

# The EDGE



HUDSON VALLEY  
SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE

## HVSC 2024/25 Election Results

Club elections were held at the April 10th member meeting at the American Legion. This was the first year of online voting and it was a huge success! There were 47 voting members, with 22 votes being submitted online. There were 25 members who cast their vote in person.



**Congratulations and thank you to those newly elected and those continuing to serve on the board:**

President -  
Betty Mostachetti

Vice President  
Frank Ruggiero

Treasurer -  
Jim Gahn

Secretary -  
John Ollive

Sergeant at Arms -  
Patrick Cummins

Board of Directors 2 year term -  
Jay Brenner and Dan Croak

Continuing in their 2nd year as Directors -  
Nonie Kelley and Lisa McDonald

Serving as Current Past President -  
Keith Faucher

### Consider Serving as Treasurer!

**Jim Gahn Plans 2024-2025 as a Transition Year**

After many years of serving the club, Jim Gahn has decided to step back a bit. He has contributed in remarkable ways as Treasurer, and Trip Coordinator, both demanding roles. We appreciate his stellar contributions. But it has come time for him to step back from one role and he has decided to wind down his term as Treasurer. He was just re-elected to another term, and will continue to perform those duties, but will assist in training and transitioning a new Treasurer this year.

If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, with the goal of becoming Treasurer, please let someone on the board know. Feel free to reach out to Jim also, who will relay the responsibilities and time commitments.



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## Sunsetting of the “Points” System

by Nonie Kelley

The current policy of accruing and using points to achieve status to become a Trip Leader has outlived its usefulness. Few members have acquired 2000 points to enable them to become western Trip Leaders. Few members who do have 2000 points are interested in running a trip. For the past several years, western Trip Leaders have been selected based on their interest in running a trip and did not meet the eligibility of having 2000 points.

The Trip Leaders selection process is being revised to be based on skill and willingness to assume this role.

### Policy/Action

- The accruing of “points” by officers, directors, chairs of standing committees and other coordinators will end at the close of the current fiscal year, May 31, 2024. All members eligible to collect points for this fiscal year will be able to do so.
- Members who have earned “points” over the years will continue to be able to redeem up to 250 points (\$125. value) per year. Members may redeem “points” to reduce the cost of a ski trip, ski pass, or other club sponsored events such as holiday party fees.

- Members requesting “point” redemption will submit the point redemption form found on the HVSC website to the club secretary, who will subsequently process the form and obtain board approval.
- Redemptions will be honored on a first come first serve basis, subject to budget limitations established each year by the Board of Directors.
- “Point” redemptions will end 5 years from May 31, 2024.
- The above description of the accruing and redeeming of points will become effective 6/1/24 and will replace the policy dated 3/2018.

### Appreciation of members contributions to the club

Board members, committee chairs, instructors and other coordinators dedicate and volunteer a great deal of time to the betterment of the HVSC. These members should be recognized annually for their efforts and dedication to the club. In lieu of the disbanded “points” that these individuals will no longer receive; an Appreciation Dinner or similar event will be held annually to honor their dedication to the club.

Board approved 7/13/2023



Telluride Trip 2024

## Club Information

### Club Officers:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| President:         | Bet Mostachetti |
| Current Past Pres: | Keith Faucher   |
| Vice-President:    | Frank Ruggiero  |
| Secretary:         | John Ollive     |
| Treasurer:         | Jim Gahn        |
| Sergeant at Arms:  | Pat Cummins     |

### Directors:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Nonie Kelley   | Alan Imhoff |
| Lisa MacDonald | Jay Brenner |

### Committee Chairs:

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Budget and Finance:       | Pat Cummins                 |
| Constitution:             | Nonie Kelley                |
| Instruction:              | Dan Croak                   |
| Marketing/Publicity:      | Alan Imhoff                 |
| Membership Services:      | Pete Gray                   |
| Sub-Chairs:               | Susan Eschbach, Robin Smith |
| Newsletter:               | Donna Augustine             |
| Website:                  | Rich Partridge              |
| Ski Council/Discount Tix: | Jim Gahn                    |
| Ski Trips:                | Jim Gahn                    |
| Events:                   | Jay Brenner                 |
| Audit:                    | Frank Ruggiero              |

Contact information is available in the  
 Online Membership Directory  
[www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org](http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org)

Or queries may be sent to  
[secretary@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org](mailto:secretary@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org)



Hello Fellow HVSC Members,

Welcome to Spring! It finally feels like it. Biking has already begun and soon all the summer activities that the club has to offer will commence. The Hudson Valley has so much to offer.

We should all take advantage of its natural beauty and delightful parks, gardens, and waterways. So, this Spring, get out and about in the Valley at these local floral paradises.

The following are only some of our spectacular places. There is the Vanderbilt Mansion Gardens, or The Bellefield Mansion, a part of the FDR National Historic site, with gardens designed by the famous Beatrix Farrand. Walk the Blithewood Garden, a walled Italianate Garden with breathtaking vistas of the Hudson and the Catskills beyond at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson. The Boscobel House and Gardens, in Garrison, offers stunning vistas of Constitution Marsh, the Hudson River, and West Point. Consider Clermont State Historic Site in Germantown; the Hammond Museum and Japanese stroll Garden in North Salem; the Hortus Arboretum in Stone Ridge; and our own Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, considered one of the world's 10 best gardens. Or try Wethersfield Estate and gardens in Amenia; or Locust Grove Estate gardens in Poughkeepsie. Locust Grove is particularly spectacular during the late spring, the peony blossom time. Orange County Arboretum in Montgomery is a free park with the magnificent highlights of the Remembrance Walkway and Garden, honoring the victims of the September 11th attack. Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring is the headquarters of the Garden Conservancy, founded in 1989. And Mountain Top Arboretum in Tannersville, is dedicated to native species and a birdwatcher's paradise. Finally, experience the unusually beautiful Untermeyer Gardens in Yonkers overlooking the Hudson River.

In addition, there are several sculpture gardens in proximity. - Art Omii in Ghent, Columbia County (very close to the city of Hudson) is a free 120-acre art and sculpture park. Also, try the Brunel Sculpture Garden in Boiceville; Ulster Garden (also free admission); or Opus 40 in Saugerties, a world-famous walkable sculpture park and museum. And finally, visit Lasdon Park in Katonah, which includes a park, arboretum, and Veteran's Memorial.

Thanks for your continued membership and support of the Hudson Valley Ski Club.

Best, Bette



Janet Mihm  
 Frank Rauschendorfer  
 Gary Schmidtchen



## Renegades Baseball

Wednesday June 12, 2024

\$76 Club Lounge indoor seats  
private restrooms, free parking,  
food & drinks included!



Renegades Baseball game night is June 12th at 6:25. This year we'll be in the brand new Club Lounge with indoor climate controlled seating, free parking in the exclusive club lot, private restrooms, with food & drinks included – all for \$76 dollars. Jay promises to bring the Cracker Jacks. Cutoff date for this event is May 17th. Sign up with Jay Brenner [jay@brennerphoto.com](mailto:jay@brennerphoto.com) 516-313-7670



## Sharon Playhouse Thursday August 1

7pm performance, \$25 tickets  
get-together @ Bet's before play

This year's Sharon Playhouse play is "The Prom". The play is August 1st with the performance starting at 7:00pm. We will start at Betty's House for meet & greet and sharing of Food, then off to the Play. Tickets are \$25. Closing date to sign up is July 25th.

Sign up with Jay Brenner  
[jay@brennerphoto.com](mailto:jay@brennerphoto.com) or 516-313-7670

## Hudson Valley Shakespeare:

The Play is "By the Queen" which is adapted from William Shakespeare's Henry the 6th and Richard the 3rd. We will first meet at my house for cocktails and shared food and then off to the theater. The date of the Play is June 28th, which starts at 7:30pm.

Cutoff date for this is June 17th. To sign up for HV Shakespeare please contact:

[Jay Brenner jay@brennerphoto.com](mailto:jay@brennerphoto.com) 516-313-7670



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## The Who's Tommy

Wednesday July 24, 2024

Broadway matinee - \$87 ticket

Meet at Grand Central,  
grab lunch together

### Tommy on Broadway:

We will board the Metro North Train on July 24th, meeting in the last car and have some lunch in Grand Central Station. Next we walk to the Theater and watch the amazing play "Tommy". The cost for the play is \$87.00. Closing date for this is May 9th.

Sign up with Jay Brenner  
[jay@brennerphoto.com](mailto:jay@brennerphoto.com) or 516-313-7670

### Connect on Facebook

Check the [HVSC Facebook page](#) to connect with members on current club events and happenings. Don't go it alone!



Post on our Facebook page and invite your HVSC friends.



## **Hudson Valley Ski Club's MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC**

**Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2-5PM**

**American Legion Hall, 55 Overlook Rd, Poughkeepsie**

**Hamburgers • Hot Dogs • Sausage & Peppers •  
Salads • Non-Alcoholic Drinks • Cash Bar • Games**

**Club Members Free, Guests \$10**

**RSVP by June 5 so we can get a head count.**

**Contact Patrick Cummins @ 845 519-7585 or [pecummins22@gmail.com](mailto:pecummins22@gmail.com)**

**We also need volunteers to help with planning, errands, setup, and cooking.**



## Biking Season!

Time to enjoy a bike ride! There's a fun one that occurs every Monday night starting in April. It is organized by Rick Fick and includes many ski club members. It is not a formally sanctioned HVSC event.

- 4/29 Tony Williams Park, paved
- 5/6 Poughkeepsie, Page Lumber, paved
- 5/13 Hopewell Junction Museum, paved
- 5/20 New Paltz, BOCES, compacted gravel
- 5/27 Rosendale, Kiln Parking lot, compacted gravel
- 6/3 Kingston, Rockwell Ln, compacted gravel
- 6/10 Hurley, Russell Rd, compacted gravel
- 6/17 Ashokan, W. Hurley, compacted gravel

All rides start at 6pm (wheels down)

All rides are 13-15 miles long.

All rides are out and back (able to turn back at any time)

All rides are C pace (10-12 mph)

No one is left behind.

All rides are on Rail Trail, flat.

Rain cancels ride.

ALL RIDES END IN TAILGATING (byob and something to share).

If you wish to be on Rick Fick's email list, let him know at:

[rjje@msn.com](mailto:rjje@msn.com) or text 914 443 4060



## Rail Trail Clean-Up

Saturday May 4

9:30am behind Rt 55 H.G. Page  
(in smaller parking lot nearer to Rail Trail)

Pick up litter from our 2-mile section  
(then brunch at local diner)

Let Keith know you're coming:  
[krfauch@optonline.net](mailto:krfauch@optonline.net)



## Trailsweepers/HVSC 2024 Kayaking

| Date          | Launch | Meeting place                 | Description                               |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|
| May 22 Wed.   | 10 am  | Chodikey Lake, Highland       | Easy paddle on a lake                     |
| June 15 Sat.  | 9 am   | Summer Bash, Freer Park       | Before TSSC picnic                        |
| July 10 Wed.  | 10 am  | Shepard Park Launch, Highland | Hudson River                              |
| Aug. 14 Wed.  | 10 am  | Rondout Creek, Kingston       | From Sleightsburg Park                    |
| Sept. 11 Wed. | 10 am  | Foundry Dock, Cold Spring     | Hudson River                              |
| Oct. 7 Wed.   | 10 am  | Ramshorn Preserve, Catskill   | Dutchman's Landing Park Season end Picnic |

For more details:

see HVSC [Calendar](#) or contact Yvonne 845-417-7144 [yab1946@gmail.com](mailto:yab1946@gmail.com)

## Collette Tours & HVSC will be exploring Spain & Portugal October 12-26, 2024.



**Highlights:** Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia, Valencia, Paella Experience, Granada, The Alhambra, Seville, Choice on Tour: Seville Walking Tour or Guadalquivir River Boat Ride, Flamenco Show, Cordoba, Madrid, The Prado Museum, Toledo, Elvas, Lisbon, Belém, Obidos

See <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1209840> for details.

Any questions, contact Nonie Kelly at NKelly902@gmail.com

Sign up here:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/GroupReservation/1209840/PersonallInformation?isNew=1>

HVSC's 2024-2025 Ski Trips will focus on IKON resorts.

The Trip Committee is finalizing plans for next winter's ski trips as shown in the screenshot below. We hope to take reservations/deposits at our June Picnic meeting. Check the [Ski Trip tab](#) on our website for latest plans.

Watch our website  
for updates!

Prospective Trips  
Page:

<https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/ski-trip-prospects/>



IKON passes are available at a **club member rate** through our [Members Only](#) page.

If your friends wish to become HVSC members, they can join using our [Membership](#) page.

Membership Page:

<https://hudsonvalleyskiclub.org/membership/>



## Friday Race Training

On Friday evenings, club members meet at an area restaurant for a couple hours of friendly conversation. We welcome new members and old.

Any questions, comments or suggestions, contact:

Susan Kokosa @ 845-229-6786 or

[race\\_training@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org](mailto:race_training@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org)

**May 3** Station Grille - 2578 State Route 55, Beekman

**May 10** Vulajios - 2593 Rt 52, East Fishkill

**May 17** diVine Wine Bar - 1 Market St, Wappingers Falls

**May 24** Shadows On The Hudson - 176 Rinaldi Blvd  
Poughkeepsie

**May 31** LaCatrina 4076 Albany Post Road Hyde Park

*All event dates are subject to change.*

*Please use the HVSC Website Events Calendar and Facebook page for up-to-date event and meeting information.*

## May Events:

**May 1** Club Meeting @ 7:30pm, American Legion, 55 Overlook Rd, Pok

**\*May 4** Rail Trail cleanup.

**\*May 9** Sign up with Jay Brenner for attendance to Tommy

**\*May 17** Sign up with Jay Brenner for attendance to Renegades game

**\*May 22** Kayaking on Chodikee Lake, Highland

**\*May Monday biking (tentative to weather)\***

- 5/6 Poughkeepsie, Page Lumber, paved
- 5/13 Hopewell Junction Museum, paved
- 5/20 New Paltz, BOCES, compacted gravel
- 5/27 Rosendale, Kiln Parking lot, compacted gravel

**\*June 6** RSVP to Patrick for Member Appreciation Picnic

\*\*\* indicates details within newsletter \*\*\*

## Newsletter Content Submission Deadline

The June newsletter deadline is May 15th. Please send all content, stories & photos to:  
Alan Imhoff at [alanimhoff@gmail.com](mailto:alanimhoff@gmail.com)

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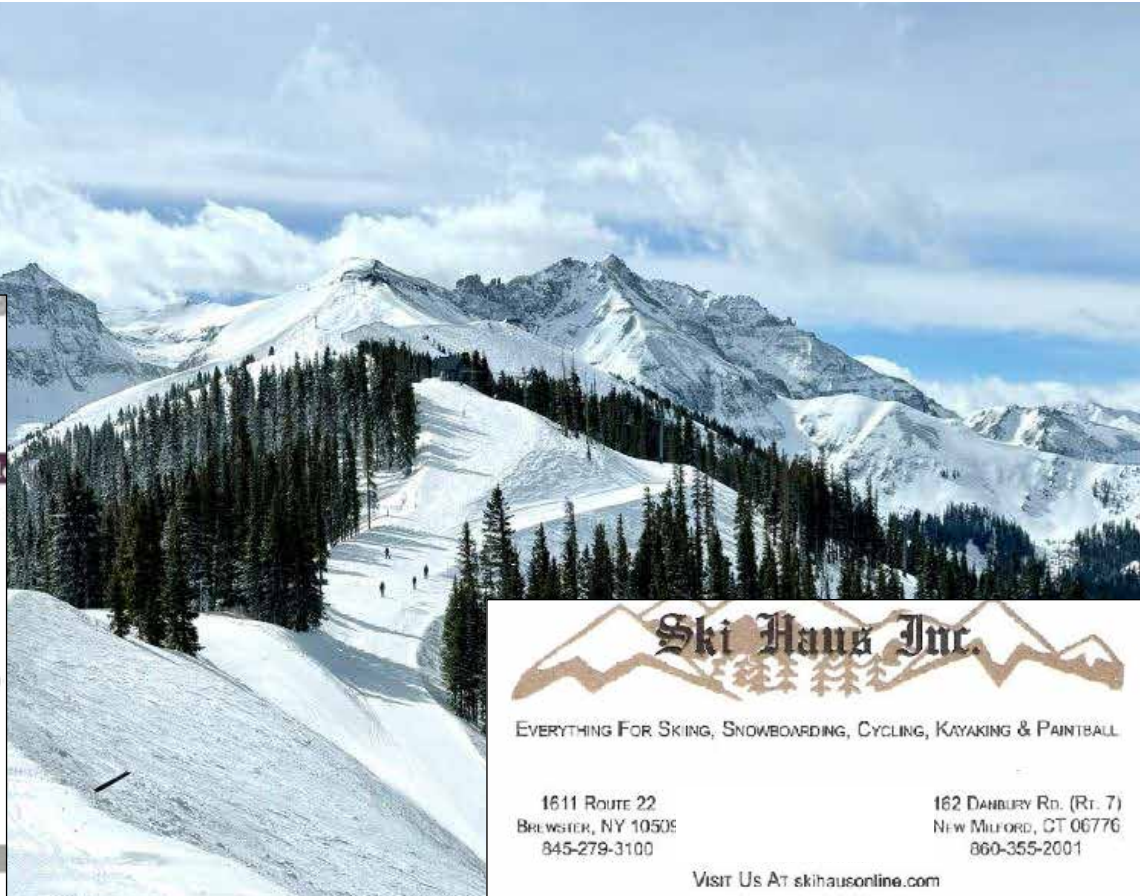
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