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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 August 9 - a Board meeting at 5:00 pm will be followed by a Club Picnic and meeting beginning at 5:30 pm. Location: **Kingston Point Beach Park** - 53 Deleware Avenue Kingston, NY 12401

Tuesday August 23 will begin at 7:00 pm with a short Club business meeting (if needed) followed by a Program (see below). Location: **George Freer Park** 104 Canal St. Port Ewen, NY 12466

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Friday August 5, 5:30 pm - **Happy Hour**, Rosendale Cafe 434 Main St. Rosendale, NY 12472
- Tuesday August 9, 5 pm - Board and General **Meeting/Picnic** at Kingston Point.
- Thursday August 11, 8 or 9 am - **Hike** to Giant Ledge and Panther Mtn. (see below)
- Saturday August 13, 11 am - **Kayaking** on the Rondout Creek, Sleightsburg
- Tuesday August 16, 4 pm - **Mini-Golf** at Ascot Park, 163 Esopus Avenue Kingston, NY 12401

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- Tuesday August 23, 7 pm - **Sing-along** with Dale at Freer Park, Port Ewen
- Saturday September 24 - **Pig Roast** - Fall/Winter Sports season kick-off
- Sunday September 25 - Benedictine Health Foundation **bike/run/walk fundraiser** for cancer support
- September 30 - **Annual Dues** (\$ 30 individual/\$ 45 couple with a \$ 2 discount for payment prior to October 1) should be sent to Membership Chair Jim Wise via - P.O. Box 3061 Kingston, NY 12402
- Saturday October 1 - North/South Lake **Hike and Picnic**
- Tuesday October 11 - Regular Monthly **Meeting** including **Vote on Annual Budget**

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Tuesday August 23 - Sing along with Dale Z. at Freer Park starting 7:00. Dale will bring song books, and play his baritone uke. Attendees are encouraged to bring other musical instruments.

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.

Ride/Run/Walk for Cancer Care (12, 25, 50 mile bike ride/5K Run/Walk)

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Become a TSSC Team Participant and/or Support Our Team Via Donations!

TSSC will again have a team participating in the 19th year of this worthy community event to benefit the Rosemary D Gruner Memorial Fund of the Benedictine Hospital Foundation. This benefit provides funds to those in our community who are on their personal cancer journeys and because of limited means, need assistance with transportation costs or food, etc., as part of their cancer care. *All funds raised are given out locally.*

We are also participating in memory of family, friends, and TSSC members who have passed away from cancer and in support of other family, friends, and TSSC members who have battled cancer and are survivors.

[To Register as a team participant and/or Donate:](#) Use the *team page link* below.

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donations will be attributable to our TSSC team. Also, I have uploaded on my page a set of photos, including mostly TSSC ones, that can be played as a slideshow. Check them out!

I have set a goal of 10 team members and a fundraising goal of \$750. We have always met or exceeded our fundraising goal, and although we are all facing a volatile economy and a worldwide continuing Covid pandemic, please remember that there are always those in our community who are less advantaged than us.

Trailsweepers' Team Page:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/bfcc2022/team/902711/>

Thank you!

Jackie, Team Organizer, jaolt@gmail.com

My Personal Fundraising Page:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/bfcc2022/account/1311661/>



HAPPY HOURS FOR AUGUST

Friday August 5, 5:30 pm - Rosendale Cafe - 434 Main St. Rosendale, NY 12472

Friday August 19, 7:00 pm - Rip Van Winkle live music cruise. The band Jungle Love will be playing. Beverages and snacks are available for purchase. Tickets are \$ 30 per person. According to the website, advance purchase is encouraged to ensure availability although not required. Plan to arrive 15 - 30 minutes ahead of departure time. The boat is moored in Kingston's Rondout waterfront area: 1 East Strand Street Kingston, NY 12401.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Giant Ledge and Panther Hike on Thursday August 11th

- 6.3 miles out and back, 1,981' vertical
- Meet at Kingston traffic circle park and ride at 8:00 or trailhead at 9:00
- Bring proper shoes, clothing, food and water
- For any other info call or text Steve at 845-532-7459

NORTH LAKE HIKE/PICNIC - Saturday Oct. 1, 2022

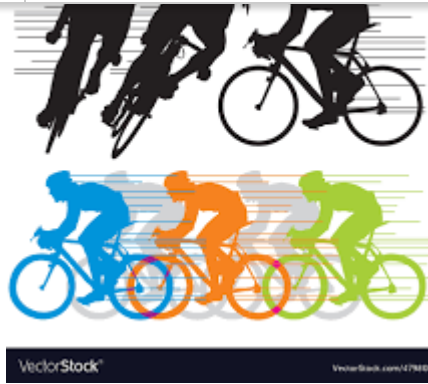
(Hike will start at 10:00 am, organized by Hiking Committee Chair, S. Wingard)

There is a car entry fee so we can carpool from McDonald's in Saugerties meeting at 9:15. It's an out and back hike so you can choose any mileage. It's easy hiking to Artists Rock and Sunset Rock. Rock scrambles after that. North Point is usually the destination for adventurous hikers. Bring proper hiking shoes, water and clothing.

The Club will supply Hotdogs and hamburgers/ rolls, buns and condiments. BYOB. Bring a dish to share if you would like.

Please let Steve W. know if you plan to come on the hike.

Any questions call or text, [845-532-7459](tel:845-532-7459)

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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)

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 them, let Rick know if you would like to be added to the e-mail list (rjjee@msn.com)

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

August 1 - Russell Rd./Route 209 (Hurley)

August 8 - Rockwell Lane (Kingston)

August 15 - Binnewater Kiln Lot (Rosendale)

August 22 - BOCES (New Paltz)

August 29 - Tony Williams Park (Highland)

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 this summer.

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!

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 John or Yvonne for details. John can be reached at: 518-719-0490 and Yvonne can be reached at 845-417-7144.

Following outings on Chodikee Lake and The Mighty Hudson in June, the next paddle of the season will be held on Saturday July 16 11:00am at Ramshorn Preserve, Catskill. **For other dates, please see the [attached schedule](#)**

Hudson most Tuesday evenings so feel free to join her.



SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

As we enjoy Summer, it's not too early to consider ski trips for the 2022/'23 season. A number of trips are being offered through TSSC affiliated organizations Hudson Valley Ski Club and New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council. Some details are still being worked out but the following have been listed so far:

Hudson Valley Ski Club

Steamboat, CO: January 28 - February 4 2023

Aspen/Snowmass, CO: March 4 - 11 2023

Eastern Ski Areas - details for several planned trips are still being developed but the following are anticipated: Killington 1/3 - 6, Sugarbush 1/17 - 20, Mt. Tremblant 2/12 - 17, Gore 3/20 - 23, Smuggler's 3/24 - 26

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

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council

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

Steamboat, CO: February 25 - March 4 2023

Sunday River, Maine: March 5 - 10, 2023 (Lisa O. recently sent out an e-mail describing the recent price negotiations and included a brochure and sign-up sheet).

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Non-affiliate Trips

Club member Dale W. has again informed us that the NYC-based Diamond Dogs Ski Club is offering several domestic and international trips for the 2022/'23 ski season (some currently open and others wait listed). The link is provided here for convenience:

<https://www.ski-nyc.com/home>

CLUB BUSINESS

Dues for Renewing Members:

TSSC club dues for returning members are to be paid by October 1 each year as follows: Individual – \$ 30.00, Couple. * – \$ 45.00 (*two people living at the same residence)

Those paying **prior to the 10/1 due date** shall be entitled to a \$2.00 early payment discount.

Mail your check made payable to Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club, Inc to the following address:

TSSC Membership
UPO Box 3061
Kingston, NY 12402

Board Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2022

In Dale's absence, the meeting was called to order by Jeff Huth at 6:30 pm

Present: Mike Griffin, Jeff Huth, Kathie Quick

Absent: Skip Alford, Steve Wingard

The main topic of discussion was a review of the June "Almost Summer Bash". It was agreed that preparations delivered a successful event and attendees seemed to enjoy themselves. No changes were identified for next year other than to consider including seltzer among the soft drinks offered. If not already done, anyone purchasing supplies for the event are encouraged to submit receipts to Dave Wise for reimbursement and record keeping.

During the prior month, the Board had sanctioned two events – the Benedictine Hospital Foundation annual ride/walk/run fundraiser on 9/25 and a mini-golf outing on 8/2 - via email

Regular Meeting

In Lisa's absence, the meeting was called to order by Rob Fletcher at 7:05 pm

Jeff Huth reported on the Board meeting as reflected in the Board minutes.

Rob reviewed up-coming, near-term scheduled activities:

July 16 – Kayaking at Ramshorn Preserve

July 22 – Happy Hour at Front St. Tavern

August 2 – Mini-golf at Ascot Park

August 9 – Board and Monthly Meetings to be held at Kingston Point. Board meeting to start 5 pm, Monthly meeting to start 5:30 or 6 pm. Need to confirm who will organize the meeting and any associated supplies.

August 19 – Happy Hour on the Rip Van Winkle. Jeff Huth will include additional information in the August Newsletter.

Informal (non-sanctioned) Get-together at Saratoga Racetrack – July 21

Mike Griffin will plan to arrive early and reserve picnic tables. People should bring their own food/beverages or plan to purchase on-site. Post-time for the first race is 1 pm. Mike mentioned that there is also a breakfast buffet available (tickets required) which overlooks the course and includes commentary on the day's race schedule and participants. Mike will prepare a write-up for e-mail circulation this week.

The following potential and planned future activities were highlighted (confirmation and details to follow)

Zipline outing at Catamount or Hunter date TBD to be discussed at August meeting (Lisa O.)

Tanglewood music event date TBD (Jean P.)

HITS horse show event 9/ 7 – 11 (Carol F.)

Pig Roast 9/24. Skip was contacted by phone and agreed to prepare the sanction form in the next couple of weeks (Skip A.)

Rob Fletcher reported on the status of the Club brochure which is basically complete. He will contact a couple of people to see if they are OK with including photos in which they may be identifiable. The printer suggested that a QR code be included on the back cover and Carol Tomassetti volunteered to generate one (completed and sent to Rob).

It was reported by Rob that Lisa is working on a more formal proposal for a membership directory for completion when she returns from vacation. Discussion centered on the need to ensure that any privacy concerns of members be adequately addressed ahead of time with e.g. a direct, confirmed request for opt in or opt out prior to publication/distribution.

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Minutes taken by Jeff Huth

Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022

(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

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

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/'22) 914-388-7558

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

Kathie Quick (4/'23) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'22) 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 - TBD

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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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