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## TRAILSWEEPINGS

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### *President's Corner*

JULY 2021

Well, Summer is here! And I must say that the Trailsweepers rolled out the red carpet for it at our Almost Summer Bash on June 19th. What a success it was!

We had 77 members, family members, HVSC members and guests attend. There was plenty of activities, food, beverages, raffles and most of all, socializing. It was a great way to introduce summer and reintroduce ourselves to a bit of normalcy, while still exercising necessary safety protocols.

Thank you, to all of you who put so much time, effort and work into making this an enjoyable day for so many. From purchasing the food and beverages, setting up the tables and banners, picking up and cooking at those hot, hot grills, putting on a few raffles, making sure everyone signed in and verified contact information, and to cleaning up when most everyone was gone. All efforts are so appreciated. As a result, our Club welcomed twelve New or Renewed Members at this year's Almost Summer Bash.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our scheduled **Planning Meeting** due to inclement weather, however, it has been **rescheduled for July 13th** following the Board Meeting at Freer Park in Port Ewen.

Happy Hours have been reintroduced and well attend and I see Janet has two more scheduled for this month.

A Kayaking schedule is also in the works for all you kayakers, however, a little assistance with that would be helpful.

Welcome Back. See you all again soon.

Be Safe and Be Fit

Lisa Olivett

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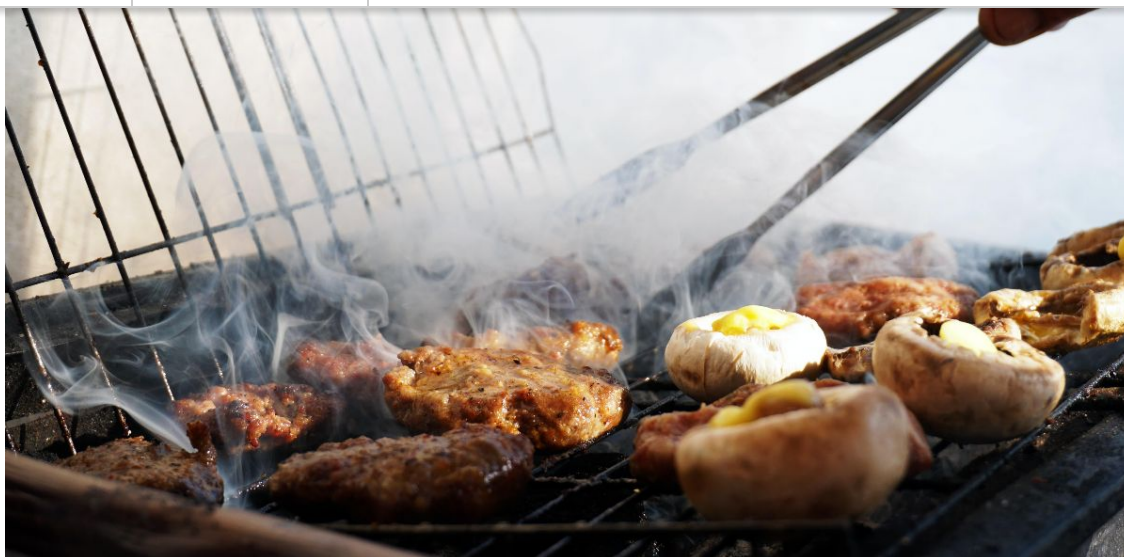
## ***HELP WANTED***

As our Club resumes a full range of recreational and social activities, we really need members to consider stepping forward to take on one of two critical positions. It can become easy to just assume that "someone else will do it" but eventually that will no longer work and the Club experience will be negatively impacted for everyone.

**Club Secretary** - this position involves preparing an agenda and keeping the minutes of each meeting, maintaining an accurate record of the standing rules of the club and as directed by the president, conducting all correspondence and notifying members of special meetings. Our President, Lisa, has basically been performing "double-duty" over the past couple of years which is neither appropriate or sustainable. We really need someone to take on this key role.

**Membership Coordinator** - We would like to thank Karen Spinozzi for performing this role longer than expected but it is time for a transition so please step forward. The position involves processing new member applications and dues, sending out annual dues reminders to current members, visiting the P.O. Box to collect applications/payments and maintaining the roster of members in good standing.

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## ***ALMOST SUMMER BASH***

As Lisa mentioned, the annual Picnic held on Saturday June 19 at George Freer Park in Port Ewen following a hiatus last year was as a huge success!

Two bike rides and a kayak trip up the Rondout Creek to Eddyville in the morning were well attended.

This was followed by great food, beverages and camaraderie with people taking full advantage of the opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones.

## ***INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS***

Thanks again to Rob Fletcher for coordinating this valuable club activity covering a broad range of topics and interests. We have several programs planned in July and August.

On **July 13**, our next program will be delivered following the Planning meeting by long-time Club member and cyclist Jim Tomassetti. He will cover aspects of both road and gravel cycling. The discussion will address bike maintenance, safety, simple nutrition during rides and bicycle technology trends. Jim will include a demonstration of how to change a flat tire.

On **July 27**, Catherine Forbes, MPA, Senior Director of Advancement, will present a program on the mission and activities of the Cary Institute of Ecosystems Studies - one of

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and cities. They are working on topics ranging from Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, invasive pests damaging our forests, predicting the next pandemic, green infrastructure in US cities and the best way to protect recreational fisheries from collapse.

Prior to working at Cary Institute, Catherine worked at Adirondack Mountain Club in Lake George. She lives on Cary Institute's 2,000-acre property where she enjoys hiking, snow shoeing, and training for marathons.

On **August 24**, Christine Hein, Executive Director, will deliver a Program entitled "People's Place - A Cornerstone of our Community Since 1972." Christine will discuss the history, mission, and broad range of services that People's Place provides on behalf of our Ulster County communities. She will also address how you can get involved as a supporter and volunteer in various initiatives.

Christine has been the Executive Director of People's Place since 2012. When not at work, she is a member of various community service organizations, hikes, and kayaks. Christine, her husband, Michael and their son, Mick, are lifelong residents of Ulster County.

**Please note:** These programs require a great deal of organizational planning and preparation by both members and presenters, some of whom are non-members. Please give serious consideration to participating in future Programs when they are offered.

If you would like to volunteer to organize and/or deliver a program or have a specific request related to a topic please inform Rob.



## HAPPY HOURS ARE BACK !!

Following well attended events at Keegan Ales and Mariner's Harbor in June, Janet Mihm has once again come up with two great Happy Hour venues for

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- Friday, July 9: Front Street Tavern Roof Top Bar 63 North Front Street, Kingston (Uptown)
- Friday, July 23: Stella's Station - 150 Partition Street, Saugerties (Come early and walk the grounds of HITS enjoying the beautiful views and horse jumping competition, free.

Time: 5pm till....

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## ***OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES***



### ***SHINGLE GULLY HIKES***

Club members Dale Wolfield and Brett Gehrke who serve as Volunteer Docents have been leading hikes in the Shingle Gully Primitive Area of Sam's Point.

I joined Dale, Brett and several other Club members on Friday June 25 and thoroughly enjoyed the hike, scramble, varied terrain, scenery and views and exploring numerous crevices and "caves". We found several patches of ice/snow that had persisted through June. While rattlesnakes were (thankfully) no where to be found that day, we did see a very small snake that was later identified as an immature copperhead.

There is one more hike on the schedule for Spring/Summer:

- Sat. July 3      08:00 start

limit of 8 - 10 people who can be accommodated on each trip.

The meeting point will be at Berme Rd. Park behind the firehouse in Ellenville.  
Sam's Pt. Covid Protocols will be followed.

*Here's a brief description:*

Shingle Gully is a rugged, protected landscape accessible only on guided tours led by volunteer docents. The all-day, 6-7 hour strenuous adventure ascends and descends 1,500 feet, includes off-trail bushwhacking, steep rock scrambles, exploring caves and is only appropriate for hikers comfortable with heights, tight spaces, open ledges, and hands on ascent and descent [and the possibility of snakes].

**Please be sure to read the attached PDF file about the hike before signing up.**

[https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/670d5d88-45f4-4c78-b510-14d94cb311a8/SHINGLE\\_GULLY\\_HIKE\\_INFO\\_2021\\_2\\_02.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/670d5d88-45f4-4c78-b510-14d94cb311a8/SHINGLE_GULLY_HIKE_INFO_2021_2_02.pdf)

We look forward to the possibility of some additional opportunities to explore this unique area in the cooler Fall.



***" I want to ride my bicycle.... "***

### **Road Biking**

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club is once again sponsoring Thursday evening rides originating at Dietz Stadium (170 N. Front St. Kingston) at 6 pm.



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"A" & "B" 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](mailto:jtskirat@gmail.com))

### **Rail Trail Rides**

Rick F. and Nancy M. are again coordinating and leading Monday evening group trail rides - typically on sections of the Wallkill Valley or Hudson Valley rail trails in Ulster or Dutchess County. Let Rick know if you would like to be added to the e-mail list ([rjjee@msn.com](mailto:rjjee@msn.com))

*Note: These rides are organized by fellow Club members but are **not** sponsored/sanctioned by TSSC.*



### **SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES**

A number of ski trips are being offered through TSSC affiliated organizations - Hudson Valley Ski Club and New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council.

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HV Ski Club Trip Committee has announced two Western (fly) trips for the 2021-2022 ski season. They are:

Crested Butte, CO [January 29 - February 5]. \$ 2008 - \$ 2041 depending on room option

**and**

Whistler, BC, Canada [February 26 - March 5]. \$ 1726

EPIC Local Pass holders will receive a further discount off the prices listed.

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

If you have questions, please contact Jim Gahn, Trip Chairperson, Hudson Valley Ski Club via phone at (914) 213-7250 or e-mail at [jimbgahn@gmail.com](mailto:jimbgahn@gmail.com)

### **New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council**

Also, The NJSS Council will be running the following ski trips during the 2021 – 22 ski season. Click on the trip to see the details.

Big Sky, Montana [February 5, 2022 – February 12, 2022]. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Sunday River, Maine [March 6, 2022 – March 11, 2022]. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

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## **Club Business**

### ***BOARD MEETING***

June 8, 2021

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order on June 8, 2021 at Freer Park, Port Ewen. Present: Steve Wingard, Skip Alford, Kathie Quick, Mike Griffin

The board worked on preparations for the Almost Summer Bash to be held on June



2) If you are concerned about being in a large group where some people will be wearing masks and some may not be vaccinated, and with the items and protocol described below, please join us next year.

3) We will follow CDC guidelines at the time of the picnic.

4) TSSC will grill chicken breasts, 80% Angus hamburgers, Hebrew National hotdogs, and veggie burgers and serve them. Cooks and servers will be using gloves, and wearing masks,

5) Bring food to share if you plan to eat shared food. Use clean personal utensils to self serve so you will not be handling the same utensil that others have used. TSSC will supply them, and individual size condiments.

6) Bring your own food if you are not comfortable eating shared food.

The board members assigned themselves tasks and items to bring. [Here](#) is the link to the spreadsheet.(attached also as PDF). Dale will prepare a survey to be sent on Wednesday before the bash to gauge attendance.

The board voted not to read the COVID questions before meetings.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 6:55 pm with 14 members present.

Minutes of the meeting were taken by Skip A and to be transcribed by Lisa for the Newsletter.

Dale Z reviewed the minutes of the Board Meeting which consisted entirely of preparation for the ASB. i.e. Covid Protocol, possible number of attendees, menu, other supplies, activities, raffles/door prizes, food prep and station assignments.

In Dave W's absence, Lisa reviewed the Treasury Report. Specific details can be provided

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Lisa brought up the issue of filing Taxes and discussed with Rudy and Dale.

Board activities were reviewed. With so much prep work for the ASB, a unanimous decision was made to reschedule the next Happy Hour from June 8 to June 25 .

The next meeting will be on June 22. We will open with a Planning Meeting starting at 6pm and it will be followed with a Program presented on Biking given by Jim T at 7 pm.

Programs were the next issue discussed with Rob F. Rob will contact someone from Keegan's Ale regarding a presentation on brewing at the brewery. Also, Lisa suggested someone from Peoples' Place to give a presentation on it's function in the community.

Lisa also brought up the issue of communicating with our sister club HVSC. She will contact the club's president to work out a plan that will benefit both clubs and follow through with the arrangements agreed upon.

A committee was formed consisting of Rob F, Lisa O, Skip A and Ellen B to organize a "Reach Out Campaign" for attracting new members. Suggestions were Radio Stations, The Daily Freeman, and Almanac Weekly. They will have their own meetings commencing after the ASB.

Prior to this evenings meeting, it was brought to Lisa's attention of the possibility of members' contact information may need to be updated. Therefore, a printout of the membership Sheet will be provided the day of the ASB and members who attend, will be asked to verify the information at hand. Carol T will work with Jeff H in correlating the Membership Contact information with the E-mail addresses he has for Newsletter distribution.

Next discussion was on the new TSSC Membership Application/Waiver, regarding the Covid insert. Dale stated that it will be a topic of discussion at the next Board Meeting on July 13.

The 50/50 will be reintroduced, with a little upgrade, effective June 19 at the ASB. Rob F will continue with the duty at meetings and events. Purchase will be available at one ticket for \$1.00, six tickets for \$5.00 and an arm's length for \$10.00.

A Vote was taken for charging Guests \$5.00 to attend the ASB. This would include Non-Members only other than family of current members.

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The floor was opened for any other issues or concerns. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

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### **Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022**

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

#### **Club Officers**

President - Lisa Olivett 542-3945, [President@trailsweepers.org](mailto:President@trailsweepers.org)

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Treasurer - David Wise 255-1868, [Treasurer@trailsweepers.org](mailto:Treasurer@trailsweepers.org)

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Jeff Huth (4/'22) 203-482-1954

Kathie Quick (4/'23) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'22) 532-7459

#### **Committee Chairs**

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Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - Jim Culla

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

Spring Banquet - Diana Ziegenfelder 657-6312, Jean Pavone 518-527-4670



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