

EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of NUTS Notes to be produced (partially) from Gestetner Thermal 400 stencils, and it will be obvious to you from the results that the quality depends very much on the original typed copy. When submitting contributions please send as perfect a piece of work as you can; the following points should be noted particularly:

1. Type on A4 size paper
2. Type on one side only
3. Leave 1 cm margins (minimum)
4. Do not make corrections in ballpoint

I hope that the summary by Peter Hopkins of recent developments will be of interest to members. We intend to include this feature in later issues.

Subscriptions 1970 If you have not paid your 1970 subscription (£1) yet please do so immediately. Send to the Hon Treasurer, 3 Salisbury Court, Salisbury Road, LONDON SW 19.

Report Forms 1970 First ones received from new member Colin Shields (dated February 15!). Get weaving all of you this season: an appalling 57% of the total membership failed to send in a single form last year.

NUTS Postal Poll The response to this has been so disappointing that there is little point in publishing the result at present. Please vote if you have not already done so.

MISCELLANY

§ The answer to the Christmas quiz: 100y backwards running (perhaps we can find out the 100y backwards walking record for Goon Show addicts). Only two correct entries were received: from Malcolm Warburton and Alf Wilkins. The LP went to Margaret Gould though, because she forked out 10s/50p for NUTS funds. Chris Thorne sent in the correct answer - to another question!

§ For Sale: Geographia Sectional (book) Map of Edinburgh; half-price bargain 2s/10p (post free) from: A Huxtable, 78 Toynbee Road, LONDON SW 20.

§ Out on March 19 was Peter Lovesey's competition winner "Wobble to Death", published by Macmillan at 21s/£1.05. If you want to help a fellow NUTS member feed his family get a copy from your friendly neighbourhood book-store NOW. You may have heard him interviewed on BBC Radio 4 on March 18.

§ Doug Busst writes: "Identity: had 'flu before Xmas and as a result now have "a full set", mostly grey and white, so am not recognisable away from the bar! Secondly, am now a member of the USTFF Decathlon Club - might be useful. My all-time world list is progressing (now down to 7200 pts): about 200 in all."
I've news for Doug: START 2/70 will publish an all-time list to 7000 pts, plus performances to 7500 pts!

§ Cliff Temple is busting out all over: he's had contributions in "Radio Times" (on ice-skating) and in the "Sunday Times" (on athletics) - in case some of you fail to see these weeklies.

NUTS RECORD

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Please send contributions to the Editor at 78 Toynbee Road, LONDON SW 20. The next issue will be published before the Commonwealth Games. Copy to reach the Editor by July 4 at the latest.

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ANALYSIS OF U.K. BEST PERFORMANCES (Part 3)

By Peter Matthews

All-time performances up to 1 March 1970 including Indoor marks

High Jump

	Best	2.06+	2.02+	1.98+	Average best 10	
Gordon Miller	2.08	6	22	64	2.06 -	1
Crawford Fairbrother	2.07	5	28	147	2.055 -	2
Mike Campbell	2.06	1	6	34	2.025 -	3
Alan Paterson	2.02		1	14	1.995 -	5
Peter Wells	2.02		1	16	2.005 -	4
Leon Hall	2.01			1	1.96 -	10
Richard Morris	2.00			1	1.98 -	6
Patrick Mackenzie	2.00			1	1.97 -	7
David Wilson II	2.00			4	1.96 -	11
David Wilson I	1.99			3	1.965 -	9
Lloyd Foster	1.99			1	1.94	
Ron Pavitt	1.98			1	1.945 -	13
William Piper	1.98			1	1.925	
Michael Leary	1.98			6	1.97 -	8
Sandy Kilpatrick	1.98			2	1.955 -	12
Phil Taylor	1.98			1	-	
		12	58	316		

Pole Vault

	Best	4.70+	4.50+	4.30+		
Michael Bull	5.07	57	81	101	5.02 -	1
David Stevenson	4.68		33	95	4.62 -	2
Martin Higdon	4.62		15	36	4.58 -	3
Gordon Rule	4.60		3	12	4.47 -	5
David Lease	4.60		2	6	4.37 -	7
Trevor Burton	4.57		4	31	4.48 -	4
Michael Bryant	4.57		2	11	4.43 -	6
Norman Foster	4.42			7	4.31 -	9
Jeffrey Fenge	4.42			6	4.31 -	10
Steve Chappell	4.40			2	4.21 -	14
Rex Porter	4.39			10	4.32 -	8
Stewart Scale	4.39			2	4.28 -	11
Stuart Tufton	4.37			3	4.26 -	13
Neal Wilson	4.34			3	4.21 -	15
Chris Kidd	4.33			1	4.17	
Geoff Elliott	4.30			5	4.28 -	12
Clive Longe	4.30			1	4.12	
		57	140	332		

Long Jump

	Best	7.80+	7.60+	7.40+		
Lynn Davies	8.23	51	89	118	8.12 -	1
John Morbey	7.89	1	11	33	7.75 -	2
Alan Lerwill	7.77		4	24	7.62 -	3
Fred Alsop	7.74		5	22	7.59 -	4
David Walker	7.67		1	4	7.40 -	8
Peter Reed	7.63		2	18	7.53 -	5
Roy Cruttenden	7.59			4	7.39 -	9
Phil Scott	7.56			2	7.28 -	11
Gwyn Williams	7.55			4	7.41 -	7
Ken Wilshurst	7.53			4	7.39 -	12
John Howell	7.52			12	7.45 -	6
Peter Templeton	7.50			1		
John Elias	7.47			1		
Andrew Mollett	7.40			1	7.16	
		52	112	243		

Triple Jump

	Best	16.00+	15.50+	15.00+	Average	best 10
Fred Alsop	16.46	15	57	102	16.25	1
Derek Boosey	16.22	3	25	80	15.91	2
Tony Wadhams	16.18	1	17	36	15.80	3
Michael Ralph	15.97		10	37	15.64	4
Graham Hamlyn	15.82		4	26	15.55	5
John Vernon	15.76		5	24	15.52	6
Graham Webb	15.64		1	5	15.07	9
Ken Wilmshurst	15.60		3	16	15.37	7
Peter Drew	15.53		1	2	14.93	11
David Macbeth	15.47			2	14.85	13
Lynn Davies	15.43			2		
Sean Power	15.31			10	15.17	8
John Crotty	15.26			2	14.72	
John Whall	15.25			3	14.94	10
David Harding	15.14			1	14.73	
Nigel Green	15.07			1	14.56	
Andrew Vincent	15.06			1	14.65	
Hamish Robertson	15.05			1	14.67	
Peter Walker	15.05			2	14.92	12
Martyn Roberts	15.01			1		
Peter Knowles	15.01			1	14.70	
		19	123	356		

GOMPERS by Peter Harkins

You could tell he was a Gompers just to look at him - thick pebble glasses, a jacket done up by one very strained centre button, egg stained down his pullover. He could not be a Jones or a Robinson, just a Gompers.

One year Gompers was persuaded to go in for his firm's annual sports. It meant a half day off from the office and he couldn't be as bad as some of the odd looking bods he had seen in previous years. What to do? The long jump thought Gompers is about my cup of tea.

And so it came to pass that on the appointed day Gompers had changed his egg stained pullover for a mud stained vest and shorts. He had never done the long jump, but he would soon pick it up after watching how the others did it. He was no fool was our Mr G.. He soon calculated that if the others could jump about 20 feet from about a 30 yard run-up, if he had a 60 yard run-up he would jump 40 feet. And so when his turn came to jump our hero started beyond the track, in the field on the other side. He weaved his way through the milers and came hurtling down the runway. The snag was he forgot to stop and he tripped over the edge of the pit and fell flat on his face in the sand. On his second attempt he again came hurtling down from about 60 yards and this time he hit the board perfectly, but he went up in the air, not forwards and he fell flat on his back. It was a perfectly fair jump and Gompers became the first man in the world to register a valid minus 3'6" (this was before metric days). He forwent his last jump and fested his case there.

The following year he thought he would have a go at something else and he decided on the quarter, and thus he embarked upon yet another first - the first man to be lapped in a 440 yards race on a 440 yards track.

It was a handicap event and as he had no previous experience and was still quite young the handicapper put him on scratch. This did not worry our friend and he warmed up by doing twenty minutes on the childrens swings. When the 440 men were called up Gompers went to his mark. He made the conventional crouch start and when the gun went he fell flat on his face - he had forgotten to do his shoes up! He lay there for a while, wondering what to do, and then decided he had better sit up and do his shoes up, and so he was straddled across the line fiddling with his laces when the others broke the tape.

He retired then and there and never graced an athletics track again, but things will never be the same again.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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It was suggested to shew that provincial members should be kept informed of happenings at Executive Committee meetings. We all agreed that this was desirable and it has fallen to me to give you three-monthly summaries of Committee meetings minuted. The following cover the meetings held on December 19, January 16 and February 19:-

1970 booklet - Top 100 lists have been received from all compilers, and the last of the index cards were received by Peter Mathheews by February 4 - this despite the fact that January 1 was set as a deadline by the committee. The printing this year will be carried out by Eclipse Office Supplies and assuming that the printers keep to their production schedule of 6-8 weeks after last copy received the book should be out towards the end of May. Final stages of the work is being carried out by a number of members, and also by non-members. Typing of the main lists is being done by Mrs Janet Lynch-Staunton, and the index is being cared for by our President's daughter, Sue Pottle. Margaret Gould is getting the index cards into final shape for the typist and All-time lists are being prepared by David Dallman and his fiancée, Carole. One cause of delay in the past, and particularly this year, has been the obtaining of complete results of Area Championships. It was thought that in future this should be a task allotted to nominated members in the appropriate areas.

Other publications in 1970 - the junior and youth and junior and intermediate ladies booklets will again be published by Arena Publications, as will an Indoor Handbook. This latter venture in the hands of Andrew Huxtable and Shaun Adair is scheduled for the end of the indoor season.

1970 track and field meeting - this will again take the form of an invitation pentathlon and will take place at Crystal Palace on May 2. In conjunction with the meeting will be an invitation 3000 metres race organised by the Road Runners Club. We know our rules too well to advertise is as a record attempt, but it is hoped to get Ron Hill and Mike Turner interested, so a good time is on the cards. At the last meeting I gave details of the proposal to hold the meeting in conjunction with the London Postal Region who were staging a walk to start and finish on the track, but since that meeting I have heard that the LPR have had to alter their plans.

1970 standards have been agreed and listers appointed. Details have already been circulated.

Membership - Colin Shields has been elected to membership. One or two members expressed regret that only a very small number of suggested members actually got into membership. It was explained that all suggested members and those persons showing interest were giving the opportunity of submitting report forms. Very few did.

Finance - We are in a very happy ~~financial~~ financial position at the moment and Andrew was given the go-ahead to purchase a new Gestetner Thermal Duplicator - the major amount required to purchase this coming from a donation from Bruce Tulloh in return for Andrew doing some statistical work for his new book.

Other items - Harold Abrahams mentioned the invidiousness of recent Honours awards to sportsmen and suggested a sort of Hall of Fame. Keith Morbey came up with some ideas at a subsequent meeting and these will be circularised for your comments.

In conclusion may I say as Chairman that the Committee is a very hard working body with a surprisingly high record of attendance. Members can rest assured that those elected to look after the welfare of the organisation do so to the limit, and sometimes further of their capabilities.

Scene:

National Stadium

Time:

Ten seconds after the finish of National 1500 m.

A 5'3" fair haired Anglo can be seen scuttling towards the winner, whose name is 'Our Hero', with hands on blazer pockets. The bespectacled official gasps that the T.V. people want to interview him. Propelling Our Hero up 5 steps to the interview room, the official almost succeeds in prostrating him.

There are three interviewers:-

L.C.J. Breckman.

Alf Pickles.

Terrence Littleknow.

The Interview:

L.C.J. "How do you feel?"

Our Hero "Fantastic Tymaned!"

T.L. "I know just how he feels!"

L.C.J. "That was great just great but when did you decide to change your stride pattern?"

Our Hero "During the first lap. I used 4-2-4 but coming under pressure I changed to 6-2-3 until with 100 metres to go I reversed to 3-2-6. However, Mr. Milkman I knew you had selected me to win so I was aware that you would expect that of me"

A.P. "You were able to raise your game - how was this possible?"

Our Hero "During October of every year I shoot 20 brace of pheasant. These I pluck myself and stuff into an empty T.V. set. Then, every night except Sunday, I put the set on my shoulders and do 625 squats, do you get the picture?"

A.P. "Very uninteresting"

Our Hero - Continuing unabated
"This procedure enables me to raise my game so easily that when racing the commentator's life is made so much easier"

T.L. "I know just how he feels"

L.C.J. "What are your plans from here?"

Our Hero "Well Mr. Dustman I am going home to fish and chips"

L.C.J. "No I did not mean that Our"

Our Hero (starchily) "Mr. Baker I did not ask you to address me by my forename"

- L.C.J. (aily) "I usually patronise all those I interview"
- T.L. "I know just how he feels"
- A.P. "Will you crack/murder/smash/beast/etc the opposition in the coming Olympics?"
- Our Hero "I suppose my present form indicates I might make the 1500 m final with luck"
- A.P. "I will interpret that as meaning you are confident of winning and in W.R. time"
- L.C.J. "Yes we will build you up as a red hot favourite and when you lose you will be torn to little pieces and we will be the first to do so!"
- Our Hero "Thats O.K. Mr. Milkman I well appreciate that without your support the sport would have collapsed some years ago and I humbly thank you for putting me through this interview".

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS AND PROJECTED

Important: The Editor would like to hear from researchers whose projects are marked + below.

- Shaun Adair - UK Track Directory
- Dave Cecksedge & Alan Lindop - +Progressive UK junior & youth best performances
- David Dallman - World all-time best performances on relay legs (men & women)
- Roger Gynn - +Field event series;
- Andrew Huxtable - Marathon year lists from 1896 (world & UK)
- Peter Martin - Best brothers & sisters (world & UK);
Best twins (world & UK);
Best parents/offspring
- Peter Matthews - WAAA junior & intermediate championship results before 1957;
All-time bests and dates of birth (juniors & intermediates);
Junior age groups (events, weights of impedimenta, etc) in countries other than UK
- Keith Morbey - +Best 10 marks averages by individuals (world & UK);
Best marks in individual events by decathletes & pentathletes (world & UK)
- Pete Pezzoli - UK Top 10 year lists (1919-49);
World, European & Commonwealth relay lists (men & women);
+UK relay lists (all age groups, men & women);
Championship results & record progression in relays
- Bob Sparks - UK all-time best performers, age records and county records by birth (women)
- Dave Terry & Peter Lovesey - +Growth curve analysis
- Chris Therne - UK Top 10 year lists (1866-1918)
- World best performers by age (men & women under 20)
- World all-time indoor best performers (men & women)
- World all-time best performers at non-standard events (men)

A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE 1968 AND THE 1969 SEASONS

Peter Matthews

For this comparison I have determined the number of athletes at or above a given performance, around the 100 mark for men and around the 50 mark for women; and also the number of performances at or above a given performance.

		<u>MEN</u>					
PERFORMERS		'68	'69	PERFORMANCES		'68	'69
100m:	10.0/10.9	120	103	9.7/10.5		36	19
200m:	22.2	106	102	21.4		52	18
400m:	49.5	107	99	47.6		55	55
800m:	1:53.4	100	92	1:50.4		55	67
1500/IM	3:51.2/4:09.9	89	95	3:45.0/4:03.3		59	51
5000m:	14:27.4	102	100	13:36.0/14:05.0		59	88
10000m:	30:48.5	103	95	28:29.0/29:30.0		43	64
3km St:	9:44.8	100	118	8:55.0		51	49
110mh:	15.9	79	87	14.4		31	46
400mh:	57.4	88	105	52.6		61	62
HJ:	1.80/5'11"	97	82	1.93/6'4"		40	71
PV:	3.35/11'0"	106	110	4.35/14'11"		50	45
LJ:	6.75/22'2"	103	106	7.25/23'9"		55	48
TJ:	13.80/45'3"	88	102	15.25/50'0"		44	36
SP:	13.30/43'7"	88	100	16.75/54'11"		46	33
DT:	40.24/132'0"	101	100	52.00/170'7"		46	37
HT:	40.00/131'3"	91	103	59.00/193'7"		48	73
JT:	56.40/185'0"	100	99	68.50/224'9"		49	60
Dec:	5000	45	50	6250		26	21
		1817	1848			907	943

		<u>WOMEN</u>					
100m:	11.2/12.2	56	45	10.8/11.8		54	33
200m:	25.3	54	53	24.3		46	46
400m:	58.3	51	63	55.6		48	42
800m:	2:16.9	41	59	2:09.9		61	53
1500/IM	4:59.9/5:24.8	31	56	4:37.5/5:00.0		19	64
100mh:	15.7		50	14.4		(8)	47
HJ:	1.55/5'1"	38	52	1.65/5'5"		48	61
LJ:	5.45/17'10"	45	53	6.00/19'8"		49	36
SP:	10.80/35'5"	49	59	13.40/43'11"		34	23
DT:	35.50/116'5"	43	56	44.00/144'4"		45	50
JT:	35.00/114'10"	49	48	43.00/141'1"		47	50
Pen:	3500	50	41	4000		42	38

For the purposes of this compilation I have excluded all wind-assisted marks. In all events I have used linear and metric equivalents.

Amendments

TOP UK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Note:	VARAH	Mike (1:48.2-880y)	Andrew (1:56.9-880y) = 1791
Add:	MURRAY	Mike (4:06.3-1M)	Patrick (4:12.0-1M) = 1792
Add:	GOWAN	Mick (4:01.0-1M)	Jim (1:56.2-800m) = 1784
Add:	FULLER	Bill (16.06-SP)	Mary (10.49-SP) = 1393

TOP UK PARENTS/CEFSRING

Add:	TODD	Ivy (11.4-100y)	Andy (49.9-400mH) = 1707
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With acknowledgments to Dave Cockcroft, Liz Sissons and Mel Watman

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME by Keith Morbey

This is presented as a starting point for discussion among members, who should send comments to the author at 5 Ian Road, BILLERICAY, Essex by April 24. Final proposals will be put to the BAAB after the next EC meeting on May 1. - Ed.

The following are a few thoughts on how an Athletics Hall of Fame could be established in the UK. Many of the points are based on the Boxing Hall of Fame run by Ring magazine in NY. This latter has of course worldwide application whereas the following thoughts are intended to apply solely to a British foundation.

Object To give recognition for services rendered in the cause of British Athletics. As the selection panel would comprise persons of some eminence and proven impartiality election would ensure recognition of the person concerned as being one of the elite of the sport. If practicable the Hall of Fame might be established at Birmingham University in conjunction with the National Athletics Library. A file should be kept for all elected members, containing: photograph(s); very detailed biography, list of achievements and any souvenirs or mementoes that can be obtained.

Categories (i) Athletes; (ii) Administrators; (iii) Communicators (writers, broadcasters, photographers); (iv) Technicians (groundsmen, equipment manufacturers, coaches, judges).

Grounds for inclusion (i) Achievement over an extensive period rather than an isolated performance, unless the latter is of exceptional brilliance; (ii) Achievement enhancing the development of techniques; (iii) Achievement furthering the promotion of athletics (new ideas for events or competitions; sportsmanship, thus gaining more adherents for the sport)

Eras (i) Pre-20th century; (ii) 1901-20; (iii) 1921-45; (iv) 1946 to date

Voting Nominations should be sought via the Athletics Press once a year. They should state the reasons why a nominee is considered worthy of inclusion and the category under which he (or she) is being nominated. The panel would consider all nominations under each era in turn. (A special panel of experts would be advisable for era (i) above, eg Peter Lovesey, Dave Terry.) Each member of the panel would have 10 votes which he could allocate as he wished up to a maximum of 5 per nominee. A high percentage (say 75%) would be necessary for election. Thus every nominee securing 38 votes (assuming a panel composed of 10 members) would be elected. Obviously not every deserving nominee would be elected in the first year but in successive years this should be rectified. Nobody would have to vote and it is quite likely that in a given year in a given category nobody would be elected. The integrity of the panel must be sufficient to ensure that no undeserving nominee is elected. No nominations should be accepted for era (iv) above for athletes until the athlete has been retired for at least 10 years.

INTERVIEW WITH ? - No.10 in a series

You are invited to send in your nomination for the next member to be featured. For the record, previous interviews have been with:

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| 1 - Mel Watman (1/66) | 4 - Stan Greenberg (4/66) | 7 - Bob Phillips (3/67) |
| 2 - Bob Sparks (2/66) | 5 - Martin James (1/67) | 8 - Keith Morbey (4/67) |
| 3 - Peter Martin (3/66) | 6 - Pat Mackenzie (2/67) | 9 - Peter Hopkins (2/68) |

FILM & SPORT

Shown at the NFT on July 15 last year as part of Cuban Film Week, was Cerro Pelado; this is the name of a ship which took the Cuban team to the 1966 CAC Games held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. To quote from a review which appeared in Cine Cubano: "The documentary tells of two achievements: the crushing political victory over Imperialism by the courage of the revolutionaries; and the sporting feat, also impregnated with this same revolutionary courage - which showed the world just how much sport in Cuba has advanced during the years of the revolution." Director: Santiago Alvarez.