



Southern Maine Volkssport Association

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The next meeting is
September 17th.

Door Monitors for
September 17th are Wally
and Sandra Johnson.

Refreshments will be
provided by Ann Stevens.

It's never too early to plan
for fun and a Winter escape.
Ten exciting events are
planned by The Happy
Wanderers club in Savannah,
Georgia from January 23
to 25, 2004. For more
information about walks and
special hotel rates contact
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President's Corner

It's that time of year to get a nominating committee together for a new slate of officers. Most of our time is up (so to speak!). To make a smooth transition, please volunteer for the nominating committee or step up to the plate to fill a vacancy. Thank you.

Our guests to fill in this space are the Coles. Penny is our treasurer and she refers to David as her clerk!

Hi, my name is Penny Cole, I am the treasurer of SMVA, along with my personnel clerk, David. We have been members of SMVA for about 6 years. We have really enjoyed meeting the people and doing the walks. We don't do as many as we would like because I still work. Over the years, we have worked on a few. We set up our own walk in Westbrook a couple of years ago. It was fun. I would like to tell you how we heard about SMVA. We had gone to a supper with some friends in Portland. We were sitting at a table with some other people and some how we got talking about camping and walking. Some of the people at our table got talking about a walk club that meets in Westbrook, which is where we live. They gave us some flyers and told us where the club meets. Those very nice people have been our close friends ever since. Their names are Ken and Happy Jackson. I'm sure a few of you people know who I'm talking about. We took our first walk in Westbrook. So anyone who likes to walk and do a little talking should join us once it awhile. It is great fun. Hope to see you on a walk soon. Penny Cole Treasurer

I want to thank everyone for coming to Jenness' memorial walk. It meant so much to me. I will never forget it. The lighthouse walk was his favorite in Maine. We did it every time we came home.

Thank you so much for a wonderful day in Jenness' memory.
Sincerely, Kay Buck

Minutes of the August 20th SMVA meeting

Ann Stevens, SMVA President, opened the meeting at 7 P.M. at the Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook. Thirteen members were present.

The July Secretary's report, as printed in the August SMVA newsletter, was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report, as read by Happy Jackson for Penny Cole, was accepted as read. There is \$4,480.40 in checking and \$4,515.32 in CDs.

Ann reported that John Tibbetts and Sylvia Allen were awarded a Meritorious Service Award at this summer's AVA meeting in Colorado. Congratulations to John and Sylvia.

John Tibbetts is looking for a volunteer to assist him with trinket sales. There are a few 2003 Starting Point books available for \$5.00 (discounted).

Walks:

The Bath Walk: 44 for credit and 4 free, for a total of 48.

The Brunswick walk has had 31 walkers.

The Kennebunk walk has had 89 walkers so far.

Alan Robitaille reported that the Auburn Balloon Festival Walk on July 16th had 40 walkers (38 for credit and 2 free). The trek up Goff Hill was a chore on a hot day but everyone made the climb okay. We were treated to a severe thundershower during the walk but most everyone found a place to hide, or dry off, except those at the start point. From eye witness accounts the tarp on the tent blew off and everyone there got a good soaking, but they were able to gather the boxes that started to float away. Alan said that he was ankle deep in water. The sun then came out and some of the magnificent balloons took off around 6 P.M.. Alan reported a net profit of \$9.59 on the walk.

The brochure for the Gardiner walk on September 27th is available. It will start at the Boys and Girls Club at 51 Main Avenue in Gardiner. The start time is 9:00 A.M. to 1 P.M.. You must finish the walk by 4 P.M.. Gardiner is having its Bi-Centennial and Fall Festival that day.

The Columbus Day Weekend walks in Bar Harbor and Camden on October 11, 12, and 13 is all ready.

Leslie Penton, our new Northeast Regional Director wants all flyers for walks sent to her before the walk.

Healthy Maine Partnerships has six walks in the Greater Portland area. See their web site for others walks around Maine.

The deadline for articles for the American Wanderer for October/November is August 25th.

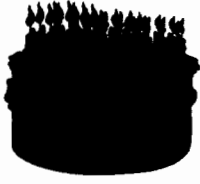
Ann Stevens will be looking for volunteers for the nominating committee at the next meeting. Ken and Happy Jackson made a trip to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, recently and had a fun walk at Fort Louisbourg. Thanks for the pictures.

Proposed monthly walks for 2004: January: Winterfest in Falmouth; February: Maybe a Mall walk around Valentine's Day; March: Maybe a Mall walk around St. Patrick's Day; April: Maybe at Pineland in Pownal; May: John Schaeffer might do a Black Fly walk; June: Sanford on the Mousam Way Trail; July: unknown; August: Balloon Festival and maybe Popham Beach; September: Pine Point; October: Johnny Appleseed walks; November: Turkey Trot?; and December: Holiday walk, maybe in Yarmouth.

The Year Rounds for 2004 will be the same as this year, with the possible addition of a Cornish Walk.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

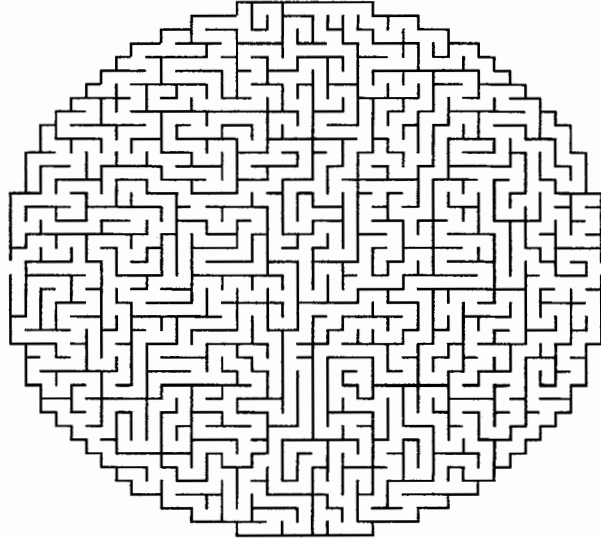
Ed Witherell, SMVA Secretary



Happy September Birthdays!!!

- Donald Meltzer
- Lennie Stack
- Thomas Collins
- Elaine Johnson
- Wendy Hunter
- Valerie Day
- John Tibbetts
- Wallace Johnson

Congratulations to Don Bolin who was the lucky winner of the New Balance shoes at the Auburn Balloon Festival walk.

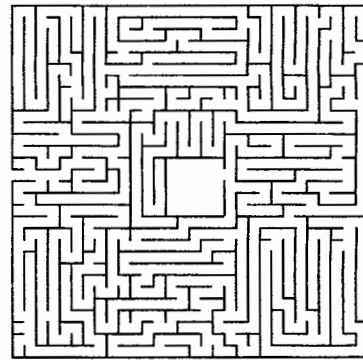


Our sincere condolences to Sue and Dean Cilley on the death of her father.

Here are the directions to Gardiner:

From the south:

Take the Maine Turnpike to exit 6A (S. Portland/Downtown Portland) this is Rt. I-295 and turns into I-95 again north of Portland; follow highway to exit 28 (last exit before toll-Rt 9/Rt. 126, Gardiner-Litchfield); go right at the top of the ramp and follow road approximately 3.5 mi to green metal bridge. Cross bridge and stay to the left for 1.5 mi to traffic light. (you will be following the stream to downtown Gardiner). Take a left at the traffic light to the next traffic light (.5 mi.), go right at the light . The Gardiner Girls/Boys Club is in the R.R. Station on the left just after the bowling lanes across from Hannaford Bros.. Please park in Hannaford parking lot across the street.



From Augusta and North:

Leave I-95 at second Augusta exit (State Capitol and office Buildings) Follow Western Avenue east to the traffic circle. Turn right at circle, go past the State House and follow 201 into Gardiner (approx. 6 mi.). Go straight at the traffic light in Gardiner. The Gardiner Girls/Boys Club is in the R.R. Station on the left just after the bowling lanes across from Hannaford Bros. Please park in Hannaford parking lot.



Upcoming events:

September

13th Methuen, MA W'N'M

20th Hanscon, MA

27th Gardiner, ME SMVA

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

Sunday evening walk starting @ 4pm

September 7: South Portland Year Round.

The SMVA Newsletter is issued 12 times a year. Please send materials for publication consideration to Patty Collins: pac567000@yahoo.com



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