



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Annual Meeting on the Horizon

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Are you interested in learning about our community's lake management plans...what kinds of treatments have been done this year and what strategies are being considered for the future? Do you want to learn more about the maintenance and renovations that are scheduled for our Clubhouse? Are you curious about the Club's financial well-being? Do you have a question, concern, or compliment that you would like to share with the Voting Board and the community at large? Are you planning on casting a vote for your Section Trustee and the By-Law changes that are on the ballot this year? If so, Sunday, August 16 is your day. Our Annual Meeting starts at 2 pm.

As dictated in our By-Laws, the Club's Annual Meeting is always held on the third Sunday in August, and the meeting cannot begin without a quorum of 5 percent of the active membership in good standing. For this reason and because of all of the important information that is shared and the votes that are taken, it is essential to the well-being of our community that as many members as possible attend.

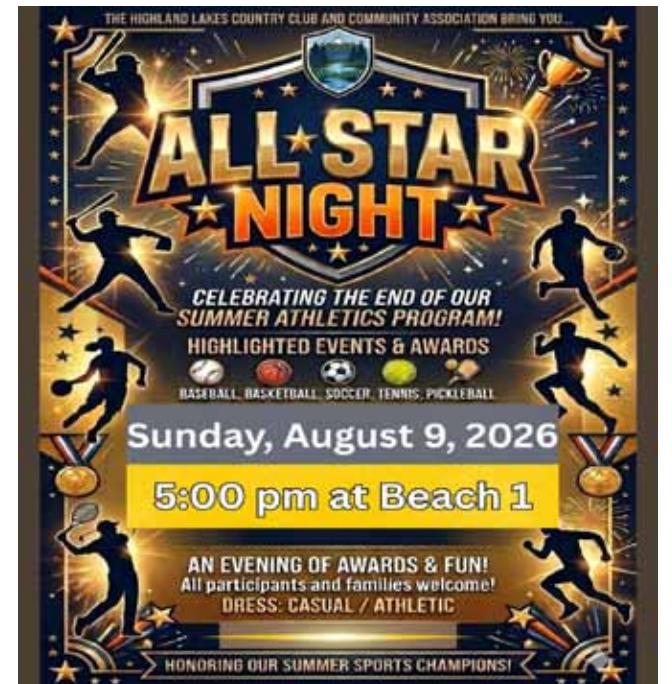
The Annual Meeting offers important opportunities for all of our members to learn about our community. One traditional highlight of the meeting is when the Board president provides a “year in review” report. In addition, our treasurer offers a fiscal summary, and the Club's attorney reviews all pertinent legal matters that our

community is currently involved in. This is followed by an open mic forum which provides the membership with an opportunity to share comments and ask questions of the Board.

This year, elections will be held for Section Trustees whose terms are expiring in Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 and for an unexpired term in Section 7. The membership will also be asked to vote on changes to three of our By-Laws. Information from candidates was published in the August 1 edition of our Newsette. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, it is available at the Activity Center and also accessible online. Additional candidate statements and an article about the proposed By-Law changes can be found in the current Newsette, dated August 8.

From its inception, Highland Lakes has been structured to encourage active participation from all of its members. On Sunday, August 16 at 2 pm, please do your part. Join your neighbors and your Voting Board at the Clubhouse. Bring your badge and your membership card and come with an open mind and heart.

If, for some reason (and it better be a good one!), you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you should still vote. Absentee ballots are available from the Club Office now and must be completed and returned to the Club Office by August 12.



Upcoming Events

- August 8 – Lake Appreciation Day
- August 9 – Q & A w/ President & By-Law Change Discussion
- August 9 – Sr. Gala
- August 9 – Section 7 Meet & Greet
- August 11 – Ladies Golf Outing
- August 11 – Swim Team Awards Dinner
- August 12 – Jr. Appreciation
- August 13 – Blood Drive
- August 14 – Adult Appreciation
- August 15 – Open Mic
- August 16 – Annual Meeting

Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots are available at the Club office from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday and Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm. Ballots must be returned to the office no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, August 12. Please bring your membership card to pick up the ballot to show proof of section and good standing.

Thank you.

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

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Appreciation Dinners

Jr. Appreciation is being held Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm. Invitations can be picked up at the Activity Center on Friday, August 7.

Sr. Appreciation is being held Friday, August 14 at 7 pm. Invitations will be sent in the mail.

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Chit Chat

Tom and Lorayne Castiglione celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Jessica, to Jack Skuller of Jersey City on November 1, 2025, at the Marigold in Somerset. Brother Dan served as the officiant, and Tom's former band from the 80s, Misty Blue, reunited after 40 years and brought the house down. Jessica surprised everyone at the reception and transformed her mother's wedding gown into a jumpsuit. The couple honeymooned in Spain and now resides in Union City.



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AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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The Highland Lakes Country Club and
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Leather Crafting
Night

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Candidate – Section 7 Trustee

MIKE O'NEILL

Dear Neighbors,
My kid's love Highland Lakes. They keep coming back. We bought our house with two toddlers holding our hands and one on the way. We have so many cherished memories here. I can't wait for our grandchildren to start creating those memories. I would like for the O'Neill's to become one of those multi-generational families in Highland Lakes. I live here full time and want to continue to see this community thrive with healthy lakes that are built on a financially secure club.

Who am I?

- 30-year resident of Highland Lakes in Section 7
- Married for 36 years and father of 3 adult children
- Successful 40-year business career (management consulting & personal coaching)

What have I done for Highland Lakes?

- During my time as Ecology Committee Chair 2022-2026, we achieved these results, many focused on reducing weeds and Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs) along with some specific Section 7 projects:
- Started new events: Earth Day Celebration & Lake Appreciation Day
 - Established Fall Roadside Cleanup
 - Established Carp Removal program (reduces HABs)

- Piloted Weed Harvesting on Lake 4 and recommended the purchase of a Weed Harvester (removes weeds)
- Conducted research and recommended Oxygen Saturation Technology (OST) now installed on Lake 4 (reduces HABs)
- Conducted research and recommended Ultra Sonic Technology (UST) now installed on Lake 3 and Lake 4 (reduces HABs)
- Established the Chemical Free Lawn Sign program (reduces HABs and weeds)
- Revitalized the Hemlock Lane Freeway (in Section 7)
- Planned the rehabilitation of the Island Road coves (In Section 7, near bridges)
- Represented the Ecology Committee at Voting Board Meetings

What are my priorities as your Trustee?

- Continue to champion Section 7 improvements
- Continue to champion lake water quality improvements
- Support fiscally responsible community initiatives
- Listen to you (quarterly conversations) and be your voice on the Voting Board
- I will bring transparency to my role and influence the board to do the same

Candidate – Section 1 Trustee

EVAN DOLCI

HLCC Members,
My name is Evan Dolci and I'm running for Section 1 Trustee.
I moved to Highland Lakes in the winter of 1999, arriving in the middle of a snowstorm. That first night, our neighbors lent us salt to help get our moving truck out of the driveway—a small gesture that, looking back, perfectly captured the spirit of this community. Growing up here shaped some of my most meaningful experiences. I lifeguarded during the summers, built lifelong friendships, and developed a deep connection to our community.
In recent years, my wife and I have had the opportunity to return and raise our children alongside many friends and family members who, like us, chose to return home to Highland Lakes. Watching our children experience the same activities, traditions, and sense of community has been incredibly rewarding. I'm running for trustee because I'm grateful for what Highland Lakes has provided me, and I want to help preserve and strengthen it for the next generation.
I believe one of the most important priorities for our community is improving the health of our lakes. We must continue to deepen our understanding of current lake conditions and identify practical, effective ways to protect and improve them in a financially responsible manner. If given the opportunity to serve as trustee, I will work to ensure this issue remains a top priority for the board.

Equally important is keeping our community informed. Residents deserve clear, consistent communication about ongoing efforts and progress. I am committed to maintaining regular communication with my section—sharing updates, listening to concerns, and ensuring their voices are represented at the board level.
For the past 11 years, I've worked in medical device sales, collaborating with people of diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and communication styles to align around a common goal. One of the greatest challenges in my work is overcoming resistance to change. Highland Lakes is evolving. We've transitioned from a primarily seasonal community to a year-round one, creating new demands for infrastructure, maintenance, and services. Our management team has shifted away from a more locally-based model to remote-based support. These changes require thoughtful leadership and a collaborative approach.
I believe my strength lies in bringing people together around shared goals. As both a longtime resident and a younger member of the community, I'm invested in building a strong future for our families. As a parent, I want to ensure our community continues to offer meaningful opportunities for children to connect and grow. And as a member of the next generation of residents, I hope to encourage greater involvement from others in my age group so we can all play a role in shaping Highland Lakes during this important time.

Candidate – Section 1 Trustee

SUE BURUCHIAN

Hello, my name is Sue Buruchian and I am running for Section 1 Trustee. I have held this position for the past four years. Finding a balance between the future needs of our community and our seasonal traditions is key. I've been a member for many years as I grew up here in the summer. We have since owned 3 different homes throughout the years and have retired.
I am an active volunteer in our community serving as Ladies Sunfish Fleet Captain, 90th Anniversary Dance Committee and other events. I also serve as Board representative on the Buildings and Grounds and Communications Committees.
There are many ways to enjoy HL, but volunteering is the best way to care for the lake and overall Highland Lakes life. It is true, you get back what you give and make new friends along the way.
Please volunteer in our Club and consider me for Section 1 Trustee at the Annual Meeting on August 16. We would love to see you all there – 2 pm at HLCC Clubhouse.

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Candidate – Section 4 Trustee

JOSEPH SWEENEY

My name is Joseph Sweeney. I am completing my initial term as the trustee for Section 4 on the Highland Lakes Board. I am seeking re-election at this year’s annual meeting on August 16.

Giving back to the community is essential. I’ve participated on numerous committees and community efforts over many years, including Swim Team parent and board member, coach, umpire, Family Day volunteer, swim official, and volunteer at the Highland Lakes community breakfasts. In addition to my work in Highland Lakes, I served as a member of the Vernon Township Board of Education for over 28 years. Giving back to the community has also given me something, as I have developed new friendships in these experiences. As a happily retired insurance executive, I have time to contribute to my community, and my background in business and local government will continue to provide a meaningful perspective for the Highland Lakes Board of Trustees. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve as Trustee for Section 4.

Highland Lakes has been home for many, many years. My family began coming to Highland Lakes for summers in 1963, becoming year-round residents in 1971. I graduated from Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta, NJ and Glassboro State College (now known as Rowan



University). My wife Maureen and I raised our six children, ages 43 to 28, here. We bought our home in 1987 and have been on Abricada Road since then. I retired from the reinsurance industry after 40 years. Maureen continues to teach kindergarten at Cedar Mountain School in Vernon.

The opportunity to give our children, and now our grandchildren, the life we were so lucky to experience, is special. There were activities and experiences that we were so fortunate to participate in every year. Those activities have stood the test of time,

and continue now, through several generations, along with some wonderful new activities. The volunteerism behind this is unique, and this too is part of the special fabric of our lives “on the mountain”. Learning how to swim at Beach 1, officiating swim meets for the HLCC Swim Team, playing basketball on the courts, trying to hit a softball over the Seckler & Shepperd building, beaches, Clubhouse, lake and community improvements, all help to create a sense of pride in membership and confidence that this life will continue into the future. In summary, we continue to enjoy all that Highland Lakes is-the lakes, beaches, athletics, community activities, the neighbors and friends.

To my neighbors in Section 4, thank you for considering your support for me to represent you.

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Coming to a Close

KELCEY BLANK, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Dear Summer Athletics Families,
As our summer athletics season comes to a close, I want to invite everyone to our final event of the year: All-Star Night this Sunday, August 9 at 5 pm at Beach 1. All athletes are welcome to join us and sign up for various competitive events, including the Soccer Kickout, Home Run Derby, and Basketball Free-Throw. We will also have fun, smaller games set up for our younger participants to enjoy!

I want to take a moment to personally thank everyone who volunteered, helped out behind the scenes, and especially all of our athletes who came out and participated. It was a joyful summer watching everyone improve their skills, make new friends, and try out both our returning programs and the new sports we introduced this year. I hope you all had an amazing time, and I am already looking forward to coaching again next summer.

Finally, I am currently writing an article for the Newsette covering our athletic season. If you took any great photos of the athletes in action this summer, please send them my way so I can try to include them in the article.

Thank you all for a fantastic summer, and I hope to see you all at Beach 1 this Sunday!





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Aug 8 (Sat): Lake Appreciation Day
Aug 8 (Sat.): Lifeguard Olympics - 5 pm Beach 1
August 9: Senior Gala
August 9: Q & A
with President Ray Zimmerman - 9 am
Location: Clubhouse - Discussion on upcoming By-Law changes.
Aug 9 (Sun): Athletics All Star Night
Aug 11 (Tue): Leather Crafting
at the Clubhouse (1-3 PM)
Aug 11 (Tue): Swim Team Awards Dinner
Aug 13 (Thu): Fishing at Beach 2 (6–8 PM)
Aug 16 (Sun): Annual Meeting - 2 pm
Aug 22 (Sat):
FREE SHRIMP BAND
Aug 30 (Sun): End of Summer Campout – Beach 1



Two Team Records Fall as Swim Team Wrestles with Gators

MICHAEL BUCHNEY, HEAD COACH

July 22

The Highland Lakes Swim Team played host to the Fayson Lakes Gators on July 22 in a Week 4, LSC Red Division match-up. The meet was a high-stakes engagement, with both teams vying for second place in the division (and league). Highland Lakes entered 95 swimmers in the contest, the most in a dual meet since August 2015. Fayson traveled with a strong squad ready to make it a tough fight. The meet was fiercely competitive throughout, with the fans in the stands treated to one of the best spectacles in recent memory - it felt as though every race was closely contested! Although Highland Lakes ultimately fell to Fayson by a narrow margin, HL departed in high spirits thanks to a pair of historic performances in the water, more on that later.

Prior to the official start of the meet, both teams agreed to a “6&U Mini-Meet” to take place during warm-ups. Fayson and Highland boast two of the strongest developmental programs in the Lakeland Swim Conference, so it was only fitting for the “Hatchlings” of Fayson to swim alongside the “Little Lakers” of Highland in the 25-meter ABC lanes. Six Little Lakers competed for the second time that week, ALL of whom improved their times from the Canistear Cup held on Monday. Congratulations to: Savannah Harris, Raelynn Simons, Rosemary Buchney, Leanne Dinges, Melanie Dejesus, and Austin Donnelly! We’re looking forward to seeing most of you in the “big lanes” next season!

The official meet kicked off, as always, with the breaststroke events, and Highland Lakes came out swinging. HL won five and drew one of the ten events to open a 13-point margin at the first turn. The 9/10 Girls continued their winning ways, led by Maeve Olsen, Adeline Kothiyal, and Annette Kaicher, who placed 1-3-5. The 11/12 Boys and Girls both followed up with wins of their own; shout-out to Ben and Nate Fahmy, and Luca Berg for their 1-2-5 win,

and Eleanor McCarney, Sonya Webster, and Anna Colledge who placed 1-2-4. The 13/14 Girls duo of Alexa Fleming and Ceci Laudemberger finished 1-4 to win their event. The 15/18 Boys took maximum points by sweeping the top three places thanks to Derek Fleming, Sean Allen-Poole, and James Brantner. But Event 10 provided one of the biggest highlights of the evening. With a tough match-up against Kylie Papendick of Fayson, Senior Abbey Amato was pushed hard from start to finish and lowered her own Highland Lakes team record by 0.06 seconds with a time of 34.35. At the end of the Breaststroke events, HL led Fayson by a score of 83 to 70.

The butterfly events proved fatal for Highland Lakes. With HL unable to field a contestant in two events, they handed Fayson 23 unanswered points, more than the margin of overall victory. Where did all the butterflyers go?! Additionally, HL didn’t win any of the events, allowing Fayson to claim a 150-119 lead at the halfway mark.

HL backstrokers made a valiant effort to make up the difference, winning three events and drawing two, but by claiming five events, Fayson was able to keep them at arm’s length. Our 8&U backstroke squads both won their events to start things off. For the boys, Salvador Taylor and Owen Buchney finished 1-3, with Margaret Fahmy and Olivia Vazquez matching the result. The 13/14 Boys team of Graden Leiter, Joseph Evanick, and Gavin Kiefer finished 1-3-4 to win their event, the only other win of the discipline. The meet stood at 236-193 at the end of the backstroke events.

Highland Lakes freestylers attempted to make up the difference, and nearly did so. They won seven of the ten events, including the first five in a row! The 8&U Boys set the tone with a 1-3-4 finish by Caleb Demmert, Taylor, and Buchney. Fahmy, Vazquez, and Gianna Meehan also finished 1-3-4. The 9/10 Boys continued the trend, with Gavin Harris, Henry Colledge, and John Klimash placing

1-3-4. The 9/10 Girls did one better, with a 1-2-4 finish by Anabelle Schwarz, Charlotte McDowell, and Kaicher. The 11/12 Boys completed a full 1-2-3 sweep to take maximum points and close the gap all the way to 7 points, the narrowest margin of the meet. Shout out to Mason Meehan, Gavin Kutzman, and Clayton Hastie! After dropping two events in a row, the 13/14 Girls stopped the slide, with Fleming, Rebecca Cefaloni, and Ceci Laudemberger finishing 1-4-5 to win their event. The 15/18 Boys duo of Derek Fleming and Nick Beninati turned in a 1-3 win to take their event. At the end of the freestyle events, Fayson held onto a narrow 301-288 lead.

The meet would come down to the relays. Highland Lakes would need to win 6 of the eight relays to erase the Fayson lead. The HL mixed 8&U team started things off with a win. The 9/10 Boys and Girls split their relays, as well as the 11/12’s, meaning any additional Fayson relay win would seal the victory for the Gators. The 13/14 relays both entered the water hopeful, but neither was able to secure a win, ceding the meet to Fayson. The last event of the night saw four mixed 15/18 relays enter the water, with both teams fielding deep and talented senior line-ups. The final relay of the night was hotly contested. Fayson pushed Highland Lakes leg for leg. In the end, the HL relay team of Alexandra Kovacs, Abbey Amato, James Brantner, and Derek Fleming set a new team record with a time of 2:08.36, breaking a 1995 record previously held by Beninati, Laudemberger, Miller, and Badu by over a second! It was an amazing way to end a hotly contested meet. Despite the team loss, spirits were high as spectators packed up for the night. The loss put HL’s overall record to an even 2-2 and 1-2 in the Red Division, good for third place behind Mohawk and Fayson. Next up, a trip to Erskine for a matchup with the Flying Fish of ELAC.

FL@HL Full Results

Event # 1 Boys 50 Breast 8 & Under

1. Caleb Demmert 58.08

Event # 2 Girls 50 Breast 8 & Under

2. Gianna Meehan 1:07.43

Event # 3 Boys 50 Breast 9-10

1. John Klimash 53.67

4. Henry Colledge 1:01.11

Event # 4 Girls 50 Breast 9-10

1. Maeve Olsen 42.80

3. Adeline Kothiyal 58.76

5. Annette Kaicher 1:03.40

--Ezra Dalelio 1:05.58

--Ryleigh Brennan 1:05.98

--Olivia Kluck 1:18.90

--Hailee Hamilton 1:22.98

Event # 5 Boys 50 Breast 11-12

1. Benjamin Fahmy 50.15

2. Nathaniel Fahmy 50.98

5. Luca Berg 56.18

--Stephen Kaicher 1:01.27

Event # 6 Girls 50 Breast 11-12

1. Eleanor McCarney 51.86

2. Sonya Webster 51.93

4. Anna Colledge 58.25

--Charlotte Schreiner 1:02.04

Event # 7 Boys 50 Breast 13-14

3. Cody Kutzman 46.90

5. Joseph Evanick 50.31

--Tristan Talerico 55.44

--Jackson Kluck 1:05.57

Event # 8 Girls 50 Breast 13-14

1. Alexa Fleming 42.38

4. Ceci Laudemberger 54.26

Event # 9 Boys 50 Breast 15-18

1. Derek Fleming 35.31

2. Sean Allen-Poole 35.79

3. James Brantner 35.82

--Steven Bednarick 41.02

--True DiGuiseppe 41.63

--Logan Cole 49.67

Event # 10 Girls 50 Breast 15-18

1. Abbey Amato 34.35

5. Alicia Kovacs 39.46

--Gabriella Cefaloni 43.45

--Juliet Schwarz 49.14

--Isabella Cherichella 53.50

--Regina Brantner 56.66

Event # 12 Girls 50 Fly 10 & Under

1. Maeve Olsen 38.15

Event # 13 Boys 50 Fly 11-12

2. Mason Meehan 40.91

3. Benjamin Fahmy 48.85

5. Nathaniel Fahmy 57.68

--Peter Lach 1:02.61

Event # 14 Girls 50 Fly 11-12

3. Sonya Webster 52.62

4. Addison Talerico 53.18

--Avellina Reiser 1:11.82

Event # 16 Girls 50 Fly 13-14

2. Zoey Levens 38.13

4. Rebecca Cefaloni 46.45

Event # 17 Boys 50 Fly 15-18

2. James Brantner 28.23

Event # 18 Girls 50 Fly 15-18

2. Alexandra Kovacs 34.03

4. Alicia Kovacs 37.37

5. Julie Evanick 41.65

--Jenna Brennan 42.73

Event # 19 Boys 50 Back 8 & Under

1. Salvador Taylor 59.04

3. Owen Buchney 1:03.72

--Jacob Klimash 1:08.39

Event # 20 Girls 50 Back 8 & Under

1. Margaret Fahmy 51.88

3. Olivia Vazquez 1:00.90

--Audree Hamilton 1:16.59

--Josephine Ruffino 1:30.32

Event # 21 Boys 50 Back 9-10

2. Gavin Harris 47.29

Event # 22 Girls 50 Back 9-10

1. Anabelle Schwarz 45.82

4. Colleen Dinges 1:01.15

--Adeline Kothiyal 1:02.68

--Ezra Dalelio 1:06.55

--Eliana Morris 1:12.15

Event # 23 Boys 50 Back 11-12

2. Gavin Kutzman 44.43

3. Clayton Hastie 46.41

--Brayden Vradenburg 1:00.23

--Daniel Kaicher 1:03.66

Event # 24 Girls 50 Back 11-12

2. Abigail Klimash 49.41

5. Aubrey Paluzzi 56.04

--Eleanor McCarney 59.21

--Riley Simons 1:01.54

Event # 25 Boys 50 Back 13-14

1. Graden Leiter 43.74

3. Joseph Evanick 48.55

4. Gavin Kiefer 48.94

--Declan Cooke	1:00.82	--Sebastian Kluck	1:18.02	Event # 32 Girls 50 Free 9-10	--Riley Simons	52.47	
Event # 26 Girls 50 Back 13-14		--Malo Beauregard	1:23.40	1. Anabelle Schwarz	38.19	--Avellina Reiser	55.81
2. Zoey Levens	42.17	--Ryan Wherry	1:37.32	2. Penelope DelCarmen	48.24	--Anna Colledge	1:01.59
--Ava Kraus	53.73	--Luke Allen-Poole	1:50.39	3. Charlotte McDowell	48.39	Event # 35 Boys 50 Free 13-14	
Event # 27 Boys 50 Back 15-18		Event # 30 Girls 50 Free 8 & Under		5. Annette Kaicher	50.41	2. Graden Leiter	36.84
1. James Brantner	32.73	1. Margaret Fahmy	48.85	--Colleen Dinges	55.81	4. Cody Kutzman	37.99
4. Nicholas Beninati	35.17	3. Olivia Vazquez	56.62	--McKenna Reiser	58.49	5. Gavin Kiefer	40.53
--Steven Bednarick	40.55	4. Gianna Meehan	58.56	--Olivia Kluck	1:01.49	--Tristan Talerico	48.08
Event # 28 Girls 50 Back 15-18		--Peyton Schreiner	1:08.31	--Ryleigh Brennan	1:10.03	--Jackson Kluck	49.15
2. Alexandra Kovacs	37.99	--Rena Morris	1:08.78	Event # 33 Boys 50 Free 11-12		--Pablo DelCarmen	52.40
4. Julie Evanick	43.31	--Emersyn McDowell	1:15.67	1. Mason Meehan	35.45	--Declan Cooke	55.19
5. Juliet Schwarz	44.93	--Jillian Dinges	1:19.18	2. Gavin Kutzman	37.82	Event # 36 Girls 50 Free 13-14	
--Jenna Brennan	45.17	--Audree Hamilton	1:20.93	3. Clayton Hastie	40.48	1. Alexa Fleming	34.22
--Lauren Emmerich	47.60	--Margarette Dejesus	1:24.96	--Luca Berg	48.63	4. Rebecca Cefaloni	40.44
--Isabella Cherichella	50.87	--Giselle Beltre	1:49.81	--Stephen Kaicher	49.04	5. Ceci Laudenberg	41.70
--Eva DM	53.06	--Madison Kraus	1:52.18	--Brayden Vradenburg	49.54	--Ava Kraus	50.16
Event # 29 Boys 50 Free 8 & Under		--Kora Reiser	1:53.87	--Noah Edwards	50.55	Event # 37 Boys 100 Free 15-18	
1. Caleb Demmert	53.00	Event # 31 Boys 50 Free 9-10		--Peter Lach	51.07	1. Derek Fleming	1:03.80
3. Salvador Taylor	1:00.33	1. Gavin Harris	41.95	--Daniel Kaicher	52.15	3. Nicholas Beninati	1:10.37
4. Owen Buchney	1:04.42	3. Henry Colledge	45.18	Event # 34 Girls 50 Free 11-12		Event # 38 Girls 100 Free 15-18	
--Colton Vradenburg	1:12.12	4. John Klimash	49.17	3. Charlotte Schreiner	42.07	2. Abbey Amato	1:06.11
--Nico Berg	1:12.32	--Gus Gashler	1:19.87	4. Addison Talerico	43.24	4. Gabriella Cefaloni	1:17.02
--Jacob Klimash	1:15.48	--Manuel Beltre	2:11.80	--Aubrey Paluzzi	47.86	5. Alicia Kovacs	1:17.48
--Jackson Gardepe	1:15.53			--McKayla Kacmarcik	48.84	--Julie Evanick	1:19.60

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RAY LOUGHREN, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

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Abbey Amato

Abbey is a student at Bucknell University, where she both swims for BU and studies Engineering. You will find Abbey teaching lessons and driving the water safety boat. Abbey is dedicated to the safety of members on the lake and the advancement of our youth's swimming capabilities. We are proud to have Abbey as one of our Guards of the Week!



Matthew Puccio

Matthew is a newcomer, quickly working hard to be "rookie of the year." Matthew studies Business Analytics at Sacred Heart University. Matthew is a model employee who works hard each day he is at our beaches. Due to his vigilance and professionalism at the beaches, Matthew was given the distinction of Guard of the Week.



Meghan Emmerich

Meghan recently obtained her Lifeguard Instructor Certification, which means she is able to train new lifeguarding staff at HLCC. Employees like Meghan keep our beaches staffed even while other communities struggle to employ enough guards. Meghan teaches swim lessons and commands the water safety boat during sailing events. She attends Ramapo College of New Jersey, where she studies Visual and Communication Art and Design while also being a member of the RCNJ Swim Team. We are proud to include Meghan in this week's lineup for Guards of the Week!



Next Newsette: August 15, 2026

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. 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. Thank you.

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Scenes from Family Day



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Softball Update

CHIP ZIEGLER, COORDINATOR

July 30

Thursday, after a rainy day and a half, we had a good turnout of 16 players, so we elected Nate and Ben team captains. Selections were made, and we set off to play a game with visiting Coach Alison handling the catching duties.

Nate's team started strongly and went out to an early 4-0 lead. Big hits by John, Gavin, and Annabelle led the way. Their lead grew to an impressive 13-3, and we made some team adjustments; they were reduced to two outs per inning, and with the early departure of Nolan, Owen and Annabelle changed teams. This rebalancing allowed Ben's team to catch up. Nice hits by Riley, Abigail, Luca, and Annabelle contributed to the comeback.

We played about 6 or 7 innings and had a lot of fun. The rain came as the score was tied 14-14, and the game was called due to the weather. John had some great catches in the outfield, Gavin had a long home run, and Abigail had some nice hits and was involved in the game's only double play.

The younger kids continue to improve each week: Jacob, Kian, Ellie, and Rene. This week saw new players Nico and Owen. I hope they enjoyed the game.

I have a trip scheduled for next week, so we will see a substitute coach. I hope that all of the kids treat the new leader with respect and have a fun time.

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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.

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Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

Results for August 1

‘Twas a dark and stormy day...somewhere, but not in Highland Lakes last weekend. Sailing conditions were near perfect as a season record number of windsurfers came out to participate and celebrate the wind and sun. Even legendary windsurfer Chip Ehrhardt showed up on his self-styled, DIY, sail-less, open-air catamaran.

The winds were, let’s say, uncharacteristically steady at 10 to 12 out of the south-southwest. This prompted our first number one white buoy course of the season, albeit a modified white, white, blue.

It should be pointed out that for the first time in a while, the cormorants outnumbered the “pontoon-orants.” The flappy flyers could be seen bopping and weaving out of our way when we got dangerously close. In fact, Dock Committee Commander Mike Gaston said that he disqualified the bumbling birds for pumping.

Speaking of the Dock Committee, many thanks to Mike’s assistants, Diane Detwiler and Sarah Koberlein. They certainly had their hands full, trying to keep track of everybody and attempting to call a photo finish between Zach Koberlein and Tom Latham in the second race.

Join us for the home stretch every Saturday at 3 pm. See you on the line.

Race 1	Race 2
Championship Division	Championship Division
1 - Kevin Gaston	1 - Kevin Gaston
2 - Joe Gaston	2 - Joe Gaston
3 - Joey Gaston	3 - Todd Bennett
4 - Todd Bennett	4 - Joey Gaston
5 - Zach Koberlein	5 - Pat Detwiler
6 - Tom Latham	6 - Zach Koberlein
7 - Pat Detwiler	7 - Tom Latham
Challenger Division	Challenger Division
1 - Dennis Gaston	1 - Dennis Gaston
2 - Clyde Bennett	2 - Clyde Bennett
3 - George Gaston	3- George Gaston

Junior Sunfish Doubles

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN, KEVIN MURPHY, JUSTIN MURPHY

Results for July 31

Wow, I’m so proud of the crowd today! We were able to run three (!) races, with six boats. All interested crew were able to race. Everyone did awesome, but notably Anna won the third race on her first time captaining! Shout out to the amazing safety boat.

Race 1: Abigail/Olivia John/Noah Keiji/Leo Riley/Anna Natalie/Ellie Kazu/Luca	Riley/Renee/Anna Kazu/David Natalie/Riley
Race 2: Keiji/Ella John/Jake Abigail/Frankie	Race 3: Anna/Renee Kazu/Noah Abigail/Ellie Keiji/Leo John/Luca Riley/Bella

Sailing Fleet Schedule

MARK BURUCHIAN, HL SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2026 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 sail 2 races except for the Ladies Sunfish Fleet. The safety boat should arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of each race.

Flying Junior (FJ) Races – Sundays at 11:00 am
Lou Iannucci: 914-262-7768
August 9, 16, 30 / Sept. 6

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm
Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102
August 9, 16, 30 / Sept. 6

Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45
Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and, Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am
Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227
August 6, 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3

Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11:00 am
Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and, Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165
August 7

Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:00 am
Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092
August8, 15, 22, 29

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm
Chris Conti: 914-384-9393 and Chip Ehrhardt: 973-222-6755
August 8, 15, 22, 29

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm
Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923
August 8, 15, 22, 29

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

FJ Fleet

LOU IANNUCCI, FLEET CAPTAIN

Results for August 2

Sailing a full white-white-white course and navigating around the island is the perfect way to spend a windy summer day. There is nothing quite like the rush of handling a boat in fast, steady breezes on the main lake.

Race One:	Race Two:
1. Kevin & Tripp	1. Kevin & Tripp
2. Mark & Kevin	2. Mark & Kevin
3. James & Luke	3. James & Luke
4. John Wayne & Haylie	4. Lou & David
5. Lou & David	5. John Wayne & Haylie
6. MaryJane & Lisa	6. Bill & Liz
7. Bill & Liz	7. MaryJane & Lisa
8. Krissy & Dom	8. Krissy & Dom
9. Mike & Sara	9. Mike & Sara
10. Allan & James	10. Allan & James

“From Placid to Windward”

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

Senior Sunfish – August 2

It was a real pleasure to have some wind for a change. Despite the Family Day draw, winds were enough for eight eager sailors to line up for a long course 1. While yours truly rounded mark one ahead of the fray, changing downwind conditions caused a stall past the reach at the beach (ok, general direction of beach 3 and 4). JW and Bob quickly took advantage and cruised past, with David and Chip giving chase. Close finish with JW edging Bob for the horn. Limping into third was me, with David coming from the west just ahead of Chip from the east. A scintillating father-son duel had James nosing out Allan when dad decided to park before the finish.

The second race was changed to a course two with the fleet, except one, taking a port tack from the start. That one almost wound up in the drink, taking on 30 gallons of water in the cockpit by mark 1. Before the mark, there was some slight fouling, causing a 360 for JW from which he recovered remarkably. In the end Bob raced to the horn comfortably ahead of JW with David and James following me to the line.

Let’s hope for this kind of fun for the rest of the season. Keep growing the fleet! For any new entrants, my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102.

Thanks to LuAnne and Ellen for once again proving they deserve to be the highest paid dock committee. A reach out and a get well to Rich and Roger – hope to see you both on the water soon!	
Have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday, August 9 (no race on the 16th due to with the Annual Meeting). Spread the word!	
Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates.	
The default for every week will be 2 races.	
Race 1	Race 2
1. John Wayne Wisniewski	1. Bob Tomsey
2. Bob Tomsey	2. John Wayne Wisniewski
3. Mladen Kresic	3. Mladen Kresic
4. David Goldman	4. David Goldman
5. Chip Ehrhardt	5. James Napolitano
6. James Napolitano	6. Chip Ehrhardt
7. Allan Napolitano	7. Bill Weis
8. Bill Weis	8. Allan Napolitano

Force Five

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN

Results for August 1

A nice but patchy wind today! Only Lou and Erika came out today, so we ran two short courses. Shout out to the safety boat for sticking with us while we figured out what we were doing.

Race 1: 1. Erika 2. Lou	Race 2: 1. Erika 2. Lou
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