

News from N.E.W. #1

1. The AVA has been having trouble sending Email, and so has changed Email providers. As a result the **July Checkpoint** was not emailed to clubs. The documents are on the AVA website http://www2.ava.org/checkpoint/2013/JULY/July_2013_Checkpoint.pdf. I've attached the Checkpoint and a couple of attachments to this email for your convenience. Go the website if you want the others. Hopefully it will be fixed for August.
2. The **Next National Executive Council meeting** (NEC) will be in San Antonio August 23-24. We will all be in San Antonio for training August 22-23. President Dennis Michele has asked that the meeting concentrate on

“ how the NEC can strengthen the clubs, encourage more traditional events and spark cooperation between the NEC, clubs and HQ. NECs, in the past, have spent an inordinate time with agenda items that have nothing to do with this. To reverse the trend, I intend that meetings become more of what can we do in these areas. Unless we strengthen the clubs and get them more involved in quality events which will attract new membership, we will continue to slowly die. Likewise, we need to be creative in establishing new clubs. So, put on your thinking caps and have ideas ready to discuss.”

If you have any ideas along this line or if you have other agenda items that should be brought forward, please get them to me as soon as you can. I'll send you links of those agenda items that are being submitted so you can see what is being thought of.

3. **YRE/Seasonal Renewals.** As Sam reminded you, the window for renewing your YREs and Seasonals opened June 1. Since July 1 when I took office, there have been only 6 YREs renewed by clubs. There are a whole bunch still to do. You have until August 31. Please let me know if you don't intend to renew any of yours. Please check that you have the correct dates for seasonals. Be sure to go back in and enter Special Programs. Take a look at all the new ones for this year. You can find them in the TAW and also on the AVA website.
4. **Date reminders:** As Sam has mentioned, June 30 was the end of the 2d quarter of the year, so be sure to get the YRE participation reports entered on the AVA website by July 30. If don't make that date, you can not enter them on the AVA website and you would need to call AVA or email avahq@ava.org with all the information. You will also be fined for not reporting on time. Please don't let that happen.

July 1 is the first date you can submit your Annual Financial Report to AVA as well as submit your ePostcard. You have until November 15 to do these reports but you can submit them as early as July 1. Don't forget to submit your club Officer Updates too. Remember, even if there are no changes, you still need to go in and change the date and submit.