

Trailsweepings: November 2021

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TRAILSWEEPINGS

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President's Corner

Where do I start?

TSSC had a great Summer. Maintaining our Board and General Meetings at George Freer Park and one at Kingston Point Beach, not to mention, several Programs. The Club had a huge turnout at the Almost Summer Bash with several participants on the Bike Rides and the Kayaking on the Hudson River. The Club also gained several new and rejoining members.

There were several Hikes, Bike Rides, Happy Hours, Programs and an evening of Miniature Golf. I, along with all the club members and participants, thank and appreciate those members for stepping up when needed.

The Club had our first Board and General Meetings at our new location, The Sky View Restaurant. The Sky View proved to be roomy and comfortable, with plenty of space for safe distancing and privacy for our discussions.

Hopefully, improvement on the health front will continue, therefore, allowing socializing and

resuming some sort of normalcy.

There is a great deal being planned for the near and distant future of TSSC allowing for new and additional activities and functions to make way in to our Club's forte. Stay Tuned for upcoming happenings.

STAY SAFE AND BE FIT,

Lisa Olivett

Club Meetings

Are normally held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month with an abbreviated schedule in the summer. Note: Any changes will be communicated via President's e-mail.

On **Tuesday, November 9** we will begin with a Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by a Club meeting beginning at 7:30 pm.

On **Tuesday, November 23** the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with a short Club business meeting if appropriate followed by an Informational Program on ski boot alignment.

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 prior to October 1, Thank You!. If not, please do so **prior to December 1** to remain a member in good standing. Annual dues are as follows: Individual – \$ 30.00, Couple. * – \$ 45.00 (*two people living at the same residence)

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

TSSC Membership
UPO Box 3061
Kingston, NY 12402

SKIING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Benedictine Health Foundation - Ski BENEfit March 15, 2022

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.

Trailsweepers have raised money for the foundation over a number of years by fielding a team to participate in the Fall Run/Walk/Ride event. The 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 total of 25 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$ 20/ticket. Two separate drawings will be held from the group of 25 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 is \$ 150 and includes lift ticket, lunch, beer/wine reception and **optional** bus transportation from Kingston Plaza.*

Tickets for the raffle will be sold at Club meetings/events or by contacting Jeff Huth beginning November 1, 2021. 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

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

On Tuesday October 26, long time Trailsweeper and racing coach Jim Tomassetti, delivered a well-attended program on ski turn carving. He covered topics related to the evolution of carving approaches, equipment characteristics/selection criteria and maintenance, techniques and training. A listing of video references illustrating carving techniques was distributed. If you missed the presentation and would like to receive the references via e-mail you could reach out to Jim.

Our next program will be held on **Tuesday November 23** and will feature Dale Ziegenfelder who will deliver a program on ensuring proper boot alignment. According to Dale, 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. For interested members, Dale will check your alignment in ski boots and depending on certain factors may be able to make some adjustment as necessary. To participate, bring your boots, their adjustment tools if appropriate and wear shorts if practical.

Future programs will include a presentation by Yvonne B. and Skip A. on their kayaking trip to the Florida Keys currently scheduled for **January 25, 2022**.



HAPPY HOURS FOR NOVEMBER

Friday November 5: **Keegan Ales**
20 St. James St. Kingston, NY 12401

Friday November 19: **Stella's**
44 North Front Street Kingston, NY 12401

If you have a favorite location that you believe would be suitable for an upcoming Club Happy Hour, please advise Jeff Huth: email at Editor@trailsweepers.org or call/text on 203-482-1954.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Thanks to Hiking Coordinator Steve Wingard and several leaders, October was an active month:

- Hikes and Picnic at North/South Lake on a beautiful Fall day on 10/2
- a guided hike to Shingle Gully
- a hike to Westkill Mountain October on 10/15 with a stop afterwards at Westkill brewery
- a well-attended Full Moon hike up Overlook near Woodstock on October 20. Unfortunately the moon did not see the email so was not aware of our schedule and failed to make an appearance while we were on top but the group still enjoyed themselves

If you would like to plan and/or lead a hike or have a preferred route/destination please advise Steve.



WHO'S READY FOR SKI SEASON ??

Race Camp

Last Month's Newsletter included information on 5-Day Giant Slalom and 2-day Slalom Race Camps to be held at Killington in December. The registration deadline was November 1 but there may still be some openings. If interested, please contact organizer Wes Carrajat (908) 276-6939, cell:908-591-6211. WesNJ@Comcast.net

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

Great price for: 2 nights lodging, 2 days skiing, Saturday night BrewFest. See [Flyer](#).
Contact Jim Gahn if you are interested, then fill out the [registration form](#).

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

3 nights lodging at North Star Lodge, 3 or 4 days lift tickets See [Killington flyer](#).
Write your lodging & lift options on the [registration form](#) and mail to Jim Gahn.

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

3 nights lodging at Sugarbush Inn, 3 days lift tickets.

See [Sugarbush flyer](#). Use [registration form](#) and mail to Betty Mostachetti.

Crested Butte, CO January 29 – February 5, 2022

This trip was full but there may be some openings due to cancellations, names are being taken for a waiting list. Please contact trip leader Jim Gahn.

With spectacular scenery and a variety of ski terrain, Crested Butte promises to be an unforgettable trip. We're staying only a short walk from the lifts.

See [Crested Butte brochure](#) for prices of various lodging and lift pass choices.

More [Crested Butte trip](#) information.

Refer to [Epic Pass Info](#) to help pick best lift pass option.

Be sure to read [Important Details](#).

Then, use both our [Trip Registration Form](#) and [EPIC Pass Form](#) to sign up.

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

3 nights lodging at ski-in/ski-out Grand Summit.

See [Mount Snow flyer](#). Use [registration form](#) and mail to Nonie Kelley.

Whistler/Blackcomb February 26 – March 5, 2022

The Whistler trip is essentially full. It may be possible to add some people who can arrange their own airfare. Please contact trip leader Pat Cummins for more details.

Long a favorite destination, Whistler/Blackcomb is the largest ski area in North America. A favorable exchange rate makes this trip very affordable.

See [Whistler/Blackcomb brochure](#) for details and pricing of various ski passes.

More [Whistler/Blackcomb trip](#) information.

Refer to [Epic Pass Info](#) to help pick best lift pass option.

Be sure to read [Important Details](#).

Then, use both our [Trip Registration Form](#) and [EPIC Pass Form](#) to sign up.

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

3 or 4 nights lodging at Comfort Inn, Lake George, 3 or 4 days lift tickets See [Gore flyer](#). Write your lodging & lift options on the [registration form](#) and mail to Herb Eschbach.

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 at least seriously consider whether you could dedicate some time 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 - October 12, 2021

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club Board was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder. Present: Jeff Huth, Kathie Quick, Skip Alford, Steve Wingard, Mike Griffin.

Jeff reported that the proposed ski day at Plattekill benefit raffle ticket sale can not be easily/practically done online with PayPal or other means. The tickets will be sold at the meetings or by mailing in a check. We are waiting for the ski day flyer to sanction it.

Unrenewed membership ends Dec 1. Email reminders need to be sent. Jeff will include a reminder in the Newsletter. Dale will work with Jim Wise to

prepare a target list.
Submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder

Regular Meeting

Yvonne was asked and accepted to take the minutes of the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Lisa/President at 7:39pm. There was 21 members and 3 guests present.

Dale Z. gave a review of the Board Meeting and presented the Budget Report.

Jeff H. spoke about the possibility of TSSC sponsoring the Benedictine Health Foundation Ski Benefit- at Plattekill at the \$ 500 level. There will be 25 raffle tickets available at \$25.00 each to fund the sponsorship. There will be two prizes consisting of a pass for the day. Further details will follow.

The topic of Membership Renewal was discussed and an agreement was reached to send a reminder email using an older list to notify former members to rejoin.

Lisa reviewed the upcoming Activities Board:

- Oct. 15th at 9:15am there will be a 6.5 mile, moderate hike at Westkill .
- Oct. 20th at 6pm there will be a Full Moon Hike at Overlook
- Oct. 22nd there will be a Happy Hour at Ole Savannah
- Oct. 26th at 7pm, Jim T. will give a presentation on ski carving.

Rob F. reviewed additional Programs scheduled for the near future.

Nov. 23rd at 7pm, Dale Z. will give a presentation on Boot Alignment.

Jan. 25th at 7pm, Yvonne B. and Skip A. will give a presentation on their Kayak trip to the Keys.

All Programs will start at 7pm, usually on the fourth Tuesday (ie: second meeting) of the month.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Wise gave a Budget Review presentation to Vote on this evening. Rudy F. made a motion to vote on the Budget and Ellen B. second the motion.

The Vote results were: For: 21, Against: 0 so the Budget was Passed.

Lisa suggested that we have more accountability for Expense related events

and functions. Carol T. will create an Activity Form to be filled out by activity host.

In team captain, Jackie O's absence, Jeff H. gave a summary of the Bike/Walk/Run Fund Raiser event held on Sept. 26th. Our goal was to raise \$1,000 and we raised \$1,200.

Last year for the same fund raiser, the Club was awarded a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to be used at one of the following restaurants: Mariner's Harbor, Little Italy, Port of Call or Front Street Tavern. We discussed whether we should: 1) Use for Finger Foods at a Happy Hour at one of the Restaurants or 2) Have a Raffle. The Vote Results were: Happy Hour Finger Foods--4, Raffle - 14. Therefore, at our Nov. 9 Meeting, the Gift Certificate will be raffled off. Chances will be \$5.00 per Ticket.

Dale Z. spoke about a "Race Camp" to be held at Killington starting on Monday, Dec. 6th to Friday, Dec. 10th. Thursday will be a Race and Friday will be a Dinner.

Carol T. spoke about a "Race Camp" at Hunter starting Jan. 4th to Jan 7th. Two days Giant Slalom and two days Slalom. Priority is given to Mid Atlantic members and then open to anyone else.

Dec. 14th will be a Board Meeting and General Meeting and a Cookie Bake Off, organized by Rob F.

Jan. 11th will be "After the Holidays Meeting/Dinner". Further information will follow at a later date.

The 50/50 drawing of \$26.50 was won by Skip A. and his winnings were donated back to the Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

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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