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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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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 October 14 at 7 pm** there will be a regular Club business meeting including a vote on the annual budget. **A link to the proposed budget can be found in the Club Business section of the Newsletter.**

On **Tuesday October 28** there will be a Board meeting at **6:30 pm** followed immediately by a Club meeting.

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 **October** 3, 5:30 pm. Happy Hour at Blue Duck Brewing, Kingston
- Friday October 10 - Shingle Gully Hike
- Sunday October 12, 10 am - Annual Hike and Picnic at North/South Lake
- Tuesday October 14, 7:00 pm - Meeting including vote on the annual budget
- Friday October 17, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Bernadette's Bistro, Kingston
- Tuesday October 28, 6:30 pm - Board and general Club meetings
- Saturday **November** 22, Dinner/Dance with HVSC at Stonehedge in West Park, NY

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 22: Stonehedge Restaurant, West Park, NY

Make your plans for the **"Start of the Ski Season" party with Hudson Valley Ski Club members Saturday November 22 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 and music by DJ Andre.

The cost will again be \$ 50 per person, same as last year. There is an upper limit of 120 people, and we need to communicate final numbers and entree choices ahead of the event, so be sure to secure your place. Inform Jeff Huth via email (jeff_huth@hotmail.com) or text (203-482-1954) about your plans to attend and entree choice(s) ASAP. You can then send a **check made out to Trailsweepers or TSSC prior to November 7** to:

Jeff Huth - 9 Amy Court Kingston, NY 12401

or you can pay via Zelle to treasurer@trailsweepers.org indicating the funds are for the Fall kick-off event.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Future Programs:

presentation on some of his experiences at the November 11th meeting.

- At the December 9 meeting, Gio Holmquist from The Pro Ski and Ride in Hunter will present a program on new developments in boot and ski technology design.
- 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.

Ride/Run/Walk for Cancer Care Sunday, September 21, 2025

Thanks to team coordinator Jackie Olivett and all participants, donors and volunteers for your support of this annual initiative which generated over \$ 74K so far via the Benedictine Health Foundation. **Trailsweepers raised \$ 1002.14 this year (slightly over goal)** which helps local cancer patients and family members.



HAPPY HOURS FOR OCTOBER

Friday October 3, 5:30 pm - Blue Duck Brewing

79 Hurley Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401

(This is Kingston's newest brewery located in the old Freeman building. It was profiled in the Daily Freeman this past week).

Friday October 17, 5:30 pm - Bernadette's Bistro

299 Wall Street
Kingston, NY 12401



Shingle Gully Hike Friday October 10

Join certified Docent/Guides Steve Wingard and Kari Hoyt on a hike to the unique Shingle Gully area near Ellenville. **Recent cancellations have resulted in 4 openings so if you would like to join, please inform Steve.** While not particularly long or with a significant elevation gain, you should be prepared for several somewhat challenging "scrambles and bushwhacks" and be comfortable walking along steep drop-offs. If you miss this one, several hikes are already in the planning stages for next season.

North/South Lake Hike(s) and Picnic - Sunday October 12, 10:00 am

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. As there is an entry fee for the Park, you may want to consider car-pooling. **For planning purposes, please let Steve Wingard know if you will attend - (845)532-7459.**

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

Road Cycling

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club sponsors Thursday evening rides originating at The O & W Building on the rail trail (79 Hurley Avenue Kingston) starting at 5:00 pm now that the daylight is shorter.

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 4 pm now - 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:

October 6 Ashokan
10/13 Russell Rd



KAYAKING

Let's extend a big Thank You to Yvonne and Skip (with support for a couple of special related events from Marty N.) for the most comprehensive kayaking schedule ever.

The season culminated with a party on a beautiful Fall Day at Yvonne and Skip's with over 40 attendees.





SKI SEASON IS COMING FAST

SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 H. with questions or to express your interest (kayakmann@gmail.com, 518-719-0490). Here are links to the [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 **(Trip now closed with 159 registered)**

Banff, Canada - February 21 - 28, 2026

Sunday River, ME - March 1 - 6, 2026 **(Booking fast but still some openings)**

Three Zinnen Dolomites (Italy) - March 13 - 21, 2026 **(Trip closed).**

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

Park City, UT - March 7 - 14, 2026

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

Vote on Proposed Budget for 2025/'26

Attached is the budget brought forward by the TSSC Finance Committee for review and membership vote at the meeting to be held October 14, 2025. [Proposed Budget](#)

Dues for Returning Members Should be Paid

If you have already paid your dues, thank you!. If not, please do so at your earliest convenience. Dues for returning members (\$ 28/person) may be paid via check made out to Trailsweepers or TSSC and sent to the Club's Post Office box address. Alternatively, you may now pay via Zelle from your personal financial institution by transferring the money to treasurer@trailsweepers.org.

Get More Involved

We need someone to run the 50/50 raffles at meetings and events to help keep dues low. Also, Karen Spinozzi has signaled her desire to step down from the Treasurer role. Please consider helping out with the administration of the Club by at least considering one of these roles.

Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Financial Committee was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder on September 23, 2015 at Sky View. Present: Skip Alford, Kathie Quick, Mike Griffin, Katie Viglielmo (by Phone), Rob Fletcher, Marty Nystrom.

The financial committee (board and officers) reviewed the proposed budget for 2025-26 and recommended it be brought forward for consideration by the membership.

Regular Meeting - September 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7pm with 19 members and 1 guest in attendance. Rob introduced new member Monique Corcoran to the group. Monique hails from Burlington Vt and has just moved to the area. She found us via google. Monique is an avid skier and looking forward to our activities. Welcome to our circle Monique!!!! Also, visitor/former member Joy O'Conner was greeted.

Board-

next Newsletter. He noted that arrangements have been made to enable members to pay the dues via Zell which is available at most banks' website. There should be a tab on your checking account for your use. In lieu of this, use snail mail to TSSC, PO Box 3061, Kingston, NY 12402. \$28 per member paid after 10/1/25.

Membership-

116 members. 25 have paid the 2026 dues. Be sure to get your payments in. A new Membership Reach-out committee was formed. Rob, Jim Wise, Marty N and new member Monique C. volunteered to work on this activity to increase membership. Any and all input is solicited from members. Have an idea, have a voice or join- email President or Secretary@trailsweepers.com or just call. More info to follow.

Financial-

Dale reported for Karen- \$613 in checking, \$34,858 in savings. Following prior discussions on the subject by members, Dale recommended that some portion of the savings be put in a higher return account. He will report at the next meeting.

50/50-

Rob again asked for a volunteer to run this program. It is SO important as an income stream- over \$700+/- of the annual \$3,000 budget last year! Normal year is around \$500. Skip noted that its not a big job and it is a bit of fun. It is VERY important.

Kayaking-

Yvonne reported that the season is done but the party goes on. Yvonne and Skip have 40 folks responding to their Post Kayak Season Bash at their house on 9/27. All are invited RSVP- 845 481 2898.

Hiking- From Jim T.- 10/10 Shingle Gully, 10/12 North/South Lake (more than hiking and at all levels). Picnic.

Cycling- Jim T.- 22 participants last week. Remember that there are groups, depending on desire- Group A, a fast 30 miles and Group B for 15 miles.

Pre Ski Dinner Dance- 11/22 at Stonehedge- 6pm cocktail bar, 7pm dinner. Music and dancing. \$50 pp Contact Jeff Huth (execvp@trailsweepers.org.) The event is filling up and, with HVSC coparticipants, there are only 120 seats total. Sign up now.

Programs- Rob ran thru the list of up coming events-

Jeff Wood to do a presentation at the 11/11 meeting on his hikes to 51(!) national parks.

12/9 will be J Holmquist on "New Developments in skies and boots"

Dale Z will do a session on "Boot Adjustment" at January's first meeting and

Jim T will run a program in the spring on cycling.

Happy Hour- Rob described a nice group at the 9/19 gathering at the Rondout Yacht Basin. Next one is at The Brickmen in Kingston on 9/26. Great food!

Austria trip- Leader John Hoefinger confirmed that the trip is ON! 19 signed up and TSSC has no financial liability. More room available for those that want a great time at reasonable

many times. He wants to be ready to run a fun trip with all the nuances of activities and food. He might just get some skiing in too (?!!). A well informed Leader.

Rob praised John for this leadership in arranging the 1st TSSC overseas trip in years. The attendees agreed with a full round of heartfelt applause. Thanks Kayak John!!!

With that note, Rob closed the meeting.

Regular Meeting/Program - September 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by EVP Jeff Huth at 6:30 with 19 attendees.

Club Business

- Dues for returning members should be paid - \$ 28 with \$ 2 early payment discount if paid before October 1. Mail your asap check to the P.O. Box
- We are investigating implementation of electronic payment, but this may not be in place before dues are to be paid so mail in a check for now.
- Kathy Aman is spearheading development of a membership directory to be hosted on the Club website on a password protected page. This is an important communication tool for all members to contact one another, whether club related or not. Please respond to her emails in a timely manner.
- Karen Spinozzi has signaled her desire to step down as Treasurer. She will serve if needed until the end of her term but please consider taking on this role. Contact Rob Jeff if you can assume this important role.
- We need someone to take over running the 50/50 raffles at Club events. 50/50 is fun and helps off-set dues. Contact Rob.

Upcoming Events and Activities: All are in the Newsletter and will be featured in President emails ahead of the events

- Friday September 12, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Maggie Mae's in New Paltz
- Friday September 19, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Rondout Yacht Basin in Connerly.
- Sunday September 21, - TSSC team participation in Benedictine Health Foundation Walk, run, cycle event fundraiser for support of cancer patients. Still time to join the team and/or make a donation no matter the amount. Its easy by using <https://bikeforcancer.org/>. Our Club goal is \$1000.
- Tuesday September 23, 6:30 pm - Board and Regular Club meeting at Skyview
- Friday September 26, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Brickmen Kitchen and Bar on N. Front St, Kingston,
- Friday **October** 10 - Shingle Gully Hike
- Sunday October 12, 10 am - Annual Hike and Picnic at North/South Lake

signup deadline is 11/7. Send \$50 and entree choice(s) to Jeff Huth at 9 Amy Court, Kingston, NY 12401. The limit is only 120 persons, so send the check asap

- Yvonne B. reviewed the successful kayaking trips that were taken, including the Locks in Albany. She noted that all kayakers are welcome at Skip and Yvonne's house for a post season picnic on Saturday 9/27. Skip invited all to the party and will clean up. Bring a dish and contact Yvonne asap so they have at least a head count.
- Post meeting Re: Shakespeare in Woodstock Pre event gathering at Ziengenfelder's- Diana Z. noted that they hosted 15 members at their place prior to the event to which 13 attended as a group.

FOR SALE

14 foot Wilderness System kayak - Pungo 140 model - (never used) \$ 600

15 foot Old Town Guide canoe (used once) \$ 500

Paddles included/no life jackets

If intersted call Samantha (Sam) @ 518-965-4512



Trailsweepers Club Roster 2025/2026

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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

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

Treasurer - Karen Spinozzi 338-0626

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Skip Alford (4/'27) 481-2898

Mike Griffin (4/'26) 914-388-7558

Katie Viglielmo (4/'26) 594-4359

Kathie Quick (4/'27) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'26) 532-7459

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

Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

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

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

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Newsletter/Website - Jeff Huth 203-482-1954, webmaster@trailsweepers.org

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Fall Kick-off - Jeff Huth

Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312

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