

Southern Maine Volkssport Association Newsletter

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2001

President's Corner

What a great way to start the New Year. It was a bright sunny day as a 'batch' of us headed out from the DoubleTree Hotel on Congress Street to begin the New Year in a walking mode. Cold yes, snow around, yes, but that a neat route John Tibbetts has laid out to enjoy. And I think you will really like the "A" award that Dave Muzzy has put together for us for 2001. Unfortunately, my sister-in-law (Liz) and I made the mistake (not really), of stopping by Tony's Donut Shop (a Portland tradition) and getting a little snack to ready us for the 11K journey, and by the time we had gotten back out on the trail, the group had walked into the Sunrise. We finally did catch them or rather they caught us. They stopped for a bagel and a cup of coffee, while we stopped for only a cup of coffee at Starbucks in the Old Port and kept walking. There at the great old cemetery on Congress Street, in front of a checkpoint, here they came up the walk. Soon they were off again, and Liz and I were left in the snow again. I am sharing this for the following reason (preachers always have to have a reason, right!). This was a group walk, but even at group walks you have the choice of taking your time and doing your own thing. It was great to see and register with everyone, but it was also great just to take your time and enjoy the sights at your own pace, and to talk with someone you do not always have the opportunity to talk with. So, if you are going to join a group walk, make sure you get your own set of directions, and then enjoy the day.

It was great to hear that so many of you got out for the first Mall Walk on January 14, and probably by the time you get this newsletter the 2nd Mall Walk on January 28th will have taken place. A great incentive to get going. Thanks to Alan and all the 'check pointers' and to the Mall for this annual event. It has been a year of heavy and sometimes annoying snow. Just enough to keep you from walking on the roads. I have found myself at the Mall walking during the week a lot more than I would like to. I would much rather be out on the roads here in Hollis, but it looks like it will take Old Man Winter having a change of mind for that to happen. This might have been the winter to have a treadmill, but never have gotten used to walking nowhere. I would much rather reach a destination. And even if you have to walk the Mall, it gives you the opportunity to look in the windows many times to see if there are bargains or items that catch your attention. The good news is that before too much longer the trails will be open again. We can head south to New Hampshire or Massachusetts to catch their early start times for seasonal and year rounds. Catch the events listed in the newsletter, and get ready for the wonder of another year of walking. See you on the trail.



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HERE THEY ARE! THE FIRST WALKS IN 2001

The Maine Mall Walks A "B" Award Event January 28 February 11 and 25 March 11

Start time 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Finish by 11:00 a.m. Start/Finish: Maine Mall, 364 Maine Mall Road, South Portland, Maine. "B" Award and Credit \$4.00. IVV Credit only \$2.00. Free Event - All welcome - No Charge.

There will be large selection of "B" awards available from previous events.

Course Description: You may choose to do each walk inside or outside the Maine Mall. Trails of shorter

distances are available for those unable to complete a 10 km walk. Procedure: Upon registration, each participant, including free walkers, receives a Start Card, which should be carried and stamped at the Checkpoints along the route. Start Cards must be turned in at the Finish.

Refreshments: Water will be available at the Start/Finish. Restrooms are available also.

Contact: Alan Robitaille PO Box 17553 Portland, ME 04112
(207) 797-5967 (home) and (207) 286-2457 (work)

Minutes of the December Meeting of the SMVA Wednesday, February 21, 2000

President Dan Carr opened the meeting with 17 members present. As we introduced ourselves, we shared how we got started in volksmarching. Quite a few of us walked the first SMVA walk over 10 years ago. And someone sitting in the room encouraged a surprising number of us. The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted as given. Wendy Hunter, new membership chair, reported that we have 129 members for 2001, which already includes 24 new members. There will be a membership drive this year with 3 prizes for those referring the most new members. Dan announced that we have a new printer for our newsletter, Full Court Press, and they are saving us some money. John Tibbetts reported that club sales at the first Mall Walk were \$213. He has only 4 Starting Points left so let him know if you want one. John also has 2001 Frequent Walker Coupons, a real money saver for frequent walkers. Ken Jackson said that the Maine Mall gave us a publicity bonus by announcing our first mall walk on their light sign on Gorham Street (more interesting than Sears tire specials or Clinique 2 for 1 deals). He suggested we give the Mall our publicity award of the month. Ken and Ann are mailing and e-mailing information on walks and meetings to many publications and are getting better responses.

Alan Robitaille reported that the first Mall walk had 47 participants (43 for credit and 4 free). There are 4 more walks on 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, and 3/11. On May 19th the Wandering Maine-iacs is holding a walk in Calais, a Maine county walk, and there will be a walk in St. Stephens, N.B. (which is just across the border) the same day. June 16 & 17 is the second Downeast Walking Weekend. There will be a sunset walk in Southwest Harbor and a sunrise walk up Cadillac Mountain. The Bar Harbor SEA will also be available. Make plans now for this great weekend. In August there will be a Sunset walk in Harpswell and a Sunrise walk in Popham. Other upcoming walks include McAuley Residence on 9/22, Norlands on 9/29 & 30 which will include a like and maybe a swim as well as a walk. October is the Tri-State walks on the 6 & 7 and another Maine County walk put on by the Wandering Maniacs in Rockland on the 13th. SMVA needs to hold county walks in Oxford and Lincoln Counties this year. If you are interested in developing a walk, talk to Dan. John reported that Portland YRE for 2000 had 189 walkers (15-165-9). On January first there was a kick-off group walk of the Portland YRE for 2001, which had 15 people.

The Jackson NH SEA ski started on January 15th and John and Janet Schaefer reported there is plenty of snow and they have had several groups of skiers already. Carroll Tiernan finished her report on the Yarmouth holiday walk by giving a final accounting. The walk netted \$47.59. Carroll has more music available (no more Xmas carols) for harmonica players.

Dan reported that we need to select a delegate for our club for the AVA convention. If you are going and would be interested in representing the club and attending meetings, please call Dan. Dan reported that at the February AVA executive meeting, there would be a discussion of proposed fee increases. After hearing Dan read the proposals, Carroll moved that SMVA notify our district representative Patty Proulx and tell her that we view with concern the excessive increases proposed by AVA and the negative effect they will have on the sport we love. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Sylvia asked if there will be coupon available for membership renewals this year and the answer was no. News from away: Carroll was in Atlanta, Georgia on business but made time to walk the Atlanta SEA.

Dan introduced the new officers who had been elected at the December meeting: President Dan Carr, VP Penny Cole, Secretary Happy Jackson, Treasurer David Cole and board members Wendy Hunter, Ann Stevens, Barbara Weymouth, Thelma Gagne and Carroll Tiernan.

The new 50-50-50 was worth \$20 and Ann Stevens won \$10. Door prizes for matching snowflakes were won by Penny, Ken, David, Elaine, Lorraine and Kathy McLean.

Wendy Hunter, Soren Christenson and Ann Stevens provided refreshments. Penny Cole, Happy Jackson and Ralph Green will provide refreshments in February.

If there is bad weather, listen to the radio (WPOR) for meeting cancellation notice or (if the club has your email address) check your computer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully
submitted by Carroll
Tiernan - Secretary
Pro
Tem

UPCOMING SMVA WALKS IN THE NEW YEAR

1. The Maine Mall Walk will be on Sundays, January 28; Sundays February 11 and 25; and Sunday March 11th starting at 8:00 AM. More information above.
2. PORTLAND, MAINE - Year Round 11K Walk
January 1-June 30, 2001 and July 1 - December 31, 2001 YR0029/2001

Trail Description: On this 11K walk you will go through historic Portland, Deering Oaks and the Eastern Promenade overlooking Casco Bay. There are some hills, but it is suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. Rating is 1+ Award: A refrigerator magnet depicting a Portland scene. Point of Contact: John Tibbetts, 207-774-8306 (eves.). 1544 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102 E-Mail: Start Point: DoubleTree Hotel, Congress Street. Conveniently located just west of the intersection of I-295 and Congress Street. Event Info: Daily, dawn to dusk. This trail takes you through historic Portland, Deering Oaks and Eastern Promenade overlooking Casco Bay. Water and restrooms are available at the start/finish and along the route. Refreshments are available at the start/finish and at many places along the route. Pets: Please note that pets must be leashed at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Also, pets are not allowed to enter buildings. You must clean up after pets. Accommodations: Rooms are available at the DoubleTree Hotel. Call 1-800-989-3856 DIRECTIONS: From the Maine Turnpike: northbound, use Exit 6-A to I-295 following the signs to Exit - 5 Congress Street/ Route 22. Watch for directions to Congress St./ Route 22 West. At the traffic signal, turn left and then turn left at the very next traffic signal into the DoubleTree Hotel. Heading southbound on I-295 take the Congress Street WEST Exit and take an immediate left at the first traffic signal. Heading south on the Maine Turnpike, use Exit 7; follow the signs to I-295 to the Congress Street Exit, following the northbound instructions above.

3. NEW HAMPSHIRE - JACKSON NEW HAMPSHIRE 11 Km SKI Jan 15 Mar 18 YR1043/2001
Sponsoring club: AVA/0193, Southern Maine Volkssport Association, Point of Contact: John Schaefer (207) 935-4117.
RR1 Box 456, Brownfield, ME. 04010 email: Volksski: A volksski is a Cross Country Skiing event in which you may bring your own skis or rent the equipment. Ski at your own pace. There is no hurry, you may start between 9AM and finish by 3PM. Procedure: Each participant receives a start card. You will be asked to write on it at the checkpoint (bring a pencil). Start Cards are turned in at the finish and an award is available if you pay your fee for the same. Stamp your AVA distance books 11K. The 11 km trail is rated "green" or "easy" in X-C terms. There are also Blue and Black Trails. Trail fee required, however 20% discount if you show your AVA National or club card. Rental X C ski equipment available at center. Jackson Ski Touring Foundation has all levels of trails in its 150 Km's of trails. Bring your own equipment if you have it. Trail is rated 1+. This event crosses a golf course, goes through a covered bridge and tunnel – and onto the Ellis River trail – which follows the Ellis River most of the way out and back. Voted the favorite trail for beginners out of the 150 kms of trails the center has to offer. You pass a warming hut going and coming. This trail CANNOT be walked.

Refreshments: It is suggested that you bring along some water and a candy bar. You will encounter a warming hut going out and returning. **Start Point:** Jackson Ski Touring Foundation; Main St.; Jackson, New Hampshire. From Exit 8 (Portland) on Maine Turnpike (I-495) right at first stop light onto Riverside St. Go to Forest Ave (Rt.302), left on 302 through Fryeburg into New Hampshire. Stay on 302 until it meets up with Rt.16 (Burger King on left). Stay on Rt 302/16 through N.Conway and turn right when Rt. 16 heads North to Jackson. Enter Jackson through Red covered bridge and continue on (left at Y) to JSTF center about 1/2 mile. From Portsmouth (I-95) take Rt. 16 North to N. Conway and follow above directions. From the North take Rt. 16 South over Pinkham Notch and enter Jackson left opposite a filling station – JSTF is on your right in about 1/2 mile.

**GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS ---
THE WALK AND EAT GANG STRIKES AGAIN!**

The “Walk and Eat Gang” will again walk weekly on Thursdays officially beginning in April. We will gather at the walk’s starting point at 9:15 AM walking promptly at 9:30 AM. All are invited to join us for walking then eating after the walk (restaurant or picnic)

	April 5	So. Portland, ME (Year Round)	
	June 7	Salem, MA	
	April 12	Beverly, MA	June
	14	Falmouth, ME (Picnic)	
	April 19	Hampton, NH	June
	21	Boston, MA (Back Bay)	
	April 26	Brunswick, ME	June
	28	Westbrook, ME	
	May 3	Danvers, MA	July
	5	Newburyport, MA	
	May 10	Manchester, NH	July
	12	Portsmouth, NH (Picnic)	
	May 17	So. Portland, ME	
	July 19	So. Portland, ME (Year Round)	
		(Lighthouse/Picnic)	
	July 26	Sudbury, MA	
	May 24	Natick,	
	MA		
	May 31	Kennebunk, ME	

SOME SHARINGS FROM WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL OF THE AVA - SHARINGS FROM THE CHECKPOINT AND OTHER SOURCES

As the year winds down, there are many positive things to remember from the past year --

- The Association is maintaining its financial stability.
- Our marketing program is growing.

- **Our new strategic plan is well on its way to completion.**
 - **New Balance has renewed our contract for three more years.**
- **The number of 10-Event books processed has increased for the first time in many years.**
- **Our new computer software is 80% complete and running well.**
- **Our computer upgrade program is on schedule.**
- **We have added a Special Projects Coordinator to our staff.**

One of the new bright spots for all of us is the addition of the Special Projects Coordinator to our staff. New Balance is funding this position. We are pleased to have Brandi Deemer as our Special Projects Coordinator. She will be handing all of the New Balance support to our clubs and events and will be working with me on development of new sponsorships and partnerships, as well as looking at new potential national projects.

From Brandi Deemer, National Special Projects Coordinator– Volkssporters, it is important to keep in mind the eight-week deadline when sending in Sponsorship Request Forms. I continue to receive these forms after the right-week deadline. It may be helpful, if I explain this process so that members recognize why the eight-week deadline is relevant to our system. The forms arrive at the AVA headquarters; next they are logged in and sent to New Balance headquarters for processing. Then these forms are sent back to headquarters so that certificates and promotional give-away items can be assembled and sent to the clubs for their event. It is imperative that we have enough time to handle this process, so that we can avoid costly shipping. We have a generous sponsor however; we need to be good stewards of our resources. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

The Executive Council will hold its next meeting on February 16, 2001, at the Quality Inn Beachside, in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The regular meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. The agenda and related New Business Agenda Items are included with this mailing. There is also an agenda for the Executive Session that is scheduled during this time. While this particular session is a closed session, you will at least know the topics to be discussed. (NOTE: See our secretary's notes about the SMVA club's action relating to some of the issues to be discussed at this executive meeting)

The February Meeting of the SMVA will be on February 21, 7:00 PM
at the Walker Library in Westbrook.

GOODIES FOR THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 21

Sweets: Penny Cole

Veggies: Happy Jackson

Beverages: Ralph Green

Meeting dates of the SMVA for 2001 at the Walker Library in Westbrook.

February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20 July 18 August 15 September 19 October 17
November 14 December 12

News from Walk 'n Mass: Newton Walk and Soup Special

(These items appeared in their Newsletters - I am sure they would welcome anyone in our group to join them for any of these activities Saturday, February 3 - 2nd annual Newton Walk and Soup Special. A group walk of the Newton Year Round followed by a Hot Soup Special at the home of Joyce and Alan Toomre. The walk will start at 1:00 PM at the Newton Library at 330 Homer Street, and the Hot Soup Social will start approximately at 4:00 PM. Maps will be provided giving directions for the short distance drive between the Start/Finish and the Toomre home at 55 Hillside Ave. in West Newton. Since the weather is decidedly 'iffy' in February, anyone who thinks he or she would like to attend, please be sure

to RSVP, E-mail Charlotte Temple at *before January 31* or call her at (508) 877-9074; *after January 31*, email Joyce Toomre at or call her at (617) 969-9596. The numbers don't have to be cast in concrete, but Joyce needs to know if the is planning for 10 or 60. Soup and drinks will be provided, but those so inclined are invited to bring bread, fruit or sweets to share with the group. The event will be canceled if the weather is terrible, meaning too much rain, ice or snow. If in doubt, please call for confirmation.

Winter Group Walk Schedule (Walk 'n Mass)

February 3	Newton
Hot Soup Social (see above)	
February 25	Burlington
Mall Lunch at Victoria Station	
March 11	
Newton	Lunch at the Naked Fish March
18	Bedford
Lunch at Luigi's	

March 25	Rosindale	Lunch at Carrib (West Roxbury)	May 26	Berkshire
County Bus Trip				

On Saturday, May 26, 2001 Walk 'n Mass will provide a bus to the lovely town of Lenox in Berkshire County. Winnie Balz, President of the Empire State Capital Volkssporters, and her members have planned an outstanding event for the County Walk Program, starting at the Berkshire County Day School Winthrop Campus. There will be a group luncheon for those who wish to dine together after the walk. Since this bus trip will fill quickly, kindly make your reservations early. Call for seats in the evening - Christ Mellen (978) 649-7633

NORTHEAST REGIONAL - VOLKSSPORT EVENTS IN 2001

(SOME DATES MAY BE TENTATIVE - CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION. These dates were made at the Calendar Clearing Conversations in October.

(CVVC) - CONNECTICUT VALLEY VOLKSSPORT CLUB, PO BOX 251, GLASTONBURY, CT 06033-0251, BOB MCDUGALL - 860-342-3062

(ESCV) - EMPIRE STATE CAPITAL VOLKSSPORTERS (ESCV), PO BOX 6995, ALBANY, NY 12206-6995

(FLVC) - THE FINGER LAKES VOLKSSPORTS CLUB, 36 SHERWOOD VALLEY RD, WINDSOR, NY 13865, 607-775-9060

(TTWC) - TWO TOWN WALKING CLUB, 22 GRANT AVENUE, SOUTH HAMILTON, MA 01982

DIANA & JAMES CAMPBELL - 978-468-3164 E-mail: JPIFFAT@aol.com

(WNM) - WALK'N MASS VOLKSSPORT CLUB, 80 WINGATE RD, HOLLISTON, MA 01746-1261

BEATE HAIT - 508-429-3564 FAX: 508-429-1813 Email: Joyce Toomre

(WM) - WANDERING MAINE-IACS, PO BOX 6403, PORTLAND, ME 04102-6403, DAVID MUZZY - 207-854-5424

DATE	CLUB	EVENT	POINT OF CONTACT
JANUARY			
Jan. 27 - Saturday	ESCV	SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY YRE GROUP	
Jan 28 - Sunday	SMVA	MAINE MALL WALK - SO. PORTLAND	
FEBRUARY			
Feb. 10 - Saturday	ESCV	SCHENECTADY, NY YRE GROUP	
	CVVC	FAIRFIELD, CT YRE GROUP	
Feb. 11 - Sunday	SMVA	MAINE MALL WALK - SO. PORTLAND	
Feb. 25 - Sunday	SMVA	MAINE MALL WALK - SO. PORTLAND	
MARCH			
March 10 - Saturday	CVVC	FARMINGTON, CT YRE GROUP	
March 11 - Sunday	SMVA	MAINE MALL WALK - SO. PORTLAND	
March 24 - Saturday	ESCV	RHINEBECK, NY YRE GROUP	
March 31 - Saturday	ESCV	WILLIAMSTOWN, MA YRE GROUP	
	TTWC	SALEM, MA YRE GROUP 1:00 PM	
APRIL			
April 1 - Sunday	WNM	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	
April 7 - Saturday		REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S WALK	
April 14 - Saturday	CVVC	GROTON, CONNECTICUT, YRE GROUP	

The Seacoast Striders - 2001 Year-Round and Seasonal Events -- For Club Information see above -Concord, NH (NE01-Y0292) - 10km Walk - (January 13-December 16, 2001)

Start Point: Holiday Inn 172 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 (603) 224-9534

“B” Award event - 1+ - daylight hours. Water/Restrooms at start/finish and along way.

Hampton, NH (NE01 - Y1093) - 11Km Walk - (January 13 - December 16, 2001) NEW!

Start Point: Shop ‘n Save 630 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842 (603) 926-9808

“B” Award Event - 1+ - daylight hours - Closed Easter/Thanksgiving - Water/Restrooms at Start/Finish

Manchester, NH (NE01-Y1085 - 10Km Walk - (April 16 - November 3, 2001) NEW!

Start/Finish: Amoskeag Fishways Learning Center Fletcher Street, Manchester, NH 03105 (603) 626-3474

“Credit only” event. - 2 - Mon.-Sat. 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM (gate closes 5:00 PM.

Portsmouth, NH (NE01-Y01312 Walk - 10km - (January 13 - December 16, 2001)

Start/Finish: Wynwood Hotel and Suites (formerly Howard Johnson’s)

Interstate Traffic Circle, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 436-7600

Warner's House Patch - 1+ - daytime hours - Water/restrooms at Start/Finish

Portsmouth NH NE01-Y1095 Bike -25km- April 28 - November 4 (NEW)

Start/Finish: Wynwood Hotel and Suites (formerly Howard Johnson's

Interstate Traffic Circle, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 436-7600

Warner's House Patch - 1+ - daytime hours - Water/restrooms at Start/Finish

Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club -- For Club Information - see above --

Year-Round and Seasonal Events, 2001 (Those STARTING in January,2001)

Bedford, MA (01/Y828) - Walk - (January 2 - December 31, 2001)

Start/Finish: Bikeway Source 111 South Road Bedford, MA 01730 (781-275-7799

Credit Event only - 1.5 - Jan.-Apr. Wed.-Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday Noon-5 PM

Bedford, MA (01/Y927) - X-C Ski (10km or 13km) - (January 2 - March 31, 2001)

Start/Finish: Bikeway Source 111 South Road Bedford, MA 01730 (781-275-7799

Credit Event only - 1.5 - Jan.-Apr. Wed.-Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday Noon-5 PM

Boston, MA (01/Y730) - Walk - 11km - Freedom Trail - (January 1 - December 31, 2001)

Boston National Historic Park Visitor Center 15 State Street, Boston, MA

(Across from the Old State House) (617-242-5642 “

“A” Patch available - 1 - Jan. 1 to June 30 9AM to 5 PM closed New Year's, Christmas, Thanksgiving

Boston, MA (01/Y347) - Walk - 10km - Back Bay - (January 1 - December 31, 2001)

Boston National Historic Park Visitor Center 15 State Street, Boston, MA

(Across from the Old State House) (617-242-5642

“A” Patch available - 1 - Jan.1 to June 30 9AM to 5 PM closed New Year's, Christmas, Thanksgiving

Burlington, MA (01/Y354) - 10km Walk - Burlington Mall - (January 2 - March 31, 2001)

Start/Finish: The Walking Company (lower level, opposite Filene's)

Burlington Mall, 75 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, MA 01803 (781) 270-9299

Credit Only walk - 1 - 10AM - 8 PM Mon-Sat, 11AM - 4:30 PM Sun

Newton, MA (01/1036) - Walk - (January 1 - December 31. 2001)

Start/Finish: Newton Free Library 330 Homer Street Newton Center, MA 02459 (617) 552-7145

Walk box can be found on table in main lobby

“B” Event Credit - 1.5 - Mon-Thurs 9AM - 9 PM, Fri-Sat - 9 AM - 5 PM, Sun. Noon - 5 PM

Roslindale, MA (01/1418) - Walk - (January 1 - December 31, 2001)

Start/Finish: Larry's Mobil Station 1225 Center Street Roslindale, MA 02131 (617) 323-9859

“B” Award Event - 1.5 - Daily, after 8 AM - prior to sunset -

OUR WONDERFUL WEB SITE (THANKS DON BOLIN)

THREE 2001 WALKING TRIPS TO CONSIDER

- 1. The Canadian Convention - This year, the Canadian Volkssport Federation is holding its annual convention in Ottawa, Ontario from April 6 to 8. The convention theme is “Walking Through History – An Ottawa Journey” and will emphasize the historical highlights of that nation’s capital. In addition to the official convention walks, twenty year-round trails will be available in the Ottawa area. For more details call (613) 821-0056, or e-mail**
- 2. The Mackinac Strait Bridge - The Wandering Maine-iacs invite you to join them and the thousands of people who, each Labor Day, walk the 6.6 mile long Mackinac Strait Bridge which connects the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. The Maine-iacs intend to do everything possible to make the “long ride to this short walk” enjoyable. The trip to the bridge departs Portland, ME on Friday morning, August 31 and returns on the evening of September 5. For more specific details write Wandering Maine-iacs, P. O. Box 6403, Portland, ME 04102-6403.**
- 3. The AVA Convention - The walking events related to the 12th Biennial Convention of the American Volkssport Association will take place between June 23 and July 1, 2001. The convention itself is in Bellevue, WA, but the events will be held over a large area which includes the International Peach Arch Garden with breathtaking mountain and Puget Sound views; the woodland paths of the Weyerhaeuser Campus and its rhododendron garden and bonsai collection; the forest trails of the Cascade Mountain foothills; Seattle’s Pike Place Market and waterfront district; the Bellevue Botanical Garden; the Washington state capital in Olympia; and the Point Defense Park rose garden and Mt. Rainier vistas. For information call Shirley Lindberg at (425) 254-1534 or e-mail her at**

Below is the reason for the vote on fee structure at the SMVA meeting in January 17th.

SUBMITTED BY: Ron Bowers and Fred Lopez SUBJECT: Establish a Committee-As-A-Whole, that is, all members of the Executive Council, to review the fees structure of the AVA, and, to report the recommendations to the 12th AVA Biennial Convention in Bellevue, Washington, in June 2001. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION: Review the current fees structure of various programs of the AVA. There is a necessity to raise the fees required to cover the operating expenditures of the AVA National Headquarters, as they relate to the processing of events and record books, and the handling of related items, such as, specialties and special "month" promotions. RECOMMENDATION/MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To review the current fees structure of certain programs of the AVA, in order to establish a fees structure that covers the operations of particular programs. To develop the new fees structure so that it can be presented to the membership at the 12th AVA Biennial Convention in Bellevue, Washington, in June 2001, and enacted on January 1, 2002. BACKUP DATA:

Proposed Changes:

- a.. Raise the Club Charter Fee to \$100.00 (vice the current \$50.00).**
- a.. Change the Event sanction fee for a "regular" walk to \$55.00 (vice the current \$30.00).**
- a.. Change the Event sanction fee for a "regular" swim, bike, x-country ski, or skate to \$35.00 (vice the current \$20.00).**
- a.. Change the sanction fee for a YRE/Seasonal event to \$50.00 (vice the current \$20.00) and eliminate the quarterly processing fee of \$5.00 for a walk.**

a.. Change the fee for "credit only" participants to \$3.00 per participant (vice the current \$2.00). The club will retain \$2.00 and the AVA National Headquarters will receive \$1.00.

a.. Increase the price of "Rose" and "Gold" Event Record Books and the "Orange" and "Yellow" Distance Record Books to

\$6.00 (vice the current \$5.00). The participants using these books pay less to the AVA, at this stage, than they did at the lower levels of participation. This proposal levels the playing field to some extent. AVA Council email addresses (per The American Wanderer)

Southern Maine Volkssport Association issues SMVA Newsletter monthly for its members. Membership is open to any person regardless of residence, upon application.

News Articles for inclusion in this newsletter are welcome and may be submitted at any time, and will be published as space is available. All dated material must be submitted no later than the 20th of the preceding month for inclusion in the next issue. Please send directly to: Dan Carr, P. O. Box 128, Hollis, ME 04042.

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