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## TRAILSWEEPINGS

**The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.**

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### President's Corner

Oh No! Say it isn't so. It's can't be 2023 already!

Well, it is and a Happy, Healthy, Active New Year to you all.

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and time again, but we are compelled to say it again in another form.

You all know (or should know) by now that I am finishing this year as your President. Come April, I will definitely step down. There are so many things I will miss doing for you and our club, but there are also many things I will not miss... I am looking forward to being freed up to take on a different position and perform other duties.

These past few years have proven to be very challenging for some, starting with the pandemic, weather situations, financial situations, other health issues not to mention all of us getting older, if not better! What will this year bring for each and every one of us? We all hope for the best, but we know we will continue to be met with challenges. There is yet another thing, other than the obvious, that we must be grateful for with our Club. The Friendships we have established over so many years. For some it is like Family and rightfully so.

Please remember to be open minded, compassionate and occasionally reach out and give support to those in need, whether it be physical, mental or financial. We can all offer something of value and don't forget to reach out for help if you are the one in need. Reaching out makes us all feel better and eager to get on with our own pleasures, like skiing, snowboarding, hiking and all the rest.

Be Safe and Be Fit

Happy New Year

Lisa

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## CLUB MEETINGS

Normally held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month with an abbreviated schedule in the summer. Note: Changes will be communicated via President's e-mail.

**Tuesday January 10** will consist of an Informational Program on skiing technique beginning 7:00 pm.

**Tuesday January 24** will begin with a Board meeting at 6:00 pm followed by a regular Club meeting.

**Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant**

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## Dues for Returning Members

If you have already paid your TSSC club dues, Thank You!. If not, please do so **as soon as possible** to remain a member in good standing. Annual dues are as follows: Individual – \$ 30.00, Couple. \* – \$ 45.00 (\*two people living at the same residence)

Mail your check made payable to Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club, Inc to the following address:

TSSC Membership  
UPO Box 3061  
Kingston, NY 12402

## EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **January 6**, 5:30 pm. Joint Happy Hour with Hudson Valley Ski Club - Beekman Arms Rhinebeck
- Tuesday January 10, 7:00 pm . Informational Program on skiing technique
- Thursday January 19, After the Holidays Dinner at Frank Guido's Little Italy, Kingston. Inform Lisa O. about plans to attend if not already done.
- Tuesday January 24, 6:00 pm. Board meeting followed by general Club meeting.
- Friday January 27, 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at Stella's, Kingston
- Saturday **February 11**. NJSSC State Race at Pico.
- Saturday **March 18**. NJSSC President's Race at Hunter.

Since events sometimes change, efforts will be made to maintain the calendar on the Club website current. To access it go the website, open the Events page and you can then view events in either the default listing format or in an optional calendar view which is available by clicking on the "square" on the right side of the page.

## **Plattekill Ski Day - SKIING FOR A GOOD CAUSE** Benedictine Health Foundation - Ski BENEfit **March 9, 2023**

Trailsweepers will again help support Benedictine Health Foundation (BHF) in raising and

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publicity and signage at the event which may represent an opportunity to attract some potential new members.

*A total of 25 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$ 20/ticket. Two separate drawings will be held from the group of 25 ticket purchasers with the raffle prizes being passes for the Ski Day which come along with sponsorship at the \$ 500 level. The value of the raffle prize is \$ 150 and includes lift ticket, lunch, beer/wine reception and **optional** bus transportation from Kingston Plaza.*

**The drawing will be held at the meeting to be held on Tuesday January 10, 2023.** For questions or to reserve tickets contact Jeff at 203-482-1954 (M) or via e-mail at [jeff\\_huth@hotmail.com](mailto:jeff_huth@hotmail.com).

### **INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Next Program: Tuesday January 10, 7 pm:** Jim Tomassetti will deliver a program on Skiing Technique with emphasis on carving.

If you would like to volunteer to organize and/or deliver a program or have a specific idea or request related to a topic please contact **Rob Fletcher**, Program Chair.



### **HAPPY HOURS FOR JANUARY**

Friday **January 6** - 5:30 pm. Joint Happy Hour with Hudson Valley Ski Club at the **Beekman Arms Tavern** - 6387 Mill St. Rhinebeck, NY 12572

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## ***OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES***



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(Photo - S. Wingard)

### **Balsam Lake Mountain Hike: December 22, 2022**

Six intrepid hikers enjoyed an exhilarating out and back trip to Balsam Lake Mtn. in the Catskills passing through a winter wonderland with cold and windy conditions. Snowshoes were required but there was already a good track in place over the entire route. We had a quick lunch at the fire tower before

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Thanks to Carol T. for pointing out that the New York DEC is again sponsoring the **Catskills Fire Tower Challenge**. Anyone who hikes to the six remaining fire towers during calendar year 2023 is eligible to receive a letter and commemorative patch upon submitting documentation with the first 1000 people to do so also receiving a free subscription to The Conservationist magazine. Additional information can be found at [CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov](mailto:CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov).

We plan to hold Club hikes periodically throughout the season so if you have a suggestion or better yet would like to plan and/or lead a hike (does not have to be a Catskill peak) please contact hiking chair Steve Wingard.



***SKI SEASON IS HERE!!***

### **Racing Program**

**NJSSC State Race: Adult Race Date – February 11, 2023 at Pico Mountain, Vermont**

- Team race that consists of a one run slalom and one run giant slalom. Team consists of five women and six men and clubs may enter more than one team. Results based on best three women and best four men time in each run. Racer may not finish the first run or be disqualified and still count for second run for team score.

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up. [jtskirat@gmail.com](mailto:jtskirat@gmail.com) (845)594-9044

- Deadline for sign-up is: Wednesday January 25th, 2023. Cost is \$55 without ticket and \$106 w/ ticket. The IKON pass is valid at Killington and Pico (5 days).

### **Stanley Sharaga Memorial President's Race at Hunter**

**Mar 18, 2023 @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm** (additional details to follow)

Dale Ziegenfelder will coordinate Trailsweeper's participation for the race. (845) 657-6312, [dalezieg1@gmail.com](mailto:dalezieg1@gmail.com).

### **FYI - For U.S. Chef's Club Participants**

The races for 2023 will be held at Hunter on Monday February 6 and Sunday March 5.

### ***Trip Opportunities***

A number of trips are being offered through TSSC affiliated organizations Hudson Valley Ski Club and New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council. Some trips may already be full and/or have waiting lists. The following have been listed for this ski season.

#### ***Hudson Valley Ski Club***

**Steamboat, CO: January 28 - February 4 2023**

**Aspen/Snowmass, CO: March 4 - 11 2023**

**Eastern Ski Areas:**

**Killington 1/3 - 6**

**Sugarbush 1/17 - 20**

**Mt. Tremblant 2/12 - 17**

**Gore 3/20 - 23**

**Smuggler's 3/24 - 26**

**Additional information and links for each trip can be found in the Ski Trips section of the HVSC website:**

<http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

#### ***New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council***

**Mt. Tremblant, Canada** – February 5, 2023 – February 10, 2023. [Click here](#) for a flyer and reservation form.

**Steamboat, CO**: February 25 - March 4 2023. [Click here](#) for a flyer and link to the reservation form



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### ***Non-affiliate Trips***

Club member Dale W. has again informed us that the NYC-based Diamond Dogs Ski Club is offering several domestic and international trips for the 2022/'23 ski season (some currently open and others wait listed). The link is provided here for convenience: <https://www.ski-nyc.com/home>.

## **CLUB BUSINESS**

### **Board Meeting Minutes - December 13**

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder on December 13, 2022 at Sky View. The membership is now at 106. The board participated in the distribution of membership cards.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

### **Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022**

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

#### **Club Officers**

President - Lisa Olivett 542-3945, [President@trailsweepers.org](mailto:President@trailsweepers.org)

Executive VP - Rob Fletcher 338-1537, [ExecVP@trailsweepers.org](mailto:ExecVP@trailsweepers.org)

Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312, [AdminVP@trailsweepers.org](mailto:AdminVP@trailsweepers.org)

Secretary - Donna Matthews 706-6973, [Secretary@trailsweepers.org](mailto:Secretary@trailsweepers.org)

Treasurer - David Wise 255-1868, [Treasurer@trailsweepers.org](mailto:Treasurer@trailsweepers.org)

#### **Club Board Members (term expir.), [Board@trailsweepers.org](mailto:Board@trailsweepers.org)**

Skip Alford (4/'23) 481-2898

Mike Griffin (4/'24) 914-388-7558

Jeff Huth (4/'24) 203-482-1954

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Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

### Committee Chairs

Membership - Jim Wise 914-474-1588, [Membership@trailsweepers.org](mailto:Membership@trailsweepers.org)

Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - Jim Culla

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - TBD

Kayaking - TBD

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

### Media

Facebook- Jean Pavone 518-527-4670, Carol Tomasetti 594-9045

Newsletter/Website - Jeff Huth 203-482-1954, [webmaster@trailsweepers.org](mailto:webmaster@trailsweepers.org)

### Social Events

After the Holidays -

Fall Kick-off -

Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312, Jean Pavone 518-527-4670

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