



# Trail Sweepings

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**Trailsweepers Snow & Sports Club, Inc.**

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## TSSC ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

At The Chateau, Saturday, May 5th, 2018, 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar.

Dinner and Dancing to the **Harvest Band**.

**Carving Station:** Top Sirloin of Beef – Horseradish Cream Sauce.  
Burger Sliders & All Beef Mini Hot Dogs with all the fixings.  
Crispy Bacon Mac-n-Cheese Balls.  
Southern BBQ Chicken with Creamed Corn.  
Hand Cut Potato Chips with Sea Salt.



The Chateau Market Table: Artisanal Cheeses, Cured Meats and Ham, Artisan Crackers and Flat Breads, Vegetable Crudités, Marinated Grilled Vegetable Platter, Seasonal Fruit Display, Assorted Humus, Spreads, Dips, and Salads.

\$50 Per Person

Send check made out to TSSC and dinner choices (includes salad and desert) to:  
Marla Brucker; 161 Cottekill Rd.; Cottekill, NY 12419  
Questions: 845-687-2312 or [bruckermarla@yahoo.com](mailto:bruckermarla@yahoo.com)

Chicken Française

Pan Seared Salmon

Vegetable Lasagna

Gluten Free Entrées available upon request.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# TSSC Roster 2017-2018

## Club Officers

<b>President</b>	
Vivien Griffin	914-466-5909
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	
Robert Fletcher	845-338-1537
<b>Administrative Vice President</b>	
TBA	
<b>Secretary</b>	
David Cardall	845-336-8876
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Dale Ziegenfelder	845-657-6312

## Club Board of Directors

Skip Alford (19)	845-383-1534
Mark Bailey (19)	845-679-6215
Katie Quick (19)	845-331-7358
David Wise (19)	845-255-1868
Jackie Olivet (19)	518-469-2206
Mike Griffin (20)	914-388-7558
Steve Wingard (20)	845-532-7459
Sharon Kenny (20)	845-240-4113

## Committees

<b>Membership</b>	
Carol Tomassetti	845-331-2324
<b>Meeting 50/50</b>	
Jean Pavone	518-943-3896
<b>Programs</b>	
Jean Pavone	518-943-3896
<b>NJ SSC Liaison</b>	
Jim Culla	845-517-4487
Sharon Kenny	845-240-4113
<b>Ski Racing</b>	
Jim Tomassetti	845-331-2324
<b>Discount Lift Tickets</b>	
Sharon Kenny	845-240-4113
<b>Kayaking</b>	
Yvonne Baker	845-417-7144
John Hoefinger	518-719-0490
<b>Fall Hiking</b>	
Margaret McGrath	845-750-8671

## Media

<b>Facebook</b>	
Carol Tomassetti	845-331-2324
Kate Henderson	518-239-6238
<b>Trail Sweepings (Newsletter)</b>	
Daniel Desmedt	845-527-5381
<b>Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://www.trailsweepers.org">www.trailsweepers.org</a>

## Social Events

<b>After the Holidays Party</b>	
Karen Spinozzi	845-338-0626
<b>Fall Kickoff Party</b>	
Janet Mihm	845-246-1742
<b>Spring Banquet</b>	
Marla Brucker	845-687-2312
Diana Ziegenfelder	845-657-6312

## Mailing address

TSSC, PO Box 3061  
Kingston, NY 12402-3061

Hello Trailsweepers,

I think it is now safe to say that winter is definitely over !!!!! The weather is finally getting warmer and I know we are all looking forward to the summer activities that are planned for our club.

Kayaking has begun and we had a great day on Chodikee Lake last week, then lunch at the Gilded Otter in New Paltz. Thank you Yvonne and John !! Check the schedule for all the great paddles planned throughout the summer and fall.

Cycling has started and in that regard, we were fortunate, at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, to have a very informative presentation on the different programs and organizations that are in our area by Tom Polk, Bike Educator.....thank you Nick Mercurio for arranging that.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is our Annual Planning Meeting. Thank you to Jim and Carol Tomassetti who have volunteered to host the meeting at their home. Please plan to attend and help plan activities for the upcoming year. Bring some new ideas on what you would like to see added to our calendar that would hopefully get more members to come out and join us, and maybe encourage new members to join the club also.

**NEW INFO** – Article I of the Bylaws referring to reducing the number of meetings to be held in the summer was approved. **Meetings will be as follows: June 26, July 24, and August 21 (which is the Annual Kingston Point Picnic Meeting).** We will start again in September with the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays schedule.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Banquet & Awards Dinner Dance on May 5<sup>th</sup>. As your new president, I look forward to meeting those I do not know and I look forward to working with everyone over the upcoming year. Call or email me anytime.

Vivien  
[president@trailsweepers.org](mailto:president@trailsweepers.org)  
914-466-5909

## President's Corner



## Congratulations!

### TSSC's New 2018-19 Officers and Board Members

- Vivien Griffin, President
- Rob Fletcher, Executive Vice President
- Dale Ziegenfelder, Treasurer
- Dave Cardall, Secretary
  
- Skip Alford, Board
- Mark Bailey, Board
- Mike Griffin, Board
- Sharon Kenny, Board
- Jackie Olivet, Board (outgoing Adm VP, as result of constitutional change voted by members on 4/24)
- Kathie Quick, Board
- Steve Wingard, Board
- Dave Wise, Board



## 2018 Kayaking Schedule

This year we decided to have midweek kayak trips as well as weekend paddles. As a result of our change, there are double the trips and double the fun on the water. Most of the midweek trips start at 2 pm. while the weekend trips usually start at 10 am. Let's get ready for some fun and adventure this year with the launch of the kayak schedule.



Things to remember:

- Working kayak/canoe.
- Paddle, life vest, spray skirt, water, snacks, camera.
- Proper clothes for the weather, gloves, hat, and anything else you might need.

Date	Time	Meeting Place	Paddle info
Tue. May 8	2:00 PM	<b>Tivoli Bay</b>	Launch on the Hudson River at the end of Broadway in Tivoli. Go across the RR tracks.
Sun. May 20	10:00 AM	<b>Great Swamp</b> on Rte. 22 in Patterson, NY	Fun paddle in a swamp. Not the Hudson River. Relatively long. Call Yvonne for details.
Sat. June 9	10:00 AM	Almost Summer Bash Party at Freer Park, Port Ewen, NY	Paddle in the morning, TSSC party in the afternoon at the park.
Tue. Jun 19	2:00 PM	<b>Stockport Flats</b> from the Hudson Boat launch site in Hudson. NY	Paddle north to Stockport Flats on the creek.
Sat. Jul 14	10:00 AM	<b>Lock 6</b> on Mohawk River, Waterford, NY	Start at lock 6 paddle through the locks to lock 2 on the Hudson River. Fun ride, easy. We will use a shuttle system to get back to starting point.
Tue. Jul 24	2:00 PM	<b>Saugerties Beach</b> , Saugerties, NY	Paddle up Esopus Creek. Easy
Sat. Aug 4	10:00 AM	<b>Constitution Marsh</b> , Cold Springs Kayak launch site.	Paddle on the Hudson; explore the marsh.
Tue. Aug 21	2:00 PM	<b>Kingston Point Beach</b>	Before the TSSC Kingston Point Beach picnic meeting
Sept. 7-9	TBA	<b>Lake George</b> weekend camping and kayaking	See Note 1 below and contact Yvonne about this trip
Tue. Sept 25	2:00 PM	<b>Dutchman's Landing</b> in Catskill, NY	Explore the creek and Ramshorn Preserve
Sun. Oct 7	11:00 AM	<b>Cheviot Park</b> launch site near Germantown.	Annual year-end picnic. See Note 2 below.

Note 1: Overnight at Lake George—Launching from Huletts Landing Marina. We will paddle to a state owned island and camp at a NYS campsite. For this trip we will need a commitment so we have a head count. Must bring camping equipment, food, etc. and carry everything in your kayak.  
Please contact Yvonne 845-383-1534 and let her know if you are participating.  
There will be a get together prior to this trip to discuss the itinerary.

Note 2: For the last paddle on Sunday October 7th, we will have a picnic at Cheviot Park—will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring drinks ,snacks and a chair.

Hope to see you on the water!!!

## Results of April 24 Club Vote on Constitutional and Bylaws' Proposed Changes

- Reduction of Number on Board and Make Up of Board from 9 to 7 and outgoing Admin VP serving one year on Board instead of outgoing President – **PASSED**
- Change in Duties of Board concerning voting to allow absent Board members to participate and vote via modern video and audio conferencing methods and to allow voting via email of all members so long as all Bd members are included as recipients on such email – **PASSED**
- Constitutional amendments shall be reviewed and voted on at *any* club meeting, rather than just 2nd meeting, during January, April, July, or October (months the same as past provision) with a quorum of 10% of membership needed, now similar to Bylaw amendment procedures – **PASSED**
- Meetings of the club shall continue to be twice a month *except during the months of June, July, & August, when only one meeting a month is required* – **PASSED**
- The schedule of club dues as provided in the Bylaws was changed (*for the first time in 17 yrs.*) to provide an increase from \$25 for individuals to \$30 and from \$35 for couples to \$45. All else remains the same about definition of a couple as two people living at same residence and early payment incentive – **PASSED**
- Proposed changes to the means, i.e. via email, newsletter, website, etc., of how Constitutional amendments can be submitted to the membership – **TABLED**
- Proposed changes to when amendments to the Bylaws can be considered by the membership (presently only 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings of the month v. proposed change of any meeting of the month) and the means, i.e. via email, newsletter, website, etc., of how bylaw amendments can be submitted to the membership – **NO VOTE BECAUSE NEVER MOVED TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE**

Thank you to all the members who attended the April 24 meeting to consider these changes and participated in the debate and voting! This was the first time in many years! Thank you also for the past Board members and officers who gave so much of their time and energy for many months discussing proposed changes, reviewing several drafts of proposed changes, and eventually voting on which ones to submit to the membership! As to the proposed provisions either tabled or not moved to the floor for a vote on April 24, the new Board and other interested officers will be reviewing

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new proposals incorporating the concerns raised by some members at the meeting and after revision and approval, steps will be taken to submit to the membership again at an appropriate meeting.

Jackie Olivet  
Outgoing Adm Vice President/outgoing Chair of Board



# First Hurrah on Chodikee Lake

By Kayak John

It was a beautiful, bright sunny day for a positive kayaking experience on Chodikee Lake on Sunday Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fifteen people participated in the first trip of the year and no one was disappointed. There was lots of water, a clear sunny day with cool temperatures; we also saw a total of five beaver huts. However, no one spotted the huts' residents.

We paddled to the end of the lake where a small waterfall begins. No one decided to go challenge the falls; however, one participant decided to go on foot to explore the rushing falls area. In doing so, she lost control of her craft and decided to test the temperature of the water when she tried to get on shore. (Most capsizes occur when people try to either enter or exit their craft.) Unfortunately, her dry clothes were back at the starting point and had to paddle there in cold, wet duds!

There were numerous submerged trees just lying below the surface of the water. One had to be careful and vigilant so as to not get hung up. Unfortunately for one participant, he did; with a little rock and rolling and a little help from friends, he got unstuck and continued on his way. So there was a little excitement that day!

After the two hour paddle, it was decided that we meet at the Gilded Otter for lunch. About half the participants showed up and we all had a great time there.

Our next two paddles for the month of May are:

**May 8; 2 pm;** meet at Tivoli Boat launch at the end of Broadway in Tivoli right over the train tracks on the Hudson River. Exploring Tivoli Bay area.

**May 20; 10 am;** The Great Swamp paddle starting in Patterson, NY.

Hope to see you there!



## Special Program Report Presented at the April 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Thank you to **Tom Polk**, our Presenter for educating us on the latest in cycling.



Many exciting opportunities are happening in the Hudson Valley with new bike trails and bike lanes.

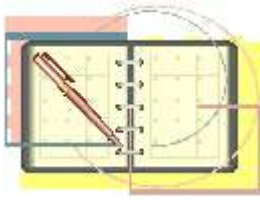
Thanks also to Nick Mercurio for setting up the program and providing two raffle prizes.

The winners: Jackie Olivet - Bike Bros. gift certificate  
Yvonne Baker - Bike Jersey

**Diana Ziegenfelder.**

## Yearly Calendar Planning Meeting

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
At the Tomassetti's



This is a regular meeting night, so there will be no other meeting on this date!

We will also be voting on our interim/Summer budget at this meeting so we need a quorum.

You are all cordially invited to attend our Annual Planning Meeting that will be held at the home of:

Carol & Jim Tomassetti  
169 Parsell Street  
Kingston, NY 12401  
845-594-9044

6:00 PM There will be pizza and salad. BYOB & some appetizer or dessert to share.

7:15 PM Regular Club Meeting begins.

Please come and help us plan activities for the year. If you are interested in running an activity or trip, we welcome your ideas! New programs are needed. Let's get them on the calendar. All are invited!

## Annual Almost Summer Bash

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 12-5 PM

**Save the Date!**

You don't want to miss this event!

There will be lots of delicious food, beer, soda, desserts, kayak paddle in the morning, possible bike rides, horseshoe pit, volley ball. This is the



annual event the Club organizes and put on for all members.



What's there not to like?



Further details and info will be in the June newsletter. Save this date & plan to spend the day with us. You can peek at last year's info on our website at

[trailsweepers.org/bash.html](http://trailsweepers.org/bash.html)



## Proposed Summer/Interim Budget

To be voted on at the May 22 Club Meeting

Quorum Needed!

Nature of Expense	Amount
Hiking	125
Kick-off Party	300
Summer Bash Picnic	430
Kayaking	125
Supplies-Office	25
Trailsweepings & Website	100
Insurance – Gen. Liab. Renewal Sept.	1500
Refreshments	150
Programs	50
Publicity	100
Kingston Point Meeting	50
NJ Ski Council Dues	75
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## Weekly Bike Rides

These rides are organized by fellow club members and are not sponsored or sanctioned by the club.

### Mountain Bike Rides

Wednesdays:



We meet at Trapps lower parking lot every Wednesday, biking at Mohonk.

Rides **leave** at 5:30 till about 8pm. Followed by beer, soda and pizza at "Village Pizza". We have both B and C groups riding now, neither group will leave anybody behind.

Contact **Rick Fick** to get on his email distribution list [rjje@msn.com](mailto:rjje@msn.com) or 914-443-4060

### Hybrid Bike Rides

Mondays:



Hudson Valley Rail Trails Rides: (C-level or slower rides). The rides start at 6 PM .

Each Monday we rotate between:

Tony Williams park in Highland.  
Page Lumber (Rte 55 in POK)  
Boces in New Paltz  
Rosendale  
Hurley

All beginners welcomed. Don't forget we tailgate after the ride, so feel free to bring something to share.

Contact **Rick Fick** to get on his email distribution list [rjje@msn.com](mailto:rjje@msn.com) or 914-443-4060

### Road Bike Rides

Thursdays:



The rides **start** from Dietz Stadium at 6PM and are typically from 25 to 38 miles.

We will switch to 6 pm the first Thursday in May. There are several ability groups B, B+ and C.

**Jim Tomassetti** is the contact:  
[jtskirat@gmail.com](mailto:jtskirat@gmail.com) or 331-2324

## Happy Hours

A few times a month, the club members meet at an area bar or eatery. Join us for a couple of hours of libation and friendly conversation.



Check for last minute changes on our Website at [trailsweepers.org/calendar.html](http://trailsweepers.org/calendar.html)

May

- 11 **Santa Fe**, 1802 Route 28, Woodstock
- 18 **Savona's**, 7249 S Broadway, Red Hook

## Upcoming Events

Check for last minute changes on our Website at [trailsweepers.org/calendar.html](http://trailsweepers.org/calendar.html)

### Regular Meetings:

At 7:30 PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at TONY'S PIZZERIA, 582 Broadway, Kingston.  
May vary during holiday months.

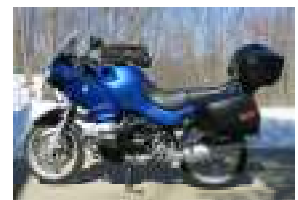
May

- 8 Meeting.
- 22 Meeting: **At the Tomassetti's home: Vote on Proposed Summer budget and Yearly Planning**

## For Sale

2004 BMW R1150RS Motorcycle. \$4200.  
Mint condition. Low mileage. Full luggage. More info and pictures on <http://marketplace.bmwmoa.org/Classified/ListingDisplay.aspx?lid=7639>

Contact:  
Daniel Desmedt.  
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845-527-5381



Please reach out and welcome the following new member to join Trailsweepers!

**Tyler Bailey**  
**Geraldine Keyes**  
**Michael Safran**  
**Kealy Viglielmo**

