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Trail Sweepings

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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 (check September newsletter)



Contact Frank Rauschendorfer at frauschendorfer@ups.com, or call him at 246-1742 to sign up for the team.

For picnic signup and info please contact **Rick Fick** at rjje@msn.com or call 914-443-4060. Make check to payable to TSSC and send to Rick's home address:

Richard Fick,
P.O. Box 656,
Walden, NY 12586



Direction from Kingston: (check our Website for a road-map)

- 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.

Kingston Point Beach Picnic Meeting Night Thursday, Aug. 13th at 6:00 pm



Join us for our **picnic meeting night** on the beach! Watch the sunset among good friends & conversation! Go for a paddle or windsurf.

Club provides hot-dogs, hamburgers and plastic ware & cups.

Bring:

- Your own drinks
- A salad, dessert or side dish to share
- Chairs, table & bug spray
- Any watercraft as the boat launch is right there.

Contact Kevin Parker at 758-0323 or president@trailsweepers.org



Hike Leaders Needed By Ellen Berlin



As we move into autumn, along with falling leaves come several weeks of hiking.

Hello, I am the volunteer hiking coordinator and this year it is up to you and me to offer our club a variety of fun hikes another great activity when not skiing. A schedule needs to be organized so I am reaching out to club members to volunteer to lead a hike. You create the hike you want... you choose the location, meeting time, length of hike and level of difficulty. You can even add a food/beverage stop after the finish...it's up to you.

As in the past, the dates for the hikes are on Sundays but you may choose to schedule your hike on a Saturday. You may even offer a rain date if it suits you.

I am hoping for a good variety of hikes to offer. We all have varying levels of ability and interest, and although many members like to do the Catskills there are lower slopes to

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Social Events

Holiday Party

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Fall Kickoff Party

Janet Mihm 246-1742

Spring Banquet

Dale Ziegenfelder 657-6312

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



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



We are halfway through the summer. I hope everyone is enjoying themselves. It has been a wet summer so far but that has not deterred us in any way. We will finish off the summer with a picnic at Kingston Point beach on August 13 at six o'clock and the annual softball game with HVSC in Rosendale one month later on September 13. This year Rick and Frank will be our leaders for this event. Please do your best to make it to both these events, they are a lot of fun.

Enjoy.

Kevin

president@trailsweepers.org



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.

If the event is rained out on Aug 8th, we will need your help on Sunday, Aug. 9th.

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

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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.



I hope you can find the time to help this worthy organization. Please RSVP if you're with us. Call 687-2312 or eMail Marla Brucker marla_brucker@verizon.net Nick Mercurio IroNick@aol.com

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conquer, as well as rail trails...perhaps one of the trails at Minnewaska or the Vanderbilt Mansion. If you would like to lead a hike but can't come up with one...call me...I'll be glad to help.

Please get back to me as soon as possible if you are willing to lead a hike for our club and which date suits your schedule. The earlier you sign up, the more date choices you have.

Please consider this volunteer opportunity. Your time and energy will be greatly appreciated by your fellow members...I'll certainly appreciate your assistance.

Scheduled Dates:

Sep: 27 Kick off hike and picnic at North Lake
Oct: 4 TBA
11 TBA
17 (Sat) Sam's Point (rain date on Sun.10/18)
25 TBA
Nov: 1 TBA
8 Final hike and Pizza Party.

Please let me know if you will be kind enough to volunteer to lead a hike on one of these dates. I can be reached at (845) 658-8606 or by email at adventure_woman@verizon.net. Thank you.

Kayak Final Paddles of the Season



Sat. Aug. 15 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.

Hudson Valley Ski Club presents



BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

January 23-30, 2010

Price: \$1,208

(\$50 discount if signed up before August 15th)

This trip includes:

- Air from Newark
- 7 nights lodging at the Great Divide Lodge – Hotel double occupancy
- 5 of 6 day lift pass good at Breckenridge, Keystone and A-Basin with free transportation. Add a sixth day of skiing for \$44. Lift pass may be used for up to two days at Vail or Beaver Creek, however, transportation costs are additional.
- Baggage handling at hotel
- Round trip ground transfers in Colorado
- Round trip ground transfers in NY/NJ
- Après ski party hosted by Vail Resorts

The **Victorian mining town of Breckenridge** is located in the heart of the Colorado Rockies and is home to diverse assortments of ski runs for skiers and snowboarders of all levels. Sixteen interconnected ski lifts and four high-speed lifts combine to ensure you'll spend more time on the slopes and less time in lift lines. Breckenridge Ski Resort also features a celebrated snowboard park that offers activities for boarders of all skill levels.

The **Great Divide Lodge** is located 50 yards from the base of Breckenridge Ski Resort's Peak 9 and two blocks from Main Street. Hotel amenities include concierge service, complimentary ski storage, hot tubs, pool, sun deck and exercise room. Room amenities include mini-refrigerator and coffee maker. There is a restaurant and bar on premise.

Payment Schedule: \$200 due June, July, August, September, October with the final balance due November. Make all checks payable to "HVSC Trips" and note "Breckenridge 2010" in the memo area. Please note that the trip price is a "package" and cannot be sold as "land only".

Pre-trip (medical) trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance coverage is available and strongly encouraged. Minimum cancellation penalty is \$100.

For additional information, contact trip leader:

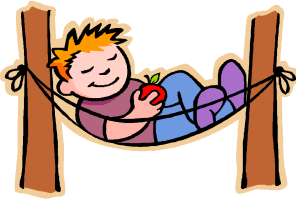
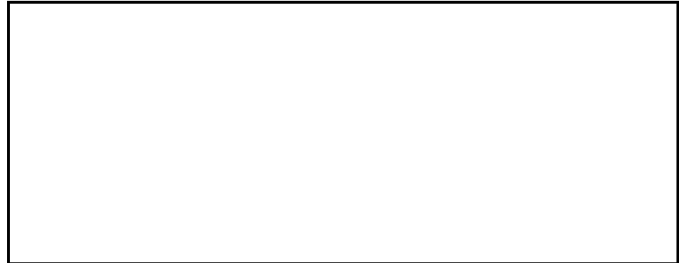
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Enjoy your lazy Summer Days while they last.

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.



August

- 7 **Steel House**, Kingston waterfront
- 21 **Skytop**, Rte 28 in Kingston

September

- 4 **Bridgewater Bar & Grill**
- 18 **Santa Fe** in Tivoli

October

- 2 **Beekman Arms**, Rhinebeck
- 16 **New World**, Woodstock
- 31 Halloween Party

Contact Dave Cardall 336-8876 for suggestions

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

50/50 Raffle



Current jackpot: **\$180**
 (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 Bridgewater Bar & Grill, on Abeel Street in Kingston.

August

- 8 Children's Home of Kingston
- 13 Meeting at 6PM Kingston Point Beach
- 15 Kayak - Rhinecliff boat launch
- 27 Meeting

September

- 10 Meeting
- 11 TSSC/HVSC Softball challenge
- 19 Kayak - Thimble Islands
- 24 Meeting
- 27 North Lake first hike and picnic

On going summer activities.

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