



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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The Heart Leaves its Mark

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

As a lifelong summer resident and year-round Highland Laker since 1977, I am an unabashed lover of this place. The natural beauty never ceases to inspire me, but the community spirit we share here is equally impressive. There are many lake communities in northern NJ, but none that I know of offer what ours does... beautiful, tranquil lakes; a bustling activity program for people of all ages; a devoted staff; and hundreds of volunteers who log thousands of hours to make this community all that it is.

The money saved by the efforts of all involved on the Voting Board level in running this Club, on the committee level in managing the many facets of this community, and on the activity level in organizing and implementing our robust activity program is impressive. More impressive than that is the heart that runs through it all.

When I reflect on years gone by, I remember the people who gave their hearts and souls to the many activities that I enjoyed here as a child. Mrs. Kryzanka and softball; Jack and Helen Fugett, who were forever at the Clubhouse and teen council meetings; Sam Meeker, Chet Cooper, Arnold and Barbara Eckhart, Mr. Murphy and the Brunings, who all played their part in our active sailing program; Mr. Farquart who devotedly maintained our clay tennis courts at the start of every summer day and my own parents, Grace and Bill Magee, who along with so many others were such vocal advocates of the tennis program in our community. These names may not be familiar to many readers, but all of these people played a part in creating quintessential summertime memories for children and teens in the 1960s and 1970s.

Today's kids will recall other names years from now when they remember how they whiled away their days in the summer of 2024. The important thing is that the baton is passed, so to speak... and that we, as individuals, never forget the importance of volunteering and that we, as a



Sam Meeker

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community, never forget the role that volunteers play in making Highland Lakes all that it is.

If you are not yet actively involved in something, please reflect on that and consider adding your name to our community's history. We need you.

Time passes quickly but not so quickly that you can't share your talents and leave a positive mark that will long outlive you. For generations, that is what has been happening in Highland Lakes, and that is why it continues to be the special place it is today.

HIGHLAND LAKES
Come Out & Cheer for Your Favorite Guards!

LIFEGUARD Olympics

AUG 3
6:00 PM
BEACH 1

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HIGHLAND LAKES
2024 Annual FAMILY DAY

AUGUST 4
9:00 AM

PRE-REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES AT: WWW.HLCC.ORG

Time	Family Day Activity
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Quadathlon Begins*
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Kids Triathlon*
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Sandcastle Building Contest*
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Food Truck
12:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Face Painting, Henna, Make and Take Craft, Giant Jenga, Connect 4, Scavenger Hunt
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Cotton Candy Opens
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Lawn Group Games
2:30 PM - 3 PM	Potato Sack Races
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Bubblegum Contest
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Egg Toss
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Water Balloon Toss
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Fishing Derby
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Bounce Houses Open
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Baby Parade & Talent Show
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	DJ on the Lawn & Foam Party
6:30 PM	Apple Pie Contest A la Mode
8:30 PM	Lighted Boat Parade
9:00 PM	Fireworks

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Upcoming Events

- August 2 – Men's Golf Outing
- August 3 – Lifeguard Olympics
- August 4 – Family Day
- August 6 – Family Feud
- August 10 – W/A Covered Dish
- August 10 – A Championships



Beach Hours

KAITLYN NAGY, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

July 1 – Labor Day

Beach 1 - 9 am - 5 pm

Beach 2 - 10:30 am - 5 pm

Beach 3 - 10 am - 6 pm

Beach 4, 5, 6 - 11:30 - 5 pm

Beach 7 - 10 am - 6 pm

Swim Lanes - 9 am - 4 pm

All hours and beach openings are subject to change based on staff availability. We thank you for your understanding.

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.

	7/8	7/17	7/23
Beach 1	20.3	14.6	12.2
Beach 2	9.8	5.2	1
Beach 3	31.8	6.3	1
Beach 4	8.6	8.6	5.2
Beach 5	105	7.5	4.1
Beach 6	1	18.5	6.3
Beach 7	11	2	4.1
Swim Lanes	9.8	3.1	1



Next Newsette: August 10, 2024

Newsette articles should be submitted by noon on the Friday before the week of publication. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club Office at info@hlcc.org. 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



Appreciation Nights Approaching

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT/
EVENTS COORDINATOR

Jr. Appreciation - Wednesday, August 14
Sr. Appreciation - Friday, August 16

Jr. Appreciation invitations will be at the activity center by August 9. Check the list to see if your name is on it. Sr. Appreciation invitations will be mailed. If your name isn't on the list or if you don't receive one, contact the person for whom you put in your volunteer hours to make sure your hours were accounted for.

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Upcoming Activities

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

All of the following activities will take place from 6 – 8 pm:

- August 1 - Ice Cream Social - Beach 1 Pavilion
 - August 2 - Color Wars – Clubhouse (wear white)
 - August 6 - Movie Night – under the stars on the Clubhouse lawn
 - August 8 - Open Rec Hall – Clubhouse (pool, ping pong, arcade games)
 - August 9 - Beach Volleyball – Beach 2
- For more information on these and any events, please email recreation@hlcc.org.

Summer Clubhouse Activities in Full Swing



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Babe Ruth League Reunion Game

SUE LOUGHREN

August 3

Not so long ago, many of us dusted off our gloves, cleaned our cleats, and prepared for another memorable summer on the diamonds of Highland Lakes. Four teams, consisting of Red, Blue, Green and Gold faced off in a softball tradition known as the Babe Ruth League.

On Saturday, August 3 at 5 pm, come relive those fond memories with friends and family at Ball Field Two (Canistear Park). Toss the ball around and try to hit a homer with other old timers while we reconnect with younger versions of friends and ourselves. Replicas of the original uniforms will be available for purchase at the Highland General Store.

We hope to see you there no matter the capacity in which you wish to participate. All are welcome.

Athletic News

CHIP ZIEGLER, VOLUNTEER COACH COORDINATOR

Tuesday Night Softball Recap

July 16 saw three players. After about 10 minutes of warmup the heavens opened up and the rain poured down on us. Everyone scurried home and we wrapped up for the week.

July 23 was the same night as a makeup swim meet, so we only had three players, Delilah, Maddie, and Kaitlyn. We took turns batting and fielding, and the hits were pretty impressive. Many made it out to the outfield fence. Well done.

We look forward to returning to greater numbers next Tuesday night at 6 pm. Come on out to play or join the crowd!



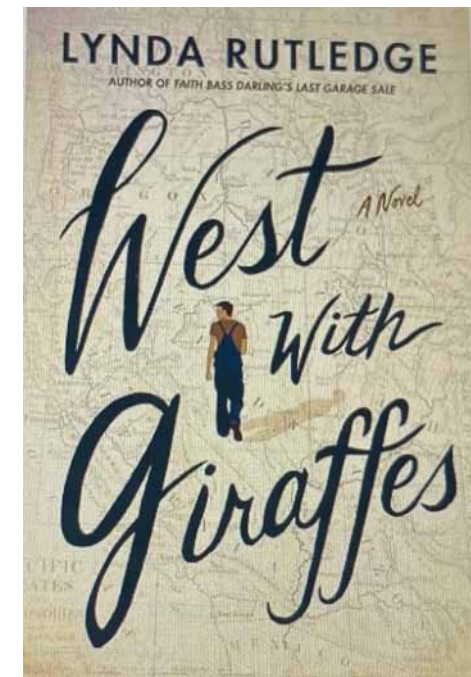
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Chit Chat

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Suggested Reading for Book Lovers

West with Giraffes, a novel by Lynda Rutledge, was inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines during the Depression era in America in 1938. The tale unfolds over a 12-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver the two animals to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is Woody Nickel, a man who has lost everything in the Dust Bowl. *West with Giraffes* is part adventure and part historical saga. The story also shows how we can be changed by the grace of animals - 5 stars!



NANCY EISENBERG

Scholarship Awarded

A big congratulations to Joshua Gelfand for winning the Raymond Cordts Community Champion Award from Sussex Rural Electric, Inc. This award recognizes students who work to better their communities. Joshua has been awarded a \$500 scholarship and an additional \$500 to donate to a charity of his choice. He selected the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund.

Throughout his middle and high school years, Joshua has been an invaluable volunteer, contributing his time to the Yard Sale and helping organize the Annual Boat Auction. His dedication and hard work embody the spirit of community service that the Raymond Cordts Community Champion Award celebrates. Way to go, Josh!

Established in the Fall of 2023, GCOF is a 501C3 non-profit organization offering outreach services to the Highland Lakes community.

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Athletics Weekly Review

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Week of July 22

The week started with tee ball and softball. On Monday, the Farm Team warmed up their arms by batting off of a tee. After batting practice, the kids worked on running the bases and playing follow the leader. Kickball was used to demonstrate the process of “hitting” and running. The group continued working on the idea of running the bases with a Highland Lakes classic beach game, “Running Bases.” The 6–8-year-olds built on their established foundations in throwing, catching, hitting, and running the bases when they met on Tuesday.

Soccer and Tennis continue to thrive with individual and group instruction. The coaches have been outstanding, bringing new energy and ideas to these programs! Tennis meets on Mondays and Wednesdays. Soccer meets Thursdays at 9 am at the field by Beach 1. Soccer now includes a toddler group for any child who is walking up to 4 years old. Then, the 4-12-year-olds go through more advanced drills and play games.



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Third Annual All-Star Sunday Night

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

August 11

The third annual “All-Star Sunday Night” will take place on August 11 from 5–7 pm to celebrate all of this summer’s participants. In a few short weeks, the Summer Athletic Season will close. The all-star celebration will mark the end of the youth athletic programs. All regularly scheduled athletic sessions will stop and pick up next summer.

The celebration won’t be complete without a few friendly competitions. Our 4-5-year-old group will compete in a tee ball hitting contest. The older age groups will compete in a home-run derby. Hitters from 6-12 years old with the most home runs in their respective age groups will face off for the honor of being crowned “Home Run King or Queen.” Even mom and dad can get in on the slugfest with the “Open Division,” where anyone 13 or older can compete in a condensed home run derby. On deck will be multiple water balloon toss contests, a modified soccer competition, and the distribution of participation medals for all of our HLCC athletes.

This is a BYO event. The Beach Hut will be open during regular business hours, but no other refreshments will be available. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks, drinks, chairs, and blankets to gather around field 1. Join us to cheer on our athletes and socialize as DJ Ryan of Hi Energy Entertainment provides music and entertainment during the event. Hope to see you on August 11 at 5 pm!



Summer Athletics

SUMMER 2024

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		
Time	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			

Nomination of Trustee Candidates

The following individuals have been nominated as candidates for election as trustee for their respective section. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on August 18, 2024, and by Absentee Ballots received by 4 pm on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

Section 2	Joseph DeLorenzo
Section 2	Peter Jablonski
Section 6	David Lagas
Section 6	Thomas Marry
Section 9	Lorayne Castiglione
Section 9	James Schriner
Section 10	Craig Bernier
Section 10	Michael Gunning
Section 10	Michael McCleary
Section 10	Bethany Merner
Section 11	Eric Card
Section 11	Andrea Cottrell

Section 6 Trustee will be elected to serve the balance of the term expiring on September 30, 2025. All other section trustees will serve full, three-year terms commencing October 1, 2024. Members may vote for one of the candidates listed for their section or write-in the candidate of their choice in the "Personal Choice" space provided on the ballot.

Candidate for Trustee

BETHANY MERNER

Section 10

Hello neighbors! I am Bethany Merner, and I am running for Section 10 Trustee. I grew up enjoying Highland Lakes as a child and knew I wanted to raise my children here. My husband and I bought our house in 2006 and have loved living here for the past 18 years. I have two children, ages 8 and 11, who enjoy all that Highland Lakes offers them throughout the year. I decided to run for trustee because I care so much about our wonderful lake community. I hope to see it thrive for years to come.

Candidate for Trustee

LORAYNE CASTIGLIONE, PT, DPT, MSPT

Section 9

Hello, Section 9 Members,
I have Highland Lakes roots deep in my soul; I've been a part of this community since 1969, and my family rented here long before that.

My interest in Highland Lakes is not purely in its structural needs. I have been part of this community as it transformed from a summer only to an all-year-round community, while maintaining its uniqueness and sanctity. Since HL has transitioned to an all-year-round community, our members have expressed an interest in additional social, public service and technological needs year-round. These resources need to be initiated, monitored closely and reassessed constantly. This would help strengthen our community.

I've volunteered to coach, cook, time, sit at front gates and most recently, to distribute trees to replenish those damaged by the Ash Borer. I've participated in mostly every activity and worked here as a lifeguard, water safety instructor and director. I've even tried sailing. As a member of the Women's Auxiliary, I strive to support our first responders. I have enjoyed being part of this wonderful community for 50-plus years.

As our lakes struggle alongside all lakeside communities around us, we need to educate and emphasize to our members what is factually effective to keep them safe and healthy. As a higher educator and healthcare provider, I feel strongly that this cannot be achieved without continuous research, education, communication, and transparency. As I love to swim in our beautiful lakes every day, I am certain that all HLCC members enjoy that as well.

I am looking forward to representing you as a Board of Trustee member for Section 9.

Candidate for Trustee

ERIC CARD, TRUSTEE SECTION 11

Section 11

My name is Eric Card. I am running for the position of Trustee for Section 11 of the Highland Lakes Board. I have been on the board since October of 2023. I was elected last August to serve the rest of the 3-year term of the previous Trustee.

I raised all of my 4 children in Highland Lakes, and have been a member in good standing for 30 years. My wife Lynn, and I have been active volunteers for many years at different events held in the Highland Lakes community.

I am a retired Union Telecommunication/construction/autobody mechanic professional, I have devoted a lot of time to volunteering and attending crucial committee meetings. In my time on the board, I have been involved with the Ecology Committee, Fishing Committee, Buildings & Grounds Committee, and a liaison for the Roads Committee.

As a long-standing resident of Highland Lakes, I am deeply committed to our community and its future maintenance and upkeep of our lakes, roads and fiscal responsibility. We are at a critical juncture between our five lake's health and the strategic planning for the future of our community.

I am asking for your vote for Section 11. I am committed to working with the board and listening to members' concerns to ensure positive outcomes moving forward for Highland Lakes. Thank you.



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Ladies Bowling

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Week 3

Despite the heat and humidity outside, we completed our three games to the best of our abilities. Although we were a small group, we managed to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

Notable achievements:

Dolores Gaspari - 159

Tara Burns - 2 doubles, 155, 170

Susan Kinney - 176

Week 4

We have reached the halfway point. The ladies are still "kicking it up". Having great fun and improving their expertise! Maybe?? I was not in attendance so we will list the accomplishments next week.

Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

Hello, everyone! I certainly hope you're doing well and keeping cool in this oppressive heat and humidity. Perhaps you've spoken a few expletives about the weather or your AC if it isn't working. Understandable...I guess, but let me share something with you by Monica LaRose entitled **TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORDS**.

It's almost unheard of for institutions to admit guilt after a tragedy. But one year after a 17-year-old student's death, a prestigious school admitted it "fell tragically short" in protecting him. The student had been relentlessly bullied, and school leaders, despite knowing about his mistreatment, did little to protect him. The school has now committed to taking significant steps to combat bullying and better care for students' mental health.

The devastation caused by bullying is a stark example of the power of words. Do we take the impact of words lightly? Cruel words can really injure.

How do we bring life to what we say? Our words flow from either wisdom or foolishness.

We all have a responsibility - in words and in actions- to

take seriously the impact of words, whether at meetings, casual gatherings, daily activities, etc. Let's care for and protect those wounded by what others have said. Words can kill, but compassionate words can also heal, becoming a tree of life branching out to those around us. Measure what you say, don't speak falsely in heated moments, and know that you, too, make mistakes. Own up to these mistakes and correct them.

Senior Club activities - big events:

The guest speakers from the NJ Lighthouse Society fell ill, and we postponed their visit on 7/24. It will be rescheduled. "Take me out to the ball game" on 8/1 at Skylands Stadium at 7 pm, 8/11 Annual Senior Gala from 6 -10 pm. The off-premises luncheon is on 8/15 at 12 pm at Milano's Restaurant on Rt. 94. Two evening meetings (8/20 and 8/27 at 7 pm guest speakers coming).

You'll need to sign up to participate in these activities... no walk-ins, and PLEASE RSVP when you are contacted. Need some information? Give me a call at 845- 544-3749. Love ya, J. Healy.

The holidays will be here before you know it. Let your kids express their excitement!



Pictured: Art by 2023's winner Makenzie B.

Artwork from your family's young artist can be featured on SREC's 2024 holiday card!

We're now accepting submissions of artwork from children and grandchildren of members (K-5th) for our 2024 Holiday Card Art Contest! Our top 3 submissions will receive prizes and first place will have their art featured on this year's holiday card! Submissions are due **Friday, October 25th.**

Find more details at:

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Celebrating the Community Yard Sale Volunteers

WINNIE DONOGHUE

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Highland Lakes' community spirit is alive and well, thanks to the fantastic volunteers at our Annual Community Yard Sale. Despite facing rain, humidity, and crowds of eager shoppers, these remarkable individuals greeted everyone with broad smiles and a generous spirit.

The volunteers' enthusiasm helped set a new record for the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund, which also received a generous donation from the HL Women's Auxiliary Bake Sale. Through this 501(c)3 charity, the community can assist members with short-term emergencies while also providing educational, advocacy, and outreach support.

In the coming months, the community will receive updates on upcoming events, the launch of a new website, and the range of services we will provide. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to stay engaged. (Mark your calendars for the next Community Yard Sale on July 12, 2025.)

Do you have any good ideas you'd like to share? Email us at GCOFideas@gmail.com. Thanks once again to the volunteers for sharing their time, talents, and energy. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected community.



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Pickleball Update

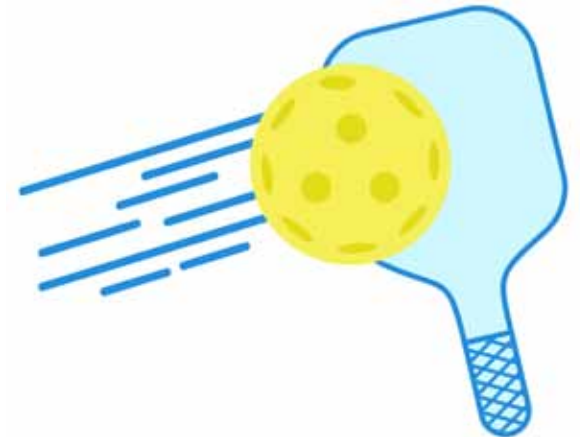
KATHI TAYLOR

This has been one of our best summers ever on the pickleball courts. We have so many members coming to play and the games have been fantastic. Our scheduled play sessions are:

All Levels of Play: Monday and Wednesday 6 – 8 pm and Friday 10 am – 12 pm

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Swim Team Wins Back to Back Meets to Claim White Division Title

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

Inclement weather forced the Swim Team to reschedule their Week 3 dual meet versus Erskine Lakes, setting up a Week 4 gauntlet. Back-to-back meets on two successive nights versus Erskine and Green Pond would essentially decide this season's LSC White Division champion. The task was set for the team: win both meets and win the division!

Tuesday, July 23rd- Erskine Lakes at HL

First up, on Tuesday evening, Erskine Lakes Aquatic Club traveled to Highland Lakes to make-up the postponed Week 3 contest. ELAC defeated Green Pond during their Week 2 meet by a narrow margin, placing them level with Highland Lakes in the White Division standings. A win for either team would put the victor in pole position for the division title. Highland Lakes swimmers brought their best to the lanes on Tuesday night, and impressed throughout their home opener.

Highland Lakes opened up a commanding 89-67 lead through the breaststroke events, winning eight of the ten contests. Stand out performances included the 13/14 Girls team of Adrienn Kovacs, Alicia Kovacs, and Isabella Cherichella, who turned in a 1-2-4 result, matched by the 15/18 Boys team of James Brantner, Sean Allen-Poole, and Colin Dignan who also went 1-2-4. While the butterfly events were evenly split with both teams winning four contests, HL was able to extend their lead through a pair of 1-2-3 "sweeps" by the 11/12 Boys and 15/18 Girls. The 11/12 Boys squad of Chace Puccio, Caleb Burns, and Ryan Allen-Poole took maximum points, while the 15/18 Girls squad put a marker down with a clean 1-4 sweep of the event thanks to Abbey Amato, Alexandra Kovacs, Hannah Wisniewski, and Mia Chonko.

In the backstroke events, HL claimed five wins and one draw from the ten contests. The 13/14 Boys squad of Derek Fleming, Caleb Dalelio, and Braeden Contreni finished 1-2-3, while the 15/18 Girls turned in another 1-4 sweep thanks to Kovacs, Wisniewski, Jenna Brennan, and Gabriella Cefaloni. Freestyle events followed the backstroke events, with similar results. HL claimed five outright wins and two draws in the discipline. Highlights included the 11/12 Girls team of Alexa Fleming, Zoey Levens, Rebecca Cefaloni, and Makenzie Getch who finished 1-2-3-4. The relay events cemented Highland Lakes' victory as the relay teams won six of the eight team races. By the end of the evening, Highland Lakes claimed an important victory with the meet finishing with a final score of HL 373- EL 301.

Wednesday, July 24th- Green Pond at HL

Highland Lakes swimmers had to rest up and run it back for a second night in a row. The team entered Wednesday night buoyed by their win the night before, but knew that a tough Green Pond Mussels team would not go down easily. Having defeated Highland Lakes last season to claim the White Division, this meet was an opportunity for some payback. The weather gods, however, would insist on having their say for a second straight week. Storms threatened as the meet start time approached, with the radar showing a direct hit was on its way. The meet began in haste, with everyone in attendance crossing their fingers and hoping for

the best. Heavy rains commenced during the breaststroke events and lasted through the butterfly events, challenging swimmers to bring their best in less-than-ideal conditions.

Highland Lakes breaststrokers continued their impressive form, opening the meet with six wins and one draw. The 15/18 Girls team of Abbey Amato, Hannah Wisniewski, and Gabriella Cefaloni were the top point-scorers of the group, winning their race with a 1-2-4 finish. The 11/12 Boys, 13/14 Girls, and 15/18 Boys teams also won big with 1-3-4 results. By the end of the Breaststroke events, HL built a solid 85-69 lead. With five wins from the eight butterfly events, they were able to grow their lead to a 22-point spread. The top performance came from the 13/14 Boys duo of Vincent Fisher and Derek Fleming, who finished 1-2 in their contest. The meet stood at 148-126 by the start of the backstroke events.

The Mussels staged an impressive comeback in the backstroke discipline. Racking up three wins and a draw from the first four contests, they nearly erased HL's lead entirely. The meet stood at 170-168 after the 9/10 Girls Backstroke contest. A critical 1-2-3-4 sweep by the 11/12 boys' team of Derek Fisher, Joseph Evanick, Ryan Allen-Poole, and Gavin Kiefer was an important counterpunch after HL found themselves on the ropes. The 13/14 Boys team of Derek Fleming, Caleb Dalelio, and Braeden Contreni also posted a 1-2-3 result in the backstroke. By the end of the backstroke events, HL held onto a tenuous 222-211 lead.

The Green Pond 8/U boys team opened the freestyle events with a sweep of their own to bring the score to a single point gap - HL 225, GP 224. Three events later, Green Pond moved into their first lead of the night, with another sweep taking them into a three-point lead. Highland Lakes won the next four contests to jump out to a 24-point lead. The run was capped off by a big 1-2-3 sweep by the 13/14 Girls squad of Adrienn Kovacs, Isabella Cherichella, and Eva D. The freestyle events ended with HL holding onto a 305-287 lead. The relays would decide the contest. Green Pond could win the meet if they won five or more of the relay events. Critically, Green Pond did not field two relays, costing them essential points at the end of the meet. Highland Lakes' relays were able to hold Green Pond's teams off with an even 4-4 split of the events. Wins by the 8/U Relay, Boys 11/12, Boys 13/14, and Girls 13/14 teams ensured victory for Highland Lakes!

The fans who braved the weather cheered as the scoring booth announced the final score: HL 353- GP 327! The Highland Lakes coaching staff celebrated the hard-earned win with a swim of their own, diving off the 25-meter pier while the swimmers cheered them on! The victory meant Highland Lakes would finish as the Undefeated White Division Champions for the 2024 Season. The team still has two non-division meets left on their regular season schedule. Please join us for our final home meet of the season on Wednesday, August 7 when we'll bid farewell to our graduating seniors!



PHOTO COURTESY OF COACH BUCHNEY

47th Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jogathon

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Saturday, August 24

Mark your calendars! It's time again for the Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jogathon in honor of my father, who started the event in 1977. Even though it's called a "Jogathon," you can run, jog, walk, or do a little of each. Over the years, we've had bikers, pets, babies in strollers, and even a CHIHUAHUA in a stroller! Of course, we always have our serious runners, with amazing speeds of under half an hour, who compete against their best times. Watching the runners make that extra push across the finish line is always exciting.

The course follows a scenic route of approximately 4 ½ miles around our beautiful Big Lake. This year, the Jogathon will start at the Clubhouse at 10 am on Saturday, August 24. Please arrive with enough time to sign in, stretch, and greet one another. Coffee, donuts, and "Joggers Juice," aka OJ, will be provided outside on the front porch.

As always, the "Courtesy Car" will be making its way around the lake to provide ice-cold water for people and pets or a ride back to the Clubhouse if needed. We hope to see an even bigger crowd this year as we welcome back our regulars and gain some newcomers. We also hope to see our friends across from the Clubhouse, who sometimes have a family party the day of the Jogathon and come in Hawaiian shirts and leis to cheer us on!

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Full Results- Erskine Lakes @ HL**Event # 1 Boys 50 Breast 8 & Under**

1 John Klimash 1:03.82L

Event # 2 Girls 50 Breast 8 & Under

1 Maeve Olsen 50.39L

4 Annette Kaicher 1:22.89L

5 Ryleigh Brennan 1:34.23L

6 McKenna Reiser 1:39.24L

Event # 3 Boys 50 Breast 9-10

1 Cae Laudenberger 52.49L

3 Nathaniel Fahmy 1:01.89L

4 Luca Berg 1:02.52L

5 Benjamin Fahmy 1:04.12L

Event # 4 Girls 50 Breast 9-10

4 Charlotte Schreiner 1:09.55L

5 Avellina Reiser 1:22.50L

Event # 5 Boys 50 Breast 11-12

1 Caleb Burns 52.54L

4 Cody Kutzman 58.51L

5 Jackson Kluck 1:20.95L

Event # 6 Girls 50 Breast 11-12

1 Alexa Fleming 42.09L

4 Ceci Laudenberger 56.65L

5 Makenzie Getch 56.94L

6 Jenalys Laszloczky 57.87L

7 Emmalyn Burns 1:00.26L

Event # 7 Boys 50 Breast 13-14

1 Derek Fleming 38.83L

3 Logan Cole 55.61L

Event # 8 Girls 50 Breast 13-14

1 Adrienn Kovacs 40.70L

2 Alicia Kovacs 42.83L

4 Isabella Cherichella 52.06L

5 Regina Brantner 53.40L

Event # 9 Boys 50 Breast 15-18

1 James Brantner 35.99L

2 Sean Allen-Poole 38.68L

4 Colin Dignan 43.21L

Event # 10 Girls 50 Breast 15-18

1 Abbey Amato 36.42L

4 Gabriella Cefaloni 45.72L

5 Hannah Wisniewski 45.86L

7 Meghan Emmerich 49.68L

Event # 11 Boys 50 Fly 10 & Under

3 Luca Berg 1:11.63L

4 Nathaniel Fahmy 1:14.61L

5 Benjamin Fahmy 1:25.68L

Event # 12 Girls 50 Fly 10 & Under

3 Avellina Reiser 1:26.25L

Event # 13 Boys 50 Fly 11-12

1 Chace Puccio 42.82L

2 Caleb Burns 55.40L

3 Ryan Allen-Poole 1:08.23L

Event # 14 Girls 50 Fly 11-12

3 Makenzie Getch 1:01.20L

Event # 15 Boys 50 Fly 13-14

1 Vincent Fisher 35.34L

Event # 16 Girls 50 Fly 13-14

1 Juliet Schwarz 37.50L

5 Regina Brantner 59.42L

6 Lauren Emmerich 1:07.72L

Event # 17 Boys 50 Fly 15-18

2 James Brantner 28.85L

3 Sean Allen-Poole 37.22L

4 Steven Bednarick 41.14L

5 Declan Olds 43.10L

Event # 18 Girls 50 Fly 15-18

1 Abbey Amato 33.93L

2 Alexandra Kovacs 36.53L

3 Hannah Wisniewski 39.01L

4 Mia Chonko 41.74L

Event # 19 Boys 50 Back 8 & Under

3 Gavin Harris 1:17.73L

4 Seneca Giunta Field 1:19.83L

Event # 20 Girls 50 Back 8 & Under

1 Anabelle Schwarz 52.25L

3 Margaret Fahmy 1:09.91L

5 Ezra Dalelio 1:15.62L

6 Adeline Kothiyal 1:16.44L

7 Lily Elmo 1:23.50L

9 Olivia Vazquez 1:39.59L

Event # 21 Boys 50 Back 9-10

4 Gavin Kutzman 58.10L

6 Clayton Hastie 1:03.28L

7 Benjamin Fahmy 1:06.13L

8 Daniel Kaicher 1:14.17L

Event # 22 Girls 50 Back 9-10

2 Abigail Klimash 54.63L

6 Riley Simons 1:11.17L

7 Eleanor McCarney 1:12.69L

Event # 23 Boys 50 Back 11-12

3 Joseph Evanick 50.19L

4 Ryan Allen-Poole 55.52L

5 Gavin Kiefer 57.61L

Event # 24 Girls 50 Back 11-12

2 Zoey Levens 44.17L

3 Rebecca Cefaloni 47.95L

5 Ava Kraus 57.47L

7 Ceci Laudenberger 1:06.73L

Event # 25 Boys 50 Back 13-14

1 Derek Fleming 38.67L

2 Caleb Dalelio 43.84L

3 Braeden Contreni 46.46L

Event # 26 Girls 50 Back 13-14

1 Adrienn Kovacs 39.38L

2 Juliet Schwarz 41.38L

5 Elizabeth Allen-Poole 51.73L

7 Lauren Emmerich 55.28L

Event # 27 Boys 50 Back 15-18

2 Nicholas Beninati 35.13L

3 Steven Bednarick 39.25L

4 Michael Evanick 40.26L

5 Elijah Dalelio 41.73L

Event # 28 Girls 50 Back 15-18

1 Alexandra Kovacs 38.54L

2 Hannah Wisniewski 38.83L

3 Meghan Emmerich 41.66L

4 Jenna Brennan 42.40L

5 Gabriella Cefaloni 42.79L

6 Julie Evanick 43.57L

Event # 29 Boys 50 Free 8 & Under

2 Gavin Harris 1:06.31L

3 John Klimash 1:11.53L

5 Seneca Giunta Field 1:13.11L

Event # 30 Girls 50 Free 8 & Under

1 Maeve Olsen 40.05L

2 Anabelle Schwarz 48.31L

5 Margaret Fahmy 1:08.66L

6 Olivia Kluck 1:20.66L

7 Adeline Kothiyal 1:22.83L

8 Ezra Dalelio 1:23.02L

9 McKenna Reiser 1:24.63L

10 Annette Kaicher 1:30.21L

11 Lily Elmo 1:31.01L

12 Ryleigh Brennan 1:34.82L

13 Hailee Hamilton 1:44.01L

Event # 31 Boys 50 Free 9-10

4 Gavin Kutzman 48.85L

5 Cae Laudenberger 53.09L

6 Clayton Hastie 55.90L

9 Stephen Kaicher 1:03.39L

11 Daniel Kaicher 1:08.84L

13 Brayden Vradenburg 1:13.74L

Event # 32 Girls 50 Free 9-10

5 Abigail Klimash 50.96L

6 Charlotte Schreiner 59.35L

7 Eleanor McCarney 1:08.59L

8 Riley Simons 1:15.61L

Event # 33 Boys 50 Free 11-12

2 Chace Puccio 37.80L

5 Joseph Evanick 46.42L

6 Gavin Kiefer 47.68L

7 Cody Kutzman 48.11L

8 Tristan Talerico 56.73L

9 Jackson Kluck 1:03.89L

Event # 34 Girls 50 Free 11-12

1 Alexa Fleming 36.41L

2 Zoey Levens 39.17L

3 Rebecca Cefaloni 40.07L

4 Makenzie Getch 49.52L

5 Jenalys Laszloczky 51.49L

7 Ava Kraus 51.62L

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Event # 35 Boys 50 Free 13-14

1 Vincent Fisher 32.41L

2 Caleb Dalelio 35.53L

4 Braeden Contreni 44.48L

5 Logan Cole 51.46L

Event # 36 Girls 50 Free 13-14

1 Adrienn Kovacs 34.34L

3 Alicia Kovacs 37.78L

4 Isabella Cherichella 40.75L

5 Eva D 41.09L

Event # 37 Boys 100 Free 15-18

2 James Brantner 1:05.01L

3 Sean Allen-Poole 1:16.99L

5 Steven Bednarick 1:20.48L

6 Farrell Bednarick 1:46.74L

Event # 38 Girls 100 Free 15-18

1 Abbey Amato 1:07.40L

3 Gabriella Cefaloni 1:20.92L

4 Jenna Brennan 1:21.07L

6 Julie Evanick 1:26.33L

Full Results- Green Pond @ HL**Event # 1 Boys 50 Breast 8 & Under**

2 John Klimash 1:01.26L

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1 Maeve Olsen 51.51L

5 Annette Kaicher 1:20.63L

7 McKenna Reiser 1:40.22L

Event # 3 Boys 50 Breast 9-10

2 Luca Berg 1:00.88L

3 Nathaniel Fahmy 1:02.29L

4 Benjamin Fahmy 1:02.59L

Event # 4 Girls 50 Breast 9-10

5 Charlotte Schreiner 1:13.55L

6 Avellina Reiser 1:23.45L

Event # 5 Boys 50 Breast 11-12

1 Derek Fisher 48.87L

3 Caleb Burns 54.89L

4 Cody Kutzman 59.59L

5 Jackson Kluck 1:21.29L

Event # 6 Girls 50 Breast 11-12

1 Alexa Fleming 43.21L

4 Delilah Taylor 49.02L

6 Makenzie Getch 55.67L

7 Ceci Laudenberger 55.69L

9 Emmalyn Burns 58.81L

10 Greycey Steady 59.35L

11 Jenalys Laszloczky 59.69L

12 Ramona Uschnig 1:03.02L

Event # 7 Boys 50 Breast 13-14

1 Derek Fleming 38.52L

3 Logan Cole 57.06L

Event # 8 Girls 50 Breast 13-14

1 Adrienn Kovacs 38.61L

3 Alicia Kovacs 42.83L

4 Isabella Cherichella 52.18L

7 Elizabeth Allen-Poole 1:03.62L

Event # 9 Boys 50 Breast 15-18

1 James Brantner 34.98L

3 Sean Allen-Poole 38.78L

4 Colin Dignan 42.87L

6 Steven Bednarick 43.63L

Event # 10 Girls 50 Breast 15-18

1 Abbey Amato 36.16L

2 Hannah Wisniewski 43.96L

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5 Meghan Emmerich 50.44L

Event # 11 Boys 50 Fly 10 & Under

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1	Derek Fleming	32.71L
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4	Alicia Kovacs	41.58L
5	Lauren Emmerich	59.94L

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6	Declan Olds	43.86L

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4	Hannah Wisniewski	37.31L
5	Mia Chonko	42.38L

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5	Gavin Harris	1:21.27L

Event # 20 Girls 50 Back 8 & Under

1	Anabelle Schwarz	52.61L
4	Margaret Fahmy	1:10.34L
6	Adeline Kothiyal	1:17.34L
7	Ezra Dalelio	1:17.97L
9	Hailee Hamilton	1:25.65L
10	Lily Elmo	1:26.08L
13	Olivia Vazquez	1:42.09L

Event # 21 Boys 50 Back 9-10

3	Gavin Kutzman	56.69L
4	Clayton Hastie	1:04.13L
5	Benjamin Fahmy	1:04.45L
6	Daniel Kaicher	1:20.74L

Event # 22 Girls 50 Back 9-10

2	Abigail Klimash	57.71L
6	Eleanor McCarney	1:08.78L
7	Riley Simons	1:11.81L

**Event # 23 Boys 50 Back 11-12**

1	Derek Fisher	45.23L
2	Joseph Evanick	50.71L
3	Ryan Allen-Poole	53.56L
4	Gavin Kiefer	58.66L

Event # 24 Girls 50 Back 11-12

2	Zoey Levens	43.61L
4	Rebecca Cefaloni	49.78L
6	Ava Kraus	58.99L
7	Emmalyn Burns	1:05.12L

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9	Ezra Dalelio	1:16.82L
10	Olivia Kluck	1:17.76L
11	Adeline Kothiyal	1:18.93L
12	Lily Elmo	1:21.25L
13	McKenna Reiser	1:27.46L
15	Annette Kaicher	1:30.70L
17	Ryleigh Brennan	1:46.13L

18	Hailee Hamilton	1:54.32L
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4	Clayton Hastie	55.61L
5	Stephen Kaicher	1:03.88L
6	Daniel Kaicher	1:13.85L
7	Brayden Vradenburg	1:14.31L

Event # 32 Girls 50 Free 9-10

7	Eleanor McCarney	1:08.21L
8	Charlotte Schreiner	1:10.66L
10	Riley Simons	1:16.83L

Event # 33 Boys 50 Free 11-12

1	Derek Fisher	35.16L
3	Chace Puccio	38.21L
5	Joseph Evanick	46.38L
7	Gavin Kiefer	49.62L
8	Cody Kutzman	52.41L
9	Tristan Talerico	56.96L
10	Jackson Kluck	1:04.06L

Event # 34 Girls 50 Free 11-12

1	Alexa Fleming	35.25L
3	Zoey Levens	39.04L
5	Delilah Taylor	41.26L
8	Makenzie Getch	46.87L
10	Ceci Laudemberger	50.78L
11	Jenalyss Laszloczky	52.14L
13	Ava Kraus	53.27L
14	Greycey Steady	57.62L

Event # 35 Boys 50 Free 13-14

1	Vincent Fisher	32.80L
2	Caleb Dalelio	34.74L
4	Braeden Contreni	44.25L

Event # 36 Girls 50 Free 13-14

1	Adrienn Kovacs	33.78L
2	Isabella Cherichella	40.62L
3	Eva D	41.28L
6	Lauren Emmerich	46.10L

Event # 37 Boys 100 Free 15-18

3	Sean Allen-Poole	1:13.76L
5	Michael Evanick	1:22.81L
6	Farrell Bednarick	1:47.78L

Event # 38 Girls 100 Free 15-18

1	Abbey Amato	1:06.42L
4	Alexandra Kovacs	1:12.69L
5	Jenna Brennan	1:22.82L
6	Julie Evanick	1:27.41L

History in the Making: Three Swim Team Records Broken

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

The Highland Lakes Swim Team has kept team records since its inception. To lay claim to a team record is a historic achievement! In my ten years as Head Coach, we've handed out "Record Breaker" awards a total of 15 times. They tend to come in small batches of 2-3 per year, but in other years, no new records are set. Generations of Swim Team participants have studied the records after practice, posted under the clubhouse deck on an unassuming corkboard, with dreams of one day seeing their own name on the record report. I am excited to report that 2024 has already seen three records broken to date! The two athletes that set these records deserve some special recognition!

On Saturday July 20, while competing at the Pequannock Invitational, Maeve Olsen turned in not one but TWO record-breaking performances. The first record to fall was previously set by Joette Fiorello in August of 1987; her time of 50.30 stood for 37 years as the fastest 8 & Under Girls Breaststroke performance. Maeve lowered the record by over half a second to 49.58!

The second record claimed by Maeve is a story unto itself! The oldest individual records on the board are still held by Tina Weller. In August of 1976, Miss Weller set both the 8&U Girls Backstroke and Freestyle records. The records stood undisturbed for 47 years - a remarkable duration. As a student of the team's history, the freestyle record of 39.10, in particular, has always stood out to me as one that, frankly,

felt unbreakable. Part of me even doubted the validity of the record - it seemed almost unfathomably fast for an 8-year-old to be under 40 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle! Teammates who swam with Tina assured me it was the real deal, but I still quietly had my doubts - a handwriting error or transposed digit must surely be the reason for such an eye-watering time. As the saying goes, however, records are made to be broken. This record wasn't just broken, though; it was SMASHED. Maeve's new record of 37.86 is a full 1.24 seconds below the old mark. For a record to stand nearly 50 years only to be smashed by over a full second is truly incredible. I'd wager Maeve's record will stand for over 50 years! We'll check back in 2075! Congratulations, Maeve, on an amazing double-record day!

Finally, during Saturday's Highland "B" Invitational, the third record of the 2024 season was set. In the Open 50M Breaststroke final, Abbey Amato lowered her own 15/18 Girls 50M Breaststroke record that she set last season. She cruised to a new Highland Lakes record of 36.00. Abbey is no stranger to the record board, appearing a total of three times! Congratulations Abbey! We'll all be urging you on as you try to take the record into the 35.00 territory!

Congratulations to both Maeve and Abbey on their historic performances! Your names and times will be the motivating force for girls on the team for years to come!

2024 Swim Team Schedule

Saturday August 03	C Invitational @ Erskine Lakes
Wednesday August 07	Fayson Lakes @ Highland Lakes
Saturday August 10	A Championships @ Fayson Lakes

Swim Team 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 Events

Swim Team Awards Dinner, Tuesday, August 13 at 6 pm





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No Cap: Hairs Win Swim Team Alumni Water Polo Match

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

The 3rd Annual Swim Team Alumni Water Polo match was held on Friday evening July 26, also known as “Highland B Eve” to those around the team. Although the petting zoo had cleared off the lawn a few hours earlier, there were plenty of animals in the water at the water polo event.

The organizing committee took the decision to shorten the pool to 25 Meters for this year’s edition. With the aid of “The Pipe” the goal was able to be floated mid-way down the lanes. Some of the more youthful alums questioned the decision, but after a few minutes of play it was clear to all that the shorter pool was a lifesaver (literally).

Teams were captained by our Swim Team Officials, Maureen and Jeanette. Teams were drafted relatively randomly into the traditional “Caps vs. Hairs” match-up. With a few brave swim team parents joining the alumni, we were able to field two teams of ten, a record attendance to date! Participants included alumni from several eras of the

team.

Team Hair asserted themselves early with a strong showing. Coach Catie and Coach Julia teamed up to form a potent partnership scoring and assisting each other. Bret and John kept things tight on defense for the Hairs, allowing the Caps very little room to maneuver. Bob W. scored a late goal on a last-minute break away to put the game on ice.

For the Caps, stand out performers included goals from Mike, Grant and Sarah, who exhibited some water polo skills which indicated they’d since played water polo after their HL days. Mr. Elmo impressed in goal for the Caps with an unmatched wingspan!

In the end, the team cheer of “Lake Hair, Don’t Care” rang out around the lanes with Team Hair winning 5-3. Families enjoyed a picnic dinner afterwards complete with stories of the glory days. We’ll look forward to playing again next year.



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Jr. Photographer Assignment

CHASTITY CORTIJO, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Photo Challenge #3: Backyard Bug Hunt - go on a bug hunt in your backyard and photograph the most interesting insect you find.



Swim Team – Making a Splash Challenge, Jr. Photographers Sophia and Seneca

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SAILING LESSONS: If your child needs some extra help sailing, please contact me. I am a captain in the HLCC Junior Sailing program with several years of experience, located on the main lake. Call/text Cooper at 551-286-8501 8/26/24

FOR SALE: Grumman square back aluminum canoe, 17 foot, very good condition, \$450. Email FRC0202@gmail.com 8/10/24



Senior Sunfish – “Bobbin Adrift”

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 28

As the 11 attending sailors were set for a course 1, someone mentioned that this could be a drifter. We were hopeful, given that the winds were pretty steady at 3 knots – not great, but sailable. Well, that changed quickly as JW was caught adrift along the western shore, and the rest of the fleet barely made the supposed windward mark. A short reach leg was followed by the longest quasi-downwind drift in many a season. Boats drifted together and then apart... there was some tussling – “Get out of the way...” followed by “How the f do you expect me to do that...” Somehow, JW made it around the leeward mark first and drifted to the finish as the wind appeared...coming from the dam! JW was followed closely by David, James, and Allan, who made a professional “buoy room” move at the leeward mark to pass Moi, Bob, and Chip. Kudos to Lauren Laudi for joining us for the first time.

Given that we had a one-hour no-wind downwind leg, we almost bagged a second race. However, since we now had a 4+ knot course 3, the participants clamored for another to clear the bad memory of race 1. We agreed on a short down and back, which was tight off the line. At the leeward mark, there was separation, with JW once again coming across the line first, followed by Chip, James, Bob, and yours truly.

Thanks to our committee, LuAnne, and Ellen, who managed the races and gave out the t-shirts. Ping me if you didn't get one!

Also, thank you, Sue and Mark, for organizing a fun sailors' picnic on Sunday evening!

Sunfish team, please have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday, August 4. Let's hope

it's good wind so we can be done promptly for family day! Spread the word! Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates. As a reminder, the default for every week will be two races.

Race 1

- 1 - John Wayne Wisniewski
- 2 - David Goldman
- 3 - James Sullivan
- 4 - Allan Napolitano
- 5 - Mladen Kresic
- 6 - Bob Tomsey
- 7 - Chip Ehrhardt
- 8 - Roger Kirchner
- 9 - Dillon Waltner
- 10 - Bill Weis
- 11 - Lauren Laudi

Race 2

- 1 - John Wayne Wisniewski
- 2 - Chip Ehrhardt
- 3 - James Sullivan
- 4 - Bob Tomsey
- 5 - Mladen Kresic
- 6 - David Goldman
- 7 - Dillon Waltner
- 8 - Allan Napolitano
- 9 - Roger Kirchner
- 10 - Bill Weis
- 11 - Lauren Laudi



Senior Sunfish

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RIDDLE ME THIS

Q. Why did the sun go to school?
 To get a little brighter!

Q. I have cities, but no houses; I have mountains, but no trees; I have water, but no fish; I have roads, but no cars.
 What am I?

A map

Q. What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle

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

August 4, 11, 18, 25 / September 1

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm

Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102

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

August 7

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

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

August 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy:

973-222-8243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

August 2, 9

Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:30 am (Time Change)

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

August 3, 10, 17, 24

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm

Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and Chip Ehrhardt

973-222-6755

August 3, 10, 17, 24

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm

Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923

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.

FJ Sailing Results

JAMES SULLIVAN

Week 3 July 21

Race 1

- 1- Kevin Murphy and Abbey Amato #25
- 2 - Bill and Liz Giannini #18
- 3 - Maryjane Kresic and Lisa Wisniewski #13
- 4 - Jeff Pellet and Lisa Marcinelli #1
- 5 - James Sullivan and Marco Santo Domingo #24
- 6 - Allan and LuAnn Napolitano #15
- 7 - Sara and Mike Gillooley #2
- 8 - Krissy Amato and Dominick Beninati #8
- 9 - Chris and Charlie Cooper #11



Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASON, FLEET CAPTAIN

A Tale of Two Winds

I called for a number 3 course due to the gentle, northerly wind flow that spread out over the race course last Saturday. At times, maybe a little too gentle. It started out well on the first upwind leg. Justin and I were just yards apart when, without warning, each of us had a different wind direction to deal with. Justin fell off the wind due to a header coming in from the north while I took advantage of an easterly lift. The wind then actually shut off smack in the middle of that first race. Afterward, Dock Committee Commander Mike Gaston said, "The wind died a horrible death today." Joe Gaston followed up with, "I think the wind was blowing negative one mph." I somehow was able to drift across the finish line ahead of Justin by a mere 10 feet.

We were sitting around for a few minutes after that first race when a puff appeared from the north. I shouted out to Mike, "Begin the starting sequence. There is wind."

Highlights of that second race included Justin returning the favor by edging out me at the finish line and our returning novice star, Dennis Gaston, coming in ahead of seasoned racer Joe Gaston for the first time ever.

The season is about halfway over, so join in the fun while you can. See you on the line.

Championship division

Race 1

- 1 - Kevin Gaston
- 2 - Justin Murphy
- 3 - Joe Gaston
- 4 - Dennis Gaston

Race 2

- 1 - Justin Murphy
- 2 - Kevin Gaston
- 3 - Dennis Gaston
- 4 - Joe Gaston

Force Five

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN

July 27

PLEASE BE ADVISED: the official Force Five start time is now Saturdays at 10:30 AM! This is a change from the previous 10 am.

Please reach out with any questions, (201) 961-3092.

Finally a really nice, beautiful summer wind! We had a great turnout for a fun day of racing. Thank you to Jonathan Oak for dock committee (and Natalie and David for wonderful supervision), and to a great safety boat.

Race 1

1. Erika Rodger
2. James Sullivan
3. Chip Ehrhardt
4. Mike Gillooley

Race 2

1. Erika Rodger
2. James Sullivan
3. Chip Ehrhardt
4. Mike Gillooley



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Kevin Gaston

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