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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

A Time of Transition -

I have skied several times over the last two weeks and have been enjoying the Spring experience. For me, it is not quite time to put the gear away for the season.

On March 25th, the Board, led by Dale reported that Kathie Quick and Skip Alford would be willing to continue for another two-year term as Directors. Rob Fletcher, Jeff Huth, Dale Ziegenfelder, Karen Spinozzi, and Marty Nystrom will run for President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. On April 8th the membership will vote for Officers and Directors, In addition to the candidates named above, nominations can also be taken from the floor before the voting process begins. **Please come out and VOTE.**

On April 22nd we will be having our Annual Planning Meeting. This will take place at the Sky View Restaurant at 7:00 pm. I encourage each of you to think about events and activities that you may suggest for our club. Please attend, participate and support TSSC.

Even though I am still skiing, my fishing boat is also getting my attention. Cleaning and waxing is all part of getting the boat ready for the striped bass season on the Hudson River.

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 April 8** we will hold a regular monthly meeting including the **Annual Election of Officers and Directors** with expiring terms at 7:00 pm.

On **Tuesday April 22** there will be a Board meeting at 6:30 followed by a regular meeting including the **annual activity and events planning session** beginning immediately thereafter.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

TRAILSWEEPERS SNOW & SPORTS CLUB 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 3, 2025 Wiltwyck Golf Club 6:00-10:00 PM

Current TSSC members \$60 before April 26, Guests \$72

CASH BAR Cocktail hour with Hors d'oeuvres

Buffet Style Dinner includes: Salad, 3 Entrees, 2 Sides Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

Dancing to the ROADHOUSE 60'S BAND

Meet and Greet: Friday May 2nd

Come join us for Happy Hour the evening before the anniversary banquet to share conversations about "Old Times" at SKYVIEW Restaurant, Kingston Starting at 4:30 pm

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

To RSVP, Mail To:

D Ziegenfelder

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 **April 4**, 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at High Falls Cafe
- Tuesday April 8, 7:00 pm General meeting including **Annual Election** of Officers and Director positions for those Board members with expiring terms.
- Friday April 18, Hike to Westkill Mountain (3500 Peak)
- Friday April 18, 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at The Anchorage
- Tuesday April 22, 6:30 Board meeting followed by regular Club meeting which will also include the **Annual Planning session**.
- Friday **May 2**, 4:30 pm. Happy Hour Meet and Greet at Skyview Mexican Restaurant ahead of the Spring Banquest
- Saturday May 3, 2025 - Spring Banquet Celebrating the 75th anniversary of Trailsweepers
- Saturday May 10 - first Kayak paddle of the season
- Tuesday May 13, 7 pm - Informational Program on Elder Law/Estate Planning
- Tuesday May 27, 6:30 pm - Board and General Club meetings
- Tuesday **June 10**, 7 pm - Informational Program on Yoga
- Saturday June 14 - Almost Summer Bash at Freer Park, Port Ewen
- Tuesday June 24 - 6:30 pm - Board and General Club meetings

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.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

during which he will cover a range of topics including – estate planning basics, common pitfalls, planning for incapacity and long term care, the advantages of trusts over wills, etc.

Throughout his legal career, James Asquith has worked exclusively in the area of elder law and is currently associated with the Ettinger Law Firm.

James was admitted to practice law in New York in 2013 and in New Jersey in 2012. He graduated from New York Law School in 2012 and from Staffordshire University in England in 2000 with a degree in History and Politics.

Prior to his career in law, James worked as a ski guide in Val d'Isere and Tignes in France and then as a ski instructor in Colorado, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. After an absence of nearly ten years, James returned to the ski industry to coach racers and has been coaching at Thunder Ridge in Patterson, New York for the past three seasons.

Having recently moved from Queens to Dutchess County, James now lives with his wife, Lori and two boys, Alexander and Daniel in Pawling, New York.

On Tuesday June 10, we will have a program on Yoga, delivered by Linda Sumber (bring a yoga mat).

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 April 4 - 5:30 pm: High Falls Cafe

2842 Route 209

Kingston, NY 12401

Friday April 18 - 5:30 pm: The Anchorage

182 Canal St

Eddyville, NY 12401

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES





On **Friday March 21** (the final day to count a hike towards the Winter 35 Challenge) five of us went up Kaaterskill High Peak. The first 2.5 miles on the foot and snow mobile trails was a nice walk in the woods. This changed quickly with the final half-mile bushwhack to the cannister consisting of deep, heavy snow and solid ice. Microspikes were essential.

WESTKILL HIKE: Friday April 18 - out and back trail hike (6.5 miles, 1909 elevation) with an optional hydration stop afterwards at Westkill brewery. For car-pooling, meet at the Kingston Circle Park and Ride at 8:00 am **or** at the trailhead parking lot at the end of Spruceton Road at 9 am. **Please advise Steve Wingard if you plan to attend and where you will meet** at s.wingard@hotmail.com or phone/text to 845-532-7459.

If you would like to propose (or better yet, lead) a hike, please speak with hiking chair, Steve. 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...."

With ski season on the way out, it's time to get the tires pumped up and the bikes tuned for another popular activity enjoyed by many Club members.

Road Cycling

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club sponsors Thursday evening rides originating at Dietz Stadium (170 N. Front St. Kingston) at 6 pm.

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 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)

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



KAYAKING

Kayaking will be back again for 2025 bigger and better than ever with more paddles and some new routes. A big **Thank You** to Yvonne and Skip, assisted by some other paddlers for planning the schedule and associated activities. The first event of the season will be held on **Saturday May 10 in Saugerties, paddling on the Esopus Creek.**

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.

For additional information and the complete schedule for the season, please see [attached](#).

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 SEASON IS WINDING DOWN

New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council President's Race at Hunter March 15 - Results



Picture L to R: Yuri Kobziar, Dave Wise, Bill Lindsay, Dale Ziegenfelder, Jason Pontillo. Front: Sandy Schwinzer, Katie Viglielmo, Jeff Viglielmo, Maureen Viglielmo

A team of nine Trailsweepers placed second in the 2025 New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council President's Race at Hunter on Saturday March 15, missing first place by only 3 points to Ramapo. Sandy Schwinzer, and Maureen Viglielmo placed second and third in women's B group. Yuri Kobzian, Jeff

A number of Trailsweepers also participated in the [Alpine Masters Nationals](#) held at Gore Mountain March 18 - 22.

Kiwanis Kingston Classic

Some Trailsweepers plan to participate in (the 41st year) of this local running event which will take place on Sunday April 27 in the (relatively flat) Kingston Rondout area. Options consist of 5 and 10 k runs and 1.5-mile run/walk with post-race awards ceremony and after-party.

If you would like to participate as part of a TSSC team, contact K. Viglielmo.

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes March 25 2025

A Meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder at Sky View Restaurant. Present: Kathie Quick, Skip Alford, Mike Griffin, Katie Viglielmo.

We reviewed results of contacts with prior members who did not return this year. This is ongoing.

The nominating committee consists of Steve Wingard, Katie Viglielmo, and Mke Griffin. Dale reported that Kathie Quick and Skip Alford would continue for another 2 year term. Rob Fletcher, Jeff Huth, Dale Ziegenfelder, and Karen Spinozzi will run again for President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, and Treasurer. Donna Mathews will not seek another term as secretary. Marty Nystrom agreed to be nominated for secretary.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting Minutes 03/11/2025

Meeting called to order at 7:20 by Dale Zigenfelder at Skyview Restaurant
MEMBERSHIP: TSSC has 106 paid members

Upcoming Events:

May 2nd Meet and Greet. location TBD

June 14th Almost Summer Bash at Freer Park Free for TSSC members and HVSC members. \$5 for guests Picnic at noon Kayak paddle

Rail or Trail? Ulster County Legislature is looking for public input regarding use of the trail

Kayak Swap: No update at this time

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Matthews Secretary

Minutes 2/25/2025

Meeting called to order by President, Rob Fletcher, at 7:10 PM

BOARD REPORT was presented by Dale Z (notes under separate cover)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE No report

FINANCIAL REPORT by Treasurer, Karen Spinozzi checking account \$762.61, savings account \$20,649.21

PROGRAMS Thank you to program presenter on Hunter Mountain at last meeting

April no program planned yet, May 13 attorney will present informational program on estate planning, June 10 program on yoga. Bring a yoga mat

FUNDRAISING Katie Vigliemo suggested a Paint and Sip Wine event

Upcoming Events Happy Hour March 21 at Los Jalapenos in Kingston

TSSC 75th Anniversary Spring Banquet May 3 at Wiltwyck. Live music. \$60 per person

RAIL OR TRAIL ?? 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 comes down to rail or trail on this section. Club members discussed both sides of this issue---do we support rail or trail? A proposal was made to put this question (explaining both sides of the issue) in the newsletter .This proposal passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,,Donna E. Matthews, Secretary

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

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

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

Facebook- Jean Pavone 518-527-4670, Carol Tomasetti 594-9045

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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