

# Southern Maine Volkssport Association

January 2003

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## President's Corner

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were merry and bright. Our Christmas party got me off to a great start adding to my girth! These meetings are a true food festival!

As we start the New Year, our membership fees have gone up, the credit fee has gone up and nobody is happy about it. At the January 2003 Executive Council Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, there is a proposal to do away with free walkers. There is a suggestion of everyone paying a flat fee of \$2.00 and then increase as the I VV credit fee is increased. We are trying to keep things together for all our benefit and hopefully this will help enormously. We are trying to add a little something different, a little something extra to our special events this year. Let's try to give these changes a chance.

Our volunteers are our backbone. They work long and hard and we thank them for keeping us going. Volunteering is a fun way to meet new people and see how things come together. I have found volkssporters to be very outgoing, interesting, sharing and caring people. I have been able to meet and enjoy people from all walks of life that I never would have interacted with in my capacity of stay at home grandmother. I really like to hook up with a local for some insight and background of the area we are walking. It adds another dimension.

Okay, bundle up and meet us at the Winterfest in Falmouth on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a group start at noon each day if you don't want to walk alone. Check out their website at [www.MaineWinterfest.com](http://www.MaineWinterfest.com)

Ann

**It's time to think about renewing your membership to SMVA. Our membership rate for 2003 is \$12.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for family/couple**

**membership. Our membership year runs January 1 to December 31.**

## **Secretary's Report:**

Introductions by members attending and welcome. Motion was made and passed to accept the secretary's report from the last meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Penny Cole gave the treasurers report. The members accepted it. Motion was made and carried to donate \$100.00 to Walker Memorial Library. There was a discussion about donating to other charitable organizations. The motion was made and carried that we would not be making any contributions this year due to our own financial situation.

Penny Cole gave us a report on club sales.

Carroll Tiernan reported on the January Winterfest in Falmouth. She will be recruiting volunteers at the next meeting.

Janet Schaeffer is looking into getting us into the State of Maine Parade this year on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lewiston. She has talked to other New England clubs about this and everyone is excited at the prospect of marching for our sport.

We are walking on New Years Day at 10:00 from the DoubleTree in Portland.

The nominating committee has been asked to go into action to find members in filling positions on the board.

We need a nominee for the committee to elect a new Northeast Region Director. If anyone is interested in becoming the director, please contact Ann at [seejohnrun@gwi.net](mailto:seejohnrun@gwi.net)

Ken Jackson won the 50/50 Raffle.

Volunteers that worked a walk this year will receive a coupon for a free walk during 2003. Your board felt this was a small but heartfelt way of saying thank you for your extra effort on all our behalf.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon LaChapelle

## **Shirley Milliken's Fabulous Holiday Dessert**

**In a 9"x13" pan, layer**

**1 large can of crushed pineapple-juice and all**

**1 can of cherry pie filling (or flavor of your choice)**

**1 yellow cake mix-without pudding Sprinkle dry from the box**

**1 1/2 sticks of butter cut into small pieces and dropped on top**

**Bake 350 for about 50 minutes.**

**May be topped with whipped cream or ice cream but not necessary**

Happy Jackson, Penny Cole, and Sharon LaChapelle will provide refreshments for January.



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## SMVA 2003 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Please fill out all information so that we can keep our records updated correctly.**  
**Remember to forward all changes to addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses to**  
**Cheri Watson.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>ST</sup> ADDITIONAL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITIONAL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITIONAL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>TH</sup> ADDITIONAL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>TH</sup> ADDITIONAL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

(CIRCLE ONE)      **NEW**      **RENEWAL**

**ARE YOU WILLING TO VOLUNTEER SOME OF YOUR TIME AT A WALK?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER, WHO REFERRED YOU?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual membership 1 yr (\$12.00)**

**Couple/Family membership 1 yr. (\$15.00)**

**AMOUNT INCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Each new membership person will receive a membership card, but only one newsletter will be mailed to the household monthly.**

**PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:      SMVA, P O Box 722, Westbrook, Maine 04098**

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