

# VOLKSSPORT CLUB OF WEST POINT — MARCH 2011

# 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial AVA Convention

Des Moines Mariott Downtown Des Moines, Iowa June 18-26, 2011



E SURE NOT TO MISS the fantastic events in Greater Des Moines!

# TIME TO SIGN UP!

• he time to sign up for the AVA Bi-Annual Convention is now! Forms for the convention along with the Convention Booklet may be found on the AVA website at: http:// www.ava.org/clubs/ ava2011convention/index.asp.

If you are attending, let one of the officers know so we might walk together or eat at the banquet.



## **EVENTS IN THE WORKS!**

he club has been diligently working on providing a number of events in 2011 to match our success in 2010 with the joint West Point Event and Bridge Walk we did in May 2010. In this regard, mark your calendars for the following weekends:

- 14-15 May —A West Point Event, A City of Newburgh Event (maybe the Newburgh-Beacon bridge!) - see http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/events results.asp? StShortName=NY
- 17-18 September—A little less sure than May, but maybe New Paltz rail trail and some other event the following day-this might be our Hudson River Valley Ramble event.

NEXT CLUB GROUP WALKS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES!

## NEXT GROUP WALK

During the April 3 group walk of the Cornwall YRE, Mike Green will be leading an optional hike up Storm there, follows King Mountain conditions permitting. The hike will start at the Esty & Hellie Stowell Trailhead. This is a challenging hike that follows sometimes steep woodland trails (but no rock climbing scrambling) with or an elevation change of terested parties should conabout 800 feet and spec- t a c t tacular views of the Hudson mike@nodegreen.com. at various points along the (See calendar for details on trail. The first part of the Club Meeting and Group

hike follows steep trails up Walk).

the mountain, then circles around the mountain summit descending to the Storm King School. and from Mountain Road gradually descending down to Route 218 and the trailhead starting point. The total distance is under 10 will think otherwise. Hiking eventid=89942 shoes are recommended as well as a walking stick. Inmike a t

NEXT GROUP EVENTS

MAY 14, 15 SAT, SUN -WEST POINT / NEWBURGH **EVENTS** 

In concert with MWR's 5/10 km run: http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/ event\_details.asp?eventid=89941 -andhttp://www.ava.org/gen3/ km, but your leg muscles data/event\_details.asp?

#### NEXT ACTIVITY

THURSDAY, OCT 13 – SOCIAL WITH THE WALKING ADVENTURES INTER-NATIONAL—TENTATIVE

Details to be posted at a later date.



# **CHECK THE CLUB'S** WEBPAGE DURING THE WINTER!

As you know, we had to cancel our first club meeting of 2011 because of snow in the early part of January. So, in case of inclement weather. check the web page!

Note that GROUP WALKS are normally NOT cancelled; however, it may very well be that officers (especially if the club meeting ahead of time is cancelled), will not attend!

## Web Page:

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

email: volkssportclubofwestpoint@hotmail.com

Yahoo Group!: http://groups.yahoo.com/ aroup/ volkssportclubofwestpoint/

Latest Newsletter: http://www.ava.org/clubs/ WestPoint/newsletters/ latest.pdf

Club Calendar of Events: http://www.ava.org/clubs/ WestPoint/

Latest Club Meeting Minutes: http://www.ava.org/clubs/ WestPoint/minutes/ latest.pdf

Latest AVA North East Region Calendar (2/27/2011): http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/ volkssportclubofwestpoint/ files/latest NE calendar.xls

## VCWP MINUTES 2/13/2011

1) 14 members in attendance. Members introduced themselves by name and location

### 2) Treasurer's Report (Andrew Schmidt)

- a) 2 members renewed their VCWP memberships at mtg
- b) Auditor's report was shared: "books" are in good order
- c) No expenses since report at last meeting
- d) Balance: \$1157.02 (floating revenue over expenses last 6 months -\$25.44) e) 2010 total 631 walkers!! --the most in at least 5 years. (270 walkers at the May 15/16 Event)

## 3) Old Business

- a) Nancy asked Doris & Dorothy to meet Tater Tours group Mon, May 16th and Wed May 18th. ? if Joan K can meet Tues / Wed
- Andrew reported that Farrell suggested a club picnic in August. Walk scheduled August 14th could have picnic after at Round Pond or South Dock.
- c) Cold Spring Group Walk: March 12th. Main St Café is under new ownership. Tom S recommended the Foundry Café @ 55 main St. Breakfast will be at 10AM and walk registration at 11-11:15 at the Cold Spring Depot (Start Point) which opens at 11AM
- d) VCWP Incentive Books: Betty presented a mockup of the card. When the book gets approved by NERD the program will become retroactive for VCWP walks already completed this year.

## 4) Calendar

- a) Feb 26 : NYC Mid-Town Group Walk. Some PAW members will walk with us. Details were in Feb Newsletter
- b) NorthEast Regional Director (NERD) has reminded us that it's time to sanction May events. Andrew will send note to Nancy & Farrell regarding May 14 and Joan K will work on May 15
- c) April 16: Walkway Over the Hudson with the Liberty Bell Wanderers. Walk registration at the Gateway Diner in Highland at 9:30 AM

### 5) New Business

- a) Tater Tours trip to Mackinac, MI Labor Day weekend has 10 openings remaining.
- b) Walking Adventure International doing some of our YREs in October - we are waiting for details.
- c) AVA News: Outgoing President has info on ava.org regarding Strategic Plan Initiatives for the next five years. Andrew recommended VCWP members look at these and discuss at the next meeting. We need to get any responses to the AVA in April.
- d) 17th Biennial AVA Convention walk a-maize-ing IOWA - registration packs are available on the web. (secretary's note: web link: http:// www.ava.org/clubs/ava2011convention/index.asp) Arrange for rooms at AVA block rate (while available).



- Nancy Patrick 600 Events / 5500 KM
- Michael Quinlan 1300 Events / 15000 KM

These awards were received by club members that participate in the American Volkssport Association's Achievement Awards Program. They were compiled from the April/May 2011 issue of the AVA's national magazine, The American Wanderer. If we missed any club member, please let us know so we can make a correction next issue! For more details, see http://www.ava.org/What We Are About/ vmfaq.htm#IVV

Thanks to Betty Green for the compilation.

# **VCWP MINUTES 3/12/2011**

- 1) Treasurer's Report (Andrew Schmidt) -
- 1 member renewal & 1 new membership paid at • meeting
- Balance: \$1111.74 (rolling revenue over expenses \$330.55)
- Dues notices and brochures mailed to members not in attendance at the February meeting

## 2) Old Business-

- Betty Green reported that the VCWP Incentive book was approved. Sample was shown and ex- • plained. Copies were made on card stock by MWR and Nancy will pick them up on Monday. For those wanting to get started on their books before the next meeting: send SASE to Betty (greeting card size to fit incentive book) or download and print from VCWP website. (Info will be available via newsletter &/or email notification) Suggestion was made to get NERD to post or story to TAW (AVA newspaper)
- Joan Kimmel reported that the May 14 West Point and May 15 Newburgh traditional walks have been sanctioned. Starting point needed for the Newburgh walk (? Gully's when back in place). Joan needs help with the route layout.
- Dorothy Basini will meet Tater Tours group Mon, May 16th at West Point.
- Nyack event walk sanctioning application has been completed for September 11th. This is the same day as Nyack Street Fair. (The Ft. Montgomery group walk will be moved to another date) Peggy Goetz has been working on getting the hospital as YRE start point. If YRE start point not in place by Sept 11 will try to set event start at city park (as in the past) or at Nyack Beach State Park on the Hudson.

## Calendar—

- Two group walks per month, one with breakfast Betty Green • meeting and one just walk
- March 20: Rhinebeck April 3: Breakfast meeting (Park Restaurant, Highland Falls) & group walk Cornwall April 16: group walk @ Walkway Over The Hudson (WOTH) with the Liberty Bell Wander-

ers. Walk registration at the Gateway Diner in Highland at 9:30 AM (no breakfast meeting). (secretary's note: anyone wanting to support the diner walk box / start point may want to eat at the diner) May 14 /15 : West Point and Newburgh event walks May 22: Breakfast meeting (possibly at Foodies) & group walk Fort Montgomery

## 4) New Business

- National Convention June; Delegates approved.
- Nancy & Farrell authorized to spend \$25 on item to donate for silent auction.
- Joan Vorbach got press releases for today's walk printed in the Times Herald Record and Poughkeepsie Journal. Thank-you Joan!!
- AVA News: original plan was to discuss Strategic Plan Initiatives at today's meeting . AVA upheaval at last NEC meeting in February. AVA president and VP resigned over the firing or lack of approval of previous hiring of executive director, Nicole Rodgers. Current leaders appear to want less AVA direction and stronger local clubs. Quality of traditional events also part of the issue.
- Andrew reported that Farrell suggested a club picnic in August. A walk is scheduled on August 14th. We could have a picnic after the walk at Round Pond or South Dock. Farrell will check on cost of renting a shelter.
- Donna Sullivan suggested getting a start point in Cornwall for the Cornwall YRE. She will contact The Fiddlestix Café.
- Meeting adjourned. 21 walkers registered for walk at Depot Restaurant at 11:15. Several walkers ate lunch at the Depot after the walk (great to support the walk box start point).

Respectfully submitted,



## **GREENS WALK FLORABAMA**

his past President's Weekend, Georgia Walkers and Pensacola Volkssport Clubs sponsored a total 14 walking events (in addition to some AVA sanctioned swim and bike events) in the FloraBama coastal area. Having the week off after President's Weekend (a rare occurrence for Monroe-Woodbury schools), we decided to do a full week of Volkssporting. We were able to get the "Volkssport Rate" for our entire stay at a golf resort in Perdido Bay Florida with lodging known as Cottages on the Green. Both the Georgia and the Pensacola Clubs allowed us to register, pay and pre-stamp our event and distance books then walk the events at our "leisure" over the weekend and the following week. During our full 8 day stay, we completed 18 walks (including 4 YRE's) in the area covering more than 138 km (86 miles). The weather was fantastic with temps typically in the high 60's and low 70's (we expected low 60's).







Our walks included Orange Beach, AL and Perdido Key, FL beaches, paved trails through forested areas of Gulf Shores State Park, AL (where we saw an armadillo and a large alligator), a full range of residential neighborhoods from fabulous mansions to modest bungalows, the Pensacola Naval Air Station (including the amazing Naval Air Museum), the downtown Pensacola historic district, Fort Walton FL (where a blue heron posed for our camera), the quaint village of Fairhope AL (where we saw the Sheldon and Mosher "castles" and briefly spoke with Dean Mosher, owner/designer/builder of Mosher castle), and a walk through the city of Mobile AL (that ended with a Mardi Gras parade crossing our path).

Nancy and Farrell joined us (picture upper left with Farrell, Nancy, Betty, and Mike, left-to-right) for our first Orange Beach walk and lunch on Saturday, Feb 18th and later that evening we enjoyed a meet-n-greet held by the Georgia Walkers. The following day we ate lunch with the Pensacola Club, where we were joined by a Tater Tour group. We were amazed by the expensive homes in the Blue Lagoon neighborhood that were often next to empty lots with nothing but a foundation of homes destroyed by past hurricanes. If you are in the Pensacola area, a visit to the Naval Air Museum at Pensacola NAS is a must. The museum contains nearly every plane flown by Naval Aviators, some fully restored and beautifully displayed and others (outside) awaiting restoration. There were amazing detailed models of aircraft carriers, recreations of WWII shipboard interior spaces, an IMAX theater, and flight simulators for all ages. We also enjoyed the NAS YRE that included an old/restored fort (Fort Barrancas) to explore.

We enjoyed lots of local sea food. The Gulf Shore National Seashore beaches were so beautiful and un-crowded (off-season) and the locals and snowbirds so friendly, Betty wishes she had a week off every February!

## PATRICK'S HEAD SOUTH TO ESCAPE COLD AND EXPLORE NEW TRAILS



hoveling out of two major snowstorms, we drove south to Lorton, VA to put our car on the auto train for Florida. Our time share apartment in Punta Gorda provides a comfortable base as we seek new walking adventures. There are repeats, of course, from previous years that become favorites.

The YRE in Punta Gorda starts just a few steps from our apartment. The walk is through the town which is noted for the many



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murals painted on buildings. This is a perfect spot to begin the new AVA "Murals" program. We returned to the beach town of Venice for the trail on a main street of specialty shops and ocean side.

The Florida clubs have a special program for state parks. The directions for Paynes Creek State Park were difficult to follow. We did a good bit of walking, estimating our 5 km distance after getting lost more than once! The Visitor's Center had a good film explaining about Fort Chokonikla located here as an outpost to control Seminoles. (A stamp in the Fort book)

Our next two walks were new. Sarasota has a new trail on Lido Key. You get a lot on this trail...beautiful soft white sand beach, residential area with multi-million dollar mansions, ultra chic St. Armand's shopping circle, and a wonderful aquarium with resident manatees. Orlando area has many YRE's and Mark Street was very pleasant walking on a hot day. The trail is around a lake and residential area and parks. Here we found a popular outdoor Greek restaurant for a welcome lunch. Repeat walks in historic St. Augustine and Fernandina Beach also gave us the opportunity to visit long time Army friends. We also saw walkers Mark and Gloria Merwarth, whom we met at the Dallas convention and again when our Tater tour was hosted by the Asheville Amblers. This couple invited us to their house to see their "Walkers Wall of Fame"....a display of every award and patch they have collected. Impressive!

The walk in Tallahassee gave us another capital stamp. Misreading the trail directions a couple of times added a few more kms that we had anticipated! Another YRE that will become a repeat favorite is the Maclay State Gardens. Although the cold weather set back the blooming season somewhat, this was a magnificent garden walk. The original owner of the property was a collector of camillias. There are 200 species planted here and many were in partial bloom. Next month there will be a colorful display of azaleas. Mr. Maclay also owned a large property in Millbrook, NY.

The Florida estate was given to the state along with the house and all furnishings.

From here we proceeded to the President's Weekend event (FloraBama) in Orange Beach, AL. Club members Mike and Betty Green were there and we did one walk together. Read their account of this event.

Our final walks before heading into cold weather were in Montgomery, AL (capital), West Point, GA, Stone Mountain, GA and Davidson, NC. The city of Montgomery deserves another visit. So many historic sites here and one day couldn't cover them all. West Point, GA was a disappointment from the start....which was the police station. That was on lock down! "Starting Point' promised shops, restaurants, antique stores. Sorry to report that the majority of stores and restaurants were empty with "for sale/rent" signs. Even the best restaurant in town was closed! The walk at Stone Mountain, which is a state park, was excellent. The sidewalk trail leads to a viewing area of the three figures carved on the mountain...Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. We were told these carvings are larger than Mount Rushmore, but certainly don't appear to be. Our final walk in Davidson, NC was through the town and onto the beautiful campus of Davidson College. Here, by chance, we came upon a fine little Italian restaurant, only open for three weeks but with a large lunch crowd. Ask us to show you the photo of the chocolate mousse for two!



# Volkssport Club of

# West Point

# Club Reward Book 2011

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# THE 2011 VOLKSSPORT CLUB OF WEST POINT INCENTIVE CARD (REWARD BOOK) PROGRAM

he Volkssport Club of West Point (VCWP) obtained approval for an incentive (reward) card program! Completion of the reward book will earn a gold star 2011 hat pin.

## Reward books are free.

Completion of the book encourages VCWP members to support the VCWP's local YRE walks and Traditional Event walks.

But, you do not have to be a VCWP member to complete the program.

Our hope is that the program will be self-supporting via walkers walking for credit or making donations if walking for free.

Eligibility: Complete 9 different VCWP - YRE walks. Remaining 3 walks may be Traditional Event walks held by VCWP or repeat of a VCWP - YRE. (12 VCWP walks total) No more than two stamps per year for the same YRE

will be accepted. If you completed VCWP walks in 2011 prior to the books becoming available, you may write in the walk location and date for those walks. You must have registered (walk box log) for those walks. After you receive (or print) the book please record walks by imprinting event stamp on numbered lines and hand write the name and date of the walk on the location line. All pins will be ordered Feb 2012.

To receive the 2011 gold award pin submit completed book (12 events) no later than Jan 31, 2012 to:

## Betty Green 22 Dogwood Drive Central Valley, NY 10917

Books will be available at the next club meeting. Thank you MWR for printing the books on card stock for us!

If you would like the book before the meeting you can 1) send a SASE (envelope at least 4..25" X 5.5") to Betty Green

or 2) Print out attached PDF. Print two sided or tape together and cut in half. (Will make two books.)



# A PHOTO FROM VICE PRESIDENT

## FARRELL PATRICK:

Here is photo of Mark and Gloria Merwarth from Fernandina Beach, FL and all their walking awards. Very impressive!

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

Recently, we've received renewals and membership dues from the following people and/or families: 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 (unlike some other clubs), those people who voluntarily join the club do their part to help support us.

## Seats and Casper

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.

## **2011 YEAR ROUND EVENTS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION**

## WEST OF THE HUDSON AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS 1. CENTRAL VALLEY • Central Valley - Firchouses, Vet-

Y1958, RATING 3, 5k/11k, 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011 http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/ yre\_centralvalley.html

**Start Point:** Bright Star Diner, 220 Rte 32, Central Valley, NY

#### 2. CORNWALL

Y0252, RATING 3, 10k, 1/2/2011 to 12/31/2011—http://www.ava.org/ • clubs/WestPoint/yre\_coldspring.html

**Start Point:** USMA Visitors Center, West Point Highway, Highland Falls

> 3. FORT MONTGOMERY (SEASONAL WALK)

Y1740, RATING 3+. 5k/10k, 4/1/2011 to 10/31/2011

**Start Point:** Fort Montgomery State Historic Site Visitor Center, 690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery

#### 4. HIGHLAND FALLS

Y1145, RATING 1, 10k, 1/2/2011 to 12/31/2011

Start Point: USMA Visitors Center, Walks, Artistic Heritage, Firehouses, West Point Highway. Highland Falls Forts of the United States, Historic

#### 5. HIGHLAND—WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON

Y0797, RATING 2, 7k/12k, 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011

Start Point: The Gateway Diner, 3579 Rt. 9W, Highland

#### 6. WEST POINT

Y0037, RATING 2+, 7k/11k, 1/2/2011 to 12/31/2011

**Start Point:** USMA Visitor's Center, West Point Highway, Highland Falls • **Central Valley** - Firehouses, Veterans Memorials

• Cold Spring - Firehouses, Historic Churches, Honoring Law Enforcement, Museums, Veterans Memorials

• **Cornwall** - Firehouses, Historic Churches, Honoring Law Enforcement, Museums, Veterans Memorials, Waterfalls

• Fort Montgomery - Forts of the United States, Museums

• Highland Falls - America's Baseball Walks, Firehouses, Forts of the United States, Historic Churches, Honoring Law Enforcement, Museums, Veterans Memorial, Waterfalls

• Hyde Park—America's Gardens, Firehouses, Historic Churches, Hooray for Hollywood, Museums, Waterfalls

• Highland (Walkway over the Hudson) — Artistic Heritage, Historic Churches, Honoring Law Enforcement, Hooray for Hollywood, Veterans Memorials

• Rhinebeck - Artistic Heritage, Firehouses, Historic Churches, Honoring Law Enforcement, Veterans Memorials, Waterfalls

• West Point - America's Baseball Walks, Artistic Heritage, Firehouses, Forts of the United States, Historic Churches, Honoring Law Enforcement, Hooray for Hollywood, Museums, Veterans Memorials

Note: Not all trails on all walks qualify for all events! Each walkbox has a matrix of what programs are for which events

## EAST OF THE HUDSON 7. COLD SPRING

Y1633, RATING 2+, 5k/10k, 1/2/2011 to 12/31/2011

**Start Point:** Cold Spring Depot Restaurant, Depot Square, Cold Spring

#### 8. HYDE PARK

Y1108, RATING 3, 6k/13k, 1/2/2011 to 12/31/2011

**Start Point:** The Eveready Diner, 540 Albany Post Rd. (Route 9), Hyde Park

#### 9. RHINEBECK

Y1094, RATING 1, 5k/10k, 1/2/2011 to 12/31/2011

**Start Point:** The Delamater House, The Delamater House Inn and Con-

## **CLUB MEMBERS!**

Your 2011 Club Brochure should have arrived in mid March in a mailbox near you!

If you have not paid your dues and they expire in the first half of 2011, you'll also be receiving a dues notice....thanks as always for your continuing club support.

More details on these walks are available on the club's website: http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/walkhome.html

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# First Half 2011 Calendar of Club Events

We are sometimes asked what a "Group Walk" (as opposed to a Year Round Event, or YRE) is. A "Group Walk" \* means all meet and signup together at the same time, get the trail directions 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

			Rhinebeck YRE
Mar 20	Sun 10:15AM	Group Walk	ONLY EVENT! (This walk replaces the Jan 2011 storm-cancelled Rhinebeck walk.) Registration and walking at 10:15 AM at The De- lamater House, at the end of Garden Street, Rhine- beck - very near the Beekman Arms. The Start Point and parking are in Office in the rear of the complex (which is off of West Market Street).
Apr 03	Sun 9:00AM	Club Breakfast and Meeting	Our usual breakfast meeting will be held at 9 AM, PARK Restaurant, 451 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY 10928—All walkers are welcomed to the break- fast and meeting!
Apr 03	Sun 10:15AM	Group Walk	Cornwall YRE Register at 10:15 A.M.at the West Point Visitor's Center, then you need to make a short drive to the Cornwall starting point - Directions provided at the Visitor's Center - Walking at 10:30 AM or shortly thereafter once we all arrive!
Apr 16	Sat 9:30AM	Group Walk	Highland (Walkway Over the Hudson) NO CLUB MEETING BEFORE FOR THIS WALKING-ONLY EVENT! We will be walking with members of the Liberty Bell Wanderers on this WOTH YRE today. Registration at the Gateway Diner at 930 AM (special time due to Liberty Bell Wanderer's ap- proximate 930 AM arrival)
May 14	Sat	Event	West Point Event in concert with MWR's 5/10km run Details to be posted at a later time.
May 15	Sun	Event	Newburgh/Beacon Event Details to be posted at a later time.
May 22	Sun 9:00AM	Club Breakfast and Meeting	Details to be provided later.
May 22	Sun 10:15AM	Group Walk	Fort Montgomery Group Walk ! Details to be posted at a later time.

Stepping Out! Volkssport Club of West Point PO Box 30 West Point, NY 10996- Officers:	AND LONOR * COULT THE COUL	Fun, Filmess, Friendship
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