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1969

10th 24 HOURS' TRACK WALK

and

100 MILES TRACK WALK

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1. Any Competitors disqualified by a Walking Judge must retire from the Competition.
 2. Attendants must be at least 2 yards behind the Competitor in whom they are interested and must not impede or interfere with any other Competitor.
 3. Attendants must not run or walk in front or alongside a Competitor except during the actual time they are feeding or sponging him, and then only for the minimum period to perform their work.
 4. Numbers should be sewn on back and front of Vest, and on the outer garment which will be worn at night.
 5. Some white or light coloured clothing should be worn during the hours of darkness.
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100 MILE RACES

Definition:

A Centurion is one who, as an amateur, has walked 100 miles within 24 hours.

The Centurions is the most exclusive athletic body in the world. No other organisation demands the same high standard of performance. There are no patrons.

No.1 was Mr.J.E.Fowler-Dean, doyen of long-distance walkers, who in 1877 walked 100 miles in 20 hours 36 mins 8 seconds.

On October 31st-November 1st.1902, E.H.Neville promoted the first London to Brighton and back time trial. In this Jack Butler created the first authentic record for the double journey of 104 miles by accomplishing the distance in 21hrs. 36mins. 27 secs.

Early in 1911 "Bob" Gillespie who walked 106 miles non-stop in the 1908 24-hours race, conceived the idea of forming the Centurions, as a brotherhood, with Mr.J.E.Fowler-Dean as life President, and Mr.T.E. Hammond as Captain.

Surrey Walking Club revived the London to Brighton and back (approx. 104 miles) on 20th-21st June, 1947. The winner was S.E. Horton who accomplished the journey in 18hrs. 56mins. 20secs. 17 Competitors completed the 100 miles within 24 hours.

During the years which followed, 100 miles Races were held under various auspices.

1952-Bath to London, B.B.R. Whitlock, 17hrs. 44m. 40s.

1953-B'ham to London, T. Richardson, 18hrs. 56m. 36s.

1954-Blackpool to Manchester and back, V. Stone,
17hrs. 22mins. 26secs.

1955-London to Brighton and back, H.D. Neilson,
18hrs. 26mins. 27secs.

1956-Sheffield to Harrogate and back, V. Stone,
17hrs. 28mins. 7secs.

1957-Bath to London, J. Ridley, 18hrs. 12mins. 4secs.

1958-Leicester to Skegness, W. Smith, 18hrs. 2m. 37s.

1959-London to Brighton and back, F. O'Reilly,
18hrs. 56mins. 28secs.

1960-Leicester to Skegness, F. O'Reilly,
16hrs. 54mins. 15secs.
1960-Walton-on-Thames, track, H.D.M.H. Neilson,
17hrs. 18mins. 51secs. (133 miles 21yds in
24 hours)
1961-Chigwell, Essex, F. O'Reilly, 18hrs. 3m. 45s.
1962-Leicester to Skegness, F. O'Reilly,
16hrs. 58m. 16s.
1963-Brighton to London and back, F. O'Reilly,
106 miles, 18hrs. 43mins. 53s.
1964-Leicester to Skegness, K. Abolins,
17hrs. 32m. 16s.
1965-Chigwell, Essex, H.D. Neilson, 18hrs. 22mins.
1966-Leicester to Skegness, K. Abolins,
18hrs. 10m. 46s.
1967-London to Brighton and back, G. Nickel,
20hrs. 46m. 51s.
1968-Leicester to Skegness, K. Abolins,
18hrs. 41m. 49s.

COMPETITORS

1.	M.T. Blyth (c)	32	Leicester W.C.
2.	P. Briggs	26	Yorkshire W.C.
3.	I. Domansky	-	Czechoslovakia
FIN 4.	W. Duffin (c)	48	Trowbridge W.C.
5.	J. Eddershaw (c)	35	Sheffield U. H.
FIN 6.	C.G. Evans (c)	56	Leicester W.C.
7.	F. Gerrish (c)	44	Metropolitan Police
NS 8.	G. Goodair (c)	32	Wakefield Harriers
9.	J. Grayson	26	Wakefield Harriers
10.	G. Hall (c)	52	Royal S/Coldfield W.C.
11.	M.G.M.M. Kastelyns (c)	25	Telstars, Holland
FIN 12.	J. Van Der Kwaak (c)	27	Holland
13.	E. Lee	38	Wakefield Harriers
NS 14.	J. Leech (c)	-	Surrey W.C.
15.	E. McNeir (c)	69	Cambridge Harriers
FIN 16.	H.W.D. Nielson (c)	53	Woodford Green - (World Record Holder)
FIN 17.	D. Pook (c)	35	Hinckley College
18.	P. Sargent	43	Worcester A.C.
19.	L. Schol (c)	45	Suomi, Holland
FIN 20.	B.W. Scrivens (c)	35	Royal S/Coldfield W.C.
21.	D. Seddon (c)	34	Royal S/Coldfield W.C.
FIN 22.	D. Smyth	28	Bristol W.C.
FIN 23.	W.R. Stapleford (c)	37	Hinckley College
NS 24.	R. Thorpe (c)	35	Wakefield Harriers
25.	C.A. Young (c)	34	Essex Beagles

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The field of the Centurions is certainly world-wide and news of our brethren from afar is always doubly exciting because this gives us the feeling of universal acclaim.

The formation of a fraternity of Dutch Centurions in 1966 with Lois Schol (No.291) the first Dutch Centurion as President and Jon Der Kwaak (365) as Secretary, gave us an added link in the chain of friendship amongst foreign walkers, and this same body of Dutchmen now compete regularly in our long distance events, including the Leicester-Skegness 100 miles in 1964, 1966 and again in 1968 with the S.V. De Lat Club, Amsterdam winning the Team Event.

This is a fine effort to put Netherlands Walking on the map.

The 1967 Surrey Walking Club promotion of the London to Brighton and back walk from Coulsdon resulted in another new foreign member, G. Nickel Friedrichsgabe S.V. (Germany) being the outright winner in 20hrs. 46mins. 51secs. His time for the 100 miles being 19hrs. 46mins. 3secs. The conditions for this event were atrocious, as it was pouring with rain at the start and continued for most of this event and only 14 Competitors from the original number completed the 100 miles.

In 1968 a Centurion competed in the Olympic Games for the very first time. J. Kelly (376) of the Milrose A.A., U.S.A. came to Britain in 1965 for some running and qualified as a Centurion in the Chigwell 100 of that year, and has now represented Eire in the 1968 Mexico Olympics.

The tentacles of the brotherhood spread further into previously uncovered territory with the departure of J.H. Barraclough (382) of Yorkshire to Zambia, where he has already begun to spread the enthusiasm of road walking with a 20 kilos event and hope that this may lead to possibly a Zambian competing in perhaps the Leicester to Skegness or London to Brighton and back.

The beckoning of two generations of his family in Australia has been too great for our

oldest qualifier, L. Mathews (316).

For many years an R.W.A. Official and also the designer of our Centurion Certificate, he was also an active Competitor for well over fifty years.

H. Swabey (13) joined in the Nijmegen Walks after a flying visit from his resident Canada, who together with president E. Neville (7) attended the first meeting of the brotherhood in May 1911, and discussed limiting the membership to 25.

After the completion of the 1968 Leicester - Skegness 100 miles, 15 new Centurions brought the total to 427 ! There are six non-Centurions in today's event and all Best Wishes for their Success are extended to them from all of the Brotherhood in this 10th Event of a 24 Hours Track-Walk.

THE PREVIOUS 24 HOUR TRACK WALKS

1877	J. Fowler-Dixon	100 miles	20 - 36 - 08
Sept. 1908	T.E.Hammond (White City)	100 miles 24 hours	18 - 4 - 10 131m. 580yds
Aug. 1909	T. Payne (White City)	24 hours	127m. 542yds
Sept. 1936	T.W.Richardson (Bradford)	100 miles	17 - 35 - 40
June 1946	P.J.Reading (White City)	24 hours	129m. 749yds
Aug. 1948	A.J.Stirling-Wakeley (Motspur Park)	24 hours	122m. 411yds
Sept. 1949	T.W.Richardson (Bradford)	24 hours	116m. 1320yds
July 1953	C. Hubert (Motspur Park)	24 hours	125m. 159lyds
Oct. 1960	N.D.Neilson (Walton-on-Thames)	100 miles 24 hrs.	17 - 18 - 51 133m. 21yds

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- REFRESHMENTS: Mrs.M.Smith (Chief) and Ladies
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FUTURE PROMOTIONS BY THE LEICESTER WALKING CLUB

1969

- August 16th. Enderby Open 10 Miles Road Walk,
3.00 p.m.
- September 1st. Ashby-de-la-Zouch Cycling and
Athletics,
- October 4th. Leicester W.C. Open 7 miles Road
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