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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We got an early start to the ski/snowboard season this year. There are three more weeks to the official start of winter, but fortunately the snow is on the ground at the time of this writing, so if not done yet, get your gear ready to hit the mountains.

We had a fun time at the "Start the Ski Season" dinner/dance co-sponsored by TSSC and the HVSC on November 22nd. A big thank you goes out to Jeff H for organizing this event on behalf of TSSC. Thank you to Kathy Quick for organizing the baskets which were raffled off raising revenue for our Club. Thank you to all the people who developed themes and provided contents for the baskets and thanks to the individuals who volunteered at the event in helping with raffle ticket sales and the 50/50.

Due to the holiday season, we will have only one meeting in December which will be on December 9th at the Sky View Restaurant. Also on this date, we will have a program featuring Gio Holmquist from The Pro Ski and Ride located in Hunter, NY. He will present on new developments in boot and ski technology.

I want to wish everyone a Happy, Joyous and Peaceful Holiday Season.

Robbie

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

We will hold a **single meeting in December** in recognition of the year-end festive holiday season. On **Tuesday December 9** there will be a board meeting 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 December 5, 5:30 pm - The Anchorage, Eddyville, NY
- Tuesday December 9, 6:00 pm, Board and Regular meetings and Program
- Friday December 19, 5:30 pm - Frank Guido's Little Italy, Kingston, 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.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

This month, **Gio Holmquist** from The Pro Ski and Ride in Hunter will present a program on **new developments in boot and ski technology design.**

Future Programs:

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(1/10/2025)

- 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.



HAPPY HOURS FOR DECEMBER

Friday December 5, 5:30 pm - The Anchorage

182 Canal Street
Eddyville, NY 12401

Friday December 19, 5:30 pm - Frank Guido's Little Italy

14 Thomas Street
Kingston, NY 12401

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



November was a very active hiking month for Trailsweepers:

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led by Eva Foster across High Peterskill to Lost City and then down to the Peterskill stream and back out with great views towards both Sky Top and the Caskills

- November 20 - a sunny, pleasant hike up **Windham High peak** from Peck Road

Here are a few photos from the recent hikes in the order they took place.



We expect to continue hiking/snowshoeing throughout the winter as it is a great complement to skiing to work your legs and core.

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

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recreational areas.



SKI SEASON IS HERE !!

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 2026 are booking fast and in some cases closed. TSSC and affiliated organizations will be displayed here.

Trailsweepers

It is still possible to sign up 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.**

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council are sponsoring the following this season:

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- Banff, Canada - February 21 - 28, 2026
- Sunday River, ME - March 1 - 6, 2026 (**Almost Closed but still a few 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 (**Almost Closed**)
- 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 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 Trailsweepings 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@trailsweepings.org.

Membership Directory

Thanks to the persistence of Kathy Aman, a membership directory containing contact details of members who specifically opted-in was distributed and posted on the Members Only section of the website. As a reminder, this is for internal Club use only to facilitate communication.

Regular Meeting Minutes - November 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Fletcher at 7. There were 27 members

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Rob noted that there would be NO December 23 meeting - too close to Christmas. He also noted that Rudy Firmbach is in Golden Hill- room 431 and would appreciate a visit from those who know him well.

STONHEDGE DINNER/ DANCE: Kathie Quick called for assistance in providing contents and a theme for the fundraiser raffle baskets at the dinner. Keep your receipts and contact Kathie if you can help. Jeff H reported that there are now 45 members signed up from TSSC plus an additional 10 - 15 from HVSC. Attendance is down from last year and several people have mentioned they would prefer to try another venue. This can be discussed next summer.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS DINNER: Lisa O. has tentatively lined up The Cornell (Roundout waterfront) venue for the function. They will take separate checks. Further information and confirmation of the date will follow.

HIKING- Steve W. noted that there will be a moderate hike with some rock scrambles for this Thursday - 5.5 miles - at Minnewaska. He has commitment of 7 persons.

PROGRAM: Jeff Wood delivered a wonderful slide presentation of his visitations to 51 of the National Parks. This was a multiyear project, starting on the California coast, including all the parks of the west coast, Nevada, Colorado, east coast- Florida to New England and beyond. Very comprehensive and informative.
Oodles of thanks Jeff.

Rob called for a 50/50 raffle to end the meeting.
Respectfully submitted, Marty Nystrom

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2025/2026

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

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

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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

NJSSC Liaison - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044/Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312

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Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

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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

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