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TRAILSWEEPINGS

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President's Corner

We are grateful of the beauty of the Spring season. The grass is growing, the leaves from trees are showing, and the flowers are blooming. So, whether you like to run, bike, hike, kayak, or pursue some other outside activity, the time has arrived. Fo me that means it's time for striper fishing on the Hudson River.

I hope you made your reservations for our Spring Banquet. A big "Thank You" goes out to Diana and Karen for organizing this event.

TSSC will host a program, "A Rare Look at Kingston's Neighborhood and Industries", on May 28th at 7:00. This program will be presented by historian, filmmaker, and author Stephen Blauweiss .

Mark your calendars for the Almost Summer Bash to be held on June 15th. TSSC also has a host of other sport and social events to be held this Spring.
HAPPY SPRING

Robbie

CLUB MEETINGS

On **Tuesday May 14** there will be a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a Club meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

On **Tuesday May 28** beginning at 7:00 pm there will be a short Club business meeting followed by an Informational Program.

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>

TSSC's Spring Banquet: Friday May 3, 2024: 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Ole Savannah - 100 Rondout Landing Kingston, NY

Those who have signed up will be enjoying a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to a live band in the private, outdoor event facility (tent) adjacent to the main building.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **May 3**, 5:30 pm: Spring Banquet at Ole Savannah - Kingston, NY
- Wednesday May 8, 9:00 am, Hike at Shaupaneak Ridge - Esopus, NY
- Friday May 10, 5:30 pm Happy Hour at The Anchorage - Eddyville, NY
- Tuesday May 14, 6:30 pm Board and General Club Meetings
- Wednesday May 22, 10:00 am, First Kayak paddle, Chodikee Lake - Highland, NY
- Friday May 24, 5:30 pm Happy Hour at Keegan Ales
- Tuesday May 28, 7:00 pm, Informational Program
- Saturday **June 15**, Almost Summer Bash picnic- 12 noon, Port Ewen, NY

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 an independent filmmaker and graphic designer, encompassing all aspects from concept through final production, including photography and photo retouching. Blauweiss produces 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 MAY

Friday May 10, 5:30 pm - The Anchorage

182 Canal Street
Eddyville, NY 12401

Friday May 24, 5:30 pm - Keegan Ales

20 St James Street
Kingston, NY 12401

(Note: The B-Boyz band will be playing that night starting at 8 pm.)



Saturday June 15, George Freer Park 104 Canal St. Port Ewen, NY

Once again, the Board will plan and host a fun day to kick-off the summer season of sports and social activities. In addition to food, beverages and camaraderie, there will be an opportunity for kayaking and cycling earlier in the day and a corn hole tournament during the picnic.

The Almost Summer Bash will be free for current, active members with a nominal fee requested for guests of members (this would be a great opportunity to introduce friends to the benefits of joining the club) and former members.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



First Hike of the Spring season.

Wednesday May 8, 9:00 am

Shaupaneak Ridge, 143 Poptown Road Esopus, NY.

We will explore the network of trails on the Scenic Hudson property atop Shaupaneak Ridge which includes a lookout towards the Hudson, a hike around a glacial pond with beaver dam and an informational loop on the life of Sojourner Truth.

Meet at the parking area next to Lake Louise on Popeltown road at 9 am.

You can reach the parking area either from Union Center Road or Old Post road - heading south on 9W make a right on Old Post by the Esopus Fire House. A few of us may elect to do a longer hike up the white trail and then to the lake and start around 7:30 am from the other Scenic Hudson parking area

It would be nice to have a good turnout for this very accessible hike. Please let hiking chair, Steve Wingard, know if you plan to attend (text or call 845-532-7459).



"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 the former Freeman Building on Hurley Ave. at 6 pm this year since 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

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 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

The **2024 schedule and rail trail parking area meeting points (wheels down at 6 pm)** as communicated by Rick so far (to be confirmed via weekly e-mail) are as follows:

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.*



KAYAKING

TSSC Kayaking is back again for 2024 thanks to Yvonne and Skip.

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 site a half hour before we shove off. The times listed in the

The schedule for the season is listed below:

- Wednesday May 22nd - 10 am Chodikey Lake, 900 N. Chodikey Lake Road, Highland
- Saturday June 15th - 9 am Freer Park, Port Ewen (Almost Summer Bash)
- Wednesday July 10th - 10 am, Bob Shepard Park Launch, Highland/Town of Loyd
- 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

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SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Trips for the '24/25 season are being planned/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.

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 flyer.

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

The **tentative** list of trips below is being considered but have not yet been confirmed so check their website periodically for details as they are finalized.

Dec 6-8 – Smugglers' VT (Brewfest weekend)

January TBD – Sugarbush VT (return to Sugar Lodge?)

Jan 13-16 – Stratton VT (condos, also ski Killington))

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

Feb 9-13 – Mt Tremblant QC (similar accommodations as 2023 trip)

Feb 24-26 – Lake Placid NY (ski Whiteface or Gore)

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

Additional information and links for each trip when available can be found

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes April 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:35, Present: Steve, Katie, Kathie, Jeff, Rob1.

- Calls to delinquent members: Some people have not answered or returned messages.

Board members will help with people they know.

-Catskill Welcome Center Table: It will be on June 8. Board members are in favor. Katie & Maureen and maybe Yvonne and Skit will help. Cost will be \$50. to be voted on by membership

- Almost Summer Bash Saturday June 15 Freer Park Beach Pavilion Canal Street, Port Ewen 12 Noon-5 PM

Activities? Who can take care of what?

Biking: C & J Tomassetti will help organize it

Kayaking: Skip and Yvonne

Corn Hole: Steve Wingard

Other? Katie will try to find other yard games and prizes

Who's bringing what?

Grills: We need two grills

Meat: Kathie Burgers, Frankfurters, Veggie Burgers Katie: Chicken

Buns: ? Mike did it last year

Beer: Steve

Soda, flavored Seltzer Steve

Water Katie

Wine? possibly box wine white & red Kathie

Condiments Steve & Skip

Utensils Steve & Skip

Coolers Steve & Skip

Take Home Garbage Dale, Mike ????? We need a few volunteers.

Regular Meetings -

April 9

Meeting was called to order at 7:10

Welcome new members!

Elections were held. Results as follows:

President Rob Fletcher

Secretary Donna Matthews

Treasurer Karen Spinozzi

Board Members Kate V.igliemo, Mike Griffin, Steve Wingard

Upcoming events:

April 26 Happy Hour Ole Savannah at 5:30 pm

May 3 Spring Banquet Ole Savannah at 6:00 pm

June 15 Almost Summer Bash at Freer Park - activities will include
cornhole and biking,

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Matthews - Secretary

April 23

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by President, Rob Fletcher

No Board Meeting was held this evening.

Officers' election results were announced again

Membership update: - 108 paid members, 6 new members

Social media update: no report

Upcoming Activities:

May 3 Spring Banquet 5:30-9:30 (Diana Z)

May 22 First kayak paddle 10am (Yvonne and Skip)

May 28 Information program 7pm at Sky View Restaurant - topic: history of Rondout area and uptown Kingston

Rail Trail bike rides will take place on Monday evenings. Road Cycling Thursday evenings

June 8 event at Ashokan Center.

volunteers needed to staff TSSC table (Dale Z)

June 15 Almost Summer Bash at Freer Park

2 grills are needed (Kathie Quick)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Matthews - Secretary

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2024/2025

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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Fall Kick-off - TBD

Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

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

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