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Trail Sweepings

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Trailsweepers Snow and Sports Club, Inc.

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TSSC/HVSC Annual Picnic and Softball Challenge Sunday, Sept. 13th



Again this year we will be holding the annual picnic and softball game against our sister club HVSC. The gathering place is at the **Rosendale Recreation Center**. Facilities include a pavilion, two tennis courts and a volleyball court.



As before, there will a full BBQ dinner after the game: Grilled chicken, grilled pork, grilled London broil. Corn on the cob and a keg of beer. BYOB and a salad, dessert or side dish to share.

Tennis and bike ride might be organized before the event. Please check the August newsletter or our Website Calendar for latest hot info.

Details and contact people to be decided by next newsletter.



Direction from Kingston: (check our Website for a roadmap)

- Take Rte 32 South for about 6 miles through Rosendale
- The Rec.Ctr. is on your right 1/4 mile after the Rondout creek bridge, you'll see the ball field from the road.

We meet at the pavilion behind swimming pool.

A Falling Out!

A kayak report by Kayak John

Saturday, June 13, was a perfect day for a kayak excursion. Five usual members (Ellen, Yvonne, John B, Dave, John H.) were joined by two newcomers to the paddle, Francine and Jack. There were a total of seven boats and seven happy people enjoying the view on the Hudson at Dutchman's Landing in Catskill, the launch site.

We started paddling at 2 p.m. and headed south to Ramshorn Sanctuary in search of wildlife besides the ones in kayaks! As we meandered up the creek, (with paddles) we saw several species of birds each one of us trying to figure out what is what. The creek was at low tide making passage a little tricky. All of a sudden we came upon a tree that was down across the width of the creek. There was little room to pass; one had to go to the left and risk hitting the shore or one could have done a limbo move and gone under the tree since there was about a three foot opening between the water and arched tree.



I decided to do the limbo move and get my chest underneath the tree; I had about three inches of clearance. As I got through the opening, I looked back and saw that John Brooks decided to follow suit in attempting the move. All of a sudden, I saw John lean too far to the left and in he went! He did a wet exit, and in the process lost his camera to a muddy bottom! Fortunately, this happened about four feet from shore and the rescue was not too complicated. The only thing we were not able to rescue was the camera.

After getting back into the craft, we continued on our journey towards the destination point—the turn around point at the end of the creek. There was a lot of debris from past storms; as a result we did not reach the end. We came upon another downed tree spanning the width of the creek and we decided that we had gone far enough and simply turned

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Fall Kickoff Party

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Spring Banquet

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Weekly Bike Rides

Mountain Bike Ride

Wednesdays:

Biking at Minnewaska. We meet at the Traps parking lot. Ride leaves at 5:30 till about 8:00pm. Followed by beer, soda and pizza at *My Hero's*. We have both B and C groups riding now, neither group will leave anybody behind.



Rick Fick 914-443-4060

Road Rides

Wednesdays:

The Wednesday ride starts at Bike Brothers bike shop and leaves at 6 PM. This is a fast A ride.



Thursdays:

The ride leaves at 6 PM from Dietz Stadium in Kingston. This is a B/B+ ride, usually 25 to 40 miles.

Jim Tomassetti 331-2324

President's Column



Summer is in full swing, wet but not keeping us down. Almost all activities have gone off, rain or shine. The Almost Summer Bash, held on the first day of summer was well attended and a great time was had by all. We had a planning meeting at Dale and Diana's house that started filling in dates for the year. We will be out with a preliminary calendar soon. If anyone is interested in organizing a hike this fall please call Ellen. Coming up in July are some good kayak trips and a happy hour aboard the Rip Van Winkle on the 24th - get your own cruise tickets and join the fun.

Kevin

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Where are
the hazy
days of Summer?



Flea Market

FREE Larson 36" full view storm door. Full glass panel and full screen, brass hardware.



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Updated news

This newsletter contents is sealed once published, but you can always get updated information on our Website

trailsweepers.org

and select *Events Calendar*.

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Give it a try

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around at that point. When we arrived at the mouth of the creek on the Hudson, it was decided that three paddlers would return to the starting point and the remaining four, would paddle south across the Hudson to the entrance to Roeliff Jansenskill Creek. Upon arrival at the creek, we paddled underneath railroad trestles to come upon the Linlithgo Boat Club where there were some festivities going on.

Since we were not offered any libation from the revelers at the club, we all paddled back to Dutchman's Landing and enjoyed food and drink at the Port-o-Call restaurant. As we were sitting outside enjoying the view of Catskill creek, it started to rain; we quickly moved the party inside! It was John Brook's birthday and the restaurant provided a free meal to John! A fitting gesture since he incurred a big loss earlier in the day. Overall, it was a great day of fun, adventure, and camaraderie. Photographs of the paddle can be seen in the Picture Gallery of our website at trailsweepers.org

The next trip will be July 11 at 10 am leaving from Mariner's Harbor in Highland. Come and join us!

2009 Kayak Schedule

This year's kayak schedule is listed below. The dates, times, and meeting places vary; therefore, give yourself about a half-hour—45 minutes to get ready to paddle. We normally go in some rain and shine. If it is a total washout, the trip is cancelled. In case you are in doubt, contact the trip leader. Don't forget to bring everything you will need for the trip: craft, paddle, life jacket, food, water, sponge, bailer, sunhat, sunscreen, long sleeve shirt if you don't want to put on sunscreen, sunglasses with safety strap, spray skirt, waterproof bag, proper clothing for the trip and weather. Remember, get dressed for the water! Be sure to check start time for each trip!



Sat. July 11 Mariner's Harbor in Highland. Heading north. 10 am.

Sat. Aug. 8 Rhinecliff Boat Launch. Rhinecliff, NY Head south or north depending on tide. 10am.

Sat. Sept. 19 Thimble Islands, Connecticut. All day trip which may turn into weekend trip (Sat & Sun). Meet at the Park & Ride in New Paltz early in the morning. More info will be forthcoming. Wonderful area, fun time.

The Children's Home of Kingston needs YOU!

Saturday, August 8th, 4 to 7PM

We need a dozen good people to help wrangle cars, trucks, and buses and charm donations out of motorists at the annual Children's Home of Kingston March of Champions Drum and Bugle Marching Band extravaganza Saturday afternoon/early evening August 8 at Dietz Stadium. Some of you have helped out in previous years. It's not painful, and there's no heavy lifting unless you want to help Nick take down the barricades after the cars are parked. You would be needed from approximately 4 to 7PM and you can stay and watch the show if you're into the music and showmanship.



This show is a major fund raiser and community awareness event for the worthy non-profit Children's Home, which serves the least-advantaged young men you can imagine. Go to www.CHKKingston.org to check it out. TSSC past president John Brooks is a member of the CHK Board of Directors.



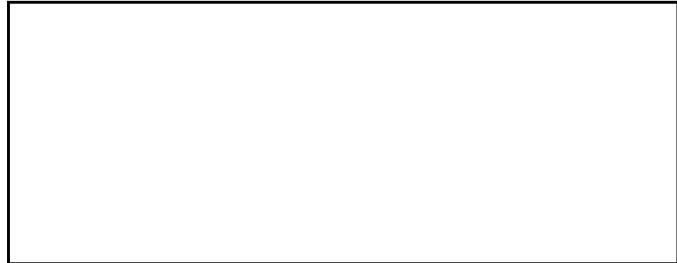
Our part is to prevent pandemonium in the parking lot, to get the Corps trucks and buses where they need to be in time for the show, and to allow people attending the show to express their generosity by making donations to CHK at the entrance to the parking lot. No hard selling is involved, and this operation adds welcome dollars to the event's bottom line.

Signup detail and contact in August Newsletter



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Happy Birthday America

Happy Hour

A few times a month, the club members meet at an area bar or eatery. Join us for a couple of hours of libation and friendly conversation.



July

- 17 **Anchorage**, Eddyville
- 24 **Mariner's Harbor** Kingston, joint with HVSC. Followed at 8PM by a dance cruise on the **Rip Van Winkle**. To the music of Thunder Ridge. Get your own tickets - www.hudsonrivercruises.com

August

- 17 **Rosita's**, Kingston waterfront
- 21 **Skytop**, Rte 28 in Kingston

Contact Dave Cardall 336-8876 for suggestions

Check for last minute changes on our Website at trailsweepers.org

50/50 Raffle



Current jackpot: **\$170**
(estimate)

The price for raffle tickets is \$1 each or 3 for \$2. At the end of the meeting, two tickets will be drawn. The holder of each drawn ticket gets to pick one card from a deck of playing cards. If one picks the Ace of Spades, that player wins the 50/50 jackpot. If not, the picked cards are discarded and the unclaimed jackpot is held over to the next meeting.

At each meeting, as the jackpot grows, the deck of cards shrinks until the Ace of Spades is pulled and we have a winner.

Upcoming Events

Check up to date events calendar on our Website at trailsweepers.org

Regular Meetings:

On 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8:30pm at the Bridge-water Bar & Grill, on Abeel Street in Kingston.

July

- 4 Happy Birthday America
- 9 Meeting at 8:30
- 11 Kayak - Mariner's Harbor
- 23 Meeting at 8:30

August

- 8 Kayak - Rhinecliff boat launch
- 8 Children's Home of Kingston
- 13 Meeting at 8:30
- 27 Meeting at Kingston Point Beach?

On going summer activities.

Tuesdays 6PM: Road biking
Wednesdays 5:30PM: Mountain biking.

See website calendar for details.

