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President's Corner: Janet Traweek – no items this month

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Next Meeting: Sep 12 - ALL ARE WELCOME! Details and map are now at <http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/static.htm> Sections that rarely change are also at this link: list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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### **Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:**

Grass Valley – Oct 7

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 10:00 am  
<http://www.vancouverusavolkssporters.org/Wed/wed.htm>

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Achievements: [please contact the editor with event and distance milestones](#) – none reported

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Welcome to new members – Tere Allen and Pat Ellsberg

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Jan Breneman's Corner:

## WASHOUGAL WATERFRONT PARK WALK

The Washougal Waterfront Park walk was a huge triumph. Oh, sure, there were “only” 97 walkers, but there are other ways to measure success than sheer numbers. There’s the kindred spirits who come together – not only for the exercise itself, but the enjoyment we get from seeing friends and other familiar faces... not to mention the brief travels to see new places; and if it’s not a new place to some, there are usually parts of the trail that haven’t been seen before – and this route was pretty impressive – even if I do say so myself ☐. The views of the Washougal River from both the neighborhoods and the greenway loop provided plenty to see, and then those of the Columbia River and the waterfront park added even more dazzle at the end. Needless to say, I was very happy at the day’s end.

One of my favorite things was experiencing the true enthusiasm all the volunteers showed. Jean Ohl, after bringing unexpected help to mark on Friday in the person of returning member Robert Ellison (thus saving this tired Chairperson energy to get through the next day), returned to staff the Registration Table on Saturday with lots of enthusiasm to get our walkers started. Hubby James Ohl, in short bursts between Start Table duties, helped to finish last-minute setup chores. Then Barbara and Dick Baker took over with their usual, most-welcome expertise. Linda Barneson, Joan Heins, and daughter Michelle were invaluable at the Baz Riverfront Park checkpoint, and when Janet Traweek and young daughter Julia Nendanik were at the morning Finish Table, they were more than eager to help with whatever else needed to be done – not that they had a lot of extra time anyway! It was great to visit with Earl Bowen again for the p.m. Finish, and clean-up was a breeze with him, Janet, Julia, Joan, and Michelle all chipping in to pack up at the end of the day. Last but not least, Nira Lang and her crew – daughters Cheryl Snodgrass, Julie Eaton, and Julie’s husband Dan, all showed up bright and early on Sunday morning to sweep the trail – WHEW!

Thanks to one and all! ☐ I appreciated the full complement of volunteers and look forward to seeing even more of you on October 7, when Joe Titone has a pretty great route already outlined in the Grass Valley area of Camas. What a great way to celebrate fall!







## WALKING THE PLANK

The mythical status of walking the plank owes more to Peter Pan and pirate films than to reality. Men were certainly thrown overboard to finish them off, but walking the plank was not considered to give enough entertainment when there were other varied forms of torture open to the pirates such as lighting matches between their toes or throwing bottles at them. Who'd be a pirate, eh?  
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