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President's Corner

seniors in age, that does not mean that we no longer have hopes and dreams. Wishing you and yours HAPPY NEW YEAR filled with hope, health, and happiness as well as a strong dose of fun.

TSSC has some great plans for 2024. For example, the first month of the new year is filled with exciting things to engage in and enjoy. On January 9th we will have a meeting followed by a program and on January 23rd we will have another meeting also followed by a program. Between these two meetings, we have the After The Holidays Dinner on January 16th at Frank Guido's Little Italy.

HAVE A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR and THINK SNOW

Robbie

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 9** will begin with a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a brief Club meeting and **Informational Program** beginning at 7:00 pm.

On Tuesday **January 23** there will be an **Informational Program** starting at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

REMINDER: DUES FOR RENEWING MEMBERS

If you have already paid your TSSC club dues, Thank You!. If not, please do so **as soon as possible**, as Club by-laws require payment prior to December 1 to remain a member in good standing. Annual dues are \$ 28.00 per person. Membership cards will be distributed at meetings and events in January and then mailed out to those who have not picked them up.

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

TSSC Membership

UPO Box 3061

Kingston, NY 12402

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>

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS DINNER

Plan to join fellow Club members and guests on **Tuesday January 16 at 6 pm for dinner at Frank Guido's Little Italy** in Kingston NY. This will follow the same simple format as last year's successful event - participants will order from the menu and pay for their own meals and beverages directly that evening.

attending.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday January 5, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Los Jalapenos
- Tuesday January 9 Board meeting at 6:30 followed by brief Club meeting and Informational Program beginning at 7:00.
- Tuesday January 16, 6:00 pm. After the Holidays dinner at Frank Guido's Little Italy - no pre-payment required but advanced notice of participation requested
- Friday January 19, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at High Falls Cafe.
- Saturday January 20, 8:00 am - Winter Hike
- Tuesday January 23 Informational Program at 7:00 pm.

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.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Tuesday January 9, 2024 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

Tuesday January 23 2024, 7:00 pm

Gio Holmquist, General Manager and Head Boot Fitter at The Pro Ski and Ride in Hunter, NY will present a program on "**Advanced Ski Tuning**". He will discuss how regular ski and snowboard maintenance can enhance your on-snow experience as well as extend the life of your equipment. Gio will discuss capabilities of automated tuning machines such as variable edge bevels and custom base structures.

Gio grew up in the ski shop with his father operating The Pro until Gio took over operations in 2022. In addition to formal business education at The University at Albany and The College of Saint Rose, Gio regularly attends industry specific trainings such as Masterfit University and BootDoc academy.

The Pro Ski and Ride is a full-service ski and snowboard shop located near Hunter Mountain, NY. Specialty services provided include expert boot fitting, ski and snowboard tuning and repair, as well as quality equipment rentals and full range of equipment sales.

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.



Friday January 5 - 5:30 pm

Los Jalapenos Mexican Grill

772 Ulster Avenue

Kingston, NY 12401

Friday January 19 - 5:30 pm

High Falls Cafe

2842 Route 209

Kingston, NY 12401

Photo below (cr. selfie master Steve W.) - Trailsweepers Happy Hour "takeover" of Masa Midtown Turkish restaurant/bar on Friday December 22, 2023.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



On Friday December 21, three Club members braved the cold weather and welcomed the start of winter via a hike up Plateau Mountain. Heavy rain the prior week had melted all of the snow leaving some icy conditions requiring microspikes in a few places, but it was a very pleasant outing overall.

Since many of us ski locally during the week we have discussed organizing a few weekend hikes this winter tackling some of the Catskill 3500 peaks along with other areas so stay tuned for more details. With the appropriate clothing and equipment, winter hiking can be quite enjoyable - no bugs or nettles and offering views that you just don't see in other seasons. Our **next Club hike is planned for Saturday January 20** - location and meeting time to be communicated via email.

If you would like to propose (or better yet lead) a hike, please speak with Steve. We are fortunate to have so many local opportunities for challenging hikes in the Catskills and Shawangunks as well as more relaxing walks on rail trails and

Photos below from the Plateau hike (cr. S. Wingard) L - some ice encountered along the trail. R- view towards Hunter, no snow following the heavy rain the week before other than on the slopes.





SKI SEASON IS HERE !!! - will Winter finally notice?

TSSC WhatsApp Ski Group

We now have a WhatsApp group for easy sharing of **brief** messages about your skiing plans, recent local conditions etc. **If you would like to be added** contact Jeff Huth via text at 203-482-1954 or email at jeff_huth@hotmail.com and provide your cell phone number.

SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Here you can find Information for trips sponsored by TSSC affiliated organizations for the 2023/2024 season.

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

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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 scheduled to Vermont EPIC resorts:

- Mt. Snow - January 16 - 19
- Stowe - February 12 - 15
- Gore - March 12 - 15

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>

SKI RACING

Mid-Atlantic Masters season opening race at Hunter - Saturday January 6, Slalom, Sunday January 7, GS. See the attached flyer for more details including registration information. https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/5879228b-c8ce-c227-8dd8-22e4a9df45f2/Hunter_Race_Invitation_Template.pdf

NJSSC Race Program

Details will be provided as received for the annual State and President's races.

Chef's Club

For those of you who typically participate, the 2024 races at Hunter will be held on Monday February 5 and Sunday March 3.

CLUB BUSINESS

Minutes of Regular Meeting held Tuesday December 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at Sky View Restaurant

Jim Wise presented a membership report indicating that as of the meeting date, 83 members had paid their dues for 2024. It was agreed to distribute membership cards at meetings and events in January (to save postage costs) after which remaining cards will be mailed out.

After the Holidaysdinner (Lisa O). The event will again take place at Frank Guido's Little Italy Restaurant in Kingston on January 16. Participants will order from the menu. A headcount will be needed about a week prior to the event.

Social Media: (Jeff H) The club wishes to increase its social media presence. Thanks to Jean P. and Katie V. who manage our Facebook and Instagram pages respectively for significantly increasing the posting of information pre and post events. Members are encouraged to Follow the pages and LIKE, comment on and/or tag posted content which will enhance on-line search priority.

Ski Racing: (Jim T) Information on the State race is forthcoming. The President's Race will likely be held at Holiday Mountain 03/21

Steve A volunteered to represent TSSC on the NJ Ski Council and coordinate participation in the NJSSC discount program - A big thanks to Steve.

Hunter

Upcoming Happy Hour: (Ellen B) 12/22 at Masa Midtown at 666 Broadway in Kingston

The Cookie Bake Off was enjoyed by all !

Adjournment at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Matthews - Secretary

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022
(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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Katie Viglielmo (4/'24) 594-4359

Kathie Quick (4/'25) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

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