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DATES ... DATES ... DATES

The 2025 European year is now in full swing, with the following races (amongst others) coming up soon.

Jun 21-22, 2025	Parish Walk (85 Miles)	Isle of Man
June 27 onwards	2024 Swedish Fotrally	Mariefred, Sweden
Jul 15-18, 2025	Nijmegen 4 Day Walk Festival See https://www.4daagse.nl/	Nijmegen, NED
Aug 16-17, 2025	100th English Centurions Qualifier This will be a track based walk at the Lewes Leisure Centre, East Sussex See https://centurions1911.org.uk/next-events/100-miles/	Lewes, ENG

And of course, there are always opportunities on the Australian front. A good starting point is the events page on the AURTA website: <https://www.aurta.asn.au/upcoming-events>. Our 4 designated centurion qualifying opportunities are as shown below. The first 2 have now been completed but the final 2 are still to come.

Mar 21-23, 2025	Sri Chinmoy 48H Track Festival See https://au.srichinmoyraces.org/events/48hour	Canberra, ACT
June 7-8, 2025	Butter24 Track Ultra See https://raceroster.com/events/2025/94108/butter-24-2025	Gold Coast, QLD
Sep 6-7, 2025	SA Track Ultra See https://satrackultra.com.au/	Adelaide, SA
Sep 26-28, 2025	Southern Sydney Track Ultra See https://southernsydney24hourultra.com.au/	Sydney, NSW

I must also mention the inaugural New Zealand 6 Day Ultra Marathon Festival which will be held at Hagley Park, Christchurch, from 29 September to 6 October 2025. It will feature 6 Day, 72H, 48H and 24H races. Quite a few of our Australian walkers are going across and I might even make the trip myself (I haven't been to NZ in years).

Sep 19-Oct 6, 2025	New Zealand Z 6 Day Ultra Marathon See https://www.nz6dayultramarathon.com/	Christchurch, NZL
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Looking further ahead, the 2026 NZ Centurion Qualifier in Auckland will be held earlier than usual to avoid clashing with the Asia/ Pacific Championships in late May 2026. The date is now set as 21-22 March 2026.

Mar 21-22, 2026	2025 New Zealand Centurion Qualifier	Auckland, NZL
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MIKE PORTER (C9) CELEBRATES HIS SECOND HUNDRED

I was amongst a large group of family and friends who assembled in the Victorian country town of Lockington on Friday 6th June 2025, the actual day of **Mike Porter**'s 100th birthday. Mike is of course known to us as **C9**, having obtained his Australian Centurion badge at the Collingwood Harriers track in Clifton Hill (Melbourne) in 1975.

Mike was in great form and we centurions present were able to talk with him at length concerning our many exploits, real and imaginary! Mike still gets out for a 30 minute walk each day and his mind is as sharp as ever. I was privileged to share the occasion with him.

I have updated Mike's Centurion profile to bring it up to date. I recommend a re-read as I have added some extra info in there. Check it out at <http://centurions.org.au/centprofiles/09%20mike%20porter.pdf>.



Centurions all: Tim Erickson (C13), Clarrie Jack (C4), Mike Porter (C9), Karyn O'Neill (C45), Terry O'Neill (C18) and Ian Jack (C17)

As an aside, I am aware of a couple of other walkers who have reached this wonderful milestone. I was lucky enough to attend Frank's big birthday bash in 2012.

- English Centurion and Olympian **Bill Brown** who reached the age of 100 in 1978
<https://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wo-bill-brown.pdf>
- Victorian walker, coach and author **Frank McGuire** who reached the age of 100 in 2012
<https://www.vrwc.org.au/tim-archive/articles/wv-frank-mcguire.pdf>

I would love to know of any others.

OUT AND ABOUT

The amazing **Sandra Brown (C36)** has been at it again, completing the *Flower of Suffolk 100*, the annual 100 Mile walk put on by the British Long Distance Walking Association (see <https://ldwa.org.uk/2025Hundred>). She walked with husband Richard, also one of the legends of British long distance walking.

This was Richard's 150th 100 mile (or more!) event and Sandra's 220th 100 mile (or more!) event. Both started their LDWA 100 careers in 1982. Since then, Sandra has completed 23 LDWA 100s and Richard slightly fewer with 20. It's fair to say, that's a lot of walking.

On this year's walk, Sandra said "*it was a brilliant event, the route description was excellent, the checkpoints were uniformly wonderful and it was a lovely walk*", with Richard adding that "*we didn't know the area, it's lovely to be here*".



Richard and Sandra get that vital nourishment into the system during the LDWA walk (photo Sandra Brown)

It's now time for an update on the continuing adventures of **Justin and Sharon Scholz (C61 and C63)** as they cycle in tandem around the world. They are currently enjoying some downtime in Cusco, high in the Peruvian Andes in South America. It was a tough couple of weeks as they pedalled their way from Lima, on the coast, to Cusco, averaging 84km per day, nearly all of it uphill.

While Cusco is some 3400m above sea level, Justin and Sharon had to go even higher to get over the various ranges along the way, with a top altitude of around 4500m. It has been an astonishing story so far and it looks set to continue as their plans include a lot more riding and many more places.

While they were in Lima, they sat down with John Kerr in the latest episode of his Cognacore podcast. It's well worth a listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Miu-vLSivAM>. They talk about their previous professional lives and their decision to swap their business suits for bike shorts and set off on a multi-year journey around the globe.



Sharon and Justin stop for lunch at a little place called Puquio in the Peruvian Andes earlier this month

USA CENTURION QUALIFIER, FANS 24 HOUR CARNIVAL, MINNEAPOLIS, USA, MAY 31 - JUN 1, 2025

As usual, the F.A.N.S. 24 Hour Track Ultra in Bloomington, Minnesota, was the venue for the annual American Centurions qualification race. Held on the weekend of May 31 - June 1, it saw 5 new members (C103-C107) gain their American badges. First to the results, compliments of USA Centurions Secretary **Rob Robertson**:

24 Hour Walk Men

1.	Edwin Van Wijngaarden	114	NED	100.130 miles	C103
2.	Detlef Santy	111	BEL	100.000 miles	C104
3.	Gunter Luypaerts	112	BEL	100.000 miles	C105
4.	Remco Luhrman	108	NED	100.000 miles	C106
5.	Johan Stesmans	113	BEL	100.000 miles	C107
6.	Kurt Tempels	115	BEL	81.610 miles	
7.	Tom Lundgren	103	USA	74.570 miles	
8.	John Greene	102	USA	70.300 miles	C70
9.	Radek Lopusnik	104	USA	66.410 miles	
10.	Arjan Bogerd	107	NED	63.410 miles	
11.	Mike Swanson	109	USA	34.460 miles	
12.	David Madison	117	USA	34.280 miles	
13.	Bruce Leasure	119	USA	0.000 miles	

24 Hour Walk Women

1.	Maria Peck	116	USA	85.290 miles
2.	Mary Mehr	118	USA	56.360 miles
3.	Annette LeDuc	101	USA	38.000 miles



Centurions all: L to R Detlef Santy, Johan Stesmans, Gunter Luypaerts, Edwin Van Wijngaarden and Remco Luhrman (photo Rob Robertson)

And now onto USA Centurions Secretary Rob Robertson for the race report, which I have taken from the USA Centurions website at https://www.unitedstatescenturionwalkers.com/?page_id=123

16 walkers signed up for this year's qualifier. Including seven Dutch and Belgian walkers. The seven of them had earned 14 Centurion Badges in Europe. Our Race walk Judge and FANS race director Bruce Leasure contacted me to see if I would come back to Minnesota and help. U.S. Centurion C97 Eric Boler who had volunteered to head up the judging duties. Ended up with 5 United States Centurions watching everyone: C70 John Greene, C91 David

Holmen, C102 Bruno Bornshtein, C78 Rob Robertson and C97 Eric Boler. Very experienced fields of walkers and judges.

Early in the race was cool, light wind and sunny. Many racers with strong paces. Early word from everyone is, "These hills are not going to be fun late in the race." For a Centurion race, FANS Lake Normandale would rank near the top of course difficulty. Five walkers have made Centurion at Lake Normandale.

Around noon time the Temperature started to soar. No one ever wants to be hot when trying to walk 100 miles within 24 hours. Everyone trying to adjust to the correct fluid ratio and pace for the heat. Make the correct decisions success. Wrong decision makes for a death march.

I was impressed with all of this year's walkers. I am more than 6 years removed from Centurion racing. Watching and Judging Centurion races is a real eye opener. These races are tuff. Comes down to how much pain are you willing to endure. How Bad do you want success. Also, if Eric Boler is in camp, there is no quitting. He won't let you quit.

- **First Centurion C103 Edwin van Wijngaarden 19:47:54.** WOW what a great walker. Started off on a blistering pace and slowed very little in the race. A true joy to watch someone with that much talent race.
- **Second Centurion C104 Detlef Santy 21:01:44.** Another gifted walker. Nothing seemed to faze him. looked like a man that came to do a job, and he did it,
- **Third Centurion C105 Gunter Luypaerts 23:37:36.** Impressed. Reminded me of my old Centurion days. Does his race his way, knows what he wants and makes it happen. nothing going to set him back.
- **Fourth Centurion C106 Johan Stesmans 23:41:40.** The kind of guy I wish I looked like. A Wildman. British. Centurion Badge tattoo on one calf and The Marathon des Sable tattoo on the other. Johan fought stomach issues. Wanted it bad and made it happen. The kind of Centurion race you never forget.
- **Fifth Centurion C107 Remco Luhrman 23:41:40.** Just a little younger than I am. Those young guys have no idea what a race is like when you get older. Hanging on to yesteryear one step at a time. You could tell he was going to make 100 miles. I used to think, I don't want to have to do this again. That is the look Remco had. Hats off Remco. Still making it happen. I personally couldn't do it.

33RD OLAT INTERNATIONAL WALKING EVENT, EINDHOVEN, NED, 7-8 JUNE 2025

Jump forward a week from the US Centurions walk in Minneapolis and we had the Continental Centurions qualifier in Eindhoven. This annual race walking event is held in Eindhoven (organised by O.L.A.T) in odd years (2007, 2009, 2011 etc.) and in Schiedam (organised by the R.W.V.) in even years (2008, 2010, 2012 etc.). These events include a 24 hours race, a 100 km race, a 50 miles race and a 50 km race. These events are the only opportunity to obtain the Continental Centurion title, the Honderdman title or the Kennedyvriend title.

As this year of 2025 was an odd numbered year, it was the turn of O.L.A.T. to put on the race in Eindhoven (see <https://www.olat.nl/iwe>). The route is a paved, flat, well-lit and fast 2-mile lap through and around sports park De Hondsheuvels. Eindhoven Atletiek's athletics track is also part of the lap.

The Continental Centurions qualifier is a unique event in that it actually offers 3 major badges

- **The Continental Centurion**
Anyone who completes 100 Miles within 24 hours receives a one-time award in the form of the Continental-Centurion pin with an engraved number.
- **Honderdman (100Man)**
Competitors who complete 100km for the first time within the 11 hours and 30 minutes requirement receive the 100 Man pin from the Athletics Union.
- **Kennedy Friend**
Everyone who completes 50 Miles (80.467 km) within 12 hours receives a one-time Kennedy Friend pin with engraved number.

First to the most important news – 6 new Continental Centurions (C504-C509)

C504	Gino Van Belleghem	Belgium	M	19.27.39	2025
C505	Tom Groot	The Netherlands	M	20.36.05	2025
C506	Bart de Vries	The Netherlands	M	20.57.18	2025
C507	Rob Tersteeg	The Netherlands	M	22.51.06	2025
C508	Sanne Heymann	The Netherlands	V	22.53.25	2025

And now onto the overall 24H walk results, which saw 9 of the 33 entrants reach the 100 mile mark. There was one new 100 Man Badge recipient and 17 new Kennedy Friend Badge recipients.

24 Hour Walk

1.	VAN BELLEGHEM Gino	BEL	160,934 km	19:27:39	8,270 km/h	M	C504
2.	GROOT Tom	NED	160,934 km	20:36:05	7,812 km/h	M	C505
3.	DE VRIES Bart	NED	160,934 km	20:57:18	7,680 km/h	M	C506
4.	TERSTEEG Rob	NED	160,934 km	22:51:06	7,043 km/h	M	C507
5.	HEYMANN Sanne	NED	160,934 km	22:53:25	7,031 km/h	W	C508
6.	MEINTS Jantinus	NED	160,934 km	22:55:27	7,020 km/h	M	C388
7.	VAN DER GULIK Frank	NED	160,934 km	22:59:29	7,000 km/h	M	C343
8.	DRIESSEN Wilma	NED	160,934 km	23:00:03	6,997 km/h	W	C364
9.	NIJSSSEN Patrick	NED	160,934 km	23:38:56	6,805 km/h	M	C509
	OTTEN Roelof	NED	148,459 km	23:40:31	6,271 km/h	M	
	POORTS Peter	NED	146,841 km	23:53:50	6,145 km/h	M	
	DE RIJK Aaf	NED	143,222 km	23:59:39	5,969 km/h	F	C88
	HELLEM Kris	BEL	135,185 km	16:49:40	8,033 km/h	M	
	MIELLET Sascha	NED	131,547 km	24:02:41	5,471 km/h	M	
	HAIN Geoff	AUS	128,747 km	21:48:12	5,905 km/h	M	C368
	WIJSBEEK Tonny	NED	115,872 km	19:51:10	5,837 km/h	M	
	VAN DER VALK Arjo	NED	115,872 km	21:35:47	5,365 km/h	M	
	VAN HEEL Marco	NED	109,435 km	15:33:39	7,033 km/h	M	C497
	DE GRAAFF Sandra	NED	109,435 km	20:39:24	5,298 km/h	F	C423
	KUIPER Kelly	NED	109,435 km	20:39:24	5,298 km/h	F	
	DE VRIES Saskia	NED	109,435 km	21:21:17	5,125 km/h	F	
	ASSELMAN Peter	BEL	106,216 km	12:34:48	8,443 km/h	M	C422
	SEWNARAIN Rageni	NED	106,216 km	18:37:25	5,703 km/h	F	
	JANS Robin	NED	106,216 km	18:51:35	5,632 km/h	M	
	BEUKEMA René	NED	106,216 km	19:17:22	5,506 km/h	M	
	MIELLET Ezra	NED	93,742 km	23:55:25	3,918 km/h	M	
	FERNANDEZ Cristian	NED	86,904 km	14:56:55	5,814 km/h	M	C471
	VAN BREMEN Loes	NED	80,467 km	11:18:33	7,115 km/h	F	
	VAN GERVEN Dennis	NED	80,467 km	15:47:02	5,098 km/h	M	
	WENG Torsten	GER	54,718 km	08:10:23	6,695 km/h	M	
	VAN DEN BOSCH Erwin	NED	54,718 km	08:36:54	6,351 km/h	M	C465
	TIMMERMANS Marco	NED	51,499 km	07:42:21	6,683 km/h	M	
	RIJPLOEG Corina	NED	48,280 km	06:56:59	6,947 km/h	F	C455
	LEVINK Remy	NED	38,624 km	05:24:14	7,147 km/h	M	

Honderdman (100Man) Badge

1.	Peter Asselman	80	BEL	M	11:28:58	Eindhoven 2025
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Kennedy Friend Badge

1.	Wesley Deceuninck	517	BEL	M	10:39:31	Eindhoven 2025
2.	Johan Stesmans	518	BEL	M	10:41:53	Eindhoven 2025
3.	Luc Nicque	519	BEL	M	10:43:56	Eindhoven 2025
4.	Marco van Oort	520	NED	M	11:07:27	Eindhoven 2025
5.	Pier de Haan	521	NED	M	11:20:27	Eindhoven 2025
6.	Roy van Helden	522	NED	M	11:20:27	Eindhoven 2025
7.	Gino Masto	523	BEL	M	11:34:20	Eindhoven 2025
8.	Henk Lodder	524	NED	M	11:39:11	Eindhoven 2025
9.	An Ramkisoen	525	NED	M	11:41:08	Eindhoven 2025
10.	Arno Hogenboom	526	NED	M	11:50:42	Eindhoven 2025
11.	Patrick Gerrist	527	NED	M	11:50:47	Eindhoven 2025
12.	Jesenko Ajanovic	528	NED	M	11:52:52	Eindhoven 2025
13.	Jan van Kampen	529	NED	M	11:53:13	Eindhoven 2025
14.	Shirley Nijhof	530	NED	F	11:54:58	Eindhoven 2025
15.	Greet Wagtendonk	531	NED	F	11:56:41	Eindhoven 2025
16.	Ron Zaal	532	NED	M	11:56:41	Eindhoven 2025
17.	Karen Nabuurs	533	NED	F	11:57:48	Eindhoven 2025

You may also have noticed that Australian Centurion **Geoff Hain (C49)** was amongst the 24 Hour participants. Aged 79 and a world traveller nowadays (as are Justin and Sharon), Geoff was keen to see how close he could get to Deryck Skinner's M75 Australian record of 143.033km. Alas, I could not find a photo of Geoff. Sorry mate! He reports as follows:

Well, I gave it a go and completed 40 laps @ 2 miles/lap. Pulled out after 21 hours 48 minutes. Derek's record deserves to remain. Not making excuses but the conditions were very unpleasant, with constant strong wind, raining on and off, and cold overnight. Netherlands summer? I chilled too much and I think my feet aren't as tough as they used to be to handle being constantly wet. However, an excellently organized event with plenty of high level walkers. Will probably give myself another go in Sydney next year.



C508 Sanne Heymann, C506 Bart de Vries, C505 Tom Groot and C509 Patrick Nijssen



C504 Gino van Belleghem and C507 Rob Tersteeg (all photos Frans Leijtens)

Lots more photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/140392054@N04/albums/72177720326804210/with/54584845178>.

The longest race walking event in the world, The Paris-Alsace, was also held this month in France. It was the 76th edition and there were 20 walk entrants in total. Both versions, La Mythique and La Cabu, started at the same time (in Paris) and finished with a shared final section into Colmar. Participants qualified for the race in 24 hour events in Bourges, Lipsheim and Chateau-Thierry and in the Roubaix 28 hours walk. There are 2 race options

Le Mythique is reserved for the most seasoned walkers, with its 453km covered in a prologue and 3 stages.

La Cabu is a shorter 241km race divided into a prologue and 6 stages.

As for the last couple of years, to increase the number of participants and finishers, the organisers allowed competitors to stop during a stage and start again at the next stage. The classification is then made based on the overall number of kilometres done.

There are 2 websites: <https://www.paris-alsace.fr/> and <https://www.facebook.com/marchemythiqueorganisation/>, and there are 3 pages to review for results

<https://resultats.paris-colmar.fr/mythique/index.html>

<https://resultats.paris-colmar.fr/cabu/index.html>

<https://www.paris-alsace.fr/les-resultats>

That being said, it is almost impossible to use them to produce some sort of coherent report. Talk about a job half done, put together by someone who seems to have no idea how to present results in an acceptable format. I took most of a day to finally work my way through the labyrinth to come up with a coherent report, and I won't swear that I have it all correct. But here goes!

LA MYTHIQUE

The first stage of La Mythique on the morning of Wednesday 4th June was a short prologue of 9.6km which saw Florian Letourneau and Chloe Raes-Maure take the leads in their respective divisions.

Wed June 4, La Mythique Prologue in Neuilly-sur Marne, 9:30AM Start, 9.6km

LETOURNEAU, Florian	FRA	0:57:04
LANDORMY, Jeanick	FRA	0:57:29
RAES-MAURE, Chloé (F)	FRA	0:58:50
MAURE, René-Jean	FRA	0:58:50
MAISON, Sylvie (F)	FRA	1:01:13
TOP, Virginie (F)	FRA	1:03:36
ECHE, Dominique	FRA	1:06:14
DUCRUET, Nadia (F)	FRA	1:07:08

After a few hours rest, the first stage got underway at 2.30PM in Château-Thierry. It was a big one first up, 207.8km in total. Florian Letourneau was leading until he dropped out, leaving the door open to Jeanick Landorny who covered 185.4km of the required 207.8km to take the overall lead.

Wed June 4, La Mythique 1st Stage, Château-Thierry to Mognéville, 2:30PM, 207.8km

Name	Finish Point	Stage Distance
LANDORMY, Jeanick	Pargny-sur-Saulx	185.4 km
MAISON, Sylvie (F)	Favresse	174.3 km
RAES-MAURE, Chloé (F)	Vitry-le-François	162.2 km
LETOURNEAU, Florian	Châlons-en-Champagne	122.5 km
TOP, Virginie (F)	Châlons-en-Champagne	122.5 km
MAURE, René-Jean	Châlons-en-Champagne	122.5 km
DUCRUET, Nadia (F)	Châlons-en-Champagne	122.5 km
ECHE, Dominique	Châlons-en-Champagne	122.5 km

After a checkpoint break at Mognéville, the Mythique continued into its second stage the next morning, from Ligny-en-Barrois to Saint-Dié, a further distance of 181.0km. Only 6 walkers started this leg, with the top 4 all reaching the 120.4km checkpoint at Châtel-sur-Moselle. No one finished the entire stage.

Thu June 5, La Mythique Second Stage, Ligny-en-Barrois to Saint Dié, 181.0km

Name	Finish Point	Stage Distance
LANDORMY, Jeanick	Châtel-sur-Moselle	120.4 km
RAES-MAURE, Chloé (F)	Châtel-sur-Moselle	120.4 km
TOP, Virginie (F)	Châtel-sur-Moselle	120.4 km
MAISON, Sylvie (F)	Châtel-sur-Moselle	120.4 km
ECHE, Dominique	Mirecourt	97.7 km
MAURE, René-Jean	Gondrecourt-le-Chateau	28.7 km

The Mythique field came together with the Cabu field for the final day's racing on Saturday 7th June, with a 55.3km walk from Plainfaing to Colmar. Only 5 of the original 8 entrants toed the start line and it was Jeanick Landormy who continued on his winning ways, being the first of the Mythique walkers to reach Colmar.

Sat June 7, La Mythique 3rd Stage, Plainfaing to Colmar, 55.3km

Name	Country	Stage Time	Overall Place	Overall Distance
LANDORMY, Jeanick	FRA	7:39:18	2	370.7 km
MAISON, Sylvie (F)	FRA	8:33:58	5	369.2 km
RAES-MAURE, Chloé (F)	FRA	7:51:13	3	347.5 km
TOP, Virginie (F)	FRA	8:16:58	1	323.1 km
ECHE, Dominique	FRA	8:11:09	4	291.1 km

The final placings in La Mythique were as follows, with Jeanick Landormy (370.7 km) and Sylvie Maison (369.2 km) winning their divisions.

Final Placings, La Mythique

1.	LANDORMY, Jeanick	3	Entente Vosges Athlé.	370.7 km
2.	ECHE, Dominique	2	Nice Côte d'Azur A.	291.1 km
	Maure, René-Jean	4	Neubourg A.C.	163.8 km
	Letourneau, Florian	1	A.C. Château-Thierry	144.0 km
1.	MAISON, Sylvie	6	Strasbourg A.A.	369.2 km
2.	RAES-MAURE, Chloé	8	Neubourg A.C.	347.5 km
3.	TOP, Virginie	9	A.C. Château-Thierry	323.1 km
	Ducruet, Nadia	7	A.C. Château-Thierry	144.1 km

LA CABU

The first stage of La Cabu kicked off on the morning of Wednesday 4th June with a short prologue of 9.6km around Neuilly-sur-Marne. Fabrice Henry and Emilie Bizard-Planchot took the leads with strong walks.

Wed June 4, La Cabu Prologue in Neuilly-sur Marne, 9:30AM Start, 9.6km

HENRY, Fabrice	FRA	0:49:01
DE BONTIN, Vincent	FRA	0:52:07
GROS, Gildas	FRA	0:57:47
OLIVARES, Mathieu	FRA	0:58:45
BIZARD – PLANCHOT, Emilie (F)	FRA	1:00:17
THOUVENEL, Jean-Charles	FRA	1:01:04
BIEBUYCK, Pascal	BEL	1:01:46
PIERMAY, Stéphane	FRA	1:04:52
GUILLOT, Mickaël	FRA	1:11:09
DELANGE, Dominique	FRA	1:11:17
ARNAULT, Jacques	FRA	1:11:17
HAGHEBAERT, Eric	FRA	1:12:13

After a few hours rest, the next stage got underway at 2.45PM in Château-Thierry. 11 of the 12 walkers started this stage and 10 of them made it to Dormans, completing the full 58.9km distance. Henry and Bizard-Planchot maintained their leads with more good walking.

Wed June 4, La Cabu 1st Stage, Château-Thierry to Dormans, 2:45PM, 58.9km

Name	Country	Stage Time	Overall Place	Overall Distance
DE BONTIN, Vincent	FRA	6:13:23	2	68.5 km

HENRY, Fabrice	FRA	6:26:38	1	68.5 km
OLIVARES, Mathieu	FRA	7:17:14	3	68.5 km
GROS, Gildas	FRA	7:34:01	4	68.5 km
PIERMAY, Stéphane	FRA	8:01:31	5	68.5 km
BIZARD – PLANCHOT, Emilie (F)	FRA	8:02:58	7	68.5 km
DELANGE, Dominique	FRA	8:18:36	8	68.5 km
ARNAULT, Jacques	FRA	8:18:36	6	68.5 km
GUILLOT, Mickaël	FRA	8:27:41	9	68.5 km
HAGHEBAERT, Eric	FRA	8:55:15	10	68.5 km
BIEBUYCK, Pascal	BEL	-	-	38.3 km

The next morning, the Cabu walkers headed off on their second stage, from Chalons en Champagne to Pogny, a distance of 15.3km. They followed this up with a third stage from Vitry-le-Francois to Mongeville, a distance of 45.6 km. Vincent De Bonfin now assumed the lead in the men's race while Bizard-Planchot, who was the only female competitor, only had to finish to maintain her lead.

Thu June 5, La Cabu 2nd Stage, Chalons en Champagne to Pogny, 15.3km

Name	Country	Stage Time	Overall Place	Overall Distance
DE BONTIN, Vincent	FRA	1:39:05	1	83.8 km
HENRY, Fabrice	FRA	1:41:37	2	83.8 km
GROS, Gildas	FRA	1:59:15	4	83.8 km
OLIVARES, Mathieu	FRA	2:00:26	3	83.8 km
BIZARD – PLANCHOT, Emilie (F)	FRA	2:08:05	5	83.8 km
PIERMAY, Stéphane	FRA	2:12:26	6	83.8 km
GUILLOT, Mickaël	FRA	2:20:57	7	83.8 km
DELANGE, Dominique	FRA	2:32:28	8	83.8 km
ARNAULT, Jacques	FRA	2:32:28	8	83.8 km
HAGHEBAERT, Eric	FRA	2:34:21	10	83.8 km

Thu June 5, La Cabu 3rd Stage, Vitry-le-Francois to Mogneville, 45.6km

Name	Country	Stage Time	Overall Place	Overall Distance
DE BONTIN, Vincent	FRA	5:02:42	1	129.4 km
ARNAULT, Jacques	FRA	5:43:58	5	129.4 km
HENRY, Fabrice	FRA	5:59:13	2	129.4 km
GROS, Gildas	FRA	6:08:35	4	129.4 km
OLIVARES, Mathieu	FRA	6:10:46	3	129.4 km
BIZARD – PLANCHOT, Emilie (F)	FRA	6:37:40	6	129.4 km
PIERMAY, Stéphane	FRA	7:05:49	7	129.4 km
GUILLOT, Mickaël	FRA	7:07:20	8	129.4 km
HAGHEBAERT, Eric	FRA	9:18:49	9	120.0 km

La Cabu had two further stages scheduled for Friday, a 33.6km and a 22.7km stage. No changes there as De Bonfin and Bizard-Planchot continued to tick off the miles.

Fri Jun 6, La Cabu 4th Stage, Neufchateau to Gironcourt-sur-Vraine, 33.6km

Name	Country	Stage Time	Overall Place	Overall Distance
DE BONTIN, Vincent	FRA	3:43:02	1	163.0 km
ARNAULT, Jacques	FRA	4:07:25	8	163.0 km
OLIVARES, Mathieu	FRA	4:24:39	4	163.0 km
HENRY, Fabrice	FRA	4:35:13	3	163.0 km
GROS, Gildas	FRA	4:37:18	6	163.0 km
BIZARD – PLANCHOT, Emilie (F)	FRA	4:41:15	7	163.0 km
GUILLOT, Mickaël	FRA	5:31:39	9	163.0 km
HAGHEBAERT, Eric	FRA	5:25:09	5	140.6 km
PIERMAY, Stéphane	FRA	5:25:55	2	140.6 km

Fri Jun 6, La Cabu 5th Stage, Brouvelieures to Saint Dié, 22.7km

Name	Country	Stage Time	Overall Place	Overall Distance
DE BONTIN, Vincent	FRA	2:32:06	1	185.7 km
ARNAULT, Jacques	FRA	2:43:27	6	185.7 km
HENRY, Fabrice	FRA	2:55:28	2	185.7 km
GROS, Gildas	FRA	2:57:25	5	185.7 km

OLIVARES, Mathieu	FRA	2:58:08	4	185.7 km
BIZARD – PLANCHOT, Emilie (F)	FRA	3:02:03	8	185.7 km
GUILLOT, Mickaël	FRA	3:27:35	9	185.7 km
HAGHEBAERT, Eric	FRA	3:18:24	7	163.3 km
PIERMAY, Stéphane	FRA	3:20:16	3	163.3 km

The Cabu field joined the Mythique field for the final day's racing on Saturday 7th June, with a 55.3km walk from Plainfaing to Colmar. No changes there as De Bonfin and Bizard-Planchot the finishing touches to their wins.

Sat June 7, La Cabu 6th Stage, Plainfaing to Colmar 55.3km

Name	Country	Stage Time	Overall Place	Overall Distance
DE BONTIN, Vincent	FRA	6:29:26	1	241.0 km
HENRY, Fabrice	FRA	6:43:41	2	241.0 km
ARNAULT, Jacques	FRA	6:45:22	3	241.0 km
BIZARD – PLANCHOT, Emilie (F)	FRA	7:24:05	6	241.0 km
GROS, Gildas	FRA	7:28:19	5	241.0 km
OLIVARES, Mathieu	FRA	7:43:34	4	241.0 km
PIERMAY, Stéphane	FRA	8:41:51	7	241.0 km
GUILLOT, Mickaël	FRA	9:10:20	8	241.0 km
HAGHEBAERT, Eric	FRA	8:28:34	9	232.4 km
BIEBUYCK (BEL), Pascal	FRA	7:45:27	10	171.4 km

And now to the final placings in each division.

Final Placings, La Cabu

1.	DE BONTIN, Vincent	12	E.A. Cergy Pontoise Athlé.	241.0 km
2.	Henry, Fabrice	17	F.R. Corrobert Margny V.	241.0 km
3.	Arnault, Jacques	10	Neuilly-sur-Marne Athlé.	241.0 km
4.	Olivarès, Mathieu	18	Neuilly-sur-Marne Athlé.	241.0 km
5.	Gros, Gildas	14	C.I.S. Anould	241.0 km
6.	Piermay, Stéphane	19	A.C. Château-Thierry	241.0 km
7.	Guillot, Mickaël	15	A.C. Château-Thierry	241.0 km
	Haghebaert, Eric	16	A.C. Château-Thierry	232.4 km
	Biébuyck, Pascal	11	R.U.S.T.A.	171.4 km
	Delange, Dominique	13	A.J.A. Marathon Auxerre	83.8 km
	Thouvene, Jean-Charles	22	Raid Team Organisation	25.0 km
1.	BIZARD-PLANCHOT, Emilie	25	Neuilly-sur-Marne Athlé.	241.0 km

2026 will see the 100th anniversary of the event which was first held in 1926. as always, it will be a very challenging competition and ultrawalkers from all over the world will be welcome.

BUTTER24 24 HOUR TRACK ULTRA, GOLD COAST, QLD, 7-8 JUNE 2025

Walkers **Paul Sweet** and **Cassie Smith** were in action in the BUTTER 24 Hour Track Ultra at the Griffith University Track on the Gold Coast in early June (see event details at <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/94108/butter-24-2025>). As I could not be there, **Ian Valentine (C57)** offered to monitor on our behalf. He reports as follows

Both walkers did really well. Paul said it was his last long walk (during the last hour), but I suspect he will change his mind. He walked strongly the whole way. He was around 41km at 8 hours and 75km at 12 hours. During the early stages he was keen to learn the 1%ers to give him a chance of qualifying as a centurion. As I was going to be there for the afternoon/evening and then play it by ear, I decided to enter the 12 hours as I would prefer to play it by ear run/walking than sitting around in the cold. I suspect that my dodgy ankle held up because I haven't done a track race for 14 years. I entered last Sunday and treated it as a practice for BYU races. I am in training and ran/walked 46km the previous two Saturdays and will do the same this Saturday. I was happy with my race.

Full results at <https://results.timingplus.com.au/Results/6ae6420e-7e1e-4b84-b721-990b6e2d8fc1>. The ones that concern us are as follows.

24 Hour Walk (Lane 3)

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|-----------------|-----|------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Paul Sweet | QLD | 135.378 km | (72.8km in first 12 hours) |
| 2. Cassie Smith | QLD | 116.918 km | (71.6km in first 12 hours) |

12 Hour Run

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| 6. Ian Valentine | QLD | 86.130km | |
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ADELAIDE 24 HOUR FESTIVAL, WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, NORTH ADELAIDE, 7-8 JUNE 2025

The Adelaide 24 Hour Festival in South Australia (<https://adelaide24hourfestival.com.au/>) was held on the same weekend as the BUTTER 24 in Queensland and it saw walker **David Billett (C51)** in action. It's a road event, with a lap distance of 2.175km around the North Adelaide parklands.

The big news is that David won overall with a distance of **163.437km**, beating all the runners in the 24H event. His 50 mile split was approximately 11:12:14 and he held on well to pass the 100 mile mark in approximately **23:40:17**, achieving yet another Centurion finish, his 13th.

Full results at <https://adelaide24hourfestival.com.au/index.php/results/>

Lapsplits at <https://www.webscorer.com/race?raceid=393192>

David explains

The weather was bad, but nowhere near as bad as the weather forecast threatened. The worst aspect of the rain was that it was intermittent. It would rain, and I would don the raincoat. Then it would almost immediately stop. And ... well, you know what happens next! So ultimately, from about three hours in, I just left the raincoat on permanently. It was a very reliable raincoat, in that it kept me dry, but was a little heavy and probably draining a bit more energy out of me. But I was prepared to accept that. At one time, I think about six hours passed with no rain at all. But with my distrust in the weather, and the long circuit, I was not prepared to take any risk! Then, with around 36 minutes left on the clock, and blue sky above, I decided to remove it, so that I could increase my speed enough to complete my 74th (100 mile) lap and one more, before the time expired. Once again ... you can guess what happened next! About 200 metres later, the heaviest downpour for the race occurred. I had to endure that for next 15 minutes. I did complete the 75th lap, and about another 400m, hence my final distance. It was certainly not easy. I was only at around 43.5km after six hours, and right on 86km after 12 hours. I knew that this was going to be another of those close finishes, if indeed I was to do it at all.



David celebrates as he reaches the 100 mile mark to achieve his 13th centurion finish

UPDATED MULTIPLE BADGE CENTURION LIST

USA Centurions Secretary Rob Robertson maintains the list of all those walkers who have earned multiple centurion badges. To reflect the results of the 2025 NZ and USA Centurion qualifying events, he has just done a major refresh which includes the following

- **Jantinus Meints** earning his 7th badge in New Zealand in early June. He is now in elitee company.
- **Edwin Van Wijngaarden** earning his 4th badge.
- **Detlef Santy, Gunter Luypaerts, Johan Stesmans and Remco Lührman** earning their 3rd badges.

Congratulations Centurions. Well Walked!

Check out the full list at <https://www.walk100miles24hours.com/centurions-with-multiple-world-badges/>

Here is a cut and paste of those with 4 or more badges to their names.

CENTURIONS with MULTIPLE WORLD BADGES										
BADGE HOLDER			BRITISH	CONTINENTAL	UNITED STATES	AUSTRALIAN	NEW ZEALAND	MALAYSIAN	AFRICAN	GERMANY
1	F	SANDRA BROWN	GBR 7 UK C735 1982	CN C131 1984	US C50 2000	AU C36 1999	NZ C4 1999	ML C7 2001	AF C9 2016	
2	M	RUDY SCHOORS	BEL 7 UK C1062 2007	CN C367 2008	US C73 2010	AU C55 2009	NZ C15 2010		AF C25 2017	DE C7 2022
3	M	JANTINUS MEINTS	NLD 7 UK C1101 2012	CN C388 2011	US C80 2015	AU C73 2018	NZ C32 2025		AF C31 2018	DE C12 2022
4	M	KIM JANSSENS	BEL 7 UK C1111 2013	CN C487 2021	US C98 2022	AU C76 2019	NZ C27 2019		AF C22 2017	DE C10 2022
5	M	JUSTIN SCHOLZ	AUS 7 UK C1173 2017	CN C437 2016	US C76 2015	AU C61 2012	NZ C21 2015		AF C32 2018	DE C5 2022
6	F	SHARON SCHOLZ	AUS 7 UK C1174 2017	CN C436 2016	US C77 2015	AU C63 2013	NZ C20 2015		AF C33 2018	DE C6 2022
1	F	JILL GREEN	GBR 6 UK C898 1992	CN C282 1999	US C53 2000	AU C38 1999	NZ C8 2001	ML C20 2003		
2	M	ANDREW TITLEY	IOM 6 UK C1038 2006	CN C333 2005	US C89 2018	AU C84 2022	NZ C29 2022		AF C21 2017	
3	F	CAROLINE MESTDAGH	BEL 6 UK C1061 2007	CN C366 2008	US C72 2010	AU C56 2009	NZ C17 2010		AF C24 2017	
4	M	ROB ROBERTSON	USA 6 UK C1169 2016	CN C454 2017	US C78 2015	AU C68 2016	NZ C25 2018		AF C11 2016	
5	M	ARIE KANDELAARS	NLD 6 UK C1185 2017	CN C491 2021	US C92 2018	AU C85 2023	NZ C24 2017		AF C19 2016	
6	M	MARCO BLOEMERTS	NLD 6 UK C1193 2018	CN C410 2015	US C90 2018	AU C77 2019	NZ C22 2017		AF C13 2016	
1	M	HERBERT NEUBACHER	GER 5 UK C959 1997	CN C203 1989	US C54 2000	AU C37 1999	NZ C9 2001			
2	M	GEOFF HAIN	AUS 5 UK C1051 2006	CN C368 2008	US C68 2007	AU C49 2004	NZ C14 2005			
3	M	CHRISTOPHER BURN	IOM 5 UK C1126 2013	CN C475 2019	US C96 2021	AU C72 2018				DE C15 2022
4	M	MARTIN VOS	NLD 5 UK C1180 2017	CN C488 2016	US C100 2022	AU C79 2019	NZ C30 2024			
5	F	GERTRUDE ACHTERBERG	NLD 5 UK C1186 2017	CN C458 2017		AU C80 2019	NZ C23 2017		AF C17 2016	
1	M	CHRIS CLEGG	GBR 4 UK C135 1947	CN C53 1977	US C7 1971	AU C11 1975				
2	M	GEOFF TRANTER	GBR 4 UK C507 1973	CN C206 1989	US C57 2000		NZ C11 2001			
3	M	RICHARD BROWN	GBR 4 UK C760 1983	CN C144 1985	US C49 2000			ML C8 2001		
4	M	PER KLEIS PEDERSEN	DEN 4 UK C800 1986	CN C147 1985	US C59 2004			ML C6 2001		
5	M	FRANS LEIJTENS	NLD 4 UK C949 1996	CN C256 1995	US C71 2010				AF C15 2016	
6	F	SUE CLEMENTS	GBR 4 UK C950 1996	CN C288 1999		AU C35 1998	NZ C10 2001			
7	M	JENS BORELLO	DEN 4 UK C1026 2005	CN C317 2004	US C62 2006	AU C52 2006				
8	F	CAROL BAIRD	AUS 4 UK C1071 2009			AU C39 1999	NZ C6 2001	ML C9 2001		
11	M	ANTOINE HUNTING	NLD 4 UK C1130 2014	CN C397 2013	US C79 2015				AF C14 2016	
12	F	SANDRA de GRAAFF	NLD 4 UK C1160 2015	CN C423 2015	US C86 2016	AU C69 2016				
13	M	ALBERTUS van GINKEL	NLD 4 UK C1162 2015	CN C399 2013	US C87 2016	AU C70 2016				
14	M	EDWIN van WIJNGAARDEN	NLD 4 UK C1197 2019	CN C 476 2019	US C103 2025					DE C1 2022

ANOTHER SET OF RACE RESULTS FROM EMMANUEL TARDI

Emmanuel Tardi tells me that he recently went to a lunch in the east of France with 'Les anciens du tour d'Alsace ' which includes those walkers who raced in the 'Tour d'Alsace'. This was a very famous long distance walking race in France. In total, 48 instances were held between 1935 and 1992. The format included multiple stages (sometimes 3 in a day) spread over a week. Famous winners included Gilbert Roger, Florimont Cornet, Henri Caron, Roger Quemener and Gregorz Urbanowski. He has produced a document which has the complete results from all 48 races. It is now loaded onto web page <http://centurions.org.au/centranks.shtml>.

Thanks Emmanuel!

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

That's it for this month, and I got it published on Monday 30th June. That's called cutting it finely.

Lots of interesting news with much more to come with the next issue.

It's cold here in wintery Australia but I hear that Europe and America are suffering their way through record hot conditions. I hope we can all still get out for that occasional walk!

With kind regards

Tim Erickson (C13),
Secretary, Australian Centurion Walkers, Victoria, Australia