



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Upcoming Events

April 6

Easter Bunny Brunch

April 12

Fundraiser Tricky Tray and Dinner

April 26

Ecology Committee Clean-up Day



Road Sweeping Begins Late April

No Daytime Street Parking

Based on weather, road sweeping will begin either the third or fourth week in April. Until your road has been swept, please DO NOT PARK during the daytime in the roadway. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

HLCC ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY
I ♥ HL
SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH
10AM-NOON
PLEASE HELP CLEAN OUR SCENIC ROADS & BYWAYS
MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE
GARBAGE BAGS, GLOVES & VESTS PROVIDED

Family Day

We are changing to Sunday, August 3 for Family Day this year with a rain date of Saturday, August 9.

Volunteers are needed for this day chock full of fun events.

April is Earth Month at Highland Lakes

BOB REFFELT, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

We all know this has been a long and cold winter, but April is a great month to appreciate the wonders of our earth and especially the environment of Highland Lakes. Earth Day (April 22) has been celebrated since 1970. In honor of this event, Ecology committee members have published several articles suggesting ways for you to learn more about nature and to participate in improving our lakes and forests. In this issue you can read about:

1. The continuation of our discounted Septic Pumping Program. Last year over 150 members benefited from this successful group effort while helping to protect our watershed.
2. Clean-up day scheduled for April 26 where you and your friends can help us remove trash that has been discarded along our roadsides.
3. The Conservation Club (known last year as the Garden Club) which addresses the need to improve

and help maintain many Club-owned properties surrounding our lakes.

4. Forest Management. At our April 10 Ecology meeting (7 pm in the Lakeroom) a licensed forester will discuss the importance of understanding the health of our woodlands, and will suggest ways in which we can help sustain our forests for future generations.

5. The Youth Ecology Stewards (YES) program which is intended to encourage our youth to become more active in improving the quality of our local environment.

6. The danger of deer ticks and how to prevent, recognize and treat Lyme disease. Don't be fooled by the cold weather. These tiny pests are out there now.

The health and beauty of our lake environment needs our personal attention every month of the year, so please make an effort this year to help us guarantee its future.

From the President's Desk

BOB HUGHES, PRESIDENT

- Well, I think that we've made it. Welcome to spring. New business filled the Voting Board's agenda for the regular March meeting. The Board took the following actions:
1. Acceptance of a proposal from Northeast Facility Services of Paramus for road sweeping. Sweeping is scheduled for late April and early May, weather permitting.
 2. Acceptance of a 3-year proposal from Allied Biological of NJ, Inc. for lake management services for the years 2014-2016.
 3. Acceptance of a proposal from Blue Diamond, Inc. of Succasunna, NJ to extend its contract for ten-weeks of household garbage collection during the summer for five years - 2014-2018.
 4. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Fund budget.
 5. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Fund budget supplement.
 6. Adoption of Voting Board Statement on the Use of Certain Pickleball Paddles.

The Voting Board schedule for April shows the workshop on Wednesday, April 9 at 8 pm and the regular meeting on Friday April 25 at 8 pm. The regular meeting is a week later than normal due to the Passover/Easter holidays. Please be advised that our regular meeting agenda affords members two opportunities to address the full Board. Early in the meeting, before the Board takes up New Business, members may address the Board on matters on the agenda. Later in the agenda members may address the Board on any HLCC and CA matters. We will attempt to have agendas available, when possible, at the Club office prior to the regular meeting.

My best wishes for a happy, safe and enjoyable Passover/Easter holiday.

HOP OVER TO THE ANNUAL
Easter Bunny Brunch!
EGG HUNT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
PHOTOS with The EASTER BUNNY!
CRAFTS, GAMES & PRIZES!
\$4 KIDS
\$3 ADULTS
Sun, April 6th
11:30-1:30
HLCC CLUBHOUSE & LAWN
A PLAYGROUP EVENT - MELISSA HARDIN, COORD.
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

2014 Badges and Permits

Available for Pickup April 14

Starting April 14, 2014, members who have paid their dues and assessments in full can pick up their 2014 membership badges and permits at the Club Office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on Saturday, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Please pay particular attention to the emergency information section on your badge pick-up form. Having emergency contacts and telephone numbers on file at the Club Office makes it much easier to contact you in an emergency.

Please note that the Club's name has been eliminated from this year's parking permit after comments were received from some members concerned that the permit disclosed where they and their children lived. The Voting Board will appreciate your comments about this change.

Lastly, please take time to review the license plate numbers listed on your form. Your vehicles may have changed, and parking permits are valid only for those vehicles listed in the records at the Club Office. If you have replaced any vehicles, please bring copies of the appropriate vehicle registrations.

Upcoming Meetings

Building and Grounds - Monday, April 21 – 7:30 pm
 Clubhouse - Wednesday, April 16 – 7:30 pm
 Ecology - Thursday, April 10 – 7 pm
 Fishing - Thursday, April 10 – 8 pm
 Planning - Tuesday, May 6 – 7:30 pm
 Roads - Thursday, May 8 – 7:30 pm
 Voting Board Workshop - Wednesday, April 9 – 8 pm
 Voting Board Meeting - Friday, April 25 – 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.

Next Newsette: May 3, 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!

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 or more of those rules and cite the reasons why that rule is so important for all members.

5. All boats must be registered with the Club and have a current Highland Lakes sticker affixed on the exterior bow before use on any of the lakes or the lagoon.

6. All docks must be registered with the Club and display a current Highland Lakes sticker.

The rules about boats and docks pertain to all boats and docks being used on our lakes and lake-fronts. The Club does not permit guest boats, only those that are owned by Club members. Every boat and dock must have a sticker, which are not transferable. Rule #6 applies only to lakefront owners and those who surround Lake #1 with docks across Lakeside Drive on the lake.



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Red Hatters Leprechaun Gathering

PAT WOOTTON, QUEEN HIGHLAND HATTERS

The Vernon Inn welcomed us on Saturday, March 15th, for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Eleven ladies, festooned in red, purple, and green, gathered for a tasty Irish luncheon. While listening to the music of the day, we chatted and as always, enjoyed each other's company. There was even a sighting of an Irish jig. The Inn treated us well, as they do every year. It was a pleasure to organize this traditional event. Attendees included: Marian Benedicto, Theresa Deady, Jane Hoffman, Janet Kaley, Joy Logan, Mary Romme, Kathy Scialla, Judi Sunda, Cathy Tansey, Paula Walk, and myself.

We generally meet every third Saturday, so why not join us? Contact any member, or myself, Queen Pat (973-764-3749), for information.

Highland Lakes 5 and Under Playgroup - April 2014

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR, PLAYGROUP 973-764-1433
RENEE ARIAS, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR, PLAYGROUP 973-764-0079



April has arrived and we are all ready for the fresh spring air. Every month we have a different theme and this month our wheels will be rolling in to action with a look at Vehicles!
The Playgroup meets every Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am-12:00pm.
Schedule on Wednesdays at the Clubhouse:
10:00-10:30 Arrival and Free Play

10:30-11:15 Hands on Activity (Craft, Baking, Painting, etc.)
11:15-11:30 Snack Time
11:30-12:00 Group Activity
On Fridays we will meet at different local places outdoors and do activities. If it is raining we will meet at the Clubhouse. Please come to Playgroup to check out our outings. We look forward to seeing you!

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Message to All Returning Lifeguards

PETE JABLONSKI, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Applications for returning lifeguards are due back by April 15. If for some reason you did not get your invitation to return to our staff, or were recently certified and wish to apply for the 2014 season, you can request an application by contacting the Highland Lakes Club Office, PO Box 578, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422 or by calling (973) 764-4366.
Preseason schedules will be mailed out during May. Preseason work will be distributed evenly to those who are interested beginning with senior guards getting first choice. This does not mean that only senior guards will work pre-season.
If you should have any questions or concerns please leave your name and phone number with the Club Office and Water Safety Director Pete Jablonski will return your calls.

St. Patrick's Family Dinner

CAMILLE SPINELLA

There was an excellent turnout for our Annual St. Patrick's Family Dinner, held on Sunday, March 9th! We had a SOLD OUT CROWD! As usual our cooks were in their element, as they cooked a scrumptious meal: Corned Beef, Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Cabbage, Reuben Sandwiches, Shepherd's Pie, Hot Dogs, and a new entry of Chicken Pot Pie! Mary's Homemade Irish Soda Bread was still warm from the oven, and our DJ Mark had the audience clapping their hands and stamping their feet with the Irish Tunes!
A standing ovation occurred as our Chefs were introduced: John McDonald, Kevin McKenna, Tom Pinard, and Niel Styke. WOW ... Great job guys! Our support team included: Frank Spinella, Frank Etzle, and Frank Koch (who got extra tables for our overflow), our ticket agent Barbara Etzle, and our lovely serving ladies Claire Koch, Joann Fisher, Terry McDonald, and Judy Porchouski. Thank you so much ladies and gentlemen for a great job well done! What a Mean GREEN Working Team! Thank YOU ALL, for making this event a success! Special thanks to our Ladies in the Office and Security/Maintenance for making sure the room was set up and ready to go!
A fun Irish Party right here on the Mountain, and everyone agreed, good food, good beverage, and good friends! Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Conservation Club sign identifying freeway (Catfish Path)



Conservation Club trimming trees at Shadow Lane

Conservation Club of Highland Lakes (CCHL)

RUSS STRUBE, COORDINATOR, CCHL 973-764-4129

The Conservation Club of Highland Lakes (CCHL) was formally known as the Garden Club. We have changed the name because some members were confused about the mission and activities of the Garden Club. This volunteer group works on club properties to make them more aesthetically pleasing and more ecologically friendly. So far we have worked on the Freeways around the big lake pruning, planting ground cover, and installing benches. In addition, signs are being removed from trees and relocated onto posts, and new invasive species signs are being installed. We also have created water bars to help control the storm runoff from entering into the lake. For example, at the Shadow

Lane Freeway (between Beaches 3 and 4) we uncovered an overgrown sediment pit that, hopefully, will be replaced this year by the Club. This should help minimize runoff from entering the lake at that location.

We are committed to work on all of the properties of the HLCC and CA. Another goal is to encourage members to coordinate with the CCHL and take over the stewardship of a nearby club property once the initial site improvements are completed. We invite all members to come down to the clubhouse on April 26 between 10 am to 11:30 am to find out more about our plans and projects for 2014 and to share your ideas for other conservation projects.

Ecology Roadside Clean-up Day

CAROL FORTENBACH, COMMITTEE MEMBER (973 764-4659)



Mark it down: Saturday, April 26 from 10 am until noon we are asking you to help us clean up the debris from the fall and winter - papers, cups, bottles, cans, etc. - all the things that folks throw down instead of putting them in the garbage. We are proud of Highland Lakes and we want to keep it clean. Not only does it look nice, but it is healthier for all of us.

We don't want contaminants washing into the lakes, which is what often happens.

If you have never joined us on Clean-up Day, we make it easy for you:

1. Report to the clubhouse porch and sign in.
2. If there is an area you would like to clean, let us know or we can direct you to a designated area
3. Take a pair of work gloves if you don't have your own, and one or two garbage bags for trash, fill the bag and leave it on the roadside. We need to know the locations so we can pick up the filled bags.

We will have a map of the lake and can steer you to a spot if you have not chosen one. Bring a "buddy" to work with you. It will make it easier and more fun...Yes, cleaning up our lake roads can be fun as well as satisfying.

Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and a bright shirt or jacket (bright reds, oranges, and yellows work well.) We have some safety vests that you may borrow, but they must be returned.

Please give a little of your time to help clean our roadsides. We hope to see some "teens" show up this year. Remember, this can count towards your Community Volunteer Hours for graduation. Helping your community will give you a lift and make you smile for the rest of the day.

Boat Dock Update

KEN BOSCHERT, CHAIRMAN, BOAT AND DOCK COMMITTEE

It may feel like an early summer but winter officially ended two weeks ago. There is still time to prepare for a successful summer boating season. As a reminder to the membership, Club docks at the Clubhouse park, Comet Row, Eckhart Sailing Center, and Beaches 3 and 4 are NOT first come / first serve. All members submitting applications for spaces on these docks will be assigned boat spaces as usual. You should be receiving your assignment the beginning of May. You are also reminded that the improper storage or placement of boats on Club property is a violation of the Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association Rules and Regulations. We are asking that you observe this rule or be subject to the enforcement of the rules and regulation for removal of the boat by the Club and subject to the penalty for failure to remove the boat as stated in the Club's Rules and Regulations. We appreciate your patience and look forward to a happy and safe 78th Highland Lakes boating season.

Forest Management Presentation

BOB REFFELT, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Next Ecology Meeting April 10

As you are well aware, Highland Lakes is surrounded by trees and wooded area. This land can be negatively affected by people, animals, disease, fire, and invasive species. If we expect our children and grandchildren to enjoy these natural areas in the future, we need to better understand the present condition of our surroundings, and do what can be done to help sustain them. This effort is known as Forest Management. To better help us explore the topic we have invited Ron Farr, a professional forester, to speak and answer questions at our next Ecology Committee meeting on April 10 at 7pm in the Lake Room. Ron has developed Forest Stewardship Plans for other lake communities in this area and will share his knowledge and experience with us. All club members, club staff, club officers, and voting board members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Dock Sections to be Made Available

KEN BOSCHERT, CHAIRMAN, BOAT AND DOCK COMMITTEE

As previously announced, the Club is involved in a major project to purchase and install new boat docks for the 2014 season. This project was started last summer with new slip docks at the Club Park and Beach 4. This year, the docks at Beach 3, Comet Row (two docks), Club Park, Comet Row Wet and Eckhart Sailing Center are also being replaced. Rather than disposing of the old docks, the Club has agreed to make sections available to members in good standing. These docks will become available to members upon the completion of the installation of the new docks in late April or the beginning of May.

If you have an interest in obtaining sections of these docks, please call or email the Club office (hlcc@warwick.net) or the Boat and Dock Chairman Ken Boschert (973-764-9193). Please leave your name, membership number and your telephone number that we have all your contact information. We will get back to you once the installation schedule is known and schedule an appointment for your examination of the available dock sections. Please note that the Club makes no representation as to the condition of these sections, and no sections will be provided unless a Waiver and Release form has been signed.

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Monday Night Adult Ceramics

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

The snow is finally melting, and soon the flowers will be popping through the ground and covering our community with beautiful colors. You can add to this beauty by creating your own garden of crockery, inspired by nothing but your imagination.

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. Young people ages 8 to 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 other Monday evening except on holidays or if otherwise noted.

The dates for the upcoming months are: April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, and June 2, 16 and 30.

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 Schriener at 973-764-5817 for more information.



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Morning Exercise

CAROL MONTERO 973-764-5701

Come join us at the Highland Lakes Country Club in the Seckler Room for morning exercise. We will meet three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Classes at 8 am will be different every day! Tae bo/pilates/yoga/ or weight-training with aerobics.

Bring light weights and a mat if you have one.



Cabin Fever Dance

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Great Turnout!

Thank You...Thank You...Thank You for supporting our Cabin Fever Dance last Saturday!

All 75 in attendance were in agreement that this was an awesome time! The band, The Shed, was amazing. Everyone was up on the dance floor all night leaving many with sore muscles the next morning! Kudos to Joyce and Jack for finding this great band. If you missed it, look for a date in the future because we will have them back.

Thanks to our chefs Jack and Joy for preparing a delicious "snack", as well as to Russ for popping the fresh popcorn! Clubhouse Committee – you are all number 1! Thanks to Kathy, Daphne and Bill for their help.

A special thanks to my fellow club members for helping to clean up at the end of the evening.

Breakfast Update

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who came down to support this great and delicious event! Many of you came down and enjoyed each other's company and caught up on news.

Our next breakfast will be Sunday, May 25 from 9 am to 11:30 am. Due to the increase in food offered, our tickets will increase from \$6 to \$7 and stay at \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Our welcome summer breakfast will be Sunday, July 6.

Hope to see you all at our breakfasts! If you would like to help out, let Carol Hastie know by leaving a message at the Club Office.

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Looking for Community Service Hours?

RUSS STRUBE, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBER

High School Volunteers Wanted

Attention high school students... Are you in need of more volunteer hours? Here's a good way to get them. The Ecology Committee is having its annual Clean-Up Day on April 26. You will get documented credit hours by helping clean up the road sides and other Club-owned properties. Hours spent volunteering will help Highland Lakes become more attractive and more ecologically friendly for you, your friends, and your family.

In addition members of the Conservation Club of Highland Lakes will also be at the Clubhouse when you sign-up for Clean-Up Day. Information about the mission and activities of this group of adult volunteers will be provided. This is another opportunity for the youth of Highland Lakes to get involved with nature. Please take a few minutes to read the other articles in this Newsette about Clean-up Day, Youth Ecology Stewardship (YES), and the Conservation Club (CCHL). Remember hours spent working will count towards your needed volunteer hours.

As with all HLCC activities please remember to wear your badge.

Budget

Budgeting for a project can be a 'chicken or egg' dilemma. You can't plan the project until you know how much it will cost, and you can't figure a cost until you know what you are building. Specific cost depends upon materials, amount of work, and other factors. Rules-of-thumb are helpful:

- Demolition: \$25 per square foot
- New construction: \$145/s.f.; wood details, ceramic tile, and granite, quickly raise estimates
- Deck and railings: treated \$30/s.f.; low-maintenance material (e.g. Trex decking) \$60/s.f.

Remodeling, rather than adding space, costs can be budgeted by item. Plumbing fixtures run about \$1,650/fixture (which includes removal, piping, moderate-priced fixture and trim). Kitchens are typically big-ticket items -- \$15,000 to \$20,000 plus the cost of the countertop and appliances.

Doing the work yourself may save money. Bear in mind, you will still need to buy materials, which generally run about 50% to 60% of the above estimates.

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Boat Retrieval Notice

ALLISON LAROCCA, SECURITY MANAGER 973-764-4266

Highland Lakes Security collected boats from the boat clean up project this past year. Boats were removed from Club property on the west shore of the Main Lake, and from Club property on Lakes 1 and 5. With spring arriving, it is time for owners to retrieve their boats.

All owners claiming a boat must complete this Boat Retrieval Form that is also available from the Security and Main Offices. Bring the completed form to the maintenance yard located on Glen Wild Way off Cherry Ridge Road by Ballfield 2 on April 27, 2014 and May 18, 2014 between the hours of 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. If your boat has a 2013 boat sticker, please bring your 2013 membership card or owner's badge.

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Boat Retrieval Form

Bring with you to the maintenance yard located by Ballfield 2 on Glen Wild Way off Cherry Ridge Road on April 27, 2014 and May 18, 2014 between the hours of 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Name :

Address:

City, State and Zip code:

Member Number:

Please identify your boat to the best of your ability. Please note any dents or distinguishing marks on your boat. Brand/Model No.:

Color:

Length:

Distinguishing Marks:

I hereby certify that the boat identified above is owned by me. I agree to hold Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association, its Officers, Trustees, Employees and Volunteers harmless from any claim that may arise resulting from the delivery to me of the boat described above.

Signature

Dated

Boat Delivered By:

----- CLIP HERE -----

Free Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 12 from 10 am – 1 pm

The Township of Vernon is sponsoring a free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 12 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Township garage on Church Street. Please bring prior rabies certificates and dog licenses if available. All dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

Questions? Contact the Vernon Animal Shelter at 973-764-7751.

Septic Tank Pumping Discount Program

BOB REFFELT, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Continues in 2014

The Ecology Committee of Highland Lakes is happy to announce that our very successful and popular group pumping discount program offered by David Zuidema will continue in 2014. If this is the year to get your septic system pumped, please complete the following registration form and return it to the club office at your convenience. We suggest pumping your tank every three years. This simple and inexpensive action on your part will not only help protect our lake watershed, but will increase the life of your septic system.

Septic Pumping Program Application

Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

House Street Address: _____

Do you know where your septic tank is located on your property?	Is any digging required to access your tank lid?	When was your tank last pumped?
Circle one:	Circle one:	Approximate Year
Y or N	Y or N	_____

A few weeks after submitting your application David Zuidema’s office will contact you directly to schedule an appointment. Their number is 1-888-901-7392, but to get the discount, you must submit your application form to the club office. If you have a standard, easily accessible, 1,000 gallon tank the discounted price will be \$150 plus NJ sales tax. To obtain this price you (or your personally named representative):

1. Must be available to meet with the pumper at your house during normal business hours
2. Must know where your tank is located
3. Must not require digging services by the pumper to access the tank lid. (Extra charges will apply for any digging services)
4. Must be prepared to pay the driver directly upon successful completion of the job.

Note: There may be additional charges for pumping tanks that are difficult to locate or hard to pump due to steep or rough terrain near your tank. Also, if it is recommended by the driver that your septic system is in need of any repairs, those repairs would not be included in the discounted pumping price. When the driver arrives, and before any pumping begins, we recommend that you discuss your specific situation with the driver.

We feel certain that David’s people will treat you fairly and honestly; however, in the unlikely event that you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at 973 764-6869. Based on the pleasant experiences of those who participated last year, I do not expect many phone calls.

Thanks again for helping to keep our lakes clean.

Goodwill Fundraising Committee Thanks Supporters

SUE ROSS, GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Nancy Eisenberg, co-chair of the Goodwill Fundraising Committee, expresses what all the members of the committee feel when she says, “We are so thankful for the support that Club members continue to show for those in need in our community.” The support she references goes on year-round and comes in the form of donations made to the Goodwill Fund “in honor of or memory of…” or when Club members designate that donations should be sent to the Goodwill Fund in lieu of flowers or gifts, etc.

Other members have shown support by purchasing bricks on the Path to Goodwill that

grows with personal messages each year, or by attending events sponsored by the Goodwill Fundraising Committee such as the ever popular Community Yard Sale. The sale, now in its fifth year is scheduled for Saturday, July 19.

The first planning meeting for this event is scheduled to take place on May 29 and all Club members are encouraged to participate. This is a huge effort and perfect for members who are interested in making a short-term volunteer commitment (from an hour or two to a few months of time, depending upon the job you take on...opportunities abound!).

SAVE THE DATE –TRICKY TRAY & DINNER!

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“...I Get By with A Little Help from My Friends!” The Beatles

- ♥ Please Support A Benefit Tricky Tray & Italian Buffet Dinner at Highland Lakes Clubhouse!
- ♥ Help us defray medical expenses for Massimo Joseph Cherichella (*Grandchild of Carol & Steve Hastie and son of Maureen Hastie Cherichella and Frank Cherichella*)
- ♥ Tickets \$25. Per person BYOB. Contact Carol Hastie 764-6521 for donation info/tickets!
- ♥ Any donation you are able to contribute, whether it is a discount to a service, a product you have, a gift card, a meal, or a monetary donation will make a difference!
- ♥ All of the proceeds from the event will go towards any expenses the family has from Massimo’s medical needs!



A little information about our little 2 year old fighter...

Massimo was born May 5, 2012 weighing only 1 pound 6 ounces and not even 12 inches long. His gestational age was at 23 weeks, where as a full term baby is 40 weeks. From the beginning Massimo showed us he was a fighter. Early on his body developed a blood clot, which eventually lead to the loss of all five toes and a deformity on one foot with the length of his lower leg to be shorter than the other leg. Massimo needed heart and abdominal surgery. Massimo spent many weeks on a ventilator to help him breathe. He’ll see a specialist at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia for evaluation of his foot and leg where they are planning on numerous surgeries in the future to lengthen his leg and repair his foot. Massimo wears an orthosis boot (AFO) to help him stand and he is learning to walk. This boot has to be checked and adjusted monthly. As he grows he will be in need of a new one every 4-6 months. He requires physical and occupational therapy on a weekly basis. He will be starting speech therapy shortly. Massimo is a happy baby with a wonderful temperament and personality. He is a fighter!



Any and All Donations Greatly Appreciated!

Cherichella c/o Poppe 2037 Lakeside Drive West, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

Contact any “Team Massimo” Committee Member:

Carol Hastie. Dawn McLaughlin. Eileen Thompson. Jeanette Emmerich. JoAnne Poppe. Joyce & Jack Healy. Judy Norton. Kathy Strube. Maureen Sweeney. Sue Buruchian. Vera Filip

Webelos Move Forward to Boy Scouts

ANNA-MARIE DUERR

Congratulations to the Webelos of Den 5 Pack 404 as they move forward to Boy Scouts. These fine boys have completed many achievements, including earning their Arrow of Light, the highest achievement in Cub Scouting.

A great big thank you to our leaders, Cub Master Mark Douglas and Assistant Den Leader George Duerr of Den 5, Pack 404 for all your years of guidance and service to our fine boys.

Best wishes to George Duerr as he moves on to Assistant Scout Leader of Troop 912.



Sage DiGuiseppe, William Douglas, Maxx Hartmann, Daniel Gleason, Evan Duerr, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Chromcik

Webelos Scout Wins Fastest Car Award

ANNA-MARIE DUERR



For the Second Year!

Highland Lakes Webelos Scout, Evan Duerr, Age 10, from Pack 404 – Den 5 won the 2014 Pinewood Derby for the second year in a row. Evan's car beat over 60 other entrants to win the most coveted award – Fastest Car, winning with a clean sweep. This was Evan's last derby race, as he crosses over to Boy Scouts, and makes for a memorable finish.

The second place finisher was Jake LaSalle, of Tiger Den 9 and Scout Dylan Fisher from the Webelos I Den 2, placed third.

Congratulations to all the boys of Pack 404 for their creative designs and for always doing their best.



Evan's car was built with its sleek style and Monster drink trademark.

Volunteers - the Heart of HL

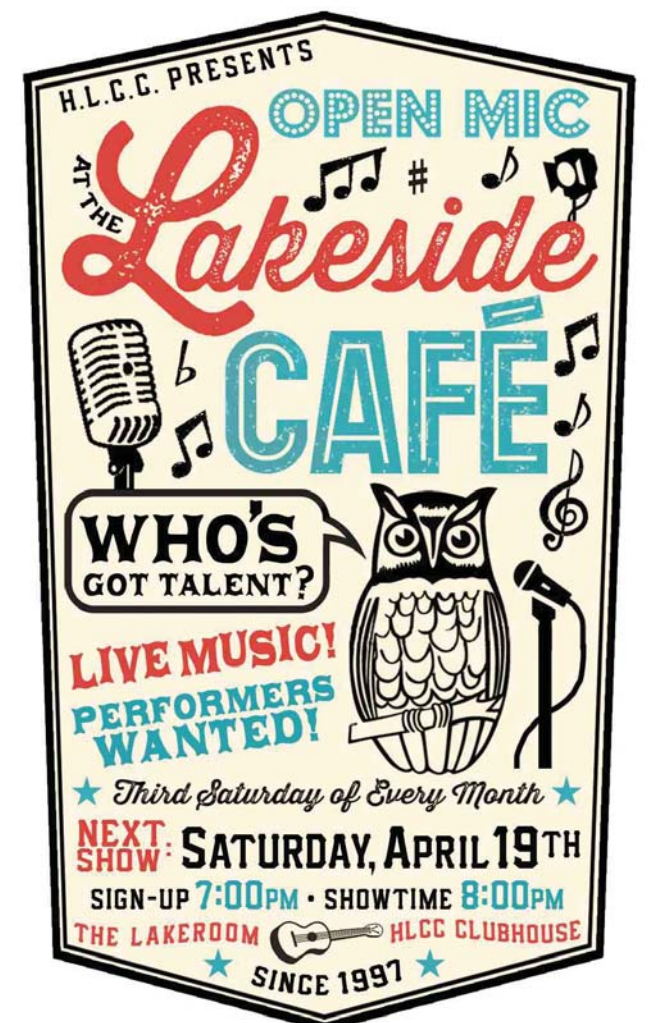
SUE ROSS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

There are many lake communities in northern NJ, but none that I know of offer what ours does. A beautiful, tranquil, healthy lake; a bustling activity program for people of all ages; an expert management staff that is not only capable, but also highly motivated by their devotion to Highland Lakes, and hundreds of volunteers who log thousands of hours to make this community all that it is.

If you are not yet actively involved in something within our community please reflect on that and consider adding your name to Highland Lakes' rich history. We need you. And not just to run activities. Committees meet monthly and discuss matters that ultimately shape our community. To keep these vital committees vibrant, there must be a turnover of leadership. To responsibly transfer this leadership there must be committee members who have actively participated in the committee long enough to have learned how it is done.

The money saved by the efforts of all who are involved on the board level in running this Club; on the committee level in managing the many facets of this community; and on the activity level in organizing and implementing our robust activity program is impressive. Even more impressive is the heart that runs through it all. Together we not only shape our community but we shape each other's lives and the lives of the children who are nurtured by this spirit.

Committees and activities are open to all. All members are welcome to simply join in.



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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



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.

Feb. 24: No bridge - Not enough players.

Feb. 27: 1. Dot Cooper, 2. Shirley Baldwin, 3. Dot McAlary

Mar. 3: 1. Chris Murray, 2. Cathy Tansey, 3. Joy Logan

Mar. 6: 1. Shirley Baldwin, 2. Dot McAlary, 3. Dot Cooper

Mar. 10: No bridge - Not enough players.

Mar. 13: 1. Dot McAlary, 2. Chris Murray, 3. Barbara Eckhart

Mar 17: 1. Barbara Eckhart, 2. Liz Holda, 3. Cathy Tansey, 4. Joy Logan

Mar 20: 1. Dot McAlary, 2. Shirley Baldwin, 3. Barbara Eckhart

Mar. 24: 1. Dot Henninger, 2. Cathy Tansey, 3. Barbara Eckhart, 4. Joy Logan

Mar 27: 1. Dot Cooper, 2. Dot McAlary, 3. Barbara Eckhart
 Thanks again to Joy Logan and her trusty computer for getting the above to the office on time.

Word has been received from Florida of the passing of a former fellow bridge player and good friend – Anita Rummel. She played both contract and duplicate bridge and was sorely missed when she moved to Florida. Our condolences to her family.

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Pickleball Paddles Soften Sound

BILL BEARDSLEY

The growth of pickleball in Highland Lakes has created opportunities for all of us to learn more about this exciting sport. In this process we have learned that quieter paddles can be used without reducing the fun of the game and the play of the paddles. As a result, HLCC has instituted two new regulations regarding the use of paddles.

The first is that all paddles purchased for use on HLCC pickle ball courts must be selected from the Sun City Grand "Green Zone" paddle list that can be found at this website: <http://pball.grandpickleball.org/paddlerule.pdf>. These paddles were tested by Acoustics Group, Inc. and found to be the quietest paddles on the market. The only paddles approved in addition to those on this list are the "Venom" by Pickleball Specialties (<http://www.pickleballspecialties.com/>) and the "Vortex".

In order that Club members can try some of these "Green Zone" paddles, the Club has purchased five that were recommended by Pickleball Central, one of the leading suppliers of pickle ball equipment. These demo paddles will be available in early spring when pickleball resumes on Sunday mornings from 9 am - 12 pm, and Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6 pm - 8 pm.

The other regulation is that paddles previously purchased by members that are not in the "Green Zone" list will have to be dampened with "quiet pickleball pads" which will be supplied by HLCC. These pads, when tested by HLCC members, were found to significantly reduce the noise of the ball striking the paddle without affecting the play of the paddle. If you have purchased one or more paddles prior to 1/1/14, please contact Bill Beardsley by email (trustee2@hlcc.org) or phone at (973) 764-7730.

If you are interested, Pickleball Central is offering members of the Highland Lakes community a five percent discount on all purchases. An additional five percent will be deposited in the Club account which will then be used to make future purchases of equipment for the Club. You simply have to give Pickleball Central (<http://pickleballcentral.com/>) the Club membership code, *HL Pickleball*, when making your purchase.

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NEW HL Hurricanes Swim Benefit Apparel

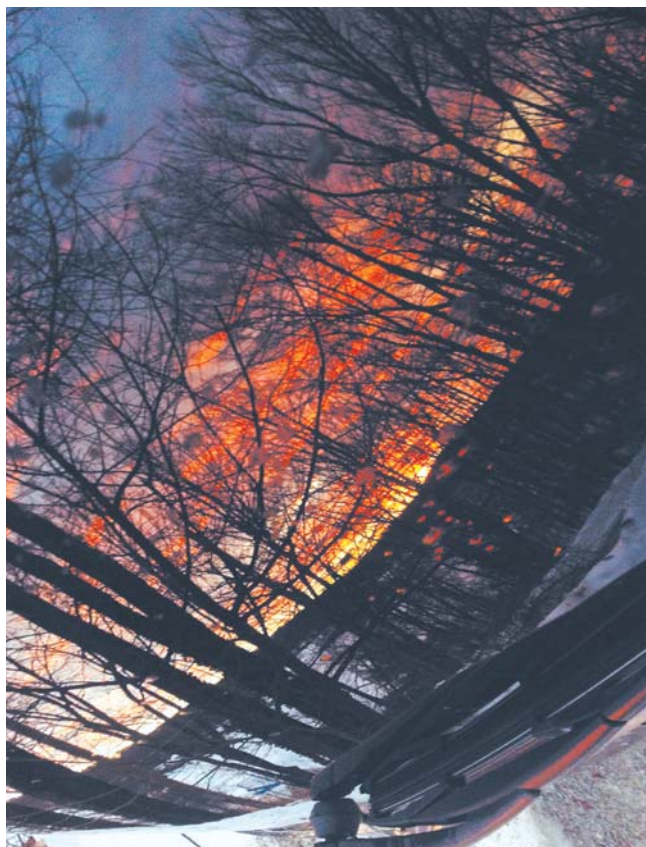
SUE BURUCHIAN



Here is a sneak peak at the new 2-year HL Swim Team Hurricanes Benefit Sweatshirt! The Highland Lakes Hurricanes will be making waves with this impressive look! Outfits remain \$50 which includes the grey or navy sweat pants (\$20) and blue hooded sweatshirt (\$30). OnLine Embroidery will be taking orders starting in May to be ready for the June swim meets.

Standard sizes apply from Youth to Adult for swimmers and parent support. Customized with name to be embellished on arm and pant. Contact Sue Buruchian, 973-764-LINE or email 4online@warwick.net to order. Go Hurricanes!

Reflection of Dawn



Reflection of dawn through car windshield, Photo by Ally Latham

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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 who 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 clubhouse parking lot at 10:30 am. 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 well-behaved 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.

Apr. 13 - Appalachian Trail: Rt. 284 to Glenwood - Strenuous 7-8 mile hike along the Appalachian Trail, offering beautiful vistas & varied terrain.

Canoe Trip - We are planning a local canoe trip on the Wallkill River in late April. If you are interested in joining us, please call or email Christine Billack. 973-764-1458; christinebillack@yahoo.com .

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The Sailing Fleets of Highland Lakes

SUE BURUCHIAN



We are fortunate to have five active sailing fleets in Highland Lakes- Sunfish, Force 5, Flying Junior, Windsurfer and Catamaran. The boats sailed represent different experiences for those interested in sailing. In order to help members find out which boat best fits the needs and wants of your desired sailing experience, here are the fleets:

Highland Lakes Fleet is #23 with the International Sunfish Class (<http://www.sunfishclass.org>)

13.9 feet. Sunfish have one sail and are raced either with one or two sailors. Current builder: Laser Performance in Rhode Island. The Sunfish is the most popular recreational sailboat in history. Its classic design, unmatched stability and sailing ease are enjoyed by all ages. Owners appreciate the lightweight hull, which easily travels on the top of a car. The ultra-durable construction ensures years of maintenance-free enjoyment. Sailing trips are a breeze; just load the Sunfish on your car and go!

This is the classic boat you grew up with. The Sunfish has two easy-to-rig lines and easy-snap sail rings. A racing Sunfish can have an outhaul, Cunningham, race-sail with window and quick-release gooseneck upgrades. The International Sunfish Class sanctions more than 1,000 racing events each year. In Highland Lakes, we sail three fleets of Sunfish; Juniors-Single (under 19) Junior skipper on Wednesdays, Junior-Doubles (two under 19) on Fridays, Ladies (Over 19) as a singles race, and Seniors on Sundays for men and women over 19 years of age. We also are part of the SANJL association (Sailing Association of North



Fred Wilson, Fleet Captain, Sr. Sunfish. Photo by Buruchian

Jersey Lakes) that holds four regattas each year at various lakes. We host one of the SANJL regattas yearly and in various years have held the prestigious SANJL Junior Championship Regatta.

Highland Lakes Fleet is Fleet #5 with the Force 5 Class. (<http://force5.us/main>)

The Force 5 is a small one-design racing sailboat that is similar to the more well known Laser but with a hard chine aft. Although it is designed for single-handed racing, two people can easily fit into the large cockpit. The boats are currently built in Long Island, New York by Weeks Yacht Yard. This is a competitive, sleek boat that is sensitive to the wind making for exciting sailing. This 14-foot craft has a 91-foot mainsail, rolled deck and an adjustable rig. It can be car topped. Force 5 races are held Saturdays at 11 am from the Eckardt Sailing Center.



Erica Rodger - Fleet Captain, Force 5. Photo by Buruchian

The Flying Junior Fleet started in 2012. (<http://www.cfjclass.org>) The current builder is Laser Performance in Rhode Island. The club Flying Junior (aka FJ) is a tough, agile performer for beginners to elite sailors. The FJ is a fantastic choice for clubs and junior programs looking to introduce young and less seasoned sailors to double-handed sailing with a spinnaker. The collegiate version of the FJ (no spinnaker) is the most popular boat in college sailing and is the type we sail



Michael Gillooley, Fleet Captain, FJ. Photo by Buruchian

in Highland Lakes; more collegiate sailing teams in North America sail FJs than any other double-handed sailboat. The Highland Lakes FJ races are sailed on Sundays with two races starting at 11am. Come enjoy this growing energetic fun fleet.

Windsurfers are simple in design – one board, one sail, and one sailor. The lightweight foam core boards also make for a quick and painless transport to your favorite launch site. Loading and unloading can easily be done by one person. Manufacturers produce everything from stand up paddle options to planning hull race boards.

We utilize two basic classes for racing – Sport and Open. The Sport Class is designed for beginner to novice racers. Pre-race clinics are available by calling 764-2125 by 11am on race days. Races are on Saturdays at 3pm starting on June 28. The maximum allowed sail sizes for racing are 9.3 square meters for the Open Class and 7.5 square meters for the Sport Class. Both classes can use any type manufacturer board and sail. U.S.Windsurfing sanctioned events run throughout the year at various locations with points counting toward national rankings at the end of each year. Classes include Open, Formula, Kona One Design and Hybrid which includes the Neil Pryde Olympic class RS:X.



Kevin Gaston, Fleet Captain, Windsurfing. Photo by Mike Gaston

Catamarans - The largest number of Catamarans on the lake are made by Hobie. The two types are the 16 and the Wave. The 16's hulls are made of fiberglass, have 2 sails with 20 meters of sail area, a 27 foot mast, and weigh 320 pounds. The Wave's hulls are made of rotomoulded polyethylene, have one 9 meter sail, a 20 foot mast, and weigh 245 pounds. The 16 is a higher performance boat better suited for racing. The Wave is more of a recreational boat and doesn't go upwind as well as the 16. Both are fun boats especially in higher wind. We sail Sundays at 11 with the FJ's so come join us if can. We'd love more of you to join in! Let's show all how these big boats fly!



Chip Ehrhardt, Fleet Captain, Catamarans. Photo by Chip Ehrhardt

There are plenty of different experiences for any boater to choose on Highland Lakes. Come enjoy sailing...we would love to have you!

Highland Lakes Sailing burgee apparel and burgee stickers to support the sailing programs and events are available. Come, catch a wave with us! The Sailing Fleets of Highland Lakes

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