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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

It is time for the change of the seasons .As we end summer and enter the fall season, we plan for the transitions corresponding to these seasonal changes. Beginning in September TSSC will resume our bi-weekly meetings which will be held at 7:00 on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Sky View Restaurant on 237 Forest Drive in Kingston.

We have had active sport and social activities during the summer season and will continue an active list of Club events as we move forward into the fall. A list of activities can be found in this issue of Trailsweepings. I want to say "Thank You" for those individuals who coordinated TSSC events this summer and a " Thank You " for all who participated. I greatly appreciate your involvement.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday September 24th for our informational program featuring Joy Damon from the Cary Institute of Ecosystems Studies. She will speak on hiking trails and local ecology.

Robbie

in the summer. Note: Changes will be communicated via President's e-mail.

On **Tuesday September 10** there will be a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a regular Club meeting.

On **Tuesday September 24** there will be a short Club meeting at 7:00 pm 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>

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **September 6**, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Ole Savannah
- Tuesday September 10, 6:30 pm, Board and General Club Meeting
- Wednesday September 11, 10:00 am Kayaking on the Hudson in Cold Spring
- Thursday September 12, Disc Golf at Kingston Point Park, 4:00 pm. To be followed by Pizza at Sorry Charlie's.
- Friday September 20, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at North Street Tavern (Upstairs, outdoor bar),
- Sunday September 22 - Benedictine Health Foundation run/walk/bike fundraiser event for cancer care.
- Tuesday September 24 - Informational Program with Joy Damon of the Catskill Science Collaborative
- Tuesday **October 1** - Renewing members payment of dues requested. \$ 28/person with early payment discount available (details in Club Business section of Newsletter).
- Sunday October 6, 10:00 am - North/South Lake hikes and Picnic
- Tuesday October 8, 6:30 pm, Board and General Club Meeting

- Tuesday October 22, 7:00 pm - Informational Program by Steve Maggio from Belleayre.
- Saturday **November 23**, 6:00 pm - "Start of the Ski Season" dinner-dance with HVSC at Stonehedge Restaurant

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.

Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance Saturday November 23, Stonehedge Restaurant

Make your plans for the **"Start of the Ski Season" party with Hudson Valley Ski Club members at Stonehedge in West Park on Saturday November 23 at 6 pm**. The meal offering is a served dinner including soup, salad, rolls/butter, 3 entree choices (vegetarian option available on request), soft drinks, dessert, and tea/coffee. There will also be a cash bar with cheese/crackers and vegetable crudities available prior to dinner. We plan to have a DJ, but that is not yet confirmed.

The cost will be \$ 50 per person. There is an upper limit of 120 people, and we need to communicate final numbers and entree choices ahead of the event so when the reservation form is emailed later this week, plan to respond to secure your place ASAP. **Entree choices and check made out to Trailsweepers or TSSC should be sent prior to November 8** to: Jeff Huth - 9 Amy Court Kingston, NY 12401.

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,

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 SEPTEMBER

Friday September 6, 5:30 pm - Ole Savannah

100 Rondout Landing
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday September 20, 5:30 pm - Front Street Tavern (Rooftop Bar)

63 N. Front Street
Kingston, NY 12401

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!

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.

On the event website you can find testimonials from local residents expressing gratitude for the support they have received from the funds raised at prior year events. **Thanks to everyone who has already joined the team and/or donated. We are currently at 89 % of the modest team goal set for this year so now is a good time to consider supporting this worthy, local cause.**

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

Trailsweepers Team Page:

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

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

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

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



**North/South Lake Hike and Picnic
Sunday October 6, 10:00 am**

meeting at 9:15. There are numerous hiking options ranging from a walk around the lake to out and back hikes to various popular destinations with beautiful views - Artists Rock, Sunset Rock, or North Point as the usual final destination - so you can select whatever distance you are comfortable with. Bring proper hiking shoes, water and clothing.

The Club will supply Hotdogs and hamburgers/ rolls, buns and condiments. BYOB and a side dish or dessert to share if you like.

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 at 6 pm originating at the O & W Building (formerly the Kingston Freeman building) 79 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

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 (rjje@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:

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



KAYAKING

The next TSSC Kayaking outing will be held **Wednesday September 11** at 10:00 am leaving from Foundry Dock, Cold Spring, NY.

am at Ramshorn Preserve, Dutchman Landing Park, Catskill.

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.

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



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.

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](#)

Hudson Valley Ski Club will sponsor the following trips focusing mainly on IKON resorts for 2025:

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 2024 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

DUES FOR RENEWING MEMBERS:

TSSC club dues for returning members are to be paid by October 1 each year as follows.

The cost for each member is \$ 28.00 and those paying prior to the 10/1 due date shall be entitled to a \$2.00 early payment discount.

Mail your check made payable to Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club, Inc to the following address:

TSSC Membership
UPO Box 3061
Kingston, NY 12402

Ziegenfelder on August 13, 2024 at Kingston Point Beach. Present: Mike Griffin, Kathie Quick, Katie Viglielmo, Skip Alford.

The Fall Party planned for November 23 was sanctioned. The price planned is \$50 to include the soda/iced tea.

The 75th Anniversary Banquet scheduled for May 3, 2025 was sanctioned subject to participant pricing. Since the 60th Anniversary banquet brought 163 participants, it is quite possible that we could have substantially more participants than the 75 in the proposal. With the dinner costing \$71.24, and pricing at \$65 for members, (\$70 for non-members) the club could have a substantial negative balance. The discussion moved to capping the \$65 price to the first 50 or 75 participants, and charging \$75 thereafter. Also, adding to the price for money received after a certain date was suggested. It was decided to look at some more scenarios and continue the pricing options discussion at the next meeting.
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

A brief review of upcoming Club activities was conducted by President Rob Fletcher during the Picnic meeting at Kingston Point on August 13.

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS



Siskiu Polygon Mountain Bike. Small frame, suitable for person 5'5" - 5'8". 27.5" Wheels, Dual Shocks, Disc Brakes, Pop Seat. 8 spare tire tubes included. No more than 60 miles on the bike. LIKE NEW. Was \$1700 new, asking \$ 1550 with reasonable offers considered.

Contact Becca Horner at beccahorner48@gmail.com or text/call on 845-214-6850.

TRAILSWEEPERS CLUB ROSTER 2024/2025

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

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