

# NW REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs

## National WALKING Week! April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Walking week is coming quickly. Please let Ed Hainline or I know of your club's plans for walking sometime during that week. I have the information that some ESVA AC's have given Joe Blazek and Dick Baker is coordinating the south clubs.

Challenge yourself to walk each day! Walk with a group, with a few walking buddies or on your own. So many places to walk and explore in our beautiful NW Region.

Check with these ESVA and OTSVA Meet-up Groups:

- North Puget Sound Meetup [Click Here](#)
- South Puget Sound Meetup [Click Here](#)
- SW Washington and Oregon Meetup [Click Here](#)
- Willamette Valley and Mid-Coasters Meetup [Click Here](#)
- Rogue Valley Walkers Meetup [Click Here](#)
- NW Tulip Trekkers Meetup [Click Here](#)
- Spokane Meetup [Click Here](#)
- Olympic Peninsula Meetup [Click Here](#)

The AVA Staff will be working on publicity for this as they are now returning to the office following their 24/7 work on the IVV Olympiad/and IML events.

The IVV Olympiad was a great success with 1075 walkers registered. The volunteering was awesome and wonderful pictures have been posted on the Facebook AVA Page.

The full report will be in the next TAW as will pictures. Make your plans for a Finland Olympiad in 2025!

I have attached the new March TAW Page for the Northwest Region. Thanks to Nancy Wittenberg, Annette St-Pierre and Katie Sell for their writings! All clubs can submit articles to advance Volkssporting events in our Region. The next Due Date is April 25, 2023, for the June edition.

**The Future Event Calendar is filling up with many new areas to walk in. Be sure to get your club's future walks on the calendar even if you only have preliminary information available so you can reserve the date you need.**

**Latest NW Pathfinder:** <http://www.esva.online/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/March-April-2023-Online-Version.pdf>

**\*\*Please note:** The Shady Cove Events on the list in May are a joint effort by Rogue Valley Club and CRVC to do walks in the area. There are no socials planned. Please contact them if interested. (Phone number on FEL.)

**Here are some business updates for your clubs:**

Action by clubs: Check your sanction and complete or remove open items. Everything that you update must either be “published” or “req RD Approval”. Clubs, please check your club records. The table below is for the entire NW Region.

**Edit/New Stats for States in the North West Region**

Edit/New Type	Need to Make Public	Need to Req Approval	Have Errors	No Changes	Awaiting RD Approval
NEW	-	1	3	-	1
EDIT	2	0	1	7	0
RENEWAL	-	0	0	-	0
RESURRECT	-	12	0	-	0

**OSB Approval Stats for States in the North West Region**

Summarized below is the approval status of OSB and OSB/PSB events sanctioned for 2023 and 2024.

Event Type	Total	OSB Customer Service Approved	Missing Event PDF	Need to Req Approval	Awaiting Approval
OSB	170	169	1	0	0
OSB/PSB	229	229	0	0	0

The NW Region has submitted 2 motions for discussion during the next Board Meeting in April:

- Motion to begin a pilot program for AVA to use “Sticker Stamps” as our Canadian neighbors do. This can be a big cost saving for AVA as well as more convenient for clubs to use. (Discussions with Henry and Mike Green have begun)
- Motion to have ALL YR/SYR either in a PSB or OSB by the end of 2023. This has no affect in our region as we are already compliant but other areas of the country are not. For 2024 require all YR/SYR to be in the OSB as well as PSB by year end. (Currently Oregon only has about 11 not in OSB and WA about 25 and Alaska has some)

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This is a great time to plan AVA travel with your clubs and friends. There are many multi-day events coming up or you could plan a mini trip more locally to do walks where you have not gone before.

Here is a list of other multi-day travel events to add to your calendar:

- April 13-16, 2023, Silver City, NM <https://suncountrystriders.wordpress.com/blog/>
- April 21-23, 2023, NW Hiking Weekend, Othello WA <https://fourplushikers.weebly.com/nw-hiking-weekend-othello.html>
- May 3-8, 2023, Vancouver Island Spring Walks <https://www.dropbox.com/s/gs1ya5o7jg32ov8/Island%20Walks%20Spring%202023.pdf?dl=0>
- May 20-21, 2023, Surrey Trekkers Un-Marathon <https://www.dropbox.com/s/3gdsx5292jvzbg/BLAST%20FROM%20THE%20PAST.pdf?dl=0>

Aug 12, 2023 International Friendship Walk – Meet at the Peace Arch at the Canadian/US Border  
Brenda Dudfield of Surrey Trekkers and Tamara Belts of NW Tulip Trekkers are planning  
this event. Make your plans! More info coming in the future.

Sept 14-17, 2023, Central Oregon <https://www.walking4fun.org/central-oregon-2023.html>  
Sept 22-24, 2023, Vancouver BC – [Walk fest https://vancouverventurers.com/walkfest-2023rev1/](https://vancouverventurers.com/walkfest-2023rev1/)  
May 24-26, 2024, Canadian Festival in Kingston, Ontario <http://walks.ca/cvf-fcv-2022-festival/>  
Sept 2024 NW Regional Conference – Location TBD

PLEASE VISIT THE AVA SITE FOR ADDITIONAL WALKFEST INFO:  
<https://my.ava.org/find-a-fest.php>

See you on the trail!

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