



All Weather News
December 2011
<http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/>
Deadline for Jan news: Dec 24



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From: WILLIS KORFF korffs@wildblue.net (our Regional Director)

1. There is a trail closure from Oct. 20th to Dec. 21st 2011. Changes to walk directions for the Port Angeles Waterfront/Discovery Trail Walk will be attached to current walk directions. This closure is also a problem for anyone wishing to do the 70KM Bike from Sequim to Port Angeles and back along the trail. A note has been placed in the start box for the bike. It does NOT affect the 25/15 km bike starting at the same location in Sequim.

2. Due to a store closing, Interlaken Trailblazers is moving the Start Box for YR1687 (Bothell, WA) to a new location. This change will be effective Sunday Nov 6, 2011. The new Start Point is:

QFC
18921 Bothell Way NE
Bothell, WA

(the box will be located at the Customer Service Counter) The route will be slightly modified for this change and a new route is planned for 2012!

3. The following people have passed away: Judy Underland, Don Brooks, Dennis Ketron. The spirit of volunteerism found in these people is something we must replace and renew.

4. Ed Hainline has been the Keeper of the Birthdays for Oregon for some time now, and has volunteered to do the same for Washington. If members of your club would like to have their birthday shown in The Northwest Pathfinder, contact Ed at edhainline@yahoo.com He will list the month and the day of your birthday, not the year. Once the information is in Ed's hands, no further action on your part will be necessary. Ed will take it from there.

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President's Corner – Jan Breneman

PREZ SEZ

There are some major changes in volkssporting coming up in 2012.

First, the AVA trail rating system will be a two-part alpha-numeric rating to reflect surface and elevation components. See a complete explanation on the [AVA website](#). It will be used exclusively beginning January 1, so it's wise to become familiar with it. This replaces the current 1-5 rating system and is designed to be easier for us to determine trail difficulty.

Second, the AVA is ending several familiar Special Event Programs (event challenges) and rolling out several new ones. Others are continuing for another year or more. See all [Special Event Programs](#) information on the AVA website.

Third, along with the ESVA Landscape and Towns challenges, a new state challenge called Parks will begin and includes ANY park – city, county, state, or federal. More info is on [ESVA's website](#).

Many volkssporters are motivated by these challenges and, aside from walking the different routes themselves, enjoy learning new things about a particular program's subject. Consider trying one or two to begin with, and expand as you like.

And last but not least: it is amazing how many people wear all dark outerwear in the wintertime. With the days now growing shorter, BE SAFE and remember to dress in bright colors or wear reflective items to help drivers see you on dark days. This is especially true at sunrise and dusk!

2012 AWW YRE CHANGES

New Seasonals:

- Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge 5/10km; Rated 1B/1C. Will run from April 1 through September 30. AWW has agreed to brush a short path south of the refuge entrance 1-2 times per year. Reinstated from a 2009 route.

- Cape Horn 5/6km options Rated 2B/3C; 11km Rated 3C. Start Points at Papa's Ice Cream Shop, Washougal (Primary); and The Store at North Bonneville (secondary option from the east). The US Forest Service closes part of this loop over five months each year to protect a peregrine falcon nesting area. This is a short seasonal running only from July 16 (when the full loop opens) through September 30, when Gorge weather can turn pretty stormy.

Event/Route Changes:

- WSU Cougar Trails; added 5km distance. Joe Titone and Dick Baker devised this shorter route some time ago, and it's now finally official.
- Fisher's Landing; minor changes to beginning and end of route, to include the Stardust Diner (a new AVA challenge in 2012).
- Round Lake; added a new 5km scenic loop option, which is incorporated into the 5km out-and-back. Thanks to Joe Titone.
- Washougal/Steigerwald Lake NWR; new Start Point at Papa's Ice Cream, thanks to Linda Barneson. Driving directions have been adjusted for remote starts, but the actual walk routes remain as before. A new 5km route has been added directly from Papa's Ice Cream, which includes the dike path and Cottonwood Beach loop. Walk directions for the longer options from Papa's have been changed, and these distances are 1 kilometer shorter overall due to the start change from AM/PM to Papa's.

No Changes were made to Hazel Dell, Felida, Lacamas Heritage Trail, or North Bonneville. Note that changes to the AWW Challenge may be needed if run in 2012.

Rambling Riddle

Unscramble the following: roforkad. Answer next month.

Reprinted from *Walker's Pocket Companion*, Malcolm Tait, Pavilion Books, London UK, 2007, Page 40.

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Next Meeting: Dec 13 - ALL ARE WELCOME! details and map are now [here](#)

Sections that rarely change are also at this link: AWW Challenge information, AWW Challenge results, list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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Upcoming Club Event/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

March 25, 2012 - Pinebrook/Cascade Park
October 27, 2012 - Cedar Creek Grist Mill

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks -

<http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/Wed/wed.htm>

12/7/11 [YRE 410](#) Downtown

12/14/11 [YRE 1611](#) George Rogers Park

12/21/11 [YRE 998](#) Hawthorne

12/28/11 [YRE 542](#) Summerfield

Weekend Walking: <http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/weekend/weekend.htm>

12/4/11 [YRE 427](#) Parkrose Heights Walk

NORTHWEST REGION'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS –

Dec 3 Wk Sherwood Merrywalkers Sherwood 503-625-8986

Dec 3 NW Interlaken Trailblazers Renton – Dancing
with the Clams 425-235-0528

Dec 10 Wk Capitol Volks Olympia – Holiday Walk 360-491-7266

Dec 10 Wk Vanc USA Vancouver – Marshall Center 360-573-8999

Dec 10 Wk Lilac City Volks Spokane 509-326-3575

Dec 17 Wk Columbia River Portland 503-230-1387

Dec 31 Wk Emerald City Wanderers Seattle 206-789-1960

Dec 31 Wk Columbia River Portland 360-991-8806

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Jan 1 Wk Emerald City Wanderers Seattle 206-789-1960

Jan 1 Wk Vancouver USA Vancouver 360-991-8806

Jan 7-8 SS Evergreen Wanderers Cle Elum 253-582-7474

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December Birthdays: none	Achievements: Cheryl Snodgrass: 200 events and 2000KM please contact the editor with event and distance milestones
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Welcome to new members: none

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ALL WEATHER WALKERS MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2011; 6:30 p.m.
Terrace Cafe, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center

Jan Breneman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jan Breneman (President), Joe Titone (Newsletter Editor), Linda Barneson (Vice President and Membership), Joan Heins, Lisa Runkle, Marilyn Cordell, Jean Moeller, and Leah Townsend.

The minutes of the October 11, 2011 were approved as submitted.
There was no correspondence to discuss.

Treasurer's Report: The account balance as of 10/31/11 was \$3,576.57

Membership Report: New members Lisa Runkle, and Marilyn Cordell were introduced. A new membership roster was distributed.

Weekend Walks: Joe Titone reported that there will be five Weekend Walks in November. These include walks scheduled for the Friday after Thanksgiving and on Sunday 11/27 in McMinnville.

Wednesday Walks: Joe reported the participation in these walks remains very good.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit Committee: Meeting date not set.

Libraries: Linda is exploring having AWW provide copies of the Pathfinder available at some of the libraries.

2012 Starting Point: Jan will be putting in the order for those who have expressed an interest. These will have walks separated by Region rather than by states listed alphabetically.

Planned 2012 Events Updates:

March 25, Pinebrook (sanctioned). Barneson and Gorman, co-chairs; Breneman, mentor). Start point, Chuck's Produce, 13215 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

May 19, Pacific Park. This walk still needs a chair(s). Still waiting on permission from Maplewood Neighborhood Assn. to use their private pathway.

July 21, Camas Days. Breneman, chair. This will be our 20th anniversary event. However it will not be part of Camas Days, which is one week later.

October 27, Cedar Creek Grist Mill. Breneman and Connors, co-chairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan reported on the recent ESVA meeting. The Pathfinder will be sent as a newsletter to reduce the cost of postage. Washington State will host the Northwest Regional Conference to be held on August 15-19 in Auburn. Information will be out in January. ESVA has added a Park's Challenge in 2012, to include any park. There will also be a one year challenge for Washington State Parks' 100th anniversary in 2013.

Jean and Leah are going to ask Ridgefield if there are plans for a sign at Eagle's View Park. There is currently no name posted for the Park. AWW may be willing to contribute. Jean will investigate and report back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There is a walk/run for Kyron Horman this Saturday. There is a \$25 registration fee.
- Our next meeting will be our Holiday Cookie Party. Linda will bring the plates and drinks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Gorman, Secretary

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