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## **TRAILSWEEPINGS**

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

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## RESIDENT'S CORNER

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Carol Vigliemo. She was a founding member of the Trailsweepers Ski Club in the 1950's and remained a very active member throughout her life. Our heart filled condolences go out to Jeff and Maureen Vigliemo as well as to the rest of the family. A celebration of her life will take place on March 2, 2024 at a location to be determined. (See a tribute from her son, Jeff, and link to Carol's obituary in this issue of the Trailsweepings).

It has been an uneven ski season so far for the Catskills. However, I feel optimistic that sufficient snow will be here to enable us to ski and ride well into March. Hunter received 10 inches of snow on January 28th.

Due to inclement weather, we needed to postpone the After Holiday Dinner and the Ski Tuning Program. The After the Holiday Dinner is rescheduled for February 20th and the Ski Tuning Program will be rescheduled at a later date. Dale will conduct a Boot Alignment Program at our February 13th meeting.

As we enter mid winter, I hope we can all get out and enjoy the outdoors. THINK SNOW.

Robbie

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### ***A personal tribute to long-time Trailsweeper, Carol Viglielmo.***

(Jeff Viglielmo)

The Viglielmo family would like to let her ski club know that Carol has passed after a very short fight with cancer at almost 92 years young.

Her 3 children knew her as mom and her 4 grandchildren called her, "Ski Mere", French for ski mother. She never wanted to be known as a grandmother, it was hard to think of her that way anyway. Carol learned to ski at a young age, and can say she rode the ski train to Simpson's Hill in Phoenicia from NYC. She spent some winters in Lake Placid also. She taught our father, Jules, to ski and later her 3 children. In 1969 they were brave enough to take their kids to Italy to visit my father's sister in Milan and we made 2 trips to the Alps to ski; Madesimo in Italy and Pontresina in Switzerland. What bravery to travel with a 10-, 9- and 7-year-old.

When they came to realize that skiing could be an expensive sport for 5, they decided to

Patrollers. Mom was great about rounding us up after making the lunch for the day, the hot Thermos bottle always had tasty warmth after a morning out. When Cortina Valley opened (much closer to home and where we could now ride 2 chairlifts) they changed mountains again. That is where the family continued to patrol.

Carol was an active member of the Trailsweepers over three different periods, first as a very early, if not founding, member of the club with friends like the Molyneauxs, Morehouses, Moores and Cirasaros. The Viglielmos again became members of your Club and went to Aspen in 1975 I think, it was certainly another highlight of our young ski lives. There Pamela and I first raced NASTAR, taking on the “icy” courses of 3 of the mountains of Aspen. Needless to say, with our foundational, east coast ski technique, medaling was rather easy on the hardpack.

Some current members may also know that in her third tenure with the Club she acted as Treasurer for many years and ran numerous trips to Sugarbush. Carol traveled with my family to the NASTAR finals in Steamboat in 2006. Melissa did a longer trip with my parents skiing Heavenly and Squaw Valley, Kirkwood, Aspen, Vail and Beaver Creek. Our parents got to Jackson Hole and also helped at the Special Olympics with other patrollers, but I can't remember where.

She last downhill skied about 8 years ago and last winter donned her boots and skis to plod around the yard and our road which we had named Snow Ridge. She had gotten out on the Woodstock Golf Course with XC skis and snowshoes during her final winter in 2023. Needless to say, we will miss her, as many of our club members will as well.

(obituary link)

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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 February 13** we will hold a Board meeting beginning at 6:30 pm followed by a Club meeting and Informational program at 7:00 pm. Note: this will be the only meeting in February.

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Kingston, NY 12401

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### **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>

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### **AFTER THE HOLIDAYS DINNER (Re-scheduled)**

Plan to join fellow Club members and guests on **Tuesday February 20 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.

If you plan to attend, please inform organizer Lisa Olivett (lmm554@cs.com or 845-542-3945) by **Wednesday February 14 (latest)** so she can inform the restaurant staff about numbers attending.

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### **FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR**

- Thursday **February 8**, 8:00 am: Hike - Catskill 3500 peak(s) TBD
- Friday February 9, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Ruby's in New Paltz
- Tuesday February 13 Board meeting at 6:30 followed by brief Club meeting and Informational Program beginning at 7:00.
- Tuesday February 20, 6:00 pm. After the Holidays dinner at Frank Guido's Little Italy - no pre-payment required but advanced notice of participation requested
- Friday February 23, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Stella's in Kingston
- Friday **March 8** - Ski and Lunch with Robbie at Hunter
- Tuesday March 12, 6:30 pm. Board and regular Club meetings
- Saturday March 16 - NJSSC President's race at Hunter
- Tuesday March 26, 7 pm - Meeting and Informational Program

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



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## ***INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS***

### **Tuesday February 13, 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 boot 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.

### **Tuesday March 26, 2024 7:00 pm**

**Jeff Senterman**, Executive Director of the Catskill Center will provide an overview and update on Catskill Park initiatives including implementation of the Catskill Advisory Group's final report and the pilot Visitor Use Management project at Kaaterskill Clove. He will take a look back at the 2023 season for the Catskills Visitor Center and Catskill Stewards Program, and successful Catskill Center advocacy in Albany for Catskill Park funding. Questions and discussions will be welcome throughout the presentation.

Jeff joined the Catskill Center in 2015 after working for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference as the program coordinator for the region and then as their manager of regional trail programs. He has worked as an environmental planner for the Maine Land use Regulation Commission and Waterman Design Associates. Jeff also worked as a New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation assistant forest ranger in Greene County.

An avid hiker and outdoorsman, Jeff spends a lot of time exploring in the Catskills, Adirondacks and New England. He currently serves on the Board of the American Hiking Society, the Catskills Watershed Corporation and the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. Jeff Holds a BS from Lyndon State College in VT with a concentration in environmental science.

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## ***HAPPY HOURS FOR FEBRUARY***

### **Friday February 9, 5:30 pm: Ruby Restaurant and Bar**

5 New Paltz Plaza  
New Paltz, NY 12561

### **Friday February 23, 5:30 pm: Stella's**

44 N. Front Street  
Kingston, NY 12401

Photo below from Happy Hour at Los Jalapenos on January 5, 2024 (cr S. Wingard)



## ***OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES***

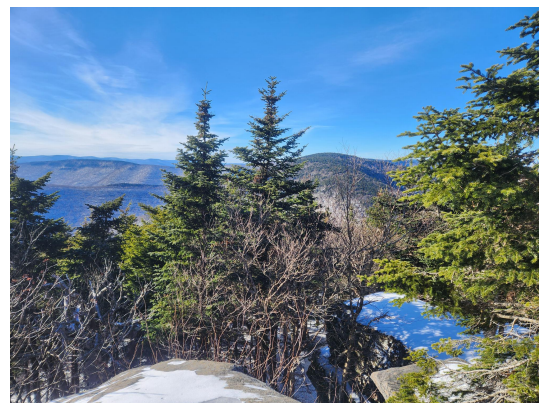


On Monday January 15, three Club members embraced the cold but sunny weather to hike Indian Head and Twin. Micro spikes were required but not snowshoes and on the trip down we saw that a bear had crossed out trail within the 15 minutes or so we were at the top. On Saturday January 20, we snowshoed up Bearpen and Vly following a good track. Fortunately, the forecasted minus 24 windchill on the top of Vly was only experienced periodically with short gusts.

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 Thursday February 8** - long-term weather forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and temperatures close to 40. Location and meeting place/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 other recreational areas.

(Photos below from the Indian Head/Twin hike and from the top of Vly, signing into the cannister.)







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

### **Ski and lunch with Robbie**

Hunter Mountain, Friday, March 8. Please bring a dish to share. Table cloths, paper plates, and plastic cutlery will be supplied. Plan to meet in Colonel's Hall at 12 noon for lunch. For questions or suggestions contact Rob (845) 338-1537.

### **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](mailto:jeff_huth@hotmail.com) and provide your cell phone number.

## **SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Information for TSSC affiliated organizations will be displayed here.**

***New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council*** have announced the following for 2023/'24.

**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** is sponsoring the following trips

## Eastern Trips to Epic Pass resorts-

- Stowe - February 12 - 15
- Gore - March 12 - 15

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

## Racing

### NJSSC Race Program

The **State race** originally planned for February 10, will not be held this year.

The **President's race** will again be held at Hunter on **Saturday March 16, 2024**. Further details on the event and registration will be provided as received.

### 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.

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Photo below of part of the TSSC contingent on top of **Mt. Tremblant** (NJSSC Trip) on January 30. A beautiful, sunny day with plenty of snow cover in most areas - including the glades, reasonable temperatures, good conditions and great camaraderie. (photo cr. S. Wingard)



## CLUB BUSINESS

### Board Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2024

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder on January 9, 2024 at Sky View restaurant.

Present: Skip Alford, Katie Viglielmo, Mike Griffin, Kathie Quick.

The membership list is showing 93 current members. Jim Wise updated it to 98.

Dale will pull prior year members not yet renewed for the board to call.

Diana Ziegenfelder said that she had provisionally booked Old Savannah for May 3 for the Spring Banquet. She is also investigating Mountain View and Stone Hedge.

Dale reported that the New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council State Race is on Feb 10 at Pico. Pricing will hopefully be available shortly.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

### Regular Meeting

In President Rob Fletcher's absence, Jeff Huth opened the meeting at 7:10 pm

Dale Ziegenfelder reviewed the discussion at the prior Board meeting addressing current membership levels, tentative plans for the Spring banquet and the NJSSC race scheduled at Pico on February 10.

Regarding membership, Jim Wise indicated that as of the meeting date, 98 people (including several new members) had paid dues for 2024. Membership cards were distributed to meeting attendees. Cards will also be distributed at the After the Holidays dinner and meeting on January 23 after which the remainder will be mailed out.

Jeff reviewed upcoming activities:

- Programs - Dale's program on boot alignment will be re-scheduled due to low attendance, On January 23 - Gio Holmquist from Pro Ski and Ride will deliver a program on advanced ski tuning
- After Holidays dinner - scheduled for January 16 at Frank Guido's Little Italy, Inform Lisa by tomorrow 1/10 **latest**. Not sure if servers will want to issue separate checks so probably better to plan to divide up bill by table
- Winter Hikes will be held. The next one is scheduled for Saturday January 20 - probably a 3500 peak. Specific peak to be selected depending on amount of snow

- Ski Racing
  - NJSSC State race to be held at Pico February 10 - information on fielding a TSSC team, costs, accommodations to be distributed soon.
  - President's Race - will be held March 16 at Hunter
  - The Masters races held at Hunter on January 6/7 were discussed. The race team and participants faced freshly layed down snow and variable conditions for the slalom race on Saturday and the heavy dump of natural snow over night for Sunday's GS race.
- WhatsApp group for skiing - Jeff Huth has set up a TSSC WhatsApp group for brief communications of skiing plans and conditions. Several people joined at the meeting. If you would like to join, contact Jeff.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Minutes submitted by Jeff Huth

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

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

#### **Club Officers**

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

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Skip Alford (4/'25) 481-2898

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

Katie Viglielmo (4/'24) 594-4359

Kathie Quick (4/'25) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459



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

Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

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

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

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