lead by Frank Fogge who hit a grand slam to left center. Owen Corbutt and James Brantner set the table all night for the boys in purple. Michael Puccio played some strong defense for the Comanches, but it was not enough as the Choctaws took a close one, 17-15. Great game boys. Special thanks to Bill Dignan for umpiring.

8/18 Co v Ch

Sunday:

Men's softball (ages 17+, 5 pm, Field 2)

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Happy Walkers

MARYJANE WISNIEWSKI

August 7 - Rain rain go away the girls want to go out and play. It rained on Monday so our whole group wasn't walking. There were a few hearty souls that did walk in the rain. Gee was Gene Kelly around? See you all next Monday 9 am at Beach 1. Keep on stepping.

August 14 - We had a very good group, everyone had their great teal t-shirts on and it was a beautiful day for walking. See you all on Monday at 9 am.



The winning team of (left to right) Rich Carmody, Luke Madden, John Harrington, and Chuck Harrington.

Men's Golf Outing

RAY LOUGHREN

I would like to thank everyone who came out to play this year. We had 56 golfers in all - a great turnout. The winning team with a score of 11 under was made up of Chuck Harrington, John Harrington, Luke Madden, and Rich Carmody. Longest drive went to John Harrington, and closest to the pin was won by Vin Puccio. Special thanks to my co-chairs Mike Sweeney and Matt Breunig, Vinny Gagliostro for the delicious food and Rooster Tees for the great hats. Next year marks the 50th Anniversary of the event. The date will be August 3 and it's sure to be a good time.

Bocce in Full Swing

MICHELE SHAEFFER, TEAM COORDINATOR

We are in full swing with our summer rolling right along. We've played many games to date with both Red & Green winning many games a piece; with lot's of fun being had by all. On Wednesday, the 30th at 1 pm we will have our annual group lunch at Tony's in Stockholm on Route 23. We are having a great bocce season.



Pickleball News

DORI ZARR

Wednesday (8/9) brought the players, especially after being rained out on Monday. There were 16 of us and level of play seems to get better each week. Normally we start at 6 pm, but several athletic individuals began at 5:45. We play up to 7 points, win by 2 when anyone is waiting. Whenever a newbie drops by, we all take time to welcome him/her and then we take turns teaching rules and strokes.

HLCC Ladies Bowling

JUDI SUNDA AND PAT WOOTTON

Six weeks have passed us by. Where has the summer gone? And the lady pro-bowlers of Highland Lakes continue to astonish! Here are the highlights of week 6:

- Doreen Cordes - double
- Dolores Gaspari - 159
- Joyce Healy - 169, 39 pins over average!
- Judi Sunda - double, 2/7 split
- Pat Wootton - 166, 3/10 split, 155, double
- Jennifer Ziegler - 7/8/10 split, 6/7 split
- Dianne Kelly - double, 173



COME OUT for an HLCC TRADITION!

The Frank Henninger Memorial **4.5 MILES**

40th Annual Jog-a-thon

NO FEES! NO TROPHIES! JUST GOOD FUN FOR ALL!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th 10am

STARTS & ENDS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

WALK, JOG, STROLL or any combination!

SIGN-UPS, JOGGER'S JUICE and DONUTS at 9:30AM.

All are WELCOME - including PETS!!

GET DETAILS IN THE NEWSETTE OR AT HLCC.ORG



FJ Updates

KRISSY AMATO

Week of July 23 and July 30

July 23 was one of the season's largest crowds with eleven crews working hard out there on the course. The traditional fluky winds once again brought out the best in all of the lake sailors. The first race was won by the crew of James and Abbey. The second race had a little more wind and was won by the team of John Wayne and Hannah. There were also many all family crews out this weekend rounding out the fleet.

Congrats to all the FJ sailors who joined in and had a great time. A special thank you to the race committee crew and lifeguards who helped out to make the race possible. To the rest of you FJ sailors out there, dust off your sails, rig up your boats and please come out and join the fun.

July 30 was the windiest day of the season so far for our intrepid FJ skippers and their crew. Thanks to all of the extra wind, the modest fleet of ten boats sailed two long course races with lots tacking up the lake.

Once again the teams of John Wayne and Hannah and James and Abbey fought it out for first place honors. The team of Mark and Sue gave both of them a run for their money as they all competed for the top three slots. Lou and Carissa maintained a constant standing this week in fourth. The real battle on the course, however, seems to be for last place. It's starting to become a toss up as to whether the team of Rick and Chris or Krissy and Dom will earn last place honors. Both teams are very thankful actual times aren't posted with the results, but contend that it's more about having fun and enjoying these beautiful summer days on the lake.

We missed all of those who couldn't make it out this week, but look forward to seeing you next week. If you are interested in checking out this fun-loving, talented fleet please come on down to the sailing center on Sundays and join us. No experience required, but you can almost be guaranteed that someone will try to sell you a boat if you show any promise whatsoever.



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Catfish Derby Report 2017

MICHAEL EWASKO, CHAIRMAN, FISHING COMMITTEE

The 2017 Annual Catfish Derby took place once again at the swim lanes during Family Day with 31 registered anglers. Everyone wondered if the fishing would be as good as last year's remarkable total of 400+ verified catches. With some children ready and waiting with rod and reel in hand before the 5 pm start, the contest got underway quickly. Within minutes the line to report and record catches began backing up and remained that way for almost the entire contest. At one point there were anglers in line five deep with fish hanging from their lines. Catches were steady and consistent and if anyone doubted how aggressive the fish were this day the photo of one Sunfish being caught and landed on two hooks at the same time says it all!

The variety of species caught during the event leaned heavily towards Bluegills and Sunfish with only one Bass,

two Crappie and one Perch being caught although Catfish were surprisingly absent. The baits used to entice fish ranged from the traditional night crawlers to hot dogs and bacon and even to a newly tried and tested bait...venison which has recently proven to be an excellent bait for Channel Catfish.

Hot dogs and soft drinks were provided by the committee as usual but most anglers were reluctant to lay their rods down and take a break for even a minute. By the end of the derby almost 500 fish were tallied; surely an all time record for this event. Trophies were awarded to all notable catches and the HLCC Fish Committee received kudos for a successful event.

If you missed this event, please watch the Newsette and/or club website for future fishing activities or consider attending the monthly committee meetings at the clubhouse on the second Thursday of the month at 8 pm.



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September 4, 2017

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HL Ladies Golf Outing Recap

SUE FOLEY BURUCHIAN

The second Tuesday in August is always reserved for the HLCC Annual Ladies Golf Outing. This past Tuesday was no exception. A total of 20 women took to the holes at the beautiful Farmstead Golf Course and challenged themselves to a day of pars, sand traps, long drives and putts. It was fantastic. Betty Lynch, as past year's HL winner, planned a terrific day with fabulous golf with a delicious luncheon afterwards. Thank you Betty for such a great outing.

The winners for this year are, first of all, all the ladies who



Ladies Golf Participants



The Foley Cup

came out. All enjoyed the day with sunshine, camaraderie and laughs. We all compared our shots whether in my case, through the trees or as otherwise stated, a shot of a lifetime. It makes it all fun knowing we had a day away from our normal schedules. The winner of the Foley Cup is HL member, Eileen Sieminski. She had a low

calloway score of 38. (Calloway scoring helps even up the scores for those that don't have a lot of experience versus those who play often. This system is purposely used to help golfers join in the fun and still have a shot, if you will, at the awards.) Talented Diane Kelly ended up taking a few awards; longest drive, fewest putts (15)

and second low gross. Most honest golfer went to new member, Janet Zatta, so nice of you to join us. Low gross went to sure shot Kathleen Deady and the Team Award went to threesome Paula Kloza, Dianne Kelly, Janet Zatta won the team ball. Well done.

Lastly, thank you all for helping, Joanne Poppe for her delicious

chocolates, OnLine Embroidery for player visors and HL hats to the winners, and Betty Lynch and crew for selling tickets, coordinating the outing and for just simply a great day out. See you all next year. We look forward to next year's outing with 'bring a friend or daughter day' August, 2018. Congratulations again to Eileen Sieminski. Well played.



2017 Winners: Deady, Sieminski, Kelly, Zatta

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SUE BURUCHIAN



Betty Lynch 2016 Winner

Lisa Loeb to perform in HL on October 21

MICHAEL GELFAND

Even when you start your career off like Lisa Loeb did with a massive hit, there's no guarantee that your fame and fortune will last forever. But when Loeb followed her breakthrough platinum-selling hit (1994's "Stay" from the movie Reality Bites) with two back-to-back gold-certified albums (Tails, and the Grammy-nominated Firecracker), notice was served far and wide that she had the talent, songwriting chops, and artistic drive to remain a vital artist for the long run.

In the time that has passed since her startling debut Loeb has remained hard at work on her craft, and it shows—she has enjoyed a steady stream of hits on the pop charts ever since. Today she remains true to the emotional alt-rock she first became synonymous with decades ago, but her artistic horizons have expanded to include "kids" music in addition to acting and writing. With her highly anticipated October 21 performance in Highland Lakes creeping up, the Newsette caught up with Loeb for a quick chat about success, creative maturity and songs about disappointing pancakes.

Your life has changed a lot since your early achievements. How has success and maturity changed your approach to songwriting today?

I've been doing this since I was a kid, and had my first hit in 1994, which is 23 years ago. Ten years ago I felt pressure to get my songs on the radio, but it was a different climate for musicians back then. Now I'm on the other side of that



Photo courtesy of Photographer, Taso Papadakis

pressure. I have a good national following, and can play in nice theaters—which was always my goal. I wanted to be like Shawn Colvin, who's a great singer-songwriter and storyteller, and someone with popular status who's connected with people but still

has her roots. I get to do that now.

What do you hear now when you listen back to yourself and evaluate your songwriting compared to what you're writing now?

When I hear my earlier recordings, it

was so important to me for everything to be perfect. But now when I write and record, there's a very different passion and intensity then when I was writing about relationships in my twenties. For me, it's about finding the Zen of sitting down and writing. In your job as a creative person, you just have to set aside time, space, and materials to write and create things. But you have to have a lot of fun, too. I find a lot of purpose performing for kids and their families. I like playing songs that tell slightly whimsical stories.

I also think it's fun to play kids songs in my grownup shows. It's a sophisticated but slightly silly feeling to hear a whole crowd listening and laughing together. When I play songs from my early records it sometime feels like I'm making a presentation standing in front of a piece of art. But when people gather around to hear a new story about a disappointing pancake, that's different. Summer camp songs are a part of who I am, and performing that music in small theaters is where I can make a magical connection.

Tickets for Lisa Loeb's upcoming October 21 show at Seckler Stage are available now in the Club Office 973-764-4366, or by calling 973-271-9780. Prices are \$25 for members-in-good-standing and their guests, \$30 for non-members. Doors open at 7 pm, and the show starts at 8 pm, all seats are on a first-come basis. For more information, go to www.hlcc.org/events/concert-series.



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The Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hi, everyone. Hope all is well with you and yours and you’re keeping up with the myriad of great activities and events here on top of the mountain. We love keeping active, but it’s also very nice to take a “breather” every now and then. An idea came across the old gray matter and it seemed like a GOOD idea to talk about in this article: How many of us are aware of how we show a side of ourselves that is pleasant to others? Well, we all try to be pleasant, don’t we? I’ve written about smiling more each day....remember, more than 3 xs per day? How about being full of grace? I don’t mean behaving as graceful ballerinas dance, but showing a side of ourselves by using gracious words that is always the right thing to do. Ex: The US Masters Golf Tournament started in 1934, and since then there have only been three players winning it two years in a row. On April 10, 2016, it appeared that Jordan Spieth would become the 4th player, but his last nine holes weren’t quite up to par (no pun intended) and he finished in a tie for 2nd place. Even though this loss must have been disappointing to him, Spieth was very gracious toward the champion Danny Willett, congratulating him on his victory and on the birth of his 1st child, something “more important than golf.”

Karen Krouse wrote in The New York Times: “It takes grace to see the big picture so soon after having to sit through a trophy ceremony and watch someone else have his photograph taken.” She continued, “Spieth’s ball-striking was off all week, but his character emerged unscathed.”

Having read that, I was impressed and it made me smile because that player was truly a gentleman for whom his parents would be proud. Are you that kind of gentle-person with a character full of grace? All too often we find ourselves in settings where someone is rude to others: EX: An emcee is trying to run an event in front of a roomful of people and he/she cannot be heard even with a microphone. Talking incessantly at a time like that is just plain rude and it doesn’t present a

very kind picture of those involved. How about during meetings? We’ve all sat through scads of them in our lives and why is there always someone not showing grace? I certainly can’t omit the use of our hi-tech world of communications and there are those who forget grace and send messages of varying kinds full of unkind words. Yikes. Do you REALLY know who will read those messages? Would your family be proud of you being less than a “grace-full” person?

It’s a real treat for me to go to Johnston Toyota in Middletown because everyone there, EVERYONE, is full of grace. I have never heard an unkind word, I have never seen poor manners and it’s a joy to experience intelligent, kind, “grace-full” employees. Kudos to their beautifully run establishment. I highly recommend this car dealership even for just a visit to prove me correct.

Look, my friends, we only go around once in this life....it does have an expiration date and we shouldn’t be so “into” ourselves thinking we should be in control of everything and that we know what’s best. Good people-skills are not highly over-rated. Can you be more aware of how you come across to others in any given setting? Can we let past issues stay IN THE PAST and get over them by showing true growth? Can we not belittle others when speaking and can we just keep our mouths closed long enough to actually LISTEN (not just hear) others? Of course we can. We were all born with a good heart that can hold a lifetime of grace. Let’s just be nice to others, let’s know our limitations. Let us know when to step back or step down and ask for assistance and be full of grace when it’s offered and given. Deal? Deal. Excellent. The Mighty Seniors are very busy folks who display this grace to others in all that they do. Come on down to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of the month at 7 pm for fellowship, fun, great coffee and, informative guest speakers and more. Do you want more info? Call me and ask, 845-544-3749. I’m here to help at all times. Love ya, Joyce H.

Highland Lakes Wins Back-to-Back Meets, Finishes Season Undefeated

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

The Highland Lakes Swim Team faced a congested schedule in the final week of the 2017 Lakeland Swim Conference due to a postponed week-5 match-up with Green Pond. Facing the prospect of back-to-back Wednesday/Thursday meets in the lead up to “A” Championships, Highland Lakes swimmers rose to the challenge.

On Wednesday evening, the team played host to our neighbors to the east, the Township of West Milford. Following annual tradition, the meet started a little early with an “exhibition” race amongst our 6 and Under group, who don’t get to normally swim at LSC dual meets. The crowds were treated to a great set of races in the “ABC” Lanes, including swims from: Skyler Werner, Ryan Allen-Poole, Olympia Hall, Lauren Emmerich, Silas Elliot, Nathaniel McCarthy and Abigail Roman. A special congratulations goes out to this crew, who swam great, and have put in a lot of time and effort in improving their strokes, swimming endurance, and cannonballs/crazy jumps down at practice every day this season!

Following the youngest members of the team’s showcase, we said ‘farewell’ to our graduating seniors who are either aging out of the team, and/or headed to college in just a few short days. In most cases, our “Senior Swimmers” were greeted on the dock by a younger sibling and balloons, symbolizing their soaring potential as they grow into adulthood. This great group of young adults will be missed around the lanes: Christopher Beninati, Anna Campbell, Maggie Corbutt, Renee Kabbez, Tyler Ruiz, Emmaline Stoddard, Julia Tze, and Robert Wisniewski.

The meet which followed was largely a lopsided affair, as the strength, depth, and size of the Highland Lakes squad overwhelmed the Devil Rays of West Milford. From start to finish, the Highland Lakes Swim Team brought their best, as swimmers showed great improvement across the board, with several swimmers seizing one of the last opportunities to earn an “A” time and an invitation to the league championships. In the end, Highland Lakes won the meet 299-248.

The following day, Thursday, August 10th, Highland Lakes traveled to Green Pond to face off against the Mussels in a make-up meet and a last-ditch chance at “A” times. Highland Lakes swimmers flexed their muscles and swam away victoriously with a final score of 305-253. The win moved the team’s overall record to 6-0, and 3-0 within the White Division, meaning this year’s team has earned the right to be called the 2017 Undefeated LSC White Division. Champions! Congratulations to each and every member of the team who contributed to this championship season. While there is no doubt that the “A” lane swimmers of the team have shown themselves to be amongst the strongest in the league, this division title was won by our B and C swimmers who consistently out swam their counterparts on the other teams. In the end, it was our depth as a squad that fueled our success this season, and everyone truly had their own part to play in this impressive season. This coach is beaming with pride!

2017 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

LOU IANNUCCI, SAILING COORDINATOR, 973-764-7042 OR HLCCSAILING@GMAIL.COM

Below are the 2017 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road.

Please take note of the following dates:
All Boat Regatta: Saturday, August 19 at 9 am
Sailor’s Picnic: Sunday, September 3 at 4 pm

Senior Sunfish Races – All races Sundays at 2:30 pm.
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Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am
Arrive by 10:45
Maryjane Kresic: (973) 764-0452
August 23, 30

Ladies Sunfish Races – Thursdays at 11 am
Irene Boeren: (973) 764-7371
August 24, 31
Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11 am
Maryjane Kresic: (973) 764-0452
August 18, 25 / Sept. 1
Force 5 Sailing Races – Saturdays at 11 am
Erika Rodger: (201) 961-3092
August 26 / Sept. 2
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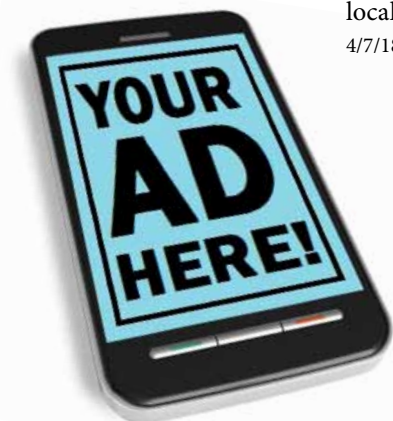
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Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

We finally got our two young phenoms out on the race course on the same day. Joey Gaston and Ally Latham lined up on the starting line with fire in their eyes and grit in their souls. The only problem was that Ally was, unfortunately, outmatched, as the much larger sails towered over her at the starting horn. Her spirits were not deterred, however, as she chugged along showing off that natural talent of hers. Victory for the rest of us was determined by who made the fewest minor mistakes. In the first race, my “minor” mistake was when I hit the last mark before heading home on the final upwind leg (oopsie). Needless to say, by the time I finished my penalty turn, Bob Koeck was long gone and young Joey was zeroing in on me like a drooling rabid raccoon. Luckily, I had my rabies shots and was just able to fend him off at the finish.

Things turned out a little differently in the second race. Bob and Joey made the minor miscues this time. As I was approaching that same dreaded mark that had done me in previously, I heard a loud splash some 15 yards to my stern. It was Bob taking an unrehearsed dip. Joey took his turn splashing and thrashing two buoys prior.

Many thanks to my impromptu Dock Committee, namely Bob Williams and Chip Ehrhardt whose incredible dock skills had the races going off smoothly with hardly a hitch. When asked what the wind speed was at the time of the race, Chip just simply stuck a wet index finger into the air and stated “12 miles per hour”. Now that’s what I’m talking about. See you on the line.

Race 1	Race 2
1 - Bob Koeck	1 - Kevin Gaston
2 - Kevin Gaston	2 - Bob Koeck
3 - Joey Gaston	3 - Joey Gaston
4 - Ally Latham	4 - Ally Latham

Team Tennis

KNOX STRUBE

On August 5 , Mother Nature seemed to be teasing the Team Tennis players once again this year. It rained until 6 am and that doesn’t leave much time to get the courts dry by 9am. But Jerry, our fearless leader, and Michelle got to the courts a bit early and went to work mopping up the puddles. Many thanks to them for their hard work even before tennis. When play was ready to begin and the weather perfect for tennis, 12 players were ready to get on the courts. With only 12 playing, we don’t get to rest and sit out between matches. We used the format of 6 games per match and then switched partners and opponents. At the end of 2 hours, we all were a bit tired but each of us was able to enjoy a great day of tennis and wonderful men’s, women’s and mixed double matches.

If you are wondering who wins these matches, just come down and join in playing tennis with all of us. Meet us on Saturday mornings from 9 - 11 am at the tennis courts at Beach 1. Just bring your racquet, water, badge and sneakers. We welcome players of all levels. Hope to see you soon on the tennis courts.

Junior Singles Sunfish Race

EMMALINE STODDARD

It was a very hot, sunny day for the juniors’ singles race on Wednesday, August 9. The wind kept changing direction. What started out as a course 3 shifted to a course 1 before the 3-minute countdown. We made the decision to change the course to a course 1. During the countdown, the wind shifted again, so that part of our first leg was actually downwind. The wind speed was more on the medium-low side, so we sailed around the three red buoys.

We do not have many races left in this season. We welcome any juniors who are interested in trying to sail singles and implore anyone intrigued by sailing to give it a try.

Results:	
1 - Emmaline	4 - JT
2 - Dennis	5 - Declan
3 - Richie	6 - Cora

FJ Fleet

KRISSY AMATO

This week was another busy week out on the lake for the FJ fleet. While the winds didn’t remain consistent, the order of top finishers certainly did. With 11 boats and some good gusts, sailors enjoyed a long course around the island for the first race with Will and MaryJane taking the lead, followed by Mark and Sue in second, and James and Abbey rounding out the top three. Robert and Hannah came in fourth.

The second race brought lighter winds so the course was shortened, but Will and MaryJane again managed to pull out a first place, followed by the Buruchian team, James and Abbey, and the father-daughter Wisniewski team.

There were some new faces out on the course these past few weeks enjoying the fun of this fleet. If you have an FJ, come on out and join this growing fleet at 11 am sharp. If you don’t, bring your lifejacket down to the dock and we will find a crew spot so you can see what all the fun is about.

Junior Doubles Sunfish Race

EMMALINE STODDARD

It was Tennis Ball in the Hoop Day for the juniors on Friday, August 11. We sailed an altered course because of this. We sailed to the red buoy by the island first. Next, we had to sail to one of the start buoys, and then horizontally to the other start buoy. At each start buoy there was an inflatable tube that acted as a hoop. Before the race, each boat was given a tennis ball that we wrote our initials on. When we got to the hoops, we had to throw our tennis ball into one of the hoops. It did not matter which hoop we threw our tennis ball into, but each boat still had to sail by both hoops. After the hoops, we sailed to the red buoy by the dam, and then to the finish.

We sailed a second race, devoid of tennis balls. The course remained similar; we sailed to the red buoys by the island and the dam, but we did not have to sail to either hoop as we passed by the starting line.

During the races, there were some strong gusts present. The sun struggled at times to be seen through the layer of clouds that blanketed the sky. Our theme day next week is Scavenger Hunt Day, which is a really exciting one. The week after is Squirt Gun Day. There are not many races left, so if you have even the slightest interest of being a part of this fantastic fleet, please feel free to come on down.

Race 1:	Race 2:
1 - Robbie and Nico	1 - Grant and Dash
2 - JT and Michael P.	2 - Robbie and Nico
3 - Emmaline and Michael E.	3 - JT and Michael P.
4 - Richie and Lorenzo	4 - Richie and Lorenzo
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10 - Ariana and Gabriella	10 - Hannah and Abbey
11 - Lia and Vaida	11 - Mr. Salomonsson and Isadora
12 - Annika and Sofia S.	12 - Annika and Sofia S.
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14 - Peter and Nick	14 - Lia and Vaida
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