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

Tuesday March 28 will begin at 7:00 pm with an Informational Program.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive
Kingston, NY 12401

CLUB ELECTIONS

Will be held at the meeting on **Tuesday April 11**, 2023 for all Club Officers and two Directors. After serving for several terms and leading us successfully through a difficult period associated with the Covid pandemic, President Lisa Olivett has communicated her intention to step down from her current role. Accordingly, we need someone to come forward to be nominated for the Presidency and other Officer roles.

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Griffin, Jeff Huth and Steve Wingard. If you have an interest in pursuing a leadership role and/or have questions on duties/responsibilities please contact any of the current officers or Board members as soon as possible. The continued success of the Club depends on all of us being willing to pitch in and standing for office is a great way to get more involved.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **March** 10 - Happy Hour at Stella's, Kingston NY
- Tuesday March 14 - Board and General Club Meeting at Skyview
- Saturday March 18 - NJSC President's Race at Hunter
- Friday March 24 - Happy Hour at The Anchorage, Eddyville, NY
- Tuesday March 28 - Informational Program at Skyview
- Tuesday **April** 11 - Board and General Club Meeting including annual elections at Skyview
- Friday **May** 5 - Spring Banquet at Ole Savannah
- Tuesday May 23 - Informational Program at The Ashokan Center
- Saturday **June** 10 (To be Confirmed) - Almost Summer Bash at George Freer Park, Port Ewen

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.

Save the Date for TSSC's Spring Banquet

Friday May 5, 2023: 6 - 10pm Ole Savannah - [100 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY](#)

- Buffet dinner, cash bar and band in the private, summer event facility adjacent to the main building
- \$45 pp for Trailsweepers and HVSC members, \$ 50 for non-member guests.

Look for additional information with details on payment in the April Newsletter and via e-mail. A maximum of 50 participants can be accommodated so be ready to sign up quickly when formally announced.

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March 28th: McCrea Burnham from the NYS DEC will deliver a Program on **Sustainable recreation in the Catskill Forest Preserve**

April: No program

May 23rd: Ruth Ungar-Director of Community Outreach for the Ashokan Center will discuss **The Mission and Programs provided at the Ashokan Center**

Note: This program will take place on-site at The Ashokan Center 477 Beaverkill Road Olivebridge, NY

June 13th: Zack Fletcher, Topic : TBD

Let's extend a big Thank You to **Rob Fletcher**, Program Chair for organizing these informative Programs. 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.



HAPPY HOURS FOR MARCH

Friday **March 10**, 5:30 pm at **Stella's** -
44 N. Front Street Kingston, NY 12401

Friday **March 24**, 5:30 pm at **The Anchorage** -
182 Canal Street Eddyville, NY 12401

While still winter, it's not too early to start thinking about the

ALMOST SUMMER BASH

George Freer Park 104 Canal St. Port Ewen, NY

Saturday June 10 or Sunday June 11, 2023 (To be confirmed as soon as reservations for the park open for the season)

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camaraderie, we will endeavor to have kayaking and cycling opportunities available earlier in the day and potentially a corn hole tournament during the picnic.

The Almost Summer Bash will be free for current, active members with a nominal fee requested for guests of members (this would be a great opportunity to introduce friends to the benefits of joining the club) and former members.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Unfortunately, we had to cancel the planned February hike to the Overlook Mountain fire tower due to freezing rain and icy conditions.

We plan to offer a series of hikes as part of the 2023 Fire Tower Challenge Hikes. The NYS DEC encourages hikers to visit the 6 remaining fire towers in the Catskills. For those who complete and report their accomplishment, they will receive a letter and commemorative patch. In addition, the first 1000 to complete the challenge will receive a complementary subscription to The Conservationist magazine. For additional information visit the website at catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov.

If you would be willing to lead one of these hikes, please contact hiking chair, Steve Wingard, - call/text at 914-532-7459.

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SKI SEASON IS HERE

Racing Program

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

It was a beautiful, sunny day at Pico with a small but determined group of Trailsweepers delivering a strong performance among the 8 clubs represented.

For the women, congratulations to Kari H. who turned in the fastest time in the GS and Carol T. who ran second in the GS and third in the slalom. The Trailsweepers Men's team finished in first place based on combined times for the GS and slalom events.

Stanley Sharaga Memorial President's Race at Hunter

Saturday Mar 18, 2023 @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

We encourage all of our recreational skiers to participate in this fun race format i.e., you don't have to be a skilled racer to enjoy participation and help the Club score points. The best handicap of 2 runs counts and the score goes by NASTAR team points, which get computed by the NASTAR handicap and your age (getting older helps a lot). The race starts at 11:00, leaving the afternoon to ski the rest of the mountain. At 4:00 the results are announced, and there is a raffle with some prizes.

Prices:

- Race + lift ticket - adult: \$77
- Senior (65+), Junior (19-): \$65

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Flow of Race Day:

- 8 - 9 am: Complete liability waivers, pick up bibs and lift tickets (Dale will communicate further details to participants via e-mail)
- 9:30 - 10:45 am: Course inspection
- 11 am: Race
- 4 pm: Awards ceremony/raffle prizes

To Register : Email race coordinator Dale Ziegenfelder at dalezieg@gmail.com or call 845-657-6312 to sign up and please send a check made out to TSSC for the appropriate amount to Dale at P.O. Box 254 Glenford, NY 12433 **as soon as possible** since the Club's entry must be in by March 13.

Race Training Program

The training program held at Hunter on Mondays (and a few Wednesdays) at Hunter starting in December each year is a great way to improve your GS and slalom racing skills while enjoying the side benefit of improving the consistency of your recreational skiing. The program is very popular and fills up quickly so if you are interested in the possibility of participating next year you should speak with program lead, Jim Tomassetti.

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

The second race of the season will be held at Hunter on Sunday March 5.

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes - February 14, 2023

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder at Sky View. Present: Kathie Quick, Steve Wingard, Mike Griffin, Jeff Huth

The board Sanctioned the February 11 New Jersey Ski Council Race at Pico by email.

The New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council President's race on March 18 was sanctioned. Cost \$77 /\$65 senior for lift ticket, race and party. \$23 for race and party without lift ticket. The entry must be in by March 13.

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The Almost Summer Bash on June 10 was sanctioned. The club will supply burgers, hot dogs, chicken, beer, soda, water. Members are requested to bring something to share. The park cost is \$250, up from \$175. We will need to increase the budget from \$500.

The nominating committee for upcoming elections the first meeting in April is Mike Griffin, Jeff Huth, Steve Wingard
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

The TSSC meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by President, Lisa Olivett.

Upcoming Events:

- 02/24 Happy Hour at Keegan Ales 5:30 pm
- 02/28 Informational Program Meeting at Skyview Restaurant 7:00 pm Topic is boot alignment by Dale Z.
- 03/09 Plattekill Ski Day.....skiing for a good cause!
- 03/18 President's Race at Hunter

Nominations for club officers will take place during the 03/14 TSSC meeting. Election of club officers will take place during the 04/11 TSSC meeting.

Membership Report There are 117 paid TSSC members. The report was followed by a discussion about the need to increase membership and the need to increase participation in club activities.

Treasurer's Report Checking account: \$959.78 Savings account: \$23,962.93 Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted, Donna Matthews Secretary

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

Secretary - Donna Matthews 706-6973, Secretary@trailsweepers.org

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 - TBD

Fall Kick-off - TBD

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Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312, Karen Spinozzi 338-0626



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