

# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## From the President's Desk

#### RAY ZIMMERMAN, PRESIDENT

HLCC Members - Our lakes will always be THE FIRST PRIORITY. The Voting Board has an obligation to ensure that all common properties and amenities are well maintained, continue to serve the purposes of the Club and the wants, and needs of the membership. Over the course of the past few years, the Voting Board, together with the Buildings & Grounds Committee, has determined that certain Clubhouse building systems, components, and spaces, are in need of repair, replacement due to aging and normal wear and tear and, in some respects, are no longer adequate or appropriate to fully serve the evolving needs of the community. After reviewing the preliminary project plans and budget from the architects and the Club's sound financial position, the Board concluded that it's in the community's best interest to VOTE YES for a Clubhouse Renovation. A project that will benefit our members for generations to come.

Clubhouse 2025 Special Meeting of the Membership will be held on May 26, 2024, 11 am at the Clubhouse. To view the plans visit: www.hlcc.org/blog.

## HIGHLAND LAKES

## SPECIAL MEETING **OF THE MEMBERS**





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## Pickleball: A New Sport with a Long History

CAROLYN ACKER, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Over the past couple of years, everyone seems to be talking about the new game, pickleball. A game that has captured the hearts of many, it has an apple pie origin story and was created to have a broad appeal. True to its roots, Highland Lakes pickleball welcomes players of all abilities.

Pickleball was created in the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island in Washington State by three fathers. Wanting to find an activity that the whole family could enjoy, they cobbled together a game with equipment from badminton, ping pong and tennis. They quickly created rules and agreed on a name for the game.

The name of the game was derived from the idea of a pickle boat. In rowing, a pickle boat was a "pickup" boat with a thrown together crew. Pickleball, which combines elements of multiple games, evokes the idea of a mixed bag of sports.

Today, Pickleball is played on a 44 by 20-foot lined court that is, essentially, a smaller tennis court. The game is played with a paddle reminiscent of a ping pong paddle and a round ball reminiscent of a wiffle ball. It is played both indoors and outdoors. Two people can play in a game of singles, or four players can play doubles. The first player or team to score 11 points wins.

The first pickleball court was built in a backyard in Washington State in 1967. By 1990, the sport had spread to all 50 states. Over the years, the number of courts has grown tremendously with over 50,000 courts now in existence. The number of pickleball enthusiasts is currently approaching 5 million.

Pickleball was introduced to Highland Lakes by one of its members. A longtime HL pickleball player and one of its founders, Bill Beardsely, credits Dori Zarr with introducing the game to our community. Dori approached Bill to try pickleball in the summer of 2010. An avid tennis player, Bill was skeptical at first, but Dori's enthusiasm convinced him to try it. Bill was surprised by how much he enjoyed the game and continued to be involved. They played against the walls of the handball courts that first summer, and by the end of that season had about 15 players in their group.

The following summer, Bill requested permission from the Club to use the utility courts by Beach One for



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pickleball games. The Club approved the request, purchased two nets, and painted the lines for two courts on the site. By the end of that second summer, Bill recalls having about 60 players and needing additional courts.

Next, Bill and Dori went to the Voting Board with a proposal to turn the old tennis courts by Glen Ridge Road into pickleball courts. The board voted in favor of the project and the following year, 2013, four new courts were installed and the number of players continued to grow.

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## **Upcoming Events**

May 24 - Camp Out May 25 - Comedy Night

May 26 – Breakfast

May 26 - Special Meeting and Vote on

Clubhouse 2025 May 27 – Memorial Day Ceremony

June 1 - Family Glow Dance

June 16 - Donuts with Dad

June 23 - Class of 2024 Celebration June 29 & 30 - Windsurf

Regatta June 29 - Free Shrimp Band June 30 - Open Mic

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According to Kathi Taylor, the pickleball coordinator, new players continue to come out and try the game. Pickleball is an official activity at the Club and is open to members of all abilities, age 16 and up. The group welcomes and enthusiastically teaches novices the basics of the game on a learn-as-you-play basis. Everyone who wants to play is included and as games end and new ones begin, players rotate in from the sidelines or from one team to another.

"While winning is fun, we play for the laughs," Kathi told me. The game is fun, easy to learn, and a great way to meet people which is why it's so popular.

Kathi has been playing pickleball for ten years, and has found that, "Playing pickleball in Highland Lakes opens up our community to players."

An advanced pickleball group is also available for players looking for more intense competition. This group played on Monday and Friday nights, 4 and 5 pm respectively. A pickleball tournament was also held for the first time at Family Day last summer and was a big success.

Bill Beardsley described pickleball as the "most welcoming sport "in Highland Lakes." When I joined in on a recent Monday night session, I was greeted warmly by the players, given a paddle, and immediately welcomed into a game. I agree with Bill's description of the group, will definitely play again, and encourage anyone who is interested to join in the fun! For the summer months, games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 pm to 8 pm, and Fridays at 10 am. Members can play on the courts outside of scheduled game times by getting the code for the lock from the club office or by contacting Kathi Taylor. Players should wear sneakers and protective eyewear and their badge.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Special Meeting and Clubhouse 2025 Vote – May 26 Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, June 4 – 7 pm Communications Committee – Saturday, August 10 - 10 am Ecology Committee – Wednesday, June 26 – 8 pm Fish Committee – Thursday, June 20 – 7 pm Road Committee – Thursday, June 6 – 7 pm Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, June 12 - 7:30 pm Voting Board Meeting – Friday, June 21 – 8 pm Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.

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## **Voting Board Roster**

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## **Beach Hours**

#### KAITLYN NAGY, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Lifeguards will be on duty at the following beaches during the below listed times subject to staffing availability. All other beach hours are swim at your own risk.

May 25 - June 30: (weekends only) Beaches 1, 3 & 7 - 10 am - 5:30 pm

July 1 - August 11:

Beach 1 - 9 am - 5 pm

Beach 2 - TBD

Beach 3 - 10 am - 6 pm

Beach 4 - TBD

Beach 5 - TBD

Beach 6 - TBD

Beach 7 - 10 am - 6 pm

August 21 - September 2:

Beach 1, 3 & 7 - TBD





## Security & Compliance Activity Summary Report – April 2024

#### SEAN JARON, SECURITY MANAGER

Below is a summary of recent Security calls/incidents and Compliance Officer activity. We provide this information to keep you informed of the important work being performed on behalf of the community. Please get in touch with <a href="mailto:security@hlcc.org">security@hlcc.org</a> or call 973-764-4266 with any questions concerning Security or Compliance operations.

Calls/Incidents	4/30/2024	YTD
Police Assist	1	4
Traffic Assist	1	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	7
Medical Response/Assists	14	40
Fire Response/Assist	2	16
Vandalism/Crimal Activity	1	1
Amenity Checks	383	1427
Badge Violations (Members)	0	0
Trespassing	6	26
Parking Violations	0	4
Prohibited Vehicles	4	9
Dock/Rack Violations	0	0
Noise Complaints	4	8
Domestic/Disorderly	0	0
Animal Complaints	5	18
Property Violations	1	4
Rental Violations	0	5
Tree Removal Inspections	9	13
Tree Preservation	0	2
Staff and Volunteer Direction	0	0
Exterior Lighting	0	1
Road/Right away	0	1
Open Cases	1	5
Closes Cases	1	10
Current Case Load	36	36
	472	1645

## Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

#### **Extended Office Hours**

The Club Office and the Activity Center Office will be open Saturday, May 25, Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27, for your convenience from 9 am to 3 pm for payment of dues and badge pickup over the Memorial Day weekend. Please make sure to bring the necessary paperwork if required for proof of residency and copies of vehicle registrations to the Club Office in the event you need to add/change badge and parking permit information.

During weekends in June, regular Club office hours will be Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm. The Activities Center Office will begin opening on Saturdays and Sundays starting June 1 from 10 am to 3 pm and weekdays starting June 24 from 9 am to 3 pm.

If you are a new property owner, require additional family badges, or a property owner registering your property as a rental and/or your tenants/lessees as Associate Members, the Club Office staff only will be able to assist you on Saturday, May 25, and every weekday from 10 am to 3 pm thereafter.



## June 2024



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23 6:00 PM Class of 2024 Celebration Private Member Rental	5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	25 10:00 AM Women's Aux. First Mtg. 7:00 PM Sr. Club. Wine & Cheese	26 900 AM-600 PM New LG Class 500 PM FamilyRi & Fun 500 PM '2ga 600 PM Pickleball 700 PM Book Cub 700 PM Darts 800 PM Ecology Comm. Mg.	27 8:00 AM -9:30 AM Yoga & Meditation 9:00 AM -6:00 PM New LG Class 7:00 PM Stitching	9:00 AM -12:00 PM New LG Class 10:00 AM Pickleball 7:00 PM Family Luau	9:00 AM Water Safety Mtg. 9:00 AM Wind Surf Regatta 8:00 PM Free Shrimp Band
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## Goodwill Community Outreach Fund Looks to the Future!

## NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIR, GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We wanted to share some exciting news. The Goodwill Community Outreach Fund is officially a 501c3 nonprofit, which will allow us flexibility in serving the community.

When the Goodwill Fund was established in the '90s the original intent was to pay for dues for a community member who was experiencing a catastrophic event. There were other situations that arose where we were asked to

assist a community member and we were unable to help. It was suggested we form a nonprofit. Through this nonprofit we will assist community members with short- term emergencies also providing educational and advocacy support and outreach. All of this was possible with the support of David Martin, General Manager and the Voting Board.



## Family Fit and Fun Nights

#### ANDREA COTTRELL

#### Wednesdays - 5-7 pm

Come out on Wednesdays during the months of June, July and August and meet some other local families over at Canistear Park (off of Glenridge Road). A group of young family volunteers are organizing kickball games, basketball games, chalk drawing and bubble blowing for all ages to enjoy. Bring your dinner, chairs, blankets, etc., and enjoy a relaxed evening out where you and your family can eat and play. Kick off for this event will begin Wednesday, June 19. If you are interested in more details, please contact Andrea Cotrell at 551-697-6355 or email <a href="mailto:akc.rrr@gmail.com">akc.rrr@gmail.com</a>.



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## Gentle Yoga

#### ANITA JANKER

Come join us for gentle Yoga and Meditation every Monday and Wednesday at 5 pm. Get yourself in good physical and spiritual shape. Our leader, Alice Fox, has been teaching yoga for more than 25 years and you too can have more energy and be more limber and calmer in just several weeks. Namaste!



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## The Artists Group

#### **DORI ZARR**

On Tuesday, May 7 at 7 pm, a group of art enthusiasts got together to share their various projects. A dozen men and women attended. One told us about quilting color designs and another about cube geometry in a painting with possible symbolism. There were several new members, one offering Art Therapy. Another local discussed his work with portrait painting answering many of our questions. I displayed a giant white snowflake made in a library class. We learned about GOACHE, an acrylic medium and about some unusual painted boxes from Michaels that might serve as a base to display our products. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 7 pm in the Clubhouse.



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## Class of 2024 Celebration

#### MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

Calling all Seniors of the Class of 2024 and local teens! Come on out and celebrate the end of the school year with lawn games, snacks, music and fun on Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 6-9 pm - it will be a fun night!

For more information, please contact Melissa Hardin at <a href="mailto:recreation@hlcc.org">recreation@hlcc.org</a>.





#### Landscaping

Use landscaping to create outdoor rooms.

Many lake homes originally had screened-in-porches, but often this space was enclosed to become an extra room. Our community is beautiful; consider adding a screened-in-porch with lighting and fan.

Decks and patios are great for entertaining. A trellis not only adds color to the area, but it also helps to define the space as an outdoor room. An awning can provide shade from the sun and cover from the rain. Pillows, cushions, and a rug brighten and create a 'homey' feeling to the space.

Outdoor kitchens are wonderful for parties. A grill and workspace are most important. If you have room for a mini-refrigerator it is a good investment.

Plant materials are very effective in creating private areas and buffering your yard from neighbors. Evergreens provide year-round color and privacy, while deciduous trees grow faster and open up a winter view. Unless you love gardening, make it low maintenance.

The sound of a fountain or the sight of a goldfish can be very relaxing and add interest. Consult with an expert to avoid problems from herons, raccoons, or bears.

Plan now and enjoy for many years.

Jim Schriner, AIA, Licensed Architect (973) 764-5817

1110 Lakeside Drive East Free consultation meeting

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## **Watercrafts Wanted**

#### JOSHUA AND JACOB GELFAND

The Goodwill Community Outreach Fund is seeking donations for its Annual Upcoming Boat Auction.

If you have a canoe, windsurfer, rowboat or sailboat you would like to donate for a good cause, we'd love to help! Free up some storage space and help out your neighbors in need by donating your unwanted watercraft to the HLCC Goodwill Committee's annual boat auction.

We'll be auctioning off donations in June (date TBD), with the proceeds going to the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund. Email hlccboatauction@gmail.com or text 917-232-2365 for information on how to contribute to your community with a boat donation.



## In Memoriam

In loving memory of Dillon J. Maher, 22, of Highland Lakes, who passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday, April 27, 2024. He was born on May 30, 2001, in Pequannock, NJ. The son of Kieran and Susan (Tawpash) Maher. Some of the most profound qualities of Dillon were his gentle soul, endless smile, giant bear hugs and his ability to be the grand protector and nurturer of unconditional love towards his family and friends. Rest in eternal peace, dear Dillon. You were, and always will be, a great man in every sense of the word. We love you and will miss you so very much.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 1 from 2-6 pm at the Highland Lakes Vol Firehouse Department, 813 Canistear Rd, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Dillon Maher GoFundMe. Excess donations will be given to the Highland Lakes Firehouse and Vernon Ambulance Squad.



## First Ever Windsurfing Invitational

#### KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

The Highland Lakes Windsurfing fleet will be kicking off the season with its first ever sanctioned invitational regatta on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. It's the Spring into Summer Windsurfer LT Regatta. Much like the Sunfish SANJL regattas, this event is open to both members and nonmembers and proves to be a highly competitive yet fun weekend of racing. There will be two racing classes. The Open/Longboard class and the Windsurfer LT class which is a one design class where everybody is sailing on the same board with the same sail size. Results are based on talent and not equipment.

The Windsurfer LT is designed after the original windsurfer. The board, however, is much lighter, more stable and turns on a dime. It also has a padded deck with no foot straps to get in the way. The sail size is designed to be very manageable for both experienced windsurfers and novices. If you can windsurf upwind from point A to point B, turn around and go back to point A, you're qualified to race in the novice division.

There will be raffle prices after Saturday's races and Sunday's festivities will be followed by awards. Don't miss out on the fun whether you're a competitor, volunteer or even a spectator. Call or text me with any questions. I can be reached at 845-893-2923. By the way, our regular season gets fired up on Saturday, July 6 at 3 pm. See you on the line.

## **Pickleball**

#### KATHI TAYLOR

Highland Lakes Pickleball has settled into our summer schedule. We have already welcomed back some returning players and look forward to seeing more of you through the upcoming weeks. Are you someone who plays elsewhere but haven't played here? Or are you someone who is curious about this game with the funny name and would like to give it a try? Our schedule is Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm and Fridays at 10 am, weather-permitting. Come join us! We are a very nice group of players with all skill levels represented. We love meeting new players. Come on out to the courts at the end of Glen Wild Way. We have equipment for your use. Wear sneakers and have your membership badge. Ages 16+ Questions? Call Kathi Taylor 973-513-5472.









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## Sr. Club News

#### JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Happy 55th Anniversary, Senior Club!

Our Senior Club (S/C) began in 1968 with the adoption of the first set of by-laws. We are an active, vibrant club of 96 members (as of 5-14-24), meeting year long beginning January through April with a mid-month luncheon and any other activities that pop up. Our "summer season" begins in May with evening meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month beginning at 7 pm. Annual dues of \$15 p/p are collected beginning in January. Many events and activities are free or a low-cost fee if required to help defray expenses.

Our doors are open to HL seniors who are members in good standing. HL residents may join the S/C at age 50+. Currently, our membership ranges in age from 50-90.

Activities and Big Events - The following huge list indicates how our S/C gets involved in our community:

- 1. Creation of the Winter Carnival
- 2. Fall Craft Fair
- 3. Annual Senior Gala, catered dinner/dance w/live music
- 4. Annual HL Art Show
- 5. Creation of the Wall of Honor
- 6. Adoption of our year-round calendar
- 7. Attend Miners Baseball Games
- 8. Dinner-theater day trips
- 9. Guest speakers for continuing education
- 10. Off-premises luncheon at Warwick CC
- 11. Annual Christmas Holiday dinner-dance, catered & live music
- 12. Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- 13. All-American Luncheon on Memorial Day
- 14. Creation of the Lantern Walk

- 16. Annual Oktoberfest luncheon
- 17. Annual San Gennaro Feast
- 18. Annual Wine & Cheese Party
- 19. Annual BBQ
- 20. Bocce, tennis, volleyball, pickleball, yoga, fishing, bowling
- 21. Weekly Game Night
- 22. Christmas cards for the military
- 23. Cookbook Project (our 50th anniversary year)
- 24. Volunteer in GoodWill Yard Sale
- 25. SREC tour & talk
- 26. Volunteer at Community breakfasts
- 27. Day trip to winery
- 28. mini "Antiques Roadshow"
- 29. Day trips to Lakota Wolf Preserve
- 30. Supplies for Soldiers
- 31. Participation in Women's Aux. Fashion Shows
- 32. Participation in Women's Aux. casino trips
- 33. Participation in fund-raiser for a beloved boy with medical needs
- 34. Brunch & boat ride on Lake Hopatcong
- 35. Brunch & boat ride on Greenwood Lake
- 36. Pumpkin Carving & Pot Luck Supper

And I know this list will grow. Surely, some of these activities will interest you and there is ALWAYS room for volunteers and participants.

The S/C is a wonderful, warm group here in HL and we welcome you to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm in the Lake Room. Questions? Don't hesitate to give me a call --- always glad to help! 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce Healy.



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## **Ladies Golf Outing**

#### DIANNE KELLY

Save the date! August 13 will be the 55th Annual Ladies Golf Outing! Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$70 and includes 9 holes of golf at Great Gorge Golf Club, a delicious lunch and prizes. This is always a great time to catch up with friends, meet new ones and get a little exercise! Checks can be made out to Dianne Kelly and left at the clubhouse. My phone number is 973-865-7425 if you have any questions. My email is deegkelly@aol.com. I look forward to seeing you on the 15th.







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## **Little Free Libraries**

#### **DORI ZARR**

Last year I posted pictures of our two "Little Free Libraries" here in Highland Lakes. The organization is known throughout the United States and it is based in St. Paul, MN. Its purpose is to inspire readers through an exchange of books for adults and children. The book boxes are open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. There are grants available to establish boxes in underserved areas. Pictured here is the Little Library I found in Jackson Hole Wyoming in February and our very own in Highland Lakes.





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## Team Massimo Warriors

#### CAROL HASTIE

## **Calling All Golfers**

Team Massimo Warriors Foundation will be hosting a Benefit Golf Outing on Thursday May 30, 2024, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. Shot gun start is at 1 pm. We are accepting 4-somes, 3-somes, 2-somes and singles for golf. Cost is \$135.00 per golfer, which includes golf, prizes, dinner, basket raffle and hours of fun in the great outdoors! If you don't golf, come to the dinner at 6 pm for \$45 a person. If you want to donate a basket or gift or sponsor something, please call me. I would love to hear from you. For more information about registering for golf and/or dinner call Carol or Steve at 973-764-6521 or 973-670-0538.

#### **About Massimo**

Massimo was born at 23 weeks, 1lb. 6oz. In the delivery room, the doctors said that they did not expect much when he was born, and unless he showed any signs of a fight, they would just let things run their course and not help him. He came out fighting and crying as loud as he could, and the doctors went to work. Massimo spent 4.5 months in the Morristown NICU, growing, gaining strength, taking steps forward and backward. When he was finally released to come home, he was almost 5lbs.

Throughout his journey in the NICU, there was incredible support. The support came from family and friends, local fire departments and motorcycle clubs, and people from across the country who did not know the family but willingly sent supportive messages. They did so much to support the family that can never be repaid, and it was this support that kept them going, kept them fighting, and kept Massimo fighting.

Over the last nine years, they have traveled to Philadelphia, Delaware, St. Louis, and West Palm Beach, searching for experts to help Massimo. They have met some incredible doctors, nurses, and families going through various procedures and treatments on this journey.

Massimo is a very strong boy. Those of you who know him, know he is very determined and wants to do things himself. If you haven't met him yet, you can usually find him at Swim Team practice or at Beach 1 enjoying the water and with his friends. Come on and meet him. You will be glad you did!

The mission of Team Massimo Warriors Foundation is to help other families of children with special medical needs, give back to local volunteer organizations, and provide local scholarships. Thank you for your support.



## 2024 Swim Team Update

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

Happy Summer everyone!! Signups are open for the upcoming 2024 Highland Lakes Swim Team season! Please sign up using the online registration form (https://hlcc.swimtopia.com/register/85352/main). You must complete a registration form even if you were on the team last summer. Note that as part of registration, you will need to create a SwimTopia username and password for future logins.

To find out more about the HL Swim Team, please join the Swim Team Parent Board in the Lake Room on Saturday, June 1, at 9 am for our pre-season Parents Meeting. Coffee, juice, and bagels will be served.

Note to returning Swim Team parents – please be sure to attend this year's Parent Meeting as we will be discussing our new team management application, SwimTopia. SwimTopia will be a significant change that will bring incredible improvements to our swimmer meet availability declaration, parent volunteering, communications, and general team administration. All families will need to create a SwimTopia login and register via the above link for their swimmers to participate in the team this year. This is a meeting you don't want to miss.

## **2024 Swim Team Parent Board**

Officer	Name
President	Sherif Fahmy
First Vice President	Shane Schwarz
Second Vice President	Bridget Levens
Treasurer	Heidi Howes
Secretary	Caitlyn Kutzman
Chair of Officials	Jeanette Emmerich
Chair of Scoring	Barry Brantner
Chair of Timers	Lucelia Zamborlini
Chair of Concessions	Louise Staley
Chair of Facilities	Dennis Dalelio





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#### **2024 Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule**

9 - 10 am: ages 13+

10 - 11 am: ages 9-12

11 - 11:45 am: ages 8 and under (8&U)

11:30 am - noon: ages 6 and under (6&U)

Practices will begin on the following days and continue Monday - Friday through early-August:

Tuesday-Thursday, June 25-27 – non-6&U, returning

swimmers only Friday, June 28 – non-6&U, new and returning

Monday, July 1 - all ages

swimmers

## **2024 Swim Team Dual Meets and Invitationals**

Wednesday	July 03	Highland Lakes @ Pequannock								
Wednesday	July 10	Highland Lakes @ Packanack Lake								
Saturday	July 13	Odd Age Invitational @ Packanack Lake								
Wednesday	July 17	Erskine Lakes @ Highland Lakes								
Saturday	July 20	Individual Age Invitational @ Pequannock								
Wednesday	July 24	Green Pond @ Highland Lakes								
Saturday	July 27	Highland Lakes B Invitational								
Wednesday	July 31	Highland Lakes @ Wayne Township								
Thursday	August 01									
Saturday	August 03	C Invitational @ Erskine Lakes								
Wednesday	Ü	Fayson Lakes @ Highland Lakes								
Saturday		A Championships @ Fayson Lakes								
	TDA Coniston Cum Highland Lakes @ Cliffwood Lakes									

\*TBA – Canistear Cup – Highland Lakes @ Cliffwood Lake



#### **2024 Swim Team Events**

Note – all of the above dates and times will be included in the SwimTopia Team Calendar with a link to subscribe and add to your personal calendar.

Saturday	June 1	9:00 AM	Parents Meeting					
Sunday	July 07	6:00 PM	B Invitational Planning Meeting					
Tuesday	July 16	6:00 PM	Potluck Pep Rally					
Wednesday July 17 10:00		10:00 AM	Team Picture					
Friday	July 26	6:00 PM	Team Parent and Alumni Water Polo Match					
Tuesday	August 13	6:00 PM	Swim Team Awards Dinner					

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# Summer Athletics

## **SUMMER 2024**

	Monday		Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday Friday Saturda		Friday		Saturday				
Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location
9:00 AM	Tennis (11- 12 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Boys Softball Mosquito League (6- 8 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Tennis (7-8 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts					Youth Soccer (4- 6 yrs), (7-9 yrs), (10- 13 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
9:00 AM	Boys Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1				10:00 AM	Tennis (5-6 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts				10:00 AM	Ladies Pickleball	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)			
10:00 AM	Tennis (9- 10 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	5:00 PM	Intermediate- Advanced Pickle-ball (16+)								10:00 AM	Girls Softball Gem League (6- 8 yrs)	Field 1	Sunday		
5:00 PM	Youth Basketball (4-6 yrs)(7- 9 yrs)(10- 14 yrs)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	6:00 PM	Softball Butterfly (9-12 yrs) /Grasshopper League (9-11)	Field 1	6:00 PM	Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)				6:00 PM	Boys Softball Little League (12-16 yrs)	Field 2	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
	Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)	6:00 PM	Men's Raekathall	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	7:00 PM	Swim Team Scheduled Meets	Swim Lanes							5:00 PM	Adult WOOD BAT Softball League (17 yrs+)	Field 2



# KIDS Club

## **SUMMER 2024**

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			
Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	
10:00 AM	Games & Table Activities	Clubhouse	10:00 AM	Games & Table Activties	Clubhouse	10:00 AM	Games & Table Activities	Clubhouse	10:00 AM	Games & Table Activities	Clubhouse	10:00 AM	Games & Table Activities	Clubhouse	
11:00 AM	Make & Take Craft	Clubhouse	11:00 AM	Make & Take Craft	Clubhouse	11:00 AM	Make & Take Craft	Clubhouse	11:00 AM	Make & Take Craft	Clubhouse	11:00 AM	Make & Take Craft	Clubhouse	
1:00 PM	Bingo	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Board Games	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Legos	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	JENGA	Clubhouse	1:00 PM	Ping Pong	Clubhouse	
2:00 PM	Lawn Games	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Lawn Games	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Lawn Games	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Lawn Games	Clubhouse	2:00 PM	Lawn Games	Clubhouse	
Rec Hal	Rec Hall Open Daily 10 AM - 9 PM			Rec Hall Open Daily 10 AM - 9 PM			Rec Hall Open Daily 10 AM - 9 PM			Rec Hall Open Daily 10 AM - 9 PM			Rec Hall Open Daily 10 AM - 9 PM		
6:00 PM	Ceramics	Clubhouse	6:00 PM	Weekly Family Evening Activity	Clubhouse		Swim Team		6:00 PM	Weekly Family Evening Activity		6:00 PM	See Newsette for Friday Night Activity		

## Important Updates Regarding Summer Recreation Programs

Hello, my name is Melissa Hardin, and I'm thrilled to be the new Recreation Manager for our community. In my role, I oversee Water Safety, Clubhouse Activities, and the Athletics Program. I'm actively working towards building our volunteer network and developing new activities and events to add to our year-round calendar.

As we gear up for summer fun, I want to ensure clear communication regarding some upcoming changes to our seasonal programming. While some of these adjustments are due to unfortunate circumstances like statewide lifeguard shortages and lack of volunteer coach participation, other changes are being made to enhance members' summer experience and streamline the planning process for everyone so that we can all enjoy a successful season. Below you will find highlights of the changes. Activity, swim lesson & youth athletics schedules and registration forms can be found on the Club's website: <a href="https://www.hlcc.org">www.hlcc.org</a>. I also strongly suggest you sign up for our weekly email blast <a href="https://hlcc.org/emailblast">hlcc.org/emailblast</a> where we regularly send information about all the Club happenings and updates.

If you would like to be a coach, volunteer, have event suggestions or questions, feel free to reach out to me at <a href="mailto:recreation@hlcc.org">recreation@hlcc.org</a>.

We look forward to a fantastic summer season filled with engaging activities for everyone, and we appreciate everyone's understanding of the changes to come. Sincerely,

Melissa Hardin

Recreation Manager

Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association

## **Coaches Wanted**

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER AND PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLELTICS DIRECTOR

The summer athletics program is in need of some volunteers to dedicate some time to help out with our sports program. Without your help, the Athletics schedule is subject to change. Please email <a href="mailto:athleticdirector@hlcc.org">athleticdirector@hlcc.org</a> if you are interested. Thank you.

## **Program Updates**

#### **Water Safety:**

Lifeguards will be present at Beaches 1, 3, 7, and the Clubhouse Swim Lanes during the hours as specified here: <a href="https://www.hlcc.org/lakes-and-beaches">www.hlcc.org/lakes-and-beaches</a>. All other beaches will be swim at your own risk.

Swim Lessons will be offered at Beach 1 (Toddler through level 4) and the Swim Lanes on the Main Lake (levels 5-6). Swim Lesson registration can be found on the website <a href="https://www.hlcc.org/swimlessons">www.hlcc.org/swimlessons</a>.

## **Clubhouse Activities:**

Youth activities are designed for children under 12 and they must be accompanied by an adult at all events. (These programs are not designed for drop-offs.)

Kids Club schedule can be found on the website

## $\frac{www.hlcc.org/activities/\#kids-club}{\text{Athletics Programming:}} \,.$

Co-ed teams will be offered for some sports. Youth Athletics schedule and registration can be found on the website: www.hlcc.org/activities.

Equipment for basketball, badminton, and other select sports can be borrowed - located at the Beach Hut (Beach 1).

We need volunteers for soccer, softball, and tennis. Unfilled coaching roles may lead to program cancellations.

### **Stay Informed:**

Visit <u>www.hlcc.org</u> website for the most up-to-date information and registration forms.

## **Classified Ads**

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

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

### CHIMNEY MAN -GEORGE EDMONDSON

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

PIANO LESSONS: Piano/ Keyboard/Vocal Lessons: Ages 5+, Beginner/Returning Adults welcome! Qualified and kind with advanced degrees from Juilliard and years of experience. \$25-1/2hr. or \$30 in your home. 201-360-9468 - JCrafton05@icloud.com.







## Next Newsette: June 29, 2024

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

## **Beach Locations**

Beach 1 - Breakneck Road

Beach 2 - 2240 Lakeside Drive West

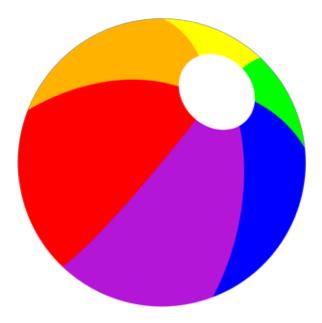
Beach 3 - Lakeside Drive East

Beach 4 - Lakeside Drive East

Beach 5 - East Lakeshore Drive

Beach 6 – West Lakeside Drive

Beach 7 - Upper Highland Lakes Drive





# OFFICIAL NOTICE

Sussex REC's Annual Meeting is right around the corner!

# Monday, July 1st Online Business Meeting

## ➤ Address from our Board Chairman

- ➤ 2023 Financial Report
- Board Election Results
- Q&A with our CEO
- Submit your questions today!
- Register for up to two free Fair tickets!

www.sussexrec.com/annual-meeting

# Monday, August 5th Member Appreciation Event



- Held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds' BBQ Pavilion
- Receive giveaway items and coupons for local vendors at the Fair
- Earn a \$10 bill credit for attending
- Enter our prize drawing for a chance to win!

We hope to see you at the Fair!





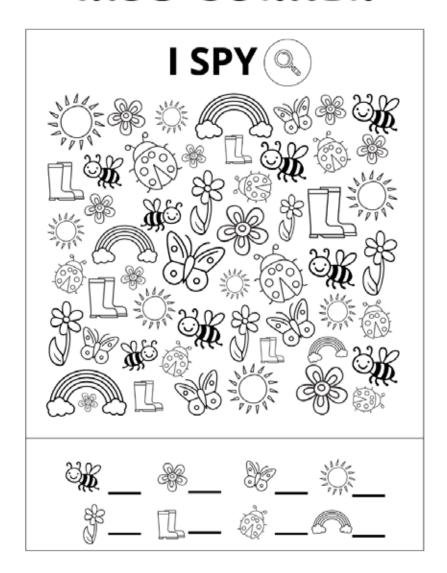
"Local, Reliable, Professional" 973-459-9810



rain gardens, lake style landscape design, native plantings, natural stone patios and walls, weed control, lawn maintenance, snow plowing, Tick control, outdoor

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## KIDS CORNER





## RIDDLE ME THIS

Q. What word begins with E and ends with E, but only has one letter?

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Q. What has many rings but no fingers? əuoydəjə⊥

Q. What kind of lion never roars uoilepued



