

The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Upcoming Clubhouse Events

February 9

Breakfast

March 9

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 22

Cabin Fever Dance (Adult Dance) Featuring "The Shed"

April 5

Craft Fair

April 12

Fundraiser Dinner



From the President's Desk

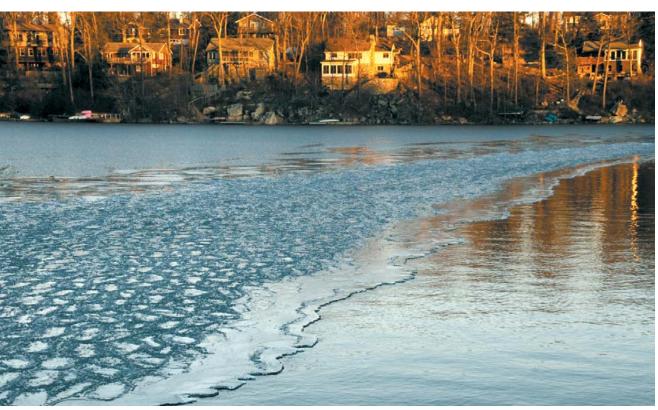
BOB HUGHES, PRESIDENT

This edition of the Newsette ushers in a new "electronic" era in Highland Lakes publishing. The traditional "hard copy" edition is still available at the Clubhouse, and you can continue to access it at the Club's website (www.hlcc. org), and you'll notice that its design has been improved and that it now includes color photos. Our thanks go out to the Communications Committee, especially chairman Tom Dolle, Sue Ross and Michael Gelfand, as well as the office staff, especially Roe Hall and Jack McLaughlin, for all of their efforts throughout the transition period.

An update on December and January Club matters includes the following:

- The New Year's Eve Party was most enjoyable and successful due to the efforts of the Clubhouse Committee.
- The Club has received a partial FEMA reimbursement related to Tropical Storm Lee damage.
- Paving has been completed on 1.1 miles of roads.
- Welcome to Tom Dolle, longtime Communications
 Committee member as its New Chair. Thanks to him for
 his help designing the "new" Newsette—his experience as
 an award winning creative director helped drive many of
 the changes you'll see in the Newsette moving forward.
- The Club has purchased a new GMC truck and plow, replacing our 2000 vehicle.
- The anticipated delivery date for the new docks will be late April.
- A motion was approved appropriating \$15,000 for equipment related to the Concert Series. Revenue from performances will reimburse the Club for the purchase. Details are being finalized so please watch future Newsettes for upcoming concerts.
- A presentation by the Building and Grounds Committee related to the Clubhouse parking lot project is scheduled for the February Workshop.

Enjoy the Super Bowl. It's the Giants vs. the Jets, right! I have a question for the media...Has East Rutherford, NEW JERSEY been ceded to the State of New York?



The Main Lake transitions from water to ice in January of 2012. Photos by Dennis Dalelio

Deep Freeze



Residents hit the ice on Lake 1 to play hockey for the firs ttime of the season in January of 2014.

Introducing the New Newsette

As you can see, the *Newsette* has undergone some major upgrades, and we want readers and contributors alike to know what's changed, why we made these changes, and how these changes might affect how you read and/or contribute to the *Newsette* moving forward.

Why the Newsette changed

The need to switch the *Newsette's* print production to a new printer was driven by the realities of our everchanging world. The *Newsette's* longtime printer used outdated equipment and unsustainable production methods that jeopardized the Club's ability to publish the *Newsette* on an ongoing basis. As a result, the Club Office and the Communications Committee identified a new publishing vendor that uses more sophisticated technology and more reliable printing equipment, and we formally shifted the production and printing of the *Newsette* to this vendor as of February, 2014.

It's the same Newsette you know, only better

The *Newsette* will continue to be a print publication, but in a new size and format. Production requirements

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will change, though, meaning the requirements for article submissions will change (see below). The new printer's conventional production requirements require us to collect and send them individual articles in a digital format for layout. (Our old-school practice of assembling individually printed text and graphics and pasting them onto a single page to be photographed for printing is inefficient and outdated.)

Moving to a printer who uses modern digital production technology is a practical necessity that streamlines the work for our unpaid volunteers and also allows us to improve the overall design of the new Newsette in many ways. (Some of the most obvious improvements are that articles are easier to read, and we can publish higher resolution, color photos, plus so much more).

Newsette requirements for contributors submitting articles

If you want to submit an article to be published in an upcoming issue of the *Newsette*, please adhere to the following rules:

• Feature articles should be 400-600 words and must include a headline subheads (where necessary) and an author byline. (Your computer's word processing application likely keeps a running word count, but if you don't know how or where to find it, please refer to the Help tool within that application. To manually calculate the approximate word count for your article, count the number of words in a single paragraph and divide that number by the number of lines in the paragraph to determine the average number of words per line, then multiply that number by the total

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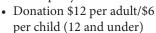
number of lines in your article.)

- All other submissions (including committee meetings, club events, activities, and miscellaneous news) should be 150 words or less, and must include a headline and an author byline.
- The minimum requirement for photos and other artwork is 150 dpi, and all photos and artwork must be submitted electronically. (Historical photos must be scanned so that files can be submitted electronically.) Please attach photos and artwork to the email with the article submission to keep things organized.

St. Patrick's Family Dinner

CAMILLE SPINELLA

This year the Saint Patrick's Family Dinner Buffet will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2014 from 5pm-7pm. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage, shepherds pie and hot dogs for the children. Come on down to party.



• DJ Mark Izzo will be spinning the Irish tunes

- General Admission Seating Only
- BYOB--Coffee and tea will be available
- For additional info please contact Camille Spinella at 973-764-7147.
- Tickets may be obtained through the Club Office or the Clubhouse Committee.
- BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!

SNOW PLOWING SNOW BLOWING No Yearly Contracts First Call First Served per storm 764-4810 973-670-7347

Rules and Regulations

The complete Highland Lakes Country Club Rules and Regulations are published on our website at http:/ hlcc.org/members/governance/rules-and-regulations/. It is every member's responsibility to follow these rules for the health, safety and welfare of all members.

In each issue of the Newsette, we'll focus on one of those rules and site the reasons why that rule is so important for all members.

7. The presence of combustion engines of any type, whether designed to power a boat, vehicle or mechanical device such as an ice auger or snow thrower, are prohibited on any of the Club's lakes unless needed by the Club for rescue, safety or maintenance, or as authorized by the Voting Board.

The clear, clean water and safe use of our lakes takes stewardship that is the cornerstone of the Club. Not allowing for any situation where fuel could accidentally spill into our waters is an important safeguard against unwanted pollution.

Upcoming Meetings

Building and Grounds - Monday, February 17 - 7 pm Clubhouse - Wednesday, February 5 - 7 pm Ecology - Thursday, February 13 - 7 pm Fishing - Thursday, February 13 - 8 pm Planning - Tuesday, February 11 - 7 pm Roads - Thursday, February 6 - 7 pm Voting Board Workshop - Wednesday, February 12 - 8 pm Voting Board Meeting - Friday, February 21 - 8 pm Annual Meeting - Sunday, August 17 - 2 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change, please verify meeting times by contacting the Chairperson of the Committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.

Thank You!

BY A MEMBER

I'm sure there is another article in this Newsette that states the names of those involved in the successful New Year's celebration. As last minute changes were needed, the following people stepped up to ascertain that WE, the members who attended the event, had a great time.

Thank you specifically to Carol/Steve Hastie, Kathy/Russ Strube, Jack/Joyce Healy and Cathy Kenny who all helped literally serve us. Your extra efforts did not go unnoticed! It's volunteers like you that make living in HL so special. Happy New Year to you all... and thanks again. It was a grand, delicious time.

Send us your favorite Highland Lakes photos to HLCC@warwick.net. Please include information about the picture and a photo credit. High res files preferred.

Ice Safety Tips

Anyone who loves to ice skate is thrilled to see cold weather without precipitation. It opens up a whole new world that usually doesn't last for very long. All too often, especially in recent winters, the temperature goes up and causes the ice to melt, or snow begins to fall and ice loses its luster and glide. There have been a few "good days" this winter when the lake looked like it was going to be perfect and then temperatures rose.

Fluctuating temperatures require deliberate scrutiny

of the ice before you can declare it safe enough to venture out. Many experts say that it should be at least 3-4 inches in depth. Before going out it is suggested that you use an ice pick, spud bar or cordless drill to make a few holes that will enable you to measure the actual thickness. Even then it is important to remember that ice does not freeze uniformly.

Here are a few things you should know:

- Clear, black ice is stronger than white or bubble-filled ice.
- Sub-surface currents and fresh-water springs can make

ice thickness variable.

- Once on the ice, you are safer if you don't stand in large groups.
- It's not a good idea to drink alcohol while outside on a cold day. It increases your chances for hypothermia and affects your ability to react to dangerous conditions.

Take some easy precautions once you've determined the ice to be safe:

- Bring a buddy but put some distance between you. If either of you were to fall in, the other may be able to help.
- Dress for cold weather. Wear your hat and gloves. Layer up and wear an outer layer that is both wind- and waterproof.
- A pair of ice picks or screw drivers with a sturdy length
 of rope between them is easy enough to carry along and
 could be used to pull yourself out of open water if the ice
 were to break
- Bring your cell phone wrapped in a watertight bag so that you could call for help if needed.

This information was drawn from the LGA News, an official publication of the Lake George Association, January/ February 2011 edition. For more ice safety tips go to http://www.lakegeorgeassociation.org/publications/documents/ JanFeb2011newsletterforweb 000.pdf







Twentieth Annual Highland Lakes Ice Fishing Derby

Saturday, February 15, 2014 (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

MAIN LAKE ONLY!

Awards given for largest:

nas given BASS: MUSKIE:

WALLEYE:

Perch, Sunny, Crappie

PICKEREL: Excluded this Year. Please release if caught.
Registration and weigh-in will be at the Clubhouse throughout the day

Derby Entry requirements:

- A. 2014 New Jersey Fishing License
- B. 2013 Highland Lakes Member Badge or current Guest Badge
- C. Completed Registration Form

NJ Fish and Game 2014 Ice Fishing Regulations are in effect.

Questions? 973-764-7561

Sponsored by the Highland Lakes Fishing Committee

Next Newsette: March 1, 2014

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club office at hlcc@warwick.net. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!



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New Docks to Be Delivered This Spring

After extensive research by volunteers of the Boat and Dock Committee, chaired by Ken Boschert, the Highland Lakes Voting Board approved the purchase of new docks. The docks, which have been ordered and are due to arrive on or about April 30, are similar to the two systems that were installed last summer at the Club Park and Beach 4 locations. They are made of specially engineered plastic and are modular in construction.

The new docks will replace our current docks—many of which have been in service since 1989—at Beach 3, Comet Row, the Eckhart Sailing Center and Club Park. The modular nature of the new docks will enable us to configure them to suit our docking needs. Collectively they will provide 52 wet and 70 dry dock spaces for members.

The docks were purchased from TriState EZ Dock of Seaville, NJ, at a cost of nearly \$300,000. Funds for this expenditure were taken from the Asset Replacement Fund and the Capital Fund. The docks are covered by a ten-year parts and labor warranty. By purchasing them all at once, the Club received a 24 percent discount.

Keeping our physical assets in good working order is a primary responsibility of the Club's administrators, and something that the voting board and management take very seriously. Having a committee of knowledgeable and dedicated members in place to research this project and make educated recommendations to the board is essential to the Club's well being. Sincere thanks are extended to all who participated in the process.

Proposed Dock for Pontoon Boats

KEN BOSCHERT, CHAIRMAN, BOAT AND DOCK COMMITTEE

The Voting Board is considering the installation of a new dock exclusively for pontoon boats (with a maximum beam of 8 feet). The dock would be located south of Beach 2. Use of the dock would be provided for members in good standing who do not have property on the Main Lake, and would be subject to the lottery system now used for the other club docks.

The Committee and the Voting Board are looking for an indication of interest in the use of such a dock. If you are interested in the use of such a dock, please contact Ken Boschert at 973-764-9193 or leave him a message including your name, address, phone number, and the dimensions of your pontoon boat. Thank you for assisting in this project.

Gingerbread House Decorating

CAROL HASTIE. CLUBHOUSE CHAIRPERSON

Popularity Is Growing

The first year there were 14 gingerbread houses assembled and decorated, our second year increased to 21 houses, and this year we had 29 houses. They were all decorated with such amazing details. One had a swing set in the yard, one had a pond with fish, and another had a hot tub! Next year we will be splitting this event into two days, with one being for under-21 years of age, and the other for over-21. Watch for the date of next year's Gingerbread House Decorating. Special thanks go to Holland American Bakery for baking all of the gingerbread and to Jeanette, Jaime and Steve for helping assemble the houses.

Friendly Reminder from Vernon Animal Control

Vernon Animal Control reminds all dog owners that licenses expire January 31 of each year. Any dog which has attained the age of seven months or which possesses a set of permanent teeth must be licensed and have a current metal registration tag securely fastened to a collar or harness. Dog license applications may be obtained from the township's website at http://www.vernontwp.com/pdf/dog_license.pdf.

Licensing fees are as follows:

- Spayed/neutered dog: \$11.00
- Non-spayed/neutered dog: \$14.00
- A late fee of \$5.00 will be added to the licensing fee if received after February 28
- Documented guide/service dogs are exempt from license fees but still must be licensed

Complete the application, enclose your check made payable to "Vernon Township Animal Control," and include proof of rabies vaccination and altering/spaying (if applicable) along with a self-addressed stamped envelope so that the license and proof can be returned.

Please note that your dog's rabies vaccination must be current through November 1 of the current license year in order to obtain a license. If your dog's vaccination expires before November 1 of this year, you must have your dog re-vaccinated before submitting this application and include a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate.

Have questions or need more information? Contact Vernon Township Animal Control at 973.764.7751.

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For the most current news on Highland Lakes events, activities and items of interest, visit the Club's website: www.hlcc.org. Here you will find a current calendar of events, the most recent edition of the HL Newsette, as well as archived editions, beach hours, notification of emergency beach closings, board and committee news, informative articles, photos and so much more.

Go to the website to join the Club's email list, too. Once your membership is verified, you will receive

our e-blast and all emergency notifications.

Boat/Dock Committee News

KEN BOSCHERT, CHAIRMAN, 973-764-9193

By now you might realize that the Club Office has mailed out its January invoices. Members who were assigned space last year should have received an application with their invoice. However, the 2014 lottery applications were NOT INCLUDED in the club mailing to the rest of the general membership. In order to be considered in this year's lottery, all members (including grandfathered members) who desire space on the Club docking facilities must submit the application on or before March 15, 2014.

The location of the docking facilities included in the lottery are listed on the application that is included in the Newsette, and additional applications are available at the club office and can be accessed online on the Club's website (www.hlcc. org/members-information/committees/boat-docks/). If you are interested in a dock space, please complete the application and return the completed application to Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association (attn: Boat/Dock Committee), PO Box 578,

Highland Lakes, NJ 07422 by March 15th. The lottery will be held by the Committee shortly after that date.

Please note that a 2014 application

must be submitted even if you were granted a dock space via the lottery last year or are on the grandfathered list. Please include the type of boat and size of boat being placed in the club space.

Certain dock spaces may be limited to specific types and sizes of boats. Boats that are unsuitable for dock space may be excluded from the drawing.

A boat may not occupy two spaces unless grandfathered as such. Dock spaces are not transferable. Abuse by any member may result in forfeiture of your space and/or future participation in the lottery.

Only members in good standing will be permitted to utilize dock space. Failure to pay all dues and assessments in full

your boat on its assigned space by July 5, 2014, will result in forfeiture of your space.

The Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY

This is the month we celebrate the stirrings of our hearts. Ladies, think of some of the chick-flicks you've watched that made you sigh or brought a tear to your eye... I'm such a "moosh" I need a box of Kleenex handy while engrossed in a movie, and I have a ceramics class buddy who can shed a tear or 20 at the drop of a hat, too. Love is such a broad emotion

GOLF: There is a distinct passion for golf that has its hooks in some of our Mighty Seniors. It brings a smile to their faces, lowers their blood pressure and it makes for happy spouses when they return home even if the game was so-so.

SAILING: What would HL be without sailing? Boring! It brings our kids, teens and seasoned captains joy as they maintain their mighty vessels, practice their skills and bring home the trophies and accolades.

ART: There are enormously talented professional artists in HL, knitters and crocheting experts, arts & crafts for kids, and beautiful creations coming from the ceramics class... Earth without art would just be "eh", lacking in creativity and the joy of accomplishment even if we're talking about that gorgeous water-color or finger-painted picture your grandchild made that hangs in that special place of honor on your 'fridge.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE: Many folks truly love working on projects that are time consuming. They enjoy that feeling of accomplishment in a job well done, whether the work is electrical, carpentry, plumbing, mechanical, masonry, landscaping, etc. When you love what you're doing, it isn't work—even when a current project hits a snag, the talented pro can see through it and solve it with a wonderful result.

CULINARY ARTS: Some of us are best at making reservations, but surely you have a friend or family member who is an absolute genius in the kitchen. Our waistlines are proof of the numerous family recipes being handed down lovingly through the generations within our community.

THE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WORD:

My hubby often asks me, "How can you read so much," to which I always reply, "How can you not?" Whether it's the actual tome held in your hands, or listening to a mystery story while driving, or sitting on the floor gathered around a teacher's or librarian's chair, it's the love of the written and spoken word that brings enjoyment and subsequent thought.

The Mighty Seniors invite you to join us for a Feb. 12 lunch at noon in the Lake Room to share a meal, the pleasure of each other's company, and ideas for future events and activities. The welfare of each other and of our snowbird members is a high priority for the Mighty Seniors, so please come to the clubhouse if you're 50 + years for any Senior Club function. The door is always open!

If you need a hand with anything, or if you have any questions, just give me a call & I'll be there. See you Feb. 12....LOVE YA.

Breakfast at the Clubhouse

CAROL HASTIE, CLUBHOUSE CHAIRPERSON



Each breakfast brings out the "regulars" and some new faces to enjoy a delicious breakfast. It is wonderful to see this activity grow. Everyone enjoys the food and the company. It gives everyone some time to catch up with their fellow Highland Lakers. We also make a little money, which

will be going to help cover the costs of items for the Clubhouse for all to enjoy.

These delicious meals would not be possible without our chefs! Scrambled Eggs Ray, Bacon and Sausage Bob, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits Russ and Jim, our Pancakes and French Toast queens – Sue and Janet. Our fabulous servers Kathy and Pat and the lovely lady at the door who gladly takes your money, Joyce! All of these people, and a few others who weren't there, make this breakfast great. But, of course, you make it better because you come down and support us.

The next breakfast is on February 9 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. See you there!

New Year's Eve Masked Ball

CAROL HASTIE, CLUBHOUSE CHAIRPERSON

Dinner Dance Returns to the Clubhouse

It's back! A New Year's Eve dinner dance! If you did not have a ticket for this year's event, you missed out on a fun-filled delicious night! Thanks to Ed Cullari of Eddie's Roadhouse in Warwick, NY and his chef for cooking an amazingly delicious six-course dinner. We started serving the appetizer at 7:30 p.m. and food kept coming out of the kitchen until about 11 p.m. The Clubhouse committee decided to serve the dinner ourselves, since we never had a sit down dinner for New Year's Eve. They all worked so hard and did an awesome job.

I want to thank Russ, Kathy, Joyce, Jack, Cathy and Steve for the great job they did. I would also like to thank Sean for coming down to help for a few hours. Sean was fantastic and was even able to get in a few dances. Ryan our DJ did a great job in picking the right music to get everyone on the dance floor. Everyone had a great time—too bad there were no snow angels.

Next year remember to watch for when ticket sales are. We could have sold an additional 20 tickets this year after the cut-off date. A sit down dinner, unlike a buffet, is more difficult to add people to the closer you get to the date of the dinner. There will again be a cut off date next year, so don't wait to purchase your tickets. There will also be a cut-off number as to how many tickets will be sold. So buy your tickets early.

Holiday Lighting

CAROL HASTIE, CLUBHOUSE CHAIRPERSON

Thank you all for coming to our annual Holiday Lighting. It was terrific to have a nice turn out. Special thanks goes to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and sit with our children for pictures.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over this activity for next year. Please call me or leave your name at the office for me. I am in search of some new ideas for this activity.

Monday Night Adult Ceramics

ANGELA ABRAMS 973-764-3498 KATHY STRUBE 973-764-4210



Winter is here and the holidays are over. You may be feeling a little blue with all the white on the ground. The green grass and pink, yellow, red and purple flowers seem so far away. Don't

wait till spring to put some color in your

life. Come on down to the clubhouse on Monday nights at 7:30 and create your own multicolored world.

What...? You say you have no artistic talent, you have no brushes and no paint??? You can't use these statements as excuses. Our instructor, Mary, supplies the brushes and paint. She also supplies a collection of bisque for purchase. Her vast knowledge accumulated over the years, will help you create colorful wares.

All adult members in good standing are welcome. All young people ages 8-15 are also welcome, if accompanied by an adult member. And as with all Highland Lakes activities... please wear your badges. So come down, sit down, and enjoy creating your own masterpiece!!!!!

HLCC Knit Night!

PAULA SCHRINER 973-764-5817



Highland Lakes members, please come down to the Clubhouse Lake Room for knit night! Join other needle crafters—although most of us knit, any needle crafter is welcome.

Where: The Lake Room
When: 7 pm - 8:30 pm (ish; we have so

much fun, we lose track of time!) every Monday evening except on holidays or if otherwise noted.

Want to learn to knit? No time like the present! Don't know what to bring? To get started, pick out a skein of yarn that you like the color and feel of, and make sure it's relatively smooth (not too nubby or furry, at least at first). Pick out a pair of straight needles; try a size 6 or 7. You don't need anything fancy to get started—you can get these materials at stores like Walmart or AC Moore. Refreshments are provided. Please call Paula Schriner at 973-764-5817 for more information.

Vernon Recycling Center Hours of Operation

Tuesday 9 am - 3 pm Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm Thursday 9 am - 3 pm Saturday 9 am - 3 pm

SCMUA Located in Lafayette, NJ 973-579-6998 **Facility Hours** Monday – Saturday 7 am to 2 pm

Monthly Paper Shred Events 3rd Friday of the month 9 am to 12 noon Page 6 | February 1, 2014 Highland Lakes Newsette

Ecology Committee Welcomes Dr. Stephen Souza, Ph.D. of Princeton Hydro

BOB REFFELT, CHAIRPERSON

At our last Ecology Committee meeting (January 9, 2014), Dr. Souza presented his company's review of our lake quality monitoring program for 2013 and offered recommendations for 2014. Here are some of the highlights of that presentation:

The overall water quality of the lakes was better than observed in 2012. The severity and duration of algae blooms was much less than in 2012 and as a result, less copper sulfate was used to control algae growth in the lakes. The primary reason for improved water quality was climatic conditions consistent with the trend that water quality

(especially for Lake 2) improves in wet years compared to dry years due to increased flushing and better vertical mixing. From late July through September, blue green algae were at times problematic, but the duration of blooms was relatively shortlived and quickly treated.

The data collected in 2013 showed that sediment loading originating from the TGP pipeline has been contained and risk to Highland Lakes is essentially eliminated. The mitigation measures in 2011 and 2012 prevented impacts to the lake. As a result, there is no need to monitor or mitigate

inflow from the pipeline area, and the sediment curtain will not be re-installed in 2014.

Weed and algae control in 2014 (see examples below) requires a continuation of the existing aquatic pesticide application program. Sonar treatment (a liquid herbicide) will take place in 2014 and spot applications of Reward will be used, especially in Lake 2. Copper algaecides will be carefully and judiciously applied to avoid fish kills and conditions that promote bluegreen algae. The effective communication chain between Princeton Hydro, Allied

Biological, the HLCC staff and the Ecology Committee will continue.

Princeton Hydro will continue to support the Ecology Committee's efforts to inform club members on the importance of good environmental behavior and techniques for preserving water quality. This will include increasing member awareness of invasive species and the use of native lakefront vegetation to reduce nutrient loading. In addition they will augment our efforts to identify and manage storm water runoff.







Brittle Naiad

Eurasian Water Milfoil

Ribbon-leaf Pondweed

Attention Sailors Flying Junior Fleet Update

MIKE GILLOOLEY

The Flying Junior fleet will start the 2014 season with 14 boats. Races are held on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. The 2014 season schedule will be available in May or June. The fleet was formed to encourage parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren or any other combination to sail together. It's that time of year when I'm looking to see if anyone has an interest in joining the fleet. If I can get a few people interested in buying boats I can work on finding boats as they're typically sold in groups of 6. There are numerous college sailing programs that use these boats so this is a great opportunity to get your kids involved in a program that may give them a leg up in the college application process.

If you're new to sailing or think it's too difficult or complicated to race, call me. I can be reached at 973-764-4185 or at younwarmick.net should you have any questions.



Hiking

BOB TAFFER, 973-764-7975, CHRISTINE BILLACK, 973-764-1458

The Highland Lakes Hiking Club would like to extend an invitation to residents of all ages that enjoy hiking in the great outdoors to join us on one of our upcoming monthly hikes. We are an informal, friendly group who look forward to our moderate Sunday hikes along local trails, some of which offer spectacular, or at least picturesque, views.

Hikers will meet at the Clubhouse parking lot at 10:30 a.m. We will either walk from the clubhouse or drive a short distance to the starting point of the hike. It is important that each hiker bring water and lunch and wear appropriate hiking shoes. Most hikes will last an average of 4-5 hours, which includes waiting, lunch break and/ or driving time. Anyone capable of hiking at least 5 miles at a steady, moderate pace is welcome. Hikers may bring their wellbehaved dogs, which must be on a leash whenever we walk on a roadway. In the case of inclement weather, including snow or ice on the ground, or temperatures above 90 degrees, we will be unable to hike.



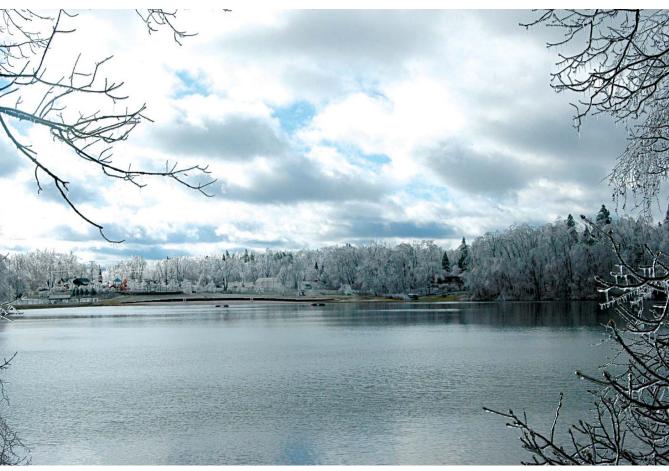
So, get those hiking boots out of the closet and join us for our next hike.

Feb. 2 - Livingston Trails to Pinwheel Vista - Approx. 5-6 mile moderate hike from Wawayanda Rd. to Pinwheel Vista at the Appalachian Trail, then walk back to Highland Lakes.

Mar. 16 - Cherry Ridge Circular (modified) - Approx. 6 mile easy hike through Wawayanda State Park, which includes the new Buddha & Split Rock Trails over some varied and interesting terrain.



Jack Jablonski glories in his first catch of the day in January of 2010.



The destructive yet beautiful ice storm of December 2008 transforms Lake 1 into a winter wonderland.

A Winter's Tale

Winters in Highland Lakes consistently offer natural beauty coupled with a community that is so full of life. These photographs capture moments found in and around our lakes through the years, 2008 to present day. Photos by Dennis Dalelio



Snow falls quietly on the lake and rolling landscape of the clubhouse lawn in March of 2013.



A father and son look for a patch of smooth ice to play some hockey as an ice fisherman checks his line on the Main Lake in January of 2010.



Kids trek up the hill above Beach 1 to take another thrill sleigh ride together in February of 2010.

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Come to Ladies' Bunco

MARIAN BENEDICTO - 7998 AND KATHY GRIFONE

Easy, no-brainer game--time to have fun! The first Friday of each month at 7 pm. Fun & laughs. Bring \$5, drink & snack.

Bridge Results



By Barbara Eckhart, 973-764-4305 **Monday afternoon**: 1 to 4:30 pm contract bridge at the Clubhouse.

Thursday afternoon: 1 pm to completion duplicate or contract bridge at the Club.

Lessons: at convenience of students.

Location: Highland Lakes Country Club – year-round. **RESULTS**:

Dec. 2: 1. Virginia McNulty, 2. Joy Logan, 3. Dot McAlary

Dec. 5: 1. Dot McAlary, 2. Chris Murray, 3. Barbara Eckart

Dec. 9: No Bridge – blame it on the weather this time, not lack of people

Dec. 12: No bridge - this time we didn't have enough people

Dec. 16: 1. Joy Logan, 2. Barbara Eckhart, 3. Virginia McNulty

Dec. 19: No Bridge not enough players

Christmas and New Year's took precedence over bridge **Jan. 6**: 1, Joy Logan, 2. Dot McAlary, 3. Virginia McNulty

Jan 9: 1. Barbara Eckhart, 2. Shirley Baldwin, 3. Chris Murray

Jan. 13: 1.Virginia McNulty, 2. Chris Murray, 3. Joy Logan, 4. Barbara Eckhart

Jan. 16: 1. Chris Murray, 2. Shirley Baldwin, 3. Barbara Eckhart

Jan. 20: 1. Liz Holda, 2. Joy Logan, 3. Dot McAlary, 4. Barbara Eckhart

Jan. 23: 1. Barbara Eckhart, 2. Dot McAlary, 3. Dot Cooper

We are now at least 90% senior citizens and afraid of the weather – oh well!! There was a day when a little ice and snow didn't bother us – now – on January 20 we had 7 players – hip, hip—if Virginia weren't in Florida we would have had 2 tables!!

Echos From Eck O Lodge – Come one, come all, once or twice. This is a regular HLCC activity and all are welcome. Any questions call Barbara Eckhart 973-764-4305 or Virginia McNulty 973-764-3324.

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Lakeside Café Open Mic



February 15, 2014 @ 8 pm Artists please sign in by 7 pm Mark your calendars. Thank you!

No Parking on Roads During Snow and Ice Operations

Please be aware that Rule No. 16 of the Club's Rules and Regulations, adopted April 22, 1994, reads as follows:

Whenever snow has fallen or roads become covered with ice and the accumulation is such that it covers the roadway, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on any roadway or portion thereof. This parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the precipitation has ceased until the roads have been plowed and/or sanded sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

Any unattended vehicle in violation of this Rule will be deemed to be parked without the consent of the Club and may be summonsed and towed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6 and Vernon Township Ordinance 99-12. Your cooperation is needed to make the winter as easy as possible on your neighbors and the Club. Thank you.

Inspired by the poem "Warning"
by Jenny Joseph that begins
"When I am an old woman,
I shall wear purple with a red hat..."

The Red Hat Society is a women's "disorganization" based on the concept that growing old can be fun and frivolous.

There's Fun After 50...

The Red Hat Society was started as a group for women over 50 who enjoy dressing in purple outfits and red hats. Our younger sisters, who have yet to turn 50, are affectionately called Pink Hatters and dress in lavender outfits and pink hats. Together we celebrate the joys of aging gracefully – and playfully.

Say "hi" to Ruby Redhat, a very adventurous member of the Red Hat Society whose quirk and antics never cease to entertain.

She's an inspiration to us all!

The Red Hat Mission.

The Red Hat Society began as a result of a few women deciding to greet middle age with verve, humor and élan. We believe silliness is the comedy of life, and since we are all in it together, we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together. Underneath the frivolity, we share a bond of affection forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next.

What We Do...

The standard answer to the question, "What do you do?" is as follows: Nothing.

Winter Newsette

HENNINGER 973-764-3363

You can have the remaining four issues of the winter Newsette (February through May) mailed to you by submitting a payment of \$1.96 (cash or check) to cover postage costs. Please make all checks payable to Frank Henninger, as making checks out to the Club creates unnecessary paperwork. Your printed name and address (or labels), with payment, can be left at

the Club office or mailed to Frank Henninger at PO Box 88, Highland Lakes, NJ, 07422.

The Highland Lakes Community Master Plan

LYN KAPLAN. PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The Municipal Land-Use Law (MLUL) is the legislative foundation of Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Adjustment in the State of New Jersey. It defines the powers and responsibilities of boards and is essential to their functions and decisions. The Comprehensive Land Development Subcode of the Township of Vernon provides, in part, Vernon's private lake communities with the opportunity to file a Community Plan with the Land Use Board. Once that plan is officially accepted as a Filed Community Plan (FCP), the lake community is able to make certain improvements within the community without needing Land Use Board review. This is a big advantage to the Club.

Highland Lakes, via its Planning Committee, has submitted such plans since 1995, with a follow-up in 2004 and then again in 2010. Each has been accepted as a FCP by Vernon.

The Plan consists of eleven chapters plus an appendix. It covers the following information:

- a foreword
- a listing of officers, trustees and Planning Committee members
- Chapter 1: An introduction and overview of the Plan
- Chapter 2: A chronology of events shaping Highland Lakes
- Chapter 3: The five lakes and lagoon of Highland Lakes
- Chapter 4: The five dams
- Chapter 5: Lake and water quality management
- Chapter 6: Land use and property management within Highland Lakes
- Chapter 7: Care and control of the 32 miles of private roads in Highland Lakes
- Chapter 8: Common facilities in the lake community
- Chapter 9: Governance and management of the Club
- Chapter 10: Recreational and social programs in Highland Lakes
- Chapter 11: Special planning issues and recommendations
- Appendix A: Demographics of Highland Lakes This Plan is reviewed and updated every six years.

Remembering a Highland Lakes Hero of WWII

JOHN HARDING

When our dear friend and neighbor George "Bud" Buell presented me with an army-green Red Cross bag containing a jumble of postcards, photographs and documents, I knew he was telling me something. Ninety-four years old at the time, he wanted to be sure I took care of his life in pictures. Months later, in the summer of 2007, he passed away holding my hand just before he reached his 95th birthday.

Five years on I was still sorting out the autobiographical assortment of assets Bud had given me and was creating an album from it when our good friends Jan and Ralph, residents of New York City and Highland Lakes like us, announced their plans to take a river cruise of Europe and visit the Czech city of Plzen, or Pilsen. Our primary interest in this historical city was the beer to which it has attached its name, Pilsner. But as we talked, another mission became clear. Ralph's interest in military history had revealed that there is a museum in Pilsen commemorating the liberation in 1945 of the city by the forces of General George S. Patton's Third Army after six years of repressive and brutal Nazi occupation... and as it turns out, Bud played a front and center role in the liberation.

Bud was a member of the 16th Armored Division that had been assigned to the Third Army, and he had told us his story about that morning, May 6, 1945, when he commanded a half-track that entered Pilsen at the head of an armored column. He had recounted that after their initial warm welcome from the grateful residents, they came under fire from German snipers on the rooftops and church tower overlooking Republic Square where they had halted their vehicles. Our friend and neighbor, Bud the war-hero, ordered the crew of the half-track to shelter beneath the vehicle while he fired back with the .50-caliber heavy machinegun. A sniper's bullet pierced the side of his steel helmet, spinning it around on his head, as he recalled. He then witnessed members of the Czech resistance break cover on the rooftops and kill the remaining Germans.

Later, in hand-to-hand combat, Bud and his men stormed up the wide staircase of an official building, maybe the Town Hall and Gestapo Headquarters he thought, only to be confronted by the bayonets of the remaining defenders. His comrade next to him was felled with a bayonet stab through his neck (but survived), and Bud dropped his attacker with the butt of his carbine to

the chin. As Pilsen was recaptured from the Nazi occupiers, he described how he had witnessed an immaculately uniformed German officer wave a white handkerchief of surrender and then take his own life with a pistol shot to the head.

A Bag Full of History

Bud's Red Cross bag full of dog-eared photos and cards contained some very interesting items. For instance, a pre-war postcard view of Plzen's Republic Square surrounded by roofs and pretty spires that were to ring out with rifle shots instead of church bells when Bud paid his visit. There were also a couple of business cards bearing Czech names and addresses. One creased photograph, rubber-stamped on the reverse by a Czech press office, showed a care-worn, white-haired man waving his Homburg hat on a balcony, clearly in response to cheering crowds below. On the reverse someone had written in pencil, "Benesh, Pilsen."

This led me to conduct an online search that clearly identified the man and the scene. Edvard Beneš was the president of Czechoslovakia until the Nazis first annexed the Sudetenland and then went on, emboldened by the misguided Munich Accord of 1938, to occupy Bohemia and Moravia and other parts of the country they were to occupy for the following six years. After exile in London during WWII, Beneš returned home and reassumed his former position as President of the Czech Republic on October 28, 1945. Beneš proud return to his country was the historic event depicted in Bud's photograph.

I went through the contents of the bag again and noticed one small item that had previously escaped my attention: A folded piece of paper no bigger than a matchbook. Gently unfolding it, I saw a message scrawled in black ink, which read, "Dear Friend, We are in the building of the Chamber of Commerce and Trade. There in this building are 2 or 3 Germans and are shooting. Please send 5 men with munitions." It was signed, but the name was unreadable. On the reverse someone had penciled, "Pilsen May 6, 1945." Clearly this person, possibly Bud's wife Helen, had intended to mark this as a piece of history and place it in context.

While researching the history of the liberation of Pilsen, I read some histories of the incidents of that day in May when Americans freed the Czech people from a nightmare that had taken countless lives, condemned thousands to slavery and



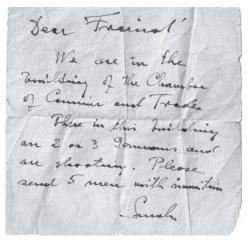
Sergeant George "Bud" Buell somewhere in Europe 1945

death, and caused brutal Nazi reprisals that annihilated two entire villages. The eyewitness accounts and official history exactly corroborated Buddy's stories in every detail. The firefight in Republic Square, the armed intrusion into the large official building (described in the note as the Chamber of Commerce and Trade, possibly Gestapo headquarters) and the impromptu suicide of Lt. General George von Majewski, the German commander. Our friend hadn't forgotten nor exaggerated a single thing.

Bud's Gift to the Patton Memorial in Pizen

Jan and Ralph made arrangements with the Patton Memorial in Plzen, and upon their arrival they handed over the photos of Sergeant George Buell, Edvard Beneš' historic return, and the other artifacts to the memorial's curators, Ivan Rollinger and Milan Jisa. The curators initially thought they were only receiving scanned copies, so they were delighted to discover that the actual note and original images were to remain there, just as we think Bud would have wanted. The note in particular must have made them very proud, as it was clear evidence of the courageous resistance of the Czech people in the face of overwhelming Nazi brutality.

A hint at the joyful fraternization that followed the liberation is penciled on the reverse side of one of the business cards. In a feminine hand a few words are written in the Czech language. Underneath is a translation into English. The words? "Hello," and "I love you."



Note from the Czech resistance brought back from Pilsen by George Buell. On the reverse, someone else had written in pencil (probably later) Pilsen May 6th 1945, the date that Sergeant George Buell, commanding a half-track of the 16th Armored Division in Patton's Third Army, helped liberate the city of Pilsen from Nazi occupation during WWII. It is significant because the very active Czech resistance were already bravely fighting the occupying Nazi forces and were then helped to victory by the advancing American armored divisions. This has been donated to the General George S. Patton Memorial Museum in Plzen, Czech Republic. It reads: "Dear Friend, We are in the building of the Chamber of Commerce and Trade. There in this building are 2 or 3 Germans and are shooting. Please send 5 men with munitions. Sincerely or signature?"

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Hatha Yoga with Beth

Thursdays 8:30pm

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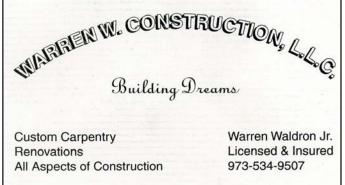
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Pickleball News

DORI ZARR

On Monday January 13, pickleball was played on our new courts. It was a warmish day, and the exercise was welcome after all the cold weather. We're all ready to go if weather permits. All we need are paddles, balls, enthusiasm, and to remember to wear our badges, so they are visible to each other, the Security staff, and anyone watching to learn more about the game.



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Mountain Creek Hosts Exchange Students

DORI ZARR

College students from South America, including Chile and Peru, have been hired by Mountain Creek and are working with the snow making machines, and also in the rental equipment and food court areas. There are a total of 50 students working here for three months and visiting local schools and hoping to see the sights. They would like to get a "taste" of local culture and meet more American families during their stay here. They have been attending mass on Sundays with Dori and Tom and hopefully will get in some pickleball if the weather permits!! For more info call Dori at 201-602-8339.



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