

On On

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News

Editors Note

For the first time the magazine welcomes a guest writer with *Discowanker* giving an excellent profile of hash legend Nightjar. (See page 11).

Denmark

With the assembly ban in Denmark going from a maximum of 10 people to a maximum of 50 **Copenhagen H3** decided they could start running again. The **CRH3** kennel, which started during the assembly ban, will change to a new format that is yet to be seen. *Report by Escort Required 24th May.*

China

The regional Southwest China Hash scheduled for April this year was cancelled. However, **Kunming H3** and **Chenggong H3** produced an alternative Xishan Weekend Hash. A small committee produced clothing designs, got sponsors on board, promoted the event, managed the registrations and scouted for suitable trails in the Western Hills. People arrived from all across China, with 56 hashers spending three days of hiking, running, eating and drinking their way around town.

Norway

Oslo H3 is up and running! The last pre Covid-19 run took place on March 7th, then the hash was cancelled for a couple of weeks. After that the hash trail was laid on Sunday afternoons and could be complet-

ed up until Monday 18:30, either solo or in smaller groups. The circle was held on Monday evenings via Zoom. Around 50 people registered for the first virtual hash, with former OH3 hashers joining the circle from Melbourne Australia, Baku Azerbaijan and Boston. Stage 2 started on May 17th-18th. The trail was still laid on Sunday, but now you could run it on your own *or* join the pack at 6.30 pm on Monday. Outdoor Circles took place in real life after the Monday run.

New Zealand

With Covid-19 eliminated, New Zealand hashing is returning to normal.

Upcoming events

Auckland H3 will be celebrating 50 years of Hashing in August. **Capital H3** may have their belated 2000th run in November. **Christchurch H3** have an AGM planned for 27th June.

Elections

The recent **Northwest H3** AGM saw *Loose Change* as the incoming GM, taking over from *Weeek*.

The **Wellington** AGM was held near the end of lockdown as a Zoom meeting. 'A first for a NZ hash ??'

The new Ayatollah (GM) is *Hash Brown* with the new RAs' *Porkbox* and *Teapot*.

Capital H3 held their AGPU on June 1st. Incoming Joint GMs' are *Recycled Virgin* and *BS*.

Weekly runs

Woreful H3 were back to regular runs from Sunday 7th June with *50 Shade of Gay* as hare.

Mount Maunganui announce that their first real run since lockdown was to held in Humpy's garage on QB Monday. Apparently there was a very good attendance and 'the excitement got to many with lots



A cycle hash might seem like a good idea!

Hashing is back!
Xishan Weekend Hash



of hugging and yahooing and general ignoring of social distancing !!'

Geri's H3 and **Wellington Ladies** are back to normal hashing as are **Nelson H3**, who started their Wednesday runs on 3rd June. **Garden City H3** are offering 'semi normal runs' with Run 2019 at *Naval Cum* and *Lip Splitters*. **Dunedin H3** resumed (after lots of Zoom meets) from Sunday June 7th followed by Friday drinks at Kensington Tavern. **Southern Flyers (Inercargill) H3** was in hibernation during lockdown, but resumed with a run from *Brewers* home on June 8th and then back to the normal venue, The Northern Tavern, from the 15th.

Norway

Just heard about a new kennel in Oslo. A group of hashers, 70+ and even 80+, who have been hashing since the 70's and early 80's in other parts of the world started their own hash – **Oslo H3**. They meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 12:00, and go for a 1-2 hour walk. Sometimes they just head off and walk, sometimes they plan an excursion into new hash territory. Walks might be followed by a big lunch including beer and akvavit. The Oslowers also attend the regular hash, and regular hashers sometimes join Oslo. Oslo H3 was founded 2015 (or possibly 2016?) by Barbro *Bambi Beater* Sveen, and Brit *Spikes* Fjedsgard. *Thanks to Pucko*

Australia

Adelaide H3 were visited by Ben and Liam from the local Nova 919 morning radio station. The short video they produced can be seen on YouTube.

On On

Barfly

Leslie *Barfly* Courtney passed away on Easter Sunday 12th April, just short of his 94th birthday. For many years Barfly had been an enthusiastic member of the Brighton Hash, *'always laughing and telling stories from his own personal history undoubtedly embellished with his mischievous sense of humour.'*

In later years his deteriorating health led to a reduced presence on the hash, eventually down to just coming along week after week to join the pack in the bar, hence his hash name which was never officially awarded *'but a token of affection which he was happy to adopt.'*

Thanks to Bouncer

His Excellency

His Excellency Rhys Hughes passed away in March 2020. He founded Oslo H3 in March 1989 together with Anne Mette *Ahlouetta* Bøe. They met through Gösta *Two Pricks* Karlsson, one of the founding fathers of Stockholm Absolut H3.

Angus Brown

Angus Brown was born in Scotland 1939. His loves were trains and jazz. After doing his National Service in Libya he moved to Canada in 1963 where he worked for the Bank of Montreal for 25+ years. For many years Angus was a keen member of Hogtown H3 including being GM for a number of years. *"His great sense of humor helped him provide many quirky hash names."*
February 19, 1939 – June 12, 2020

Deadly

Received this email: It is my sad news to report after a short illness we have lost Ted *Deadly* Lee. He hashed with Houston for many years and we had many hash parties and on on's at his place in the heights. He has been living in Calgary for a number of years.

Thanks to Pipes



Monty the Streaker and the power walkers led by Godfather. Thank you Cougar and Crash for hosting us tonight'

England

City Hash (London) have announced that they will wait until pubs are properly open and social distancing is no longer necessary before resuming normal runs.

World

Hazukashii has published his latest list of future hash events. It is a great website and he sends out a very interesting series of emails to his mailing list. Check it out at gotothehash.net

Groups hoping to get events underway this year include ON-ONTario, with an Interhash Camp Out Weekend planned for the September Labour Day holiday. This year's theme is the Hash Summer Olympics! Nash Hashes are also scheduled for USA in September and Holland in October. **Thanks to Messiah for the Canadian news**

UAE

With the Creek men's hash down to a dozen of so each night and the Desert mixed hash struggling to reach thirty, the loss of hashers in the wake of Covid-19 is going to be a blow. Known to be leaving are long term hash veterans *John Boy*, *Ahpisto* and *Legs Akimbo*, *Toga* and *Jet Slag*. *Old Shag*, was already scheduled to depart before the epidemic.

Samoa

4th May The lifting of some State of Emergency restrictions meant that non-contact sports could restart and **Apia H3** were up quickly and running. 'The group split into the usual FRBs led by the live hare,



Hashers A to Z

Letter B

Big Joe

Joe Kamau

Nairobi H3

Big Joe recorded 800 runs plus with Nairobi H3 including a successful spell as GM.

Big Mac

Walter Jamieson

Various Indonesian hashes

A former civil engineering consultant and later hotel owner on the Indonesian island of Lombok. His working and Hashing life in Indonesia started with Surabaya (1981-1985). 1989 was spent in Jakarta and proved to be a remarkable Hashing year with Big Mac clocking up 150 runs with the various Hashes in just 12 months. He was one of the founders of TGIF H3 and on the committee organising the first of the legendary Jungle Runs. After 209 runs in Bangladesh Big Mac was back in Indonesia, this time with Malang H3. In 1994 he moved to Lombok, where he founded the Senggigi Old Boys H3 and was made Honourable Grand Master of Lombok H3.

Big Old Fart

Graeme Gibson

Nairobi H3

Big Old Fart worked for the British High Commission in Nairobi and Digit once gave an account of a wild night out on the town with BOF as guide. A shooting incident in 1996 left him paralysed and BOF died in Stoke Manville Hospital the following year. *On on BOF*

Big Shaker

Arnt Breivik

Oslo H3

Big Shaker is rumoured to have started his hashing in Mozambique and then arrived in Oslo via Rome. He was a very active hasher, who once went though a hash year with a 100% record of 52 runs. He also had 66 countries clocked on 'Where have you hashed'. Big Shaker passed away in March 2019, after doing 561 runs with Oslo H3. *On on Big Shaker*

Biggus Dickus

Dick Watts

Hong Kong

Known variously as *Biggus Dickus*, *Watt-a-Dick* and *Cranium*. One of the Hong Kong 'wanker-banker crowd'. He held the prestigious position of GM of Hong Kong H4 for the 1986/87 hash year.

Biggus Dickus

Dino Moreno

Chengdu H3

Chengdu H3 hasher who has helped organize several China Nash Hashes.

Bimbo

Jim Edens

Thailand/Hawaii

Started Hashing mid-1980's in San Diego and became a hash world traveller and publisher. For many years Bimbo based himself in South-East Asia. He launched the Harrier Magazine at Goa Interhash (2002) and continued publication for seventeen years, the record for any hash magazine. Now living in Hawaii.

Binks, Roger

Himalayan H3

Roger Binks and Keith Robinson laid the first two Kathmandu trails in 1979. They remained active members of the hash through its early years with Roger acting as Joint Master for the first 75 runs.

Binny

Michael Kirkman

Launceston H3

Completed 1000 runs with Launceston in 1996



**Black Mail
Ted Lutley**

Birdbrain**Brian Flint****Tornado Alley H3**

Founder of Tornado Alley H3

Birdman**George Scott****Boulder H3**

A key member of Boulder H3 for many years and one of 5 hashers who was on every American Inter hash up until 1997.

Birdman**David Free****Tokyo/Australia**

Birdman came to Tokyo via Kluang and although he missed run number one was on most of the first hundred runs. He continued hashing in Singapore and then Australia.

Birdman**Happy Valley****Barney Bruce**

A former RAF man and a regular on various Cypriot hashes. Perhaps best known for 500 runs with Happy Valley H3 where he was the 12th GM.

Birdman of Oz**S. Perret****Hong Kong H4**

Hong Kong GM 2006/07. *'An Aussie fighter pilot (or was that tailgunner? Ed), or so he claimed.'*

Birdtable**Auckland H3**

The 2000 Interhash Ladies Drinking Champion.

BJ**Brian Tudor****Wirral and Chester**

Founder of Wirral and Chester H3. He was still running with them in 2020 by which time he had 560 runs and 113 harings to his credit.

Blackbollocks**Rohan Fernando****Sri Lanka H3**

Has clocked up 1300 runs on the Sri Lanka men's hash where he is regularly on the committee, most recently as GM and deputy RA. He has also clocked up another 300 runs on the mixed hash. Between runs Blackbollocks has found the time to build up a successful business career.

**Black Knight****Gordon Clarke****Bahrain Black Hash**

Run 44 of the first 52 Bahrain Black hash runs.

Black Mail**Ted Lutley****Bahrain Black Hash**

Founded Bahrain Black Hash. He hared the first two runs and completed 42 of first 50 hashes.

Black Marker**Mark Blacker****Manila H3**

Was a driving force behind Manila's initial bid to stage Interhash.

Black Peter**Olivier Van Lieshout****El Salvador**

A founding father of the 3rd edition of the Salvadoran Hash in 1993.

Bland, David**Baghdad H3**

A pioneer on the original Baghdad H3, clocking up 82 of their first 150 runs.

Blessed Saint Stromin Norman**Norman Randall****Vindobona H3**

A veteran of a 1400 plus runs in Vienna where he has been given the honouree title *'GM Retired and Retarded'*.

Blimey**Cor Schouten**

Manniken Piss H3/ Helsinki Harriers & Harriettes.

Once described as 'a Dutch diplomat of great Hash presence'. He has made a major impact on European hashing, founding both Manniken Piss H3 and later the Helsinki Harriers & Harriettes. Blimy also took hashing into Estonia for the first time by arranging weekend trips for the Helsinki Hash in 1993 and 1996.

Blind Pew

Nick Barrable

Stockholm Underground H3

Blind Pew was a regular runner with Stockholm H3 between 2000 and 2004. As a member of the British Orienteering Team, and with a best marathon time of 2.33, Blind Pew was a nifty lad who was noted for setting long live trails from a couple of minutes head start. He spent a year and a half in Brno, Czech Republic, doing the odd hash in Vienna and Bratislava before returning to Kent and dabbling with the East Grinstead H3. By 2009 he had returned to his mother hash in Stockholm. In the autumn of 2009 he travelled to Australia where he won the Over 35's World Orienteering Sprint Race Championship.

Blitzkrieg

Wilmar Blik

Assen H3

An important pioneer of hashing in Holland. He joined Assen H3 early after their foundation and became their 2nd GM. Rapidly climbed up the all-time run table, reaching 2nd place with 116 runs (out of 193) by the 5th anniversary of the kennel.

Bloating Bladder

Athens H3

In 2003 *Bloating Bladder* proposed to *The Dyke* on a hash coach. The following day Athens H3 held an engagement ceremony in the Circle on the beach at Pefki



Blimy in his younger days

Blob of Silverkin

Bob Silver

Kowloon H3

GM in the early days of Kowloon H3 and a regular on their first 150 runs.

Blobby

Adrian Ewart

Scarborough H3

First ran with Scarborough H3 in 1963 from the Nags Head. Blobby is now on 1658 plus runs.

Blocki, Jacek

Epsikopi H3

Fled Poland after the German invasion and served with honour in the RAF. In his later years Jacek moved to Cyprus where he took up hashing for the first time. Although already at the age where most hashers are thinking of retiring, he went on to clock up 1585 runs with Epsikopi H3.

Bloodnok

Chris Lawrence-King

Tamar Valley H3

Bloodnok was a founder of Tamar Valley H3, one of England's senior hashes. He was made a 'Life Peer' of Hashing'. He last appeared on the committee in 1981. Now hashing in the great trail in the sky.

On On Bloodnok

Bloody Ha Nai

Hanoi

A Swede based in Hanoi. He set the first run in the city back in 1987. The event brought the attention of the police and it was several years before anybody attempted a second run.

Blowfly

Wayne Ogonoski

Pattaya H3

A Canadian born oil worker who first came to Pattaya in the late 80's and made it his home. He was a passionate golfer and an active member of the hash for many years with 300 plus runs to his credit.

Blooper

Bahrain H3

David Bloomer

A hash veterans of Bahrain. Blooper's CV includes being curate way back in 1985 and GM as late as 2002. He got his name for making mistakes on the local radio.

Mother Hash Pre 1941

The original sources

Number 1 - Cecil Lee

There are surprisingly few eye witness accounts of the 117 pre-war hashes.

They included (and please write to tell me what I have missed):

- A letter from Cecil Lee first published in 1958 as well as notes and videos from various interviews with this hash founder.
- Accounts written by *Horse* Thomson.
- An interview with Bob Kennedy published in *Hare of the Dog*.
- One surviving hash trash (Run 100).
- An interview with Frank Woodward published in the *Guernsey Evening Express* (22 November 1979).

There are problems with even this original material.

- Much of the information was recorded several years after the war and might be inaccurate due to fading memory or influenced by sentimentality.

In addition to the eyewitness accounts there is a detailed history of the hash written by John Duncan. Although he was not there at the time, John might well have spoken with some of the pre-war hashers,



and might also have had access to papers that have since been lost.

There is likely to be additional information hidden away in the pre-war issues of local newspapers, from which it might be possible to reconstruct some run lists and find background information on various hashers.

Here we will only review the material left by Cecil Lee.

He seems to have provided us with three original sources.

- A letter he sent to Mother Hash in 1958.
- Notes from *Fuch* (Fu Chee Cheng), who met with Lee several times from 1979-1981 and conducted a formal interview in May 1981.
- Some clips in the excellent **The Hash Story**, a video credited to Peter Jones and available on YouTube. *It is uncertain if these were from the video reportedly made by Fuch, or conducted in a separate interview.*

What might yet turn up?

- Unfortunately Fuch does not seem to have produced a full manuscript of his conversation with Lee but such a document, or at least some detailed notes, might exist.
- Fuch talks of making a video of his talks with Lee but the link provided on the Mother Hash website is no longer active and the author is uncertain if the video has survived. In addition there are likely to be further video clips that were edited out of **The Hash Story**.



The key information provided by Lee

Source 1

Cecil Lee's letter to Mother Hash dated to 1958

Date of the founding of the hash	'A moment of post-prandial inspiration at the Selangor Club Chambers, about 1937/38 '
Founders	'.....included myself, E.J. Galvin, H.M. Doig, and A.S. Gispert'
Those on the first run	'The original joint masters were myself and "Horse" Thompson'
Missing from Run Number 1	'Later <i>Torch</i> Bennett returned from leave, and produced order out of chaos.'
The role of Gispert in the founding	'Gispert was the real founder - a man of great wit and charm, who was killed on Singapore Island in February 1942. I am glad of this opportunity to salute his memory.'
The Hash name	'The name was a mock allusion to the institution that housed and fed us.'
The early runs	'Celebrations were held in various places, and the first was in what is now the Legislative Council, then the Volunteer Mess. The oratory, I recall, was much the same as now.'
Was Monday or Friday initially hash night?	<i>No information provided</i>

Source 2

Notes on Cecil Lee's interview with Fuch dated May 1981

Information in black appears to reflect a direct quote from Lee. Information in blue has been summarised by Fuch

Date of the founding of the hash	<i>No information provided</i>
Founders	<i>No information provided</i>
Those on the first run	<i>No information provided</i>
Missing from Run Number 1	<i>No information provided</i>
The role of Gispert in the founding	Sitting around, he suggested it. G was definitely the founder. He made me and <i>Horse</i> Joint Masters
The Hash name	G gave the name
The early runs	Maxwell Road was a regular meeting point as that was where the jungle started
Was Monday or Friday initially hash night?	Once a week but initially on a Friday

Video clips of interview with Lee on The Hash Story credited to Peter M Jones and readily available on YouTube.

Date of the founding of the hash	'Late 1938'. It is unsure if Lee was talking about the discussion stage or the first run
Founders	Mentions G, Torch and Horse
Those on the first run	<i>No further information</i>
Missing from Run Number 1	<i>No information provided</i>
The role of Gispert in the founding	Suggests G's arrival in KL was decisive and that he was 'definitely the founder' 'We were sitting around just eating and he suggested it. That's all'
The Hash name	'he (G) gave it the name as a mere joke'
The early runs	Live hares, various venues including tin mines, Chinese gardens rubber plantation
Was Monday or Friday initially hash night?	We met, I think, every Friday <i>He also recorded that:</i> They would recce the run a day or two before and when <i>Friday</i> came they would go out and do the run

1. Was G the founding father of the hash?

The idea of Gispert as the founder of the hash is generally thought a myth and that credit should go jointly to Gispert, Lee, Horse and Torch Bennett. This argument is based on the belief that the elevation of Gispert to 'founding father' was made largely out of nostalgia for the only hasher to fall during the war.

What can we learn here?

- In his letter to Mother Hash, Lee names G as founder but gives no evidence - other than he was '*a man of great wit and charm*'.
- In his interview with Fuch he was more convincing on this issue, but three decades had passed and memories had become more tainted by sentimentality.
- Perhaps his most interesting comment is that '*he (G) made me and Horse joint-masters*'. This does seem to suggest that G did indeed rule over the group as a benevolent dictator.

2. What were the first runs like?

We learn that:

- Trails lasted 90 minutes
- There was beer and ginger beer at the finish
Note Tiger is not mentioned by Lee as the official beer
- It was all live hare runs
- Cars were used to reach the startign point
- Various venues were used with the trails going through tin mines, Chinese gardens and rubber plantation. Maxwell Road was a popularly starting point as it gave easy access to 'jungle'.
- Initially the runners went back to the Volunteer Mess but later used other venues.

Cecil Lee

Cecil Lee was an accountant posted to KL in 1934. He was one of the most important figures in the founding of Mother Hash, serving as Joint Master from 1938-40 and probably involved in selecting the 'Hash House' name.

Having survived the horrors of working on the Siam-Burma railway, Lee was one of first of the old group to return to KL and he played a major role in getting Mother Hash restarted. He had a second spell as Joint Master from 1946-47 and held the post for a third time from 1950-51.

Except for a three-year period, Lee stayed in Malaysia until 1961 when he retired to Surrey. He was out walking one afternoon when he heard cries of 'On-On' and the Surrey Hash ran past. Once Lee and hashing had rediscovered each other he gave several interviews that have made a vital contribution to our knowledge of early hash history.



3. Monday or Friday?

Did the hash run on Friday or Monday? John Duncan says Friday, as Monday was parade night for the Selangor Volunteers. However, it is widely understood that there was a switch to avoid the volunteer drill night, but it is not clear in what direction the hash had to relocate - i.e. Monday to Friday, or Friday to Monday.

- When speaking on tape Lee's words are vague, '*we met, I think, on Friday*'.
- Not only has Lee added the words *I think* but we are left unsure if he was referring **to all** 117 pre-war runs.
- The one existing hash trash is for the 100th run and that was staged on a Friday.
- The idea of Monday night runs might simply be because that was the evening Mother Hash selected after the war and it has been presumed that this was for traditional reasons.
- The best answer seems to be that the pre-war hash met on Friday, although leaving open the possibility that *the first few runs* might have been on a Monday.

4. Lee's thoughts on his fellow founders

G

● Wasn't an athletic fellowwas a rolly-polly cherubic fellow, as you can see from his photo.... On one occasion he suddenly found himself in front and shouted, '*Hold! Give me my moment!*'

Horse

- Once seen leaning on a goalpost while fielding during a game of cricket.
- A very amusing chap.
- A great conserver of energy wonderful man for finding short-cuts
- A rather sardonic fellow, claimed to have won a half blue in *moral turpitude* at Oxford.

Torch

- had a rather not red his hair was I supposefiery. So somebody called him Torch

5. The food in the club?

- Lee confirms on **The Hash Story** video that the food at the Chambers was rather good. 'I always considered the Chinese cooks were first class ... the food there was very good I thought. I remember they had one wonderful dish, a souffle surprise, a sort of ice with white of egg which was lit up with brandy and we called it 'fuck all pudding' - (because it was) burnt to buggery!

Hash Legend

Nightjar

I wrote the following article for the 'Bali Sun' newspaper way back in 1994..... Steve 'Discowanker' Charles

Whatever happened to Victor 'Nightjar' Mason?

The Man and the Pub

It was way back in 1977 that a rather suntanned renowned Bali author, anthropologist and pub owner, one Victor Mason began the first ever hash club in Bali. It was through his dedication that Bali received the distinguished Interhash in 1988, which attracted over 4000 world hashers.

Victor's Pub, The 'Beggars Bush' in Ubud was already quite an established watering hole for Bali regulars, Victor's Bird books had a cult following and his Bird walks from the Pub attracted celebs like Mick Jagger and David Bowie to name but a few (but if you asked Victor he would deny it).

Ever since I started hashing in Bali the 'Beggars Bush' Pub was the penultimate On On and sort of epitomized hashing in a nutshell. There was always a great atmosphere and a big turnout, with Victor being the attentive, charismatic host.

Vic, being somewhat of a Jazz aficionado, enjoyed showing off his amazing vinyl collection of Classic Vintage jazz. The music seemed to do justice to the smoke stained whitewashed walls, wooden beams, and small but snug bar dotted with hash memorabilia. The bar had an oldie worldly feel to it, a place the likes of Gispert and company would have felt quite at home in, if they ever would have made it to Bali.

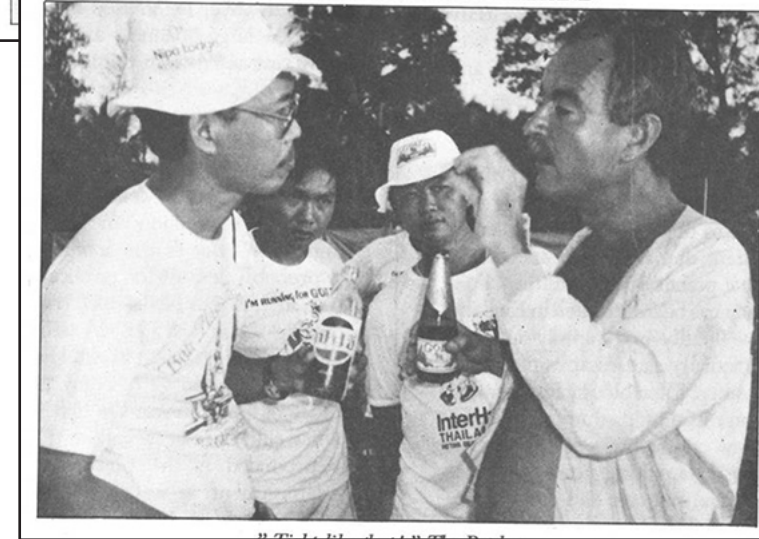
A three meter length of string hung from the ceiling with a brass ring attached at the end of it. Strangers would puzzle until Vic called up a challenge to all, for a match of the Bush's unique 'ring the horn' game. You basically had three swings to attempt hook the ring over an antique animal horn strategically fixed to the wall. Vic would always get it on first time, even after quite a few Bintangs.

Hemingway eat your heart out.

Being an acclaimed author, it was quite a natural progression for Victor to write a book about the Bali



INTERHASH '86 PATTAYA THAILAND



Hash. He did not really care if it was a bestseller or not, but it was something he felt he had to do.

Quite a few of my friends tell me and I tend to agree, that the book has Zen like traits and must be read for its inspirational qualities. One friend commented that he had read the book several times and still doesn't understand fully what's going on. But that's the magic of a good book I say.

The Bali Hash

Its 4.30 pm sharp. Somewhere deep in the heart of the Balinese Jungle on a gloriously sunny Saturday afternoon, the Hash Master shouts "listen up, let's have you". "Two runs today, the short is pretty long and the long run is pretty short, be careful out there and if you get lost, ask a Fucking Policeman". And with that a cry of "ON ON" It's off we all go into the scrub. Victor 'Nightjar' Mason is always the last one to leave the keg clutching a cold Bintang and runs barefoot (as he does every week) to catch up the tail enders. Vic is led by his trusty hound Nimrod, who has proved a worthy replacement for the famous Harold, who shall always be remembered in the realms of hash history as 'the' original Bali Hash hound.

The pack has its usual fair share of short cutters, front runners, and early starters, hashers doing their

own run and bastards that remain at the keg and drink all our beer. The hot, muddy and sweaty pack return with their own tales of the trail.

6.00pm arrives and its circle time. There's an incredible orange blue sunset that lights the sky behind an eerie black outline of swaying palms, but nobody notices nature's light show, as a call of "thou shalt be shriven" is announced.

Victor, the Hash's Religious Adviser, clutching a freshly poured Bintang, has taken charge of the circle. With slightly bent poise, his forceful English upper class regimental style speech, which demands attention, breaks the jungle air. And much to the delight of the Chinese Indonesians, Vic punctuates his ritual with the odd Mandarin phrase.

Some poor sod's buttocks are placed on a large block of ice and is encouraged by an unruly mob to down a large glass of beer, then some person whose parents aren't married pours a cold bucket of mud and urine colored water over the poor sod from behind which takes his breath away mid gulp.

It's times like this which makes you think is this strange ritual called 'on ice' is the only form of recognition one can attain for major sins on the Bali Hash.

See you at the beer keg.

On On!

Discowanker

Hash Legend

Short Time

I remember Emmy *Short Time* van Loon well from my time running with the Jakarta Pussy Hash (1993-1996).

She was very quiet, with a big smile, and usually hang out around the beer table, or with the other Indonesian women in a corner of the circle.

The first time I really noticed her was when she was called up for a achievement award. The rumour was she had completed an amazing amount of consecutive hashes, missed two runs (I believe from typhoid?) and then returned to run hundreds of further consecutive hashes.

I was excited to find a record of Short Time's runs in the 1994-95 Pussy Year book.

Unfortunately the list didn't quite make sense! For example, according to the record, her first run was

Number 451 on 16th July 1986 and her 500th was Run 917 in June 1995. A quick subtraction suggests she managed 500 runs during a period that only contained 466 runs!

There were two possibilities.

(1) The girls had counted weekend runs in the totals. That might make sense as 34 plus extra runs in nine years is a feasible number. However, weekend runs were usually staged with other hashes and unlikely to be counted as Pussy runs.

or

(2) The girls were just crap at math. Much as I loved running with the Pussy Hash, I have to consider that a possibility!

However, even if the details remain obscure, Emmy's dedication to hashing remains unquestioned.

- 500 runs in slightly under 9 years is an amazing achievement.
- Her record of 200 and 300 connective runs is undisputed and quite likely unequalled in the hash world.
- At the same time she clocked up 108 runs with Batavia. ("Unmentionables" were only invited to run at the end of the month and her spouse *Quickie* was one of the more rabid 'no-women at Batavia campaigners'.)
- She was involved with TGIF from the beginning, completing 147 of their first 152 runs.
- From starting hashing in 1986 until 1995 Emmy seems to have averaged 1.75 runs a week.



Hashstats

English Kennels

Yorkshire H3

Wheels	1239
Weasel Shit	1059
Lick it Up	993
Magum	987
Jake the Peg	933
Ann Berlin	831
Flossie	736
Black widow	723
Doolittle	687
Little World	649
Ever Ready	644

Cambridge H3

Klinger	1432
Bedsore	1417
Benghazi	1297
Jet Stream	1231
Unmentionale	1155
Pedro Trumpet	1033
Debonaire	989
Slaphead	986
Lightening	924
Computer	898
Checkpoint	877
Barty	876
Gorilla	865
Kermet	829
Bear/FBI	823

Tamar Valley H3

Glani	1676
Biff	1288
Kacky 2	1297
Grandpa	1286
Gnashers	1274
Tampax	1172
Scrotum	1154
Gannet	1133
Hot Rocks	1118
Hurricane	1106
Argles	1089
Pimp	1083
Lost	1019
Sturmeroid	1012

Hursley H3

Careless	855
Sunny Delight	777
Portia	759
Bob The Virgin	686
Chicane	670
Been Before	658
Mudlark	656
Willy Wonky	649
Florette	600
Dracula	477

Newcastle H3

Counterfit	1042
Watsarong	944
Inncontinence	747
Woof Woof	674
LHJ	648
Malteaser	567
Knickerless Bollocks	551
Speed Bump	499
Lubricant	401
Slippy	400

Tamar Valley Hash House Harriers



West London H3

Rambo	1369
Pope	1358
Doner Kebab	921
Ryde	758
Thunderthigh	728
Man Magnet	713
KC	703
Knickers	655
Roadkill	642
Last Tango	606
Martin Matron	579
Lofty	578
Rent Boy	576
More On	539
Pickled Fart	537
Mad Cow	522
Eric the Viking	503

Barnes H3

Bum Burner	1301
Nelson	960
Scargill	909
Scud	903
Featherlite	857
Chastity Belt	757
Silent Knight	754
Stonker	735
Petal	710
Velcro Female	683
Specky	671
Chipmonk	661
Lay By	646
Double Entry	644
Lionel	637
Lunchbox	635
Carrot	607

Cheshire H3

Tony Ellis	1579
Allan Jones	1449
Roger Turner	1347
Nick Thistleton	1307
Tony Higgins	1287
Dave Arthur	1230
Brian Burgess	1193
Heather Thistleton	1158
Martin Hack	1084
Rob Stephenson	1080
David Lever	996
Peter Rose	950
Max Richens	911
Adrian Long	826

London H3

Thunderthighs	1569
Rambo	1159
Ryde	1120
Lofty	954
Pete the Pilot	919
Garbage	767
Maxist	744
Tablewhine	715
Knickers	698
Last Tango	690
KCC	684
Please Sir	643
Big Mac	619
Pope	570

Hashstats

The 1000 Run Club

The 1000 plus run list published last month has brought a lot of correspondence. There will be a full update in the July issue, including considerable changes to the top 20. Even the updated table will be far from complete and I am particularly keen to get run counts from some of the Jakarta veterans - Tarzan, Witless Wanker, Short Time , Sheepshagger - who might shatter all records.

Old Coulsdon H3

Belgrano	920
Auntie	893
Hashtray	669
Sir Raymond	601
Captain Solo	595
Bob The Slob	571
Petal	571
Spingo	558
Weekend Gardener	537

Country Profile

Hashing in Iraq



Baghdad Run Number 1



The Golden Years

Baghdad H3 was founded by John Haste in 1981 and for the next decade was one of the Middle East's strongest kennels. He persuaded a gullible young man new to the ex-pat life – the future *Dingbat* – to set the trail. Thinking it would be an easy task, *Dingbat* made the mistake of laying the marks with toilet paper placed on trees. Toilet paper was unavailable in the shops and grateful farmers gathered up the majority of the marks!

At this time President Hussein was seen as the great pro-west hope for the region and a stream of ex-pats came out to work in construction projects, so that within a short time mixed packs of 60-70 hashers were gathering for the Saturday runs. The various trails took them through palm groves, patches of desert and even into the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. They once had to run in what they claim was a

hash world record 50 degrees, but there was always plenty of Ferida beer to cool the pack down afterwards. There was a fast turnover of expats and by 1987 **Davie Bland** was one of the few survivors from the original group. **Andrew Offer** was GM between 1987 and 1991 and many old hands claim this to be the golden period for the kennel.

In 1985 a 2nd group, **Babylon H3**, started up, specialising in live hare runs and from 1986 there was an **Assyrian H3** out at the Baiji Railway Camp. Basra also had a hash until the start of the Iran-Iraqi War.

The Baghdad H3 Legends

John Haiste was a leading figure in the early days of the Baghdad Hash being one of the founders, long term GM and one of the first to pass a hundred runs. His main rival for the number of runs completed

