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The History Magazine of the Hash House Harriers



News

USA

In what is probably a first, the hash house harriers have been held up as a shining example! District Ranger Pancho Smith called a press conference to denounce the large arrows that had been painted onto rocks along a trail leading to Arlington Peak (California). He went as far as to describe this as a criminal act. He pointed out that there are other biodegradable ways to mark a trail and suggested hikers follow the example of *"a group out there called the Hash House Harriers and what they do is they mark with flour on the ground."*

Houston H4 have once again had their AGM run set by the outgoing committee. *Geek* suggested just throwing the bag of ballots into the air, and the ballot that made it the furthest would declare the new mismanagement. However, he was overruled! (*Ed: A shame, it seemed a good idea to me!*) After the ballots were tallied, *Butt Pirate* announced the new mismanagement for the upcoming year:

Joint Master: McPisser & Parson's Nose

Hash Cash: Tap dat Ass & Spin Cycle

On-Sec: Easy to Please & Old Faithful

RA: Rain Bitch & Horsefli Drive-bi

People in the Illinois town of Peoria have been amused by a local jogger who runs in a Thor

outfit. According to the local paper that means *'Flowing tresses, billowing cape, oversized hammer.'* The Thor look alike, Chris McGovern, was quoted as saying, *"I love making someone's day, especially during COVID."*

Chris is a Peoria biology technician. Question. Is he a member of Peoria H3? Of course he is!

Ed: I had never heard of this group but they have 170 hashes to their credit.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh men's hash, **The Night Runners of Bengal**, have moved from their traditional Monday spot to the weekend. The ever more horrendous traffic had made a midweek meeting difficult for anybody working. So far the move has worked well, with packs increasing to around 15. Run 2360 saw *Sir Truck Yanker* complete his 600th run.

However, in the middle of April the government imposed strict new lockdown measurements and the Men's hash went into hibernation. For the time being the Mixed hash continued with solo runs around a marked trail.

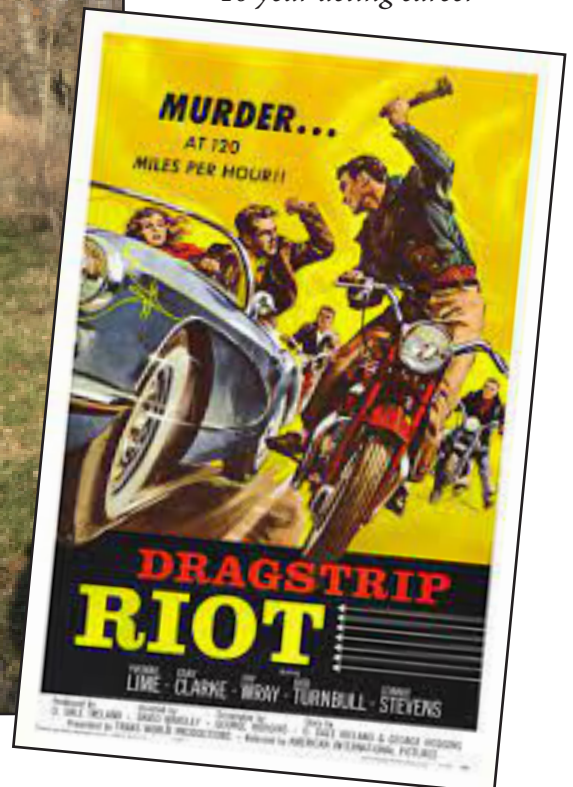
Philippines

Howard Mckay posted a fascinating article on Facebook. It referred to 87 year old *Barry Truex*, who apparently hangs out in the *Barbarinos* bar. Howard informed readers that this grand old man



*Thor look alike
and hasher Chris
McGovern*

*Dragstrip Riot, one of the
movies Barry Truex appeared
in during his
10 year acting career*



was the son of Ernest Truex, who enjoyed a long and distinguished acting career that started in the silent movie era and went on to TV shows in the 1950s. Barry himself spent 10 years acting during the 1950s and at one time shared an apartment with Steve McQueen while they were both starting out in the entertainment business. Barry was a good runner and hashed with Angeles City in their early days.

Brazil

Brasilia H3 staged a successful Red Dress Hash and are working on a new website 'Brasilia 4 Dummies'. *'Once the platform is ready we will make it available to all the different kennels so they can build their own version'.*

UK/UAE

A new hash, called the **Desert Deserters**, is about to break onto the UK scene. *'The target membership will be UK expats who have spent time in the Gulf as members of hashes and are not finding hashing after their return to Blighty particularly satisfying'.* The intention is to set up as a loosely coordinated group of members who will take turns at organising Saturday runs in their own particular location. *'As soon as the website is up and running we will start to spread the word through Facebook, so watch this space.....'*

Ed: On On Magazine will cover the first run. The founding community is a who's who of Arabian hashers -SMT, Arse Viper, Anysucker, Compressed Fart and Vomit.

Kenya

Thunder Thighs informs me that, 'currently our Hash is on a government enforced sabbatical owing to the third wave. Hopefully the government will lift the ban soonest and allow natives to participate in social, and perhaps sexual, intercourse'.

Netherlands

There is a new Netherlands hash. **Brabant H3** was founded in March 2020. It covers the Eindhoven/Den Bosch/Tilburg area. Subject to COVID, they run on the last weekend of every month.

Hong Kong

Hashing in HK is still operating around social distancing rules. The runs are undertaken in small socially distanced groups, with only **Wanchai H3** remaining suspended. March 29th will see a new Hong Kong hash starting up, with a **Full Moon H3**



Horse's Arse on an Edmonton H3 Run



Shakes with Sir Truck Yanker on his 600th run with the Night Runners of Bengal

founded by Mike Moonie Jones. *'This new monthly hash will run according to the big yellow thing's movements, some dates/days will merge with the hash chapter on that day (hopefully!).'*

Canada

Dribble Dick (see this months A to Z pages) writes: *'in 2004, I started a new hash: the Eclipse Hash that runs only during lunar and solar eclipses. We're currently planning Eclipse Run #14 for 4:45am on May 26/2021.*

Edmonton H3 are up and running and are in this strange period when the snows have passed, but the beautiful colours of spring have yet to arrive.

Vietnam

Hashing is back and **Saigon H3** had a triple celebration with **Fuckoffee** turning 50 for the third time; **Paddy Fag** having his third (turd) 21st birthday and also celebrating 20 years of hashing on the Saigon Hash. *'The hash will go by a river, through shaded pathways, past crocodiles, paddy fields, and canals'.*

Tanzania

Dar es Salaam H4 runs are currently suspended. *'We were going to resume distanced runs this week but country now in national mourning for next few weeks. Watch this space.'*

Ed: This due to the death of the President. Back in 1999, when the country was in mourning for President Nyerere, I set a two hour hash/treasure hunt around a medium sized garden!

Egypt

Cairo H3 are up and running with a walk/run that involved hiring a felucca to cruise on the Nile.

Back copies can now be downloaded from
bit.ly/OnOnHashHistory

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

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

England

Bristol H3 is the latest hash to attract attention by marking a trail with flour. **BristolLive** reported that *'piles of flour-like dust have left Bristol walkers bewildered after spotting suspicious white powder across the city'*. Several people came forward to say they had spotted such marks before. One witness said they *'had to 'drag' their dog away from sniffing a spot underneath a motorway out of fear the powder could be dangerous'*. Another more relaxed walker said her Whippets often enjoyed *'a bit of joggers powder'*. The report identified the marks as being linked to Bristol Hash House Harriers and gave readers a quick summary of what hashing was all about. It might even increase membership!

Nigeria

The **Lagos H3** erection run combined with a 42nd anniversary weekend with **Apapa H3** and **Surulere H3**, the first time THREE Hash Houses had held a joint handover. The venue was Cynergy Suites and 88 turned up. Surulere H3 handled registration and Lagos H3 gave free t-shirts to the first 40 registrants.

Lagos H3 erection was at the pool at 3pm and after the run the huge circle was a grand affair; with Ikeja H3, Semper H3, Apapa H3 and Surulere H3 announcing their new mismanagement teams. Lagos H3 cut their 42nd Birthday cake and their outgoing LH3 GM, Star Lady was presented with a GM jacket by the new GM, Peacemaker. Sunday saw the Hangover Run and then it was ON ON OUT!!

Front Cover

Our front cover shows **Sperm Whale**, (Banjul H3, Cambridge H3, Desert & Creek Hash, Beijing H3, Silk Road Hash (founder), Bali 2 Hash, Manila Mixed & Manila Men's Hashes, Chengdu Panda Hash (founder), Taichung H3, Houston H3, London Hashes, Cambridge H3, FUKFM hash, Indonostalgia H3.

'Now returned to his roots up north. Have no regular hash yet, but have run with Newcastle, happy Scarborough & York Hashes'.



Happy birthday to
Turkish hash legend
Wicked Willy

Edmund Ross Sawelle

Ross gained a Bachelor of Science in Geology and then spent twenty-nine years with Mobil Oil, starting as an intern in Venezuela. He retired and then re-entered the work force as the Country Director for the International Executive Service Corps. This added Jordan, Morocco and Hungary to the impressive list of countries where he had worked. He was 84 when he joined the Bahrain Black Hash House Harriers, where he was known as *The G-father*.

Ed: I could not work out if G-Father had hashed earlier in his career?

Richard Gaylick Gale

The Barnes H3 Facebook page passed on the news of the passing of Richard Gale aka *Gaylick*. He was not a regular hasher, but for 12 years had joined their January ski hash.

'Many a mountain skied together, many a tale told of his life as a Cold War RAF bomber pilot, many an evening entertainment shared with much hilarity. His patriotic BA ski suit is much missed!'

*Beautiful eulogies received from our gang.
On On Gaylick to blue skies yonder, RIP faithful hound.*



William Betty

Will studied biology at the University of Delaware. He played soccer, golfed, loved paddle boarding, hiking, and *'driving fast, with the music he loved so much loudly pumping'*. He was also an enthusiastic hash house harrier.

Will suffered a serious neck injury while diving and he died far too young at just 38. *'We will always remember William as the brightest, most vivid light, whom everyone was drawn to for his gregarious, sweet, and witty demeanor. While often quiet, Will was generous with his joy, his smile and his uniquely sensitive spirit. The ripples of his life will leave those of us they touched forever blessed'*.

Kent Hill Sabin

Kent Hill Sabin passed away peacefully in February at the age of 84. He grew up in Mansfield, Massachusetts and graduated from Brown University in 1957, later adding a master's degree in electrical engineering from New York University.

He married Susie Petersen in 1962 and they became world travellers.

Kent became a serious runner in 1977 and completed 50 marathons. His longest race was 100k (62 miles) and his personal best marathon was 2:50. Kent was a member of the Jersey Shore Running Club and a founding member of the Rumson chapter of the Hash House Harriers.

Based on a report in The Two River Times.



Hash History

The Hash has problems with the authorities by Debbie

Intergulf 1988

●Thursday afternoon at the Chicago Beach Hotel and hundreds of hashers gather for a weekend of fun. Then the police arrive and arrest the Desert Hash committee!

●It would have made a wonderful opening skit to the Hash acts, but this was for real.

●After arresting the committee the police took away all the Hash Mags piled in the lobby and the hash started to realize that the problem might be all those tits and bums inside their fine publication.

●As it turned out the body parts were only part of the problem. The other problem was printing without permission from the Ministry of Information and Culture.

●We would have escaped the attention of censorship and police if Hash Cash had not come up with a way of saving money. *'Hey guys. I have just had a great idea. The 450th run is the Sunday before the Intergulf which we are hosting. Why not use the same magazine for both events. We can save almost \$5- in addition to the \$5,000 which will go into my 'Retire in Asia at 40'*

Gulf InterHash

A regional gathering of Middle Eastern Hashers which is the oldest such event in the world. Several countries in the region, notably Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, would have trouble staging the event due to alcohol and immigration restriction but in 1997 Kuwait volunteered to host the event in Al Ain and in 1998 Saudi hosted in Bahrain.

1979	Qatar
1982	Qatar
1986	Qatar
1995	Qatar
1996	Bahrain
1997	UAE (Al Ain) hosted by Kuwait
1998	Bahrain hosted by Saudi
1999	Oman
2000	UAE (Abu Dhabi)
2001	Qatar
2003	UAE (Dubai)
2004	Oman (Jebels)
2005	UAE (Dubai)
2007	Oman
2013	UAE (Dubai) camping
2015	Bahrain
2016	Oman (Muscat)
2017	
2018	Abu Dhabi
2019	Dubai
2020	Bahrain



Chicago Beach Hotel

The Chicago Beach Hotel has been demolished now, but it was the centre of ex-pat life in the 1970's and on into the early 1990's.

It was a giant building, with 615 rooms and a private beach. It's all inclusive packages were the forerunner of what many other Dubai Hotels would promote in the new Millennium.

A new hotel in the neighbourhood was originally to be called the "new" Chicago Beach Hotel, but Sheikh Mohammed decided this hotel would be named *Burj Al Arab*. The Chicago Beach Hotel was demolished and the name Chicago Beach faded from memory!

fund. And if we go to Quickprint they will print it on the quiet without having to send for prior permission to publish. And that means another \$5,000 into Hash Cash 'Retire in Asia' fund'.

●One of these two ideas might have worked. Put both ideas together *and* have the Mags delivered to the hotel lobby a few days earlier than expected and problems were very likely to occur. Families wandered past the piles of magazines. Kids picked them up and said 'Mummy, Mummy what are all these tits and bums in this newspaper? Teenagers picked them up and took them to their bedrooms. Fathers picked them up and said to wives 'she looks better than you'. Police picked them up and thought the Ministry of Information and Culture must have been sleeping to let this lot go through. The Ministry of Information and Culture thought 'we will all be out of a job if people can see what they like'.

●Even then our heroes might have escaped if the 'well organized Mismanagement' (oxymoron – or just morons!) had not put the time table of the Inter-

gulf program in the Mag. This included the fact that the offending group would gather in the Lobby of the Chicago Beach Hotel at 3pm. After some first class detective work, the police turned up in the Lobby at 3pm and arrested the committee! The offending hashers were carted off to police cells for the weekend to appear in court on Saturday.

●The story has some happy endings and some not so great. The locals on the Hash phoned the Chief of Police, who let the committee out of jail to come to the InterHash. The Hash editor was fined \$100, the Hash fined another \$100, Quickprint were fined \$200. Hash Cash had to put off his retirement and the Chicago Beach Hotel was demolished. (Ed: not because of the hash!)

●The following year the mismanagement sent a 64 page draft of that years Mag to the Ministry of Information and Culture. They received permission to print 8 pages. This time the Desert hash printed and discreetly distributed a slimmer 500th Hash Mag- plus a 'supplement' of 56 pages.

The official reply from the Ministry of Information and Cultural giving their views on the Hash Year Book.

Dear sir

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Best Regards

In the name of God the Compassionate the Merciful.

United Arab Emirates
Ministry of Information & Culture
Department of Information for Northern Emirates.
P.O.Box 5053 Dubai.

Ref: AASH1454 Date: 16/9/09

Mr. Harry, Desert Hash House Harriers, Dubai.

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Best regards,

Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information & Culture
for the Northern Emirates.

Hashers

A to Z

Letter **D** —————

Dickspeare

Lost Lakes H3 (Iraq)

Co-founder of Lost Lakes, a military hash in Iraq.

Dick Van Wrinkle

David Dixon

Fort Lee H3 (USA)

Dick Van Wrinkle started hashing with the **Tidewater H3** (Virginia Beach, Virginia) in the late 90s. He went on to found **Fort Lee H3** (Petersburg, Virginia) in May of 2000. Or so he thought! To his surprise, he later discovered that there had already been a Fort Lee H3 founded by *Greasy Nuts* in March 1993. DVW branded Fort Lee H3 as the “Hash of One” after the US Army slogan “Army of One” and on occasions he would show up alone, set trail, run trail, sing a song, and give himself a down-down. DVW left Fort Lee around 2003. He went on to co-found the **Lost Lakes H3** in Iraq.

Digit

Eric McGaw

World Hasher

Eric *Digit* McGaw started hashing in Brunei with Kuala Belait in 1980. As he worked offshore he only managed a handful of runs, but it meant when posted to Manila, and hearing a squash partner mention ‘hashing’, he knew what it was all about and went along. He spent eight years in Manila and although rowing was his first love he started to build up what was to become a legendary hash career. He was often scribe, became a regular roving correspondent for Magic’s ‘Harrier International’ and served on the 1990 ‘Thriller in Manila’ InterHash committee. Although he had actually left the Philippines before the event took place, he travelled back to help out and to set a trail.

On arriving in Hyderabad in 1989 *Digit* immediately set about founding a kennel, the 7-8 month delay between conception and the first run being due to a problem finding t-shirts. *Digit* hashed in India for the next decade and a half, during which time he



Dick Van Wrinkle



The one and only Digit

became one of only two hashers to attend every Indian Nash Hash. He was also a regular at InterHash, including being register #2 for Rotorua.

Digit did not think up the idea of bringing InterHash to India, but he led the presentation and went on to become chairman. Indeed, few InterHash chairs have imposed themselves on an event as much as *Digit* did in Goa. *Digit* was head of a extended hash family (wife, sons, daughters, brother and dog). To general surprise he left India for the Middle East and then Ghana. *Digit* passed away in 2016. *On on to a great hasher.*

(The name, by the way, comes from losing one by falling off an Indian train en route to a hash).

Diger Too

Lindsey Few

Medan H3 (Indonesia)

Was **Medan H3**'s first GM and helped to get the Harriets started.

Ed: Can anybody tell us a little more about Diger Too?

Dildo Dan

Dan Smith

Doha Nightcrawlers (Qatar)

Dildo was introduced to hashing in Dar es Salaam in 1999. He made a major contribution to this golden period of Tanzanian hashing with his enthusiasm, simple nature (proof of this being that his second hobby in life, after hashing, is supporting the mighty Chester City FC) and intriguing love life. His work as a road engineer enabled several weekend events to take place at the SkanPihl Colas Road Camp. These included a legendary joint run with the local Maa-sai village, featuring flooded rivers, a check in the middle of a cow pen and down-downs of warm cow blood mixed with milk.

Dildo moved on, helping to found the **Curacao Monday Hash (CuM H3)**. He is immensely proud of setting the first hash through the 200 girl Campo Alegre brothel village. There were also hash spells with **Yaounde H3** and **Jamaica H3** and more recently the Middle East, (Bahrain and Qatar) where he has been a central figure on the **Doha H3** and the **Doha Nightcrawlers**. *Dildo* can claim to be possibly the most arrested hasher in history, having been detained by police while setting trails in Tanzania, Cameroun, Bahrain and Qatar (twice).

Dingbat

Duncan Kirby

Desert H3/ Nicosia H4 (UAE/Cyprus)

Duncan's introduction to hashing came in 1981 when, as a gullible young lad new to the expat life, he

was asked to set the first ever Baghdad run. Thinking it would be easy, he started to place strips of toilet paper in trees. What he hadn't foreseen of was that toilet paper at that time was a luxury item generally not available in the shops, and by the time the run started it had mostly been gathered up by grateful farmers. It was a disastrous start to a most distinguished hash career.

Having met and married *Pearly Dingballs* in Baghdad, *Dingbat* has based himself in his wife's native Cyprus, where he was joint founder of the **Nicosia Horrible Hash House Harriers**. A spell in Oman was unproductive hash wise, with work hours limiting his ability to run, but a posting to Lebanon proved more promising. The country was just recovering from years of troubles and Duncan was able to run with the **Greater Beirut H3** before that kennel split into two rival groups. Other spells included four years working and hashing in Athens (where he was working on a new airport) and Jordan. Around the time of the 1996 Cyprus Interhash he acquired the hash name *Dingbat Chubby* after receiving a letter 'from the President of Cyprus' congratulating him on completing his 150th NH4 run. However, as he moved around the world Duncan has quietly dropped the *Chubby* and is now universally known as *Dingbat*. A stocky lad, he was a good rugby player, even representing Cyprus once, and later on a keen cyclist quite regularly going out for a 100 kilometre jaunt before breakfast. In recent years work has increasingly focused on the UAE, where *Dingbat* has been a long term member of the Dubai hash scene. He is now based in Abu Dhabi. He is a good song master and an excellent RA when called upon.

Ding Dong

Chris Bell

Madrid H3 (Spain)

Was a huge personality on the Madrid hash in the 80s and early 90s, and was noted for setting long runs. He acted as RA, Dray and MOM (Master of Music), at the time when this was considered a crucial position. *Ding Dong* was a driving force behind **Madrid H3** organising the Eurohash in 1993 and was thereafter known as *EuroDong*. He left for Brunei in 1995, where he lived for many years. Chris had struggled after suffering a stroke a few years ago, and died in 2015. *On On Chris*

Dingles

Stewart Ingles

Canberra H3 (Australia)

Dingles started hashing with **Cooma H3** in 1976. His work as a public servant took him to Canberra in

1979 and he has been turning out with **Canberra H3** ever since. A knee injury now limits him to walking and short cutting.

Dingo

John Brigatti

Hamersley H3 (Australia)

Completed 1100 runs in 30 years of hashing with **Hamersley H3**. First joined the committee as Joint Master in 1989 and continued to serve until 2001. Was GM from 1993-94. A noted drinker, his worse hash moment was described in the Hamersley year-book as *'every Tuesday morning'*.

Dirty Old Man

Ulf Burmeister

Helsinki H3 (Finland)

When Ulf Burmeister arrived in Finland in 1977 he was already a hash veteran with a CV that included **Singapore, Washington D.C. and New York H3**. He started **Helsinki H3**, making it one of the oldest kennels in Europe.

Dirty Old Men

Kim Hughes-Hallett

Mijas H3 (Spain)

Kim was brought up on the **Mijas H3** by her parents El Porteño and Manuela, *'looking on with joyous fascination as Hashing chaos unfolded around her'*. Kim got her name one Hash when she found herself walking with Ash and El Porteño, who were in deep discussion about the attributes of certain Harriettes. After some time listening, she was heard to mutter *'dirty old men'*. *Dirty Old Men* was never much of a runner, but very much enjoyed the other side of Hashing. She eventually ended up working at the Hash watering hole, Larry's Bar. It was with huge sadness that Kim lost her fight against cancer in January 2012. *'She has left a huge void and is greatly missed, but her laughter and her beautiful smile will last forever'*. On on *Dirty Old Men*

Disco Wanker

Steve Charles

Bali H3 (Indonesia)

Although born in Wales, *Discowanker* has lived in Bali since 1993. He started hashing the year he arrived and served as GM and RA for over 16 years. He was co-founder of the Pan Asia Hash and Vice Chairman of the 2012 Borobudur and the 2016 Bali Interhashes.



Disneyland

Steve Ordell

Mexico City H3

Steve was a central figure on the **Mexico City H3** during the early nineties when he was noted for being the only high ranking diplomat to drive a Volkswagen beetle taxi. He later retired to Tequisquiapan, a delightful village which the Mexico City Hash regularly visited for weekend runs.

Doctor Feelsgood

Douglas Sims

Heidelberg H3 (Germany)

In an interview Douglas Sims claimed to have turned to a career in the U.S. Army because, *"I had no money to go to school. I came from a fairly poor background, and the opportunity to go to West Point arose."* He graduated from West Point in 1966 and left for Vietnam soon after. Assignments in Wurzburg and Washington D.C. followed. He was a keen motorcyclist and a member of the **Heidelberg H3**, where he clocked up 460 runs, which was a hundred more than anybody else at the time.

Doctor Gonads

Daniel Salchow

New Haven H3 (USA)

Daniel Salchow, a distinguished ophthalmologist, was already a veteran hasher when he took a job in New Heaven, Connecticut. Soon after he arrived *Dr. Gonads* set off to lay a hash trail with the help of his sister Dorothee, who was visiting from Hamburg. Having laid the trail they noticed officials in hazmat

suits inspecting the flour laid across the car park of the local IKEA store. Daniel tried to defuse the situation, explaining it was just flour and offering to sweep it up. Although it was quickly obvious that there was no public danger, officials stubbornly pursued the matter. Both City and State prepared to file charges and City Police tried to claim \$4,100 in costs. *'They acted irresponsibly in doing something they knew could have instilled fear,'* defended the Mayor's office. The case dragged on for some time before a settlement was reached.

Dr Diddle

David Checker

Edmonton H3 (Canada)

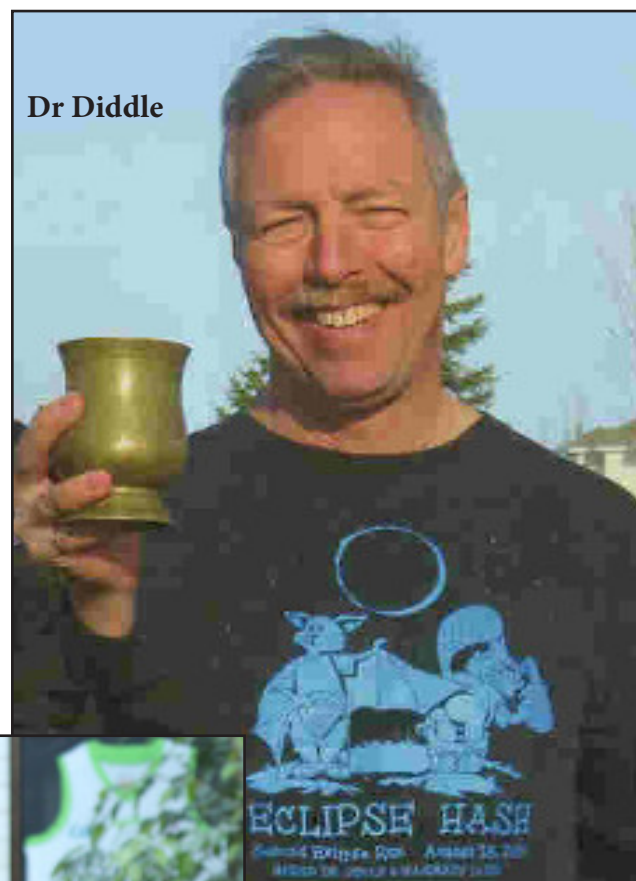
David was drinking in The Fort Saint George pub in England when he met the newly formed **Cambridge H3** who were out on a social evening. The next morning (despite a serious hangover) he pedalled about 10 miles to take part in their 4th hash. He was instantly hooked and became a Cambridge H3 regular. He then moved to Edmonton (Canada) where there was no hash at the time. In 1988 he returned to Cambridge H3, *'I think I was just over 100 runs there'*. By the time he returned to Canada, **Edmonton H3** had been founded and he joined them on their fifth run on October 7, 1991. He has now run over 1000 runs with them and has mis-managed each of the several other Edmonton kennels: Old Strathcona, Full Moon, B.U.M., Intredible Walking, Snowshoe, Bash, etc. 1995 was spent in Singapore and he ran

with each of the hashes there, including 50 plus runs with **Lion City Hash**. Singapore was a great base for hash travels, which included a run with Mother Hash. He once set a Hash run in the British Virgin Islands, just 2 hours after landing. In 2004, Dribble started the **Eclipse Hash** that runs only during lunar and solar eclipses.

Dodgson John

Mother Hash (Malaysia)

Was joint-master of Mother Hash in 2014.



Dr Diddle

Dingbat with Pearly Dingballs



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have great pleasure in congratulating you

..... DUNKA KIBBLEY

on completing your 150th hash. It is a sad situation that our cousins from the North are not free to hash with us to celebrate your achievement. Let us hope that when you

.... DINGBAT CHUBBY complete your next 150 hashes it will be in a unified Cyprus where both Turkish and Greek hashers can hash in unison over all of our island

F. Bumbler

(P.S. The British ones can piss off).

Hash Legend

Gordon Bent One Benton

“Perhaps it was selectively elitist, more probably I was preoccupied with my job, I do not recall hearing anything about the Hash whilst working in KL (1963-1965) and during my short appointment in Singapore before I fled HQ for the wilds of Borneo. It was only in Jesselton, one Monday evening in late 1965, soon after I arrived, that I found myself in vest, shorts and new running shoes on the edge of some buffalo pasture. It could have been that my enthusiasm for the game of rugby had me introduced to the noble sport of Cross Country floundering, or Hashing as I understood it was named.

Hashing in what is now called Sabah is quite the best. Its hills, shiggy, rickety bridges, patches of jungle, rivers, beaches, and friendly citizens, all together helped to make each run, as I recall, a very pleasant way to achieve a modicum of fitness, see the country and importantly, meet fellow athletes (?). I soon moved to Brunei Town with two schools to build. The Hash had recently recommenced now that Konfrontasi (war with Indonesia) was over. Run numberings were altered imperceptibly whilst I was editor of the Hash Newsletter to include the first 40 odd runs held 1962-63. Again, Brunei had great territory for hashing, lots of jungle, hares having to cut rentaces with pangas, and getting lost. Malcolm ‘Smash’ Smithson I recall got lost laying a trail, and prudently decided it best to hide prone the deep undergrowth until the pack came up his trail, found him and follow it out.

I was the idiot that got lost for 24 hours [not 2 days!] in the jungle on the opposite side of Jalan Muara just past the (then called) Sekolah Menengah Melayu, which I was having built with my Building Trades’ School alongside. There were 2 party functions that Saturday evening, and I was not missed as I was thought to be at “the other one”. I learned a great deal whilst lost; jungle trees have no low branches, so climbing to see where I was, was impossible, the sun is invisible, “follow a river downstream to get out” was impossible as the bottom of the valleys are the most fertile areas making the river route is impassable, (intelligent deer and wild pigs made paths on

ridges for that very reason), and that deciding to run out in the direction of heavy traffic noise at 5 am – in Brunei in 1967 – was on reflection dumb, as when I found myself under half a dozen, one meter high hornet nests hanging from some trees, making ‘traffic’ humming noises, suddenly my next decision was to go backwards at high speed to a nearby stream, sure that they would come howling after me. In the event they didn’t, and it was a barking dog late in the afternoon that gave me the route out. Sleeping out in the jungle in shorts and vest in torrential rain is unforgettable.

We invented then the Hash Rules, (“Don’t pass anyone who thinks he is running”), formed an on-on circle, drank iced beer from a zinc bath using tin mugs, (the freezing contents of the former being discharged over the hares of a particularly rubbishy run), someone created a trophy of a toy rabbit (hare?) fixed to an empty beer tin called the “Hashit” to be awarded to hares of joyless runs, and as the first hasher to have 100 runs under my belt, I award myself the first ever recipient of the “Hash Hectocourier” mug.

In 1969, our client, the Sultan, with all his money stacked in London, not unnaturally panicked when the pound sterling crashed. My Schools’ design work stopped, so, now a bachelor again (not as a consequence!), my office sent me to Jakarta. There Jeremy Pigeon and I started Indonesia’s first H3 on Jalan Telesonic in Kemang, then in the midst of a banana plantation, again in wonderful running country, now of course well inside the city. JH3 has continued through huge adversaries in recent years due largely the exponential growth of traffic making it very difficult to get out of the City to a run in under 2 hours. But hashing has now prospered and spread all over the archipelago.

Over the ‘80s, I went to Singapore and joined the Hash there, and went to the Himalayas on one of its many expeditions to those extraordinary mountains. Very enjoyable times with good friends. I remarried another Scottish Patricia (as it happened) there and I managed to add two more daughters to my older two, when I got fired. I continued hashing

A true hash legend!

- Born and raised in Kuala Lumpur, but in those days preferred rugby to hashing.
- Started his hash career in 1965 in Sabah.
- Was transferred to Jakarta in 1969.
- **Founded Jakarta H3** with his friend Jeremy *Burong* Pidgeon (22nd March 1971).
- Was founder of the annual Highland Games, a major event on the Jakarta social calendar. This included a 10km road race.



in Singapore for another few years and a fellow hasher had me back in Jakarta in 1988, helping him out. This shortly turned into a full-time job and a year after that, I opened an architectural and planning office on very dodgy visa status: in fact, I didn't exist. Close on 60 years old, I was on a hash run, and at the on-on, now positioning myself at the back of the ring out of harms' way, I found myself next an American of the avian variety, a rare visitor to JH3, and, understanding I was an architect, she mentioned that her husband was handling an international competition for a new settlement some 25 km down the Muara toll. Very briefly, I contacted the gentleman, was invited to enter the competition, and won it: the now quite well-known Lippo Village Karawaci is the result. Winning the competition in large part was, incredibly, due to the Hash again. For on this site, which being a local hasher I knew well, I had drawn in across the plan the formidable cross-Java gas pipe-line ("if lost, the way home") and yet-to-be-built overhead high-tension electric cables. Without this knowledge, all other competitors were essentially disqualified since their plans couldn't be built! There was life after 60!

Twenty-one years later, in 2008, I retired from the Company after setting up the management of the township, a settlement now with a resident

population of over 50,000, with up to 250,000 transients daily visiting the schools, university, hospital, hotel and supermarkets. Who knew the H3 origins? With several monthly visits from Scotland thereafter, I managed to visit the JH3 from time to time and KL for one of its celebrations. This damnable Covid-19 pandemic has stopped me flying to my New Town projects in Indonesia and New Zealand, and now in my 90th year, whilst not impossible, visiting these sites other than through Zoom, is getting by the day more unlikely. I live today with my wife Trisha, in a very quiet village, Newburgh in the north-East of Scotland, close to the Forvie Nature Reserve, and with daily walks, weather-permitting visits to the local mountains and with a largish garden, I manage to keep fit – enough for a couple hundred yards' trot, at least! "

That's the story; far too long, I realise, but pick out of that what you want. Maybe there is something of interest there. I have forgotten quite a bit, but if you do have any questions, I will rake my brain-cells to see if I have an answer for you. Wishing you all the best in these difficult times,

On-On,
Gordon ('Bent-One') Benton.



Gordon *Bent One* Benton writes about the founding of Jakarta H3

A HASH NOTE OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE (perhaps).

I first must apologise that memories of half a century ago of this significant historical event is somewhat dimmed. I write of course on the founding of the Hash House Harrier cult on the sunny isles of Indonesia on Monday, March 22 in 1971, exactly, to the day, on this hour, fifty years ago.

Indonesia's first President Soekarno, to give his preferred spelling, had just died: President Suharto had ousted him 4 years previously, and ruled for a further 27 years. Although the Hash prospered in these early years, and everybody we knew ran on the hash, he never did, as far as we knew. But it didn't take many runs before young, unknown, shaved headed Indonesians turned up and ran with us, surely sent to see what these crazy bules were up to. The Dutch had not long gone in the minds of the kampung dwellers, and they were alarmed that the Belanders had returned. It became necessary for hares to visit the local lurah to explain the need for these, what they saw as idiots to have exercise, omitting to mention of course, the resulting problem of dire thirst.

In those days, the runners were all expats, many exiles or otherwise expelled, layabout refugees from other Hash countries, all who of course, annoyingly, knew exactly how a hash was run. But it took Jeremy Pigeon and myself, freshly out of North Borneo and the Sultanate of Brunei respectively, whilst hanging about, waiting for visas to be legally here, to set up a run 50m into Jalan Telesonic (now named rather prosaically, Jalan Kemang Selatan 5) in front of the Chartered Bank Manager's home, from his guest house where I stayed.

Then the area was largely a banana estate, with secondary jungle beyond. It took 10 minutes to reach this site from Jalan M H Thamrin offices. Most had yet to have drivers, as I recall, or indeed cars; some came by taxi or given lifts by co-hashers. Fourteen turned up for this first run. It was a beginning. Drunken driving was yet to be a crime.

It also was too early, and imprudent to set regulations at the beginning, but the Brunei rules (such as "you do not pass a hasher who thinks he is running", "you do not step in another hasher's footprints until he has left them" and "this is not a bloody race; it's not the effing Olympic Games") were discussed, not understood, and ignored: it is said that it only takes half a brain to be a hasher.

SCBs were notoriously prevalent even then, and much scorned and given the hash-circle, hilarious beer-dousing treatment. This was an awful waste of beer, when you think of it. I do not recall which beverage was chosen, Anchor or more probably Bintang, but no matter, after 40 minutes sweating round, in this case, a clockwise circuit, anything would do. One on that day brought his own gin and tonic, no doubt suspicious of the local product, but certainly a class act.

And from this brave, pioneering venture half-way up a lane in a plantation outside sleepy Jakarta, today there must be a hundred hashes throughout Indonesia, each running in its own particular way. On behalf of the late Jeremy, and myself, may I offer you, probably all now legally resident in Indonesia and many of you long-time, aged old farts, and now indeed to you fellow Indonesians ...

Greetings from Scotland ... and wishing you continued glorious hashing in this beautiful country, with its incredibly welcoming, friendly citizens.

On On, and onto the next half-century.
Gordon (Bent-One) Benton

Hash Songs

Perth Harriettes

To the tune of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary..."

Who wants to see a miracle?
We're the Perth Harriettes
For looks and class,
we're unbelievable!
We're the true blue Harriettes,
On On On!
Come along and join us in our song.
You know our Boobs Bounce Best.
So it's On On On
when we are hashing
we're the Perth Harriettes
On On!!!

Darwin Harriettes

We are Darwin Harriettes
Our history we will never forget
We are the best here up top
We can't run, but just watch us twat.

We are the Darwin Harriettes
We go hashing in the Dry & the Wet
We love a drink and we walk you bet!
ON ON Darwin Harriettes.
ON! ON!

Hash History

The Tasmanian InterHash bus crash

I found this article in *The Mercury*, a Hobart newspaper. The article was dated February 10, 2000

Smash fails to stop big Hash bash By Colin Chung

Organisers of Tasmania's massive international Hash House Harriers event have been devastated by a road accident that has left almost half its committee in hospital.

About 4500 harriers from 66 countries will descend on the state for Interhash 2000 which begins on February 25.

But a 12-seater van carrying seven Hash committee members overturned near Oatlands on Tuesday, throwing plans into disarray.

However, defiant Interhash general manager Alan Rider said from his bed at Hobart Private Hospital yesterday: "We have spent the past six years promoting Tasmania all over the world and bidding to hold Interhash 2000 and we are not about to let this stop us."

The event is expected to inject more than \$8 million into the Tasmanian economy.

"We are expecting about 4500 people, which will be the second-biggest Interhash ever held and most of the structures are in place," said Mr Rider.

"All we need to do is work on the finer details. We have had about 15 people working extremely hard on the committee and I'm sure people will rally to the cause because that is the spirit of Hash."

Mr Rider, 52, was driving the 12-seater van with six fellow committee members on board when he lost control in gravel beside the Midland Hwy near Oatlands about 5pm.

The van rolled several times before coming to rest on its side in the middle of the highway.

Mr Rider suffered a broken collarbone and lacerations to his head. Two people remain in a serious condition in hospital.

They are John Ellsmore, 51, of Sandy Bay, who has neck injuries, and Greg Howard, 50, of Dynnyrne, who has head injuries.



Geoff Wood, 54, of New Town (fractured upper right leg and ribs and serious bruising and cuts to his face), and Haydyn Nielsen, 50, of Rosetta (broken rib and spinal injuries), are stable while Ken Dann, 53, of Dodges Ferry (minor lacerations), and Paul Green, 50, of Mt Nelson (cuts and abrasions), were released from hospital yesterday.

Mr Rider said the group was returning from Devonport where they had been supporting the launch of the great train ride to Hobart as part of Interhash 2000.

"We had to be back in Hobart for a 6.30pm meeting and we left Devonport at about 2.30pm, which I remember thinking would get us back in plenty of time," he said.

"On the sweeping curve near Oatlands I remember drifting off left into the gravel and I think I over-corrected and next thing the van was rolling and I was getting an ant's view of the bitumen.

"None of us had been drinking alcohol and I was not speeding. It was just one of those things."

Mr Nielsen said he was asleep in the back when

The paper also published this account of the first hasher to arrive at the event -

THEY call him *Hash Potato*, but he's anything but stodgy. The Texas Hash House Harrier, the first of the 4000 strong international contingent to arrive in Hobart, travels non-stop around the world for Hash meets. "I am a Hash gypsy. I follow the hash wherever it goes," he explained. Hash Potato is here to help social running club Hobart Hash Harem prepare for Interhash 2000 in February.

The 15-year Hash veteran has run with Harriers through North and South America, Europe, Australia and Asia. He has lost count of the actual number of countries he has run through, but will never forget turning up for a meet in Turkey immediately after the devastating earthquake last August. Unperturbed, Hash Potato volunteered to erect tents for the hundreds of Turkish homeless. And he also found time for the run.

He has run past the Rock of Gibraltar and through guerrilla warfare in Guatemala.

But one of his most intriguing experiences was turning up in Melbourne on the day of the Melbourne Cup.

"There were no cars on the street and people were drinking champagne at 8am - I thought 'This is my sort of town'," he said.

Wherever he goes in the world, Hash Potato - whose real name is Richard Montamat - knows he'll find fellow Harriers and Harriettes.

"The Hash is like a family to me. I could call up a Hasher and they would get me out of jail - but if I called my family they might not show up," he joked.

But seriously, Hash Potato said the contacts he had created through social running around the world were invaluable. First of thousands: Hash Potato in Hobart to Herald Interhash 2000 in February. "If I wanted to set up a set of contacts like this it would cost millions, it's an incredible asset," he said.

The chemical engineer said he originally joined the Houston Hash House Harriers because he was looking for company after splitting up with his wife. But since then he has grown to appreciate the Hash for its own sake.

"I love the satire and the parody. The Hash makes fun of conventional mores of society... they tease each other unmercifully," he said.

As the first international visitor to arrive for Interhash 2000, Hash Potato warn that thousands more are following his farcical footsteps.

"There's Slum Bag, Mighty Mouse, Torpedo Tits," he continues... and the long list degenerates and therefore cannot be printed.

he was suddenly thrown around as the van rolled.

"I crawled out on to the grass and Alan was yelling for someone to get him out but I couldn't move," he said.



Hash Potato

Hash Focus Colombia

In the Spotlight – Colombia
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Colombian history can be traced back nearly 15 thousand years, and is naturally and culturally diverse due to being the migration point between North and South America. Annexed by Spain in the early 16th century, it was declared the “New Kingdom of Granada.” Over the ensuing centuries Colombia has had many other names, including the United States of Colombia. However, since 1886 it draws its current name, “The Republic of Colombia,” from early Italian explorer Christopher Columbus.

Geographically, Colombia has coastlines on both the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, and is bordered by the 5 countries of Ecuador and Peru to the south, Brazil and Venezuela to the east, and Costa Rica to the north up until 1906, when Panama gained its independence.

Now, you may wonder when hashing first found its way to Colombia, well that is a good question. The hash genealogy had scant information on this, listing only that there was a Bogota H3, founded on 31 Jan 1993. No founder, no origin, and no descendants. After a bit (quite a bit, but always looking for more details) of research, I was able to track down some old-time hashers and confirmed that the first Bogota H3 lasted only a couple years in the early 1990s, and that the Britannia Inn was a common hangout. The second iteration of the Bogota H3 was founded in January 1998 by Simon ‘Delhi Boy’ Batty, who had hashed his way around Egypt and the United Kingdom, before arriving in Colombia. This hash also only lasted a couple years, holding about 20 hash runs, before fading away around the time that Delhi Boy moved on to Greece in 2000. The third iteration of the Bogota H3 actually links me to hashing in Colombia. Founded on 14 January 2012, by George ‘Nut ‘n Bone’ Samuel assisted by Jorge ‘Corey Feldman’ Miramontes, who both came to Bogota from Korea where they hashed with the Seoul Southside H3, a club I founded back in 1999 (small world). This third iteration had a steady following of 12-15 hashers, and



lasted for almost three years until Corey moved on to Saudi Arabia.

The fourth, and current iteration of the Bogota H3 was founded by Crystle-Day 'CD' Villanueva on 6 July 2019, having arrived in Colombia from the Xian H3 in China. The pack is very young, but enthusiastic, led by CD who makes everyone feel at home. On my recent visit to Bogota, I was fortunate to be able to join them on an out-station weekend event at Cerro de Quinini (which is a national park, with

a massive outcropping of plate tectonic rock, pushed upwards to form an amazing ledge overlooking Porto Bello). We had two excellent trails, and enjoyed Colombian BBQ and played a couple hours of Tejo, the traditional throwing sport of Colombia. Tejo is similar to Cornhole, but you throw shaped stones at a board of clay. There is a metal circle in the middle, lined with small explosive charges. Closest to the center scores the points, hitting the charges can also score points.

Ed "Hazukashii" Howell is a prolific hash traveller and publisher.

For many more of his articles on hashing, check out . . . <http://gotothefash.net/history/inthespotlight.html>



To the north, I also discovered that the first iteration of Medellin H3 was founded on 8 August 2005, by Andres 'Dazed and Confused' Vargas, who had returned home after a stint with the Ankara H3 in Turkey. This first Medellin H3 club had a short tenure of less than a year, when DnC moved on to China. Hashing would not return to Medellin again until 19 January 2019, when current founder 'Pablo Pisscobar' moved in from Bogota. Pablo was introduced to hashing in San Diego, California, and hashed his way around the United States before returning to his home in Colombia to rejuvenate the club in Medellin, after a short stay in Bogota. He was assisted by ABBA (Another Blonde Bearded Arain Asshole), and currently run trails monthly on Saturday afternoons. Additionally, history is also about to be made in Colombia, as the Medellin H3 will host the InterAmericas' Hash in September 2022. This will be first time this (or any major regional hash event) will be held in South America.

I recently had the pleasure to hash in Medellin as well. The Medellin H3 trail was on the Saturday after St Patrick's day, so was themed as a Green Dress Run. It was a warm sunny day in the city, and we had an excellent pack of 12 hashers (5 of them were

virgins). The scheduled hare had to drop out at the last minute, but Pablo Pisscobar stepped up to set an excellent 8 Km trail through the city. Trail made its way through several parks and neighborhoods, with plenty of elevation, which is common in Colombia. Trail was followed a lively circle, including welcoming 5 virgins, and one interesting naming. This hash is working hard to grow its numbers and spread the hashing culture here in Colombia.

If you are looking for a fun and interesting city to visit and hash in, put both Bogota and Medellin on your list . . . and don't forget about InterAmericas' Hash next year. Pablo is bringing lots of new life into the hashing effort in Medellin, with several young and virgin hashers. They should be old salts by the time IAH rolls around next year. By the way, I am collecting names for volunteers who want to assist with packing and handing out goodie bags, haring, and various other requirements to put on IAH next year, all are welcome to help, Spanish speakers preferred.

For many more articles like this on the history of hashing, check out

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Hash Quiz

30 questions to see how well you know hashing!

Answers will be placed on the *A History of the Hash House Harriers* Facebook page on May 5th.

1

In which city did hashing start?

- A Milton Keynes
- B Kuala Lumpur
- C Singapore

2

What is the correct cry when you see paper?

- A F'k me, so the hares use some paper after all?
- B On On
- C Are we near the beer?

3

What hash event is Donna Rhinehart famous for inspiring?

4

Gispert came to Malaysia to work as a?

- A Diplomat
- B Accountant
- C Nobody worked in KL

5

The Burswood Island incident describes:

A Hashers being stranded on Burswood Island after their boats had to head back to harbour because of a storm warning.

B Hashers being arrested for laying paper in Burswood National Park.

C Hashers being chased by security guards after setting a trail through a casino.

6 -10

These are possibly the five most famous hash pubs of all time. Which countries were/are they located in.

- A The Birds of Paradise
- B Noriega's
- C The Crocodile
- D The Beggar's Bush
- E The Wanch

11

Roland Bennett is considered one of the hash founders - what was his nickname?

- A Benny Bennett
- B Horse
- C Torch

12

Casey H3, Deep Freeze H3, and The Brass Monkey H3 were all based on what continent?

13

What was the name of the novel by Dennis Bloodworth, in which he describes how British soldiers had laid an ambush on a jungle path when 'suddenly we heard quick light steps coming up the track - hang it if fifteen chaps in running vests and shorts from the local Harriers club didn't come trotting past as if they were on Hampstead Heath.'

- A An Eye for the Dragon.
- B Travels and Adventures in South East Asia.
- C The Price of a Haircut - Adventures of an expat in Asia.

14

The first African InterHash was held in which country?

- A Ethiopia
- B Egypt
- C Kenya

15-16

Bill Clinton is rumoured to have 'joined' in a hash. In fact he was out walking, presumably with bodyguards, when he exchanged pleasantries with the passing runners.

Question one: **What hash was it?**

Question 2: **What hash name did they give the President?**

17 -19

Can you name these 3 hash badges?



20

Can you give the hash name of this hasher?

An eccentric Englishman of many talents, including, but not limited to, author, birdwatcher, hasher and connoisseur of icy cold Bir Bintang. By the late 1970s he had made his home at the Beggars Bush in the beautiful mountainous town of Ubud. He was the man who brought InterHash to Bali in 1988.

21

Can you give the hash name of this hasher?

He was introduced to hashing in Korea in the early seventies and as a Lufthansa employee spent the next two decades hashing around the globe. He was co-founder of the InterScandic Hash and helped

establish Oslo H3 as one of Europe's top kennels. He later returned to Germany, becoming a central figure on the Frankfurt Hash.

22

Can you give the real name this hasher?

He started hashing with Mother Hash in January 1961 and was still setting trails in 2004, which is the longest spell of non-stop hashing ever recorded. His research has laid the foundation of our understanding of the history of hashing.

23

Nobby Land was not a hasher, but what hash related event is he remembered for?

- A He was manager of The Club and gave permission for the hash to use it as a base.
- B He and Gispert went to court over a divorce issue.
- C He was editor of the Malaya Times and published details of the next hash run.

24-28

Who were the last five InterHash survivors who had attended every InterHash? Their nationalities are given as a clue. Real or hash names will win you the point!

- 1 (Australian)
- 2 (English)
- 3 (German)
- 4 (Malaysia)
- 5 (Australian)

29-31

What are the three missing hosts in this list of InterHash events? A point for the city or the country.

- 1978 Hong Kong
- 1980 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1982 ??????????????
- 1984 Sydney, Australia
- 1986 Pattaya, Thailand
- 1988 Bali, Indonesia
- 1990 Manila, Philippines
- 1992 Phuket, Thailand
- 1994 ??????????????
- 1996 Limassol, Cyprus
- 1998 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2000 Tasmania, Australia
- 2002 Goa, India
- 2004 ??????????????
- 2006 Chiang Mai, Thailand

Hash Stats

1000 List Update

- The entry for Nicko should have read Kirton England not Kirton Cyprus.
- Jahn aka *Spermbank* (Oslo) has kept detailed records of his hash career and suggests a conservative (low) estimate of 1326.
- The records from Calgary and Atlanta add another 11 names to the list.
- Wild Wolf* wrote, 'Hi Shakes. *Wild Wolf* (aka Proposition) ... update: First hash: Kaohsiung Hash (Taiwan) Sep-21 1986. Years hashing: 35 Chapters hashed with: 160 Countries hash in: 13 Total runs: 2077 Total hares: 419 On-On!
- Tucker McGaw* can claim 1050 hashes in India, which suggests a far higher lifetime total. His parents, *Digit* (deceased) and *Sex Object* almost certainly have even higher total.
- Sometime ago *Dingbat* made me aware of *Pattiharris* (Nicosia/Cyprus) with 1364 runs 'who has been bringing the beers since the second run'. *Dingbat* himself has a estimated 1200 hashes to his credit.

The top 10 of the 1000 list now reads:

Boob a Lube.....	Thailand (Bangkok437, Bangkok Monday 439).....	4122
Deep Throat	New Zealand (Wellington 1160, Geris 1008).....	3689
The Brewer.....	Scotland (Edinburgh 1831, TNT 1750).....	3581
HazuKashii	Hawaii and world travels.....	3300
Hopeless	Hong Kong.....	3276 updated
The Penguin.....	JakartaAberdeen.....	3159
Polly	Brunei and others.....	2800
Flasher	Bali.....	2700*
Pancho.....	World Hasher.....	2700*
Dinki	New Zealand (Geris 1450 Wellington Ladies 12250).....	2675

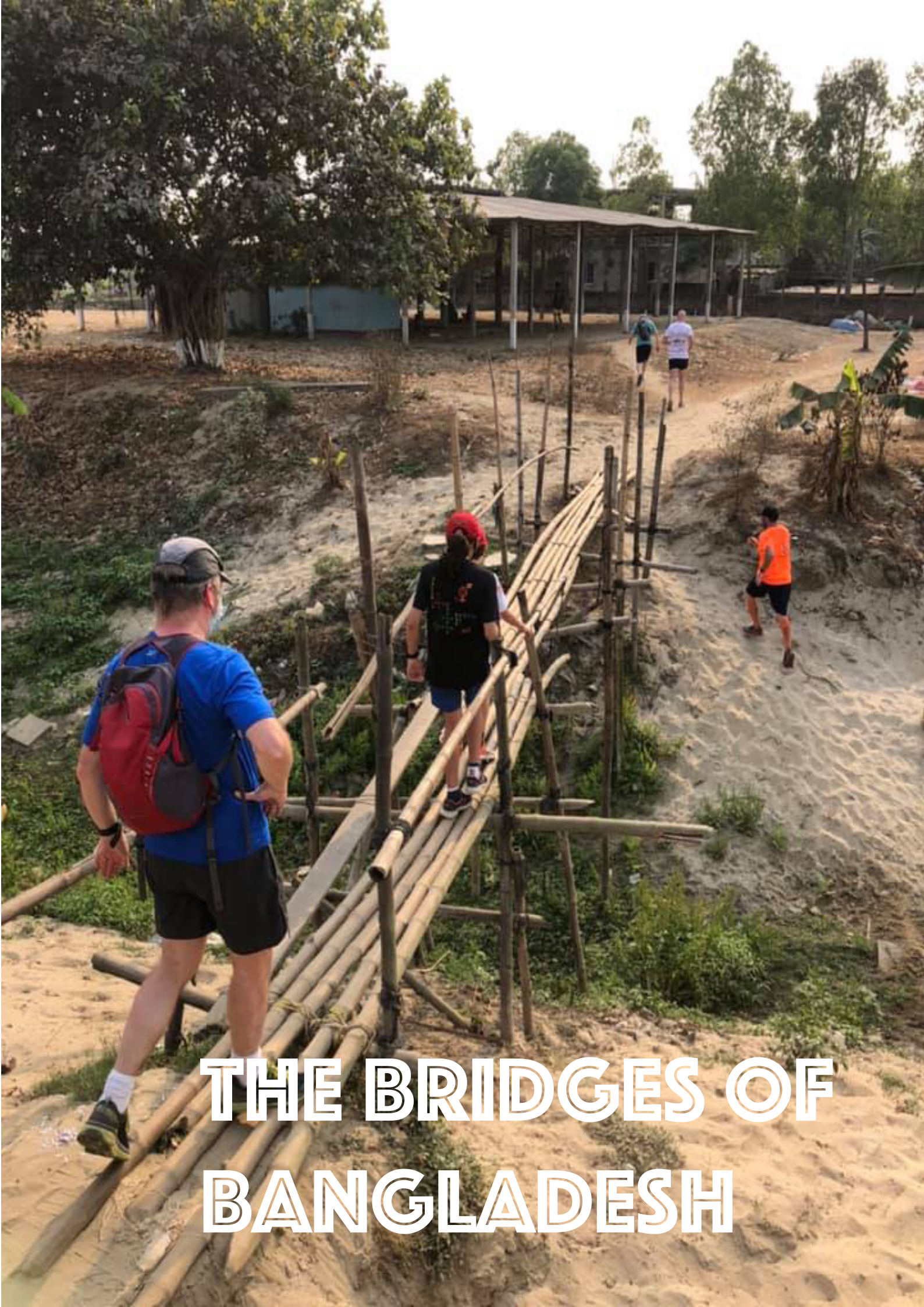


Calgary H3

Dreary	1513
King Shit	1491
Hardly	1334
Twister Sister.....	1334
Pyro.....	1266
BlueBalls.....	1248
Dasterdly.....	982
Skewbic Hair	942
Baby	835
Mum	814
Flat	799
Suck No evil.....	796

Atlanta H3

Dawgy Style.....	1279
Coffee Bean.....	1250
Tripod.....	1055
Boner.....	1022
Ouch!!!	1005
TV Hair.....	968
Erection Master.....	842
Spread Eagle.....	732
Dribbles.....	721
Head Nurse.....	647
Public Enema.....	593



THE BRIDGES OF BANGLADESH



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Nippy Knickers



Dhaka Mixed Hash Country Runs



Hash History

Jeddah H3 Runs

150- 600

1990 and 1992 Yearbooks

*I managed to find two year books from **Jeddah H3**. They included a history of the kennel. Sadly this only started on Run 150, but the yearbooks still provide a great deal of information on early hashing in Saudi.*

●The GM in 1990 was Paul *Tattoo* Thompson, who was said to have some unusual tattoos in private areas. The yearbook describes him as ‘*what you call a strong leader*.’

●Gobber Greenyer was Hash Cash. In his working life he was a silk-screen operator and produced some classic hash t-shirts.

●There was also a Jeddah hash tie. (*Ed: Hash ties are relatively rare, I know of them being issued in Egypt, Brunei and Singapore. Any others?*)

●The RA, Gary *Hairy Arse* Richardson, was notably shy (an unusual attribute for a RA). He didn’t like to talk in the circle and left much of the ‘performance’ to *Tattoo*. The RA’s wife, *Ninja*, was more active, enthusiastically throwing water over sinners.

●*Dickie* Doyle was scribe, and one of his most important jobs was to give out nicknames (hash names) in the newssheet.

●The elections traditionally took place in October or November, but in 1992 a high turn over of hashers led to an early May election.

●There was an on going argument over whether checks should be held or not. At the time the front runners were running through the checks, but Doyle was spokesperson for a group that thought it would be more hash like to hold the checks.

●The 250th celebration included a dance at the ORP Theatre followed by a 2 day camp.

●Seamus Robinson joined the committee and became a very popular scribe.

●The idea of hash travel was becoming more popular and Jeddah sent a dozen hashers to the 1986 Pattaya Interhash.

●*Dickie* Doyle was a star performer at hash parties, noted for painting designs onto his bald head. His set piece was a Hitler impression, during which he told jokes in a German accent.

●Owen McGrath left Jeddah having completed a record 325 hashes.

●In 1988 the hash organised an Olympics Day for the ex-pat community.

●The fast turnover of ex-pats continued, the new arrivals including Bryan and Yvonne Fisher. Bryan ‘*Kingfisher*’ hashed within 5 days of being in county and the two became central figures on Jeddah H3.

●Jeff *Garden Gnome* Dickins completed 19 runs then moved to the Philippines. He returned with a better idea of what ‘real hashing’ was all about.

●In 1988 the role of GM was abandoned to be replaced by a GM and a Grand Mistress.

●Nigela Gate, then Annie Jones, took the Mistress role, after which there were no takers, so the role was redefined as two Joint Masters of either sex.

●The 1992 yearbook notes that numbers were dropping and the most recent hash camp had only seen 23 hashers turned up.

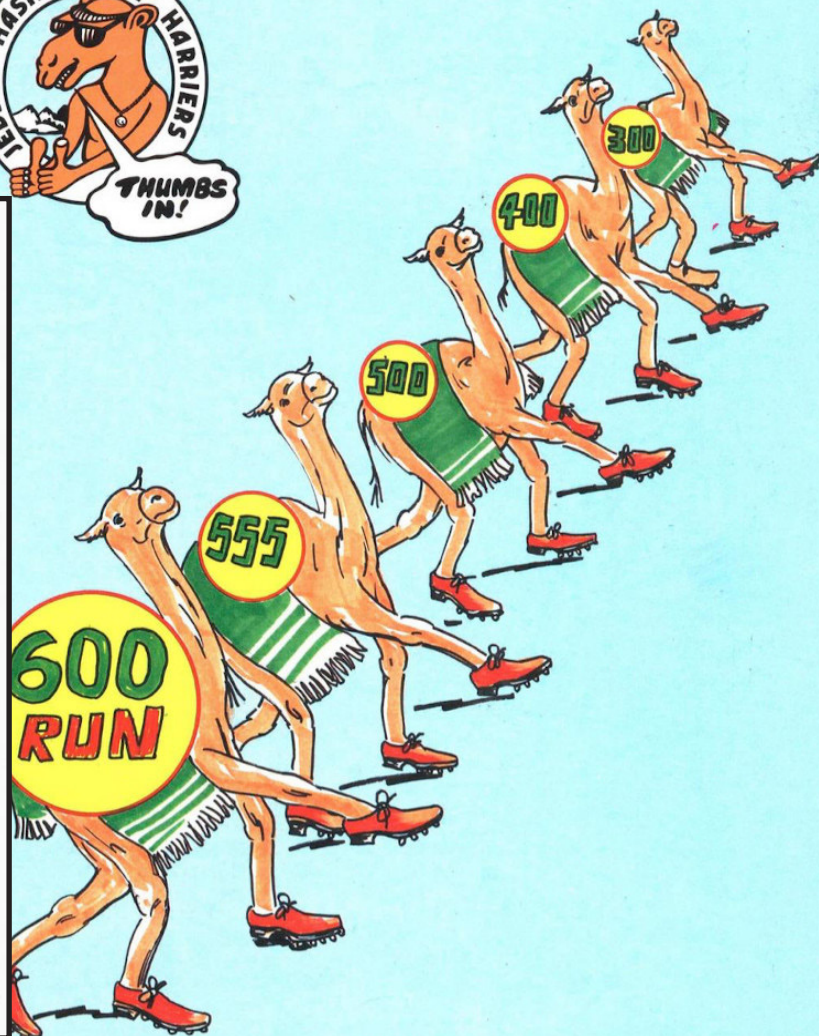
Jeddah is the second largest city in Saudi. It is generally considered a preferable posting to Riyadh because of better weather, a more international population and the chance to relax on a private Red Sea beach.

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'Starkers' at his anointment as Joint Master.

Jeddah
17th September
1992

Readers Write in

Thoughts on 'a drinking club with a running problem'

Another excellent edition, well done.

On the Animals term about runners with a drinking problem. . . I have wondered about the origins of that as well.

A few months ago I published this snippet on another one of those hash related statements.

"History is a damn fool thing, and the more I dig into the history of the hash, the more I find (I won't call it false, just the best someone came up with at the time) some items need to be updated.

One quote in particular is, as credited to Phil Kirkland of the Hong Kong Hash who stated in 1978; "IF YOU'VE HALF A MIND TO JOIN HASH, THAT'S ALL YOU'LL NEED!" I recently found that very quote in the Melbourne H3 100th Run hash document dated 24 March 1974. There is no attribution, but was likely thrown around well before that."

Haz

A hash question...

Hi Shakes,

Thanks for the On On magazine again it's a great read, good to get the story on Penguin, know him a long time and did not know about the fish tank incident!!!

I have a question I would like to get an answer to, What is the longest hash run recorded? I have heard of relays and long walks, but an actual "Hash" run with checks etc, can you put it in the magazine to see what the response there is?

Mijas H3 are planning a run for probably around the end of this September it should be approximately 17 kilometres long, I hope to get the info into your magazine when we finally have it organized and the Covid restrictions are lifted, it would be great to have a few visitors !!!

Thanks for your help. On On Sir Flakey.

Ed: Stockholm H3 regularly set a full marathon hash (with checks). The first followed the commuter line and hashers could join at any station. A core of us did the full marathon, with others joining in at the various stations. It was great day!

More on John O'Rourke's military service

Shakes,

Definitely solved John's military status having found his records on the Australian National Military Archives. Very simply he was never in the Army but in the RAAF, joined 1944 and left 1950, although remained in RAAF Reserve afterwards. So telling me he flew Spitfires but did not see active service makes complete sense.

Just for the record.

Keep up the great work.

ON ON.

Gerry. (Uncle Gerry, Surrey H3)

I exchanged emails with CIA and we noted we had both ran with Ridgefield H3. CIA writes:

Once a year, there was a worldwide technical conference held there..... it lasted several days and always featured a hash run that started from the property and went through the woods. It usually ended at a pizza place.

Some legendary T-shirt's from those runs. One had Maxwell's equations on the back.. I have many of them..

Sadly, the research centre was moved to Boston near MIT's campus.. maybe 2008 or so.. that hash is no more..

Schlumberger is the only company I know that actively sponsored hash runs around the world.

Many folks in upper management were hashers early in their careers.....of course, in this era of political correctness, that sponsorship has stopped..

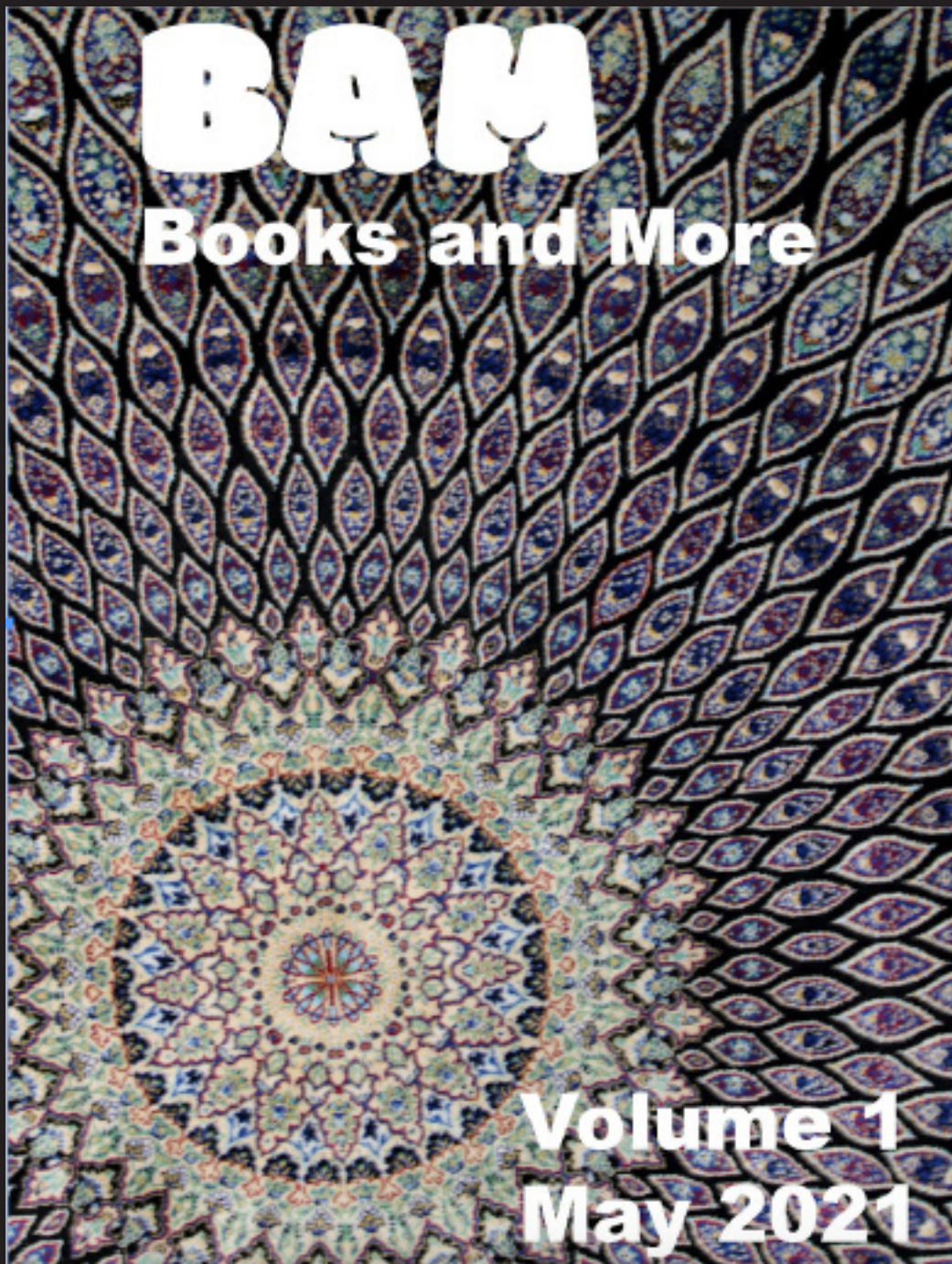
On on. CIA

Ed: The firm building the Channel Tunnel also sponsored the Friends of the Mole H3.

Thoughts on hashing in Oman and Afghanistan

In the Penguin piece (I do know him as having attended many interhashes and participated in the down down competitions where he, Garfield, and Mr. Magoo are usually judges) you mentioned he helped start what is now called the **Muscat H3**. I am living in Muscat and running with the hash here. It is not called the Muscat H3 anymore. The Jebel hash and Muscat hash joined together and became the **Oman H3**. We are on lock down now.

The second point was the hasher you mentioned taking ten years off because there were not any hashes in Afghanistan or Iraq. That is not true. When I was stationed in Kabul 2013 to 2014 they were running a hash in town and would have the down downs at someone's house. I talked to their RA so I know



Dear hashers - for the last four years I have worked as a librarian where my greatest enjoyment was to find suitable books for children and adults.

Building on this have I launched a second magazine! It is called

BAM -*Books and More*

The core of the magazine offers ideas for books you might wish to read - both new books and old books that have fallen out of fashion.

However, there is a lot more including a review of coming events, fiction, poetry and essays. For those of you with an interest in writing, photography or any other kind of art, BAM is a golden opportunity to share your work.

I will send the first two issues to people on the hash reading list, after that only to those who have requested a copy. Many thanks and On On, Shakes

this is true. When I was stationed in Baghdad we ran the Baghdad hash on the US embassy compound. British, United Nations personnel and NGOs would come to our compound and join us. I was choir master for that hash as well. Unfortunately after someone had an alcohol related incident he blamed the hash. The management told some of the employees they could not attend again so the hash stopped running. I am unsure if they started again but there are a lot of restrictions on compound so it may not have started yet.

Thanks again for sending the news letter.

Ed: Thanks Brad - the idea of the magazine is for hashers to share stories and try to build up a more accurate history of the 'sport' we love. I will go through your notes with care.

I also hashed in Oman and tried very hard to get the two kennels to amalgamate, this at a time when numbers were falling rapidly on both hashes. Failing that, I wanted them to change days so some of us could hash with both groups. Around 2010 we did manage a few joint runs but then a hare (my good friend Shagger Zulu) set a Jebel Hash up in the mountains that was quite 'challenging'. Muscat H3 took this as a sign they weren't wanted - whereas Shaggers was known for setting that kind of trail!

Follow up to the Himalayan article

Enjoyed the Himalayas article especially, as we have a couple of guys who were on that trip: Ray "Sir Ray/Raydancer" Sterry and Janet "Muppet" Bristow. Thanks to Bill Bryson I discovered that George Everest, who gave his name to the mountain, is buried in Hove, so our St. Bernard is planning a St. Bernards day hash soon to visit his grave for a brandy sip. It's unfortunately flat near where GE is buried so we'll be climbing up sunshine mountain to get some height!

News from Sir Ferrett

Hi Shakes

My name is Sir Ferrett of the Gold Coast H3, Australia. I have been hashing since I caught the bug in Singapore when I was stationed there in 1974. I am now 80 but still show up to my current hash club every week to do my "run" I am now up to 1000 plus runs with GCH3.

Someone sent me the site to read the magazine, I enjoyed the Feb/March editions and saw a lot of familiar names.

I was wondering if I could get on the distribution list and have the mag sent to me each Month?

On On

SF

Ed: Many thanks SF, delighted to add you to the mailing list.

Mixing up the Whales!

Small issue of big men on page 32-- the two Whales have their names mixed - Commercial Whale is on the right, last seen yesterday morning on the North Hants Hash, when he was somewhat breathless having negotiated a steep hill and in need a chair and a beer to aid recovery...

On On,

Mountain Rescue

Ed: *Mountain Rescue* is a hash legend. He was introduced to hashing in Brunei in 1964, after which his CV includes founding the extremely influential **Kluang Hash**, staging the first hash on British soil (**Longmoor H3**) and taking hashing to mainland Europe with the founding of **Lubbecke H3**. Thirty years later *Mountain Rescue* is still travelling the world and when at home in Hampshire hashes with **North Hants and Deepcut**.

More about Disaster

1. He was noted for nearly drowning on an InterHash river crossing.

2. Ron joined **Medan (MH3)** very early 80's through to late 80's.

3. 'We had a mixed run out of town at a Palm Oil plantation (Bergepang), the circle was held adjacent to the open air swimming pool. *Disaster's* best friend, *Meatball* (a rather well built Canadian Indian), tossed *Disaster* into the pool.

Talk about walking on water! *Disaster* was livid, he was standing on the other side of the beer brolly from *Meatball*, whilst trying to throw the rather large brolly at *Meatball*, another disaster evolved as *Disaster* was actually standing on the brolly base. His face going redder and redder as we were all laughing.

The May issue

A to Z of Hashers continues with D
(Dogshit to Dynamite)

The day the whole pack nearly died!

Eurohash goes to a war-zone

The photo essay features hashing in Ghana



More about Mike Smith

Mike Smith was a great bloke who was a planter (and hasher) in Seremban in Malaysia. When I lived in Jakarta I used to meet him at various regional hash events such as Nash Hashes and of course Interhashes etc

It was when he moved back to UK, near Cambridge, that a small group of mature hashers got together to plan trips away to places like Malta, Channel Islands, Scotland by train and ferries to Orkney and west coast islands, Wales by steam trains etc etc.

In 2014 we flew to Italy then took trains via various interesting and historic places including Naples and Pompei and flew on on to Sardinia for IndoNostalgia H3.

On the last day we flew back from Sardinia to Stansted where we parted to return to our various homes and Great White Hope took a taxi home where he collapsed on his front door step never to recover. Penguin and Stu Lloyd

More about Digit from his son

Greetings,

I see you are counting Hashers that have run over 1,000 runs. My father, Eric "Digit" McGaw, along with most of my family, have all completed well over 1,000 runs via our extensive Hashing around the world. I have slowed down in the past 10 years or so, but with Hyderabad H3 alone I have completed well over 750 runs. My mother, Elena "Sex Object" McGaw was the defactor #1 run person for the H4 until she left for Dubai in 2006. Digit on the other hand was Hashing strong until God said that he needed him upstairs for the Great Circle and took him back in 2016.

I cannot give you specifics in terms of run dates, but I have been an active Hasher since 1983, since my first Hash was with the Manila Mixed H3 and I frequented both the MMH3 and the Manila Mens H3 until 1989, wherein Digit founded the Hyderabad H3.

Just within India, I think I have 1,000 runs.

750+ - Hyderabad H3

150+ - Bangalore H3

50+ - Mumbai/Bombay H3

100+ - Madras H3

20+ - Chennai H3

Digit, you should know. He ran with you guys until he left for Africa some time in 2009 or so. I believe at one point he was either the RA or GM of the Creek or the Desert. I think I also set a Desert H3 run at one point, along with Digit and my brother John "Sparkplug" McGaw.

I was turned on to your magazine after the article you did for dear old Cheebye. Him and Digit were close. Glad they're together.

Tucker

I asked my good friend Bonkers to write about the Zim-Zam hash, teasing him with the fact that his mate Ratshit had just published an account of the Hooray Henley Hash. This was his reply.....

As to the Zim-Zam Hash, I would feel a bit of a fraud, (say nothing), writing it up for your esteemed periodical. Although I was one of the instigators, I only attended the first one, must have been about 1985, before I got posted elsewhere. We went to Interhash in Tasmania, (2000?), where I was astounded to learn that it kept going for several years. I met a lady hasher, (oxymoron?), from Harare, who remembered me and gave me a Zim-Zam t-shirt.

Let El Rashid bask in the flickering lime-light of fame, (Ratshit? Bullshit more like it). What I would respectfully suggest is that perhaps you could put out a call for memories of the Zim-Zam. The lady from Harare might still be active. From the Zambia side, one of the other instigators was Martin Taylor who, I think, still hashes with one of the Sydney gangs. I could add something to a potted history but, given my fleeting association with the event and the fact that it was over 35 years ago, I don't think that I could work up much of an article. There you are; wimped out again!

Bonkers

[Ed: What a man of words Bonkers is! I hope he changes his mind and produces an article in the future.](#)

