



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Volunteering in Highland Lakes

SUE BURUCHIAN, TRUSTEE - SECTION 1

Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association is unique because our forefathers had vision. They realized the value of volunteers and their integral part in any community. Highland Lakes has always relied on its volunteers and still does today. Last year alone, 385 members volunteered their time. Our Club honors its members who volunteer for at least 20 hours for adults and 10 hours for junior members at an annual "Appreciation Night." Appreciation Night is not just about recognition; it also shows our heartfelt appreciation for your hard work. Appreciation Night is a special night with dinner, entertainment, and a token gift. Appreciation gifts are cherished; many members proudly display gifts from the early years. Volunteering is how we can provide memorable times for all members at a minimal cost year-round. Volunteers make memories by banding together to check badges at beaches, scoop ice cream or flip burgers at Family

Day, decorate the Clubhouse, run a dance, start a sailing race, coach a sport, join a committee, or even run for the Voting Board.

Volunteering offers a sense of purpose, a chance to learn new skills, and a platform to connect with others. When you engage within your community, you make lasting friendships and feel good. Now, who doesn't want that? We encourage you to step up and volunteer year-round. We need you! The chart below contains the contact numbers for the various activity, committee, and event coordinators to help you connect in areas that interest you. Need help finding something that engages you? Start something new! We are friendly, love new ideas, and appreciate our volunteers. Please make the time. Volunteer.

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Basic SAILING CLINIC

JULY 2
11 AM
CLUBHOUSE

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SPRING into SUMMER

WINDSURFER LT REGATTA

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY **JUNE 26**
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JUNE 29 & 30
9:00 AM
MAIN LAKE

\$25 REGISTRATION - VIA EVENT BRITE
\$175 WINDSURFER LT CHARTERS

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JUNE 29
8:00 PM
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\$10 ADMISSION AT THE DOOR

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Upcoming Events

- June 28 - Family Luau
- June 29 & 30 - Windsurf Regatta
- June 29 - Free Shrimp Band
- July 5 - The Nerds Concert
- July 7 - Independence Day Breakfast
- July 7 - B Invitational Parent Meeting



Beach Water Testing Results

Below are the results of the most recent E. coli testing performed at the Club's beaches and swim lanes by Garden State Laboratories, Inc. Weekly tests are required by the State of New Jersey, and results must not exceed 320 organisms per 100 milliliters. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	6/7	6/12	6/20
Beach 1	21.3	2	23.1
Beach 2	5.2	2	2.0
Beach 3	59.1	7.5	17.5
Beach 4	18.5	29.5	26.2
Beach 5	21.1	1	21.1
Beach 6	6.3	9.7	5.2
Beach 7	2	<1	5.2
Swim Lanes	5.2	<1	<1



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



Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds - Tuesday, July 2 - 7 pm
 Communications Committee - Saturday, August 10 - 10 am
 Ecology Committee - Wednesday, July 24 - 8 pm
 Fish Committee - Thursday, July 18 - 7 pm
 Road Committee - Thursday, August 1 - 7 pm
 Voting Board Workshop - Wednesday, July 10 - 7:30 pm
 Voting Board Meeting - Friday, July 19 - 8 pm
 Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the committee chairperson or the Club office before the meeting time.

Goodwill Fund Application Deadline

NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIR, GOODWILL FUND COMMITTEE

If you are a member in good standing and have lost a significant amount of your family income due to a family member's death or serious illness, and you cannot pay your annual Club dues, CONTACT the Club office in writing, c/o the Goodwill Fund. Have a friend or neighbor in Highland Lakes who may qualify? Reach out to them and encourage them to file an application. The deadline for applications is July 31 each year. Your request will be confidentially considered by a designated member of the Goodwill Fund and presented anonymously.

The Goodwill Fund application can be found in the Owners' Portal or by contacting the Club office. Again, the deadline to apply to the Goodwill Fund is July 31 of each year. All inquiries and applications are kept strictly confidential.

Spotlight on Rules

BURNING/OPEN FIRES – Fires which are controlled and contained within a fire ring, fire pit or similar structure or device intended for such use are permitted. Bonfires and certain other activities are subject to prior approval by the Vernon Township Dept. of Fire Prevention. If in doubt, check with the Dept. of Fire Prevention first and always have a fire extinguisher or charged water hose nearby. Violation of this rule shall be a Tier 3 offense.



Security & Compliance Activity Summary Report – May 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 security@hlcc.org or call 973-764-4266 with any questions concerning Security or Compliance operations.

Calls/Incidents	5/31/2024	YTD
Police Assist	0	4
Traffic Assist	0	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	8
Medical Response/Assists	8	48
Fire Response/Assist	2	18
Vandalism/Criminal Activity	0	1
Amenity Checks	407	1834
Badge Violations (Members)	0	0
Trespassing	24	50
Parking Violations	0	4
Prohibited Vehicles	1	10
Dock/Rack Violations	0	0
Noise Complaints	1	9
Domestic/Disorderly	0	0
Animal Complaints	0	18
Property Violations	1	4
Rental Violations	1	6
Tree Removal Inspections	6	19
Tree Preservation	0	2
Staff and Volunteer Direction	0	0
Exterior Lighting	0	1
Road/Right away	0	1
Open Cases	4	9
Closed Cases	0	10
Current Case Load	36	36
	492	2100

Annual Men's Golf Outing

RAY LOUGHREN

Save the date - August 2 at 1 pm. More details to follow in upcoming editions of the Newsette.



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July 2024

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Aqua Aerobics 2024

PAULA SCHRINER

We are planning to do aqua aerobics again this summer, M-W-F, from 9-10 am at Beach 1. We will start Monday, 7/1, and probably continue through Labor Day, 9/2. Please join us for the water fun. Bring your noodle, a towel, sunscreen, and, of course, your badge. No experience is required. If you have any questions, contact Gail Morton or Paula Schriner. Hope to see you in the water!



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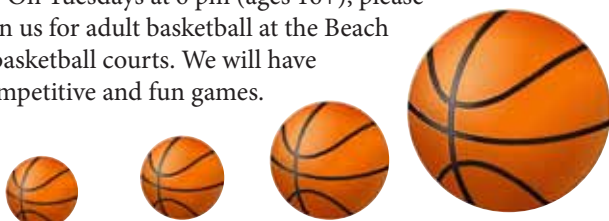


CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY
SUNDAY Breakfast
JULY 7
9:00 AM
CLUBHOUSE
ADULTS \$10 * KIDS \$6 UNDER 3 Y/O FREE
RSVPs APPRECIATED - HLCC ONLY/EVENT-REG
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Adult Basketball

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

On Tuesdays at 6 pm (ages 16+), please join us for adult basketball at the Beach 1 basketball courts. We will have competitive and fun games.



Family Luau and Pig Roast

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

Friday, June 28

Come on out to Beach 2 for our Luau BBQ at 6:30 p.m. Come be "lei'd" back and live the life in Highland Lakes! There will be food and fun, including a hula contest, music, and good times. Bring your fold-out chair and hula moves. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$8 per child (5 and older). If you'd like to volunteer for this event, please contact Melissa Hardin at recreation@hlcc.org.

Let's Hike

DINA D'ARGENIO, COORDINATOR

Whether you are a seasoned hiker or new to the trails, our hikes are carefully planned to accommodate all levels of experience. We gather monthly and explore new and interesting places nestled away in the woods. If you love hiking and being close to nature, join us! Please contact the group email for more details hiking@hlcc.org



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ACTIVITY	VOLUNTEER	EMAIL/#	LOCATION	TIME EVENT
Aqua Aerobics	Paula Shriner/ Gail Morton	paulahs@ptd.net gail218@warwick.net	Beach 1	Summer
HL Artists Group	Dennis Dalelio	artistgroup@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	1st Tues. of month
Art Show	Joyce Healy	jmelidahealy@gmail.com	Clubhouse	July
Basketball	Peter Jablonski*	athleticdirector@hlcc.org	Field 2	Summer
Bocce Ball	Barbara Campbell	barbarapostcampbell@yahoo.com	Club Park	Three seasons
Book Club	Necole Kalucki	nkohring@icloud.com	Clubhouse	Year-round
Book Fair	Gunning/Acker	ctacker06@gmail.com	Clubhouse	November
Breakfasts @Club	Ray Zimmerman/Crew	president@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Year-round
Breakfast with Santa	Ray Zimmerman/Crew	president@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	November
Bunco	Kathy Grifone/ Marian Benedicto	grifonefamily@gmail.com mbened25@hotmail.com	Clubhouse	Year-round 1st Fri. of month
Cards	Adele Hutner	huttner@warwick.net	Clubhouse	Fall/Winter/Spring
Craft Fair	Senior Club	jmelidahealy@gmail.com	Clubhouse	November
Ceramics	Belinda Norton	jeanne21@yahoo.co.uk	Clubhouse	Year-round
Chess Club	Ozzie Tobin	Ozzie.tobin@gmail.com	Clubhouse	Year-round
Concert Series	Michael Gelfand	mgelfand@warwick.net	Clubhouse	TBD
Conservation Club	Christine Alber	Christine.x.alber@gmail.com	Clubhouse	Year-round
Darts	Buruchian/ Kretschmar	markburuchian@ptd.net daverk104@gmail.com	Craft Room	Winter/Spring
Eclectic Evening of Arts	Dennis Dalelio	artistgroup@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Spring
Ecology Clean Up Day	Mike O'Neill	ecology@hlcc.org	HL Properties	April
Family Day	Lauren Larocca*/Staff*	activitycenter@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Early August
Fishing Committee	Mike Ewasko	fishing@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	3rd Thur. of the Month
Game Night	Joyce Healy	jmelidahealy@gmail.com	Clubhouse	Fall/Winter/Spring - Weekly
Goodwill Yard Sale	Maryann Gunning	maryanngunning@me.com	Clubhouse	July
Halloween Trunk/Treat	Lisa Entwistle/ Melissa Hardin	1stvp@hlcc.org recreation@hlcc.org	Beach 1	October
Halloween Dance	Volunteer	recreation@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	October
Hiking Club	Dina D' Argenio	dinadargenio@gmail.com	Various Locations	Year-round
Holiday Tree Lighting	Lauren La Rocca*	activitycenter@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	December
Junior Photographers	Chastity Cortijo*	chastity@hlcc.org	Various Locations	Year-round
Lake Appreciation Day	Mike O'Neill	ecology@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	July
Kids Tennis	Darren Werner+	Athleticdirector@hlcc.org	Beach 2 courts	Summer
Kidz Clubhouse	Lauren La Rocca*	activitycenter@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Summer
Men's Golf Outing	Ray Loughren	rlox58@gmail.com	Various Courses	1st Fri. in Aug.
Movie Night	Lauren La Rocca*	activitycenter@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Occasional
Movement Workshop	Carol Chave	chavec@gmail.com	Clubhouse	Mondays
Memorial Day Event	Senior Club	athleticdirector@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Memorial Day
Open-Mic Night	Carol Diorio	openmic@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Year-round
Pickleball	Kathi Taylor	kathleentaylor@warwick.net	Canistear Park	Year-round
Playgroup Under 5	Jessica Klimash	playgroup@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	Fall/Winter/Spring

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Pool	Staff*(for equipment)		Clubhouse	Year-round
Ping Pong	Staff *(for equipment)		Clubhouse	Year-round
Sailing Fleets	Mark Buruchian	sailing@hlcc.org	Main Lake 2	Spring/Summer/Fall
Seniors Club	Joyce Healy	jmelidahealy@gmail.com	Clubhouse	Year-round
Stitching	Florence Kensek	pnf1965@warwick.net	Clubhouse	Year-round
Summer Athletics	Pete Jablonski*	athleticdirector@hlcc.org	Various locations	Summer
Softball	Volunteer+	athleticdirector@hlcc.org	Field 1/Field 2	Summer
Soccer	Volunteer+	athleticdirector@hlcc.org	Beach 1 Ballfield	Summer
Swim Lessons	HL Lifeguards*	watersafety@hlcc.org/	Assigned Beaches	Specific Summer dates
Swim Team	Coach Mike Buchney*	swimteam@hlcc.org	Club Lanes	Summer
Team Tennis	Jerry Nathan+	recreation@hlcc.org	Beach 1 courts	Summer
Teen Council	Melissa Hardin*	recreation@hlcc.org	Clubhouse	1st Thurs. of the month
Winter Carnival	Lauren LaRocca*	activitycenter@hlcc.org	February	Clubhouse
Women's Auxiliary	Lisa Wisnewski	womensauxiliary@hlcc.org	Lake Room	Summer
Women's Bowling	Pat Wootton	patriciawootton@yahoo.com	Warwick Lanes	Summer
Women's Golf	Sue Foley Buruchian	buruchianfamily@Ptd.net	Various Courses	2nd Tues. in Aug.
Yoga	Anita Janker	omasox@warwick.net	Clubhouse	Mon. & Wed. Year-round
Yoga & Meditation	Evelyne Noel	evnoel52@gmail.com	Clubhouse	Thursdays

+Volunteer under Club Employee *Club Employee

Highland Lakes Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

"It's summertime, summertime, sum, sum, summertime...Do you know who wrote that rock n' roll song in 1958? Keep reading to learn the answer.

Here we go into our summer activities and big events:

Our off-premises luncheon date of July 9 is being rescheduled. So, there WILL be an evening meeting at 7 pm in the Lake Room on July 9. Come to that meeting and learn the new date for Warwick Country Club luncheon. We welcome new members anytime. We collect annual dues of \$15pp.

July 23 evening meeting is cancelled, but we'll meet the next day, July 24 at 12:00 pm for a luncheon and wonderful guest speakers from the NJ Lighthouse Society.

There will be our annual visit to Skylands Stadium for

a Miners baseball game on Thursday, August 1 at 7 pm. I'll need to know how many will join us for fun, food and drink and cheering on our home team!

You have to attend our meetings so you can sign up for our events like the annual Senior Gala on Sunday, August 11, at 6:00-10:00 pm. It's a wonderful evening of dining, dancing, and socializing with the best group of caring seniors here at the lake! It's a catered event with live music. Don't miss it! This year's theme is Country Western, yahoo!

I enjoy reading and like to share some thoughts with you. This piece was written by John Blase and is entitled: Advice From One Older. "What do I regret?" That was the question NY Times best-selling writer George Saunders answered in his 2013 commencement speech at Syracuse

University. His approach as an older person was to share 1 or 2 regrets with the younger people (the graduates) who could learn something from his examples. He listed a few things people assumed he regretted, like being poor & working terrible jobs. But Saunders said he really didn't regret those at all. What he did regret, however, were failures of kindness- those opportunities he had to be kind to someone, and he had let them pass.

Don't fail to be kind - the reason behind that is someone has been kind to you! Think about it.

The answer to the rock n' roll song: The Jamies. Questions about The Mighty Seniors? Give me a call or text: 845 -544-3749. Love ya, Joyce H.



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Pickleball News

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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 has yet to experience our courts? Or are you someone who is curious about this game with a 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, run by Kathie Taylor. Keith McCotter will run an Advanced 3.5+ Pickleball group that meets on Saturday mornings from 9-11 am.

Just a reminder to all members that if you are playing on the courts and it becomes the start of a scheduled Highland Lakes Pickleball session you are welcome to join in. However, once our scheduled time begins you cannot hold a court for yourself. Our courts are reserved during certain hours for group play.

Join us! We are a friendly 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 at 973-513-5472.



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Friday, June 14 presented some ominous skies after a storm.

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Join the Fun and Make a Difference at Our Annual Community Yard Sale!

WINNIE DONOGHUE

Our Annual Community Yard Sale is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! This event brings us together to donate treasures and raise funds to assist community members in need. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, and we're especially in need of people who can help carry boxes and small furniture donations. The yard sale is a fantastic opportunity to give back, meet new friends, and have fun.

We're also looking for energetic young volunteers eager to make a difference. Whether you want to earn community service hours, enhance your college applications, or enjoy the spirit of giving, this is the perfect chance to get involved! Sign up for a shift below.

Donation Drop-off Times:

- Thursday, July 11, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Friday, July 12, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Yard Sale Date:

- Saturday, July 13, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

Need more information? Please email us at GCOFYardsale@gmail.com or call 973-358-2854. Or you can sign up for a shift right here:

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Memorial Day Ceremony

DORI ZARR

May 27, 2024

Pastor Michael Rojas opened this special event as we gathered to honor and remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our great nation. His main themes were remembering the fallen, selfless service, and sacrifice. Prior to his talk, the 1st Honor Guard assisted in placing the wreath and memorial flags, along with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 2nd Honor Guard presented the flags of each branch of the military and initiated recognition of our Veterans, their family members, and relatives who had served in the

military. A great many of our audience rose to share their names. The audience then listened to a rousing Armed Forces medley. Harmony in Motion, a female acapella singing group, performed beautiful songs of honor.

After Pastor Rojas gave the benediction, he played a moving postlude and adjourned our meeting to lunch in the Lake Room run by the HL senior volunteers. There were hot dogs, sauerkraut, bratwurst, baked beans, potato salad, along with a variety of desserts. It was indeed a Memorial Day to remember. Many thanks to all those who contributed their time and talents.



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Sussex Rural Electric Co-op

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

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
- ▶ 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!



Welcome our New Recreation Manager

DORI ZARR

Melissa Hardin, our new Recreation Manager, brings a wealth of experience and skills to her role. She will be overseeing a diverse range of activities throughout the year, including the Athletics Program, the Water Safety Program, Clubhouse Activities, and the organization of our volunteer force.

Melissa has lived in Highland Lakes for 18 years and has been a trustee for five. She's also spent what seems like a lifetime as an event planner at her church and her children's schools in Vernon. She is also the marketing coordinator for GYMGUYZ.

Her hobbies include hiking, art classes, and weightlifting, which she does in her free time. She definitely has a "Fill a Need" mentality. We are so happy to welcome her to this opportunity and position and stand ready to help and support her whenever needed.

Boat Auction Happening Now

JOSHUA AND JACOB GELFAND AND JENNIFER PELLET

The Goodwill Boat Auction has gone live at 8 am on June 27 and will close at noon on June 30. All the funds raised from this online auction will go to the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund, which is dedicated to providing assistance to community members in need.

All boats are sold as is. Buyers must pay by check prior to or at pickup. Winning bidders may decline purchase on inspection and the next bidder will be contacted. People can preview the auction and boats that will be on offer by visiting

<https://new.biddingowl.com/GoodwillAuction> and clicking on "Recreation", then choosing a boat to view. They can use the same URL and process to bid after the auction opens.



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October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

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Comedy Night

DORI ZARR

May 25, 2024

Mark Jenkins opened the annual Comedy Night at the Clubhouse. His act was filled with self-deprecating humor, poking fun at his early warehouse job, which threatened prison time if packages weren't properly labeled. He then mimicked two convicts by discussing what they were in for. He also did some impromptu scenes about diversity within the audience. He was a great, clean, charismatic entertainer who ended by saying that he had to get out of town before the sun went down.

Joey Vega presented a riotous monologue about his experiences flying with American Airlines. He mimicked a sleepy pilot and how he changed languages as he crossed into Canada, then gave distances and temperatures using the metric system. Joey portrayed a drill sergeant type of flight attendant who woke him to move his seat forward. She barked that it was FAA rules and they couldn't land unless he complied. He argued with her, repeatedly mocking the rule by moving his airline seat up and back. We all laughed at the shoe removal rule, especially when thinking about dragging two young, tired, and crabby kids. Overall, Joey connected with our packed audience with his many life experience stories relating to travel, and some of us reminisced about when we were lucky to get a bag of pretzels we didn't have to preorder.

Many thanks for so many laughs - humor is said to lower blood pressure and possibly remove a few wrinkles. Keep the jokes flying.



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Mother's Day and Father's Day Events Are New Tradition

ROE HALL, EVENT COORDINATOR

On Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, June 16, the Clubhouse was buzzing with kids and adults alike who came down to celebrate and recognize moms and dads for their special days. Sweet treats and healthy options were available to snack on. The kids made a sentimental bookmark and nosegay for mom and a memorable card for dad. We hope that in the years to come, more and more families will join us in honoring those special people in their lives.



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2024 Swim Team Dual Meets and Invitationals

Wednesday	July 03	Highland Lakes @ Pequannock
Wednesday	July 10	Highland Lakes @ Packanack Lake
Friday	July 12	Canistear Cup @ Cliffwood 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	Coaches Choices Invitational @ Wayne Township
Saturday	August 03	C Invitational @ Erskine Lakes
Wednesday	August 07	Fayson Lakes @ Highland Lakes
Saturday	August 10	A Championships @ Fayson Lakes

2024 Swim Team Events

Sunday	July 07	6:00 PM	B Invitational Planning Meeting
Tuesday	July 16	6:00 PM	Potluck Pep Rally
Wednesday	July 17	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

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.

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June 2024 Swim Team Update

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

The Highland Lakes Swim Team has over 70 families and 115 swimmers signed up so far! For swimmers ages 18 and under looking to improve their strokes and make endless summer memories, please sign up using the online registration form (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 must create a SwimTopia username and password for future logins. SwimTopia is our team management application, which allows you to declare your swimmer available for weekly dual meets and invitationals, sign up for swim meet parent volunteer shifts, and receive communications from coaches and the Parent Board. All families must create a SwimTopia login and register via the above link so their swimmers can participate in the team this year. For more information on the Highland Lakes Swim Team, please visit hlcc.swimtopia.com.

2024 Swim Team Parent Board

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Chair of Concessions	Louise Staley
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Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule

9 - 10 AM: ages 13+
10 - 11 AM: ages 9-12
11 - 11:45 AM: ages eight and under (8 & U)
11:30 AM-noon: ages six 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 swimmers
Monday, July 1 – all ages



B Invitational Planning Meeting

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

Sunday, July 7

The Highland Lakes Swim Team's B Invitational will be here before you know it! Set for Saturday, July 27, it's our opportunity to showcase Highland Lakes as the best among our conference lakes. We're always thrilled to see the strong support from our current team parents, swimmers, team alums, and the wider Highland Lakes community. To continue the storied success of the event, we are asking for all hands on deck again.

To volunteer your support for the B Invitational, or if you would like to sponsor an event and have your family's name featured in the official B Invitational Program Psyc Sheets, please visit hlcc.swimtopia.com/b-invitational-saturday-july-27.

Please join us on July 7 at 6 pm in the Lake Room for our B Invitational planning meeting. We will discuss all aspects of the invitational, including:

- Entries
- Friday night set up and food prep
- Parking
- Marshaling
- Front and Back Admission Gates
- B Program
- Officiating
- Timing
- Concessions
- Officials Luncheon
- Runners
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Artists Group Update

DORI ZARR

Our group met again on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Lake room. Larissa told us about her art painting and how it reflects her training as a certified beekeeper. She explained parts of the hive and her experiences with bees. We welcomed newcomer Diane to our meeting, and she showed us amazing pictures of various dogs she'd painted. Kitchen shared two beautiful oil paintings of sunflowers. Another attendee mentioned that someone said her picture wasn't "normal." Belinda replied, "Normal is a cycle on our washing machines." She then displayed various colored T-shirts and a CD cover with her grandson's artwork. Instead of a July meeting, we have The Art Show on July 21 and 22nd. Hope to see you there exhibiting or enjoying the views.



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- Kayak Tour at 9:30 AM*

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Lake Appreciation Day

JULY 14
11 AM - 4 PM
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Ladies Bowling Returns for Another Summer Season

PAT WOOTTON AND JUDI SUNDA

HLCC Women's Bowling will commence on July 10 at PinStreet in Warwick, NY. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30 am sharp. The league runs for eight weeks; PinStreet charges \$11 per week. We will decide in the first week if we want prizes at the end. Payment is preferred on the first day. Be prepared for lots of laughter, as no real talent is required. We celebrate on the last day with a luncheon nearby. Please join the fun; the more, the merrier. Feel free to call us with questions.

We look forward to seeing new faces among the old! If you have any questions, Pat Wootton at 973-903-4153 or Judi Sunda at 973-764-3069.

Next Newsette: July 6, 2024

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

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.

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

All the Buzz About Native Bees

MIKE O'NEILL – CHAIR, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

As the warmth of late spring envelops our lakes, the air is filled with the gentle hum of an often overlooked but vital part of our ecosystem: native bees. These industrious creatures play a crucial role in pollination, supporting the growth of flowers, fruits, and vegetables. In our community alone, a variety of native bee species contribute to the health and vibrancy of our local environment.



Common Eastern Bumblebee

Among the unsung heroes of the insect world is the Eastern Carpenter Bee, known for its solitary nature and efficient pollination of a wide range of plants, including tomatoes and peppers. Then there's the Common Eastern Bumblebee, recognized for its distinctive black and yellow markings, and the Digger Bees, which dig tunnels in the ground to create nests, aiding in soil aeration and contributing to the health of our lawns and gardens.

But why should we care about these native bees? Beyond their role as pollinators, native bees also serve as indicators of environmental health. Their presence or absence can signal changes in local ecosystems, offering valuable insights into the impact of human activities such as urbanization and pesticide use. Fortunately, there are simple steps that members can take to support native bee populations:

1. **Plant Native Flowers:** By cultivating native plants in your garden or on your property, you provide essential food sources and habitat for native bees. Consider species like aster, goldenrod, and bee balm, which are particularly attractive to these pollinators.
2. **Avoid Pesticides:** Chemical pesticides can harm bees and other beneficial insects. Whenever possible, opt for natural pest control methods or choose bee-friendly alternatives to protect your plants without endangering native bee populations.
3. **Provide Nesting Sites:** Many native bees are solitary and nest in the ground or hollow plant stems. Leave patches of bare soil undisturbed and incorporate bee hotels or bundles of hollow reeds into your garden to offer nesting opportunities for these essential insects.
4. **Support Conservation Efforts:** Get involved with organizations or initiatives dedicated to preserving native habitats and promoting pollinator-friendly practices.



Digger Bee

Working together as a community can make a meaningful difference in safeguarding native bee populations for generations.

As we embrace the arrival of summer in Highland Lakes, let us also celebrate the invaluable contributions of our native bees. By taking proactive steps to support these essential pollinators, we not only enhance the beauty of our surroundings but also ensure the health and vitality of our local ecosystem for years to come.

If you would like to learn more about bees, please attend Lake Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 14. We will have a beekeeper demonstration with a live bee hive!

For more information, follow this link: <https://protectingbees.njaes.rutgers.edu/>

To get involved, follow this link: <https://xerces.org/>



Eastern Carpenter Bee

Chit Chat

Would you like to congratulate anyone on their birthday, anniversary, birth of children/grandchildren, marriage, etc.? Please share your special news with all of us by emailing the information to the Club Office at info@hlcc.org. We would love to hear your news.

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Sunset on June 22 from Fahmy residence

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2024 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

MARK BURUCHIAN, HL SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2024 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All local fleet races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center Dock located on Lakeside Drive West, south of the intersection with Alturas Road. **All fleets include two races except for the Ladies Sunfish Fleet.** The safety boat should arrive approximately fifteen minutes before the start of each race.

Flying Junior (FJ) Races – Sundays at 11:00 am

James Sullivan: 201-741-4235

July 7, 14, 21, 28 / August 4, 11, 18, 25 / September 1

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm

Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102

Note: July 4 Regatta – two races on July 4 at 2:00 pm

July 7, 14, 21, 28 / August 4, 11, 18, 25 / September 1

Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am. Arrive by 10:45 am.

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 / August 7

Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

July 4, 11, 18, 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11:00 am

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July 5, 12, 19, 26 / August 2, 9

Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:00 am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

July 6, 13, 20, 27 / August 3, 10, 17, 24

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm

Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and Chip Ehrhardt 973-222-6755

July 6, 13, 20, 27 / August 3, 10, 17, 24

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm

Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923

July 6, 13, 20, 27 / August 3, 10, 17, 24

All Boat Regatta – August 31

Sailors' Picnic – September 1 @ 5:00 pm (safety boat lifeguards are welcome to attend)

Questions? Call Mark at 973.271.0213 or hlccsailing@gmail.com.



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Holy Carp, That's a Lot of Fish

GLENN KAMP

After our first successful carp removal in 2023, the Ecology Committee and Fishing Committee planned round two of carp fishing. Each May, you can notice some commotion in the shallow portions of some coves on the Main Lake. The fish thrashing on the surface of the water are carp engaging in their spawning ritual. The Fishing and Ecology Committees monitored water temperatures and observed the lake for this event. An overabundance of carp can be detrimental to other fish species and the quality of water in our lake. Carp compete for some of the same resources that other fish need to thrive. In addition, carp are bottom feeders and stir up nutrients that have settled on the lake bottom, which can contribute to algae blooms.

Many carp were removed from the lake to assess their size and numbers. The removal operation took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21st and 22nd. A crew from SUNY Cobleskill Fisheries and Wildlife Department arrived on Tuesday with their electroshocking boat. The crew, along with volunteer Glenn Kamp, worked on the boat from Tuesday afternoon until midnight and again on Wednesday morning. The boat entered many coves where the carp gather near the surface. As the boat moved into the cove the carp were shocked to temporarily stun them. Fishermen with long nets quickly worked to bring them onto the boat before the shock wore off. The carp were then placed into a containment area containing clove (the spice) which mercifully caused the carp to expire. When the containment area was full, tubs of carp were ferried to Beach 3 in the club safety boat driven by volunteer Steve Luoni. Other volunteers were at the beach, many from the Fishing and Ecology Committees, who put the heavy, slippery fish in a trailer in the parking lot. On Wednesday, the Space Farms Zoo truck arrived and took every single fish on the trailer, which will be used as food for the bears at the zoo.

In addition to removing carp from the lake, an informal audit was taken of fish varieties that were observed from the boat. The audit revealed to the SUNY Fishery experts that we have a healthy fishery containing a good variety of



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fry fish (bass, catfish, blue gill, perch, etc.). While we will continue to remove the larger carp, which have no natural predator, we are hoping that the largemouth bass will help contain the younger carp population.

The day and a half operation was very successful with a haul of over 5,000 pounds of carp removed from the lake. Approximately 350 fish were caught and the SUNY Fishery experts said that the average fish weighed 15 pounds with the largest being approximately 24 pounds. This year, most of the carp were found along the west side of the main lake between Beach 2 and Comet Row. It was especially interesting to watch the boat and fishermen operate their electro-shocking boat into tight places on our lake. We are thankful for the many volunteers who made this effort a success!

A Message Regarding Boats and Racks

MARK BURUCHIAN, CHAIR, BOAT DOCK COMMITTEE

Pontoon Boat Owners:

The Club recently approved a change to the Rules and Regulations that requires Pontoon boat owners to show proof of registration with the State of New Jersey in order to participate in the Boat Dock Lottery. Effective January 1, 2025, the Club shall require mechanically propelled boats desiring use of a Club controlled dock space (i.e., assigned numbered dock space) to be registered with the State of New Jersey in accordance with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) requirements for all mechanically propelled boats. Proof of registration will be required for mechanically propelled boats (e.g., pontoon boats and other boats with electric motors) to be assigned a dock space via the Lottery. In addition, it is highly recommended that members with mechanically propelled boats complete the NJ approved Boating Safety Course and

receive a boating safety certificate issued by the MVC.

Rack Space:

The Club has boat racks at each of its five lakes, all of which are available on a first-come/first-served basis. Follow these rules to claim a space on a rack:

If the rack is empty and does NOT have a current year's member sticker, it can be claimed immediately.

In order to claim a rack space, you must place your boat onto the rack and place a current year's member sticker on both the rack and your boat.

Do not remove any boats and/or stickers.

Do not chain boats to a tree or leave them on the ground.

Members are now required to remove their boats from the racks by November 15th of each year.