

# *On On*

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# News

## Hash Museum

Neptunus put the following message on his Facebook page:

*My dream came through!*

*The HHH Museum is moving to Kuala Lumpur!*

*After I was evicted from my anti squat units and reached out to the Hash Community; Hardy Boy from KL came to the rescue! There was a house of 300 m2 for rent, just across the street where he lives. I did not hesitate and asked Hardy Boy to deal with the owner. Within just a couple of days the deal was done! Then the search for a company to ship the goods to KL began: it took me a long time to find a company who can do door-to-door delivery for a reasonable price: 3000 euro! Full Container Load! This Tuesday some friendly Hashers will help me to load the container and the ship sails December the 8th!*

*So from total desperation to Euphoria!*

*There still will be a (small) museum in The Hague you can visit and send your Hash Shirts and paraphernalia to! Once a year or so, all donations will be shipped to KL.*

*I hope I will see a lot of you in Malaysia once the travel restrictions are over!*

## USA

The 13th **Jolly Roger H3 Hash Cruise** has been pencilled in for 23-30 January 2022. The ship leaves from Port of Miami. Good luck and On On.

## Sweden

Hash legend John *Malibog* Denny has had a nasty accident on his bike. Unfortunately, he did not land on his head, which might have saved him from serious injury. Instead he damaged his more vulnerable limbs. *Get better soon Malibog!*

## Australia

**Hamersley H3** announced that they 'will not be hosting or participating in any joint runs EG, ANZAC and Easter Tuesday run'. We are just thinking of what is best for our members and the wider community.

## Internet

After some chatter on Facebook *Dishy Goolies*, the UK On Sec, assured people that **hhh.org.uk** was only down temporarily and would be back up and running on a new site 'shortly'.



The Hash Museum gets ready for its new home



National Day  
Run UAE

## Indonesia

**Medan Hash House Harriettes** have just celebrated their 45th anniversary.

## New Zealand

New Zealand is getting back to normal! Over 200 hashers attended Ob's living wake on 7th November in Auckland. Sixty hashers were at Gisborne's 1st light weekend (13-15 November) and there were over 50 hashers at **Capital 2000th**. (See report page 3) **Whangarei H3** collected over \$1000 on their annual Red Dress run.

## UAE

**Little Mo** staged a much appreciated National Day Run from his farm on the outskirts of Dubai. The lack of street lights made the run unusually dark but everybody survived. A lively circle, with a guest appearance from **Delhi Boy** of R2D2 H3, was followed by an excellent Arabic buffet.

## Columbia

I am happy to learn that there is some hashing in Colombia. Postings on Facebook suggested that **Bogotá H3** only meet occasionally, for example a visiting hasher was informed that, 'we are planning a New Year's Hash in January but the date isn't set yet'. There is, it seems, also a kennel in Medellin where the GM

## New Zealand Achievers

**Demon Dave** of Auckland is on 1965 runs and is favourite to join Rotorua's General and Father as NZ's third hasher to complete 2000 plus Hashers with a single club.

Other notable achievements include (1) **Little Flic** (Mastertons) 1636 runs of 1653 (2) **Noodles** (Sun City) 1778 of 1863 and **Dinki Di** (Wellington Ladies and Geri) a double 1000 plus with both clubs, added together nearly 3000 runs.

is **Pablo Pisscobar**.

A few days after writing this, a Bogotá hasher, **Bug Eye**, turned up on the Dubai Desert Run. He informed me Bogotá are a small group with 30 members (meaning they get around 12-15 per run) who meet every second week for what is usually a city hash. For some reason several of the hashers have arrived via Baku!

## Solomon Islands

A group of hashers from **Honiara H3** staged a Human Rights Awareness Fun Run. A one hour walk or run.

## World Events

The slow return to normality continues with the 21st All China Nash Hash scheduled for April 30th-May 2nd (2021) in Kunming/Chengong. Other big events that will hopefully be staged in 2021 should include PanAfricaHash, InterScandi, EuroHash, InterAmer-





# News **Big** events start to return!

## Capital Hash, Wellington 2000th Run

27-29 November

### Friday 27th November

Five kilometres of running/walking and six pubs, with hashers divided into teams of 3 or 4 for a game of Pub Golf. The 6th and final hole was supper at Seatoun RSA where the drinking continued into the night. A cold windswept rainy evening saw a few whimps calling for a Uber.

### Saturday 28th

There was an 11am start for the 2000th run, which was staged on a lovely Wellington day. *Recycled Virgin* welcomed the Hash and gave instructions on the 3 options for the day - Walk (Hare – *Handle*), Long run (*Corpuscle*) and Ballbreaker (*RV*). After the run it was back to Seatoun RSA for the circle. The evening consisted of the usual Hash frivolity interspersed by dinner and rugby watching.

### Sunday 29th

Recovery run and circle. Well done Capital H3, 2000 runs completed in just over 39 years.

#### Committee -

Handle

JJ

Fraggle

Corpuscle

G String

Recycled Virgin





Straddle Various 1000 runs  
with R2D2 H3



icas, PanAsia, Mekong Indochina and possibly Intergulf.

See **Go to the Hash** for dates and details: <http://goto-thehash.net>

## England

R2D2 hash have a second hasher who has reached 1,000 runs with them. Congratulations to *Straddle Various*. But get a life mate!

Terry Mechan has posted a video of himself singing - *The Vaccination Song*. Check out his Facebook page.

## Bangladesh

Victory Day on December 16th is a national holiday in Bangladesh and the Night Runners traditionally stage a hash in town with the pack waving flags and running through the streets shouting 'Joy Bangla! Fifty-seven turned up this year. LGH (Little Big Horn) completed 1050 runs, while Minty and Chick-en F@@ker received certificates for 800 runs.

## Vietnam

Nha Trang H3 have had to stop hashing again 'as government officials have upped the Corona Virus alert levels'. The hope is it will be a short closedown this time

## Myanmar

A second wave of COVID has also brought hashing in Myanmar to a temporary pause.

## Philippines

This little bit of hash history appeared on Facebook: *Before the Subic Hash there existed the H3O, Hash House Harriers Olongapo. Founded in May 1987, they enjoyed their 4th Anniversary in May 1991. A month later Pinatubo blew its top and the USN evacuated and the Hash diss-banded. The 4th anniversary run was televised on Subic Base USN Channel. RIP H3O.*

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# On On

## Charles Wayne Alsbrook

Born in 1940, Charles graduated from Sam Houston State with a degree in economics and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He later moved to North Little Rock where he and his wife started their own accountancy firm. Wayne loved running and finished many marathons, *'he especially loved running with the Little Rock chapter of the Hash House Harriers.'*

## Stephanie Psycho Carter

The Yorkshire hash have lost one of their own. *'On! On! Psycho to that Great Trail in the Heavens'*

## Jacqueline Bottle Crack Parris

Bottle Crack, a popular member of Barbados H3 passed away in December.



## Wasiu Sir Jasper Bisi Jinadu

The popular and long term Nigerian hasher, *Sir Jasper*, died on a Lagos hash trail on Monday 23rd November, 2020.

- *Sir Ozzy Bob* mentions meeting *Sir Jasper* over 30 years ago on the Ikeja Hash.
- He was an enthusiastic hare, always willing to step in at late notice to lay a devious trail.
- *Sir Jasper* was an active member of the Pan Africa Hash 2017 committee.
- One of his favourite songs was, “She’s a most immoral lady”, and he would put two beer bottles up his T-shirt to act the part of the immoral lady. Hence his hash name of “Sir Jasper”.
- Around 2004 he was one of a small group of Lagos Hashers who took a private bus trip to a hash event in Ghana, a journey that involved driving through the Republic of Benin and Togo!
- *Sir Jasper* once fell asleep behind the bar at a hash weekend and when discovered there the next morning claimed to have been guarding the beer all night!

*‘He still comes across soft spoken. He was never in competition with anyone and bore no enmity towards anyone, never one for intrigues and easily forgave those that offended him. He was unfazed by “Sir Jasper’s sexy legs”, being the butt of many hash jokes.’*

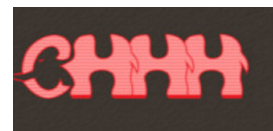
# Hash Stats

## Sri Lanka



### Harriettes

Half Pint	1168
Pint	1088
Lashes	909
Miss Piggy	893
Whips	890
Pork Scratchings	720
Billy Boy	519
Spiderman	487
Fly Fucker	430
Aint Ze Bush	422
Dr Push In	400
Mammary Maid	397
Gimmie Your Seed	379
Lick My Jell-O	364
Black Bollocks	326
Clitoria	312
Frozen Asset	290
G-Sport	281
I've a Length	267
Seedless	261



### Men

JFK	1578
Spiderman	1557
Featherlite	1417
Black Bollocks	1329
Jobless	1154
Webwanker	1145
Miss Piggy	1139
Bami	1085
Ant ze Bush	863
Talkingbear	805
Soft Cock	720
Handwarmer	716
Poking Dick	672
Third Gear	652
Hooker	585
Clitoria	522
Plastic Knob	469
BTK	468
Sparrowdick	442
Pervertigo	379

Hashing in Sri Lanka started in 1980. **Colombo H3** was originally a Monday hash, mainly supported by men. However, two women hashers joined the early runs, a German woman called *Handwarmer* and *Iron Lady* from Austria.

As Colombo H3 developed into an official men's only hash, it was understood that these two women pioneers would be an exception to the rule.

When *Handwarmer* had a serious knee injury *Knockers*, the wife of a regular hasher called *Wenzler*, wanted to take her place and run with the men. She persuaded *Talking Bear* to take the idea to the Hash AGM.

So, *Knockers* joined the Monday "men only" Hash. When she started to bring more and more female guests, the male hashers protested that 'enough was enough.'

By now (June 1985) there were enough girls interested in hashing to form a second kennel. Although officially for Harriettes, men were welcome from the start. The girls originally run on Wednesdays but later shifted to Saturdays. The men have stayed with the Monday night tradition, despite having to face ever increasing traffic.

### Combined

Spiderman	2044
Miss Piggy	2032
Black Bollocks	1655
Featherlite	1506
Ant ze Bush	1285
Soft Cock	835
Clitoria	832
Plastic Knob	732

# Hashers

## A to Z

Sir Clugs (on the left)



**Sir Clugs**  
**Malcolm Lawrie**  
**World Hash Traveller**

A world hasher whose Mother Hash was Beijing in 1984. Was GM in Lagos, Accra and in Cairo where he performed a noted double act with the RA *Forever Dumb F\*ck*. 2005-2008 saw Clugs in Riyadh where he had spells as both GM and JM.

**Cockman, Pat**  
**Lion City, (Singapore)**

Along with husband Mike, Pat Cockman played an important role in the founding of Lion City H3. Had one spell as Grand Mistress. (*Mike Cockman will be featured under his hash name of Foreskin.*)

**Codpiece**  
**Eyðbjörn Augustinussen**  
**Copenhagen H3 (Denmark)**

A key member of Copenhagen H3 with 1000 hashes (which only ranks him 7th in their run table!) One yearbook notes that, *'If someone sets a mid-night-run in freezing cold weather and a howling wind – he will be there'*. In 2013 he was the first Copenhagen hasher to hare 100 runs and has held numerous hash positions including Master of Ceremonies in 1997, Hash Sec in 2001 and Grand Master in 2006.



Compressed Fart (right)  
 with Dingbat



## **Compressed Fart**

**John Pyre**

### **Dubai Desert H3 (UAE)**

Started his hash career in Jeddah and, having been offered a bucket of home-brew in the circle, decided hashing was for him. Unfortunately his company changed their working week, so he only managed that one run. A move to Cairo allowed him to return to hashing and he was noted for organizing the British Bar on the Rehydration Run. A spell in Bahrain saw him run with the Monday Hash, but at this stage he was still playing cricket so missed the Saturday hash. It was then on to the UAE where he turned out with both Creek and Desert hashes, including a long spell as GM of the Dubai Desert H3. His duties included the immaculate organisation of both Inter-Gulf and the 2000th Run. When occasionally in England CF might run with Essex H3.

## **Condom**

**Johnny Johnson**

### **Vientiane H3 (Laos)**

Originally from Liverpool, Johnson arrived in Vientiane in September 1966 and took his first job as a barman at the Lane Xang Hotel. It was difficult times, and over years he was arrested as both a suspected communist and a suspected saboteur. At one point he had to take an extended holiday abroad, which included spells in the UK, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Cyprus & Thailand. When happier days returned he headed back to Laos, becoming one of the central

pillars of the hash. He was a committee member of the Vientiane H3, a founder of the Bush Hash and is credited with inspiring the formation of Sepon H3. In 2006, he served on the Chiang Mai InterHash Mismanagement Committee. *Condom passed away in 2015. On On!*

## **Condom**

**Johnnie Johnson**

### **Oman/Kuwait**

A Middle East hasher who ran a family motorboat business. He was GM of the Muscat H3 for runs 150-300, by which time he was already a senior hasher (old fart) noted for getting the youngsters to do all the work for him. He turned up a few years later in Kuwait, where he famously ran on the hash set just two days after the Iraqi invasion. (He arrived complaining of traffic - ie tanks. He was one of the hashers to return to Kuwait after the invasion.

## **Condom Man**

**Duncan Rhind**

### **Dar es Salaam H3/Milton Keynes H3 (Tanzania/England)**

Has a long hash CV that started with Mogadishu H3 in 1987. Then hashed in Cairo, where he was founding hare (along with Erect R\*nner and Molotov) of the 1st International Rehydration R\*n. He was named in Cairo in 1992, after showing the circle how to blow up a condom and place it over his head! Condom Man then hashed in Donnington, Malvern, Milton Keynes, Lusaka and now Dar es Salaam H3. Was GM in both Lusaka and Dar. He has travelled to various Interhashes (Cyprus, KL, Tasmania and Cardiff) and was part of the MKH3 team which put on the infamous Bond-themed 2007 UK Nash Hash. Although he left the UK 12 years ago, he is still annually voted in as MKH3 Music Master.

## **Cookie**

**Greg Heylen**

### **Hamersley (Australia)**

Joined Hamersley in 1990 and has completed 700 runs and 28 hares with them. Was GM in 2011. A construction manager by profession, he hashed with Kowloon H3 (Hong Kong) between 1992-98.

## **Coops**

**Graeme Cooper**

### **Hamersley (Australia)**

A veteran hasher with 35 years and over 1600 runs to his credit. A regular committee member, including taking the role of GM in 1990. Was contributor of the Hamersley song books and attended a number of in-



**JOINT MASTER**  
**Ian 'Coughmixture' Galloway \***

ternational events, including Interhash Phuket where he broke his ankle.

### **Coughmixture**

#### **Ian Galloway**

#### **Kowloon H3 (Hong Kong)**

A regular member of Kowloon H3 in their early years, clocking up 194 runs by 1994. Had a spell as Joint Master.

### **Cope, B V**

#### **Mother Hash**

Secretary of Mother Hash from 1951 to 1952.

### **Counterfeit**

#### **Newcastle H3 (England)**

Clocked up 1042 runs with Newcastle H3.

### **Coy Boy/Tractor**

#### **John MacDonald**

#### **Auckland (New Zealand)**

Is believed to be the only hasher in New Zealand with two names, being Tractor on the Auckland Hash (Mondays) and Coy Boy on the Auckland Hussies. He has clocked up over a 1000 runs with the Hussies and a slightly less, but still impressive number, with the Monday hash. He is a retired motelier, and now an avid sailor, hasher and traveller.

### **Cracker**

#### **Graham Baker**



*Johnnie Johnson*

*Above: Johnnie Johnson Oman (and Kuwait?)*

*Right: Johnny Johnson (Laos)*

*Editors note: I believe these facts to be correct but it is possible that having 3 Johnnie Johnsons (two of which had the hash name Condom) has confused the writer. Any clarification welcome!*

### **World hash traveller Sofia H3 (Bulgaria)**

Was introduced to hashing by a work colleague and ran a few hashes with Doddington H3 back in 1981. It wasn't until his work as a British Railway consultant took him to Indonesia in 1991-92 that he started hashing regularly. Returning to England he clocked up 345 runs with Essex and was an enthusiastic member of the Indonesian Reunion runs.

Life takes unexpected turns and Cracker was last heard of living in Sofia with his Bulgarian wife, where he was a central member of Sofia H3. His hash name was given to him by an American. Apparently Graham Crackers are a famous brand of biscuits. As his surname is Baker, Americans found this hilarious.

### **Crackers**

#### **Steve Haynes**

#### **Tirana H3 (Albania)**

One of the founders of Tirana H3 in August 1993.

### **Crash**

#### **Tim Daly**

#### **Bangkok Hashes (Thailand)**

A regular Bangkok hasher with 877 Monday runs and over a thousand with the Harriettes.

### **Croenendyk, Peter**

#### **El Salvador H3**

Peter Croenendyke and David Rodgers founded the El Salvador hash in August 1984. With the outbreak of civil war, and a real fear of terrorism, the hash had to shut down.



# Hash Classic

## The World's Highest Hash Run

### The World's Highest Hash, 1983

In October 1983, 176 hashers from all over the world descended on Kathmandu in Nepal to go on the World's Highest Hash (although it is said that, earlier, the Singapore hash had gone to Everest Base Camp (17600 ft) to hash; but let's forget this!). The hash was organised by a New Zealander, David Shannon, and, there being no internet, I'm not sure how I found out about it. However, I was registered and went off and, after being met at the airport by the Japanese contractor with whom I was working (unplanned), I continued to catch up with the rest of the hashers at the Shanker Hotel (in the former Rani's palace). Most of us arrived to a few days early to acclimatise and to run a few special hashes in Kathmandu before we set off into the Himalayas. One hash in Kathmandu was heralded by the arrival of the beer on the back of an elephant. The hashes were mostly flat through farmland and it allowed us to get to know each other and accustomed to a trail set in micro-dots of diplomatic documents from the

British embassy shredder; checks were three clumps of paper.

Eventually, buses arrived at the hotel and the 176 of us were divided into two groups, one left at noon and the other at 4 am next morning. I was in the first group and we boarded with our luggage and we set off to a small village (Chautara) to start our climb. When we arrived, tents had been erected and dinner was being cooked (we were being accompanied by about 800 porters, sherpas and kitchen staff; not to mention the cattle (food) and the British military attaché, Col. Mike Allen, and a handful of very fit soldiers who were responsible for communication. This was trekking in luxury! The plan was to walk to Camp 2 at 8500ft where we would stay for a day to get acclimatised to the altitude and then to Camp 3 (11250ft) and on to camp 4 at 11500ft and on to Panch Pokhari at 14500ft.

All of us had been asked to pay \$24 to have our luggage carried by porters so that we would only have to carry a day sack. The person who was assigned to share my tent was a Chicago hasher who, on the first





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गृह मन्त्रालय  
(अध्यागमन)



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curiosity, he explained that he was a researcher into diabetes (being a diabetic himself) and having just completed a marathon was out to prove that there was nothing a diabetic could not do. He had not paid the \$24 since he thought it would reduce the nature of the exertion ahead (cheating!).

According to plan, we set off for Camp 2 with a Richmond (Australia) hasher, Rambo, taking a fascinating video of the trip (I have a copy and it's priceless). After a fairly easy day, we arrived at Camp 2 where the porters had taken our luggage, put up tents, started cooking and we fell into a daily rhythm of moving from camp to camp. Last to the camp was the hasher from Chicago with his massive pack and he was greeted with a slow hand-clap; we referred to him as being in crawler gear.

Every morning, the contingent from Japan (which included the Canadian consul) raised the Japanese flag outside their tent and sang the "telephone song" and shouted Banzai! After breakfast, a hash was organised to keep us busy on our rest day ... an excuse for drinking the beer and help solve a dispute with the porters who had objected to carrying the cases of beer any further than 8500ft. The problem was that the cardboard boxes were getting wet (with dew) and breaking and could no longer be effectively carried using a simple sling round the forehead. It was therefore decided to drink a bit (more), take

some cans and add them to our personal luggage, and let the porters carry the remainder to 14500ft. For the day, we had been looking at a huge steep hillside ahead, but the next day, we had to climb it. We always started early so that we could get the best of the weather before the clouds rose from the valleys and blocked the views of the Himalayan peaks to the North. As a consequence, we were ahead of our porters so arrived at the next camp before the camp was pitched; the day sack was therefore essential for carrying extra layers of clothes which kept us warm at altitude in the mists of the afternoon. A hash was held at camp 3 on this very steep ridge in a thick mist – somewhat unimaginative but we didn't want to lose altitude or trip and fall off the edge.

It was now getting cold in the morning (at camp 4, my hot tea froze into a block of ice when I left the tin cup on a rock to queue for breakfast!). Hot water was delivered to each tent and we used it to warm our hands (personal hygiene was not a top priority for the men in the cold – the base layer of clothes never came off until the trip was over!). My companion was not looking too well and I went to get advice from a doctor who was one of the 176 hashers. Meanwhile, my companion was checking his blood sugars, taking his pulse and declared himself fit although he looked white.

Camp 4 was the penultimate camp and a few hashers decided that this was enough. Part of the



survived and the army radio operator called for the rescue helicopter. Because of the code of altitude priority, the Alouette helicopter had to rescue climbers on Annapurna first but came to us afterwards. We then got news that a female Malaysian hasher who had stayed at Camp 3 was suffering from altitude sickness, air embolism, pneumonia and other complications. The clouds were coming out of the valley by that time and the Alouette only flies with visual navigation; it was too late to be able to get back to Camp 3. There was a terrible hush of sadness when we later learnt that this hasher had died.

Back at Camp 2, we eagerly ate pieces of cake that had been cooked in biscuit-tin ovens and, as darkness fell, we watched the procession of torch-lights coming down the steep hill that we had climbed three days earlier. With the lights was the body of the hasher who had to be left on the hill for the night as one of the porters carrying the body fell and broke his leg.. One of those moments that will always be with me. Even the hash entertainment and amusing Robinson brothers from Baghdad Hash could not lift the sadness. We returned to Kathmandu next day, enjoying a hashing high and memories tainted by sadness.

support contingent was assigned to attend to them but most of us went on to Panch Pokhari. My companion from Chicago decided he could go on and I and a hasher from Third Herd, Riyadh decided to walk with him in case he needed help. We walked either side of him as much as we could on the narrow mountain path thinking, irrationally, that we'd catch him if he started to fall. The patient was only able to walk twenty steps at a time until his pulse was racing and he'd have to stop and recover. It was a long day. The final camp was reached and there was a wall of beer beside the tents. No need to worry about keeping it cold as there were banks of snow round the five lakes which gave the place its name. The headline "Highest Hash" was the next day, on 27th October, and was to be laid in the micro-dot paper (which was hard to see in the frost and snow). Altitude was now affecting the runners so that the hash was more of a climb, walk and occasionally (when the Aussie video camera was pointing our direction) a run. Major celebrations held afterwards, photos with a banner and congratulations to Dave Shannon on a successful adventure and a hash which must have reached 15000ft when on the ridge above Panch Pokhari.

Congratulations were somewhat premature as my companion was worse and was starting to look very poorly. One of the hashers who was a nurse recommended that I move tent as it was thought that he might turn violent in the night. However, we both

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# Hash Focus

## Ras Al Khaimah H3

- the first hash in the UAE

Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) is one of the seven emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The city of Ras Al Khaimah is the capital and home to most of the RAK population. This Emirate borders the exclave of Musandam (which belongs to Oman) and occupies part of the same peninsula. The coastal plain is dwarfed by the North-Western Hajar Mountains.

Forty years ago this was a wild area on the edge of the Jebel Mountains, but heavy investment was starting in ceramics, quarries, construction and cement works. These pioneer projects brought in the expats and Bob Chesney started a hash in October 1977. Many of the runs were in the Jebel Mountains, meaning they were not for the faint hearted. Runs might take place in scrubland noted for the thorn trees, or scramble up and down steep mountain slopes. One visiting hasher describes 'a trail of bleeding shins.' Care also had to be taken with local villagers, many of whom still carried guns. Although the pack only saw a gun on one occasion, when they were threatened by an angry local woman, a German hiker was killed in the mountains, so the danger was real.

The centre of hashing in the UAE quickly orientated south to Dubai, where the Desert Hash was formed in 1979, but RAK H3 kept going for many



### The Wadi Bih Run

*A report from above magazine*

The inaugural Wadi Bih Run held in 1993 was organised by John Gregory and Mike Turner of the RAK Hash House Harriers. John arranged a raucous night of barbecues and festivities at a remote Wadi in RAK that went on late into the night. Everybody was roused at the crack of dawn and issued with a clipboard with the 72 km route split into various stages of steepness and rough wadi beds. Mike was tasked with driving ahead and placing the signboards for the stage markers on the track. The relay run finished with a ceremonial dip in the Gulf of Oman before gathering in a Wadi for beverages and some ethnic Indian curry.

When the first Western expatriates arrived in the UAE to work, there were a number of running club set up and the RAK Hash House Harriers was one of the first.

With the development of the region there are now a wide variety of different running clubs to suit all tastes but some of the Hash House Harriers running clubs are still going strong and are ardent supporters of the Wadi Bih Run.

## Run totals at 900

John Pecker Gregory.	600
Dee vee dee Mcenerey	393
Diana Mustard Keens	377
Barry Barrier Cream Keens	371
Julia Jogger Nought Turner	213
Abdulal Powder Puff	123
Brain Curtis	210
Senga Tartan custard	188
Mike Mega Ram Turner	177
Ted Fireballs Loft	170
Margaret Gin Crap Curtis	156
Ian Gregory	119
Chris Gregory	117



# Hash Songs

## Hamersley Hash House Harriers

Est: 13 November 1978

### *Envied, Emulated but Never Equalled*

Hamersley are a noted singing hash!

### Australia's Hash

(Tune: "Advance Australia Fair")

Australia's Hash let us rejoice,  
For we are Hamersley,  
We run like hares and lust like dogs,  
And drink piss constantly,  
Our club abounds with mighty  
mates,  
Our runs are best you'll see,  
At any stage we'll have a rage,  
On-on we're Hamersley,  
We'll run and drink and then we'll  
sing,  
On-on we're Hamersley."

Raise your mugs to Hamersley

(Tune: *Anchors Away Boys*)

Raise your mugs to Hamersley,  
Lean, mean and strong,  
We'll strive to hold our Hash,  
Although rations are short and runs are long.  
mateship is what we have,  
Filthy and crude,  
Till we meet next Monday night.  
Here's health to all you hashers of Hamersley

*From the Hamersley website*

On the 13th November 1978 a very important historical hash event took place, Hamersley Hash House Harriers was founded.

The club grew quickly, its strengths being mateship and tradition and our songs that have gained fame throughout the world.

Our traditions are many and varied, some of which are; Wanker of the Week, Ice and Down Downs. Visitors are given the traditional welcome, which few forget.

Since 1982 ( Jakarta Interhash) Hamersley have set the standard with top class acts at the Interhash cabert. This dynamic club, blessed with the H4 symbol, has become "The" hash club of Western Australia.



# Hash Heroes

## Abu Dhabi H3 win the Rugby 7s!

Rugby and hashing have traditionally enjoyed close links. Many early kennels drew members from the rugby crowd and singing (and many of the songs) was borrowed from the rugby tradition. There is an annual North v South game at Interhash and many hashes around the world support the local 7s tournament. Indeed, in the days when we were all younger, hash teams could be quite competitive.

The Abu Dubai 7s - advertised as 'Not the New Year Day Rugby 7s' and staged around April 1st - was quite a serious event. The Hash famously won the tournament in 1982.

- The Hash had been runner-up in the two previous tournaments. They therefore complained when they were placed in the primarily round and were later given a bye to the first round proper.
- The rules said that there could only be two players from the rugby club in each team.
- The hash recruited Kevin Gaynor, who they described as 'an occasional hasher'. That might have been stretching a point as his name does not appear in the run list published in the annual magazine.
- Taffy Jones, the first XV standoff, was also recruited and does not seem to appear in the run records. However, as Taffy is a nickname, he was possibly the Cory Jones who had 11 runs to his record.
- Jerry Baker was a hasher. He seems to have turned up out of nowhere just before the event. There was some debate as to whether his inclusion would break the two player rule, but the committee noted that they '*convinced them that Jerry was not a rugby player*'.
- The hash started by beating 'The Frogs' 6-0 with a late try. That was to be their toughest game and they went on to win the tournament with some ease, only conceding one try. (*Ed: I suspect The Frogs might have been a French team!*)
- This was Abu Dhabi in April, and it started to get hot for the later games.
- The players brought in from the rugby club accounted for 48 of the 52 points scored by the hash team.



- However, hashers made up the scrum and seem to have done well in that role.
- The following year a Hash team, without any rugby players, went out in the first round.

## The team

Kevin Gaynor

An occasional hasher (!) and member of rugby club. The outstanding player of the tournament.

Taffy Jones

First team member of rugby club, might have occasionally hashed (?)

Jerry Baker

A hasher with 56 runs and 6 hares to his credit.

Keith Roberts

190 runs and 13 hares.

David Roper.

8 hash runs to his credit. The only true hasher to score points in the tournament.

Mike Macintosh

66 runs with 3 hares.

Steve Heath

46 runs with 2 hares.

## Results

### 1st Round

The Frogs 6-0

### 2nd Round

? 12-0

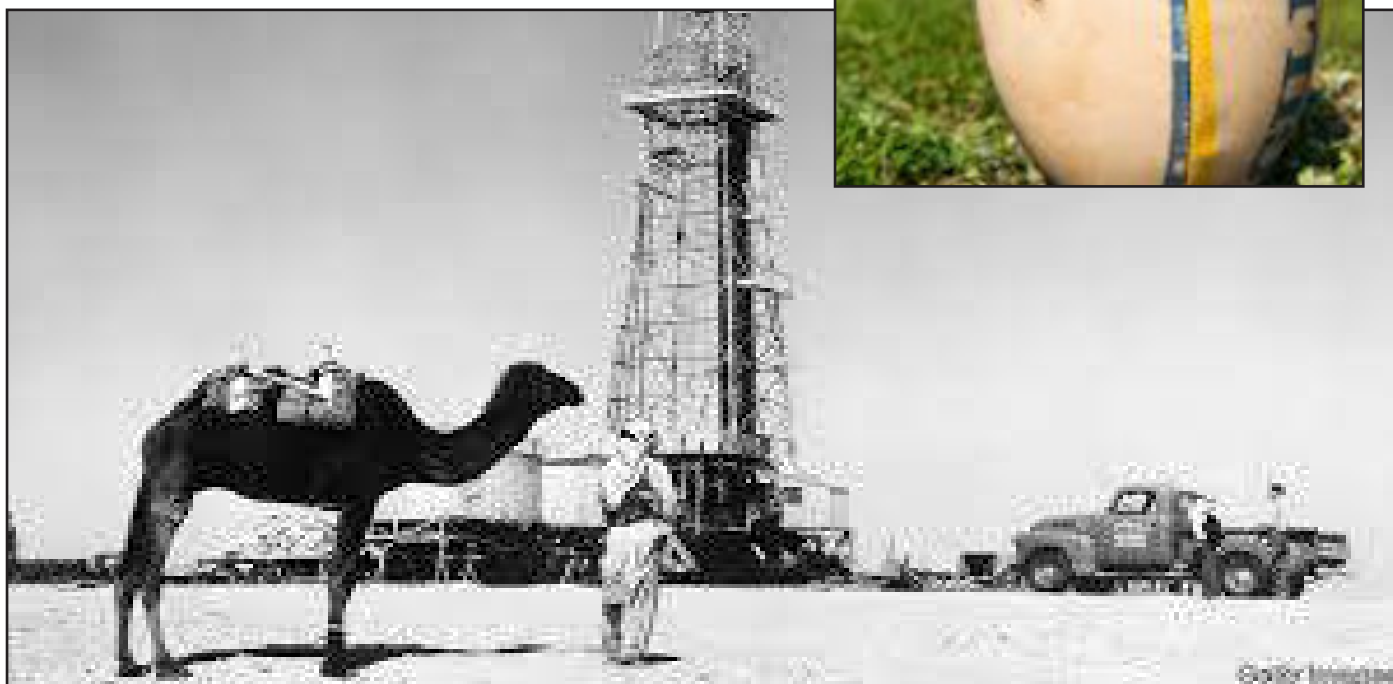
### Semifinals

Strollers 16-0

### Final

L'Escargot 18-6

	Tries	Con.	Points
Kevin Gaynor	5	8	36
Taff Jones	3	0	12
David Roper	1	0	4





# Hash Focus

## Yaoundé Hash House Harriers





## At 1235 Runs

Daniel *Viagra* 712

Jean *Fetou Two Box* 689  
(since 1990)

Jean *Super Spider Remi* 600+  
A hasher since 1997

Melvin *Simba Panther* 450+

Usman *Alpha* 579



# Hash History

The  
original sources

John Duncan's  
history  
of the hash

John Duncan *was not* an original pre-war hasher, but only *Tumbling* Bill Pantton rivals the contribution he made to hashing in the 1960's.

John's article on the history of the hash has appeared in numerous publications and I have taken this version from the 1980 Interhash Memorial Magazine (but I believe the article dates back much earlier than that).

This is an important document because, although Duncan was not there to see many of these events for himself, he was a diligent historian who had the opportunity to speak with many of the pre-war hashers. **Second hand information yes, but very close to the original source.** What can we learn from John?

## Key point

The role of pre-Mother Hash  
paperchases

## John's thoughts

He mentions Johor Baru as an important pre-hash paperchase and notes that this group had stopped around 1934. He also mentions hashes on horse back both in Shanghai (featured in the April issue ) and Kuching.

## Authors' comments

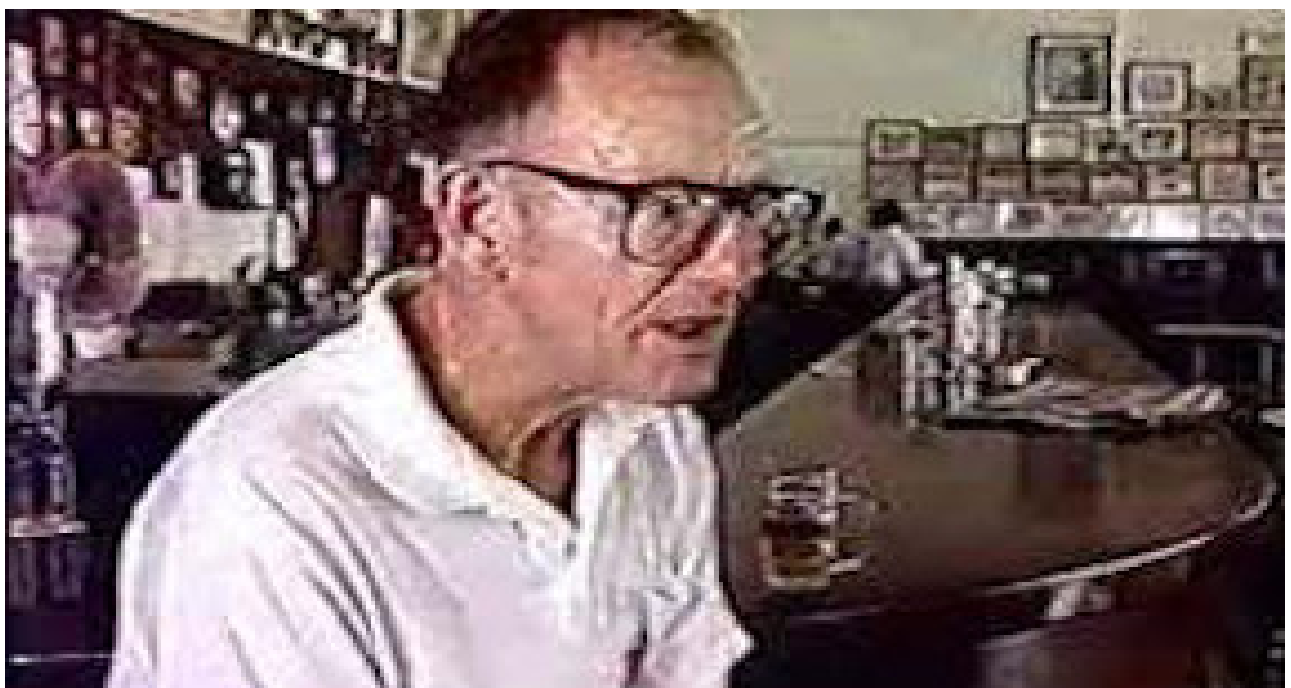
John sees Johor Baru, where *Horse* Thomson ran, and the Springett Harriers of Malacca, where G and Bennett took part, as the inspirations for Mother Hash. However, the fact that Johor Baru stopped around 1934 makes the claim for equality suspect. The Kuching paperchase would be a great subject for future research.

Three times the Hash nearly  
collapsed

John lists three times when the hash struggled and might have gone extinct.

- (1) Immediately after the war - 1945
- (2) After independence - 1957
- (3) The 2nd half of 1965

While the first two are easily explained by political events the reason for the 1965 decline is less obvious. One possibility is a departure of expats as the country moved into independence.





The Hash founders	He mentions Thomson, Lee, Bennett and Gispert as the four founders, but also gives credit to the contribution of Philip Wickens	Giving Wickens a near equal role is interesting. However, later in the article John suggests that might have been for the part Wickens played in keeping the hash going after the war.
Some background on Gispert	He describes Gispert as going from Singapore to Malacca and then onto KL rather than the KL-Malacca -KL career path that is more commonly mentioned.	Remember he never met G! I suspect Duncan might simply have been wrong on this point.
A Friday or Monday hash?	He states Friday as hash night as Monday was parade night for the Selangor Volunteers.	Unfortunately this is more a passing comment than a definite answer to one of the big hash questions
The fate of the hash founders	He mentions several of the founders and gives updates on them after they left KL. Lee retired in 1961 and went to live in Surrey. Thomson moved to Ipoh and then owned a sugar plantation in the Philippines. Bennett retired in the late 1950's and moved to Durban in South Africa. Wickens moved to Singapore around 1958. He also mentions Paul Barnard and Jack Bridewell, who were important post-war hashers.	There is some information here that is probably unavailable elsewhere. He mentions Barnard and Bridewell mainly to point out that the hash still attracted many accountants.
The Chedas bandit incident	John identifies the location as ' <i>where the Lady Temple Hospital stood during his time</i> '. Presumably this is now the Poliklinik Cahaya Cheras, which is about a 50 minute drive from central KL. He describes the evening as ' <i>darkening and rainy</i> ' and notes that the bandits were sleeping when the hares found them but were awake by the time the main pack arrived. He notes that the reward was divided between the non-government employees on the hash.	His comments add a few extra details to a well documented incident.
The early growth of hashing	At the time of KL's 1500th run in 1973 John estimated there were around 35 hashes in the world.	He gives what is probably an accurate assessment of the early growth of hashing

# Readers Write in

## Hashing in Hong Kong

Dear Robert,

A couple of amendments in respect of Hong Kong hashes if you have the time:

### NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES H3

Every Wednesday

Founded by: Geordie Pepper and a mixed group of British Army, Australian Navy, 'China Listeners' and some civvies got together to form N2TH3 on 27th June 1983. Meets according to the Website <https://n2th3.org> every Wednesday 7.15 pm Email: [skh3\\_n2th3@googlegroups.com](mailto:skh3_n2th3@googlegroups.com)

### SAI KUNG H3

Every Saturday

Founded: 17th Feb 2007 by Guy "Gunpowder Plod" Shirra. Meets 5pm (Summer) 4pm (Winter) at "Plod's Pagoda", Wan King Path, Sai Kung BUT currently SUSPENDED . Contact: GM [Demeritus.gunpowderplod@gmail.com](mailto:Demeritus.gunpowderplod@gmail.com)

### SEK KONG H3

Every Sunday

Founded on 31 December 1974 Meets according to the Website [www.skh3.com](http://www.skh3.com) every Sunday at 4pm (3pm winter) Mixed Hash. Email: [skh3\\_n2th3@googlegroups.com](mailto:skh3_n2th3@googlegroups.com)

There is also a Shekou Hash in Shenzen PRC <https://shekouhash.cn>

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS :-)

Guy Shirra, Sai Kung, Hong Kong

## Angeles City

I read your November issue with great interest. Your short piece on the Rob Denny's Birds of Paradise bar brought back some pleasant memories. I met Rob and his brother in Manila in 1988 on the Wednesday pussy hash and was invited to attend their Angeles City H3 200th run the next weekend. I hopped on a jeepney on Friday morning and got to Angeles City just in time to join the kennel having a beer in front of the Airwolf Bar just down the street from the hotel. I grabbed a beer and asked "when does the hash start" and was told "as soon as we finished our beer." With the last sip we were off down the street to the Beowulf Bar and another beer. Little did I know I had joined the Angeles H3 A to Z bar crawl – 26 beers and 26 bars. I should have known better. But who thinks when he is on the Hash with a cold wet one in his hand.

I awoke the next morning with my back all scraped up and a face looking like I had hit someone's fist with it. I ambled down to the Bird's of Paradise and was told by Rob's brother that he was home recovering. When I asked about my wounds I was informed that I had almost caught the jeepney between bars P and Q, keeping a firm grip on the railing while the vehicle dragged me down the road for 20 feet or so. Undeterred, I made it to the DMZ and was having a quiet conversation with Rob when he rudely passed out, fell off the bar stool, and lay comatosed on the floor. I followed as he was carried out of the establishment, forgetting that there was a small step before the bar door. As I kissed the door with my face, I joined Rob in never-never land. The remaining Hash gentlemen who were still able to walk were kind enough to carry me back to my hotel room and Rob to his bed.

I do have to this day fond albeit blurred memories of the BofP and the Angeles City H3. Great group of gentleman hashers.

Garfield

Hi Rob, I'm the Hasher with the moustache and yellow shirt in the Birds of Paradise bar 1993, On On, Wingnut

## CRH3 Denmark

I asked what the CR stood for in the new Danish hash and got this reply:

That is an excellent question. It has stood for many things and will likely continue to evolve.

Contingency Run H3

Corona Resistant H3

Copenhagen/Rørvig H3

Campouts Rock H3

... and several more names so far. Co-founder Smallpox may remember more, but he is not on FB.

Currently the kennel has evolved into a monthly campout kennel and the only thing that is sure about the kennel is that it will persist in some form with at least one event, campout or run a month.

On on!

## The Wadi Bith Run

Debby pointed out to me that the Wadi Bith run actuality crossed from the UAR to Oman and stopped some time around 2011 when a border fence was erected.

Shakesprick, author of the On On magazine, is also a serious writer of short stories and poetry.

Early in the new year he will be launching a 10 minute poetry recital on Youtube.

Hashers are cordially invited to log in and check out Bob's more serious work. Details will be posted on the magazine Facebook page shortly.

Thanks, and a Happy New Year to hashers everywhere! On on

## The January issue

A to Z of Hashers finishes off the letter C starting with Creamy Nuts.

We look back at the Ankara Hash 400th Run Anniversary

The 1000 run list will be updated

Part One of the history of Interhash - the pre-events

The golden age of hashing - Jakarta in the 1990's

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