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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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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.

Tuesday **May 10** will begin with a Board meeting followed by a general Club meeting at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday **May 24** will begin at 7 pm with a short Club business meeting followed by an Informational Program (see below).

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

Note: Summer meetings (June - September) will be held at Freer Park in Port Ewen, NY

The Spring Banquet Returns !!

Frank Guido's LITTLE ITALY - 14 Thomas St. Kingston, NY

Saturday May 14 6:00-10:00 PM - Buffet dinner, cash bar and band

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Please see the [attached flyer](#) for details, complete the RSVP with check made out to TSSC and return to Diana Ziegenfelder by May 9.

Remembering Former Club Members

It has come to our attention that Urban J. Piworski, 70, of McCordsville, Indiana passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2022. According to his obituary, Urban was a self-employed appraiser for 36 years and was the owner operator of Rollin' Smoke BBQ. He loved traveling and was especially a lover of the outdoors: hiking, kayaking, skiing, and canoeing. In his younger years, Urban was a ski instructor. Urban is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cathy (Brayton) Piworski, whom he married on April 12, 1980.

Jackie Olivet remembered Urban as "outgoing, friendly, and very involved with the club. Lots of fun times skiing and at other club events, including him spearheading the annual pig roasts. He was a super guy."

We should also remember Maryanne Rogers whose husband, Benson Rogers, was one of the founders of TSSC. A burial ceremony will be held on May 14 at 3 pm at the Bushkill Cemetery (off Rt 28A) followed by a dinner at 4:30pm at the Reservoir Inn.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday May 24** Bill Drakontaidis will deliver a program on bike maintenance and repairs with an emphasis on road survival - i.e., "on the fly repairs" when something happens on the road including what type of small tools you would need.

According to Bill, "I got my introduction into cycling by buying my first Mountain Bike in 1990. Two days later I entered my first MTB event and actually fell in love with the whole experience. It's not just the competition but everything and everyone there. That was over 30 years ago and I'm still riding and racing MTB. I truly think it's a way of life and living. It's introduced me to so many new people and experiences. So just pedal damn it!!!!".

If you would like to volunteer to organize and/or deliver a program or have a specific request related to a topic please contact **Rob Fletcher**, Program Chair.

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HAPPY HOURS FOR MAY

Friday May 6, 5:30pm: **Casa Vallarta**
1571 Ulster Avenue, Lake Katrine, NY 12449

Friday May 20, 5:30pm: **Sky View Mexican Restaurant**
237 Forest Hill Drive Kingston, NY 12401
(Note: This will be a joint Happy Hour with Hudson Valley Ski Club)

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Dale W. and Brett G. will again be leading hikes to the unique Shingle Gully this year (start in Ellenville, NY). They have already reserved Saturday May 28th as a private hike date for Trailsweepers and HVSC members. Contact Dale at dwolfiel@gmail.com for additional information and/or to sign up.

They will also be leading hikes open to the public on May 9 and 16 beginning at 8:30 am.

Before signing up please see the information on the area and how to prepare for an enjoyable and safe experience in the [attached.](#)

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"I want to ride my bicycle, I want to ride my bike"

Road Cycling

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

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

Jim is currently looking for someone to lead a third "B/C+" group for this season for rides that are typically at a slower pace and shorter (12 - 14 miles) duration. If interested, you can either volunteer at an upcoming group ride or send Jim a note.

Rail Trail Rides

Trailsweepers Rick F. and Nancy M. coordinate and lead Monday evening group trail rides starting at 6 pm unless otherwise communicated - typically on sections of the Wallkill Valley, Ashokan or Hudson Valley rail trails in Ulster and Dutchess County. The rides are normally followed by an informal get-together so bring a folding chair and food/beverage if you like. If not already receiving

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The tentative schedule and rail trail parking area meeting points as communicated by Rick for May/June **(to be confirmed via e-mail)** are as follows:

- May 2** - Tony Williams Park (Highland)
- May 9 - Page Lumber (Poughkeepsie)
- May 16 - Depot Museum (Hopewell Junction)
- May 23 - Ashokan (Hurley)
- May 30 - Russell Rd./Route 209 (Hurley)
- June 6** - Rockwell Lane (Kingston)
- June 13 - Binnewater Kiln Lot (Rosendale)
- June 20 - BOCES (New Paltz)

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



KAYAKING

Thanks to John H. and Yvonne B. for re-invigorating the Club kayaking program.

Keep in mind a few things to make your experience safe and fun. Bring food, water, vest, sunscreen, hat, comfortable clothes, and anything else you deem important like paddle, dry bag, camera, and a working kayak!

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schedule, are the times we would like to start paddling. If it is raining the day of the scheduled trip, then the event is cancelled.

If you have questions about the certainty of the trip, call John or Yvonne for details. John can be reached at: 518-719-0490 and Yvonne can be reached at 845-417-7144.

The first paddle of the season will be held on Friday May 27 11:00am at Chodikee Lake in Highland. **Please see the [attached schedule](#)**



SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2022 - '23

Information regarding trips sponsored by TSSC or affiliated organizations will be listed here as it becomes available.

New Jersey Ski and Snowboard Council Trips (see their website for additional information - www.njssc.org)

Mt. Tremblant, Canada – February 5, 2023 – February 10, 2023. [Click here](#) for a flyer and reservation form.

Catskills Great Outdoor Expo June 11th 10am -3pm

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We need volunteers to help represent TSSC to generate increased visibility for the Club and potentially attract new members. Time slots can be for the full duration 5 hours, 10-3 or 2 hour slots 0900-11, 11-1, 1-3. It would be great to have two people in each of the two hour slots.

If you can volunteer or for additional information please contact Yvonne at 845-481-2898 or by email at yab1946@gmail.com

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2022

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder at Sky View. Present: Skip Alford, Kathie Quick, Jeff Huth, Mike Griffin.

The spring banquet was sanctioned for May 14, 2022 @ \$45 pp +\$5 for non-members.

We discussed ways of getting more members:

We plan to participate in the Catskills Expo on June 11.

The Almost Summer Bash brought in a lot of new and renewing members.

We might use the membership cards as business cards to hand out.

WGHQ has free community event announcements.

The Daily Freeman has its "calendar"

There is a Kingston Happenings website.

Jeff volunteered to post the dates/events in the Freeman and on and the Kingston Happenings website.

We will discuss Dave Hersch's antique snowmobile proposal at the May board meeting.
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Lisa Olivett. Report from Board of Directors meeting-----Dale Z. The Board has sanctioned the Spring Banquet, Jeff volunteered to put club activities on the Freeman and Kingston Happenings page, TSSC now has an Instagram account

Nominations and Voting -----Kathie Q

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President- Lisa Olivett

Executive VP- Rob Fletcher

Administrative VP- Dale Ziegenfelder

Secretary- Donna Matthews

Treasurer- David Wise

Board of Directors- New Terms: Jeff Huth, Steve Wingard, Mike Griffin

Old Business:

Dale Z reported on NJSSC race results 3/19/2022.

TSSC team won

TSSC won both NJ Ski Council races this year

Jeff H spoke about Trailsweepers sponsorship of the "skiing for a good cause" fundraiser at Plattekill for The Benedictine Health Foundation.

Carol T spoke about the Masters National Races at Big Sky - The East won!

New Business and Events

4/22 Happy Hour at Hurley Mt Inn

4/26 Meeting and program. Presentation about bike maintenance.

5/06 Happy Hour at Casa Vallarta

5/14 Spring Banquet: Buffet and dancing at Guido's Little Italy. Cost is \$45 pp. Diana Z. coordinator

6/11 Catskill Great Outdoor Expo at Hinchey Memorial Park in Mt Tremper

6/18 Almost Summer Bash at Freer Park

8/09 Picnic meeting at Kingston Point Beach

TBD - Mini Golf to be coordinated by Pandora F

June-September Club meetings will be held at Freer Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM, Respectfully submitted - Donna Matthews, Secretary

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2022/2023

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

President - Lisa Olivett 542-3945, President@trailsweepers.org

Executive VP - Rob Fletcher 338-1537, ExecVP@trailsweepers.org

Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312, AdminVP@trailsweepers.org

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Treasurer - David Wise 255-1868, Treasurer@trailsweepers.org

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

Skip Alford (4/'23) 481-2898

Mike Griffin (4/'24) 914-388-7558

Jeff Huth (4/'24) 203-482-1954

Kathie Quick (4/'23) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

Committee Chairs

Membership - Jim Wise 914-474-1588, Membership@trailsweepers.org

Programs - Rob Fletcher 338-1537

NJSSC Liaison - Jim Culla

Ski Racing - Jim Tomasetti 594-9044

Discount Lift Tickets - TBD

Kayaking - John H. 518-719-0490, Yvonne B. 417-7144

Hiking - Steve Wingard 532-7459

Media

Facebook- Jean Pavone 518-527-4670, Carol Tomasetti 594-9045

Newsletter/Website - Jeff Huth 203-482-1954, webmaster@trailsweepers.org

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 518-527-4670

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