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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

I hope you are all having fun enjoying the snow sport(s) of your preference. There are a number of Club members who enjoy more than one winter sport and TSSC offers events such as winter hiking, and snowshoeing,

At the time of this writing, I am visiting my son Zach and his family in Lake Tahoe. Today Zach and I skied Heavenly with great snow and blue bird sky. Tomorrow we will teach Luca, my almost three-year-old grandson, how to have fun on skis. After nearly two weeks of skiing in the Lake Tahoe area, some friends and I will ski Whistler & Blackcomb in BC Canada.

There are a number of TSSC events scheduled in February that are listed in this issue of Trailsweepings.

On Tuesday February 11th, Jeff Viglielmo, long time TSSC member and associated with the Hunter racing program, will provide an overview of Hunter Mt Ski Resort. He will be joined by Kate V., Jim T., and Bill L..

Enjoy The Snow!
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.

On **Tuesday February 11** there will be an Informational Program beginning at 7 pm.

On **Tuesday February 25** we will hold a Board meeting at 6:30 followed by a Regular Club meeting immediately thereafter.

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 **February 7**, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Rough Draft, Kingston
- Saturday February 8, NJSSC State Race at Pico
- Tuesday February 11, 7:00 pm Informational Program
- Friday February 21, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Darling's Tillson
- Tuesday February 25, 6:30 pm Board and General Club Meeting
- Saturday **March 15**, NJSSC President's Race at Hunter
- Saturday **May 3, 2025** - Spring Banquet Celebrating the 75th anniversary of Trailsweepers

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.

Let's all get together to celebrate **75 years of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club** on Saturday May 3, 2025 - Wiltwyck Golf Club - Kingston, NY featuring the very popular Roadhouse 60's Band. (Additional Information will be provided as we approach the date).

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **January 14** Jamie Dreyer delivered a program highlighting the relationship between movement/exercise along with proper nutrition and longevity.

On **Tuesday February 11**, Jeff Viglielmo supported by several other Club members, will present an overview of features/capabilities of Hunter Mountain ski resort highlighting recent developments.

Jeff V. grew up in a skiing family (his parents were among the founding members of TSSC) and has enjoyed the sport for 63 years. He served as a junior member of the ski patrol at Catskill, patrolled at Cortina Valley and then led the Ski Patrol crew at St. Lawrence University Snow Bowl for the '80 and '81 seasons. Jeff has been associated with Hunter for 40 years as a race coach and member of the events team and regularly competes in the Masters race program.

Future Programs:

March/April - TBD

May - Estate Planning: James Asquith, attorney from Ettinger Law Firm

June - Yoga, presented by Linda Sumber

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.



Friday February 7, 5:30 pm - Rough Draft Bar and Books

82 John Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday February 21, 5:30 pm - Darlings's

838 Route 32
Tillson, NY 12486

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.

A few of us are periodically tackling some winter hikes on Catskill 3500 peaks. If you are interested in being informed about these please inform Steve.



On Saturday January 4, a small group enjoyed a nice morning hiking the Scenic Hudson property on Shaupaneak Ridge in West Esopus. A couple of people came up the ridge from the lower parking lot and met the rest of the group at Louisa Pond. We then started on the Sojourner Truth educational trail and subsequently explored the entire perimeter of the extensive property including some trails on the far edges that most had not previously been to.



KAYAKING

Proposed Swap and Sell Event

A small team has been convened to evaluate the feasibility and resource

If you have ideas and/or would like to join the planning team, please inform Jeff Huth and/or join the initial planning meeting to be held on February 11 at 6 pm prior to the Informational Program.



SKI SEASON IS HERE !

TSSC WhatsApp Group

Reminder - there is a Club group set up to make it easy to **briefly** share your skiing plans and/or reports on conditions at local areas with other members. If you would like to join, please send your mobile phone number to Jeff Huth via text 203-482-1954 or email: jeff_huth@hotmail.com.

NJSSC Race Program

State Race Saturday February 8, 2025 at Pico Mountain Vermont. Format consists of one GS and one slalom run. TSSC will be well represented by both women's and men's teams. **Good luck to all racers.**

President's Race at Hunter Saturday March 15, 2025

Ski Trip Opportunities

Information for TSSC affiliated organizations will be displayed here.

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 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 on IKON resorts this year:

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)

Mar. 28 - 30 - **Smuggler's Notch, VT**

Additional information and links for each trip can be found in the Ski Trips section of the HVSC website <http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

CLUB BUSINESS

Administrative Items

As noted in the Board minutes below, in response to inquiries about creating a membership directory to facilitate communication among/between members, we will be setting up a general WhatsApp group (separate from the existing skiing group) that people will have to opt into if they want to participate. This will complement but not replace the monthly Newsletter and periodic President's emails. **If you are willing to serve as the group Administrator, please inform President Rob Fletcher.**

Dues for returning members were to have been paid by December 1. The Board will reach out to delinquent, current members for one more attempt to encourage renewal. Afterwards, we will be editing email and Newsletter distribution lists to include only those individuals paid up for 2025 and/or who have been members in recent years - (the latter to encourage renewal.)

Board Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2025

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder at Sky View. Present: Kathie Quick, Katie Viglielmo, Steve Wingard, Skip

Nick Mercurio presented a request from a special committee of the Ulster County Legislature to take a position on whether to commit the ~1.7 mile stretch of railroad from where the Catskill Mountain Railroad from Kingston stops to the start of the Ashokan rail trail to the railroad or the rail trail. We will discuss this at the next board meeting.

The board discussed publishing a TSSC directory. After a conference call with Carol Tomassetti, a former membership chairperson, the board decided that due to today's privacy focus, a paper copy, or a password protected area of the website would be a less desirable solution than using WhatsApp. The administrator would invite only current members to join and remove those who dropped their membership. Members would have to opt in to use WhatsApp, and would be able to contact other TSSC users. This would be a separate thread from the skiing thread.

The board voted to remove former members who have not renewed since 2022 from the email mailing list.

Dale will send board members lists of members who have not yet renewed to call.
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

In President Rob Fletcher's absence, the meeting was called to order by EVP Jeff Huth at 7:10 pm (Skyview).

Regular Business

Board Report - delivered by Chairman Dale Ziegenfelder as summarized in Board meeting minutes.

Membership - According to membership representative Jim Wise, we have 92 members paid for 2025

Financial - Treasurer Karen Spinozi reported a checking account balance of \$ 762.51 with \$ 20,564.30 in the savings account. Several members inquired as to whether the Club could earn more interest on funds not currently required for specifically identified uses. In response, a motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership in attendance directing the Treasurer to investigate alternative (CD, money market fund) interest-bearing investment options available at local, "brick and mortar" institutions and report back at the next meeting for further discussion.

- February 11 - Hunter Mt. Jeff V. will lead with input from Kate, Jim, and Bill.
- March, April - Rob is still working on options
- May - Estate Planning: James Asquith, attorney from Ettinger Law Firm
- June - Yoga presented by Linda Sumber

Hiking - Steve Wingard - reported on the January 4 hike at Shaupaneak Ridge in Esopus. As there appeared to be limited interest, the hike tentatively planned for Saturday February 1 was cancelled.

Racing - Dale indicated that both TSSC women's and men's teams had been convened for the upcoming NJSSC Council State race at Pico. Good luck to all.

Happy Hours - Jeff for Ellen B. - Feb 7 - Rough Draft John St. Kingston, Feb 21 - Darling's Route 32 Tillson

Spring Banquet - Diana Z. coordinator - Saturday May 3 Wiltwyck Golf Club

New Business

TSSC membership roster

The Board discussion was relayed with the opportunity for any additional input solicited from the broader membership in attendance. The Board recommendation to move forward with an opt-in, WhatsApp approach was met with general acceptance and endorsement. No formal membership vote was deemed necessary.

Spring Kayaking Swap and Sell

- Note sent out as President's email on 1/27 communicating concept and background information
- Small planning team was convened - S. Alford, D. Hersh, J. Huth, M. Nystrom, K. Quick (others are welcome to join)
- First meeting to be held at Skyview on February 11 6:00 pm, prior to the Program.

As there was no other New Business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. Huth

Club Officers

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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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