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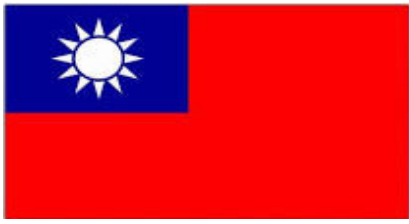
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# News



## Taiwan

There was a quite stunning announcement from the China Hash of Taiwan. *After 45 years of proud hashing history in and around Taiwan The China Hash House Harriers have renamed themselves to Taiwan Hash House Harriers (TwH<sup>3</sup>).*

*Let it be known that CH<sup>3</sup> was a hash that struck envy into the hearts of all and helped to define hashing on the island of Taiwan and world-wide. Everyone who ran with us in those 45 years will affirm. We did not sing, we ran, and we cut trail. Now it is time for TwH<sup>3</sup> to continue pick up the flour bag for that trail. No small task. Big Shoes to fill (with beer).'*

On-On, Big John

This carries quite a political message in an age when Taiwan policies are becoming more confrontational and mainland China recently announced that, *"We warn those 'Taiwan independence' elements - those who play with fire will burn themselves, and Taiwan independence means war."* Let us hope the hash doesn't start a third world war!

Run #2145 saw *Dogshit* reach his 275th run and *Cockwatcher* his 125. Just Tom, husband/father of a new hash family of four became *"Love's Them Holes"*.

## Tunisia

The arrival of *Wrong Hole* and *& Ho*, posted here from Bangladesh, promises to breath new life into hashing in Tunis.

## Northern Mariana Islands

The island of Saipan was included in the New York Times' *"52 Places to Love in 2021."* Meghan West, the author, joined one of the runs of the **Saipan Hash House Harriers**. She noted that Saipan is only 5 miles wide and 12 miles long, but the runners showed her parts of the island that she never would have found herself.

## World

TES, the website for international teachers, also gave the hash a plug in an article on how to form friendships beyond the school community.

## Thailand

The full 2021 **Siam H3** committee consists of:

Grand Master	Roger Me
Joint Master	Anacuntman
Joint Master	L.C.B.S.
RA	Chicken Licker
RA Ass	Lurch
On Sec	Cums'n'Spirts

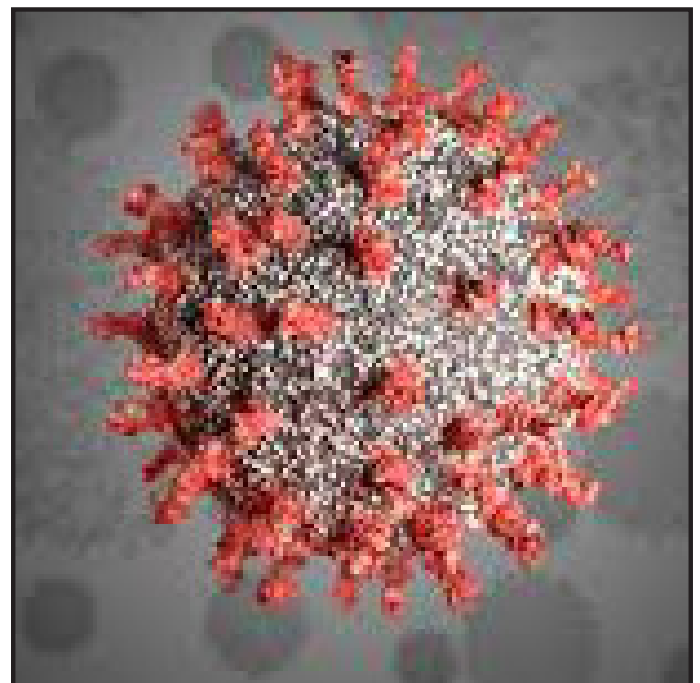
## World events COVID Latest

Will we see any big hash events in 2021? The first test will be PanAfrica Hash scheduled for early July in Kampala (Uganda) and the August EuroHash in Prague (Czech Republic). For full details of all world hash events check out *Hazukashii's* excellent website [gotothefhash@gmail.com](mailto:gotothefhash@gmail.com)

## Bangladesh

**Dhaka H3** has a new and impressive website. Many kennels are dropping websites to go over to Facebook pages and this means that many sources of information, including run totals and articles on the history of the kennel, are being lost.

Congratulations to *Webfart* on his 500th Mixed Run. As always he set a fine hash example of hash generosity by providing free beer, backpacks and patches!



Trail Master	Knockout Neptune
TM Ass	Max Factor
Hash Cash	Boob-a-lube
Hash Flash	Lady Boy
Haber Dash	Patpom, Angel
Hash Piss Coord	Tom Yum Kung
HPC Ass	City Girl
Hash Web	Snakebite
2020 Xmas Party	TYK, PP, HL
Head Recruiter	Arakie Condom Man

## Thailand COVID Latest

Hashing in Thailand is being hit by new restrictions. Flash Git posted: *'Earlier this week the Government announced measures to restrict the holding of all gatherings "posing a risk of disease transmission". The fine detail will emerge later but it seems likely that events such as ours would be considered risky.*

*There are only two infections recorded in Ubon province (including one more added yesterday), but present indications are that we are required to obtain specific approval from the Governor if we want to hold such a gathering. I don't think such an approval would be possible to get at such short notice (or maybe at all while the current rules are in place).*

*So regrettably our planned Saturday 9th January hash will not happen.*

*Stay safe everyone Flash Git' (GM)*

## Australia COVID Latest

**Cairns H3** have posted new instructions, leading with a warning not to come to the hash if you have flu like symptoms.

*You MUST bring correct change for minimum handling of dirt, dirty cash.*

*Please minimise handling drinks in the esky. Just pick*

*one and walk away.....*

*If you would like to partake of Nosh please bring your own plate and utensils.*

*The Hare will be serving food - no helping yourself and giving your germs to the other hashers.*

*There will be our Hash circle but NO communal drinking vessels. You will take the charge from your own drink or bring your own mug. (Ed: I could live with that!)*

## Australia

**Gladstone H3** of Queensland might well have Australia's oldest hasher. *'Celebrate Junior turning 90 years young, we were wondering if you would like to walk with him. He is said to be the oldest Hashman in Australia!'*

**Devonport H3** celebrated ex-postman Soff's 1000th run at Turners Beach.

## Tanzania

The north of Tanzania must be one of the most beautiful places in the world to live, even if it is a bit of a backwater. I was pleased to hear the **Kilimanjaro H3** are now firmly established with over 1500 runs to their credit. The pack seems small, with just nine turning up for the 1500th run:

*Frog, Duck, MOBieber, Clam Jam, Alfred the Grape, Limey, Chu Chu, French Letter, Holy Water.*

*Frog had been at the 500th celebration, Duck had been at the 1000th.*

## Peru COVID Latest

**Lima H3** resumed hashing in June 2020 *'when the government authorized certain sports activities. A small group of hashers have hashed ever since with 32 'unofficial' hashes.'* Their Facebook round-up finished with the hope that, *'we overcome this virus and bad time which everyone is going through to meet all in the passion that unites us, on on.'*

## UAE

The **Creek H3** Oscars was once a major event on the hash calendar. With numbers dropping, the lads

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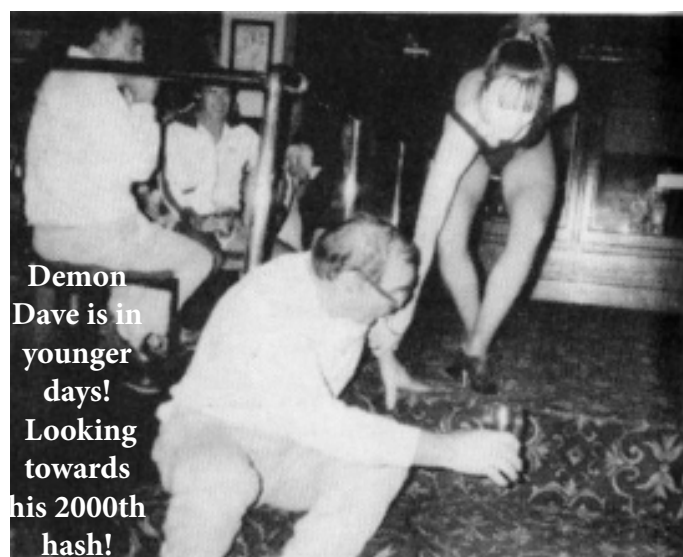
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[bit.ly/OnOnHashHistory](http://bit.ly/OnOnHashHistory)

<http://gotothefhash.net/history/shakes.html>

also on the Dubai Desert Hash website and the Brighton H7 website



Demon Dave is in younger days! Looking towards his 2000th hash!

DARWIN DON GETS A HAND

were pleased to get ten hashers turn up for this years event. Key awards went to:

Best Trail *Shitloaf*

Best RA *Shakesprick*

Best New Name *Benny The Lost Muff Diver*

Hasher of Year *Shoots of Early*

The last was a nice touch as *Shoots* is based in Saudi but has joined most of the circles on Zoom.

Sadly COVID cases are on the rise again and the hash is likely to face new restrictions in the weeks ahead.

## Turkey COVID Latest

A round up from **Istanbul H3** 'we're trying to get together by Zoom just drinking practice, there is not any real hash, we managed three runs last year, now it's not allowed because of the weekend lockdowns in the country.'

## Cayman Islands

With COVID well under control Cayman H3 are meeting every Monday night at various locations for runs of between three and five miles. They were also able to go ahead with their annual Cross Island Relay, one of the big events on the island's sporting calendar. Appleby Athletics Club were winners for the second consecutive year. *We will offer a history of the event in a future issue of On On Magazine.*

## Philippines

**Angeles H3** have been supporting the Clark Run, a timed park run that takes place every week. 'Bong did his 80th (park) run today and DwD his 75th so

*congratulations to these two and they are also the best supporters of the run. Soggy Dick however is not a million miles behind with 67.'*

## Serbia

**Belgrade H3** seem to be making up with enthusiasm and wild behaviour what the lack in numbers. Their new venture is to produce a great hash mug! See photo above.

## USA

There are rumours going around the hash world that the idiot who run across the pitch during the Super Bowl was a hasher from **Rumson H3**.

## New Zealand

With New Zealand virtually COVID free (I would swap their Prime Minister for mine!) hashing is getting back to normal. **Auckland H3** celebrated *Scruffy's* 80th birthday run and they are scheduled to celebrate *Demon Daves* 2000th on 29 March. While still with Auckland *Wingnut* noted that 'Average age is about 70 now, so we are an aging pack. I am the youngest at 59. As they said last night, if Auckland Hash don't do Nash Hash 2023, we'll all be too old to bid again.'

The delayed Auckland 50th anniversary is going to be an evening function on 10 April, no run or away weekend. However, the annual 'signature' run to Rangitoto (a volcano in Auckland harbour) is still on for 1st March. 'Boat trip out there. Run up top for piss stop/view, back to boat for food/drink/singing on way home.' Many thanks to *Wingnuts*.

**New Zealand staged their Nash hash this month and there was a Red Dress Run in India.**

**Is hashing returning? Details next week!**



This sad message from mcpisser:

Be prepared. Tonight's circle will be a little emotional. We had 3 Texas hashers pass away in the last week, 2 from Houston. Onon:

Can't Hound, Plug Puller,  
Bangers and Snatch (Dallas Ms Nude TXIH 2015)

## On On

### Frank the Plank

*Wanchai Hash House Harriers, 12 January*

Some very sad news, as advised by Bwaer Wabbit: *Frank-The-Plank* passed away Sunday in his flat, collapsing in his kitchen shortly after he returned home late on Sunday night. He was a great guy, larger than life and will be sorely missed. Our condolences to Stephen and the rest of his family.

OnOn & RIP... Frank-The-Plank (aka Frank Pilkington)

First recorded run  
1991-92.

Last recorded run  
29-Nov-20.

Total runs... 369



### Plug Puller

Jane Christopher (aka *Plug Puller*, as named by *Platterpuss*), wife of *Pull the Plug*, died at home early this morning after a long and hard-fought battle with illness. For those of us who knew her, this is a sad, dark day. Jane was born on November 26, 1944 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She received a bachelor's degree from Beaumont's Lamar Tech University in 1966, where she also met her husband Don, with whom she was married for 54 years. Jane served variously as a schoolteacher, as director of preschool and later deacon at her local church.

*'All who knew her will remember her as one of the kindest people they ever had the honor to know, and those whom she loved will be forever blessed with the positive impact she had on their life'.*

### Can't Hounds

"Sad to tell y'all that, per Shirley Valentine, *Can't Hound* passed away yesterday."

I was (and still am) pretty torn up to hear this news and I know some of you will be, too. No word on a memorial or anything, but I will post if I hear any news. I want to think of him happily blowing his horn up in heaven and finally rejoining his beloved Thai'd One.

On On to one of the BEST.

*Master Chugger*



One we missed. Lager, one of the first generation of Chinese runners on Medan H3 passed away last November. On On

### Bemo Bob

*From Ronnie Strachan*

Sat, Feb 6

You may have heard that *Bemo Bob* (Bob Hewet) died yesterday in Melbourne where he and Olga have been living since they left Jakarta.

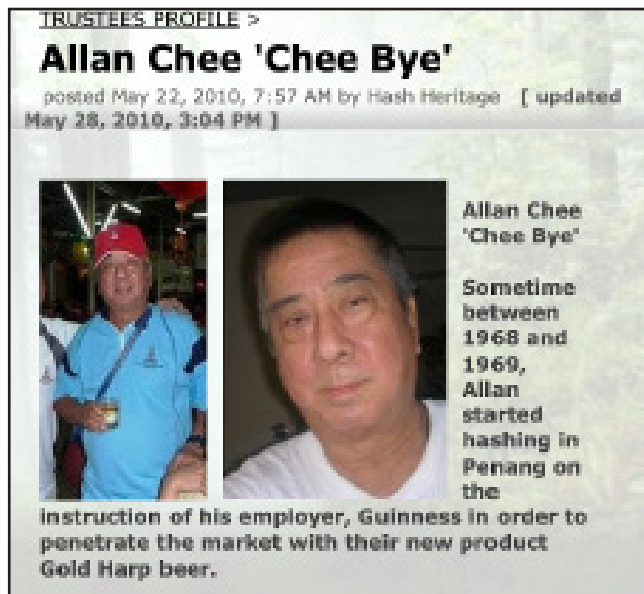
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*This sad news was forwarded  
to me by Drainoil:*

I am saddened to let you know that Chee Bye, a fellow Interhash Survivor and founder of several Hashes died today in hospital in Kuala Lumpur after a long illness, bravely bourne.  
On on Ain (Dr Ain Oil)

## Allan Chee 'Chee Bye'



First hashed around 1968 or 1969 in Penang then joined Mother Hash.

Found the running more comfortable with Seremban H3.

With 'Bear' and 'Toda' formed the PJ Animales (HHH) in 1977.

The PJ HHHazards were formed in September 1991, for hashers 40 years old, above 40" in waistline or IQ below 40).

Was involved in the project to rebuild the Hash House as a museum.

Was one of the last three hashers to have attended every Interhash.

There is an excellent profile on the Hash Foundation website



# Hash Humour

## Hash Rating

This was posted by Paul Woodford and is a fine example of hash humour that had not been seen before:

Here's a hash rating scale originally devised by *ZiPpY* and *PlayDoh Penis*. Readers, what hash rating should your hash get?

**G-Rated Hash:** Beer and snacks, sodas for non-drinkers, names like "Fuzzy Wuzzy," songs like "He's a Hasher, He's True Blue," new shoes okay, no one pukes, hash over in two hours.

**PG-Rated Hash:** Cases of beer, names like "Tits R Us," songs like "Yogi Bear," drink for new shoes, isolated mooning, one harriette turns green and has to sit down, hash over in four hours.

**PG13-Rated Hash:** Keg of beer, names like "Penis Breath," songs like the "Limerick Song," drink from

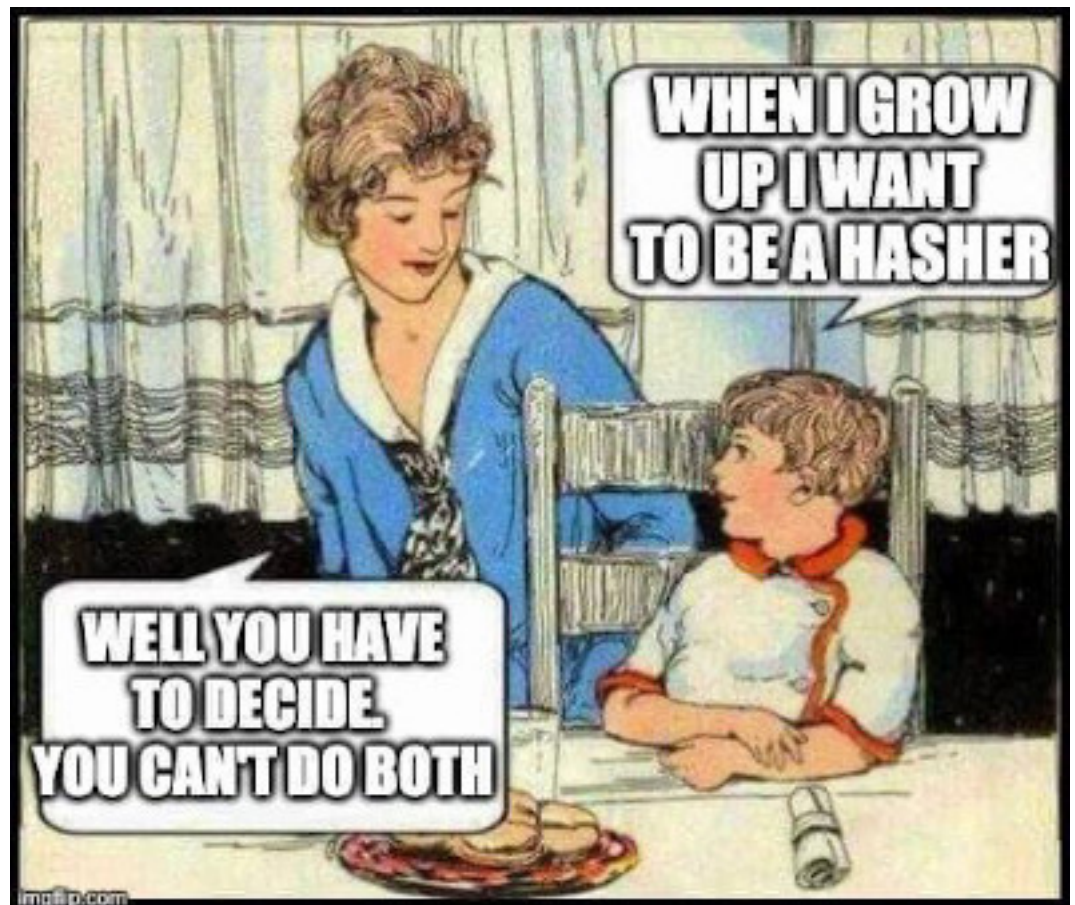
new shoes, coed group mooning, two hashers discreetly vomit in the bushes, hash over in six hours.

**R-Rated HHH:** Multiple kegs, names like "Mother's Little Dildo," songs like "Fuck the Giant Penis," new shoes thrown in bonfire, exposed tits and limited frontal nudity, organized target-vomiting, hash over when you have to go to work.

**NC17-Rated Hash:** Unlimited beer for \$2.00, names like "Take it Up the Ass Like a Man," songs like "The S&M Man," no shoes allowed, nude trails, sex in dark corners, urination on passed-out hashers, pack extinguishes bonfire by puking it out, hash over when you call in sick.

**X-Rated Hash:** Break into a liquor store for Down-Downs; names that draw lighting bolts from the sky and turn their utterers into smoking pillars of salt; songs about fucking relatives, dead people, and animals; compulsory nudity; actual sex with shoes, persons of various genders, or creatures of another species; co-ed pelican drinking, hash over when they lock the paddy wagon door.

This cartoon has been doing the rounds on Facebook





# Hashers

## A to Z

### Letter D

#### D2hd

##### David Newman

##### Canberra H3 (Australia)

Runs with **Canberra H3** and **Capital H3**, where he is the hash historian. Also makes frequent hash travels. He mismanages the excellent Aussie Hash website and is the Official Compiler/coordinator of the World Hash Directory hard copy and websites.

#### Dagy

##### Dag Guest

##### Garden City H3 (New Zealand)

Known as the 'Horrible Hobbit', Dagy has been a central figure in New Zealand hashing for many years. He started hashing in Cairns while in the Royal Navy, later joining **Christchurch H3** and becoming co-founder of **Garden City H3**. His hash career also involved a spell as GM of **Marlborough H3** when they had the reputation of 'out singing out drinking out grossing and out running any other hash.' He served as New Zealand GM between 1987 and 1989 and was involved in the unsuccessful New Zealand bids for Interhash '90 and '92. Continues to hash and is listed as Hash Kash with Garden City.

#### Dame Edna

##### David Crump

##### Antigua H3

Dame Edna was co-founder of the **Antigua H3** back in 1991. His names still appears as Hare Raiser.

#### Damien the Antichrist

##### Long Beach H3 (USA)

A noted world traveller who ranks just outside the top one hundred on the 'Where Have You Hashed' website. His name comes up on various west coast hashes, including **Long Beach** and **San Diego**. He completed the beer mile in 2006 in 10.43, a respectable time for a 50 year old. Wife *Pot Ho* is also a hasher.

#### Dancing Dan

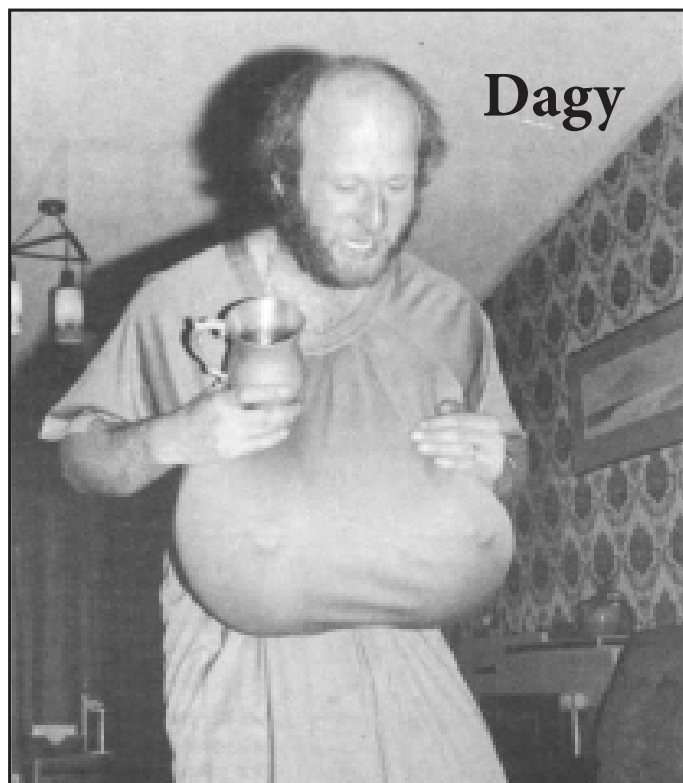
##### Dan Schlesinger

#### Seoul H3 (Korea)

Dan was born in New York in 1955. He first came to attention as a runner in his first year at Yale, when he set a college freshman record for six miles. Considering that Olympic medallist Frank Shorter had set the previous record, this was a remarkable achievement. However, Dan's college running career never fulfilled its potential, partly because of pressure from his studies. An outstanding student of oriental languages – he speaks both Korean and Japanese – he was awarded a Marshall Scholarship and spent 1980-82 at Oxford University.

After Oxford Dan moved to Korea where he translated Korean legal documents. Dan was now running seriously once again and as part of his training regularly turned out with **Seoul H3**. He is remembered in Seoul for jogging out to the venue, usually some distance away in the suburbs, before running the actually Hash. Despite taking his running so seriously, Dan was adopted by the pack and was given the Hash name *Dancing Dan*. He in turn never let his training interfere with the fun of the circle and *Captain Marvel* reports that when he first came to the Hash *Dancing Dan* couldn't chug a beer to save his life, 'but soon we had him swilling them out of our ceremonial bedpan right along with the best of them'.

*Dancing Dan* returning to the States sometime in 1982 and entered that year's New York Marathon, finishing a surprise third in a world-class time of 2 hour 11 minute 36 seconds. This is probably the finest running feat ever recorded by an active hasher. Four years later he was 9th in the Boston Marathon in 2:16:29.





Dan returned to school, this time to Harvard to train as a lawyer and by 1995 he was working as an attorney in Japan. During the second half of the nineties he started to build a reputation as an artist and became a cult figure in Japan when selected to design the front cover of the Japanese edition of Harry Potter. *With thanks to Captain Marvel and Hops*

### **Dancing with Dogs**

#### **Howard Mackay**

##### **Wanchai H3 (Hong Kong)**

Born in Derby in 1946, Howard came through a tough childhood to work as an engineer specialising in railway projects. He moved to Hong Kong, where he would remain for the next 27 years, working mostly on rail infrastructure projects. A keen musician, he played gigs at pubs and social events and opened his own bar, The Wanch, that became a centre of both music and hashing. Along with Bruce Shirley Temple Fletcher, Howard saw the need for a mixed hash and formed **Wanchai H3**. Howard led Hong Kong's 1996 InterHash bid and was a major inspiration behind the Sunset On the Empire weekend. He also enjoyed squash, football and off-road motorcycling. Howard finally left Hong Kong for retirement in the Philippines.

### **Daniel Ortega**

#### **Anthony Sandeen**

##### **Hong Kong H4**

A keen jogger and successful businessman who has worked in Asia for several years, including postings in Shanghai, Tokyo and most recently Hong Kong. His name of Sandeed led to Sandeenista, and from there *Daniel Ortega*. Was only the second American to be appointed GM of **Hong Kong H4**. According to their yearbook, 'This one was a true POTUS (Prick Of The US). Like his doppelganger orange mate in Washington: slim, athletic, articulate, witty, in all a very stable genius.'

### **Danials, Bernard**

#### **Los Angeles H3**

Having learnt his hashing in Singapore, Danials returned to the USA where he founded the **Los Angeles H3**.

### **Darwin Don**

#### **Don Grenville**

##### **Sydney H3 (Australia)**

A legend in Australian hashing. Born in 1923, he started hashing in 1975 (when already middle-aged). The 2007 Aussie Nash Hash program identifies him as the oldest Australian hasher and he continued to

hash for another 12 years. He became recognised as the oldest regular hasher in the world and **Sydney H3** made him 'World President of all Hashdom'. In 2015 he had to be hospitalised with heart pains but made a rapid return to hashing after a heart valve operation. He staged a 'living wake' in which he stood hashers drinks and completed his last run on September 23rd, 2019. *Darwin Don went on to the great Hash in the sky a few days later. On On*

### **Dash**

#### **Darshan Singh**

##### **Sungai Petani Hazards (Malaysia)**

A hash veteran with **Sungai Petani Hazards**, who list him as 'midwife' in acknowledgement of his role in their founding. Now in his sixties, and with a knee-cap replacement, but still hashing. He is an advisor on the Malaysian Hash Council.

### **Daya**

#### **Kampala H3 (Uganda)**

In 1994/95 Daya became the first Ugandan hasher to record a 100 runs.



## **Dayak**

### **Mike Callaghan**

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

Dayak has a hash pedigree that goes back to the late 1960s when he completed a handful of runs in Singapore. He became a founder member of the **Jo-hore Bahru H3**, staying on for some 30 runs before heading for Indonesia and then Papua New Guinea. By the early nineties he was back in Malaysia, clocking up 700 plus runs with **Kuching H3**, **Kuching City** and **Kuching Harriettes**. He also had a spell as GM of Kuching H3. Around 1993, Dayak headed to Laos, where he has been one of the central figures in the development of hashing in this beautiful South-east Asian backwater. His Laos record includes 500 plus runs with **Vientiane H3**, where he was GM in 1995 and 2003. He was also co-founder and GM of the **Bush Hash** and trail master for the **8th Indochina-Mekong Hash** in 2005.

## **Davidson, Llew**

### **Mother Hash (Malaysia)**

After a few years working on rubber plantations, Llew Davidson was transferred to KL and joined the Hash just before their 100th run. During the war he was captured by the Japanese, spending time in Changi Prison and then being sent to work on the Burma Railway. Davidson returned to Malaya after the war and was Joint Master in 1948 and 1951-52. This was a period of declining numbers when six was a big turnout and his willingness to regularly set runs played a considerable part in keeping the Hash going. He had a third spell as Joint Master between 1955-57 and recorded his last run in 1960. Davidson returned to England where he took up farming in Shropshire. Llew entertained many visiting hashers until he died in 1980 at the age of 90. *On On*

## **Davis, Bill**

### **Sydney H3**

The first President of Sydney H3 way back in 1967.  
*Seeking more information*

## **Davis, Susan**

### **Bahrain H3**

An important member of Bahrain H3 in the early days with 300 runs to her credit. *Seeking more information*

## **Davis-Scourfield, Brigadier**

### **Dhekelia H3/ Episkopi H3 (Cyprus)**

Brigadier Gris Davis-Scourfield had a distinguished military career being awarded both the CBE and the Military Cross. His war memoirs, *In Presence of My Foes: A Memoir of Calais, Colditz, and War-*

*time Escape Adventures* was published in 1991. He was also a keen hasher, co-founding **Dhekelia H3** with Ray Thornton and then founding the **Episkopi H3**. Having a senior officer take an interest in hashing removed many of the problems the early military hashes might have otherwise encountered. Gris Davies-Scourfield died on 20 November 2006 in Alton. *On On Brigadier*

## **Dazed and Confused**

### **Andres Vargas**

#### **Beijing H3 (China)**

Born in Columbia, he founded **Medellín H3** and by 2004 was running with **Ankara H3** (Turkey). He moved on to China, where he would make a major impact on the hash scene. He is the longest serving committee member on the **Beijing H3** and founder of the **Beijing Full Moon Hash**. Was elected Beijing GM in 2014, a position he would regularly be voted back into. He works in digital marketing and his hash publications include the *All China Hash House Harriers Official Directory*. He is also an accomplished scuba diver. Daazed was arrested by the Chinese police right before the Beijing Olympics, initially for spreading a suspicious substance (flour... of course), then for "contaminating" the clean city of Beijing (with flour), then for wasting food (once again.. flour). The charges were dropped the same night.



Would you let  
your daughter  
marry this man?  
Dazed and  
Confused,  
Chinese hash  
legend!

# Hash

## Legends

### John O'Rourke

### MBE

*This account was written by Graeme (Bully) Bull and dates to 22nd October, 2015*

John was born on the 8th April 1926 and passed away on 28th Aug 2015 at age 89. John joined Singapore Hash House Harriers (The Hash) in 1963.

John in many ways ran the Hash like a Regimental Sergeant Major, particularly when he was Grand Master from 1973 until 1992. When I joined the Hash in August 1972, Albert Withnall was the Grand Master but when Albert left Singapore for Nigeria, John took over as Grand Master and was at the helm for 19 years. I often wondered who this guy was, running the Hash in a very autocratic manner, but

when we look at John's army background, it becomes evident.

John ran on the Hash in an outfit which consisted of a black singlet and black shorts and with a bow legged gait. On more than one occasion, John applied the unwritten rule that no women and dogs were allowed on the Monday Men's Hash. In fact on the odd occasion, the run did not start until the "unmentionables" left the run site.

Now I was amazed to find out during my research that John was awarded the MBE for bravery for saving many lives in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria, Australia, during an army exercise. When a sudden storm swept many of the participants out to sea through the "Rip" (the dangerous mouth of Port Phillip Bay), John managed to save many of the contingent, for which he received recognition.

Referring further to John's army career, he was part of the Australian Occupation contingent to Japan after the 2nd World War. His bad knees for which he had replacements, (2 on 1 knee and 1 on the other) were attributed to the number of parachute jumps he made with the old style parachutes which were certainly not a soft landing.

There are also rumours that John acted as a spy at some stage of his army career, but no further detail or

From the Singapore Yearbook

## The Exciting 80's

### - O'Rourke Buys New Singlet!

A new rush of blood..... Boo, Pamell, King, Werry, Maier, Hulme, Bailey, Mason, Kuhbänder





confirmation is available. However, during Konfrontasi, for some reason he was able to gain access into Malaysia when it was restricted for others.

Back in Singapore, many of you will know that John was a flying instructor at the Singapore Flying Club, Seletar. Some of you on the Hash may have in fact received flying training from John.

He was also an avid trekker even with his wobbly legs, and undertook 6 or 7 treks to the Himalayas, together with mainly members of Singapore HHH.

John certainly lived life to the fullest, working in the fertiliser trading business and even owning a farm or farms in Australia.

At one time, the Grand Master, Gerry Gurney of the "Runch" in London referred to myself as a clone of O'Rourke. Of course this was over many drinks, arguments and debates. All I can say is that this is one of the largest compliments I have ever received.

*May John rest in peace and On On to Hash Heaven*

## Other stories I have heard:

John was a Spitfire pilot but his service took place just after the war. (Ed: This seems unlikely if he was in the army, yet he was clearly a skilled pilot?)

He was against women hashing at all, even if they formed their own kennel, yet he helped the Singapore Harrittes with some early trails.

It is possible that John intended to put the girls off - and in his opinion save hashing - by making the trails particularly long and demanding!



## Brief memories from an Old Fart (Uncle Gerry 1971 to 1977-JM 1977)

1 An interesting joining process – I first met John O'Rourke at The Singapore Flying Club where I was learning to fly, he being my Instructor, although we seem to spend most of our time arguing. At some point he mentioned the Hash and the fact that the Club was occasionally used for Hash functions. I naturally inquired what it was all about, expecting a simple explanation. Instead O'Rourke, being a professional Australian, launched into a diatribe which basically said that it was not anything that an effeminate Englishman could do being it involved exercise, jungle bashing, and beer drinking, and was really only suitable for those from the Southern Hemisphere who were of a harder disposition. Naturally I bridled against this and insisted I come along. In that moment he had got me by applying psychological warfare, a tactic he used on many future occasions. I often wonder how many other members he recruited by this challenging method, which to date has resulted in my 40 year addiction.

2. The value of being a Hare (or how to deflate an ego) – this little story also involved John O'Rourke. After about a year's membership I thought I knew all about hashing and volunteered to hare a run. Instead of being thanked O'Rourke asked who my co-hare was. I told him that I could do it all on my own. However he insisted I have one. Naturally I asked why, and in turn received these words which I will never forget: "if you get killed by the proverbial No 9 bus the Hash will still get their run". Such sensitivity.

3. A small victory – My first run was out at Ponggol, then a pig farming area with much shiggy and shiggy pits, with my co-hare Jeff Burt (who subsequently got himself a free transfer to the Harriets after spending most of one evening up to his neck in swamp and mosquitoes). To make a strong impression we set a long and shiggy run, with the ON IN being through

a succession of shiggy pits. One particular pit was very close to the cars, so for the hell of it we covered it with Palm fronds, although we did not believe anybody would be seriously fooled by this. Not so. Instead a shiggy covered Clyde Lane appeared with a serious sense of humour failure after having had sucked off him his running shoes and watch, although he managed to recover his shoes. It would be fair to say I thought this was a great result as then (as probably now) he regarded the English as his enemies who held his beloved Wales under occupation, and that until the Welsh had independence he would not rest comfortably.

### Notes from David Bush Sayer

Very fond memories of John O' Rourke. I had only been in Singapore a few weeks when I received a phone call from John inviting me to be one of the hares with him on the next run. He told me to meet him at the airport - Paya Lebar at the time. He said we'll do the run near Johore Bahru and do the "recce" from the air ! To my amazement, we walked over to his plane at the side of the runway and we flew off - between the international traffic landing and taking off !! After the "recce" he showed me a bit of Singapore from the air, including the Blood Hound missiles guarding the island. Wonderful blokes and great memories.

David ( Bush ) Sayer

### And from Wingnuts

I knew him from 1970 to 1977 when he was GM of H3 S'pore. He taught me to fly and got me on to the Hash when it was closed (it was that popular). He was a very strong personality to say the least and I got to know him over much Anchor Beer, Curry, and some very tough Brit bashing badinage.

### From the Singapore Yearbook:

Joined 1963; became Grandmaster in a bloodless coup, 1975; Chief ideologue Prime Minister and Minister of Defence until 1992, when he abdicated to become Senior Minister. Holder of the Idi Amin Order of the Scrotum, and bars, many times over. Unique dress sense. Australian. Accused of crony-ism during his ironist rule, he said 'you're dead right, mate.' Only man to reach 22,000 feet in the Himalayas without the aid of knees. Addicted to flying, his wharf singlet, knee bandages and 'Old Man Donald's farm. His wife is a saint.

# Hash History

## The Day That changed Hashing for ever



### Mother Hash 1500th Run Saturday June 23rd 1973

Hares Peter Bromley  
Geoff Edwards , Andrew Tarry

In 1966 Mother Hash, emerging from several years of declining numbers, invited runners from Ipoh and Singapore to join them for their 1,000th run. There were just 24 visitors, all hosted by Mother Hash.

In 1973 Mother celebrated its 1,500th run. Hashing had expanded considerably over the last seven years and attendance rose to 300 plus, with visitors outnumbering locals 3-1.

The success of the 1500th run inspired idea of staging a regular and formal Interhash. It also allowed kennels to share ideas, which helped to define what 'real hashing' was all about.

The first T-shirt issued for a special event.  
Possibly the 3rd hash t-shirt of all time.





- Ipoh arrived in KL after staging a 200 kilometers relay run from their home town.
- The start of the hash was signalled by firecrackers.
- Three hundred hashers, the biggest hash pack ever assembled, set off on a long run through open countryside.
- The front runners were back in an hour and the checks worked well, with all hashers home within 20 minutes of the leaders.
- There was plenty of Anchor beer and a shower had been set up. (*Ed: Not sure how that worked with 300 runners!*)
- There was a Boat Race, but no declared winner.
- Choirs then took over with '*their limitless repertoire of obscenities.*'
- After the circle hashers moved on to the 'grottier parts of KL'. (*Ed: Anybody out there with information on the KL night-life at the time?*)
- The Rex, which had been closed to all non-hashers, was the first stop. (*Ed: The only Rex I can find is a cinema, but they might have had a bar?*)
- As the drinks kicked in the open drains of the city proved a problem, with at least two incidences of hashers falling into them.

- The pack moved on to the Kowloon and finally a hardcore of about 50 hashers, mostly from Penang, reached the Fortuna. *Ed: Anybody with memories of these bars?*

#### *Attending kennels - international*

Washington  
Hong Kong  
Perth  
Jakarta  
Brunei  
Singapore

#### *Attending kennels -Malaysia*

Penang  
Johor Baru  
Lung  
Muar  
Ipoh  
Seremban

#### *Apologies received from*

Durban  
Brisbane  
Taipei  
Bahrain  
Seoul  
Pagan  
Melbourne



376. Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor,  
F. M. S.

## Day 2

- There was no run, but the pack gathered at The Club for what the organisers had anticipated being a quiet curry lunch.

- The Seremban choir soon livened things up and the curry lunch turned into a food fight *'the linoleum floor well laced with curry, beer and shit from hash boots was like a skate rink.'* (Ed: Seremban is a town about 50 kilometres south of KL).

- Singapore and Hong Kong then gave their version of 'Old MacDonald' which *'set a standard of artistry that was difficult to match.'* (Ed: I suspect possible sarcasm here!)

- The Sunday lunch went on till 4pm.

- **There is no suggestion there was any discussion about organizing another international event.**

There does seem to be a feeling that ALL gatherings would ALWAYS be in KL. Given the 5 year time gap it must therefore be questionable as to how much the 1500th Run influenced the staging of the first official Interhash in Hong Kong.



Beer consummation:

Friday 130

Saturday 1048

Sunday 501

**Total 1679**

## *Why the 1500th is so important*

We had our first commemorative t-shirts for an international event and possibly only the third hash t-shirt ever produced.

The Ipoh Relay started the hash tradition of running to big events.

There were the first hash banners

The 'Jakarta Circle' was demonstrated and that was to have a **major** influence on other hashing around the world.

The success of the event would inspire (eventually) the idea of an official Interhash.

# 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 Shenzhen PRC <https://shekouhash.cn>

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS :-)

Bill Wilson

has gone back and forth for many years. I ran weekly with FEH3 from 1993-1996, and numbers during that period were low for periods of time, so thought DC H3 might have a claim as the longest continuously running club in US, but our HON-SEC at the time (Cold Cuts), did an audit of the books, and found no missing runs dating back to 1971 . . . So all in good fun, boys will be boys, they have gone back and forth for decades . . . have not heard so much about it anymore, but I have been away from there for over 20 years now.

### FLYING BOOGER

Shakesprick, I enjoyed the article on Okinawa H3's ongoing trouble with military authorities. It brought back many memories . . . I was there for some of it. Will be writing a blog post on it (which'll link to your magazine), probably today. Keep an eye out for it at <http://pwoodford.net/blog> if you're interested.

On On, Flying Booger

### MONKEY

Yes, many places are facing problems. In Delhi too after some revival, for last almost 2 months we are only doing "unofficial" hashes with barely 5- 6 people attending.

I read about Kolkotta hash. Well, they are hardly a hash. Barely crawl and don't do much of anything, no circle! Old time Delhi hasher *Sonia* is there too; will ask him about it.

Cheers and On On

Monkey

### WINGNUT

*More about OBs*

Colin O'Brien, was a Navy Warrant Officer on retirement, died 01/01/21. He was caretaker at an underwater noise range. A lot of people helped for the 2008 pre-lube - myself included. His living wake had 200+ attending at 'The Postman's Leg' - was the Glenfield Tavern in a previous life.

### IAN CUMMING

We featured Ian Cumming in an earlier issue. Delighted to add this story: 'I first met Ian Cumming when I arrived in Singapore in October 1964 as a fresh faced 21 year old. I was very impressed with his party trick at the Hash Tuesday curry lunch at the Zam Zam or the Eyes and Piles in Northbridge Road ( after the Monday run ). He drank all the left over curry juice as if it were tea !! I heard later that " Doc " Lane treated him for his resulting ulcer.'

### WINGNUT

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

### WI

Ft Eustis was founded in 1971, Bill Panton founded DC Men's H3 6 months later in 1972. The rivalry



# Hash

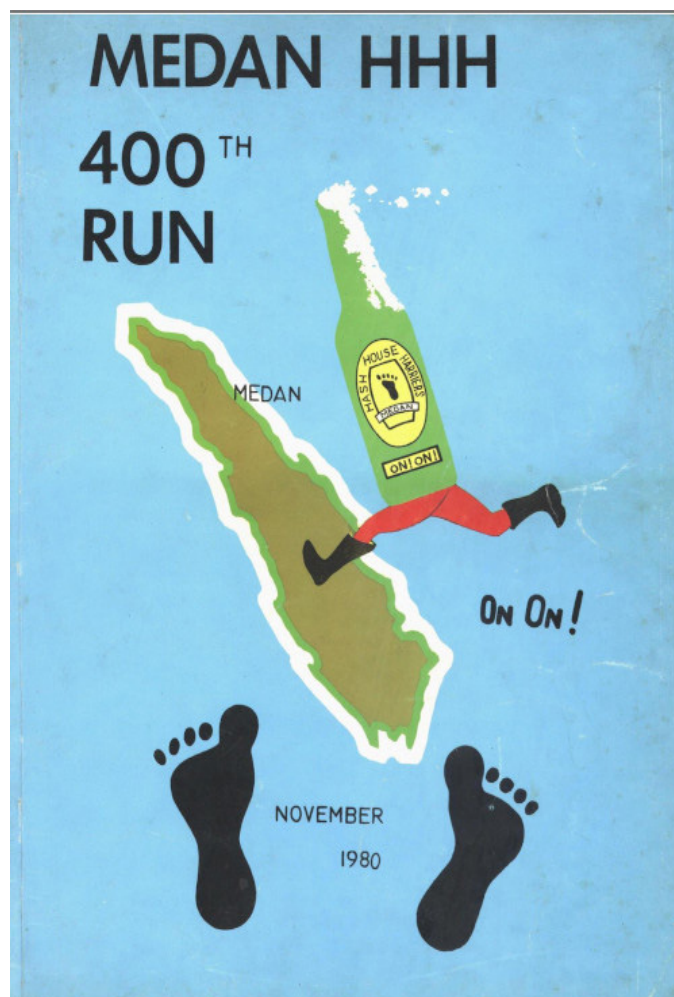
## History

### The Great Kennels

## Medan H3

*Notes taken from the 2003 Anniversary Book*

- Medan is the capital and largest city of the Indonesian province of North Sumatra.
- It was one of the of big centres of the Indonesian oil industry so attracted a large expat community.
- In 1973 a core of guys from the oil industry decided to set up the first Medan Hash. The only one with any previous hash experience was Lindsay *Digger Too Few*, who had run with Jakarta H3. Medan have never been happy with the fact that they'd descend from Jakarta H3, a group they generally look down on!
- At some point **The Swan Pub** became the heart of the hash and this was where the Land Rovers gathered for each Monday run. Sumatra was rich in forests, so short trips took the convoy to excellent run sites. One of the Medan mottos was 'If the hills don't get you the beers will.' River crossings were usually a feature of every run.
- Bintang was adopted as the hash beer - this a big decision in a two beer town. (Anchor was also available).
- Perhaps because nobody really knew what they were doing, the circles took on a unique style. Instead of formal entertainment based around singing that was the case in Jakarta, Medan became an inter-active circle, with all hashers free to step forward to make charges.
- It was agreed the committee should change ever year and the AGM Run became a big event. In 1980 Gary *Wash Peg* Hatfield established the idea that the GM and a few committee members would set a live run, to be stripped naked if caught.



## Lake toba - venue for many anniversary hashes



- Elections were totally undemocratic. I struggled to find details, but believe the outgoing committee simply announced who the new committee would be. (?)
- As the pack grew in size they adopted bibs. The most likely reason was that these had hashers name printed on and them, which allowed the GM to pretend he knew everybody when he was calling people into the circle.
- With many guys on a good oil industry wage, Medan sent a large group to the 1978 Interhash, a tradition that continued for many years.
- The 200th run as staged at Lake Toba, which became another tradition for anniversary runs. It should be noted that with the economy booming sponsors paid for everything from accommodation to beers! The idea of going to Lake Toba is credited to Jim Barefoot Palmer who was later killed in a plane crash.
- The traditions continued to accumulate over the years. At some point *'give us your tired and your weary and we will completely destroy them'* became the recognized motto, while a beer bottle became the logo on the badge.
- When *Tightarse* became GM in 1986 it was a family double as his unmentionable was Grand Mistress of the Harriettes.
- Medan had descended from Jakarta, but got their revenge when hashers posted to head offices in the capital founded Batavia H3. This group copied the Medan tradition, bibs, long interactive circles and great runs.
- *Wobmat* and *Geronimo* were the Batavia founders and many other Medan hashers - *Tightarse*, *Leeky Dick*, *Sheepskin* - joined them over the years.
- There was always a struggle in the circle between the expats and the 'Chinese Mafia' led by lads such as *Lagger*, *Swing Low* and *Swift*.
- The good natured banter became quite strained under the sergeant major style of authority imposed by GM *Rubber Duck*.
- The next GM, *US Aid* Koenig, brought more a genteel approach to the job and there was a feeling for some that this allowed the Chinese contingent to get the upper-hand, with far less discipline being shown in the circle. Some old hands talk of a 'dark period' for the Medan Hash.
- In more recent years the departure of many expats, no longer so welcome in the country, switched the dynamics from 90% expat to 90% local. Medan finally go their first Chinese GM when *Jingle Bells* took the position and the circle became increasingly bi-lingual.

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# Country profiles

## Brunei



Negara Brunei Darussalam, usually just called Brunei, is a sovereign state taking up a small northern corner of the island of Borneo. It is actually divided into two by the Malaysian state of Sarawak but most of the 330,000 inhabitants live in the west. It is an oil wealthy and sport mad little nation with a large, if shrinking, ex-pat community.

The sale of alcohol is banned in Muslim Brunei, but non-Muslims can import a limited amount. Despite that limitation, Hash wise Brunei is a great place to be, with a long tradition, some brilliant jungle terrain and even today a lack of alternative entertainment.

Hashing started thanks to the rebellion of December 1962 when rebels attacked police stations and other institutions around the country. British troops were rushed in from the region, including a contingent from Singapore where there was already a strong hash tradition. By the New Year the rebellion was over and the boys were looking for entertainment, so **Colin Berwick**, supported by '**Pip**' **Furse** and **David Hobby** decided to set a hash.

Posters were put up on all the bases and fliers passed to any civilians they met. A local hardware store had tin mugs, the NAAFI would provide cheap beer and the mortuary was a source of ice. Luckily there had been a big party in the NAAFI the previous Friday where lots of ex-pats had been invited so civilians were well represented on the first run. This was important, for it was already clear the military would soon be heading home and if hashing was to have a future the local ex-pats would have to keep it all going.

Numbers rose rapidly but further unrest, this time stirred up by Indonesia, made jungle runs too dangerous and the kennel closed down some time in 1963.

Hashing restarted in 1965 with packs of 20, the trails being set by two live hares who would buy the

beer all evening if they were caught. These were great days with Brunei having an '*end of the world feel*' and the jungle starting as soon as you left your front door. Mother Hash traditions, a sharp 17:00 start and a very informal circle, were strictly followed. The newsletter was considered a vital part of hashing and it was Brunei H3 who first published a version of the Hash Ten Commandments which has since been copied by virtually very hash trash around the world.

The arrival of the once a week direct flight to London was considered a big event and if a hasher was leaving the pack would gather in the bar to watch the VC10 land and party on until it left. As a result several hashers remember coming off the flight and being taken straight up to the bar to meet the boys. *(Ed: By direct flight we mean you did not have to leave the plane. It would stop in the Gulf to refuel.)*

There was no lack of jungle and over the years the pack saw leopards, cobras, gibbons and the marks left by a bear. A good hash needed careful setting, with 5-6 recces and the chopping down of undergrowth to create paths. Many hashers also carried compasses. One hare famously got lost setting the live trial. He hid in the undergrowth and attached himself to the back of the pack and let them led him out!

After the circle it was 'on food' at a local restaurant or to the Chinese Association Club, although the





hash later got banned from there for throwing food into the fan. Driving home was no problem as the whole place went to bed at ten o'clock and if you were drunk you were advised to put your wheels either side of the white line and let them guide you home.

Although the pack was 90% expat, locals – most likely from a Chinese background – were welcome. Later on, when the circle was becoming more formal, it was **Brunei H3** who invented the Hashshit, a stuffed rabbit on a beer can first awarded on April 28th 1979 to **John Alum** for setting a particularly poor run. Another tradition that grew up over time was throwing cold buckets of water over sinners, something that continued even after a member of the BHC went into shock and nearly died.

Brunei were (and remain) a men only Hash, so in November 1966 **Robert Tiepel** and **Glamour Singh** founded **Brunei Hen House Harriers** 'Where Bums and Boobs Bounce Best'. This was the world's first female hash and the initial announcement read: 'you are invited to party in a 'gentle' walk (all fauna are banned – birds only.)' Six turned up for the first hash, with husbands only allowed to attend if they were there to look after the children. Numbers rose and fell but by September 1973, with membership becoming critical and many of the committee on leave, the kennel went into temporary hibernation.

This lasted till June 1974 when **Peter** and **Pam Gates** helped to resuscitate the Hens. Men were now allowed to play a bigger part and numbers and funds increased. **Brunei Junior Hash House Horrors** followed in 1979 and claim to be the world's first Horror Hash.

In 1976 Hashing spread west to **Kuala Belait** and the **Kuala Belait Harriettes** followed in 1977. Virtually every run was a jungle run and it was not unusual to get people lost over night and not unknown for them to be lost for two nights. (Ed. - does anyway have details?)

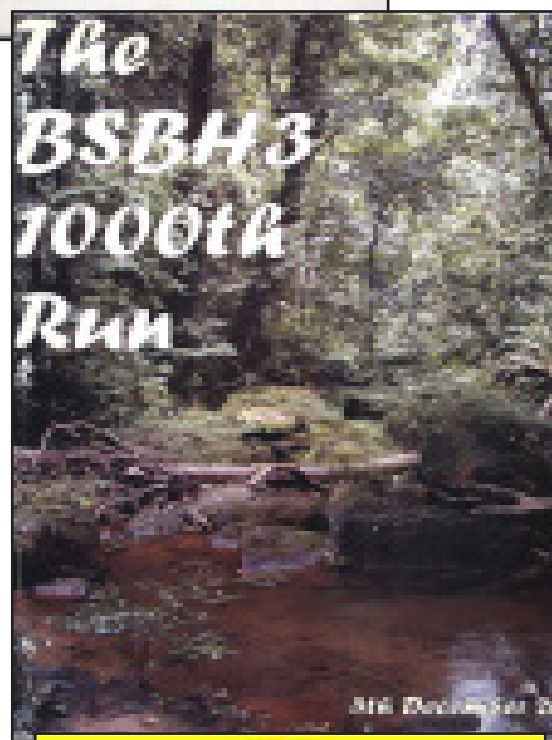
By 1982 there was a list of 80 hashers waiting to join **Brunei H3** and this led to the founding of **Bandar Seri Begawan H3**. For many years the two groups run in 'mutual hostility and unfriendly rivalry'. The new kennel did not take to the idea that, to avoid picking the same run site, they should seek agreement (permission) on where to run. The BH3 1000th run program gave no mention to the new group even though they had set one of the runs! The relationship did not improve until the nineties, when many of the fundamentalists had started to leave the Sultanate.

Segregation led naturally to the forming of the mixed **Hetro Hash** in 1985. **Rice, Bell** and **Croft** are

listed as founders although the main drive seem to have come from **Terrance Bell** who had just arrived from Malaysia. The idea was met with *'either enthusiasm or outrage'* but 60 turned up for the first run so obviously the new kennel met a demand. Running on Friday meant there was no rush to get home early and the group became noted for good jungle runs and fierce circles. Hares might even be symbolically hung for setting a bad trail.

Progress to other parts of Brunei was slower. **Temurong H3** took hashing to the eastern enclave in 1988, but numbers are small and they only run bi-monthly. It was 2002 before the **Labi H3** took Hashing into the interior.

Today Brunei hashes face many of the problems shared elsewhere, including a declining and aging ex-pat population and a firmer attitude to drink driving. A lot of run sites are now built over, but hashing is still pretty good in this part of the world and the Chinese community have stepped in to fill the gap left by departing ex-pats.



## Legends

Founder **Berwick** only managed 3 runs before being posted out of Brunei. He was brought back as guest of honour for the 1900th run in 1999. **Gordon Bent One Benton** was the first Brunei H3 hasher to 100 runs. He famously got lost on a recce and was out in the jungle for two nights. It didn't help that his maid was telling anxious friends that he had left for Singapore! Benton later relocated to Jakarta where he furthered his legendary hash career. **Bill 'Big Bill' Lueckenhausen**, already a veteran of the Jakarta and Singapore Hash scenes, arrived in 1980 and he put in another twenty years of loyal running and drinking with Brunei Hash, during which time he served as both RA and Joint Master. When Big Bill died on trail, in September 2001, it was probably the way he would wish to have gone.

The founder of Bandar Seri Begawan, **John Hughes**, left soon after establishing the kennel and it was **John Strugnell** who, in a 6-year spell as GM, did much to set the tone. The loyalty was remarkable and **Maurice Davidson** completed 808 of the first 1000 runs. **Filth** caused quite a sensation when he deflected from the original hash after 45 years and joined Bandar Seri Begawan. **Commando** is another important figures and was one of the first locals to hold position on the committee, being the Bandar Seri Begawan JM by the time of their 100th run. On the women's side Hens founder **Glamorous Singh** continued to run for several decades. **Pam Gates** was a major factor in getting the Hens restarted and she seldom missed a run, beating Glamour to 200 runs. **James Pussy Whipped Millichip** came to Brunei in 1992, already a veteran of hashing in Saudi. He was filled various committee positions including Hash Horn and Hare Raiser (with KBH4) and GM and Hash Piss of the men's KBH3. He was also involved in the organizing of the first Brunei Nash Hash.

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