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TRAILSWEEPINGS

The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sport Club Inc.

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CLUB MEETINGS

Held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month potentially with an abbreviated schedule in the summer. Note: Changes will be communicated via President's e-mail.

On Tuesday **July 12** we will hold a Board meeting followed by a regular Club meeting

The get-together on Tuesday **July 26** at 7:00 pm will begin with a brief Club business meeting (if necessary), followed by a "Sing-Along" led by Maestro Dale Ziegenfelder.

Summer Meeting Venue: George Freer Park

104 Canal Street

Port Ewen, NY 12466

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

- Thursday July 21 - Race Day at Saratoga
- Tuesday August 2, 4 pm - Mini-Golf at Ascot Park 163 Esopus Avenue Kingston, NY 12401
- Tuesday August 9 - Picnic Meeting at Kingston Point

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- Saturday September 24 - Pig Roast - Fall/Winter Sports season kick-off
 - Sunday September 25 - Benedictine Health Foundation bike/run/walk fundraiser for cancer support (further information coming regarding TSSC's team and support/participation opportunities)
 - 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
 - Tuesday October 11 - Regular Monthly Meeting including **Vote on Annual Budget**
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ALMOST SUMMER BASH re-cap

On Saturday June 18, 43 members and guests enjoyed a nice albeit cool day along the Hudson in Port Ewen for some great food, drinks and camaraderie.

Earlier in the day there was a kayak paddle on the river and Rondout creek as well as two road cycle rides.

Thanks to the Board and Club officers for planning and delivering such a nice event to kick-off the summer and the kayak and cycling trip leaders.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

Sing along with Dale Z. on July 26 at Freer Park starting 7:00. Dale will bring song books, and play his baritone uke. Attendees are encouraged to bring 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.

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HAPPY HOURS FOR JULY

Friday July 8 - 5:30 pm: Keegan Ales

20 Saint James St.
Kingston, NY 12401

Friday July 22 - 5:30 pm: Front Street Tavern Roof-Top Bar

63 North Front Street
Kingston, NY 12401



CATSKILLS GREAT OUTDOOR EXPO

(Yvonne Baker at The Maurice Hinchey Visitor's Center/ Mt Tremper)

Our Club booth generated plenty of inquiries and hopefully 4-5 new members. The annual event highlights the multitude of available activities in the Catskills. There were many vendors including some with hands-on

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The center is a "hidden treasure", offering a great deal of information on our beautiful region and if you haven't been there it is well worth the stop on Rt 28.

A big thanks to the members who contributed their time to help staff the booth - Skip Alford, Steve Fine, Gail Brooks, Dale Zigenfelder, Nicole Wistreich and Rich Pereira.

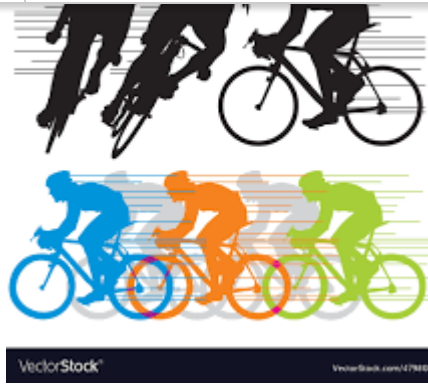
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES





On June 16, Hiking Chair and selfie master Steve Wingard led a hike to the Balsam Lake Mountain summit and fire tower attended by (R to L) Steve C., Michele D., Mary O'C., Tony C., and Jeff H. We avoided the rain that had been threatening earlier in the day and the clouds cooperated to create a window for lunch at the top.

If you are willing to lead a hike or want to suggest potential locations, please advise Steve.

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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 (**to be confirmed by Rick each week via e-mail**) are as follows:

July 4 - Hopewell Junction Depot Museum (3pm start)

July 11 - Page Lumber (Poughkeepsie)

July 18 - Ashokan Rail Trail

July 25 - Russell Rd./Route 209 (Hurley)

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August 15 - BOCES (New Paltz)

August 22 - Tony Williams Park (Highland)

August 29 - Hopewell Junction

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.

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Preserve, Catskill. **For other dates, please see the [attached schedule](#)**

Tuesday Evening Paddles

In addition to the above, Carol Fields is venturing out from Ryder Park on the Hudson most Tuesday evenings so feel free to join her.



SKI TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

As we enjoy Summer, let's not forget 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 2/13 - 18, 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>

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and reservation form.

Steamboat, CO: February 25 - March 4 2023

See their website for additional information - <http://www.njssc.org>

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2022

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder on June 14, 2022 at Freer Park. Present: Jeff Huth, Kathie Quick, Steve Wingard, Mike Griffin, Skip Alford

The meeting was dedicated to planning for the Almost Summer Bash and a list of assignments was generated for Board members to review.

(Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder)

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Olivett at 7:06 pm

The first order of business was a report by Dale Z. on the preceding **Board meeting** which focused on finalizing plans for the Almost Summer Bash on Saturday June 18.

- Assignments were accepted by various Board members
- the start date will be noon
- Diana Z. will organize a “greeting” table
- There will be kayaking and 2 road cycle rides earlier in the morning

Steve Wingard will lead a **hike to Balsam Lake Fire Tower** on Thursday June 16. Participants were asked to inform Steve if they plan to attend. Meet at the Kingston Thruway Park and Ride at 8:30 or the Trailhead on Millbrook Rd at 9:30. If other members would like to propose or lead a hike, please inform Steve.

Programs Update – Rob Fletcher reported that at present there are no definite programs scheduled in the near term so it is unlikely there will be one on June 28. Please bring forward your ideas and/or requests. Lisa encouraged members to think about their work experiences or other interests/activities that might be suitable subjects for a Program. Ideas discussed included bike repairs (we have a speaker but scheduling has proven difficult, a kayak demonstration from someone at Kenco, Estate Planning, a “sing-along”, ski boot update by K. Holmquest in the Fall.

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Hinchey Visitor's Center on route 28 which was well attended. There was a good level of traffic at the TSSC booth/table and several leads for potential new members were generated. Thanks to the Club members who assisted Yvonne and Skip in staffing the booth. Yvonne encouraged people to visit the Center as a good resource for information on the Catskills.

Interim Summer Budget – during discussion ahead of the vote it was agreed to increase the funds allocated to the Almost Summer Bash to \$ 550 (above the \$ 450 shown in the version distributed prior to the meeting) to better reflect actual costs of the event last year. A motion to approve the budget was made by J. Huth and seconded by R. Fletcher and a quorum of the membership in attendance voted to approve the budget.

Upcoming Club Activities

- Happy Hour June 24 5:30 pm– Mariners Harbor Kingston. Bode's Basement Band (played at our recent Spring banquet) will play starting at 7 pm
- One of the July Happy Hours (to be communicated) will be on the Rip Van Winkle boat leaving from the Rondout.
- Kayaking will be held according to the schedule issued by Yvonne and John. In addition Carol Fields kayaks each Tuesday on the Hudson from Ryder Park and members are invited to join
- Saratoga horse racing event targeted for Thursday July 21. Additional information to be provided by Mike G.

Winter Festival proposed by Dave H. – a planning committee is needed to see if this event can get off the ground, probably for the '23/'24 winter period.

Lisa raised for consideration a proposal to create and distribute a **Club membership directory** showing the one issued by HVSC as an example. There was general support and interest by members in attendance. It was agreed that Lisa would communicate the intention to include all members requesting that anyone who elects to opt out of having some or all of their contact details (name, address, phone number, e-mail) included inform her.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jeff Huth who donated the proceeds to the Club.
(Minutes recorded and submitted by J. Huth)

[Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022](#)

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

Kathie Quick (4/'23) 331-7358

Steve Wingard (4/'24) 532-7459

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NJSSC Liaison - Jim Culla

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Kayaking - TBD

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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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