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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a terrific season for us snow lovers. I can't recall a better season in recent years. By the time of this writing (2/22/26), we are expecting to have 12 - 18" of snow over the next 24 hours.

There has been much activity within TSSC during the month of February and still a lot more headed our way in March and beyond. Thanks to Steve W., we are having several winter hikes. Our membership has been growing. Jim W., chair of the Membership Committee, has been meeting and implementing strategies to bolster our membership numbers. The work of this committee has proven to be successful as evidenced by a number of new members. I have coordinated several recent club programs and have scheduled programs for March through October. (We usually do not have programs during the summer months.) Our Happy Hours, thanks to Ellen B., continue to attract a sizable number of club members at the bi-weekly get-togethers. Thanks to John H., TSSC is sponsoring the first ski trip in several years. We will be going to Zell Am See in Austria March 6 - 14, 2026. TSSC will be participating in the Annual NJSSC Presidents Race at Hunter on March 21, 2026.

We will soon have elections for Officers and several Board seats - stay tuned. We will also soon be having our 2026 - '27 planning meetings. These will be held as part of our regular meeting times in early Spring.

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 March 10** there will be a Board meeting at 6:30 followed by a short Club business meeting and Informational Program on accupuncture.

On **Tuesday March 24** there will be a meeting at 7:00 pm

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 **March 6**, 5:30 pm Happy Hour at High Falls Cafe
- Tuesday March 10 - Board/Regular meetings and Program on Accupuncture.
- Friday March 20, 5:30 pm Happy Hour at Los Jalapenos.
- Tuesday March 24, 7:00 - Club meeting
- Tuesday **April 14**, 6:30 - Board/Regular Club meetings and Program on reflections and experiences from a former DEC ranger.
- Tuesday April 28, 7:00 - Club meeting including summer planning calendar development
- Saturday **May 2** - Spring Banquet at Little Italy
- Saturday **June 13** - Almost Summer Bash (to be confirmed)

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.

HOLD THE DATE(S)

Spring Banquet

Saturday May 2 - Frank Guido's Little Italy. Dinner and Dancing to Roadhouse 60s band. Details and sign-up information to Follow.

Almost Summer Bash

Saturday June 13 (to be confirmed once the pavillion is reserved, back-up date June 14). Get ready for the annual picnic sponsored by the Board at Freer Park along the Hudson in Port Ewen to kick off the Summer season. The food, beverages and camaraderie are normally preceded by road cycling and kayaking opportunities in the morning along with a cornhole tournament during the picnic.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Growing Trailsweepers membership is essential to the long-term viability of the Club and to continue its 75+ year heritage. A committee was formed last Fall to facilitate and accelerate that effort consisting of Jim Wise-Chair, Monique Corcoran, Rob Fletcher, Jeff Huth, Marty Nystrom and Katie Viglielmo.

Since that time, the group has developed a Mission Statement/Value Proposition, brainstormed various ways to attract new members, increased distribution of Club brochures in locations where skiers are likely to be, encouraged existing members to act as ambassadors and "talk up" Club benefits and worked with our social media coordinators to increase event/activity postings to improve Trailsweeper prominence in on-line search engines. Over the last few months, 16 new members have joined Trailsweepers. While this positive development is not all due to the work of the committee, it certainly confirms the opportunity that exists.

Once we have successfully recruited new members, we need to ensure they have a positive experience so we are introducing a new Spotlight On section of the Newsletter to profile new members and we would like to start this month with **Monique Corcoran**.

Monique lives in Hurley, NY. She enjoys skiing, hiking, cycling, and socializing. She learned

and that 6/7 have been certified ski instructors at some stage of their lives. Monique has already become a very active member attending meetings and social functions, joining the membership committee and distributing brochures to attract prospective new members - **WELCOME MONIQUE.**

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Thanks to Program chair, Rob Fletcher, we have several programs over the next few months across a range of topics.

On **Tuesday February 10, Dale Ziegenfelder** hosted a well-attended screening of a short film - "The Robbery at Highmount" followed by a discussion of Trailsweepers past experiences and fond memories of skiing there. Our unofficial Club movie critic, Marty Nystrom has reviewed the film giving it a ringing endorsement distributed under separate cover.

March 10

Bodywork is a journey that Kari has been on for better than two decades. It began with fifteen plus years of massage practice that carried her through acupuncture school and into acupuncture practice which she officially started in NY in January of 2022 after graduating with her MSAC in August of 2021 from ESATM and passing all boards by early November. In December of 2022, she completed her doctorate in acupuncture at Five Branches University. She continues to practice acupuncture here in Kingston, with an office uptown in the Willow Park Office Complex. On **Tuesday March 10, Kari Hoyt** will deliver a program related to **Acupuncture.**

April 14

On **Tuesday April 14 Leslie Suprenant** will present a program entitled "**Wilderness Work, Wilderness Play**" highlighting her experiences and reflections from a career as a DEC ranger.

May 12

On **Tuesday May 12**, Anna Zvilius will discuss how **Reika Treatment** bridges the physical and spiritual.

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 MARCH

Friday March 6, 5:30 pm

High Falls Cafe

2842 Route 209

Kingston, NY 12401

Friday March 20, 5:30 pm

Los Jalapenos

772 Ulster Avenue

Kingston, NY 12401

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Four of us snowshoed up Slide Mountain (highest in the Catskills) on Wednesday February 25. There was an old track to follow but on top with the heavier snow and significant drifting we were breaking 6 - 8 inches of fresh snow. The original plan for the day was a through hike to include Cornell and Wittenberg but as there was no visible track broken out from Slide to Cornell,



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.



SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAYS

Whiteface - (For those without the NYS Ski -3 Pass)

Simply go to Whiteface on any of the dates listed below, show your Ski Council or Ski Club ID as well as a photo ID and get a ticket. For questions contact them at groups@whiteface.com or by calling 518-946-8414.

- March 6, 2026 (Friday) \$67
- March 27, 2026 (Friday) \$67
- April 3, 2026 (Friday) \$57
- April 4, 2026 (Saturday) \$57
- April 5, 2026 (Sunday) \$57

SKI RACING

The Annual NJSSC President's Race will be held at Hunter on **Saturday March 21**. Whether you are an experienced or casual racer or have ever thought about giving it a go, this is a great opportunity to participate and score points for Trailsweepers. Details to follow.

SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Trailsweepers are sponsoring the first ski trip in several years to Zell am See, Austria March 6 - 14, 2026.

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

- Sunday River, ME - March 1 - 6, 2026
- 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 again sponsored several trips focusing on EPIC-affiliated resorts this year including:

- Park City, UT - March 7 - 14, 2026 (see recent email about 2 last minute discounted openings)

Additional information and links for each trip can be found in the Ski Trips section of the HVSC website <http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

Tremblant Quebec February 1 - 6. Attendees enjoyed plenty of snow, woods and bump skiing for all levels, reasonable temperatures and No Fog. It has already been confirmed that the trip will again take place February 2027 and may be a great opportunity for people looking for a trip not requiring a flight. Accommodations are very convenient to the slopes, and the small ski village at the base of the mountain has a range of shops and restaurants.



CLUB BUSINESS

Annual Elections

Club officers and 3 Board members will be selected by a vote of the membership at the first meeting in April. If you have questions or would like to step forward as a candidate, please speak to a member of the nominating committee - see below.

Board Meeting Minutes - February 24, 2026

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder. Present: Kathie Quick, Katie Viglielmo, Mike Griffin, Steve Wingard, Skip Alford. The President's Race for March 21, The Spring Banquet on May 2

trip room and airfare since he was two participants short of receiving a comp from the tour company. Skip Alford and Kathie Quick are the nominating committee for club elections to be held at the first meeting in April with nominations the meeting prior.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Rob opened the meeting at 7:09. There were 30 persons in attendance. BIG NEWS- We have 16 new members! See the Membership report below.

Five new members were at the meeting- Kathy and Larry Collins, Kim Floberg, Jessica Abanilla and Adrienne Ryan. At various points in the meeting, they all introduced themselves and it was nice to see new faces. All are skiers. Rob noted that the planning calendar will be discussed at the April and May 2nd meetings of each month. The planning sessions are intended to come up with ideas for a full range of activities for 2026-2027. This includes sport and social functions. The dates for the various activities should be set by May.

BOARD REPORT- The Board has sanctioned (\$) the President's Day Ski Race, the Almost Summer bash on June 13th and the Spring banquet on May 2nd. The Board also discussed sponsoring John H 's costs for the Austrian Ski Trip in consideration of his significant organizational time and efforts.

Rob asks for suggestions/assistance for the INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS development. Anyone with suggestions, bring them, (with any details that you may have), to the next meeting or email him. See the last pages of the Newsletter for contact information.

SKI TRIP- Rob noted that we have not had a ski trip in awhile and he acknowledged Trailsweeper's own John Hoefinger ("Kayak John") who coordinated this year's trip to Zell am See, Austria. There will be over 20 participants leaving March 6th. A real value trip! Nice job and bon voyage. Great job John!

SKI RACING- Per Chair Jim T., there will be Masters Ski Racing at Gore next weekend. The NJSSC President's race is on March 21st at Hunter.

SPRING BANQUET- The date for this dinner/ Dance May 2rd per Diana Z., Chairperson. \$64 pp, for food and dancing- all but the drinks which will be cash bar. Starts at 6. Save the date with info to follow. FINANCIAL- Treasurer Karen S. stated that we have \$702 in checking. \$14,067 in savings (10G in a CD).

MEMBERSHIP- Chair Jim Wise reported on the Membership Outreach Committee meeting

conversation starter at Bellyeare. A conversation between prospective new member Jessica and Karen S. was a catalyst for joining. On-line search introduced us to the rest. We plan to briefly profile new members via a "New Member Spotlight" item starting with the March Newsletter. Permission ahead of time will be obtained of course. It's just a "getting to know you" piece. We will continue with a call out to all new members in future Newsletters.

On another note, The Committee has prepared a general "Trailsweepers Mission Statement" and submitted it to the Board for review and approval. In our 4-5 meetings several discussions about who we are and what are our goals resulted in a Draft for the Board. Further info and suggestion will come later. We're working.

HIKING- Steve W. We will be doing Slide Mountain this week. Steve and several other active hikers have had several winter hikes and are working on an unofficial challenge to re-hike all 3500 peaks in their 70s - contact Steve W to tag on.

50/50- Kate V. handled the 50/50 and Jim Tomasetti was the winner!

Dale presented the video movie "Robbery at Highmount" which he and former member Bob Stucke made LONG ago at the now dormant ski area. It is a 10-minute Laurel and Hardy movie. If you haven't seen it, you must. It is a HOOT!!! There will be a rerun next year (the writer hopes). We shared ski stories about many good times and experiences at Highmount

Rob adjourned and we all shared some time together.

Respectfully submitted, Marty N.

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2025/2026

(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

Secretary - Martin (Marty) Nystrom, 679-8613 Secretary@trailsweepers.org

Club Board Members (term expir.), Board@trailsweepers.org

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

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/Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312

Discount Lift Tickets - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

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

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

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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

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312

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