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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once the leaves start changing and there is a little chill in the air, you know the holiday season is kicking off and this upcoming holiday is Thanksgiving. It's a day for gathering with family and friends, sharing a wonderful meal, and taking time to reflect on blessings and gratitude. It is a time to slow down and share some thoughtful meanings of life with people who mean the most to us.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with love, peace, and gratitude. HAPPY THANKSGIVING.
Robbie

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday **November** 6, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Little Italy
- Tuesday November 10, 6:30 pm - Board and regular meetings.
- Friday November 20, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour at Los Jalapenos
- Saturday November 21, 6 - 10 pm - Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance
- Friday **December** 4, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour location TBD
- Tuesday December 8, 6:30 pm - Board and regular meetings and Informational Program.
- Friday December 18, 5:30 pm - Happy Hour location TBD
- Monday December 21 - Hike to Cornell and Wittenberg

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 **November 10 at 6:30 pm** there will be a Board meeting followed by a regular Club business meeting. **These will be the only meetings in November.**

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

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Start of the Ski Season Dinner/Dance
Saturday November 21: Stonehedge Restaurant, West Park, NY

Last chance to sign up 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 is $ 55 per person for members and $ 60 for guests. To secure your place send your entree choices (see recent emails) and check made out to Trailsweepers or TSSC immediately to:
Jeff Huth - 9 Amy Court Kingston, NY 12401.

At the December 8 meeting, **Gio Holmquist** from The Pro Ski and Ride in Hunter will return to present a program entitled "**A Life in Skiing: Keith Holmquist and the Story of The Pro Ski and Ride".**

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 NOVEMBER

Friday November 6, 5:30 pm
Frank Guido's Little Italy
14 Thomas St.
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday November 20, 5:30 pm
Los Jalapenos
772 Ulster Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



There was a good turnout to enjoy the Fall colors and camaraderie at the annual hike and picnic at North/South Lake on Sunday October 4. Twelve hikers headed out to North Point while others enjoyed trails around the lakes. Hikes were followed by grilled food, beverages, and shared side dishes and desserts. **A big thanks to Yvonne and Skip for planning and cooking the food this year.**

Seven of us hiked to Huckleberry Point on Saturday October 24. We started early which was the right call since the parking lot was over capacity on the last weekend before Platte Clove Road closes for the season. **(see photos below for N/S Lake and Huckleberry Point).**

A hike is tentatively planned for **Monday December 21 to Cornell and Wittenberg** depending on weather.

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 SEASON IS COMING

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

Information regarding trips for the upcoming season - for TSSC 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.**

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:

- **Gore Mountain, NY**, January 4 - 8
- **Stratton, VT** - January 11 - 15
- **Mount Bachelor, OR** - January 23 - 30 - **Note: Trip is Full**
- Mount Tremblant, QC - February 7 - 12 (same week as NJSSC but different hotel) - **Note: Trip is Full**
- 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

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CLUB BUSINESS

Secretary Needed

If you are willing to record the minutes at our meetings, help set direction for the Club and assist in other administrative tasks periodically, please speak with Rob Fletcher.

Payment of Dues

Renewing members are reminded that dues are to be paid prior to December 1 to remain in good standing. Dues for returning members ($ 35/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 pay via Zelle from your personal financial institution by transferring the money to treasurer@trailsweepers.org.

order on October 13, 2026 at SkyView Restaurant. Present: Kathie Quick, Katie Viglielmo, Mike Griffin, Skip Alford, Steve Wingard.
Reimbursement to Katie for her expenses to create the mugs for the cornhole contest was authorized without receipts. $20 per mug for materials plus 2 firings.
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting – October 13, 2026

Rob Fletcher opened the meeting at approximately 7:15 and reminded the group that a secretary is needed. Carol Field volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.

Dale Ziegenfelder indicated that a Board meeting would be held **after** the regular meeting and Program. Dale then led the group through a review and discussion of the proposed budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved to add $ 150 to each of the proposed expense line items for kayaking and hiking. As there were no further comments or questions, a vote was held (quorum present) and the revised budget passed unanimously.

No report on membership or Finances.
Hiking - Steve Wingard reported on the solid turn-out for the hike/picnic at North//South Lake on October 4. He thanked Yvonne and Skip for handling the set up and cooking for the picnic. He also indicated a hike is tentatively planned for December 21 (the first day hikes can be counted towards the Catskills 3500 Winter challenge) to Cornell and Wittenberg from Woodland Valley. He also invited all members to suggest hikes they would like to do with the Club.
Skiing - Carol Tomassetti noted that there will be a Masters race at Belleayre in January in the event people would like to participate or volunteer to assist with e.g. hand timing. Rob noted the recent email regarding the GS and slalom race camps at Killington in December. Create an account using the link that was sent out to register to attend. Jeff mentioned that there is a TSSC WhatsApp group (let him know if you would like to be added) for communicating about conditions and ski plans.
Upcoming Events

- Jeff Huth noted that we are currently below the target attendee numbers for the Season kick-off party at Stonehedge on November 21 and the event may have to be cancelled if participation does not increase.
- There are seven openings for the Murder Mystery Pot Luck dinner at at Monique Corcoran's house scheduled October 17.
- Next Happy hour will be held at Duffy's Dockside in Kingston on Friday October 23 5:30 pm

who is looking for people to ski with during the week. He was welcomed and provided with a membership form.
Program – Sam DeCicco delivered an informative presentation (along with multiple examples of skis and bindings) on the history, evolution and key design influencers, of modern skiing equipment from about the 1930s to present time. **Big thanks to Sam.**

There being no new/further business a 50/50 was held and the meeting was adjourned.

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

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

Discount Lift Tickets - Steve Ahladas 337-9317

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

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

Facebook- Jean Pavone 518-527-4670,
Instagram - Katie Viglielmo

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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