

EDITORIAL

As Peter Hopkins has already announced in a circular letter Les Crouch has been forced to give up the post of Chairman, having been redeployed to Birmingham. Les took over the chair from Len Gebbett three years ago, and has controlled committee meetings with both firmness and humour. While he will be greatly missed by London members, his previous experience in the Midlands will undoubtedly strengthen the reporting network in that area.

Because of certain difficulties, 'British Athletics 1967' is not being produced from a computer printout (as reported in NUTS NOTES, Vol.4, No.4): nonetheless, we confidently hope to do it in this way next year. This year's annual, the ninth in the series, will be published late April/early May. Look forward to seeing many new and provincial members at Hurlingham on April 29!

FROM THE SECRETARY

I must apologise that this issue will be a few days late in reaching members. This came about because Easter, which I had earmarked for producing the magazine, was devoted to giving assistance on compiling the index for this year's annual - a task which regularly befalls London area members at this time of the year.

The General Committee have decided to give evidence to the Byers Committee on the future of athletics. If any members have any ideas of what we can put in our memorandum to the Committee will they please let me know as soon as possible. Any constructive ideas will be welcome.

We welcome five newcomers into the membership of the N.U.T.S. These are Doug Busst of Reading, at Brown of West Bromwich, and Dave Cocksedge, David Ballman and Peter Matthews of London. They, along with Shaun Adair and Alan Lindop, already elected, proved the pick of the bunch of those who answered our 'Help' plea of last year. All seven did a grand job last year, and we wish them luck in this and future years.

As Andrew briefly hinted at in the Editorial, the annual track and field meeting has been fixed for April 29th. It will again be held in conjunction with the AAA 10 miles championship - an arrangement, which suits both us and the AAA admirably. We hope for better weather this year than in the last two years, and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible, either as competitors or helpers - there will be plenty of work to do!

MISCELLANY

\* Two years ago in this column we mentioned those members appearing in the Directory of British Scientists; the 1966-67 edition has now been published and we thought it might be of interest to give some additional details.

Mike Hayes obtained his B.Agr.Sc. degree at Dublin in 1952, Master of Science degree at Cornell in 1955 and Ph.D at Ohio in 1960. He is a fellow of the Chemical Society and is an ICI Fellow at Birmingham University.

Dai Davies had published in 1965 a paper on the direct determination of oxygen in organic compounds. He writes: "My work at Birmingham Univ. with Prof.R.Belcher and Prof.T.S.West resulted in the development of a method whereby the oxygen could be converted to carbon monoxide at 900°C using a 50% mixture of platinum and carbon. The carbon monoxide was then quantitatively converted to carbon dioxide at room temperatures using a specially purified catalyst. This method has since been successfully applied to determination of oxygen in coal."

\* Peter Martin has now left the smoke and his new address is "Haytor", 23 Beaconsfield Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

\* FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE : Official T & F Handbook 1965 (AAU of the United States); Catalogue of Films on Sport (Council of Europe, 1965). Write in first instance to A.Huxtable, 78 Toynbee Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W.20.

\* Congratulations to Dai Davies on being selected to represent Wales in the international "cross-country". He finished 71st.

STATISTICS 1 by Peter Matthews

ALL TIME LONGEVITY : Most years in G.B. Top 10 by those in Top 10 in 1966 :-

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|----|----------|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. | 13 times | : Colin Smith 1953,1955-56       | JT      |
| 2. | 11 times | : Crawford Fairbrother 1956-1966 | HJ      |
|    |          | Marty Lucking 1956-1966          | SP      |
|    |          | Michael Lindsay 1956-1966        | BT      |
|    |          | Michael Lindsay 1956-1966        | SP      |
| 6. | 9 times  | : Maurice Herriott 1958-1966     | 3000mSC |
|    |          | Gordon Miller 1958-1966          | HJ      |
|    |          | Laurie Taitt 1958-1966           | 120yH   |
| 9. | 8 times  | : David Harrison 1958-1964,1966  | SP      |
|    |          | David Jones 1959-1966            | 220y    |
|    |          | Michael Parker 1959-1966         | 120yH   |
|    |          | Fred Alsop 1959-1966             | TJ      |
|    |          | Howard Payne 1959-1966           | HT      |

ALL-TIME : MOST YEARS AT NO.1 (since 1924)

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|----|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. | Donald Finlay    | 14 years (inc.2 at 1=) | 1932-33,42,46-51    | 120yH |
| 2. | Sydney Wooderson | 10 years               | 1934,36,37,39-45    | 1M    |
| 3. | Lord Burghley    | 9 years                | 1925-33,            | 440yH |
|    | Alan Paterson    | 9 years (inc.1 at 1=)  | 1944-52             | HJ    |
|    | Geoffery Elliott | 9 years (inc.1 at 1=)  | 1952-60             | 1W    |
|    | Robert Howland   | 9 years                | 1929,32,34,35,37-39 | SP    |
|    | Peter Hildreth   | 9 years (inc.5 at 1=)  | 1951-54,56-60       | 120yH |

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NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

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|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 880 yards | Kendrick Bennett | 1:54.0 (3) Cardiff  | 10 Sep 1966 |
| 1 Mile    | Kendrick Bennett | 4:17.0 (2) Cardiff  | 15 Aug 1966 |
| 3 Miles   | Kendrick Bennett | 14:48.0 (5) Cardiff | 22 Aug 1966 |

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INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN JAMES - No.5 in a Series

AM It is your intention, I think to give up the compilation of the UK women's lists, for which you have been responsible over the last few years. What have you enjoyed most about your work?

MJ Yes, I am giving up the compilation of the UK women's lists. The 1966 lists will probably be my last for the annual. I feel this is the place to give my reasons for "retirement" from the statistical side of women's athletics. Firstly, at whatever one aims at in a job, after a period of time one becomes stale. It was in the early days of the NUTS that I was told that "you know all about women, so you had better do the lists", and quite frankly its time for a change. Secondly, I have a personal level of work beyond which I will not go except in extreme circumstances. So with my marriage and additional responsibilities at work (including an ultimatum to do some studying) I found that my time for relaxation was reduced at times to nil. Though there are some NUTS who thrive on this sort of thing, it wasn't quite my idea of heaven. One good effect of my personal outlook on NUTS work has been the influx of newcomers to the organisation, which subject was broached by Stan Greenberg at committee immediately after a coffee shop discussion with me about my giving up the lists. It was a generally accepted fact that the earlier NUTS were getting less and less time for NUTS work as they were getting older together and took on additional responsibilities. Hence the newcomers are helping to spread the load.

Well, to get back to your question, what have I enjoyed most about my work? Meeting people is one of the stock answers to this question, but of course its true. I have made many good friends in womens athletics although on several occasions I have been appalled by the parochial attitude of some people in this field. I've had childish enjoyment out of going to meetings other than the big meets the majority of NUTS go to. For instance officiating at a meeting in which a UK long jump and a UK and Commonwealth pentathlon record were established whilst others (AM excepted) were at the City. I have also enjoyed immensely the good humour of my fellow NUTS even when disagreements in committee were rife. I've found great satisfaction in being of help to women's athletics statistically and results wise, although I feel the NUTS as a body should have more recognition by the powers that be in this branch of athletics. However the greatest moment was naturally the discovery of a certain 143' 1 1/2' discus thrower. Thank you NUTS for the push in the right direction.

AM Have you any practical advice on compiling lists you might offer to your successor(s)?

MJ I can answer this briefly :-

- (a) He(they) should start their stint of compilation with the minimum of fixed ideas, and should do the women's lists as they want them done, at least as far as this does not conflict with NUTS ideology.
- (b) Treat most marks with polite scepticism.
- (c) In view of (b) go to as many meetings as possible even if it does mean missing the Whitsun British Games (or whatever they will be called in future)
- (d) Get to know as many officials as you can - this definitely helps in getting marks quickly.
- (e) Don't get emotionally involved with the athletes!

AM What have been your greatest moments as a spectator?

MJ I took a whole weeks holiday in May fourteen years ago as I wanted to be at Oxford for an evenings sport. Of course, seeing the 3:59.4 (3:59.3 on my watch) was one of the great moments. My athletics interest started when my father dragged me along to Kotspur Park to see what I think was the United Hospitals Championships. I became interested and I then went to see the Southern Championships at the same venue, and was elated for weeks after through seeing Mac.Bailey's first 9.6 This really was a big thrill.

Chataway v Kuts of course was a classic as was Pirie beating Santee, but my greatest moments in men's track have been whenever Zatopek was running. On the field I will always remember that nail biting evening in Stockholm when Arthur Rowe pulled off the European shot title, great stuff this, it even had one NUT knocking his head against the wall at the back of the stand in a mixture of anguish (he had a bad head, temperature and all) and ecstacy. Lynn Davies gave me a prolonged magic moment in Tokyo. I found this even more fascinating than Packer, Matthews or Rand, though with the latter's tremendous performance they spoilt it a bit by having a men's race won by some part Indian or other on at the same time.

My all time favourite athletes who have given me many great moments are :

World track (male)	Zatopek (female)	Hyman/Kirzenstein
World field (male)	Oerter (female)	Tamara Press
UK track (male)	Wint (female)	Hyman
UK field (male)	Davies (female)	Rand

AM Crystal Ball department to end with. Who do you think will break world and UK records in 1967 (with what marks) and name the UK women you think will place in the first six in Mexico City in 1968?

MJ World

I feel sure the world's best for 400 metres would go any time Kirzenstein has a serious crack at it - 50 secs or so. I also think Anne Smith capable of a sub-4:30.0 mile.

UK

440 yards Lilian Board and Rosemary Stirling : both sub 54.0

380 yards Board and Stirling again : both sub 2:04.0

1 Mile Anne Smith as already mentioned.

Shot Mary Peters might improve, but is more likely to make a serious return to the pentathlon.

MEXICO 68

100m ) Possibly none, but maybe Kathryn Nelson

200m )

400m Board

800m Board; Stirling - at least one medal

800m Ann Wilson

1M Ann Wilson, Leonie Esdaile - at least one medal

1M Ann Wilson

5P/1M/1M NIL return

Pentathlon Ann Wilson, Mary Peters - at least one medal

400m Relay Possible 1st six for UK team

ANSWER TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE (appearing in our last issue)

Across 1. Osendarp 2. Hayes 6. Yoshioka 7. Traynor 8. Igor 10. Halse  
12. Giri 14. Hyde 15. Rowe 18. Dills 19. Sjostrand

Down 1. Olympic Games 2. East 3. Pharaoh 4. Ostermeyer 7. Taylor  
9. Orr 11. Day 13. Irons 14. Held 16. Oda 17. Win

THE NUTS 1966 GREAT BRITAIN TEAM by Peter Hopkins

Only 13 members responded to the Committee's invitation to submit their ideal Great Britain team for 1966, and of these one submitted only a women's team. I am a little disappointed at the response from members, but the Committee must also take a brickbat here as very few of them bothered to do anything about they considered a good idea. I will analyse the results event by event.

Men

100 - Kelly was a near 100% choice with 11 votes. Davies just crept in as No.2 with Campbell 3rd choice.  
200 - Campbell with 11 almost unanimous. Cheskin got second spot over Morrison  
400 - Tim Graham and Winbolt by a street with slight support for 4 others.  
800 - Carter and Boulter the unanimous choice.  
1500 - Simpson the 100% first choice. Whetton (6) 2nd over Wilkinson (4).  
5000 - As to be expected no complete agreement here, although Rushmer and McCafferty emerged as clear joint first choices. Taylor just piped Graham as reserve.  
10000 - The event that produced the greatest number of permutations with Freary heading the nominations (7) followed by Hill (6). Fair support also for Roy Fowler and H.B.S. Tulloh.  
30000 - Maurice and Ernie on their own.  
120H - All went for Hemery, although Parker lost two votes to those who preferred Taitt.  
440H - 10 votes each for Sherwood and Warden. Cooper 3, Hemery 1.  
HJ - All for Fairbrother and Miller!  
LJ - Who is No.2 to Lynn was the problem. Morbey with 5 beat Jackson 3, with 2 each for Alsop and Hamish Robertson.  
PV - Bull and Stevenson. No other nominations.  
TJ - Alsop obvious choice for No.1. Boosey beat Vernon 8-4 for No.2  
SP - No clear choice here. Lucking 7, Lidsay and Teale 6 each. Alvin 3, Carter 2.  
DT - Tancred 11, Lindsay 8, McKenzie 4, King 1.  
JT - One vote for McSorley prevented a 100% success for Fitzsimons, Travis.  
HT - Bryce Payne and Seddon.  
4x100 - This emerged as Davies, Jones, Campbell, Kelly in that order. Morrison only other to receive any real support.  
4x400 - Impossible to get any running order here. Winbolt-Lewis and Graham each received 12 votes with Peter Warden 8. Fourth spot a tie between Sherwood and Campbell with 4 each. Cooper and Adey 3 each. One for Fitzgerald and our own Metters.

Women

100 - 12 each for Slater and Hall. 2 for Tranter.  
200 - All for Simpson. 10 for Tranter, 3 for Daphne.  
400 - Watkinson and Stirling almost unanimous. Board (3), Grieveson (1) only other nominations.  
800 - Smith and Tiercy 100%.  
80H - Rand and Bryce 12 each. One each for Ann Wilson and Pat Jones.  
HJ - Shirley and Slaap out on their own from Knowles and Hurst.  
LJ - All for Mary. 10 for Sheila Parkin, 3 for Ann Wilson.  
SP - 100% for Peters and Bedford.  
DT - Ditto for Payne and Bedford.  
JT - Morgan out on her own. Platt second choice from Baker and Nicholls.  
4x100 - Almost all in favour of Tranter, Simpson, Slater, Hall in that order. Rand and Parsons only others nominated. One Slater fan nominated her to run two legs!

REPORT REFLECTS OF SPEED MERCHANTS by Richard Szreter.

I don't suppose I am the only NUTS member whose puzzlement (tinged perhaps with cynicism) over the mighty statistical record and yet meagre competitive achievement of Soviet sprinters over many years has been considerable. None has ever been placed in the first six of an Olympic 100m. (What about Soukharev in 1952! - PJH) and only one (Konovalov, 5th in 1958) in the European Championships, yet they have been packing the annual lists with dozens of 10.3 and scores of 10.4 performances! A study of the venues provides a key: nearly all the hot times were clocked in home competition. This prompts the question: why can't they do it abroad? There is no reason to think that Russian time-keepers are unreliable; above all, Soviet 4 x 100m relay teams have a fine stop-watch and competitive record. So the puzzle remains; the summary overleaf of all marks of 10.3 and better from 1951-66 shows that of 89 performances only 5 - or 5.6% - were made abroad.

	10.2		10.3	
	USSR	Abroad	USSR	Abroad
Leonid Bartenyev	1	-	5	1
Anatoliy Ryedko	1	-	3	-
Gusman Kosanov	1	-	3	-
Edvin Ozolin	2	-	15	-
Nikolay Politiko	3	-	10	1
Yuriy Kashcheyev	1	-	-	-
Amin Tuyakov	1	-	5	2
Aleksander Iebedyev	1	-	1	-
Vladimir Sukharev			-	1
Levan Sanadze			1	-
Boris Tokaryev			2	-
Yuriy Bashlikov			1	-
Yuriy Konovalov			2	-
Aleksandr Matsko			2	-
Vladislav Vinogradov			1	-
Viktor Usatiy			4	-
Vyacheslav Voityenko			1	-
Eduard Lomtadze			2	-
Boris Kriunov			1	-
Andro Byedukadze			1	-
Slava Prokhorovski			2	-
Anatoliy Shevtov			1	-
Boris Zubov			1	-
Yevgeniy Skorin			1	-
Valeriy Grevtsov			1	-
Viktor Andreyev			2	-
Vitaliy Kunaryev			1	-
Boris Savchuk			2	-
Viktor Kasatkin			1	-
Nikolay Ivanov			1	-

(with acknowledgements to Ilya Lokshin)

#### DIRECTORY OF TRACKS

We have long toyed with the idea of publishing a complete list of all tracks in Great Britain, whether grass or cinder. The list would show all particulars of the track including directions on how to get there. There is a definite need for this sort of book and, if published, would be a godsend to the athletics population of the country. Shaun Adair has kindly agreed to undertake the task of compiling the list, but he needs the help of ALL members. Accordingly, we ask all members to forward Shaun details of all tracks in their area, shown under the headings given below. I earnestly implore all members to treat this as a directive and to get cracking and let Shaun have the information as soon as possible. It will not be difficult - a trip to the local track(s), most information required will be readily available in front of your eyes. The groundsman will, more than likely, be only too pleased to help you. They are usually very helpful, and only too willing to let anyone have all possible details of their baby. So, please get cracking right away and let Shaun have your gen sheets as soon as possible.

1. Name, address and Telephone number of track.
2. Ownership
3. History inc. date of opening and meetings held.
4. Size and number of lanes.
5. Surface.
6. Field events (a) LJ/TJ, (b) HJ/1V, (c) Throws, (d) Water J
7. Hurdles.
8. Photo Finish
9. Cycle/Dog Tracks round outside.
10. Shelter
11. Stands-capacity and spectator facilities
12. Changing facilities
13. Home clubs
14. Training days and hours of use.
15. Track records (state date compiled)
16. Precise location and access routes.
17. Diagram of track layout; if possible giving (a) North and East directions, (b) prevailing wind.
18. Great moments in history of track (if not included in (3) above. eg:- Iffley Road, Oxford, 1st 4 minute mile.

STOP PRESS from Peter Hopkins

Track and Field Meeting. Arrangements are well in hand for the meeting on April 29. We would particularly welcome any members with field event judging experience, or who would like to acquire some, to assist with measurements

LISTERS. The listers for 1967 will be as follows, but report sheets should continue to be sent to Stan Greenberg, of course:-

100,220 - Nobby Clarke; 440,880, - Bob Phillips; 1 and 2 miles - Clive Williams; 3 & 6 miles - Roger Breese; Steeplechases - Dai Davies; Hurdles - Shaun Adair; Shot/Discus - Tim Lynch-Staunton; Javelin/Hammer - Ken Bennett; Lon and Triple Jumps - David Dallman; High Jump/Fole Vault - Keith Norbey; Relays - Keith Norbey; Marathon - Brian Nott; Women lists - Cliff Temple; J and I women - Peter Martin; Junior and Youth Lists :- Charles Elliott assisted by David Cocksedge and John Lusardi and Alan Lindop; Pentathlon, Decathlon - Andrew Huxtable.

BYERS REPORT. In the course of preparation of this edition of NUTS NOTES, I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Byers Committee asking me to submit our recommendations to them by August 25th. In order that the Committee can discuss matters we wish to put forward will all members who wish please let me have their views by Thursday April 20.

NUTS TROPHY. The full details of the 1966 competition will be sent to members shortly. The leading positions in mens and womens sections are as follows :-

<u>MEN</u>		<u>WOMEN</u>	
1. Polytechnic Harriers	17571	Birchfield HLS	8898
2. T.V.H.	17273	LOAC	8887
3. Birchfield Harriers	17252	Mitcham Ladies	8671
4. Woodford Green AC	16885	Ballymena AC	8396
5. Achilles C	16628	Middlesex LAC	8296
6. Surrey AC	16596	Brighton and Hove LAC	8012

As a point of interest the top six clubs, as computed by Peter Pozzoli, are as follows :-

1. Birchfield 96.78%
2. Mitcham 89.13%
3. LOAC 83.93%
4. Maryhill 82.50%
5. Bury & Radcliffe 73.33%
6. Derby Ladies 73.33%

It will be recalled that Peter's system is based on competitive record, whereas the official list is compiled on performances achieved by individual members. It is interesting to note that both systems arrive at the same winners!

Annual General Meeting. This has been fixed for May 27th (the Saturday of the Spring Bank Holiday), and will be held in the "Springbok" Public House, South Africa Road, London at 6.0pm. The pub which apparently has a very nice meeting room is up the road from the White City Stadium.