

## News from N.E.W. #52, March 27, 2017

- 1. Is your club sending a delegate or proxy to the AVA Billings Convention?** At this convention it is critical that your club is represented. If you are not sending a club member as a delegate, PLEASE send a proxy. Please don't ignore this!! A proxy must be a delegate from another club. A proxy can not be someone who is running for national office or running for a regional director position. A proxy will vote as you instruct them to. **If you don't know someone from another club that can be your proxy, please let me know right away. I'll find one for you.** Your club has received a "Call to Convention" from Sam Korff, AVA Secretary. Please read the memo. Deadline to send all copies in is May 8. If that is missed, the delegate, alternate or proxy must take them all to credentialing at the convention.
- 2. Why is it so important that your club is represented at this convention? We have 3 candidates for national office running from this region.** I am running for Vice President. Although I am unopposed at this time, there are rumors that someone will be nominated from the floor to run against me. **Bob Morrison**, from the Capitol Volkssport Club is running for Treasurer. We must elect Bob. His opponent is Candace Purcell, the former Financial Officer/Office Manager of AVA. Please see Bob's piece on the AVA's group Facebook page and in this [American Wanderer](#). **Sam Korff**, our current AVA Secretary and our former NW RD, is running for Secretary, currently unopposed. Again, we expect nominations from the floor. We have a great region and have 25% of the participants in events nationwide. We need to support our officer candidates!
- 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter End:** It's almost the end of March, the end of the first quarter for your year round events. Don't forget to enter your 1<sup>st</sup> quarter participation numbers!! For 30 days, until the end of April, you can enter them online from your ESR page for the event. Be sure you submit and get the screen showing what AVA will bill you. Your President will get an email from AVA showing it was submitted. Print this off as proof. If you don't get this done by April 30, you will be billed a \$10 late fee from AVA for each event and you will have to email or call them in to [Samanta@ava.org](mailto:Samanta@ava.org). Pay attention!
- 4. New YRE – Madras, OR:** Columbia River Volkssport Association has sanctioned Madras as a new seasonal YRE for this year from June 1 through the end of the year. The walk will start at St. Charles Hospital. Look it up on [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) if you are coming to central Oregon.

### See you on the trail.

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