



# TREKKER TRAKKS DECEMBER, 2017 NW Tulip Trekkers Volkssport Walking Club

## President's Message:

NW Tulip Trekkers,

The busy holiday season is upon us and the days fly by. Try to find time to walk; it is a good stress reliever.

We have two friendship walks in December. Tamara's Cordata walk on **Dec 2** is a great walk. On Sunday, **Dec 17**, Joe will be hosting an evening walk in east Mount Vernon to look at outdoor Christmas lights and decorations. Please join us for these walks. Details are in this newsletter. Everyone has the option to call a "flash walk". Send an email to Tom Stabile, Sue Payton or Margaret Quick so they can get out the notice on Meetup, Face Book and NWTT Gmail. Any of our YREs can be chosen. Try to give 3 days' notice. Indicate which walk you want to do, time & date, any specific meeting information and who is sponsoring the walk.

This year NWTT received a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary award from AVA. I encourage you to send in your ideas on how our club should celebrate this achievement? It is a pretty big milestone.

Please join us for our NWTT Holiday gathering on **Monday, Dec 11** at the **Burlington Bob's Burger and Brew**. Five lucky winners will leave with a door prize.



We have reserved their large room from 5 PM until 8 PM. We will be ordering from their menu. I hope to see you there. Have a relaxing holiday season.

Tim

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## **Traveling Stamp Program (TSP)**

We're looking for help choosing 5 new walks for the TSP. We can use discontinued YRW's or event walks, we can also go places we've never gone before (in our region). The TSP is like a mini event but the cost to us is a lot less, we are required to advertise, make directions & a map just like traditional events. We will organize them as a guided walk with a single start time. We have scheduled 5 dates on our 2018 calendar for traveling stamp walks.

Listed below are some walks or places that have been suggested. This is where you come in, help us decide which walks to use or suggest a different location, where or how to advertise, lead a group in the walk, or help develop a walk. We would help you in any of these steps to make these events successful. If you have somewhere you would like to develop a 10 km walk, and possibly a 5 km walk we would help you. The goal is to try to get new people interested in Volkssporting and walking in general.

**If you would like to take an active role, please let us know.** This is an opportunity to be more active in **your** club without being committed to a long term task.

### **Here is the potential list:**

Sumas, Everson, Little Mountain Park, Arlington Airport, Lake Padden, Langley, Guemes Island, Shaw Island, Camano Island, Washington Park, Interurban Trail, Sedro-Woolley, Alger Alps, Oyster Dome, Arlington/Centennial Trail, Stimpson Family Reserve, Tommy Thompson Trail, Cornet Bay, Discontinued YRW's and old event walks.

Tom

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New member:

Welcome to Dale Challice

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## December Friendship Walks:

### December 2: Cordata

**Register at 9:45 am; Walk will start at 10am**

5/10km. Rated 1A Y1713

We will register in the parking lot for the Whatcom Community College.

Walk on city sidewalks, wooded trails, through residential neighborhoods, a new city park, and the campus of Whatcom Community College.

**Directions to Start:** Driving I-5 southbound take exit 258, Bakerview exit, left over I-5, left on Eliza Ave. pass Westerly Rd. then right into the parking lot of Whatcom Community College (Purple lot). Northbound I-5 take exit 256 B, left on Bellis Fair Pkwy, pass Target and left on Eliza Ave. Cross Bakerview, then turn right just past Westerly Rd. and into the parking (Purple) lot of Whatcom Community College.

**Host:** Tamara Belts, [sis98225@yahoo.com](mailto:sis98225@yahoo.com), 360-220-2111

**Dec 11:** Club Christmas gathering at the Burlington Bobs Burger and Brew, 5pm

### December 17: HOLIDAY LIGHTS WALK, E. Mt. Vernon

We will register by 3:45 pm and start at 4 pm from the Haggen Store on E. Division St. in Mount Vernon. The walk route will include as many areas in the east part of Mt. Vernon that have nice holiday displays as possible. You should probably bring a flashlight. Haggen has a pretty good deli and eating area so we could have supper there after the walk if you are interested.

**Directions to Start:** I-5 Exit 225 From South turn right, from North turn left, on Anderson Road, go straight through round-about, Anderson Road will curve and become Laventure Rd. Right on E Division St. Haggens will be on the left. Start box is a two-drawer wooden file cabinet.

**Host:** Joe Pepia. E-mail: [pepia46@comcast.net](mailto:pepia46@comcast.net). Phone: (360) 899-5311.



## **Friendship Walks for the first 3 months of 2018:**

(All walks will start at 10 am unless otherwise noted.)

January First: West Seattle walk,  
Emerald City Wanderers

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Bellingham, Interurban  
Trail

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bellingham, Cornwall  
Park

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Downtown Mount  
Vernon

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Bellingham, Cordata

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Bellingham,  
Interurban Trail (There is also a Rec.  
NW Expo on this date.)

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ferndale

March 11<sup>th</sup> – La Conner at 2 pm

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Traveling Stamp walk,  
location TBA

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Coupeville



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NWTT Club Gear: We are waiting for more orders to decrease costs; please email [mquick6465@gmail.com](mailto:mquick6465@gmail.com) if you'd like to order shirts or sweatshirts.

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Looking at a very swollen Nooksak River in Ferndale on Opt-Outside Friday.

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AVA: America's Walking Club: AVA.org  
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