



Southern Maine Volkssport Association

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The next meeting is on
October 15th.

Door Monitors are Dave and
Penny Cole.

Refreshments will be
provided by Marilyn Russell,
Connie Boyer, and Penny
Cole.

President's Corner

This "lame duck" status is turning into a real bonus! Looks like cruise control until the end of the year! Sandra Johnson has volunteered to fill this space for this month so here she is and with my thanks.

I have been invited to be a guest writer for the President's Corner for the October SMVA Newsletter. I will start out by telling you a little about myself. I am a mother of three and a grandmother of four children and one

granddaughter. I have been a member of SMVA for about three years, and I am a board member as well.

I first heard about SMVA at a TOPs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting. The program that night was done by Martha Chellis. She talked about all the great volksmarch walks and showed us some of the awards she had received. She invited us to come to the next meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook. My husband and I attended that meeting and joined the same night.

Since we joined, we have done walks in Maine, New Hampshire, Texas, Vermont, Arizona and Canada. You never know what you might see on these walks. I will tell you about the one we did in Bixby, Arizona. The walk there was mostly up-hill and most of the hills had stairs to climb. I did most of the walk but I let my husband finish the walk alone. While walking on the road towards the last checkpoint, a new, white Explorer went flying by him and a border patrol vehicle followed. When he got to the top of the hill, he found the Explorer with the driver's door wide open and the driver gone. The border patrol officer was standing, looking out over the ridge in search of the driver. He asked my husband where he was going and where he was from. Of course he was wearing a sweatshirt with Maine in big print. The officer asked him if he had ever seen a load of marijuana. He said no and that he had never seen any. The officer opened the back of the Explorer. The back seats were gone, and in their place marijuana filled the car up to the bottom of the windows. My husband still had to go over by the officer's car because the walk's check point was right there.

Our most recent walk was in Gardiner, Maine. I did the 5K and my husband did the 10K. We really thought it was a great walk. The older homes we passed were beautiful and we learned much of the history that went with them. The walk through the cemetery was a great addition as well. We even passed a bakery that had date and raspberry filled cookies for 36 cents.

We have both volunteered to work on some of the walks. It is a great way to meet and interact with other in our group and other walkers from here and away.

Sandy Johnson

Minutes of the September 17th SMVA meeting

Ann Stevens, SMVA President, opened the meeting at 7 P.M. at the Walker Memorial Library in Wetbrook. Twenty Members were present.

The August Secretary's Report, as printed in the September SMVA Newsletter, was accepted as printed.

The Treasurer's Report, as read by Treasurer Penny Cole, was accepted as read. There is \$4,580.43 in checking and \$4,517.66 in CDs. Note: A considerable sum of the money in the checking account is from deposits from the upcoming Bar Harbor/Camden walk in October.

Membership report by Cheri Watson: 136 members (no new members since July).

Club sales: Alan will take over the club walk books. Someone is needed to take over trinket sales.

Publicity: There was a new person at the meeting from seeing the notice of our club meeting in the Suburban News.

Please note that the SMVA meeting for November and December will be on the second (not third) wednesday of the month.

Walk reports:

S. Portland Bridge Walk: 43

S. Portland Lighthouse Walk: 79

Kennebunk Walk: 110

The Bar Harbor/Camden walk in October is ready. Please bring something for the Maine Basket and also bring some munchies (cookies, apples, etc.) for the walkers. Unfinished business:

The nominating committee for next years Officers/Board of Directors is Carroll, Elaine, and David Cole. So expect a call from one of them. The Officers open for next year are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. There also is one Board of Directors position open. Ann asked that everyone consider serving on one of these openings, because if they cannot be filled then there is a possibility that SMVA will have to be dissolved.

There was a general discussion about next years Tri-State. Mass. and New Hampshire are considering an "Oceanside" theme. Mass. and NH have asked Maine if SMVA wants to do a Tri-State Walk. If SMVA doesn't want to be included they will think about asking Vermont to participate. Ann volunteered to be on a committee (hopefully four people) to do a Tri-State walk. The members present voted to participate.

Next years walks: Carroll Tiernan will do a two day Winterfest walk January 24/25 in Falmouth.

The Global Walk will be at Hanscom Field in Mass. on September 20th.

Walker's news: Ken and Happy Jackson will be leaving soon for a trip to the Great White North in Canada. Happy said they plan to take a trip to the northern regions to view polar bears. Happy plans to get in a cage and rub the nose of a "large" polar bear. We directed Ken to take pictures.

Please send John Tibbetts a get well card. Our thoughts are with you John.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Ed Witherell, SMVA Secretary

Dear Members,

When you hear the nominating committee knocking, please open the door to a wonderful opportunity to reward yourself and your club. Carroll Tiernan, Elaine Johnson and David Cole have come forward to form this committee and they need your support. A "can do" attitude is what you need and there are so many people willing to help you out if you get a case of "the doubts". Ann

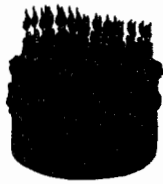
At the Gardiner walk, a purple umbrella was left behind. Contact Ann @ seejohnrun@gwi.net. Also, a disposable camera was left behind. Contact Marj Burgess at jomabur@adelphia.net or 582-4441.

Thank you Dean Cilley for taking over the Portland YRE box. Alan Robitaille has agreed to take over the sale of books but we need someone to take over handling the sale of our trinkets.

If you are coming to Bar Harbor, would you please bring a batch of muffins to be served on top of Cadillac Mountain at sunrise on Sunday morning? Contributions to the Maine basket for the drawing at the dinner are also very welcome.



Happy October Birthdays!



John Creeden	Kathleen McLean
Gloria Gilley	John Stevens
Robert Collins	Dave Cole
Janet Nadeau	Janet Cauchon
Charlot Temple	Denise Macaronas
Marianne Ryder	Shanna Nadeau
Rachel Billings	

Our congratulations to this latest list of achievers!

EVENTS

75 Muriel Hammond Sebago, Me
Martha Strickland Sebago, Me.

100 Linda Kipnes Hudson, NH

250 Alan Robitaille Portland, Me

325 Delores Vaz Pawtucket, RI

525 Christopher Mellen Tyngsboro, MA

Katherine and Tom Mongeon Princeton, MA

600 Frances Hutchins Candia, NH

850 Robert Pigeon Taunton, Ma.

900 Barbara and Joseph Piffat Danvers, MA

1,350 Donald and Polly Meltzer Sudbury, MA

DISTANCE

1,000 Linda Kipnes Hudson, NH

1,500 Christine Lipson Bedford, MA

2,500 Emilia Goyette Portsmouth, RI

20,000 Cora Seats Oxford, CT

Please keep John Tibbetts in your thoughts and prayers. Thinking of you messages can be sent to his home.

Upcoming events:

October

4th Stowe, VT

11th Bar Harbor, ME SMVA

12th Hollis Cove, ME SMVA

12-13th Camden, ME SMVA

25-26th Hingham, MA W'N'M

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