



The Strider

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CRY FOR HELP ANSWERED!

Important position of Vice-President Trails filled

Good news! In our November Newsletter, we sent out a cry for help and discussed the possibility of having to cancel our regular events schedule and possibly the Year-Round Events for 2007 if someone didn't step up to take on some important positions.

We are happy to announce that Mr. Derrill Rothermich from El Paso volunteered to be the Vice-President Trails (Trailmaster). Derrill is a long time volksmarcher and has been attending our events for many years. Having just retired for good, he wanted to help out a sport that he has enjoyed over many years. He participated in the Sun Country Striders' first volksmarch and, with the exception of when his military assignments took him away, he has been at it ever since. Derrill was the founding president of the Fort Bliss Wind Walkers, a club at Fort Bliss, Texas, which has long since disbanded. As time goes on and you have a chance to meet Derrill, please welcome him to our club and thank him for his willingness to take on the Trailmaster position.

We still have the important positions of President and Member-at-Large vacant, but with Derrill's help, we should be able to struggle through. We still solicit volunteers for these positions. Our By-Laws as currently written do not specify that the Vice-President automatically move into the vacant President position, something that should be addressed at our next General Membership meeting in May.

Your board has discussed many things recommended by club members Jim and Debbie Ivey and plan on implementing many of them as time goes on. One suggestion involved looking at new trails to keep people interested in seeing new places. And, to that end, Derrill and the rest of your board solicit your ideas for new trails that would be interesting and enjoyable for participants. You should consider an adequate Start-Finish point and trails that are not extremely difficult and do not cross or go along high traffic roads/streets. Turn your imagination loose and contact Derrill or any of the board members with your suggestions. ■

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

If you are currently a member of the Sun Country Striders and haven't renewed your membership for 2007, a renewal letter is included with this Newsletter. We ask that you use the letter to renew your membership as soon as possible. We need your support as a member, as well as, your volunteer efforts to help perform the functions we must do in order to put on our events.

Also, included with this Newsletter is a club information brochure, which gives some information about us and the world wide volkssport program, and has a membership application form. If you are already a member, please pass this brochure on to a friend



Derrill Rothermich, our new Trailmaster, walking at one of our previous walks

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who might be interested in our walking program and/or becoming a member. If you aren't already a club member, we invite you to seriously consider becoming a club member and helping to support our enjoyable, walking program by filling out and mailing the membership application. We would welcome you as a new or returning member. ■

Sun Country Striders' 2007 Schedule

Our 2007 schedule below needs all your support by participation and/or volunteering to assist with various tasks necessary to put these events on. We look forward to seeing each of you at these events and hopefully working with you to expand and grow our sport.

Feb 10 & 11, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Peppers Supermarket, Deming, New Mexico - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Mar 10 & 11, 8:00 - 11:00 AM ... Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn - Hosted Year-Round Walk.

Apr 14 & 15, 8:00 - 4:00 PM ... East Picacho Elementary School, Las Cruces, New Mexico walk.

May 5 & 6, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Zia Middle School, Las Cruces, New Mexico walk.

June - August, HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

Sep 15 & 16, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Alameda Elementary School, Las Cruces, NM walk.

Oct 13 & 14, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... La Llorona Park River Walk, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Nov 10 & 11, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ... Walk at the Nutcracker Suite in Anthony, New Mexico.

Dec 22, 5:00 PM ... Christmas Lights Guided Night Walk (5:30 - 8:00 PM), Trails West Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla, New Mexico.

OTHER CLUBS & WALKS

We have sister clubs in both Albuquerque, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas who sponsor Year-Round walks and schedule group walks of some of these events throughout the year.

Some of these walk schedules are listed below for **The Double Eagle Hike and Bike Club** in Albuquerque;

Sat, 17 Feb 10 am: UNM
Sun, 25 Feb 1pm: Foothills
Sat, 17 Mar 10 am: Nob Hill
Sun, 25 Mar 1 pm: St John's in SF
Sat, 14 Apr 8 am: South Rio Walk
Sat, 28 Apr 8 am: Mile High Meander

For interpatation of what the event name is and directions to the Start-Finish point go to <http://members.aol.com/abqdoubleeagles/> or contact:

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For the **Amigo Amblers** in El Paso, their group walks for 2007 are listed below:

February 24, UTEP walk at 9:00 AM
March 24, Fort Bliss walk at 9:00 AM
April 28, Rio Grande walk at 9:00 AM
May 19, UTEP walk at 9:00 AM
June 9, Fort Bliss walk at 9:00 AM
None scheduled for the summer months.
September 29, Rio Grande walk at 9:00 AM
October 27, UTEP walk at 9:00 AM
December 8, Fort Bliss at 9:00 AM

For detailed information on these group walks, see URL <http://www.zianet.com/dpiland/AmigoAmblers/> or contact:

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