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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Even though the official day of winter is not until December 21st, it feels to me like a transitional time of the seasons. It is the time of year to think about our winter ski/boarding plans. Are you set as to where and when you might hit the mountains for your favorite snow sport? Are you staying locally only or planning a fly-away trip? As for me, I bought season passes, planned my ski trips and sharpened my skies. Now it is a waiting time for mother nature to take its course.

In the meantime, TSSC has much in store as we wait for the snow. For example, Jeff Wood, who has travelled to 51 of our National Parks, will give a photo presentation of his experiences on November 11th following a brief meeting. Let's have some fun, learn about our National Parks and support Jeff.

Our start the Ski Season Dinner/ Dance co-sponsored by the HVSC, will be held on November 22nd at the Stonehedge Restaurant. It is not too late to sign-up. Let's have some good eats, dance and just have fun ! A "Thank You" goes out to Jeff H. for organizing this event.

Be sure to check out Ellen's choice for the November Happy Hour. They are great opportunities to socialize, relax and end a week on a happy note. THINK

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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.

We will hold a **single meeting in November** in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday. On **Tuesday November 11** there will be a board meeting beginning 6:30 pm followed by a regular Club meeting and **Informational Program**.

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 **November 7**, 4 - 7 pm (note time change) Happy Hour at The Cornell Kingston
- Tuesday November 11, 6:30 pm. Board meeting followed by general meeting and Informational Program
- Thursday or Friday November 13/14, Catskills 3500 peak hike
- Monday November 17, 12:00 Noon. Hike from Peterskill/Minnewaska to Lost City.
- Thursday or Friday November 20/21, Catskills 3500 peak hike
- 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

side of the page.

Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance

Saturday November 22: Stonehedge Restaurant, West Park, NY

Last chance to 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. 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) - sole, chicken francaise or roast beef - ASAP.**

You can pay either via **check made out to Trailsweepers or TSSC prior to November 7 and sent 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

This month, **Jeff Wood**, will give a presentation sharing photos and experiences from some of his visits to **FIFTY-ONE of the U.S.'s National Parks**.

Future Programs:

- 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 again conduct a program on Boot Alignment at the 1st meeting of January (1/13/26!)

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specific idea or request related to a topic please contact **Rob Fletcher**, Program Chair.



HAPPY HOURS FOR NOVEMBER

On **Friday November 7** we will hold our single Happy Hour for November at **The Cornell Restaurant and Bar:**

100 Rondout Landing
Kingston, NY 12401

The Happy Hour this month will take place from 4 - 7 **pm** to take advantage of the Cornell's Happy Hour drinks and bar snack offerings.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



In October, there were some great opportunities to get out and experience the very special Fall foliage that we are so fortunate to enjoy in the Hudson Valley and nearby Catskill Mountains.

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North/South Lake. Unlike prior years, attendance was quite low prompting Steve Wingard to ask whether Sunday is still the preferred day, or it would be better to hold it on a Saturday. This will be reviewed next year. The group who did attend enjoyed some nice hiking and vistas despite the less-than-ideal weather (first 2 photos below).

On Saturday October 25, a group of 7 hikers met at **Minnewaska State Park** to enjoy a 9-mile hike to the Rainbow Falls area (photos in second grouping below).

Upcoming hikes:

Monday November 17, Noon start from Peterskill parking lot at Minnewaska. Eva Foster will lead us on a moderate. 5.5 mile out and back hike to **Lost City** on the adjoining Mohonk Preserve property. As always wear sturdy footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather. Re-hydration stop at Roughcut Brewery following the hike. If you plan to attend, please inform Steve Wingard via phone or text (845-532-7459).

Hold The Dates: Catskill 3500 Hikes TBD - depending on weather

Thursday November 13 or Friday November 14

Thursday November 20 or Friday November 21

If you are working on the 3500 challenge and have specific hikes you need, please inform Steve W. Otherwise, Steve and Jeff will pick hikes they need for their "3500 in Our 70s" challenge.

We also plan some hikes needed for the Winter 3500 challenge beginning December 21. Stay tuned or again, feel free to propose some.



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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"

Road Cycling

Thanks to Jim Tomasetti for keeping us informed about and leading the Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club-sponsored Thursday evening rides. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list for next year, contact Jim at jtskirat@gmail.com.

Rail Trail Rides

Thanks to Rick Fick for again scheduling and leading the weekly Monday night rail trail rides on our great network across Ulster and Dutchess County usually

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at rjje@msn.com.



SKI SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

(First Snowfall of the Year at Whiteface October 23 - Yahoo!!)

TSSC WhatsApp Group

Reminder - there is a Trailsweepers 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.

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 are still openings for Trailsweepers' first ski trip in several years to Zell am See, Austria March 6 - 14, 2026. 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. **If interested, send your registration form and deposit ASAP.**

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- Mt. Tremblant Canada - February 1 - 6, 2026 (**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 (**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 this year:

- Gore Mountain, NY - January 13 - 16, 2026
- Mt. Snow, VT - January 26 - 30, 2026 (**Closing but 1 double room available**)
- Stowe, VT - February 9 - 13, 2026
- Breckenridge, CO - February 21 - 28, 2026 (**CLOSED but maintaining a waiting list in case of cancellations**).
- 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

Dues for Returning Members Should be Paid

If you are among the 84 members who 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.

Membership Recruitment Working Group

A working group established to generate ideas and implement initiatives to reach and attract potential new members under the leadership of membership

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Jim and a list of potential initiatives generated by Jim and Carol Tomasetti for a prior membership drive. One item discussed was promoting some of the Club's activities - e.g. hikes, kayaking - to the public via Kingston Happenings or another similar outlet. If you have some ideas to contribute, please reach out to Jim.

Board Meeting Minutes - October 28

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder at Sky View. Present: Mike Griffin, Steve Wingard, Katie Viglielmo, Kathie Quick.

The board reviewed several options for taking out a CD, since it appeared that the Zell am See trip would not require further club funding. It was decided to put \$10,000 in a 9 month CD at 3.44% at the Mid Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union where our accounts are currently. The CD would mature at the end of July.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder.

Regular Meeting: October 28

The meeting was held immediately after the Board Meeting at Skyview. The meeting started at 7 with 19 members in attendance. President Rob Fletcher opened the meeting and noted the presence of Maureen (Mo) Viglielmo which brought a solid round of applause.

Board Report:

Administrative Vice President Dale Ziegenfelder reported that we have \$38,497 in savings with \$17,200 of that dedicated for the Zell am See March 6th Europe trip. Net is \$21,297 in our account. Hence the Board made the decision to move 10G to a 6-month CD as there is no immediate need for the funds. Carol T. lauded the move.

Membership: Jim Wise reported that there are 82 fully paid members, ahead of last year at this time. With about 108 members, the remaining 26 unpaid members are reminded to please forward your dues. In January/ February, calls will be made to the unpaid. Jim also reported that the new Membership Outreach subcommittee had a productive meeting. The group has 5 members- Wise, Corcoran, Huth, K. Viglielmo, Nystrom and Fletcher. The consensus is that the working group will stay at 5 for now and that later there will be need for others of course- essential to implement the plan. Input from all members is solicited- feel free. There will be biweekly meetings for now to keep the momentum. A Report will be issued in the spring once the Working Committee

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Jeff Huth reported that only 33 seats have been sold to Trailsweepers and 5 to HVSC. If you wish seats contact Jeff ASAP! at execvp@trailsweepers.org or just mail your check, payable to TSSC, to Jeff Huth, 9 Amy Court, Kingston, NY 12401

Hiking:

Steve W. discussed the Saturday/ Sunday options for the annual North/Sout Lake hiking- neither seems perfect. There was an impromptu hike at Minnewaska for the fall foliage on 10/25/25.

National Parks Presentation: At the NEXT MEETING- 1/11/25- Jeff Wood will present a slide show program of his hikes in FIFTY-ONE of the national parks. Great information and a Q&A.

After the Holidays party: Lisa Olivett was not able to attend but there was a discussion as to the structuring of payments in lieu of separate checks. Rob called for a show of hands if folks were willing to travel to the Cantina in Bearsville for the party and it was well received. They are willing to handle cash payments for a limited menu.

50/50: Rob again called out for leadership of the 50/50 program to no avail. So, Kathi V and Rob ran it. Lot of laughs and made some money.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Nystrom

Regular Meeting - October 14

The meeting was held at Skyview with the main topic being the review and passage of the Budget for 2026.

Dale Ziegenfelder ran the meeting which started at 7:07PM. It was reported that there were 20 active members in attendance. Dale declared that a Quorum was present, so the matter of the Budget passage had the required attendance. Dale stated that the Fiscal year starts on 6/1/26 and that this Proposed Budget covers 6/1/25 to 5/26/26. Dale reviewed the budget line by line. He noted that TBD Revenue is revenue that has not been determined (Deficit- Income vs. expenses). For the year ending 5/25/25 the actual amount was \$2,510, with income from the Weekly Raffle ("50-50") of \$766 included, offsetting 30% of the deficit. This year, with an anticipated projection of \$400 for the 50-50, the TBD is almost \$2,500. This shows the importance of the 50-50. Dale called out for a volunteer to run this. Someone needs to step up to this needed, though not difficult position. Our expenses are running behind the reasonable dues structure. With some minor adjustments, the budget was

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Later in the meeting, Dale reported that there is \$38,055 in savings with \$17,290 of that dedicated for the Zell am See March 6th Europe trip. Net is \$21,765 in our account with another \$603 in checking.

Activities/ programs:

Kayaking- Yvonne reported that the end of kayak year party held at Yvonne's and Skips house had about 43 attendees and all had a great time. There will be a planning meeting in the early spring for the summer launches. Skip offered some HI-lighted gifts to the attendees. The end- and highlight- of a wonderful season.

Hiking:

Steve W. spoke about the Shingle Gulley hikes and the Minnewaska experience. As to the North/South Lake hike on 10/12- the projected hurricane date, the hike went on as scheduled. 8 hikers enjoyed wonderful weather! He said that a Lake Louisa hike in the winter is a go and details are to follow. Steve indicated that there may be some more moderate hikes in the future.

Stonehedge Pre Ski Dinner Dance: Dale reminded of the availability of seats but contact Jeff Huth asap (excvp@trailsweepers.com). Music and dancing for only \$50 pp. Cash bar. Dance, dance.

National Parks Presentation: 11/11/25 will offer a retrospective by Jeff Wood of his hikes in FIFTY ONE of the national parks. This should be intimidating and informative.

After the Holidays party: Lisa Olivett indicated that she is having difficulty with finding a venue willing to give separate checks. Soon we will need a sign up sheet so, if members have a special place that can accommodate separate check, please advise Lisa. We expect about 40 people.

With that Skip A made a motion to adjourn at 7:37. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Nystrom.

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2025/2026

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

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Kayaking - Yvonne Baker 417-7144, Skip Alford 481-2898
Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

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Social Events

After the Holidays - Lisa Olivett 542-3945
Fall Kick-off - Jeff Huth for Trailsweepers/Patrick Cummins for HVSC
Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin
Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312

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