

# On On

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# News

## Interhash

Interhash has been cancelled  
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## Interhash

Many of the hashers already committed to Trinidad plan to go ahead and stage small, spontaneous events once they get there. There is also the Prelube Cruise . . . sailing from Barbados the Postlube Adventure in Brazil, while *Mu-sick* is also working on an option of a Postlube in Georgetown, Guyana which would take in a visit to Kaieteur Falls (the world's highest single drop waterfall - three times the height of Niagara Falls).

## Interhash -Goa

HHHello Hashers

Obelix, the bid chairman of the Interhash2024Goa committee posted the following:

There has been some speculation about us withdrawing from the bid. THIS IS NOT TRUE. We are in the race.

***Stop Press: Interhash 2022 will be in Goa  
2024 in New Zealand - full details next  
month.***

## Scotland

Ali Wank Bonk, GM of **Stockholm Hash**, and daughter Piglet visited the **Glasgow H3** where Ali Wank Bonk disgraced himself by 'taking a short cut across someone's garden'. Other down downs were Hughiee Blaarrgh as a late developer starter; *Silent Pants* for tempting fate with the weather by bringing a scuba diver's torch; *Attaché* for having sore knees because she had been training for some obscenely long-distance mega trail, but still turning up for GH3. And finally (since the RA can hardly down down themselves), the GM awarded *Glaury Hole* one as hare. On on Audrey

## China

An online guide to Beijing listed the hash house harriers as one of the useful 'walking tours' that can help you explore the city.

*'The final entry on this list isn't so much of a walking tour group as it is a group of folks who like running*



*around the capital and having a drink afterward. Founded way back in 1979, the Hash House Harriers is a "drinking club with a running problem" that follows designated running - or "hash" - routes around the city before meeting at a specific bar or restaurant (usually Paddy O'Shea's) for beers, dinner, and a whole lot of sweaty merriment. '*

## England

**Yorkshire H3** hashers tuned into Channel 5 on Monday 7th March to watch "Police: Night Shift 999" to find that Gloucester police had been called out to investigate white powder dotted along the docks. The mention in Facebook inspired Stephen Unsworth to recall another flour scare: *'I remember 20 odd years ago on a town run in Weymouth with my mother hash Hardy's H3. A squad car responding to citizen reports of strange white markings around town finally tracked the pack down and demanded to know what was going down. Ever the joker, GM 'Doggy' asked the hare of the day to explain. Step forward our Iranian hare, 'Half Mad.'*

**London H3** Run 2600 had a Colours for Ukraine theme.

COVID lingers and **Bicester H3** announced that, 'One of our hashers, who was present on last Sunday's trail, has tested positive during the last 24 hours. Please follow the Government guidance as a result of this info'.

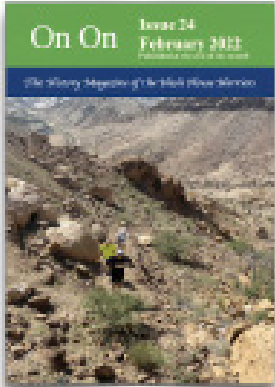
**Wessex** had fun setting their March run. First the hares, *Grafitti* and *Baggy Dog*, were unable to lay this trail 'due to unforeseen circumstances beyond their control'. *Bend Over* and *Spotted Dick* stepped up to the plate with an emergency venue only to find that Forestry England has closed the car park and put the forest out of bounds for 'Elf n Safety reasons'. The hash turned to Plan C and completed the run.

## Cambodia

Phnom Penh Hash House Harriers sent out this message:

*This is just a call out to see if anyone knows anything about an American man named Steve Fletcher who was an avid hasher, who has been missing since May 2014. He was planning on moving from Sihanoukville to Phnom Penh, and I'm sure if he got there he would have gone on some hashes. I have included 2 photos of him below. His sister is desperately trying to find answers. Thanks all.* (Ed: one of the photos is repro-





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<sup>4</sup> [Run 1875](#) from the Talbot Arms in Milingavia, where the person who had a team had even "helpfully" scooped up some of the white powder to show the sensible thing to do if it really had been something toxic

now another trail that had gone down some twiddly bits and then back

Back round the houses, rather than kept busy with checks right up until we were busy checking them out, the same right direction and the rest of the avoid the mini-gritter that was driving pavements.

With the On Inn being spotted just before the trail, all we needed to do now we found instead was **Hughiee Blaaz** late enough to miss the pack, had lost the trail, and then doubled back

Fortunately, there was a pub nearby

Thanks to Glasgow H3 for putting a link into their newsletter. Would be grateful to any other kennels who do the same.

Hazukashii was in Costa Rica, hashing with the San Jose H3 as they celebrated their 43rd Anniversary of hashing.

The photo shows a remarkable gathering of hashers. (Left) Patch-Work-Quilt, the founder of the InterAmericas' Hash. (Center) Hazukashii, one of only two known hashers to have hashed in 100 countries. (Right) Ian Young, the founder of both San Jose H3 and Seoul H3.





## The official statement

4 years ago we were thrilled to have the opportunity to host you in our country; the excitement of planning a unique Caribbean Interhash event, that would leave all of you with a lifetime of memories of the spirit and people of Trinidad and Tobago kept us going even while we lived through the twists and turns of these uncertain times, it is now quite heart breaking to have to take the difficult decision to cancel the event.

As it stands today **the local restrictions , in particular regulations 3 and 4 of the Public Health (2019 Novel Coronavirus [2019 – nCov]) Regulations of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, expressly forbids gatherings exceeding 25 persons whether in public places** or on beaches, rivers and streams and therefore, continue to frustrate us and make this event impossible to stage in the spirit of fun, parties and camaraderie that the Interhash has come to be recognized, as well as those global restrictions that are keeping many of you unable to travel to our country e.g., the Australians, New Zealanders and the Asians among others

The option to postpone is a difficult one as the logistics of proper planning e.g., hotels, airlines, dates can't continue to be unknown, even as another more serious wave sweeps Asia, Germany and the Netherlands.

We have made this difficult decision to cancel the event, in fairness to yourselves, the larger hashing community, those who are in need of visas and need official letters from us, along with our hotels, the official Airline, the venues operators, our hares and volunteers, who also need a concrete decision one way or the other.

As is the **tradition of the IH there will be no refunds of rego fees as agreed to upon registration**, but we intend to :

Ship the thousands of what are now 'collectors items' in goodie bags to you, valid registration holders from 73 countries across the globe, even as global shipping has skyrocketed, more so now to Europe since the conflict in the Ukraine.

We ask you, your groups and friends to send us as much as a singular address to bulk ship your goodies e.g., HammersleyH3.

Send all local and foreign hares and volunteers their Jerseys and hash bags.

Donate the Red Dress funds to ‘The Shelter – home for battered women’ to whom it was intended.

A contribution of ‘thank you’ would be given to the two local kennels for their efforts in supporting the IH over the last 4 years.

An Audit –

After all the final costs are in, including the costs of shipping across the globe, a final audit would be submitted to the council for review.

If there are any excess funds we intend to add it to the Red Dress funds to be used for a very worthy cause.

Thank you !

On a personal note, and on behalf of our management team, I would like to thank you for all your support over the last four years. Many of you reached out to us offering advice, assistance or just a kind word of encouragement or funny joke, and we appreciate all you have done. We have gotten to know many of you who shared your personal stories with us, and we were very excited to share with you our culture and beautiful twin islands.

We, like you, are disappointed with the turn of events over the last two years and perhaps when this is all over we would meet somewhere to share a cold beer.

\*We will be sending out a questionnaire to update us on your current addresses, T-shirt sizes etc , as so much has changed over the last 4 years. Please talk to your friends, groups and kennels to send us as much as possible a singular shipping address so we can send out the goodie bags to you across the globe.

Thanks for your 100% support in these challenging times.  
Noodles.

‘Till then, Stay safe

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Noodles, GM IHTT 2020/22

Received this message: DCH3 Hashers,

Attached, I hope, is a video capture from the latest episode of the hit Showtime show “Billions”.

Paul Giamatti is speaking about hashing. He plays nasty hero/villain and all-around good guy New York prosecutor, Chuck Rhoades.

*Chuck: “I once, in college, participated in what is called a ‘hash run’. The idea is only the organizers of the run know the route. He or she marks it out with small piles of flour on the ground but only intermittently. You have to uncover the route as you go wrong turns and all.”*

*Female Boss: ‘Sounds like an effective model for tricking yourself.’*



duced on the previous page).

## Australia

The Begais Valley, in New South Wales, celebrated the end of COVID with a weekend of activities. The main event was a giant 'Trash and Treasure sale' while the local hash group also joined in the fun offering a run/walk that was open to the general public.

## Greece

**Athens H3** is planning a spring weekend trip to Potamaki Beach Hotel on Corfu.

## Canada

**Bluenose H3** went ahead with their hash even though only two (the hares?) turned up. Nice going! *Leeky Willie*, most famous for founding the **Swansea Jack Hash**, is now living in Halifax, Nova Scotia (yes, that is in Canada. He is planning to set an inaugural hash there on 17th July. More details closer to the date.

## New Zealand

**Auckland Hash House Hussies** have just staged their AGM. *A great trail with multiple drink stops - we even avoided most of the downpours! Snatch* has replaced *Plunder* as GM.

## UAE

'The Round About Site' is a favourite venue for Dubai hashers, being close to town, yet offering the chance to run through sand as well as a great view of the Burj Khalifa and the Dubai skyline. The hash have just had a run from there and saw that the area is about to be fenced off and therefore lost to hashing.

## Sweden

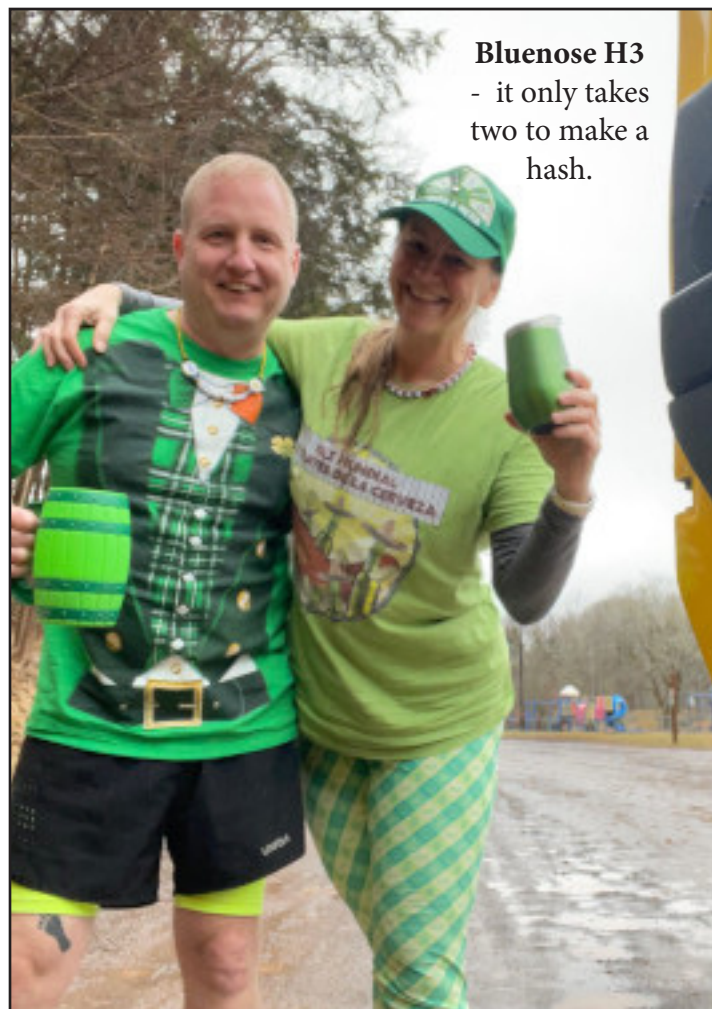
My good friend *Malibog* designed this coin to honour the birthday of *Sir Clever Dick*. Check out *Malibog's* monthly hash trash.

## Indonesia

*Herpes* has achieved his 1000th run with *Batavia H3*. He is still some way behind *Sheep Kin* who is on 1,476 hashes. *Witless Wanker* is next to reach this mark and only has 4 more runs to go. *A full report next month.*

## Poland

Happy to hear that **Warsaw H3** are doing well with *Princess PW* and *With Doctor* setting a run from the Warsaw Beer Festival, which is held in the Legia Stadium. *A short-ish trail will be set to get the pack working up a thirst!* Ed: Please send



**Bluenose H3**  
- it only takes  
two to make a  
hash.





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Another

# Arrested on the hash story

Full moon in East Greenwich, RI

Richard *Polly* Hadfield

I think it was November 1998 and I was visiting the **Rhode Island HHH** (again). I had decided that my frequent visits from Ireland should only continue if I offered to lay a trail. Normally my work was in New Hampshire but, on this occasion, I was visiting a client south of Providence and it was agreed that I would lay the hash nearby in the French Town Nature Preserve and we would gather at Snotty's house afterwards (*Snotty* is founder of the **Henfield HHH**, Sussex, UK).

A good plan. I set off after work to the start of the run, a car park just off the road with the trails through the park starting a few yards away. It was a dry and still night so I went to the rear of the car and opened the bag containing my hash clothes. I was wearing a suit so decided that I'd take off all my clothes (fold them nicely etc. so they could be worn the next day) and then put on my hash stuff. I was naked when I saw the light; the very bright light shining right up the road that I was parked beside.

The source of the light was unclear but unlikely to be aliens. The source of the light was approaching but my car was 100m off the road and completely in the dark. I watched as a fire truck came slowly into sight and it seemed that it would continue up the road. However, as the truck approached, the light swept round to the far side of the road. Then, before I could react, the searchlight swept in my direction – I was caught, bare-arsed at the back of my car. The light stopped moving and appeared to be locked on me as the firemen and the police officers, in the four police cars that were following the fire truck, took in the situation.

I was told, afterwards, that East Greenwich is a very proper and up-market area of Rhode Island. Bare arses in parking lots could only mean one thing – perversion of the worst kind. The neighbourhood officials were delighted to have something more than a chimney fire to report (the chimney fire they were



looking for seemed to have been forgotten at this point). I was quickly surrounded by the four police cars and their complement. Although I think I had time to grab my running shorts which I found easily with the aid of the searchlight, I was questioned by the police and I explained that I was laying a cross country running trail – naked? – no, I was changing from my suit to my running clothes – was I aware that there was a junior school opposite? Was I aware that it was illegal to park in a state park after dark? Was I aware that the school area as a Zero Tolerance area?

Things were getting very serious and I could see the charge sheet growing by the minute.

Just as I was preparing to be cuffed and taken away to spend the night in the local jail, the first Rhode Island hasher turned up and saw my predicament. Thankfully, the hasher was also a volunteer fireman. The hasher explained that this was normal practice for the running club which met every Monday.

The police and firemen began to understand what was going on and, eventually left in good humour and with a warning about where we could park. I finished dressing, grabbed my flour and headed into the bush to lay the trail. Thanks, *Snotty* for a great on on afterwards. And yes, news spread quickly in the community and my client had heard rumour of the event by the next morning!



# Merida Maya Mayhem Hash House Harriers - 100 runs!

From Julia Stewart

**Merida Maya Mayhem H3** celebrated 100 runs on 22 February 2022

## Merida Hashtory (as we tell it, true or not)

The Merida hash (in its first incarnation) started around 1996 until soon after the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal. We were told by Mexico City hashers that the kennel was headed by a British GM and his Brazilian wife. Bill and Hillary Clinton went to a hacienda near Merida to reconcile from the Lewinsky Affair and the Merida Hash was asked to organize a run and a party for foreign service staff and visitors (believe the date of the reconciliation was 14 February 1999). About six months after this presidential visit, the GM and his wife were transferred by his international company to the Middle East and the **Merida HHH** went dark.

In 2008, an American hasher (*Manhole*) and her South African husband (*Coathanger*) arrived in Me-

rida. They had previously hashed for years in Africa, with the Jacky Hash and others. In fact, *Manhole* had been a co-founder of the Asmara Hash a decade earlier. With their arrival, the Merida hash was reborn. The first run on 13 August 2008 was cobbled together quickly because a Canadian hasher (*Casket Case*) was in town and wanted a run - there were five people, lots of beer, swimming and an indecent proposal by a local resident to *Casket Case* when he couldn't find the venue (not his fault!). From that date through January 2009, five runs were held. Then *Manhole* and *Coathanger* divorced and *Manhole* was working back and forth in Africa, so for a second time, the Merida Hash went dormant.

Three years later, on 17 December 2012, *Manhole* restarted the Merida Hash. 95 runs later and this tropical colonial city has a thriving hash, with sometimes up to 40 participants. Highlights have included several red dress runs, an annual Virgin of Guadalupe passion play and pilgrimage/run and a full breakfast run (boiled egg, bacon and Kahlua at the beer stop). Actually, barely anyone runs, as this city attracts retirees, we've got an older crowd and the sidewalks are in such bad condition that an emergency room visit for a fallen hasher is among our "highlights" as well.



# Soroako Hash House Harriers

**Soroako H3** are a New Zealand hash with a historic connection to Soroako, Indonesia where Beca (a big engineering consultancy in NZ) has a contract at the nickel mine.

Many of their engineers discovered hashing at the actual **Soroako H3** and then carried on when back to Auckland with the 'Soroako H3, Auckland sub-branch, affiliation still pending', which gets trotted out at every circle. Or **Auckland Soroako H3** (ASH3).

Sean Capitan Bainbridge writes: *'I've done a few runs with them and set a run for them once. Not quite a closed group, but don't go out of their way to advertise their presence.'*

They usually run on the third Thursday of the month and start at 1800, instead of 1830 like every other Auckland Hash, 'which confuses your average hasher'.

He adds: *'Saw their RA (COS)(Crock of Sh\*t) at an Engineering NZ talk last night on the 'The Design of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors', an interesting choice for a nuclear free country. We live in unusual times....'*

The Auckland **Soroako H3** grew out of the **Soroako H3**, after many engineers were based there at the nickel Mine. When they returned to New Zealand they set up the ASH3, and officially we are currently "affiliation still pending" to that group, but in reality we don't give a shit.

Anyone visiting Soroako is punished with down downs because of our disrespect, but there are worse things in life than drinking cold beer as a punishment. We recently sent *Sausage* (sorry - can't remember his full hash handle - it's French) up to Soroako to sort them out. *Canucked Up* is our overseas rep, and deals with money laundering and international import-export stuff, based somewhere in Asia.

The ASH3 runs monthly, with the exception of a few months lost recently due to Covid, and we are approaching our 250th run in April, after being founded in 1997.

None of the founder runners are still active. However, *Big Tree* (run #2) and *One Roti* (run #3) are still hard at it.

*Current office holders are*

Hash Mistress - *2Ret*

Hash Cash - *One Roti* - ex Auckland Mens / PNG

RA - *Crock of Shit* - ex Soroako H3,

Hash Piss - *Twat Face*

Hash Horn - *Rugger* ex Kaohsiung H3

Hash Scribe / Hareline - *Big Tree* - ex BSB H3

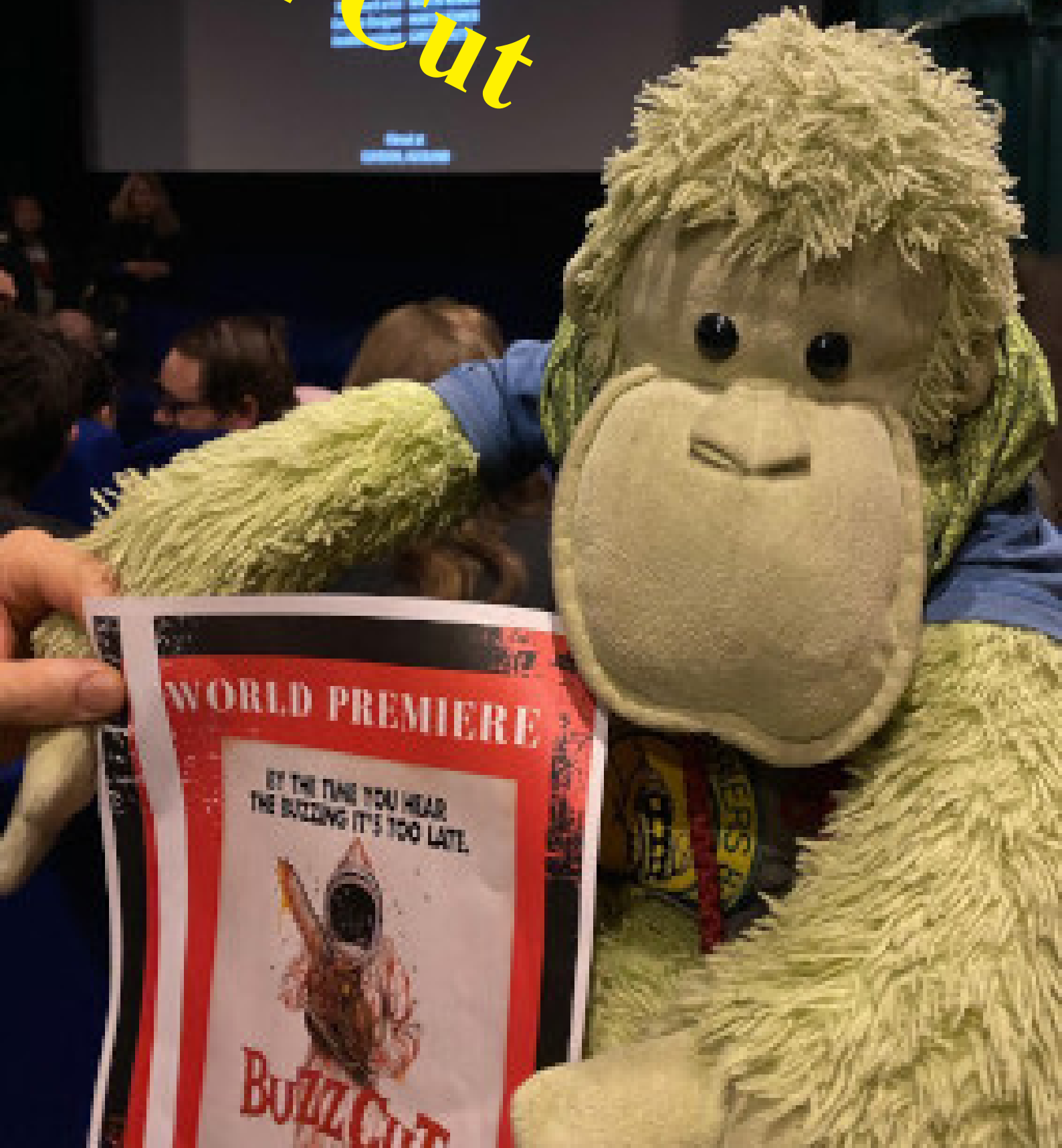
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**This second account comes from Neil BT Gunn:**



Below: Red Dress for the 200th Run

# Buzz Cut





# Hash Movie

A horror spoof featuring the Hash House Harriers!

*'By the time you hear the buzzing it's too late.'*

Here is the problem. You want to make a horror movie. You want to have a bunch of people somewhere isolated in the countryside, but you don't have the budget to rent a big country mansion as you would for an Agatha Christie style thriller.

Who would stay in a simple cabin in the woods?

**Why, the Hash House Harriers!**

**Buzz Cut** is a 2021 New Zealand comedy horror film about members of a drinking club being terrorised by a killer bee-keeper.

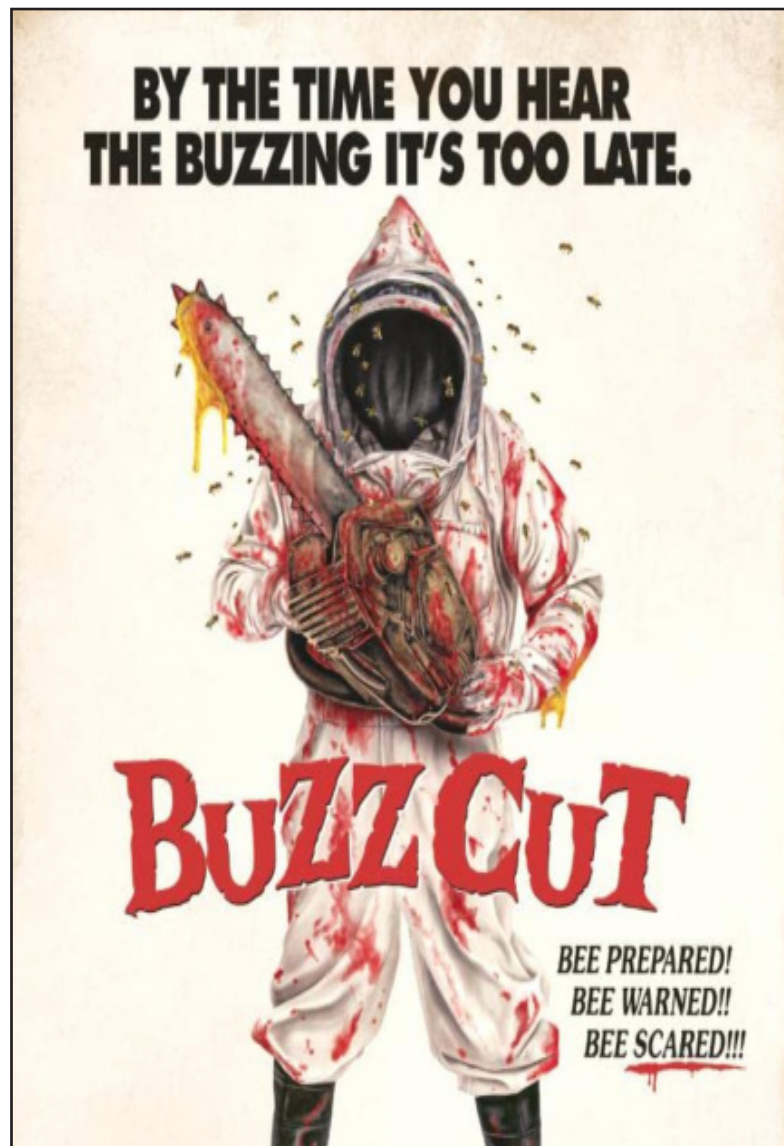
To call it main-stream is stretching a point. You would have to be quite a film buff to have heard of most of the cast. However, it is NOT filmed by a hash group and is a real - if independent - movie.

Written, directed and co-produced by Martin Renner, the movie stars Phoenix Cross, Linnea Quigley, Donna Wilkes, Benjamin Hudson, Zoë Helen Boyle and Ashton Brown.

**The basic plot.** In the opening scene two Pokemon players go to a bloody death at the hands of a spooky bee-keeper armed with a chainsaw. With the tone nicely set we see a bus break down, leaving a group of about ten hashers to walk to their cabins. There is a fair range of hash like characters, although the pack is a bit on the young side for a hash group these days.

**The official Blurbs:** "Horror and comedy meet in this cheeky and politically incorrect film, which also pays homage to slasher movies. Plastic dolls, stoner children and a lot of beer are some of the ingredients of this story that reminds us of Peter Jackson's *Bad Taste* (but without aliens).

Of course, there's no shortage of pretty girls, nudity, and a bloody maniac. The Hash House Harriers ("a drinking club with a running problem") encounter a killer Bee Keeper in a crazy Kiwi horror-comedy that is part *Animal House* and part 80s slasher movie."



**True to hashing?** Somebody who worked on the script certainly knew their hashing. The naming scene, for example, is realistic - pretty girl screams as cold water is poured over her from behind and she becomes 'Snuff'.

There are beers on the bus and the run scenes look quite accurate. (The view of a lost hasher stumblingly through the woods holding a blow-up doll seems quite hash-possible!)

**The shooting:** Producing an independent movie is hard enough and *Buzz Cut* had serious problems when delayed by COVID. The project got finished partly thanks to the enthusiasm of the cast. Donna Wilkes, I understand, put her fee back into the movie in return for being co-producer. She also persuaded the B movie legend Linnea Quigley to become involved.

**Reviews and thoughts** The dialogue might not be the best ever but there are a few good moments: 'A day without wine is like a day .. actually I don't know what it's like'.

The Horror YouTube station *Hellbound* described the movie as *'fun and competent the hits well above its weight'*.

Interestingly the reviewer was vague about the hashing link, to quote *'it seems from what I gather they all belong to a running club that has a drinking problem.'*

**So, who knew about hashing?** The most likely candidate for hash experience is writer/producer/actor Martin Renner. He had little or no previous movie experience, but has certainly led an interesting life. He worked as a professional cartoonist for China's largest English language newspaper, speaks fluent Japanese and advanced Mandarin Chinese **There is a good chance that he turned out with one of the Chinese hashes.**

**The cast: Donna Wilkes** was a rising star in the late 1970s. She appeared in the TV version of *The Incredible Hulk* and had a role in *Jaws 2*. Her career peaked in 1984 when she had the star role in *Angel*. This story of a young prostitute was both a success

at the box office and gathered quite a cult following. Her career was quiet after that and there is nothing listed between 1991 and 2013.

**Linnea Quigley** has had a long and busy career, largely in smaller movies with a horror theme, bringing her the title *America's Scream Queen*.

These two veterans helped bring the best out of some promising young talent such as **Phoenix Cross**. She is seen as a rising star after good reviews for the budget **Once More With Muchness** and she made her New Zealand TV debut as Awa in **Ahikaroa**.

**Ashton Brown** is a writer, comedian, actor and voice actor for stage & screen. He is known most notably for his voice work on the television series 'Power Rangers'.

**Zoë Helen Boyle** (hash name Angry Dragon) has appeared in Only in **Aotearoa** (2015), **Ahikaroa** (2018) and **The Meg** (2018).

**Benjamin Hudson** (hash name Gnarly Barney) seems to have followed the usual struggling actor's route of short films, the occasional commercial and a little stage work.

New Zealand hashers  
check it out at the  
Premier!



## Chicken F\*\*ker

From **Pattaya H3**: Sad news. John (*Lord Chicken F\*\*ker*) Mcallen has passed away. He recently had been admitted to hospital, but unfortunately succumbed on the 5th March 2022.

Chicken was a prolific PH3 hasher, his first run being #399 on the 2nd, Dec.1991 and he had an amazing total of 1224 runs, his latest being just two weeks ago.

To illustrate how dedicated LCF was to hashing, it is noteworthy, that in achieving 1000 runs, he only missed 18 actual continuous runs on getting there. He was GM in 1996, 1997 & 1998. He also was the beer truck driver for many years. But it was as a RA that LCF excelled.

Never one to be shy, anyone was fair game for his rumbustious ridicule when he called them into the circle. His brand of humour was not unsimilar to Tommy Coopers, but was certainly more hilarious and unique, with him continuing as a RA up to his last run.

Although it has been many years since LCF actually ran, (well he was 76) he always did the walker's circuit, where he would enthrall with his latest anecdotes or engrossing banter.

John also had been an active member of the Pattaya Sports Club and had been Softball chairman for several years.

Our condolences go out to John's son James (*Master Bates*) here in Thailand and his daughter Jane in the UK.

R.I.P. Lord Chicken F\*\*ker, you were definitely "One of a kind." OnOn GKW



## Sheepshagger

Former **Bangkok Monday H3** Grand Master Terry *Sheepshagger* Jones suffered a stroke at the dinner following a Monday night trail. He was taken to hospital but did not recover. *Sheepshagger* joined BMH3 in September 2009 and ran with the Monday Hash 313 times. Despite his elderly status he was a noted fast walker and a good hare. He also hashed with **Mijas H3** in Spain.







## John Strugnell

John Strugnell, who co-founded the **Bandar Seri Begawan H3** in October 1982, has died. RIP

His daughter, Sharon writes:

*Struggers* has run his last race. Our hearts are breaking. We lost this amazing man 80 years young this week and now face the hard task of living without him. He fought the good fight for so long, ravaged by Parkinson's disease for 30 years but died a dignified peaceful death at home surrounded by those who loved him.

Courage and strength to the end

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## Wiggler

From Bangkok: It's with a heavy heart that we have to report that Yuree *Wiggler* Sankot passed away peacefully on 20th March 2022.

She left for the UK 18 months ago, and until recently she was walking, running and taking photos as she did here. She has succumbed to a rare auto-immune disease which affected her vital organs.

Yuree was an active and well liked member of all the hash clubs in Bangkok, and will be sorely missed. RIP



# Hash Stats

## Marlow Hash House Harriers England

The first Marlow H3 run took place from THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, a Queens Road public house on Tuesday 1st September 1990. Many gents and ladies completed the run and returning to the Pub where their first Marlow H3 circle was performed.

A run has taken place every week since that day, where a warm welcome always awaits runners, walkers, families and friendly dogs before the 'ON OFF' and an even warmer one, upon completion.

Steve Young	1082
Bill Morrison	728
Martino Smits	727
Ken Norman	591
Gill Duncan	545
Gary Luxon	499
Patrick Barr	447
Ed Parkins	378
Peter Duncan	349
Lucy Horner	332

## The Running Sharks - Australia

The **Northern Beaches H3** was formed in April 2001. Also known as The Running Sharks Hash, it was started by Nick *Donga* Gorshenin (ex **Medan H3**, Indonesia) Lesley *LSD* Dellit, Peter *Ruski Doddle* and Pauline *Floss* Barnard partly to get a Hash going on the beaches, but also to provide *Ruski Doddle* with the avenue to meet potential mates, without having to travel to Russia every three months as he was doing.

Some of the hashers who participated on the first run to become foundation and long term members were: Neil *Crum Crummy* (ex **Casuarina H3**), Lesley *Geographically Naive* Carrington of the **Sydney Harriettes**, Catherine *Stiff One* O'Shea, (ex-**Medan Harriettes**), Victoria *Siberia* Godwin, Colin *Seaman* Tansley and Di *Stormwater* Heffernan.

Crum	175
Geography Naive	171
Crumpet	152
Donga	149
All Fours	139
Inky	137
Next Week	137
Siberia	125
Yakkity Yark	104
Himaloafer	101
Kaffir	99
Phantom	97
No Shit On Me	95
Cinderella	92
Stormwater	93
Stiff One	90

# RUNNING SHARKS

Northern Beaches Hash House Harriers

# Hashers

## A to Z

### Letter L

**Labia**

**Bali H3 (Indonesia)**

Approaching 750 hashes and the currently Bali hash master.

**Laggard**

**Steve Jaggard**

**Night Runners of Bengal H3 (Bangladesh)**

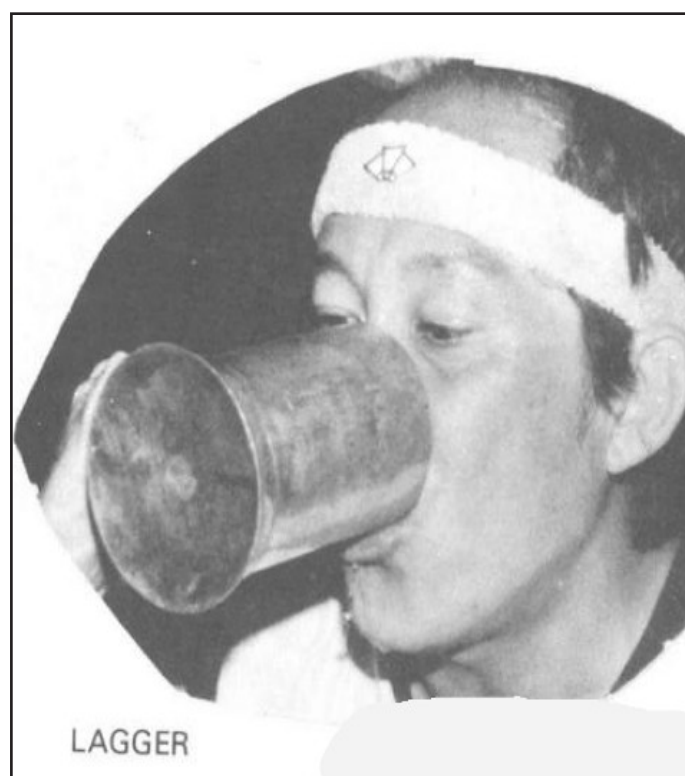
Formally of Jakarta, Laggard arrived in Dhaka in 1977 and is credited as the founder of the Dhaka men's hash, the **Night Runners of Bengal**.

**Lagger**

**Rudi Lei**

**Medan H3 (Indonesia)**

Spent several decades hashing with **Medan H3**. He was one of the 'Chinese Mafia' who had an ongoing battle with the expats over the nature of the hash and particularly the circle.. Passed away in 2020. *On On Lagger*



**One of the Hash Founders Cecil Lee**

**Land, Nobby**

While not a hasher, Nobby would have been well known to the group. He has a place in hash history for being the aggrieved party in a divorce case that involved Gispert.

**Lashes**

**Colombo Harriettes (Sri Lanka)**

Has completed over 900 hashes with the **Colombo Harriettes**.

**Last Tango**

**London H3 (England)**

A veteran London hasher with 700 plus hashes to his credit. Celebrated his 25th anniversary of hashing early in 2022.

**Latham, Kevin**

**Tehran H3 (Iran)**

An Aussie and a key figure in the early days of **Tehran H3** where he served as both JM and On-Sec.

**Lay By**

**Barnes H3 (England)**

A key member of **Barnes H3** with 646 hashes and currently joint master.

**LBH (Little Big Horn)**

**Syed Hossain**

**Bangladesh Men's Hash (Bangladesh)**

A long term hasher in Bangladesh and still active on the men's mismanagement. A fine runner at one point, he is now reduced to walking. He has 1060 plus runs with the men, ranking him second of the still active hashers.

**Lechner, Erich**

**Semarang H3 (Indonesia)**

Was the first Semarang hasher to 300 runs. Famous for his blue striped shorts and for propping at the bar



at parties. Served as hash flash and hash cash. Was also a fair runner with a 28 minutes 5 k.

**Lechner, Gabby**  
**Semarang H3 (Indonesia)**

Was Hash mistress on **Semarang H3** in their early days.

**Lee, P.G.M. (Curly)**  
**Mother Hash/Singapore H3 (Malaysia)**

Brother of Cecil. Believed to have hashed with Mother Hash before the war, but this is unconfirmed. He later lived in Johore Bahru, where he had the rank of Major in either the army or police. Was still living there as late as 1986 when he was well known to the Singapore hash and might have occasionally run with them.

**Lee, Cecil**  
**Mother Hash (Malaya)**

Born in 1911, Lee qualified as an accountant and was posted to KL in 1934. He became one of the most important figures in the founding of Mother Hash and was Joint Master from 1938-40. He fought in the British retreat to Singapore, where he was taken prisoner. Having survived the horrors of working on the Siam-Burma railway, Lee was one of first of the old group to return to KL where he played a major role in getting Mother Hash restarted. He had a second spell as Joint Master from 1946-47 and held the post for a third time from 1950-51. Lee stayed in Malaysia until 1961 and then retired to Surrey. He was out walking one afternoon when to his amazement he heard cries of 'On-On' and the Surrey Hash ran past. Has given a series of interviews which have been an important sources of information on the pre-war hash.

**Leeky Dick**  
**Alun Philips**  
**Jakarta H3 (Indonesia)**

*Leeky Dick* was an Indonesian veteran hasher who was Indonesian National Hash Secretary for many years. He started hashing with **Medan H3** and then moved to Jakarta. Here he ran for many years with his first love - **Batavia H3** - where he would compose and perform magnificent hash songs. He was a key figure at Interhash and his brilliant 'Phantom of the Hash Opera' was the highlight of the stage at Interhash '92'. He also had many friends in Phuket, where he clocked up 30 runs and 3 hares over a number of visits. He is still remembered for the help he gave **Phuket H3** in the preparations for Interhash 1992. *Leeky* retired to Bali where he frequently ran

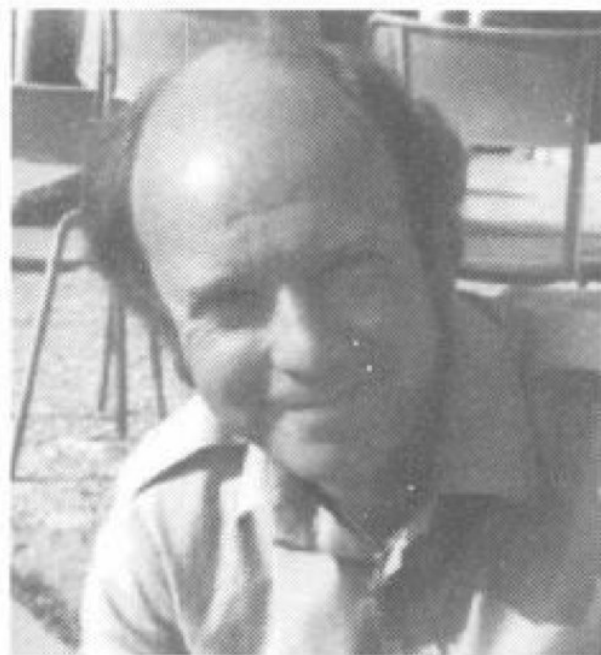
with some of the Bali hashes. Alun passed away on 20 July 2015. On On

**Leeky Willy**  
**Steve Williams**  
**Swansea Jack H3 (Wales)**

In 1995 he took redundancy and got a job in Indonesia as a fibre optic expert. He had heard of the hash from a friend and turned up with a hash directory in his suitcase. However, he was still taken by surprise when the Bandung Siemens office closed at 3.30 so that everybody could get to the hash. As a good runner he loved the idea and became a regular hasher with **Surabaya H3**. Work took him to Bali and Balikpapan, but Indonesia was turning anti-foreign and he returned to Swansea in 1999 where he founded **Swansea Jack H3**. Made a major contribution to InterHash Cardiff, where he is still remembered for singing the traffic light song as a deliberate attempt to get booted off stage. He met *Wet N Ready* on a Bali Hash trip and moved to her native Canada. They hashed with **Ottawa H3** and now intend to start a kennel in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Legge, Raymond**  
**Cayman Island H3**

Having discovered hashing in Hong Kong, Raymond Legge moved to the Cayman Islands where he founded the hash in 1978.



**BRIAN LIDDELL**

360 runs 33 hares

*"If music be the food of love, play on."*  
- Shakespeare

# Leeky Dick visits Phuket

## PHUKET HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Scribe Report: No. 1311; 23 April 2011; Hares: Leeky Dick & Sheeps Kin

Total Pack: 122; Virgins: 4; Visitors: 1; Visiting hashers: 16; New members: 0

*... Leeky Dick and Sheeps Kin in to sing a most memorable song called, "Dodie You Can Drive My Car" ... finally the toilet seat came out at 7:50 and the hares were given good run and Leeky Dick gave Murkey a kiss on the mouth as he was so overjoyed. The worst part was that Murkey didn't back away!*

*Ah spring is in the air!*

ON ON  
TESTICLE TOM

### Leo, Andra

#### Singapore Harriets

Joint mistress of **Singapore Harriets** in 1982 and the GM for 3 years (1983-85). Andra is the only person, except founder Mrs Gurney, to hold the post three times.

### Leroy, Lawson

#### Abidjan H3 (Ivory coast)

An hasher with **Abidjan H3** in their early days when they had a reputation for being one of the wildest hashes in Africa. He was noted for designing wonderful T-shirts.



*Right: On On Leeky Dick*

*Below: Little Adonis in the Hash Bar at the Royal Selangor Club*







### **Lick it Up**

**Knapp, Meryl**

**Yorkshire H3 (England)**

Has completed over 1000 hashes with Yorkshire - a landmark achieved by only 4 current hashers. She got her hash name after winning a bottle of whisky in raffle on her 1st hash and promptly dropping it into the stone floor! Also known (Ed: affectionately I hope) as the *Mad Woman*. There are numerous other hash stories and *Scrumpy* claims to have stopped her from running into the path of a car on Leeds Ring Road on that very first hash! She survived and went on to found the **Riding the Full Moon Hash**. A decade ago - when she was a young 70 year old - she made national newspapers when spotted dancing in the mud at Glastonbury.

**Liddell, Brian**

**Episkopi H3 (Cyprus)**

A long term member of **Episkopi H3**. By the kennel's 1000th hash was on 261 runs, ranking him 5th. Eventually he clocked up 1383 hashes. With wife Cathy was a keen member of the Cyprus Ramblers.

**Lifa**

**Brain Walker**

**Chicago H3 (USA)**

Has a lifetime run total edging towards 2600 including hashing in 57 countries and 35 states. *Lifa* celebrated 30 years of hashing in 2020.

**Likka**

**Rob McNaught**

**Pania H3 (New Zealand)**

Founder of **Pania H3** with 1601 hashes to his credit.

**Likk'mm**

**Swiss hashes**

The extremely tall, extremely computer literate *Likk'mm* (you show them to me and I'll lick em') is well known on the European circuit, well-travelled InterHashionally and a legend in his adopted home of Switzerland. For many years he enjoyed Switzerland's central position to hash with various kennels, and at one point had completed 500 of a possible 850 Bern Hashes (and had hared 10% of them). He missed the first Interscandic, after which he was a regularly attendant. He co-organized a couple of Interscandic pre-lubes and took a lead role in the DRIFTERS 2008 Balkans Tour. He was an early hash publisher, putting some of the first ever hash websites onto the World Wide Web. He has also been involved in the Goa and Chang Mai Interhash websites, as well as setting up registration platforms for several other big events. Since retirement he has become almost a full time hash traveller. He refuses to divulge his number of hashes, but it must be an impressive total.

**Lilly von Stupp**

**Frank Maginsky**

Frank *Lilly von Stupp* Maginsky was a long term RA of the **Hamburg Hash** and at one point was captain of a rather expensive mine hunter belonging to the German navy. (He actually had a H3 sticker below the sign saying 'Captain' on his cabin door!) Learnt his hashing in the States, where he was named after the blond bombshell in Blazing Saddles.

**Lips**

**Ray Dalton**

**Baghdad H3**

Ex-Mother Hasher who left for the Middle East where he clocked up 101 runs with **Baghdad H3**. That was a feat in those hardship days when expats did not tend to stay around for long.

**Liquor Up**

**Colleen Vanrisseghem**

**Hawaii H3 (USA)**

Meet partner *Occupied* on a fishing tournament and he took her to a hash. As airline employees they have been able to travel and hash around the world. Her name comes from her reputation of offering free drinks to any hasher flying. (Hence: liquor-her-up).



### **Lister, Mark**

#### **Port Villa H3 (Vanuatu)**

Has 1000 plus with **Port Villa H3** and was GM between Runs 1051-1100.

### **Little Adonis**

#### **Torsten Tesch**

#### **Hannover H3 (Germany)**

A key member on the **Hannover H3** committee and the current GM. Also runs with **Stuttgart H3**.

In 1993, when only 20 years old, Torsten was tricked into going on the inaugural run of **Hamburg H7** by a best friend who described it as a 'private party'. *'I ended up very drunk but very happy... this changed my life forever... fortunately!'* Since then has clocked up 700+ runs and hashed in 35 countries (including Siberia at minus 40 degrees, Syria, Turkmenistan and Vanuatu). Has been to every Interhash since Cyprus 1996, most Eurohashes since 2003 and many Inter-scandi. Additional trips include the Vodka Train, The Inca Trail and the Silk Road (including 3 days police custody and jail due to visa errors in Kazakhstan). Was honoured with the title "Hasher attending most German Nash Hash ever" (21 times since 1995, only 4 missed) and was GM of the German Nash Hash committee in 2009 and 2019. When not hashing he is a married, 49 years old, who like to play the electric guitar and sell consumer electronics from one of his three retail shops.

### **Little Fart**

#### **Bali H3 (Indonesia)**

Has completed 800 hashes for 3rd place on the **Bali2** hash.

### **Little Flic**

#### **Masterton H3 (New Zealand)**

*Little Flic* missed Masteron's run number 1 'cos he couldn't be bothered'. Since then has only missed 18 runs, giving him the highest % in NZ hash records. As of April 2021 *Little Flic* had completed 1676 of the groups 1694 hashes.

### **Little General**

#### **Mike Miall**

#### **Singapore/Sydney**

Started hashing in Singapore and on his return to Australia founded **Sydney H3** in October 1967 with the assistance of Bill Davis and Phil Riddle.

### **Little Mo**

#### **Mohammed bin Saifan**

#### **Dubai Desert Hash (UAE)**

One of the first locals to join the hash, back in the

## **Little Mo**



days when it was seen as very much an ex-pat exclusive club. Decades later *Little Mo* is still there, with a record 1500 runs completed. He runs a successful trading business and is a wonderfully generous gentlemen to the hash community. He stages and sponsors the annual National Day Run and there are regular hash camps out at his Hatta farm. His hash travels includes attending numerous Interhash and Inter Gulf events. He is still a man of the land and hashers attending Hatta are amazed to see him so at home scrambling up the steep mountain sides.

### **Little Tooter**

#### **Daytonah3 (USA)**

The founder of **Daytona H3** in 1987.

### **Liz of Oz**

#### **Hong Kong H4**

#### **Ian Wootten**

A 26 year veteran of Hong Kong, he was the Hong Kong GM from 2015-16. To quote the Hong Kong yearbook: *'The Lucky Country won the jackpot with this one. A voice like a buzz-saw through pebble-dash, the physique of a digitally enhanced Quasimodo, the wit of Paul Keating on meths, and the moral compass of Rolf amok in a girls' toilet. In other words a true leader, too good for the likes of H4'*.

# Hash Classic Photos

## "HORSES FOR COURSES"



*Above:*

*Horse Thomson at Sydney Interhash 1984*

*Opposite page - top*

When the Moscow H3 were banned from the streets of the Russian capital the London hash-  
es came together for a light-hearted protest outside the Russian Embassy. I believe *Hooray*  
*Henry* was the ringleader? *Would love an account from somebody who was there!*

*Opposite page - bottom*

*A mixed Singapore trip across the straits to Johore Bahru*



E. Grinstead, Cambridge and London hashers protesting outside the Russian Embassy 1984



Singapore Hashers in Johore Bahru, date unknown (1970's)



# Bordighera - Legend or Hoax?

The 'discovery' of a hash in Italy just after the war was the hash equivalent of Howard Carter locating the tomb of Tutankhamen.

Then *Amnesia* blew the whole story apart with one of the best hash articles every written.

So **Bordighera H3**, hash or legend?

*Shakes* gives a summary and then reprints the original article by *Amnesia*.

## Bordighera – Hash or Hoax

For many years it was believed that the Italian Riviera town of Bordighera was home to the second oldest hash group in the world. The founder was said to have been Gus Mackay (various spellings) who had learnt about hashing in KL while visiting his brother, Rupert. It was reported that Gus had spent time in an Italian prison-of-war camp and then retired to the Italian coast, where he founded **Bordighera H3** in April 1947.

The group was supposed to have been briefly revived during the construction of a major Arts and Science centre. This project was supposedly supported by Giovanni Paradiso, the grandson of deposed King Emmanuel Vittorio III. Apparently the young Prince had met Gus Mackay in a prison-of-war camp and this fragile link inspired the kennel to take the grand title of Royal Bordighera H3. It was also reported that Gus Mackay's widow, Anna-Marie Mackay, had been alive at that point and had been made Honorary Hash Mistress of the reformed kennel.

The existence of a Bordighera H3 at such an early date was first uncovered by hash historian Tim *Magic* Hughes, who found references to the group amongst the vast amount of hash papers gathered in his personal library. He met with Robert *Bwana* Walker (ex-Mombasa) who had recently moved to Milan and asked him to investigate further. Bwana passed the task on to another Milan hasher, Fabio *Fabulous* D'Ambrosio, who travelled to Bordighera, where he interviewed some of the older residents of the town.

There were, at this point, three bodies of evidence

supporting the existence of Bordighera H3.

- The core of the story could be found in a photocopy of a letter from Sir J J Fitch-Heyes and dated 12/3/90. This source mentioned Rupert and Gus Mackay, summarising their war careers and their interest in hashing. It also noted that Gus had met Giovanni Paradiso while both had been POW's. It did not link Paradiso with the Bordighera Hash.

- Bordighera 'news-sheets' first mentioned by Magic and later shown to Bwana.

- The eye witness accounts gathered by Fabio D'Ambrosio from residents of Bordighera who claimed to have known of, or to have at least heard of, the hash.

Based on this evidence, *Magic* encouraged the revival of the kennel. The easiest option was to integrate the deceased chapter into **Milan H3**, which became the **Royal Milan and Bordighera H3**, with the understanding that at least one run a year would be staged on the Riviera.

Finale Ligure, an hour to the north, became the venue as one of the Milan hashers owned a house that hashers could use as a base. There was also a feeling that Finale Ligure offered better possibilities for running than Bordighera. For many years the annual '*Ghost on the Coast Run*' was a popular event on the European hash circuit, offering tough hilly runs and – at some point - an appearance of the ghost of Gus Mackay, dressed in white pith helmet and kilt!

However, when *Amnesia* (**Bicester H3**) took a closer look at the Bordighera story he started to question the authenticity. Problem number one was that an extensive search through official records failed to find any trace





of either a Gus or Rupert Mackay. This was surprising considering their military background. Nor did anybody by the name of Sir J J Ffitch-Heyes or Giovanni Paradiso appear to have ever existed. As the evidence was scrutinized, further problems started to arise.

The original 'news-sheet' *Bwana* was shown by *Magic* could not be located, which was strange as Tim was noted for saving everything hash related. *Amnesia* also made a very persuasive argument that the letter from Sir J J Ffitch-Heyes was a hoax.

Sadly Fablo left no written record of his interviews in the village. We have no idea who he spoke to, or what they said. We do not know, for example, if they claimed to have seen the Hash for themselves, or were simply repeating stories heard from a third party. There was certainly the possibility that they had given answers that would please their visitor, or had confused a bunch of joggers with the Hash group that Fablo was describing. *Amnesia's* conclusions were, '*the original Bordighera hash of 1947 may have existed but there is no evince to substantiate that existence.*'

It is not impossible that new evidence might yet turn up. A deeper hunt through Malaysian achieves and newspapers could confirm the existence of the Mackay brothers. *Magic's* library is now packed away in boxes in an empty house in KL, and when it is eventually unpacked, re-catalogued and shelved the missing news-sheets could turn up accidentally tucked into another document. Until that happens most hash scholars will continue to consider the Royal Bordighera H3 story a hoax.

## Ian *Amnesia* Belton's original (and brilliant) article.

Research project on the existence of the Bordighera Hash House Harriers in the period c 1947-1961

### Introduction

This is a report on the evidence presented for the founding and existence of a Bordighera H3 in or around 1947 lasting until approximately 1961. It has not covered the re-founding of the 'sometime' hash in 1984, although the conclusions will have an effect on the claims of the reincarnation as the Royal Bordighera H3. It has concentrated on the claim that by being founded in 1947, the Bordighera hash was the second hash chapter to be formed.

According to the story the Bordighera H3 was founded on 2nd April 1947 by Gus Mackay or Mackie, or Mackey, and lasting until approximately 1961. The evidence of its existence is lim

ited and no contemporaneous evidence exists at all. There is much hearsay evidence (and once or twice removed), and much which should be considered rumour, as the story changes depending on who is telling it. I have therefore investigated what evidence does exist in an attempt to substantiate the claims. In researching the name, all variations of Mackey have been searched, along with Gus and variations such as Angus.

My thanks must go to the assistance of the University of Buckingham.

## **Introduction**

Gus was an officer in a Gurka regiment of the British Military. He had run with the Hash House Harriers in Kuala Lumpur before the war as a guest of his brother Rupert Mackey. During World War II while fighting in the battle for Anzio, Capt Mackey was captured and imprisoned in Milan,

Italy. After his release, he stayed on in Milan, and eventually settled down with his new wife Anna- Marie in Bordighera on the Italian Riviera and formed the Bordighera H3, with the first run taking place on 2 April 1947. The BH3 was popular with other British veterans that had also settled in the area and enjoyed over a decade of trails, unfortunately and has happened many time the pack drifted away, finally ending sometime in 1961.

On 12 December 1984, The Bordighera H3 was revived during the construction of the Bordighera Arena for Science, Technology, Arts, Research and Development Center, sponsored by Giovanni Paradiso, the grandson of deposed King Emmanuel Vittorio III and also fellow prisoner during the war with Gus, and would now be known as the Royal Bordighera H3. Anna-Marie Mackey, at nearly 70, was still on hand and was made Honorary GM-Hash Mistress. The RBH3 lasted only a short period of time, and conducted occasional runs with the Riviera H3 (France).

On 23 June 1990, Robert "Bwana" Walker, previously from the Mombasa H3 in Kenya, founded the Milan H3 in Milan, Italy. In September of 1991, Bwana visited the Singapore H3 and then went on to Bangkok, where he met the late Hash Historian Tim "Magic" Hughes. Magic explained what he knew of the history of the Bordighera H3, and asked Bwana to see if he could turn up any old information on the BH3 upon his return to Italy. In coordination with Fabio "Fabulous" D'Ambrosio, the Milan H3 "Hash Italian" (an actual committee position), they were able to find some Riviera Hashers with recollection of the temporary rebirth of the RBH3, and eventually tracked down Anna-Marie Mackey, the widow of founder "Gus" Mackey. In a wild turn of events, it was discovered that Fabulous was actually a relative of Anna-Marie. Although she was on in years, it was reported that she could still chug a down-down with the best of them. With the approval of Anna-Marie, the Milan H3 merged with the remnants of the RBH3 forming the Royal Milan & Bordighera H3 in November 1991. Once again Anna-Marie was named Honorable Grand Mistress, and it was agreed that they would hash in Finale Ligure, near Bordighera, every year to keep the tradition going. According to Bwana, "The reason for 'near' and not 'at' is a long story, which involves an entire hash being stuck on a hilltop in a thorn thicket late at night, local rescue teams and some pretty gory bleeding legs. The terrain there is incredibly rough and thorny, which prompted the then Milan RA "Wild Bill" Ridout to make his personal motto 'Bugger Bordighera!', and avoid setting any trails nearer than 50 Km from it. The 'near Bordighera' became focused just up the coast in Finale Ligure, where Fabulous had a house on a spectacular Riviera hillside. We hashed there every year, and without fail, the ghost of Gus Mackey, haunted us every time, with apparitions on hill-sides, all in white, including a white pith helmet and kilt, and playing a white bagpipe. He was also spotted prowling the balconies of the hotel we used, late at night, and once was seen getting out of a smoking grave! The hash became known as the "Ghost on the Coast" and was well attended by hashers from all over the world."

## **Email dated 3rd September 2013 from Robert David Walker (Bwana)**

Regarding the RBH3, it was Magic Hughes who asked me to try to trace it when I visited him in Bangkok in about 1990. He had the evidence of its prior existence, which were some typed newsheets, which unfortunately I did not copy. He gave me a few contacts and phone numbers but most no longer existed. Finally I got hold of one contact, an old British resident of Bordighera, since retired to France, who gave me some Italian names, but no phone numbers. Fabulous Fabio was the RA of Milan Hash at the time



and his family had property near Bordighera, so he went down there to see what he could find. He went to the physical addresses spoke to a number of people who knew of the hash, all very old, and one of them knew Gus's wife. We informed Magic and Tumbling Bill and with their blessing, and the blessing of the contacts that Fabulous found, we formed the merged Royal Milan and Bordighera H3 so the name would live on as 2nd oldest Hash. Singapore H3 were not too happy with this and consistently spread the storey that RBH3 had never existed, claiming it was an invention of the dastardly French, although how they would know is beyond me.

Fabulous has long given up hashing, and it is most likely that the ex hashers and contacts he found have by now died, as they were all WW2 types, so I guess that the proof in black and white that you are looking for will probably never be found, unless Tumbling Bill has something from Magic's old records.

Thus ends my last comment on this,

### **Evidence to the claim**

Hand written letter to John Sullivan from Datuk Sir J J Ffitch-Heyes regarding meeting Rupert Mackey in Changi gaol during WWII. This letter was sent to Tim 'Magic' Hughes and remained in his records.

John Sullivan is assumed to be the old British resident mentioned in Bwana's email

Covering Letter from John Sullivan to Tim Hughes 9th August 1990

Dear Magic Hughes!

I do apologize for the delay in replying to your missive. The Royal Bordighera is located close to the French border nearby Ventimille the Italian town close to the frontier. The founder of the Royal Bordighera Hash Gus Mackey was POW in Italy during the war and it was during this period that the original RBHHH was conceived. See enclosed photo copy of letter.

Can you throw some light on this?

Hoping to meet soon! On On

John Sullivan

### **Typed Letter from Datuk Sir J J Ffitch-Heyes**

Dear Sir

I read with great interest your article on the Royal Bordighera Hash and particularly concerning Gus Mackie. It may be of assistance to your hashers to know how Gus became interested in hashing. This was, of course, through his brother Rupert, who lived in Kuala Lumpur in the thirties working for the old established trading house of William Jacks. Rupert, like so many of the early hashers, lived in the hash house adjacent to the Dog (the Kuala Lumpur club) on the Padang, which still exists to this day in the thriving heart of KL. In the late thirties, Gus serving with the Prince Edwards XII Gurkha regiment in Pahang and Kuala Trengganu would travel to KL for leave and there he joined his brother in the eccentric activity of running through the rubber and then jungle surrounding the capital city. Hashers were, it must be said, very much outcasts of society not being permitted to frequent the dog due to their bizarre behaviour.

In the war Gus fought at Anzio with distinction and it was here that he was taken prisoner, and during his incarnation met Giovanni Paradiso, an officer in the Bersaglieri, who is of course, the grandson of Victor Emmanuel III. Meanwhile Rupert was captured by the Japanese at Johore Bahru, whilst serving with the Straits Volunteer Rifle Brigade and spent most of his interment in Changi Gaol which is where I met him and hence able to add more detail to the remarkable family. Finally I must point out that your remark concerning Anna Maria is not correct. She has not in fact hashed in a wheelchair and whilst unintentional this is in rather poor taste.

Good luck in your hashing activities and as Rupert used to say "On On to the girlie bar sport in the Batu Road".

Yours sincerely

(unsigned)

Datuk Sir Jameson Fitch-Heyes

The original letters from John Sullivan and Datuk Sir Jameson Fitch-Heyes are held in Tim Hughes

archive. PDF copies are held by me.

Datuk Sir J J Fitch-Hoyes The East India Club London 12.03.90

Although no contemporaneous evidence exists to our knowledge, the letter from Sir Jameson upholds the claims that 'Gus' had hashed with Rupert and had been a POW in Italy, as in the claim. Bwana visited Tim Hughes sometime around 1990 and saw some newssheets about the hash existence. These items have never been discovered in Tim's substantial archive. However Tim was a close correspondent with Dr Gordon 'Prof' Williams and the BH3 was a regular subject in the 1990's and Prof wrote to me shortly before his death "Magic [Tim Hughes] was always suspicious of the evidence". Whether 'the evidence' included extra papers, (that may have come from the same source, John Sullivan), or just related to this letter we may never know. In view of Tim's rigorous archive it would be surprising if, such important document existed, it was not retained.

So, as far as we know, in 1990, when the story emerged, we must assume the evidence that a hash existed in 1947 was a letter from Sir Jameson, sent to Tim Hughes by Sullivan.

The main characters.

Gus Mackey - Searches of war records (Gus and variations, and Mackey and variants) have failed to identify anyone of that name who survived the war and fitted the claim. This includes Prisoners of War in Italy and Germany. (Italy had capitulated by 1944, the time of the Anzio landings so camps were controlled by the Germans). Further searches were made for decorated servicemen and service records relating to Malaya and Italy, without success. Whilst many Gus Mackeys (and variants) existed none could be connected to the story.

Rupert Mackey - No records exist in war records. Again there are a few Ruperts but none that fit the story or who can be identified as a prisoner in Changi. The Changi museum are searching their records.

Datuk Sir Jameson J Ffitch-Heyes.- Sir J F-H is an important part of the story as he identifies Gus as brother of Rupert and identifies them. His letter tells of Gus and Rupert hashing together, and Gus being taken prisoner in Anzio and meeting Giovanni Paradiso in the camp. It is the main link between a hash founded in 1947 in Italy and Mother hash. It is also the link between Gus and Giovanni Paradiso thus the Royal claim.

Firstly the letter appeared to have some anomalies.

1. Sir J has misspelt his name as Hoyes not Heyes at the heading of the letter. The O and E are not close to each other on a qwerty keyboard, discounting a mechanical error. It is therefore likely it was an error in knowledge and not a mistake of someone writing their own name. It is likely the name was written by someone else.

2. The address is given as East India Club. If staying at the club when writing the letter he has taken the trouble to use a typewriter but has not used the readily available club headed notepaper, or in fact his own headed note paper. The use of the address would also indicate that any reply to the letter would find Sir J at, or via the club. He would therefore be a member, a reciprocal member, or a regular guest (although a guest, even a regular guest, using the address would be against the rules, and inappropriate). He may also have been an employee of the club.

3. Sir J stated that he was informed Gus was serving with Prince Edwards XII Ghurkha rifles. According to the Gurkha association no such regiment existed as part of the British India Army. This could have been a mistake as a King Edward VII Own Gurka Rifles did exist. "2nd Batt served in Malaya in the late 1930's, but were nearly all taken prisoner in Singapore, and the 1st Batt fought in Italy, but were not at Anzio. It is possible Gus was in Malaya with the 2nd, was transferred before the fall of Singapore to the 1st then fought in Italy. However, they have no record of a Captain Gus Mackey, so this was improbable.

4. It is unlikely that an officer of the Bersaglieri, especially the grandson of a deposed king, would be imprisoned with, or in the same POW camp as junior British officers.

5. The content of the letter is very strange. It is written in an evidential style, although it is meant to be volunteered in response to a missive. Sir J obtained the story from Rupert which he says he obtained whilst they were both in Changi gaol. There is no mention of later meetings; in fact he distinctly says he

got the information in Changi. Rupert would have been taken prisoner in 1942 and released at earliest 1945. The conversations must have taken place during this period. Gus was taken prisoner at Anzio. The landings were in January 1944, but he could have been taken prisoner up to six months after. Sir J claim to have information obtained from Rupert relating to Gus in a POW camp in Milan. How did Rupert obtain information from a POW camp in Italy whilst in Changi gaol, in order to pass on to Sir J? The probability is almost zero. He could not have had any information relating to Anna Maria, which supposedly occurred after the war. It could not have been a genuine account.

In view of the letter anomalies we attempted to trace the gentleman. We obtained the following results.

1. The Ffitch-Heyes family is small and not widespread. Members of the F-H family had no knowledge of him, and whilst it is possible another branch of the family may exist the name is so unusual, it is unlikely.

2. Debretts confirm there is not, nor ever has been a knight by the name of Ffitch-Heyes, British, Commonwealth or Honory (other country).

3. There are no births, marriages or deaths recorded of Jameson Ffitch-Heyes.

4. There are no military or other service records of this man.

5. The East India Club in St James London confirm he was neither a member, reciprocal member or employee of the club. He was not a guest in 1990.

6. Lt.Col Peter Winstanley, who is a leading authority on senior personnel both military and civil and their fate during the fall of Malaya has no record of him.

We can assume that someone who signs off as Datuk Sir Jameson Ffitch-Heyes, in an unofficial letter, is proud of their status and would not be difficult to find, or at least leave a record. We did not find any. We concluded that Sir Jameson J Ffitch-Heyes did not exist.

Giovanni Paradiso- Supposedly the grandson of King Emmanuel III. We followed the line of all five children of the king without tracing this name. However it may have been an 'unofficial' name, an illegitimate son, or a nephew. As this was outside the scope of the investigation it was not pursued.

## Summary

It is almost impossible to conclusively prove that something or someone did not exist. It is only possible to say that despite extensive searches there is no trace or evidence. That is the situation here.

The story comprised of a Rupert Mackey hashing with Mother hash between 1938 and 1942, and his





brother Gus visiting when on leave whilst in Malaya serving with a gurkha regiment. In 1943 Gus was deployed to Italy where in 1944 he was taken prisoner, and in the POW camp met the grandson of King Emmanuel III, Giovanni Paradiso. This meeting later facilitated a further meeting in 1984 with the grandson of the former king, thus enabling the BH3 to use the term Royal.

No evidence exists in any records, including those of Mother hash, to substantiate the story of the brothers hashing. No records of the brothers activities during the war exists apart from a copy of a letter by Datuk Sir Jameson Ffitch-Heyes, sent to Tim Hughes in 1990, by a John Sullivan.

There is no record of Sir Jameson ever existing and he could not possibly have known much of the information contained in the letter. Those events did not happen until after Sir J's meeting with Rupert.

We are left with the Fabulous Fabio's evidence which comes down to hearsay. He met so and so and they said. There is no accurate record of his conversations, and we do not know if he was liable to embellish. He was certainly motivated to discover a previous hash. He is no longer available.

Gus Mackey could have existed. Pre-1947 the gurkhas were part of the British India Army, and British officers were attached to British regiments. Captain Mackey may have been part of another regiment, assigned to the gurkhas. But even then there would have been some record. Rupert was part of the Straits Volunteers. By the time of, or soon after, the Japanese invasion all Britons had been moved into other full time regiments (e.g Gispert himself was transferred to the Argyles). Gispert's records exist. Rupert's do not. There is, nor ever has been, a Sir Jameson J Ffitch-Heyes, so the task of trying to put him and Rupert together in Changi was a foregone conclusion. We still await the records from Changi but we are not optimistic!

Of course, as soon as the 1947 hash is put in grave doubt of existence, then the 1984 stories, including the 'Royal' connection must be put in doubt, but that is beyond the scope of this investigation.

## Conclusion

As said it is almost impossible to prove something or someone doesn't or didn't exist, but when so many trails are consistently false the probability of a conclusion being correct is quite high. It is with this caveat we draw the following conclusions.

The original Bordighera Hash of 1947 may have existed but there is no evidence to substantiate that existence, or any reason to even believe it did exist. Bwana says he saw something but cannot recall what it was, and even now it has not reappeared in Tim Hughes archive. It may have been the Sullivan and Sir Jameson letters, or it could have come from the same (now suspect) source. According to Prof, Tim Hughes was suspicious of the evidence. Without doubt Sir Jameson Ffitch-Heyes is bogus and his letter was fabricated, perhaps to fit the story. Some of the hearsay evidence is, at best, highly embellished. At worst it is fabricated; whatever, without support of the F-H letter later evidence falls apart. The embellishment/fabrication appeared to start in 1984 and was continued and extended up to the 1990's with the founding of the Milan H3. I like to think it was for fun, but by who is not within my remit, but I cannot blame others for believing it. Of course, in 1990 no one would have imagined what the internet would bring, with almost instant communication, digital records, all instantly retrievable and sometimes on line. If, at the time of the fabrication, the exponents knew there was anything to suggest the original 1947 hash existed, it must have been quite thin and unable to stand on its own. It has now disappeared into the mists of time, and the fabrication has made it extremely difficult for the hash world to believe that evidence did exist.

Some members of the hashing world have 'faith' that the Bordighera hash existed. That is fine but 'faith' is not history. They need to go back and produce convincing evidence that is open to scrutiny. Until then I must come to the conclusion that the Bordighera H3 did not exist; in my opinion this report suggests it was a fantasy and that evidence was manipulated to support the fantasy. Singapore Hash should maintain its position as the second Hash House Harriers chapter.

Iain 'Amnesia' Belton Bicester H3 UK October 2013

# The Malaysian Clubs

While the hash is closely linked to the **Royal Selangor Club**, there were other clubs around KL in the 1930's that would have been known to hashers.

Indeed, in an alternative universe, one of these might have become the spiritual home of the hash!

## The Royal Lake Club

## KL Golf Club

Cecil Lee mentions the golf club being home to the Scottish community. Not quite sure which of KL's numerous golf clubs he was referring to.

Founded on August 16, 1890 and centrally located in Kuala Lumpur 'amidst the luscious and green Lake Gardens in the shadow of the House of Parliament'. During the 1930's it was the club for senior members of the community.

From their website: *From an exclusive institution for British professionals, merchants, planters and colonial officers, the Club has evolved through the years to become a cosmopolitan social club, playing an eminent role in setting standards and in maintaining its own strict code of excellence; culminating in the bestowal of royal patronage in 1985 by the late Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah of Selangor.*

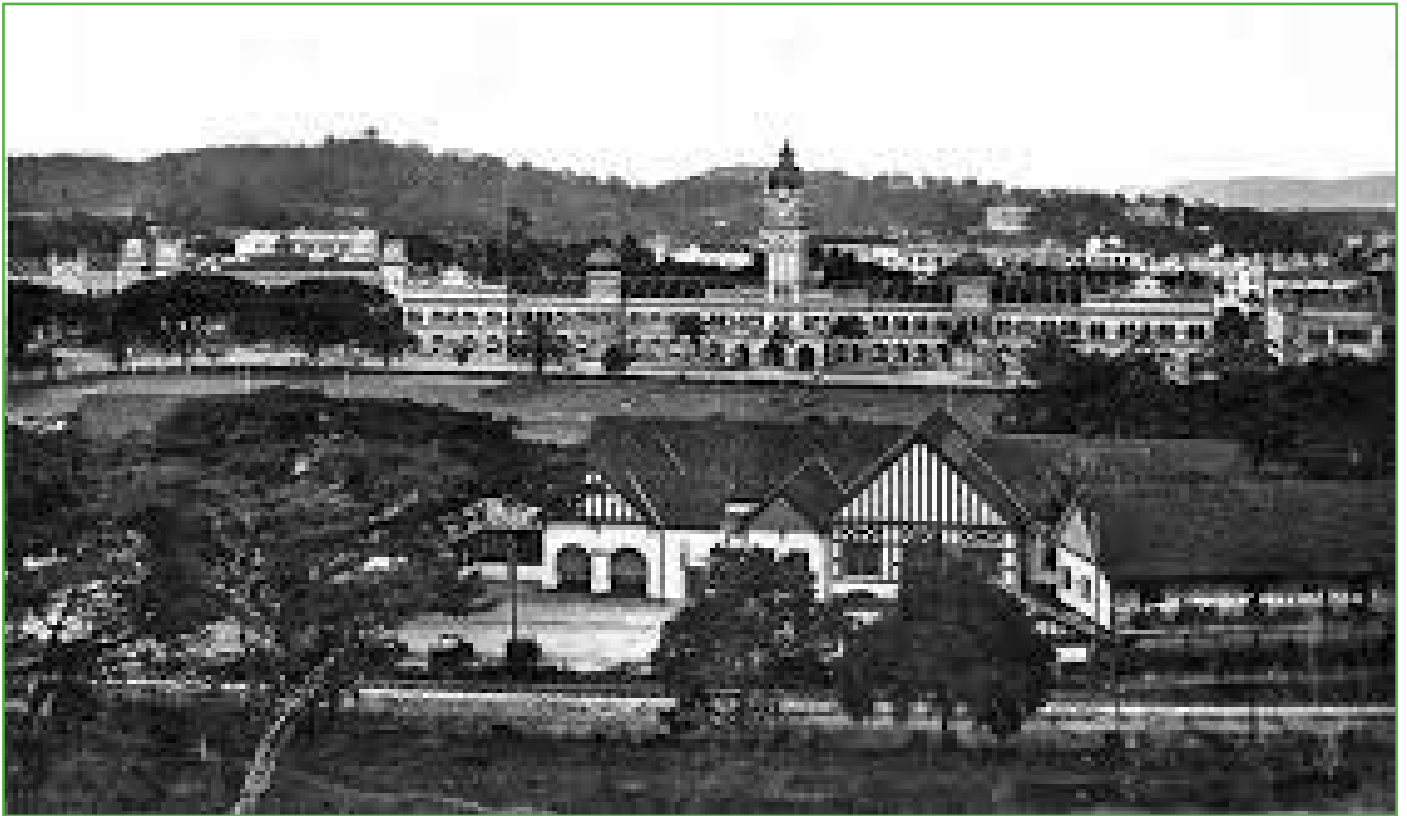


# Penang Swimming Club

Not in Kuala Lumpur, but likely to have been visited by hashers on trips up north. Formed in 1903 when a group of Europeans decided that they wanted to find a place to swim. For many years the club was just a place to change before you went for a dip in the sea. It wasn't until 1930 that they finally constructed a swimming pool. Even from the start, the club faced a pretty big problem: *"Over the years, the proximity of the pool to the sea and the pounding of the waves resulted in several episodes where serious damage to the pool floor and the pumps and pipes tested the financial resources of the Club and the engineering ingenuity of its members."*

During World War 2 the club was still utilised, but the pool was left to rot. Luckily many members returned after the war to restore the swimming pool, which wasn't an easy task because when the pool was drained, they found 6 inches of mud at the bottom.

After that the club flourished, developing into a place which didn't just do water-based sports but land-based activities like tennis. *'Today the Swimming Club remains a club that focuses on its sense of family'.*



# The Royal Selangor Club

Malaysia's first cricket club started way back in 1884 when the Selangor Club was first established. The cricket link continues to this day, with the ICC U-19 World Cup Qualifiers held here in 2015.

KL, being in a valley, was especially prone to flooding and club was badly hit by floods in 1911, 1917, December 1925 and December 1926. Twenty years later the Japanese occupied the city and all the club records were lost.

However, what almost destroyed the club was a massive fire in 1970. Believed to have started in the kitch-



en, the fire quickly spread and engulfed the entire main complex. Children, who had been celebrating a Christmas party inside, had to be quickly evacuated and it took 50 fire-fighters more than an hour to finally contain the fire. Thankfully, there were no casualties, except the club itself, which was left in ruins. Repairs cost more than RM1.5 Million (about RM20million today).

Less than a year later the floods hit again. Thankfully, after this last disaster the government took active steps – beginning the flood mitigation programme, which continues to this day (i.e. the SMART tunnel).

Since independence the club has attracted some of Malaysia's top athletes. The Balasingam brothers, who led Malaysia to the semi-finals of the World Cup of hockey in 1975, and Santokh Singh (a legend in Malaysian soccer) were all regulars at the club.

Today, the famed Padang is known as Dataran Merdeka. As a concession to taking the RSC's land, KL City Hall offered them another plot of land near Kiara, which is now known as the Royal Selangor Club Kiara Sports Annexe.



# Shekou H3

*Some additional photos and profiles to complement last month's article*

## Noted hashers at the 25th Anniversary in 2002

### Free Willy II

Number of hashes: 390

### Cock in the Pocket

Number of hashes: 363

### Bong Kong

Number of hashes: 353

### Martin Sumari

Number of hashes: 340

### Sir George

Number of hashes: 330

### Beerbabuskka

Number of hashes: 294



We knew how to party in the 80s!



The road to Chiwan, Shekou in the 1980s

## Booze Embezzler

Number of hashes: 252

## Playtexlung

Number of hashes: 244

## Rusty

Number of hashes: 236

## Gaylord

Number of hashes: 221

## Only Comes Twice

Met her husband on the hash.

## Gaylord

So central to hashing in Shekou that they changed the date of the 1000th to allow him to attend.

## Little Snitch

Was sometimes dropped off at the hash by his parents so the group could baby-sit him!

## Bullwinkle and Tampon

Two of the main founders of the Snake Pit Bar.



Down Down in Nanshan



Piling in our bus— the cattle truck



# Hash Literature

Charles Allen was born in Kanpur, India, where his father, Geoffrey St G.T. Allen, was appointed Assistant Political Officer on the Balipara Frontier Tract in Assam. His father was the sixth generation to serve the British Raj.

When India became independent, in August 1947, the Allen family returned to England. However, not long after this move, Allen's father was asked to return to India to continue his work for the government.

Allen and his brother stayed on in England to complete their education. Allen left Canford school, Dorset, with no qualifications. His only formal education was 18 months at a college in Perugia, Italy.

Between 1966 and 1967 Allen moved to Nepal to work with Voluntary Service Overseas (V.S.O.). In Nepal Allen developed a fascination with Buddhism. It was in Kathmandu that he met his future wife, Liz Gould, whom he married in 1972.

Allen supported the rights of low-caste Dalits, opposing the injustices that he had seen when growing up in India. It was at this time that he became convinced that he had a future as a travel writer. Following his work with V.S.O. Allen embarked on a trek through the Himalayas. His account of this trip won him the Sunday Telegraph Traveller of the year trophy in 1967.

Further success as a writer came in 1974 via his involvement with the BBC Radio 4 oral history series and subsequent book *Plain Tales from the Raj*.

Allen spent long periods of his adult life in India as a traveller and writer of history. He also trekked and climbed extensively in the Himalayas, the far north of Norway and the jungles of Sarawak.

Allen's work focuses largely on India and the Indian Subcontinent in general. However, in 1983 he turned his attention to colonial Malaya producing **Tales from the South China Seas: Images of the British in South-East Asia in the Twentieth Century**.

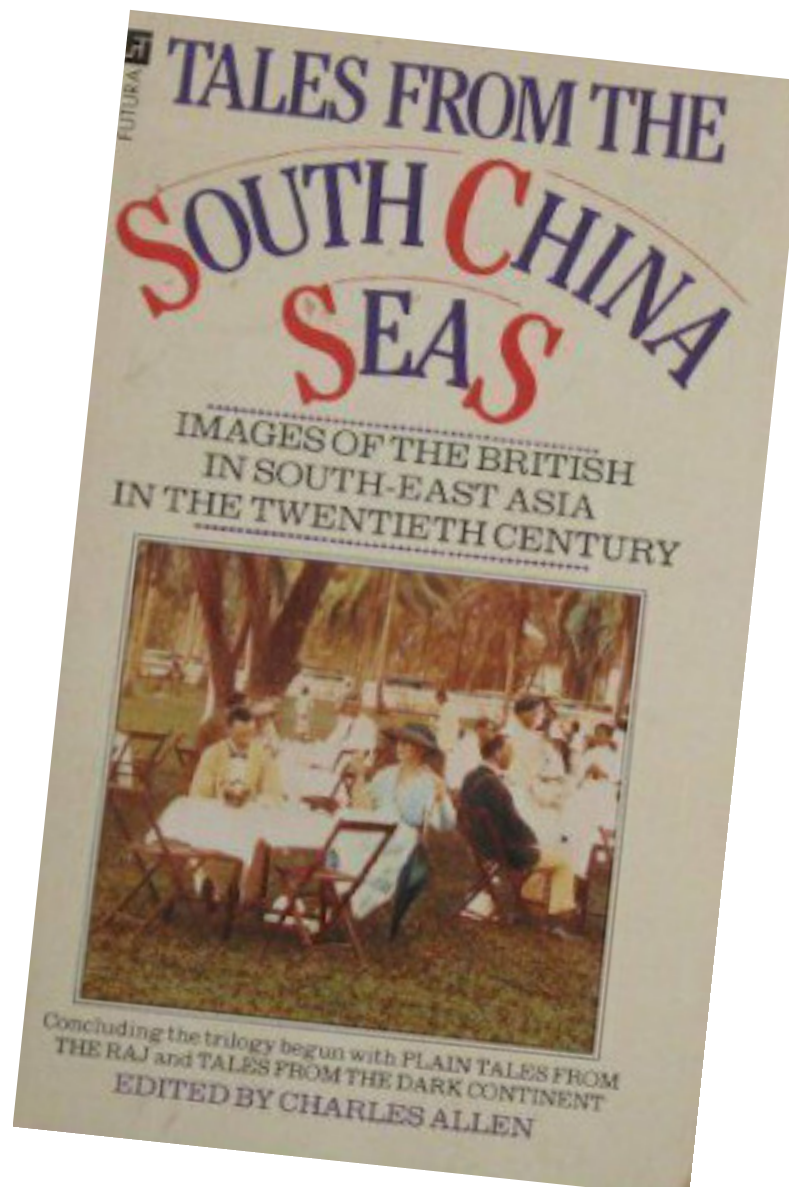
Allen died at his home in London, England on 16 August 2020 aged 80.

This work is of considerable interest to hashers as one of his main sources was Cecil Lee!

## What we can learn about hash founder Cecil Lee?

*The information here is limited to comments in the book that the editor had not previously come across.*

- Lee left school with no qualifications or money and joined the accountancy firm Harrison and Cross in 1934.
- He came out to Malaya on the Patroclus, a Blue Funnel liner. He joined the ship at Birkenhead having



'never been past Brighton pier'. He greatly enjoyed the luxury, particularly as there was only one class 'unlike P&O'.

- The Chinese stewards were amazed he was also called Lee just like many of them!
- On arrival in Malaya he was put into the Empire Hotel, which was a come down after life aboard ship. He describes the hotel as: '*scruffy room, thunderbox sanitation, embrowned mosquito net.*'
- Civilian life was very structured, with the senior men of the community lording it over the juniors.
- Soon after he arrived, Lee was taken to the offices of senior officials such as the Chief Registrar and Chief Justice, where he was expected to leave a card.
- The Harrison and Cross guest house accommodated 2 seniors and 2 juniors. They were waited on by 2 houseboys, a cook, and a gardener. In addition the seniors had their own personal servants who were not on general call to everybody else.
- In the mess (at Harrisons?) the tone was set by the senior members. One of these men, Cecil notes, was collected punctually at 6.00pm each evening by his driver and taken to the club.
- Money was tight for juniors and Lee noted he

often had to act 'chitshy' and not sign for a round of drinks.

- He mentions three clubs. KL Golf - which he describes being mainly for the Scots, Lake Club for the seniors and of course the Royal Selangor, which was open to anybody. The Malaya and Chinese middle class had their own clubs but might meet with the Europeans on the sports field.

### Time as a prisoner

- We learn that when the prisoners were gathered outside Singapore's Changi Prison they thought they were going to the Cameroon Highlands to grow vegetables. (Instead, they were being marched to Thailand to work as slave labour on Japanese railway projects).
- Lee mentions that many of their former Malaya servants, on arriving at the camp, expressed a fondness for their old masters.
- He returned to Thailand after the war and stood on a hill overlooking Klang River, noting that this was where he had once been sent to cut trees for the bridges.  
*Author Allen gave no reference to the hash. We are left to wonder if Lee had ever mentioned the group to him?*



# New Zealand Royal Navy

Follow-up: The HMNZS Canterbury visits Stockholm

Hi Shakes,

In the late summer of 1993 HMNZS Canterbury paid a goodwill visit to Stockholm. The Can Hash (Ed: *The Canterbury H3*) GM was then *Play School*. *Queen Viper* (my other half) and *Eyefull* set an A-A trail around Gamla Stan, starting and ending at the ship where we were entertained in the wardroom. On-After to somewhere not far from Oxen for down-downs and grub.

Cheers & on-on

Eagermount

PS The beer the kiwis served up was Canterbury draught, talk about branding!

Hi Shakes,

Enjoyed your February article about the Royal New Zealand Navy Hash. It brought to mind a visit that one of their ships paid to Tokyo some time in the 80s. After running with TH3 they smuggled some

of us on board and plied us with copious rum down-downs from a porcelain frog. (I still have the "Beautiful Bodies are Made, not Born" T-shirt as a souvenir.) A Hashing experience hazily remembered but impossible to forget!

On! On!

Crusader



'Playschool' HMNZS Canterbury



Joint Stockholm H3 & HMNZS Canterbury H3 1993.





Malibog, Eyefull, Queen Viper, Bertil, Oily Spanner



Playschool, Eyefull, Bertil, CPO *someone from the ship*



# More About T-shirts

HHHi Shakes,

Finding the history part fascinating - particular like the dual timeline of “in the real world” and “how it related to the Mother Hash founders” part, as it really brings things into context.

On the t-shirts piece.

As far as “worst t-shirt” goes, there are several definitions of “worst”. However, there is possibly a contender for “least liked” recent t-shirt.

The **Cairneyhill H3** (Fife, Scotland) 800th run was combined with **Jockhash** (the informal gathering of Scottish hashes) thus ensuring a decent turnout (and, for those canny few, a chance to score a triple, counting the one trail against personal totals for Cairneyhill, Edinburgh and Glasgow).

When it comes to t-shirts, many are front printed. Some are back and front printed. The CH3 800th is, as far as I am aware, the only one that is back printed

only. This already didn’t endear it to the assembled hashers. Add in that, for various arcane reasons, the decision was made to have a poo brown shade (which I think I mentioned in my write-up of the time), and it was really turning into a “Why did I pay for this?” idea.

Not only that, but the back-print was an iron on transfer, which already made the t-shirt less flexible, and non-breathable. Add in that the transfer was large, and had low contrast lettering overlaid on a map of Scotland, meant it was difficult to see what it was commemorating. And uncomfortable to wear. And, even in the West of Scotland, sweaty.

Not surprisingly, many people managed to swap theirs when visitors came bearing habdash.

I found a photo from the CH3 900th that shows one of the pack gamely sporting their 800th t-shirt

As for rare t-shirts, then, for one of the Jockhash, someone had the bright idea of ordering t-shirts from their favourite supplier out in the Far East (at least, that’s how the story was related when I heard it), with the idea that they would collect them the

*Below: The “This is not a Eurohash t-shirt”*





next time they were out that way on business. The idea was that the design was white, with a blue St Andrew's cross, with "JOCK" and "HASH" along a couple of the arms of the cross.

Except that the first few versions had a misprint, and it had "JOKE" instead of "JOCK". I understand that a reprint was done, so that both designs exist, although the misprint ones rarer. Someone like The Penguin, who has been around Scottish hashing for a while, may be able to elaborate (and correct any of my inaccuracies).

At Eurohash 2019, the "Official" t-shirt is non-existent, as the mismanagement made a conscious decision not to have a t-shirt (there was a towel instead). This was also to wind up Neptunus, who was collecting t-shirts for his museum. Hence, he had a small number of "This is not a Eurohash t-shirt" made up

There was also the unofficial "800 hashers. One ship. What could possibly go wrong" one that was also limited ostensibly to those born in the 1980s, and were part of Edinburgh H3, but in practice was available for anyone who knew what the number 80 looked like, though still low numbers overall.

Seen here being modelled by Cockatool at the EH2019 opening ceremony.

When on the scrounge for t-shirts, Neptunus noticed my Glasgow 100th (when I restarted hashing after a 20 year hiatus, initially the rest of the pack thought it was "100 runs", rather than "100th run", which meant that the t-shirt had been around longer than most of the pack had been hashing). I'm not quite ready to give that one up yet, though.

Once again, thanks for compiling another fascinating read.

On on  
Audrey

Right: The CH3 900th  
that shows one of the pack  
gamely sporting their  
(horrible) 800th t-shirt



Above: The unofficial "800 hashers. One ship. What could possibly go wrong" T-shirt modelled by *Cockatool* at the EH2019 opening ceremony





