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Trail Sweepings

The Newsletter of the 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 this website page for latest hot info during the week preceding the event.

Noon: lunch with burgers and hot dogs will be offered. Fell free to show up early for friendly conversation and practice.

Ball game starts at 2:00 PM

Dinner at 5:00PM

Cost is \$10 pp.



Contact Frank Rauschendorfer at frauschendorfer@ups.com, or call 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

See next page for directions.

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

Scheduled Dates:

- Oct: 4 Kick off hike and picnic at North Lake
- 11 TBA
- 17 (Sat) Sam's Point (rain date on Sun.10/18)
- 25 TBA
- Nov: 1 TBA
- 8 TBA
- 15 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 658-8606 or by email at adventure_woman@verizon.net.

Thank you.

Ellen



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Social Events

Holiday Party

Yvonne Baker 331-1068

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 5:30 PM from Dietz Stadium in Kingston. This is a B/B+ ride, usually 25 to 40 miles.

Jim Tomassetti 331-2324

President's Column



The summer is winding down, time to start thinking skiing. Our meetings move back to 7:30 and board meetings to 6:30. Let's not forget the softball game and picnic with HVSC on Sunday Sept. 13.

Ellen is starting the hike schedule, if you want to organize and lead a hike please get a hold of Ellen Berlin.

In case you missed it we had a great time at the Kingston Point Beach meeting earlier this month. Well attended and plenty of good food, fun and drink. Thanks to all that came.

Start to think skiing and plan your trips.

Kevin
president@trailsweepers.org

Directions to TSSC/HVSC Softball Challenge

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

- Take Rte 32 South for about 6 miles through Rosendale
- The Recreation Center 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.

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ski and snowboard

TENT SALE

September 12-13

**Dutchess Fairgrounds
Rhinebeck, NY**

Winery Bike Tour Saturday October 3rd

We will visit four wineries South of New Paltz on the Shawangunks Wine Trail.

The ride is 47 miles and has only moderate hill climbs. We will ride at a B pace (around 15 mph). We will split into two groups, faster

and slower. We will meet at the New Paltz Boat launch parking area on Springtown road (near Mountain Rest

Road) at 9:45am and the ride will leave at 10:15am sharp. Please let me know if you are planning on going so I can contact you in case of bad weather.

I also need Sag Van drivers for the ride. It is possible to ride half of the ride and drive the other half and switch off with another driver. We can use my Van. A second vehicle would be helpful. We need the vans to bring back the wine that we purchase and pick up stragglers.

You do not have to like or drink wine to go on this ride just come out and enjoy the fall colors and weather!



Contact
Jim Tomassetti 331-2324,
jtskirat@gmail.com

Hudson Valley Ski Club presents



BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

January 23-30, 2010

Price: \$1,208

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, Arapaho Basin and Keystone 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:

Mike Harellick

183 Millers Lane, Kingston, NY 12401

845 339-4894 HVSCnews@HudsonValleySkiClub.org



First Hike and Picnic at North Lake. Sunday, October 4th

There will be two hikes: an easier one and a more challenging one (maybe). We offer hotdogs and hamburgers at the picnic. Please bring salads and desserts to share.

If you can't make it for the hike, come for the picnic around 2 pm. Sign up at a meeting, or call John Brooks at 336-8446 or email jlbrooks@ulster.net so we know how much food to get.

Meet at: Saugerties McDonald's (on Rte# 212/32 at Thruway Exit 20N) by 10:00am, or at the North Lake Beach parking area by 10:30.

Kayak Final Paddle of the Season



Sat. Sept. 19 Hudson at the public boat launch.
Time 10am READY to paddle.

Please contact Yvonne Baker if you are interested
(845-331-1068)



Halloween & Season Kickoff Party

Saturday Oct. 31 at 6pm
Stone Hedge Restaurant in West Park

Dinner and Dance to Band or DJ to be determined
\$33:00 per person
RSVP required by Oct. 24th.

Fill out coupon at right and send to:

Janet Mihm
28 Mauro Court
Saugerties, New York 12477

Please contact Janet for more Information 246-1742.
Door Prizes and Prizes for Best Costumes (Costumes optional)



Sam's Point Hike Saturday, Oct. 17th Rain date Sun. 18th



A day long 10 mile moderate hike with some difficult spots. Last three miles are actually a flat carriage road back. The hike will take you through the **Sam's Point Preserve**, owned by the Nature Conservancy. You will scramble through the Ice Caves, the cold air in the crevasses gets trapped, keeping the inside cool enough for snow to stay through July. Along the way you will get views of High Point Monument in NJ, the Hudson Valley, the Rondout Valley, the Verkeerderkill Falls and the Old Berry Picker Shacks. Fall colors should be at their peak. Carry lunch, power bar snacks and plenty of water.

Meet at the **Park and Ride** area by the Kingston Thruway circle at 8:45AM to set up carpool (50 miles roundtrip, \$7 fee per car). Motorcade leaves at 9AM.

Or join us at Sam's Point Trailhead at 9:45AM. If you chose this option, call my cell (527-5381) that morning to let me know people are there. Heavy or steady rain postpones to Sunday. If in doubt, call me.

Daniel Desmedt daniel@desmedt.net
Tel: 331-3552
Cell: 527-5381

Name: _____

Phone # _____ Ski Club _____

Entrée Choices (our other three courses consist of soup, salad, dessert and coffee or tea.)

___ Breast of Chicken Marsala

___ Fillet of Sole Française

___ Roast Loin of Pork.

\$ _____ included (\$33 pp check made out to TSSC).



No refund after October 27th.



Killington Weekend

December 11-13, 2009

Staying at the Northstar Lodge (on Killington's Access Road)



Heated outdoor pool, saunas, restaurant, fireplace lounges.

Two day-lift tickets and two nights lodging

Wine & cheese party Friday night 8:30 PM)

Double \$240 . per person

Seniors: 65+ \$215, 70+ \$206.

Triple \$205. per person

Young Adults (13-18) \$12 less than adults

Quad \$190 . per person

Children 12 & under \$90.00 in same room with two adults (max. 2 kids)

Options: lessons, equipment, Junior tickets

Trip deposit & sign up: \$110

Balance due November 1, 2009.

Cancellation Date 11/1/09

Trip leaders: Rudy Firmbach & Ann Vandersea (845-384-6499)

Killington Week

January 10-15, 2010

Staying at the Northstar Lodge (on Killington's Access Road)

Heated outdoor pool, saunas, restaurant, fireplace lounges

Five day-lift tickets and five nights lodging.

Wine & cheese party Sunday night.

Pizza Tuesday night, dinner Thursday night.

Double \$540 per person

Seniors: 65+ \$530 70+ \$485

Triple \$500 per person

Young Adults (13-18) \$10 less than adults

Quad \$470 per person

Deposit & sign up: \$190

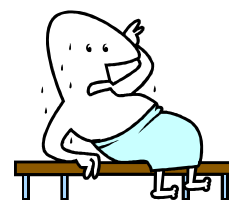
Second pmt \$190 by December 15, 2009

Balance due December 31, 2009

Cancellation December 15, 2009

Options: lessons, junior tickets, 3 and 4 day options

Trip leader: Rudy Firmbach (845-384-6499)

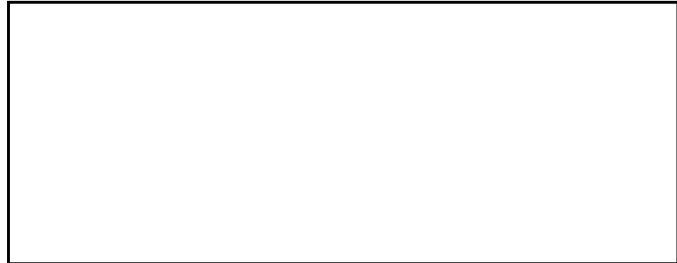


**Club meetings are back to winter schedule:
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM**



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Have a safe and fun Labor Day to end this Summer

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.



September

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

October

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

November

- 6 **Little Italy, Kingston**
- 20 **Keegan Ales Brewery**

Contact Dave Cardall 336-8876 for suggestions

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

50/50 Raffle



Current jackpot: **\$200**
(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 7:30pm at the Bridgewater Bar & Grill, on Abeel Street in Kingston.

September

- 10 Meeting at 7:30
- 13 TSSC/HVSC Softball challenge
- 19 Kayak - Hudson
- 24 Meeting at 7:30

October

- 4 North Lake first hike and Picnic.
- 8 Meeting at 7:30
- 17 Sam's Point hike
- 18 Sam's Point rain date
- 22 Meeting at 7:30
- 31 Halloween Party

On going summer activities.

Tuesdays 5:30PM: Road biking