

# NW REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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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. A list of planned walks is attached here.

Washington state has some open slots in some areas so if Area Coordinators can get information to me, I will update the list and resend it later in the month. Take your own challenge and plan to attend walks in other areas also!

Sadly, Preston Johnson, the founder of Volkssporting in WA and ESVA has passed away after declining health. Here is the inscription on his 2011 award for the AVA "Hall of Fame". Preston's entire family was and still is involved in Volkssporting.

## Hall of Fame Award

### Preston Johnson

Federal Way, WA

Preston Johnson has been an influence in American Volkssporting for over thirty years. He helped create clubs in the Northwest and helped create two state associations. He is a Volkssport pioneer who helped create some of the finest standards in the nation. Volkssporting in America and especially in the Northwest Region will be indebted to his drive and creativity for our sport.

Watch for a future walk to honor his service to volkssporting.

The changes in my.ava.org have begun. The participation reporting has now moved to my.ava.org. This is a good time for Treasurers to look over the new pages. When you log into your club account this is what you will see.

### NEW CLUB MANAGEMENT FEATURES

- \* Quarterly Participation Data Entry is now supported on the Participation page (click on the Participation Tab).
- \* Traditional Event Participation Data Entry is now supported on the Participation page.
- \* The Participation page also supports the creation of reports of already submitted YRE/SE or TE participation for the current or past years in an annual or quarterly format.

On Monday March 7 the legacy system for sanctioning will close. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER ANY NEW SANCTIONS AFTER FRIDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**. Sanctioning through my.ava.org will be available the following Friday if all goes as expected.

A webinar for these new changes is scheduled for March 16. Please register through my.ava.org: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdOqsqzqgHd3s3ovtvN0bhRZxRHUAn7J7>



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#AVAWebinar on March 16 at 8 pm Eastern. Look for the link to register in the upcoming Checkpoints. Topics include some recent changes to the [ava.org](https://my.ava.org) website for registering events and club reports. Also let's look at special programs and some "world-class" walks coming to the USA that you don't want to miss!

**When: Wednesday, 16 March**  
8 pm Eastern

**Topics:** Changes to the website for event registrations and club reports .... plus Special Programs and updates on the IVV Olympiad / Texas Trail week in 2023 #WalkSA2023

Getting “on the road again”!

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](https://www.capitolvolkssportclub.org/cvc_specialevents/wild&woodsy_wa_2022.html)

June 16-19, 2022, NW Regional Conference, Ashland, OR

<https://www.walking4fun.org/nwrc-events.html>

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