

News from N.E.W. #34 July 2, 2015

1. **Strategic Planning Committee:** I have sent out a message describing how I will be selecting a representative from our region to the Strategic Planning Committee. After reading the message and job description, please consider whether you might be that representative. First meeting will be mandatory and either August 12-16 or August 19-23, with first and last days travel days. If you did not receive this message and are interested in it, let me know and I will forward it to you. I've asked club officers to send to their members.
2. **Per Participant Sanctioning** – I've placed the Per Participant Sanctioning method on hold temporarily until we can get agreement within the NEC of the criteria RDs will use to approve this method. Our next NEC meeting will be in August. I will let you know if/when we can use it.
3. **ESVA State Challenge:** ESVA will not have new challenge for 2016. There are 13 new AVA Special Programs for 2016. Please enter these on your YRE's.
4. **Did you change Officers July 1?** If so, please go into your club's AVA web page and click on "Club Information". You can enter the official club address, then click on "Enter Officers". Make the changes and be sure to click Submit. Remember, whether you have new officers or not you must go in and enter Submit sometime between now and November 15. May as well do it now. I get some of my mailing list info from this website. Thanks.
5. **New July Checkpoint:** The Checkpoint just came out. Officers, please forward to your club members. If you are an "old" officer, please forward to the new ones if you haven't updated your webpage as yet.
6. **Has there been a change to your YRE, a missing box, or need for a new start point?** Please do the following as appropriate:
 - Inform me and marie@ava.org of the change so Marie can get it on the Starting Point Changes webpage. When you finalize things, inform Marie again.
 - Revise your event's AVA webpage, even if the change is temporary.
 - Inform the Northwest Pathfinder if it's a permanent change – eborgardts@comcast.net.
 - Put the information on the Walklist@yahoo.groups.com. Be sure to preface the subject with your state's abbreviation.
 - If you need to cancel the event for the year, let me know.
7. **RD can sanction an event** – Is there a place there should be an event, but no club that wants to sanction it? As a RD I can sanction an event at no cost with all proceeds going to AVA. Let me know your ideas.
8. **Calendar:**
 - Canadian (CVF) Convention** – May 26 – 29 2016, Langley, BC
 - NW Regional Conference** – September 16 – 18, 2016, Boise, ID
 - 19th Biennial AVA Convention** – June 7-9, 2017, Billings, MT

See you on the trail.

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