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### DATES...DATES

The number of ultra distance events in Australia is growing each year and 2013 will provide many opportunities for walkers and runners. The best source of information remains the Australian Ultra Runners Assn (AURA) website – check out <a href="http://www.aura.asn.au/events.html">http://www.aura.asn.au/events.html</a>. Here is a selection of local and overseas walk events.

Apr 13-14, 2013	Coburg Carnival 24 Hour Walk/Run	Coburg, Victoria, AUS
Apr 27-28, 2013	Rond les Ducs 24 Hour Road Walk	Dijon, FRA
May 7-13, 2013	French Ultra Festival (6 Day, 3 Day, 2Day, 1 Day, 100 miles, etc)	Le Luc, FRA
•	See <a href="http://french-ultra-festival.fr/">http://french-ultra-festival.fr/</a>	
May 18-19, 2013	Continental Centurions 24 Hour Qualifying Walk	Weert, Netherlands
	See <a href="http://www.olat.nl/InternWeekend.html">http://www.olat.nl/InternWeekend.html</a>	
Jun 1-2, 2013	USA Centurions 24 Hour Qualifying Walk	Snelling Lake, Minneapolis
Jun 12-15, 2013	Paris Colmar Classic	FRA
Jun 15-16, 2013	Sri Chinmoy 24 Hour	Sydney, NSW
Jun 22-23, 2013	Parish Walk (80 miles)	Isle of Man, UK
Jul 13, 2013	Adelaide 24 Hour	Adelaide, SA, AUS
Jul 19-20, 2013	100km de Binche	Binche, BEL
Jul 19-21, 2013	Caboolture 24 Hour and 48 Hour Championships	Caboolture, QLD
Aug 3-4, 2013	English Centurions 100 Mile Qualifying Walk	Douglas, Isle of Man
-	See www.isleofman100milewalk.co.uk	_
Sept 14-15, 2013	Australian Centurions 24 Hour Qualifying Walk	Melbourne, AUS
Sept 14-15, 2013	Roubaix 28 Hour - 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Roubaix, FRA
Oct 5-6, 2013	24 Heures de St Thibault des Vignes	St Thibault, FRA
Oct 5-6, 2013	NZ Centurions 24 Hour Qualifying Walk	Auckland, NZ
Nov 24, 2013	Victorian 6 Hour Championshipc (Date TBC)	Moe, Victoria, AUS
Dec 7-8, 2013	4th Putrajaya International 12 Hour Walk	Putrajaya, Malaysia
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All five of the 2013 Centurion qualifying walks are now locked in - Continental Centurions in May, American Centurions in June, English Centurions in August, Australian Centurions in September and NZ Centurions in October. Yes, I know it's bad timing for us to run our Australian centurion walk alongside the Roubaix 28 Hour event but sometimes you only have a limited choice of dates and we were in that unfortunate situation.

The good news is that our Australian Centurions qualifying has now been locked in for the weekend of 14-15 September and will be held in Middle Park, Melbourne on a road course. This will be our first non-track qualifying event in many years and planning is now underway.

#### FOCUS ON THE 2013 ISLE OF MAN CENTURION 100MILE WALK



This year's English Centurion 100 mile qualifying event is to be held at the National Sports Centre in Douglas, Isle of Man, on 3-4 August. The event website has now gone online at <a href="http://www.isleofman100milewalk.co.uk/index.html">http://www.isleofman100milewalk.co.uk/index.html</a> and race entries are now being taken - the field is restricted to 100 walkers and they are already well on the way to filling that quota. You can enter via their online entry system: <a href="https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event\_id=1006">https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event\_id=1006</a>.

The event incorporates the RWA National Long Distance Race Walking Championship and is sponsored by Tower Insurance. As part of the official event opening, the following photo was taken:



Back Row left to right: Jock Waddington C1034, Sean Hands C1014, John Cannell C388 (Manx Record Holder 17:10:15), Irene Corlett (first lady Manx Centurion 1982 and still record holder 18:54:05)
Front Row: Chris Cale C1050, Graham Young (First Manx Centurion), Kellie Hands and Ann Zachorecki of Tower Insurance and Steve Taylor (2012 Chief Olympic Judge, CWG 1994)

Manx walkers have often been prominent in the English Centurion events. The Manx all time 100 miles list below (from Steve Taylor) shows the 46 Manx centurions although a couple of them moved to the Isle of Man after they qualified as centurions. Not bad for a little island of 85,000 inhabitants, a speck in the middle of the Irish Sea!

17.10.15	John Cannell	10/06/1988	Leicester	National Championships
17.15.50	Derek Harrison	31/07/1976		Leicester to Skegness
18.34.56	T Corkhill (Willie?)	1988	Congerstone	Leicester Open
18.54.05	Irene Corlett	21/08/1982	Congerstone	National Championships
19.02.57	Sean Hands	31/07/2005	King's Lynn	National Championships
19.43.30	Denis Vale	1975	Ewhurst	
20.08.10	Sue Biggart	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
20.24.30	Graham Young	1966		Leicester to Skegness
20.34.01	Michael George	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
20.34.11	Eammon Harkin	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
20.50.26	Catherine Lowey	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
20.57.35	Jock Waddington	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
21.08.05	Chris Keown	25/07/1986	Congerstone	Leicester Open
21.21.09	Andy Gosnell	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
21.33.59	Roey Crellin	31/07/2005	King's Lynn	National Championships
21.33.59	Eammon Harkin	31/07/2005	King's Lynn	National Championships
21.34.00	Andrew Titley	29/07/2007	Surrey, London	National Championships
21.43.04	Terry Moffat	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
21.53.20	Ray Pitts	22/09/2004	Colchester	National Championships
21.56.45	Mick Holgate	26/06/1987	Surrey	National Championships
22.15.48	Anthony Kneale	1998	Parish Walk	Isle of Man
22.23.39	Karen Lawrie	20/09/2012	Colchester	National Championships

Stan Sille	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Alan Kinvig	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
David Doyle	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
David Chambers	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Simon Cox	22/09/2004	Colchester	National Championships
JC Draper	1964		Leicester to Skegness
John Stubbs	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Roy Corlett	21/08/1982	Congerstone	National Championships
Ray Hughes	1998	Parish Walk	Isle of Man
Andrew Titley	4/05/2005	Weert, Holland	Dutch Championships
Bernie Ball	8/08/2010	Colchester	National Championships
Dave Looker	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Keith Wilkinson	31/07/2005	King's Lynn	National Championships
Dermot O'Toole	31/07/2005	King's Lynn	National Championships
Anne Oates	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Selwyn Callister	31/07/2005	King's Lynn	National Championships
John Stubbs	11/08/2002	Blackpool	National Championships
Jackie Campbell	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Terri Salmon	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Chris Cale	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Steve Gardner	2/08/2005	Bristol	Bristol Open
Maureen Cox	1995	Battersea Park	
Gareth Evans	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
Mike Gellion	20/08/2006	NSC, Isle of Man	National Championships
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The 2013 event will be the third time that the National 100 miles will be staged on the Isle of Man. In 1998 it was held over a lap of the Parish Walk course, then fifteen miles up and down Douglas promenade. There were 11 finishers that day, 4 qualifying as Centurions for the first time, 3 of whom were Isle of Man walkers. In 2006 it was staged at the National Sports Centre where there 80 entrants and 42 finishers, the winner being Manx walker Sean Hands. Of the 42, 25 qualified as Centurions that day, 20 of whom were Isle of Man walkers.

#### **NEWS ON OUR MEMBERS**

**Fred Brooks (C 42)** has been very busy over the last 6-12 months working on a big project - the history of his old club, Lozells Harriers. Fred was a member of Lozells when he lived in Birmingham as a young bloke (before he emigrated to Australia) and was Secretary for 7 years from the late fifties to the early sixties. The history covers the years 1899 - 1991 (the club was formed in 1899 with 18 members of the Lozells Street Mission Hall in Birmingham). Fred's task never seems to finish as, whenever he thinks he has drawn the line in the sand, more information comes in as the word spreads. He has made a number of presentations and radio appearances and is the right man for such a big job. I look forward to seeing the final product.

A plug for **Graham Watt** (**C 48**), the member of State Parliament for Burwood. Graham has now finished his first 2 years as part of the current Victorian Government team and is out and about doing all sorts of things, as befits a local member. He certainly brushes up well on his website - <a href="http://www.grahamwatt.com.au">http://www.grahamwatt.com.au</a> - and he even gives us a plug in his bio when he says "He was blessed as a former Australian school boy Champion and State Champion to travel both interstate and overseas for Athletics. In 2004, he walked a hundred miles in 24 hours, to become an Australian centurion, something achieved by only 57 people on Australian soil."

**Justin Scholz (C 61)** is busy organising a new ultra event for the Australian calendar. Called the **Ned Kelly Chase**, the proposed date is 27 October 2013 and will be a 100km run (individual and relay) around the NE Victorian area, starting and finishing in Wangaratta. Check out website <a href="http://www.nedkellychase.com.au/">http://www.nedkellychase.com.au/</a> and facebook group <a href="http://www.nedkellychase.com.au/">http://www.nedkellychase.com.au/</a> and facebook group <a href="http://www.nedkellychase.com/groups/nedkellychase/">http://www.nedkellychase.com/groups/nedkellychase/</a>. It sounds a good event to bookmark if you are an active ultra distance person.

**Jill Green (C 38)** is getting back into serious walking mode after her enforced layoff last year with her broken ankle. She wrote to me recently to advise of two walks that she has recently done.

Last weekend Jim and I joined a coach load of walkers to go to Belgium on a two day walk near the German border and Aachen. We got on the coach at 7PM and drove all night, arriving at Cleremont at 6AM, straight out of the coach to start walking in the dark. The route is well marked with different colours designating the different

distances. It had been snowing a lot during the night, the ground was nice and frozen and the trees full of snow-very pretty! We just did the 42km which was still slow going in the snow and ice but all very enjoyable. Our happiness was a bit dampened because one of our walkers fell and broke her arm. Nevertheless, we have given a deposit to go again next year. However, I think I will not do Plombieres to Hauffalize anymore. We have a deposit to walk in Spain at that time, a bit of warm weather will be better now that we are both over 70!

As an aside, the link <a href="https://picasaweb.google.com/109673824400392713534/Thimister09022013?noredirect=1">https://picasaweb.google.com/109673824400392713534/Thimister09022013?noredirect=1</a> shows lots of photos from this Belgium walk, some of them featuring Jill and Jim. It was certainly a wonderful snow covered walk by the look of it. Here are a couple to whet your appetite - now that's what I call a walk!





Jill and Jim walking in Belgium

#### Jill goes on:

February has been really perfect for us as we have walked the South Down Way. The route goes from Winchester to Eastbourne. We didn't do all 104 miles in one go! I have done that in the past when the annual LDWA 100 miles went that way, but we did walk long days. We saw carpets of snowdrops, also called fair maids of February, all kinds of early spring flowers, black velvet star studded night skies and above all skylarks singing their heads off hight above us. All in all it makes you feel good to be alive. This weekend we will be doing the Poppy Pine 50 Miles in Norfolk. I hope to see Sue and Sandra and lots of walking friends there.

### COBURG 6 HOUR TRACK CHAMPS, HAROLD STEVENS TRACK, COBURG, SUNDAY 10 MARCH

The 2013 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival is spread over 2 weekends, with the 6 Hour events held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March and the 24 Hour events to be held on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April. With Melbourne under the influence of ongoing sweltering conditions, the decision was made to bring the start time for the 6 Hour Championships forward from 8AM to 6AM last Sunday. The decision was well received by competitors and it proved a correct one as the temperature was around 35°C by the time the event finished at midday. The championship featured both run (26 entries) and walk (13 entries) divisions and this report concentrates on the feats of the walkers in what proved to be a hot race in more ways than one.

#### 6 Hour Walk Women

Australian Centurion Michelle Thompson (C58) was in a class of her own in the walk division, covering 9.3km in the first hour and holding that same pace throughout the entire race to break her own Australian Women's 6 Hour Walk Record with 55.865km (she held it previously with 54.636km, set here at Coburg in 2012). Fellow centurion Karyn O'Neill (C45) took second with 45.735km while ultramarathon legend Dawn Parris was third with 43.476km. It was a dominant display by Australia's best female ultra walker and this performance adds to her growing collection of records. An inspection of her lapsheets indicate she passed the 50km mark in 5:20:57, an Australian Women's 50km track best.

1.	THOMPSON, Michelle (C58)	VIC	55.865 km	PB 1:140 km
2.	O'NEILL, Karyn (C45)	VIC	45.735 km	
3.	PARRIS, Dawn	VIC	43.476 km	

#### 6 Hour Walk Men

Defending walk champion and centurion **Terry O'Neill (C 18)** had an easy win in the men's walk with 50.532km ahead of fellow Melbourne walker Steve Jordan and NSW walker Saul Richardson (PB of 43.266km). It was good to see a couple of first timers in Victorians Rob Grinter and Michael Whimpey also walk to good totals.

1.	O'NEILL, Terry (C18)	VIC	50.532 km	
2.	JORDAN, Steve	VIC	46.157 km	
3.	RICHARDSON, Saul	NSW	43.266 km	PB 0:266 km
4.	GRINTER, Rob	VIC	41.560 km	First
5.	WHIMPEY, Michael	VIC	39.772 km	First
6.	TIMMS. John	VIC	38.692 km	
7.	TURNER, Gary	VIC	38.332 km	
8.	CARTER, Ken	VIC	28.535 km	

Final results and lapsplits can be viewed at <a href="http://www.coburgharriers.org.au">http://www.coburgharriers.org.au</a>. Once again, we restricted run entrants to lanes 1-2 and walk entrants to lanes 3-4. The Computer lapscoring worked well and we were able to confirm the provisional race results within 30 minutes of the event finish and hand out printed results at the presentations.









Michelle, Karyn, Terry and Steve



There is always time for a chat early on





Michelle, Karyn, Dawn, Terry, Steve and Saul

### COBURG 24 HOUR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS, MELBOURNE, 13-14 APRIL 2013

It is now only a couple of weeks until the annual Coburg 24 Hour Track Championships and the field has been fully subscribed for a couple of months. As this year's event hosts the Australian Ultra Runners 24 Hour Track Championship, it is not our annual Centurions event and the walk field is consequently quite small. But it does includes Centurions **Karyn O'Neill (C 45)**, **Terry O'Neill (C 18)** and **Michelle Thompson (C 58)** as well as a number of other promising walkers. I look forward to reporting on how everyone went in the next newsletter.

### LA GORGUE 6 HOUR, FRANCE, SUNDAY 10 MARCH

Seventy runners and walkers and eleven teams took the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of "La Gorgue 6:00" a couple of weeks ago in cold (3C) but dry conditions. Gildan Legrand was the winner of the walk division with 48.981 km.

1.	LEGRAND GILDAN	V3M	48,981 km
2.	SAKESYN OLIVIER	V1M	47,246 km
3.	LANCKBEEN PATRICE	SM	45,205 km
4.	WERQUIN GERARD	V4M	42,732 km
5.	SPIESER JEAN- PAUL	V2M	38,390 km
6.	MORIN VERONIQUE	V1F	36,254 km
7.	MANCHUELLE PATRICE	V2M	30,286 km
8.	LEBASTARD MICHELE	V3F	27,302 km
9.	BLONDELLE BRUNO	V2M	15,367 km

### 3<sup>RD</sup> VALENCIA 6 HOUR ULTRADISTANCE C'SHIP, VALENCIA, SPAIN, SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2013

Bernardo José Mora was successful in the walk division of the third Valencia 6 Hour Championships with a distance of 55.14km ahead of Ruben Pinol Valle with 53.78km. Apparently the wind caused many problems for the organizers and athletes.

1.	BERNARDO JOSE MORA	55,14 km
	RUBEN PIÑOL VALLE	53,78 km
3.	JULIÁN OLMOS OLMOS	43,98 km
4.	JAROSLAV PRÜCHER	42,77 km
5.	SANTIAGO SEGUI GARCIA	39,45 km
6.	RAFAEL SANCHIS MEZQUIDA	37,88 km
7.	ENRIQUE MORET HUERTA	21,00 km

### 24 HEURES DE CHATEAU-THIERRY, CHATEAU THIERRY, FRANCE, 23-24 MARCH

Emmanuel Tardi was in Chateau-Thierry (the birthplace of French poet La Fontaine), about 100km in the East of Paris, for the second of the 2013 Paris-Colmar spring qualifiers in late March. A good field of 51 walkers toed the line for the 2PM start at the Town Hall Square, intent on walking as far as they could in the next 24 hours. The first lap was 1.108km, followed by laps of 2.417km with the lap reduced to 656m for the final hour.

Fabrice Henry took the lead right from the gun. For the first two hours, he had company in the person of local walker Philippe Morel but he soon cleared out, passing the 100km mark in 10:59:57 (already 21 mins in front) and the 180km in 21 hours. His final winning distance of 205.632km was very good considering the adverse weather (sub zero temperatures during the night and a swirling cold wind). Second place went to Dominique Bunel with 196.338km and third place to Florien Letourneau with 187.95km in his first attempt at this kind of event. 80 year old Jean Pichon walked an excellent 135km. In the women's race, Corinne Fauqueur led for the 6 hours but then surrendered the lead to Dominique Alvernhe who went on to win with 172.813km.

The 2x6 hours event was won by Saadi Lougrada with 99.523 km.

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<ol> <li>HENRY Fabrice</li> </ol>	AS ST JUNIEN	205 km 632 m
2. BUNEL Dominique	NEUILLY SUR MARNE ATHLETISME	196 km 338 m
3. LETOURNEAU Florian	AC CHATEAU THIERRY	187 km 958 m
4. DUTERTE Andre	CM ROUBAIX	187 km 193 m
5. VARAIN Cedric	AC CHATEAU THIERRY	186 km 449 m
6. LETESSIER Gilles	PLM CONFLANS	179 km 702 m
7. RAULET Christophe	G A MEUSIEN	178 km 906 m
8. BUNEL Pascal	NEUILLY SUR MARNE ATHLETISME	174 km 213 m
9. ALVERNHE Dominique (F)	MONTPELLIER A.A.M	172 km 813 m
10. MARECHAL Jean	AC CHATEAU THIERRY	170 km 683 m
11. HUART Gilles	ASTT TOUL	165 km 554 m
12. FAUQUEUR Corinne (F)	ELAN 59	163 km 828 m
13. THEVENIN Hugues	MARNE ET GONDOIRE ATHLETISME	161 km 683 m
<ol><li>WALLAEYS Jean</li></ol>	CM ROUBAIX	161 km 028 m
15. PICOT Gerard	RANDO MONTFERMEIL	156 km 076 m
16. RODIER Nicole (F)	E.F.S.R.A.	153 km 331 m
<ol><li>DAUENDORFER Pierre</li></ol>	NL	152 km 737 m
18. LABYLLE Maggy (F)	AC BOUILLANTE	152 km 683 m
<ol><li>BAUDRILLART Antonio</li></ol>	PCA/CSL NEUF BRISACH	149 km 769 m
20. BIZARD Emilie (F)	THIAIS AC	149 km 082 m
21. CHAUVITEAU Daniel	NL	148 km 945 m
22. SEYNAEVE Serge	BEL (CM ROUBAIX	146 km 412 m
23. EMONIERE Philippe	COSM ARCUEIL	144 km 880 m
24. PICHON Jean	AMSTV	135 km 331 m
25. BIZARD Claudie (F)	THIAIS AC	131 km 398 m
26. RASSAIND André	A LAÏQUE VOIRON	131 km 034 m
27. GLASER Jean Bernard	NEUILLY SUR MARNE ATHLETISME	125 km 964 m
28. GILLES Philippe	S/L LMA MEUNG SUR LOIRE	124 km 513 m
29. GANE Joel	AC BOUILLANTE	123 km 540 m
30. SPIESER Jean Paul	A.V.E.C	116 km 802 m
31. ELIESER Jocelyn	AC BOUILLANTE	105 km 938 m

# 2x6 Hour Walk

1.	LOUGRADA Saadi	CM ROUBAIX	99 km 523 m
2.	GIRAUDEAU Denis	PLM CONFLANS	95 km 791 m
3.	MALOCHET Dominique (F)	A S C LE HAVRE	93 km 467 m
4.	PIERRE Florence (F)	ASPTT BAR LE DUC	92 km 359 m
5.	ANXIONNAT Claudine (F)	A.V.E.C	91 km 617 m
6.	PANNIER Josiane (F)	HAC	90 km 633 m
7.	SALOMEZ Benedicte (F)	NEUILLY SUR MARNE ATHLETISME	88 km 935 m
8.	BORDIER Daniel	AC CHATEAU THIERRY	87 km 043 m
9.	DALOZ Robert	NEUILLY SUR MARNE ATHLHETISME	86 km 479 m

10. QUINQUETON Bernac	lette (F) AM ST THIBAULT DES VIGN	ES 85 km 646 m
11. LAMOTTE Ginette (F)	NL	79 km 233 m
12. NAUMOWICZ Veronic	jue (F) CM ROUBAIX	73 km 702 m
13. MERCIER Jean Pierre	P C A/C S L NEUF BRISACH	73 km 547 m







Dominique Alvernhe, Dominique Brunel, Corinne Fauqueur and Jean Pichon



**Fabrice Henry and Philippe Morel** 

# **VALE GEORGES TAMBUTE: 1937 - 2013**

The French ultra distance walking community is mourning the death of Georges "Jojo" Tambute, who died on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 76 years of age. Georges was the President and founder of Team 'AM St Thibaut des Vignes' and the organizer of the St Thibaut des Vignes 24 Hour race, one of the annual Paris-Colmar qualifiers.

He was born on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1937 in Pavilion sous Bois. Starting work at the age of 14 as a kitchen hand and cook, he enlisted in the army at the age of 18 and worked his way up to the rank of sergeant, working in construction and

mechanics. In 1985, he moved to Saint Thibault des Vignes and started his own ultra walking career, participating various events including the 200 km de Bourges (4 times), the 8 Heures de Charly and the 200 km de Bar le Duc.

In 2003, he founded the Saint Thibault walking club (AMSTV), becoming president the following year. In 2008, he organized the first 24 Heures de Saint Thibault and it now runs annually in October each year. In 2010, with his friend Frédéric Chabin, he embarked on a crazy challenge: setting up a walk from Saint Thibault to the Italian town of Badia Polesine (near Venice) a distance of 1177 km. This year, he was preparing for the fourth edition of this event.

This year's St Thibaut des Vignes race will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and will be a fitting memorial to "Jojo". Long may his memory endure.





Left: Georges with Emmanuel Tardi Right: Georges with ultra distance walker Frédéric Chabin

## SITTARD 80KM KENNEDY MARCH, NETHERLANDS, 30 MARCH 2013

Rudy Schoors (C 55) and Caroline Mestdagh (C 56) were in Sittard, southern Holland, last weekend for the Sittard Kennedy March (80km). Rudy commented

Weather conditions were dry but the temperature was too cold. When we started at 5AM, it was  $-4^{\circ}$ C and the wind was blowing overland and very unpleasant. Both Caroline and I were satisfied with our performances. Rudy achieved  $7^{th}$  place and Caroline won the ladies race. This was the first time in 50 years that a lady from outside the Netherlands had won.

1.	Rob Tersteeg	Nieuwkoop	RWV	8:52:05	9,021 km/hr
2.	Frans Leijtens	Dordrecht	RWV	9:16:30	8,625
3.	Ron Budy	Bunde	OLAT	9:19:00	8,587
4.	Jack Koolen	Nieuwstadt		9:22:27	8,534
5.	Wil Boudewijns	Bergeijk		9:27:05	8,464
6.	Kim Janssens	Mol (B)		9:34:00	8,362
7.	Rudy Schoors	Geel (B)		9:39:08	8,288
8.	Rein Pistorius	Boxmeer		9:40:33	8,268
9.	Frank van der Gulik	't Veld	LAT	9:41:40	8,252
10.	Servee Derks	Leiden	OLAT	9:47:58	8,164
11.	Herwin Weststrate	Hengelo		9:51:33	8,114
12.	René Wakkee	Sint-Maartensdijk	RWV	9:55:14	8,064
13.	Henny Slootmakers	Obbicht		10:15:37	7,797
14.	Ton van Andel	Tricht	RWV	10:21:41	7,721

15.	Caroline Mestdagh (W)	Geel (B)	RWV	10:24:00	7,692
16.	Luc Soetewey	Zwijndrecht (B)		10:24:01	7,692
17.	Jimmy Millard	Veenendaal		10:24:02	7,692
18.	Armando Vandevelde	Vorst-Laakdal (B)		10:24:54	7,681
19.	Ronald Cuijlits	Veldhoven		10:27:08	7,654
	René de Vlieger	Brunssum		10:28:20	7,639
21.		Thorn		10:33:25	7,578
22.	Marco van Heel	Helmond		10:34:00	7,571
23.	John van Meel	Sittard		10:36:22	7,543
24.	Hans van Wakeren	Stein Unitas		10:37:09	7,534
25.	Arnold Kaanen	Geleen		10:44:36	7,446
26.	Bert Bosmans	Valkenswaard		10:45:18	7,438
27.	Sven Verbruggen	Berkel-Enschot		10:46:11	7,428
	Jef Glassée	Nijlen (B)		11:02:52	7,241
29.	Connie Raijmakers (W)	Oss	OLAT	11:06:57	7,197
	Wim van Gemert	Eindhoven		11:14:21	7,118
31.	Frits Mennen	Heteren		11:15:33	7,105
32.	Aaf Peters-de Rijk (W)	Nijmegen		11:18:31	7,074
	Con Bollmann	Venlo	RWV	11:27:36	6,981
34.	Gerrit Bonants	Maashees		11:33:58	6,917
	Corina Riezebos (W)	De Lier	RWV	11:39:58	6,857
	Piet Rutten	Bakel		11:40:08	6,856
37.		Rotterdam		11:44:26	6,814
	Bertus van Ginkel	Waarder		11:44:26	6,814
39.	Martin Kneepkens	Maarheeze		11:46:05	6,798
	Fred Röhner Buchten	Unitas		11:55:42	6,707
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Rudy in action

Caroline third from the left

### **OUR OLDEST CENTURION PERFORMANCES**

Thanks to Centurions super statistician **Gerrit de Jong (C 40)** of Holland for this comprehensive listing of all the centurion performances done by walkers aged 70 or older. Our own **Deryck Skinner (C 51)** is there with 4 performances. The oldest currently listed is the great Eddy McNeir who walked 23:13:48 at 76 years of age. Note the list is a work in progress and is not yet deemed to be definitive.

Larry O'Neil	USA	01/01/17	21:55:23	01/08/1977	Columbia, MO	USA	R	4	70
Dave Boxall	GBR	28/10/33	22:11:10	30/07/2005	Kings Lynn	GBR	R	464	71

Eddy McNeir	GBR		22:27:55	31/07/1970	Leicester-Skegness	GBR	R	375	70
		27/07/27			•	_			
Jaap Visser	NED	27/07/37	22:36:36	07/08/2010	Colchester	GBR	R	944	73
Joop Wissink	NED	25/09/25	22:38:54	18/05/1996	Schiedam	NED	R	105	70
Deryck Skinner	AUS	27/11/32	22:39:55	15/10/2005	Adelaide, SA	AUS	T	51	72
Jaap Visser	NED	27/07/37	22:44:34	11/07/2009	Newmarket	GBR	R	944	71
Jaap Visser	NED	27/07/37	22:46:31	02/07/2011	Lingfield	GBR	R	944	73
Jac. Heidendaal	NED	18/09/12	22:50:07	24/06/1983	Ewhurst	GBR	R	674	70
Joop Wissink	NED	25/09/25	22:50:42	03/08/1996	Colchester	GBR	R	764	70
Eddy McNeir	GBR		22:55:58	25/06/1971	Ewhurst	GBR	R	375	71
Eddy McNeir	GBR		23:10:33	27/06/1975	Ewhurst	GBR	R	375	75
Joop Wissink	NED	25/09/25	23:10:34	06/06/1998	Schiedam	NED	R	105	72
Eddie McNeir	GBR		23:13:48	28/05/1976	Woodford	GBR	T	375	76
Jac. Heidendaal	NED	18/09/12	23:22:38	25/07/1986	Leicester-Congerstone	GBR	R	674	73
Deryck Skinner	AUS	27/11/32	23:23:30	11/08/2006	Gold Coast, QLD	AUS	T	51	73
Deryck Skinner	AUS	27/11/32	23:23:43	22/04/2006	Coburg, Vic	AUS	T	51	73
Joop van den Hoel	k NED	22/01/29	23:27:00	15/05/1999	Weert	NED	R	291	70
Deryck Skinner	AUS	27/11/32	23:30:12	01/10/2006	Adelaide, SA	AUS	T	51	73
Jaap Visser	NED	27/07/37	23:34:24	16/08/2008	Milton Keynes	GBR	T	944	71
Johan Bakker	NED	19/08/23	23:44:53	05/08/1995	London	GBR	R	889	71

### FINANCIAL NEWS

Thanks to Fred Brooks for his very generous donation of \$500, earmarked for our 2013 Australian Centurion qualifying event which will be held in Melbourne in September. We will need a good kitty to put this event on so his contribution is appreciated. Thanks also to the other members who have donated this month.

Incoming	Geoff Peters - 2013 Newsletter Postal Subsciption	12.00
	Geoff Peters - donation	18.00
	Fred Brooks - donation towards 2013 Centurion event	500.00
	Clarrie and Ian Jack - 2013 Newsletter Postal Subsciption	12.00
	Clarrie and Ian Jack - donation	8.00
	Ian Valentine - donation	50.00
Outgoing	Photocopying	20.00
	Dept of Consumer Affairs - annual incorporation payment	50.10
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# UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Another bumper issue of reading for us all. Here in Melbourne, our long hot summer has finally departed and we are enjoying more pleasant weather - perfect for that occasional longer walk.

Yours in Centurion walking ... Tim (C 13)