

## Trailsweepings: TSSC Newsletter - September 2021

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# TRAILSWEEPINGS

## The Newsletter of the Trailsweepers Ski and Sport Club Inc.

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### ***HELP WANTED***

In order for the Club to remain viable, we need members to consider stepping forward to take on key positions as they become available.

**Club Secretary** - this position involves preparing an agenda and keeping the minutes of each meeting, maintaining an accurate record of the standing rules of the club and as directed by the president, conducting all correspondence and notifying members of special meetings. We really need someone to take on responsibilities for this key role as our President, Lisa, has basically been performing "double-duty" over the past couple of years.

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### ***PLEASE PAY YOUR ANNUAL CLUB DUES BY OCTOBER 1***

Details can be found in the Club Business section of this Newsletter.

## **Annual Fundraiser for Benedictine Health Foundation**

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

**Sunday, September 26, 2021** (live event again this year instead of virtual event held last year)

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

TSSC will again have a team participating in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of this worthy community event to benefit the Rosemary D Gruner Memorial Fund of the Benedictine Health Foundation. We are 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 and/or Donate: Use the link below. Remember to select "Trailsweepers" under teams when registering and/or donating. You may register as a fundraising team participant or non fundraising participant.

#### **Team Page:**

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/bfcc2021/team/882321/>

Jackie has set a goal of 10 team members and a fundraising goal of \$1000. At present we have 5 team members and have raised about \$ 400 so it would be great to have additional participation.

She points out that we have always met or exceeded our fundraising goal and last year when the event was virtual, we won 3<sup>rd</sup> place as a team in fundraising!  
**Go TSSC!**

**Thank you!**

**Jackie, Team Organizer**

[jaolt@gmail.com](mailto:jaolt@gmail.com)

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## **INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS**

On Tuesday **September 28**, Christine Hein, Executive Director, will deliver a Program entitled "People's Place - A Cornerstone of our Community Since 1972." Christine will discuss the history, mission, and broad range of services that People's Place provides on behalf of our Ulster County communities. She will also address how you can get involved as a supporter and volunteer in various initiatives.

Christine has been the Executive Director of People's Place since 2012. When not at work, she is a member of various community service organizations, hikes, and kayaks. Christine, her husband, Michael and their son, Mick, are lifelong residents of Ulster County.

On **October 26**, Club member Jim Tomassetti will deliver a timely program aimed at helping everyone prepare for the upcoming ski season.

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.



### ***HAPPY HOURS FOR SEPTEMBER***

- Friday **September 3** at The Anchorage, off Rt-213, in Eddyville,
- Friday **September 17** at The Anchor, 744 Broadway, Kingston

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### ***OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES***



## **FALL HIKING SEASON**

Time to get into shape for the upcoming Ski Season .

**NORTH LAKE HIKE PICNIC** (organized by Hiking Committee Chair, Steve Wingard) **Saturday Oct. 2, 2021** (Hike will start at 10:00 am)

There is a \$10/ 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)

**CATSKILLS PEAK HIKE - Friday October 15** - We will either do an out and back on Giant's Ledge/Panther (6.3 miles, 2105 elevation gain) **or** Westkill (6.5 miles, 1909 elevation) - both have great views. Optional stop following the hike to either Woodstock or Westkill brewery.

If you have a preference for either of these two hikes please let Jeff Huth know by the end of September.

## **OVERLOOK FIRE TOWER MOONLIGHT HIKE**

**Wednesday evening, Oct. 20**, hike will begin at 6:00 pm

4.6 miles, 1,391' elevation gain, a steady climb up a carriage trail.

A flashlight ( headlamps are a nice hands free option) is required along with proper hiking shoes, water and clothing.

Carpool if possible. October harvest moon is a popular night to hike Overlook. Please inform Steve if you're coming on the hike. Any questions call or text - 845-532-7459

**SHINGLE GULLY** - Club members and hiking docents/guides, Dale and Brett, plan to offer two hikes in October - probably one on a weekend and one on a weekday. Additional information will be provided closer to the dates.

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***"I want to ride my bicycle...."***

### **Road Biking**

The Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club sponsors Thursday evening rides originating at Dietz Stadium (170 N. Front St. Kingston) at 5:30 pm (earlier time beginning in September)

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](mailto:jtskirat@gmail.com))

### **Rail Trail Rides**

Trailsweepers Rick F. and Nancy M. coordinate and lead Monday evening group trail rides - typically on sections of the Walkkill Valley, Ashokan or Hudson Valley rail trails in Ulster and Dutchess County. The rides are normally followed by a get-together so bring a folding chair and food/beverage if you

like. 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 for the Fall (**to be confirmed along with start times via e-mail each week**) are as follows:

**September 13** - Kingston (Rockwell Lane & rt 32)

September 20 - Hurley (Russell rd & Rt 209)

September 27 - Rosendale (Kiln Parking lot)

**October 4** - Ashokan (West Hurley)

11 - Hopewell Junction

18 - Page Lumber (Poughkeepsie)

*(Note: These rides are organized by fellow Club members but are **not** sponsored/sanctioned by TSSC)*



## ***SKI 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**

**The Crested Butte trip is currently full, but 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, but might be able to add others.  
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](mailto:jimbgahn@gmail.com)

### ***New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council***

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

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>

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## ***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

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***PICNIC, BOARD, AND GENERAL MEETING - August 10, 2021,  
(KINGSTON POINT BEACH)***

***Board Meeting Minutes***

A meeting of the Trailsweepers Board of Directors was called to order by Dale Ziegenfelder. Present: Dale, Steve Wingard, Jeff Huth, Skip Alford.

A Mini Golf event to be held on 8/25 was sanctioned.

Skip researched WGHQ public announcements for club publicity. We need a person to post club events on their website. He will also look into posting on the Daily Freeman "calendar".

Jeff is gathering a presentation for Board consideration for TSSC to hold a raffle to generate funding for a Club sponsorship of the Benedictine Health Foundation's Ski Day at Plattekill with two day passes associated with the sponsorship as raffle prizes. He will be looking for a way to run the raffle online.

(Minutes submitted by Dale Ziegenfelder)

***General Meeting Minutes***

Michelle Danlon was nominated and agreed to take the minutes for the meeting called to order at 6pm, with 34 members and six guests, making a total of 40 people present.

Lisa made yet another request for someone to fill the position of Secretary.

She reviewed the upcoming Activities Board:

Aug. 24 Program on Peoples' Place at 7pm (subsequently moved to Sept

Aug. 13 Happy Hour at Santa Fe Burger Bar, Rosendale

Aug. 27 Happy Hour at Boitson's, N. Front St., Kingston

Aug. 25 Miniature Golf

Aug. 19 Bike with Skip and Yvonne to Marty's Mercantile, Shokan. Marty's

can accommodate 20 people. Round trip is 20 miles.

Aug. 28 Kayak at Ram's Horn in Catskill starting at 10am

Sept. 1 Saratoga with Mike Griffin

All events will have an e-blast reminder sent prior to event.

Exec, V.P. and Program Director, Rob Fletcher spoke of the upcoming programs. Peoples' Place presentation at the end of Aug. and Jim Tomassetti on Ski Techniques at the end of Oct.

New Meeting location starting in Oct. will be at Skyview Mexican Rest (the former SkyTop), thanks to Yvonne and Skip for identifying and arranging.

Skip mentioned that a good, well attended paddle had been held today before the Picnic Meeting. There were 14 paddlers.

Treasury Report was given by Lisa, because Dave W was not present. Information regarding the report can be provided upon request.

Steve Wingard gave two future Hike dates: Oct. 2 will be our North Lake Hike and Oct. 20 will be a Full Moon Hike to Overlook . All further information will be provided in our September Newsletter.

Lisa brought up a point regarding the planning of events. Please inquire as to whether or not the event must be sanctioned. If so, paperwork will need to be filed and approval given before the event can occur.

Jeff Huth spoke in regards to the sponsoring of a team for the Ride/Run/Walk for Cancer Care. Jackie Olivet is again organizing TSSC participation and assembling the team. This is returning to a live event this year on Sunday, Sept. 26 at Dietz Stadium. Jackie is seeking at least ten (10) participants with a goal of raising \$1,000. At the present time, five (5) have already signed up for the team and raised \$381.

Lisa passed around a few fliers from MHSC and NJSC regarding Ski Trips and advised anyone can go to each Clubs' website to obtain specific information if interested.

She also mentioned that our Club has acquired approximately 20 new members this year. The mailing list is updated and if anyone has any questions, feel free to contact her anytime.

Lisa asked if anyone had anything else to add or discuss but nothing additional was identified.

The 50/50 raffle generated \$73.00. Yvonne Baker held the winning ticket and donated her winnings back into the Club.

Rob Thanked Lisa for organizing the Picnic, Skip and Jeff for cooking and Nick for supplying the grill.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

**Trailsweepers Club Roster 2021/2022**  
(area codes 845 unless otherwise noted)

**Club Officers**

President - Lisa Olivett 542-3945, [President@trailsweepers.org](mailto:President@trailsweepers.org)

Executive VP - Rob Fletcher 338-1537, [ExecVP@trailsweepers.org](mailto:ExecVP@trailsweepers.org)

Administrative VP - Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312,  
[AdminVP@trailsweepers.org](mailto:AdminVP@trailsweepers.org)

Secretary - (OPEN POSITION), [Secretary@trailsweepers.org](mailto:Secretary@trailsweepers.org)

Treasurer - David Wise 255-1868, [Treasurer@trailsweepers.org](mailto:Treasurer@trailsweepers.org)

**Club Board Members (term expir.), [Board@trailsweepers.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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