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DATES...DATES...DATES

Sadly, our Australian ultra walking year has got off to a shaky start, with the Sri Chinmoy 24 Hour Carnival, the Canberra Walking Festival and our own Australian Centurions 24 Hour qualifier all cancelled, due to the ever increasing COVID-19 restrictions coming into play in Victoria.

Mar 20-22, 2020	Sri Chinmoy Canberra 48 Hour Carnival, Canberra, ACT	CANCELLED
Apr 4-5, 2020	Canberra Walking Festival (IVV an IML badged event), Canberra, ACT	CANCELLED
Apr 18-19, 2020	2020 Aust Centurions Qualifier - 2020 Coburg 24H Carnival, Coburg, VIC	CANCELLED

It is the same world wide, with Chateau Thierry and Schiedam cancellations amongst the early announcements. See the Continental Centurions cancellation (Schiedam) notice at https://www.rotterdamsewandelsportvereniging.nl/index.php?mact=News.cntnt01_detail.0&cntnt01articleid=143&cntnt01origid=15&cntnt01returnid=133. I have seen these 4 so far, but they are the tip of the iceberg.

Mar 14-14, 2020	Le 24 Heures de Chateau Thierry, Chateau Thierry, FRA	CANCELLED
May 9-15, 2020	EMU 6 Day Run, Hunvary	POSTPONED
May 30-31, 2020	2020 Continental Centurions Qualifier , Schiedam, NED	CANCELLED
Jun 20, 2020	Parish Walk, Douglas, Isle of Man	CANCELLED

While the 2020 calendar still shows lots of other ultra distance walks still scheduled, it's anyone's guess as to how many of them will actually take place. All the early ones will definitely disappear.

Ap 4-5, 2020	Le Grand Est (170km, etc), Domremy la Pucelle to Epinal	FRA
Apr 25-26, 2020	Rond des Ducs (24Hour Walk)	Dijon (FRA)
Jun 3-6, 2020	Paris Alsace (4 day stage race)	FRA
Aug 8-9, 2020	2020 English Centurions Qualifier – Colchester 100 Miles Enter at https://www.entrycentral.com/Colchester2020Centurion	Colchester, England
Aug 14, 2020	Dodentocht /Death March (100km challenge event)	Bornem, BEL
Aug 16-22, 2020	6 Jours de France (6D/48H/24H track race)	Privas, FRA
Aug 29-30, 2020	Wadelincourt 24H	Wadelincourt, BEL
Sep ??, 2020	28 Heures de Roubaix	Roubaix, FRA
Sep 19-20, 2020	Nijmegen-Rotterdam 160 km https://www.rotterdamsewandelsportvereniging.nl/index.php?page=nijmegen-rotterdam-160-km	Nijmegen, NED
Sept 26-27, 2020	2020 USA Centurion Qualifier - Just A Walk In The Park See https://raceroster.com/events/2020/15288/not-just-a-walk-in-the-park-v30	Owego, NY, USA
Nov 14-15, 2020	2020 NZ Centurions Qualifier - Sri Chinmoy NZ 24H	Auckland, NZ

Check the AURA calendar (<http://aura.asn.au/>) to see what is still on and what is cancelled on the Australian front. I do know that the Brimbank Park 50km ultra did go ahead last Sunday in Melbourne. It remains to be seen whether it will be the last ultra for the time being or whether other race directors will still wave the flag.

Lois and I are now living in self imposed isolation, only going out when we have to. It's a big change for all of us social butterflies, but remember that here in Australia, you can still leave your home for some fresh air or a walk or to do other exercise as long as you remember the overriding principle: it must be done in isolation. You should send your time with those with whom you are in self isolation. When outside, keep your distance from others. That means 2 metres at all times. This is the single most important thing we can do right now to stop further community transmission.

All I can do is wish everyone the very best and shout out my loudest STAY SAFE.

COBURG CARNIVAL IS CANCELLED

Last Sunday, 4 weeks out from our annual Australian 24 Hour Carnival, we had to sadly announce the event cancellation. We had no choice, with all Australian Governments working together and locking the country down. That means there will be no official Australian Centurions qualifying event in 2020. We shall return in 2021!

As a matter of interest, we offered the 77 entrants one of two choices

- A. Roll over your entry to the 2021 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival, which we envisage will be held in mid April next year, in its usual timeslot and at its usual venue. This is a zero cost option and fully covers the 2021 entry.

OR

- B. Take up an almost complete refund option. There are certain monies that have already been spent and which cannot be recouped by us, but we have managed to keep them to a minimum. So we have offered a full refund, minus either a \$20 admin fee or a 20% admin fee, whichever is less. So \$20 is the most each entrant will lose. For competitors in the less expensive shorter races, the loss will be smaller than \$20.

I am pleased to say that most entrants are taking up option A. This is both a show of faith in our event and an affirmation that the pandemic will pass and life will eventually return to normal.

24 HEURES DE BOURGES, BOURGES, FRANCE, 29 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH

We did see one early season ultra walk complete in Europe before the lockdown occurred, and it was the 24 Heures de Bourges, held in France at the end of February. Emmanuel Tardi was in Bourges, 200km south of Paris, for the meet which included the French 100km walk championship. But what's the story here – no 100km national championship for women? I thought we had gone past those days of anachronistic chauvinism.

Anyway, on to the race. The 100km national championship was included as part of the 24 Heures de Bourges. Things got underway at 1PM on the Saturday, with walkers racing over a 2.5km lap for the first 23 hours and then dropping down to a 650m lap for the final hour. **Fabien Deparday** lead the field through to the 100km (10:59:56) before stopping as the new National 100km Champion, leaving **Alexandre Forestieri** and **Christophe Laborie** to lead the 24 Hour walkers through to the finish. Interestingly, both recorded the same distance of 184.183 km and were awarded joint first place while **Veronique Bessot** easily won the women's race with 170.566 km.

Ancillary races included a 2x6 Hour Walk (1pm to 7pm then 7am to 1pm) and a small 10km walk for others (including Emmanuel).

French 100km Walk Championship Men

1. DEPARDAY Fabien	VEM/70	Stadium Montigny AC	10:59:56
2. LETOURNEAU Florian	SEM/88	Ac Chateau Thierry	11:12:30
3. GEORGELIN Serge	VEM/68	Ac Cesson	11:18:04
4. OLIVARES Mathieu	VEM/76	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	11:50:41
5. LABORIE Christophe	VEM/67	C.o. Des Ulis	12:10:45
6. MONTANI Alexandre	VEM/66	Nice Cote D'azur Athletisme	12:24:27
7. FORESTIERI Alexandre	VEM/82	Ust Courir A Saint Tropez	12:26:19
8. MARECHAL Pascal	VEM/62	Ac Chateau Thierry	12:45:56
9. KERLAU Yves-michel	VEM/61	Racing Club Nantais	12:48:28
10. THOUMELIN Laurent	VEM/73	Athletisme Sarthe Loir 72	13:16:35
11. PINEAU Laurent	VEM/68	Haute Saintonge Athlé	13:18:52
12. GROS Gildas	VEM/67	Cis Anould	13:30:45
13. JACQUEMIN Mickael	VEM/83	Athle Vosges Pays	13:35:03
14. BALLAND Johann	VEM/78	Athle Vosges Pays	14:06:11
15. DELANGE Dominique	VEM/57	Aj Auxerre Section Marathon	14:12:32
16. YVERT Louis	VEM/	Cm Roubaix	14:19:18
17. TINTIN Ronald	VEM/79	Ao Charenton	14:33:11
18. RIGAL Jean-marc	VEM/59	Domont Athletisme	14:36:38
19. ROCHA Fernando	VEM/70	Athle Vosges Pays	15:18:14
20. GANNE Laurent	VEM/64	Us Aigrefeuille Athletisme	16:37:40

21. KIENE Lyonel	VEM/64	Assp Vergeze	16:58:46
22. ECHE Dominique	VEM/55	Nice Cote D'azur Athletisme	18:35:23
23. RASSAIND Andre	VEM/37	Al Voiron	19:15:28
24. BOUDIGNON Thierry	VEM/50	Ultra Marathon France	21:31:50
25. PIERRE Patrick	VEM/48	Cercle Athl. Castelsarrasinois	21:57:21
26. DE MARCILLAC Bertrand	VEM/39	Ca Montreuil 93	23:00:04
MALFONDET Alain	VEM/		12:39:15
LETESSIER Gilles	VEM/		12:57:37
BIEBUCK Pascal (Bel)	VEM/		13:14:08
FILLIEUX Christian (Bel)	VEM/		15:03:15
FAVRIOU Laurent	VEM/		15:14:16
MACCARI Patrick	VEM/		15:22:01
RINGUEDE Dominique	VEM/		16:05:28
CHECKHAB Said	VEM/		16:13:57
VINCENT Dominique	VEM/		17:59:30
GILLES Philippe	VEM/64	Usm Montargis	DNF
ARNAULT Jacques	VEM/62	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	DNF

10km Walk

1. FOUGERON Pierre-alexandre	CAM/03	Us Berry Athletisme	57:10
2. BABOIN Michel	VEM/56	Saran Loiret Athletic Club	58:12
3. TOUTAIN Eric	VEM/63	Us Ivry	1:01:02
4. GENESTE Jean-louis	VEM/66	Rc Vichy	1:02:07
5. BEGUIN Nathalie	VEF/67	Ca Vierzon	1:16:09
6. TARDI Emmanuel	VEM/67	La Postillonne Longjumeau	1:18:09
7. GALES Olivia	VEF/73	Us Berry Athletisme	1:21:30

24 Hours Walk Men

E1. LABORIE Christophe	VEM/67	Essonne Athletic	184.183 km
E1. FORESTIERI Alexandre	VEM/82	Ust Courir A Saint Tropez	184.183 km
3. MARECHAL Pascal	VEM/62	Ac Chateau Thierry	181.980 km
4. LETESSIER Gilles	VEM/50		175.975 km
5. MALFONDET Alain	VEM/65		173.093 km
6. PINEAU Laurent	VEM/68	Athletisme Sud 17	169.332 km
7. BIEBUYCK Pascal (Bel)	VEM/75		163.752 km
8. YVERT Louis	VEM/46	Cm Roubaix	158.381 km
9. RIGAL Jean-marc	VEM/59	Domont Athletisme	157.196 km
10. FILLIEUX Christian (Bel)	VEM/55		152.700 km
11. FAVRIOU Laurent	VEM/65		150.462 km
12. DELANGE Dominique	VEM/57	Aj Auxerre Section Marathon	141.252 km
13. RINGUEDE Dominique	VEM/54		136.951 km
14. VINCENT Dominique	VEM/56		133.497 km
15. GANNE Laurent	VEM/64	Us Aigrefeuille Athletisme	132.871 km
16. CHECKHAB Said	VEM/		131.966 km
17. KIENE Lyonel	VEM/64	Assp Vergeze	129.363 km
18. TILLIER Ludovic	VEM/79	Le Chesnay 78 As	127.303 km
19. RASSAIND Andre	VEM/37	Al Voiron	121.819 km
20. TINTIN Ronald	VEM/79	Ao Charenton	120.613 km
21. DEPARDAY Fabien	VEM/70	Stadium Montigny Ac	118.697 km
22. ECHE Dominique	VEM/55	Nice Cote D'azur Athletisme	114.992 km
23. MACCARI Patrick	VEM/56		113.895 km
24. BOUDIGNON Thierry	VEM/50	Ultra Marathon France	112.160 km
25. GEORGELIN Serge	VEM/68	Ea Cesson	111.800 km
26. PIERRE Patrick	VEM/48	Cercle Athl. Castelsarrasinois	108.806 km
27. DE MARCILLAC Bertrand	VEM/39	Ca Montreuil 93	104.786 km
28. MONTANI Alexandre	VEM/66	Nice Cote D'azur Athletisme	100.629 km
29. ARNAULT Jacques	VEM/62	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	75.629 km
30. GILLES Philippe	VEM/64	Usm Montargis	68.129 km
31. HIRSINGER Christian	VEM/52	Ultra Marathon France	60.629 km

32. VANDENDAUL Daniel	VEM/50		48.129 km
GUYOMARCH Jean-pierre	VEM/54		DNF
CHUI Didier	VEM/60	Athletisme Club De Bourges	DNF
THIRIOT Louis	VEM/50	Athletisme Metz Metropole	DNF
LEZIN Jean-claude	VEM/50		DNF
COMPAGNON Bruno	VEM/50		DNF

24 Hours Walk Women

1. BESSOT Veronique	VEF/62	Domont Athletisme	170.566 km
2. MAISON Sylvie	VEF/73	Strasbourg Agglo Athle	162.827 km
3. CAIN Marie	VEF/57	Nice Cote D'azur Athletisme	159.377 km
4. DAVID Christine	VEF/58	Essonne Athletic	152.854 km
5. BIZARD Claudie	VEF/59	Thiais Ac	150.653 km
6. JAVOY-GUITART-ROCA Sylvie	VEF/60		135.236 km

2x6 Hours Walk Men

1. BOCUZE Daniel	VEM/55	Fac Andrezieux	101.284 km
2. GIRAUDEAU Denis	VEM/51	Ula De Cornouaille	92.456 km
3. CECCALDI Georges	VEM/50	Entente Chalon/saone Athl.	87.931 km
4. PORCHER Claude	VEM/51		86.978 km
5. SEYNAEVE Serge (Bel)	VEM/60	Cm Roubaix	85.333 km
6. DIEN Daniel	VEM/50	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	81.041 km
7. MACHAL Francis	VEM/58	Cm Roubaix	78.799 km
8. AUBERT Patrice	VEM/56	Die Ac	77.555 km
9. THEVENIN Pascal	VEM/59	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	50.629 km
10. PORTANTE Frederic (Bel)	VEM/50		28.129 km

2x6 Hours Walk Women

1. BIRAUD Sophie	VEF/60		84.961 km
2. PANNIER Josiane	VEF/50	Havre Ac	81.877 km
3. NITYAGOVSKAYA Liudmilia	VEF/60	Russie	74.331 km
4. CORMIER Mireille	VEF/59	Entente Nimes Athletisme	70.693 km



Veronique Bessot, Fabien Deparday, Daniel Bocuze, Alexandre Forestieri and Christophe Laborie (photos Emmanuel Tardi)

GEORGE LITTLEWOOD – THE SHEFFIELD FLYER



2020 marks the 132nd anniversary of a seemingly everlasting British record set by George Littlewood, a Yorkshire based professional pedestrian.

In 1888, at Madison Square Garden, New York, Littlewood broke the world record for the distance covered by foot over six days, travelling 623 miles 1,320 yards (nearly 1004 km). He did so in the most dramatic circumstances too. At the end of the fifth day he very nearly fell foul of a saboteur when he took a break to soothe his aching feet and a match was deliberately dropped into his alcohol bath at the side of the track. The culprit, presumed to be a disgruntled backer of one of Littlewood's rivals, was never caught. Neither, for that matter, was Littlewood. His feet and legs were badly burned but he carried on, hobbling at times, to complete 85 miles on the final day.



Littlewood's Madison Square Garden run – an 8 laps to the mile sawdust track inside the large auditorium. Food, drink and rest mid-race were all optional extras during the races. In such 144-hour challenges, contestants would pitch tents in the middle of the stadium circuit in order to take nap breaks - but rarely used them. Massive cash prizes for the winners meant most pushed themselves beyond any normal human limits in search of glory and many ended up in hospital.

Littlewood's reward for his 1888 "wobble" in New York was an Astley world championship belt, a \$4,400 prize and a \$1,000 record bonus. Thousands lined the streets of Sheffield to witness his triumphal return. Sheffield, though, was not

quite Littlewood's home. He was a native of Rawmarsh, a South Yorkshire mining village.

Littlewood, in 1888, was 29. Since taking his first steps as a competitive runner, winning the school cup for 100 yards at the age of nine, he had covered countless miles in racing and training.

In 1966 the physiologist BB Lloyd described Littlewood's achievement as "*probably about the maximum sustained output of which the human frame is capable*". He was about right. Littlewood's epic run stood as a world record for six years short of a century - until 1984, when the Greek ultra-marathon man Yiannis Kouros covered 635 miles 1,023 yards at Randell's Island, New York. Kouros then broke his own world record in 1991 by running 664 miles, a record that still stands today.

While Kouros is far and away the greatest ultra runner ever, Littlewood was far and away the best of his era and could easily be tagged as *The Yiannos Kouros of the 1800s*.

Littlewood was not only a champion runner, he was a superb walker, in an era when huge sums of money were placed on races and form was scrupulously watched. He still holds the 6-day world best for walking, a distance of 531 miles (850km), achieved in Sheffield, England, between 6 and 11 March 1882, on a 13-lap to the mile track.

Littlewood features centrally in Paul Marshall's 764 page book *King of the Peds*, a fascinating historical account of the hugely popular 19th century sport and the professional pedestrians, or 'peds', who populated it. I have a copy of the book which is very much the definitive tome for that period.

I reproduce Marshall's article on Littlewood, from http://www.worldwiderunning.com/king_of_pedestrianism.php.

King of Pedestrianism By Paul Marshall



George Littlewood was born on 20th March 1859, in Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, England. This phenomenal athlete, who is already being talked about as probably being the greatest ultra long-distance foot athlete the world has ever seen, was to become a sporting superstar of his day, travelling over to America on several occasions, where, at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 1888, he produced a scintillating performance to beat the then current six-day world record of 621¾ miles held by the American, Jimmy Albert, by running another two miles on the 8-lap to the mile sawdust track. The 623¾ miles he made that week that wasn't beaten for 96 years was just one of his amazing achievements; one of which is still being the current owner of the 6-day walking record from 1882!

So what made Littlewood tick and where he did he get his inspiration from? It was at the age of eight that he began showing an aptitude for running whilst chasing the hounds in local hunts. He also excelled in other sports including boxing, wrestling and cricket, but it was in the field of athletics, and, in particular, running, which he displayed a real talent for.

His father Fred, a handy handicap runner himself, knew his son was something "special" and took on the task of training him seriously. The regime he fashioned for him was both daunting and vigorous, and when the boy complained to his dad that his muscles were sore one day, his dad offered him the carrot of a financial reward. "*If you can catch me, you can have this halfpenny. If you really want it, you can get it,*" he told his son. His father set off and the lad went after him. When the boy caught him up and passed him, he was given his prize for his effort. George had proved to himself that he could overcome the pain barrier to reach his goal and that experience would prove valuable for his future career.

Littlewood's dedication to perfection in the art of race walking soon paid off when, at the age of 16, he won his first long distance event and was given a silver cup donated by several Sheffield publicans. A judge at the time said this of the lad as he performed on the track: "He is completely genuine, without any deviation from the strict laws of walking."

Littlewood's preparation during the next four years involved both running and walking over 200 miles a week. He would train by running to Doncaster and back three times a week in a 38-mile round trip. On his arrival in Doncaster, he would call into a local butcher where he would buy mutton which he would run back home to Darnall with. There were reports that he had a food fetish and that his mum used to go to his races and cook for him to see that he ate properly! One of his trainers Fred Bromley said of him: "If you want to raise a lot of steam and power, you must stoke the coals on the fire!"

In November, of 1879, Littlewood starred in his first race as a budding long-distance athlete in a six-day, 72-hour, 12 hours per day, "go-as-you-please" event in which he came in fourth of 28 contestants winning a prize of £4 for scoring 275 miles in the allotted time on a 19-lap to the mile track at Wolverhampton.

He then went Nottingham, in February, of 1880, where, in a 7-day, six hours per night contest, he came in 5th of 19 runners, winning £2.

A couple of months later, he went to Leeds where he won his first race in a field of 13 contestants and created a new 12 hours per day, 72-hour world record of 374 miles on an 38-lap to the mile track in a circus rink. For winning, he secured the £35 first prize — plus an extra prize of £10 for beating the record. Littlewood would later remark that this was the greatest race he ever won.

His next event which was his first venture to London, where in September of the same year, and competing in field of 29 at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, he won the Sir John Astley "*Champion Gold Medal*" and a prize of £60, which included £10 for beating the then world record of 405 miles.

Now established as an up-and-coming figure in his chosen sport, his connections entered the then 21-year-old into the 6th international version of *The Astley Belt* — the blue riband 142-hour, six days, "go-as you-please" contest again at the "Aggie". He would be up against the reigning long-distance champion — the formidable Charlie Rowell — a man, who only the year before at Madison Square Garden, New York, had secured phenomenal prize money of \$50,000 in two races in that city. During the race, in which he finished as runner-up with a score of 470 miles, George also took on the great "Blower" Brown of Fulham, and some very good American athletes.

Littlewood then went over to the U.S.A. for the first time to compete in the 2nd *O'Leary International Belt* contest at Madison Square Garden, in 1881. Although starting the favorite, Littlewood only managed to make 480 miles due to a foot injury.

Then in 1882, between March 6 and 11, Littlewood achieved the unthinkable. Not only did he beat the then 142-hour heel-and-toe world walking record of 530 miles, he still holds it! The 531 miles was made on a 13-lap to the mile track at the Norfolk Drill Hall, Sheffield.

He then competed in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th *Astley Challenge Belt* races. The belt was the prize for winning the 12 hours a day, 72 hours per week version of the *Long-Distance Astley Belt* and the events took place in Birmingham, Sheffield and London between April of 1882 and November of 1884. Littlewood would eventually win the belt outright.

In 1883, he also raced against a horse called Charlie in a 17-mile race from Doncaster to Sheffield. He lost by three

quarters of a mile.

After that, and in April of 1885, Littlewood took on Rowell again in the *International Pedestrian Tournament* (which he won) and then again in February of 1887 in the *International Pedestrian Go-As-You-Please Tournament*; both races being held at the Westminster Aquarium, London.

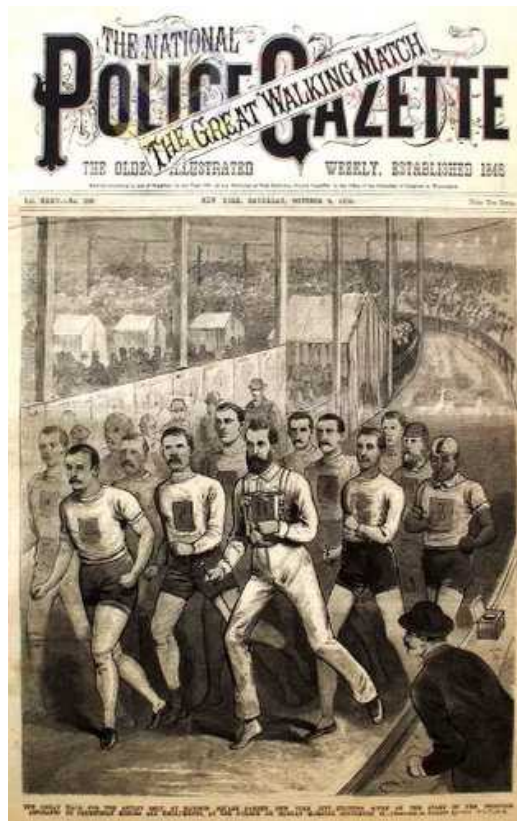
After those races he went back to America for the second time; firstly to Philadelphia where he annihilated the opposition in November of 1887 in the *Championship of the World Sweepstakes* before returning to New York to compete in his last two races at Madison Square Garden in May and December of the following year, 1888.

The May race saw Littlewood breaking the 600-mile barrier despite running on a raw bone in his foot and when he brought the Fox Diamond Belt back from America to England, they called him *Littlewood the Lionheart*.



Littlewood exhibited a perfect running style – part of the key to his success

His motivation soon deserted him after his New York run. He hung up his battered racing shoes and, with his hard-earned winnings, bought himself a pub in Sheffield. The King's Head still stands today, on Attercliffe Road, in the shadow of the Don Valley Stadium, where the track stars of today can but dream of George Littlewood's record-book longevity.



The Great Walking Match – the 1888 New York race made front page headlines

In 1966, and referring to his 1888 world record, a physiologist, B. B. Lloyd, writing in *Advancement of Science*, described Littlewood's feat as "*probably about the maximum sustained output of which the human frame is capable*".

George Littlewood died on the December 4, 1912. His funeral was attended by 3,000 people.

Professional Career Statistics (1879–1888)

Date Started	Venue	Date Finished	Pos	Miles	Type
10 November 1879	Wolverhampton, England	15 November 1879	4 th	275	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
9 February 1880	Nottingham, England	15 February 1880	5 th	252	42-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
29 March 1880	Leeds, England	3 April 1880	1 st	374	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
6 September 1880	London, England	11 September 1880	1 st	406	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
1 November 1880	London, England	7 November 1880	2 nd	470	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
23 May 1881	New York, USA	28 May 1881	10 th	480	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
6 March 1882	Sheffield, England	11 March 1882	1 st	531	142-hr Walking (World Record)
24 April 1882	Sheffield, England	29 April 1882	Rtd	122	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
25 September 1882	Birmingham, England	30 September 1882	1 st	415	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
16 November 1882	Sheffield, England	18 November 1882	1 st	40	v A. Hancock
25 December 1882	Sheffield, England	30 December 1882	2 nd	370	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
14 May 1883	Sheffield, England	19 May 1883	1 st	243	36-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
24 December 1883	Sheffield, England	29 December 1883	1 st	366	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
24 November 1884	London, England	29 November 1884	1 st	405	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
27 April 1885	London, England	3 May 1885	Rtd	221	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
21 February 1887	London, England	26 February 1887	1 st	403	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
21 November 1887	Philadelphia, USA	26 November 1887	1 st	569	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
7 May 1888	New York, USA	12 May 1888	1 st	611	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
27 November 1888	New York, USA	2 December 1888	1 st	623	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'

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FINANCIAL NEWS

I had the coffers full, in anticipation of costs that would be incurred in next month's Australian Centurion qualifier. With that now cancelled, the money stays in the bank while I ponder what else I can spend it on (only joking!).

Expenses	Keyhole Engraving – Gordon Smith Memorial Trophy	12.00
	Officeworks – stationary	8.00
	Racewalking Australia – 6 medals for RWA 100km Championships	<u>39.20</u>
Bank Balance		2443.42

EMMANUEL TARDI USES HIS TIME PROFITABLY

With France in quarantine, Emmanuel Tardi has to stay in his apartment, but he has been using his time profitably to work on some walking related history. He has just send me updates with full historical results sets for *La Voie Sacrée*, for the *24 Heures de Bourges*, for *Le Challenge Facoetti* and for the *French 100km Championship*. He promises more updates during the remaining 5 weeks of his enforced lockdown. See <http://www.centurions.org.au/centranks.shtml> for these 4 files as well as links to some of Emmanuel's previous productions. Here's the cut and paste.

6 Day Walk Ranks from Emmanuel Tardi 2018	Emmanuel Tardi's World All-Time 6 Day Walk ranking lists
100k All Time Men Women	Emmanuel Tardi's 2012 All-Time 100km walk listings (male and female)
28 Heures de Roubaix top 20	Emmanuel Tardi's history of the 28 Heures de Roubaix classic (top 20 places, 1954-2017)
Palmares Voie Sacree 1990-2019	Emmanuel Tardi's history of the Grand Prix de la voie Sacrée (57km, between Bar le Duc and Verdun, on Armistice Day each year)
French 100km Champs 1966-2020	Emmanuel Tardi's complete results set from the French 100km Walk Championships (1966-2019)
24 Heures de Bourges 1997-2020	Emmanuel Tardi's history of the 24 Heures de Bourges (1997-2000)
Le Challenge Facoetti 1959-2019	Emmanuel Tardi's history of Le Challenge Facoetti (1959-2019)

Thanks Emmanuel and STAY SAFE!

And a call for anyone else who wants to chat about submitting an article for us to read. There aren't going to be any results for quite some time now so we need something else to keep the newsletter going each month.

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

It's a smaller newsletter than usual this month, with races drying up and with everyone bunkering down for the year. But what a perfect opportunity for us pedestrians to strut our stuff, get out there and pound the pavements, paths and creek banks. Nature never looked more appealing!

Yours in Centurion walking

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