

Trailsweepings: TSSC Newsletter July 2023

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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.

On **Tuesday July 11**, 2023 we will have a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a Club meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

There will only be a single meeting in July.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

[Hudson Valley Ski Club Link](#)

Our "sister" club sponsors many activities that may be of interest to Trailsweepers who are not already dual members so here is a link to the HVSC website for easy reference - <http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **July 7**, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Hoffman House, Kingston, NY
 - Tuesday July **11**, 6:30 pm - Board and General Club meetings at Sky View Mexican restaurant
 - Friday July **14** - Hike to Red Hill Mountain Fire Tower, Claryville, NY
 - Sunday July **16**, 8:00 am - Cycle to Breakfast at Bread Alone on the Ashokan Rail Trail with Yvonne and Skip. Further details in cycling section
 - Wednesday July **19** - Race Day at Saratoga. Bill H. has reserved 2 outdoor tables. For questions contact him at kuaiboy47@earthlink.net or 845-901-9010.
 - Thursday July **20** - Disc Golf at Kingston Point Park (bottom of Delaware Avenue Kingston). Organized by Amie and Kevin P.
 - Friday July **21**, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Salt Box Bar, Kingston, NY
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- Sunday **September 24** - Benedictine Health Foundation bike/run/walk fundraiser for cancer support (further information coming regarding TSSC's team and support/participation opportunities)
 - Saturday September 30 - Annual Dues (\$ 28 per person with a \$ 2 discount for payment prior to October 1) should be sent to Membership Chair Jim Wise via - P.O. Box 3061 Kingston, NY 12402
 - Tuesday **October 10** - Board and Regular Club Meeting including **Vote on Annual Budget**
 - Sunday October 15, 10am - North/South Lake Hike and Picnic.

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.

Annual Planning Meeting

The annual planning meeting was held at the home of President Rob Fletcher on Tuesday June 13. A number of events were planned and scheduled which are listed in the Future Events calendar and a wide range of additional ideas were proposed which are in the planning stage. Further details on the items listed below will be communicated as they evolve:

- **Zipline: Ellen Berlin will look into a zipline event**
- **Summer picnic in August at Kingston Point, Rob Fletcher assisted by Lisa Olivett**
- **Oct 8th - O+ Led by Jim Tomassetti. Not a club sanctioned event, but a fun event that the club could participate in - music and bike ride**
- **Winery Tour Ride: To be a sanctioned event. Need to confirm a leader. Carol Field offered to co-chair it with Marla Brucker. Jim said he can help provide the routes. One option could be to have a support car to carry wine, so people don't have to do the whole ride.**
- **Tanglewood or SPAC - Lisa Olivett is willing to coordinate and look at feasibility.**
- **Miniature Golf: People are interested but if it is run in Kingston. Yvonne Baker to ask Pandora F. if she is willing to coordinate again this year**
- **Fall Kick off Dinner/Party e.g. an Oktoberfest? **The Club would appreciate if someone would volunteer to either run a picnic or dinner or other event they might like as our Fall season kickoff.****
- **Kayak Camping. Maybe Lake George. Bring up at the next meeting to gauge interest.**
- **Regarding a Fall Party: The question was raised as to whether it make sense for us to co-sponsor parties with Hudson Valley. The discussion supported keeping events separate and encouraging mutual attendance at each Clubs events.**
- **After Holidays Dinner: Lisa Olivett agreed to run with a similar format to last year. Frank Quido's Little Italy, set the date, and people order off the menu and pay on their own**
- **HITS: Look for a date when it's a good show. **Need someone to step forward to investigate and plan this.****
- **Ax Throwing: Carol to find out where the closest ax throwing place is**

Google Survey: Carol to help Rob launch a Google doc survey to poll on questions like the kayak camping etc to see what people might be

interested in, ideas for programs, and maybe to rally some folks to sign up for running something.

The full minutes from the meeting are included in the Club Business section at the end of the Newsletter.

INFORMATIONAL 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 Fletcher**, Program Chair.

Ride/Run/Walk for Cancer Care (12, 25, 50 mile bike ride/5K Run/Walk) Sunday, September 24, 2023

Become a TSSC Team Participant and/or Support Our Team Via Donations!

TSSC will again have a team (organized by Jackie Olivet) participating in the 20th year of this worthy community event to benefit the Rosemary D Gruner Memorial Fund of the Benedictine Hospital Foundation. This benefit provides funds to those in our community who are on their personal cancer journeys and because of limited means, need assistance with transportation costs or food, etc., as part of their cancer care. *All funds raised are given out locally.*

We also participate in memory of family, friends, and TSSC members who have passed away from cancer and in support of other family, friends, and TSSC members who have battled cancer and are survivors.

Further details and links to register and/or donate will be communicated via President's e-mail in the next few weeks.



HAPPY HOURS FOR JULY

Friday July 7 - Hoffman House

94 North Front Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday July 21 - Salt Box Bar

10 Crown Street
Kingston, NY 12401

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Fire Tower Hike Series

Four hikers enjoyed our second outing of the Fire Tower Series to **Hunter Mountain** on Friday June 23. We did an 8 mile loop from the trailheads on Spruceton Road. The weather cooperated and we enjoyed a hydration stop at Westkill brewery following the hike.

Our next hike will be to the tower on **Red Hill Mountain** on **Friday July 14**.

The DEC's Fire Tower Challenge encourages hikers to visit the 6 remaining fire

towers in the Catskills. The challenge involves visiting all towers between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023. You do not need to climb up to the cab which are typically open when staffed by volunteers between Memorial Day and Columbus Day on weekends.

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 complimentary subscription to The Conservationist magazine. For additional information visit the website at catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov.

Tentative Remaining Schedule - to be confirmed by e-mail with additional information prior to each hike. The links below provide information on each hike:

- [Red Hill Mountain](#) - Denning, NY - Friday July 14
- [Overlook Mountain](#) - Woodstock, NY - Full (Harvest) moon hike
September 29
- [Balsam Lake Mountain](#) - Hardenburgh, NY - Friday October 20
- [Upper Esopus](#) - Mt. Tremper, NY: Note: this is not a formal hike but a stop at the Catskill Visitor Center (exhibits, nature trails) 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper - where they have erected a fire tower. **You can do this on your own, just record the date.**

Save the Date For North/South Lake Hike and Picnic Sunday October 15, 10:00 am

As there is a car entry fee we can carpool from McDonald's in Saugerties meeting at 9:15. There are numerous hiking options ranging from a walk around the lake to out and back hikes to various popular destinations with beautiful views - Artists Rock, Sunset Rock, or North Point as the usual final destination - so you can select whatever distance you are comfortable with. Bring proper hiking shoes, water and clothing.

The Club will supply Hotdogs and hamburgers/ rolls, buns and condiments. BYOB. Bring a dish to share if you would like.



"I want to ride my bicycle, I want to ride my bike"

Cycle to Breakfast - Sunday July 16, Ashokan Rail trail

This will be mainly on the rail trail with a short ride on route 28 to Bread Alone. You can choose to ride a longer or shorter distance with both groups meeting up to head to Bread Alone.

The longer ride will be about 25 miles round trip and start at the rail trail parking area closest to Kingston. The entrance is on the left side of 28 just beyond the West Hurley Stewart's traffic light/intersection. **Wheels down at 8 am so arrive in time to get organized.**

The second option will be to ride about 10 miles round trip starting from the Ashokan Station trailhead parking lot visible from 28 also on the left side. There's a sign reading "Former site of Olive". **Plan to be there by 8:30, ready to ride by 9.** The first group will stop there, and the combined group will then ride to the end of the rail trail in Boiceville and up 28 a short distance to Bread Alone.

For questions about the ride call Yvonne at 845-481-2898/845-417-7144 (C) or Skip at 845-481-2898/845-706-9714 (C).

Road Cycling

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club sponsors Thursday evening rides originating at Dietz Stadium (170 N. Front Kingston) at 6 pm.

The rides are typically 25 - 35 miles in length following a variety of routes with "A" & "B" groups divided according to route length and/or average

speed. Everyone is welcome.

Club Member Jim T. is the coordinator for the Thursday evening rides so let him know if you would like to be added to the e-mail list (jtskirat@gmail.com)

Rail Trail Rides

Rick F. and Nancy M. coordinate and lead Monday evening group trail rides starting at 6 pm unless otherwise communicated - typically on sections of the Wallkill Valley, Ashokan or Hudson Valley rail trails in Ulster and Dutchess County. The rides are normally followed by an informal get-together so bring a folding chair and food/beverage if you like. If not already receiving them, let Rick know if you would like to be added to the e-mail list (rjjee@msn.com)

The tentative schedule and rail trail parking area meeting points as communicated by Rick (**to be confirmed each week via e-mail**) are as follows:

July 4 - Highland, NY (See Rick's email for details and note day and time changes Tuesday, 3 pm - due to the holiday relative to typical weekly rides)

10 - West Hurley/Ashokan

17 - New Paltz, Boces

24 - Kingston, Rockwell Lane

31 - Rosendale, Binnewater lot

August 4 - Highland, Tony Williams Park

11 - Poughkeepsie, Page Lumber

18 - Hopewell Junction, Depot Museum

Note: *These rides are coordinated by Club members but are **not** sponsored by TSSC.*



KAYAKING

TSSC Kayaking is back again for 2023 with the next outing to be held Saturday July 8, 10 am at 23 S. Water Street Athens, NY. (It's also Athens' Annual Street Festival).

Keep in mind a few things to make your experience safe and fun. Bring food, water, personal flotation device, sunscreen, hat, comfortable clothes, and anything else you deem important like paddle, dry bag, camera, and a working kayak!

Arrive at the kayak site a half hour before we shove off. The times listed in the schedule, are the times we would like to start paddling. If it is raining heavily the day of the scheduled trip, then the event is cancelled.

For the complete schedule for the season, please see the [attached](#).

There will be more details for each paddle a week before.

QUESTIONS:

Yvonne or Skip home phone 845-481-2898

cell - Yvonne 845-417-7144 yab1946@gmail.com

cell - Skip 845-706-9714 skipsinthewoods@gmail.com



SKI SEASON WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT

SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Trips for the '23/'24 season are booking so don't wait too long to make your plans. Information for TSSC affiliated organizations will be displayed here.

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council have announced the following for 2023/'24 with additional details to be communicated in the future.

Mt. Tremblant, Canada – January 28, - February 2, 2024

Aspen/Snowmass, CO: February 24 - March 2, 2024

Sunday River, Maine: March 3 - 8, 2024

Additional information and links for each trip when available can be found in the Ski Trips section of the NJSSC website [The New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council](#)

Hudson Valley Ski Club will sponsor the following trips

Vail, CO - January 27 - February 3 2024

Telluride, CO - March 2 - 9 2024

Eastern Trips - Several mid-week trips are being investigated to Vermont EPIC resorts including Mt. Snow, Okemo and Stowe

Additional information and links for each trip when available can be found in the Ski Trips section of the HVSC website <http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

Race Training for 2023/2024 season

The race training program held at Hunter each year will begin in December 2023. It consists of 9 sessions generally on Mondays and a few Wednesdays from 10 am - 12:45 pm. It is a great way to improve your racing skills with alternate weeks of GS and Slalom gate training with a side benefit of improving the consistency of your recreational skiing.

The program is very popular and fills up quickly. There **may** be an opportunity for some new participants so if you are interested in learning more and/or thinking of participating this year you should contact program lead, Jim Tomassetti via email - jtskirat@gmail.com

CLUB BUSINESS

Annual Planning Minutes From June 13, 2023

MINUTES: TRAILSWEEPERS SNOW AND SPORTS CLUB PLANNING MEETING - 6/13/2023

The TSSC Planning meeting was called to order by President, Rob Fletcher, at 6:45 pm

See newsletter for upcoming hikes and kayak adventures and ski trips next season through HVSC and NJ Ski Council

Attendees:

Results of Annual Election of Club Officers CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

President Rob Fletcher

Administrative Vice President Dale Ziegenfelder

Executive Vice President Jeff Huth

Treasurer Lisa Olivett

Secretary Donna Matthews

Board of Directors Skip Alford and Kathie Quick

EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2023-2024

- **Almost Summer Bash in June at Freer Park**
- **Spring Banquet**

- **Ski trips: Is there any interest in having TSSC run ski trips?**
 - **Lake Placid: Bill H offered to explore possibility of lodging at Lake Placid**
 - **Lunch and Ski with Rob: Hunter Mountain**
 - **Pico as part of Pico race weekend?**

Many trips that are hosted by NJ Ski Council, so advertising them is valuable and mitigates the need to run many of our own trips.

- **Bill Harper will look into Saratoga Race event..... with Mike Griffin**
- **Zipline: Ellen Berlin will look into zipline event**
- **Summer picnic in August at Kingston Point, Rob Fletcher assisted by Lisa Olivett**
- **Kayak events: Yvonne Baker and Skip Alford agreed to lead trips**
- **Hiking events Steve Wingard**
- **Biking events**
 - **Jim & Carol Tomassetti lead trips (thru the bike club)**
 - **Ride for Cancer Cure: 9/24/23 Jackie Olivett leads club participation and donation. It was suggested that someone ask Jackie to add where Trailsweepers will meet so people can group up and ride together. Get more synergy as a club.**
 - **Oct 8th - O+ Led by Jim Tomassetti. Not a club sanctioned event, but still a fun event that the club could participate in both from a music and a bike ride perspective. Includes 25, 50 and gravel rides.**
 - **Wine Ride: Sanctioned event. Need to get a leader since Jim & Carol are overbooked during that time. Carol Field offered to co-chair it with Marla Brucker. Jim said he can help provide the routes. Carol said she wouldn't be able to do the whole ride, but we discussed how the ride is set up with a sag car to carry wine, so people don't have to do the whole ride.**
 - **Rail Rides: Run by Rick Fick and Nancy. Continue to feature in newsletter**
 - **Biking Breakfast Rides: Yvonne Baker and Skip Alford. One in July, one in August. Bread Alone and Marty's (~20 miles)**
- **Tanglewood or SPAC - Lisa Olivett is willing to coordinate and look at feasibility.**

- **Miniature Golf:** People are interested but if it is run in Kingston. Yvonne Baker to ask Pandora Fawcett if she is willing to run.
- **Fall Kick off Dinner/Party: Oktoberfest?** Put in newsletter that we are looking for someone to either run a picnic or dinner or other event they might like as our kickoff.
- **Camping: Kayak Camping.** Maybe Lake George. Bring up at the next meeting to gauge interest.
- **Fall Party:** Does it make sense for us to co-run parties with Hudson Valley. Pat and others indicated that they prefer to keep it separate as they can't pay for alcohol, while we can. So allowing each other to attend each other's events seemed acceptable to all.
- **After Holidays Dinner:** Lisa Olivett agreed to run with a similar format to last year. Frank Quido's Little Italy, set the date, and people order off the menu and pay on their own.
- **HITS:** Maybe we join on a day when it's a good show. Did not record who might be willing to run with this one.
- **Ax Throwing:** Carol to find out where the closest ax throwing place is.
- **Votes:** Majority voted to have Dave Wise take over treasurer from Lisa Olivett.
- **Google Survey:** Carol to help Rob do a Google survey to poll on questions like the kayak camping etc to see what people might be interested in, ideas for programs, and maybe to rally some folks to sign up for running something.

Submitted by Donna Matthews and Carol Tomassetti

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

President - Rob Fletcher 338-1537, President@trailsweepers.org

Executive VP - Jeff Huth, 203-482-1954, ExecVP@trailsweepers.org

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/'25) 481-2898

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

Katie Viglielmo (4/'24) 594-4358

Kathie Quick (4/'25) 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 - TBD

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - TBD

Kayaking - Yvonne Baker 417-7144 & Skip Alford 481-2898

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 - Lisa Olivett 542-3945

Fall Kick-off - TBD

Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

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

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