



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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December Greetings to our clubs of the NW Region,

Columbia River Volkssport Club announces that the annual Christmas Ships walk has moved start locations from what is printed in the NW Pathfinder. Please view the details in the Sanction page:

<https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=116514> An attachment is also included in this mailing giving information for the WA/OR border New Year's Event and New Year Day walks.

Many of our clubs have recently transitioned officers and may find the AVA Policy Manual helpful reading as they learn their new positions. https://cb.ava.org/policymanual/POLICY_MANUAL_202008.pdf

Also included is the link to AVA Club Policy. Many of our clubs have bylaws that spell out detail of club officer responsibilities, but this AVA document outlines many things to include.

https://cb.ava.org/Publications/Club_Operations_Guide_Web.pdf

At the close of this year 2 of our region clubs will be closing. All Weather Walkers will be joining forces with Vancouver USA and continuing all walks in the region. Third Planet Volkstours will be closing with their walks being operated by other clubs going forward. Thanks to all who kept these clubs in operation for so many years.

This past year we have lost some very active club members, former officers and AVA cheerleaders. In July Francis Johnson, Olympic Peninsula Explorers, passed away and more recently we lost Sound Stepper, Jeff Blosssey who had been in declining health for several years. Olympic Peninsula Explorers and Sound Steppers will be planning memorial walks for these walkers, volunteers and friends. Watch for announcements.

If your club is hosting a walk fest (multi-day) event you can now enter the data directly to the page. Link and info here: <https://my.ava.org/find-a-fest.php> This might be a year for you to plan to attend walk fests in other part of the country.

Our new YR Stamps should be arriving soon. If you find any omissions, please contact Hector@ava.org and include Ed and I also so we can see if there are any trends. Hopefully all goes well. Please note that YR Seasonal stamps will be sent later.

As the year closes many clubs are scheduling walks and lunch/dinner to celebrate the season. Enjoy time with your club as AVA is for Fun, Fitness and Friendship! Keep the fun in it!

Attached here also: Future Event List, NEC Minutes, IT article from TAW regarding upcoming changes to the ESR Sanction system.

Happy Holidays and see you on the trail.

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