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TRAILSWEEPINGS

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President's Corner

As we approach the July 4th Holiday, we have experienced decent weather to enjoy our sport and social activities. We had a successful day at the Outdoor Catskill Expo held on June 8th. Our thanks go out to Katie V. for coordinating the TSSC booth. On June 11th Jeff delivered an Informational Program on a recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. Thank you, Jeff, for sharing some great pics from your trip. The Almost Summer Bash was a huge success held on June 15th. Thanks to the TSSC Board for organizing this event. Also, thanks to Steve W. for coordinating the corn hole competition.

Our sporting activities have continued with hiking headed by Steve and Kayaking with Yvonne and Skip at the helm. See more sport activities scheduled for July in this issue of Trailsweepings.

There are a number of ski trips planned for 2025. The HVSC and the NJ Ski Council have posted the trips on their respective websites.

Programs will again start in September after taking a break for July and August. On September 24th, we will have Joy Damon from the Cary Institute, who will discuss several projects that are part of the Catskill Science Collaborative.

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 9** we will hold a Board meeting at 7:00 pm followed by a regular Club meeting beginning at 7:30 pm. **This will be the only Club 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>

ANNUAL ALMOST SUMMER BASH RE-CAP

Once again, the Board planned and hosted a well-attended fun day to kick-off the summer season of sports and social activities under sunny skies. In addition to food, beverages and camaraderie, there were opportunities for kayaking and cycling earlier in the day and a corn hole tournament during the picnic. Check out the photos on the Club's Facebook page via the link at the bottom of the Newsletter.

The corn hole tournament had 14 teams participating on three courts. Congratulations to Steve and Sandy for winning with Carol and Jim T. giving them some intense competition in the final round. Katie V. designed some special prizes for the event.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped organize the day, purchased supplies

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **July 5** - 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at Hofman House Kingston, NY
- Monday July 8, Guided hike to Shingle Gully, Sam's Point Preserve. Mandatory sign-up with S. Wingard.
- Tuesday July 9, 7:00 pm, Board and General Club Meeting
- Wednesday July 10 - 10:00 am. Kayaking on the Hudson in Highland, NY
- Friday July 19 - 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at Stone House Tavern Accord, NY
- Monday July 22, Guided hike to Shingle Gully, Sam's Point Preserve. Mandatory sign-up with S. Wingard.
- Tuesday **August 13**, 7:00 pm, Board and General Club Meeting
- Wednesday August 14, 10:00 am - Kayaking on the Rondout from Sleightsburg
- Tuesday **September 10**, 6:30 pm, Board and General Club Meeting
- Wednesday September 11, 10:00 am Kayaking on the Hudson in Cold Spring
- Tuesday September 24 - Informational Program with Joy Damon of the Catskill Science Collaborative
- Saturday **November 23** - Hold the date for a joint "start of the ski season" dinner-dance with HVSC

Our annual planning meeting will be held in the Fall this year. In the past we have held some special events planned and coordinated by members e.g. race day at Saratoga, Woodstock Shakespeare festival, Tanglewood concert, mini-golf, disc golf at Kingston Point. If you have additional suggestions and/or would like to serve as coordinator for one of those listed above, please inform Rob and Jeff Huth (jeff_huth@hotmail.com) for Club email blast and inclusion in the newsletter and website calendar. Thanks in advance for stepping up.

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.

HOLD THE DATE

Saturday November 23, 2024. Joint TSSC/HVSC Dinner-Dance at Stonehedge in West

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday, September 24**, Joy Damon will present an information program on the Catskill Science Collaborative. The CSC is a program run out of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies that coordinates research in the Catskill region with the goal of improving natural resource management outcomes. She will talk about various projects that the CSC has completed and in progress, with a focus on their work regarding hiking trails and local ecology.

Joy is the coordinator of the CSC as well as a former fellow of the program, where she studied perceptions of trail risk and difficulty in hiking areas in the Catskills. In 2014 she completed a BA degree in Environmental Studies, Biology, and English at Guilford College in North Carolina, and in 2023 completed an MS degree at SUNY ESF in Natural Resources under Dr. Diane Kuehn.--

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 JULY

Friday July 5 - 5:30 pm. Hoffman House

94 North Front Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday July 19 - 5:30 pm. Stone House Tavern

4802 Route 209
Accord, NY 12404

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



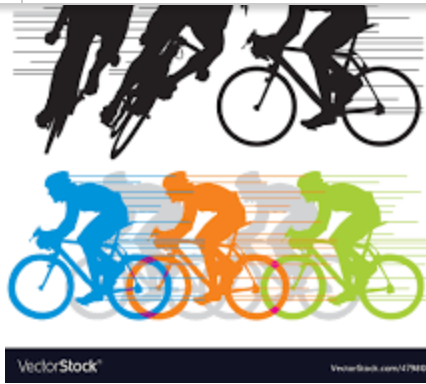
Shingle Gully Hikes

Two hikes have been reserved exclusively for Trailsweepers guided by Sam's Point docents Dale W. and Brett G. to this special ecological area. This is a challenging hike with great rewards. Each hike is limited to 10 participants. You can check it out at Sam's Point website. The date options offered for these unique hikes will be **July 8 & July 22**.

Contact Steve Wingard (call or text. 845-532-7458) with questions. **As of now the hikes are full but there may be cancellations so check with Steve if interested.** Steve will need your email and phone number to provide to Dale.

As always, you should plan to wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring plenty of water and proper clothing. Hiking poles can help also.

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 6:00 pm from the O & W Building (former Daily Freeman building) 97 Hurley Avenue, Kingston this year as Dietz Stadium is under construction.

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

Trailsweepers 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 via e-mail**) are as follows:

July

- 7/1 Poughkeepsie- HVRT Behind Page Lumber
- 7/8 Hopewell Junction- HVRT Depot Museum
- 7/15 New Paltz- WVRT Behind BOCE's

August

8/5 Hurley - Russell Rd & Rt 209

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



KAYAKING

TSSC Kayaking is back again strong for 2024 with the next outing to be held on **Wednesday July 10 at 10 am on The Hudson via the Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park in Highland, NY.**

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.

The complete schedule for the remainder of the season is shown below:

- Wednesday August 14th 10 am,- Rondout Creek, Sleightsburgh Park, Port Ewen
- Wednesday September 11th 10 am , Foundry Dock, Cold Spring
- October 7th 10am,- Ramshorn Preserve, Dutchman Landing Park, Catskill (last paddle followed by picnic for everyone that has paddled any of the days this year)

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



2024/2025 SKI SEASON

SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Trips for the '24/'25 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:

Meribel France - January 17 - 25, 2025

Mont Tremblant, Canada – February 9 – February 14, 2025. **This trip is now closed out.**

Sun Valley, Idaho – February 22 – March 1, 2025. Please [click here](#) for a

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 focusing mainly on IKON resorts for this coming year:

Jan 12-16 – **Stratton VT**

Jan 25 - Feb 1 – **Mammoth Mountain CA** (ski-in/ski-out)

Feb 9-14 – **Mt Tremblant QC** (similar accommodations as 2023 trip)

Feb 24-28 – **Whiteface Lake Placid NY**

Mar 8 - 15 – **Big Sky MT** (premium lodging – Huntley Lodge)

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CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes June 11

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder. Present: Steve Wingard, Mike Griffin, Katie Viglielmo, Kathie Quick, Skip Alford. The board organized jobs to run the Almost Summer Bash.

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Rob F at Skyview Restaurant

- The Board of Directors meeting report was presented by Dale Z
- Membership: TSSC has 113 paid members, one new member this monthWelcome!
- Catskill Mountain Expo: THANK YOU to Kate V for organizing this event. It was noted that we need additional TSSC business cards to hand out at events

Upcoming events:

We welcome new ideas for future activities

Discussion about a Fall Kick-Off Party, possibly a joint event with HVSC at Stonehedge Restaurant

Archipelago in Ecuador. Thank you, Jeff!
Respectfully submitted, Donna Matthews - Secretary

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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

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Mike Griffin (4/'26) 914-388-7558

Katie Viglielmo (4/'26) 594-4359

Kathie Quick (4/'25) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'26) 532-7459

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Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

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



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