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TRAILSWEEPINGS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are fortunate to live near the Catskill Mountains for a host of reasons. For me, what comes to mind is the opportunity to ski at one of our local ski resorts. Although we may be getting ready in terms of ski trip planning, we are currently at the cusp of witnessing the awesome beauty that the Catskill Mountains have to offer in the fall.

The mountains are well known for the multi-color fall foliage. The oak, maple, and birch trees, as well as others, turn their leaves to gold, red, and orange colors. The transformation of color begins in late September and peaks in mid-October. At the time of this writing, some trees are beginning to show color. The cool crisp weather is great for hiking, biking, walking, and even camping. There are many opportunities in the Catskills that range from an easy walk to challenging climbs. TSSC is hosting the North/South Lake Picnic and Hike on October 4th.

It is also a great time to take advantage of visiting one of our local farmers markets. The local farms produce apples, fresh produce, pumpkins, sweet apple cider among other delicious foods. The fall in the Catskills also offers a number of fun-filled festivals. The Harvest Festival in Windham, the New York Harvest Festival in Palenville and the Belleayre Festival in Highmount just to mention a few.

There are many locations that are popular to experience during the fall foliage. Some of these are: Kaaterskill Falls, Hunter Mountain, Overlook Mountain, Ashokan Reservoir, and

So, while we plan for the winter ski season, we can now take advantage of the changing of the trees and fully enjoy the Catskill Mountains.

Robbie

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Thursday **October 1**, 4 pm - DISC Golf at Kingston Point
- Sunday October 4 - Annual Hikes and Picnic at North/South Lake
- Friday October 9, 5:30 pm Happy Hour at Hoffman House, Kingston.
- Tuesday October 13, 6:30 pm - Board and regular meetings plus Informational Program on Evolution of Ski gear
- Saturday October 17 - "Murder Mystery" event to be hosted by Monique C. Details to follow.
- Friday October 23, 5:30 pm Happy Hour at Duffy's Dockside, Kingston NY
- Tuesday October 27, 7 pm - Regular Club meeting
- Tuesday **November 10**, 6:30 pm - Board and regular meetings.
- Saturday November 21, 6 - 10 pm - Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance

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.

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 13**, at 6:30 pm there will be Board and regular meetings (**Including a vote on next year's budget - see Club Business section for link**) plus an Informational Program on Evolution of Ski gear

On **Tuesday October 27** at 7 pm there will be a Club meeting at 7 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>

Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance

Saturday November 21: Stonehedge Restaurant, West Park, NY

Make your plans for the **"Start of the Ski Season" party on Saturday November 21 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 be \$ 55 per person for members and \$ 60 for guests. We need to communicate final numbers and entree choices ahead of the event, so be sure to secure your place ASAP. **Entree choices (see recent emails) and check made out to Trailsweepers or TSSC should be sent prior to November 1 to:**

Jeff Huth - 9 Amy Court Kingston, NY 12401.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Tuesday October 13 - Program on the Evolution of Modern Skis and Bindings by Sam DeCicco

Sam has a collection of skis and bindings starting from 1930. He will bring a dozen skis and several unmounted bindings and talk about the evolution of the equipment from the materials used to construction and design. Sam reports that he started to ski in 1970 on his neighbor's 210 Head Standards in leather boots. His first trip to Hunter was in 1971. The lodge on top was under construction, no West side yet.

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 20, 2026

Thanks to team coordinator Jackie Olivett and all participants, donors and volunteers supporting this annual initiative which generated over \$ 54 K so far via the Benedictine

local community event financially helping those in our community navigating their own cancer journeys.

A big thank you to the following individuals (in no special order) for their support of our team fundraising effort and for their friendship, Jeff Huth, Marla Brucker, Pat Marsh (thanks for volunteering also), Yvonne Baker, Dale & Diana Ziegenfelder, Chris & Kathy Burkhalter, Bill & Lucy Harper, Debbie Briggs, & Jean Pavone. If anyone volunteered, donated or participated (on an unfortunately very rainy day) on the day of the event, I may have missed listing you as I haven't gotten notice yet of your donation but thank you!

Jackie, Team Captain

You can also support the Benedictine Health Foundation through their annual Ski Day at Plattekill scheduled for February 11, 2027.



HAPPY HOURS FOR OCTOBER

Friday October 9, 5:30 pm - Hoffman House

94 N. Front St
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday October 23, 5:30 pm - Duffy's Dockside

7 W. Strand Street
Kingston, NY 12401

If you have suggestions for new venues that you believe would be suitable for our Happy Hours, please contact Ellen Berlin at zeeventure.woman@gmail.com or 845-594-2105.

Photo below from a well-attended and enjoyable Happy Hour at **Underground Coffee and Ales** in New Paltz on September 4.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



North/South Lake Hike(s) and Picnic - Sunday October 4, 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. **If you plan to attend, please inform Steve Wingard (845)532-7459) and Skip Alford (845-706-9714) for hike and food planning respectively.**

Seven of us completed a challenging but rewarding through hike across one of the Catskill 3500 peaks, **Plateau Mountain (photos below)**, from Mink Hollow to Devil's Tombstone on Friday 9/18. Additional hikes will be planned this Fall (look for information about one to Huckleberry Point) and hold the date of

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"

Rail Trail Rides

Rick F. coordinates and leads Monday evening group rides on sections of the Wallkill Valley, Ashokan or Hudson Valley rail trails in Ulster and Dutchess County. Rick has provided the following information to ensure everyone has a positive experience:

- All rides are out and back (you can shorten any ride)
- All rides average 15 miles @ 10-14 mph
- All bikes need to be in good working order
- All riders must wear helmets
- All riders need minimum of spare tube (even if you can't change a flat) and water
- Rides typically end in a tailgate party
- Rain and foul weather usually cancel ride so get on email list to stay abreast for notice of cancelation, change of location, or start times, etc. - Rick Fick rjje@msn.com, 914-443-4060

Road Cycling

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club sponsors Thursday evening rides originating at the O & W Building, 97 Hurley Avenue Kingston.

The rides are typically 25 - 35 miles in length following a variety of routes with 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)

of the annual O+ festival including 25, 39 and 56 mile road rides and a 40 mile gravel ride. All begin at Blue Duck brewery on Hurley Avenue, Kingston. Advance sign-up recommended.

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



KAYAKING

Another great season of TSSC Kayaking is in the books **thanks to organizers Yvonne and Skip** and everyone who participated in a varied range of paddles, some with adjacent hikes.

Here are some notes and photos from Yvonne.

Well, this was the last paddle of the season. Since it was in Connecticut we didn't expect many people to show up. So, we were surprised when there were 13 of us, 11 kayaks and one double canoe. The site consists of two beautiful lakes, unknown territory to all of us. Leaving the state launch that was on East Lake we were able to paddle under a bridge bringing us into the large bay of East Lake. We circumvented that and found some interesting structures. One a stone tower in Washining Lake (meaning laughing water (East Lake)). Then another bridge brought us into a back water marsh which led us into West Lake, the larger of the two but not enough time to explore this one. We hope to make this trip one of next year's paddles with a hike to follow. Afterwards we went to the Boat House restaurant for food and libation! Scissors served with

and look forward to next year's schedule. Thank you to all who allowed us to continue the adventure especially when it truly turns into unknown circumstances.



A beautiful blue sky day for the kayak picnic. There were 22 people all bringing amazing foods to pair with the chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers. We are so grateful for all those that have paddled with us past and present. You have allowed this TSSC program to be successful year after year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Skip and Yvonne

Paddle On.....





SKI SEASON IS COMING

SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Information regarding trips for next year - 2026/2027 season - for TSSC and affiliated organization-sponsored trips will be displayed here as available.

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council have announced the following:

Mont Tremblant, Canada – February 7 – February 12, 2027. **Note:**
Registration for this trip is Closed.

Lake Tahoe – February 20 – February 27, 2027. Please [click here](#) for a flyer.

Loon Mountain – Riverwalk Resort – February 28, 2027 – March 5, 2027.
Please [click here](#) for a flyer and reservation form.

Hakuba Valley, Japan - March 13, 2027 skiing in Hakuba and visit to Tokyo followed by 2 different skiing or sight-seeing extension opportunities. Now available for sign-up.

Additional information can be found in the Ski Trips section of the NJSSC website [The New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council](#)

Hudson Valley Ski Club will sponsor trips to IKON resorts next season. The following are in the mix for next season. TSSC members pay no extra fees to participate although initial registration priority goes to HVSC members:

- **Gore Mountain, NY**, January 4 - 8
- **Stratton, VT** - January 11 - 15
- **Mount Bachelor, OR** - January 23 - 30

- Banff, BC - February 27 - March 6 - **Note: Trip is Full**
- Killington, Vermont - March 8 - 12?

Additional information and links for each trip when available can be found in the Ski Trips section of the HVSC

website <http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org>

CLUB BUSINESS

Quorum Needed for Vote on the Budget for next year

Please plan to attend the meeting at Skyview on Tuesday, October 13 and vote on the proposed budget for next year. A link to the [proposed budget](#) can be found here.

Pay Your Dues Now

It's time to renew our membership for next year. You can pay the \$ 35 annual dues via check made out to TSSC and sent to PO Box 3061 Kingston, NY 12402 or save a stamp and pay via Zelle if supported by your banking institution. Just enter treasurer@trailsweepers.org as the recipient and note the purpose of your payment.

Board Meeting Minutes - September 8

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

The meeting start was delayed for about 20 minutes due to lack of a quorum. The board sanctioned the Kickoff Party at Stone Hedge for November 21. John Hoefinger led the financial committee (board + officers) review of the proposed budget to be published in the October newsletter for a vote on October 13.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting - September 22

Meeting started at 19:10 by Rob Fletcher, President with 27 members attending. Rob made request for volunteer for position of Secretary. Explained duties. Jim Wise took present meeting minutes. Announced that no meeting the 4th Tuesday in December. Board Review given by Dale. The Board had reviewed and updated the Constitution and Bylaws and proposed changes mailed to members. Dale also advised of several subsequent changes - Constitution Article V, Section 4, last sentence: change an Officer to a Director. Constitution Article VII, Section 2: change NON-PROFIT to NOT FOR PROFIT

budget approval October 2026. There was also a vote on the proposed annual dues increase to \$ 35 with \$3 early payment discount.

The changes were approved unanimously by show of hands.

Membership: no changes; membership 128.

Finance: John presented present status: CD= \$15,300 Checking=\$1,300

Savings=\$3,600 Total cash=\$20,300

Disc Golf: details presented; post activity gathering at Mariner's

North-South Lake Picnic and Hike: Steve and Skip gave planned details.

Programs: Rob reviewed Linda Summers Yoga presentation last meeting and upcoming Sam DeCicco talk and demonstration on history of ski equipment.

Murder Mystery: Monique will be hostess at her home. She described activity and details will be distributed.

Start of the Ski Season Dinner and Dance: HVSC won't be joining this year. Kathie requested assistance with organizing gift baskets.

Kayaking: Yvonne and Skip noted a good year. Their efforts appreciated.

Hiking: Steve discussed hikes on Catskill 3500. Requested leaders for easier, local hikes. His efforts appreciated.

Happy Hours: information will be provided in Newsletter.

50/50: not done at this meeting.

Other: Pandora advised that she has ticket for upcoming West Point football game.

Mo Viglielmo Birthday was recognized and Katie distributed cupcakes.

Minutes Submitted: Jim Wise

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Gold Point Resort Timeshare - Colorado Spring Skiing at its Uncrowded Best.

Mountain View of Breckenridge

3 Bedroom, 3 Baths, Sleeps: 8

Week 13 each year – Dates for 2027: CHECK IN: 03/26/2027/CHECK OUT: 04/02/2027

Asking Price: **FREE** (Annual Maintenance - \$1,898.00)

For more information and Photos click on this [link](#)

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2025/2026

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

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

Treasurer - John Hoefinger 838-273-3175

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

Skip Alford (4/'27) 481-2898

Mike Griffin (4/'28) 914-388-7558

Katie Viglielmo (4/'28) 594-4359

Kathie Quick (4/'27) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'28) 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

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Social Events

After the Holidays - Lisa Olivett 542-3945

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Happy Hours - Ellen Berlin

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312

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