

# On On

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## Interhash

*After Trinidad was cancelled The Interhash Council released this message (March 28, 2022)*

Fellow hashers,

As you all know after four years of hard work, the Trinidad and Tobago Interhash Committee were unable to host Interhash in May 2022. The cancellation was necessary due to local COVID-19 restrictions in place at that time which limited large public gatherings. This meant that they would not have been able to host Interhash in the traditional way.

The Goa Interhash Committee, who put together an excellent bid to host Interhash in 2024, have offered to host Interhash in Goa from 4 to 6 November 2022. The Interhash Council graciously accepts Goa's commitment to Interhash and will do whatever it takes to assist them in moving forward with their decision. The Council feels that holding an Interhash this year is preferable to having a six-year gap between Interhash events. You can find out more about the Goa Interhash, including how to register at [www.interhashgoa2022.com](http://www.interhashgoa2022.com) (available later this week) or on the Goa Interhash Facebook Page.

New Zealand will host the 2024 Interhash in Queenstown in February. The New Zealand bid was the only other bid for 2024 which passed the criteria to host.

You can get more information, including details on how to register, at: [www.interhash2024.com](http://www.interhash2024.com)

We look forward to seeing you all in Goa. On On Forever

Marty "Garfield" Hanratty,  
Chairman Interhash Council.

Front Cover  
Creek H3 celebrate  
a delayed 2000th run.

*Left to right:*

Dingbat  
Heidbanger

Vomit

Ed: I apologise to my three hash buddies for using them as front page sex symbols just to increase readership. *On On The Creek!*

*However Turkey still seems to want to launch their bid for 2024!*

InterHash Turkey 2024 Bid!

Location: Ölüdeniz near Fethiye.

A lovely bay with BLUE SEAS, about 22 degrees C in early October. The availability to paraglide from Babadağ mountain if so wish. An adrenalin "high" with a Hash in the SKY!

Google it!

World famous!

I, as GM of Babadağ H3 (Father Mountain) am still working with the Fethiye Municipal Council to bring the InterHash here to Turkey in October 2024. I have another meeting later today with them.

The telephone call I had two days ago with the Deputy Mayor was very positive and he will e-mail the InterHash after today's meeting.

The majority of the paperwork is with the InterHash Council who have said, which I agree with, that it requires a little more focusing on.

Like pulling together a Senior Management Team.

I will update you on progress, still some work to do but you will have a fantastic time!

Ra of the InterHash Council who is based in Toronto, we made a Pod Cast about myself "Doormat" listen to it!

Come to Turkey in 2024!

Don't miss out!

Fred Roissetter

"Doormat"

GM of Babadağ H3

*Note: I did a little editing to the above letter. Shakes*

*I contacted my old friend  
Doormat for clarification.*

Robert Pateman

As an ex-Ankara hasher I support the bid but hasn't 2024 already been allocated to New Zealand?

Fred Roissetter

Yes it has by the IH Council but really should go to a vote in Goa. This gives me the chance to pull a Management Team together and get the Başbakan, the Minister of Tourism's support behind me.

Are you interested in a position as part of the Senior Management Team, Shakes?

## The Interhash Council

April 3, 2022

Dr. Martin Henratty, Chairman  
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As you know, the Interhash Council was formed in 2018 to oversee Interhash bids to assure that they were well thought out and provided Hashers the best value for money. (Prior to 2018 an informal elders council would meet to discuss the direction of Interhash and offer informal advice to bidders and hosts). The Council also supervises elections, so they are fair and transparent, and provide advice to the winning bidder when asked. Prior to the cancellation of Interhash T&T, the Council reviewed three potential bidders for Interhash in 2024: - Goa, New Zealand, and Turkey. The Council found the Goa and New Zealand bids were well thought out with good support and experience of hosting major events. The Turkey bid was found to be incomplete with no sponsors, government support and limited Turkish kennel support. The Council informed the Turkey bidders of the problems inherent in their bid and encouraged them to continue

FULL TRANSCRIPT (Any mistakes or changes to the original letter are due to Shakes having poor typing skills!)

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As this was unfolding, the Council negotiated with T&T to assure that any surplus funds remaining after the formal audit was completed would go to the next winning bidder. The T&T Interhash committee noted that the audit was not likely to be completed until early autumn. We informed Goa management team of this potential timing problem. They decided to move forward with Interhash

without the surplus funding. Subsequently the Council agreed to pass on the surplus, if any, to the New Zealand bid team.

I have been asked by some hashing mates 'what about Turkey'? What if they deliver a complete plan to host Interhash in 2024? After substantial debate the Council decided to stick with New Zealand. This was our reasoning. We have asked all potential bidders to present their bids six months before interhash so the Council could carefully review the bids, get back with comments and questions to the bidders, and for the bidders to revise their bids as needed. In this case, we were flexible given the pandemic and shortened the drop-dead submission time to three months. The Turkish mis-management team missed both the six and three months cut off dates and delivered an incomplete proposal only two months before the T&T Interhash was to kick off. With this questionable performance (understandable given that the Turkish GM contacted COVID during this period), the Council was left with only one acceptable bid to consider for 2024. If Turkey does submit an acceptable bid in the future they will be considered with other bids to host the 2026 Interhash.

I trust that my explanation goes a little way to ease your suspicions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [onongarfield@gmail.com](mailto:onongarfield@gmail.com)

On On forever,  
Marty 'Garfield' Hanratty, Chairman  
Interhash Council

*There was of course considerable chatter on the internet.  
Mindy Watt (Bangers of London H3) made some good  
points in this posting.*

I'm glad that Turkey's bid for 2024 was posted on April Fool's Day. Goa have done well to step up for 2022 and thus NZ get 2024. I suspect the bid from Turkey was rejected due to lack of support from the clubs in Turkey? Interhash needs proper support from the clubs in the country that is bidding and a clear senior management team.

Oh and clearly T&T need to explain where all the money has gone? Hopefully the Interhash Committee are already looking into the T&T finances, which IMHO is the exact reason why a central council of experienced hashing organisers is needed! The days of Interhash money 'evaporating' need to come to an end immediately.

2022 November  
Goa  
India

2024  
Queenstown,  
New Zealand

2026  
Open to bids with Turkey a likely  
candidate. Before then we might  
expect a South East Asian or  
Chinese bid.



*Goa were quick to come out with details for November:*

## Goa Preview

As you may already know, Interhash T&T was cancelled and now it is Goa 2022! The hash kennels of India look forward to seeing all of you - On On! - Monkey Business

Dear Hasher

As you may be aware, Interhash Goa has been given the opportunity to host the Interhash in Nov 2022.

The event will be as follows

3 Nov 2022

RED DRESS RUN

This will be a charity run to take hashers through the Hash Villages. Proceeds will be given to Charity

3pm

4 November 2022

INAUGURATION OF INTERHASH 2022

Fellowship and Beer drinking

4.30pm-11 pm

5 November 2022

RUN - DAY 1

15 RUN SITES followed by Circles. Back to Main Venue for Dinner/ Entertainment and music

6.00 pm-11 pm

6 November 2022

RUN - DAY 2

15 RUN SITES followed by Circles there. Back to Main Venue for Dinner/ Entertainment and music  
CLOSING CEREMONY 6.00 pm-11 pm

Due to the short time we have to organise this event, we are not in a position to offer any early bird registrations.

The Registration costs are as follows

USD 222.00 until August 30th

USD 250.00 after that.

Lubes :So Far

1. Delhi Hash is working out a schedule for pre/post lubes to Delhi/Agra/ Jaipur

2. There will be a Post lube Chennai/Pondicherry

3. Bombay Hash proposes to do a landing pre lube party for all hashers coming through Mumbai

4. Hyderabad Hash proposes a Post Lube of the Great Dravidian Jerk "Goa/Hampi/ Hyderabad/ Aurangabad/Mumbai

Finally, talks are on with the Railways for a picturesque train day journey from Mumbai to Goa through some lovely and scenic terrain. The journey would be about 6 hours.

Will be posting ALL details shortly.

Thank you for your patience.

Cheers

Obelix

Please feel to contact us on:

[contactus@goainterhash2022.com](mailto:contactus@goainterhash2022.com)



## Hong Kong

March saw two big events, starting with *Hopeless's* 3500th ever hash run on March 1st, St. David's Day, an event celebrated with the Ladies' Hash. Following that, in the same week, *Extra Testicle* marked 40 years running with RS2H3, funding his own stash! HK's oldest hash, H4, held their AGPU with local boy *Eric Chan* assuming the top role as GM. With COVID restrictions biting, hashing was operating "under the radar" - not least due to US\$1,300 fine for not wearing a mask, even when on trail/exercising. Current rules are in force until April 20th when it is hoped Hong Kong will start to open up to some kind of normality and some of the suspended chapters can start hashing again.

## England

Hasher and Ultra marathon man David Hellard was racing in a six-day ultra marathon across the Sahara Desert when he came up with the idea for Caffeine Bullet energy chews. This creation has led to him being featured on the latest series of BBC One's **Dragons' Den**, where budding entrepreneurs get three minutes to pitch their business idea to a panel of multimillionaires. The Bullets are already sold online and in select sports shops. *"We're really well known in the running industry but now we want to become more of a mainstream brand,"* David says. The entrepreneur took up running at age 27 after joining the **London Hash House Harriers**, *'an international non-competitive running, social and drinking club. I'd just broken up with my then girlfriend, I'd started to get man boobs and suddenly I had all this free time,'* he recalls. *"The Hash House Harriers are the biggest running club in the world. I joined them and that just transformed everything. I fell in love with the joy of running. It wasn't about training or times, it was using running to explore,"* he continues. *"Someone lays a trail so you never know where it's going to go. You turn up at a different pub in zone 1 or 2, and you explore all the nooks and crannies and back streets of London. There's no better way to see a part of a city."*

**Haldon H3** made the local newspapers with the celebration of their 1220th Hash. Rather than meeting at a bar they upgraded to one of the better known restaurants in the town centre. On On Haldon!





Above: Dhaka Victory Day Hash

## Grenada & Antigua

*Hazukashii and a group of hashers are on their way to Trinidad. He has posted several reports as the group move from island to island: We had about 25 hashers off the ship, joined by another dozen on island, for the special Easter Monday hash that the **Grenada H3** hosted just for us. This awesome trail came in two parts, a lower section that was a bit flatter, but with a dozen or more water crossings . . . and an upper half for the bold runners, that was mostly uphill, with a short and somewhat steep downhill section at the end. *Mu-sick* and *Thar She Blows* even joined us as they sailed around Grenada for a few days prior to meeting us all in Trinidad. *Little Shit* from Aberdeen was the RA for the day, assisted by some of the local hashers, with beer flying in all directions. A great day of fun with several songs on the bus ride back to the ship.*

*Next stop was Antigua: The **Antigua H3** was very gracious in hosting us for a 7 km hash run through St Johns' for a cultural tour of the capital city. We stopped at a few of the famous places like St Johns' Church, the Antigua Recreation Ground (cricket pitch), the public library, the hospital, an old drainage ditch, the fish market, and the meat market . . . with the on in back down to the port where over 100 beers were cooling off, ready for mass consumption. It was another great day.*





## The next Pirate Invasion Hash Cruise has been announced.

January 29th - February 5th, 2023

Limited to the first 69 hashers who have  
PAID REGOs.

There are only 12 spots left!

## Mexico

Mexico City H3 took another step towards reaching stability when they staged their first countryside run! On On Mexico!

## Podcasts

RA has added a couple more podcasts to the growing library, including an interview with *Dances with Dogs*. *Dances with Dogs* is a true hash legend who started hashing in Hong Kong in 1979. He was co-founder of **Wanchai H3** and organizer of the Sunset On The Empire hash weekend. There was also an interview with *Grandpa* (1989 **Brunei Horrors**, 30 year backslider, **Frankfurt H3**, and now reviving **Vilnius H3**).

## Anniversaries

Brian Walker of **Chicago H3** celebrated his 30th hashiversary trail. *Flasher* of **Bergen H3** has celebrated his 1000th hash.



Taiping Lake Hash House Harriers and Harriets  
16 March at 03:27 · Taiping, Malaysia ·

It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you  
of the loss of our beloved Committee AJK &  
Member of Taiping Lake 4H  
Mogn Chellam AKA  
"TRONG BESI"

*You left without Warning. Gone so fast. Now all  
we have Are memories Of our past.  
You are loved by so many. You might not Have  
known, But in our hearts Is where You have  
grown.*

*The memories We have throughout The years Will  
last forever with Laughter and tears.*

From  
Daytona Beach Hash House Harriers  
Sad news.

David Tate aka *Been Uh Dicked* has passed away.  
We are all very shocked about his sudden passing  
and would like to express our condolences  
from the DBH3 family.

Rest In Peace we are going to miss you, it's not  
fair.

# Readers Letters

## Kings Street Run

### Uncle Gerry

Enjoyed article about Kings Street Run. However it has inaccuracies about me. It states I failed 3 times. I must correct the record. Just to remind you, contestants have to drink eight pints (all different beers) within 1 hour (go over the hour and you fail) using all the Pubs in Kings Street (5 when I did it, so 3 were repeated). To ensure you neither puked or pissed each entrant had a minder. Doing either was instant failure. Despite what the article said I took part only twice, failing the first time as after 7 pints somebody put fish and chips in my face, provoking a puke. The second time I did it, and have the tie to prove it!

Think only about 20 completed the course over the years and got the tie. Hence the need to correct the record.

In the first Pub, The St. Radegund, there used to be a board recording those who completed the course,

although have no idea if it still there as not been to Cambridge for years.

I feel better now.

ON ON.

Gerry.

*Hi Uncle Gerry - pleased to be able to clear your good name! I never doubted your drinking ability for a moment. Whoever wrote the report in the Cambridge H3 magazine should be sat on ice for the rest of their lives! On On Shakes*

### Rashid Ratshit Karim

2nd March

I was also on the 1986 Kings Street Run. *Rambo West London H3* was 3rd.

### Brad Summers

Hi, in your article on page five about the Canadian hash where only two showed up. *Leaky Willie* looks remarkably like *Eager Beaver*, another Canadian hasher. Did perhaps *Eager Beaver* change his name? Just wondered. Thanks

*Thanks Brad - have you considered the possibility that they might be identical twins? On on Shakes*



# Russian Embassy Protests

## Kipper

HHHi Shakes,

Thanks for another good issue.

I liked the photo of the Russian Embassy protest. I was there and I could almost recognise some of the hashers in the photo through the pixelated blur.

To be honest, I don't remember much about the event. It was organised by **London H3** and *Hooray Henry* could well have been the ringleader. A few of us from the *Haunch of Venison Mountain Rescue Club H3* took the train over from Salisbury in support. I believe the trail was mostly in Hyde Park. When the memory is bad, the documentation has to be good, and having read through my HOVMRCH3 hash sheets from 1984 I can confirm that the run/demo took place on 5th October 1984. The sheet for HOV run 32 (3/10/84) said "It was announced at the 300th Run weekend for the Wessex H3 that the London H3 are organizing a Hash in London this Friday evening at 6.30pm. All Hashers are welcome. You must wear an HOVT shirt. Oh yes, the start of the run is as close to the Russian Embassy as we are allowed to get. ON ON! and up Yours, comrade!"

The sheet from Run 26 (see right) included a copy of an article from the Daily Telegraph from 22nd August 1984. The article describes an incident where a Moscow hasher was detained by the police and was released after half an hour's questioning. It ends by saying that embassies, who had understood that hashing was permitted, were seeking clarification from the authorities.


My understanding is that, as a result of the "clarification", **Moscow H3** became restricted to setting their trails within the boundaries of Gorky Park, "a suitable place for exercise", and were banned from running on the streets. MH3 were naturally unhappy about this and when the word got to London the UK hashers decided to declare their solidarity with them through a protest hash.

On On  
Kipper, Glasgow H3

## HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

(Haunch of Venison Mountain Rescue Club)  
founded in Salisbury 1984

On Life Grand Mentor - Jerry Gurney (Surrey) (H) \*\*\*  
On Life Grand Master - Anthony James Leroy ('Gone Fishin')  
On Life Grand Mistress - Victoria Susan Leroy  
Grand Master - David 'Dai' Roberts  
Joint Masters - Richard 'Gaulthead' Freeman  
- Jim 'Nightingale' Anslow  
Joint Mistresses - Claire 'Fraser' Fraser  
- Martyn(n) 'Hash Tit' Scott  
On Sec - John 'Cripple' Phillips  
100c Exeter Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, 1922 J32014  
Has Cash - Claire 'Fraser' Fraser  
Has Reliner - Chris 'Ginge' McPherson  
Hash Horn - 'Bionic Bird' Harry Hillsley  
Hash Dunties - Paul 'Pip' Crocker  
Hash Haberdash - Paul 'Trends' Goodyer  
Hash Art - Ian 'Joker' Long



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RUN NO: 27  
Date - 29 Aug 1984  
Time - 1800 hrs  
Venue - The Lion's Head  
The Common, E. Wiltshire

RUN NO: 26  
Date - 5th Sep 1984  
Time - 1800 hrs  
Venue - T.B.A.

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HAGHEST NO: 26 DATE: 22 Aug 1984

ON SEC'S COMMENTS

Any others for BANGOR, CRESTVIEW(8 SEP), OR BANSTAPLE(13/14 OCT) ?? See last Hashnet for details.

Attached this week are details of the WESSEX HASH HOUSE HARRIERS 300TH RUN celebrations at the end of September. If you wish to go please complete the form and return to me plus cash.

25th PARTY POSTSCRIPT Would the drunken bump who inadvertently staggered off hose clutching two of the Holmeister pint pots be so good as to return them?!

**On the run in Moscow**

MOSCOW POLICE have clumsily chosen this week of the Soviet Friendship Games to crack down on a group of hashers called The Hash house Harriers.

They met us at the club house in the city, and told us that we were not allowed to run in the city, but that we could run in the park.

On Monday evening more than 75 runners were following a trail laid by a West German diplomat through central Moscow when police grabbed one of them - a western businessman who prefers not to be identified. A burly police colonel accused him of 'breaching Moscow's special ordinances'.

Several plain clothes and uniformed police arrived promptly and asked for the hash leaders papers. As they were clad only in running gear, they had to fetch the documents from their embassies. They explained to the police the history of hashing and mentioned that a Soviet diplomat is reputed to run with the Peking chapter.

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### Transcript of Daily Telegraph article:

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Based on an idea which begun in Malay before the war, the Moscow Hash is one of about 250 "chapters" in 50 countries. It started weekly runs, hare and hounds style a year ago.

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# Swing Low

## Audry

I noticed the piece about “Swing Low”, with the letter from *Crusader* pointing out that, because of the associations of the song with English rugby, no Welshman would sing it. I can add to his letter, confirming Scottish hashes don’t sing it either (that includes Simmer Dim before *Shetland H3* formally started, and the ‘Caledonian Hash’ joint organisers of 2019 UK Nash Hash)

As to the song itself, I first learned the words when I was in the Glasgow University Air Squadron from 1984 - 88, with the actions, obviously. For the second verse, “Jordan” was accompanied by heading an imaginary football, as it was based on Scottish footballer Joe Jordan, rather than the contemporaneous Michael Jordan. Given Jordan had stopped international football with the Scotland team in 1982 (though was still playing club football in England and later Italy during the mid 80s), this suggests that the song and actions, at least in the UK, date from the late 1970s when Jordan’s career was at its height.

As to why the Air Squadron sang it (along with others such as the Chicago Department Store), I have no idea of the origins, although it is likely that some of the members may have picked it up from playing rugby at school - when I joined the Squadron, it was already assumed to be a “known song” and hence passed down the membership, rather than “Here’s a good one I heard”, and being introduced during my time there.

While that doesn’t refute any of what you have written, it might help to add to the “It wasn’t originated by rugby fans” though the date does get shunted back from the 1987 “confirmed”.

Hope you found that moderately interesting.

On on, Audrey, GlasgowH3

## Geek

Sing Low - Ian Cumming probably knew the song from rugby times or his knowledge of folklore songs!

Swing Low is in Jakarta 1978 “400” song book Ian taught these folklore songs to *Great Kahuna* & *Big Pete* who came to Houston. (Ed: joining Houston H3 around)1980).

*Great Kahuna* and *Big Pete* had rugby ties (hashing with Ian mid 60’s to 1970).

I sang “Sweet Low” in college rugby and afterward before moving to Houston 1979.

# T-shirts

## Uncle Gerry

Shakes, got Mrs G to take a look at her S’pore Harriets Tee Shirts. Found this 50th one, attached front and back. As she founded it on the 17th October 73 it clearly relates to October 1974. I think there is a fair chance that this is the earliest Harriet T-Shirt issued unless you have received something from Ipoh.

Also looked for early S’pore Men’s Shirts. Even though I joined in 1970 could not find any. For some reason I did not keep them at the time even though now my loft is full of Tee Shirts from around the world from my subsequent travels.

ON ON Gerry. (Ed: See page 23)

# Correction

## Bouncing Boobs

I am reaching out to you in regards to the article for **Bluenose H3** in this publication of On On Magazine. The section about Canada, the article the way that it is written makes it seem that *Leeky Willie* was the one who founded Bluenose H3 and that an inaugural run will be in July. I just want to clarify that this is not the case. Bluenose H3 founders are myself *Bouncing Boobs* and Scott Covey aka *Eager Beaver* (cc’d) the persons that are in the photo.

On-On, Bouncing Boobs Ed: *Many thanks for the correction! Shakes*



# Hashing in the



# Caucasus

# Hashing in the Caucasus

As the hashing world slowly emerges from the ongoing COVID situation, it will soon be time to once again fully put on our hash traveling shoes and re-capture the wonders of the globe taking in the sights, sounds and the revelry/comradery of the worldwide hash. One such destination which all should put on their hash bucket list is the Caucasus region, a region I had the good fortune of working in and hashing in during the pre-COVID period. In addition to the natural beauty of the region and the great people, food and yes beer, both Georgia and Azerbaijan are blessed with excellent hashes, great trails and long traditions of hashing note. With the assistance of Crash Test Dummy (CTD) aka Stuart Adair of the Tbilisi Hash House Harriers (TH3) and Down Under Ware (DUW) aka Kylie Shields of the Baku Hash House Harriers (BH3), I was able to both use my own understanding of the region as well as their much vaster knowledge of hashing in the Caucasus to piece together some of their Hash history and some memorable moments for these two Caucasus hashes. As for Armenia and the Yerevan Hash House Harriers (YH3), I will have to defer to them to fill in the hashing world as I have not had the good fortune to hash there yet or to be well enough acquainted with those that do. Given that the Caucasus Hashes remain active chapters to this day, it is without a doubt that once travel regulations ease up I myself will one day again soon (hopefully) revisit this great region of the Caucasus to once again partake of their beautiful trails, great beer and wine and hashing fun. I highly suggest that one and all should do the same and you will never forget the Caucasus when/if you do so. On On to the Caucasus and enjoy the following historical highlights as presented by CTD and DUW. *On On and Cheers, Iboibo*

## **A little Tbilisi Hash House Harriers history by Crash Test Dummy:**

The Tbilisi Hash House Harriers (TH3) started from 1997 onwards under the able stewardship of Willie Nelson, Lady Frankenstein, Chris Lane and Carlton but the hash really came into its own and garnered a wide following under the leadership of World Wanker, who is sadly not with the Hashing world anymore. Despite the fact that due to the po-

litical situation at the time most embassies in Tbilisi were advising against travel out of Tbilisi, the hash still gradually gained ground with a mix of expats and locals. World Wanker's sterling organisational efforts and the promise of "All downhill trails" saw a regular turnout of 30 hashers per hash trail. After several revolutions and the sacking of most of the police force in 2007, travel in the city and beyond became easier. Lady Frankenstein was one of the early GM's in 2000 and again in 2011 (Mother Hash-Banda Aceh Hash, Sumatra 1982) and We Are Hazy On was the first RA. Up through the period leading to the recent COVID years the TH3 GM was Fisher of Men (Mother Hash – Tbilisi, 2010 and for the last nearly ten years the TH3 RA has been Crash Test Dummy (Mother Hash – Baghdad 1986).

The Tbilisi Hash was the instigator of the Inter-Caucasus Hash affectionately known as the Intercock whose aim was to bring together hashers from Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia. The first Intercock was hosted by Tbilisi in 2002 and to date Tbilisi has hosted five Intercocks. The general idea was/is that the Intercock host rotates from year to year and Baku and Yerevan have also hosted their fair share of these illustrious events.

Lady Frankenstein is proud to have a collection of unique drinking vessels to commemorate these hashing get-togethers which brought together hashers from as far afield as the UK, Norway, Switzerland, Russia and many other locations and numbers of attendees regularly exceeded 120 hashers.

Georgia is a very friendly place and it is not uncommon to be stopped by locals and invited into their garage or to a picnic for wine and Cha Cha (think of it as the local moonshine). The TH3 is well suited for both runners and walkers as trails are both hilly and adventurous and yet manageable for walkers! As has been the tradition over the past several years, the TH3 usually meets at a central location in the city, a local city park with excellent beer near, and once all are gathered (and properly pre-lubed with beer) the pack heads out together to the run site, be it via personal cars or taxis.

As of the pre-COVID period the TH3 had run a total of 463 hashes with most hashes represented by a small pack of hashers, usually anywhere from about 10 to 20 hashers. All are welcome and appreciated. *On On, Crash Test Dummy*

## Tbilisi H3 (Georgia)



*And a little Baku Hash House Harriers History by Down Under Ware:*

An Englishman, an Irishman, and a Scotsman walked into a bar... now we all know how that ends! But, just maybe, that is how the Baku Hash House Harriers was formed. This was sometime back in 1996 (sounds like a 25 Year Anniversary Run was due in the lovely year of the COVID 2021?), the bar was some ever-seedy establishment, probably just off Fountain Square. Just possibly, the Englishman responsible was Snickers, later renamed Sir Snickers, affectionately, or not-so-affectionately, accurately, or not-so-accurately, but regardless, he's labelled as one of Baku Hash's finest Founding Fathers. Sir Snickers started his hashing career back in Dar es Salaam with the dinosaurs and can still be seen on the occasional trail in Baku, when he manages to sneak back in past border control and stay upright. And according to him, the above is, in fact, total bollocks.

So, in his own words, Sir Snickers writes, "When I arrived in Baku, in mid August, 1996, there was a small group that had started in early June that year for an informal run followed by beer on Saturday

afternoons. I joined in as soon as I found out about it. That was, I think, run number 7. Soon after, four of us, Richard Price and his wife, Mike from the US embassy, and I, decided to start a formal hash group. In those days, the hash was small and most members were expats. Hashes tended to start in the area of what is now the Hilton Hotel, as the originators lived in that area, though On Ins were often at Charlie's Bar, where it all started. Charlie was a Brit, I think from somewhere in the Reading area. The bar, just North of the centre, was closed down for tax misdemeanors and subsequently pulled down for a road-widening scheme.

This first hash collapsed in 1998 when nearly all ex-pats left. A new hash started up not long afterwards, and some members had cars and often the hash was out of town. After a while, several of us left, when the attitude on the hash became more of a rag than a run.

I returned to the hash two or three years later, by which time the hash had reorganized. I cannot remember by whom, but Ben Hodgson (Sir Moonboots – then GM), Phyllis Lyon (Stoned Banshee) and Suzie Cornell (Teletubby), really put the third



Baku H3 (Azerbaijan find some wild hash terrain.



hash on its feet. Pam Kemsley (Lady Frankenstein) was a loyal Baku hasher until she left to become GM in Tbilisi hash and several other Baku hashers also went on to Tbilisi.

When I re-joined, the On In was at a bar at the corner of Malakan Gardens. We then moved to a pub at the end of Alizade Street. Mention should be made of the fact that the bar in Malakan Gardens and the one in Alizade Street were both repossessed to become clothes shops, reflecting the strict dress requirements and style of the hash! Next stop was Finnegan's, just up the road. There we stayed until the head barman, Eldar, left to set up his own place, HOPS.

Since the start of the third Hash, there has ALWAYS been a hash on a Sunday afternoon, come rain or sun, only the start time has changed depending on sunset. There are always some wimps who do not like running in the sun, or in the rain. I well remember one hash when the hare set the trail with tomato ketchup in the snow, and a few where the hare led the way as the chalk was washed away faster than it was set down - but the hash continued. We used to have bus runs to a location out of town, when numbers were higher to meet the cost, and two or three times a year there would be an away weekend, though attendance on the Sunday run could be poor. I remember one, many years ago, when the mud was so thick on people's shoes on the Sunday run that admittance to a pub on the way back to Baku was refused. I have been in UK since just before COVID-19 last year, and cannot wait to get back to the hash. I know it carries on in true hash spirit, (beer)."

There's nothing wrong with Sir Snickers' memory. The ever-meticulously kept records show the GM's from 2002 as: Moonboots; Bald Eagle; Moonboots; Teletubby; Lady Frankenstein; Table Dancing Queen; Treesy Rider; Iron Maiden; (some tweaking might be needed about this time, but we think...) Baku Hilton; Fill My Box; Spank Me; Peanut Bladder Small Bits; One Girl Party; VegeMuncher; Shameless; Putin Pussy; Whisky Hole-Ahhh (current).

These same records reveal this important snippet - the first hash (starting 1996) ended after 100 runs.

When the third hash started up "It was not until we had done about 20 runs that we found out that there had been a previous Baku Hash and that it had stopped after their 100th run. So we added 100 to all our runs to keep the record going." The date of Hash 101, the restart of this third and current BAH3, was 20/09/2002. There were 7 in attendance, 5 of whom have Hash handles: Moonboots; Fiver; Hands On; Sick as a Dog on a Train; Suffocation.

Over the years, the Baku Hash has been a transient mob of drunken runners and walkers, with numbers rising and falling over the years, depending on the influx and exodus of expats. At one point, there would often be fifty, or more, on trail. Numbers have dwindled in recent years, but in the early years of its existence, every May, Hashers from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia would come together for the Intercaucasus (Intercock) and draw in the odd half-mind from around the globe. The most recent global gathering was May 2019, with just over 80 hashers joining from Baku, Qatar, Georgia, Norway, UAE, Singapore, Belgium, Italy and the UK, for the Baku 1000th Run.

Today's hash is MisManaged by an enthusiastic and motley crew of both local and expat runners and walkers. These half-minds still gather for a Thirsty Thursday evening run from HOPS Pub, Tarlan Aliyarbeyov St, and trails are still laid for Sunday afternoon runs. The hash language is English. Total runs as of the beginning of the COVID period was 1082 .

If you find yourself passing through the Caucasus, head to Baku and find Hops Pub, Home of the Baku Hash. Eldarling - Hops Pub owner, the GM Whisky Hole-Ahhh, ex-GM Peanut Bladder Small Bits, RA Blue Vein, and other loyal hashers will not be far away. There is a public facebook page that you can send a direct message to for the start point for the Sunday run. Once the hash has met you in person, and deemed you truly dysfunctional enough, you can join the private facebook group for all the latest and greatest hash trash. Here's to seeing you on trail someday.

*On On, Down Under War.*





Creek200th

# A step closer to a hash museum!

## Work starts to clear the site!

The Royal Selangor Club still overlooks the iconic cricket pitch in the heart of KL. Many generation of early hashers would have drunk here, and when I visited Kuala Lumpur this is where I was entertained by what is possibly the last generation of KL expatriates. This is where there is the hash bar, where the hash genealogy stretches across a whole wall, where there are great collections of hash memorabilia on display.

This is where hashers have gathered for several big international hash events - often to the disdain of non-hash members who have not been impressed with body surfing across the flooded cricket pitch, or harriettes daring to enter the men only sections of the club. The whole building is deep in hash history.

However, the true roots of the hash have always been considered to be the separate club house that stood behind the main building. Here the food was (we might presume) cheaper, and the atmosphere (certainly) more relaxed. This was where some of the hashers lived, usually temporarily after just arriving in country.

(This might have been less common than we have previously presumed.)

This was the famous 'Hash House', possibly named after leftover food being hashed together on a Monday night, or possibly a reflection of the



The original and ambitious plans for the hash museum.

more mixed racial or social groups that met here. (Note that there is no evidence supporting this). The club house no longer exists - it was knocked down when a new road took off a corner of the club's grounds. Indeed, there is only one known photograph of the building.

For many years, The Hash Foundation had the intention of replicating the building to house a hash museum. Land was acquired sometime ago (the author visited the plot when a KL hash set off from the site) but it has laid untouched for many years. During the delay, the plans for a replica of the old club house were scaled back to a far more modest building. However, the Hash Foundation have finally announced that work has started on the project.

*The official view from the Hash  
Foundation website*

*Although the site continues to be used as a venue for celebratory runs, 20 years have elapsed without any real progress in building a 'new' Hash House. The current HHF Board of trustees have shelved the initial grandiose design and have adopted a more pragmatic approach to realising our initial ambitions - to build an interim facility which can later be expanded to the more elaborate facility. Sadly, a significant amount of the funds generated from Interhash '98 and from donations received from the founding and other trustees has been depleted through obligatory payment of 'Cukai Tanah / Taksiran' (Land Tax / Assessment / Rates). Full details of these are available in the ACCOUNTS section of this website.*

# Hash Museum!



The one known photo of the  
'Hash House'

# Hashers

## A to Z

### Letter L

#### Lofty

##### London H3

*Lofty* started hashing back in 1979 and is now approaching 1000 runs with **London H3** as well as 500 plus with **West London**. Was owner of hash dog *Henry* who made his hash debut in August 2010.

#### Lofty

##### Roy McManus

##### South Of Perth H3 (Australia)

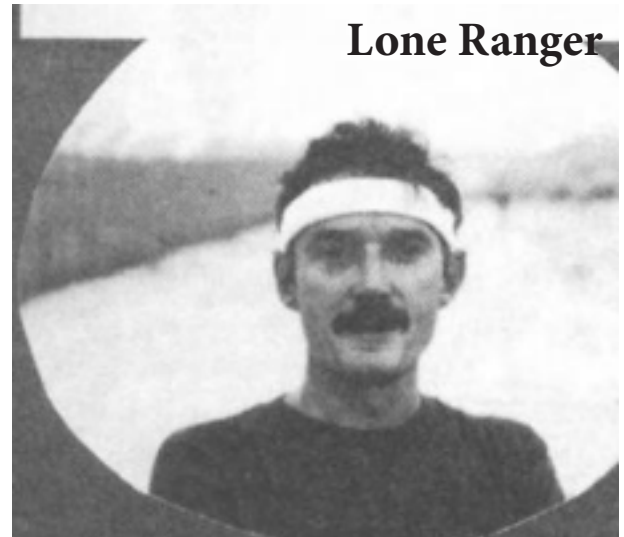
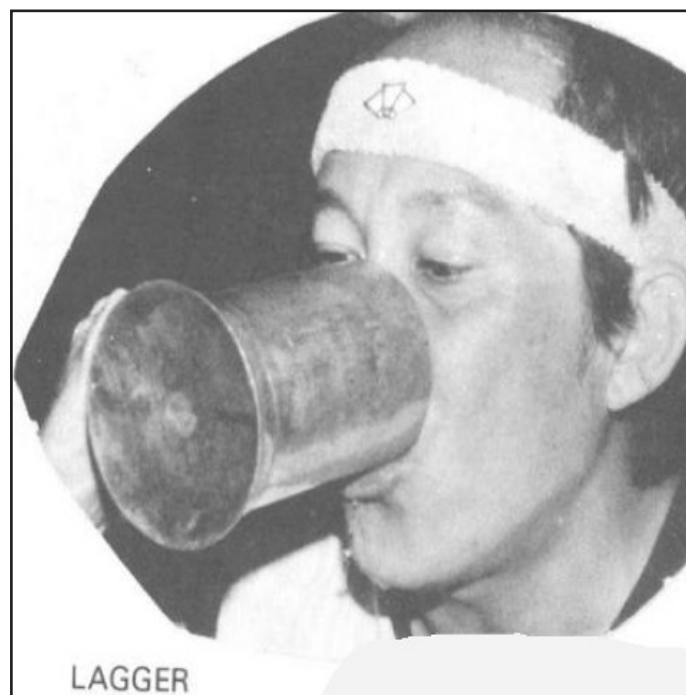
Was trail master at InterHash Goa 2002, which was no mean feat given he usually lives in Perth, Australia. Usually runs with **South of Perth H3** under the close supervision of his wife and hashing soul mate *Yo Adrian*.

#### Lone Ranger

##### Rob Thomas

##### Dubai Desert H3 (U.A.E.)

Was one of the most consistent runners in the early days of the Desert Hash, completing 656 of their first 996 hashes. He was regularly accused of having survived a public school education and was a noted hash cash.



#### Lonesome Cowboy

##### Dirk Brueggemann

##### Kabul H3 (Afghanistan)

*Lonesome Cowboy* was joint founder, along with *Sex Immigrant*, of **Kabul H3** in August 2002. He had previously hashed in Bonn (Germany).

#### Long John

##### La Jolla H3 (USA)

*Long John* was a bridge engineer by profession and a hasher by choice. He started hashing in the early 80s with **La Jolla** and then moved to San Francisco, where he hashed with whatever group was easiest to get to that week. A noted hash traveller, he often appeared at the major European events. A man of many surprises, Long John could spend most of the evening semi-comatose (you checked not so much that he was awake, but whether he was still alive) then around midnight was likely to get up and join the band – *Long John* being a talented soul singer and harmonica player.

#### Longley, W.B

##### Mother Hash (Malaysia)

Brian Longley served as Joint Master of Mother Hash in 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1955.

#### Lord, the

##### Chris Eden

##### Hobart H3 (Australia)

Hashed with Penang in 1965, although only as a short-term visitor. He returned to Australia in 1967, where he founded **Hobart H3**. By 2001 he had completed 1,700 plus runs with them. In 1995 *Magic* acknowledged his 241 consecutive runs (December 31 1990 to May 1995) to be a Hash World Record.

## **Lord Chicken Fucker**

**John Mcallen**

**Pattaya H3 (Thailand)**

*Chicken* was a prolific **Pattaya H3** hasher, his 1st run taking place on the 2nd December 1991. He built up an amazing total of 1224 runs. He achieved 1000 runs, while only missing 18 hashes. Was **Pattaya GM** in 1996, 1997 & 1998 as well as being the beer truck driver for many years. It was as **RA** that **LCF** really excelled, *'his brand of humour was not unsimilar to Tommy Coopers, but was certainly more hilarious and unique, with him continuing as 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. John had also been an active member of the **Pattaya Sports Club** and had been **Softball** chairman for several years. **LCF** passed away in March 2022.



## **Love Chicken**

## **Lord Deep Throat**

**Terry Mechan**

**Hong Kong/Wirral and Chester H3 (England)**

A Hong Kong hasher back in the early days, first running with **Southside H3** in 1977. On his return to England he hashed with **Cheltenham and Cotswold**. In 1987 transferred to Liverpool, where he founded (or co-founded) **Wirral and Chester H3**. In 1993 he returned to Gloucester where he formed a Men's Only hash (monthly runs and European tours) and the virtual **Hash Founders Hash**. A noted broadcaster, for which he was awarded an MBE, which led to his naming as *Lord Deep Throat*.

## **Lord Krishna**

**Sashi Varma**

**Chennai H3 (India)**

Was the founder of **Chennai H3** and served on the Goa Interhash 2002 Committee. His notable contribution to that event was the pre-ramble named Interhash Yatra Down South. This consisted of travelling by train from Chennai to Goa.

## **Lord Luchan**

**Paul Eldred**

**Pattaya H3 (Thailand)**

Made quite an impact in a short hash career that took in 280 **Pattaya H3** runs and a dozen or so with the **DirtRoad**. *Lord Luchan* passed away in February 2020.

## **Lorna Dunes**

**Lorna Greenway**

**Houston H3 (USA)**

Lorna's virgin hash was with **Brenham H3** on October 3, 1991. It was a camp out and her first date with

*Geek*, GM of **Houston H3**). **Houston H3** became her regular hash and she has run and/or walked 1,231 weekly trails. She has been Hash Cash on three different occasions, was Joint Master in 2018, and Haberdasher from 2015-2018. *Lorna* and *Geek* were married on July 23, 1994. In 2022 she was awarded the Pooperbowl (a venerated **Houston H3** tradition since 1987). Since retiring from the travel planning business she has tried painting, mostly landscapes of the desert southwest. She also likes to hike, sing, dance, and keep *Geek* on his toes.

## **Loud**

**Wellington H3 (New Zealand)**

**Bob McLeod**

*Loud* started hashing in Fiji, from where he fondly remembers being voted Asshole of the Month. After just a few days back in New Zealand he was roped in to help organize Nash Hash in Wellington, and the New Zealand GM'ship followed. During his year in office he *'attended about 97% of all clubs registered at the time'*. *Loud* passed away in September 2021.

## **Love Canal**

**Mike Rust**

**EdmONTON H3 (Canada)**

*John Splash N Dash Cosco* and *Mike Love Canal Rust*, formally of **Vancouver H3**, brought hashing to Edmonton in 1991.

## **Love Chicken**

**Avi Bindra**

**Delhi H3 (India)**

Avi came from a military family. He attended the prestigious Doon School, and later ran his own travel agency which brought him into contact with

the Delhi diplomatic community. He became one of the giants of Indian hashing, founding **Delhi H3** (with Charlie Stevens) on 31 December 1983. At that point, Delhi H3 was the second hash club in India after Bombay. He was a huge personality and loved to party. During one run, held on the Indian festival of Holi, he and his fellow hare indulged in Bhang Lassi, a traditional local stimulant. They felt they had been out hours setting a trail – which lasted exactly 20 minutes. In March 1995 Avi organised a highly successful All India Nash Hash in Delhi. The event is remembered for a wild Saturday night party - and nude dancing and singing close to the Prime Minister's residence during the Sunday morning hangover run. When Avi felt that the Delhi hash had become a little too much of a running club, he founded **Party Hash** (October 1997). Avi was a great traveller and attended many international events such as The West London 500 and the Diamond Jubilee in Kuala Lumpur. He even managed to attend hash events in neighbouring Pakistan. Avi sadly passed away on 29 October 2012 at the early age of 59. Over the Easter Weekend in 2016 Delhi Hash hosted All India Nash Hash in Agra in Avi's honour. It was called "An Ode to Love Chicken". Rest easy Love Chicken  
*With thanks to White Trash*

#### LSD Perth Harriettes (Australia)

A double Interhash drinking champion, the winner in 2010 and 2012.

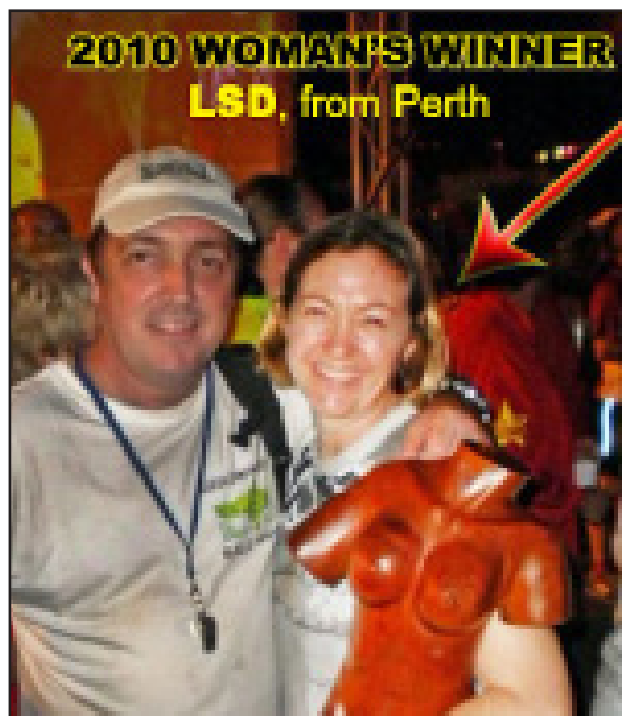
#### LUC Karen Woo Kabul H3 (Afghanistan)

Although no hasher has been killed on the run, Kabul lost a popular figure when Karen LUC Woo

was murdered, along with nine other aid workers, in the 2010 Badakhshan massacre. After leaving school at 16, Woo danced with the London Contemporary Dance Theatre before completing her education and becoming a surgeon at St Mary's hospital in London. She had given up a high paying job with BUPA to work in Afghanistan. *On On LUC.*

#### Lucky Linda Hall Norfolk H3 (England)

Received her 1000th mug in 2017 and is a regular feature of the hash trash, for example *'Lucky managed to fall over and leave her imprint in the long grass and was then terrified by a charging cow'* or perhaps this mention that she managed to lose her sunglasses on a rainy day.



**Lurch**

**Ian Wall**

**Jacaranda H3 (South Africa)**

A British Embassy employee who was already a hash veteran of Sana'a (Yemen), Moscow and Beijing when he arrived in South Africa. Was Grand Master of **Jacaranda H3** and completed 46 of their first 53 hashes.

**Lunn, Steve**

**Brussels H3 (Belgium)**

Hashing was brought to Belgium in December 1980 when Stephen Lunn (ex Washington) founded **Brussels H3**.

**LYM**

**Brain Goose**

**Norfolk H3 (England)**

Croydon born and educated at Great Yarmouth **LYM** has clocked up over 1000 plus runs with **Norfolk H3**.

**Lyon, Dave**

**Hong Kong**

A key member of the 1978 Hong Kong Interhash committee where he was treasurer and 'general helper.'

*Note: We have missed a few noted hashers - we will catch up with them in a later issue.*

## Letter M

**MaBouche**

**Caitlin dos Santos**

**Sans Clue (France) Diva H3 (International)**

Discovered hashing in Paris soon after leaving university and became a regular member of first **Paris H3** and then **Sans Clue H3**. From 1998 to 2009, she was a regular committee member and helped organized events such as French Nash Hash. She was a great hash traveller, particularly with **DIVA H3**. **MaBouche** moved to São Paulo in 2009 and returned for a second spell in Paris from 2012 to 2019. Now back in Brazil where she runs a bar. One of the few hashers to have her own hash song!

**Mad George**

**George Wiles**

**Edinburgh H3 (Scotland)**

**Mad George** was one of the ringleaders behind Edinburgh gaining their reputation of being hash animals in the early days of British hashing.

**Mad Rushin**

**Alice Johnson**

An American hasher and author of the 1990 publication 'Half a Mind'. This was something of a pioneer project and offered a basic guide to Hashing with the emphasis on 'How to Set a Hash'.

**Mad Swede**

**Jan Andersson**

**Westra Aros Gurka H3 (Sweden)**

**Mad Swede** worked as a chef, most notably for the Swedish Ambassador in New York. During his first New York posting in the late seventies there was no hash, so this former water polo and badminton player turned to running, completing 10km in 41 minutes, a very respectable time for such a big guy. He became a regular hasher during a second posting to New York (1988-1992) and continued during a shorter spell in Washington. On returning to Sweden, he became a leading figure in the local hash scene, filling most committee roles over the years, most notably as long term haberdasher. By then knee problems were limiting **Mad Swede** to walking but he showed a supernatural instinct for finding the trail. He and partner **Double Decker** occasionally staged weekend hashes at their **Westra Aros** home and after retirement this grew into the **Westra Aros Gurka H3**.



*Mad Swede and  
partner  
Double Decker.*

# On On

# T-shirts -classics



Above: When Copenhagen ordered a singlet for the hash year 1982-83 the printer didn't know the word "WANKERS". He couldn't find it in his dictionary, so for some reason that will probably never be explained decided to go with "WARKERS" – whatever that means. To save the poor man from bankruptcy the hash accepted a reprint which added a red X and N.



After the article on hash T-shirts *Uncle Gerry* and *Mrs G* took a look through their Singapore T-Shirts and found this celebration of the Harriets 50th run. Their guess is that it dates to October 1974. *Uncle Gerry* suggests: 'I think there is a fair chance it the earliest Harriet T-Shirt issued unless you have received something from Ipoh'.



New T-shirts

*Left*  
Independence Day  
Run  
Dhaka

*Below*  
Compressed Fart  
models the Creek  
2000th Run T-shirt



**T-shirts**  
- latest models

# Hash Classic Photos



TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS -

## HASHING IN BEIJING

I feel there is a real need for a Hash to be formed in Beijing! What may you ask is a Hash? At the end of this preamble you may very well ask again,

I propose to have the inaugural run on Monday 9th July 1979 starting at 1900 hrs (6.00 pm) from the Australian Embassy grounds. Naturally I would like to see as many as possible both males and females in attendance but from past experience I know our numbers will swell. There will be a curry on site at the conclusion of the run and our thirst has been quenched.

  
Brian Rowe  
28 June 1979  
Peking.

*Above:* The oldest known photo of **Beijing H3**. (1981?)

*Left:* A copy of the original 'let's start a hash' letter composed and distributed by Brian Rowe in 1979.

*Opposite page top:* The founding fathers of **Copenhagen H3**

*Opposite page bottom:* A 1960 (early?) gathering of **Mother Hash**. Can anybody identify the hashers?



The four Founding Fathers – *Just Poul Erik 1980, Pathfinder, Highjump and Der Tulip Eater*



*"Time for a Tiger". Hashers enjoying the cool of the evening with a Tiger, circa 1960's*

# Hash History -

## The date of the very first hash!

### In the Spotlight – 1938

By Ed “Hazukashii” Howell

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Still to this day, no one has found any documentation that specifically defines when the Hash House Harriers ran their first trail in Kuala Lumpur. Conventional wisdom had placed the date as sometime between September and December 1938. About six months ago, my friend Colin “Hema” Snow sent me some interesting news from his personal interactions and a letter from Torch Bennett, that outlined his estimation of the founding date to be mid-summer 1939. Unfortunately, Torch was not on the first run, having taken leave in late November of 1938 and not returning to Kuala Lumpur until late July 1939. Torch also made it clear that “G” had not yet arrived in Kuala Lumpur as of the date of his departure. Although verbal recollections by other early hashers had generally pointed towards a start date of late 1938, Torch was adamant that he was right. (Ed: This date presumes that Torch joined some time during first half dozen hashes).

While reviewing more documents on the matter, another letter has shed more light on the situation. First, a little background. When Tim “Magic” Hughes was researching the history of the HHH back in the 1980s, he contacted many old hashers to get their story, and in 1987 came in contact with Frank Woodward. Frank was one of the few early hashers before the war, and is identified on the “List of Office Bearers” of Mother Hash, as a Joint Master in both 1948 and 1949. He would continue on, working and hashing in KL until his departure in 1953. Magic had recently published his “Harrier International World Hash Handbook 86/87” and started mailing out periodical HHH News on a subscription basis under the title “Harrier International.” As an introduction, Magic sent Frank copies of his work and asked for some of his recollections on his time with the HHH in KL.

Frank Woodward replied in a letter, stating . . . “I left Guernsey . . . in January 1939 and arrived in Kuala Lumpur about mid-February, 1939. I had been booked into the Selangor Club Chambers by my boss. At my first breakfast, I was invited to join the Hash House Harriers and as I had been a cross-country runner at school, I was delighted to accept.” Frank makes the most specific statement on record, for the actual founding date with “I took part in the sixth or seventh run of the club since it was founded.” Having run his first trail in February 1939, that would narrow down the date of the first run to sometime in December 1938, or possibly the first week of January 1939. Since there were a couple significant holidays in that timeframe, mid to early December 1938 is the most likely date of the first hash trail. It could not be sooner, as Torch had departed KL in late November 1938, and “G” was not there yet and the HHH had not started.

There was at least one account of the earlier Kuala Lumpur Harriers (that ran in the city from the early 1920s to the mid-1930s) in the Malay Mail (newspaper) in 1932. The oldest actual Hash House Harriers document we currently have, to the best of my knowledge, that specifies an actual event date is the notice for the upcoming 100th Run, which occurred on Friday 15 Aug 1941, just 17 weeks before hashing was suspended due to the onset of WWII.

Frank’s letter also includes other insights into the early days of the HHH. He goes on to say . . .

“In those good old days, most of us Hash House members had Malay car drivers . . . and the procedure on the weekly run days was for the two ‘hares’ to go in a car with their haversacks full of torn-up paper and the boot of their car loaded up with a large galvanized tin bath packed with ice, bottled beer and ginger beer,

1938

September October November December January February March April May June July

Mother Hash celebrated their 70th anniversary on 7th December 2008 which they claimed was the actual anniversary. However (1) it is uncertain how they came to this date and (2) there is a rumour that they realised this was incorrect, but only *after* the T-shirts had been printed, so nothing was said.

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We have a firm date for the **100th run** - 15th August 1941. Counting back from there would take us to 15th September 1939. However, we would have expected them to have missed a few runs - Christmas etc. suggesting a first run somewhere between 15th September and late July 1938.

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In a letter on the history of the hash Cecil Lee gives the start date as '*about 1937/38*'. This ties in with the 100 Run count back. However, Lee later gave an interview with *Fuch* in which he offered a more precise, but different estimate of '*late 1938*'.

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Frank Woodward completed his first hash on February 1939, believing it was Mother's 6th or 7th hash. We are not sure which end of February he started hashing.

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*Torch* Bennett left KL for leave in November 1938. There was no hash at the time and G had not yet arrived in town. *Torch* returned in July 1939 to find the hash was up and running (**Red**). He seems to have believed that he had only missed a few runs ( 5 or-6?) which gives a mid summer starting for the hash. (**Black**)

*Most likely range of dates for the first hash*

Read the evidence and make  
up your own mind!  
Where is Dr. Who when you  
need her!

to a pre-arranged starting point and then set off to lay the paper trails. The beer and ginger beer were provided by the 'hares' each week at their own expense. The club never had any funds as such and administration was minimal."

Frank continued to explain that prior to the war, that trails were generally A to B, and that once the pack had assembled and set off running, the hare's driver would lead all the other cars to the finish point. He also states "After numerous false trails had been investigated the 'hounds' eventually arrived at the finish point where the 'hares' would have already started on the beer and ginger beer. Shandies were found to be much more refreshing than beer by itself." Which, to me, is another indictment on the false narrative some hashers believe, that hashing has always been about excessive alcohol.

Another revelation was that after the rebirth starting in 1946, trails were much more commonly A to A. Frank stated "After the war not many members of the H.H.H had car drivers, especially the newcomers who had come to Malaya for the first time . . . starting and finishing points of the runs [were] at the same place; otherwise the routine was exactly as before."

In closing, Frank finished with "I am so glad to hear that the Hash House Harriers clubs are spreading round the world, a fact of which I was quite unaware until very recently." Both Frank's and Torch's letters are recollections of events that took place more than 40 years prior, so we have to take them at face value. Just like Frank states, new information continues to be presented to us on the history of the HHH, and more research will continue to expand our knowledge of the origins of this fascinating sport. More research will need to be done on Frank, but as of the time of his letter (circa 1987), he listed himself as a non-running member of the Tamar Valley H3, in Devonshire, UK.

# Falkland Islands

A few notes on the  
**Falkland Islands H3**

- When thinking of setting the first hash the hares opted for the traditional Monday evening. The first hash took place on September 16th, 1985.
- Winter had not yet set in, so the weather was likely to be 'acceptable'.
- Gale force winds might still be a problem and considerable thought went into finding something suitable for laying the trail. Neither paper nor sawdust were going to stay in place.
- McEwn cans (full) might have stood up to the wind but not to passing soldiers or farmers.

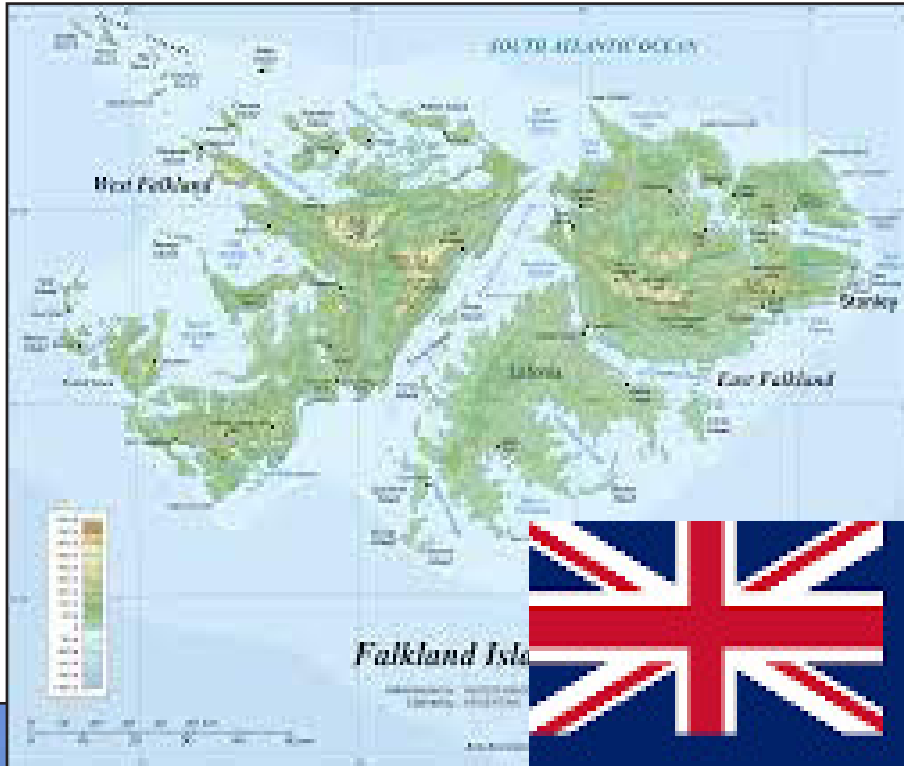
**ON! ON! THROUGH  
THE MINEFIELDS**



- In the end 2m by 2m card was used for the trail, with this being held down by rocks.
- Finding hashers was not the problem with 2500 bored men in military camps.
- However, the founding fathers didn't want a mass turnout of non-hashers. They probably un-

der-publicised the first run, which was staged with only 6 hashers, including the hare.

- A couple of experienced hashers, who had planned to set a run a few weeks later, were accidentally left off the invitation list.
- Terence *Bunter* Kavanagh happily voted himself GM.



## Taiping H3

- In December 1977 Butch Cheah, who had hashed somewhere (probably with Mother Hash?) decided he wanted a hash in his home town.
- He believed Taiping had some excellent hash terrain, and presumed there were enough people who liked beer. Butch therefore contacted a couple of Taiping residents now hashing with Mother Hash.
- They set the first hash on Christmas Eve, 1976.
- More KL hashers than locals turned up, and this is considered an unofficial run.
- The first **official** hash took place on 2/1/78.
- Butch set the trail from Lake Garde with help from Thomas Ong.
- 50 turned up for the 5.15 start.
- A committee was set up, which included Butch Cheah and Thomas Ong, who had provided the first T-shirts.
- Derek Choe offered his office for future meetings. The hash were underway!



### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE H.H.H. TAIPING



- BACK : Yeoh Guan (Ass. Sec), Derek Choe (P.P.O), K.B. Ho (Audit)  
Raymond Lim (Assis. Cash), K.S.Goh (Comm.)
- FRONT : B.B. Chuah (On. Sec), B.T. Khoo (J.M), Butch Cheah (J.M),  
B.S. Ng (Hash Cash), L.C. Chin (Inter Hash Sec.).
- INSET : Dr. Maikai Wong (Hash Quak).



Taiping is a city located in Perak, Malaysia. It is approximately 48 kilometres northwest of Ipoh, the capital of Perak, and 78 kilometres southeast of George Town, Penang. With a population of 245,182 it is the second largest city in Perak after Ipoh, the state capital.

Taiping took over Kuala Kangsar's role as the state capital from 1876 to 1937, but was then replaced by Ipoh. Growth slowed after that, but in recent years the town has been developing rapidly again. Perak State Museum is located here.

Taiping has the reputation of being the wettest town in Peninsular Malaysia. The average annual rainfall is about 4,000mm in Taiping, while the peninsula's average is 2,000mm – 2,500mm. The unusually high rainfall has led to a fertile collection of flora and there are century-old rain trees in the Taiping Lake Gardens.

Taiping was ranked one of the top 3 Sustainable Cities in the World.

# Teluk AnsonH3

- The first attempt at a hash took place on 14/2/74 and was described as *'half hearted with only 3 locals turning up to join 33 hashers from Ipoh'*. The hashers got off Selaba Express to *'run around in circles'*. Ipoh hashers enjoyed the run and trashed the Cheong Kee Restaurant afterwards.

- The run was listed as Ipoh's 516th run, while Teluk would try for Run Number One at a later date.

- On 19th July, 1975, 19 locals and 19 Ipoh hashers turned up for the second attempt at a hash. They didn't go back to the Cheong Kee Restaurant as they thought the management might still remember them! Instead they used the California Restaurant.

- After that hashes were staged every two weeks and at the time of their 50th run were thinking of staging weekly hashes and opening up to women.

### Teluk Anson

Haadyai	Lee Seng Chow	39
Desperate	Dan Ong Seng Tatt	39
Sabrina	K S Mariam	38
Hambones	Tom Hoag	34
Cobra	LS Maniam	32
FO	Patrick Ch	32
Promoter	Lee Yaw Kim	27
Leggy Castro	Nathan	26
Ting a lee	Tang Saw Hon	26
Shattered	Ong Sin Guan	24



T.A. H3 1st. Run 19th July, 1975

# 50th Run - 1977



Teluk Intan is a town in Hilir Perak District, Perak, Malaysia. It is the district capital with an estimated population of around 120,000.

In the early days, the town was known as Teluk Mak Intan, after a female Mandailing trader. It was here that the Perak rulers held court from 1528 until Kuala Kangsar became the royal town in 1877.

During the British protectorate era the named was changed to Teluk Anson (Anson Bay), in honour of a British officer and last Lieutenant-Governor of Penang, Major-General Sir Archibald Edward Harbord Anson. In 1982, during the centenary of the town's establishment, the name was changed again to Teluk Intan (Diamond Bay) by the Sultan of Perak.

The Leaning Tower of Teluk Intan is one of the town attractions. The town has a number of colonial buildings and Chinese shop houses, together with modern buildings and a modern cinema.

More

# Arrested on the hash stories

## *Trouble in Dar es Salaam and Dhaka*

*Shakes offers an eye-witness account of the time the Dar hash was arrested.*

Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) in 1982 was a hardship posting. No no cheese, no cereals, no bread - just fresh fruit and giant lobsters. Petrol was often unavailable for days at a time.

There was beer, but you had to go to the brewery with a crate of empty bottles on the one day a week the factory was bottling. Break a bottle and you could not buy beer (Hashers stealing bottles from the limited hash stocks was a major and reoccurring problem).

My father worked for British Airways and once a month would send a crate of goodies to us.

Having received the latest crate in the afternoon of the hash, I negotiated with my wife that she would wait to open the crate until I returned. It seemed only fair that I promised to miss the circle and get back early. (I was equally excited at opening the crate!)

Anyway, we had a good run through some farmland and bush country between the town and the beaches and then I headed home as promised. On the way I saw two or three army trucks racing in the other direction. This was not normal, as the army didn't usually have petrol for so many vehicles - but I gave it little thought.

Having unpacked the box I wandered across the school campus to the apartment of a hash buddy, who had a few gifts in the box. He was not back from the hash.

Worried about the dark roads home, I checked with other hash friends from the large hash contingent of teachers who lived on campus.

### **Nobody was back!**

It seems the small farms the hash had jogged through belonged to the army. The trucks I had

passed had surrounded everybody, and then called the police.

The entire hash had been put into a convoy and ordered to drive to Oyster Bay Police Station.

The GM and his wife, not the nicest of people, had decided to break convoy and drive home.

The police were furious and kept everybody until three in the morning.

As the mood lightened the hashers were able to bring their beers into the cells.

When asked if they wanted to phone the embassy the hash scribe, Geoff Williams, told them not to bother, because he was already there.

There were a few tense days when the GM and committee members were uncertain if there would be any follow up from the authorities, but the hash met on schedule two weeks later.

The GM and his wife were noted misers who collected and guarded the hash cash like Scrooge the day before Christmas. We must have had thousands of shillings saved which was never spent on the hash.

Mr and Mrs GM had a break-in and all the hash cash disappeared. The pair never hashed again.

A while later they refused to pull over for the President's convoy and spent their own night under arrest.





Old Town Run 1987

Hussain Muhammad Ershad was a Bangladeshi Army Chief and politician who served as the President of Bangladesh from 1983 to 1990. He seized power as head of the army during a bloodless coup against President Abdus Sattar and declared himself President in 1983. He subsequently won the controversial 1986 presidential election. Ershad served in the Presidential office until 1990, when he was forced to resign following a popular pro-democracy mass uprising led by Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina. During his tenure Ershad pursued devolution reforms, privatization of nationalised industries and an expansion of the national highway system. Ershad was awarded the United Nations' Population Award in 1987 for his contributions to population control and environmental issues.

### Run 170

- In June, 1987 Dhaka staged an old town run, a regular pre-COVID event. Having left the Armenian Church they followed the trail to Lalbagh Fort. (See picture below)
- They wandered around this large site and then headed for the gate, intending to continue the hash. Instead they found the doors locked by the police.
- Earlier the trail had circled the Central Jail, where the hash horn and general loud behaviour had made the authorities fear a protest or even a distraction for a breakout.
- Luckily the hash were not without influence and *The Brigadier* and *Loco* were able to defuse the situation.

- Run 170 started in the neighbourhood of Banai and went across the Airport Road to the golf course where there was to be a drink stop in the club bar.
- The only instruction was **not** to run across the greens.
- Guess what? The pack took a short cut straight across the greens!
- What might have brought a slap from the club committee became altogether more serious when armed guards appeared from the shelter of the trees.
- Prime Minister Ershad happened to be teeing off, just as the hash made their dash across the fairways.
- The hash opted to miss the drink stop and disappeared into the distance.

