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Changing Lifestyles from City to HLCC

BRENDA FLANAGAN, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

"I moved in October and was stuck in the snow, spinning my wheels!"

That's how Sherry Fine described her introduction to life in Highland Lakes last fall. She had just come from Manhattan, and an October snow event wasn't on her calendar. But longtime Club members know, winter often comes early here. And Fine fondly recalls, what started out as a chilly reception ended in the warmest of welcomes.

"Four gorgeous young guys with muscles came out!" she said (with a huge grin.) "And were just so accommodating and thoughtful — and that's what I've been finding! People are just pleasant and responsible and respectful. So it's just been a joy!"

As she spent her first months in Highland Lakes, Fine discovered a slower tempo. She found time to make friends, watch wildlife. To share peaceful days here with friends and family. "Manhattan's always a good drop-down place for friends who were passing through," she explained, "but this feels like going from fifth gear to second gear. And you stop and smell the roses. The squirrels and the chipmunks are my friends — and the birds!"

Of course, life around Highland Lakes comes with a few interesting details that take some newcomers from neighborhoods with more developed infrastructure by surprise. Many folks long accustomed to paying City Water and Municipal Sewer bills, suddenly discover they've got wells and septic systems.

Some feel surprised by the Club's intense focus on proper septic system maintenance. But they soon learn, it's driven by the need to preserve our lake water — keeping it healthy, clear of harmful algae blooms, and ready for swimming and fishing. They also get tips about how to avoid lawn fertilizer (it just feeds the algae) and keep storm runoff out of the lake. Highland Lakers take their role as guardians of the watershed seriously.

Back when she lived in Boston, Fine had a cabin in the Berkshires so dealing with septic systems didn't catch her completely unprepared. Still, "It's a learning experience for me," Fine said, "and the maintenance of all of the nature that grows is another challenge. But it's good exercise. You're



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with, you know, growing things."

Fine's biggest motivation for getting a place here? She grew up in Secaucus, and her family is scattered around New Jersey. She says, they love coming to Highland Lakes, and her young granddaughter will undoubtedly have lots of fun with all the Club's summer activities! Fine has developed some friendships. She said, it's definitely not a NYC vibe. "I smile at people and they smile back and, you know — it's a different interaction in the city."

Fine hopes to get involved in some committees. She has noticed that it's old-fashioned volunteerism that makes Highland Lakes tick. And she's on board. The former school principal is now the director of a non-profit charity called, Living Water Children's Fund. Fine travels the world — Ukraine, Haiti, Tanzania — doing volunteer work. She'll spend two weeks in Guatemala this summer.

"I go back into the world and do what I need to. I come back to this beautiful tranquil place where people are just, you know, easy. This is certainly a way to kind of massage my mind and body." Fine's takeaway: weather and infrastructure in Highland Lakes do require some adjustments. But the most profound change, is peace of mind.

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. • July 1 - August 11:
- Beach 1 9 am 5 pm
- Beach 2 TBD

- Beach 3 10 am 6 pm
 Beach 4 TBD
- Beach 4 TBD
 Beach 5 TBD
- Beach 6 TBD
- Deach 7 10 ar
- Beach 7 10 am 6 pm
- August 21 September 2:
- Beach 1, 3 & 7 TBD



Upcoming Events

July 13 – Community Yard Sale July 14 – Lake Appreciation Day July 20/21 - Art Show



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.

	6/20	6/24	7/3
Beach 1	23.1	20.1	14.6
Beach 2	2.0	21.3	10.9
Beach 3	17.5	99	23.3
Beach 4	26.2	13.5	11.0
Beach 5	21.1	11	1.0
Beach 6	5.2	23.3	34.1
Beach 7	5.2	17.3	2.0
Swim Lanes	<1	2	59.1



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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 you believe 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. The application deadline for the Goodwill Fund is July 31 each year. All inquiries and all applications are kept strictly confidential.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, August 6 - 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, August 14 - 7:30 pm Special Meeting of the VB – Tuesday, July 16 – 8 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.



Thinking about a renovation or addition? Talk to an Architect! Free no obligation consultation



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	2024		July 2024		2024	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	2 10:00 AM Women's Auxiliary Mtg. 1:00 PM Bocce 7:00 PM Buildings & Grnds Comm. Mtg.	3 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Family Fit & Fun 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Darts 7:00 PM Swim Meet (A)	4	5 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 10:00 AM Pickleball 7:00 PM The Nerds Concert	6 9:00 AM Pickleball 9:00 AM Team Tennis
9:00 AM Independence Day Breakfast	8 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	9 10:00 AM Women's Auxiliary Mg. 1:00 PM Bocce 7:00 PM Sr. Club Meeting (SR) 7:00 PM W/AWine & Cheese (LR)	9:00 AMAqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Family Fit & Fun 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Darts 7:00 PM Swim Meet (A) 7:30 PM VB Workshop	212 8:00 AM -9:30 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce Yard Sale Prep (pm)	12 8:00 AM -5:00 PM Yard Sale Drop Off Day 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 10:00 AM Pickleball	13 8:00 AM -2:00 PM GWF Yard Sale 9:00 AM Pickleball 9:00 AM Team Tennis
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Pickleball

KATHI TAYLOR

The courts have been very busy this summer. Our yearrounders are playing, the summer residents have returned and many new players have joined us. Our scheduled group play times are:

All Skill Levels Monday and Wednesday: 6 - 8 pm Friday: 10 - 12 pm Advanced 3.5+ Saturday: 9 -11 am

All Highland Lakes members should know that if you are in the market for any pickleball gear you should check out Pickleball Central online. They have everything you need, and if you order from them and use the Highland

Lakes Code which is CRPickleball you will get a discount. By doing so Pickleball Central will match the discount and put it into our account which is available yearly to purchase group equipment. See you on the courts! Kathi Taylor: 973-513-5472.



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Athletics Recap

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Week One

What an amazing opening week of athletics! All youth softball and basketball sessions saw some of the highest numbers of participants in years. Thank you to everyone who participated or got our youngsters to their activities. Please be advised that there was a change to the tennis schedule to accommodate the 11 to 12-year-old swim practice. Please see the updated schedule on the athletics calendar at <u>hlcc.org</u>.

Parents, please make sure your athletes have sneakers, a hat, and water. Any athlete without proper footwear will not be allowed to participate. In addition, if you missed the registration deadline, please email <u>athleticdirector@hlcc.org</u> with your name and badge number, the child or children's names, ages, and the activities they wish to join. Reliable and accurate data enables the recreation staff to adequately plan and accommodate our growing numbers of participants.

A few additional notes, please be sure to check any of the many club media outlets for weather related cancelations and special events, especially the annual All Star Sunday Night Celebration. All Star Sunday Night is a chance to recognize the HLCC athletes, gather as a community, and have fun. This year's All Star Sunday Night will be on Sunday, August 11, and will start around 5 pm at the Beach 1 softball field. Please mark it in your calendar and make an effort to join us for an evening of competition, recognition, and fun!

Call for Nomination of Trustee Candidates

Filing Deadline - Saturday, July 20, 2024

At this year's Annual Meeting on August 18, 2024, elections will be held for four full, three-year terms commencing October 1, 2024, for trustee positions for Sections 2, 6, 9, 10, and 11. Candidates for the Board of Trustees shall have been members in good standing for each of the three (3)years immediately preceding the election. Members may nominate themselves or other qualified candidates by filing a nomination in writing with the Chair of the Elections Committee. Nominations may be delivered in person, by email to info@hlcc. org, or mailed to the Club at P.O. Box 578, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. Due to a change in state law, petitions are no longer required for nomination or to run as a candidate for a position on the Voting Board.

All nominations must be received at the Club Office not later than Saturday, July 20,

2024.

The Elections Committee Chairperson shall announce the names of the prospective trustee candidates to the membership by publishing same in the Newsette and by posting them on the Club bulletin board at least seven (7) days prior to the election.

Once the candidates have been certified by the Elections Chairperson, absentee ballots will be made available. Absentee ballots must be received at the Club Office, either by mail or in person no later than Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 4 pm. The Club is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on August 18, 2024. If you do not use an absentee ballot and plan to vote at the Annual Meeting, please make sure that you attend this meeting and that you have your 2024 Membership Card and badge with you.



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
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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
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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	

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Swim Team Impresses in First Dual Meet of 2024

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

The Highland Lakes Swim Team opened the 2024 Lakeland Swim Conference season with a difficult away meet versus the Pequannock Piranhas. Donning their new Red, White, and Blue "2024 Olympics" inspired team kit, the swim team showed that Olympic dreams really do start here at "the Lake." Swimmers turned in a whopping 69 personal best time performances and 38 "A" times through the course of the meet. "Can't do any better than your best," was the refrain heard out on the docks all evening. In the end, the perennial powerhouse Piranhas had too much depth and defeated Highland Lakes 320-310.

Pequannock opened up an early lead in the Breaststroke events, which they maintained throughout the meet. A few HL age groups of note included the 8/U Girls squad of Maeve Olsen, Anabelle Schwarz and Ryleigh Brennan who teamed up for a 1-2-3 sweep. Not to be outdone, the 9/10 Boys turned in a 'clean sweep' 1-4 performance thanks to the team of Landon Howes, Ben Fahmy, Nate Fahmy, and Luca Berg. After a few tough outings, Adrienn and Alicia Kovacs teamed up for a 1-2 finish in the 13/14 Girls event, and our Senior ladies turned in their own 1-2-3 finish thanks to some impressive swims by Abbey Amato, Hannah Wisniewski, and Gabriella Cefaloni. Despite the strong performances, Pequannock held an 84-65 lead at the end of the breaststroke events.

The Piranhas widened the gap through the butterfly events, winning all eight contests. The one-way traffic largely continued in the backstroke events with two notable exceptions. The 8/U Girls team of Anabelle S., Lily Elmo, and Margaret Fahmy won their contest with a 1-4-5 finish. The 9/10 Boys backed up the result with a winning performance of their own with Gavin Kutzman and Clayton Hastie teaming up for a 1-3 finish. By the end of the backstroke events, Pequannock held a commanding 267-160 lead.

In the Freestyle events, HL made their final attempt at a comeback, with a few noteworthy results. The 8/U Girls continued their dominant run, winning their third contest of the night. Maeve O, Annette Kaicher, Ryleigh B, and Olivia Kluck finished 1-3-4-5, respectively for an 11-point haul. The 11/12 Boys team chimed in with a 1-2 finish by Derek Fisher and Chace Puccio. The 13/14 Girls team turned in another great team performance with Giselle Bonardi, Adrienn K. and Juliet Schwarz finishing 1-2-4. By the end of the Freestyle events, Pequannock had amassed sufficient points to claim the contest, rendering the relay events academic.

Despite opening the season with a loss, spirits remain high in the HL team camp, buoyed by their impressive individual performances. Nearly every HL swimmer turned in at least one personal best performance on the night – a great way to kick off the season. The team results will follow if the team keeps turning in best times! One last special note for all the new members of the team making their Highland Lakes Swim Team debuts this week including: Gavin Harris, Ezra Dalelio, Margaret Fahmy, Lily Elmo and Riley Simons. I wish you all long and decorated careers with the Highland Lakes Swim Team. Tune in next week for complete coverage of our first White Division contest against the Packanack Pirates!

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1	Maeve Olsen	50.61L
2	Anabelle Schwarz	1:00.00L
3	Ryleigh Brennan	1:21.57L
5	McKenna Reiser	1:47.96L
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1	Landon Howes	54.40L
2	Benjamin Fahmy	1:01.55L
3	Nathaniel Fahmy	1:02.72L
4	Luca Berg	1:02.88L
	/s 50 Breast 11-12	
3	Caleb Burns	56.22L
6	Cody Kutzman	1:03.09L
	Is 50 Breast 11-12	
3	Delilah Taylor	55.84L
4	Makenzie Getch	59.90L
6	Ava Kraus	1:24.23L
-	/s 50 Breast 13-14	
2	Caleb Dalelio	1.10L
6	Braeden Contreni	59.65L
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1	Adrienn Kovacs	38.82L
2	Alicia Kovacs	42.86L
5	Isabella Cherichella	56.34L
-	/s 50 Breast 15-18	_
4	James Brantner	35.94L
5	Sean Allen-Poole	39.65L
6	Michael Evanick	49.06L
	rls 50 Breast 15-18	_
1	Abbey Amato	37.59L
2	Hannah Wisniewski	43.95L
3	Gabriella Cefaloni	44.78L
	Isadora Salomonsson	46.52L
6	Alexandra Kovacs	46.75L
	Meghan Emmerich	49.34L
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6	Sean Allen-Poole	38.07L
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2 4	Hannah Wisniewski	35.69L 38.01L
4 5	Mia Chonko	38.01L 41.48L
5	IVITA CHOLIKO	41.40L

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4	Gavin Harris	1:20.65L
Event #20 G	irls 50 Back 8 & Under	
1	Anabelle Schwarz	52.98L
4	Lily Elmo	1:16.37L
5	Margaret Fahmy	1:20.77L
6	Ezra Dalelio	1:36.23L
Event #21 B	oys 50 Back 9-10	
1	Gavin Kutzman	55.52L
3	Clayton Hastie	1:00.50L
Event #22 Gi	irls 50 Back 9-10	
2	Abigail Klimash	56.69L
Event #23 B	oys 50 Back 11-12	
2	Derek Fisher	43.90L
4	Ryan Allen-Poole	52.51L
5	Joseph Evanick	53.71L
8	Cody Kutzman	1:08.01L
Event #24 G	irls 50 Back 11-12	
2	Zoey Levens	44.02L
5	Ava Kraus	1:02.19L
Event #25 B	oys 50 Back 13-14	
2	Vincent Fisher	40.90L
6	Caleb Dalelio	44.89L
7	Braeden Contreni	47.48L
Event #26 G	rls 50 Back 13-14	
2	Juliet Schwarz	41.66L
5	Lauren Emmerich	53.87L
6	Eva D.	54.94L
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7	Charlotte Schreiner	1:09.83L	2	Adrienn Kovacs	33.54L
8	Riley Simons	1:19.83L	4	Juliet Schwarz	33.90L
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2	Chace Puccio	36.99L		Lauren Emmerich	47.85L
8	Ryan Allen-Poole	47.11L	Event #37 B	oys 100 Free 15-18	
7	Joseph Evanick	48.34L	5	James Brantner	1:08.66
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3	Rebecca Cefaloni	41.19L	8	Michael Evanick	1:23.23
5	Makenzie Getch	49.31L	Event #38 G	irls 100 Free 15-18	
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4	Caleb Dalelio	36.05L	8	Julie Evanick	1:27.60



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Senior Club News

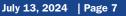
JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hello, my friends. Here's hoping summer is progressing nicely for you.

Many of you know I enjoy reading and sharing messages written by others. This one is entitled LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER by Katara Patton. Years before Zoom was an accessible communication tool, a friend asked me to join her on a video call to discuss a project. Through the tone of my emails, she could tell I was baffled, so she suggested I find a teenager to help me figure out how to set up a video call. Her suggestion points to the value of inter-generational relationships. We should certainly respect the advice of those who share their seasoned wisdom with younger generations. The exchange can go both ways. There's something to be learned from those younger than us as well as those who are older. Let's seek to develop kind and loyal inter-generational relationships. It will benefit us and others and help us learn something we don't know.

That being said, seniors, youngsters and all ages in between can and should learn from each other for the good of our community. The summer months heading into autumn brings our Senior Club many opportunities for getting together: attending a Miners baseball game, annual Senior Gala (big dinner/dance), BBQ, off-premises luncheon, San Gennaro Feast, Oktoberfest, Lantern Walk, monthly luncheon, annual Craft Fair, guest speakers at evening meetings, etc.

So, come on down to meet us, especially if you're new to HL. We'll welcome you and hope you'll join our growing club of great folks. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of July to Sept at 7 pm in the Lake Room. Questions? Give me a call, I'm always glad to help: 845-544-3749, Love ya, Joyce H.





Family Day

Mark your calendars for this year's Family Day on Sunday, August 4. Volunteers needed and always welcome.

Women's Auxiliary Casino Trip

CAROL HASTIE

August 1

The Women's Auxiliary is sponsoring a Casino Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA, on Tuesday, August 1. Cost will be \$35.00 per person and you will get \$25 back in slot play and 5 hours of casino time. The bus leaves Acme parking lot at 8:15 am. This is open to all Highland Lakes members and guests over 21. Call Doreen at 973-764-8658 or Carol at 973-764-6521.



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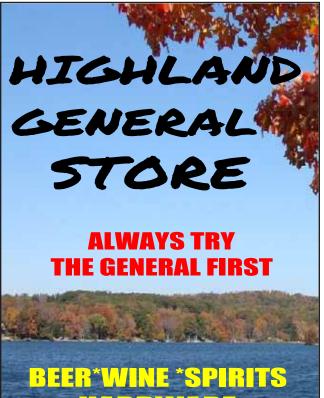


AY Breakfast PHOTO COURTESY OF DORI ZARR

Independence Day Breakfast – Yum!

DORI ZARR

Hit of the morning: chocolate chip pancakes as prepared by our local chefs. Following close behind was crispy bacon and fluffy scrambled eggs. Fresh orange juice, coffee and bagels were served with a gourmet fruit cup. Come see your pictures at the Clubhouse outside bulletin board.



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Beach Rules

Everyone's Safety Matters

Beach rules have been adopted for everyone's safety and comfort. Failure to obey posted rules will result in expulsion from the beach and/or other disciplinary action.

- Lifeguards supervise the roped-in areas only.
- Directives from lifeguards must be followed at all times.
- Flotation devices may only be used where the user can stand.
- No balls allowed on the beach
- No running or pushing on swim dock
- An adult must accompany children requiring supervision.
- Swimmers must enter and leave the swimming area via the beach.
- Swimming is prohibited when thunder or lightning is present.
- Roughness, rowdiness, spitting, foul language, littering or other conduct affecting the safety and/or comfort of others is prohibited.
- Alcohol, glass containers, and pets (with the exception of dogs used for medical/physical assistance) are not permitted on the beach at any time.
- New Jersey's bathing beach regulations require that all children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands. Acceptable disposable swim pants are now available in the diaper aisle in grocery stores.
- Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
- All boats must stay clear of the swimming areas. Boats may not drop-off or pick-up swimmers from within the roped swimming areas.
- Fishing is prohibited within designated areas at all beaches.
- In the interest of the safety of all members using our beaches, please be advised that grills are allowed ONLY on Beaches 3 and 5 and ONLY in the grassy area where the picnic tables are, away from the beach patrons, lifeguard equipment and any playground equipment. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Smoking, vaping or the use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times on all Club properties, including Club beaches and parking lots.

Next Newsette: July 20, 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 info@hlcc.org. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!



Beach Locations



Get Ready for the 64th Annual Art Show

CHRISTINE ALBER, ART SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21

Art is not usually something that happens in a few minutes. It can take days or weeks or even months to create it, no matter the medium. Painting, ceramics, sewing, and other mediums can take a long time to produce. Even a photograph may take time and effort to print, mat, and frame in your artistic style. We are excited to announce the details for the 2024 Art Show and look forward to seeing your creativity on display at this special Highland Lakes tradition. Join us for a "Meet and Greet" with our professional artist exhibitors on Saturday, July 20 from 6-9 pm in the Lake Room. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception while you view the beautiful artwork on display, talk with the artists, and think about perhaps making an art purchase.

All of our Club's talented artists are invited to display their art and compete for prizes on Sunday, July 21. Members should bring their submissions to the Clubhouse between 9-10:30 am. Each submission needs a registration form (we will publish this in the Newsette before the show,



Amazing way to start the day, another wonderful aqua aerobics class July 8! PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHANIE MURRAY

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Members of all ages are invited to participate, and we encourage art in all forms. There are many categories for prizes recognizing the work from children, teens, and adults in all different mediums, including painting, sculpting, drawing, ceramics and pottery, photography, textiles, quilting and more. The doors open for members to view the amateur exhibits in the Seckler and Craft rooms at 2 pm and prizes will be awarded at 3 pm. Our special theme this year is FISH OF HIGHLAND LAKES.

Come one and all and enjoy the wonderful creations of the talented artists in Highland Lakes! We hope to see you there and personally greet you on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21st. With best regards, the Art Show Committee.

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*]	Photography (Recognizable HL scene:)
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SUMMER 2024

	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday	,		Thursday	
Timo	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location
9:00 AM	Youth Tennis Intermediate (8-10 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Softball (6-8 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Ball Field	9:00 AM	Youth Tennis Intermediate (11-12 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Youth Soccer (4-13 yrs)	Beach 1 Ball Field
9:00 AM	T-Ball (4-5 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Ball Field	5:00 PM	Basketball - Open Play (8-15 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Basketball Courts						
10:00 AM	Youth Tennis Beginners (5-7 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	6:00 PM	Softball (9-12 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Ball Field						
5:00 PM	Basketball (5-12 yrs) Co-ed	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	6:00 PM	Competitive Basketball (15 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	7:00 PM	Swim Team Scheduled Meets	Clubhouse Swim Lanes			

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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)

2024 Swim Team Schedule

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

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2024 Swim Team Events

Potluck Pep Rally

Team Parent and

Alumni Water Polo

Swim Team Awards

Team Picture

Match

Dinner

Tuesday July 16 6:00 PM Wednesday July 17 10:00 AM Friday July 26 6:00 PM

Tuesday August 13 6:00 PM



HLCC Loughren Breunig Memorial Golf Outing

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RAY LOUGHREN

Friday, August 2

Join us for a 58-year-old Highland Lakes tradition on Friday, August 2 at 1 pm for the HLCC annual golf tournament at Black Bear Country Club. As in the past, the format for the tournament will be a four-man scramble, complete with prizes for the Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Raffle. In addition, dinner will be provided at Black Bear at the conclusion of tournament play.

This year we will be honoring Clem Daly. Clem was a veteran, HLCC volunteer, participant and organizer of this very tournament. Most of all, Clem was a friend to anyone who knew him and his absence this year will be felt by many. To honor Clem this year, every participant will receive a HLCC golf hat which memorializes his service to our country, community, and friends.

For those interested in participating in this year's tournament, please contact Ray Loughren Jr. (973) 919-3270 or Mike Sweeney (973) 764-7306. Cost per player is \$125.00 and the cost per foursome is \$500.00.

Senior Sunfish

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 4 Series and July 7

"Everyone Except Mother Nature!" We were all excited opening the 2024 season as 14 sailors approached the start line...except Big Mother refused to cooperate, shutting down all winds – making it a Course ?x? Well, we started floating towards the dam (Course 3), with the first leg taking 20+ minutes and ending with eight boats trying to get buoy room around the windward mark – amazing that there was only one minor violation. By the middle of the second leg, Mother decided to have a cup of coffee and allowed a few 3 knot gusts which propelled Bob T. around the leeward mark, followed by JW and Mark B. The rest of the fleet had a few entanglements with some of us doing a circle or two. After an hour the order of the finish is listed below. Kudos to Aliya for joining us for the first time and sticking up for the second race!

In the second race Mark took an early lead, followed closely by JW and James going down the western side (well, west of me anyway). Windward mark was pretty clear, but once again we had some callouts at the leeward mark. The second race was a closer affair all around with Mark, JW and James tight at the top and Shannon edging out yours truly and Bob for 4th. Good to have Shannon back for a day and nice of her to let the old man win. Kudos to Allan for two solid 8th place finishes and Luca for progressing!

Sunday the 7th wasn't much better, except Mother provided a modest 2-4 knot southwest (Course 1) breeze... sort of. Of the 13 sailors, a few were over the line in each of the two races. Other than that, incidents were few. But there was the hotly contested July 4th championship on the line. In the first race, the x factor came in with Will taking the lead early and beating Mark and JW at the finish with Bob, James and Chip (the Ironman) 4, 5 and 6. Some of us with equipment issues didn't do so good (Mother had nothing to do with it)!

In Race 2, after some issues at the start, Mark took the early lead with Roger, Bill and Allan in the mix...OK, we are at the top...what now? Well, that resolved itself quickly as Mark beat out Bob and David (great race!), followed by JW, Lyndsay and James. Congrats Bill and Roger for moving up. The rest of the fleet are listed below. Congratulations to Mark for regaining the July 4th series trophy with 4 points, Bob and JW second and third with 7 points each – Bob had the tiebreaker for winning Race 1.

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The turnout was great even lacking Mother's cooperation. We hope to continue growing the fleet throughout the season. For any new entrants, my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102. Thanks Anthony N., for stepping up on the 4th to assist our dock leader LuAnne, and thanks Ellen and LuAnne for continuing with a great and challenging job.

IMPORTANT NOTES AND RULES:

• When you start the race, you must cross the line between the starting buoys, and the same is true for the finish. You do not have to do this during the race sailing from mark to mark.

• Please check in with the dock committee at the start as some of us have very similar boats and sails.

• For the record, there is a rare circumstance that can occur at the leeward mark where a port boat has rights if they have established inside overlap exactly at the threelength circle. In most cases the starboard boat would head the port boat off the mark prior to the three-length circle. This rule does not apply at the windward or jibe (reach) marks where starboard always prevails. (Rule 18)

• Thanks everyone for good sportsmanship and following the rules.

Sunfish team, please have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday, the 14th. Spread the word!

Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates.

The default for every week will be 2 races.

July 4 Race 1

1. Bob Tomsey

- 2. John W. Wisniewski
- 3. Mark Buruchian
- 4. Shannon Buruchian
- 5. Mladen Kresic
- 6. David Goldman
- 7. James Sullivan
- 8. Allan Napolitano
- 9. Wayne Wisniewski
- 10. Bill Weis
- 11. Luca Bonardi
- 12. Chip Ehrhardt
- Rob Schapp
 Aliya Khoblall (DNF)
- July 7 Race 3
- 1. Will Kresic
- 1. VVIII Kresic
- 2. Mark Buruchian
- 3. John W. Wisniewski
- 4. Bob Tomsey
- 5. James Sullivan
- 6. Chip Ehrhardt
- 7. Bill Weis
- 8. Lyndsay Kresic
- 9. Mladen Kresic
- 10. David Goldman
- 11. Roger Kirchner
- 12. Allan Napolitano
- 13. Wayne Wisniewski

July 4 Race 2

- 1. Mark Buruchian
- 2. John W. Wisniewski
 - 3. James Sullivan
 - 4. Shannon Buruchian
 - 5. Mladen Kresic
 - 6. Bob Tomsey
 - 7. Chip Ehrhardt
 - 8. Allan Napolitano
 - 9. Wayne Wisniewski 10. Luca Bonardi
 - 11. David Goldman
 - 12. Bill Weis
 - 13. Rob Schapp
 - 14. Aliya Khoblall (DNF)
 - July 7 Race 4
 - 1. Mark Buruchian
 - 2. Bob Tomsey
 - 3. David Goldman
 - 4. John W. Wisniewski
 - 5. Lyndsay Kresic
 - 6. James Sullivan
 - 7. Will Kresic
 - 8. Roger Kirchner
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Force Five Facts

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 7

Welcome to a wonderful 2024 Force Five sailing season! The wind was light, the sun was strong, but the spirits were high! A big thank you to Jonathan Oak for dock committee (and Natalie and David for supervising their dad), and thank you to the wonderful safety boat.

Race 1

- 1 James Sullivan
- 2 Erika Rodger
- 3 Chip Ehrhardt
- 4 Ray Mann

Race 2 1 - James Sullivan

- 3 Chip Ehrhardt

- 2 Erika Rodger

Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 6

The much anticipated first windsurfing race of the summer series arrived last Saturday. However, there was some drama. I thought for sure that we were going to have to cancel an hour before race time. Even though the forecast called for southwest winds at 5 to 10 mph with gusts to 15, a low-pressure system to the north sucked all the wind off the lake. It resembled a glass mirror. We set sail anyway based on the wind forecast. It took us about a half an hour to drift from the vicinity of Beach 3 to Blueberry Island. When we finally got out to the main part of the lake, lo and behold, the lake started filling up with the aforementioned forecast of southwest winds at 5 to 10 mph.

So, what were the highlights of the day? We can start with Patrick Detwiler. Pat is our newest Windsurfing fleet member. We welcome him with open arms and sheeted in sails. He and his lovely wife, Diane, became community members when they purchased a house on the east side of the lake.

Next up is Todd Bennett. Todd returned to the race course after flying in from San Francisco to spend most of the summer with his in-laws. He and Zach Koberlein exchanged Challenger Division victories in grand style. Oh, did I forget to mention that Justin and I were back at it again as we both also exchanged victories in the championship division.

Once again, many thanks to Mike Gaston and all the volunteers that made the Spring into Summer Windsurfing Regatta an incredibly successful event. And speaking of volunteers, Mike and I are starting our 30th year volunteering for the fleet. See you on the line.

1 - Todd Bennett

3 - Pat Detwiler

2 - Zach Koberlein

Championship division	Challenger Division
Race 1	Race 1
1 - Justin Murphy	1 - Zach Koberlein
2 - Kevin Gaston	2 - Todd Bennett
Race 2	3 - Pat Detwiler
1 - Kevin Gaston	Race 2

2 - Justin Murphy

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 14, 21, 28 / August 4, 11, 18, 25 / September 1 Sunfish Races - Sundays at 2:30 pm Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102 July 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 17, 24, 31 / August 7

11:00 am

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

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165 July 12, 19, 26 / August 2, 9

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

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

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

Windsurfer Races - Saturdays at 3:00 pm Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923

July 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 <u>hlccsailing@gmail.com</u>.

Ladies Sunfish Fleet

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 4 presented colorful sails as we started our Ladies fleet season on July 4. It was a beautiful day but the winds didn't cooperate. Six ladies started a course 2 blue, blue, white with what seemed to be the best call for the winds at the start.

Unfortunately, mother nature stopped blowing and receded to leave the ladies hanging to return to the finish line with any speed. The good news is it's early in the season!

So nice to see the returning lady sailors! Come join us Thursdays at 11am start.

Finishers were:

- 1. Emmaline Stoddard
- 2. Maryjane Wisnewski
- 3. Ellen Wisolmerksi

4. Nancy Grimaldi 5. Kerri Bednarick 6. Christine Alber

far up you felt like you could touch one. Not a sliver of

July 5

sun was visible just heavy clouds that threatened rain and excited crew and captains ready to get into the sun boats. Ice cream was had by all – sticky and melty – mimicking the weather. Some discarded bowl was found in the bushes and I'm resistant to cleaning up messes, but this bowl was different - it screamed enthusiasm. Abandoned to be the first little person to land in a boat and get on the water. A little practice before the race – some form of motion on this otherwise motionless day that felt like slow moving molasses.

Jr. Sunfish Doubles Debut

MARY SZYMSAJ

The clouds hung low and layer upon layer of creamy

stillness. They lay so low that if you stretched really, really

puffy pillows gave promise of humidity, sweatiness and

This season felt different compared to other seasons as several sail boats were already rigged and waiting as if saying, "Sailing is season is here!" Not much cleaning the boats this first day was such a gift on this especially hot day. A fresh, white-as-snow (a wish at the time that a miraculous snow would come out of nowhere) mainsail was proudly put up. And little people piled into sailboats one by one directed by Krissy Amato and Justin Murphy with appropriate skill set in mind. Seasoned and willing to learn partnered up. In a quickness, the sailboats were all on the water. With turns taken by crew and shouts of "I want to be captain!" heard once crew members came parading down the dock wearing brightly colored vests. The enthusiasm was infectious. So much enthusiasm that even the sun came peeking out helping us all detox even further on this boiler.

And we were ready to practice a race – race being an understatement as not much wind was felt on this hot day. The sails looked stuck many times and I even saw my own son using his hands to dig into the water to get some sort of movement, stretching past the tip of the boat digging deep into the water to get some sort of traction. I said, "No Charlie!" Of course, he couldn't hear me so far away but he told me later on that his captain Giselle told him, "No Charlie, that's cheating!" What a good captain, a good example and a leader!

After a nice practice round, the race was off! The pace of a snail mixed with a turtle was more like it appeared to my unseasoned eyes. They were driven with purpose yet sssssslowwww...but they made it! They made it! As the parents looked on, as we unintentionally detoxed in unison, boat by boat came in smoothly and gently. And the results of the first race of the 2024 season is as follows:

- 1 Captain Cooper and crew Nate Fahmy & Joe Chiarello
- 2 Captain Giselle Bonardi and crew Ernest Bonardi
- 3 Captain Kazu and crew Eva
- 4 Captain Charlie Conti and crew Jordana Chiarella and Peter Lach
- 5 Captain David Costanin and crew Clayton Hastie
- 6 Captain Jenna Brennan and crew Abigail Klimash & Charlie Lach
- 7 Captain Erica Oak and crew Landon Howes & Graden Lector
- 8 Captain KO and crew John Klimash & Ben Fahmy
- What a victorious win for Captain Cooper and his crew Nate and Joe! Congratulations

Ladies Sunfish Races - (1 race) Thursdays at Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227 Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races - Fridays at 11:00 am

Force 5 Races - Saturdays at 10:00 am

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

Hobie Races - Saturdays at 1:00 pm