



COLORADO HIGH COUNTRY HIKERS 2009 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS SOAP BOX

I have a lot of information and ideas to discuss with you this time. They range from club to individual activities. Of immediate interest is our **Vail, CO Oktoberfest Volksmarch, September 12, 2009**.



We are rating this event a 3+ because the route is all above 10,000 ft. on top of Vail Mountain with beautiful views of the Gore Range, Mount of the Holy Cross and the changing colors of the fall Aspen. You may want to consider making a weekend out of this event because **Vail's Oktoberfest** runs from September 11 through September 13. The Rocky Mountain Wanderers has a town walk in Vail and there are several YRE's and Seasonals along I -70. This could make for a great Volksmarching/Oktoberfest Weekend! For those who enjoy a little more of challenge we will have a 4+ hike up to the top of the mountain with a shorter route on top to complete the 10 KM.

Discounts: We have obtained the following discounts for participants.

- **Goldola Fee will be \$15** instead of the usual \$20.
- **Goldola Fee for those over 65 will be \$13.**
- **Lift House Condominiums, 1-800.654.0635**, website www.lifthousevail.com, is offering us an excellent rate of **\$84** (double occupancy) per night. You need to identify yourself as being with the Colorado High Country Hikers Event.

Volunteers Are Needed For This Event - We are looking for volunteers to help mark the trail on Friday afternoon. On Saturday we need volunteers to run the start finish and the control point on top of the mountain (with beautiful views!). We would like to have two hours shifts, 8 - 10 AM, 10 - 12 N, 12 - 2 PM and 2 - 4 PM. This way we will all have time to enjoy the *"Oktoberfest!"* Please contact me at dave@johnston.net or 303 674-0317 to sign up. ***We can't do these walks without your help!***

National Get Outdoors Day - On June 13 we took part in a "National Get Outdoors Day" event at Denver's city park with many, many other entities attempting to educate families and children about all those wonderful activities there are to enjoy in our beautiful Colorado Outdoors. I believe that last count was **100 participating organizations**. This is an event that is held annually throughout the United States. I believe this year they had **62 cities** participating. Unfortunately we didn't have a great turn out for the volksmarch (about 70) but did hand out quite a bit of information regarding volkssport. We borrowed the Rocky Mountain Wanderers Display cases (they always draw a lot of attention), Russ and Flo Bechtold provided a lovely display from the Falcon Wanderers and we provided brochures of all the clubs or organizations that provided them. It really turned out to be a great display. Of course, having samples of candy for the kids and ice cold soy milk samples got us a little attention also. Our thanks to Paula & Terry Malleck, Russ & Flo Bechtold, Mike Nelson, Linda Nyman, Dick Grimes, Dale Boone, Kevin Ross, Sinne Gregory, Jean Berres, Theresa Stratman, Genie Ritthaler, Floyd Hatch, Susan Paprocki, Irene Ahrens, Carol Rickauer and everyone else who helped with this event. Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone.



AVA Convention - From all accounts, in spite of the heat and humidity, the participants at the AVA Convention had a grand time at the convention. Mike Nelson, our Regional Director, was elected for another two year term as was Curt Myron, AVA President. The site for the 2011 convention will be in Des Moines, Indiana. As of this date no state has stepped forward to host the 2013 Convention.

Tater Tours - The **Tater Tours Volksmarch group** will be in Colorado in mid September to partake of several of our states events. They are doing our Rocky Mountain National Park **Cub Lake volksmarch on September 21**. If you would like to walk the route with them let Paula Malleck, Tpmalleck@aol.com or 303 651-2934, know so she can give you the time to meet at the Rocky Mountain National Park's Visitor's Center that morning.



Welcome to the newest Svoboda - It's a new **Grandson** for Katherine and Lou Svoboda! Calder Grey Svoboda, weighed in at 8 lbs 3 oz, 21 inches long. Mother and son are both doing fine.

PLANS FOR 2010

At the present time we plan on sanctioning the same number of events this year as last with possibly some changes to the routes. If anyone has a suggestion to replace an existing event or add one please let me know. **Sanctions must be submitted to AVA by August 31 to be included in the Starting Point. Please provide your suggestions to me by August 21.** The events currently planned are:

Events for 2010

- January 30, 2010 - Snowshoe - Gold Run Nordic Center, Breckenridge, CO
- TBD March 2010 - Snowshoe - Tennessee Pass Nordic Center, Leadville, CO
- TBD Summer Event?
- Fall Event - Vail Oktoberfest VM?
- **Please suggest other weekend events**

Seasonal Events 2010

- Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO - Special Award
Deer Mountain - Ouzel Falls - Cub Lake
- Roxborough State Park, Littleton, CO
- Elk Meadow Jefferson County Open Space Park, Evergreen, CO
- North 10 Mile Trail Snowshoe and Hike, Silverthorne, CO

SOCIAL EVENTS

It has been suggested that we have more social events in conjunction with our events. Here are some suggestions. A couple of suggestions that have been made are: One Club Walk per quarter with a social event afterwards and provide a box lunch following a weekend event. **Please provide your suggestions!**

ITEMS TO THINK ABOUT

IVV and AVA have adopted a rule that if events are run for two days or more participants could receive the event stamp each day. The real question is should we run events on more than one day? **REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS NEW RULING.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The club is holding its own this year. Our income covers our expenses with a slight profit.

- Ending Balance \$554.23 - June 30, 2009
- Beginning balance \$492.95 - July 1, 2008
- **Net Gain \$ 61.30**

MEMBERSHIP

This may not be accurate so if you have renewed please accept my apology.

Please send your renewals of \$10 to David Land, 2872 Bergen Hill Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439

PAST DUE

Sinne Gregory	6/30/09	Sue & Eddie Hensley	5/20/09	David & Kelsey Land	6/30/09
Charles & Reva Mocilac	6/30/09	Frank Puzio	6/30/09	Ernest Wituki	4/30/09

SOON TO COME DUE Derrall Rothermich 8/30/09