

Trailsweepings: TSSC Newsletter - December 2021

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The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Ski and Sport Club Inc.

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President's Corner

Here we go again!

How many times in our lives have we said, "Wow, Holiday Season" already? I know many of you have said, "Yahoo! It's Ski Season! No matter what tickles your fancy, it's already here,. Hopefully, whatever it is brings joy and happiness to enhance each and everyone's lives.

Thank Goodness we are in a better place than a year ago. We still need to be cautious by following certain protocols, however, restrictions are a little less than a year ago. As long as we play it smart, we will maintain a consistent, positive flow.

There are many ski trips out there, and I'm certain there is one for everyone.

This winter TSSC will continue to have meetings and programs, although, a few minor adjustments may be necessary from time to time.

I would like to take this time to Thank everyone for all their efforts and hard work in helping our Club continue to succeed during this unusually difficult time period. We have overcome a few bumps and hurdles for nearly two years. Our capability of even minimal socializing will continue to grow and our calendar should continue to fill with activities. Keep your ideas coming.

I WISH ALL MEMBERS INCLUDING YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS A HAPPY, HOLY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Be Safe and Be Fit

Lisa Olivett

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.

For December, we will have a single meeting on Tuesday December 14 which will begin with a Board meeting, followed by a Club meeting, and culminate with a **Holiday Cookie Bake-off competition**.

According to the Cookie Bake-off coordinator and master cookie taster, Rob Fletcher, you should bring two dozen cookies to participate. Those in attendance will judge for first, second, and third place. Come on out and join us to have fun, eat cookies, and support the Club.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive

Kingston, NY 12401

REMINDER: DUES FOR RENEWING MEMBERS:

If you have already paid your TSSC club dues Thank You!. If not, please do so as soon as possible as the payment date is **December 1** to remain in good standing. Annual dues are as follows: Individual – \$ 30.00, Couple. * – \$ 45.00 (*two people living at the same address)

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

TSSC Membership

UPO Box 3061

Kingston, NY 12402

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday November 23**, Dale Ziegenfelder presented a program on ensuring proper ski boot alignment. Dale spoke about how understanding and adjusting for variations in your lower body is important for getting your skis flat on the snow when you are in a neutral athletic position. Dale, assisted by Jim Tomassetti, then assessed alignment in ski boots for several Club members and made recommendations for correction.

On **Tuesday January 25, 2022** we will hear from Yvonne B. and Skip A. on their kayaking trip to the Florida Keys.

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 Fletcher, Program Committee Chair.

SKIING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Benedictine Health Foundation - Ski BENEfit March 15, 2022 - Sponsorship Raffle

The Benedictine Health Foundation (BHF) raises and distributes financial resources to those struggling with a cancer diagnosis and whose financial means limit their ability to access or receive the care they need.

In addition to the Fall Run/Walk/Ride fund-raising event, BHF also hosts a Ski Day BENEfit (to be held March 15, 2022) by taking over Plattekill Mountain for the day. Trailsweepers will help support this worthy event by holding a raffle to fund a "Lift" level sponsorship. As sponsors, the Club will be acknowledged in publicity and signage at the event plus we may be able to have a small display to attract some potential new members.

A maximum of 25 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$ 20/ticket. Two separate drawings will be held from the group of ticket purchasers with the raffle prizes being passes for the Ski Day which come along with sponsorship at the \$ 500 level. The value of the raffle prize (if purchased from BHF) is \$ 150 and includes lift ticket, lunch, beer/wine reception and optional bus transportation from Kingston Plaza.

Tickets for the raffle are being sold at Club meetings or by contacting Jeff Huth. **To date, 16/25 tickets have been sold so be sure to get one soon if interested.** The drawing will be held at a Club meeting as soon as all tickets are sold or no later than the Club meeting to be held on Tuesday January 12, 2022. For questions or to reserve/pay for tickets contact Jeff at 203-482-1954 (M) or via e-mail at jeff_huth@hotmail.com.

If you would like to purchase ticket(s) for the Ski BENEfit directly from the Health Foundation, you could visit the website at www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org. Single tickets are \$150/per or they have a special discount rate available prior to 12/31/2021 of \$ 250 for two tickets.

Here is a link to the event flyer:

https://mcusercontent.com/12dc0f31cf0de42e0801b3e21/files/cc477e39-d862-39ef-a07c-35c39a4bf771/BH_SkiBenefitFlyer_2022.pdf



HAPPY HOURS FOR DECEMBER

Given the busy Holiday season, we will have one Happy Hour in December:

Friday December 10, 5 pm: Keegan Ales

20 St. James St. Kingston, NY 12401

If you have a favorite location that you believe would be suitable for a future

Club Happy Hour, please advise Jeff Huth: email at Editor@trailsweepers.org or call/text on 203-482-1954.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



We may plan some additional hikes this winter depending on weather and interest. If you would like to plan and/or lead a hike or have a preferred route/destination please advise Steve.



SKI SEASON IS HERE!

Early Season Racing

According to Carol Tomassetti, the January race camp at Hunter sold out in less than 48 hours. However, for those interested in getting some early season racing in, Mid-Atlantic Masters will be holding a Giant Slalom race on Friday

January 7th and a Slalom race on Saturday January 8th. The GS course will be set up on Eisenhower and the slalom on Lower Broadway. If anyone is interested they can contact Carol Tomassetti carolcartom@gmail.com to get the details. Sign up in advance is required.

Trip Opportunities

A number of ski trips are being offered through TSSC affiliated organizations Hudson Valley Ski Club and New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council. Some of these trips may already be full or getting close so make sure to check out the details on the respective website links.

Hudson Valley Ski Club

Smugglers' Notch, VT Brew Fest Friday-Sunday, December 10-12, 2021

Killington, VT Tuesday-Friday, January 4-7, 2022

Sugarbush, VT Tuesday-Friday, January 18-21, 2022

Crested Butte, CO January 29 – February 5, 2022

Mount Snow, VT Monday-Thursday, February 14-17, 2022

Whistler/Blackcomb February 26 – March 5, 2022

Gore Mountain, NY Tuesday-Thursday, March 8-10, 2022

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

If you have questions on this wide range of trip options you can contact Jim via phone at (914) 213-7250 or e-mail at jimbgahn@gmail.com

New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council

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

Jay Peak, Vermont – January 30, 2022 – February 4, 2022. [Click here](#) for a flyer and reservation form.

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.

Non-affiliate Trips

Club member Dale W. has alerted us that the NYC-based Diamond Dogs Ski Club is offering several domestic and international trips for the 2021/'22 ski season (some

currently open and others wait listed). The link is provided here for convenience:

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

CLUB BUSINESS

HELP WANTED

We still need a Club Secretary. Please consider giving it a try for awhile to help the Club. If you have questions on duties and/or time commitment, please reach out to an officer or board member.

Board Meeting - November 9, 2021

Present: Steve Wingard, Mike Griffin, Jeff Huth, Kathie Quick,
Dale and Skip excused due to family illness.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Kathie Q.
2. Discussion regarding the gift certificate from being the 3rd highest fundraising group for the 2020 Rosemary Gruner Bike, Run Walk for families of cancer victims. Some people at the last meeting wanted to just raffle it off among club members and the club getting the proceeds. There may be some objection to this.
3. Jeff questioned whether or not and if so why we needed to do additional fund raising. Kathie recalled that back in the day, TSSC made a lot of money when we held the Annual Swap and Sell of ski equipment and apparel at Potter Brothers. Potter's no longer lets us run it, they decided that they should have their own event. This formerly helped TSSC raise funds which helped the club with things like purchasing discount lift tickets, operating expenses and to supplement event expenses, if needed. That revenue stream is no longer available to TSSC and we rely exclusively on membership dues and donations.
4. Steve made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike. With all in favor the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathie Quick

Regular Meeting

Lisa started by asking for someone to take the Minutes for the Meeting and Donna Matthews volunteered. The Meeting came to order at 7:40pm. There were 22 members present and we welcomed a new member, Jay Brenner.

In Dale's absence, Jeff H reviewed the discussions from the Board Meeting.

Lisa than reviewed the "Activities Board":

11/19 Happy Hour at Stella's 5-7pm

11/23 Meeting of the Recruiting Members Comm. at 6pm followed by Dale's presentation on Ski Boot Alignment.

12/14 Board and General Meetings, "Cookie Bake-off, coordinated by Rob F. Advised each contestant, bring two dozen cookies.

12/28 NO MEETING

It was suggested by Marla B, to have a Chili Cook-off on 2/22/22. To be further discussed.

Rob F- VP and Program Coordinator gave a review of up-coming Programs.

Dave W- Treasurer was absent, therefore, no report. Jim W- Membership Reported approximately 80 members have renewed and 30 to 40 are still outstanding.

Jeff H- Reported on a fundraising event to benefit Benedictine Health Foundation, Raffle 25 tickets at \$20 a piece, for a private ski day at Plattekill on March 15, 2022 .

Jackie O - Was awarded a plaque in appreciation for her work over the years on the Benedictine Bike/Run/Walk Fundraiser.

Race Camps were previously introduced and reviewed by Dale Z and Carol T. Further information, can be accessed in our Newsletter from the October 12th meeting.

Ski Trips were also mentioned. Lisa suggested that members go on the MHSC and NJSSC Websites for additional information.

The floor was given to Jackie O to express her feelings concerning the decision to raffle the \$50 gift certificate.

Lisa asked if anyone had anything else they wished to bring up or discuss.

At that time, the Raffle for the \$50. gift certificate took place. Kathie Quick won the certificate. At Lisa's suggestion, and approval by almost everyone present at this meeting, the \$135. that was collected from the raffle will be donated next year to the same Fundraiser.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Matthews

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 - (OPEN POSITION), 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

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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