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TRAILSWEEPINGS

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President's Corner

The opportunity to ski in the Catskill Mountains is soon to end. If interested, there is still good skiing in the New England resorts. Many of us are turning our recreational interests elsewhere. For example, I will soon be on my boat fishing for Striped Bass on the Hudson River.

Jeff Senterman, Ex. Dir. of the Catskill Center gave a presentation on March 26th on various activities and initiatives occurring in the Catskill Park region.

Please mark your calendar for the following three, upcoming TSSC events:

April 9th - Election of Officers and Directors

May 3rd - Spring Banquet

June 15th - Almost Summer Bash

Happy Easter Holiday

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.

meeting beginning at 7:00 pm **including annual election of Officers and Directors.**

On Tuesday **April 23** a Club business meeting will be held beginning at 7 pm.

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>

SPRING BANQUET

Friday, May 3rd, 6 - 10 pm
Ole Savannah, 100 Roundout Landing, Kingston, NY

\$35 pp (with CASH BAR) for TSSC and HVSC Members

Non-Members \$ 45 pp

Buffet Style Dinner includes: Salad, Pork Sliders, Salmon, Beef & Chicken Entrees, Mac & Cheese, Seasonal Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee and Tea upon request

Dancing with music by "Bodie's Basement Band"

Please RSVP by April 26 sending a check payable to TSSC and the information below to:

Diana Ziegenfelder
85 High Rocks Road
Woodstock, NY 12498

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Diana also plans to be at the Club meeting on April 23 to collect checks or cash.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tuesday **April 9** - Board and General Club Meetings with Annual Elections
- Friday April 12 - Happy Hour at Christina's Restaurant Kingston
- Tuesday April 23 - Club Business Meeting
- Friday April 26 - Happy Hour at Ole Savannah Kingston
- Friday **May 3** - Spring Banquet at Ole Savannah Kingston
- Tuesday May 14 - Board and regular Club Meetings
- Tuesday May 28 - Informational Program on History of Kingston
- Saturday **June 15** - Almost Summer Bash at 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.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Tuesday May 28 - 7:00 pm

A Rare Look at Kingston's Neighborhoods and Industries

Join historian/filmmaker Stephen Blauweiss who will be presenting a free 90-minute multimedia presentation exploring historic Rondout, Uptown, and Midtown Kingston, with 200+ rare images, many fun stories, and lots of "Then & Now" comparisons. The diverse subjects include: the Old Post Office, garment and other industries, architecture, and classic local businesses.

Based on the 500 page book with 900 images, *The Story of Historic Kingston*, this presentation is informative and entertaining for natives as well as newcomers. There will also be time for Q&A. Whether you're a novice or an expert you'll be surprised how much there is to discover—this is not your 8th grade history class!

About the Presenter

A native of Manhattan, Stephen Blauweiss is an historian with over 30 years experience as

work on a wide variety of subjects, from art and education to social and environmental issues. He has produced over 75 short films, including three features. Twenty of his short films about artists have aired on American Public Television and have been screened in museums and festivals across the U.S., Europe and Canada, including the New York State Museum, Mass Moca, the Albany Institute of History & Art, and the Dorsky Museum of Art.

He co-produced and co-directed the 2016 documentary *Lost Rondout: A Story of Urban Removal*. Blauweiss is also directing *Sharkey & His Pals*, a feature documentary in production. Blauweiss and his partner Karen Berelowitz have published two books: *The Life & Death of the Kingston Post Office* in 2018 and *The Story of Historic Kingston* in 2022. They are currently working on a new book about Leuven, Belgium.

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.



HAPPY HOURS FOR APRIL

Friday April 12, 5:30 pm: Christina's Restaurant

812 Ulster Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday April 26, 5:30 pm: Ole Savannah Southern Table and Bar

100 Rondout Landing
Kingston, NY 12401



If you would like to propose (or better yet, lead) a hike, please speak with hiking chair, Steve Wingard. 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.



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

Road Cycling

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

starting with wheels down at 6 pm unless otherwise communicated - typically on relatively flat sections of the Wallkill Valley, Ashokan or Hudson Valley rail trails in Ulster and Dutchess County. The routes are typically 13 - 15 miles and are always out and back so you can return at any time, and no one is left behind. Rides are normally followed by "tailgating" so bring a folding chair, beverage, and food to share if you like. If not already receiving them, let Rick know if you would like to be added to the e-mail list (rjje@msn.com) or text at (914) 443-4060.

The **2024 schedule and rail trail parking area meeting points** as communicated by Rick so far (to be confirmed via weekly e-mail) are as follows:

April 29: Tony Williams Park, Highland, NY - paved

May 6: (behind) Page Lumber, Poughkeepsie, NY - paved

May 13: Railroad Museum. Hopewell Junction, NY - paved

May 20: BOCES, New Paltz - compacted gravel

May 27: Kiln Parking Lot, Rosendale, NY - compacted gravel

June 3: Rockwell Lane, Kingston, NY - compacted gravel

June 10: Russell Road, Hurley, NY - gravel

June 17: Ashokan, West Hurley, NY - compacted gravel

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



SKI SEASON IS WINDING DOWN

SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Information for trips sponsored by TSSC affiliated organizations will be displayed here.

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council have announced the following for 2025 with additional details to be communicated in the future.

Mt. Tremblant, Canada – February 9 - February 14, 2025

Note: This is the third consecutive year for this trip which was very well attended by TSSC and HVSC members in the past. **It will no doubt fill up fast so if you are interested you should register soon.** Links to the flyer and registration form are included here.

Flyer

- https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/605fb822-5541-e5ba-84b1-5223a7ec1e2a/2025_Tremblant_Flyer.pdf

Registration Form

https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/aff87ff9-fcfd-0409-420b-5b86ec2ada24/2025_NJSSC_Trem_Reservation_Form.pdf

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 ski trips in 2024/2025: TBD
Information and links for each trip when available can be found in the Ski

Note: HVSC, supported by Collette Tours, is also planning a trip in October 2024 to Spain and Portugal. Information can be found on their Club website.

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2024

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder at Sky View restaurant. Present: Mike Griffin, Skip Alford, Katie Viglielmo, Kathie Quick.

Skip reported that he had queried the other officers on behalf of the nominating committee of Kathie and Skip and confirmed that all were willing to run for an additional term.

The board reviewed the calls to members who had not yet renewed their memberships. More are calls yet to be made. We will discuss the results when the calls are complete.

Kathie was able to reserve Freer Park for Saturday June 15 for the almost summer bash. The club paid the park fee, Kathie left a personal check for the cleanup deposit.
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Kathie Quick at 7:15 PM.

In Attendance: Kathie Quick, Dale Z, Diana Z, Jim Wise, Skip Alford, Yvonne Baker, David Hersch, Lisa Olivett, Rudy, Donna Matthews, Kaitlana Viglielmo, Jeff V, V Griffin, M Griffin

Members are encouraged to renew their memberships as soon as possible.

Skip announced the following recommendations from the nominating committee:

Mike Griffin for board member

Steve Wingard for board member

Rob Fletcher for President

Jeff Huth for Executive VP

Dale Ziegenfelder for Administrative VP/Board Chairman

Members discussed the possibility of obtaining a post office box for club mail.

3/26 TSSC General Meeting and Informational program - The topic of the presentation is The Catskill Park.

5/3 Spring Banquet at Ole Savannah. Club will subsidize dinners for members. (cost will be \$35 per person)

6/15 Almost Summer Bash at Freer Park. cornhole games!!!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Matthews - Secretary

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) 594-4359

Kathie Quick (4/'25) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

Committee Chairs

Membership - Jim Wise 914-474-1588, Membership@trailsweepers.org

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

Media

Facebook- Jean Pavone 518-527-4670

Instagram - Katie Viglielmo 594-4359

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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