



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Lake Management Progress Report

CHRISTINE ALBER, PROGRESS REPORT

As we move into the full swing of our summer season, it's a good time to take a look at where we are with our lakes. We are now several months into the plan devised by the Club's expert lake management consultant, Skylar Reed-McMillon. At a high level, Skylar's plan centers on making informed treatment and management decisions based on data and observations about lake conditions. To accomplish this, Skylar has created a water quality management plan and an aquatic vegetation management plan.

Water Quality Management Plan

Key to getting the data that Skylar uses to make management and treatment recommendations is the water quality management plan. The plan calls for regular testing at both the shoreline and mid-lake for each lake, with multiple mid-lake locations for our larger lakes. The testing escalates if early signs of an algae bloom are detected.

Skylar spent significant time working with our General Manager, Kelly Peters, our maintenance superintendent, Mike Emmerich, and water quality testing interns, to review the plan, calibrate and test the equipment used to test water quality, and walk through the process for testing and reporting the results. The protocols she developed include stringent standards for maintaining the equipment, for each step involved in testing to ensure the data is accurate, and for the timing and method for reporting the results so she can access and review it almost in real-time.

Additional logistical details needed to be resolved – things such as equipment storage, staffing and boat availability at each lake. Although these details took some time to finalize this year, the systems developed will carry forward into future years. Skylar has also developed a backup plan for gathering data when our testing equipment isn't available. That backup plan includes using less sophisticated testing equipment, visual observations, and a drone survey.

Most importantly, the testing provides Skylar with the details she wants and needs to make informed decisions, and she is working closely with Kelly and our lake treatment vendors to make and weigh in on treatment decisions.

Based on Skylar's recommendation, the Board has authorized using an advanced treatment called EutroSORB in Lake 3, Lake 4, and Lake 2's three coves. EutroSORB is a highly effective application that binds with phosphorus in the water column, making the phosphorus unavailable to the algae cells as nutrition. The Club has used EutroSORB in the past in Lake 4.

Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan

Another key to managing our lakes is how we deal with aquatic vegetation in the lakes. Aquatic vegetation includes things like weeds, algae, lily pads, cattails, and reeds. Historically, we have treated weeds and algae with chemicals. Cattails, lily pads and reeds die back each year

during the winter. After the vegetation dies, it falls to the bottom of the lake where it turns into organic matter – muck – made up of the very nutrients that can feed further vegetation.

To be clear, not all algae, weeds or other rooted plants are bad – or bad for the lakes. In fact, they can be a sign of a healthy ecosystem. Rooted plants like weeds and cattails help by absorbing nutrients. They also form needed habitats for wildlife. Some algae, like spirogyra, the bright green silky strands we see often in the spring, are also a sign of good lake health. The problem lies in having too much.

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Upcoming Events

- July 3 – Nerds Concert
- July 5 – July 4th Breakfast
- July 5 – Clean the Stream
- July 6 – Jr. Lifeguard Program
- July 7 – W/A Wine and Cheese
- July 7 – Sailing Clinic
- July 8 – VB Workshop
- July 9 & 10 – GCOF Sale Donation Days
- July 11 – Community Yard Sale
- July 12 – Western Line Dancing



HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

THE NERDS

Tickets available for purchase at the Clubhouse Office.

FRIDAY, JULY 3 @ 8 PM

Get ready for a night of music from all generations! New Jersey's most popular cover band brings classic rock, dance hits, and pure energy to our community.

\$35 per ticket

Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association

4th of July BREAKFAST

Catch up with friends, enjoy a hot breakfast, and celebrate America right here at the lake.

WHEN: Sunday, July 5th
TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

COST: \$10 ADULTS / \$8 CHILDREN

LOCATION: Clubhouse | 2240 Lakeside Drive West | Highland Lakes, NJ

Volunteers Needed

All volunteers get a FREE breakfast voucher.

Hosted by the Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association Conservation Club & Ecology Committee

Clean the Stream

Sunday, July 5
8-10 am
Beach 1 - Stream by the little park.

Help us clear debris and invasive plants at Beach 1 to restore natural stream flow.

Come join the effort!

Lake Management Progress Report

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When there are more nutrients than can be handled by the ecosystem, that excess can be used to fuel the growth of blue-green algae into a HAB. Weeds and algae, even if not harmful, can interfere with boating and swimming, stink, or look unpleasant.

To help manage this problem, the Club purchased a weed harvester, and Skylar developed a detailed aquatic vegetation management plan. The plan identifies "hot spots" for different types of vegetation in our five lakes and describes how the Club can best manage the vegetation, including by using the weed harvester, mechanical means (using hand tools), or by targeted chemical treatments as needed. The plan provides our field team – our staff involved in weed harvesting and water quality – with an overall blueprint of how to approach removing vegetation. Priority for the weed harvester includes beaches, boat launches, and the swim lanes and the coves on Lake 2, and other locations with reported weed or algae growth.

A staffing shortage delayed the full implementation of the weed harvester operation in the early spring, but since reaching full staffing, the team has removed numerous trailers full of weeds from Lake 2. The harvester made it to every section of Lake 2 and in addition to our cold weather weed, curly leaf pondweed, they have cut lily pads and cattails. Like the water quality testing program, any early delays and lessons in how to best use the weed harvester will result in smoother operations in the future. The team has also removed weeds, lily pads, and algae using hand tools.

Additional Parameters

In addition to the two management plans, Skylar reviewed our aeration system plan and unit settings and worked with Mike to ensure the system is operational. She is also reviewing data from our ultrasonic devices in Lake 3 and Lake 4 and the oxygen saturation unit in Lake 4. As a reminder, the ultrasonic units target and destroy green-blue algae cells and the oxygen saturation technology adds oxygen to the lake bottom and prevent nutrients from being released into the water column.

Recognizing that the lake's water quality begins with the watershed, Skylar and the Club are working together to review all streamways and wetland areas feeding and connecting our lakes. That review is looking at things as simple as a need to clear a sightline, or remove trash or a buildup of leaves and other organic matter from the streams, and as complex as whether the streams are operating as designed to manage the water flow between our lakes and from the lagoon and external water sources.

Play a Role in Lake Management

Our members can play a critical role in managing our lakes.

First, members can report their observations about weeds, algae, fish kills, erosion, or other lake-related conditions directly to Skylar and Kelly using the Club-provided QR code. The code was emailed to the membership and is posted at locations around the lakes. In addition, you can get a business card-sized version of the QR code at the Club office. You will need a QR reader app on your smart phone or tablet to use the QR code; free QR reader apps are available in any app store. If you don't have a smart phone or tablet, if you aren't comfortable using the QR code, or if you don't have the QR code available and you want to report lake conditions, send an email with the information to our General Manager at Kelly.Peters@fsresidential.com.

Second, volunteer for ecology and lake-related activities. The Club and its volunteers run many events around the lakes and its broader watershed, and member volunteers are always welcome. Keep an eye out for those opportunities.

Third, learn as much as you can about lakes, weeds and algae, and lake management. The Club will be sharing a lot of information this year about lake conditions, the management of those conditions, and the reasoning for management decisions. This education can help our members understand what is happening in the lakes and why the Club is making specific decisions.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer on the lakes!

Upcoming Meetings

- Boat Dock – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, July 7 at 7 pm
- Communications Committee – Saturday, August 8 at 10 am
- Ecology Committee/CCHL – Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm
- Fish Committee – Thursday, July 16 at 7 pm
- Road Committee – Thursday, August 6 at 7 pm.
- Rules/By-Laws Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, July 8 at 7:30 pm
- Voting Board Regular Meeting – Friday, July 17 at 8:00 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change/cancellation, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.

Beach Hours

RAY LOUGHREN, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

June 29 – September 7

Lifeguards will be on duty at the following beaches during the times listed below subject to staffing availability.

- Beach 1 – 9 am - 6 pm
- Beach 2 – 10 am - 4 pm
- Swim Lanes – 9 am - 4 pm Monday through Friday
- Beach 3 – 10 am - 6 pm
- Beach 7 – 10 am - 6 pm
- Beach 4 – Closed until further notice
- Beach 5 – Closed until further notice
- Beach 6 – Closed until further notice

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.

Location	6/9	6/11	6/26
Beach 1	2	3.1	9.8
Beach 2	11	2	19.9
Beach 3	15.8	5.2	4.1
Beach 4	95.9	19.9	49.6
Beach 5	6.2	40.8	<1
Beach 6	1	1	2
Beach 7	<1	17.3	5.2
Swim Lanes	2	1	5.2

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ANNUAL Community YARD SALE

Open to the Public!

Furniture * Kitchenware * Jewelry * Bags
Sports Equipment * Tools * Toys * Home Decor

And So Much More!

Proceeds from the
Annual Community Yard Sale benefit the
Goodwill Community Outreach Fund

JULY 11
 8 AM - 2 PM

Rain or Shine!

HLCC CLUBHOUSE
2240 Lakeside Drive West
Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

WWW.GCOF.ORG
GCOF@GCOF.ORG

Questions about the yard sale can be emailed to:
YARDSALEGCOF@GMAIL.COM

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Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association presents

KIDS CAN COOK!

PIZZA & FRUIT SMOOTHIES



MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA!

BLEND AWESOME SMOOTHIES!

JOIN US FOR A FUN COOKING SESSION!

Friday, July 24, 2026

Clubhouse - 6 pm

Please register at hlcc.org today.

★ HAPPY ★

4th of July

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Highland Lakes Country Club & Community Association

JULY SUMMER EVENTS:
(Unless noted otherwise all happen at the Clubhouse)

- June 30 (Tue): Cake Wars - must register. (6-8 pm)
- July 3 (Fri): THE NERDS Live in Concert
- July 5 (Sun): 4th of July Community Breakfast (9-11:30 am)
- July 7 (Tue): Red, White & Blue Tie Dye (6-8 PM)
- July 11 (Sat): Goodwill Fund Garage Sale
- July 12 (Sun): Western Line Dancing (7 pm)
- July 14 (Tue): Community Float Night - Beach 1 (6-8 PM)
- July 16 (Thu): Outside Movie Night under the stars - (7 pm)
- July 18-19 (Sat/Sun): ANNUAL ART SHOW
- July 21 (Tue): Taco Tuesday at the Clubhouse (6-8 PM)
- July 23 (Thu): Community Volleyball - Beach 2
- July 24 (Fri): Kids Clubhouse Event - More info coming
- July 25 (Sat): Open Mic Night (Tentative)
- July 26 (Sun): 90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
- July 28 (Tue): COLOR WARS! (6-8 PM)
- July 30 (Thu): Clubhouse Lawn Games (6-8 PM)

Summer Programming Runs 6/29/26-8/17/26

- Tuesdays & Thursdays Beach 1 Pavillion Fun 1-3 pm**
- Tuesdays & Thursdays Community Nights 6-8 pm**
- Mondays Ceramics 6-8 pm Clubhouse**

FUN FUN FUN



HLCC 90th ANNIVERSARY ADULT SEMI-FORMAL DINNER DANCE

LIVE MUSIC: REEDS, RHYTHM & ALL THAT BRASS ORCHESTRA

DATE & TIME: JULY 26TH | 6:30 PM
Tables of 10

MENU: Dinner Buffet and Dessert
Fine Dining
COFFEE, TEA, ICE BYOB

TICKET INFORMATION

- \$65 pp if paid by June 1.
- \$ 75 pp if paid by July 5.

Ticket forms available at the Activity Center & Club Office.



Summer of Fun

MELISSA HARDIN, RECREATION MANAGER

Highland Lakes has an action-packed July event lineup! Get ready for an unforgettable summer. We have officially kicked off our highly anticipated 2026 summer programming, running now through August 17. July is packed with an incredible, high-energy lineup of events designed to bring neighbors together for non-stop excitement, creativity, and community spirit.

From live music and themed competitions to relaxing nights under the stars, there is truly something for everyone at the Clubhouse and beaches this month. Please check out our website for upcoming event info. You can see our flyers in the Newsette and on social media. Please go to hlcc.org to register to attend our events today.

Rocking Concerts & Dynamic Dances

- The entertainment lineup this July is spectacular!
- THE NERDS Live in Concert: Kick off the holiday weekend on Friday, July 3, with a high-energy performance at the Clubhouse lawn (weather permitting).
- Western Line Dancing: Put on your cowboy boots and head down on Sunday, July 12, at 7 pm to learn some moves.
- 90th Anniversary Dinner Dance: Celebrate nearly a century of community history on Sunday, July 26, during this milestone celebration.

Thrilling Competitions & Themed Nights

- Bring your competitive spirit to these exciting community challenges:
- Cake Wars: Kickstarting the excitement on Tuesday, June 30, from 6 to 8 pm (registration required).
- Red, White & Blue Tie Dye: Get patriotic and creative on Tuesday, July 7, from 6 to 8 pm.
- Taco Tuesday: Enjoy delicious food and community vibes on Tuesday, July 21, from 6 to 8 pm at the Clubhouse.
- Color Wars: Prepare for a vibrant battle on Tuesday, July 28, from 6 to 8 pm.

Outdoor & Beachfront Adventures

- Soak up the sun and enjoy the beautiful lakefront amenities with friends and family:
- Community Float Night: Cool off at Beach 1 on Tuesday, July 14, from 6 to 8 pm.
- Outside Movie Night: Gather under the stars on Thursday, July 16, starting at 7 pm.
- Community Volleyball: Meet up at Beach 2 on Thursday, July 23, for some friendly competition.
- Clubhouse Lawn Games: Wrap up the month's outdoor fun on Thursday, July 30, from 6 to 8 pm.

Arts, Culture & Community Traditions

- Celebrate local talent and hunt for treasures at these special summer staples:
- 4th of July Community Breakfast: Celebrate Independence Day on Sunday, July 5, from 9 to 11:30 am.
- Goodwill Fund Garage Sale: Find your next hidden treasure on Saturday, July 11, sale hours 8 am to 2 pm.
- Annual Art Show: Experience incredible local artwork during this two-day exhibition on Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19.
- Open Mic Night (Tentative): Showcase your talents on Saturday, July 25.

Weekly Summer Programming

- In addition to these major events, don't forget the weekly schedule keeping the fun going all season long:
- Mondays: Ceramics at the Clubhouse from 6 – 8 pm.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays: Beach 1 Pavilion Fun from 1 – 3pm.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays: Community Nights from 6 – 8 pm.

Unless noted otherwise, all events take place at the Clubhouse. Mark your calendars, invite your neighbors, and make this July a summer to remember!

2026 Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule

- 9 – 10 am: ages 13+
- 10 – 11 am: ages 9-12
- 11 – 11:45 am: ages 8 and under (8&U)
- 11:30 am – noon: ages 6 and under (6&U)

Practice began on Monday, June 29 and continues Monday - Friday through early-August.

2026 Swim Team Dual Meets

- July 8 – Highland Lakes at Pequannock
- July 15 – Highland Lakes at Lake Mohawk
- July 20 – Canistear Cup at Highland Lakes
- July 22 - Fayson Lakes at Highland Lakes
- July 29 – Highland Lakes at Erskine Lakes
- August 5 – Green Pond at Highland Lakes
- August 8 – A Championships @ Pequannock

Invitationals and other team events - https://hlcc.swimtopia.com/swim_meets

GCOF Update

NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIR

The GCOF has had a very productive spring. Our Spring Book Sale was a great success, bringing many residents together to share their love of books. Additionally, local children's author Joan Smith hosted a community story hour and read from her book, Rooster's Day at The Fair. Photos of these events will follow shortly.

The second annual Flute concert was well received, we are grateful for both Susan Graham and Mardee Ulmer for sharing their time and talent.

Thank you for all who participated in the GCOF Used Boat Auction. Four boats found new homes through the generosity of members.

The 2026 Art Show: HLCC Honors America

CHRISTINE ALBER, ART SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19

We are looking forward to our 66th Annual Art Show this year! This two-day event includes shows for both professional and amateur artists. In recognition of our country's 250 birthday, our amateur show's theme this year is "Honor America." We look forward to seeing your creativity on display at this special Highland Lakes tradition.

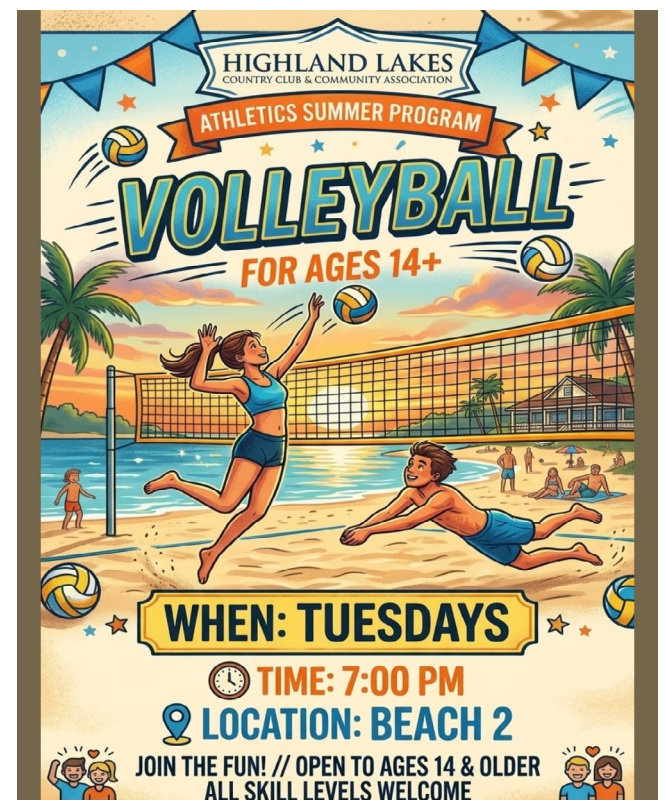
Join us for a "Meet and Greet" with our professional artist exhibitors on Saturday, July 18, from 6 pm to 9 pm in the Lake Room. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception while you view the beautiful artwork on display, talk with the artists, and think about perhaps making an art purchase.

On Sunday, July 19, we invite all of our Club's talented artists to display their art and compete for prizes. Members should bring their submissions to the Clubhouse between 9-10:30 am. Each submission needs a registration form (we will publish this in the Newsette before the show and will have blanks available at registration) and a nominal registration fee of 50 cents per piece. PLEASE, PLEASE,

PLEASE make sure your drawings and paintings are framed or matted and ready for display. We have a short window to arrange the art before the judges begin their review to find our winning pieces and are not able to frame or mat the art.

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

Come one and all and enjoy the wonderful creations of the talented artists in Highland Lakes. We hope to see you there and personally greet you on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19. Any new member who is a professional artist and would like to be considered for the Saturday evening professional show, please contact Joyce Healy at 845-544-3749 or Joan Bono at 973-764-7997. With best regards, the Art Show Committee.



In Memoriam

Long-time Highland Lakes resident Dori Zarr passed away peacefully on May 24. Dori first joined our community in 1970, visiting her parents' (Paul and Marie Mayfield) cabin on Echo Lane and later their home on East Lakeside Drive. In 2001, Dori bought her own home on Cohocton Road and moved to Highland Lakes full time with her partner Tom Burke, after 25 years as a grammar school teacher in Mendham and Bridgewater. Dori was an active community member, enjoying tennis, pickleball, paddling and kayaking, Toast Masters, art at the Clubhouse, and hosting AT thru hikers. A celebration of Dori's life is planned for the fall. If you'd like to attend or want to share any memories of Dori, please email her son at rob@pickellfamily.com.

Celebrating 90 Years of Good Times

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Get ready to put on your dancing shoes and semi-formal best to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Highland Lakes under the stars on July 26. Festivities will begin at 6 pm. Long-time volunteers, Carol Hastie, Joyce Healy, Luanne Napolitano and Sue Buruchian began conceptualizing plans for the big event early this spring as they talked about all of the people and good times that made our community all that it is today. They imagined a fully tented event under the stars complete with fine dining, live music and a night filled with the community spirit that Highland Lakes is well known for.

The band that first played at our community's 75th Anniversary celebration, Reeds, Rhythm, and All That Brass, is a classic, 18-piece big band and jazz ensemble and they will be back by popular demand. Tables of ten can be reserved. No worries if your group happens to be smaller than that. By the day of the event, seating will be assigned and posted at the Club. With such a close-knit community, you are bound to find yourself sitting with friends and neighbors even if you didn't know they would be there when you set out for this evening of fun. Parking is expected to be limited so please carpool with other members if at all possible.

The cost of the event is \$75 per person. Tickets are going fast but some are still available. You can pick-up table reservation forms at the Activity Center and Club Office. Those wishing to attend are asked to drop off their completed table forms and checks in an envelope marked "90th Dance" by July 5 at the Club Office.

The committee is in need of a few more volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up for the night. If you are free to lend a hand, or have a question about the evening's events, please contact Sue Buruchian at sue.buruchian@gmail.com.

Casino Bus Trip

CAROL HASTIE, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Wind Creek Casino

The Highland Lakes Women's Auxiliary will be hosting a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino again this summer. The date is Thursday, July 23. The cost will be \$45.00 per person and you will receive \$25 in slot play. You will have 5 hours of casino time.

The bus leaves the Acme parking lot at 8:15 am and will return approximately 5 pm. This is open to all Highland Lakes members and their guests. Contact Doreen Cordes or Carol Hastie to sign up for a fun-filled day.

Chit Chat

HATS OFF TO OUR LAUREN LA ROCCA

Lauren was awarded the Education Support Personnel from the Hannah Caldwell Elementary School, where she has been employed for 16 years. This award recognizes her outstanding performance in a self-contained classroom as well as fulfilling multiple tasks within the Special Education Department.



Lauren was thirteen when she saw the need for help working with a special softball team in her town of Union N.J and knew she found her profession. Lauren has worked in special education for 20 years. She came to Highland Lakes when she was 6 months old. She has been active ever since, working up to Director of Summer Activities and assisting with many of our events. You will also see her volunteering for numerous activities,

Many Highland Lakes children have benefitted from Lauren's fun activities/crafts and games, learning to love and share the many gifts of our community. They have learned many skills they did not know they were being taught. That is a special talent of an excellent teacher who helps kids engage in fun activities while learning.

Lauren was honored at an awards dinner at the Hilton

Garden Hotel in Springfield. She stated, "I was flabbergasted at receiving this award for doing a job I loved" and admits "The children I work with at school and the lake have inspired me to be a better teacher and person."

Please join us in congratulating her on a job well done! Thank you, Lauren!

Angels Do Exist

My husband, John, and I extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the anonymous donor in our community. We're both in our golden years and not in the best of health. We face daily circumstances that sometimes need a helping hand. A wonderful angel in Highland Lakes so generously gifted us with a Shop Rite card simply stating, "it's a joy to help our neighbors." John & I are so very grateful and know why it's such a joy to live in our community where people genuinely care about others. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the fullness of our hearts!

With love and gratitude, Terry & John Healey

Warwick Garden Tour

Two of our Highland Lakes homes/gardens have been invited to be on the Warwick Valley's Annual Countryside Tour, being held on Saturday, July 11, from 9 am to 4 pm.

If you are interested in a ticket go to www.warwickgardeners.com

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Carp Removal Success

GLENN KAMP

For the fourth year in a row the staff and graduate students from Cobleskill University have conducted a successful carp electroshocking and removal program from Lake 2. Before I go into details, I need to acknowledge the help of our amazing volunteers who were essential to this project. Steve Luoni is our main transporter of carp from the electroshocking boat back to shore and at the same time records the event with his outstanding photography skills. Chet Cooper, who is our number one scout on the lake, sent me reports of water temperature and carp locations for the weeks leading up to the electroshocking. Chet also spent numerous hours weighing, measuring and identifying the gender of the carp before they were sent to Space Farms. Mike O'Neill helped me with the planning and coordination and with noting weights and measures on the shore and also helped on the boat noting fish catches for two sessions. Eric Card, Board Trustee, helped at the weigh station and handled many many many carp, a strenuous and dirty job. He also drove the boat that follows the electroshocking boat and ferries the carp back to beach three where they were documented. Ralph Davis helped out at the weigh station, once again a strenuous and very messy job. Mark Grammerstorf was a tremendous help at the beach also. Jennifer, Ziegler, Board Secretary, generously opened up her beautiful lakefront home for the staff and students to use during their stay; they really appreciated her hospitality. Finally, Phil from the Marketplace provided food for the staff and was extremely generous – thanks, Phil! There were many other volunteers too numerous to mention. I thank all of you and please know that we could not have done it without our volunteers. I also want to thank the Board for their financial support of this important program. I will have a detailed statistical report for the Board within a few weeks.

This is the fourth year that the Club has sponsored a carp removal program and this year we removed 374 common carp, an invasive species of fish that harms the ecosystem of the lake and has a negative impact on the populations of desired gamefish. Since the program began, we have removed 1,063 carp from Lake 2. An especially equipped boat electroshocks the water in front of the boat and all of the fish float to the surface and then quickly, very quickly, swim away. The graduates use long-handed, large nets to scoop the carp out of the lake and put them into a large fish box on the boat. The fish box has water and clove oil in it which quickly and humanely anesthetizes the carp. Coming full circle, and never wanting to waste a thing, we donate the carp to Space Farms, and the carp get fed to the bears well into the year.

The average carp weight, approximately, of the last four years is 15-20 pounds. This year's biggest carp was 32 1/2

pounds! There were many fish caught in the 20-to-30-pound range but many much smaller fish this year. That indicates to us that we are making a positive impact on reducing the population of carp. Timing is everything as the water temperature dictates when the carp will enter pre-spawn and spawning, then moving into shallow water along the shorelines and in the weeds. This year we timed it perfectly in that all of the females we captured, which were about 45% of this year's catch, still had not released and were still a few days away from dropping their eggs. The males were ready, but the females were not, which is common with common carp.

We also count and make note of the number of other fish that are observed by the recorder on the boat; we have a healthy largemouth bass population, which has been consistent over the last four years. We also have smallmouth bass, catfish, walleye, pickerel and an abundance of crappie, bluegill, and perch.

Thanks again to all of our volunteers who helped, and I look forward to working with you again in the future.

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June Voting Board Meetings

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A summary of the June Voting Board meetings follows. These are not the official minutes of these meetings. All official minutes of Voting Board meetings can be found in the documents section of the membership portal once they have been approved by the Voting Board and posted to the portal.

Voting Board Workshop, June 10, 2026 – by Janice O’Neill

Three expenditures requiring Voting Board approval at the June 19 Voting Board Meeting were discussed.

1. Lake consultant, Skylar Reed, recommends adding EutroSORB to Lakes 3 and 4 and selected coves in Lake 2, which will cost \$36,000 for two treatments, possibly in July and August.

2. Club Manager, Kelly Peters, provided a financial analysis supporting the \$94,000 purchase of a new dump truck to replace an old truck, explaining that HLCC will be able to in-source work that we previously paid outside contractors to handle. This is \$46,000 greater than the reserve funds allocated to a replacement truck.

3. The new water testing probe on Lake 4 broke and could not be found by scuba divers. It will cost \$20,000 to replace it.

President Ray Zimmerman reported that Skylar has been using a drone to monitor the lakes and her analysis will soon be available to members through Connect. Members can use a new QR code to submit anything concerning or noteworthy involving the lakes. The QR code was sent in a June 5 FirstService Residential email; it is also available at the Club office and will be posted on beach bulletin boards.

When there are disputes between members, the members should contact their section Trustee to seek help in resolving the matter. If the issue is more serious and requires legal intervention, members should write a letter to their Trustee and the Board requesting assistance and the Club Attorney will get involved.

Bow fishing was discussed as an additional intervention to manage the carp population. The Rules and By-Laws Committee met with the Club attorney to discuss the two revisions that will be voted on at the annual membership meeting in August.

Kelly Peters listed a number of projects including cleaning drainage and catch basins, pothole repairs, repaving roads, carpet cleaning, tennis courts, and Club septic tank cleaning. Other items brought up by Trustees included using bird kites at beaches to keep cormorants away, the HLCC 90th

Anniversary Celebration on July 26, and a request for Skylar to present to the membership to help people understand what is being done to manage lake water quality.

Voting Board Meeting, June 19, 2026 – by Brenda Flanagan

Keeping the lakes clear of weeds and algae, while also keeping an eye on funds, dominated discussion during the Regular Voting Board’s meeting on June 19. According to President Ray Zimmerman, “All the lakes look pretty good,” so far, because cool weather helped control algae growth. Efforts to maintain water quality continue.

The Board voted to approve spending \$20,000 to replace an algae detection device that two weeks ago disconnected from its tether and sank into bottom sediment at Lake 4, while the Club worked to deploy the unit. Efforts to locate the “sonde” — including a scuba diver — have so far failed.

“It was an accident — an expensive accident — but it was an accident,” Zimmerman explained. The Board originally purchased the sonde because it’s portable, capable of testing for different algae and measuring growth at different depths across all five lakes and the lagoon. Ultimately, it’s designed to save money by alerting the Club to potential algal blooms for early treatment, he said. While awaiting delivery of the replacement sonde, the Club’s lake quality expert, Skylar Reed-McMillon, is using a drone to detect possible hot spots.

Club members who have asked about water quality, including algae and cyanobacteria data, will soon find test results from Lake Management Sciences (LMS) uploaded and posted on the HLCC portal, Zimmerman stated. The data is currently being transferred and should be available in a couple of weeks.

Meanwhile, members can use QR codes posted at each beach to report observations around the lakes. He said the Club will soon issue a general report on QR posts, so members can get an overall view of the results. General Manager Kelly Peters offered to help folks unfamiliar with using QR codes navigate the process.

The Board also discussed applying EutroSORB to help control algae. The application rapidly neutralizes phosphorus that feeds algae, and Zimmerman said, “It does work. We used it for the first time two-to-three years ago, in Lake 4.” But he noted, “It’s very expensive.”

The Club would apply EutroSORB for one or two treatments in Lakes 3 and 4, and across perhaps four of the “most active coves” on the big lake, all of which could

ultimately cost “north of \$300,000,” Zimmerman estimated. “If we need it — we need it. The pricing was based on multiple areas.” HLCC first needs to obtain a permit from NJ’s Dept. of Environmental Protection, and the Board voted to approve spending \$44,000, to start the permit and testing process.

As for weeds, Zimmerman reported the Club is still working out access points for the weed harvester at Lake 3, after encountering logistical problems getting in from the road. The Club has been pulling algae scum from surface water there, he said, to clear it before the algae sinks to the lake bottom.

The Board also authorized spending up to \$95,000 for a small dump truck, to haul away material collected by the street sweeper, among other items.

Glenn Kamp presented a report on the fourth annual carp removal program on the main lake. The process uses a special boat staffed by grad students from SUNY-Cobleskill, and outfitted with an electroshock apparatus to stun the fish, which are scooped out with nets and then “humanely anesthetized” in a fish box filled with water and clove oil.

One controversial proposal, to allow “bow fishing” at the lake, was not on the agenda but will be discussed during a pending Board workshop. Also up for discussion at that workshop will be two proposed amendments to the HLCC Bylaws. The first amendment would update the Board “responsibilities” clause. Zimmerman calls the current language out-of-date — for example, it makes the Board liable for maintaining a golf course that doesn’t exist.

The second proposal would permit the Board to sell Club-owned land, without the currently required two-thirds approval vote by Club members. HLCC owns and pays taxes on more than 60 lots, Zimmerman said, explaining many are just strips of land. The Board would like more leeway to sell perhaps 10 to 15 of these lots, possibly to adjacent owners. It’s currently researching the issue.

As for the Board’s septic pumping requirement, Zimmerman reported about 150 Club members did not comply by the cut-off date and have been fined. The Board will ask the Communications Committee to reach out to those members, once again, to help them avoid escalating fines.

Lake Appreciation Day is scheduled for August 8, a Saturday.

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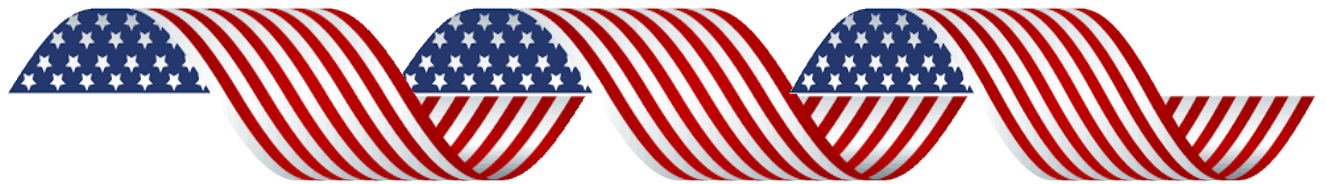
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July 8, 15, 22, 29 / August 5

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July 10, 17, 24, 31 / August 7

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

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm

Chris Conti: 914-384-9393 and Chip Ehrhardt: 973-222-6755
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Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm

Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923
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All Boat Regatta – Sept. 5th

Sailors' Picnic – Sept. 6th @ 5:00 pm (safety boat lifeguards are welcome to attend)

Questions? Call Mark Buruchian @ 973-271-0213 or email @ hlccsailing@gmail.com

HL Senior Club Springs into Summer

JOYCE HEALY, SR. CLUB PRESIDENT

Hello, everyone. Here's wishing for good days ahead.

Once again, I've found a meaningful bit of writing titled: DEEP ROOTS by Patricia Raybon. As Douglas Kent, a landscape architect, toured a charred Los Angeles neighborhood after the city's raging 2025 wildfires, he encountered a shocking surprise — trees, alive and green right next to melted cars and burned buildings. Many of them bore lush palms and leaves, abundant fruit, and strong trunks and branches. How?

After two consecutive rainy winters, the trees' roots had reached deep into the soil to draw moisture, carrying it to branches and leaves. In a fire, they proved resistant. "What I saw," said Kent, "was that if you were deep-rooted, you survived."

Our goodness during the fiery trials of life can be like that. We can set our roots deep in goodness and love like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots. It doesn't fear when heat comes, it has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Don't live by material things, but trust in goodness. Gee, are you deep-rooted? I'll bet you are!

So, let's look at Senior Club events/activities: Memorial Day was a lovely, meaningful day thanks to many beautiful volunteers who helped in a myriad of ways to produce a successful event. Many thanks to Father Chris from St. Francis de Sales church, Harmony in Motion and, of course, all members of our community who participated in this lovely tradition.

We have our Tuesday night meetings on the 2nd and 4th evenings May – Sept at 7 pm in the Lake Room. Guest speakers, refreshments, special activities and a short business meeting. We welcomed three new members in

May! You may join us at any time during the year. We had a Wine & Cheese Party June 23, and upcoming we have an evening meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 7 pm and our wonderful "off- premises" luncheon at Milano on Tuesday, July 21 at 12 pm. We'll enjoy a fabulous lunch, a mini tricky tray and lots of fun. We'll end July with an evening meeting on Tuesday, 7/28 at 7 pm in the Lake Room.

Questions about our Senior Club? Give me a call or text at 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce.



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Choice of: 2-3 Tacos OR Burrito
Served with Rice and Beans
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Limited Spots Available! Join the Fun!

Save the Date

CAROL HASTIE

Massimo Warriors Golf Outing

We had a rough start this year and had to regroup, but we are back on track. Team Massimo Warriors will be hosting the 7th Annual Benefit Golf Outing and Basket Raffle on Thursday, September 3, at Farmstead Golf and Country Club. There will be a 1:30 shotgun start for golf. Registration of \$150 per golfer can be done at charitygolftoday.com/teammassimo2025 or contact Carol Hastie at 973-670-0538. For those who would like to attend the dinner and Basket Raffle, the cost is \$50. Registration can be done the same as the golfers, either on charity golf or through Carol Hastie. The dinner usually begins around 6 pm.

We are also looking for sponsors, donations and baskets to help raise funds for the various ways TMW has helped the community. If you are able to help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Over the years we have helped families with children facing serious medical conditions and assist with Massimo's upcoming out-of-state surgeries. Team Massimo Warriors has made a positive impact in the community by supporting several families with children battling cancer, donated needed items to Sam's NICU at Morristown Medical Center, contributed to the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, and awarded JoAnne B. Poppe "Roots and Wings" scholarships to a senior at Kittatinny Regional High School, and a senior at Vernon Township High School. This year we will add Pope John XXIII to the list.

Massimo's Story

Massimo was born at 23 weeks and developed an infection in his right leg, leading to self-amputation of his toes and affecting the growth plates. Massimo spent 4.5 months in the NICU. His parents were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from so many people, including people they did not know. They founded Team Massimo Warriors Foundation as a way to "pay it forward" to other families in need. Over the past 14 years, he has traveled to Philadelphia, St. Louis, and West Palm Beach for multiple procedures on his leg, hip and foot, including four limb lengthening surgeries. During recovery, he and his family stay at Quantum House in West Palm Beach for three months, where he undergoes daily physical therapy and frequent doctor visits.

Annual Community Yard Sale

MARYANN GUNNING, CHAIR

Volunteers Wanted

Our Annual Community Yard Sale is NEXT WEEK! The GCOF Yard Sale brings us all together to donate treasures and raise funds for charity, benefitting the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund based right here in Highland Lakes. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but we are especially eager to have ages "20 - 50 something" join the team. It's a fantastic opportunity to give back, meet new HL friends, and have fun.

We receive donations on Thursday, July 9 and Friday, July 10. The sale takes place on Saturday, July 11. Returning volunteers will have received a sign-up email already. We're looking to add additional energetic volunteers to continue making this event a success. Let's come together for a fun day that supports a great cause!

To volunteer - by July 8, SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/ukVQhYoC85pYgLa9>

or visit gcof.org and click Yardsale Button at top. Paper signup forms can also be picked up at the Activities Center in the Clubhouse.

Questions can be sent to Yardsalegcof@gmail.com

Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

I recently came across this little ditty of a poem that I wrote after completing my first year as Windsurfing Fleet captain some 31 years ago. It goes something like this:

Dancing in the wind
The leaves of a tree
We sense a force
That we cannot see
A board, a sail
A body of water
An adventurous attitude
And our lives are in order
It's easy, it's fun
To master this art
But, to master this art
You have to have heart
Suddenly, the breeze picks up
To twenty plus knots
Nature turns up the power
To a thousand watts
Shredding the surface
We're all alone
We're focused and fast
We're in a zone
Sense it, feel it
No one can see
This force that drives us
And sets us free

Join us for some fun race action this summer, every Saturday at 3 pm. The season lights up with a bang on the 4th of July and our country's 250th birthday. See you on the line.



The 3rd annual Spring into Summer Windsurfing Regatta. Photo by Sara Gaston

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

JOIN US FOR FUN ACTIVITIES!
(Clubhouse & Beach)

MONDAYS CERAMICS 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Clubhouse
TUESDAYS KIDS' PAVILION ACTIVITY 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Beach 1 Pavilion
WEDNESDAYS CLUBHOUSE BINGO & CRAFT with LAUREN 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Clubhouse
THURSDAYS KIDS' PAVILION ACTIVITY 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Beach 1 Pavilion
MONDAY - THURSDAY EVENINGS SPECIAL EVENTS (depending on date) Various evening times Clubhouse/Community Areas

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RUN BY AMAZING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS!

SAILING SCHEDULE

WED 11:00 AM SUNFISH FLEET #23 JUNIOR-SINGLES (Ages under 19)	FRI 11:00 AM JUNIOR - DOUBLES (Two participants, ages under 19)	THU 11:00 AM LADIES SINGLES	SUN 2:30 PM SENIORS (ADULTS)
SAT 10:00 AM FORCE 5 - CLASS FLEET #27	SUN 11:00 AM FLYING JUNIOR "FJ" (2 RACES)	SAT 3:00 PM WINDSURFING	SAT 1:00 PM HOBBIE CAT

Our wonderful volunteers run our program to fit in with scheduling demands.
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FRIENDLY REMINDER: THIS IS A VOLUNTEER RUN PROGRAM.

HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WESTERN LINE DANCING NIGHT

SUNDAY, JULY 12 | 7 PM | HLCC Clubhouse Dance Floor

COME ON OUT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, DATES OR FRIENDS AND HAVE A HEEL OF A TIME!

★ PLEASE REGISTER AT: ★ **hlcc.org**

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR MEMBER BADGES AT ALL HLCC EVENTS!