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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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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 **February 14** will begin with a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a Club meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday **February 28** will begin at 7:00 pm with a short Club business meeting (if needed) followed by an Informational Program (see below).

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **February 10**, 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at Westkill Supply Kingston
- Saturday February 11. NJSC State Race at Pico
- Tuesday February 14, 6:30 pm. Board and General Club meeting

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- Friday February 24, 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at Keegan Ales
- Tuesday February 28, 7 pm Informational Program on ski boot alignment
- 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

Thanks to all Club members and friends who purchased raffle tickets in support of Trailsweepers' "Lift" level sponsorship which assists Benedictine Health Foundation (BHF) in raising and distributing financial resources to those struggling with a cancer diagnosis. As sponsors, the Club is acknowledged in publicity and signage at the event which may represent an opportunity to attract potential new members.

The raffle drawing was held at the post holidays dinner gathering at Little Italy on Thursday January 19 with prizes consisting of passes for the Ski Day (valued at \$ 150) which come along with sponsorship at the \$ 500 level. The pass for the day includes lift ticket, lunch, beer/wine reception and optional bus transportation from Kingston Plaza. **Congratulations to raffle winners R. Fletcher and M. Donlon !!**

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday February 28** beginning at 7:00 pm **Dale Ziegenfelder will deliver a program on proper boot alignment**. Adjusting your boots for differences in your lower body is important for getting your skis flat on the snow when you are in a neutral athletic position. For interested members, Dale will check your alignment in ski boots and depending on certain factors may be able to make some adjustment as necessary. To participate, bring your boots, their adjustment tools if appropriate and wear shorts if practical.

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.

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HAPPY HOURS FOR FEBRUARY

Let's patronize our local breweries

Friday **February 10** 5:30 pm - **Westkill Supply** 602 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401. Westkill brewery, the popular watering hole following hikes originating from Spruceton road trailheads has opened a taproom in Kingston. While it has a Broadway address (basically across the street from UPAC), the **entrance is on Field Court**. Parking is limited on Field Court so probably better to park on Broadway or in the municipal lot behind the old Tony's Pizza.

Friday **February 24** 5:30 pm **Keegan Ales** 20 St. James St. Kingston, NY 12401. The Deadbeats are scheduled to play that evening starting at 6 pm.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Plan to join other Club members for a winter hike on Thursday February 23. We expect to either explore the Scenic Hudson Shaupaneak ridge property in Esopus or begin the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower challenge with a hike to one of the more accessible towers. The final location and further details will be determined based on weather forecast and hiking conditions closer to the date

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If you would like to plan/lead a hike to a favorite area or have suggestions/requests, please contact hiking chair Steve Wingard.



SKI SEASON IS HERE

Racing Program

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

- Team race consists of a one run slalom and one run GS.
- Teams 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.
- Party after race to announce results (with Pizza and refreshments)
- Deadline for sign-up was Wednesday January 25th, 2023. Cost is \$55 without ticket and \$106 w/ ticket. The IKON pass is valid at Killington and Pico (5 days).
- Hopefully all interested parties have already informed Jim T., sent their checks and completed the required on-line waiver forms.
- Contact Jim Tomassetti for more details and/or questions. jtskirat@gmail.com (845)594-9044

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Dale Ziegenfelder will coordinate Trailsweeper's participation for the race.
(845) 657-6312, 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 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 (only those in February or beyond included here).

Hudson Valley Ski Club

Aspen/Snowmass, CO: March 4 - 11

Eastern Ski Areas:

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

Sunday River, Maine: March 5 - 10, 2023. [Click here](#) for a flyer and link to the reservation form

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>.

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Board Meeting Minutes - January 24

A conference call of the Board of Directors of Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club was initiated by Dale Ziegenfelder. Present: Kathie Quick, Steve Wingard, Jeff Huth, Mike Griffin, Skip Alford

Dale shared that according to the membership spreadsheet, 113 people have paid dues for this season, and 13 prior members from 2020 have not. The list of 13 was split among the board members, and over the next few days they will be contacted.

Jeff reported that 6 tickets for the Plattekill ski day cancer fundraiser were unsold, and he paid for them. As it turned out one winner could not attend and gave Jeff a lift ticket. He and Rob will attend. He also indicated that since the sale did not go so well, he would not be doing it next year.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting - No meeting was held in January. The minutes below are from the December 13, 2022 meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Lisa Olivett at 7:45

Board Meeting report by Dale Z - The Club has 106 active members

Program Committee report by Rob F - Jim T will give presentation on ski techniques at 01/10 meeting

Treasurer's report - balance of \$22,837.95 in savings account and balance of \$11,090 in checking account

Hiking committee report by Jeff H on the planned 12/22 hike to Balsam Lake mountain and fire tower

Raffle for gift certificate to Mariners Harbor which was received by the Club for our contributions to the Fall fundraising event by the Benedictine Health Foundation was won by Ellen

Welcome new members Bill and Karen

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Submitted by Donna Matthews

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

President - Lisa Olivett 542-3945, President@trailsweepers.org

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Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312, AdminVP@trailsweepers.org

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Treasurer - David Wise 255-1868, Treasurer@trailsweepers.org

Club Board Members (term expir.), Board@trailsweepers.org

Skip Alford (4/'23) 481-2898

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

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

Kathie Quick (4/'23) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

Committee Chairs

Membership - Jim Wise 914-474-1588, 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

Social Events

After the Holidays - Karen Spinozzi 338-0626

Fall Kick-off - Janet Mihm 201-615-2806

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



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