

## News from N.E.W. #17, Thursday, June 5, 2014

- 1. Renew YREs/Seasonals Reminder:** Please work on getting your YRE/Seasonals renewed. As of June 5<sup>th</sup> I hadn't seen any to approve. I know there's a lot going on with the Columbia Gorge Walks and the NW Regional Conference. You have through August 31 to renew. After that you can correct or complete entries until mid-September.
  - Please **check the dates** the renewal shows.
  - Please go in and **enter all Special Programs**, even those that were there this year, as **they do not carry forward** on the renewal.
  - You can enter new YREs at any time during the year, but, to get into *The Starting Point*, events must be approved by mid-September.
  - **If you don't intend to renew an event**, please check the box on the renewal. Otherwise I'll have to bug you as the renewal season goes on.
  - Please send me **walk directions with maps** for any **new YREs/Seasonals and those whose routes have changed**.
- 2. Non-Walking Event Search:** The Event search on the AVA website has a new category of event in the drop down box. It is "**Non-Walking Events**". So far I can see it is working for YRE/Seasonal Bikes. I don't know if there are current events other than Bikes. **These still show up under YRE/Seasonals**, but this is another way to find non-walking events by themselves without having to wade through all the walks. Dave Schull, Atlantic Regional Director, requested this. He is in charge of a Biking special committee to look for ways to encourage our biking events, especially for families. He has requested that traditional non-walking events be included in this category. When some snowshoe and X country ski events are entered, hopefully they will be found this way.
- 3. South-Sound-Walkers Meetup Bikes:** One Tuesday morning a month this summer, you'll find a bike ride on one of the bike YREs in the south sound. Check out the [www.meetup.com/south-sound-walkers](http://www.meetup.com/south-sound-walkers) calendar. Are there bike riders in your area that might like a 25K bike ride with a group? Try it out on your own Meetup group or join this one for a ride. Encourage bike events in your area.
- 4. Complete Future Events List:** The page at the end of the [Complete Future Events List](#), is a list of events usually held on particular weekends for particular clubs. Please check this list when your club intends to sanction an event to be sure you aren't stepping on a usual walk in your area. Contact the club if you need to have that weekend as well to see if they still intend to sanction. If your club has an event on this list, please let me know if it should be removed.
- 5. Pathway to Excellence:** All materials for this program were attached to the June [Checkpoint](#). If you got the Checkpoint electronically, click on the link. Otherwise you can find the information from the AVA Website: [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org). Click on [Administrative/Clubs Only/Pathway to Excellence](#). There are three parts to download: a fact sheet (PDF), an Instruction Sheet (PDF), and the workbook in Excel. I'll be going over the program at a Regional Conference workshop.
- 6. June 13-14 National Executive Council in Indianapolis:** I'll report on this NEC at the Town Hall Workshop at the NW Regional Conference in Portland and answer any questions or find out the answers if you have anything you'd like to talk about re. AVA.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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