

Southern Maine**Volkssport Association****Newsletter****September 2002****Presidents Corner**

Our condolences to Dan and Janet Carr on the loss of her sister, Liz Nye. We also express our condolences to Laurel and Bill Mackie on the loss of their grandson Shawn Curtis. Our club was in receipt of donations in memory of Jenness Buck upon his passing. For the good news, Happy Jackson is home from the hospital and on the fast track to full strength. It's hard to keep a good woman down!

Cheri is turning her Cornish walk into a full-blown happening! She is setting up some tables, firing up the grill, and piping in some German music to add to the fun. It's turned into a BYOP (bring your own picnic) so pack up some brats or wursts to grill, a folding chair, and a cold beverage and relax after the walk. We hope to see you on September 28th.

Glad that I don't have a sales job! I can't seem to sell our two vacancies and we know that you are out there! Most of the newsletter duties can be handled by e-mail or snail mail and it's not necessary to make all the meetings although we would love to see you. In relation to the treasurer's position, I would be happy to be a second authorized signature for the checking account if you are worried that you can't be sticking around waiting to pay bills for us because you vacation frequently (lucky duck!). A template has been set up for the newsletter that should help ease that job. This is a great group of people and they are here to help us with their expertise. Everyone has been a great guide for me because I took on this job completely in the dark! Give it a try! Alan wants to thank all his volunteers for the jobs they did to make Sunrise/Sunset a success. They were eager but wilted (was it soooo HOT!) Ed Farrell, Blanche Fyler, Rachel Hartford, David and Penny Cole and Ken Jackson Our thanks to Poland Springs for providing water. Winners of the New Balance shoes were Thomas Collins for Auburn and Chuck Hutchins for Poland Springs. Congratulations!

Donations of non-perishable food are being accepted at the next meeting and collected by Thelma Gagne for the benefit of the Preble Street Resource Center.

There will be a raffle again this year at the Tri-State dinner of baskets donated by each club filled with products of their state. We are asking our members to donate an item for our state's basket. Thank you again for your support. We will be collecting items at the September meeting.

Ann Stevens



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The NEXT meeting of the SMVA will be at the Walker Library in Westbrook Maine, on September 18th. Penny Cole, Thelma Gagne, and Sandy Johnson will provide refreshments for

September 18th. Penny and Dave will also be at the door

Janet Schaeffer has tendered her resignation as our treasurer for health and personal reasons. We thank her and will miss her serving us this position. Jan 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 and I will be glad to answer any questions or accept your help in filling this position. or (207)985-4196.

NOTICE-----MEMBERS-----NOTICE-----MEMBERS-----NOTICE

The time has come to enlist your cooperation. SMVA exists only because of our volunteer's tireless efforts. We have approximately 180 members, and roughly 20 members who step in to volunteer. These 20 volunteers are doing more than their fair share. If we want to keep SMVA in existence we will need your help.

Do have any experience balancing a checkbook and filling out forms? Do you have some time to make phone calls? Do you have an hour once a month to attend meetings? Are willing to work together on a committee to create a walk? Can you assist in publicity? Do you know of a beautiful place for a walk in Maine? Do you have any computer experience, such as Word or Excel? Are you able to give an hour at an event? SMVA has many talented members, and should you be willing to participate in keeping our club alive, please contact: Ann Stevens at 985-4196 or e-mail seejohnrun@cybertours.com

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR BECOMING MORE INVOLVED.



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.

**Since our Treasurer and Newsletter editor both need to step down,
we need our members to step up to bat for these positions.
They are not extremely time consuming positions. The editor position does
entail computer experience. If you have the ability to handle either of these positions, DO NOT
HESITATE, PICK UP THE PHONE OR E-MAIL ANN IMMEDIATELY at
985-4196 or email her at: seejohnrun@cybertours.com**

FOR YOUR INFO: The Cornish Walk Brochure is 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. contact Cheri Watson for tickets.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Kate Graham**

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.

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.

* Sept. 5 Portland, ME Sept. 12 Roslindale, MA (**10:30 a.m. start**) *Sept. 19 Concord, NH *Sept. 26 Boston, MA (Choice) *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

Don and Polly Meltzer 978-443-8513

Al and Bonnie Moulton 603-778-0267 bonnieal@attbi.com

Dick and Joan Rossi 978-887-5901 JODIROSSI@aol.com

Herm and Valerie Day 603-755-2856

Minutes of The August 21st, 2002 Meeting of The Southern Maine Volkssport Association

Ann Stevens, SMVA President, opened the August 21st SMVA meeting at the Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook, at 7:05 PM. There were 16 club members present. Happy Jackson is home now recovering from a recent illness. Condolences to Laurel Machias whose grandson died and to Dan Carr whose sister-in-law died recently. The July Secretary's report, as reported in the August newsletter, was accepted as printed. Janet accepted Janet Schaeffer's Treasurer's report as read. Janet reported that there is \$1,410.79 in the checking account and \$3,457.53 in CDs, but \$500.00 of the amount in checking is the good faith money for the trailer. She also noted that the club is losing money every year and that the club is not paying it's own way on walks.

Membership: Cheri reported one new member, Kate Graham, who walked the Sunset walk in Auburn last Saturday with her very large Great Dane dog. This was her first walk. Membership is currently at 183.

Newsletter: Dan will do the September and October newsletter but will not do the newsletter after that. A volunteer is need to take over after October. He has a template that can be used by a new newsletter compiler. Contact Ann Stevens if you would like to volunteer. **Publicity:** Ken Jackson is busy putting notices of our walks in local newspapers.

Walk Reports: Bar Harbor: 58; Brunswick: 80; Kennebunk: 94. Alan reported a successful Sunrise/Sunset walk

from last weekend: The Sunset walk in Auburn on the 17th had 62 walkers (9 award, 46 credit, and 7 free). The hot air balloons took off around 6:15 PM and on a sunny day with little wind the show was spectacular. Alan said he might do a similar walk next August on the balloon festival day but will not do a second walk on that weekend. The sunrise walk at the Poland Springs Hotel on Sunday the 18th had 53 walkers (11 award, 41 credit, and 1 free). That day was also sunny for the 7 AM start time. The walk was rugged over newly prepared trails through the woods and the trails were hilly, but Ken and Dave did a good job of developing and marking the route and many favorable comments were made. Alan figured that overall the walks last weekend netted about \$70.00. Compliments to Poland Springs Water Co. for supplying 5 large jugs of iced water for our use, even though we only used one jug. Tom Collins and Chuck Hutchins won the New Balance sneaker drawing for those two walks.

Upcoming Cornish Walk on September 28th: Cheri Watson is all set for this walk. She does need a coupled green tablecloths. She will have German Music playing at the start point and will have a grill available for cooking and will have blankets for those who want to stretch out and relax after (or before) the walk. Tri-State Report: Alan hasn't heard much from the other clubs. Alan and Ed have a route ready and just have to walk it with the wheel. There will be a Mass. pre-walk for workers on the Tri-State on September 8th and New Hampshire on the 2nd of September. SMVA will have a workers walk to be announced at a later date. McAuley Walk on the 28th of September: Alan has the brochure, which still mentions SMVA and this being a sanctioned walk. He wants everyone to know that he told McAuley that SMVA has cut all ties to this walk and SMVA will not be associated with it so do not show up to do the walk as it is on the same day as the Cornish Walk. There will be a meeting at the Tri-State walk to pick dates for 2003, so have your dates ready.

The last Monday night walk only had three walkers. There will be a Monday night Lighthouse Walk in S. Portland at 5:30 PM to start at Hannaford's at Mill Creek. Carroll is considering a winter walk in Falmouth on January 25 or 26, a walk at the Gray late May or early June, and a walk at Hog Island the end of May or early June. Alan will not be doing the Maine Mall Walks this winter. The Mall walks have been a mainstay for many winters and it is time to give them a rest. Alan is considering a walk late June or early July 2002 in conjunction with the Lisbon Falls Moxie Festival. Bring your cans for the donation to the Preble Street Resource center at the September club meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Ed Witherell, SMVA 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.

The Cornish walk is coming up the 28th of September. We have bunches of fun planned for this event, so please mark your calendars. German music will herald the start of the walk and continue throughout the day, Happy Jackson and Carroll Tiernan have graciously offered to lend us their music tapes. There will be places to sit and socialize after the walk, so please plan to bring a lunch and beverage and join us. A grille will be available to cook burgers, bratwurst, or dogs. We will supply coolers for those who bring food that needs refrigeration and beverages that need to be kept cold. We plan to have hot cider and coffee. Bring desserts if you want them. The Cornish afghan raffle tickets will continue to be sold till the first person returns from the walk; at that time we will draw the winner. We will also be having a silent auction on slightly new Butane folding camping stove donated by Heather McCloud. If you want to donate some of your time and help out at this event, please contact Cheri by phone after 6 pm 207-625-8740 or cwatson@sheridancorp.com.

By Cheri Watson

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
September 23, 2002**

MEMBERS NOTICE

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES.
Please send email to Cheri Watson (Cwatson@sheridancorp.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)

September Birthdays



**Don Meltzer 9/1
Thomas Collins /17
Elaine Johnson 9/17
Ellen Gottlieb 9/22
Jackie Lord 9/26
John Tibbetts 9/28
Valerie Day 9/28
Wallace Johnson 9/29**

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

**SEPTEMBER 28
Saturday
ME
SMVA
Cornish,**

SEPTEMBER 29 Sunday
Lynn Woods, MA W'N
Mass

OCTOBER 5 Saturday
Newport, VT TSV
MA

OCTOBER 6 Sunday Bellingham, MA W'N Mass

---TRI-STATE WEEKEND---

OCTOBER 12 Saturday Portland Maine. SMVA

OCTOBER 13 Sunday Durham, NH SS and -Haverhill, MA W'N Mass

NOVEMBER 2 Saturday Lawrence, MA W'N Mass

DECEMBER 1
Sunday Dover,
NH
Seacoast
Striders

DECEMBER 7 Saturday Attleboro, MA W'N Mass

The SMVA Newsletter is issued 10 times a year. Please send materials to be considered for publication (preferably by e-mail) to Dan Carr or by mail P.O. Box 128, Hollis, ME 04042.

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