



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Get the Scoop and Connect with Your Community at the Annual Meeting

CAROLYN ACKER, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Sunday, August 18

Every year, on the third Sunday in August, the Annual Meeting of the membership is held in Highland Lakes. This year's Annual Meeting will occur on August 18, 2024, at 2 pm at the Clubhouse. Article IV of the Club's by-laws, available on the Club's website at hlcc.org, stipulates the rules for the Annual Meeting. The Article states the meeting date, that elections shall occur during the meeting, and that only Active Members in good standing can vote. An exact format is followed at each meeting which involves approving last year's minutes, reports from the Club president, treasurer, and general counsel, discussion of new business, and a public comment section. The Election of officers and trustees follows the portion of the meeting in which the floor is open to the membership. The Annual Meeting procedure is clearly stated in our by-laws, so we know how the meeting will go and can be sure it will be well run. But why else should we attend a two-hour meeting on a Sunday afternoon?

If you want to know what's up in Highland Lakes and get the exclusive scoop, or skinny from those in the know, come to the Annual Meeting. This is your opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Club's operations, the people behind the scenes, and the issues they're tackling. Come to learn who the players are and how the Club works.

If you want to participate in one of our largest community events, join the hundreds of members who gather annually to connect with their Association. At the meeting, you will hear from the officers and counsel in person and get the facts first-hand from the people doing the work. This is crucial as it helps us avoid the pitfalls of receiving misinformation on social media, ensuring that we make decisions based on the correct information. You can be an informed member who helps to dispel any negativity or correct any falsehoods that might be spreading online, thereby contributing to a more effective decision-making process within our community.

In addition to getting the facts, seeing and listening to the individuals who hold offices on the Voting Board helps us to learn about them. At the meeting, you can understand their knowledge of the issues and their dedication to Highland Lakes and its members. Remember that all members of the Voting Board are volunteers, and they're your neighbors, too. You can also get a sense of how much time your fellow members who volunteer to serve the community as officers and trustees of the Club sacrifice throughout the year. You're likely to be surprised!

Another important reason to attend the Annual Meeting is the opportunity to use your voice and vote for officers and/or trustees. Your vote is crucial in shaping the future of our community. This year, no officer positions are up for election. Officers are elected for three years; the next



election of officers will occur at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Trustees are also elected for a term of three years. Voting will occur for trustees in Sections 2, 6, 9, 10, and 11 this session. Section trustees are your primary conduit to ask questions, make suggestions, and communicate issues of concern in your geographic section of Highland Lakes to the Voting Board. Use your vote to choose who will represent your section for three years.

Be sure to read the bios of the people running for trustee in this and last week's Newsette to learn about the candidates. Even if you don't have an election in your section this year, you can see how the process works and be prepared for the next one. When asked why she attends the Annual Meeting, Cathy Kenny, a Highland Lakes member for over 30 years, responded, "It is my civic duty to attend the meeting and a chance to have a voice in the community." Voting is a privilege and an opportunity. Let's take advantage of the opportunity and let our voices be heard.

A final reason to attend this year's meeting is to seize the chance to connect with your fellow Highland Lakers. Chat with the members in your section and meet your section trustee. Ask questions, present ideas, or voice your concerns during the public comments section of the meeting. Similarly, find out what is on other members' minds as they ask questions or comment during the open part of the meeting. The Board will do its best to answer members' questions; if they don't have an immediate answer, they'll follow up with you.

In the end, whichever reason compels you to mark your calendar for this year's Annual Meeting, know that your attendance is encouraged, welcomed and deeply appreciated. Come, connect with your community of Highland Lakes and leave feeling a sense of belonging that only comes from active participation.



Election News

Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots are available at the Office for the election of trustees for Sections 2, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

Upcoming Events

- August 10 – W/A Covered Dish
- August 10 – A Championships
- August 11 – All-Star Sunday Night
- August 11 – Sr. Club Gala
- August 13 – Ladies' Golf Outing
- August 14 – Jr. Appreciation
- August 16 – Sr. Appreciation
- August 18 – Annual Meeting

Save the Date



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.

	7/17	7/23	8/2
Beach 1	14.6	12.2	387.3
Beach 2	5.2	1	8.6
Beach 3	6.3	1	24.6
Beach 4	8.6	5.2	47.1
Beach 5	7.5	4.1	9.7
Beach 6	18.5	6.3	19.3
Beach 7	2	4.1	<1
Swim Lanes	3.1	1	56.3

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 Lakeshore Drive
- Beach 7 - Upper Highland Lakes Drive



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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.



Wood Car Races

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AUGUST 15
6:00 PM
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Volley Ball

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AUGUST 9
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Upcoming Activities

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

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

- August 9 - Beach Volleyball - Beach 2
- August 13 - Bike Ride at Canistear Park
- August 15 - Pinewood Derby car races
- For more information on these and any events, please email recreation@hlcc.org.

Next Newsette: August 17, 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!



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August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 AM Family Day	5 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	6 10:00 AM Women's Auxiliary Mtg. 1:00 PM Bocce 7:00 PM Bldgs. & Grounds Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Family Fued Family Movie Night Outside	7 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 (H)	8 8:00 AM -9:30 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Rec Hall open 7:00 PM Stitching	9 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 10:00 AM Pickleball 6:00 PM Volleyball @ Beach 2	10 9:00 AM Pickleball 9:00 AM Team Tennis 10:00 AM Communications Comm. Mtg. 5:00 PM Babe Ruth Reunion Game 7:00 PM W/A Covered Dish
11 5:00 PM All-Star Sunday Night 6:00 PM Sr. Gala	12 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	13 10:00 AM Women's Auxiliary Mtg. 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Bike Ride @ Canistear Park 6:00 PM Swim Team Awards Dinner Women's Golf Outing	14 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Family Fit & Fun 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 6:30 PM Junior Appreciation 7:00 PM Darts 7:30 PM VB Workshop	15 8:00 AM -9:30 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Phewood Derby Races 6:30 PM W/A Bunco 7:00 PM Fish Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Stitching	16 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 10:00 AM Pickleball 7:00 PM Adult Appreciation	17 9:00 AM Pickleball 9:00 AM Team Tennis
18 2:00 PM Annual Meeting	19 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	20 10:00 AM Women's Auxiliary Mtg. 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Leather Crafting Night 7:00 PM Sr. Club Meeting	21 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Family Fit & Fun 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Darts	22 8:00 AM -9:30 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Game Night & Root Beer Floats 7:00 PM Stitching	23 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 10:00 AM Pickleball 6:00 PM Open Rec Hall	24 9:00 AM Pickleball 9:00 AM Team Tennis 10:00 AM Jogathon
25	26 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Ceramics	27 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Giant Chess & Checkers W/A End of Season Lunch off site	28 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 5:00 PM Family Fit & Fun 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Darts 8:00 PM Ecology Comm. Mtg.	29 8:00 AM -9:30 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM Crafting w/Felt Succulent Plants 7:00 PM Stitching	30 9:00 AM Aqua Aerobics 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM Pickleball 6:30 PM Teddy Bear Tea	31 9:00 AM Team Tennis 10:00 AM All Boat Regatta 6:00 PM End of Summer Camp Out

This Week in Sports

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Monday and Tuesday softball were awesome AGAIN! This week George and Gezelle crushed it at bat and in the field, smashing impressive hits off the tee and showing off their rocket arms in multiple throwing drills and games. Way to go! Great support with both groups from a plethora of junior volunteers. The future is bright with this group of wonderful assistants.

Basketball saw smaller numbers, but better sportsmanship and skill work with the groups. Tennis continues to crush it on Mondays and Wednesdays. Soccer was down a few coaches, but Marcus stepped up in a big way holding down the older group. Getting the new volunteer coaches up to speed, setting up three stations, and giving quality instruction on one of the summer's steamiest sessions.

Remember, All Star Sunday Night is this Sunday, August 11. Please join us at Field 1 (Beach 1 softball field) for a closing ceremony, if you will, celebrating this summer's athletic season and all of the improvement of our athletes! See you out there.

CHIP ZIEGLER, SOFTBALL VOLUNTEER

Tuesday night, July 30 had a smaller turnout of 10 players. Nate and Zoey were this week's captains. The kids again tried to handle the pitching, with mixed results. Toward the end of the game, Eva started getting a rhythm, and started throwing strikes. There were some big hits by Gavin and Delilah. Ben, Ramona, Raylen, Luca, and Rosemary rounded out the rosters. Nate's team had the momentum tonight, with a 9-0 win. Next week we will shuffle the players and do it again.

We look forward to more fun each Tuesday night at 6 pm. Come on out and play, or join the crowd!



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT
 AUGUST 13
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Nomination of Trustee Candidates

Updated

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 Schriener
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

TOM MARRY

Section 6

My name is Tom Marry and I am running for the position of Section 6 Trustee of the HLCC. I am a retired NYC fireman, and also owned my own business for 20 years. Having owned a business gives me a unique perspective on how to review contracts and how the bidding process works.

I have deep roots at the Lake. My parents Tom and Gwen Marry bought a summer house here in 1959. Like many of you, I have magic memories of summers growing up here, and I want to make that possible for generations to come. I bought my own house here in 2009, and my children and now my grandchild enjoy this special place we call Highland Lakes. My father was an original coach of the Mosquito League going back over fifty years ago, and I have continued the family tradition. I have coached the Mosquito League for many years and also served as umpire for the men's softball league. I've coached for the Highland Lakes B Invitational alongside Tom Castiglione for over ten years. My family has also volunteered for years, including badge checking.

I consistently attend HLCC Voting Board meetings offering my input. For me, the health of our lakes is the priority, because without the lakes, what have we got? This needs to be HLCC and CA's priority. I hope you will support me with your vote as trustee and help me make a difference.

Candidate for Trustee

ANDREA COTTRELL

Section 11

Hello Highland Lakes! My name is Andrea Cottrell and I am running for trustee in Section 11. I have been part of this wonderful community since 2017 and my husband and 3 young children and I could not think of a better place to be.

Some of you may know me from the Trunk or Treat that I have been running since 2018 or from the Spring Glow Dance where we have been rocking the house for the past 2 years. I am also a Girl Scout Troop leader here in Highland Lakes and currently coach the Rec 3/4 cheerleading squad.

I believe the best part of this community is its people and their commitment to making it better. I will work every day to make it a little bit better for everyone. From creating events that are more inclusive to investigating ways to keep our lakes healthy and swimmable all season long.

Without transparency on our efforts and action to reduce pollution and clean our water, our community will not be here for our families to enjoy for generations to come. Hopefully I will have the opportunity to represent my community and work to make it a better place for all.

Candidate for Trustee

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Section 2

My name is Pete Jablonski, and I am running for Section 2 Trustee. I was born and raised in Highland Lakes. I have lived in other places throughout my adult life but always felt that Highland Lakes was home. My wife and I eventually moved back to Highland Lakes in 2020 and have decided to raise our family in this wonderful community.

Over the years, I have been heavily involved in the community. As a child I participated in athletic activities and the swim team. From 2005 to 2013 I served as Assistant Water Safety Director and subsequently Water Safety Director. I have served as Athletic Director from 2022 to present, primarily in charge of coordinating volunteers, organizing athletic events, and filling the role of "Coach Pete."

If elected as your Section 2 Trustee, I look forward to serving the members of our community and collaborating with the Board of Trustees. I wish for all members of our community to be heard and believe that I can provide a platform to allow for your concerns to be addressed. I feel strongly that we need to ensure the health of our lakes for years to come and will work to make sure this is done in an environmentally safe manner. I also understand the financial diversity of our community and will work to make sure all members are considered when making decisions regarding the Club's future.

As your Section 2 Trustee, I wish to help guide HLCC into the future while holding true to the traditions and values that have made our community a wonderful place to grow up and raise a family. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidate for Trustee

MICHAEL GUNNING

Section 10

To my friends and neighbors in Section 10, my name is Michael Gunning, and I am running for the open trustee position to represent our section on the Voting Board. I have been a member here for twenty-five years and my family and I have benefited enormously from all that life in Highland Lakes has to offer. From swim team to softball, baseball, soccer, tennis and basketball activities, to the LifeGuard Olympics, Family Day and everything in between, we have watched our children grow and thrive in an environment that our visiting friends have called "like a frigging old-time movie", yet all run by volunteers. Over these past twenty-five years I have also volunteered for many activities including the swim meets and the Highland B, the Community Yard Sale and Neighbors Helping Neighbors, as well as cooking at the Sunday Clubhouse breakfasts. Through those experiences I have a good sense of what makes this community work so well, and am committed to work hard to see that continue for the next generation to enjoy what we all collectively have built here.

I graduated from St. John's University with a degree in Finance and followed that with an MBA from Fordham University. I have been retired for the past six years after a forty-one-year career in financial analysis and executive management at a major NYC financial institution. I've had experience managing and interacting with large and small teams, analyzing complex business and financial issues, executing on various projects such as selling entire business lines and managing building renovations under tight budgets and deadlines. I have additional experience as a thirty-five year member of the volunteer fire service in our original hometown, having held officer leadership positions as well as serving for twenty-one years as a Warden in helping manage the business, administrative and budget affairs of a large volunteer fire department. I was ultimately elected Chief Warden and served several years as the Department Treasurer.

All of my past experience is what motivates me to step up now and volunteer for the open trustee position for Section 10. The Highland Lakes community that we have is a true treasure, and to survive over time such treasures need to be protected and preserved. What's different here is that ours is a "living" treasure and our lakes, beaches and facilities must be continually maintained, improved and financed appropriately and responsibly in order to offer the same benefits that all of us have experienced here over the years.

The main job of trustee is to serve as the voice for those residing in the section to make sure their concerns are heard. When working as part of a committee or when making decisions I operate only with actual facts and verified figures, overlaid with a strong dose of common sense and fiscal responsibility. These are challenging times, but I am eager to help serve as a trustee to help our community meet those challenges, and I respectfully ask for your support in the election at the Annual Meeting on August 18.

Good luck to the other candidates running in Section 10, and please turn out to vote for the future of our community!

Candidate for Trustee

DAVID LAGAS

Section 6

To my neighbors in Highland Lakes Section 6, my name is David Lagas. I am currently serving as Trustee to the Highland Lakes Voting Board representing Section 6. I have been a member in good standing of this Highland Lakes community since 1995, just about 30 years. With my wife, Judy, we raised two teenage boys here and participated in many of the activities provided by Highland Lakes and Vernon Township. My background is in the construction industry, including personnel management and project coordination. I've now finished my career as a Council Representative of the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, representing Local 253 here in northern New Jersey. I also served on the executive board of my local which embodied nearly 3,000 members. My experience as an executive board member of my union, governed by Roberts Rules and our set of By-laws some similar to that of Highland Lakes, have been extremely helpful in transitioning into this position of Voting Board Trustee.

My interest in serving as your trustee is to help preserve Highland Lakes Country Club community for future generations. HLCC has become a majority of year-round residences and yet still a vacation community to many. Both deserve equal representation. Both have different needs and concerns all of which can be met with proper planning and sound leadership. My desire is that both seniors and young families will enjoy the benefits of living here in this community for many years to come as I have with my family. As you get to know me better, I think you will find that I have an open mind to suggestions and interests that concern Highland Lakes residences and vacationers. I hope that you will allow me to continue to represent you by voting for me on August 18 at the HLCC Annual Meeting.

Please know that if you have questions or concerns, you can reach out to me as I can easily be contacted at trustee6@hlcc.org.

Candidate for Trustee

JIM SCHRINER

Section 9

My family has lived full-time in Highland Lakes for more than twenty years, and we enjoy the year-round lake lifestyle. I want to help revitalize our community amenities. If elected trustee, I will focus on issues important to Section 9, including:

1. Our Lakes: water quality and useability
2. Clubhouse maintenance: make needed repairs and upgrades
3. Survey our members: what members want/need and priorities, and
4. Committees: Voting Board decisions based on committee recommendations.

Please VOTE in person or absentee. Thanks in advance for your support!

47th Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jogathon

NANCY GRIMALDI

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 1/2 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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HL Senior News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

Hi, everyone! Do you realize we all have something in common this summer? We're all hoping for cooler weather. This humidity is doing a number on ladies' hairstyles! The oppressive heat saps our energy so we try to keep hydrated with chilling cool drinks. We're going into the lake more or at least sitting in the shade by the water where it's a tad cooler. We're going down to the Clubhouse into the delightful air-conditioned rooms.

So, how can we deal with this? Make light of it, tell jokes...here are a few:

How I learned to mind my own business: I was walking past a huge fenced in area and I heard people shouting 13, 13, 13, 13! The fence was too tall to see over, but there was a little gap in the planks. So I looked through to see what was going on. Some joker poked me in the eye with a stick and they all started shouting 14, 14, 14, 14!

As a kid I used to watch The Wizard of Oz and wondered how someone could talk if he didn't have a brain. Then I got social media.

Anyone else reach the age where you gain weight if you breathe?

There are 3 kinds of people in this world. Those who can do math and those that can't.

Hope you got a smile from those. And we get LOTS of smiles from being part of the Senior Club. Lots of activities coming up yet this summer and into the fall: luncheons, big dinner/dance, BBQ, San Gennaro Feast, four guest speakers coming, Oktoberfest, Lantern Walk, pumpkin carving and potluck supper, Christmas cards for the military, annual craft fair, etc. Don't miss out! Give me a call for more info about our Senior Club and activity details, 845-544-3745, Love ya, Joyce. H.!

Ladies Bowling

PAT WOOTTON AND JUDI SUNDA

Week 4

Notable achievements:

- Dolores Gaspari – 161
- Tara Burns – double 145, 160
- Juda Sunda – 5-10 split, 147
- Diane Kelly – 150



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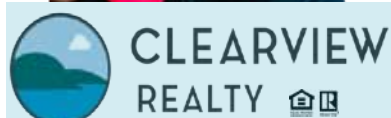
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HLCC Community Shines During an Amazing “B” Invitational

SHERIF FAHMY, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

On Saturday July 27, the Highland Lakes Swim Team hosted another installment of its annual “B” Invitational swim meet. A beautiful, sunny day was the backdrop for a showcase of how amazing our lake community is. Prior to the arrival of the over 200 swimmers from 8 different teams, and during the entire 5-hour meet, it took nothing short of a herculean effort from a formidable army of volunteers to make the event a success. The remarkable people that make Highland Lakes so special and the spirit of volunteerism were on full display as everyone dove in headfirst to help!

Planning and prepping for the “B” happens several weeks in advance. The concessions team (Louise Staley, Christine Fleming, Bryan Fleming, Cathy Cefaloni, and Joey Cefaloni) plans out what food will be served, orders, and arranges the delivery and receipt of all food and beverages. The “B” Program team (Caitlyn Kutzman) starts soliciting advertisements, sponsorships, and arranges for the creation, printing, and putting together of the program. The entries coordinator, Barry Brantner, aggregates all the teams’ entries and finalizes the meet program. The meet’s chief judge and chair of officials, Jeanette Emmerich, assembles a team of trained officials (Maureen Cherichella, Eileen Brantner, Christine Fleming, Don Taylor, John Laudenberg, Caitlyn Kutzman, Brian Fisher, and Colleen Orso) who will enforce all USA Swimming rules and regulations along with junior volunteer officials’ assistants Megan and Lauren Emmerich. The chair of timers, Lucelia Zamborlini, recruits a team of 36 timers to ensure fair and consistent reporting of results for every event. The officials’ luncheon, an event that is highly touted in the Lakeland Swim Conference as setting the standard for swim meet luncheons, is organized by Nicole Puccio who has contributions and donations made by many HL families. The delicious dishes are enjoyed by over 50 of the meet’s officials and coaches.

Then in the days leading up to the meet, the rubber really hits the road. Our chair



of facilities, Dennis Dalelio, organizes a facilities team (Tom Howes, Dominick Beninati, Don Taylor, Jonathan Laszloczky, Bret Reiser, Nick Elmo, Ed Mullen, Craig Bernier, Raymond Loughren, and Matt Vradenburg) to raise the marshalling tent, set-up the concessions tent, grill, tables, and other critical meet-related equipment. The concessions team (Christine Fleming, Bryan Fleming, Cathy Cefaloni, Cheryl Hastie, Clayton Hastie, and Matt Vradenburg) gets back at it in the kitchen prepping trays of pasta, meatballs, and breakfast items. Many of such activities happen late on Friday evening and as early as 6 am on Saturday morning.

Once Saturday morning arrives, it’s all hands on-deck! The parking team (Rob Wisniewski, Craig Bernier, Randy Staley, Todd Wooten, Ray Mann, Pat Durkin, Steve Bednarick, and HL Maintenance) maneuvers dozens of cars into the Clubhouse parking lot, which would draw the envy of a world Tetris champion. The facilities team prepares the starting and timing systems while the kitchen and grill teams get the coffee percolating and breakfast sandwiches hot and ready to serve. By 7:30 am, our admissions team (Lorayne Castiglione, Jessica Castiglione, MJ Kresic, Chris Annunziata, and Lisa Wisniewski) are monitoring the gates. Coaches report to the Lake Room at 7:30 am to check in and final scratches and deck entries are handled by Barry Brantner.

Visiting families roll in and set up their tents and chairs quickly as swimmer warm-ups start promptly at 8 am. Teams attending this year’s Invitational were Erskine Lake, Fayson Lakes, Lake Mohawk, Packanack



Lake, Pequannock, Wayne Township, and Sussex County YMCA.

Final heat sheets are printed and sent to the marshalling team (Lynette Prince-Bernier, Ann Studer, Kerri Bednarick, Sophia Contreni, and Eileen Brantner) with the help of junior marshallers (Megan Emmerich, Isabella Cherichella, Ceci Laudenberg, Abigail Klimash, Cody Kutzman, Greycey Steady, and Zoey Levens) who spend their entire morning tirelessly organizing herds of swimmers into their correct events/heats/lanes. After an officials’ meeting at 8 am, and a timer’s meeting at 8:30 am, all take their spots as the Invitational is opened by the beautiful voice of Jenna Brennan singing, and Farrell Bednarick signing, the national anthem. Our announcers, Sara Werner and Craig Bernier, then announce the first event on the starting blocks and we’re off!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHERIF FAHMY

The pressure is then on the scoring table (Shane Schwarz, Barry Brantner, Heidi Howes, and Mike Cordes) who ingest the meets results with speed, precision and accuracy to appropriately calculate scores for each event. Those results are then sent up to the awards team (Amy Buchney,

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Justine Duffin, and Kelly Uschnig) with junior volunteers and runners (Gavin Kutzman, Owen and Rosie Buchney, Maggie Fahmy, and Rebecca Cefaloni) who attach the results to all the teams' ribbons, medals, and trophies. Also provided to swimmers this year by junior volunteers (Cae Laudenberger, Luca Berg, Nate Fahmy, and Ben Fahmy supervised by Zoey Levens, Derek Flemming, Megan Emmerich, and Lauren Emmerich) were airheads to the youngest (and cutest!) meet participants – the 6 and under swimmers who swam the 25-meter freestyle and backstroke events - as well as rubber ducks to all heat winners of every race.

Meanwhile, the grill team (Ray Loughren and William Dignan) get going on cooking all lunch items for the concessions sales team (Veronica Corbutt, Laura and Steve Alexis from Coronato Property Group, Lauren Wenegrat, Bilyana Dimitrova, and Kelly Uschnig) to plate up for the hungry swimmers and families. Many yummy desserts were donated for our concessions table by our generous swim team families (Caitlyn Kutzman, Maegan Olsen, Christine Flemming, Lauren Wenegrat, Sarah Demmert, Jessica Klimash, Sabine Veslin, Jeanette Emmerich, Michelle Kaicher, and Melissa Kraus).

As the volunteers continue to run the meet, the coaches get the swimmers focused on their races. Michael Buchney coaches the Highland Lakes team again this year. Catie Lovett and Sofia Staley return, and Michael Puccio joins, to round out an amazing assistant coach team beloved by all athletes.

For those swimmers who have already qualified for the “A” championship meet in a particular stroke, they swim in the open events. One of the great things about the “B” is that other swimmers, who have not yet achieved an “A” time, can shine in the official events. The Invitational is concluded with a fun, non-scored 200 meter freestyle relay where swimmers, coaches, lifeguards, and families can compete against each other for bragging rights. The event was so popular this year, three heats were required!

Clean up and breakdown concluded around 2 pm with lots of swimmers stepping up to volunteer with clean up (Nico Puccio, Chase Puccio, Derek Flemming, Lexi Flemming, Gabi Cefaloni, Rebecca Cefaloni, True DiGuissepe, Abbey Amato, Regina Brantner, and James Brantner). While the volunteers were exhausted by the end, all the swimmers' smiles, and happy families made for an awesome “B” Invitational. On behalf of the entire Highland Lakes Swim Team, we sincerely thank all of the volunteers who made the “B” such a huge success! Save the date for the fourth Saturday in July for next year's “B” Invitational!

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Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting

JENNIFER ZIEGLER, SECRETARY

August 20, 2023

Art Dawson, Election Chairman, counted membership cards and called a quorum.

President Ray Zimmerman called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 2:15 pm. Motion to approve minutes from August 21, 2022, published in the August 12, 2023, Newsette by Dominic Beninati, Section 8 and Phil Badu, Section 1. Motion passed.

Introductions:

Executive Board: President, Ray Zimmerman; First Vice President, Lisa Entwistle, Second Vice President, Patty Thompson; Treasurer, Lou Iannucci; Secretary, Jennifer Ziegler.

Trustees: Section 1, Sue Buruchian, Section 2, Chairman of the Board, Lyle Timpson; Section 3, Heidi Fuhrmann, Section 4, Janice Fajardo; Section 5, Julia Campbell; Section 6; Melissa Hardin; Section 7, Stu Blank; Section 8, Joan Danaher; Section 9, Tom Castiglione; Section 10, Madeline Hollingsworth; Section 11, Andrea Cottrell; Section 12, Bob Reffelt.

Attorney: Michelle Corbett-Rivelle General Manager: Dave Martin Administrative Assistant: Roe Hall

Communications Manager: Chastity Cortijo

President Ray Zimmerman made the following remarks on the Lake Community. Due to our new manager contracting new companies for lake management and changing treatment schedules, Lake 4 was able to reopen. The Board has passed rules for long term lake health.

Three-year septic pumping mandates extends the life of your septic and helps the health of our lakes.

Tree Rule Restriction has been a rule of Highland Lakes since 1965 to stop healthy live trees from being taken down. Cutting down healthy trees and clear cutting contributes to runoff into our lakes.

Family Day was well attended and fireworks were wonderful. We have over 100 swimmers on our swim team and 92 seniors in our Senior Club. Our community continues to have a wide variety of activities for children to adults with crafts, ceramics, dances and many other events.

Over 200 volunteers were appreciated at Adult Appreciation for volunteers who contribute a minimum of 20 hours to the community. A big thank-you to all our volunteers.

The Shadow Lane project has been completed for

drainage.

Treasurers Report: Lou Iannucci

We are in challenging times with high prices and inflation. We are meeting budget needs due to the General Manager, Dave Martin, saving us money with new vendors, reducing our insurance and negotiating contracts. Expenditures this year: Shadow Lane-\$340,000.

Paved 2.8 miles of roads - \$443,000 Ash Tree Removal - \$163,000.

The Board is starting its budget process for next year, (earliest ever done) and is trying not to raise dues too much. The Board is working together to keep costs down.

Chairman of the Board: Lyle Timpson

In April the Board voted unanimously to adopt a 3-year septic pumping mandate. Here is the background on how the Board arrived at this decision. It took a year and 4 months of discussion.

Our lake water quality is in decline with weeds, scum, algae, and a foul smell. Lake 4 was closed entirely for 2 1/2 years. The Main Lake was closed for 1 1/2 weeks in 2022 because of harmful algae bloom. We as a Board knew nitrogen and phosphorus exacerbate excessive weed growth. We didn't know what was causing excessive amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus. Under the leadership of past President Michael Gelfand, the Board undertook three studies which Princeton Hydro had been urging us to do for years.

A bathymetric study, a hydrologic study and a nutrient load study. In July of 2022 the results of the three studies came in. The findings were disturbing. The studies examined environmental sources of nitrogen and phosphorus in ground water, due to erosion, from geese, septic and density of population to name a few of the categories. The studies estimated impact of each source on each lake. On Lakes 1, 3, 4 and 5 estimated percentage of septic input of nitrogen and phosphorus was 90%. In the Main Lake, it is estimated that septic is 87% responsible for nitrogen and phosphorus.

The report stated; "the modeling results overall show that the loading from septic systems is the largest contributing factor of nutrients to all 5 of our lakes and must be a priority in management efforts. Septic management should be implemented to minimize nutrient loading." Nationwide studies have concluded routine inspections and pumping of septic systems help decrease large scale failures. Pump outs insure long term proper function of septic systems. Last October of 2022, the Board sent the study findings to an independent consultant for peer review to ensure the findings in the study were accurate. It was conducted by Applied Watershed Sciences. Last February it was received. They concurred with

Princeton Hydro's report. They also recommended a full watershed inventory of septic systems is warranted. They stated, "if 1/2 of all the homes in Highland Lakes were used only seasonally septic loads would still be significant to the Highland Lakes water bodies." Septic run off also infiltrates wells that supply drinking and bathing water. We turned to experts for our decisions, the experts recommended pumping of septic systems every two to three years. The Board passed a \$50 credit last October for pumping septic systems. We

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Pictured: Art by 2023's winner Makenzie B.

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discussed concerns for residents with limited resources. We are looking to see if a separate 501c3 can be established to address financial issues. Also, our attorney stated grants are available to seniors, people with disabilities, and limited financial resources. These grants are from the NJ Department of Consumer Affairs. People with newer systems still have holding tanks and need to be pumped out.

People living alone or seasonally, referring back to the independent analysis, these conditions will still have significant septic loads. No proposal is perfect for everyone. We turned to the experts. U.S. EPA and lake management services all of the nation recommend septic be pumped every two to three years. Many lakes have had these rules for decades. This Board has implemented many treatments to our lakes; weed harvesting, carp removal and biochar treatments to combat the lakes decline. The success of our efforts will be compromised and limited if we don't address the septic issues. The lakes are our biggest asset and they define our community. They dictate our property values. Our attorney said we can legally implement the 3-year pumping mandate. The community needs to do what is best for the common good.

Legal Report:

Attorney Michelle Corbett-Riveielle, representing Dolan & Dolan for the Annual Meeting, Eileen Born could not attend our meeting today.

PREDFA regulations were adopted with by-law changes on June 16, 2023. Changes are as follows:

1. Change of definition of "Member in Good Standing." This is for nominating or running for positions.
2. Appointments for vacancies will serve until next election. Not the balance of the term.
3. No more than one family member may serve on the Voting Board at one time.
4. Change of Article 9. Notice of meetings, change of meetings and availability of minutes.
5. Process of nominating positions to Voting Board is amended in Article 12.
6. Ballots are required to be anonymous.
7. Changes to absentee ballots procedure.
8. By-laws to be recorded.

Rules and regulations have been reviewed for clarity. Municipal Services Act Legislation, Kelly Bill implemented for private communities to get reimbursement from Vernon Township for snow removal. We are being under-reimbursed. We have joint representation with other lake communities to sue Vernon Township. We are in the process of mediation with the town for resolution of reimbursements.

Foreclosure Regulations: Club still maintains our rules that new owners are libel for dues in arrears even if it is a foreclosure.

Floor Open to Members:

Al Colden, Section 1. Please men in the crowd get check-ups for prostate cancer. The Prostate Cancer Authority can counsel men with prostate cancer. Badge checkers need to be respected.

Carl Reinhardt, Section 2. Channel of run-off by Breakneck Road between 108 and 110 that needs to be addressed.

Al Renzo, Section 3. Lives on Lagoon, has brought up issues years ago about the lagoon filling in. He was told it is filling in naturally. He brought proof that was not

the case. It started when an easement and sewer drain was brought into that lake. He stated if the smaller body is getting unhealthy, eventually the bigger body of water would be unhealthy in due time. Can we reverse the process for the lagoon? No wildlife is left in the lagoon. Can we have treatment for the lagoon? He disagrees with tree rule. Trees next to houses need to come down. Ray Zimmerman responded if trees are a hazard that will be taken in account by the Clubhouse. Dave Martin stated if you hire a licensed tree expert and they state a tree needs to be removed, the Clubhouse will not disagree.

Glenn Kamp, Section 7. He is encouraged by the words of Lyle Timpson and Ray Zimmerman. The Board is proactive and listening. Ecology Committee is looking into treatment for the lagoon.

Drew Altman, Section 10. Would love to have a dog park. Would love a garbage can at Beach 4. Ray Zimmerman responded we can look into a spot for a dog park and discuss it. The Club has a policy of "carrying in, carry out" which is why there is no garbage can at Beach 4.

Peter Schundler, Section 2. We need trees. Restrictions are being put on air conditioning in California, could happen to us. Three years ago trees on Lakeside Drive East were clear cut; happy rules are now being enforced.

Judy Norton, Section 3. The Board is creating rules, rather than amending by-laws. It's not a good precedent to set.

Marty Puzio, Section 11. Weeds on Rutherford Place and Diggles Road and road on back of Lake 4. Who is responsible to maintain? Dave Martin stated our landscape contractor is responsible, please report to the office. Please have Club ride around once a summer to check the roads for weeds and bushes that obstruct sight. A safety hazard for cars, pedestrians etc.

John Gross, Section 2. ATVs and motorcycles are a problem. Ray Zimmerman stated the Board has doubled the fines for violations. Unfortunately, an accident is waiting to happen.

Jane Parigi, Section 5. We need more lifeguards and we need to increase the pay for lifeguards and WSI positions. All our beaches are not all open. Ray Zimmerman stated there is a shortage of lifeguards everywhere.

Anthony Rossi, Section 5. He installed effluent filters on his septic system. You can have septic companies to do it.



Helps trap solids. Registration for house sitters, what is the rule? Ray Zimmerman stated no problem with house sitters.

Can we get more rules to the community via the internet? Ray Zimmerman stated all rules are on Tops.

Don Sheridan, Section 7. Reeds and lily pads are overpopulating on Beach 3 impacting boating. Ray Zimmerman stated Ecology is looking into it. Fines seem extravagant for certain rules. Ray Zimmerman stated they were set high to get people's attention and go to appeals committee. Not looking to hurt people.

Sue Ross, Section 7. Non-members are using beaches, what are processes by security to check the beaches? Ray Zimmerman stated we are working on better ways to check the beaches after hours. Invasive vines that are growing on small properties the Club owns, can landscapers or conservation Club remove them? Ray Zimmerman stated Ecology Committee can look into it.

Sue Schundler, Section 2. Thank you to the Board for looking after the future, as her grandchildren are 4th generation Highland Lakers.

Bonnie Schwab, Section 9. Can we designate a dog beach? Can not even be in season. Asking for a leashed dog to just dip in the water.

Sam Lewin, Section 7. Rules and By-laws Committee was not contacted about changes.

Meeting closed to public.

Elections by Section:

Section 1. Sue Buruchian

Section 3. Heidi Fuhrmann

Section 5. Joe Sweeney and Owen Hyland

Section 11. Eric Card and Andrea Cottrell

Election results:

Section 1 - Sue Buruchian

Section 3 - Heidi Fuhrmann

Section 5 - Joe Sweeney

Section 11 - Eric Card

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm by Dominic Beninati and Terri Van Emberg.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Ziegler, Voting Board Secretary

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 11, 18, 25 / September 1
- **Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm**
Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102
August 11, 18, 25 / September 1
- **Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am**
Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227
August 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 9
- **Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:30 am (Time Change)**
Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092
August 10, 17, 24
- **Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm**
Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and Chip Ehrhardt 973-222-6755
August 10, 17, 24
- **Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm**
Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923
August 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.

Swim Team – Record Breakers and Trophy Takers

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

Week 5

The Highland Lakes Swim Team was busy this week, participating in a total of three swim meets! There's a ton of great swims to cover, so let's get to it.

Wednesday, July 31

First up, the team traveled to Wayne Township to face off with the Wayne Waves in a Week 5 "Crossover" match-up against the red division opponent. With the White Division title already secured, this meet was less about the team result and more about getting swimmers into new events and hunting for "A" times as the season winds down. The meet was competitive, but Wayne had too much strength in depth for Highland Lakes, showing why they're in the upper division of the league.

Highland Lakes breaststrokes won a total of four events, highlighted by a 1-3-4 finish by the 9/10 Boys squad of Cae Laudenberger, Luca Berg, and Benjamin Fahmy. The 13/14 Girls duo of Adrienn Kovacs and Juliet Schwarz went 1-2 in their event to claim big points. By the end of the breaststroke events, Wayne held a sturdy 86-67 lead. Butterfly events were largely one-way traffic, with Wayne taking 7 of the 8 contests. The 9/10 Boys were the lone victors, with Landon Howes, Luca Berg, and Clayton Hastie claiming a 2-3-4 finish. By the end of Butterfly, Wayne was able to extend their lead to a solid 166-106.

Backstroke events were largely the same, with Wayne claiming wins in all but one event. The lone hold outs were the 13/14 Boys duo of Derek Fleming and Braeden Contreni who finished 1-3 to win their event. Wayne's lead extended to a 110-point gap by the end of backstroke. Highland Lakes fared better in the freestyle events, winning three contests while claiming two draws. The 8/U girls team of Maeve Olsen, Anabelle Schwarz, and Margaret Fahmy finished 1-2-4. The 13/14 Boys continued their strong night with a 2-3-4 finish by Vincent Fisher, Braeden Contreni and Logan Cole. Finally the 15/18 Girls team of Abbey Amato, Alexandra Kovacs and Gabriella Cefaloni finished 1-3-4. By the end of the freestyle races, Wayne had claimed the victory with a 354-230 lead. HL took three relay victories from the final eight races. In the end, the final score of 402-270 reflected a strong Wayne Waves team performance.

Thursday, August 1

The Highland Lakes "All-Stars" returned to Wayne on Thursday evening for the annual Coaches Choice meet. Teams are limited to one swimmer per event per age group and a relay for each age group. This means the team's coaches have to strategize carefully in order to bring their best team to this competitive meet. This invitational ends up being one of the fastest meets of the season. Overall, the team earned a solid 4th place finish.

There were a number of historic performances by Highland Lakes swimmers to memorialize, starting with Abbey Amato's 50 breaststroke. Already the team record holder in that event, Abbey came to the meet ready to show out! Her swim SHATTERED her own previous team record by a second and a half! She also broke the Coaches Choice meet record by nearly two seconds! The new mark stands at 34.57. Coaches from across the league were commenting on the impressive performance after the swim - she turned a few heads with that one!

Next up, no stranger to the record boards, Maeve Olsen claimed a Coaches Choice meet record of her own with a time of 38.45 in the Girls 8/U 50M Freestyle event. Go Maeve!

Finally, one of the most exciting performances of the night came with the final relay. Coaches Choice is the lone meet where 15/18's swim non-mixed relays. It's a chance for the team to put their four fastest girls and four fastest boys into a relay to compete against the league. The 15/18 Girls from Highland Lakes went into the meet with the team record in their sites- best times from all four swimmers would see them take it. They battled the team from Fayson Lakes for all four lengths of the relay, ultimately finishing in a close second place. Impressively, however, they shattered both the team record AND the meet record, even if Fayson's win means they're the record holders for the meet. The Team record board bid adieu to the mark set in 2010 by the team of Julia Loughren, Brittany and Lauren Parak, and Jackie Kenny. Congratulations to the team of Hannah Wisniewski, Abbey Amato, Alexandra Kovacs, and Gabriella Cefaloni on their new team record: 2:18.53!

First Place Finishes: Abbey Amato, Landon Howes, Adrienn Kovacs, Maeve Olsen, Anabelle Schwarz, 13/14 Girls Relay (Juliet Schwarz, Adrienn Kovacs, Alicia Kovacs, and Eva D.)

Second Place Finishes: Derek Fleming, John Klimash, Cae Laudenberger, Juliet Schwarz, Hannah Wisniewski, 15/18 Girls Relay (Hannah Wisniewski, Abbey Amato, Alexandra Kovacs, and Gabi Cefaloni)

Third Place Finishes: James Brantner, Joey Evanick, Vincent Fisher, Alicia Kovacs, Gavin Kutzman, Graden Leiter, Chase Puccio, 8/U Mixed Relay (Anabelle Schwarz, Gavin Harris, Maggie Fahmy, Maeve Olsen), 13/14 Boys Relay (Braeden Contreni, Logan Cole, Vincent Fisher, Derek Fleming)

Saturday, August 3

The Swim Team took a deep squad of 40 swimmers to this year's Erskine Invitational for the final invitational of the 2024 season. The infamous diving boards at ELAC are always a big draw! The team swam to an impressive medal haul of 8 Gold Medals, 9 Silver Medals, and 9 Bronze Medals, a total of 26 podium performances! The ELAC meet organizers were somewhat stunned to announce that Highland Lakes finished as the first place overall team! This broke a nearly 25 year streak of Packanack winning the Erskine Invitational! Congratulations to all the swimmers in attendance for their contributions to this awesome team award!

First Place Finishes: Emmalyn Burns, Caleb Demmert, Maggie Fahmy, Derek Fleming, Landon Howes, Cae Laudenberger

Second Place Finishes: Ryan Allen Poole, Caleb Burns, Mia Chonko, Logan Cole, Alexa Fleming, Lukas Howes, Ava Kraus, Peyton Schreiner, Greycey Steady

Third Place Finishes: Nate Fahmy, Clayton Hastie, Lukas Howes, Jacob Klimash, John Klimash, Ava Kraus, McKenna Reiser, Greycey Steady

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Full Results: HL @ Wayne Waves- Wed. 7/31/24

Event # 1	Boys 50 Breast 8 & Under	
2	John Klimash	1:03.51L
Event # 2	Girls 50 Breast 8 & Under	
1	Anabelle Schwarz	1:00.43L
3	Annette Kaicher	1:25.03L
Event # 3	Boys 50 Breast 9-10	
1	Cae Laudenberg	51.28L
3	Luca Berg	59.90L
4	Benjamin Fahmy	1:01.39L
5	Nathaniel Fahmy	1:03.28L
Event # 4	Girls 50 Breast 9-10	
4	Avellina Reiser	1:18.65L
5	Addison Talerico	1:23.76L
Event # 5	Boys 50 Breast 11-12	
2	Derek Fisher	48.53L
Event # 6	Girls 50 Breast 11-12	
4	Delilah Taylor	51.81L
5	Ceci Laudenberg	54.49L
6	Makenzie Getch	55.95L
Event # 7	Boys 50 Breast 13-14	
2	Derek Fleming	39.05L
4	Logan Cole	58.13L
5	Philip Whitby	58.33L
Event # 8	Girls 50 Breast 13-14	
1	Adrienn Kovacs	41.43L
2	Juliet Schwarz	43.57L
6	Elizabeth Allen-Poole	1:01.97L
Event # 9	Boys 50 Breast 15-18	
1	James Brantner	34.71L
5	Steven Bednarick	40.58L
6	Michael Evanick	47.05L
Event # 10	Girls 50 Breast 15-18	
1	Abbey Amato	36.03L
4	Hannah Wisniewski	45.43L
5	Gabriella Cefaloni	46.05L
7	Meghan Emmerich	50.58L
Event # 11	Boys 50 Fly 10 & Under	
2	Landon Howes	55.90L
3	Luca Berg	1:08.10L
4	Clayton Hastie	1:11.09L
5	Nathaniel Fahmy	1:11.10L
Event # 12	Girls 50 Fly 10 & Under	
2	Maeve Olsen	55.95L
4	Abigail Klimash	1:01.43L

5	Avellina Reiser	1:30.34L
Event # 13	Boys 50 Fly 11-12	
2	Derek Fisher	51.20L
Event # 14	Girls 50 Fly 11-12	
2	Alexa Fleming	39.47L
4	Rebecca Cefaloni	49.02L
6	Delilah Taylor	1:03.19L
7	Makenzie Getch	1:03.36L
Event # 15	Boys 50 Fly 13-14	
3	Vincent Fisher	36.48L
Event # 16	Girls 50 Fly 13-14	
2	Alicia Kovacs	38.27L
Event # 17	Boys 50 Fly 15-18	
2	James Brantner	28.54L
6	Declan Olds	43.20L
Event # 18	Girls 50 Fly 15-18	
4	Alexandra Kovacs	36.20L
5	Hannah Wisniewski	38.20L
6	Mia Chonko	39.45L
7	Jenna Brennan	41.11L
Event # 19	Boys 50 Back 8 & Under	
3	Gavin Harris	1:20.34L
Event # 20	Girls 50 Back 8 & Under	
3	Margaret Fahmy	1:07.35L
5	Adeline Kothiyal	1:20.47L
6	Olivia Vazquez	1:34.23L
7	Hailee Hamilton	1:37.68L
Event # 21	Boys 50 Back 9-10	
3	Gavin Kutzman	54.85L
4	Clayton Hastie	1:01.91L
5	Benjamin Fahmy	1:05.56L
6	Daniel Kaicher	1:13.43L
Event # 22	Girls 50 Back 9-10	
3	Abigail Klimash	59.56L
4	Addison Talerico	1:03.45L
Event # 23	Boys 50 Back 11-12	
3	Joseph Evanick	50.18L
4	Ryan Allen-Poole	50.99L
6	Tristan Talerico	1:08.13L
Event # 24	Girls 50 Back 11-12	
2	Zoey Levens	43.47L
6	Ava Kraus	57.53L
Event # 25	Boys 50 Back 13-14	
1	Derek Fleming	37.11L
3	Braeden Contreni	47.51L

Event # 26	Girls 50 Back 13-14	
2	Adrienn Kovacs	40.01L
5	Elizabeth Allen-Poole	1:00.61L
Event # 27	Boys 50 Back 15-18	
3	Steven Bednarick	37.72L
5	Michael Evanick	42.05L
7	Farrell Bednarick	1:01.51L
Event # 28	Girls 50 Back 15-18	
3	Alexandra Kovacs	38.46L
4	Meghan Emmerich	42.03L
5	Gabriella Cefaloni	42.15L
---	Jenna Brennan	42.55L
---	Isadora Salomonsson	44.04L
8	Julie Evanick	45.59L
Event # 29	Boys 50 Free 8 & Under	
3	Gavin Harris	1:05.26L
4	John Klimash	1:06.15L
Event # 30	Girls 50 Free 8 & Under	
1	Maeve Olsen	43.75L
2	Anabelle Schwarz	50.30L
4	Margaret Fahmy	1:08.18L
6	Adeline Kothiyal	1:20.60L
7	McKenna Reiser	1:20.76L
8	Ryleigh Brennan	1:30.00L
9	Annette Kaicher	1:36.96L
11	Hailee Hamilton	1:59.78L
Event # 31	Boys 50 Free 9-10	
2	Landon Howes	42.58L
3	Gavin Kutzman	50.10L
5	Cae Laudenberg	52.02L
---	Daniel Kaicher	1:02.57L
7	Stephen Kaicher	1:04.86L
---	Brayden Vradenburg	1:13.47L
---	Joseph Whitby	2:08.81L
Event # 32	Girls 50 Free 9-10	
2	Abigail Klimash	50.06L
5	Addison Talerico	58.50L
6	Avellina Reiser	1:07.22L
Event # 33	Boys 50 Free 11-12	
4	Ryan Allen-Poole	42.95L
5	Joseph Evanick	43.92L
6	Tristan Talerico	56.22L
Event # 34	Girls 50 Free 11-12	
1	Zoey Levens	39.04L
4	Rebecca Cefaloni	39.74L
6	Ceci Laudenberg	50.88L
8	Ava Kraus	54.26L
Event # 35	Boys 50 Free 13-14	
2	Vincent Fisher	32.90L
3	Braeden Contreni	42.58L
4	Logan Cole	55.44L
Event # 36	Girls 50 Free 13-14	
1	Juliet Schwarz	33.65L
5	Alicia Kovacs	38.31L
6	Lauren Emmerich	48.34L
Event # 37	Boys 100 Free 15-18	
2	James Brantner	1:02.76L
5	Steven Bednarick	1:14.03L
7	Michael Evanick	1:23.39L
8	Farrell Bednarick	1:52.93L
Event # 38	Girls 100 Free 15-18	
1	Abbey Amato	1:05.40L
3	Alexandra Kovacs	1:11.70L
4	Jenna Brennan	1:20.89L
5	Gabriella Cefaloni	1:20.91L



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Family Day

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

August 4

Family Day was a big success this year! From the quadrathlon, to sandcastle building contests, to the traditional lawn games we love, with a pageant show and baby parade. The day was great.

We introduced a couple new features this year, Foam party at the end of the night and food trucks! All successful! Of course we ended the evening with our fireworks display. Everyone had a good time!

I'd like to thank all of the staff and hard workers and anybody who offered to help to make the day a success.



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Family Day Fishing Derby

STEVE LUONI, FISH COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Charlotte for winning this year's Family Day Fishing Derby with a total of 24 fish! Thanks to Steve Luoni for donating the grand prize fishing combo and all the volunteers that made it a successful afternoon. Charlotte was VERY appreciative because her rod just broke!



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Western Night Recap

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

July 26

Howdy members! Our Western Night was a great time. Everyone had a blast with the petting zoo and the chili that couldn't stay on the table. It was gone quickly! Thank you for all who came out and for those who participated and brought chili. It was a lovely evening.



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