



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## How to Pull a Cattail

JOAN DANAHER, TRUSTEE 8

Cattail, a reedy, semi-aquatic, perennial grass, grows from creeping rhizomes and wind-dispersed seeds. Stems may reach 10 feet tall, forming dense patches along shorelines, their distinct tops looking like fuzzy cigars. For centuries, humans have used these plants for both construction and as a food source; they also provide habitats for birds and aquatic wildlife. However, in recent years, our Cattail patches have spread at an astonishing rate, encroaching on beaches and blocking dock access.

Sunday morning, September 22, at 8 am, 17 intrepid volunteers showed up at Beach 3 dressed to kill...Cattails. Well, at least pull them up by the roots and stack them on the shore. The crew's goal was to thin out overgrown Cattail patches that have been causing problems for beachgoers and boaters. Thinning out the Cattail overgrowth will improve waterfront access for the memberships' use.

The Cattail Clean Up volunteers waded into the lake to hand pull about a 20-foot section of the lofty plants on Beach 3's shoreline and also along that dock. Next, they moved over to the Shadow Lane dock to pull out Cattails blocking that area. The wet, muddy work was no easy task, as the Cattail plants were tall and heavy, and their root rhizomes large and covered in dense muck. The removed plants were piled up on the shore for maintenance to collect and dispose of them.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOAN DANAHER

Ray's Tailgate Diner provided much-needed hot coffee and donuts for the volunteers, and recipes for Cattail soup were handed out to passersby. A special thank you to all who helped out with the Cattail Clean Up project, and apologies if any names were missed:

President Ray Zimmerman, Dominick Beninati, Stacy Conod, Joni Danaher, Max & Kelly DeLuca & Baby Jack, Rick DeLuca, Amy & Mark Goring, Steve Luoni, Elle McAdams, Bob Meyer, Anne Moriarta, Jim & Paula Shriner, Joe Sweeny.



## Upcoming Events

- October 4 – Lantern Walk – Beach 1
- October 5 – Fall Clean up
- October 5 – Psychic Night
- October 13 – Pumpkin Painting
- October 19 – Open Mic
- October 20 – Witches Paddle
- October 25 – Horror Movie Night
- October 26 – Adult Halloween Dance
- October 27 – Trunk or Treat
- October 29 – Pumpkin Carving & Pot Luck Dinner

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## About Changes in your Recorded Deed

In planning changes to your ownership of property that would be reflected in the recorded Deed, contacting the Club Office before you do so for guidance is advisable and will eliminate any misunderstandings.

The Club's By-Laws, in part, define Active Members as those who own property in Highland Lakes. When persons take title to property in Highland Lakes when they do not own other Highland Lakes property at that time, even when they join in the ownership of property with someone who currently owns property in Highland Lakes, they automatically become an active member and are required to pay the Initiation Fee. If you are considering adding anyone to your Deed, a wife, parent, child, friend, etc., please be aware of these By-Law requirements.

Sometimes members form a living or family trust as part of their estate planning. However, even this type of trust is a different, and therefore new, owner of property, and the payment of the Initiation Fee is required.

## Office Hours

The office is available to take your calls from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday and from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday. However, it is only open to members from 10 am to 3 pm, Monday to Friday and from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday. Thank you.

## A Message Regarding Pontoon Boats

MARK BURUCHIAN, CHAIR, BOAT DOCK COMMITTEE

### Pontoon Boat Owners:

The Club recently approved a change to the Rules and Regulations. Effective January 1, 2025, the Club shall require mechanically propelled boats desiring use of a Club controlled dock space (i.e., assigned numbered dock space) to be registered with the State of New Jersey in accordance with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) requirements for all mechanically propelled boats. Proof of registration will be required for mechanically propelled boats (e.g., pontoon boats and other boats with electric motors) to be assigned a dock space next year via the Lottery. In addition, it is highly recommended that members with mechanically propelled boats complete the NJ approved Boating Safety Course and receive a boating safety certificate issued by the MVC. Please note the NJ State Marine Police were recently at the lake and may have already issued tickets for any unregistered boats.

We also ask all pontoon boat owners to be cognizant of how to properly secure their boats to the dock. The docks were a significant investment by the Club, and we want to ensure they remain in good condition. I've noticed a lot of the boats are not properly secured and are causing damage to the docks. Please be sure to tie your boat in such a way that it keeps the front edge of the pontoons from rubbing against the docks. This can be done by using the lines to pull the boat back and away from the dock as opposed to just pulling it sideways away from the stringers.

## Voting Board Roster

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

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## Voting Board Adopts 2025 Budget

DAVID MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

At its regular meeting on Friday, September 20, the Voting Board adopted the budget for FY 2025. I am happy to report that the budget includes a slight reduction in dues at \$1,400 per cabin and \$895 per lot. The new budget includes an early payment discount for those who pay in full by November 15, 2024, and a 25% discount for qualifying seniors and permanently disabled members.

The Treasurer's letter, annual invoice, and the 2025 Assessments and Fees Schedule were mailed at the end of September. Contact the Club office if you don't receive your invoice by October 15, 2024. Please be sure to return the invoice with payment so it is received at the Club office by November 15, 2024.

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## New Mandatory Boat Removal Rule

MARK BURUCHIAN, BOAT DOCK CHAIR

The Board recently approved a new rule for removing boats from Club racks on all lakes. Whereas the Club used to have a policy of having members remove their boats from the racks on alternating years, all boats must now be removed from the Club racks no later than November 15 of each year. This will allow the Club time to perform any necessary maintenance on the racks. Failure to remove any boat from the Club racks by November 15 shall be a Tier 4 offense, and the Club may remove the boat at the owner's expense.

Please also remember that all boats must be removed from the Club docks (numbered dock spaces and unnumbered Freeway docks) no later than October 15 each year.

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PLAY TIME & CRAFTS

STORY TIME & SNACKS

# Playgroup

# UNDER 5

TUESDAYS

9:30 AM

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## Family Pumpkin Painting

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Sunday, October 13, 2 pm

BYO pumpkin to the Clubhouse on October 13 at 2 pm. Come with a medium to large-sized pumpkin and paint a fun, silhouetted haunted house on your pumpkin. We will have step-by-step instructions. This event is for all ages. Again, it is a bring your pumpkin event. We will provide paint, paintbrushes, and instructions.

For more information, please email [recreation@hlcc.org](mailto:recreation@hlcc.org).

## Horror Movie Night

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Friday, October 25 – 8 pm

We'll host a movie night of one of the classics to get you in the mood for Halloween. We'll provide the popcorn and the scare; you provide the fun.



## Tween Lego Club

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Monthly - Second Tuesday – 6 pm

We are starting a Lego Club for Tweens once a month on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Come down to the Clubhouse with your tween, be ready to be challenged in your mind's imagination, and have a great time building. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Melissa Hardin at [recreation@hlcc.org](mailto:recreation@hlcc.org) for more information.

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## Camera and Cinematography Club

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

AND CODY WILLIAMS

### Monthly – Third Monday – 6 pm

Come to our October meeting and help us develop a plan for the year. This club is new, and as we get started, we will be looking for content, photography, and video ideas. We encourage participants to bring any pictures they would like to share with the group so we can see what style pictures you create.

## Mature Art Class

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Monthly - Second Monday - 1 pm

We're trying something new to engage "mature" fledgling artists to expand their horizons and dabble in different mediums to create. If you are interested in learning about various mediums to make art, this is the class for you. Check out this no-pressure class held monthly. Please sign up at hlcc.org to register to attend.

## Nighttime Playgroup

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Monthly - Third Tuesday - 5 - 7 pm

I'm starting a Nighttime Playgroup for young families in our community who have expressed interest in participating in a nighttime meetup. We will have toys, crafts, and activities available for members to enjoy and have fun while meeting other families in the community.

Feel free to bring your dinner and enjoy the evening. Please look at our calendar for scheduled information. For more information contact recreation@hlcc.org.

## Adult Halloween Party

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Saturday, October 26, 8 pm

Come dressed to kill for our Halloween Party on Saturday, 10/26, from 8 pm to midnight. Whether you are part of a group of ghouls or a solo scare, there are always members to team up with and dance the night away. The Clubhouse will be spooked out and ready to go! There will be a costume contest with a prize for Best Costume. BYOB and snacks. We also seek volunteers to help decorate the Clubhouse on Friday, October 25. Please get in touch with us at recreation@hlcc.org.



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## Artists Group Observations

DORI ZARR

On Tuesday, September 2, our art group met in the Lake Room at 7 pm. We had 16 attendees and discussed different mediums such as oil, water color and acrylic. Different artists showed what they were currently working on or had created in the past. One lady did amazing work with various colored embroidery. We were interested to learn about how she got started in this beautiful and interesting art form. Another artist discussed quilting and how women used to do this in a group. We met an art therapist who explained her work locally. We learn so much from each other in terms of supplies and where different people shop. The variety of displays is astounding...modern, small canvasses, commissioned work, and art as a hobby for enjoyment. See you the first Tuesday in October, at 7 pm.



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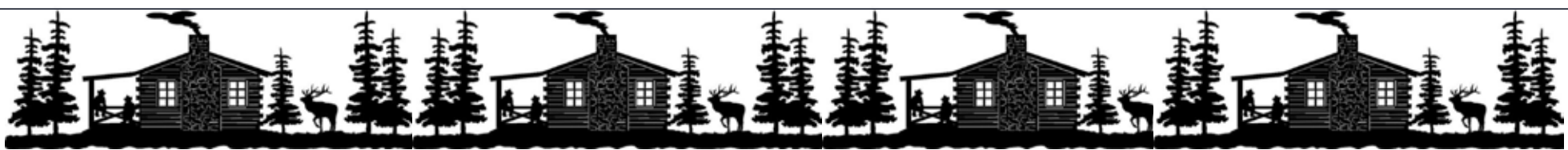
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## The Book Sale Returns

CAROLYN ACKER, COORDINATOR

### Saturday, November 2

The 3rd Annual Book Sale to benefit the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund is coming soon. Mark your calendars! The sale is on Saturday, November 2 from 10 am to 3 pm. We will be accepting book donations on Saturday, October 26, from 10 am to 3 pm.

This year's book sale will be held alongside the Senior Club's Fall Harvest and Craft Fair at the Clubhouse. Last year's sale saw many book enthusiasts enjoying themselves while looking for a good book, and there were many good books to choose from among the tables.

We are seeking book donations for the sale. Please peruse your shelves and bring the books you want to donate to the Clubhouse on Saturday, October 26, between the hours of 10 am to 3 pm. Please bring your books to the basement area of the Clubhouse (under the deck facing the swim lanes).

We deeply appreciate the time and effort it takes to collect, inspect, sort, and deliver your books to the Clubhouse. Your support is invaluable to us. Please ensure your books are in good condition, as we cannot sell books with water damage, mildew, a musty smell, loose bindings, covers, or pages. Thank you in advance for all your efforts and for donating your books.

We accept most genres of fiction and non-fiction books but have excluded some categories. Below is a list of the genres that we will and will not accept this year:

**Accepting:**

**Fiction, including:**

- Action/ Adventure
- Classic/Literary
- Fantasy
- Science Fiction
- Historical Fiction
- Horror/Thriller
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## Bocce News

BARBARA CAMPBELL

It's been a great season for the 2024 Highland Lakes Bocce Team. We are now 25 players strong and play every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Because of the beautiful weather, we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will continue playing well into the fall. Come over and check us out!

## Bunco Success!

MARIAN BENEDICTO

Bunco was again successful. We had 17 women come including four new people joining in the fun. The top winner was Knox with six buncos. Come and join the fun on Friday 10/11 and 11/8 at 6:30 pm. Bring a snack and \$5. We normally meet the first Friday of the month, but due to Club events we've moved our days for October and November. RSVP Marian B. text 973-534-1182.



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.**

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## New Guitar Club Seeking Members

TERRY GRIFFIN

Join our new Guitar Club starting on Thursday, November 7, from 11 am to 12 pm in the Lake Room of the Clubhouse. We will meet weekly on Thursdays. Whether you are a seasoned strummer or just starting out, you are welcome to participate. Meet members who have the same interests. Please bring your own instruments and join the fun. For more info, text me at 973-903-8145.

## Ecology Corner

GLENN KAMP, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

### It Really Works!

Using vinegar instead of chemicals like Roundup to kill weeds in stone driveways, walkways, and patios is better for our lake's ecology and lake community for several reasons. The photographs in this article show a large patch of green vegetation in my stone driveway before I sprayed it and shows the patch 24 hours after being sprayed with a combination of vinegar, water, salt, and a little bit of dishwashing detergent.

### Chemical Environmental Impact

Vinegar is a natural substance that breaks down quickly and doesn't leave harmful residues in the soil or water. In contrast, chemicals like glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup) can persist in the environment, potentially harming non-target plants, animals, and microorganisms.

### Water Contamination

When it rains, chemicals used on driveways and patios are washed into nearby water bodies, such as our lakes and streams. These chemicals can contaminate water sources, affecting aquatic life and the overall health of the ecosystem. In addition, the fact that we all have wells is another reason not to put any contaminants into the soil. Vinegar, on the other hand, poses much less risk to water quality and aquatic organisms.

### Health Concerns

Glyphosate has been associated with potential health risks, including links to cancer in humans and harmful effects on wildlife. Vinegar, while acidic and potentially harmful if ingested in large quantities, is generally much safer for humans, pets, and other animals when used appropriately.

### Soil Health

Chemical herbicides can disrupt the balance of microorganisms in the soil, leading to poorer soil health over time. Vinegar, although it can lower soil pH temporarily, doesn't have the same long-term negative effects on soil biology.

### Resistance

Overuse of chemical herbicides can lead to the development of resistant weed species, making it harder to control them over time. Vinegar doesn't contribute to this problem, as it works differently and doesn't promote resistance.

By opting for the vinegar solution, you're choosing a more sustainable and eco-friendly alternative to harmful chemicals, that helps protect the local environment, particularly our sensitive lakes' ecosystems.



Before

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GLENN KAMP



After

## Witches Paddle

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### October 20 - 2 pm

We are hosting our second annual Witches' Paddle. Last year, the weather was a little rainy and gloomy, but a few witches paddled despite the rain. Let's get some eager witches this year to face the challenge! Come to Beach 1 on Sunday, October 20, in your witch attire, and float across the Beach 1 lake on your paddle board or kayak!

We will set out on the water at 2 p.m. To keep warm, we will have a small fire on the beach.

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## Stay Safe on the Trails

### Important Safety Reminder About Snakes

As the crisp fall air draws us outdoors, the hiking season is in full swing. Whether you're exploring familiar trails or discovering new paths, it's crucial to remember that our region is home to wildlife, including rattlesnakes and copperheads. While the beauty of the outdoors is a major draw, staying vigilant while hiking can be the difference between a memorable adventure and a dangerous encounter. The risks posed by snakes are real, but with the right precautions, you can enjoy the trails safely.

Here are some essential safety tips for your next hike:

- **Be Prepared:** Protective gear, such as Gators, is a must for hiking in areas where rattlesnakes may be present. These cover your lower legs and can help guard against snakebites, especially when traversing narrow or overgrown trails. Remember, rattlesnakes can strike up to half their body length, so keeping your legs protected is key.
- **Stay Alert:** Always keep an eye on your surroundings. High grass, rocky outcrops, and dense vegetation are common hiding spots for snakes. Being aware of where you step and what's around you will significantly reduce your chances of an unwanted encounter.

### What to Do in Case of a Snakebite:

- Call 911 immediately for emergency assistance.
- Stay calm and keep still to reduce the spread of venom in your body.
- Avoid walking out of the woods, as movement can quicken the spread of venom.
- Move to a safe distance from the snake and try to note its appearance for identification.
- Remove tight objects like rings, as swelling is likely to occur.

No matter the trail or time of year, hiking safety should always come first. Being prepared, staying alert, and knowing how to respond in an emergency are the best ways to ensure a safe and enjoyable hike.

Here's to a season of beautiful hikes and mindful exploration. Stay safe, and happy hiking!



Thanks to Barbara Campbell for sending in these photos of her family enjoying another fabulous summer in Highland Lakes.

## Announcing the Opening of the Goodwill Community Outreach Lending Closet

NANCY EISENBERG, GCOF COORDINATOR

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## 46th Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jogathon

NANCY GRIMALDI

### Held August 24

We had another beautiful sunny day for our 46th Annual Frank Henninger Memorial Jogathon! It was a fabulous turnout with 37 people running, jogging, walking, and riding bikes, along with some furry four-legged friends. Along with many of our regulars, we welcomed quite a few newcomers and hope they will join us again next year.

This year, our fastest runner was a female for the very first time! Alexandra Kovacs crossed the finish line in just 37:53 minutes! Just seconds behind were her siblings, Alicia and Adrienn, at 37:56 and an unknown time, but I remember it was not much longer! Our fastest male runner was George Schreiner, clocking in at just 42.06. Congratulations Alex and George!

Driving the courtesy car was my son, Thomas and his friend, Mellisa, along with his dog, Chewy. As they made their way around the lake, they provided water to thirsty people and pets, and for the first time, no one requested a ride back! The only glitch was one directional sign near the end had turned just enough (was it the wind?) which confused a few runners to go straight instead of right which added a little bit more to the course, but fortunately, all made their way back safely, and we did not have to send out a search party for anyone! Thank you to veteran runner, Christine Fleming, for recognizing the sign was askew and taking the time to straighten it out!

We are truly blessed in our HL Community to have an event like this, to just have fun and enjoy being together! Even though there are no prizes or T-shirts, just water, Joggers Juice (OJ), and Munchkins, there is plenty of good will and camaraderie! Thanks, dad, for coming up with the idea back in the 70s, and mom for helping to either drive the courtesy car or man the table. We're sure they were both watching from above and smiling. Thanks to all who joined this year, and we are looking forward to our 47th next year when we hope for an even bigger crowd. Remember, even though it's called a jogathon, you do not have to run or even jog - bring your kids, friends, neighbors, and have a good time going around our beautiful lake together!

## The Pink Ladies



The Pink Ladies of Highland Lakes won 1st place in the All Boat Regatta Race, Open Class Division. Congratulations to sailors Kimberly Conti, Sally Jordan, Christy Cone and Barbara Campbell. Photo courtesy of Barbara Campbell



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## Fall Pickleball

KATHI TAYLOR

Starting October 1, we will be playing on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning at 4 pm and ending at 6 pm. Fridays will remain from 10 am to 12 pm. The Advanced 3.5+ group remains on Saturday at 9 am. The end of summer has not slowed us down. We had close to 30 players, with people waiting to get on the court, and we continue to add new players.

## Women's Auxiliary Extends Thank You

SUE BURUCHIAN

The Women's Auxiliary would like to thank all who attended our Family Feud fundraising event in August. It was a fun, engaging night of laughs, discoveries, and game challenges. Many new family teams were formed with entertaining names, and even more entertaining answers. This night was also designed to help others. With help from the following businesses, we were able to help local fire and ambulance services. Please support these businesses who so kindly donated to the cause: Ana's Warwick, Bruce Young Art, China Star, Coquitos, Crystal Springs, Daily Bean, Dream Donuts, Forever Jewelers, Frazzleberries, George Inn, Grappa, Halligans, Hip and Chick, Johnny McNally Rental, K. Thomas Heating & Cooling, Katharine McGlynn, Landmark Inn, Market Place, McAfee Hardware, Noble Pies, Pizza Station, Pochuck Valley Farms, Prime, Rooster Tee's, Rusty Goat Grill, Silvio's Villa, Starbucks, The Glenwood, Tomato Garden and Vernon Valley Paint.

## Next Newsette: November 2, 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](mailto:info@hlcc.org). Sorry - we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!

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## Recreation Seeking Volunteers

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. How true this is living in Highland Lakes. Wouldn't you like to enrich your life by giving of your time and talents to help out with the various events the Recreation Department has planned?

New and exciting activities and events for the membership are in the works to spark renewal in the everyday use of the Clubhouse. Events and activities can't run themselves, and they require focused logistics. Many hands make light work. Even as little as an hour to help in the set up or clean up with any of the upcoming activities mentioned in this edition of the Newsette. Email [recreation@hlcc.org](mailto:recreation@hlcc.org) to lend a hand or to find out specific duties for each event.

## Teen Council Seeking Interested Participants

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Monthly – First Thursday – 7 pm

Highland Lakes Teen Council hosted its first meeting of the year on September 5 and again on October 3. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Seckler Room.

Are you 13 or older and want to meet up with kids your age and have fun while helping out the community? Or do you have a teen who'd like to connect with other teens and do some interesting things for others? Come down to the Clubhouse on our meet-up day and learn how you can be part of our inspiring teen group.

Teen Council is a great way to get involved and engaged in our community. We have helped with Lake Appreciation Day, Earth Day, and Valentine's Day and have donated pet food to the local animal shelter. We are always inventive and growing. If interested, please get in touch with Melissa Hardin at [recreation@hlcc.org](mailto:recreation@hlcc.org) for more information."



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## Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

Hello, everyone! We've made it through summer and autumn is upon us with beautiful colors and cooler days and nights. We're grateful for the changing of seasons.

I found a thought-provoking piece written by Sheridan Voysey: The factories of Victorian England were dark places. Fatalities were high, and workers often lived in poverty. "How can the working man cultivate ideals," George Cadbury asked, "when his home is a slum?" And so, he built a new kind of factory for his expanding chocolate business, one that benefitted his workers.

The result was Bournville, a village of more than three hundred homes with sports fields, playgrounds, schools, and churches for Cadbury's workers and their families. They were paid good wages and offered medical care, all because of Cadbury's convictions and beliefs.

As employees, it means working with all your heart. As employers, it means giving the staff what's right and fair. Whatever our role, paid or voluntary, it means tending to the well-being of those with whom we serve. Like George Cadbury, let's imagine how things could be different - where people flourish. I see it as the "3 G's" ...Grace (courteous goodwill), Gratitude (when you feel thankful for good things in your life), and Goodness (the quality of being morally good or virtuous). Why, this is as wonderful as a yummy chocolate bar...thanks George C.!

Here are more "yummy things" coming up for our Senior Club:

October 4: Annual Lantern Walk at Beach 1, 6-9 pm, bring lantern or flashlight, light refreshments available (free), bonfire on the beach.

October 16: Oktoberfest is being held at The Lamp Post Restaurant at 12 noon. Please call me for details.

October 29: Pumpkin carving and Potluck Supper. 6-9 pm. All HL community welcome. Please bring a dish to share, bring your pumpkin. Tools and patterns will be provided.

November brings our wonderful Craft Fair! November 2 from 10 am -3 pm. 25+ crafters and vendors coming. Light lunch available for nominal cost. This annual event is hosted by the Senior Club and Women's Auxiliary. Proceeds benefit our Goodwill Community Outreach Fund. Don't miss this great event. Any questions? Call me, text me: 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce H.



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## Trunk or Treat and Haunted Trail

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

### Sunday, October 27 at 4:30 pm

Every year, thanks to our awesome members, we host the most awesome Trunk or Treat event, and this year will be no different!

Goblins and Ghouls come to the Beach 1 parking lot. Wear your most spooktacular outfit and trick or treat at our ghostly vehicles! Cars need to be set up and decorated by 3:45 pm. Bring about 100-200 pieces of candy to give out. If you are not bringing a vehicle to decorate, please bring candy to hand out.

Around 6 pm, the haunted trail will be ready to follow as the sun sets and the ghouls come out. Small groups will be let in the trail one group at a time. Interested in helping out? We are looking for volunteers to help set up the trail and adult and teen actors to bring the spooky! Contact [recreation@hlcc.org](mailto:recreation@hlcc.org).



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## Stoddard Takes Season (Again)

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

Emmaline Stoddard is the winner of the 2024 Ladies Sunfish season. She took the Ladies Sunfish season for the second consecutive year. Her record (seven firsts and two second place drops) is amazing with a fleet of 9 sailors to compete against. Her knowledge and handling of her boat is flawless in all conditions. She has been learning her sport since her junior fleet years and increasing her knowledge as she also crews with Mark Buruchian in a Comet at various regattas off lake when possible. She loves sailing and it sure shows. Give this quiet Champion a shout out! She deserves it.



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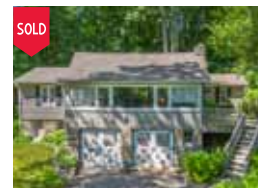
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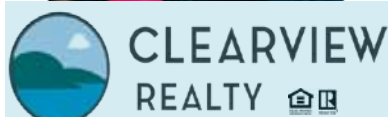
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## All Boat Regatta Recap

MARYJANE KRESIC

### August 31

The All-Boat Regatta was held on Saturday, August 31, with 25 boats in attendance. It was an exciting day to race, as the wind was good and held up for all four races sailed. We had several families in attendance. We had sailing, paddle kayaks, and daysailers, as well as a dog on board an FJ. Thank you to all who came out from near and far to help make this a fun day. A good time was had by all.

Overall, the top winner was Kevin Gaston, Highland Lakes' exceptional windsurfer. Second, Reed Ulmer and crew RJ in his Hobie; third, Chip Erhart and crew Gary in the Hobie; fourth, Mark Buruchian and crew Sue in the FJ; and rounding out the top five was James Sullivan and crew Kateri in the FJ. Other honors go to Junior sailor, Cooper Conti, who took home The Joe Mastrangelo trophy for top Junior.

Division winners in the FJ Fleet were Mark Buruchian and Sue; second, James Sullivan and Kateri; third, Justin Murphy and Christie. Adult Sunfish winners were Nancy Grimaldi first, Roger Kirchner second, and Kerri Bednarick third. Junior Sunfish was won by Cooper Conti, followed by David Constantine. Force 5



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winner were Grant Wisniewski, followed by Lou Iannucci. Hobie was won by Reed Ulmer and RJ, followed by Chip Erhardt and Gary, and then Chris Conti and Jeff. Other boat was won by Dillan Waltner in his Rocket and Kayla Murphy and family in the Daysailor. A shout-out goes to the paddle kayakers in the other division. Rounding out the fleet were the Windsurfers with Kevin winning followed by Joe Gaston.

As always, thank you to Lorayne Castiglione for helping to provide us with a delicious pizza and salad luncheon afterwards and to Mladen Kresic for Dock committee.

## Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

Put it in the books! The Windsurfing fleet's 30th season is now behind us. Many thanks to Mike Gaston, who has been with me every step of the way, volunteering and eventually achieving the title of Dock Committee Commander. A shout-out also goes out to Mike's assistants, Diane Detwiler and Sarah Koberlein. Let's not leave out Diane's husband and our newest fleet member, Pat Detwiler, who has come a long way since his first lesson earlier this year.

Back in June, the Windsurfing fleet hosted our very first open invitational regatta called the Spring into Summer Regatta. The first day of that regatta, the

wind was blowing in the mid-20s with gusts close to 30mph, so I just want to give another shout-out to lifeguard Mike Orlando and his team for making four rescues in treacherous waters.

Oh, by the way, team Highland Lakes fared quite well, with Justin Murphy and I getting second place in our respective weight divisions and Ally Latham getting third place in the lightweight division. In the novice division, Zach Koberlein and Pat Detwiler went first and second, respectively.

I'm looking forward to season number thirty-one. See you on the line.

### Final season series results:

Championship Division		Challenger Division	
Name	Points	Name	Points
1 - Kevin Gaston	13	1 - Todd Bennett	9
2 - Justin Murphy	23	2 - Zach Koberlein	11
3 - Joe Gaston	59	3 - Pat Detwiler	16
4 - Todd Bennett	76	4 - Ally Latham	26
4 - Randy Staley	76	5 - Abbey Amato	36
6 - Dennis Gaston	79		
7 - Pat Detwiler	88		

## Final Senior Sunfish Races – Finally – Wind!

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

### September 1

As the end of our summer season approached, our concern was a repeat of the bobbing in no wind approach, but by the time the races began, we had the season's best wind – a steady course 1 at 7-10 knots! While some of the regular fleet members were observers on the sidelines (you know who you are), we had 10 sailors who took the chance and clearly enjoyed the swift and very competitive races.

Race 1 was neck and neck for first, with Will prevailing over Mark down the middle of the lake on the last leg. Third place changed hands a number of times, with me edging out James, who just caught JW by a nose at the finish. Sixth was a photo finish between David and Roger, and 8th was between Dillon and Allan. One junior, David Young, joined us and sailed admirably with the pack in both races. Congratulations, David!

Race 2 was a season victory lap for JW (more on that later), but Will ran away with the race. The finishes were close and similar to the first race. Notably, Allan had a tremendous season finish with a close 6th that ensured his standing in the challenger division.

For the season, we had a total of 22 participants, 14 of whom sailed in more than four races. In the challenger division, Dillon finished third. There was a first-place tie between Allan and Roger (95 points), but the tiebreaker went to Allan based on a 4th place finish in a July 28 race.

JW ran away with the Champion division title, with 22 net points, including six first place finishes. James, whose motor had a great season, finished second with 38 points with me close behind with 39. The complete season results are pictured below.

For the record, there is no debate with the other fleet captains, it is officially agreed that the senior sunfish dock committee is the BEST dock committee in the fleet. Thanks again to LuAnne and Ellen who had to deal with some heat, long races with no wind, and occasional controversy.

Reminder - Just because summer season is done, sailing is not over. Come and sail during September -- let's get some boats out on Saturdays or Sundays.

Also, while Highland Lakes is not hosting a SANJL sunfish regatta this fall, the SANJLs are nearby, with the first one at Swartswood Lake on the 14th and Pines Lake on October 5. If you are interested in sailing at some of these nearby events, please contact Mark Buruchian at (973) 271-0213.

For all prospective and current HLCC sailors, please spread the word. If you want to sail and have any questions, call me at (203) 918-1102 or email me at mladen@negotiators.com. See you all on the water!

### Race 1

- 1 - Will Kresic
- 2 - Mark Buruchian
- 3 - Mladen Kresic
- 4 - John Wayne Wisniewski
- 5 - James Sullivan
- 6 - David Goldman
- 7 - Roger Kirchner
- 8 - Dillon Waltner
- 9 - Allan Napolitano
- 10 - David Young (jr)

### Race 2

- 1 - Will Kresic
- 2 - Mark Buruchian
- 3 - Mladen Kresic
- 4 - John Wayne Wisniewski
- 5 - James Sullivan
- 6 - Allan Napolitano
- 7 - David Goldman
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