

News from N.E.W. #41, December 10, 2015

1. **YRE/Seasonals Not in the Starting Point:** The Starting Point is out, but the following YRE/Seasonals were entered after its publication. Please look at the AVA website to see the details for these. All are 1/1-12/31 unless stated. None in Oregon or Alaska.

Washington:

- Y1057, Oak Harbor, WA – Shore and Town Walk 2/1-12/31 – Walgreens -- Same as 2015, Volkssport USA.
- Y1989, Bellevue, WA – Bellevue's Undiscovered Walk – Extended Stay America Homestead Suites, Bell-Red Rd – FS Family Wanderers
- Y1813, Seattle Arboretum/Madison Park Walk – Bert's Red Apple Market, 41st Ave E – Emerald City Wanderers.
- Y1859, Nordland – Fort Flagler Walk – Nordland General Store – Olympic Peninsula Explorers (OPE)
- Y1831, Forks Revisited Walk, Remote Registration – OPE
- Y1828, Port Townsend – Artillery Hill Walk – Subway Restaurant 1300 Water St – OPE
- Y0024, Spokane and Coeur d'Alene – Centennial Trail Walk – Anntie's Book Store, Spokane & Coeur d'Alene Resort, ID – up to 97K – Lilac City Volkssports
- Y2074, Spokane and Coeur d'Alene – Centennial Trail Bike – Anntie's Book Store Spokane & Coeur d'Alene Resort, ID – up to 97K – Lilac City Volkssports

Idaho:

- Y2075, Coeur d'Alene – Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's Bike – Coeur d'Alene Resort – up to 115K – Lilac City Volkssports
- Y1007, Glens Ferry – Crossings Winery (formerly Carmelia Winery), Same as 2015, Treasure Valley Volkssports
- Y0868, Near American Falls, Massacre Rocks, Same as 2015 – 4/1-9/30 – Treasure Valley Volkssports

2. **Deputy Regional Director Election:** Each club should have gotten a notice from Dick Baker asking that you vote for Deputy Regional Director. **Tom Baltes**, President of Vancouver USA Volkssporters and Treasurer of All Weather Walkers is the candidate. You heard of Tom's ride across America to raise money for Arthritis and AVA this past summer. Even though he is the only candidate, **you still need to vote!** Email dickbkr@q.com with your club's vote. You have until Dec. 31 to do this. I want to say that Tom Baltes is an excellent choice and someone I look forward to working with to the betterment of the NW Region.

3. **Held Dates in my Future Events List:** I have held dates on my list without a sanction as a courtesy. But I will remove them from my list at 90 days before the date, if you haven't sanctioned the event. If you have a date "on hold" without a sanction, please pay attention to them on my list and get them sanctioned as soon as possible. Next year's calendar is very full. I don't want to deny a club a walk date when a club has held a date but hasn't let me know to remove it.

4. **Events on the same date:** Upon occasion I have approved two events on the same date. Sometimes this has been my error. Other times there are special festivals or other occasions that warrant this. I am also aware that so many current volkssporters do not want to travel any distance to an event. I will be discussing this at our next state association meetings. Should there be a separate event area considered for parts of Washington and/or Oregon other than what we currently utilize? Should this be decided based on type of event (e.g. bikes or hikes.) Think about it.

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5. Northwest Regional Conference: Friday – Sunday, September 16 – 18, 2016:

The hotel for the NW Regional Conference:

TownePlace Suites by Marriott

1455 S. Capitol Blvd.

Boise, ID 83706

Phone: 208-429-8881, Fax: 208-429-8884

25 double queen and 25 Studio King rooms have been reserved at \$129/night. (Two bedroom suites are available for \$199/night.) Reserve rooms now until August 16, 2016 by calling and asking for the American Volkssport Association Regional Conference rate. Rate includes free hot breakfast buffet, free wireless internet, airport shuttle, fully equipped kitchen, guest laundry, complimentary parking. Check out the hotel website at www.marriott.com/boits.

I hope to get a brochure out at the beginning of the year.

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

6. Have you responded to the NW Regional Conference Bike Survey??: 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>.

7. 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. Go to www.CVFconvention2016.ca to register and see all the walks and activities.

Have a wonderful holiday season!! Get in some of those great YREs and don't forget the NYE/NYD events scheduled. Hope to see you soon.

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