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DATES...DATES...DATES

There are always ultra opportunities on offer for those walkers after a longer challenge. Some are shown below. In addition, the AURA calendar shows quite a few additional Australian ultra events that may suit serious ultra walkers – check it out at <http://aura.asn.au/>. I am pleased to see an increased number of longer track based ultras on our local calendar.

Apr 22-23, 2017	Coburg 24 Hour Track Championships 2017 Australian Centurions 24H Qualifier See http://www.coburg24hr.org/24hr/	Coburg, VIC
May 31-Jun 3, 2017	Paris-Alsace Classic	Paris, FRA
June 3-4, 2017	2017 Continental Centurions 24H Qualifier See https://www.olat.nl/actuele-inschrijvingen	Weert, NED
June 3-4, 2017	FANS 24 Hour Track Championships 2017 USA Centurions 24H Qualifier See http://www.fans24hour.org/index.html	Minneapolis, Minnesota USA
Jun 17, 2017	Parish Walk (85 Miles)	Douglas, Isle of Man, GBR
Jun 24-25, 2017	Montguyon 24H Run/Walk	Montguyon, FRA
Jul 8-9, 2017	Sri Chinmoy 6H/12H/24H Track Championships	Sydney, NSW
Jul 8-9, 2017	Adelaide 6H/12H/24H Road Championships	Adelaide, SA
Aug 5-6, 2017	2017 English Centurions 24H Qualifier See https://www.facebook.com/events/990973581012094/	Bury St Edmonds, England
Aug 12-13, 2017	Track Ultra WA (24H, 12H, 6H, 3H)	Bunbury, WA
Aug 27-28, 2017	Vallorbe 24H Walk	Vallorbe, FRA
Sep 16-17, 2017	Roubaix 28H Walk	Roubaix, FRA
Sep 16-17, 2017	Nijmegen-Rotterdam 100km Walk	Nijmegen, NED
Sep 23-24, 2017	2017 USA Centurion 24H Qualifier	Owega, NY State, USA
Oct 7-8, 2017	St Thibault de Vignes, 24H Walk	St Thibault de Vignes, FRA
Oct 7-8, 2017	Sri Chinmoy NZ 24 Hour Championships 2017 New Zealand Centurions 24H Qualifier	Auckland, NZ
Oct 21-22, 2017	2017 African Centurions 24H Qualifier See http://www.africancenturion.com	Robben Island, Sth Africa
Oct 22, 2017	Ned Kelly Chase (100km, 50km)	Wangaratta, VIC

In particular, all the 2017 Centurion qualifying events are now gazetted. Note there are two qualifying opportunities for the USA Centurions, the familiar FANS race in June and the newer one hosted by Dave and Erin Talcott in September.

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Aug 5-6, 2017	2017 English Centurions 24H Qualifier	Bury St Edmonds, England
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OUT AND ABOUT

Rob Robertson (C68) was in action on Sunday 26th February in the Cowtown Ultra Marathon 50km in Fort Worth, Texas, where he had set a target time of 5:50:00. He was spot on, finishing with 5:50:45. You can read all about it in his blog at <http://www.walk100miles24hours.com/2017/02/26/2017-cowtown-50k/>.

And Rob is also interviewed in the OK Sports and Fitness magazine and discusses the rigors of a centurion walk. See http://www.oksportsandfitness-digital.com/publication/?m=12413&l=1#{%22issue_id%22:385364,%22page%22:42}

8 HEURES DE CHARLY-SUR-MARNE, FRANCE, SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Emmanuel Tardi was in Charly-sur-Marne, about 100km at the east of Paris, in early February for the first ultra walk classic for the year. The temperature was around 5°C for the 8am start, increasing to 10°C during the race, but cold rain in the 3 hours between 9am and noon made it tough going. About 60 walkers started with an opening lap of 1.075km, followed by laps of 2.575km. In the men's event, **Philippe Lamare** led the race for 35km before being disqualified. This left local walker **Philippe Morel** in the lead, 75 secs ahead of **Philippe Gilles**. Gilles tried to bridge the gap but never quite made it and, in the last hour, Morel actually increased his lead to 3 minutes for a final distance of 70.600 km. The first 5 all finished on the same lap. **Christine Lepage** had an easy victory in the women's event, recording a distance of 62.875 km. Emmanuel had a walk in the ancillary 10km event, coming third overall. See photos at https://www.facebook.com/emmanuel.tardi/media_set?set=a.10210497428866134.1073741912.1657411914&type=3



8 Hours Walk

			Laps	Dist	Time
1.	MOREL Philippe	VEH	27	70.600 km	7:45:27
2.	GILLES Philippe	VEH Usm Montargis	27	70.600 km	7:48:07
3.	VANDERCOILDEN David	VEH Cm Roubaix	27	70.600 km	7:51:28
4.	LANGLOIS Patrick	VEH Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	27	70.600 km	7:53:17
5.	VARAIN Cedric	SEH Ac Chateau Thierry	27	70.600 km	7:58:39
6.	GEORGELIN Serge	VEH Bruz Athletisme	26	68.025 km	7:56:38
7.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	VEH Cabw	26	68.025 km	8:00:56
8.	LABARRE Bertrand	VEH Cs Provins Athletisme	25	65.450 km	7:46:51
9.	BIEBUYCK Pascal	VEH	25	65.450 km	7:49:00
10.	TOUTAIN Eric	VEH As Culturelle Francophone	25	65.450 km	8:02:53
11.	LABORIE Christophe	VEH Essonne Athletic	25	65.450 km	8:05:34
12.	DELANGE Dominique	VEH Aj Auxerre Section Marathon	24	62.875 km	7:46:23
13.	COULOMBEL Pierre	VEH Cm Roubaix	24	62.875 km	7:46:30
14.	DIEN Daniel	VEH Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	24	62.875 km	7:49:01
15.	THEVENIN Pascal	VEH Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	24	62.875 km	7:49:35
16.	JACQUEMIN Mickael	SEH	24	62.875 km	7:58:26
17.	LEPAGE Christine (F)	VEF	24	62.875 km	8:00:15
18.	CHATILLON Dominique	VEH	24	62.875 km	8:00:32
19.	LETESSIER Gilles	VEH	23	60.300 km	7:45:56
20.	PAPI Luca	SEH Waa Running	23	60.300 km	7:45:58
21.	HARTMANN Emmanuel	VEH Athle 55	23	60.300 km	7:46:16
22.	LEZIN Jean-claude	VEH Athletisme Lozere	23	60.300 km	7:47:51
23.	MOUGENOT Patrick	VEH Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	23	60.300 km	7:49:03
24.	LACROIX Jean-louis	VEH Ac Chateau Thierry	23	60.300 km	7:49:47
25.	MARECHAL Jean	VEH	23	60.300 km	7:49:48
26.	SEYNAEVE Serge	VEH Cm Roubaix	23	60.300 km	7:52:38
27.	DAVID Christine (F)	VEF Essonne Athletic	23	60.300 km	7:56:14
28.	BUISSON Dominique	VEH Saint-brice Athletisme	23	60.300 km	7:56:46
29.	HELLER Denis	VEH Ref Issy Avia	23	60.300 km	7:59:23
30.	BALLAND Yohann	SEH	23	60.300 km	8:01:00
31.	BOVIN Laurent	VEH A Marcheurs St Thibault Des Vi	23	60.300 km	8:02:03

32. BIZARD Claudie (F)	VEF	Thiais Ac	23	60.300 km	8:02:53	
33. HIERNARD Alain	VEH		23	60.300 km	8:05:24	
34. BIET Christophe	VEH	J3 Sports Amilly	22	57.725 km	7:48:30	
35. HUART Gilles	VEH	Asptt Besancon	22	57.725 km	7:49:06	
36. GIRAUDEAU Denis	VEH	Ula Quimper Cornouaille	22	57.725 km	7:51:04	
37. RODIER Nicole (F)	VEF	Efs Reims A.	22	57.725 km	7:59:26	
38. SONNOIS Martine (F)	VEF	Racing Club Haut-jura Morez	22	57.725 km	8:01:36	
39. PICOT Gerard	VEH		21	55.150 km	7:51:57	
40. HAGHEBAERT Eric	VEH	Ac Chateau Thierry	21	55.150 km	8:08:45	
41. QUINQUETON Bernadette (F)	VEF	A Marcheurs St Thibault Des Vi	20	52.575 km	7:47:17	
42. BUNEL Pascal	VEH	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	20	52.575 km	7:49:00	
43. SALOMEZ Benedicte (F)	VEF	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	20	52.575 km	7:56:46	
44. MARIOTTE Nelly (F)	SEF		20	52.575 km	8:05:35	
45. MACHAL Francis	VEH	Cm Roubaix	20	52.575 km	8:07:42	
46. LEMOINE Daniel	VEH		19	50.000 km	7:47:47	
47. LAMOTTE Ginette (F)	VEF	Entente Sarthe Athletisme	19	50.000 km	7:47:51	
48. CAPUSANO Alain	VEH		19	50.000 km	8:07:53	
49. SCHWING Martin	SEH	Rc Epernay	19	50.000 km	8:08:15	
50. LAURIN Martine (F)	VEF		18	47.425 km	8:01:52	
51. GLASER Jean-bernard	VEH	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	18	47.425 km	8:07:19	
52. KESSELMARK Patrick	VEH		18	47.425 km	8:09:49	
53. BUISSON Claude	VEH		16	42.275 km	7:56:57	
54. PLAYE Christophe	VEH		15	39.700 km	8:01:03	
PELLERIN Alain	VEH		8	21.675 km	2:33:43	DNF
LAMARE Philippe	VEH	Ao Nivernaise (nevers)	13	34.550 km	3:33:54	DQ
THIRIOT Louis	VEH	Asm Bar-le-duc	10	26.825 km	3:05:16	DQ

10km Walk

1. Gilles Christment	VEH	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	0:59:04
2. Adeline Brastel (F)	SEF	Efs Reims A.	1:01:37
3. Emmanuel Tardi	VEH	Essonne Athletic	1:12:54
4. Daniel Bordier	VEH	Ac Chateau Thierry	1:12:55
5. Stephane Golliot	VEH		1:16:36
6. Jacqueline Jobert (F)	VEF		1:17:13
7. Martine Mallet (F)	VEF		1:17:15
8. Armelle Marthelot (F)	VEF		1:19:48
9. Yves Brastel	VEH	Efs Reims A.	1:24:23
10. Lola Sauneuf (F)	VEF	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	1:24:39
11. Christian Mallet	VEH		1:24:39



Female placegetters Christine Lepage, Christine David and Claudie Bizard (photos Emmanuel Tardi)



Male placegetters Philippe Morel, Philippe Gilles and David Vandercoilden

COBURG 6 HOUR RUN/WALK CHAMPIONSHIPS, COBURG, SUNDAY 5 MARCH

The Coburg 6 Hour Track Championships were held last Sunday 5th March at the George Knott Reserve in Coburg, a northern Melbourne suburb. This annual event includes both run and walk divisions and always sees a smattering of our ultra distance walkers in attendance. I was there keeping a business eye on things as usual and all turned out well, with the weather kind to the 35 starters (25 runners and 10 walkers) toeing the start line for the 6AM start. You might think 6AM a bit early to start but it was a good decision, with the sun breaking through the cloud at around 10:45AM, meaning the runners and walkers only had to worry about a relatively small period of tough conditions. As usual, runners competed in lane 1, with walkers in lane 3.

Overall, Australia's best ultra walker **Michelle Thompson** won easily with 54.639km while **Robin Whyte** won the men's division with 49.406km (a new M75 Australian walk record) **John Kilmartin** (48.738km), **Albin Hess** (46.148km) and **Karyn O'Neill** (45.738km) all walked well and were each close to their respective PBs.

6 Hours Walk Women

1.	THOMPSON, Michelle	VIC	48	54.639 km
2.	O'NEILL, Karyn	VIC	62	45.738 km
3.	PARRIS, Dawn	VIC	64	40.748 km
4.	SANDERSON, Kate	VIC	41	36.215 km

6 Hours Walk Men+

1.	WHYTE, Robin	NSW	75	49.406 km	M75 Australian Record
2.	KILMARTIN, John	VIC	65	48.758 km	
3.	HESS, Albin	VIC	57	46.148 km	
4.	TIMMS, John	VIC	74	38.287 km	
5.	RICHARDSON, Saul	NSW	44	37.117 km	
6.	CARTER, Ken	VIC	64	22.078 km	

The local action continues on the weekend of April 22-23 with the Coburg 24 Hour Track Championships (see <http://www.coburg24hr.org>).



Michelle Thompson, Karyn O'Neill and Dawn Parris



Robin Whyte, John Kilmartin and Albin Hess (photos Tim Erickson)

24 HEURES DE BOURGES, BOURGES, FRANCE, 4-5 MARCH

Emmanuel Tardi was at the French National Long Distance Walk Championships on the first weekend of March. The occasion was the 20th staging of the 24 Heures de Bourges, held in the city of Bourges, 25km south of Paris. The 1PM Saturday start time saw 70 walkers on the start line in wet and overcast conditions. After an initial lap of 540m, walkers swapped to a 2.688km long lap before swapping back to a small 629m lap for the final hour.

Emmanuel reports that five walkers headed out hard from the gun – **Eddy Roze, David Regy, Christer Svensson, Christophe Laborie** and **Philippe Gilles**. By the time the rain stopped at the 3 hour mark, the group had been reduced to three (Roze, Regy and Svensson) and by nightfall, it was Svensson alone in front. Around 4AM, Roze and Regy retired, leaving Laborie as the sole chaser. As dawn broke around 6:30AM, he eventually caught Svensson and took the lead, going on to win with a distance of 192.823km. Svensson eventually retired with just under 2½ hours to go. Gilles held on well, taking second with 189.854km.

In the women's championship, **Adele Ropers** led for the first 2 hours before surrendering the lead to **Martine**

Navarro. But it was the unstoppable English walker **Sandra Brown (C36)** who came through the field to take the lead around nightfall, a lead she then held, eventually crossing the finish line with a distance of 177.027km. This was her 177th run or walk of 100 miles or further – a record which she keeps extending and which is likely to remain unchallenged for many years. **Maggy Labylle** (from Guadeloupe) won the French Championship with 166.847km.

The support event of 2 x 6 Hours (1pm-7pm then 7am-1pm) was won by **Jacques Arnault** with 99.063 km.

There are lots of videos, including

- <https://youtu.be/PMXw-hFpreQ>
- <https://youtu.be/8RdZx4ihpBg>
- <https://youtu.be/6d858oHZJcc>

And see https://www.facebook.com/emmanuel.tardi/media_set?set=a.10210730012280574.1073741913.1657411914&type=3 for Emmanuel's photo gallery.

Sandra Brown reported on the race as follows

The organising team at Bourges once again put on an excellent event for their 20th edition, hosting the 2017 French 24h race-walking championship. The race started and ended in rain with a chilly wind, and earlier rain had left puddles; distances were generally down and there were many problems with feet etc. Given the conditions, all finishers deserve credit, and Christophe Laborie and Maggy Labylle are fine French champions. There were quite a few who stopped including some of the leading men. Swedish Centurion Christer Svenson, after walking very strongly throughout the race, was grounded with just 3h to go by the renewed onset of icy rain and wind.

Our British group were pleased with 1st and 2nd in the ladies race for Sandra Brown and Karen Lawrie, and excellent performances also by Tony Macintosh in the 24h (delighted to receive his invitation for this year's Paris-Alsace race in June) and by Lee Corkill and Kathy Crilley in the 6+6h. Kathy, returning from foot injury, was relieved and encouraged to complete a steady first 6h. We all look forward to the year's further events.

For me this was my 177th event of 100 miles or more, completed with 177.027kms. As usual at this time of year, I hadn't been idle the previous weekends with hilly cross country events of 52miles and 31 miles, so a road event made a nice change from the mud!

24 Heures de Bourges

1.	LABORIE Christophe	Essonne Athletic	192.823 km	24:00:00
2.	GILLES Philippe	USM Montargis	189.854 km	24:00:00
3.	KERLAU Yves-Michel	CM Roubaix	188.074 km	24:00:00
4.	VANDERCOILDEN David	CM Roubaix	185.004 km	24:00:00
5.	MASSON Pascal	CM Roubaix	183.737 km	24:00:00
6.	BIEBUYCK Pascal	Ath AC	181.982 km	24:00:00
7.	GIBELLI Alain	CSM La Seyne	179.370 km	24:00:00
8.	BROWN Sandra (F)	Surrey Walking Club	177.027 km	24:00:00
9.	LETOURNEAU Florian	AC Chateau-Thierry	173.956 km	24:00:00
10.	TOUTAIN Eric	AS Culturelle Francophone	172.244 km	24:00:00
11.	LACROIX Jean-Louis	AC Châteauneuf-Thierry	170.456 km	24:00:00
12.	DUBOSCQ Daniel	AC du Pays d'Ancenis	169.292 km	24:00:00
13.	MACKINTOSH Tony	IOM Vets AC	168.896 km	24:00:00
14.	LAWRIE Karen (F)	IOM Vets AC	168.896 km	24:00:00
15.	DELANGE Dominique	AJ Auxerre Section Marathon	168.181 km	24:00:00
16.	COULOMBEL Pierre	CM Roubaix	167.160 km	24:00:00
17.	LABYLLE Maggy (F)	AC Bouillante	166.847 km	24:00:00
18.	CAILLEAUX Patrick	NL - Ingre	165.954 km	24:00:00
19.	DIEN Daniel	Neuilly-sur-Marne A	165.028 km	24:00:00
20.	PINEAU Laurent	Athletisme Sud 17	164.445 km	24:00:00
21.	OLIVARES Mathieu	Neuilly-sur-Marne A	164.198 km	24:00:00
22.	NAVARRO Martine (F)	Athle 11	164.204 km	24:00:00
23.	THOUMELIN Laurent	Athletisme Sarthe Loir 72	160.564 km	24:00:00
24.	GILLET Max	NL - Ascheres-le-Marche	157.534 km	24:00:00
25.	GRASSI Alain	Pass Running FFA	155.669 km	24:00:00

26.	BIET Christophe	J3 Sports Amilly	154.889 km	24:00:00
27.	CHUI Didier	US Berry Athletisme	154.200 km	24:00:00
28.	CAZENAVE Vincent	Stadoceste Tarbes	154.198 km	24:00:00
29.	YVERT Louis	CM Roubaix	152.183 km	24:00:00
30.	BLONDE Daniel	NL - Meythet	148.831 km	24:00:00
31.	DEPARDAY Fabien	Stadium Montigny AC	147.707 km	24:00:00
32.	HUART Gilles	ASPTT Besancon	147.293 km	24:00:00
33.	NAUDIN Jean-Pierre	NL - Saint-Jean-de-Braye	145.825 km	24:00:00
34.	BIZARD Claudie (F)	Thiais AC	145.803 km	24:00:00
35.	LINARD Benoit	US Berry Athletisme	144.872 km	24:00:00
36.	KIEFFER Pascal	AJ Montmoreau	142.972 km	24:00:00
37.	BLANCHONIN Gaston	NL - Lion-en-Beauce	142.819 km	24:00:00
38.	PICOT Gerard	Pass Running FFA	142.316 km	24:00:00
39.	CARREY Franck	NL - Berry-Bouy	140.143 km	24:00:00
40.	DE MARCILLAC Bertrand	CA Montreuil 93	134.294 km	24:00:00
41.	OULBANI Jean-Claude	Entente de Haute Alsace	133.070 km	24:00:00
42.	BOVIN Laurent	AM St Thibault des Vignes	133.238 km	24:00:00
43.	LAUBRETON Stephane	Athletisme Sud 17	128.114 km	24:00:00
44.	RASSAIND Andre	EA Centre Isere	124.835 km	24:00:00
45.	GLASER Jean-Bernard	Neuilly-sur-Marne A	124.385 km	24:00:00
46.	ROPERS Adele (F)	Pays de Colmar Athletisme	122.006 km	24:00:00
47.	ELIEZER Jocelyn	AC Bouillante	121.191 km	24:00:00
48.	MULLARD Michel	NL- Mardie	119.014 km	24:00:00
49.	BOURSAIN Michaelise (F)	NL - Checy	116.330 km	24:00:00
50.	SCHEFFER Christian	Portet Athletic Club	114.395 km	24:00:00
51.	BUTET Marc	NL - EM Bourges	106.400 km	24:00:00
52.	MERCIER Jean-Pierre	Pays de Colmar Athletisme	100.523 km	24:00:00
53.	PIERRE Patrick	CA Castelsarrasinois	98.542 km	24:00:00
54.	LANDRU Noelle (F)	AS Corbeil-Essonnes	94.755 km	24:00:00
55.	BEN EL KEBIR Hafid	Pays de Colmar Athletisme	84.095 km	24:00:00
	SVENSSON Christer	Vaxjo AIS	169.829 km	21:35:15
	LANGLOIS Patrick	Marne et Gondoire A	137.601 km	17:41:10
	REGY David	SPN Vernon	113.430 km	13:18:29
	TROCHU Roger	NL - Ancenis	108.059 km	15:22:52
	ROZE Eddy	Amiens UC	105.373 km	12:47:10
	ZANCHI Pierre-Gilbert	Ind - Vallorbe	102.687 km	14:35:36
	GEORGELIN Serge	Bruz Athletisme	91.945 km	12:23:00
	MAISON Sylvie (F)	Strasbourg Agglomeration A	89.259 km	12:20:39
	THAUVIN Jean-Michel	NL-Chateaudun	81.202 km	12:38:59
	VANDENDAUL Daniel	CABW	78.517 km	09:50:59
	TILL Jacques	Waco	73.145 km	09:46:11
	GIRAUDEAU Denis	ULA Quimper Cornouaille	59.717 km	09:05:35
	SADET François	NL - Mery-es-Bois	57.031 km	07:55:22
	LHERITIER Michel	Ste Maure AC	40.917 km	08:20:43
	GUENIAU Marie-Claude (F)	US Berry Athletisme	24.804 km	03:51:12

2x 6 Hours Walk

1.	ARNAULT Jacques	Neuilly-sur-Marne A	99.063 km	11:56:05
2.	BOCUZE Daniel	FAC Andrezieux	98.430 km	11:58:36
3.	LABARRE Bertrand	CS Provins A	97.010 km	11:58:59
4.	SALOMEZ Benedicte (F)	Neuilly-sur-Marne A	87.687 km	11:56:49
5.	PANNIER Josiane (F)	Le Havre AC	85.635 km	11:56:45
6.	CORKILL Addam Lee	Leicester Walking Club	85.635 km	11:59:13
7.	PORTANTE Frederic	AC Saint Sauveur	85.001 km	11:57:31
8.	MOUGENOT Patrick	Marne et Gondoire A	83.735 km	11:56:45
9.	ARNAULT Françoise (F)	Neuilly-sur-Marne A	82.949 km	11:57:30
10.	SALOMEZ Emeline (F)	NL - Neuilly-sur-Marne	81.683 km	11:59:32
11.	MOROSI Thomas	NL - St Germain -des-Fosses	81.049 km	11:48:06
12.	BERTHAULT-KORZHYK Annie (F)	Indre AC	70.940 km	11:54:37
13.	KIEFFER Christine (F)	AJ Montmoreau	66.988 km	11:57:44
14.	QUINQUETON Bernadette (F)	AM St Thibault des Vignes	66.835 km	11:56:30

15. GUIOT Axelle (F)
16. THANRON Elisabeth (F)

NL - Reaux/Trefle
NL - Montillot

57.031 km 09:19:12
43.603 km 06:20:36



Sandra Brown, Maggy Labyille and Karen Lawrie (photos Emmanuel Tardi)



Christophe Laborie, Philippe Gilles and Michel Kerlau

CANBERRA 48 HOUR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS MEET, AIS TRACK, CANBERRA, 17-19 MARCH

I had a big weekend in Canberra in mid March, crewing in the annual Canberra 48 Hour Carnival, which was held at the AIS track from midday on the Friday until midday on the Sunday. Driving up on Thursday and driving back home again on Monday made it a long weekend but it was a successful one with some fine performances.

This was the second edition of this carnival, which has quickly become the biggest track ultra in Australia. With 113 starters in events ranging over 48 Hours, 24 Hours, 12 Hours, 6 Hours and Marathon, it was a huge affair with lanes 1, 3 and 5 used to spread out the many entrants. And of course, there were a small number of walkers in attendance, doing their thing. Full results can be viewed at <http://cbr.48hr.ktkc.com.au/race-tracker/>.

The walking highlight came from NSW based sisters **Linda and Heather Christison** who walked together the whole way to a total distance of 236.703km. What makes this effort even more amazing is that Linda was training to go under

2:50 for the marathon in 2004 when she began to lose co-ordination and was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease. She can no longer run but walks well using a walking stick. Last year, she and Heather walked together the whole way in this event to a final distance of 219.496km to set inaugural Australian W50 (Heather) and W55 (Linda) 200km and 48 Hour records. This year they have upped the ante considerably with even more impressive walks and have broken their records with **1:15:35:20 (200km)** and **236.703km(48 Hours)**.

48 Hour Championship

E3.	Linda Christison	NSW	236.703km
E3.	Heather Christison	NSW	236.703km
9.	Neil Armstrong	ACT	193.222km
14.	Phil Essam	ACT	117.829km

12 Hour Championship

17.	John Kilmartin (C67)	VIC	46.443km
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6 Hour Championship

10.	Tim Erickson (C13)	VIC	50.819km
20.	Belinda Essam	ACT	30.249km



Linda and Heather Christison in action in Canberra last weekend (photo Tim Erickson)

Two of our centurions were in action in the run divisions and their performances deserve attention. **David Billett (C50)** came 2nd overall in the 48 Hour Run with a huge PB of 323.643km. He continues to improve year by year. **Sharon Scholz (C63)** won the women's 24 Hour run with a very impressive 206.201 km. Yet another 200km+ performance for Sharon.

24 HEURES DE CHATEAU THIERRY, CHATEAU THIERRY, FRANCE, 25-26 MARCH

Thanks to Emmanuel Tardi for sending me the results of the latest French ultra distance walking classic which was held last weekend in France. **Eddy Roze** led for the first half of the event but stopped after 12 hours. At that point, **Mathieu Olivares** and **Florian Letourneau** walked took over, walking together for some time before Olivares eventually broke clear to win with a very impressive 196.229km. **Tatiana Maslova** won the women's race with 169.028km. **Philippe Gilles** won the associated 2 x 6 Hours Walk (two separate walks, with a rest between) with 105.982km.

24 Heures de Château-Thierry

1.	OLIVARES Mathieu	Neully Sur Marne Athletisme	196.229 km	24:00:00	8.176 km/h
2.	LETOURNEAU Florian	Ac Chateau Thierry	192.579 km	24:00:00	8.024 km/h
3.	VARAIN Cedric	Ac Chateau Thierry	187.878 km	24:00:00	7.828 km/h
4.	GEORGELIN Serge	Bruz Athletisme	172.028 km	24:00:00	7.168 km/h
5.	LOUGRADA Saadi	Cm Roubaix	170.953 km	24:00:00	7.123 km/h

6.	VANDENDAUL Daniel	CABW	169.677 km	24:00:00	7.070 km/h
7.	MASLOVA Tatiana (F)	Saint-Petersbourg	169.028 km	24:00:00	7.043 km/h
8.	MAISON Sylvie (F)	Strasbourg Agglomeration Athle	166.453 km	24:00:00	6.936 km/h
9.	GRADOS Stephane	Cm Roubaix	166.028 km	24:00:00	6.918 km/h
10.	FORESTIERI Alexandre	Ust Courir A Saint Tropez	162.378 km	24:00:00	6.766 km/h
11.	DAVID Christine (F)	Essonne Athletic	160.453 km	24:00:00	6.686 km/h
12.	HIERNARD Alain		154.252 km	24:00:00	6.427 km/h
13.	POUTINSEVA Irina(F)	Saint-Petersbourg	152.953 km	24:00:00	6.373 km/h
14.	BIZARD Claudie (F)	Thiais Ac	147.378 km	24:00:00	6.141 km/h
15.	BOVIN Laurent	A Marcheurs St Thibault Des Vi	145.252 km	24:00:00	6.052 km/h
16.	RASSAIND Andre	Ea Centre Isere	119.752 km	24:00:00	4.990 km/h
17.	ARNAULT Jacques	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	117.378 km	24:00:00	4.891 km/h
18.	LABARRE Bertrand	Cs Provins Athletisme	133.500 km	19:52:47	6.715 km/h
19.	TILL Jacques		109.500 km	15:09:29	7.224 km/h
20.	ROZE Eddy	Amiens Uc	108.000 km	13:31:50	7.982 km/h
21.	LABORIE Christophe	Essonne Athletic	83.953 km	24:00:00	3.498 km/h
22.	KESSELMARK Patrick		75.000 km	15:43:47	4.768 km/h
23.	CHAUVITEAU Daniel		24.000 km	03:08:37	7.635 km/h

2 x 6 Hours

1.	GILLES Philippe	Usm Montargis	105.982 km
2.	MOREL Philippe	Ac Chateau Thierry	101.253 km
3.	BIEBUYCK Pascal		97.919 km
4.	LANGLOIS Patrick	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	94.994 km
5.	THEVENIN Pascal	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	93.908 km
6.	JACQUEMIN Mickael		92.683 km
7.	MOUGENOT Patrick	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	89.462 km
8.	SEYNAEVE Serge	Cm Roubaix	88.390 km
9.	BALLAND Johann		87.194 km
10.	DAUMERIE Cedric	Ac St-Sauveur	84.961 km
11.	RODIER Nicole (F)	Efs Reims A.	83.750 km
12.	BORDIER Daniel	Ac Chateau Thierry	80.274 km
13.	HAGHEBAERT Eric	Ac Chateau Thierry	75.734 km
14.	EMONIERE Philippe	Cosm Arcueil	68.113 km
15.	QUINQUETON Bernadette (F)	A Marcheurs St Thibault Des Vi	65.418 km



Men's podium at Chateau Thierry (photo Emmanuel Tardi)

2017 RECORD UPDATE

It's early in the year but we have already verified and accepted new records from Robin Whyte, Linda Christison and Heather Christison. I will be updating the records list and preparing record certificates for the 3 walkers.

Robin Whyte	6 Hours	M75 All-Comers/Residential	49.406 km	Coburg	05/03/2017
Linda Christison	200 km	Open All-Comers/Residential	39:35:20	Canberra	17-19/03/2017
Heather Christison	200 km	Open All-Comers/Residential	39:35:20	Canberra	17-19/03/2017
Linda Christison	200 km	W55 All-Comers/Residential	39:35:20	Canberra	17-19/03/2017
Heather Christison	200 km	W50 All-Comers/Residential	39:35:20	Canberra	17-19/03/2017
Linda Christison	48 Hours	Open All-Comers/Residential	236.703 km	Canberra	17-19/03/2017
Heather Christison	48 Hours	Open All-Comers/Residential	236.703 km	Canberra	17-19/03/2017
Linda Christison	48 Hours	W55 All-Comers/Residential	236.703 km	Canberra	17-19/03/2017
Heather Christison	48 Hours	W50 All-Comers/Residential	236.703 km	Canberra	17-19/03/2017

2016 GORDON SMITH AWARD

As announced in the last newsletter, the 2016 Gordon Smith Award (for the best ultra distance performance in Australia for the year) was won by Linda Christison. I took the opportunity in Canberra to present Linda with the shield and with her own small trophy.



Linda gets her perpetual trophy award from club secretary Tim Erickson

2016 AUSTRALIAN CENTURIONS AGM

We held our Australian Centurions AGM in Melbourne on Sunday 12th February. Our committee was ratified for a further 12 months so thanks to those other club members who help in the running of the club.

Club Executive	President	Terry O'Neill (C18)
	Vice President	Robin Whyte (C29)
	Treasurer	Lois Erickson
	Secretary	Tim Erickson (C13)
General Committee	Records and Rankings Officer	-
	Assistant Secretary	-
	General members of Committee	Karyn O'Neill (C45), Michelle Thompson (C58) John Kilmartin (C 67)

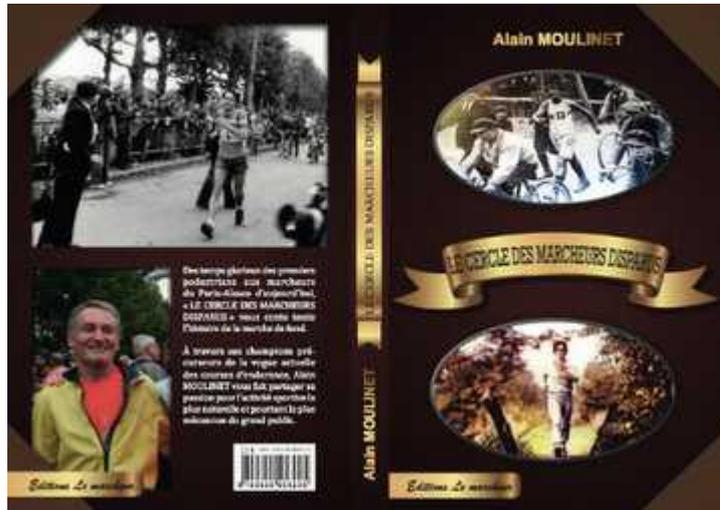


At the AGM – Michelle Thompson (C58), Karyn O'Neill (C45), Terry O'Neill (C18), John Kilmartin (C67), Ian Jack (C17), Clarrie Jack (C4) and Tim Erickson (C13)

LE CERCLE DES MARCHEURS DISPARUS

I recently purchased a copy of Alain Moulinet's newly released history of the Paris-Colmar Classic. It's a fascinating book documenting the history of competitors who have completed the historic race and the qualifying races that go with it. While it is in French, the tables of race results are very easily understood and the photos are fantastic.

To order your copy, go to the author's website at <http://editionslemarcheur.fr>. The book costs 23 euros plus 6 euros for postage anywhere in the world - now that's good value. I recommend it to all followers of our sport.



*LE CERCLE DES MARCHEURS DISPARUS
by Alain MOULINET
published March 2017*

FINANCIAL NEWS

The bank balance remains strong as we approach our annual 124H qualifying event at Coburg. Thanks to John and Clarrie and Ian for their donations.

Incoming	Donation – John Kilmartin	50.00
	Donation – Clarrie and Ian Jack	20.00
Outgoing	Australia Post – postage	20.00
	Keyhole Engraving – Gordon Smith Award	15.00
	V.F.Trainor – Gordon Smith replica trophy	34.00
	AFORWC – RWA100km racewalk medals for 24H	35.00
Balance		\$1081.10

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Another bumper issue as the ultra distance year gets underway with some very interesting events. On the local front, we have only 3 weeks to go until our Australian Centurions qualifying event in Melbourne. Overall, we have 10 walkers entered so far, including a couple of very strong prospects (including one from overseas) who can hopefully add their names to the honour board. Time will tell!

Yours in Centurion walking

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