



# Trail Sweepings

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

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[www.trailsweepers.org](http://www.trailsweepers.org)

## Annual Kick-Off Dinner & Dance 2018

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-11 PM.**

**At the Stonehedge Restaurant**  
694 Broadway, West Park 845-384-6555

**There will be a four course sit down dinner.**  
**Plenty of dance music courtesy of J&T DJ from Wappinger's Falls.**  
**There will be Door Prizes and a 50/50 raffle.**

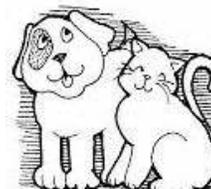
**\$35 per person - Please make reservations by November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Make your checks out to TSSC and mail or give to:

**Janet Mihm**  
28 Mauro Court  
Saugerties NY 12477  
845-246-1742  
[jcmihm@hotmail.com](mailto:jcmihm@hotmail.com)

Please fill out the coupon below and send out with your payment.

This year we are again looking for donations for our local animal shelter (old towels, blankets, as well as food and animal toys). Drop them off at the entrance. Thank you.



### It's Membership Renewal Time!!

It's that time of year when the Farmers Almanac predicts our winter weather (cold and lots of snow!!) and when we do our membership renewal drive. Your membership gives you access to our trips, discount tickets and a whole host of club sanctioned and subsidized events. You can find a membership renewal form at the following link on our web site: [trailsweepers.org/TSSC Membership Form.pdf](http://trailsweepers.org/TSSC%20Membership%20Form.pdf)

Please remember that we have a waiver to sign as part of your membership. It is on the back of the membership form, please be sure to include that with your renewal!! If you have already signed a waiver and we have that on file you do not need to file a second one.

Contact Karen Spinozzi with any questions on membership at [membership@trailsweepers.org](mailto:membership@trailsweepers.org)

### TSSC Kick-Off Sign up by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Chicken Française

\_\_\_ Boneless Pork Loin

\_\_\_ Sole Franchise

\$ \_\_\_ Check included (\$35 pp)

**No refunds after November 15<sup>th</sup>**

# TSSC Roster 2017-2018

## Club Officers

### President

Vivien Griffin 914-466-5909

### Executive Vice President

Robert Fletcher 845-338-1537

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Sharon Kenny (20) 845-240-4113

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## Social Events

### After the Holidays Party

Karen Spinozzi 845-338-0626

### Fall Kickoff Party

Janet Mihm 845-246-1742

### Spring Banquet

Marla Brucker 845-687-2312

Diana Ziegenfelder 845-657-6312

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Kingston, NY 12402-3061

Hi Trailsweepers,

Only a couple of things going on this month.....

November 11th is the final hike at Balsam Mountain Lake run by Yvonne and Skip, and on November 17th is the Annual Kickoff Dinner at Stonehedge Restaurant run by Janet Mihm. For further information, see the newsletter and/or contact the folks running the activities.

Also see the newsletter for a couple of ski trips that the Hudson Valley Ski Club is running in January.

One very important thing, don't forget to renew your club membership !!!!!

See you at the hike and the Kickoff Dinner ! And I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving !!!!!

Vivien

[president@trailsweepers.org](mailto:president@trailsweepers.org)

914-466-5909

## President's Corner



## Holiday Dinner

We are running our annual Holiday Dinner Meeting at Stella's Restaurant December 4th at 6pm.

We are serving our Chicken Franchise, pasta, potatoes, salad and cookies for \$22.00 pp, paid at the door, cash or check made out to TSSC.

We have limited seating so sign up early.

Contact Janet Mihm for further info: **845-246-1742**, [jcmihm@hotmail.com](mailto:jcmihm@hotmail.com)

## Report of September 30<sup>th</sup> John Brooks' Memorial North Lake Hike and Picnic

On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, over 35 TSSC members and guests came out on a beautiful fall day for the club's annual John Brooks' Memorial North Lake Hike & Picnic. This was more than twice the number from the previous year, showing a lot of enthusiasm for the kick off hike to the club's hiking season and overall fall events!

This is a great hike in the fall not only for the views but because it's an out and back hike so that if you don't want to hike all the way up to North Point, you don't have to! You can make this hike whatever length you prefer! Also, although most people came to hike and stay for the picnic, some members and non-members came just for the picnic, which started in the early afternoon.

Thank you to all who brought dishes/desserts to share with everyone and to Rob and Jim for stepping up to grill hot dogs and hamburgers the club always provides for this picnic. This type of club event wouldn't be possible without the active participation of our members!

Jackie & Jean, Chairs

### Huckleberry Point Hike Report

on October 21<sup>st</sup>



The weather was only 36 degrees, brisk and windy when we started hiking, but that didn't deter 12 Trailsweepers (not all pictured) from doing this hike with beautiful views of the Catskills and the Hudson River. The weather improved as we started up the trail and was quite pleasant throughout the hike. Lunch at the lookout was worth the effort to get there. The sun came out several times and we met other people and their friendly dogs. We were back to our cars before 1:00 and off to other activities for the remainder of the day.

Diana Z

### Giant Ledge and Panther Mountain Hike report

The six people in our Trailsweepers group who hiked Giant Ledge and Panther Mountain on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, were treated to wonderful views and great hiking weather! Mo and Jeff Viglielmo organized the hike and were joined by Jim Tomassetti, Carol Carson, Jim's brother Jeff Tomassetti and Jeff T.'s partner, Carol (not Carson!). So, we had two Jeffs, two Carols, two guys with the same birthday and three couples... all with only 6 hikers.

There were also lots of other hikers since it was Columbus Day Weekend with some sun and temperatures cool enough for comfortable hiking.

We had views to the east and west, including Slide, Wittenberg, Overlook, Guardian, Indian Head, Twin, Plateau, Hunter, Westkill, Table and Thomas Cole.

It was really nice being together, meeting Jim's brother Jeff again and his partner, Carol, and just being outside soaking up our beautiful Catskill Autumn! We hiked just over 7.1 miles and then had a lovely dinner together at the Reservoir Inn. It was a wonderful day!!

## Last Paddle and Picnic

Hard to believe the seasons paddles are over. It was a rainy one and because of that we had to cancel three of the paddles.

On the bright and sunny side the weather for the Cheviot Park paddle was overcast but warm.

We were 16 paddlers with a north flowing current, soon to change direction. So we paddled with that. The swells of the river due to other traffic were large at times. I remember looking over to others that were paddling and only seeing their heads at times. So there were swells for sure! Fun to roll around in. The rest of the paddle was calm.



Ten paddlers ventured up the Roeliff Jansenkil Creek. Others decided their paddle was long enough and headed south back to Cheviot Park.

We watched eagles, juveniles and adults soaring, ducks of the river and Skip actually saw three deer swimming from a little island to the main shore coming back from the Roeliff Jansenkill Creek. It is always an adventure.

Returning left many people saying wow did we paddle this far.

Back at the park the sun had come out and it actually felt like the summer we didn't have. John had hamburgers and hotdogs rolling off the grill so we munched on all the goodies people brought and added libation to that. We had 24 for the picnic and sat around hashing out the summers adventures. And then without a warning a big dark cloud appeared with winds that almost blew us away. That quickly ruined the warm day into grabbing jackets and packing up.

We had added a weekday paddle to this year's schedule which was positive. So looking forward to the next planning meeting with suggestions for 2019's schedule.

Once again John and I thank everyone for participating and making this another successful year of paddling.

PADDLE ON,

Yvonne



### HVSC 2019 Ski Club Trips to Okemo and Killington.

The Hudson Valley Ski Club is running two ski trips in January and you are all invited.

Okemo, VT Jan 11-13, 2 or 3 night lodging, 3 days skiing. *(Note from editor: it looks like this trip has already been cancelled).*

Killington, VT Jan 13-18, 3, 4 or 5 nights lodging, 3, 4 or 5 days skiing.

See <https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/hvsc-ski-trips-2019/> for trip details and Registration Forms.



## Balsam Mountain Lake Hike

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 / LAST HIKE

This will be the last hike of the season for Trailsweepers with pizza to follow at Brio's in Phoenicia approximately at 3pm for anyone that has done a hike this year. (remember there is no cell service in Phoenicia but you can log onto Brio's Wi-Fi)

Skip and Yvonne will be hiking the Balsam Mountain Lake Trail to the fire tower. It will be an easy ascent reaching the summit to the fire tower which has one of the best 360 degree views in the Catskills. It will be an out and back for a total of six miles.



We can carpool from the parking area at Onteora Lake on Rt 28 meeting at 8:30 or 10 am at the trail head.

Directions to the trail head are as follows:

28W to Belleayre  
Turn LEFT onto 49A  
Turn LEFT onto 49  
Turn RIGHT onto Mill Brook Road and continue to the parking lot.

It will be the BLUE trail then the RED trail to the tower....

Remember this hike is in November and it may be cold and with snow. Soooooo, bring the necessary gear:

Gloves/mittens and hat, extra pair of socks, layers of clothing to adjust accordingly, hiking poles, and if you have micro spikes throw them in your pack.

Don't forget water and maybe something warm in a thermos along with some food (power bars etc.)

Hope to see you there.

Skip and Yvonne

Questions? home 845-481-2898  
cell - Skip 845-706-9714  
cell - Yvonne 845-417-7144  
[yab1946@gmail.com](mailto:yab1946@gmail.com)

## 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)*

### November

9 Reservoir Inn, 157 Basin Rd, West Hurley

## Upcoming Events

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### 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. Varies during holidays, check Website calendar above.

### November

13 Meeting.  
17 Annual Season Kick-Off Party  
27 Meeting.

### December's Venue Date Changes.

4 Holiday Dinner Meeting at Stella's Restaurant.  
18 Meeting. **Cookie Bake off.**