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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

This winter has been rather cold, so the ski resorts have been able to make snow, an improvement over last year's season. Locally in the Catskill region, we still have a month or so to go, so there is plenty of time to get to the slopes..

Having said that, Spring is just around the corner. While we are still enjoying the rest of winter, it is that time of year to think and plan for the warmer months. For me, I will be skiing the Dolomites in Italy the second week of March. I also have thoughts of boating and fishing that begins in April.

April will be an important month for TSSC as we will have our nominations and elections for TSSC Officers and Board members. We also need to schedule a planning meeting to identify Club events, outings, and picnics for the upcoming year.

Please attend our meetings and support the TSSC.

ENJOY THE REST OF WINTER

Robbie

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

On **Tuesday March 11** we will hold a regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm.

On **Tuesday March 25** there will be a Board meeting starting at 6:30 pm 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 **March 7**, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at The Dutch, Saugerties
- Tuesday March 11, 7:00 pm - Regular monthly Club meeting
- Saturday March 15, NJSSC President's Race at Hunter
- Friday March 21, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Los Jalapenos, Kingston
- Tuesday March 25, 6:30 pm - Board meeting followed immediately thereafter by Regular monthly Club meeting
- Tuesday **April 8**, 7:00 pm General meeting including Annual Election of Officers and Director positions for those Board members with expiring terms.
- Tuesday April 22, 6:30 Board meeting followed by regular Club meeting
- 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.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**SAVE THE DATE: TSSC 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION****Saturday May 3, 2025, 6:00 pm**

Wiltwyck Golf Club - Kingston, NY

Cash Bar Cocktail Hour with hors d'oeuvres

Salad, three entree buffet with sides, dessert, coffee/tea

Dancing to The Roadhouse 60s Band

Current TSSC members - \$ 60 before April 25th, Guests \$ 72

For questions, contact Diana Ziegenfelder

email at Dzinnia14@gmail.com or text at 845-325-8999***INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS***

On **Tuesday February 11**, Trailsweepers Jeff and Katie Viglielmo, Jim Tomasseti and Bill Lindsay spoke about recent developments at Hunter Mountain and their association with the Mountain over the years. They emphasized recent infrastructure upgrades to lifts and snowmaking and a renewed comittment by the new management at Hunter to restore their previously sound reputation for snowmaking excellence and maintaining good conditions in the face of an increasingly challenging winter weather pattern in the Catskills.

Future Programs:

March/April - No Programs Scheduled

May - Estate Planning: James Asquith, attorney from Ettinger Law Firm**June** - Yoga, presented by Linda Sumber

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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 MARCH***

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253 Main Street
Saugerties, NY 12477
(live music by Miles Mancuso from 6 - 9)

Friday March 21, 5:30 pm - Los Jalapenos

772 Ulster Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401

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.

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KAYAKING

Proposed Swap and Sell Event

A small team has been convened to evaluate the feasibility and resource requirements for TSSC to sponsor a Kayak Swap and Sell along the Rondout Creek in Spring of 2025.

If you have ideas and/or would like to join the planning team, please inform Jeff Huth.



SKI SEASON IS HERE

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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

President's Race at Hunter Saturday March 15, 2025

This is the fun race where you don't have to be a pro to help Trailsweepers bring home a ridiculously large trophy. Enjoy a day of skiing, NASTAR, an after ski party, and win prizes in the raffle for less than the cost of a weekend day ticket.

Price: \$79 (Adults 20-64 the works); \$67 (Seniors 65+ and Juniors 19 and under). Price for race only (no lift ticket): \$25

Get checks made out to TSSC to Dale by March 7. 85 High Rocks Rd, Woodstock, NY 12498. Some of you have already responded (Thanks, sorry for duplicity).

More details:

To qualify for club team awards, the team must have at least three women and four men racing. Women and men will be sorted by the best NASTAR team points of two runs and separated into three classes (A, B, and C).

The first person in each class will get 30 points, the next 29, and so on. The team score will be the best three point counts for women and the best four point counts for men. The more racers a club has the better chance to receive the higher A, B, and C scores.

SKI TRIP Opportunities

Information for TSSC affiliated organizations will be displayed here.

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council are sponsoring the following for 2025:

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:

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

section of the HVSC website <http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

CLUB BUSINESS

Annual Elections

Elections for all officer positions and 2 Board seats will be held on Tuesday April 11 with nominations to be presented at the March meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes - February 25, 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, Mike Griffin.

The NJSSC President's Race on March 15 at Hunter was sanctioned.

The Almost Summer Bash at Freer Park in Port Ewen was sanctioned. The first preferred date, Saturday June 14, the second, June 21. Karen gave a check for \$250(=\$150 Park, \$50 Kitchen, \$50 Alcohol permit) to reserve Freer park to Kathie.

The use of the 1.7 mile stretch of right of way between the Catskill Mountain RailRoad and the Ashokan rail trail was discussed as requested by Nick Mercurio on behalf of the Ulster County Legislature committee on this matter. Since the feasibility of rail and trail on this section was not considered economically viable, the decision came to rail or trail on this section. The board in a nonbinding vote, voted 3 to 2 in favor of trail (Steve Wingard texting). The plan was to open the discussion to the club for a vote. (see the general meeting minutes).

Dale drew up a list of 26 prior year members who were not recorded as having paid dues this year and contacted 13. The remaining persons on the list were split among the board to contact.

Karen Spinozzi reported that Mid Hudson Valley Credit Union had the best rate for a CD for 13 months at 4.25%. Dale asked about an 8 month period. Rob Fletched pointed out that we could have a longer term and if we did need the money, the penalty might not be that much. Karen will ask about the penalty.

Katie described her idea for a "paint and sip" party. She would gather art materials,

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Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

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

Executive VP - Jeff Huth 203-482-1954, ExecVP@trailsweepers.org

Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312, AdminVP@trailsweepers.org

Secretary - Donna Matthews 706-6973, Secretary@trailsweepers.org

Treasurer - Karen Spinozi 338-0626

Club Board Members (term expir.), Board@trailsweepers.org

Skip Alford (4/'25) 481-2898

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

Committee Chairs

Membership - Jim Wise 914-474-1588, Membership@trailsweepers.org

Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

Kayaking - Yvonne Baker 417-7144, Skip Alford 481-2898

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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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