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TRAILSWEEPINGS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have one more month of the unofficial summer. Time goes by way too fast. It is a reminder to "Go For the Gusto" while time allows us to do so. In line with this thought, there are a number of TSSC events planned for August (see future event calendar in this issue of Trailsweepings).

The Fall program schedule is shaping up. I am pleased to announce that Jeff Senterman , Executive Director of the Catskill Center, will make a return visit with us on September 9th. He will talk about various topics related to the Catskills Forest Preserve.

By the time you read this, I will be on Lake Lucerne in Wisconsin. We have been going to the family Lake house for 50 years. I drive a RV about 1200 miles each way. This is the last year the family is selling it... (boo).

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 August 12 there will be a picnic/meeting at Kingston Point preceded by

This will be the **only meeting in August** prior to resuming the normal schedule in September.

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** 1, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Stone House Tavern
- Friday August 8, 5:30 pm - The Hudson House Distillery
- Saturday August 9, 10 am - Kayak paddle at Cocksackie
- Tuesday August 12 - 5 pm - Barbecue and Club meetings at Kingston Point Beach Park (kayaking earlier in the day).
- Thursday August 14 - Bluegrass at The Bard College Spiegeltent.
- Friday August 15, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at The Brickmen
- Monday August 18 - Shingle Gully Hike
- Wednesday August 20, 10 am - Kayaking Hudson locks, Waterford to Albany
- Friday August 22, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Rondout Yacht Basin (BYOB).
- Friday August 29, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Westkill Supply
- **September** 3, 7:30 pm Solaris Sunset Boat cruise, Kingston, NY (participants purchase their own tickets).
- Monday September 8 - Shingle Gully Hike
- Tuesday September 9, 7:00 pm - Informational Program by Jeff Senterman, Executive Director Catskill Center
- Sunday September 21, - TSSC team participation in Benedictine Health Foundation Walk, run, cycle event fundraiser for support of cancer patients
- Tuesday September 23, 6:30 pm - Board and Regular Club meeting
- Friday **October** 10 - Shingle Gully Hike
- Sunday October 12, 10 am - Annual Hike and Picnic at North/South Lake

Since events sometimes change, efforts will be made to maintain the calendar on the Club website current. To access it go to the website, open the Events page and you can then view

HOLD THE DATE: Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance

Saturday November 22, 2025. Still some details to work out but we anticipate a repeat of the joint TSSC/HVSC Dinner-Dance held at Stonehedge in West Park, NY last year to celebrate the start of the ski season. Additional details and sign up information to be communicated once confirmed.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday September 9**, Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center, will return to present a program on a range of topics relevant to all of us who enjoy living so close to the Catskills. He will cover the 2025/26 budget "wins" for the Catskills Forest Preserve, the management processes related to the formerly Trailless Peaks and Kaaterskill Clove and speak about Catskill Center's work in the last year including a new parcel added to the Platte Clove Preserve. He will also answer any questions folks may have about Catskills issues.

Future Programs:

- Jeff Wood, who has now traveled to FIFTY-ONE of the national parks, will give a presentation on some of his experiences at the November 11th meeting.
- Dale Z. will do a program on Boot Alignment at the 1st meeting of January (1/13/26!)
- Jim T. will present a program on some aspect of cycling in the Spring.

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.



(Thanks Ellen, no Trailsweeper should be thirsty this month!!)

Friday August 1, 5:30 pm - Stone House Tavern

(Music by Breakaway, 6:30 - 9 pm)

4802 U.S. 209

Accord, NY 12404

Friday August 8, 5:30 pm - The Hudson House Distillery

1835 U.S. 9W

West Park, NY 12493

Friday August 15, 5:30 pm - Brickmen Kitchen and Bar

47 N. Front St.

Kingston, NY 12401

Friday August 22, 5:30 pm - Towers Cafe at Rondout Yacht Basin

(Great food, BYOB)

102 1st Street

Connelly, NY 12417

Friday August 29, 5:30 pm - Westkill Supply

602 Broadway (entrance on Field Ct.)

Kingston, NY 12401

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Events start at the O & W Building on the Rail Trail - 79 Hurley Avenue, Kingston.

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 22nd 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.*

battled cancer and are survivors.

To join the team and/or make a donation towards the team's goal, click on the link below and use the instructions that follow:

<https://bikeforcancer.org/>

- Click on "Register Today" via the orange button on the middle of the page
- Scroll down to the "Top Teams" section on the left side of the page and you will find the Trailsweepers link
- Click on the team name and the fundraising page appears
- You can then "Join My Team" using the highlighted button under Jackie's name and/or make a donation.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Disc Golf Outing

A big thanks to Amie and Kevin P. for planning and leading a fun time at the Kingston Point Disc golf course followed by food and drinks at Sorry Charlie's.





Steve Wingard and Kari Hoyt are now **certified Docent/guides for the unique Shingle Gully area near Ellenville**. Seven of us had the opportunity to hike the Gully on July 17 and thoroughly enjoyed it. Steve and Kari will be leading several additional hikes this Summer/Fall on the following dates - August 18, September 8 (public hike) and October 10. If you would like to join the list for these hikes, please inform Steve. While not particularly long or with a significant elevation gain, you should be prepared for several somewhat challenging "scrambles". For the public hike on September 8, it will be necessary to pre-register. The link will be distributed via email.

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"

Time: 11am ready to ride

Destination/Route: We will ride on the trail to the kiosk (about 6 miles), then ride on Rt 28 to LJ's (about another mile) for Lunch. So, the total round trip ride is about 15 miles

Hope to see you there. Please RSVP by August 3rd if you plan to ride

Yvonne or Skip home phone 845-481-2898

cell - Yvonne 845-417-7144, yab1946@gmail.com

[cell - Skip 845-706-9714, skipsinthewoods@gmail.com](mailto:skipsinthewoods@gmail.com)

Road Cycling

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club sponsors Thursday evening rides originating at the O & W building - 79 Hurley Avenue 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. coordinates and leads 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 4 Rockwell Lane

8/11 Ashokan

8/18 Russell Rd

8/25 Tony Williams

September 1 Page Lumber

9/8 Hopewell

9/15 BOCEs

9/22 Rosendale

9/29 Rockwell Ln

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



KAYAKING

TSSC Kayaking is back again for 2025 with the next outing to be held **Saturday August 9** on the Hudson at Coxsackie.

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 the complete schedule for the season, please see the [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

Here are a few notes (and photos) from Yvonne from the recent Ramshorn Sanctuary Outing:

Another pristine day on the water. We were 11 paddlers entering the estuary.

Immediately we came upon a beaver dam and bumped across. At the end we got out of our boats and did a short hike to the three story observation deck.

Views looked out across the entire swamp.....

After the paddle we sat on the deck at Port of Call enjoying food and drinks and of course each other's company.

See you on the next one.





SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ski Season Will be Here Before We Know it

Trips for the '25/'26 season are booking so don't wait too long to make your plans. Information for TSSC and affiliated organizations will be displayed here.

Trailsweepers

There is still an opportunity to join the TSSC-sponsored trip to **Zell am See, Austria March 6 - 14, 2026**. You can contact John with questions or to express your interest (kayakmann@gmail.com, 518-719-0490). Here are links to the revised [flyer](#) and [registration](#) form. **Send your registration form and deposit ASAP.**

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council have announced the following:

Mt. Tremblant Canada - February 1 - 6, 2026

Banff, Canada - February 21 - 28, 2026

Sunday River, ME - March 1 - 6, 2026

Three Zinnen Dolomites (Italy) - March 13 - 21, 2026

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 EPIC-affiliated resorts:

Gore Mountain, NY - January 13 - 16, 2026

Mt. Snow, VT - January 26 - 30, 2026

Stowe, VT - February 9 - 13, 2026

Breckenridge, CO - February 21 - 28, 2026

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

MINUTES OF TRAILSWEEPERS MEETING - 7/8/25

The meeting started at 6:37 with Rob issuing the agenda. 13 attendees.

Board-

There was no Board Meeting preceding this Members meeting.

Financial- \$215.26 in checking and \$25,143.26 in savings.

Membership – 112 paid 2025 members. Diana Z noted that this is a gain of 4.

50/50- This has been run by Skip Alford for a number of years. It's a real effective and useful fundraiser. It is time to pass the baton. Rob F is issuing a call out for a new Coordinator of this important opportunity. Skip was toasted and thanked for his work and he volunteered to assist in the baton pass. Contact Rob if you can do it.

Kayak- On 6/28 we held a launch on Chodikee Lake. We had a beautiful clear day 6 or so paddlers and no problems.

We held the Kayak Instructional Day on 6/28 with 5 paddlers, which is the maximum # for an effective training session for the instructor. We had more applicants than slots. We hope to do this again. It was just so much fun and really great skills training.

The topic chosen by the group was "The anatomy of the turn". We paddled in an enclosed 2 acre cove next to the Hudson for about 3 hours.

The next launch is on 7/7 – Ramshorn from a Catskill launch.

We are working on a post Labor Day trip to Lake George. Once particulars are developed, Yvonne will send out a notice for Sweepers response on interest

Jim & Carol Tomasetti noted both the difficulty and the beauty of the area. Contact Steve Wingard (845 532 7459) for any clarification. Steve is organizing the N/S lake hike and picnic for October. Info to follow.

August 12th meeting and picnic at Kingston Point- Schedule:

Kayak from 12-2, Meet Marshall Seddon at a Kayak information tent at 2pm for "All information about kayaking- 360d". Cornhole at 2pm (HVSC is invited to take us on!) 5pm picnic. Rob and Skip are the partners in charge!

Disc Golf- 7/24- This is on at Kingston Point at 4PM Pizza and beverages post Golf. Amie and Kevin Parker are running it.

Solaris Solar boat Tour from the Rondout waterfront Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston Sept 3 is a go but tickets must be bought soon. We have about 10 seats with Trailsweepers on the 7:30 run with only 8 seats left. On line or phone -845 338- 0071 ext. 10. ASAP

Sky trip to Austria- Kayak John H, leader, announced that the trip is a go, go but there are still places available. John reported that he has 17 paid and/or "check in the mail". John noted that, interestingly, there are probably more non skiers than skiers so sight-seeing is very much part of this trip. The cost is only \$2,690 pp for air, transfers, accommodations, breakfasts and even one dinner.

Contact John (518 929 5173) immediately.

Spiegetlent- August 14th for Bluegrass- We have 15 commitments in 2 1/2 6 person booths together. We have 1 additional person committed and will order the ticket on 7/15. SOO, if you want to go, all Marty before 7/15 (845 679 8613). There is still one 6 person booth available but not adjacent. An announcement will be coming to the participants on the day before the performance so we can judge the weather conditions for a preconcert meeting/ blanket hang out- 5 pm?.

August 12th Barbeque and meeting- Cornhole tournament, organized by Steve W was discussed at length. The tournament will be played according to "Wingard Rules" which he is developing.(?) HVSC will be invited by Jeff H via their Alan Imhoff. Paddle at noon, Cornhole at 2, Picnic at 5. Skip A and Rob F. will survey the materials on hand and will add as needed. All parties will assist them in setup on the day of the function. Kayak Information Booth- see below.

Dale Z. will do a program on Boat Alignment at the 1st meeting of January (1/13/20) and Jeff Wood, who has now traveled FIFTY ONE of the national parks, will give a presentation of this at the November 11th meeting. Jim T will do one on Biking in the spring.

Happy Hours-

Ellen B. noted that the 7/11 meeting will be at the Hickory BBQ on rt. 28 in Kingston and the 7/25 meetup will be at the Hoffman House in Kingston.

Fall Kick-off dinner- Rpb said that Jeff H. is working on this function for dinner at Stonehedge with HVAC invited. Information to follow.

Swap Sale- Dave H. indicated that the site provider, Jesse, is still interested. Skip will work with Dave.

The next meeting is at Kingston point before the 8/12 picnic noted above

The session concluded at 7:51.5 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Nystrom

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2025/2026

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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