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DATES...DATES...DATES

The Australian Ultra calendar has been hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic, but a few races are taking place in the States less effected by the virus. As always, check the AURA calendar (<http://aura.asn.au/>) for the latest news.

Locally, Justin and Sharon Scholz have had to cancel the 2020 Ned Kelly Chase, which was to be held in Wangaratta, in country Victoria, on Sunday 25th October. The worsening COVID situation in Victoria forced the decision for them. I also note that the Adelaide 6 Day Race has just been cancelled as well. A shame there as it has been gaining momentum as an event.

Oct 25 (Sun), 2020	Ned Kelly Chase (50km and 100km), Wangaratta, VIC	CANCELLED
Sep 27 – Oct 3, 2020	Adelaide 6 Day Run, Adelaide, SA	CANCELLED

On a happier note, the iconic Coast to Kosci ultra is back on the table, after a 2year absence. Here are some of the details which were released on the coast2kosci facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/coast2kosci>) a couple of weeks ago.

The 240km race is invitation only and is limited to 50 of the best ultra-marathon runners in the country. The race starts on the beach at Eden, NSW and finishes 240km later at Charlotte Pass after the runners have summited Mount Kosciuszko, Australia's highest peak. Coast To Kosciuszko will be held in its traditional timeslot of the first weekend in December, commencing 5:30am Friday 4 December, with the cut-off time of 3:30am Sunday 6 December. It will be the 12th time the iconic ultramarathon has been held. Coast To Kosciuszko, the most challenging ultramarathon in Australia was last held in 2017. Entries open 3 August via the website which will be updated soon.

Dec 6 (Sun), 2020	Coast to Kosci 240km ultra	NSW
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You should reference Kathy Crilley's *Centurions Worldwide Community* fixture page for the latest on the international front - <http://www.centurionsworldwide.org.uk/race-fixtures.html>.

First to the known cancellations that will effect ultra walkers. Sadly, the USA Centurion Qualifier in Owego has had to be postponed until 2021. See Erin's and Dave's explanation at See <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/15288/not-just-a-walk-in-the-park-v30>.

Aug 29-30, 2020	Wadelincourt 24H, Wadelincourt, BEL	CANCELLED
Aug 29-30, 2020	FANS 24 hours race, Lake Snelling State Park, Minnesota, USA	CANCELLED
Sep 19-20, 2020	Nijmegen-Rotterdam 160 km, Nijmegen, NED	CANCELLED
Sept 26-27, 2020	2020 USA Centurion Qualifier , Owego, NY, USA	POSTPONED TILL 2021

Los of ultras are still hoping to go ahead on their gazetted dates, but possibly with restrictions. For instance, the Isle of Man End to End Walk is still on, but any non-islanders who wish to compete must isolate for 2 weeks upon arrival, so it is likely to be just a local event this year. The same is likely to be true for the New Zealand Centurions Qualifier, as the NZ borders remain closed.

Sep 19-20, 2020	28 Heures de Roubaix, Roubaix, FRA (conditions will apply)	Roubaix, FRA
Sept 20 (Sun), 2020	Bakery End to End Walk (39 Miles)	Isle of Man
Sept 24-30, 2020	EMU 6 Day Run, Balatonfured (HUN) – moved from May	Balatonfured (HUN)
Oct 31- Nov 1, 2020	French 24H Walk Championships, Chateau Thierry	Chateau Thierry, FRA
Nov 14-15, 2020	2020 NZ Centurions Qualifier - Sri Chinmoy NZ 24H	Auckland, NZ
Nov 29, 2020	8 Heures d'Etampes-sur-Marne	Etampes-sur-M., FRA

IAU WEBSITE RE-LAUNCH

Well done to the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) on the launch of their new revamped website. The web address is still the same (<https://iau-ultramarathon.org/>) but it's a new look for the world body.

It's been a tough year for the IAU, with all 4 of its major championships eventually cancelled, one after another.

18-Jul-2020	IAU 24H Asia and Oceania Championships, Bengaluru, India	CANCELLED
12-Sep-2020	IAU 100km World Championships, Winschoten, Netherlands	CANCELLED
19-Sep-2020	IAU 24H European Championships, Verona, Italy	CANCELLED
27-Nov-2020	IAU 50km World Championships, Aqaba, Jordan	CANCELLED

Fingers crossed that the coast will look clearer in 2021, when the following major championships are scheduled

22-May-2021	IAU 24H World Championships, Timisoar, Romania
20-Jul-2021	IAU 100km Asia and Oceania Championships, Bengaluru, India
31-Oct 2021	IAU 50km World Championships, Taipei, Taiwan

Of course, we have no governing body in our world of ultra walking. We are a loosely bound group, united in our desire to promote long distance walking, but with each organisation or chapter operating independantly.

OUT AND ABOUT

I published a photo of our Nigerian born Australian centurion **Charles Arosanyin (C46)** in the last newsletter. Charles has forwarded a bit of info about his current activities.

Charles is currently living in Bochum, Germany, and works as a soccer trainer with F. C. Schalke 04, one of the teams in the German Professional Football League (the 04 refers to the fact that it was founded in 1904). Charles picked up the job after graduating with a Certificate in Sports psychology in Köln, and is currently studying for his German Soccer Fitness Coach A License at the Deutsche Fitness Akademie.

Charles tells me he is also discussing with the Bochum District Council the possibility of staging a DEUTSCHLAND CENTURION Walk in August 2021. Wouldn't that be exciting! We will stay tuned for any developments on that front.



Charles in his role as trainer with F. C. Schalke 04 in Germany



6 JOURS DE FRANCE, PRIVAS, FRANCE, 16-22 AUGUST

The annual French 6 Day Championships have just finished in Privas, with 6 Days, 48 Hour and 24 Hour divisions for both walkers and runners. Of course, the 6 Day event was the main one, with a very strong field of 35 runners and 9 walkers. Full results for all events are to be found at <https://www.6jours-de-france.fr/resultats/>.

In the 6 Day walk, **Dominique Delange** headed out confidently and led for the first 3 days, his lead at that stage an impressive 15km. However, he faltered on Day 4, allowing **Christophe Biet** and **Claudie Bizard** to overtake him. The three of them were well clear of the remaining walkers and finished in that order – Biet first with 600.877km, Bizard second with 585.933km and Delange third with 511.548km. Biet finished the strongest, covering 100km in the final day. Claudie Bizard also kept it all together excellently, passing 500km in 121:31:20 and walking 96km on the last day.

Emmanuel Tardi notes that **Bertrand de Marcillac** was born on 22nd July 1939, meaning he is currently 81 years old. However, his distance of 390.264km was short of the M80 World Best of 431km, held by our own Stan Miskin (C23).



Claudie Bizard in action in Privas (photo from Emmanuel Tardi)

6 Days Walk

1. BIET, Christophe	M	FRA	137.139	224.237	316.043	411.380	500.832	600.877	143:49:24
2. BIZARD, Claudie	F	FRA	111.602	208.116	305.807	399.967	491.773	585.933	143:58:13
3. DELANGE, Dominique	M	FRA	140.793	236.130	331.467	387.963	447.990	511.548	143:58:52
4. MACCARI, Patrick	M	FRA	95.446	180.190	250.810	322.607	393.227	421.475	143:51:51
5. SALOMEZ, Bénédicte	F	FRA	85.175	154.618	225.238	294.681	355.885	407.673	143:47:12
6. DE MARCILLAC, Bertrand	M	FRA	85.421	148.979	212.537	270.210	333.768	390.264	143:37:45
7. HAUSSMAN, Martina	F	GER	84.408	146.789	210.347	266.843	323.339	386.897	143:45:45
8. LE MANER, Serge	M	FRA	107.058	190.625	273.015	350.697	367.175	367.175	100:56:05
9. POISSANT, Nicolas	M	FRA	84.607	134.040	183.475	183.475	196.422	209.369	143:59:51

There were 3 walkers in the 48 Hour race (along with 19 runners) and 5 walkers in the 24 Hour race (along with 13 runners), making for a combined carnival size of 86 competitors. Now that is impressive for these Covid times.

48 Hour (Walkers)

3. TINTIN, Ronald	M	FRA	249.061 km	47:49:00
6. POTHET, Didier	M	FRA	204.355 km	47:54:09
13. ECHE, Dominique	M	FRA	160.825 km	47:37:13

24 Hour (Walkers)

5. CAIN, Marie	F	FRA	152.589 km	23:59:48
11. BLONDE, Daniel	M	FRA	126.707 km	23:57:44
12. PANNIER, Josy	F	FRA	116.119 km	23:49:47
13. GONCALVES, Deborah	F	FRA	105.530 km	23:13:42
18. BROT, Daniel	M	SWI	27.883 km	4:15:52

WORLD 100KM PERFORMANCES

Emmanuel Tardi recently posted this photo of French walker **Jean-Pierre Garcia** in the process of setting a new 100km Track World Record time of 9:33:06.0 in St Denis, France, on 16th March 1975.



That record was bettered a year later, on 28th March 1976, in Saint Maur by French walker **Roger Quemener**, with a time of 9:23:58. Then 11 years later, on 19th April 1987, French walker **Frédéric Marie** set the current world record of 9:16:32.2 in Etrechy. That got me thinking it was time to get an up to date ranking list. And who better to ask than our go-to-man Emmanuel Tardi. And he was up to the task, forwarding to me his latest 100km rankings lists for both men and women. I have uploaded them to our website as per the following links

100km Men: <http://www.centurions.org.au/documents/2020%20World%20Ranking%20100km%20Men.pdf>

100km Women: <http://www.centurions.org.au/documents/2020%20World%20Ranking%20100km%20Women.pdf>

Here are brief extracts from each ranking list, just showing the best time for each of the walkers. Belarussian walker **Viktor Ginko** heads the men's list with an astonishing 8:38:07. But perhaps not quite so astonishing when you consider he was a dual Olympian (1996 and 2000), with a 50km PB of 3:42:20. I would refer readers to a superb bio/interview with Ginko on site <https://klbviktoria.com/news/1-05-2010-1.html>. It is in Russian so you will need to be viewing in Google Chrome, then right click with the mouse and choose 'Translate to English'.



Victor Ginko (right) leads alongside 50km world record holder Johann Diniz of France-Spain

100km Walk World Rankings Men

1.	8h38.07	Viktor GINKO	BIE	071265	SCANZOROSCIATE	27.10.2002
2.	8h48.28	Modris LIEPINS	LIT	030866	SCANZOROSCIATE	28.10.2001
3.	8h50.21	Bertrand MOULINET	FRA	060187	ST THIBAUT DES	05.10.2013
4.	8h54.35	Aleksey RODIONOV	RUS	050357	SCANZOROSCIATE	15.11.1998
5.	8h55.12	Pascal KIEFFER	FRA	060561	BESANCON	18.10.1992
6.	8h55.40	Vitaliy POPOVICH	UKR	221062	SCANZOROSCIATE	31.10.1999
7.	8h58.47	Zoltan CZUKOR	HON	181262	SCANZOROSCIATE	27.10.2002
8.	8h58.12	Gérard LELIEVRE	FRA	131149	LAVAL	09.10.1984
9.	9h01.29	Sten REICHEL	ALL	160575	SCANZOROSCIATE	29.10.2000
10.	9h02.00	Peter TICHY	SVK	120369	SCANZOROSCIATE	27.10.2002
11.	9h04.27	Denis FRANKE	ALL	171169	SCANZOROSCIATE	15.11.1998
12.	9h07.00	Zbigniew KLAPA	POL	160752	CHAPELLE	22.10.1983
13.	9h09.08	Sergey CHERNOV	BLR	120679	SCANZOROSCIATE	19.10.2003
14.	9h11.51	Andrei STEPANCHUCK	BIE	120679	SCANZOROSCIATE	21.10.2007
15.	9h12.15	Sergey LUKYANOV	RUS	270456	LENINGRAD	01.09.1988
16.	9h13.50	Aleksey SHELEST	UKR	270373	SCANZOROSCIATE	17.10.2004
17.	9h14.12	René PILLER	FRA	230465	OISSEL	09.10.1989
18.	9h14.37	Pascal TOURNOIS	FRA	271254	BESANCON	18.10.1992
19.	9h15.04	André TOUSSAINT	FRA	240452	DEMANGES	21.10.1990
20.	9h15.31	Wolf VARRIN	SUI	291057	RIVERA	29.10.1989
21.	9h15.58	Christoph HOHNE	RDA	120241	LUGANO	29.10.1967
22.	9h16.32.2	Frédéric MARIE	FRA	270661	ETRECHY	19.04.1987 Track
23.	9h17.58	Ugis BRUVELIS	LIT	280671	SCANZOROSCIATE	16.10.2005
24.	9h18.36	Adam URBANOWSKI	POL	241259	DEMANGES	21.10.1990
25.	9h19.02	Christian HALLOY	BEL	211044	TAMINES	01.10.1977
26.	9h21.04	Peter SELZER	ALL	250646	LUGANO	24.10.1971
27.	9h21.28	Jean-Claude CORRE	FRA	140961	TORCY	12.10.1986
28.	9h21.48	Fredrik SVENSSON	SUE	100973	SCANZOROSCIATE	15.10.2006
29.	9h23.03	Thierry NUTTIN	FRA	111062	PERPIGNAN	15.10.1995
30.	9h23.03	Fabrice HENRY	FRA	280666	BAR LE DUC	17.10.2004
31.	9h23.08	Jacky LAVAL	FRA	100352	LES MUREAUX	13.10.1985

32.	9h23.17	Robert TUBAK	HON	010379	SCANZOROSCIATE	28.10.2001
33.	9h23.58.6	Roger QUEMENER	FRA	170641	SAINT MAUR	28.03.1976 Track
34.	9h24.15	Aleksandr ROMANENKO	UKR	260681	SCANZOROSCIATE	21.10.2007
35.	9h25.21	François CHARCELLAY	FRA	170955	TORCY	12.10.1986
36.	9h25.40	Jean-Pierre VERNIER	FRA	140260	ROUFFACH	01.10.1989
37.	9h26.07	Patrice FAUBERT	FRA	050151	LES MUREAUX	13.10.1985
38.	9h26.24.5	Sergey LUKYANOV	RUS	270456	LENINGRAD	07.06.1989 Track
39.	9h27.03	Alain MOULINET	FRA	090852	MEHUN/YEVRE	01.10.1976
40.	9h28.06	Vladimir BOIDATCHENKO	RUS	031055	PERPIGNAN	15.10.1995

The women's list is lead by Latvian racewalker **Jolanta Dukure**, another highly credentialled international walker who was second in the 1998 IAAF World Junior Championships 10,000m walk and who went on to represent her country in two Olympic Games (2000 and 2008). She holds the Latvian records for all racewalking distances from 5000m to 50km (4:16:27). Her 100km time of 10:04:50 is pretty impressive! The women's Track World Record is held by the mighty **Sandra Brown**, her time of 11:17:42 set in Etrechy on 27th October 1990. And our top three Australian women, **Michelle Thompson** (16th), **Sharon Scholz** (21st) and **Carol Baird** (31st) are also in the list.



20km racewalk in La Coruna in Portugal - Jolanta Dukure (centre) fights for the lead with Maria Jose Poves of Spain and Kristina Saltanovic of Lithuania

100km Walk World Rankings Women

1.	10h04.50	Jolanta DUKURE	LET	200979	SCANZOROSCIATE	21.10.2007
2.	10h13.56	Kora BOUFFLERT	FRA	230466	ROUBAIX	09.10.1994
3.	10h20.17	Ludmilla LUBOMIROVA	RUS	131162	PERPIGNAN	15.10.1995
4.	10h23.47	Anita LIEPINA	LET	171167	SCANZOROSCIATE	19.10.2003
5.	10h45.56	Sandra BROWN	GB	010449	ROUBAIX	15.09.1990
6.	10h54.19	Valentina SETROVA	BLR	191271	SCANZOROSCIATE	19.10.2003
7.	10h57.50	Annie VAN DE MEER	PB	240247	ROUEN	11.05.1986
8.	11h11.36	Lyudmila DOLGOPOLOVA	BLR	110869	SCANZOROSCIATE	17.10.2004
9.	11h16.32	Evguenia GUTTIERREZ	FRA	021269	PETIT-QUEVILLY	12.10.1997
10.	11h18.13	Josiane PETRUS	FRA	030161	PONT L'EVEQUE	21.08.1982
11.	11h19	Edith COUHE	FRA	230446	ROUEN	10.05.1986
12.	11h25...	Josiane PANNIER	FRA	241250	GRAVIGNY ?	
13.	11h30.28	Jo Ann NEDELCO	USA	43	HOUSTON	20.12.1987
14.	11h34.35	Ludmilla AMIROVA	RUS	69	TORCY	26.02.2000
15.	11h35.15	Isabelle DUCHENE	FRA	310165	CHATEAU-THIERRY	01.05.1993
16.	11h36.29	Michelle THOMPSON	AUS	121268	COBURG	17.04.2016
17.	11h40.07	Aaf DE RIJK	PB	201053	HAMM	18.10.1981
18.	11h46.15	Joelle LEFILLEUL	FRA	120962	LAGNY	13.03.1993
19.	11h48.32	Karen CHIARELLO	GB	65	DOUGLAS	18.08.2018

20.	11h52	Jacqueline BONNET	FRA	141246	CHALONS	17.05.1986
21.	11h53.46	Sharon SCHOLZ	AUS	310776	SYDNEY	16.06.2013
22.	11h58.20	Beverly LAVECK	USA	220436	ARLINGTON	05.12.1983
23.	12h02.38	Sylviane VARIN	FRA	180652	BAR LE DUC	13.04.2008
24.	12h04.11	Maria BARANOVA	RUS	220381	ST PETERSBURG	10.10.1999
25.	12h05.25	Corinne FAUQUEUR DUDA	FRA	101264	WADELINCOURT	25.08.2012
26.	12h05.43	A-Marie MESMOUDI	FRA	280560	BAR LE DUC	13.04.2008
27.	12h08.34	Dominique ALVERNHE	FRA	240257	ROUBAIX	17.09.2011
28.	12h10.34	Francine LACHIA	FRA	070556	BOURGES	05.10.2002
29.	12h11.10	Delcina PAJOU	FRA	260144	BOURGES	05.10.1997
30.	12h15.13	Tatiana MASLOVA	RUS	230675	BOURGES	28.02.2015
31.	12h18.57	Carol BAIRD	AUS	150349	COBURG	14.04.2002
32.	12h23.09	Myriam NICOLAS	BEL	111163	GRAIDE	16.08.2008
33.	12h29.08	Erin TAYLOR	USA	210578	DOUGLAS	03.08.2013
34.	12h30.49	Maggy LABYLLE	FRA	060469	ROUBAIX	14.09.2013
35.	12h33.09	Nicoletta MIZERA	ITA	200964	BOURGES	26.02.2011
36.	12h33.25	Bernadette BRIZION	FRA	051150	ETRECHY	27.10.1990
37.	12h34.50	Deborah GEIMER	FRA	300480	BOURGES	01.03.2014
38.	12h35	Zofia TUROSZ	POL	270738	TORCY	05.04.1986
39.	12h35.08	Marilyne PLEE	FRA	051055	BOURGES	05.10.2002
40.	12h39.45	Svetlana BYTCHENKOVA	RUS	170276	ST PETERSBURG	07.06.1997

Michelle Thompson (C58) has six 100km performances under 12 hours, an impressive statistic.

11:36:29	Michelle THOMPSON	Melbourne, VIC	17/04/2016	
11:38:04	Michelle THOMPSON	Melbourne, VIC	19/04/2015	
11:43:11	Michelle THOMPSON	Melbourne, VIC	05/04/2014	
11:48:14	Michelle THOMPSON	Melbourne, VIC	05/10/2014	(ROAD)
11:51:22	Michelle THOMPSON	Canberra, ACT	19/02/2012	(ROAD)
11:53:10	Michelle THOMPSON	Canberra, ACT	17/02/2013	(ROAD)

THE 1955 LONDON TO BRIGHTON AND BACK WALK

I was recently pointed to a British Pathe newsreel of the 1955 Sunday Dispatch London To Brighton & Back Walking Race. A total distance of 104 miles, it was won by 39 year old **Hew Nielson**, one of the greatest of the English centurions. Check it out at <https://youtu.be/PBWWPa7Oero>. I was already familiar with the video and have previously written of Hew Nielson (<http://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wo-hew-nielson.pdf>), and thought that the video would provide a springboard to discuss one of the greatest of the London to Brighton and Back races.

With 92 entries and 79 starters, the 1955 edition was by far the largest field ever assembled for this classic race. Even more impressive was the fact that 47 of the 79 starters reached the 100 mile mark in under 24 hours. Of these 47, 31 were first timers, thus becoming new English Centurions (C229 - C259). 21 walkers retired from the race at that point but a valiant 26 continued on to the end, completing the full 104 miles.

The wonderful record of 18:05:32, set by Billy Baker, remained untouched, but Hew Nielson of Woodford Green produced a great performance to win with 18:26:27, the third best ever behind Tommy Hammond and Baker. Nielson was hard challenged by **Vic Stone** of Polytechnic Harriers. Nielson had built up a good lead of 17 minutes with 20 miles to go, but Stone finished the stronger and was slowly reducing the deficit mile by mile, eventually finishing only 6 minutes and 30 secs in arrears.

Further back in the field, **Archie Brown** of St. Dunstone & Poly. Harriers, accompanied by **Fred Duff**, battled along gamely to finish the full course and become the first blind centurion. Polytechnic Harriers did well to get 5 finishers in the 26 and they deservedly won the team race, with Essex Beagles second and Woodford third.

Here are the results of those 47 walkers who reached the 100 mile mark inside 24 hours.



The great Hew Nielson in action

1955 Sunday Dispatch London To Brighton & Back Walking Race – 100 Mile Mark

1.	H.D. Nielson	Woodfield Green A.C.	17:33:07	C145
2.	V.W. Stone	Polytechnic Harriers	17:45:20	C202
3.	J.O.J. Culver	Essex Beagles	18:31:55	C229
4.	J. Hayward	Enfield A.C.	19:06:20	C230
5.	J.H. Comber	Essex Beagles	19:26:55	C231
6.	L.S. Fairman	Polytechnic Harriers	19:31:33	C232
7.	Karl Abolins	RoyalSutton Coldfield	19:52:15	C233
8.	Tom Milner	Highgate Harriers	19:55:25	C234
9.	H.W. Shields	Belgrave Harriers	20:02:22	C235
10.	A.D. McSweeney	Highgate Harriers	20:04:31	C 94
11.	T.G. Sharlott	Leicester W.C.	20:12:53	C236
12.	V.G. Evans	Leicester W.C.	20:30:15	C158
13.	H.W. Shephard	Polytechnic Harriers	20:37:09	C237
14.	H. Johnson	Trowbridge A.C.	20:45:20	C238
15.	W.J. Morris	Queens Park H.	20:47:22	C186
16.	W.D. Symes	Queens Park H.	21:06:20	C216
17.	R. Andrews	Woodford Green A.C.	21:12:49	C124
18.	J.H. Hansen	Essex Beagles	21:14:15	C192
19.	T.H. Thomas	Newport Harriers	21:14:57	C239
20.	H. Stallard	Belgrave Harriers	21:17:15	C173
21.	H. Snook	Eastleigh A.C.	21:19:52	C190
22.	J.H. Palmer	Peterborough A.C.	21:29:41	C240
23.	D.H. Ashenden	Polytechnic Harriers	21:34:37	C241
24.	S. Shirley	Polytechnic Harriers	21:37:52	C242
25.	R.E. Strowger	Surrey Walking Club	21:38:25	C243
26.	W.G. Lawrence	Woodford Green A.C.	21:41:22	C244
27.	F.G. Wellstead	Surrey Walking Club	21:44:24	C245
28.	C.F. Hewitt	Leicester A.C.	21:44:32	C226
29.	H. Peel	Lozells Harriers	21:59:21	C196
30.	P. Wilson	Belgrave Harriers	21:53:55	C246
31.	S.J. Price	Lozells Harriers	21:59:21	C247
32.	A.H. Foster	Woodford Green A.C.	22:01:29	C248
33.	P.A. Jobson	Surrey Walking Club	22:02:44	C249
34.	J.R. Taylor	Queens Park	22:04:51	C250
35.	C. Whitfield	Lancashire W.C.	22:09:59	C251
36.	J.J. Grocott	St Dunstan's & Poly	22:11:53	C252
37.	G.A. Brown	St.Dunstan's	22:12:07	C253

38. Fred Duff	Highgate Harriers	22:12:07	C254
39. F. Pearce	Lancashire W.C.	22:29:50	C255
40. V. Murray	Lancashire W.C.	22:29:50	C256
41. F.J. Plumb	Brighton A.C.	22:44:24	C151
42. W.J. Lashmar	Brighton A.C.	22:51:25	C257
43. F. Kavanagh	Brighton A.C.	22:58:39	C198
44. H.H. Hartill	Lozells Harriers	23:16:10	C217
45. Frank Jarvis	Politie	23:25:22	C258
46. B. Butterworth	Lancashire W.C.	23:44:53	C259
47. W.F. Watson	Lozells Harriers	23:52:04	C146

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE LONDON TO BRIGHTON

USA ultra historian Davy Crockett has now published a number of very comprehensive and interesting articles about the history of the 100 mile event (I talked about Part 1 in my June newsletter).

[The 100-miler – Part 1 \(1737-1875\)](#)

[The 100-miler – Part 2 \(1874-1878\)](#)

[The 100-miler – Part 3 \(1879-1899\)](#)

[The 100-miler – Part 4 \(1900-1919\)](#)

[The 100-miler – Part 5 \(1902-1926\) England](#)

[The 100-miler – Part 6 \(1927-1934\) Arthur Newton](#)

[The 100-miler – Part 7 \(1930-1950\)](#)

While they are all great reading, Part 5 (<https://ultrarunninghistory.com/the-100-miler-5/>) is all about the London to Brighton and Back races put on by the Surrey Walking Club in the early 1900s, the establishment of the Centurions and the early history of London to Brighton in general. It is a ripping yarn and is a nice bookend to my London to Brighton And Back article above.

YEARNING FOR THE OLD DAYS OF THE END-TO-END CLASSICS

I was recently discussing the End-to-End Classic walks which used to be on offer around the world, but which are now all gone. We had lots in our Victorian racewalking fixture but we were eventually forced off the roads by the police and local councils. The same happened in England with their long distance walking classics.

The 1962 RWA book "The Sport Of Race Walking" lists the winners of the following ultra distance classics up to and including 1962. I've added a bit more info to note the event termination date, when known.

London to Brighton Open - 1886 until 1985, with a once off edition held in 1998.

London to Brighton Stock Exchange Walk - 1903 onwards - not sure when it stopped

The Bradford Walk (30-40 miles depending on the year) - 1903 onwards

The Croydon to Godstone and Back - 18 ½ miles - 1909 onwards.

See the 1920 edition at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZHZZWEuDBs>

Police A.A. Barking to Southend Walk - 32 ¼ miles - 1921 onwards

London to Brighton and Back - 1902, 1903, 1907, 1921, 1926, 1929, 1933, 1937, 1947, 1951, 1955, 1959 1963, 1967

Hastings to Brighton - 37 miles - 1930 onwards

Manchester to Blackpool - 50 miles - 1909 onwards until it was stopped in the mid nineties.

They were all still going when the book was published in 1962 but they all disappeared over the course of time. Hastings to Brighton was still going when I was there in 1980, as was the London to Brighton.

There were other point to point races held as Centurion qualifiers. These were not annual races but were held intermittently

Bath to London - 100 Miles - 1952, 1957

Birmingham to London - 103 ½ miles - 1953

Blackpool to Manchester and Back - 100 miles - 1954

Sheffield to Harrowgate and Back - 100 Miles - 1955

Leicester to Skegness - 100 miles - 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982

From 1984 onwards, the Leicester hundred was changed to a course at Congerstone and later to Hungarton. The iconic Leicester to Skegness was decommissioned after the 1982 race.

Ah, for the good old days!

TRANS AMERICA WALKING RECORDS

I talked in the last newsletter about Barbara Moore and her record breaking walk across America. Coincidentally, the WR-NW website has since published a progression list, showing how the Across-America walking records for men and women have been reduced over time (see <https://www.wr-nw.com/across-usa-world-records-progression.html>). Here's how the lists look

ACROSS USA WORLD RECORDS

Men	John Lees (England)	Los Angeles-New York, USA (4628 km) - 53 days, 12 hours 15 mins - 1972
Women	Barbara Moore (Great Britain)	San Francisco-New York, USA (5450 km) - 86 days - 1960

ACROSS USA WORLD RECORDS PROGRESSION

Men	Edward Payson Weston (USA)	New York-San Francisco, USA (6268 km) - 121 days - 1909
	Edward Payson Weston (USA)	Santa Monica-New York, USA (5632 km) - 90 days - 1910
	Jack Eldredge (USA)	Boston-San Francisco, USA (6437 km) - 97 days - 1910
	Paul Lange (USA)	Santa Monica-New York, USA (5471 km) - 76 days - 1910
	Erwin Erkfitz (USA)	Los Angeles-New York, USA (4828 km) - 67 days - 1958
	Patrick Moloney (USA)	San Francisco-New York, USA (4863 km) - 67 days - 1960
	Mervyn Evans (USA)	San Francisco-New York, USA (4863 km) - 67 days - 1960
	John Lees (England)	Los Angeles-New York, USA (4628 km) - 53 days, 12 hours 15 mins - 1972
Women	Helga Estby (USA)	Spokane County-New York, USA (5632 km) - 7 months - 1896
	Clara Estby (USA)	Spokane County-New York, USA (5632 km) - 7 months - 1896
	Barbara Moore (Great Britain)	San Francisco-New York, USA (5450 km) - 86 days - 1960

FINANCIAL UPDATE

A few bills have been paid since my last update, but all good. With nothing going on from a race perspective, our bank account is relatively stable.

Income	Bank Interest	0.00
Expenses	Racewalking Australia Annual Subs	65.00
	Website yearly hosting payment	84.00
	Department of Consumer Affairs Annual Payment	<u>59.20</u>
	Bank	Balance

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Another month ticked off and another newsletter completed. I am a little surprised that I have been able to keep to my schedule, given the lack of races this year.

We continue in a heavy covid lockdown in Melbourne and it's mid winter, with an antarctic blast battering us as I write. Well, it can only get better from here, hopefully!

Yours in Centurion walking

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