



TRAILSWEEPINGS

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President's Corner

So here we are in March and already the temperatures are going up, up and up. Make sure you get out there to do whatever skiing you want sooner than later.

Thank goodness, we have begun to see a light at the end of the "pandemic tunnel". Vaccines are being distributed, however slowly, but continuing in a positive direction.

As you know, TSSC has been conducting virtual Board Meetings followed by Happy Hours on the second Tuesdays of each month, and Programs on the fourth Tuesdays which have been coordinated by Rob Fletcher. Rob tells me he has plans for a program for March already in the works.

Steve Wingard organized a few winter hikes and I'm sure has a few more planned for the next season.

Soon the warmer weather will be here and I am planning, once again, to have meetings at Freer Park in Port Ewen. I will be sure to send emails with the dates and times. Speaking of emails, I have been working on our email lists and noticed that some members have not renewed their membership. Please let me know if it has been an oversight or you are just taking a break for the year, this way I can maintain an accurate email listing.

Keep in mind that Elections are just around the corner. Several of us are

maintaining our positions, with the Club members approval, however, we are still in need of a SECRETARY. Maintaining accurate records is an important club function. Even though I am retired, looking at filling both positions for another year is a little more than I am prepared to continue to do and would appreciate someone else giving it a go.

Looking forward to see you all in the near future.

Be Safe and Be Fit

Lisa



Meetings, Happy Hours and Informational Programs

On the second and fourth Tuesday evening each month Trailsweepers get together virtually via zoom or similar technology.

The second Tuesday has been designated for Board meetings and any required business activities followed by informal "Happy Hours" to catch up and share recent experiences skiing and pursuing other activities. The fourth Tuesday has been allocated for a series of Informational Programs coordinated by Rob Fletcher across a wide range of topics.

On Tuesday February 23, Christine Lavallo Executive Director of Habitat Humanity of Ulster County and build crew volunteer Jeff Huth teamed up to present a program on Habitat's work in the local area.

Chris discussed Habitat's mission, the significant challenge of affordable housing in Ulster County, the process by which candidate families are identified and qualify for the opportunity to purchase a home through Habitat including a significant "sweat equity" contribution during construction. She also described how interested people can support Habitat's work locally via donations (cash or furniture and other items), volunteering, shopping at the Re-

Store and spreading the word. The rate-limiting step for carrying out the mission is acquiring suitable property so if any club members have ideas please pass them along to Christine. Jeff then talked about working on the build crew emphasizing that there is a role for anyone interested in making a contribution to the building process regardless of prior construction experience. Chris's slide deck showing some background information and photos of houses recently completed along Glasco Turnpike in Saugerties will be posted to the website.

Rob is already working on an interesting topic for the March 23 meeting so check your e-mail for additional information from Lisa on this and future programs. If you would like to volunteer to organize and/or deliver a program or have a specific request related to a topic you would like to hear about please inform Rob.



WINTER HIKING PROGRAM HAPPENINGS

Our hiking committee chair, Steve Wingard, has been busy planning and leading routes this winter covering a range of durations and terrain types.

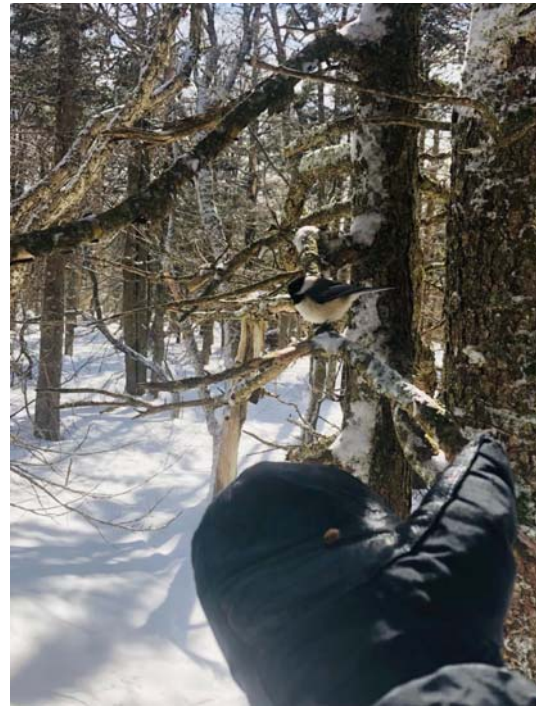
On Wednesday February 17 Steve, Kathy A., and Mary N. hiked up Balsam on a beautiful sunny day. According to Steve there was a black-capped chickadee waiting at the top to greet people that would occasionally land on people's hand.

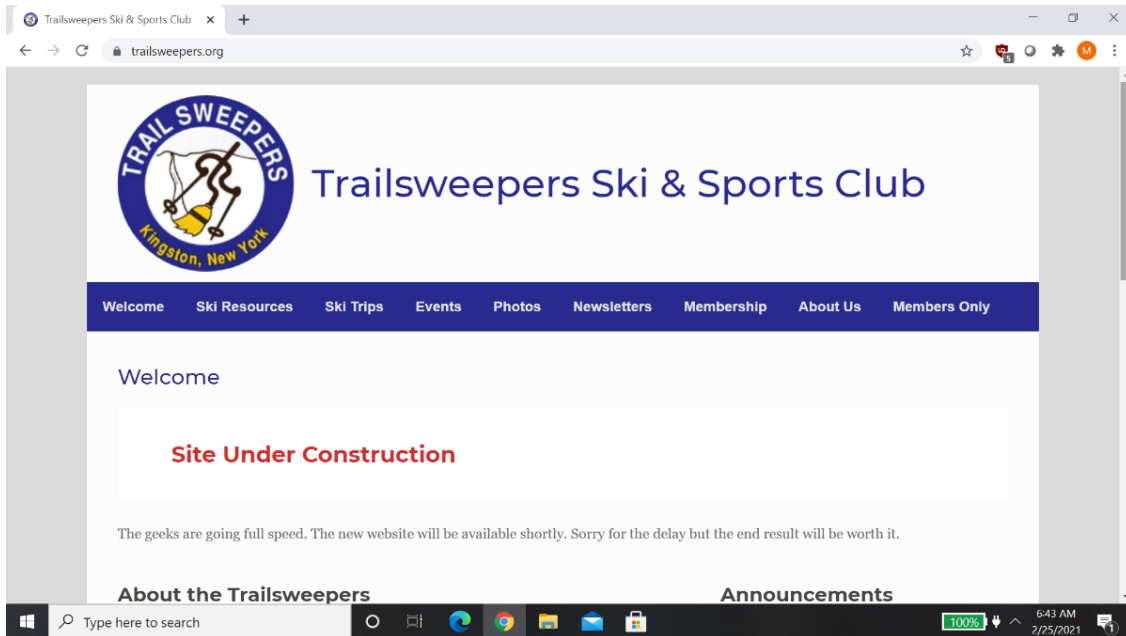
On Saturday February 20, nine club members (Chet and Maj-Britt A., Rick F.

and Nancy M., Tom F., Jeff H., Moe K., Carol T., and Steve W.) met at the Scenic Hudson Shaupaneak Ridge trailhead next to Lake Louise in Esopus. We snowshoed through about 4 inches of fresh snow on the red, green and blue trails covering around 4 miles. The day began in bright sun, gradually clouding over but we were still rewarded with views of the Hudson and Catskills along with the camaraderie that characterizes club outings.

Steve is already thinking about a hike (potentially on the John Borroughs site in West Park) for March so stay tuned.

Top two photos below from Balsam, bottom two from Shaupaneak.





NEW WEBSITE !

(same domain name www.trailsweepers.org)

We now have a new website on-line although it is still under construction. On behalf of the club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few individuals for their contributions:

- Daniel Desmedt for his support of the former club website for many years and working with me on transferring responsibilities

- Carol Tomasetti for providing encouragement, background information and several resources based on her experience with similar projects
- John Macek for reaching out to offer assistance, recommending use of the WordPress tool, working with the hosting organization to assist in the transfer, providing documentation on website maintenance and **building the site** that is now available

For the "Members Only" page, the password for this year will be -
Trailsweepers.

As the new website is in the early stages with content still to be added, I invite you to take a look and if you have any questions or would like to offer some (minor please) suggestions please let me know.



Club Elections

(Virtual Meetings to be held March 23 and April 13)

It is approaching the time of year for Club elections and for the second year we find ourselves working to find a suitable approach in the face of the Covid pandemic that has changed so many aspects of daily life. Trailsweepers have demonstrated significant flexibility in developing alternative approaches to staying connected and active during the past year and will do the same in conducting an election in the absence of live meetings consistent with the spirit of the Club constitution and by-laws.

Fortunately, the current officers and Board members whose terms would otherwise expire have agreed to remain in post for another term subject to confirmation by the membership following a modified election process. As Lisa noted in her monthly message, there is an opening for Club secretary, and it would be great if one or more candidates would put themselves forward for this important role.

The modified election process for this year will be as follows:

- The election will be held at the first meeting in April on Tuesday 4/13/2021
 - Nominations for all open positions - President, Executive VP, Administrative VP, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Board Members will be received at a special business meeting to be held on March 23 **or** may be submitted via e-mail to the nominating committee comprised of Board members not up for re-election: Steve Wingard (s.wingard@hotmail.com) or Mike Griffin (mtgriffin723@hotmail.com) anytime up to April 13.
 - If there is only one nomination for an open position (incumbents or others) a single, confirmatory vote will be cast on behalf of club membership by a Board member not up for re-election on April 13
 - If there are more than one nomination for one or more roles a vote will be taken at the meeting on April 13.
 - The nominating committee will tally the votes and submit a summary of votes cast for each contested role and the name of the person receiving the most votes
 - Election results will be communicated via e-mail and included in the May Newsletter
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SKIING FOR A GOOD CAUSE REMINDER

On Thursday March 11, The Benedictine Health Foundation will again take over Plattekill ski area for a private fundraising event capped at 250 attendees. The registration fee includes a lift ticket, lunch/beverages and **optional** bus transportation from Kingston Plaza. The proceeds are used to offer financial support to Ulster County residents and their families struggling with a cancer diagnosis.

While not a club-sponsored outing, it is certainly a worthy cause and a number of Club members plan to participate. For additional information click on the link below.

[BH-SkiBenefitFlyer-2021.pdf](#)

MEMBER MARKETPLACE



Specialized Road Bike For Sale

Small frame fitted for a 5' 4" person, \$400. Call Rebecca at (845) 626-3751

TRAILSWEEPERS ROSTER 2020 - 2021

(Phone number area codes 845 unless noted)

Club Officers

President - Lisa Olivett 542-3945

Executive VP - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312

Secretary - (OPEN POSITION, applicants welcome)

Treasurer - David Wise 255-1868

Club Board (Term Expiration Date)

Skip Alford (4/'21) 481-2898

Mike Griffin (4/'22) 914-388-7558

Jeff Huth (4/'21) 203-482-1954

Kathie Quick (4/'21) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'22) 532-7459

Committee Chairs

Membership - Karen Spinozzi 338-0626

Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - Jim Culla

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - TBD

Kayaking - TBD

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

Facebook- Jean Pavone 518-943-3061, Carol Tomasetti 594-9045

Newsletter/Website - Jeff Huth 203-482-1954

Social Events

After the Holidays - Karen Spinozzi 338-0626

Fall Kick-off - Janet Mihm 201-615-2806

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312, Jean Pavone 518-943-3061



