

News from N.E.W. #40, October 22, 2015

- 1. Enter New YRE/Seasonals:** Although Candy at AVA has told me that you can ALWAYS enter new YRE/Seasonals, you CAN'T use the normal "Manage YRE" to enter new ones. Use the "**New Traditional ESR**" entry. Use the dropdown box to select the right kind of event. If you get these entered, they could get into the NW Pathfinder.
- 2. Strategic Planning Club Surveys:** All clubs were sent only one survey to the POC on record for their club. It was a link to the Survey Monkey online survey. You have until **November 1** to get club surveys in, whether paper or through Survey Monkey. Please make sure someone in your club does this. We want 100% participation from clubs!!
- 3. Individual Surveys:** You still have time to get your individual survey in. We want your comments and suggestions. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/AVA_Walker_Survey to complete online. If you need a paper copy, click on [Give Us Your Input - Take The AVA Individual Survey!](#) on the right side of the www.ava.org home page. You'll find a link there to the PDF file.
- 4. Canadian (CVF) Convention in Langley, BC:** Brenda Dudfield, VABC President, reports that although many people have booked accommodations for the May 26-29, 2016 convention, registrations for the conference itself, are slow to come in. If you register before November 30 you get 10% off the fee. Go to www.CVFconvention2016.ca to register and see all the walks and activities.
- 5. November 15 Deadline:** There's only one club I know of that hasn't sent in their AVA Financial report. All clubs have updated their officer updates page. However, have you completed your IRS 990 e-postcard online and have you sent AVA and me **a copy of the IRS email response that states the IRS accepts your filing?** Not just that you submitted it, but that the IRS accepted it? Just forward the email to avahq@ava.org and to me. Instructions for filling out the form are at <http://www.ava.org/E-Postcard.pdf>.
- 6. Northwest Regional Conference: Friday – Sunday, September 16 – 18, 2016:**
The hotel has been selected for the NW Regional Conference. Treasure Valley Volkssports has reserved 25 double queen and 25 Studio King rooms at \$129/night. (Two bedroom suites are available for \$199/night.)
Check out the hotel website at www.marriott.com/boits.
Rate includes free hot breakfast buffet, free wireless internet, airport shuttle, fully equipped kitchen, guest laundry, complimentary parking. Reserve rooms now until August 16, 2016 by calling and asking for the American Volkssport Association Regional Conference rate.
TownePlace Suites by Marriott
1455 S. Capitol Blvd.
Boise, ID 83706
Phone: 208-429-8881, Fax: 208-429-8884

The brochure will come by the beginning of the year.

I will not approve any traditional events for these dates, except those for the regional conference!!

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- 7. NW Regional Conference Bike:** Steve Jalbert of the Treasure Valley Volkssport Association is a biker and would like to provide a bike or bike events for the regional conference. He has set up a survey using Survey Monkey for you to express your interest in having a bike event. If you might like to ride a bike event, please take the survey. It will help him plan the event(s) and rentals.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYSW7WZ>.
- 8. What do your Events look like on the AVA website?** I know I keep saying this, but **please go into the AVA website and check.** When you first enter you can't enter driving directions, detailed descriptions or trail rating (it defaults to 1A, really?) You have to go back in the edit. Please do that. Make sure they are complete with start locations, driving directions and detailed information about the event content.
- 9. Next National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting**—January 21-24 Las Vegas. Due dates for any proposals for the NEC are in the October Checkpoint. Due to me Nov. 23rd.
- 10. My Travel Schedule:** I am not home a lot of the next few weeks, but will get emails on my phone and will have my Surface Tablet with me to login to the Internet and approve sanctions, etc. I won't be able to print anything and won't have files I commonly use on my laptop.
 - October 27-November 6: In Hawaii with Tater Tours
 - November 16 – 19: in Dallas, TX for Strategic Planning Meeting

All for now.

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