

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

SURREY GROUP

REPORT AND RESULTS OF THE WINTER TANNERS WALK - 11th January 1981

As the 141 walkers set off from Leatherhead football club, the sun rose on what was to turn out to be a fine but cold day. We were very fortunate bearing in mind that the day was sandwiched between a very wet Saturday and Monday.

Overnight frost made the ground hard and the going easy at first. Walkers speeded along Stane Street much to the surprise of golfers having an early morning round from Tyrrells Wood. As the winter sun made itself felt, the mud began to manifest and make conditions a little more difficult. This was particularly noticeable along the lower slopes between Reigate and Buckland hills where trying to walk on a slippery slope caused a few to get down and have a closer look at the route. Although I thought I had catered for the fastest, one runner went through checkpoint one and about half a dozen through checkpoint two before they opened. Most however took it at a more leisurely pace and took full advantage of the hot drinks at the checkpoints. Geoff Peck was first home in 3 hours 48 minutes 35 seconds. In all 124 completed the full route with 13 getting back to Leatherhead by taking a short cut. Three dogs were declared as having completed the course but there were one or two more who were not officially registered.

Many said they enjoyed the route which, unusually for the 30 miler, went mainly to the east of the A24. Parts of it were familiar to those who have taken part in the 50 but its nice to take a look at the scenery approaching from the opposite direction. The route was devised by Alan Blatchford but he did express a doubt about whether it was a full 30 miles. I did lengthen it a bit but I feel it still falls a little short. In view of its popularity, I have no hesitation in recommending to the Tanners Marathon Association that they adopt the route for the summer event, subject to extending it by about a mile.

Those I spoke to said they could follow the route description in the main but nearly everybody gave at least one place where they had difficulty. The main places where people went wrong seems to have been Headley Heath and Box Hill. I appreciate the comments given and hopefully they will help me to improve the route for July 5th.

My thanks to Valerie, Christine and Katherine Challenger, Chris and Margaret Steer, David and Pauline Shore, Roy Barnsley and Tony Rowley for their help at the start/finish and the checkpoints. Pauline used her bicycle to travel between the checkpoints and the end, nearly cycling the whole route. After LDWA members in many cases have progressed from walking to jogging to running, I wonder if Pauline is setting the trend for the next progression.

John Westcott

LIST OF FINISHERS

Geoff Peck	3.48	David Rosen	5.07
Ned Paul	4.56	Miriam Rosen	5.07
Phil Gilbert	4.56	Ian Cooper	5.07
Chris Donnelly	4.56	Joe May	5.07
Tim Watkins	4.57	Ernie Bishop	5.13
Stephen Alden	5.02	Wilfrid Taylor	5.20
John Offley	5.05	Andrew Parker	5.24
Martyn Greaves	5.06	Robert Horlock	5.25

LIST OF FINISHERS (Continued)

Lyndon Jones	5.25	Philip Evans	8.04
Tony Rowley	5.46	Allen Philpot	8.04
John Westcott	6.21	John Wharton	8.06
Mike Parks	6.32	Diana Wherton	8.06
Ron Voyce	6.34	Ian Storey	8.10
Paul Gaston	6.34	Louise Cartwright	8.13
Peter Caulfield	6.35	David Woodyer	8.13
Bryon Alden	6.36	Lon Willcocks	8.13
Den Hedfield	6.36	Robert Tombs	8.13
Brian Tims	6.37	Richard Tombs	8.13
Michael Hawkins	6.37	Eric Seaman	8.15
Dave Challenger	6.37	Dave Street	8.15
Derek Earl	6.37	Robert Allen	8.23
David Smith	6.38	Harry Clark	8.25
Paul Ramsay	7.07	Richard Weeks	8.25
Raymond Huxstep	7.07	Sue Kapadia	8.25
Sandy Johnston	7.08	Roy Dillway	8.25
John Billton	7.08	Des Stockley	8.25
John Gray	7.08	Brian Crossley	8.26
David Allen	7.09	Dick Compton	8.26
Paul Rutter	7.10	Terry Kemp	8.26
Mark Rutter	7.10	George Crossen	8.26
Chris Coates	7.12	Geoffrey White	8.35
Stephen Topping	7.15	Jonathon Smith	8.35
David Vandoorn	7.15	Victor Gutteridge	8.35
Michael Abbott	7.15	John Harrison	8.51
Ian McLeod	7.17	Brian Bickle	8.53
Geoff Welch	7.18	Keith Hewitt	8.53
Don Cooper	7.25	John Moore	8.55
Peter Harrington	7.28	Brian Haigh	8.55
Gail Ross	7.28	Brian Bustard	8.55
John Foster	7.43	Harold Wilson	8.56
Leslie Smith	7.45	Doreen Attallah	8.56
Roy Barnsley	7.45	Olive Matterface	8.57
Geoff Beech	7.45	Jill Burchett	8.59
Bill Grace	7.45	Michael Day	8.59
Neil Higham	7.45	Trevor Crowhurst	8.59
Michael Gregson	7.53	John Budd	9.00
David Cashmore	7.53	Robin Ball	9.01
Raymond Bolton	7.53	Matthew Martin	9.02
Frank Perrett	7.53	Derek Edwards	9.03
Kenneth Perrett	7.53	Colin Andrews	9.03
Lloyd Perrett	7.53	Martin Andrews	9.03
Barry Brooks	7.55	Michael Benison	9.10
David Page	7.56	Gordon Anderson	9.10
Shirley Hume	7.57	Edward Laundon	9.10
Ronald Barton	8.00	Peter Baston	9.10
Steven Rose	8.00	Stephen Taylor	9.20
Eric Rolfe	8.02	Paul Clifford	9.32
Keith Wilson	8.02	Bernard Clifford	9.32
Brian Elce	8.02	Tony Hawkin	9.46
Tony Lee	8.02	Ray Lee	9.53
Trevor Blewitt	8.02	Susan Hatton	9.53
Peter Stray	8.02	David Whitehead	9.54

THE FOLLOWING EITHER SHORT CUT BACK TO FINISH OR DID NOT REGISTER

Simon Brooks, J. Cassells, Christopher Chatters, David Chatters, Ray Curtis, Paul Davis, K. Dulako, Bill Gilkes, Roger Hann, Susan Hann, R. Marcus, R.P. Middleton, Barrie O'connor, Mark Pickard, Stanley Quaife, Joyce Tombs, David Williams.