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DATES … DATES … DATES

The 2026 ultra walking year continues to produce lots of great results world wide. This year saw 4 of the 5 Centurion clubs hosting qualifying races (Continental, New Zealand, US and Australian). Interestingly, there was no English Centurions qualifier in 2026 but they will be back in 2027 (see below).

Upcoming European walk ultras of interest include the following:

Nov 11, 2026	La Voie Sacree (Bar-le-Duc to Verdun)	Bar-le-Duc, FRA
Nov 22, 2026	8 Heures d'Etampes-sur-Marne	Etampes-sur-Marne, FRA
Feb 7, 2027	8 Heures de Charly-sur-Marne	Charly-sur-Marne, FRA
Feb 27-28, 2027	24 Heures de Bourges	Bourges, FRA
Apr 3-4, 2027	24 Heures de Chateau-Thierry	Chateau-Thierry, FRA
Jun 26-27, 2027	Parish Walk	Isle of Man

And of course, there are always opportunities on the Australian front. A good starting point is the 2026 events page on the AUTRA website: https://www.autra.asn.au/upcoming-2026.

We already have dates for 4 of the 2027 Centurion Qualifiers. It is great to see the English Centurions back in action after a year off in 2026. I hear their Nottingham based qualifier is likely to be road rather than track.

May 8-9, 2027	Sri Chimnoy NZ 24 Hour Track Championships **Including the 2027 NZ Centurion Qualifier** See https://nz.srichinmoyraces.org/races/auck/24hr	Auckland, NZL
May 15-16, 2027	**Continental Centurion Qualifier**	Eindhoven, NED
Jul 2-4, 2027	Southern Sydney Track Ultra (48H, 24H, 12H, 6H, 3H) **Including the 2027 Australian Centurion Qualifier** See https://southernsydneytrackultra.com.au/australian-centurion-walkers/	Sydney, NSW
Aug 21-22, 2027	**English Centurion Qualifier** See https://centurions1911.org.uk/stride24/	Nottingham, UK

Following the success of the 2025 and 2026 New Zealand 6 Day Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, the organisers are extending the concept to a 10 Day Race in 2027. See more at https://www.nzultramarathonfestival.com/. Walk options will include 10 Days, 6 Days, 3 Days, 2 Days and 1 Day.

Mar 31 – Apr 10, 2027	New Zealand Ultramarathon Festival	Christchurch, NZL

OUT AND ABOUT

There is no stopping **Sandra Brown (C36)**. I asked her recently about any interesting walks she had attended recently. She replied about an LDWA walk she undertook in August

Last weekend, I hugely enjoyed the LDWA Sussex Stride https://ldwa.org.uk/Sussex/E/32551/sussex-stride-2026.html 52.7 miles off-road with 7,000 ft of ascent around a circuit of great countryside and lovely villages in the South Downs National Park, including the famous Seven Sisters on the Sussex coast which I and my companions walked in

a beautiful sunset. We enjoyed the views and the checkpoints and finished in a fresh, bright morning, 3h 20m inside the final cut-off. This event is held every 3 years and is part of a triple challenge in the southern counties: in Sussex, the Sussex Stride; in Kent, the White Cliffs 50 miles; and in Surrey, the Surrey Tops 50 miles. Doesn't that sound fun!

AUSTRALIAN 6 DAY ULTRA MARATHON FESTIVAL, ADELAIDE, SA, SEPT 27 – OCT 3, 2026

After a year's rest, the Australian 6 Day Ultra Marathon Festival returned in 2026, back in its usual home at Thorndon Park in suburban Adelaide, with a 1.426km lap around the ornamental lake in the park. I had attended the event in 2022, 2023 and 2024 but this year I was missing in action and watching from afar.

It is by no means an easy course, undulating and on a path that is 100% concrete. But those are the only negatives. In every other way, it is a truly magnificent event. After the 2024 event, race director Justin Brock had passed the baton to Nancy Williams, a well known race director in Adelaide, and I hear she upheld the high standard to which we had become accustomed.

Check out more at https://www.facebook.com/groups/australian6dayultra and https://australian6day.com.au/.

The race experienced all 4 seasons, with hot days initially followed by wet and cold conditions, and the fields were smaller this year (15 in the 6 Day, 1 in the 3 Day and 6 in the 2 Day). You can check out the full results at https://my.raceresult.com/425236/results#0_DE0A42.

There were 3 walkers in attendance, with **Greg Ponych (C88)** and **David Billett (C50)** in the 6 Day event and **Geoff Hain (C49)** in the 2 day event.





Greg Ponych, David Billett and Geoff Hain were all in record breaking form in the Adelaide 6 Day Championship meet

Greg, fresh from his centurion qualification in Sydney, led the 6D from the start, covering 144.7km in the first 24 hours and going on from there to achieve a final distance of **636.459km,** breaking David Billet's Australian Open record by some 11km. Greg had competed in the NZ 6 Day Championship in March as a runner (with a distance of 748k) and on this occasion he swapped the running shoes for the walking shoes, with equal success. Greg's progressive daily totals tell the story of his race

Day 1: 144.7km, Day 2: 253.7km, Day 3: 360.7km, Day 4: 457.7km, Day 5: 526.1km, Day 6: 636.4km

David was in second place the whole way but could never bridge the gap, eventually finishing with his second best ever distance of **611.708km**. In fact, Greg and David finished first and second overall, a major coup for walking.

Geoff, who turned 80 years of age in August, had entered the 48 Hour event and was keen to see if he could better the M80 records of the late great Stan Miskin and he did just that, finishing with a final distance of **183.954km**, 33km further than Stan had walked in 2005.

6 Day Championship					
1.	Greg Ponych	M60	QLD	446 laps	636.459 km
2.	David Billett	M55	SA	428 laps	611.708 km
48 Hour Championship					
4.	Geoff Hain	M80	QLD	129 laps	183.954 km

Greg, David and Geoff all set new Australian Walk Records in their respective age divisions and Greg also set Australian Open records for the 500km and 6 Day standards.

Geoff Hain	100 Miles	M80	All-Comers & Residential	1:10:39:00
Geoff Hain	48 Hours	M80	All-Comers & Residential	183.954 km
Greg Ponych	200km	M60	All-Comers & Residential	approx 1d 9h 59m
Greg Ponych	48 Hours	M60	All-Comers & Residential	approx 253.7 km
Greg Ponych	500km	Open, M60	All-Comers & Residential	4:10:08:26
Greg Ponych	6D	Open, M60	All-Comers & Residential	636.459 km
David Billett	500km	M55	All-Comers & Residential	4:17:58:00
David Billett	6D	M55	Residential	611.708 km

AUSTRALIAN 6 DAY ULTRA MARATHON FESTIVAL 2026

Greg has kindly submitted his race report which is full of interesting observations and maps out the full 6 Days. Thanks so much Greg...it's a great read!

A walk of six days and many more stories

I arrived at Thorndon Park early on Sunday morning, to find the Race Director Nancy Williams desperately clinging to a partially destroyed gazebo in howling winds. Around her was a scene of destruction as all but four of the campsites carefully prepared the day before had succumbed to the unrelenting wind overnight. Tents had been flattened, gazebos destroyed, and Nancy had spent the entire night trying to save whatever she could. She was about to lead her first six-day event without a wink of sleep. The athletes hadn't even started, and the Race Director was already well ahead of us in the sleep-deprivation stakes! It wasn't quite the peaceful final preparation we'd envisaged.

We secured the gazebo as best we could and made a start on some repairs and event setup before I had to return to my own preparations. By the time I returned, volunteers, athletes and their crews were all working together to get everything ready. And somehow, at 10am, fifteen hopeful athletes set off on our six-day adventure.

Running was familiar. Walking was another matter.

With two previous six-day running events and plenty of other ultras behind me, I was reasonably confident about lasting the distance. But this time I was walking. I'd completed several 100-mile races comfortably inside 24 hours. Walking that same distance, within the same time limit? That had taken me four attempts. Walking fast enough, for long enough, over 6 days was going to be a very different challenge.

Adelaide was also to be something of an extended training experiment ahead of a ten-day race in New Zealand next year. I wanted to test nutrition, sleep strategies and recovery while hoping to achieve some Australian age-group walking records along the way.

Running wife Cassie “Bonkers” Smith and I were fortunate to have Cassie’s cousin Jill crewing us. Jill is an experienced race crew member, and a force of nature. Knowing that Jill was looking after us made an enormous difference to our confidence.

Finding a rhythm

The first couple of days were spent settling into a routine. A few athletes went out quickly, but I wasn't chasing them. Six days is a long time, and I was happy to let the enthusiastic starters disappear up the track and lap me regularly. The wind continued to howl, accompanied by occasional rain showers, but spirits remained high.

One of the wonderful things about multiday racing is how quickly strangers become friends. Small groups naturally form as people walk together, swapping stories about past adventures, present ambitions and almost anything else imaginable. People who were strangers at the starting line were chatting like long-lost friends before the first twelve-hour turnaround.

I was comfortable, eating and drinking regularly, and maintaining a reasonably consistent pace.

My plan was to complete each day's target distance in one long block, with short breaks as necessary, followed by a proper sleep. With the race starting at 10am, that would ideally put me to bed around 5am each morning.
It seemed like a sensible way of dividing the day into work and recovery. Then I reached my first day's target, still felt fresh, and made a decision that would influence the rest of my race.

Tuesday was forecast to be particularly hot. Why not keep walking, bank some additional kilometres while conditions were favourable, and give myself a buffer? Skipping the planned sleep break seemed perfectly sensible at that moment.

The race within the race

Day 2 arrived and I was becoming competitive for the race lead, alongside my old friend David Billett (C50). David is a remarkable walker and an enthusiastic statistician, with sixteen successful Centurion walks to his credit. In fact, my original interest in attempting a Centurion came from conversations with David at previous events. David also happened to hold the Australian men's Open records for both 500km and six days — records I hoped to challenge.

We shared many laps, discussing everything from racing to life in general. Because our sleep schedules differed, the lead regularly changed hands. One of us would disappear for some rest while the other continued accumulating laps, only for the positions to reverse a few hours later. It was a friendly rivalry that provided plenty of motivation. David was also extraordinarily generous with his encouragement.

As I approached the 200km age-group milestone, I'd casually mentioned to Nancy that I expected to reach it around 8pm. It wasn't meant to be a deadline. As 8pm approached however, the idea of hitting that exact time became something of a “challenge accepted” idea. Suddenly, after nearly two days of carefully controlled walking, I was charging around the track trying to beat the clock. David paused his own race to wait for me at the 200 km marker and I arrived at 7:59pm. A few hurried photographs and then it was back to work.

Buffers built and spent

Tuesday arrived with the promised heat. The wind had finally subsided, which was welcome, although we'd happily have exchanged some of the heat for a cooling breeze. Volunteers appeared regularly on-course with frozen Zooper Doopers, and a water-misting hose near the timing mat became a very popular attraction.

By the end of Day 3, I was averaging around 120km per day and comfortably ahead of my overall schedule. Wednesday was supposed to be cooler, but it certainly didn't feel that way.

Six-day races have a way of quietly collecting debts as I was about to be reminded. There was no dramatic collapse, no single moment when everything went wrong. Instead, fatigue accumulated, my walking pace gradually declined, and small interruptions became longer and more frequent. A few extra minutes at the food table. Another visit to the tent. Time attending to feet and changing clothing. A shower and blister treatment that consumed around two hours. Individually, nothing particularly serious. Collectively, they were becoming expensive.

The 500km milestone came at 4 days 10 hours and 8 minutes and brought a tremendous lift. I'd managed to surpass David's Australian Open record by around eight hours. We marked the occasion with a photograph together – then again, back to work.



David and Greg marking the new 500 km record

This was a particularly meaningful moment for me, given David's role in introducing me to competitive walking and his generosity throughout the event.

Days 1–3 had built a comfortable buffer, which I was rapidly spending on Days 4 and 5. Day 5 was *the dip.* My lowest-distance day, and a reminder that skipping recovery early in a multiday event eventually presents a substantial bill to be paid.

By now the 48 hour event had started and new runners always bring renewed energy to the track. None more so than Centurion Geoff Hain (C49). Having recently turned 80, Geoff was chasing down the 21-year-old age-group record for 48 hours, which he went on to surpass by 33km.



David, Geoff and Greg – 3 Centurions

The final push

There was still plenty to play for at the beginning of Day 6. I knew I “only” needed about 100km more to achieve my target. After the previous day's 70km performance, that wasn't entirely reassuring.

I'd already decided that, if necessary, I'd walk the final 24 hours without sleeping, helped along by caffeine, soft drinks, sugary food, loud music or whatever else might keep the legs moving.

There were some excellent laps, approaching my Day 1 pace, but also increasing frustration at a seemingly constant number of minor stoppages to attend to feet, wet shoes and clothing, or an increasingly uncooperative tummy.

By the final turnaround at 10pm Friday, with twelve hours remaining, I knew the six-day record was still achievable if I kept moving with purpose. The finish was approaching. The record was mine to lose. Head down and keep walking.

Tutus, drop bears and the final hooter

As the end drew closer, the atmosphere around the course began to change in a way familiar to everyone who's completed a multiday event. Tensions ease, conversations become lighter. Everything is coloured by the distinction of being *the last* - the last dinner, last turnaround, final night on the track and (finally) the last breakfast.

With the final turnaround approaching on Friday night one of the runners, Becci, had quietly organised a surprise for Nancy. As 10pm approached, the athletes all gathered out of sight of the timing mat and donned brightly coloured tutus. At the turn-around point, minutes passed without any runners appearing. Nancy, no doubt wondering what had happened to her collection of athletes, was becoming concerned. Then, out of the darkness we appeared. A motley collection of weary athletes in brightly coloured tutus. Our way of saying thank you to our equally weary, but always smiling, RD. After the ordeal of that first stormy night, it was lovely to see Nancy enjoying a very different kind of Thorndon Park surprise.

Saturday morning approached. Six days became six hours, then the final minutes.

At the allocated time, a table of individually marked toy koalas appeared at the finish line — affectionately known as the drop bears. Cassie and I collected our drop bears and set out from the start line for the final time. Jill joined us and the three amigos walked perhaps the most satisfying 400 metres of the entire event.



The three amigos

At 10am, the finishing hooter sounded, bears were dutifully dropped and six days were over. There was nothing left to do but wait for Nancy and Justin with the trusty measuring wheel to establish the final distances. Mine was **636.459 km**, with Australian age-group records at 200 km, 48 hours, 500 km and six days, plus Australian men's Open records at 500 km and six days. Cassie PB'd her 6 day distance and Jill had somehow carried both of us all the way.

The arrival of the measuring wheel marked more than the end of the competition. It was time to begin our reflections and celebrations. The slow and satisfied walk back to camp, the quiet contentment that comes from completing something difficult and worthwhile, with thoughts already turning to the prospect of a comfortable bed, a good night's sleep and being safely tucked away from the weather.

Presentations followed, with Nancy having arranged personalised finishing mementos bearing each athlete's name and final distance.

Volunteers were on hand to help with the least glamorous task of all, packing up the campsites, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Then, after six long days, competitors, crew and volunteers began saying their goodbyes. Some returned to the Rezz Hotel for farewell drinks. We'd gathered there for our welcome dinner just over a week earlier. It felt both like a lifetime and yet only a moment ago.

Six days, 636 kilometres, some records, many lessons, and a remarkable collection of people who'd shared the track and the experience.

With immense thanks to coach Isobel Ross and Peak Endurance Coaching, incredible RD Nancy Williams and her team, Justin Brock and his team who rebuilt the event; wonder chef Thibault, Cassie and the amazing Jill Travers, David and Lorraine Billett and all the athletes who made the event so special. Special shoutout to Becci who somehow managed to get me into a pink tutu at 10 o'clock on a Friday night.

I'd gone to Adelaide to test my ability to walk for six days and learn something for the ten day challenge ahead.

I left with considerably more than that.



Greg, David and the very familiar path



Getting the band back together – Adelaide 6 Day 2026

GEOFF HAIN CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY IN FINE STYLE

Soon after his last Centurion walk in 2009, **Geoff Hain (C49)** and his wife Annie sold their property in Queensland and embarked on a never-ending tour of the world. Since then, they have danced their way through South America, trekked from Lands End to John O'Groats (the length of Britain) and hiked in Europe and the Americas. Of course they do return to Australia regularly to see their family and they were back for 2 special reasons recently - so that Geoff could celebrate his 80th birthday with his family in Queensland and so that he could attempt the 48 Hour walk in the Adelaide 6 Day Ultramarathon which has been discussed above.

To mark his 80th birthday milestone, Geoff walked 80km (as you do!).Starting at midnight at Pelican Waters, south of Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, he walked nonstop passing through Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, Coolum and Peregian, to finish at Noosa Heads at 3.45pm in the afternoon. Most of his family joined him walking a few kilometres each and to complete the celebration, the family had a big party afterwards. Of course, this length of walk is not for many people but being a very experienced, well trained ultra marathon walker, Geoff finished in excellent condition. It shows what the human body is capable of at the age of eighty, if you are motivated, look after yourself and keep fit.



Geoff in action during his 80th birthday 80km walk

And of course, it was good training for his Adelaide walk in which he set new M80 australain records for 100 Miles (1:10:39:00) and 48 Hours (183.954km)

Way to go Geoff!

TIME TO WELCOME GREG AND JOHN

It's a bit overdue but I have finally arranged a suitable welcome for our two newest centurion members **Greg Ponych (C88)** and **John Rosenzweig (C89).** Details as follows

Date: Sunday 15th November
Time: 12:30pm onwards for lunch
Venue: The Yacht Club, Mariner Place Yarralumla ACT 2600

We already have a good crowd signed on from our ACT and NSW members but all are welcome to join us for what is certain to be a most enjoyable luncheon at the Yacht Club in Canberra. Just give me a yell to get added to the roster.

12/24/48 HEURES DE ROYAN 2026, ROYAN, FRANCE, 9-11 OCTOBER 2026

The annual 48 Heures de Royan (https://www.48hderoyan.fr/accueil), first held in 2008 and organised annually since 2014, took place once again this year in the French city of Royan in early October. The meet included 48 Hour, 24 Hour and 12 Hour walk and run divisions, with the overall field size capped at 130. As usual, it was held at the Stade d'Honneur around a closed 1.112km loop circuit surrounding the stadium's athletic track.

Start times were staggered, as we would expect.

- 48-Hour Race: Usually begins on a Friday morning at 10:00am
- 24-Hour Race: Commences on Saturday morning at 10:00am
- 12-Hour Race: Starts early Saturday morning at 8:30am

The 48 Hour records are all good and none were challenged this year

- 48h Run (Men): Tiziano Marchesi – 413.838 km (2017)
- 48h Run (Women): Julia Fatton – 367.918 km (2010)
- 48h Walk (Men): Daniel Duboscq – 304.160 km (2016)
- 48h Walk (Women): Christine David – 281.748 km (2025)

Overall, the winners of the 3 walk categories were **Claude Hardel** (300.3km), **Thierry Gauteron** (152.9km) and **Laurent Favriou** (89.0km).

48 Hour Walk

1.	HARDEL CLAUDE	M	263 laps	300.2 km
2.	LANEAU MAXIME	M	247 laps	282.0 km
3.	CONNAN JEAN-YVES	M	221 laps	252.3 km
4.	BIZARD CLAUDIE (F)	F	199 laps	227.1 km
5.	MALFONDET ALAIN	M	199 laps	227.1 km
6.	DELANGE DOMINIQUE	M	197 laps	224.9 km
7.	MAZZETTI PATRICK	M	185 laps	211.2 km
8.	BIRAUD SYLVIE (F)	F	181 laps	206.6 km

24 Hour Walk

1.	GAUTERON THIERRY	M	134 laps	152.9 km
2.	FORT JEAN-FRANCOIS	M	110 laps	125.5 km
3.	DEBAISIEUX JOELLE (F)	F	94 laps	107.2 km
4.	FABRE THIERRY	M	88 laps	100.4 km
5.	DEBAISIEUX MICHEL	M	84 laps	95.8 km
6.	LEYMARIE DANIELLE (F)	F	75 laps	85.5 km
7.	LIAIGRE PATRICK	M	70 laps	79.8 km
8.	PELLETIER THIERRY	M	65 laps	74.1 km
9.	JADEAU CHRISTELLE (F)	F	57 laps	65.0 km
10.	MULLER PHILIPPE	M	56 laps	63.8 km

12 Hour Walk

1.	FAVRIOU LAURENT	M	78 laps	89.0 km
2.	STINDEL YANN	M	74 laps	84.4 km
3.	RODRIGUEZ MARC	M	69 laps	78.7 km
4.	MERCADIER LUCILE (F)	F	62 laps	70.7 km
5.	LANDRET TONY	M	59 laps	67.3 km
6.	PLEVER Monique (F)	F	55 laps	62.7 km
7.	MOREAUX JEAN-FRANCOIS	M	53 laps	60.4 km
8.	KRAFFT CORINNE (F)	F	44 laps	50.1 km
9.	LEMORT NATHALIE (F)	F	32 laps	36.4 km
10.	LHERMITTE VALLARINO NATHALY (F)	F	29 laps	33.0 km

24 HEURES DE LIPSHEIM, LIPSHEIM, FRANCE, OCTOBER 17-18, 2026

Emmanuel Tardi was in Lipshein (near Strasbourg) last weekend for the 3rd edition of their 24 Hour Walking Carnival. This year, the meet included the French 100km Racwalking Championship, which was held within the 24 Hour

category. The course consisted of two initial laps of 600m, then walkers walked on a 1900m loop up until the 23 Hour mark when walkers changed back to the initial 600m loop for the final hour. The weather was fresh during the day and cold overnight.

Although there were a lot of walkers overall, the number of competitors in the 100km/24 Hour was small. When the gun sounded at 1PM on the Saturday, **Vincent De Bontin** headed off like a man on a mission. His goal was to better the 100km PB of his coach Laurent Heitz (9:49:59, set in 1998). He reached the 50km point in 4:50:20 and only slowed slightly in the next 50km. Alas, his 100km time of 9:50:19 made him the first Frenchman since Fabrice Henry (9:58 in 2014) to walk 100k in less than 10 hours but he was 20 seconds shy of the time he was after. Second place went to 64 year old **Veronique Bessot** who recorded an impressive 12:26:21, while third place went to super Masters walker **Daniel Faubert** (age 79) who recorded 13:16:50.

In the 24 Hour race, **Alain Malfondet** led from start to finish, with **Chloé Raes Maure** and **Jean-Marc Rigal** together with him for most of the race. Malfondet eventually won with 168.696 km, an excellent performance considering that he had recorded 227.6km to finish fifth in the Royan 48 Hour the previous weekend.

Ancillary events included 6 Hour walks on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as a Half Marathon racewalk, along with 10km and 5km racewalks.

100km walk

1.	DE BONTIN, Vincent	Ea Cergy	9:50:19	
2.	BESSOT, Véronique	Domont athlétisme	12:26:21	
3.	MALFONDET, Alain		13:16:50	
4.	FAUBERT, Daniel	Stade Athlétique Bayeusain	13:33:45	
5.	RAES-MAURE, Chloé	Neubourg AC	13:38:09	
6.	RIGAL, Jean-Marc	Domont Athlétisme	14:21:09	
7.	DROUET, Samuel	Nantes métropole Athlétisme	14:33:20	
8.	DELAFAITE, Nadia	Usc Nouvion sur Meuse	15:42:09	
9.	FREYBURGER, Sabrina	Ultra Marathon France	16:10:45	
10.	BARRAUD, Céline	Ac Magny-lès-Compiègne	16:42:44	
11.	ENJOLRAS, Jean-Claude		18:01:43	
12.	GILLES, Philippe	USM Montargis	18:53:22	
13.	PANNIER, Josiane	Le Havre Ac	22:12:36	

24 Hour Walk Men

1.	MALFONDET, Alain		168.696 km	
2.	RIGAL, Jean-Marc	Domont Athlétisme	162.525 km	
3.	GILLES, Philippe	USM Montargis Athlétisme	134.875 km	
4.	ENJOLRAS, Jean-Claude		124.013 km	
5.	VICTOR, Etienne	Argovi	84.496 km	
6.	PIERMAY, Stéphane	AC Château-Thierry	78.968 km	
	THOUVENEL, Jean-Charles	Raid Team	DNF	(35.400km)

24 Hour Walk Women

1.	RAES-MAURE, Chloé	Neubourg AC	165.772 km
2.	DELAFAITE, Nadia	Usc Nouvion sur Meuse	145.000 km
3.	FREYBURGER, Sabrina	Ultra Marathon France	140.246 km
4.	BARRAUD, Céline	Ac Magny-lès-Compiègne	125.399 km
5.	PANNIER, Josiane	Le Havre Ac	108.046 km

24 Hour Walk Non Judged

1.	YASAR, Emilie		113.784 km
2.	PENA, Guylaine		113.784 km
3.	GALLO, Emmanuelle		113.784 km

6 Hour Walk Saturday

1.	BOCH, Thomas	6:10:31	47.500 km
2.	BOHREN, Christophe	6:02:23	43.700 km
3.	MEMHELD, Murielle	6:10:20	43.700 km
4.	GODON, Audrey	6:16:35	43.700 km
5.	LINDER, Jérôme	6:10:33	36.100 km
6.	GUILLOT, Mickaël	3:13:06	24.700 km

6 Hour Walk Sunday

1.	CHEVALIER, Eric	6:00:00	47.721 km
2.	MARRADI, Muriel	6:00:00	47.418 km
3.	CHEVALIER, Mireille	6:00:00	45.747 km
4.	BOHREN, Christophe	6:00:00	42.906 km

Half-Marathon Walk

1.	GAUDRE, Martin	Efs Reims	1:39:08
2.	MAYER, Florian	Athlé Vosges	1:39:49
3.	KUSTER, David	Csl Neuf Brisach	1:41:01
4.	TOUSSAINT, Albéric	Athlé Vosges	1:57:59
5.	BRASTEL, Adeline	EFSRA	2:14:15
6.	SIEGENFUHR, Daniel	ES Thaon	2:30:34
7.	ANXIONNAT, Claudine	Athlé Vosges	2:50:30
8.	TARDI, Emmanuel	LP Longjumeau	3:21:21
9.	SEUL, Otmar	MNAC	3:44:23
	BOURNIER, Justin	Dole Ac	DQ

10km Walk

1.	FLORENTIN, Thierry	Athlé Vosges	57:58
2.	DE BONTIN, Laura	EACPA	59:50
3.	FLORENTIN, Catherine	Athlé Vosges	1:01:29
4.	BRASTEL JUNG, Emilie	Ill Bruche Lingolsheim	1:03:37
5.	HAUGGER, Georg	Tvb buehlertal	1:04:16
6.	CHRETIEN, Nathalie	ES Thaon	1:06:25
7.	SIEPEL, Hans Georg	Tvb buehlertal	1:06:37
8.	SIEGENFUHR, Yvette	ES Thaon	1:17:23
9.	CHAUMET, Daniel		1:18:28

5km Walk

1.	GUILLOU, Paul	EFSRA	26:20
2.	LE MONTAGNER, Jacques	AC Chenove	32:58
3.	GLAPIN, Emilie		39:36
4.	GLAPIN, Philippe		39:45
5.	TILLIER, Marie		1:09:48







Alain Malfondet, Chloé Raes-Maure and Jean-Marc Rigal (photos Emmanuel Tardi)





Vincent De Bontin, Josiane Pannier, Daniel Faubert and Véronique Bessot

MORE 48 HOUR WALK PONDERINGS

In my last newsletter (https://centurions.org.au/newsletters/2026-n07-sep.pdf) I discussed the implications of trying to put a 48 Hour Walk All-Tim ranking list together. (see article *CAN AI CREATE A 48 HOUR WALK ALL-TIME RANKING LIST*?)

The issue discussed in that article was how to address the many wonderful 48H performances done by walkers in the various Paris-Colmar classics. Well, Emmanuel Tardi has been busy on that issue and his efforts so far are summarised in document https://centurions.org.au/documents/48H%20Splits%20from%20Paris-Colmar%20races.pdf. He explains

> *Hi Tim ,*
> *Following your article in the last centurion newsletter, I begin to build a file with the data I have. I took the times at the checkpoints and used the rule of three (Ratio?). This results in an estimated 48H distance that would be close to reality. I did this for years where there was no mandatory stop. At the end of the document, I have produced a table of the 48H distances, with the 1926-1937 results shown in blue.*
> *I will continue with the 1970-2003 races where I can, but it is impossible if I don't find the exact time of start or the exact tie at the various checkpoints. For example, if I find this information "he arrived at Reims after 47h56m", I must know if the prologue is included in the 47h56m, and if the 2 or 3 hours of mandatory stops are included. So it might be a tricky job.*
> *Sincerely ... Emmanuel*

This is fantastic work by Emmanuel. I have included below the table he mentions. These are amazing 48H Walk distances and confirm what mighty walkers these early protagonists were.

48H SPLIT	NAME	DOB	AGE	YEAR
387.40 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	42	1956
381.70 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	43	1957
380.50 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	44	1958
380.50 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	37	1951
377.70 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	38	1953
376.30 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	39	1953
374.50 km	Joseph Zami	25.03.1903	49	1952
373.20 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	40	1954
372.70 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	45	1959
371.00 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	35	1956
370.90 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	36	1957

369.50 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	33	1937
368.40 km	Joseph Zami	25.03.1903	53	1956
367.00 km	Georges Legras	02.07.1909	48	1957
366.90 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	37	1958
366.80 km	Marceau Roger	23.10.1904	26	1930
365.80 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	40	1955
365.80 km	Joseph Zami	25.03.1903	48	1951
365.40 km	Joseph Zami	25.03.1903	47	1950
364.10 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	38	1959
363.70 km	Pierre Iouckoff	06.07.1892	42	1934
363.20 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	35	1949
363.00 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	44	1959
362.50 km	Pierre Iouckoff	06.07.1892	38	1930
362.40 km	Victor Damas	07.12.1901	31	1932
362.20 km	Charles Dujardin	12.05.1899	33	1932
362.10 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	39	1954
360.30 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	42	1957
360.20 km	Marceau Blanquier	?		1930
359.90 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	47	1958
359.80 km	Gilbert Roger	17.02.1914	38	1952
359.80 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	41	1952
359.70 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	46	1935
359.50 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	31	1935
358.90 km	Charles Guny	16.06.1921	36	1957
358.70 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	41	1956
358.20 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	43	1958
358.10 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	46	1957
357.50 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	44	1955
356.80 km	Marceau Roger	23.10.1904	31	1935
356.50 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	40	1929
356.20 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	33	1954
354.20 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	42	1953
353.10 km	Jean Cheminant	18.07.1899	35	1934
352.90 km	Alfred Steinmetz	12.09.1903	33	1936
352.60 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	30	1934
352.50 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	41	1930
352.20 km	Jean Linder	1878	49	1927
350.80 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	26	1937
350.10 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	38	1949
349.70 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	40	1951
349.70 km	Joseph Zami	25.03.1903	33	1936
349.30 km	Constant Van Hamme	05.05.1893	44	1937
348.20 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	34	1955
348.10 km	Robert Mayeur	02.10.1912	47	1959
347.90 km	Pierre Iouckoff	06.07.1892	39	1931
347.50 km	Louis Godart (fils)	06.02.1915	36	1951
347.40 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	42	1931
347.20 km	Charles Dujardin	12.05.1899	51	1950
346.90 km	Robert Mayeur	02.10.1912	42	1954
346.10 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	38	1927
346.00 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	39	1950
346.00 km	Patern Lescoublet	31.05.1908	41	1949
345.00 km	Jean Plique	08.04.1929	29	1958
344.90 km	Emille Vandentorren	26.04.1902	50	1952
344.60 km	Albert Giré	01.06.1910	48	1958
344.50 km	Marceau Roger	23.10.1904	28	1932
344.30 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	28	1932
344.20 km	Charles Dujardin	12.05.1899	52	1951
343.50 km	Charles Guny	16.06.1921	37	1958
343.40 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	45	1949
343.30 km	Arthur Hueber	21.06.1914	41	1955
343.00 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	29	1933

342.80 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	32	1953
342.10 km	Georges Legras	02.07.1909	47	1956
340.70 km	Kleber Kalin	18.04.1907	43	1950
340.00 km	Kleber Kalin	18.04.1907	44	1951
339.50 km	Charles Guny	16.06.1921	35	1956
339.30 km	Charles Dujardin	12.05.1899	53	1952
339.00 km	Arthur Hueber	21.06.1914	40	1954
338.90 km	Marceau Blanquier	?		1931
338.60 km	Albert Seibert	01.05.1911	25	1936
337.60 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	25	1929
337.50 km	Henri Caron	02.07.1924	32	1956
337.50 km	Victor Damas	07.12.1901	30	1931
336.90 km	Marceau Roger	23.10.1904	25	1929
335.90 km	Joseph Zami	25.03.1903	46	1949
335.20 km	Kleber Kalin	18.04.1907	46	1953
334.70 km	Kleber Kalin	18.04.1907	45	1952
333.60 km	François Obstetar	30.01.1908	42	1950
333.40 km	André Largillier	19.04.1911	45	1956
332.90 km	Jean Linder	1878	52	1930
332.50 km	Marceau Roger	23.10.1904	23	1927
332.40 km	Pierre Laisné	05.10.1926	43	1959
331.80 km	Jean Linder	1878	53	1931
331.70 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	24	1928
331.10 km	Maurice Sarrasin	27.08.1915	38	1953
330.00 km	Charles Guny	16.06.1921	38	1959
329.20 km	Charles Dujardin	12.05.1899	31	1930
328.90 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	47	1951
327.50 km	Alfred Volzenlogel	19.12.1915	34	1949
326.60 km	Albert Giré	01.06.1910	46	1956
323.80 km	Marceau Blanquier	?		1933
323.50 km	Joseph Nowak	20.03.1906	45	1951
323.30 km	Jean Linder	1878	48	1926
323.00 km	François Obstetar	30.01.1908	43	1951
322.00 km	André Touchet	10.12.1910	42	1952
320.50 km	Charles Dujardin	12.05.1899	50	1949
319.80 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	44	1933
319.60 km	Robert Mayeur	02.10.1912	40	1952
319.60 km	Alfred Steinmetz	12.09.1903	49	1952
319.40 km	Robert Mayeur	02.10.1912	44	1956
318.20 km	Clement Real	?		1928
317.10 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	39	1928
316.40 km	Ernest Romens	06.01.1904	48	1952
314.90 km	Arthur Hueber	21.06.1914	38	1952
313.10 km	François Obstetar	30.01.1908	48	1956
308.50 km	Eugene Defaye	11.09.1879	47	1926
303.40 km	Louis Godart (père)	23.09.1889	37	1926
296.20 km	Edmond Guny	16.06.1921	31	1952
296.20 km	Camille Fresnoy	1904 ?	48	1952

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

That's it for another bumper edition. I look forwards to seeing some of our members and readers in Canberra next month as we officially welcome Geoff and John. And for everyone else, I wish you happy wanderings!

With kind regards to all

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