

# On On

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# News

## USA

The 2021 New Orleans Red Dress Run - one of the biggest annual events on the world hash calendar - has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. The decision was taken by the Red Dress Run planning committee, and was not unanimous. *'spokesman Bill Healy lamented the opportunity for charitable donations that now will be lost, and he blamed the cancellation on worries that going ahead with the boozy street party would be a bad look for the Red Dress Run'*. City Hall **had not** cancelled the event or suggested that organizers call it off. The news came a day after organizers cancelled the 2021 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and a week after the popular White Linen Night art block party was called off. The Hash decided they would hold a private Red Dress Run for their vaccinated members.

**Houston and Dallas Yak H3** were going ahead with their camp on the beach and kayak trip to Christmas Bay (a freshwater bay close to the ocean).

Hashing is going ahead in Chicago with two events over the Labor Day Weekend. First up is **Second City H3** on Saturday with **Chicago H3** on Sunday.

**Coeur d'Alene H3** (Idaho) made their local paper with their annual Red Dress Run: *"It's pretty cool,"* Andrew Stratton of Coeur d'Alene said. *"I like the fact that we're raising money for charity because I don't dress like this normally."* (Ed: can the Coeur d'Alene hash confirm that?) The hash started off at The Crown & Thistle Pub, and finished with a party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 889.

## Germany

The traveling S.H.I.T.S. hash is back in action. *'Our Sembach friends have invited us to join them in K-Town and we are happy to oblige!!! I also want to see castles and scenery and shit!'*

## Malawi

**Lilongwe H3** are to have an Outstation Hash Weekend in September.

## Kenya

**Nairobi H3** are contributing to the 'Nairobi Run' which is expected to attract over 500 runners across events happening in different locations within Nairobi city. *'The run will give an opportunity to the participants to rediscover the beauty of Nairobi, explore its vibrant running routes and share their exhilarating*



New names: Mockingbird ,Dhaka Mixed Hash

*experiences with the world'.*

## Tanzania

The Eagle has landed!

Thanks to funding on Gofund - with the hash playing their part - Simon Cockroach Bugg was flown out of Tanzania and down to South Africa on a commercial medical evacuation. *'All went relatively smoothly and he is now in a specialist medical neuro-rehabilitation unit in Pretoria. Huge thanks again to all those who have generously and swiftly supported us to be able to do this. Given the nature of Simon's condition we will be rolling surplus funds over to continue to support his needs over the next few months as he recovers.'*

Hashing is going ahead in Dar es Salaam but with some restrictions: *Hi Hashers !!! Tomorrow (Monday 30th of August) we run and walk from Spinella at 5.30 PM. We're still holding back so there'll be no food and no circle, consequently it is also free of charge !!! Mismanagement will come together and assess the situation and we're hoping to get back to normal hashing again soon.*

## Hungary

**Budapest H3** had a bonus when they were joined by eight hashers from the USA who were on their way to EuroHash in Prague. *'The trail was well marked and the hills were steep but doable as the Budapest*



## Euro Hash

**Euro Hash** has been getting great reviews.

There was a special mention for Trail #2, 'the Secret Ball Breaker' ... rumour has it that this trail was LONGER than the trail #1 Ball Breaker. You can decide. 22Kms true trail, and 27 Kms for the FRB's.

**EuroHash 2023** will take place from Thursday 24th until Sunday 27th of August 2023 in the Netherlands. Castle de Berckt in Baarlo is the venue.

However, due to serious Delta outbreaks in eastern Australia, the Adelaide Nash Hash committee has reluctantly decided to postpone the **Adelaide Nash Hash** to 25th to 27th of March, 2022.

*'This is the second postponement due to the pandemic, but the difference this time will be that most of us are likely to be fully vaccinated by next March. This should mean restrictions are less likely and we will be much safer.'*

*hash had covered almost the exact same route only a couple of months ago. Unfortunately, it was much hotter yesterday and the combination of steep hills, stairs and heat did a number on the pack.'*

## England

**Scarborough Happy H3** joined **Yorkshire H3** for a joint hash. The photos suggest a great countryside run. **Newcastle H3** was mentioned in the local newspaper for proving a beer stop during the Great North Run. The report read: 'I don't fully understand how some runners manage to neck a cold beer ten miles into a half marathon, but I love the fact that, thanks to the Newcastle Hash House Harriers running club, for the last 20 years it's been an option'. The hash serves thousands of beers to runners every year, with the drinks donated by local breweries.

**Isle of Wight H3** are back up and running twice a week



Dhaka Hash legend Geli has been touring Europe.  
Here he is visiting **Madrid H3**

# On On

## A couple we missed

### *Shitcargos*

Dear Kabul Hashers,

I am sad to inform that our fellow hasher Joe Davis-Fleming passed away last November. Today is his birthday so I am sure he is being received in Heaven with a great party, where he will dance, sing out loud and laugh. I am saddened that I will not see him again but happy we met and became friends in crazy Kabul. *On on dear Shitcargos.*

Yours truly,

*Goes down for Cash*, aka Jackie Sandoval

### *Airman*

Sadly our Airman passed away on 18th July after a few years of on/off health issues, finally being taken by issues linked to prostate cancer. He completed 1293 hashes with Brighton (BH7) as well as a number with Singapore where he started his hash career

back in 1977. Bob's contribution to Brighton hash was considerable as a master trail setter, but also the imaginative 'awards' he always came up with for significant occasions. My most memorable were the kiwi outfit he had one of our number wearing for his final hash with us before returning to his homeland near Rotorua in New Zealand, and the giant Viagra cake for his 50th birthday.

Bob was a huge fan and contributor to the *Boggy Shoe* as well as being the catalyst to its initial creation as just the Trash. On the hash he was always a mid-pack low key runner leaving the checking to others while he just enjoyed the chat and camaraderie, however, he was a formidable athlete outside of the hash frequently leaving the younger members for dead whenever they got involved in racism, as well as representing Great Britain in the veteran classes at Triathlon. Sadly myself and Angel were unable to attend his funeral but the hash was very well represented and much of the eulogies revolved around the hash as well as his other great loves of motorbikes, model railways and, of course, Harvey's beer! RIP Airman.





## John SeeMoreStaines Seymour

*Posted on the Angeles City Hash website:* I am sad to tell you SeeMoreStaines was found dead this morning. RIP John!

*A later posting added:*

John had a personality the size of a whale, and a heart the size of a lion, and charisma to match ... he always had a smile and a joke and man was he king of the one liners.

One evening I went with John and his wife Kim and his business colleague David to a Korean BBQ restaurant. When we walked in they only had 2 SMB in bottles so we asked them to go buy a case ... "a whole case?" they asked ... "Yes" said John "and make it TWO cases while you are out." And that evening, in a span of 4 to 5 hours we had one of the funniest and most enjoyable meals ever ... and yes we drank all 50 bottles of SMB before we left --- Kim drank 4, I drank 10, and John and David drank around 18 bottles each!

That was John ... always thirsty for a beer and he would often turn up unannounced at Villa Valentine, but always with his trusty blue cooler in the rear of the car full of icy cold SMBs.

Man did I love that guy ... John was one of a kind and truly awesome! Even my children enjoyed a hash with "Uncle Stains" as they called him.

RIP John.

*See less*

## Derek Miller

Derek *Dereck* Miller passed away on 16th. August 2021 in the Philippines. He was a very active **Pattaya H3** hasher in the early days, with his first run on the 28th June 1984. He was a co-owner of the B52 hotel, which was also used as a happy hour bar from March 1986 until it was demolished to make way for a condominium.

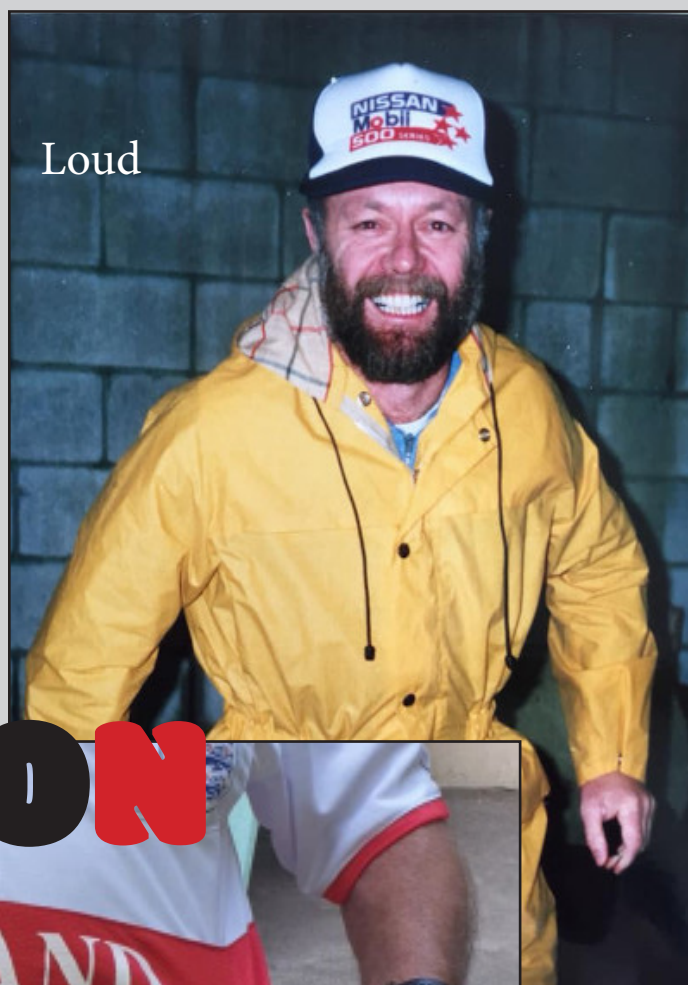
He did not attend PH3 in later years due to work commitments in Saudi Arabia and then relocating to the Philippines. He completed 156 **Pattaya H3** runs, and was also co-founder of the **Pattaya Dirt Road Hash**. *'He was well-loved and known around the hashing community'. On On Dereck.*

## Point Two

John *Point Two* Herman died last weekend from a brain bleed. He was with **Gold Coast H3** (Queensland, Australia) from the eighties. *'Too many of us old hashers dropping off the perch lately'*  
From Baz Beaman aka Sir Ferrett.

## Bob "Loud" McLeod

Bob *Loud* McLeod, a former NZ GM and WLH3 GM, has passed away. Due to the current lockdown *Genni Wells*pread is planning to hold a Memorial Service once hashers are able to travel again.  
*On On Loud.*



John Seymour

## Laos

KSTOBE (Komrad Sir Tapeworm O.B.E.) celebrated his 86th birthday with a special run.

## United Arab Emirates

Life is returning to post-COVID normality in the heavily vaccinated UAE. This allowed the hash to stage a successful Indian Independence Day Run hosted by the always generous *Fat Gandhi*. *'Everyone, especially the girls, made an extra effort to dress Indian or distant cousins of Lord Mountbatten. The bar included Old Monk Rum, Kingfisher Beer, Sula wines and Amrut single malt. And the music had to be Bollywood'*.

## Grenada

**Grenada H3** got a mention in the prestigious Condé Nast Travel Magazine. The author suggested joining them for one of their 'walks' that finish in a rum shop with drinks and local food



Above: Former Afghanistan hashers make an impact at EuroHash. Right: Some great hash artwork!

There has been some chat online about who was the first female GM.

Some interesting points were raised:

New Zealand claimed the regional honours ahead of Australia, with *Chips* (New Zealand) founding **Suva Ladies H3** in Fiji.

*HazuKashii*

In North America it is probably *Naoe Hiruta*, founder of **DC Harriettes**, in 1978.

*Pete Matthey*

Taking a stab here - *Furburger* at **Munno Para H3** Adelaide (early 80's). Any takers?

*Shakes*

Helen Moorcroft **Beijing H3** 1987 or 1988 was probably the first female GM in China?

*HazuKashii*

First Harriett club ever, also in Asia was in Brunei, in 1966 but the term GM, probably did not exist until 1974. The first documented use I have found was with the **Singapore H3**.





# Hashers

## A to Z

### Letter F

#### For Sale or Rent

##### White House H3 (USA)

One of the few **White House H3** hashers past 500 runs with 696 hashes at the time of writing.

#### Fourgasm

##### Marianne Woodburn

##### Sin City H3 (USA)

*Fourgasm* has hashed in Buenos Aires, Montreal, Dublin, Ireland, Edinburgh and Glasgow, along with several trips to InterScandi. She is listed in the top 4 **SCH4** Hashers with over 700 hashes. For professional reasons she sometimes uses the name *Gispie Harrier* on social media.

#### Fox, The

##### Bill Robins

##### Himalayan H3 (Nepal)

Father Bill *The Fox* Robins has been a stalwart member of the Nepalese hash scene since the mid-1980s. He is their long term Religious Advisor, which is not surprising as he is a Jesuit priest in real life. This allows the **Himalayan H3** to claim that '*we may be the only Hash in the world with a real religious adviser to minister to our spiritual needs.*' Editor: When the editor visited Nepal a few years ago *The Fox* was still in town but no longer hashing.

#### Foxtwat

##### Keith Sly

##### Gold Coast H3 (Australia)

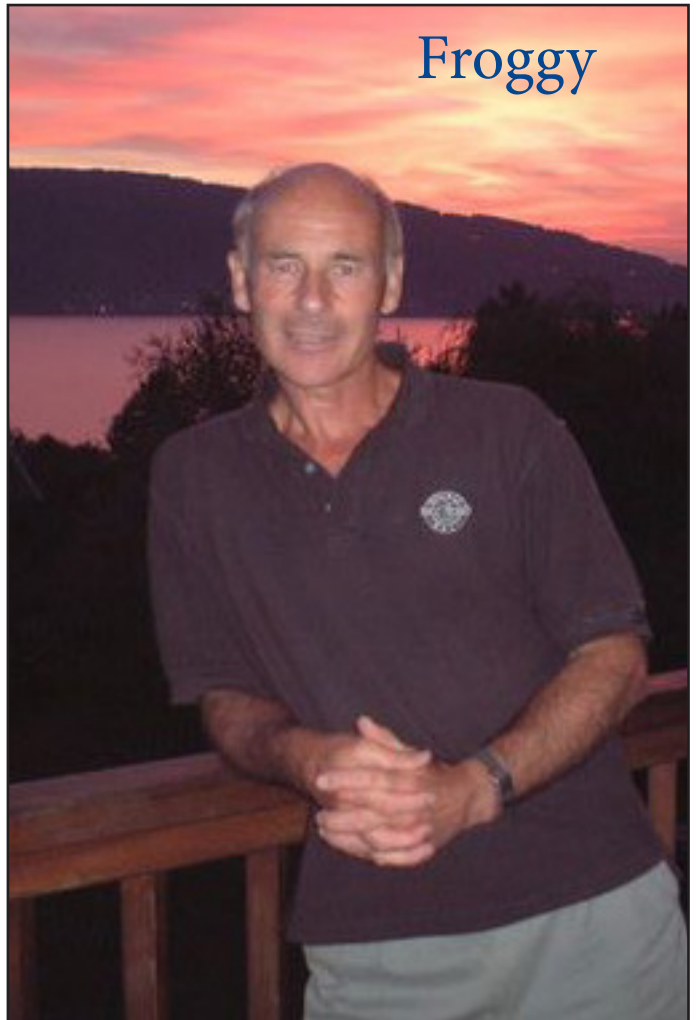
Instrumental in starting the Aussie Nash Hash. He was **Golden Coast H3** Grand Master in 1982-83.

#### Foxy

##### John Fox

##### Perth H3 (Australia)

Has hashed with **Perth H3** since the mid-1980s clocking up 21 years in 1996.



#### Frank the Plank

##### Frank Pilkington

##### WanchaiH3 (Hong Kong)

During the seventies Frank was a competitive slalom canoeist in his native Ireland and was good enough to compete in two World Championships. After moving to Hong Kong he gave up canoeing and turned to competitive running. At 79 he was Asian veterans champion. Frank run his first hash with **Wanchai H3** in 1991-92 and clocked up 369 runs before his death in 2021. *On On Frank!*

#### Froggy

##### Alex Park

##### Indonesian hashes

*Froggy* started hashing in 1978 in Bandung in West Java which, with numbers in excess of 500, was probably the largest in the world at the time. He went on to hash in Jakarta, Kota Kinabalu, Hong Kong and

## Correction

Hi Shakes,

I hear you have been writing nice things about me. Unfortunately you are calling me **Bimbo** and not **Bumbo**.

elsewhere in S E Asia until he took up semi-residence in Jakarta in 1985. He stayed there for the next 15 years and attended his first InterHash in Bali in 1988. He subsequently helped organise 15 other InterHashes. It was in Goa (2002) that he excelled himself as an engineer by creating a venue for 4,000 hashers on a virgin beach which had no water, drainage, sewage, electricity or buildings. *Froggy* has been a member of the InterHash Council since 2004 and is frequently seen on stage at InterHash with microphone in hand as MC of the Down-Down Competition or RA for the Old Farts Run. *Froggy* now lives in France and in London and runs regularly with **IndoNostalgia Hash** in which he excels as RA. *Froggy* is also author of a hilarious series of essays featuring Ronnie *The Penguin* Strachan.

### **F-troop**

#### **Axarquía H3 (Spain)**

RA of **Axarquía H3** with a record 280 runs.

### **Fruit'n Nut**

#### **Tony Case**

#### **Deep Cut H3 (England)**

Born in 1939, he survived the London bombing during the Second World War and at school showed great promise as a runner and high jumper. He joined the Army, was commissioned into the Royal Army Service Corps and became involved with Air Despatch. The army took him to the Far East in the early 1960s where he was introduced to Hashing and never looked back. He became an addicted Hasher who was responsible for founding several packs. He also attended the annual Nijmegen Marches for a number of years and latterly commanded the British contingent. He ran in some 100 marathons over the years but Hashing was without doubt his great love.

*On on Fruit'n Nut*

*Ed: The International Four Day Marches at Nijmegen is the largest multiple day marching event in the world. It is organised every mid-July as a means of promoting sport and exercise.*

### **Fuch**

#### **Fu Chee Cheng**

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

*Fuch* is the veteran of numerous InterHashes and marathons including New York, Honolulu, Paris, and countless others in Malaysia and Singapore. He was a mechanical engineer by profession, and was a Founder Trustee of The Hash Heritage Foundation. Since retirement he has devoted much of his time and energy to the rebuilding of The Hash House, and the promotion of international and cross cultural fel-

lowship. His roles include Chief Coordinator in The Hash House Management committee.

### **Fuck and Forget**

#### **Joe Otter.**

#### **Pattaya H3 (Thailand)**

Joe started his working career as an apprentice plumber before expanding into construction. He was a construction manager in Dubai followed by a posting to Kabul. He eventually settled in Pattaya where he proved to be an amazing bar manager. For many years Joe was a noted practical joker and a centre of Pattaya expat life. *'On our hash runs, he would place his stuffed crocodile out in the swampy parts or real-looking snakes along the trail to give the runners a scare'*. Joe battled with colon cancer before passing away in 2011.

### **Fuk Stik**

#### **Blue Hen H3 (USA)**

Founder of the **Blue Hen H3** at which point he had a couple of years hashing experience under his belt.

### **Fungus Amungus**

#### **LA Full Moon Hash (USA)**

Listed with the **LA Full Moon Hash**, *Fungus* has clocked up a lifetime total of 2,500 hashes and is in the top sixty of 'Where Have You Hashed'.

### **Fucking Beep Beep**

#### **Roberto Garcia**

#### **Oslo H3 (Norway)**

*Beep Beep* (formerly *Branded Dick*) is a Norwegian Hasher of Colombian origins. He started hashing in Albania in 1998 and is now with Oslo, where he is a distinguished RA and more recently GM.

## Letter **G**

### **G**

#### **Alberto Esteban Ignacio Gispert**

#### **Mother Hash**

Alberto Esteban Ignacio Gispert is traditionally accepted as being the father of Hashing, although in practise he was probably only one of a small group who helped to start Mother Hash. In doing so the lads established that special atmosphere that would become 'hashing'. 'G' was born in Kent on the 31st July 1903, the youngest of seven children of Spanish parents (the family had a home in Barcelona). He attended St Joseph's Academy in Blackheath, where he might well have been introduced to the paper chase.



On leaving school he joined H S Baker & Co, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1928. He then applied for an overseas posting with Evatt & Co who sent him to Malaya. 'G' had taken part in several paper chases before being transferred to KL, where he is credited with forming the group that would eventually take the name 'Hash House Harriers'. It should be noted that 'G' never sat on the committee and his role as 'Father of the Hash' might well have been a way to honour the only member of their band who died in the war. A noted non-athletic man, G's major contribution might well have been in fostering the non-competitive nature of the event. He married his wife, Eve, in 1937 and his son, Simon, was born the same year. There seems to have been something of a scandal surrounding the marriage. G' was in Australia when Japan launched their surprise attack on South East Asia. He rushed back to Malaysia, where his experience as a captain in the Volunteer Reservists earned him a secondment to the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Regiment. The allies retreated to Singapore and on February 11th, 1942, Gispert's small unit was sleeping in a trench at Dairy Road Farm when they were attacked at about 4.00am. 'G's body was never recovered. The family memorial is in Brockley Cemetery, South London and his name appears on the memorial wall in Singapore's Kranji War Cemetery.

## Gadget

**Tunc Eresen**

**Oxford H3/ Bicesetr H3 (England)**

*Gadget* has been hashing with **Bicester H3** since 1991 and with **Oxford** (where he is a Co-founder) since 2002. His Mother Hash is **Istanbul H3**. He was previously known as *Beep Beep*.

**Galvin, Eric**

**Mother Hash**

Eric Galvin was a pre-war Hasher who worked for the Malay Mail. He was the regular source of paper

**Joe "Fuck And Forget" Otter**

**Passed On 13 May 2011**



**John Gastrell, Ian Cumming,**

**JM 1963**

**Founder**

# Gispert



for the trail and, as the hash developed, was able to help promote the group by publishing details of their next run. Eric continued hashing after the war and was Joint Master in 1946-47.

## Garbo the Hash Whore

### Sue Hill

#### Bermuda H3

Completed 181 of the first 200 **Bermuda H3** runs and was GM for their 200th anniversary.

### Garfield

#### Marty Hanratty

#### Jakarta H3 (Indonesia) Addis H3 (Ethiopia)

*Garfield* is a veteran hasher with 46 years experience at the time of writing. His hash career started in Seoul in the 1970s. He then moved to Jakarta, when Indonesian Hashing and *Garfield* were both at their wildest. However, *Garfield* will always be best remembered for his service to African Hashing. He served as GM in both **Addis** and **Harare** and helped co-found the first African InterHash, an event with which he remains closely associated. *Garfield* was also Chairman of Vice at Goa InterHash 2002 and on 21st July 2005 started the **New Babylon H3** in Baghdad. He went to Chiang Mai in 2006 with broken bones, suggested that hashing New Babylon style was a dangerous activity.

### Gastrell, John

#### Singapore H3

John Gastrell was an important influence during the early days of hashing in Singapore including making a major contribution to the weekly hash trash which did so much to spread the word of what true hashing was like. He was a big lad who worked for a major printing company.

### Gates, Pam

#### Brunei Hens

Although *Glamorous Singh* was the founder, Pam Gates was another important influence in getting the **Brunei Hens** restarted after the original group faded out. She seldom missed a hash and was the first to reach 200 runs.

### GBH

#### Barry Pope

#### Royal Berkshire H3 (England)

Barry *GBH* Pope was born in mid-Wales but after joining the police force spent his working life in Reading, Berkshire. He started hashing in 1988 when invited to go along to a run with the **Royal Berkshire H3**, 'to lose weight'. One run was enough to convince him he had met '*the nicest, craziest bunch ever*' and he was a converted hasher from that moment onwards. Early in his hash career he was named *GBH* (standing for Grievous Bodily Harm) because, in his own words, '*the GM set me up, mainly by insult-*



*ing my job and birthplace, and when I wouldn't wind up, the circle suggested I threw him out, so I grabbed him in the fireman's lift and duly put him out on the pavement.'* GBH became a regular on the Berkshire committee and had a spell as GM around 1993. He also fondly remembers his times as RA *'especially for my repeat after me song..... and for my underpants trick amongst others'*. By now GBH was a keen hash traveller, running in countries all over the world and regularly attending every InterHash since Cyprus in 1996. He was also founder of the **Fukwits** (First United Kingdom InterHash) and the **Sod-Off H3**. At the 1999 UK Nash Hash, GBH was somewhat surprised to find himself elected chairman for the UK InterHash bid and this was the start of five years of campaigning that brought InterHash to Cardiff in 2005. GBH will always be remembered for his outstanding performance as Chairman and GM of that event. He has now moved to the Wye Valley in South East Wales.

**Geek**  
**Stephen Gardner**  
**Houston H3 (USA)**

Geek was born in St. Louis, Missouri and worked in Houston as a structural engineer until he retired in September 2015. He was a rugby player at college, where he was introduced to hashing by Jay Captain

Lewd Gore. Geek was one of the numerous new boots recruited during the founding days of **Houston H3**. He was their first RA and since then has served in all Houston mismanagement positions. He has completed a remarkable 2220 out of the 2304 Houston H3 hashes.

**General Teeth**  
**John Gilhooly**  
**Wellington H3**

*General Teeth* started his Hash career on Easter Monday, 1976 with **Wellington H3** and was named *Colonel Teeth*, as he was a Colonel in the Army Dental Corps. He stayed with Wellington until 1979 and then went down to Christchurch, where he was co-founder of the local Hash. Was elected GM of New Zealand and promoted to *General Teeth* before moving to Brisbane. He was a regular at InterHash in the eighties and present at 12 of the first 14 New Zealand Nash Hashes.



Above: Grumbles,

Left: Geek (in the centre)

**Geli**

**Mahmood Raham**

**Dhaka Mixed Hash/Men's Hash (Bangladesh)**

A central figure on the Bangladesh hash scene and one of a handful of survivors from the old days when you could leave the city after work and be in the countryside half an hour later. He has clocked up a record 1190 runs with the Men and 1144 with the Mixed Hash (this is also *probably* a record). The roof top of his apartment block is a regular venue for big events and he is a good hash traveller.

**Gilby, Mike**

**High Wycombe H3 (England)**

Mike and Gill Gilby started hashing with **Cheshire H3**. On moving south, they discovered there was no local kennel so they founded **High Wycombe H3**. Mike was GM from the first run to his death from a heart attack in 2004. Fittingly, he was on a hash at the time and, in best hashing tradition, collapsed outside a pub on the way around. Mike's funeral was well-attended by members of the hash, and the following years saw an annual memorial hash held on the last Tuesday of April from the pub where he had died.

**Gispert, Charlie**

Grandson of G. He came across hashing in Hong Kong where he worked for a short while.

**Gispert, Simon**

The son of G was born in 1937. He was vaguely aware of his father's interest in Hashing. Attended Phuket InterHash but didn't run.

**Glamour Singh**

**Rajendar Kaur,**

**Brunei Hens**

The founder of **Brunei Hens** who has just been recognized as the oldest active Harriet in the world. A *full report next month*.

**Glani**

**Paul Granville**

**Tamer H3 (England)**

Has clocked up 1,700 plus runs with **Tamar H3** while Kate Granville (wife?) is on 1,311. At time of writing was on the committee as Whipper-in.

**Glast, Malcolm**

**Hong Kong H4**

Was on the very first **Hong Kong** hash and was still in town at the time of their 1,000th run.

**Glo-Balls**

**John Russell**

**Vindobona H3 (Austria)**

John *Glo-Balls* Russell joined **Vindobona H3** on run 12 and is still around. He leads the hash total with 1568 runs and has been granted the title of Lord. His numerous contributions over the years include organising the 850th run and staging a big hash for his own 500th. Surprisingly, he is originally from Gravesend.

**Glug Glug**

**Sue Norris**

**Nairobi H3 (Kenya)**

Sue *Glug Glug* Norris is a white Kenyan who attended Kenya High School and worked as an accountant. She started hashing in 1979 and was still around in 2017 when she was interviewed by a visiting journalist. She explained that she loved hashing because, '*you dress in the worst stuff you have because you never know what you'll be going through. It is the ultimate escape*'. Sue has 4 children and 10 grandchildren and these days lives a fair way out of town.

**Dabadoo**

**Rick Geers**

**Tampa hashes (USA)**

*Dabadoo* started hashing in 1992 in Adana, Turkey, with the **Big Lik H3** while serving with the US Air Force. After retiring from the military, he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1994, where he was GM and helped co-found the **Viva Las Vegas H3**. Getting restless, he moved on to St Louis, Missouri, where he was a regular on the **St Louis H3** and **Bel Scot H3**, while also founding the **Big Hump H3**. Now settled in Tampa where he has been hashing with several of the local hash clubs for the last two decades. He founded the **Jolly Roger H3** that hosts the annual Pirate Invasion Hash Cruises in the Caribbean. In nearly 30 years of hashing, he has run or biked over 2,000 hash trails.

**Flinty**

**HMNZS (New Zealand)**

The idea of a navy hash is credited to **Flinty**, '*probably the only good idea he ever had*' who organised runs in Fiji and the Australian east coast from HMNZS Waikato in 1979. This was the first Naval Hash in the world.

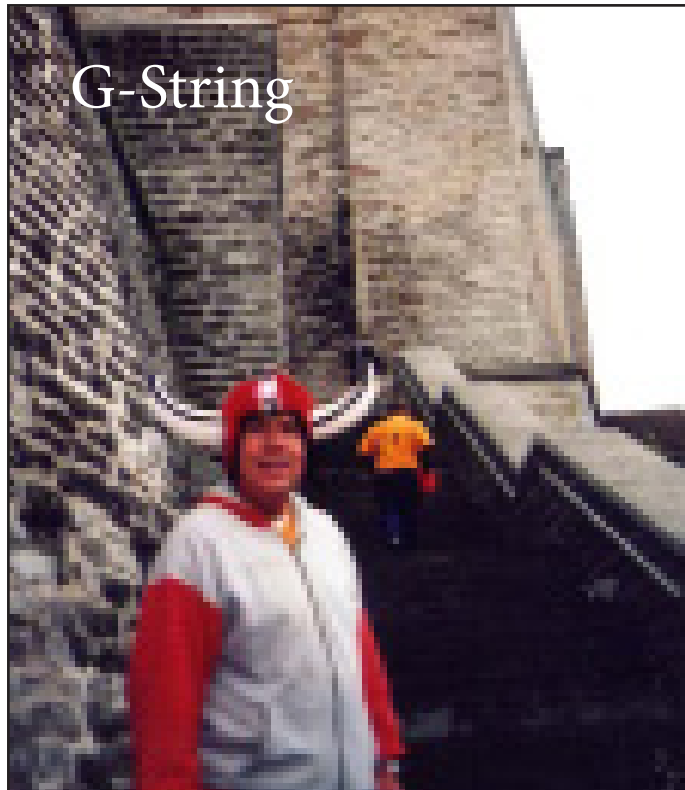


### God's Father

**Alfred Whitaker**

**Hobart H3/Sydney H3 (Australia)**

A veteran of the early days of hashing in Singapore, who completed his first run in 1962 (Ed: the year is disputed, possibly 1964.) He was most likely taken along by Gordon Benton and became lost on his first hash, claiming to have only found the circle by following a herd of cows. While in Singapore he and John O'Rourke might have discussed organising an



InterHash but their good intentions did not lead anywhere. He became one of the fathers of Australian hashing with the forming of **Hobart H3** in 1967. He later moved to Australia and hashed with **Sydney H3** until the mid-eighties.

### Go Kart

**Gökhan Gokori Unal**

**Ankara H3 (Turkey)**

Gökhan was introduced to the **Ankara H3** by Canadian work colleagues. The Canadians have long since moved on, but *Go Kart* is still turning out with Ankara every week (work permitting) and was the first Turkish hasher to achieve 1,000 hashes with one kennel. Hashing has become '*part of my life*' and his CV includes three spells as GM, long-term service as webmaster and numerous visits around the world. He has represented Turkey at orienteering, which remains his other passion.

### Got Milk

**Fort Eustis (USA)**

Harriet of Fort Eustis, who once entered Miss USA pageant as Ms Maryland.

### Goult, Hermes

**Mother Hash (Malaysia)**

Another of the KL Hashers who worked for the Malay Mail. Goult is believed to have been the 'special correspondent' who sent an account of the Cheras Bandit Incident to The Times of London.

### Great Elk

**David Almond**

**Bicester H3 (England)**

David *Great Elk* Almond has hashed with **Berkshire H3** since 1982. He founded their monthly Bike Hash and introduced bashing to Nash Hash in 1995. He is also founder of the **FUKU Fullmoon Hash**

### Griffiths, Chris and Connie

**The Riviera H3 (France)**

**Riviera H3** is the oldest French Hash outside of the capital. They were founded by Chris and Connie Griffiths (ex Singapore) in March 1988 and run every second Sunday along the coast and mountains of the Cote d'Azur.

### Griffin, Barry

**Hong Kong**

Barry Griffin was a 6-year veteran of Hong Kong hashing when he started campaigning for an Inter-Hash gathering in the colony. He originally had 1976 in mind for the event, but planning took longer than expected and Griffin was not on the committee when



*Original Interhash Committee:*

*Left to Right, Barry Griffin, Wes Parfitt, Stuart McDouall, Roger Medcalf*

InterHash was finally staged in 1978. He probably clocked up some 540 runs in his **Kowloon H3** career.

**Grovel  
Grevil Sharp  
Saigon H3**

Grevil Grovel Sharp and Jacqueline Goldilocks Gough were keen members of the **Beijing H3** in the early nineties. They moved to Vietnam as some vague kind of entrepreneurs and became co-founders of **Saigon H3** in 1990.

**Grumblewald  
John Grunwald  
Himalayan H3 (Nepal)**

A long term Nepalese hasher who in his youth was noted for setting ball-breaking trails up the steepest of Nepal's mountains. He was hare on the infamous hash where a visiting Hasher died of altitude sickness.

**Grumbles  
Ken Grumley  
Manila H3 (Philippines)**

Ken Grumbles Grumley was one of the hashers present on **Toowoomba H3's** 1st run in 1981. He then went on to become a hash legend in the Philippines, running a record 788 plus runs with **Manila H3** and acting as joint GM of the 1990 'Thriller in Manila' InterHash.

**G-string  
Bob Filby  
Tallinn H3 (Estonia)**

Bob worked as a US diplomat for 27 years and hashed for many of these. His hashing career started in **Ankara** in 1994, where he completed 100 runs and received his name. After a couple of non-active years he restarted **Sarajevo H3** in November 1997 and was their first GM. He hashed in Washington in the late nineties and in July 1999 founded **Tallinn H3**, which he guided through their formative years.

**Gunpowder Plod  
Guy Shirra  
Cambridge H3 (England)**

Guy went to Sarawak as a 18 year old VSO teacher in 1965 and had a couple of years running with **Miri**



**H3.** Being young and foolish he thought there were better things to do than hash, and from 1967 to 1997 he wasted much of his life working (as a Hong Kong policeman) and playing hockey, although he did occasionally turn out with **Wanchai H3**. In 1997 he returned to England and, wiser now, took hashing more seriously, joining **Cambridge H3** and **Can-tabrigensis H3**, where he had spells as RA, AGM and scribe. He also founded **Wrestlers H3** with *Benghazi* and **Mojaca Jubilados H3**.

**Gunga Dick**  
**John Kingham**  
**Singapore H3**

*Gunga* first hashed with **Singapore** in the late sixties and then with **Sydney H3**. He was famous for his recitals of *Gunga Din*, thus earning his nickname of '*Gunga Dick*'. This might well have been the very first name acquired on a Hash.

**Gunga Dik**  
**Richard Murphy**  
**Hash Record Breaker**

In 1987 Richard *Gunga Dik* Murphy set a record by running with the **Dhaka Mixed H3** on April 11th and turning out with **Surrey H3** on April 12th, a distance of 5,605 miles between hashes. The following year he dashed from Bangkok to Surrey, thus running two hashes, 5,912 miles apart, within 24 hours of each other.

**Gypsy**  
**Pam Johns**

**New Zealand hashes**

Pam *Gypsy* Johns, the '*dreaded dragon of the north*', was introduced to the **Wellington Ladies Hash** in February 1984. She then ran regularly with **Manukau**, **Auckland Hussies** and **Auckland** from 1985 and **Norwest** from their inaugural run in 1988. Later additions to her hash CV include **Sun City** from 1997 until 2007 then **Thames** until it folded in 2008. She was originally named *Wonder Woman* possibly because someone decided it was a wonder the woman could run at all! Was renamed *Gypsy* for her work related travels. She attended InterHashes in 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 2008. She had a Hash Wedding to Rod *Rewd* Johns on 11 July 1988 during the Java Hash Dash. Marty *Garfield* Hanratty had to stand in as surrogate bride as females were not allowed in the circle at a Jakarta Hash. In 1992 she

was part of the relay team which ran from Singapore to Phuket to help promote the NZ bid for Interhash 1994 in Rotorua and she was later involved in the preparation of the 1994 InterHash book. *Gypsy* attended every Aussie Nash Hashes from 1987 until Brisbane in 2013 then again in 2019 in Port Douglas. She won the Aussie Down-Down title in 1987, the Interhash Down-Down in Manila in 1988 and also the NZ Down-Down. She was NZGM from 1991 to 1993 and has an estimated lifetime total in excess of 2,500 hashes. She is now '*relaxing and enjoying strolling along with the knitting club at NorWest H3*'.

**Gypsy and Scorecard**  
**Tom Chesher and Jerry Baljeu**  
**Sarnia H3 (Canada)**

Having woken up with a Monday morning hangover during a Pattaya holiday, Tom *Scorecard* Chesher and Jerry *Gypsy* Baljeu sought advice on exercise and found themselves directed to that afternoon's Pattaya Hash. They extended their stay by a week to get in a second run and on their return home joined **Detroit H3**, this despite the fact they actually lived in Canada. They received their hash names with Detroit Hash and went on to found **Sarnia H3** 'The Chemical Waste' Hash in 1988.

**Gyrabonk**  
**Wendy Edwards**

A UK hasher who, along with *Sniffer*, took over the running of the **Friday 13th Hash**. Has 140 plus runs with **Barnes H3**, is on the **Nosuch H3** committee



Claude - in last months A to Z we couldn't remember the surname of the former Cairo RA. It was Claude Morel.

# The Hash that never was

Joe TightArse Hawksworth

## The Hash that never was

In the beginning was the hash. In the beginning was the circle. A circle of light and laughter and noise. But that was in the beginning. Now, on this night, there was the Hash With No Name. No Number. No Book. And we were there – or were we?

It was a warm night with a star filled sky. There was talk of a storm, a different kind of storm, a storm of meteorites. If so, we never saw them. There never was a storm, there never was a meteorite. To the people who were there, it was as if there never was a beginning or an ending. Time, if there was such a thing that night, had stopped. For this was the Hash That Never Was.

A few people gathered in the car park of a railway station. There were no lights. It was dark. The people spoke in hushed voices so that others might not hear. No record of their presence was taken. Just as they came in from the night so they departed into the night. There was no trace of their coming or going. Only the night knew of their being. The darkness reclaimed the empty car park. A train pulled away from the station. All was quiet once again.

Some folk say they saw shadows on the train that night, heard laughter as if from a distance. Sweethearts walking along the sea front thought they felt people brushing past them, but saw no one, so clung closer to each other.

Near the Stirling Bridge at a pub called The Swan there is a story that laughing smiling people suddenly appeared, drank a few beers and just as suddenly departed. Drinkers at the pub say the people arrived not by car or bus, they just appeared. Neither did they depart by car or bus, they just disappeared. One drinker tells the story that he actually spoke to one of the people. He described the man as a giant who spoke in an American accent. Others swear they saw a flash as if a photo had been taken but no prints have ever been seen. It is true that the landlord of the pub is known to exaggerate rumours to promote his pub. He knows that ghost stories can be exploited to bring impressionable site seers to his establishment where he can relieve them of their money while he

recounts the story of the giant American.

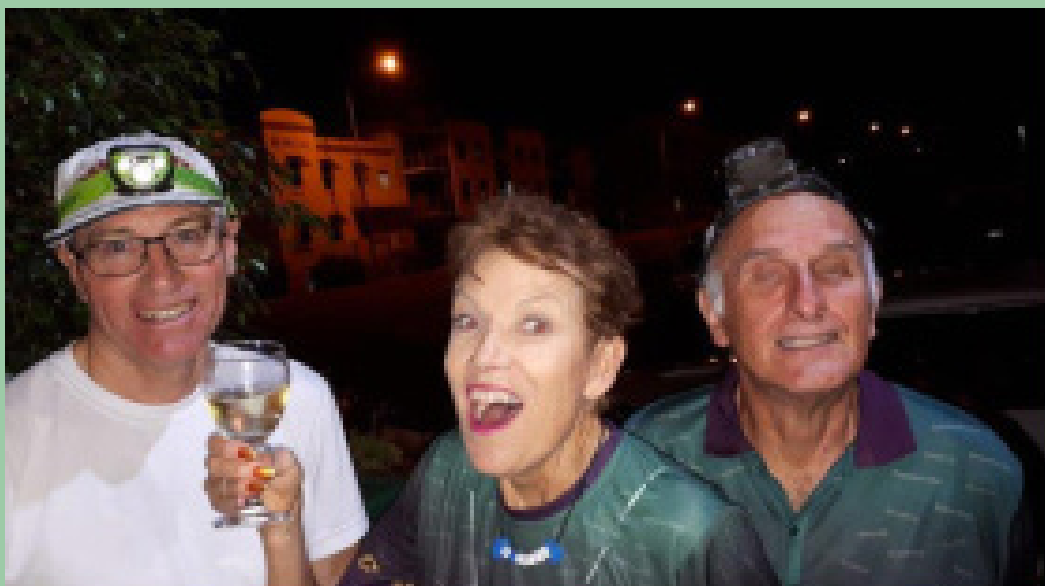
But now here's the thing. On the same day as the "visitation" - as it is now known - there appeared strange chalk markings on the bike path running adjacent to the pub. Some say the markings look like arrows directing the ghostly visitors to the pub. Others say they are an ancient writing of the letter F for fear, fiend, or foe. One old gent, when pressed with a glass of port, say they are pointers into the underworld. He'll tell, whilst looking into his glass, "there be many a drunken docker who crossed that bridge and fell into the cold, swirling waters of the Swan River. And that be where them pointers be pointing, to the bridge and that accursed river." He'll tell, if pressed with another glass of port, "some came walking, some came running. Some were men and some were women. Some were loud, some never spoke. But they laughed a lot. Hysterical like. And kept looking at the bridge. I tell ye, they be strange folk. And more than once I heard the word" - but here the fear got him and he took another drink whilst looking all around him. Then, in a quiet, trembling voice he said the word 'ash'. "Aye, ash is what they kept saying. Ash! Now I ask ye, where would you find ash? Aye, that be right. Down below in the underworld. Fire, flames! Them devils that appeared ere, leaving their ungodly signs on the path, they be from a place no man needs go. Not even a drunken docker."

Across the bridge and in another pub, drinkers tell a similar story of people coming and going and drinking and laughing. They also found the devils markings on the paving outdoors.

Fremantle is known for its many ghost stories. Shipwrecked sailors, convicts and fallen women. But this story with its giant American, fire and brimstone ash and the devils chalk marks, is different. Folk know and will tell of the Friday Hash House Harriers. Hashers who like a drink and run and walk every Friday. But this was no regular Friday Hash. There was no circle, no run fee, no down-downs, no charges, no book, no number, no Grand Master. So folk talk about it as the "Hash That Never Was."

And yet - and yet - how to explain that this very morning on my computer I find photographs appearing from where? Photographs of hashers laughing and drinking at the very pubs mentioned in this story. And if this was "The Hash That Never Was" then the story does not end here. For on the Saturday morning while emptying the pockets of the clothes I wore the night before, I found a ticket. A railway ticket for the Friday night train to Fremantle! So I ask you, maybe, just maybe, "**The Hash That Never Was,**" was.







# Hash legends: The Amblins

*The Amblins are distinguished hashers most noted for being founders of **Nassau H3**. Here they fill in some of their hash history.*

Geoff had been a member of the **Qatar H3** from 1978 till 1979. This was his introduction to hashing.

Geoff and Anna both became members of **Surrey H3** in UK from 1980 till 1981.

The actual founding date of **Nassau H3** was 8 November 1981. The first run started and finished at the original Atlantis Hotel on the corner of Nassau

Street and West Bay Street (not to be confused with the much newer Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island). *'There were just 5 participants: Anna and I who set the trail and three friends: Ed McManus, Lindsay Reiach and Ashley Atkins. Apart from Anna and me, no-one had hashed before or even heard of the Hash House Harriers'.*

In 2000, Anna and Geoff returned to Nassau where they were invited to join the 1000th run celebrations which had many components extending over a 10 day period. *'We were privileged to set the trail for the 1000th run based on the original Run #1 trail but*





*with the start point shifted a few hundred yards to the Cricket Club. (There were a lot more than 5 people there.)'*

Anna gained her hash name of *Tunaka* in Wanaka, New Zealand immediately after the 1994 NZ Inter-hash. Geoff obtained his in 1999 in Cairo where he was working (and hashing) for a brief period. Geoff Amblin aka *Lost in Space*.

Anna and Geoff now reside in Sydney, Australia where they run with the **Sydney Thirsty H3**.

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Geoff Amblin aka *Lost in Space*.  
May 2020





# Hash Photo Essay

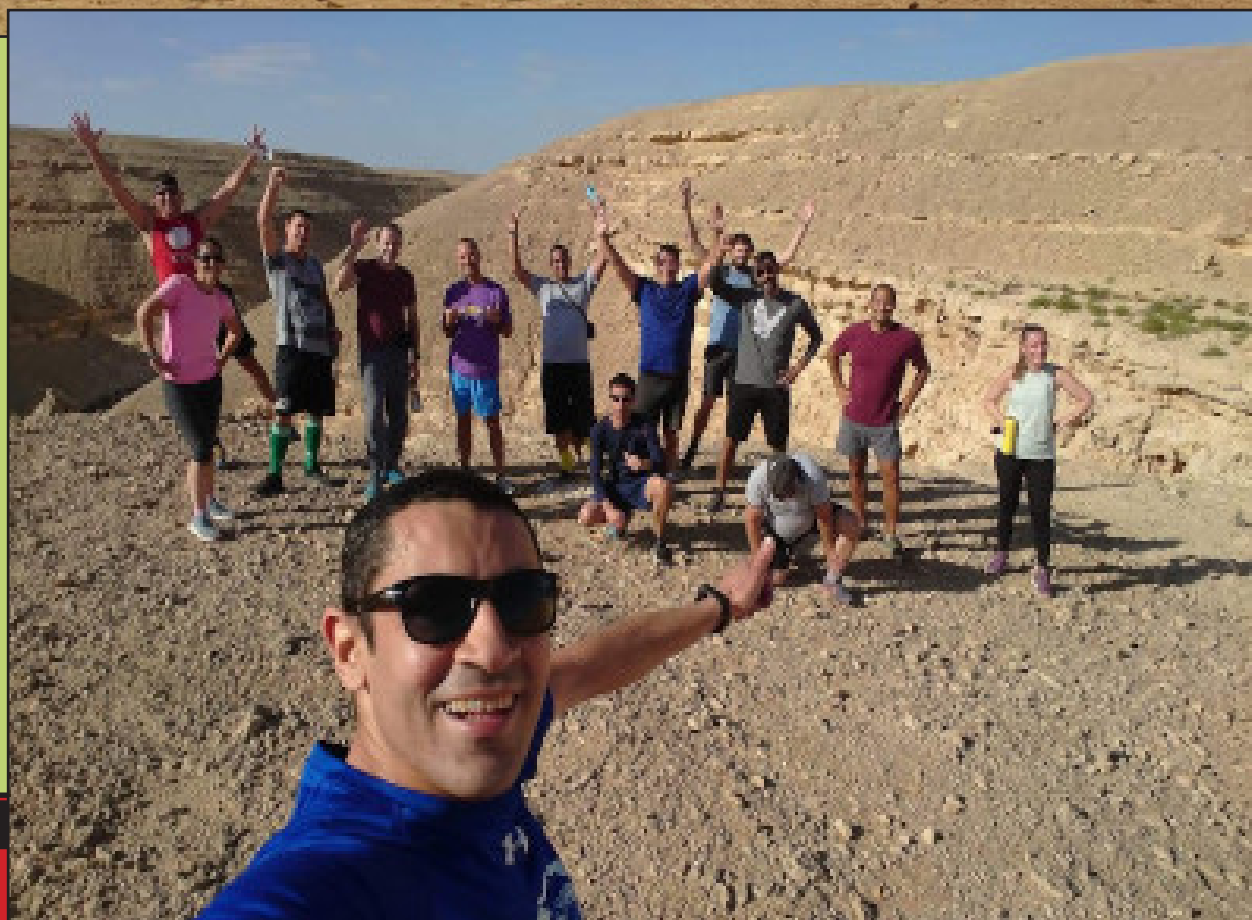
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# Cairo 1986

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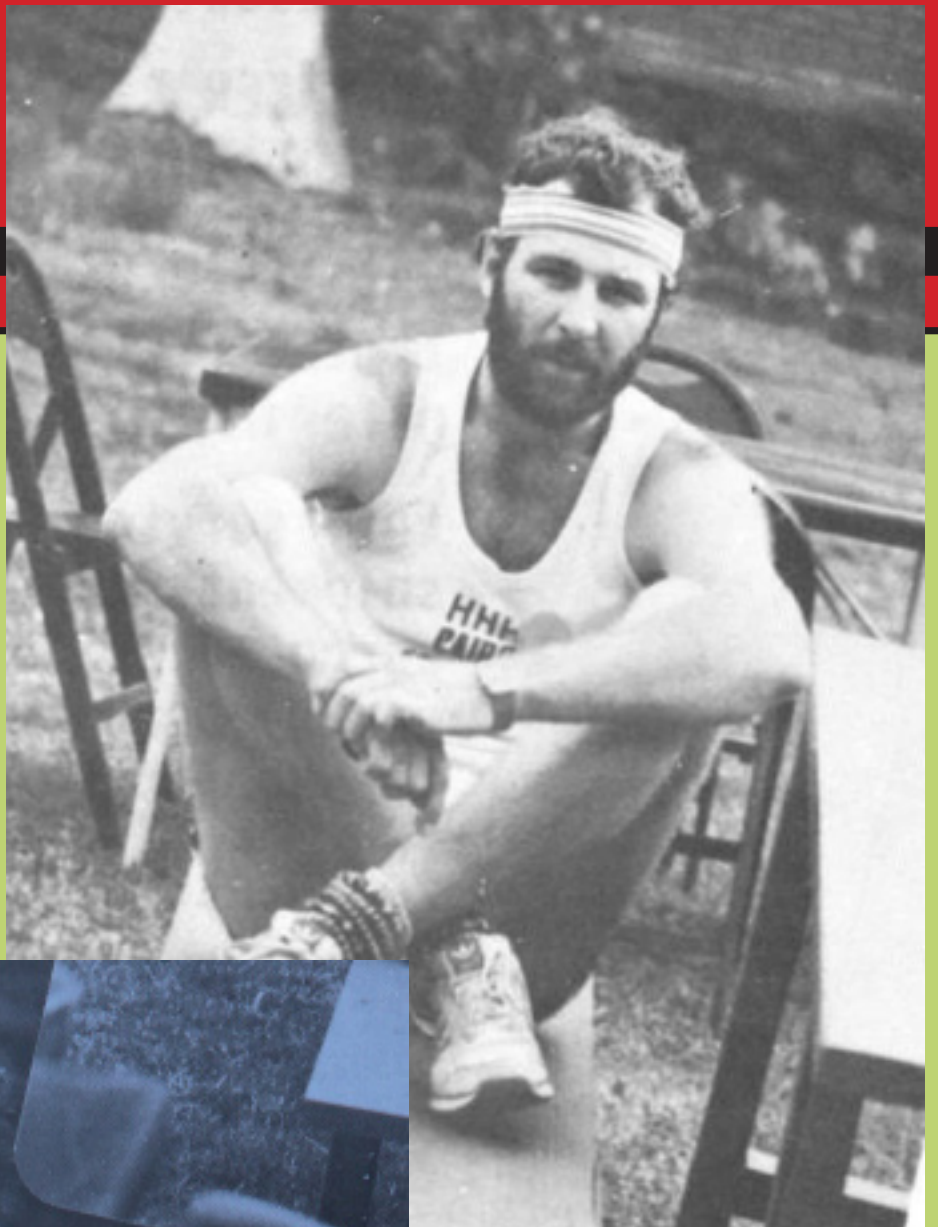


Hash Legend  
Kaj Petersen

Hash Protocol  
Richard Ignatowicz



Rob Bogaards



Jose Van AttenBruo

Grand Master  
Jim *Headgear* Hatt





# Hash History

**Stockholm H3** stages an annual hash marathon over the full distance. This is a tradition that (in the author's disputed opinion) can be traced back to the Bullbreaker Run of 2005.

The initial idea should probably (once again in the author's *disputed* opinion) be credited to *Malibog*. *Shakesprick* also made a major contribution as it was his suggestion that each stage should start and end at a commutator station, allowing hashers to join at various stages.

*Big Brother* and *Big Mouth* played hosts for a hash party held on their lawn.

At the next Ball Breaker *John Cleese* and others decided to start earlier in the day and run the full marathon distance.

This led to the first true Marathon Hash.



Those present on the Bullbreaker

## 1. Big Mouth

Started as a walker/wife and became an enthusiastic runner.

## 2 Two Swedes

Worked in the travel business and started hashing in Hawaii.

## 3. Jet Sex

Had recently arrived in Stockholm. Now married to *Taliban*.

## 4 & 5 Marmite and Termite

The hash couple actually set a few hashes in Stockholm before the current kennel was officially founded but were posted overseas before their chapter could get established. They returned to be central figures on the Stockholm hash scene.

## 6. Taliban

Another recent arrival in Stockholm, having worked in Afghanistan. In those days this was such a dangerous posting that he had to commute in from Pakistan each morning. Still had the beard he had grown to blend in.

## 7. Malibog

Hash legend from the Philippines and once owner of the Bird of Paradise Hash Pub.

## 8. Clever Dick

Veteran British resident of Stockholm. Later promoted to Sir Clever Dick. *Featured as a hash legend in the August 2020 issue of On On Magazine.*

## 9. Big Brother

After joining the hash he became a more and more accomplished runner chasing a sub 3-hour marathon. Married to *Big Mouth*.

## 10 Nippy Knickers

Had just returned to her native Sweden from Dar es Salaam.

## 11. Little Brother

At the time had become a full time runner, completing a marathon just about every two weeks.

*Shakesprick was taking the picture.*



# THE ORIGINAL BULLBREAKER STOCKHOLM HALFMARATHON HASH



A Blast from the Past - 2005  
*WITH SHAKES ON CAMERA*

**FROM BÄLLSTA STATION  
VIA TÄBY KYRKA  
TO THE BIGS HOUSE**

# The Hardcore Hash gets laid in Limbang

Richard Hadfield

On the back of my Citroen 2CV, I had a bumper sticker which read “The Hardcore Hash gets Laid in Limbang”. It convinced my wife, who I met on a hash and married in Brunei (Ed. Another saga meriting an article on its own), never to travel in the car. At this time, I should also state that my wife was already unhappy traveling in the car as I did all the maintenance myself and, on one occasion, the steering wheel came off in her hands and on another occasion, was overtaken by one of my tyres which had fallen off.

Anyhow, if you look on the web, you will see that the Hardcore Hash appears not to have run since 2000 but was started by *Mr. Hooligan* and *Rubberlegs* of the Brunei Hash. There is some note to link its founding to the 1000th Run of BH3 but the less we

discuss this horrific run the better.

The Hardcore Hash was (is?) an annual run for those seeking some adventure (nowadays, it might be called a Dirt Road Hash). Brunei, in those days heading for “dry” status, used to offer beer in tea pots in the restaurants in Gadong (quickly swept away if the religious police turned up). Limbang is a logging town in Sarawak so had Anchor beer available without the tea pots .... and women (or rather brothels). The economy of Limbang revolved around logging but with most of the local hardwood trees cut down, it had become the R&R centre for those in the logging business which was now a long way up the Limbang River.

The Hardcore Hash would charter boats and head through the mangrove swamps of the Brunei river estuary to Limbang. None of us had any familiarity with these mangrove swamps and we relied on the boat-men to keep us out of trouble (police and customs patrolling the border) and getting to and from Limbang.

On the boat, we put our names in a hat with the prize being a short time in one of the brothels. After a few of these trips, we soon realised that the aim of this lottery was to avoid winning; it was a kind of Russian Roulette with STD. One hasher reported





being in a line of six outside the brothel door to take it in turn with some lusty loggers.

On arrival in Limbang, we went on a trail. This was normally short and just gave authenticity to the fact that it was a hash. Besides, the hare did not have time to do a good recce and lay an adventurous trail. The adventure, however, apart from the lottery, was to enjoy the cheap beer and be sufficiently sober to make the boat back to Brunei. None of us travelled with passports so it could be tricky to get back into Brunei if one missed the boat.

The circle and the ON ON were always memorable (although, like the '60s, if you remember them, you weren't there). I remember at one time trying to break-dance after a few Anchor beers. I ever missed the boat home in the wee hours but some got very close to it. One hasher, after a few beers, decided to have a nap in the back of a truck filled with hessian sacks. He woke up to the motion of the truck as it headed out of Limbang and was forced to jump off the tailboard and make his way back to the boat in

the dark.

The Citroen 2CV is a memory now, as is the bumper sticker and, it would appear, the Hardcore Hash. Anyone who remembers this hash and has additional tales should contact the editor.

*Richard Hadfield*

Brunei Hardcore Hash

### **Brunei Hardcore H3**

Founded in 1983 as a hardcore alternative to the BH3 1000th run. It is an occasional hash that is normally laid over the border in Limbang. Runs recorded in 1983, 84, 85, 86, 91, 92, 94, 96 & 2000.

Founding Father

Ron *McHooligan* McHoul

Co-founder

Pete *Rubberlegs* Murdoch



# Mexican Away Trips



The first Tequisquiapan trip

## Mexico City Hash Weekend

In 1987 **Mexico H3** hosted some 50 visitors for a hash within the city. Houston sent a large contingent.

### Thursday

The Thursday run took place through the city's notorious traffic. It was then on to the Loman Lindo Restaurant and on on to *Inferno's* House.

Visitors found running and dancing at attitude a challenge.

### Friday

The day started with a guided tour of the magnificent Archaeological Museum. At 6.00pm (a later start than intended) there was a hash under police escort

around the local parks and neighbourhoods.

Then it was on to the Sheraton and back to *Inferno's* where *Sugar Tits* was noted for licking beer off the floor.

Saturday saw the hash go out to the Temple of the Sun for a stunning run. Having climbed to the top of the first temple, the trail then took them to the top of the Temple of the Moon!

The Fuck Up Award was given to Bill January and the most enthusiastic hasher award to *Mighty Mouse* (Houston).

The party that night went on until 2.00am.



## Sunday

The run was in the very centre of town (the Zócalo) with its tourists sites. The Mexican police had been enlisted to stop the traffic for the hashers.

It was then to the roof of the old Majestic Hotel.

For 184 dollar airfare and 50 dollar registration it had been an amazing weekend.

## The first Tequisquiapan trip

Around 1995 *Shakesprick* (Ed: me!) was back-packing through South America when he unexpectedly detoured to the beautiful Mexican village of Tequisquiapan. He was to stay 18 months.

While the village was wonderful, there was no hash. Mexico City was a 600 km round trip on a bus which - in those days - was regularly robbed. Mexico H3 hashed every other week and *Shakes* joined them every other hash

On his 5th or 6th run there was no hare for the next hash, so he offered to host in the village.

The hash was lukewarm to the idea but the GM, Steve *Disneyland* Ordell came out the following weekend and was impressed. *Shakes* taught in the local school and he had acquired sponsorship in pubs, the main camp site and restaurant. His school would even provide t-shirts.

About 20 Mexico hashers drove out. The camp site was excellent - including a large swimming pool - and the surrounding countryside offered a brilliant trail, part through farmland, part through cactus wasteland.

That night was very cold and some of the visiting hashers were shivering in their tents.

On Sunday it was into town for a run around the village centre.

Pat Drum - a teaching colleague of *Shakes* and sadly not a hasher - provided logistical support with his beat up yellow Toyota. The car was a bit of a joke even in a village of old wrecks.

When a young hasher twisted her ankle Pat was asked if his car had a cellphone. Pat thought carefully about the question and pointed to the floor of the car, through which you could see the road. 'A phone' he

said, 'no, the yellow beast doesn't even have a floor'.

There were two romances that weekend, one of which turned out to be long-term.

For some years the hash regularly returned to the village for an away weekend.

*Shakes* took the opportunity to show the GM the local stream. A big US car company had just opened a paint factory and the stream changed colour depending what paint the factory was producing in any particular week. The factory was visited weekly by environmental officers who accepted the token fine and allowed them to continue. Steve promised to take up the issue with the embassy although little changed.



Does the car have a cellphone?

# Azerbaijan

By Ed Hazukashi Howell

*First published in August 2021*

Part of joy of traveling to new countries, is not only to meet new friends and run the hash, but also the amazing things to see and do. History has always fascinated me, and I have learned so much from my traveling experiences. Just reading about things has no comparison to actually being there. This trip was no exception, and there are many interesting aspects of Azerbaijan. Located with the Caspian Sea to the east, Azerbaijan is bordered by Iran to the south, Armenia to the west, and Georgia and Russia to the north (There is also a small detached enclave to the west, that touches Turkey, and has been a flash point between Armenia and Azerbaijan). The capital city is Baku, and one unique fact is that it's the lowest capital city in the world, residing an incredible 28 meters below sea level. Azerbaijan is an oil rich country, and was the leading producer of petroleum in the early 20th century. According to the encyclopedia Britannica, "Fine horses and caviar continue as some of the more distinctive traditional exports of the republic." Annexed by the former Soviet Union in the early 20th century, Azerbaijan gained its independence on 30 August 1991.

As part of the Caucasus region, along with Ar-

menia, Georgia, and southern Russia, Azerbaijan has been host to many regional hash events, primarily INTERCAUC (or INTERCOCK depending on who you talk to), rotating hosting duties every three years with Georgia and Armenia. The first INTERCAUC was held in 2002, and continued steady for nearly 2 decades, with the last one being held in May 2019, with over 80 hashers from Qatar, Georgia, Norway, UAE, Singapore, Belgium, Italy and the UK, and was also the 1000th Running of the Baku H3.

The history of the Baku H3 is fuzzy at best, and after much research and talking to many local hashers, the best I could come up with is, that the Baku H3 was born out of a random group of people holding informal hash runs on a random basis in the summer of 1996, according to Robert *Sir Snickers* Radley. From that amalgamation, *Sir Snickers* (who came to Baku from the Accra H3 in Ghana) teamed up with Richard Price to officially form the first iteration of the Baku H3 around October 1996. After 2 years of steady hashing, the hash eventually faded for about a year, until another group of nameless and faceless hashers started up the second iteration of the Baku H3. *Sir Snickers* goes on to say, "I had very little to do with hash No. 2 as I was often working, though I did very occasionally run. Several of us left when the hash became a bit silly and drew too much attention to itself at a time when running was 'NOT DONE' other than on *The Boulevard*. I was hauled into a police station when running on Nobel Prospect and given a long lecture which I pretended not to understand." This second iteration lasted less than a year. Final-







ly, sometime in the summer of 2002, the third and current iteration of the **Baku H3** was formed by Ben *Sir Moonboots* Hodgson, assisted by his wife Phyllis *Stoned Banshee* Lyon, and Suzie *Teletubby* Cornell. *Teletubby* was the central figure of the Baku H3 for nearly a decade, but has recently retired and returned to the US, while *Sir Snickers* still pops in from time to time for visits and to attend hashing events. There were no records kept from the original Baku H3, so *Moonboots* randomly started this third Baku H3 on run number 100, and commenced from there.

On my recent visit to Baku, I enjoyed a blazing, and when I say blazing, I mean HOT, trail. At the time of the start, it was 106 degrees Fahrenheit (42C), and by the end the temps had dropped nary a degree. We had 10 hashers on trail, and the start was a bit of a mess. The hares planned to set trail from one park in the city, but posted the location of another park. As we stood waiting for the hares to arrive, highlighted by texting back and forth with the GM, saying "*we're here, where are you?*" and getting a response of "*we're here, where are you?*" . . . the hares finally realized their error, but it was the pack that paid the price. The only solution was for the hares to extend trail start from their park, to the park we were in, thus adding an additional kilometer to the day's excursion (Did I mention it was 42C/106F degrees out? Reportedly the hottest day of the year so far.) All in all, the trail ended up being 11 Kms long, and while there was one actual drink stop at 9 Kms, the pack had to make an impromptu water stop well before that.

Finally making our way to the end of this A to B trail, the pack wasted little time breaking open the beer cooler, and drowning our weary bones in several pints of the local piss. A short but energetic circle commenced, the hares were appropriately punished for their efforts, and fun was had by all. We then shuffled our way back into town to HOPS, the hash pub, and continued to rehydrate our dried-out livers. It was a great day, in an equally amazing city, on the shores of the Caspian Sea. I highly recommend Baku as a travel destination. The food is good, the beer is cold, and the Baku H3 as a great trail running hash club. If you do go, you can also join various hashers who gather for an informal 'Thirsty Thursday' run, and if you are really lucky, current Baku H3 GM 'Putin Pussy' or former GM 'Peanut Bladder' may also join you for a drink on the town.

For many more articles like this on the history of hashing, check out . . . <http://gotothefhash.net/history/inthespotlight.html>

# Readers Write in

## **Richard Hadfield**

Just, as a footnote, Bleuker Broome used to hash with Ashburton H3 (see Biggles) and ran with us occasionally in 1988 and 89. In 1989, we laid a run to celebrate his 80th birthday and he got lost on trail ... so the birthday party turned into a search and rescue mission (he was eventually found but after dark!)

## **Brad Summers**

### **Jolly Green Knob**

As far as the article my friend and fellow choir master Haz put in I disagree. I don't think it is excessive drinking as I have not seen that especially in the middle east like Muscat where I hash now. I think the hash is suffering from the problem that everyone watches TV, social media and technology. All across the world clubs are closing due to lack of memberships. Rotary clubs, Masons, Moose, Elk, Eagles and such. People don't go out into the real world anymore. I also think that around the world police starting making it harder to have a drink anywhere. This is why most everywhere I go hashes are full of old people who are always trying to figure out how to attract younger members. Most hashers that stay hashers seem to have similar characteristics. Hyperactive, learned running from sports or military. Hashers love Rugby, the outdoors, are extroverts so they love yelling and singing in the circle. No offense to Haz but I really don't think it is just from excessive drinking.

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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



### **Bernard Khoo**

Hi On Sec,

Pola is still young, strong and loaded with money. I often see him jogging in TDDI Park. Why don't you ask him to come back to Mother and contribute our RM200 per Quarter "chowkar" fee to Russell instead of sniping in for foc. He's done a great job though.

By the frequent pictures and photos sent to our site (some sad, recently happy memories), perhaps Mother should commission Pola to write a book on the history of Mother Hash for the forthcoming 80th Year Celebration Event. That might be an incentive for him to return to Mother's bosom and get to know the other 80% of our young hashers. Given up beer is not an excuse for a hashman.

### **Drainoil**

Greetings from Wimbledon.

The more we can keep on record just how Mother has evolved over the years, the better, especially pre-1970.

Can someone tell me when Mother stopped having a "Bucket" along with enamel mugs from which we scooped out the Shandy (Anchor Beer and Shandy)?

The taste of that brew, taken by we back runners, had a great flavour, garnered from the sweaty paws of hashers who had been grasping vegetation on their way around the trail.

Pola, I owe you a great debt and an email. It will come.

Keep up the good work

On on

Bob

### **Brad Summers**

Hi I wanted to add some stuff to Big Old Farts tribute. Graeme came to Kenya to be close to his kids. He was divorced and his wife was stationed at the US Embassy so he came to Kenya to be near the kids. He being a large fellow stayed at the back of the run with the ladies walking acting as a protector of them as Nairobi was an extremely dangerous place. The night he was shot he was driving home and thought he was being followed so he tried to outrun them. They opened fire on his landrover right outside of my house. He was paralyzed immediately and crashed the car. He kept a positive attitude even though and the Nairobi Hashers tried to raise money to have some Haggis sent from Scotland brought in for him. They moved him to England and during physio therapy he suffered a heart attack. I liked Graeme a lot as he had a very good sense of humor. He and I attended Nairobi HHH before it split into two hashes.

Eventually the British Embassy recommended people not bring big brand new land rovers and range rovers to Kenya as there were so many car hijackings.

## **The October issue**

A to Z of Hashers reaches H

The day the hash were Rickshaw champions  
of Hong Kong.

Hashing for real hashers

*The Iron Man Hash  
and the Rusty Man Hash*

Ancient Hash Feet discovered

The first days of the Delhi Hash

Hash Photo Essay

Hash Legends

*We are seeking a front cover for future issues!*

