

# Southern Maine Volkssport Association Newsletter

August 2002



## Presidents Corner

When the first walkers turned up at the finish table at the Wells walk early Sunday morning, I started to relax and enjoy. When the last two walkers arrived, I was euphoric! I don't know why I was so uptight - all the help was first class and I had Chuck Hutchins' clear and concise directions for everyone. I was pleased with the count (73) and it was great catching up with some people I hadn't seen for awhile. I'm talking about this walk because as you may or may not know, AVA is talking about raising fees. If you have access, I urge you to log on and go to our Website <http://smva.8m.com>. Our Webmaster, Don Bolin, has posted an open letter from the vice president and treasurer of AVA to members about the financial woes of AVA and their possible solutions. The buzz is about raising the credit/event fee to three dollars starting 01/01/03 and to four dollars on 01/01/04. They will share the increase with the clubs but they have not stated how much. There was a lot of talk about this at the walk and we owe it to ourselves to make our opinions known whether pro or con. There is also a survey on the site from the Special Funds Committee of AVA that will be used to apply for grants. Take a minute and respond to it. Results will be posted in the next AMERICAN WANDERER.

These are indeed tough times for many. Our sport will hopefully weather the storm and come out stronger and better in the end. Every club is doing their best to show off their town or countryside. This is a great country and what better way to explore, learn and enjoy it but on foot.

AVA pups being sold as a fundraiser? I have contacted Walk n Mass And Seacoast Striders and we have agreed to place our order in together because it is doubtful that we can each fill the

minimum order required. There is a picture of them in **THE AMERICAN WANDERER**. If you could get this in this month, we would be grateful.

Shirley Milliken, Sandy Johnson and Ann Stevens provided refreshments for the July meeting. Our doorperson was Connie Boyer.

Winner of the New Balance shoes at the Wells walk was Rose Ann Lovely of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Congratulations!

Ann's Army of Volunteers was overwhelming! There were more volunteers than jobs to be filled and I cannot thank you enough. Your hard work and smiling faces made the day not only successful but also fun. To Chuck Hutchins, Dave and Penny Cole, Janet and John Schaeffer, Pat and Fred Welch, Shirley Milliken, Roland and Joan Melcher, Herman Day, Lorraine Afthin, Martha and Bob Chellis, Wally and Sandy Johnson, Elaine Johnson and last and far from least, our ever faithful specialties merchandiser, John Tibbetts, my thanks. -Ann Stevens

**The NEXT meeting of the SMVA will be at the Walker Library in Westbrook Maine, on August 21st. Bob and Martha Chellis and Cheri Watson will provide the refreshments. Wally and Sandy Johnson will be letting all our fine members into the library on the 21st.**



[SMVA Homepage](#)

**It is with deep regret that I have to announce that Janet Schaeffer has tendered her resignation as our treasurer for health and personal reasons. She is willing to stay on until a replacement is found which is a very generous gesture. Janet describes her duties as:**

- 1. Paying bills, entering deposits and balancing our checkbook**
- 2. Keeping the C.D. book up to date**
- 3. Keeping a financial ledger**
- 4. Filing our financial reports as required by the AVA, the State of Maine, etc.**
- 5. Attending board meetings and preparing financial reports for SMVA**

## meetings

**Please consider this position. Please email or call me. I will be glad to answer any questions or accept your help in filling this position. Or (207) 985-4196.**



### **A sad note from Happy:**

**Ken and I have received news that Jenness Buck has passed away. I shared information relating to his life at the last meeting. In lieu of flowers we have been asked to make donations to SMVA in his honor. If you would like to send a card please send it to Happy Jackson, 148 Greenwood Lane, Portland, Maine 04103 and mark it to the attention of Kay Buck.**

**KUDOS TO: Gladys Wildes for completing 350 events, and to Roland Melcher who has not only completed an amazing 950 events, but also has also completed 10,000kms. That's almost equivalent to walking across the United States twice. Wow.**

**FOR YOUR INFO: The Cornish Walk Brochure will be on the website. Also, the Cornish Afghan raffle will be drawn at the September 28th walk. Tickets are tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 and will be available for purchase at the Sunrise/Sunset walks, or by contacting Cheri Watson.**

## WALK AND EAT SCHEDULE 2002

**You are invited to join the "Walk and Eat Gang" in weekly Thursday walks. They gather**

by 9:15 a.m. at the start point, and walk promptly at 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come to walk and talk, and then eat after the walk. Aug. 1 Newburyport, MA ! Aug. 8 Portsmouth, NH ! Aug. 15 So. Portland, ME (Year Round)! Aug. 22 Danvers, MA ! Aug. 29 Hampton, NH Picnic Ž Sept. 5 Portland, ME Sept. 12 Roslindale, MA (10:30 a.m. start) Ž Sept. 19 Concord, NH Ž Sept. 26 Boston, MA (Choice) Ž Oct. 3 Newton, MA (10:30 a.m. start) For further info on Walk and Eat walks contact- Chuck and Fran Hutchins 603-483-0598 bfinch38@msn.com

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## Minutes of The July 17th, 2002 Meeting of The Southern Maine Volkssport Association

Ann Stevens, SMVA President, opened the July 17th SMVA meeting at the Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook, at 7PM. Name tags were passed around at random, then the members had to find the person present who belonged to the name tag and introduce themselves. 21 members were present. The June Secretary's Report as printed in the July Newsletter was accepted as printed. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read. Membership Report: one new member in June for a total of 182. Articles for the Newsletter should be sent to Dan by Monday July 22.

Publicity: Ken has been busy spreading the work about SMVA. There was a notice in the Suburban News. He has been in contact with the Portland Chamber of Commerce and Portland Trails. Portland Trails has a walk/run on September 22, 2002 Walk Reports: Bar Harbor: 30; Kennebunk: 66; the Wells Walk on July 14 had 73 walkers. Upcoming 2002 walks: Sunrise/Sunset on August 17/18 is about set. Dave and Ken are mapping the trail at Poland Springs. Alan said the McAuley Walk on September 21 has been canceled. Because of the mass start McAuley needed a parade permit from Portland but none were available, so McAuley moved the walk to September 28th. As this conflicted with the Cornish Walk, Alan canceled the walk. Alan and Ed did map out a 5 and 10K walk for McAuley to use but SMVA will not participate this year. A decision will be made later about participating next year. Cheri has the September 28 Cornish walk about ready. The brochure has been done and will be ready soon. The award will be a medallion that can be affixed to a walking stick. Walking sticks will be available. Please order them through pre-registration. Tri-State: the brochures are in for the Tri-State and will be in the next newsletter. Alan and Ed will have the trail set soon.

The seasonal/year round patches are finally in for those that want them. The patches are \$4.00 and it is \$1.00 for the stones to affix to the patch. The Wandering Maniacs, sadly, are

going out of business. Dave and Sylvia are graciously willing to give their Bath, Light House, and Bridge walk to SMVA for next year. Volunteers are needed to man the boxes. Unfinished business: A decision has to be made about the donation for a storage trailer, what type and size to buy, and where it can be stored.

New Business: AVA is raising fees in 2003 to \$3.00 per walker, and in 2004 to \$4.00. Some members commented that this increase might drive some members away from Volkssporting, but the decision has been made. The board decided to have a can and dry goods collection at the September meeting for the Preble Street Resource Center. Please bring your donation to that meeting. A discussion was held about whether the Discount Coupons should be available for SMVA members only or for anyone who wants them. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Ed Witherall, Secretary

**THE ONLY WEB ADDRESS YOU NEED**

<http://smva.8m.com/>

This is our club site, and from it you can access our neighbor's web sites, and sites around the country.

Don Bolin, our Webmaster, keeps our site up to date, and all the back issues of our newsletters are on line too.

This site has links to all our neighboring clubs as well as other walking information. It is a goldmine for the sincere walker.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS**  
**August 26, 2002**

A note from David and Penny Cole about the Poland Spring Walk, Sunday August 18th. It is going to be rated between a 2 and 3.

Because of wooded trails and some grades.

The staying point will be at the Golf Club House. Hope to see everyone there.

**August Birthdays**

**Jo Dill 8/2**

**Joshua Nadeau 8/10**

**Fred Becker 8/14**

**Laurel Mackie 8/17**

**Edwin Farrell 8/21**

**David Gerow 8/21**

**Harry B. Chase Jr. 8/24**

**Pat Welch 8/28**

**A TEST RUN - SMVA WILL SEND THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER TO THOSE MEMBERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE E-MAIL ADDRESSES. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IS ON FILE. ALL OTHER MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL. - YOU CAN ALSO READ OUR NEWSLETTER AT:**

**<http://smva.8m.com>**

### **NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED**

**DAN CARR** will be stepping down as editor of the SMVA Newsletter the end of October. This will give the new editor time to adjust to the walking schedule during November and December when the walking schedule slows down. If this is an interest you may have, please contact Ann Stevens () or Cheri Watson ([Cwatson@sheridancorp.com](mailto:Cwatson@sheridancorp.com))

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR - UPCOMING WALKS IN OUR REGION (DOES NOT INCLUDE EVENTS LISTED ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWSLETTER). CHECK <http://smva.8m.com/> FOR MORE DETAILS. You might also contact the individual clubs - Addresses are listed at the end of events**

<b>AUGUST 4</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jamaica Plain, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>
<b>*AUGUST 17</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunset Walk -Auburn, ME</b>	<b>SMVA</b>
<b>*AUGUST 18</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunrise Walk- Poland Springs, ME</b>	<b>SMVA</b>
<b>AUGUST 25</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Millers Falls, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Bourne, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Moultonborough, NH</b>	<b>Seacoast Striders</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 15</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Windham, NH</b>	<b>Seacoast Striders</b>
<b>* SEPTEMBER 21 Saturday - McAuley Walk Portland, ME -- SMVA</b>			
<b>(BECAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS - SEE MEETING MINUTES - the McAuley Walk HAS BEEN CANCELLED)</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER 28</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Cornish, ME</b>	<b>SMVA</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 29</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lynn Woods, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>
<b>OCTOBER 5</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Newport, VT</b>	<b>TSVA</b>
<b>OCTOBER 6</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Bellingham, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>
<b>----TRI-STATE WEEKEND----</b>			
<b>OCTOBER 12</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Portland Maine.</b>	<b>SMVA</b>
<b>OCTOBER 13</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Durham, NH SS and -Haverhill, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Lawrence, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>
<b>DECEMBER 1</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dover, NH</b>	<b>Seacoast Striders</b>
<b>DECEMBER 7</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Attleboro, MA</b>	<b>W'N Mass</b>

**NOTE DATE CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES**

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**Claudia Cauchon - 603-659-8598/862-1533**

**Walk 'N Mass - 80 Wingate Rd Holliston, MA 01746-1261**

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**Two Town Walking Club-- 65 Railroad Ave. Hamilton, MA 01982**

**Diana Campbell - (978) 887-1963**

**Twin State Volkssport Association - PO Box 907 Middlebury, VT 05753**

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