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The snow/ice has melted, and the week of fog has ended. Great time to get out to enjoy those new YR walks and the old favorites.

Many of our clubs are preparing for our National Walking Week, April 1-7. Hopefully all clubs can host a walk during that time whether it be a group walk of a YR or a planned event route. Invite your friends. Add the walk event to your neighborhood blogs and Facebook neighborhood groups. Full information will be in this month's AVA checkpoint. Neighboring clubs will be hosting walks on the same day. This is planned to attract walkers in all regions to the AVA programs that are offered.

I have attached the form to list your event on the AVA Website to this e-mailing. Your club can fill it out and send it to Hector for posting on the AVA site. If anyone needs help to post your event in one of the meetup groups, contact the meetup organizer in your area or contact me. (Oregon/SW Washington have completed forms already). Please cc me on the form when you send it to Hector so I can see it also.

Lots of changes have been happening in my.ava.org. The transition away from the legacy system is underway.

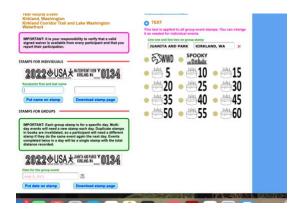
• If you have walk box POC's that are not yet in my.ava.org they are not able to log in to the legacy system now. There is a redirect note with instructions for them how to gain access.



I have inserted the link here for the tutorials that can help you and your club through this transition. It is important for all club officers to be familiar with the tutorials. If anyone needs help contact me or Tom Baltes, who has offered his help.

https://my.ava.org/find-a-tutorial.php?alt (click the + sign to see all the items in the list)

• For those who print stamps for events there is an item to watch out for. On the stamps page if you move from one YR to another YR the image of the printed stamp takes on the image of the previous page. IT is working on this. If you encounter this issue, click the red X on the right side of the page and it will return to the correct one.



• A recently added feature is access to view your club's YR walker totals over the past several years. Many clubs create tables for this info, but this feature may make it easier for you when you are researching the trends in your club YR events. (Click the GO button in for club reported participation



Time is getting close to get pre-registered for these upcoming multi-day events. Register now! A great opportunity to meet walkers from our NW Region and other states.

April 22-24, 2022, Wild and Woodsy, Lacey WA https://www.capitolvolkssportclub.org/cvc\_specialevents/wild&woodsy\_wa\_2022.html

June 16-19, 2022, NW Regional Conference, Ashland, OR <a href="https://www.walking4fun.org/nwrc-events.html">https://www.walking4fun.org/nwrc-events.html</a>

There is an AVA online Board Meeting this next week so I may have more info coming after that.

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