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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

HAPPY SPRING!

I'm proud to say that we have made it through another Ski Season with so many of our members participating in numerous ski events and races with such positive outcomes, ie: Winners! I am even more relieved to report NO INJURIES! Who can believe we are on the cusp of hanging up and storing our equipment already.

With that said, we turn the page of seasons to our Spring and Summer activities and events which makes our club and members so versatile. I am also happy to say that it seems as though, we as a society are finally getting back to some normalcy in our daily lives, which passes on to our Club. Resuming activities and events maintains our closeness to one another and reaches out to new members.

The After Holidays Party was enjoyed by many followed by our Planning Meeting, with so many members offering up ideas and their time to coordinate events for our Club's future. If, after browsing through our list and you see something missing or come up with another idea, or even better yet, would like to assist in coordinating an event, please Email me. All suggestions will be considered. Our Club is only as successful as you make it and there are many

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At our next General Meeting on April 12th, Nominations and Elections will take place. At this time, I would like to maintain the position of your President. I have been President in an unprecedented time and would truly like to see what it would be like to hold the position during a Normal year.

Thank you all for your participation.

Be Safe and Be Fit

Lisa Olivett

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

\$45 pp for members and HVSC members before May 9, \$ 50 thereafter and for non-HVSC guests

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

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 April 12 will begin with a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a Club meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday April 26 will begin at 7:00 pm with a short Club business meeting followed by an Informational Program.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

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

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

As Lisa mentioned, the annual planning meeting was held earlier this year to get a jump on a full range of continuing and proposed new Club activities. Members who had signed up in advance enjoyed a meal funded by the Club prior to the start of the formal meeting which began at 7:30 pm. A list of activities proposed can be found in the meeting minutes in the Club Business section at the end of the Newsletter or by clicking [here](#).

New Event Proposal

Thanks to Dave Hersh for presenting an idea at the planning meeting for a potential new event with several objectives including raising club awareness, generating revenue and attracting new members.

Specifically, Dave is proposing that Trailsweepers sponsor the area's first (potentially annual) **Antique Snow Mobile Show and Winter Carnival**.

Similar to car shows, owners of antique/vintage snowmobiles would pay for spots to display their sleds. Associated features for the event could include a band, games for children, demonstration of snowshoeing and cross country skiing and a flea market for used winter sporting gear which could involve a space fee. In his proposal, Dave identified a number of potential locations for future consideration, issues for which contingency planning would be appropriate and a potential supplier of event insurance.

The initial proposal was well received by Club members in attendance and it was agreed that the first step would involve **establishment of an event planning committee**. If you are interested in participating, please see Dave at an upcoming meeting or reach him at davidhhersh@gmail.com.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday April 26** 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

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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.



HAPPY HOURS ARE BACK!!

Friday April 8, 5:30pm : **Stella's Restaurant**

44 N. Front St. Kingston, NY 12401

Friday April 22, 5:30pm: **Hurley Mountain Inn**

106 Old Rte. 209 Hurley, NY 12443

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Spotlight On ...

Trailsweepers are an active bunch and some are recognized champions at what they do. This month we would like to highlight "**Iron**" **Nick Mercurio**.

USA Triathlon has recently published their national ranking for 2021 and Nick has been **ranked # 1** in the U.S. in his age group. Nick provided the following background to this impressive recognition.

"I've been in the sport since 1982 or so, off and on, sometimes with five years between races, and competed in 150 +/- multisport races that includes mainstream swim-bike-run triathlons as well as all sorts of combinations of run, bike, swim, kayak, downhill skiing (the 70 mph kind), nordic skiing, snowshoeing, mountain bike, whitewater and flatwater canoe and kayak. I've competed in four Ironman-distance races (swim 2.4mi-bike 112 mi-run a marathon 26.2 mi) and been second and third nationally in the 40-plus bracket and won the over 40 category in one of them. I qualified for and competed in the Ironman World

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One of the wildest and most memorable multisport races I competed in, and did it six times, was the Kaaterskill Spring Rush. This was back in the days when downhill ski-run-bike-portage and (usually) whitewater canoe triathlons (at Hunter) and downhill ski-bike-run races (at Hunter, Windham, and Belleayre) existed, before swim-bike-run became the standard triathlon format. A typical race went like this; a mass start at the top of Hunter Mountain where you ran a quarter mile uphill to your ski equipment at the summit, got it on, and raced Belt Parkway to the base lodge, a free-for-all, what they called back then, a "Chinese" downhill. I used 223 Rossignols, passing people on rented skis zigzagging back and forth, at double to triple their speed. Two and a half miles, two and a half minutes, top two or three in that leg. What followed was a run from Hunter to North Lake, down the mountain on trails on snow and ice, 15 to 18 miles, sometimes 20, to the start of the bike leg, which meandered 50 miles or so through Greene County and back up the mountain and included the big climbs like Route 23, Scribner Hollow and 23C in Jewett. Next up was a half-mile portage with your canoe, then a five mile whitewater whitewater race. I usually beat the two-man teams in winning over-40 and finished top five overall. Those were the good old days! Races are a bit more tame these days.

My goal is to keep competing in races and to (hopefully) be the last man standing. Competition seems to keep me healthy. It's also a powerful recreational drug. You gotta have goals."



Thanks to Steve Wingard for agreeing to again serve as Hiking Chair so if you are willing to lead a hike or want to suggest potential locations please advise Steve.

In addition, 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

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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.](#)



Club Racing Program

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NJSSC President's Race at Hunter - Saturday March 19, 2022

Trailsweepers were well represented with 14 participants delivering some impressive results on a variable course surface. The weather cooperated serving up beautiful, sunny skies despite an earlier forecast that had predicted rain all day.

The team of Kathleen Balthazar, Jackie Olivet, Katie Viglielmo, Maureen Viglielmo, Sandy Schwinzer, Kari Hoyt, David Hersch, Jeff Huth, Steve Wingard, Dale Ziegenfelder, David Wise, George Collins, Jeffrey Viglielmo, and Yuri Kobziar prevailed over Ramapo, Ski Bums of New Jersey, and Watchung to claim the Stanley Sharaga Memorial Trophy once again.

In their divisions, Sandy Schwinzer and Yuri Kobziar both got first place points. Kari Hoyt, Jeff Viglielmo, and Jackie Olivet won second place points, Jeff Huth, and Dale Ziegenfelder won third place points. The finish order was determined using NASTAR Team Points, which are awarded based on age and handicap. Each club's skiers were then awarded NJSSC points based on their place in their division. You can find a summary of results [here](#).

Congratulations to all and thanks for helping make this a successful event.

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Health Foundation supported by a range of sponsors including Trailsweepers. Participants enjoyed mostly sunny skies, warm temperatures, and reasonably good snow cover/conditions from the storm the Saturday prior.

As planned, the Club received good publicity associated with our sponsorship via signage near the lifts and a thank you acknowledgement during the afternoon reception. In addition, Trailsweepers in attendance distributed information to prospective new members.

Congratulations to Steve Wingard for winning a pair of skis and bindings in one of the fund-raiser raffles held during the event. Mark your calendars for next year's event to be held Thursday March 9, 2023.



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2022 CLUB KAYAKING PROGRAM

A huge thank you to John H. and Yvonne B. for re-invigorating the kayaking program. Please see below.

"It's been a while since we put a kayak schedule together since no one took up the task of assuming the kayak program for the club. Rather than not having a viable schedule, Yvonne and I decided to jump in and rescue the program for this year. So [attached is the schedule](#). Keep in mind a few things when deciding to kayak:

Bring food, water, vest, sunscreen, hat, comfortable clothes, and anything else you deem important like paddle, dry bag, camera, and a working kayak!

Arrive at the kayak site a half hour before we shove off. The times listed in the 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 me or Yvonne for details. I can be reached at: 518-719-0490 and Yvonne can be reached at 845-417-7144"

John H.

CLUB BUSINESS

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on March 8, 2022 at Sky View Restaurant. Present: Mike Griffin, Skip Alford, Jeff Huth, Kathie Quick

Per the TSSC bylaws, nominations and elections will be held at the first meeting in April (12th). Nominations will be held at the meeting prior (March 22)

The nominating committee - Kathie and Skip - interviewed the current officers and board members whose seats are ending. All were willing to serve another term:

President	Lisa Olivet
Executive Vice President	Rob Fletcher
Administrative Vice President	Dale Ziegenfelder
Treasurer	David Wise
Secretary	Donna Mathews

3 board seats:

Steve Wingard

Jeff Huth

Mike Griffin

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

General Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:34, by President, Lisa Olivett.

Fifteen club members in attendance plus two guests (Ralph and Elaine).

Upcoming Events:

- * 3/22 Planning Meeting/After the Holidays Party at Sky View 6pm.
Buffet and drinks provided by the Club.
- * Ellen will coordinate a Happy Hour with our sister club, HVSC at Hurley Mountain Inn.
- * 3/15 Benedictine Health Foundation fundraiser ski day at Plattekill.
- * 3/19 President's Race to be held at Hunter Mountain.
- * Summer meetings will be held at Freer Park (June-September).

Old Business:

Dale Z reported on the State Race at Pico. TSSC members came in first. (men's and women's divisions). Racers were Jim T, Carol T, Dale Z, Dave W, Jeff V, Mo V, Katie V, Frank R, Jeff H, Sandy S.

New Business:

- * Dave H suggested that TSSC have a winter carnival featuring antique snow mobiles
- * TSSC will acknowledge Nick Mercurio for his achievements (rated #1 for his age group in triathlon).
- * TSSCC will acknowledge Dave Wise for his achievement (Eastern Regional Champion).

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Respectfully Submitted, Donna Matthews, Secretary

General/Planning Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2022

A short General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lisa Olivett.

The Buffett Dinner at Sky View was enjoyed by 25 members. An additional two members and two guests joined for the meeting. Dale Z. made a motion to allocate an additional \$300 for payment for the meal. The Motion was seconded and passed.

The state of candidates for the upcoming election is as follows:

OFFICERS:

President, Lisa Olivett

Executive VP, Rob Fletcher

Administrative VP, Dale Ziegenfelder

Secretary, Donna Matthews

Treasurer, Dave Wise

BOARD of DIRECTORS:

New Terms - Steve Wingard, Mike Griffin, Jeff Huth

The Planning Meeting Commenced with suggestions as follow:

Planning Meeting's Tentative Events/Activities and coordinator

1. Spring Banquet May 14 - Diana Z and Jean P
2. Tanglewood Date TBD - Jean P
3. Saratoga July 21 or 22 - Mike G
4. Kayaking approximately six in July, August and September with dates and locations TBA - Yvonne B and John H
5. Almost Summer Bash, June 18 12 - 5 pm - The Board (hopefully to include bike rides and/or kayaking)
6. Summer Picnic Meeting, Date, Time, Location TBA - Club President
7. Bike Ride Breakfast , Details TBA - Yvonne B and Skip A
8. Camping Event organized by Jim G (HVSC), Yvonne B to forward information when available
9. Ski With Rob (March 2023, details TBA) - Rob F
10. Zip Line, Details TBA - Lisa O
11. Miniature Golf - Coordinator, Date and Time TBA
12. Happy Hour/Music in the Park e.g., Woodstork, Athens, Catskill, Saugerties w/ dates and locations TBA - Rob F and Lisa O
13. Hiking - Steve Wingard , Brett G and Dale W Shingle Gully (May and June) Date and Time TBA

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16. Pig Roast & Softball (with HVSC) at West Hurley Park, Date and Time TBA - Skip A and Yvonne B
17. Evening on the Rip van Winkle, Date and Time TBA - Jeff Huth
18. Benedictine Ride/Run/Walk for Cancer Care, Sept. 25 - Jackie O.

Save the Date for Catskill's Great Outdoor Expo taking place at the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper on June 11, 2022 from 10am to 5pm.

50/50 raffle was won by Jeff Huth and donated back to the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Donna Matthews and Lisa Olivett

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

Club Officers

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

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

Secretary - Donna Matthews 706-6973, Secretary@trailsweepers.org

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

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

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

Kathie Quick (4/'23) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'22) 532-7459

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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 518-527-4670, 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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