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# Trail Sweepings

The Newsletter of the  
**Trailsweepers Snow & Sports Club, Inc.**

**October 2020**

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

## **Huckleberry Point Hike**

**Tuesday, October 13th, Rain date**

**Wednesday, October 14th**

4.5 mile moderate hike with stunning views of the Catskills and Hudson.

The hike will take about 4 hours, which includes lunch at the lookout.

Hiking boots and poles are recommended.

Don't forget lunch, water, bug spray, and sunscreen.

Meet at the Kingston Thruway Park & Ride to carpool at 8:15 or 9:00 at the parking lot at the Huckleberry Point Trail Head: 2425 Platte Clove Rd, Elka Park, NY.

Diana Ziegenfelder

C 845-325-8999

[dzinnia14@gmail.com](mailto:dzinnia14@gmail.com)

Please let me know if you plan to come.

## **North/South Lake Hike and Picnic**

**Lead by Steve Wingard**

On Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, with a 10AM start.

A moderate out and back hike with a few rock scrambles, 6.8 miles if you are energetic and go all the way to Stoppel Point. Proper gear is a must: water, gloves, hat and layers for the late October weather.

Covid precautions will be expected with physical distancing and masks.

We will have a Covid type lunch after the hike. I will cook burger and hot-dogs using CDC guidelines, not sharing utensils, etc...

Bring your own food and drinks other than burgers and hot-dogs.

Carpooling is suggested as there is a park entrance fee per car.

Please let me know if you are coming, by text or phone call to 845-532-7459.

## **Editor's Note.**

For 15 years it has been a pleasure for me to hold the editorship helm of the Newsletter and Website. It is time for me to sail to new horizons. This will be my last publication.

Please join me on wishing best luck to my successor Jeff Huth by giving him the same support you provided me during my tenure.

Daniel Desmedt

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## TSSC Roster 2020-2021

### Club Officers

#### President

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Robert Fletcher 845-338-1537

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Dale Ziegenfelder 845-657-6312

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#### Membership

Karen Spinozzi 845-338-0626

#### Meeting 50/50

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#### Programs

Robert Fletcher 845-338-1537

#### NJSSC Liaison

TBD

#### Ski Racing

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#### Discount Lift Tickets

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#### Kayaking

TBD

#### Fall Hiking

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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

Diana Ziegenfelder 845-657-6312

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Every month when I sit in front of my computer to write something for the "President's Corner", I wonder what am I actually going to say that is bright, new, refreshing and interesting to all. And sometimes, I am just at a loss.

Our society has now completed six months of Covid-19 making significant changes and adjustments to our lifestyles. Group activity participation has been minimal, however, meetings have been average and sometimes higher than average, thanks to holding them outside and programs that Rob F has been scheduling. Thank you Rob.

I would like, at this time, to thank all of you who have attended meetings and other events and continue to work at maintaining our club's existence.

In the near future, when the weather does not allow us to conduct meeting outdoors, we will hold them via ZOOM. Information regarding this will follow as that time gets closer.

Hang in there everyone. There is truly a light at the end of this long tunnel.

Be Safe and Be Fit.

Lisa

## President's Corner



## Upcoming change in membership fees.

**There is a motion on the board proposing a \$10 one season COVID dues reduction for couples and singles. This will be voted on at the Oct. 13 meeting.**

**So hold your payment till Nov 1st.**

## Meeting Notes – Sept. 8, 2020

In Lisa's absence, Rob Fletcher opened the meeting at 6:05pm and closed it at 7:15 pm.

Dale Ziegenfelder reviewed the Covid-19 self-assessment questionnaire and there were no positive responses from any attendees.

Steve Wingard agreed to document meeting attendance and Jeff Huth took the minutes for the meeting.

Dale provided a brief re-cap from the Board meeting convened at 5:30 pm. There were no new business issues raised but the Board reviewed recent discussions on topics related to cancellation of the Fall kick-off party, the likely re-schedule of the Spring banquet to Fall of 2021 and the vote to be held at the first meeting in October on proposed by-law changes related to a one-time dues reduction and the revised liability waiver.

Regarding dues, the intention is to delay payment of dues until the results of the pending vote are known. However, as some members have already paid at the current level and some members have paid at the proposed reduced rate there will need to be a reconciliation following the vote.

In Jackie Olivett's absence, Jeff Huth provided an update on the Club's participation in the Benedictine Foundation Cancer fundraiser. To date TSSC members and friends have contributed \$680 towards the \$ 1000 goal which is a great response and much appreciated. Donations can be made up to the end date for the program on September 27. Links to enable donation were distributed in the Newsletter and President's e-mail. Interested Club members are invited to convene at 9 am on Sunday September 20 at Dietz stadium to participate in a run/walk or bicycle ride.

Steve Wingard provided an update on planned Fall hiking events. The following are planned to date:

- Friday October 9, Panther/Giant Ledges to be led by Jeff Huth
- Tuesday October 13, Huckleberry Point to be led by Diana Z.
- Friday October 30, North/South Lake to be led by Steve W. – refreshments will be planned (most likely people will bring their own food) with further details to follow.

The planned guided Shingle Gully hike is not currently feasible as the hiking trails at Sam's Point are closed. This may be revisited if the area opens in October. If anyone else would like to propose/lead a hike please notify Steve.

A discussion regarding Club Happy Hours indicated that attendance is much lower than pre-Covid. Members in attendance attributed this to concerns about public gatherings in general and the NYS requirement that food be purchased when drinks are served.

Rob F. requested that members who attend meetings volunteer to take minutes at each meeting.

Rob reviewed the schedule for informational presentations which was summarized in the September Newsletter and then introduced and welcomed Nick Mercurio. Nick delivered a comprehensive and interesting presentation on safe cycling and distributed a handout. The session was very well received and appreciated by attendees. The next presentation will be on September 22 delivered by Amelia Legare of the *O-Zone* in Red Hook on Sustainability in Our Community.

## Meeting Minutes Sept. 22, 2020

Lisa requested someone to take the minutes for the meeting. Diana Z volunteered.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Covid -19 Self Assessment was read by Jeff H.

We welcomed a new member, *Nancy Lee*.

Lisa reviewed the up-coming events of Meetings, Board Meetings, Programs, Happy Hours and Hikes. Decision was made to no longer schedule Happy Hours after October.

She also reviewed the Cancer Run/Walk/Ride which at tonight tally was up to \$1,140 in donations and the deadline is until Sept. 27. In Jackie's absence, Jeff H gave a caption of the group's efforts and a report will follow by Jackie for the Newsletter.

Lisa brought up the topic of future meetings when the weather becomes too cold and inclement for us to hold them at Freer Park. The decision was made to hold them via ZOOM. Notifications will go out when that time is closer.

Dale Z reviewed the topic for a one time dues reduction. A Vote will take place at the next meeting, Oct.13, which will require a quorum. That meeting will be held at Freer Park, rain or shine. Depending on the outcome, all necessary information will be forwarded shortly after the vote.

The floor was opened to everyone for discussion on new and old topics.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35, at which time, an interesting and informative slide presentation was given by Amelia of the "O Zone", a resource center for sustainable lifestyle choices, located at 148 Pitcher Lane, Red Hook.

# **Panther Mountain Hike**

**Friday, October 9th, Rain date Wednesday, October 14th**

**Leader – Jeff Huth**

Severe rain or thunderstorm forecast may cancel.

Panther (3720' elevation) has several nice views from the summit and several places along Giant Ledge along the route. I envision this will be a relaxed to moderate paced hike. We will hike together so the group will adapt to the slowest hiker.

**Meeting Place** – Trailhead on Route 47 at the “hairpin” turn. Directions from Kingston:

- Proceed west on Route 28 from Kingston Thruway exit (19) about 30.4 miles
- Turn left onto Route 47 at Big Indian
- Go about 7.5 miles south on Rt 47
- The DEC Parking Lot is on the right side of the road just before a sharp turn going uphill

**Meeting Time** – 9:00 am

**What to bring** – plenty of water, lunch/snacks, a headlamp with extra batteries, first aid kit if you have one, layered clothing to match the changeable weather in the Catskills.

**COVID-19 Precautions** - All prospective participants should consider the TSSC Covid-19 self-assessment questionnaire. If you are not able to respond “no” to all questions, please reconsider participation. I will ask the group to again consider the questions prior to the start of the hike. The plan will be to exercise social distancing at the trailhead, on the hike, at water, snack, lunch breaks etc. Please bring a mask for situations where it is not feasible to stay at least 6 feet apart, but the plan is to hike without wearing a mask unless you personally elect to do so.

Please let me know if you plan to attend by Wednesday October 7, by e-mail at or via phone or text to my mobile.

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**Report on TSSC Participation in the  
Virtual Ride/Run/Walk for Cancer Care  
September 27, 2020**

A huge thank you to all TSSC team participants and donors to the TSSC team. We raised \$1189.20 (as of 9/27), 118% of our goal of \$1000 this year – a great accomplishment in this time of our Covid 19 health crisis. As of September 27<sup>th</sup>, the last day of the virtual event, TSSC was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the team event in funds raised as a team! On the group participation day on September 20, we took a social distancing, mask wearing photo in front of the event's banner at Dietz.

77% of the total goal of \$100,000 for this event had been raised as of 9/27 and donations are still being accepted through October and can be made still on behalf of the TSSC team.

Thank you also to Jeff Huth for his assistance this year to me.

Jackie, Team Captain

*In no special order and my apologies ahead if I missed anyone inadvertently.*

**TSSC Team Participants (& Donors Also):**

Jackie  
Jean Pavone  
Jeff & Marie Huth  
Frank Rauschendorfer  
Bill Harper  
Lucy Harper  
Pat Marsh  
Diana Ziegenfelder  
Dale Ziegenfelder  
Kathleen Balthazar  
Marla Brucker

**Non Participant Donors:**

Bob Ricketson  
Ellen Berlin  
Kathie Quick  
Lori Lee  
Karen Spinozzi  
Maj-Britt Allen  
Debbie Briggs  
Daniel Desmedt  
Yvonne Baker  
Lisa Olivett  
IBM (matching gift)

## Happy Hours this Month

*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. Members usually show up after 5PM. Check for last minute changes on our Website at [trailsweepers.org/calendar.html](http://trailsweepers.org/calendar.html)*



**Oct. 9 Hickory Smoke BBQ**, 743 Route 28 Kingston  
**Oct. 23 Santa Fe**, 1802 Rte 28 Woodstock

## Last Official Kayak Trip of 2020

Report by Kayak John

They came, they participated; they enjoyed—18 brave souls challenging themselves on Sept. 16 by paddling from Freer Park up the Rondout Creek and back. It was a beautiful day with some wind and plenty of sunshine.

This trip represented the last of this year's official kayak schedule; it was a short season thanks to Covid. Hopefully, next year will be a more normal year when someone will step up and take over the kayaking program and be able to put together a monthly trip.

I just want to say "thank you" to all the regular participants as well as the occasional paddlers who supported the kayak program this year and in the past. We had a lot of fun and hope the excitement and joy will continue. If anyone has any questions about the program, I will be glad to speak with you.

Enjoy the rest of the year on the water, and the upcoming ski season, and stay as safe as possible.

Over and out!!

## For Sale & Flea Market

**Got a ski cabin or Florida condo for rent? Have stuff to sell or giveaway?  
Need help? Looking for something? Advertise it here and on the website.**

### 2009 Suzuki Boulevard C50

**Color:** Purple

**Mileage :** 5311

**Price:** \$4,500.

**Description:** Excellent Condition, Garage Stored, Some Accessories, including side bags and passenger seat.

Lisa Olivett  
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**Note from the editor:** This is not the actual bike pictured.