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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

We are in the last one third of the summer season. Although it is still very warm weather, many of us have been thinking about snow and making plans for ski trips. We are still having summer fun while we plan for the winter.

In another section of this issue of Trailsweepings is a list of upcoming activities. For example, a visit to Storm King Art Center tomorrow, Friday, August 2nd. We will have Club picnic on August 13th at Kingston Point. We continue to host a number of events such as bike riding, kayaking among other activities. So come on out and get involved.

ENJOY ALL THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER

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.

For August we will hold the monthly meeting(s) along with a picnic at Kingston Point Beach on **Tuesday August 13 starting at 5:00 pm**. The Club will supply grilled hamburgers and

attendance for planning.

Meeting Venue: Kingston Point Beach pavilion

102 - 144 Delaware Avenue

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>

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **August 2**, 10:00 am - Visit to Storm King Art Center, New Windsor. **To carpool, meet at Kingston Thruway Park and Ride at 8:45.**
- Friday August 9, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Great Life Brewery/Red Maple Vineyard, West Park, NY
- Tuesday August 13, 2:00 pm - Kayaking ahead of meetings/picnic Kingston Point
- Tuesday August 13, 5:00 pm - Monthly meetings with Picnic at Kingston Point
- Sunday August 18, 2:30 pm. Symphony Concert at Tanglewood
- Wednesday August 21, 10:00 am - Kayaking Rondout Creek, Sleightsburg Park, Port Ewen
- Friday August 23, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Rondout Yacht Basin (BYOB)
- 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
- Wednesday **October 9** , 10:00 am - Kayaking in Catskill followed by picnic for those having attended any outings during the season
- Tuesday October 22, 7:00 pm - Informational Program by Steve Maggio from Belleayre.
- Saturday **November 23** - Hold the date for a "start of the ski season" dinner-dance with HVSC

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: Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance

Saturday November 23, 2024. Joint TSSC/HVSC Dinner-Dance at Stonehedge in West Park, NY to celebrate the start of the ski season. Additional information to be communicated once confirmed.

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.

On **Tuesday, October 22**, Steve Maggio from Sales and Marketing at Belleayre Mountain, will offer a program on new developments and future plans at the ski resort.

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 AUGUST

Friday August 9, 5:30 pm - Great Life Brewery at Red Maple Vineyard

103 Burroughs Drive
West Park, NY 12493.

Friday August 23, 5:30 pm - Outdoor Cafe at Rondout Yacht Basin

102 1st Street
Connelly, NY 12417

(No alcohol served so BYOB encouraged if you like)

Ride/Run/Walk for Cancer Care (12, 25, 50 mile bike ride/5K Run/Walk) Sunday, September 22, 2024

Events start at the Freeman Building - 79 Hurley Avenue - due to the work at Dietz Stadium. New for this year, the walk/run will take place on the recently opened, paved, Kingston section of the O & W Rail Trail.

Become a TSSC Team Participant and/or Support Our Team Via Donations!

TSSC will again have a team (organized by Jackie Olivet) participating in the 21st year of this worthy community event to benefit the Rosemary D Gruner Memorial Fund of the Benedictine Hospital Foundation. This benefit provides funds to those in our community who are on their personal cancer journeys and because of limited means, need assistance with transportation costs or food, etc., as part of their cancer care. *All funds raised are given out locally.*

We also participate in memory of family, friends, and TSSC members who have passed away from cancer and in support of other family, friends, and TSSC members who have battled cancer and are survivors.

To join the team and/or make a donation towards the team's goal you can use the

Trailsweepers Team Page:

<https://secure.ggijv.com/event/bfcc2024/team/962501/>

Donation Page (if using this link, specify donating to Trailsweepers for the Club to get credit):

<https://secure.ggijv.com/event/bfcc2024/account/1797164/donate/>

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



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.



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

Club members 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 weekly e-mail**) are as follows:

August

- 8/5 Hurley Rail Trail - Russell Rd & Rt 209
- 8/12 Ashokan Rail Trail - off route 28 West Hurley
- 8/19 Tony Williams Park, Highland
- 8/26 Behind Page Lumber, Poughkeepsie

September

- 9/2 Depot Parking Area, Hopewell Junction
- 9/9 Behind Boces, New Paltz
- 9/16 Kiln Parking Area, Rosendale
- 9/23 Rockwell Lane, Kingston

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

Benedictine Health Foundation Annual Benefit - September 22

O+ Festival Rides - October X



KAYAKING

The next outing to be held on **Tuesday August 13 at 2 pm** ahead of the August meetings/picnic at Kingston Point Beach.

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 schedule for the rest of the season:

- Wednesday August 21, 10 am,- Rondout Creek, Sleightsburgh Park, Port Ewen (**note - this is a change from August 14**)
- Wednesday September 11th, 10 am , Foundry Dock, Cold Spring
- Wednesday October 9th, 10am,- Ramshorn Preserve, Dutchman Landing Park, Catskill (last paddle followed by picnic for everyone that has paddled any of the days this year)

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SKI SEASON WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT

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 for 2024/'25:

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 flyer.

Mt. Washington Hotel/Breton Woods, NH - March 2 - 7, 2025

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](#)

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)

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>

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes - July 9, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40 PM.

Present: Mike Griffin, Steve Wingard, Katie Viglielmo, Skip Alford, Jeff Huth, Kathie Quick
75th Anniversary Banquet/Party - Dinner Wiltwyck \$71.

Band \$400. possible 75 + members, former members and guests Club will subsidize to some extent

Three Prices Options considered

1. \$71. per person no subsidy from club
2. \$20. (\$51. per person) subsidy cost to the club \$1500.
3. \$11. (\$60. per person) subsidy cost to the club \$800.

Other Possible Summer Activities?

Jean Tanglewood Lawn Tickets/Picnic August 18 (possible rain date 8/25)

Skip Kayak/Camping Islands in Lake George in September

Dave H Possible Kayak Swap and Sell with Jess Hicks "A Day Away Kayak Rentals" either this fall or next Spring

Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kathie Quick

Regular Meeting

Among the range of topics covered, we discussed upcoming and potential activities and events over the coming months.

Tuesday August 13 - we will hold the August meeting at Kingston Point park starting at 5 pm. The Club will supply food for grilling and attendees are requested to bring beverages, a salad/side dish and/or dessert to share. For people interested in kayaking on the river

by Jean Pavone and Jackie Olivet. Lawn ticket price - \$ 32 pp. Plan to bring your own lawn chair/blanket, food and beverages. **Program on 8/18 - Boston Sun, Symphony Orchestra Earl Lee, conductor, Yo-Yo Ma, cello**

Other Summer activities requiring specific dates/additional information

Race Day at Saratoga - Mike Griffin to select and communicate a date - probably a Thursday or Friday

Visit to Storm King Art Center (personal guided tour by noted crane artist Steve Wingard) - Steve will investigate and supply additional information

Clearwater Sailing from Kingston - Katie V. to secure additional information

Mini-Golf - ???

Disc Golf - ???

Farther Out Activities

Benedictine Health Foundation fund-raiser benefit ride/run/walk - September 22

North/South Lake Hike/Picnic - October TBD

Additional Possibilities

Kayak camping on Lake George

Winery Bike Tour in New Paltz

Group participation at Headless Horseman

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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Social Events

After the Holidays - Lisa Olivett 542-3945

Fall Kick-off - Patrick Cummins and Jeff Huth

Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312

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