

Trailsweepings: TSSC Newsletter January 2022

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Wishing all Trailsweepers and their family/friends a healthy and happy start to the new year.

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.

This month we will have a single get-together on **Tuesday January 25** at 7:00 pm consisting of a short Club business meeting followed by the Informational Program mentioned below.

Meeting Venue: Sky View Mexican Restaurant

237 Forest Hill Drive
Kingston, NY 12401

Current Covid Policy

The Board has decided that until further notice, all Club sponsored, and sanctioned **indoor** events will be open to Club members and guests who are fully vaccinated (CDC defined as 14 days past completion of last vaccination dose in initial series i.e., 14 days after second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or 14 days after single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

Furthermore, attendees at such events **may** be required to wear masks unless seated and eating/drinking depending on whether the specific venue for the event has adopted a vaccine or mask option according to the NYS regulations currently effective from December 13 2021 - January 15 2022.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On **Tuesday January 25**, Keith Holmquist, owner of The Pro Ski and Ride, located in Hunter, NY will present a program on BOOT FITTING . Keith is an orthotic specialist who has honed his skills as a custom boot fitter. He is known throughout the region and in the industry as a Master Boot Fitter.

On **Tuesday February 22** we will hear from Yvonne Baker and Skip Alford on their exciting 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 contact Rob Fletcher, Program Committee Chair.



HAPPY HOURS FOR JANUARY

We have decided to put Happy Hours on "pause" for the present time

Skiing for a Good Cause

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

BHF hosts a Ski Day BENEFit (to be held March 15, 2022) by taking over Plattekill Mountain for the day. Trailsweepers are helping support this 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 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, 23/25 tickets have been sold so be sure to get one soon if interested.** The drawing will be held at the Club meeting/Informational Program on Tuesday January 25, 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.

Here is a link to the event flyer:

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

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Depending on level of interest, we may organize several winter hikes suitable for most. Potential locations include Shaupaneak Ridge and John Burroughs/Black Creek in Esopus and Onteora Lake in Town of Kingston. Further information will be communicated via E-mail.



SKI SEASON IS HERE!

Early Season Racing

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 but there may also have been recent cancellations so be sure to check out the details on the respective website links.

Hudson Valley Ski Club

Killington, VT Tuesday-Friday, January 4-7, 2022 (Note: a recent email from HVSC indicates there is space for two on the Killington Trip suitable for a couple or two same sex roommates. Price for 4 nights lodging Jan 3 -6, and 4 day lift pass (Sr) is \$414.00 ea. Lodging days and Lift Passes are flexible. Contact Jim Gahn, 914-213-7250 by voice or text immediately).

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, BC 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 page 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.



Local Skiing

Mother nature has made it tough so far this year with warm, wet weather dominating over natural snow but local ski areas in the Catskills and Vermont have done their best to open terrain whenever cold enough to get the snow guns cranking. On most week days you can find a contingent of Trailsweepers carving turns at Hunter. On Wednesday December 22 blue skies, pleasant temperatures and great conditions were the order of the day and once we had all found each other the group had grown to 11. (S. Wingard photo)

CLUB BUSINESS

Board Meetings: December 14 and 21

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder on **December 14, 2021** at Sky View Restaurant. Present: Kathie Quick, Skip Alford, Jeff Huth, also Lisa Olivet and Rob Fletcher

The focus of the meeting was to establish a club policy on how to handle Covid protocol for the January dinner meeting, given the recent NYS mandate:

All indoor public places across New York state must require masks for all people or proof of full vaccination prior to entry.

After some discussion it was first debated whether the club should continue with the dinner meeting as planned or postpone it. Based on current Covid conditions it was voted to continue with the event.

The above mandate verbiage was interpreted to mean that places would check for proof of vaccination and people not vaccinated would have to wear a mask. Since the restaurant does not check for vaccination to enter, anyone can come in wearing a mask. After more discussion on whether to require vaccination or masking, it was decided to bring the topic to the general meeting, and reconvene afterward.

Present on the **Dec 21 conference call**: Jeff Huth, Mike Griffin, Steve Wingard, Kathie Quick, Skip Alford. Also Rob Fletcher, Lisa Olivet.

Lisa suggested that we postpone the dinner meeting due to increasing Covid infections. Given the updated interpretation of the mandate to mean that public places had a choice of requiring everyone entering to be vaccinated, or requiring everyone to wear a mask, the discussion moved to the vaccine requirement. Jeff made a motion that the club require all attendees at the dinner to be vaccinated. This was passed unanimously. Having decided this, it was decided to continue with plans for the dinner meeting.

Skip made a motion that for all indoor club meetings TSSC will require attendees to be vaccinated until further notice. The motion was passed unanimously.

Lisa will send out an email to poll for attendance at the dinner meeting given that the club will require all attendees to be vaccinated.

Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting:

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Lisa Olivett. 26 members and one guest present.

Dale Z. reported on Board Meeting

- * members are encouraged to run trips for the club

Rob F reported on programs

- * Jan 25 meeting to include program on ski gear
- * Feb meeting to include program on kayak trip the Florida Keys

There will be no meeting on 12/28

Treasurer's report.....

Jim Wise reported on membership:

- * membership cards were provided to all members at this meeting
- * at this point, paid members include 82 couples
44 singles

Jeff Huth reported on fundraiser to benefit Benedictine Health Foundation

- * TSSC is taking a sponsorship
- * raffle to be drawn at 1/11 dinner meeting
- * prize is a ski day at Plattekill 3/15

Discussion about vaccine protocol at future TSSC meetings

consensus : to follow NYS mandate, discussion on several potential approaches in order to maintain a safe environment

Summer meetings will be held at Freer Park

Pico Race will take place on the last Saturday in February. The race is sponsored by NJ Ski Council.

The 50 : 50 raffle was won by Nick Mercurio

Discussion about TSSC and Instagram

Members enjoyed the cookie bake-off

Meeting adjourned

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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