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DATES ... DATES ... DATES

We are now well into our 2022 calendar year, with lots of long distance walking events on the horizon. As always, check the AURA calendar for the latest Australian news (<http://aura.asn.au/>). All the centurion qualifiers, except for that of the African Centurions, are now in place. The African Centurions website and facebook page have not been updated for a couple of years and they seem to have gone to ground. Here are the upcoming dates I have captured.

Aug 20-21, 2022	English Centurions 100 Miles Qualifier See https://centurions1911.org.uk/next-events/100-miles/#prev	Middlesbrough, GBR
Aug 27-28, 2022	24 Heures de Wadelincourt	Wadelincourt, BEL
Sep 17-18, 2022	28 Heures de Roubaix	Roubaix, FRA
Oct 1-2, 2022	Inaugural Deutschland Centurion Walk See https://www.facebook.com/events/624831541966151	Bochum, GER
Oct 29-30, 2022	24 Heures de Dijon	Dijon, FRA
Nov, 2022	Sri Chinmoy NZ 24H Championship (date TBC) See https://nz.srichinmoyraces.org/races/auck/24hr	Auckland, NZ
Nov 27, 2022	NZ Centurions 100 Mile Qualifier 8 Heures d'Etampes-sur-Marne	Etampes-sur-Marne, FRA

OUT AND ABOUT

Sadly I report the death of **Ellwyn Miskin**, the wife of the late **Stan Miskin** (C 23). Ellwyn and Stan married in 1951, beginning a 63 year partnership that was only broken with Stan's passing in 2014. Ellwyn was a wonderful support for Stan in his walking and running career and blossomed late in life as an ultra walker, when she finally had the opportunity. She competed in our 2003 Centurions qualifier at Coburg, setting a new W70 6 Hour Walk record of 36.468km. She returned in 2004 to improve her 6 hour walk record to 38.311km. In 2005, she set a new W75 6 Hour Walk record of 38.793km and in 2006 she matched it with 38.756km. Ellwyn passed away on 12th June 2022, aged 92. We extend our sympathies to children Bruce, Linda, Neil and Jenny, and their extended families.



Ellwyn competing in the 2004 Coburg 6 Hour Walk

I was in Canberra earlier this month for the annual Lake Burley Griffin Racewalking Carnival, which saw **Peter Crump** (C 66) in action, representing his native South Australia. Peter competed in the 30km walk, coming 4th with a time of 3:21:06, then returning to compete in the 5km walk later in the day, coming 9th with a time of 31:07. Not a bad day's walk at all!



Peter Crump (C 66) in action in the 30km racewalk in Canberra earlier this month

While I was in Canberra, I caught up with one of our newest centurions, **Joffrid Mackett** (C 82) and presented him with his centurion badge and certificate. Joff is the 4th ACT walker to join our elite little club, following in the footsteps of **Robin Whyte** (C 29), **Carol Baird** (C 39) and **Pat Fisher** (C 53). I enjoyed catching up with Pat Fisher for dinner as well. It was a very social trip!



Tim presents Joff with his centurion badge and certificate in Canberra earlier this month

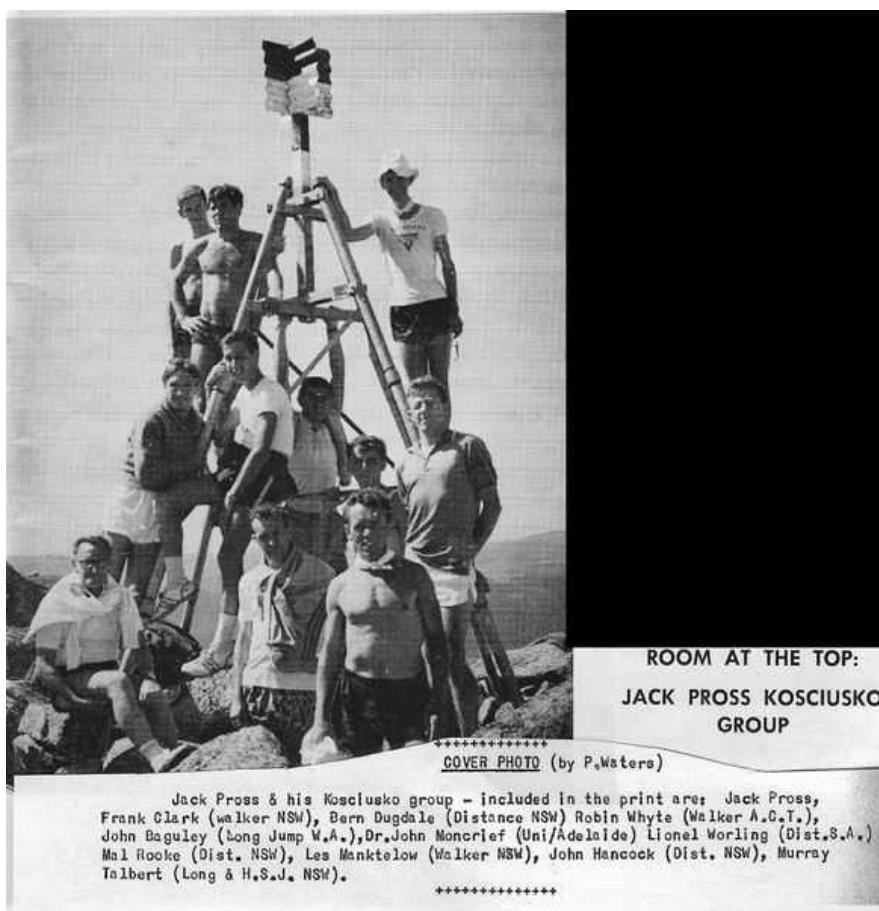
As an aside, I must play the proud father, as I also attended the National Press Club luncheon, where my son Paul was the guest speaker, discussing the finer points of our recent National Election. His 3 brothers all flew up from Melbourne and joined us for the occasion. You can check out Paul's speech at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipmWNC_3Dw0.

On a sadder note, I also attended the funeral of the late **Robin Whyte** (C 29) who had only recently passed. You can read about Robin on the next pages.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Australian racewalking legend **Robin Whyte** (C 29) on Saturday 28th May 2022, after a long battle with cancer. Robin was a well known and highly respected Australian racewalker, competing first for NSW, and then for the ACT, in a career that spanned some 60 years.

Robin was born 24th February 1942 in Geraldton, Western Australia. He left school at age 15, joining the Federal Public Service in Western Australia. In 1964, aged 22, he accepted a Federal Public Service position in Canberra, which was quickly growing as our Federal Capital.

He was one of many young and talented walkers to come to the fore in the early 1960s. The first racing reference I can find is his 7th place finish (in a time of 1:47:06) in the 1964 Olympic 20km Trial, held at Centennial Park in Sydney, in July of that year. From that point on, he was a regular finisher in the various State, Australian and AFORWC championships on offer.



My oldest photo of Robin, dating from 1965 (photo from Frank Clark). Robin is top left.

In his first few years in Canberra, he competed as a NSW athlete, but he quickly saw the need to develop racewalking in what was then a fledgling athletics environment in Canberra. In October 1966 he, Peter Waddell, Nigel Crew and Tony Andrews, created a new specialist racewalking club, ACTAWC, and successfully applied for Federation membership. From then on, although Robin still raced in the various NSW championships, his designation was always as an ACT walker.

By 1967, Robin's walking had improved to such an extent that he won his first medals - 2nd place in the 1967 Glover Shield 10km in Brisbane (49:52) and 3rd place in the NSW 50km Championship. 1967 also saw the inaugural Lake Burley Griffin 20 Mile walk, in which Robin came 4th (2:59:03), only losing his second place position in the final couple of miles.

A tall walker with a long raking stride, he found his niche in the longer distances. Over the next 8 years, he won either gold or silver in every NSW 50km championship and reduced his 50km PB to a very respectable 4:29:57.

1968 NSW 50km	1	Robin Whyte	5.01.56
1969 NSW 50km	1	Robin Whyte	4.43.00
1970 NSW 50km	2	Robin Whyte	4.44.08
1971 NSW 50km	2	Robin Whyte	4.28.55
1972 NSW 50km	2	Robin Whyte	4.53.14
1973 NSW 50km	1	Robin Whyte	4.34.57
1974 NSW 50km	1	Robin Whyte	
1975 NSW 50km	1	Robin Whyte	4.29.57



Robin, second from left, in a 1970 Australian Championship

The other event that he made his own was the annual LBG 20 Mile walk in Canberra. After his fourth place in 1967, he embarked on a streak that is unlikely to be matched on the Australian walking front. He started in every LBG 20 Miler from its inception in 1967 until his final start in 2018. Of the 52 starts, he failed to finish on only 5 occasions – a DNF in 1969 and DQs in 1982, 2005, 2016 and 2018. He medaled on two occasions: bronze in 1973 (2:46:13) and silver in 1975 (a PB 2:42:12) and he was a regular top 6 finisher for many years.



June 2016 marked the 50th anniversary of the first Lake Burley Griffin Carnival in Canberra. To mark the occasion, the camera captured three of the original 20Mile walkers: Robin, Harry Summers (VIC) and Bob Gardiner (VIC), along with Deanna Rahill (NSW) who had competed in the inaugural women's 2 Mile walk

By the early 1970s, he was amongst our best walkers. He took silver in the 1972 Glover Shield 10km in Brisbane (48:36), bronze in the 1973 Alexander Cup 20km in Sydney (1:39:12) and bronze in the 1975 Alexander Cup 20km in Melbourne (1:37:35).

1973 saw him win his first Australian Championship, the 50km in Brisbane. Walking on a very tough and hilly course that was anything up to a mile overdistance, his winning time of 4:52:18 did not really reflect the quality of his walk.

He contested the Commonwealth Games and Olympic racewalking trials when they came along, and he was usually in the top 4 or 5, but never quite high enough or fast enough to earn a berth in any Australian team. A typical example was the 20 Mile walk trial for the 1974 Commonwealth Games, held in Canberra in September 1973, The first 4 places read as follows

Commonwealth Games Trial, Canberra, Saturday 22 Sept 1973

1.	Peter Fullager	SA	2:37:09
2.	Ian Hodgkinson	WA	2:39:04
3.	Ross Haywood	VIC	2:43:00
4.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:45:36

Peter Fullager, Ian Hodgkinson and Ross Haywood were all selected for the 1974 Commonwealth Games, but it was Robin who would have been next in line.

His next opportunity would be the 1976 Olympics and he started to string some good performances together. A 5 minute PB and 2nd place finish in the 1975 LBG 20 Miler (2:42:12), a gold medal and another 5 minute PB in the 1975 NSW 50km championship (4:29.57), a big PB in the 1976 Australian 3000m Track Walk Championship (13:10.2) and a silver in the 1976 Glover Shield 10km (a PB 47:59.8) indicated that he had stepped up to a new level.

He was second to Ross Haywood in the 1976 Olympic 20km Trial, held in Melbourne in April of that year, but his finishing time of 1:38:11 was not deemed to be fast enough and Ross was our only 1976 Olympic walk rep

There was one further chance of an international vest that year, as the IAAF was hosting its own replacement 50km world championship, in lieu of the Olympic 50km walk which had been removed. No trial would be held - selections would be at the selectors' discretion. Willi Sawall (4:12:20.6) and Tim Erickson (4:20:41.5) were well ahead of the opposition, while Robin had the next best 50km time (4:29:59.2), done in winning the NSW 50km Championship the previous year.

Finally, Robin's many years of hard work were rewarded and he was selected as part of a 3 man team, alongside Willi and me, to represent Australia at the IAAF 50km World Championship in Malmö, Sweden. There he finished a creditable 29th, his time of 4:30:08 only a few seconds outside his PB. For each of us, it was our first international vest and was a wonderful trip that left lasting memories.

Robin continued to race nationally after this, and he medaled in further NSW 50km championships (1st in 1977 and 2nd in 1978), as well as walking in the annual LBG 20 Miler, but his time at the top had come to an end, as younger and faster walkers appeared on the scene.



Robin (far left) competing in the 1978 Commonwealth Games 30km walk trial at Fishermans Bend in Melbourne

Although he remained a regular member of ACT walking teams at the various national championships, he now turned his attention to administration, taking on the role of chief organiser for the LBG Carnival. Under his leadership, the event grew into Australia's premier racewalking carnival, with total entries around the 300 mark throughout the nineties and early 2000's. He would don the ACTRWC vest and race the 20 miler, then oversee the administration of the carnival for the rest of the day, then rush into the evening presentations clutching the results sheets and ready to oversee that final important part of the weekend's activities.

He was awarded life membership of Racewalking Australia in 2001 and, at the time of his passing, was still serving the Federation in the role of Patron.

His introduction to the world of long distance walking was in 1978 when the annual Australian Centurions qualifying event was held in Gosford in NSW. On that occasion, Robin walked the first half with John Smith (who was successful and became C16) and was well on schedule for a successful finish until he withdrew for an hour's rest in the early hours of the Sunday morning - he had completed 110.96km in 13:39:44. He did not return to the track and thus missed his window of opportunity. It would be 18 years until he tried again, this time successfully.

His next attempt was in October 1996 when the George Knott Athletics Track in Clifton Hill, Melbourne, was chosen for the annual Australian Centurions qualifying event. Robin started at a brisk pace (2:45 per lap) which he maintained until the 50 mile mark, walked in continuous rain. At 90km he took his only break for the entire race - a 5 minute rest to change into dry clothes. Then he was off again, maintaining a pace of between 3:00 and 3:30 for the remainder of the race. He was determined not to stop, remembering what had happened the previous time in Gosford. There was never any real likelihood of him retiring and it was a very pleased walker who crossed the line just after 10:30 AM on the Sunday morning. His feet were a mess, with bloodied shoes, and he had to be helped from the track - but this was a small price to pay and only a temporary inconvenience when compared with the great achievement of walking 100 miles inside 24 hours. With his walk, he became Australian Centurion number 29 in a time of **20:37:12**. Just over 3 hours later, Merv Lockyer also finished to become Australian Centurion number 30.



Robin completes 100 miles in Melbourne in 1996 in pouring rain

Three years later, in September 1999, he fronted for the annual Australian Centurions qualifying walk, this time at the Coburg Athletics Track in Melbourne. This was our best ever Centurion finish with 7 qualifiers, 5 of them new. Robin was the fourth of the group to finish with a time of **21:34:48**.



*1999 - Robin is one of 7 centurion finishers
Back: Herbert Neubacher, Gerrit de Jong, Gerald Manderson
Front: Jill Green, Robin, Carol Baird and Sandra Brown*

Four months later, in January 2000, he was back in action in the annual Coastal Classic 12 Hour Event in Gosford. Showing wonderful form, he won with a new event record of **98.12 km**. This time stood for many years as the Gosford Coastal Classic record and lasted for 11 years as the M55 Australian 12 Hour Record until finally bettered.

In September 2000, he snared his third Australian Centurion finish at the annual qualifying event at Coburg. Aged 58, he strolled through the 100 miles in a time of **22:29:32**.

From then on, he restricted his endeavours to 12 Hour and 6 Hour walks. The Coastal Classic was obviously his favourite event as he competed in it every January until 2007, nearly always finishing in the first 3 and consistently walking around or above 90 km.

He made a welcome return in the 2005 Australian Centurion 24 Hour event at Coburg, taking second place in the inaugural Australian 100km championship with a time of **13:57:09**.

A couple of years later, in August 2007, he entered the 12 Hour event at the Australian 48 Hour Championships carnival on the Gold Coast, Queensland. Not really expecting anything special given his current level of training, he surprised even himself with his performance, passing the 50 Mile mark in 10:53:50 and covering a final 12 Hour distance of 88.301 km to set two new M65 Australian records. His long stride was perfect for the long distances and he covered the miles quickly and seemingly without undue effort.

Robin's appearances in the long distance events were now less frequent as his other activities take precedence, but he did make the occasional foray onto the track, usually to set some new age group record or another. His last major long distance walk was in the 2017 Australian Centurions qualifier in Melbourne, when he set three M75 records: 6 Hours (49.406km), 50 Miles (10:55:16) and 12 Hours (85.997km). They will take some beating!

He loved to compete, and he was in attendance at every ACTRWC club race. My stats indicate he toed the start line in 40 races in 2017, in 37 races in 2018 and in 33 races in 2019.



*Left: August 2007 - Robin sets new M65 records in Queensland
Right: April 2017 – Robin sets new M75 records at Coburg*

Sadly, this was to come to an end in 2019, when Robin was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. A long and complex operation was followed by many months of chemotherapy. But Robin was never one to shirk from a challenge and he faced the uncertain prognosis with quiet strength and grace.

He finally lost his battle in the early hours of Saturday 28th May 2022, aged 80 years.

We have lost one of our most well known and highly respected walkers and walk administrators. His quiet demeanour and personal charm endeared him to us all and we will all miss him, especially come the annual LBG Carnival.

Rest easy, old mate.

PARIS-ALSACE CLASSIC, ACROSS FRANCE, JUNE 1-5, 2022

Emmanuel Tardi reports on the latest edition of what is arguably the most prestigious ultra walking competitions in the world. Starting out as the Strasbourg-Paris, then Paris-Strasbourg, it has had a number of incarnations since 1981 when it became Paris-Colmar, then Paris-Ribeauville in 2015. In early June the 2022 Paris-Alsace ultra racewalking stage event was held, with 3 races on offer:

La Mythique – 402,5km	1 st Stage	31/05/2022	Disneyland 15km
	2 nd Stage	01/06/2022	Château-Thierry – Vitry-le-François 212,6km
	3 rd Stage	03/06/2022	Neufchateau – Epinal 114,4km
	4 th Stage	04/06/2022	Plainfaing – Kaysersberg 60,5km
La Vosgène – 312,8km	1 st Stage	31/05/2022	Disneyland 15km
	2 nd Stage	01/06/2022	Château-Thierry – Vitry-le-François 178,9km
	3 rd Stage	03/06/2022	Gironcourt – Epinal 58,4km
	4 th Stage	04/06/2022	Plainfaing – Kaysersberg 60,5km
La Castèle – 225,5km	1 st Stage	31/05/2022	Disneyland 15km
	2 nd Stage	01/06/2022	Château-Thierry – Château-Thierry 34,8km
	3 rd Stage	02/06/2022	Chalons-en-Champagne – Vitry-le-François 56,8km
	4 th Stage	03/06/2022	Gironcourt – Epinal 58,4km
	5 th Stage	04/06/2022	Plainfaing – Kaysersberg 60,5km

Let's take them one at a time.

La Mythique (402.5km)

The main event (La Mythique), saw a close tussle over the first 3 days between 2021 winner **Florian Letourneau** and challenger **Maxime Laneau**. Laneau had won the short first stage of 15km in Disneyland France, but Letourneau had edged ahead on stage 2, contested over a massive 212.6km. Laneau took the lead back during stage 3 and held it until 20km to go. The effort was too much and he lost 25 minutes in the final part of the 114.4km stage to Epinal. The fourth 60.5km stage to Kayserberg saw walkers challenging themselves against the legendary Col du Bonhomme, and Laneau lost another hour to Letourneau. It was an exciting race but one that saw Letourneau repeat his victory of 2021. **Sylvie Maison** was the lone woman in the field and she also completed the full 402.5km in a great performance.



Florian Letourneau, Maxime Laneau and Sylvie Maison in action in La Mythique

1st Stage: 31/05/2022 Disneyland 15km

1.	LANEAU Maxime	1h 32mn 53s	9.69 km/h
2.	LETOURNEAU Florian	1h 34mn 21s	9.54 km/h
3.	HENRY Fabrice	1h 34mn 31s	9.52 km/h
4.	OLIVARES Mathieu	1h 40mn 46s	8.93 km/h
5.	MAISON Sylvie	1h 47mn 55s	8.34 km/h

2nd Stage: 01/06/2022 Château-Thierry – Vitry-le-François 212,6km

1.	LETOURNEAU Florian	28h 44mn 45s
2.	LANEAU Maxime	28h 50mn 58s
3.	MAISON Sylvie	30h 36mn 00s

4.	OLIVARES Mathieu	31h 06mn 00s
	HENRY Fabrice	DNF (49,8km)

3rd Stage: 03/06/2022 Neufchateau – Epinal 114,4km

1.	LETOURNEAU Florian	14h 13mn 26s
2.	LANEAU Maxime	14h 33mn 52s
3.	OLIVARES Mathieu	17h 28mn 35s
4.	MAISON Sylvie	18h 27mn 58s

4th Stage: 04/06/2022 Plainfaing – Kaisersberg 60,5km

1.	LETOURNEAU Florian	8h 13mn 05s
2.	OLIVARES Mathieu	8h 51mn 59s
3.	MAISON Sylvie	9h 24mn 56s
4.	LANEAU Maxime	9h 30mn 24s

Final Placings: 402,5km

1.	LETOURNEAU Florian	402.5 km	52h 45mn 37s	7.63 km/h
2.	LANEAU Maxime	402.5 km	54h 28mn 07s	7.39 km/h
3.	OLIVARES Mathieu	402.5 km	59h 07mn 20s	6.81 km/h
4.	MAISON Sylvie	402.5 km	60h 39mn 40s	6.64 km/h
5.	HENRY Fabrice	49.8km	5h 30mn 32s	9.04 km/h

La Vosgène (312.8km)

Two men and two women contested La Vosgène, with **Gildas Gros** leading all the way to a comfortable victory, walking the 312.8km in a time of 43:02:55, ahead of **Johan Balland** and **Veronique Bessot**.



Gildas Gros and Veronique Bessot in action in La Vosgène (photos Emmanuel Tardi)

1st Stage: 31/05/2022 Disneyland 15km

1.	GROS Gildas	1h 37mn 14s	9.26 km/h
2.	BESSOT Veronique	1h 40mn 27s	8.96 km/h
3.	BIZARD-PLANCHOT Emilie	1h 41mn 17s	8.89 km/h
4.	BALLAND Johann	1h 44mn 52s	8.58 km/h

2nd Stage: 01/06/2022 Château-Thierry – Vitry-le-François 178,9km

1.	GROS Gildas	23h 16mn 18s
2.	BALLAND Johann	23h 37mn 37s
3.	BESSOT Veronique	25h 42mn 08s
	BIZARD-PLANCHOT Emilie	DNF (137,1km)

3rd Stage: 03/06/2022 Gironcourt – Epinal 58,4km

1.	GROS Gildas	9h 26mn 31s
2.	BALLAND Johann	9h 35mn 45s
3.	BESSOT Veronique	10h 01mn 30s

4th Stage: 04/06/2022 Plainfaing – Kayzersberg 60,5km

1.	BESSOT Veronique	8h 24mn 44s
2.	GROS Gildas	8h 43mn 02s
3.	BALLAND Johann	8h 47mn 55s

Final Placings: 312,8km

1.	GROS Gildas	312.8km	43h 02mn 55s	7.27 km/h
2.	BALLAND Johann	312.8km	43h 46mn 05s	7.15 km/h
3.	BESSOT Veronique	312.8km	45h 37mn 13s	6.86 km/h
4.	BIZARD-PLANCHOT Emilie	137,1km	20h 31mn 17s	6.68 km/h

La Castèle (225.5km)

La Castèle saw the biggest field of 10 walkers and it was **Christophe Erard** who lead them out on the common first stage of 15km, being the first overall to finish, ahead of all the walkers doing the longer events. From then on, he was on his own, eventually winning by well over 2 hours, with a time of 26:11:29 for the 225.5km. **Nadege Cantet** was the first woman to finish, coming 5th overall with a time of 31:30:55. And a special mention for **Robert Daloz** who finished La Castèle in 8th place at age of 81!



Christophe Erard and Nadege Cantet in action in La Castèle (photos Emmanuel Tardi)

1st Stage: 31/05/2022 Disneyland 15km

1.	ERARD Christophe	1h 30mn 03s	9.99 km/h
2.	GRADOS Stephane	1h 39mn 37s	9.03 km/h
3.	GIRAUDEAU Denis	1h 42mn 06s	8.81 km/h
4.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	1h 44mn 58s	8.57 km/h
5.	CANTET Nadege	1h 47mn 55s	8.34 km/h
6.	GILLARD Lydia	1h 50mn 52s	8.12 km/h
7.	HIERNARD Alain	1h 53mn 35s	7.92 km/h
8.	METEAU Jean-Paul	1h 54mn 07s	7.89 km/h
9.	TILLIER Ludovic	1h 55mn 46s	7.77 km/h
10.	DALUZ Robert	1h 56mn 20s	7.74 km/h

2nd Stage: 01/06/2022 Château-Thierry – Château-Thierry 34,8km

1.	ERARD Christophe	3h 49mn 50s
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2.	GRADOS Stephane	4h 18mn 49s
3.	GIRAUDEAU Denis	4h 23mn 22s
4.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	4h 31mn 06s
5.	METEAU Jean-Paul	4h 35mn 28s
6.	CANTET Nadege	4h 37mn 47s
7.	HIERNARD Alain	4h 42mn 46s
8.	TILLIER Ludovic	4h 46mn 13s
9.	GILLARD Lydia	4h 46mn 37s
10.	DALUZ Robert	4h 49mn 59s

3rd Stage: 02/06/2022 Chalons-en-Champagne – Vitry-le-François 56,8km

1.	ERARD Christophe	6h 43mn 32s
2.	GRADOS Stephane	7h 33mn 06s
3.	GIRAUDEAU Denis	7h 43mn 06s
4.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	7h 53mn 54s
5.	CANTET Nadege	8h 02mn 11s
6.	METEAU Jean-Paul	8h 03mn 16s
7.	GILLARD Lydia	8h 06mn 41s
8.	DALUZ Robert	8h 12mn 48s
9.	TILLIER Ludovic	8h 41mn 06s

4th Stage: 03/06/2022 Gironcourt – Epinal 58,4km

1.	ERARD Cristophe	6h 47mn 44s
2.	GRADOS Stephane	7h 27mn 26s
3.	GIRAUDEAU Denis	7h 55mn 54s
4.	GILLARD Lydia	8h 07mn 05s
5.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	8h 22mn 07s
6.	METEAU Jean-Paul	8h 22mn 15s
7.	DALUZ Robert	8h 23mn 15s
8.	CANTET Nadege	8h 40mn 09s
9.	TILLIER Ludovic	9h 24mn 18s

5th Stage: 04/06/2022 Plainfaing – Kayzersberg 60,5km

1.	ERARD Christophe	7h 19mn 49s
2.	GRADOS Stephane	7h 52mn 16s
3.	GIRAUDEAU Denis	8h 14mn 24s
4.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	8h 43mn 00s
5.	CANTET Nadege	8h 21mn 52s
6.	GILLARD Lydia	8h 49mn 35s
7.	DALUZ Robert	9h 07mn 42s
8.	METEAU Jean-Paul	9h 24mn 32s
9.	TILLIER Ludovic	9h 39mn 00s

Final Placings: 225,5km

1.	ERARD Christophe	225.5 km	26h 11mn 29s	8,61 km/h
2.	GRADOS Stephane	225.5 km	28h 51mn 15s	7,82 km/h
3.	GIRAUDEAU Denis	225.5 km	29h 59mn 43s	7,52 km/h
4.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	225.5 km	31h 05mn 05s	7,25 km/h
5.	CANTET Nadege	225.5 km	31h 30mn 55s	7,16 km/h
6.	GILLARD Lydia	225.5 km	31h 40mn 51s	7,12 km/h
7.	METEAU Jean-Paul	225.5 km	32h 17mn 39s	6,98 km/h
8.	DALUZ Robert	225.5 km	32h 30mn 06s	6,94 km/h
9.	TILLIER Ludovic	225.5 km	34h 26mn 24s	6,66 km/h
	HIERNARD Alain	49.8km	6h 36mn 21s	7.54 km/h

Lots of other great photos at https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPRishd0wyfsohXbjse-8b_32Q67O5LYFsc1EiW0vROcYqQfFkMOVO48LIWKq3WfA.

CONTINENTAL CENTURIONS 100 MILES QUALIFIER, SCHIEDAM, NED, JUNE 4-5, 2022

As the Paris-Colmar was unfolding in France, long distance walking of a different sort was taking place in Schiedam in the Netherlands when, on the first weekend of June, the RWV Wandelweekend was held. As usual, this annual 24 Hour walking event included the Continental Centurions 100 miles qualifying race and the results were impressive. My report is garnered from <https://www.rotterdamsewandelsportvereniging.nl/wandelweekend-schiedam/>.

Conditions for the participants were varied, with warm sunny conditions on the Saturday afternoon, followed by heavy rain overnight and on the Sunday morning. As if walking for 24 hours wasn't hard enough! The course was a 3.979km loop in the Beatrix Park in Schiedam and initially the going was easy, with the sunny warm conditions. But the walkers had to change their plans as the rain and cold set in, the large number of withdrawals an indication of how tough things got.

Wilma Driessen was the first to reach 100 miles, with an excellent 21:05:23. She was one of 9 walkers to achieve that feat. **Wilfried van Bremen** was the first of the new Continental Centurions (CC493) with 21:47:08. **Jan't Mannetje** (CC494, 22:41:45) and **Jacqueline van Drongelen** (CC495, 22:46:27) also won their Continental Centurion badges. And **Justin and Sharon Scholz** were also in the mix, crossing the 100 mile line together in a time of 22:04:23. They had only arrived in Europe earlier that week, cycled to Schiedam and then completed the walk. Amazing as always.

100 Miles walk

1.	Wilma Driessen	21.05.23	CC364
2.	Guido Vermeir	21.20.40	CC380
3.	Wilfried van Bremen	21.47.08	CC493 *
4.	Sharon Scholz (C63)	22.04.23	CC436
5.	Justin Scholz (C61)	22.04.23	CC437
6.	Jan't Mannetje	22.41.45	CC494 *
7.	Jacqueline van Drongelen	22.46.27	CC495 *
8.	Marcel van Tulden	22.46.27	CC466
9.	Chris van Cauwenberghe	23.17.46	CC411



Justin and Sharon in action and after finishing in Schiedam

While all the other 100 mile finishers stopped at that stage, **Marcel van Tulden** continued on for the full 24 hours, winning overall with a distance of 169.892km. The full results for the 36 24H walkers reads as follows.

24 Hour Walk

1.	Marcel van Tulden	169,892 km	CC364	21.05.23
2.	Guido Vermeir	160,934 km	CC380	21.20.40
3.	Wilfried van Bremen	160,934 km	CC493	21.47.08

4.	Sharon Scholz	160,934 km	CC436	22.04.23
5.	Justin Scholz	160,934 km	CC437	22.04.23
6.	Jan't Mannetje	160,934 km	CC494	22.41.45
7.	Jacqueline van Drongelen	160,934 km	CC495	22.46.27
8.	Chris van Cauwenberghe	160,934 km	CC411	23.17.46
9.	Mari Ketelaars	156,955 km		24.13.22
10.	Adrie Zoon	144,039 km	CC305	24.03.36
11.	Peter Poorts	137,060 km		23.36.10
12.	Corina Riezebos	129,102 km	CC455	21.01.45
13.	Diana Obermeyer	121,144 km		23.09.32
14.	Remco Luhrman	113,186 km		16.16.38
15.	Arjan Bogerd	107,228 km		23.52.01
16.	Joop Keetman	107,228 km		24.04.51
17.	Edwin van Wijngaarden	105,228 km	CC476	11.56.58
18.	Gino Masto	105,228 km	CC412	14.46.57
19.	Adrie Ros	105,228 km	CC416	15.18.19
20.	Jan Dinnissen	105,228 km		17.50.39
21.	René Beukema	105,228 km		18.16.24
22.	Peter Drenth	105,228 km		19.12.23
	Jantinus Meints	DNF	CC388	
	Rob Tersteeg	DNF		
	Frans Leijters	DNF	CC256	
	Michiel Tamerius	DNF		
	Roelof Otten	DNF		
	Larissa Droogendijk	DNF	CC461	
	Frank van der Gulik	DNF	CC343	
	Arian van der Burg	DNF		
	Carla Lukken	DNF		
	Geert Peeters	DNF		
	Arjan Lukken	DNF	CC460	
	Peter Duijst	DNF	CC466	
	Antoine Hunting	DNF	CC397	
	Peter van der Brink	DNF		

Of special note, **Edwin van Wijngaarden** passed the 100km mark in 11:01:20 to become the 79th Honderman (100 km within 11:30 am). He stopped soon after that.

Honderman

1.	Edwin van Wijngaarden	11.01.20	H79
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While there was only 1 walker in the 100km, the 50 Miles walk saw 23 walkers in action, with **Wil Boudewijns** winning overall. Overall, 4 new Kennedy friends were recorded (50 miles in under 12:00 hours).

100km Walk

Remy v.d. Brand	DNF
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50 Miles

1.	Wil Boudewijns	9.57.59	KV360
2.	Zeeger v.d. Berg	10.43.45	KV413
3.	Boetje Huliselan	10.54.38	KV281
4.	Martin Payne	11.15.51	KV496
5.	Johan van Campen	11.17.58	KV497
6.	Rageni Goeptar-Sewnarian	11.33.50	KV498
7.	Marco Jongepier	11.47.59	KV499
8.	Ronald Cuijlits	11.57.15	KV336
9.	Aaf Peters- de Rijk	12.25.47	KV355
10.	Adriaan v.d. Dool	13.42.05	
11.	Bunyamin Karasu	13.42.05	KV444
12.	Sandra de Graaff	14.41.44	KV396
13.	Chris Lauwen	14.42.48	

14. Maarten v.d. Meer	14.42.49		
15. Pieter Hendricks-Franssen	14.48.32		
16. Paul Heskes	15.31.20		
Maarten Suidman	16.04.01	KV358	Finished outside time limit
Appie Bos	DNF	KV353	
Jannie Bos	DNF	KV354	
Anita de Roo	DNF		
Marco Timmermans	DNF		
Erwin van den Bosch	DNF		
Dick Stoevelaar	DNF		

50km Walk

1. René Wakkee	6.09.27
2. Raphael Lemmens	7.11.56
3. Kris Vermeir	7.35.33

It was Justin's 20th centurion finish and Sharon's 10th. After a couple of recovery days, they jumped on their tandem bike and resumed their European tour which has now seen them in Holland, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland. Their next walking appointment will be back in Holland in mid July for the Nijmegen 4 Day Walk.



USA CENTURIONS 100 MILES QUALIFIER, BLOOMINGTON, MN, USA, , JUNE 4-5, 2022

American Centurions secretary Rob Robertson reports on the United States Centurion qualifier which was contested over the first weekend of June, alongside the F.A.N.S 24 Hour race at Normandale Lake, Bloomington, MN. See https://www.unitedstatescenturionwalkers.com/?page_id=123.

Perfect weather for this year's Centurion qualifier. Not too hot and no rain. Everyone is in agreement, the lake Normandale course has the most hills of any Centurion worldwide. In the first 8 hours there were six walkers with a shot at the Centurion. By nighttime there were four. When you think about it, Centurions are made at night. For most walkers, nighttime is the low point of the race. Something is hurting. The eyes get heavy. Energy is in short supply.

When first light broke three were still on track. Right after sunrise, **Kim Janssens** finished his Centurion. A well walked race and respectable time of 22:29:00 in the small mountains around Lake Normandale. This makes Kim the ninth person worldwide to have membership in six Centurion clubs. **Martin Vos** and **Susan Grimes** still in

with a chance. With one hour left in the 24 hour time limit, Martin and Susan moved to the short course. Attempting a last lap around the Lake only counts if you finish the lap. On the short course you cross the timing mat every eighth of a mile. All of us watching had our watches, slide rules, calculators and fingers crossed. No matter how you added everything up it was going to be close. A real nail biter. It was scream at Susan and Martin then calculate, then scream some more. When the gun went off Susan and Martin had walked 100.07 miles. Susan crossed the mat the last time 23:58:33. Martin Crossed at 23:58:53. What a photo finish. Well Walked Centurions.

24 Hour Walk

1.	Kim Janssens	BEL	101.72 miles	C98 (22:29:00)
2.	Susan Grimes	USA	100.07 miles	C99 (23:58:33)
3.	Martin Vos	NED	100.07 miles	C100 (23:58:53)
4.	Bruno Bornsztein	USA	69.05 miles	
5.	John Greene	USA	58.13 miles	C70
6.	Annette LeDuc	USA	53.38 miles	
7.	Jerry Young	USA	49.02 miles	
8.	Rob Robertson	USA	43.56 miles	C78
9.	Michael Price	USA	41.74 miles	
10.	Bruce Leasure	USA	23.87 miles	



C100 Martin Vos, C99 Susan Grimes and C98 Kim Janssens (photo Betty Greene)

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

A newsletter of mixed emotions. On the one hand, lots of wonderful walking on which to report, but sadness at the loss of my old mate Robyn Whyte (C 29). Life is precious but never long enough for all we want to do. So dust of those shoes and get out there for a lap or two.

Yours in centurion walking

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