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Email me at carl_pard@cox.net or pa_rd@ava.org with questions, news to share, or be added to receive the Post.

Olympiad Registration Goal

Pacific Region is lagging a bit on registrations to meet our goal. Since August in Las Vegas averages 100 degrees per day I encourage 80 people to register so we reach **100** by August 31st. Remember early bird discount ends September 30th. Your early registration is extremely important to help us place orders and secure venues by October 1st. Register for the full Olympiad/IML pass today which includes the event medal, T-shirt and other items in your swag bag. Your pass also covers the cost of all sanctioned IVV and IML events and daily entertainment from local and cultural groups.

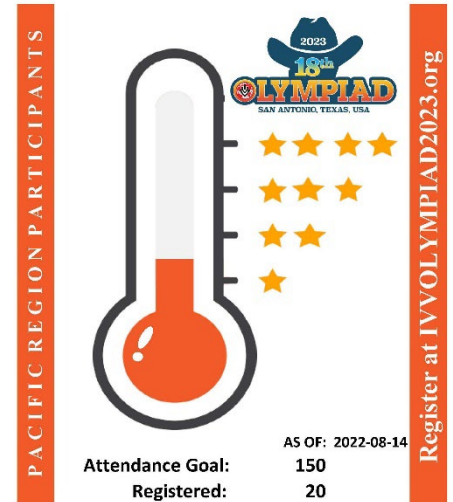
After the joint IVV closing ceremony and IML opening ceremony on Thursday you won't want to miss the IVV-IML Friendship fun filled celebration with music, food, entertainment and friendly people from all over the world! This is a separate cost from the Pass and includes light hors d'oeuvres, drink ticket and special entertainment.

If you will be flying to San Antonio you may want to register for the Olympiad now and wait to see what airline deals might arise later this year.

Register <https://ivvolympiad2023.org>.

Don't forget to include state in your address so you get counted towards the Pacific Region Goal!

You also want to reserve your room in San Antonio now from the [IVV International Walking Olympiad 2023 Official Hotel Block - \(visitsanantonio.com\)](https://visitsanantonio.com). The La Quinta host hotel is about 80% booked already! We have hotel partners from most loyalty programs so you can choose the one that gives you points/amenities you prefer. LaQuinta is the registration/start point for walks/bikes/swims so very unlikely you will need a rental car during the week. Taxi/Uber/Lyft are very reasonable from Airport to Riverwalk area. Nearly all hotels charge for guest parking. Some of our partners do have discounted rate when using the link above.



THE BIG GIVE AVA INDIVIDUAL DONOR CAMPAIGN 2022



The Big Give 24 hour online giving date and time has changed this year. Instead of giving for one day only, this year online giving will start at 6 PM on Thursday, September 22, and end at 6 PM on Friday, September 23. Donors can still give early starting September 15, 2022. The campaign end date is October 31st, 2022. Donors can give online or send checks to the AVA beginning September 15 -October 31, 2022. This year's fundraising goal is \$90,000 and 100% AVA board participation.

This year's prizes will include starting point books, IML/TTR registration passes, Convention registration passes, and Olympiad registration passes. Full details on

The Big Give will be in a special edition of the September Checkpoint and subsequent email correspondences to all AVA Officers, Directors, Deputies, Club Officers, and members.



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YRE Renewals

Time is running out to renew year-round and seasonal events for 2023! As of today, we still have 153 events that need to be submitted for approval by August 31 (25 August for California). All renewals are completed in the new sanctioning Edit/New section of my.AVA.org.



The process is very simple. I recommend this step-by-step process.

1. From the club page above click REVIEW for the YRE/S you are renewing.
2. If everything is exactly same for 2023 click **Req Renew** button at top and go to next YRE/S.
3. To update information and/or special programs click the EDIT button.
4. Sanction is conveniently divided into different tabs so you can go directly to section you need to change.
5. When finished updating click **Save/Review**.
6. If all is as it should be click **Req Renew** and go to next sanction. Otherwise repeat step 3.

Once approved, September 15th is the deadline for any last second changes to appear in Starting Point book.

AVA August Webinar

The America's Walking Club online webinar for August is Wednesday, August 17 at 5 pm Pacific. It will last for one hour. [Register in advance for this meeting by clicking here.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Topics include discussion of the new Special Programs for 2023.

Updating Special Programs

You can update special programs on your YRE events at any time of the year. You DO NOT need to wait for YRE renewal. So, if you or someone else finds a new or overlooked special program qualifier update the sanction special programs by selecting the EDIT button on the Sanctions tab



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next to event. Reminder club management privileges are required to access club sanctions as described in [TUTORIALS \(ava.org\)](https://www.ava.org)

PUBLISH!

The Edit/New summary table on club home page gives you a quick summary of activity for your sanctions. (Example below)

| Edit/New Type | Need to Make Public | Need to Req Approval | Have Errors | No Changes | Awaiting RD Approval |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| NEW | - | 0 | 1 | - | 0 |
| EDIT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RENEWAL | - | 15 | 0 | - | 0 |
| RESURRECT | - | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |

If you have event(s) in the **Need to Make Public** column recent changes are not publicly viewable. Upon completing the editing of an event, click on the **Save/Review** button. If the event is not missing critical data (no errors), a "Publish" or "Req Approval" button will appear at the top of the review page.

If **Publish** button appears, the club must click on it to make their changes publicly viewable.

If a **Req Approval** appears (due to changing the event city, state, or start/end date), the club must click on it to get RD (and applicable State Association) approval. Once the event is approved, the event changes will automatically be made publicly available (no further action required by club).

Upcoming Pacific Region Events

| Date | Type | Trail Rating | City, State | Name | Club |
|-------------------------|------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2022 - September | | | | | |
| 10 | | 2C | Pacifica, CA | The Pacific(a) Coast | Bay Bandits Volksmarch Club |
| 2022 - October | | | | | |
| 8 | | 1A | Santa Rosa, CA | Pacific Coast Air Museum | Sonoma County Stompers |
| 10 | | 2B | Grand Canyon Village, AZ | Grand Canyon Rim Trails | Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers |
| 23 | | 2B | Estero Bluffs, Cayucos, CA | Cayucos and the Estero Bluffs | Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers |
| 29 | | 2B | Acampo, CA | Spooky Winery Walk | Delta Tule Trekkers |
| 2022 - November | | | | | |
| 12 | | 3B | San Francisco, CA | San Francisco in the Movies | Bay Bandits Volksmarch Club |
| 2022 - December | | | | | |
| 3 | | 2B | Sutter Creek, CA | Holiday Walk at Sutter Creek | Delta Tule Trekkers |
| 10 | | 1B | Monterey, CA | Christmas in the Adobes | South Bay Striders |



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Sanction new events minimum of 90 days prior to event. Exceptions handled case by case. Less than 60 days before event day are subject to AVA approval.

Volunteers Appreciated

Volunteers are still needed to Chair and serve on the AVA Fund Development and Membership Committees. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact henry@ava.org. A great opportunity to lend your talents and support to the AVA Nation.

Club and Officer Contacts

Be sure to keep you club contacts up to date including the Club mailing address, POC with email address, club website, and contact/ mailing information for each club officer. This should be updated whenever there is a change. If no changes the information must be verified at least once per year. Make any changes, if necessary, then check the Verify Box.

Only a person with club manager access may make changes to the club's contact details on my.ava.org.

Upcoming Deadlines

AUG 31 – YRE Renewals Submitted for Approval (CA clubs submit to CVA by AUG 25)

SEP 15 – Starting Point Deadline to revise/correct event entries and identify special programs prior to publishing

SEP 30 – Early Bird Olympiad Registration discount ends

OCT 25 – TAW Article Deadline for your club articles to taw@ava.org for December issue.

OCT 29 – Deadline to Customize 2023 YRE/Seasonal IVV Stamps before manufacture

OCT 31 – 3rd Quarter Participation Deadline without late fees.

NOV 15 – Financial Report/IRS Postcard Deadline for clubs on JUL-JUN fiscal year

Feedback

Communication is a two-way street. Contact me with any comments or questions you wish to share. We are in this together, we make it better together and we will succeed together!

Do your part to keep AVA alive!

Walk-Promote-Donate ... and register for the OLYMPIAD!!

Carl