



STEPPING OUT!

VOLKSPORT CLUB OF WEST POINT—JUNE 2009

2009 SCHEDULE NOW COMPLETE !

NEW MEMBERS!

The club schedule for the rest of 2009 is now complete (at least the first pass!) and may be seen on pages 4-6 later in this edition of STEPPING OUT!

Recently, we've received renewals and membership dues from the following people and/or families:

None this month

Please note that many of the dates, especially of EVENTS have NOT been sanctioned yet by the club and the AVA, so please note the tentative dates.

Thank you all and welcome to the new and returning members above! Although we do maintain our email mailing list for free, and people are welcome to walk on our walks without charge, those people who voluntarily join the club do their part to help support our club. Dues provide needed funds for many of the activities that do not generate covering income and make up some of the shortfall for other events.

We especially point out our EVENTS this season; we are planning Beacon, Hudson (a new venue for the club, part of the annual Hudson River Valley Ramble in September), and Cold Spring. As always, we will email you folks who are MEMBERS with flyers of the event, as well as publicize them in future editions of **STEPPING OUT!**



SECURITY NOTICE

Any club activities listed (walks, events, cruises, social events, etc.) taking place on the US Military Academy (USMA; West Point campus) require ALL persons to provide government-issued photo IDs (e.g.: driver's license, Military ID) ; any automobiles passing through Thayer Gate will be searched by security.

Although unusual, note that access to the West Point campus may be revoked at any time due to security restrictions.

UPCOMING WALKS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES!

NEXT GROUP WALK

NEXT GROUP EVENT

NEXT CLUB ACTIVITY

Hyde Park YRE

7 JUN— Sun

Breakfast and club meeting at 9 AM at the Eveready Diner (540 Albany Post Rd, just and across US Route 9 from the FDR Presidential Library) in Hyde Park.

Breakfast at 9, Walk starts with registration at 10 AM at the Eveready Diner, walking at 10:15 AM.

Nyack Street Fair

13 SEP - Sun

September Fest—A Quadracentennial Event - (tentative until sanctioned)

ANNUAL HUDSON RIVER CRUISE FOR FAMILY AND FRIEND — TENTATIVELY BEING SCHEDULED FOR 30 AUGUST

Watch for emails with more details in the summer!



2009 Regional Calendar!

Our Northeast Re-

gional Director Phil Hait has provided us with the current calendar of events updated as of **20 April 2009** (including tentative) events. Please mark your calendars, and check with the Point of Contact or official AVA website to ensure the event is sanctioned.

We have placed it in the Yahoo! Groups file section as "Northeast Regional Calendar.xls".

Every active walker should be a subscriber (or least check frequently) to our Yahoo! Group. No need to be a member. And thanks Phil!



See you at the AVA Convention later this month in Richardson Texas!

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/ava2009convention/index.htm>



NORTHEAST REGIONAL AVA RECOGNITION AWARDS

(Obtained and reprinted with permission with local VCWP modifications from the **Walk 'N Mass** newsletter.)

Every two years, AVA clubs are given an opportunity to nominate people they feel deserve recognition for their service and support of their local Club(s), American Volkssport Association (AVA) headquarters, and/ or the sport itself. The list below includes all award winners in the Northeast Region. VCWP members are highlighted in **bold**.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (AT LEAST 5 YEARS SERVICE TO AVA):

Valerie Day, Jeanette Dose, Agnes Laviolette, Ernest Laviolette, Chris Lipson, Chuck Lipson, Marianne Marshall, Chris Mellen, **Andrew Schmidt, David Skinner, Eileen Skinner**, and Margaret Wihtol.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AWARD (AT LEAST 3 YEARS SERVICE TO AVA):

Pat Almeida, Rick Almeida, David Bagley, Dorothy Bagley, Diane Bucher, Barbara Clapp, **Betty Green, Michael Green**, Kenneth Holt, Margot Holtzman, Charles Kaiser, Pat Kaufhold, Linda Kipnes, **Valerie Kirley**, Karen Kolaczyk, Robert Letendre, Stephanie Letendre, John McClellan, Joy Peach, **Maureen Penta**, Carol Rapposa, Jerry Rapposa, **Thomas Scucimarra**, Helen Tolbert, Judi Travis, Don Twedt, Jean Twedt, Dolores Vaz, and Helen Wilson.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS VOLKSSPORTING):

National Park Service in Boston and Lexington, MA, and the Newton Free Library in Newton Centre, MA.

Thanks to all who help support the VCWP club in general and the sport of Volkssporting in general. Our Northeast Regional Director Phil Hait informs us that all of the names will be in the published Award Booklet available at the Convention.

AVA CONVENTIONEERS IN JUNE!

Attention! Those club members planning to attend the AVA convention later this month! Please send us a note letting us know you'll be there so we can get together as a group while there!

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AVA REMINDER—YRE START BOXES

If you encounter a start box that doesn't have instructions or other needed supplies, please contact the POC (Point of Contact) for the event. Sometimes, they simply do not know that anything is missing or that they've had a large group hit their event. The POCs for these events are all volunteers and it is often a pretty thankless job!

DUES NOTICES FOR SECOND HALF OF 2009

As is our usual custom, membership renewal notices for the 2nd half of 2009 (including those who didn't renew in the first half of 2009 and are receiving a second notice) will be mailed out in June.

As postage increases have recently occurred, we really need to keep our hardcopy mailings to those who have actively paid up.

Regardless of when your membership expires in the second half of 2009, we extend it until the end of that month in 2010, so you never are penalized for paying 'early'. And if your membership HAD expired in the past, we simply reset your renewal date from a year from the end of the month we receive your latest check.

We send notices to people TWICE in case they missed it the first time around. Members who no longer renew have their emails added to our "email only" list after two attempts at mailing the dues notices.

Your annual dues help the club run events and such that are not covered by the normal YRE fees. Do you know we have to pay \$94 a year for our PO Box, \$50 annual AVA dues, \$60 to maintain our website annually, etc?

So although all our walks can be done for free, this is why we really appreciate your supporting the club as a dues paying member!

2009 YEAR ROUND EVENTS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

This is the club's 2009 schedule of Year Round Events as listed on the AVA Website and the special programs that are to be available for these walks in 2009. Many thanks to Joan Kimmel and the other club members who helped compile the information on the events

1. Cornwall

Y0252 10km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/cornwallyre.html>

- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Europe in the USA
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Railroad Heritage
- Riverwalk America

2. Highland Falls

Y1145 10km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/hfyre.html>

- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Courthouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Riverwalk America
- US Presidents
- Veteran Memorials
- Walkin' Waterfalls
- Firehouses

3. Hyde Park

Y1108 6km/13km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/hydeparkyre.html>

- America's Gardens
- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Courthouses
- Europe in the USA
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Railroad Heritage
- Riverwalk America
- US Presidents
- Walkin' Waterfalls

4. Rhinebeck

Y1094 5km/10km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/rhinebeckyre.html>

- Artistic Heritage
- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Courthouses
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Veteran Memorials

5. West Point

Y0037 7km/11km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/usmayre.html>

- Artistic Heritage
- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Riverwalk America
- US Presidents
- Veteran Memorials

Information on all of these YREs can be found on our club's website—

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/>



Calendar of Club Events

We are sometime asked what a “Group Walk” (as opposed to a Year Round Event, or YRE) is. “Group Walk” * means all meet and sign up together at the same time, get a map and start together, then you proceed at your own pace. There are NO GUIDES for this kind of walk, nor does a group have to stay together. We usually have fast walkers, slow walkers, and medium walkers, there’s almost always someone you can walk with if you join us for your first time in a GROUP WALK! ; “Event’s” are single walks especially sanctioned by the club. AVA credit is provided, and these are usually a one-time deal ; perhaps repeated yearly. Items in **BOLD RED** are updates from the previous newsletter!

CONFIRMED events are in bold face; TENTATIVE (planning dates) are listed in plain text—usually they’ll become “confirmed” in a month or so. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we always reserve the right to cancel ANY event, but try very hard not to do so with CONFIRMED events.

Date	Day	Type	Venue or Details
11 JAN 2009	Sun	Group Walk	West Point Group YRE – was cancelled due to snow
21 FEB	Sat	Group Walk	Rhinebeck Group YRE – was held
7 MAR	Sat	Group Walk	Highland Falls Group YRE – was held
15 MAR	Sun	Event	Goshen / Girl Scouts—was held See http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=83530
29 MAR	Sun	Group Walk	West Point Group YRE— was held (This is the 11 Jan 2009 reschedule that was cancelled)
19 APR	Sun	Group Walk	Cornwall Group YRE – was held
25 APR	Sat	Event	Fort Montgomery — was held
9 MAY	Sat	Group Walk	New York City Group YRE— was held
17 MAY	Sun	Event	Central Valley—was held
7 JUN	Sun	Group Walk	Hyde Park Group YRE – CONFIRMED! NO SUMMER HOURS for this one as we have a van coming from West Point! Registration at the Eveready Diner is at 1000 AM Time, walking at 1015-1030 AM.



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18 JUL	Sat	Group Walk	West Point—confirmed!
16 AUG	Sun	Group Walk	Highland Falls—confirmed! Farmers Market
30 AUG	Sun	Activity	Annual Hudson River Cruise — tentative until scheduled
5 SEPT	Sat	Group Walk	Greenwich Village—confirmed! (San Gennaro festival isn't until Sep 10 th -20 th)
13 SEP	Sun	Event	Nyack Street Fair— September Fest—A Quadricentennial Event —— (tentative until sanctioned)
26 SEP	Sat	Event	City of Hudson Event—CONFIRMED! See http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=83839 for the details—This is a new event presented for the first time by the Volkssport Club of West Point. We've had very nice dealings with the City of Hudson in setting this one up, and it promises to be fun!
4 OCT	Sun	Event	Beacon—tentative until sanctioned Farmer's Market—start at dock
17 OCT??	Sat??	Event	Hudson River 400th anniversary—(tentative until sanctioned) Cornwall Rotary Club is sponsoring a 10 km run/ walk from West Point to Cornwall on Hudson. Route 218 will be closed for this event. Our club will participate. Plans currently are for the runners to get the head start and walkers come behind in the next hour. Stay tuned!
25 OCT	Sun	Group Walk	Hyde Park—confirmed!
Oct	tbd	Event	Event in lieu of Round Pond— (VERY tentative until sanctioned) West Point MWR office might schedule a walk with a start point at the athletic field adjacent to the Post Exchange. Stay tuned!



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8 NOV	Sun	Event	COLD SPRING—tentative until sanctioned Start at Metro North parking lot / Scenic Hudson Park
21 NOV	Sat	Group Walk	Cornwall—confirmed!
19 DEC	Sat	Group Walk	Rhinebeck—confirmed!
?? Dec	??	Activity	Holiday Party WP Club (??) —date and time to be determined

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We hate SPAM just as much as you do!

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We wish to thank the Garrison Commander and the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Office of West Point for their support, as well as saluting all the men and women of the Army and other branches of the Armed Forces of the United States serving on our behalf.