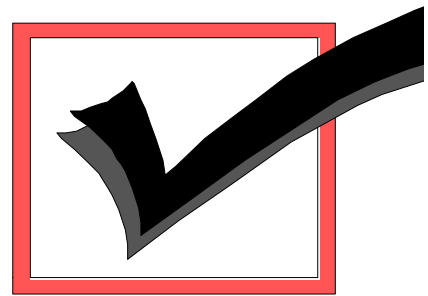


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Nominate your Top Year-Round/Seasonal Walks of 2011

Nominations close Friday 23, December. You do not have to log in, you can submit without a log-in. Visit the link <http://walking.about.com/u/ua/trails/yr11.htm> Nominations are tallied, voting on the finalists will begin via web poll, with winners announced in January 2012.

Starting Point 2012

For Clubs that ordered 10+ copies, your order will ship from the Printing Company to the Clubs directly on Wednesday 28, December. Depending on where your delivery is going, add the UPS delivery time to this date. A color coded map is attached for your assistance. In addition, for all Individuals, and Clubs ordering less than 10 copies, when NATHQ receives their copies, they will be processed immediately to fill orders.

NEC Meeting

The next NEC meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 5008 Corridor Loop Road, Schertz, Texas, 78154. Meeting starts Friday evening, January (20), Saturday (21), and Sunday morning (22), if necessary. A complete set of agenda files will be emailed to each NEC Officer and Regional Director for your review no later than Friday, 30 December. A printed set will be prepared for your NEC notebooks and waiting your arrival at the meeting.

TAW Deadline

The February/March issue of *The American Wanderer* deadline is, December 25. All articles and photographs should be submitted directly to Laurel Parrott, Editor taw@bhi.com or mail to: 3526 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412. Be sure to include "TAW" in the subject line if emailing.

Southwest Region Director

Bill Hamilton has a new mailing address and posted to the *AVA Leadership* web page http://www.ava.org/AVA_Leadership/council.htm

2012 IVV Calendar of Events

The annual book is here, and available for purchase. Please call NATHQ or use the order form attached.

IVV Certification Stamps for Traditional and Seasonal Events

Per the AVA Policy Manual, page 33, Section 4.12 IVV Certification Stamps, 11 Policy, E. "The IVV Stamp used for an event must be returned to AVA and be postmarked by the tenth day after the final day of the event. The IVV Stamp used for a seasonal event must also follow this guideline."

Avoiding Late Fees on Participation Reports

The October and November participation reports were due 30 days after the Event was completed. October is now 30 days past. Notify events@ava.org Events Coordinator at HQ with your details if you missed the October reporting. The November filing is still available in the Club area and not late yet.

2012 Year Event Slugs

Mailed on Friday, December 2. Replace the 2011 slug with the new 2012 slug at all of your Year Round/Seasonal Event Walk Boxes.

2012 Atlantic Region Conference March 16-18

The Germanna Volkssport Association in Fredericksburg, VA is hosting the Sixth Biennial Atlantic Region Conference and they would like to share the Conference Brochure with everyone. Visit http://www.ava.org/AVA_Leadership/AT_RG_CONF_11-11231_GVA%20Brochure.pdf See attached brochure.

2012 California Volkssport Association (CVA) Convention May 4, 5 and 6

Where: Asilomar on the Monterey Peninsular, Pacific Grove, CA. The *South Bay Striders* would like to share their pre-registration information with you <http://www.sbstriders.org> Full payment for accommodations is due by 15 January. Details may be found at this address <http://www.sbstriders.org/cva2012-information1.php>

Happy Holidays from our IVV Liaison Hans Dieter would like to share a holiday greeting to everyone at AVA. See attachment.

Headquarters Holiday Closings

Friday, 23 December close at noon CST, Monday, 26 December and Monday, 2 January. Wishing all AVA Clubs and fellow Volkssporters a *Happy Holiday Season* from our AVA family to yours.

Attachments:

Starting Point 10+ direct shipping to Clubs projected delivery times from 28, December
Sixth Biennial Atlantic Region Conference Brochure
2012 IVV *Calendar of Events* order form
Holiday Greeting from Hans Dieter and Wife