# On On

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## News

### **Brazil**

Registration for Brazil Nash Hash 2023 is officially open.

### Rediscovered article

Ann Byrne reported that: 'Going through old papers and found this, from my mother hash (though I didn't live there), published about 2 months before I started hashing. Tossing it out, so took a picture first. I still remember many of those mentioned!' Barterbitch See Below.



### Hungary

Good to see that **Budapest H3** are going well, with *Ivana Nucock* and *Titty Tata* setting a run at Tata, an hour by train from the capital.

### **Sweden**

A happy December birthday to *Mad Swede*, a long time veteran of **Stockholm H3** and founder of **West-ra Aros Gurka H3**.

The **SPOR&DIC HasH** will be setting one of their occasional runs at the Uppsala Beer Festival. (Uppsala is a University town just north of Stockholm). The hares will be *2 Swedes* and *Laid Bird*.

### **China**

The Bejinger, an online newspaper, carried an interesting article on hashing in Beijing. The main sources were Sneaky Sausage and Pukelid's Taxivomitry. It mentioned that there are currently five groups under the Beijing Hash umbrella. 'There's the original group, founded over 40 years ago; Boxer Hash, which organizes hikes and trail runs; Fullmoon Hash, which takes place at night; and Bike Hash, which does bicycling and bike polo.' After each city hash, the hashers make their way to Paddy O'Shea's, which has been the official home for Beijing H3 for many years. 'Beijing, HHH has been hit hard by the fact that many people have left but not much fresh blood is coming into the country. But what they lack in new members they make up for with the camaraderie that hash brings'.

### **USA**

For the record, the **Memphis H3** Mismanagement for 2021-2022 includes:

Grand Master: One-eyed Wetter



Joint Master: Runs 'Em Dry

Religious Advisor: Put It In My Mouth

Hare Raiser: Taint No Snitch Haberdasher: Two Scoops Beer Meister: Pushing Rope

Public Exposer / Shit Talker: Wrap It Up

### **Hong Kong**

Hong Kong hashes can now run unrestricted as all Covid rules are rescinded. Mark *Hopeless* Hope has a personal run count that is now up to 3,705.

### Mexico

Mexico H3 continue to do well. *Nippy Knickers* (founder of the **Dhaka Pussy Hash**) was in town and helped set a long run through Coyoacán. It was decided there would not be enough interest to stage a hash on December 31st but a group decided to meet for a morning breakfast. As numbers grew it was decided to set a token run to keep to the every 2-week pattern active. *Nippy Knickers* was again co-hare. There was also a first Bike hash.

### Indonesia

On 29th December Witless Wanker became only the fourth Batavia hasher to achieve 1000 hashes. The Batavia newsletter beautifully describes the occasion: Of course, Witless Wanker was called in to the circle and before the charge was laid his protesting and shouting and stomping began. It was a full 5 minutes before we could get him quiet to say he wasn't under attack and to pass congratulations for his 1000th run (to be done early before he escaped before the 69 discussion). Witless finally accepted his congratulations in his very own passive/aggressive way. Well done Witless on living long enough to come back for your 1000th run (only 4 Batavia Hoons achieved this feat). Actually, he looked very healthy so we are all looking forward to him hosting a run to celebrate sometime in the next millennium. Just give us enough warning so we can avoid it!

Editor: Witness was already a hash veteran when I hashed with him in Jakarta in 1992, and was often running three hashes a week. Even allowing for a slow down in more recent years this suggests a possible lifetime run total of over 3000 hashes, making Witless a candidate for the most hashed hasher in the world.

*Editor: Sheep's Kin* on 1510 hashes is one of the 4 Batavia hashers over 1000 runs. Can anybody let us know who the other two are?

### **Podcast**

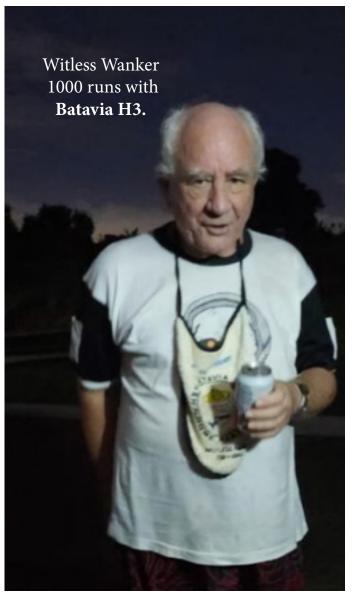
Season 3 of RA's podcasts are coming on line. He led off with a major triumph with an interview with *Mountain Rescue*.

### **Hash Founders**

Several new members have been added to the Hash founds 'club' including *Fire In The Hole*, the founder of the **Orlando Kissimee Hash House Harriers** in Florida, *Ban the Cock* and *Double Dick* (**Ascension H3** Paraguay) and *Double Dutch Mountain* founder the **POSH** in Shanghai.

### **Scotland**

Glasgow H3 became the third Scottish hash to reach 2000 runs (after Edinburgh in 2019 and Aberdeen last year). 'In typical Glasgow "Dad whit ye can" fashion, it was a mix and match so that hashers could do any or all of a Friday pub crawl trail; Saturday countryside trail; Saturday evening party; Sunday city centre trail. The latter one ended up being a joint run with



Edinburgh H3. On Monday there was the usual GH3 trail set by Hughiee Blaarrgh with "checks of interest" at spots that had some significance in GH3 history.

January brought a rare Friday 13th and the **Friday 13th H3** and **Bras & Pants H3** set a joint hash around Edinburgh to celebrate. *Thanks to Audrey* 

### Hash Museum

Loudspeaker of Johor Bahru has made a major T-shirt donation to the Malaysian Hash Museum.

### U.A.E.

Seven members of **Abu Dubai H3** joined in the fun run around the Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum. 'It was a sold-out event with more than 800 participants running distances from 1km to 10km. And giving the Louvre's unique touch to the initiative, all the runners wore T-shirts with artwork from the museum's permanent collection: The Runners by French artist Robert Delaunay'.

### **England**

Despite problems with the trains **London H3** managed to set a 'fantastic hash through some wonderful countryside with the opportunity to feed various species of waterfowl. Congratulations to the hare on a superbly marked trail despite the RA being responsible for appalling weather. Anyone who disagrees is talking BS!'

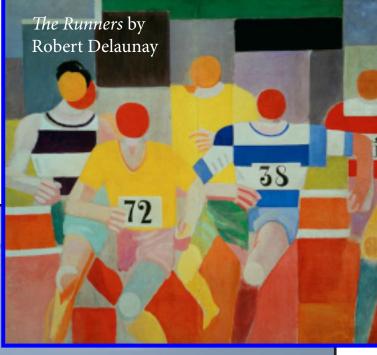
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Dan *Dildo Dan* Smith has passed 1000 hashes in Qatar, quite a record for a country where ex-pats don't tend to stay around that long.

### Thailand

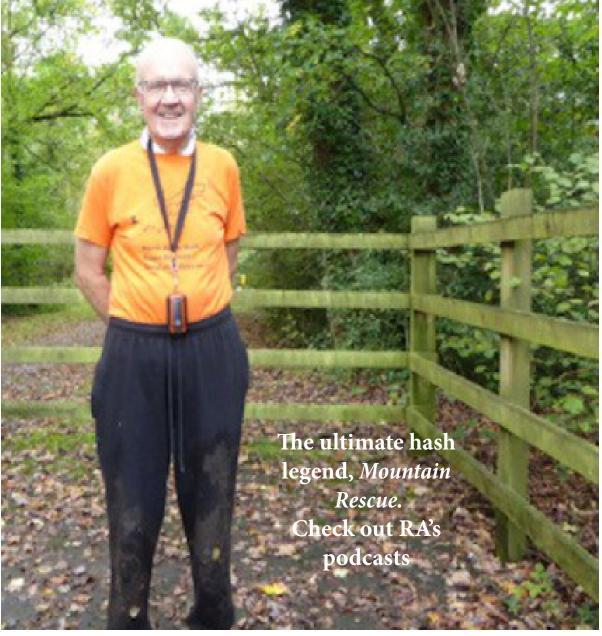
Smart new shirts from **Pattaya H3** and just in time for their AGPU hash.











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### Christmas Hash events

### The Hong Kong Christmas Run

- City's Hash House Harriers clubs band together for festive non-competitive running event to raise money for Operation Santa Claus
- Organisers held seven races spanning from December 5 to 11, with big final taking place on peaks near Yau Tong

Runners in Hong Kong have donned red-coloured, festive outfits and endured the chilly temperatures of the winter season to participate in a Christmas charity drive to raise money for Operation Santa Claus (OSC).

Participants turned up dressed as old Kriss Kringle for the annual Santa Hash, a fundraising drive organised by the city's Hash House Harriers clubs. This year's event involved 15 chapters of the non-competitive running organisation and featured seven races spanning from December 5 to 11.

The running sport has participants, also known as hashers, following a paper or chalk trail to reach the finish line. The length of each trail varies and such events are open to both amateurs and seasoned athletes.

Organiser Mark "Hopeless" Hope (foreground) briefs hashers on the directional chalk markings used to plot the running route. Photo: Bharat Khemlani

The organiser of this year's event, Mark "Hopeless" Hope, and his co-organiser, Mike "Moonie" Jones, said the hashers had managed to raise their intended target of HK\$60,000 (US\$7,685) for OSC.

The seasonal event, which helped to support OSC since the latter's launch in 1988, was a yearly highlight that allowed hashers to meet new people and raise money for a good cause, Hope said.

For the final run on December 11, hashers from all chapters gathered at Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground in Yau Tong to raise money by conquering the local peaks.

"People seem really happy here, especially after the pandemic since there have not been many gatherings like this," said Iris Wong Wai-yin, who was joining the Christmas run for the first time.

"I came with my husband, it is the second year he is joining the Santa Hash and I support this because everyone is running for charity."

OSC, an annual fundraising campaign organised by South China Morning Post and public broadcaster RTHK, has raised HK\$353 million to support the community in Hong Kong through 323 charitable projects since its launch.

For OSC's 35th anniversary this year, funds raised through events such as the Santa Hash are going to 15 charitable projects.

Organisers of the non-competitive running event said they had sold raffles and special running shirts and collected donations from fellow hashers in the name of charity. Hash groups were also encouraged to donate a minimum of HK\$2,000 to have their logo printed on a commemorative shirt.

Hong Kong hospital raises money for charity with goodies sale, culinary contests 26 Dec 2022

On the day of the last run, Wong's husband and fellow hasher Peter Chu Yat-wang said he was looking forward to tackling the route in Yau Tong.

"It is very exciting because you never know what route you will be running on and it's also really fun towards the end because there is a party and beer for us to enjoy," he said.

Chu added that he believed the Santa Hash was the right type of sporting event for Hongkongers because it incorporated elements of fun and surprise while helping participants to relax and release some stress.



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**The Hong Kong Christmas Run 2023** 



### And a report on this year's event.....

After some challenges in past years due to Covid restrictions, organisers Hopeless and Moonie decided to expand the one-day event to "The 15 Hashes of Christmas" – all 15 HK chapters running over 7 days!

Each hash contributed to the donation pot, jointly hosted runs, raffles and, of course, drinks! The finale of the whole week was on Sunday the 11th December, where 100+ harriers and Harriettes enjoyed TEN Wimp/Turkey Rambo/Eagles splits for an hour's set of trail over the Lei Yue Mun WWI battery area with some stunning views over HK harbour. Santa hats/outfits were worn on trail and for the Circle, some choosing not to change between the run and the beers! Down Downs a plenty from all the local GM/HM's meant a Circle that carried on for more than an hour, consuming the near 800 cans of beer plus wine & softies.

This year raised around USD9,000 – more than double last year's contribution. ONON HOPELESS









# Christmas Hash events

# Memphis Hash House Harriers will be joining the city's Christmas parade.

### Thailand

12 Girls and 14 guys turned up for the Christmas Day run hared by Boob a Lube, with his trusty co-hare-Ladyboy.

Key points for this event:

You are not allowed to dress as Santa Claus, as there can only be ONE official one for the parade. Please wear your hash necklaces!!!

1:15pm - The Memphis H3 float will arrive to join the line of parade floats!

3:00pm - The Beale Street Parade will start rolling and will last approximately one hour.

4:00pm - Closing Circle shall commence and *Just Adam* shall be getting named!







### Kona Coast H3

'Tis the season! It's always the season for hashing! Yes there will be a hash, a trail, and even a few down downs on Saturday Dec 17. We will be missing our Tyrant AND Beermeister so the cheep hares have proclaimed this a BYOB hash. But that also means it's FREE! Start will be 2pm at Keauhou Bay around the volleyball court. Trail will be short and downhill. Your cheep, lying hares are EZ Lipps and Saintly Suds.





# Christmas Hash events

# The Trinidad & Tobago Boxing Day Cross dressing football match

If you've ever driven around the Queen's Park Savannah, Port of Spain on Boxing Day and noticed a bunch of men in dresses or women in pants and drawn-on moustaches, all playing football, you may also have noticed they have not been around for the last two years.

But this year, the **Port of Spain Hash House Harriers (POSH3)** annual Boxing Day Cross-Dressing Football Match is back after being postponed because of the pandemic.

Former hash master Martin Griffith told Sunday Newsday members and their friends and family are invited to play, from 3 pm, but anyone could watch. The group, he stressed, is all about fun.

He explained that members of the POSH3 had heard about a group who played a football match in old clothes on Old Years Day. In 1990, they wanted to do something similar on Boxing Day but they did not want to wear old clothes. Someone suggested they cross-dress and everyone thought it was a fun idea, so the tradition was born.

"By and large, the people who stay around us tend to be of similar mind. While some of us may have our beliefs around the LGBTQIA community, that never came into play as far as the game is concerned. That's never been a topic of discussion when it comes to football. Members like to be out there. Anything for a lime and the consumption of some beverages. We are just a fun-loving group of people. Status and position of life is of no concern because we have people from all walks of life and all sectors of the society. So the football is just an excuse to come out and have some fun."

He said members are excited and enthusiastic about restarting the tradition, as there is a lot of banter and joking in the various WhatsApp groups about sales and the purchasing of designer dresses.

Griffith, 63, describes hashing organisations, as drinking clubs with a running problem.

POSH3 is very informal with no official members, membership fees, meetings, or official organisational structure. He said if a person hears about a run and they want to show up, they can, and they can leave whenever they want. And while running is paramount, there is no racing, timing, or winning involved.

At the same time, its events are very organised.

Griffith explained that the POSH3 was formed in 1984 when some expats decided to start a hash group in Trinidad. On February 4, 1984, they and some local friends met in the Caura Valley and Englishman Peter Frearson explained what hashing was about.

Using flour, "hares" would mark trails, one correct and several false, for the pack of "harriers" to follow to get to some location usually known only to the hares. At that destination, the drinking and liming would begin.

Griffith said he joined the group in 1990 and those of his generation are much older now, and so have started passing the baton to the younger people. He said the biggest change in the group since then, was the brand of alcohol the members drink.

"When we started off, it was Carib, then Stag was introduced. With the introduction of the breathalyser, people started drinking more pilsner, which is much lighter. What that also encouraged was more carpooling with designated drivers or sometimes we'll rent a maxi."

He said they drank mostly beers because it was more trouble to organise liquor bottles, cups, and chasers. However, with covid19, people started bringing their own drinks instead of having communal coolers, so, occasionally, someone would bring liquor to drink.

What had remained the same is that they all can run. He said the average hasher could get up and comfortably run seven or eight miles. They are usually people who love running or those who want to be



healthy.

"A lot of people want to exercise, but they want to have fun. And hashing is not a race. I think that's one of the biggest attractions for most people."

Griffith himself did track and field, played football, basketball, and volleyball at Woodbrook Secondary School and joined as a way to keep fit.

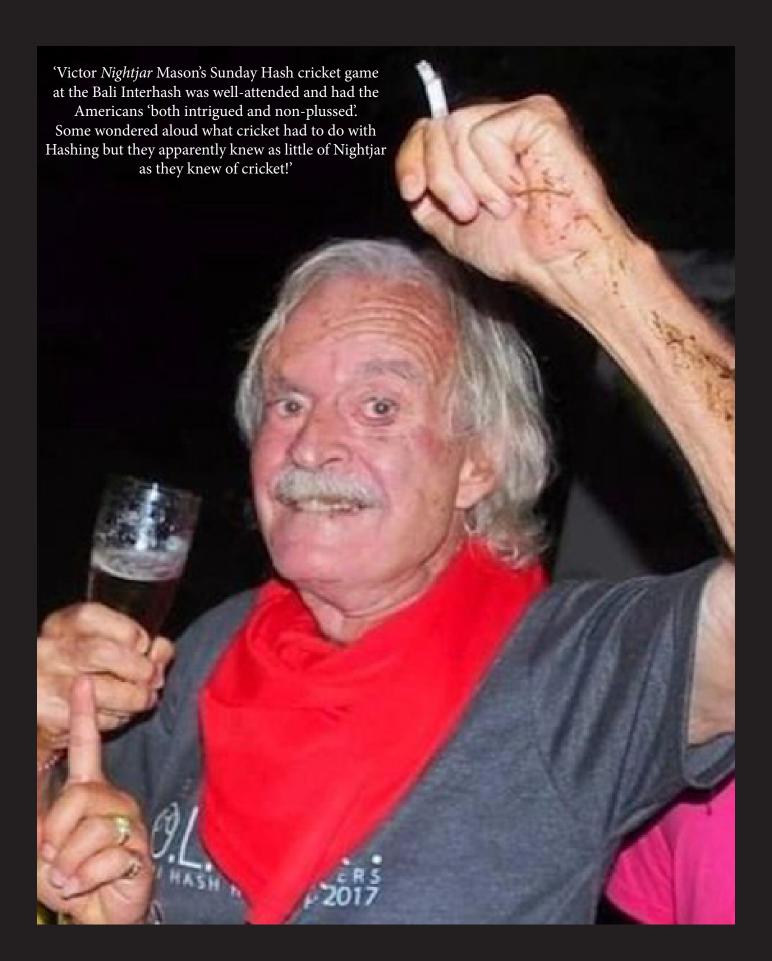
In addition to the annual cross-dressing football match, the POSH3 used to have an annual red dress run charity event where everyone runs in red dresses. They also have the "annual overseas" where members go to a Caribbean island to hash so they would run, lime, and drink for three to four days. Or, they went on a seven-day cruise to run in each island at which they stopped.

Members of the Port of Spain Hash House Harriers moving through the bush looking for a trail in 2013.

"Two of us would leave with bags of flour and set the run and about 15 minutes after, the rest of the pack would leave. Most of the islands know about hashing or have hash clubs so it's nothing new." However, he recalled one time they visited the Cayman Islands around the same time the US had an anthrax scare. People saw them dropping flour on the ground and called the police but, by the time the police arrived, the hashers had all left. They found out about the trouble they caused when they read about it in the island's evening newspaper.

Other annual events include the "annual Tobago" which usually takes place on the last weekend in October. Because of the timing, they also have a party and a competition for best Halloween costume. Then, the next morning, whether they are hungover or not, they go for a run. There is also an annual in-house calypso competition on Carnival Saturday, after running and liming of course.

Besides the annual events, POSH3 members hash "in the bush" every other Saturday, run in and around PoS every other Monday, and the women of the group organise a run on the last Wednesday of each month.





Hash legend and **Bali H3** founder Victor *Nightjar* Mason passed away in his 85th year.

*Nightjar* had been the central figure on the Bali hash scene since the 1970s.

He was born in the U.K., where he attended The Claremont School in Sussex.

Details of his later education are unknown but 'those among the privileged group who made Victor's acquaintance knew they were encountering a well-read man of considerable erudition'.

He worked for the Wine and Spirits Division of the British Conglomerate – Swire Group in Hong Kong and eventually found his way to Bali – which became his spiritual home for the remainder of his life.

Mason opened the well-known La Taverna Hotel on Sanur Beach.

He later settled in Ubud where he opened the Beggar Bush.

Victor was the Grand Master of the **Bali H3** and the Beggers Bush became the spiritual home of Bali Hashing. *Nightjar* was an abrasive GM and is remembered for strolling along the trails barefooted, dogs by his side.

In 1984 *Nightjar* made his first bid to bring Interhash to Bali but could not match Tim Hughes' bid for InterHash in Thailand.

Mason was a fine public speaker, educator, and the author of at least five books:

- · Bali Hash (1988)
- · Birds of Bali (1989)
- · Bali Bird Walks (1992)
- · Butterflies of Bali (2005)
- · Bali Children's Favourite Stories

Two of Mason's Books

– Butterflies of Bali and Birds
of Bali are widely recognized
as the definitive and most
authoritative publications of
their kind.

Victor led many bird watching treks that were appreciated by bird watchers from around the globe.

He has been described as "Theatrical" and "dramatic" and once worked professionally in voice-overs for popular film documentaries.

His encyclopedic knowledge covered various topics, including Balinese culture and history, music, butterflies, ornithology, single malt whiskey, and the most scenic route between any two points on the Island.

The bidding for Interhash 1988 was the most competitive yet . Delhi saw they could not match the delights of Pattaya and dropped out. David *VanGo* Painter presented the San Diego bid in the form of a 7 day cruise on the Queen Mary and Seletar H3 was also interested and presented a sound submission. This was followed by Victor's bid for Bali. *Nightjar* was bidding for the second time and was extremely well prepared on this occasion. He finished his presentation with the following ditty:

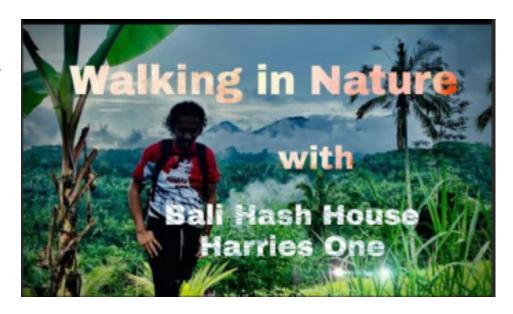
"So now allow myself to state; Dear Hashers do not hesitate Your paltry sums to consecrate And thumbs from bums extrapolate That you may come and celebrate With Bali Hash in 88!"

### Bali 1988 was of course a magnificent success.

Under his guidance the Bali Red Dress Run became a major event on the hash calendar.

NEWSWEEK voted Beggar's Bush as one of the "Best Bars in Asia" in the early 1990s.

Victor Mason is survived by two daughters, Helena and Neroli.



# **Hash Obituary**George Sidney Davidson

George received a Bachelor Degree in Mathematical Science from Santa Fe's St. John's University and a Master's Degree in Statistics from Texas A&M University. He returned to school in his fifties, earning a PhD in Biology from the University of New Mexico. He worked for 35-years at Sandia National Laboratories where he was awarded eight patents and his research and publications covered a wide range of topics including computer modelling. As a young man, George was a high-school quarter-

### Frank Price

Frank Price passed away at the age of 83. Frank had completed 10 marathons, including 2 Boston Marathons, 1 Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and 5 New York City Marathons. He founded the Fairmont Hash House Harriers. He also loved dirt bike racing, mountain biking, backpacking, hiking, and snow skiing.

# Gary *White Trash*Whiteside

Gary White Trash Whiteside started his hashing on one of the Pacific Islands. He then returned to Britain to be with his family but his consultancy work meant he continued to hash on his numerous business trips. Most particularly he clocked up a good number of runs with the various Dhaka hashes.

On On to one of the nicest guys you could ever meet.'



B.O.B.

RIP to B.O.B, who was a major force at **Chicago H3** in the late 90s as well as other Midwest kennels. B.O.B fought against cancer for many years and is now on that great turkey trail in the sky.



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### Roma Miss Catwalk Onardern

### Dear Hashers and Harriettes

It is a sombre moment when we lose one of our own but I write to indeed confirm that Roma B P Onardem, Miss Catwalk has passed away. Too young. Too sudden. Too soon. She leave a brother in Dili, and 5 dependent children.

A lively, keen participant in Hash, always there with a smile, a joke, a story and a camera, including at last Saturday's circle, from where the photos I post here have come, taken by her not 5 days ago.

RA Brewers Droop and I, along with mis-management, have agreed that her life should be remembered by the DH3 Kennel in a special way.

First, her family will need some support. All Hashers attending this Saturday's Run and Walk are encouraged to bring some extra \$\$ within their means. We will ensure this makes it to the family.

DH3 will also donate from Hash Cash to assist the family.

Any Hashers currently outside the country and who knew her, and who wish to make a donation, please PM Brewers Droop Bency Issac or myself to make arrangements so we can donate on your behalf. There will be a memorial silence and words from those who wish to speak of her at the circle this Saturday to remember our friend.

DH3 will also be looking to plant a tree along with a memorial marker at a suitable location known to Miss Catwalk and Hashers, where we all spent time together.

On On, Big Fossil, Fossil Fiddler, and Coprolite



# The early history of Karachi H3

### 1985 Yearbook

Runs 200-250 GM John Taylor

JM John Kain

Eddie Kewitz

On-Sec W. Guest

RA Dan McCathy

Runs 250 - 300

Dan McCarthy

Wasim Mirza Bill Wheeler

Dave Cattle

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W. Guest

Steve Smart

### 1987 Yearbook

Runs 351-400

Gm Hans Filusch

JM Joseph Koch

Anjum Faints Perual

On-Sec Wolfgang Gust

RA Harlan Bowie

### 1989 Yearbook

Runs 400-550 Runs 450 - 500

GM Novisa Bowe Allen Frozenberg, Volker Rehbein

JM Flat Fleet Latif Twin Tubs Mirza, Volker Rehbein, Lord Ruby, Frozenberg

RA Anjum *The Pervert* Anjum *The Pervert* 

On-sec Udo Krippner Udo Krippner

### 1985 Yearbook

Latif <i>Flatfeet</i> Farooqu	147
Harlan Noviso Bowe	147
Volker Rehbein	138
Anjum Fervez	135
Martin Matyssek	134
Wasim <i>Quasimodu</i> Quazi	101

### 1987 Yearbook

Chris Tucker	214
John Taylor	146
Peter Tain	135
Dan McCathy	119
Dave Cattle	118
Wasim Mirza	106
Richard Ignatowicz	101

### 1989 Yearbook

Peter Thann	220
Wolfgang Gust	141
Hans Filusch	127
Harlan Bowie	88
David Klingensmit	88
Josef Koch	85
Ivor Davies	84
Latif Farooqu	84
Valentin Janz	84
Harriettes	
Seema Mong	29
Teresa Bowe	29
Dalia Fil	27

# Run Totals

Profile
Dan *The Man* McCarthy

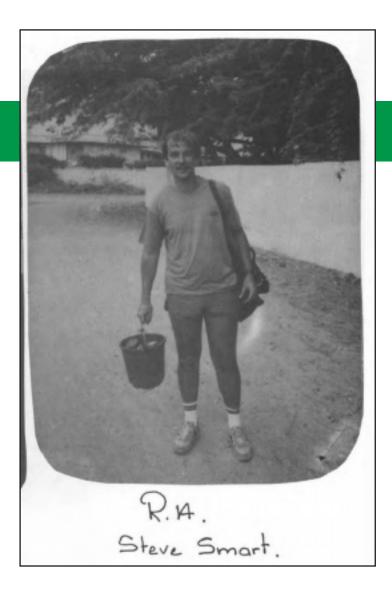
Age: 48

**CV:** Wanker, GM, RA Emeritus, Chemical analysis.

**Hobbies:** Short cutting

**Personalty:** Gives to loud and obnoxious behaviour

**Favourite drink:** Huevos con Murree's. One pint Murrees Extra, 2 raw eggs. Tabasco and salt



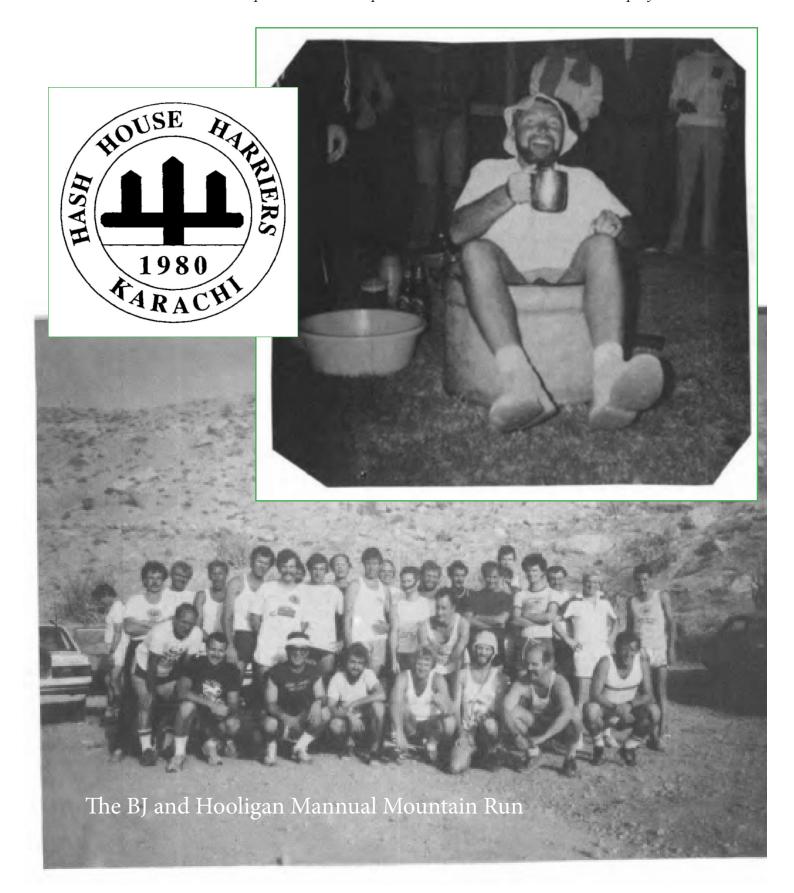




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### Key notes

- The hash held a cash balance of Rs35,000 with the biggest income coming from Rs258,000 in fees.
- In his notes the GM lamented that fees had gone up from Rs30 to Rs100 and there was no San Miguel beer in town.
- The former and now departing GM, Dan McCarthy, noted that the hash had 'grown in size, diminished in size and coped with Karachi's political and social environment in a unique fashion'.





### Key notes

- The editor of the Yearbook noted that between runs 275 and 400 *'a number of 'real characters'* had departed'.
- Harlan Bowe became the third RA after *Dirty* Dan McCarthy and Steven *Smart Ass* Smart. He noted that *Smart Ass* had called the circle by shouting 'alright you dilatory bastards, form a fucking circle'. he added he would not be doing that because he did not know what dilatory means.
- Most importantly: While there is no mention of women on the hash in 275th Year Book, Harriettes are prominent by the 400th. Can anybody confirm whether this was a change in policy, or simply more women were joining a hash that had always been open to them?



Above: Chotiwalli (Urdu for 'The Little One')

Right: Here's Debby

Below: Princess Squat and Drop



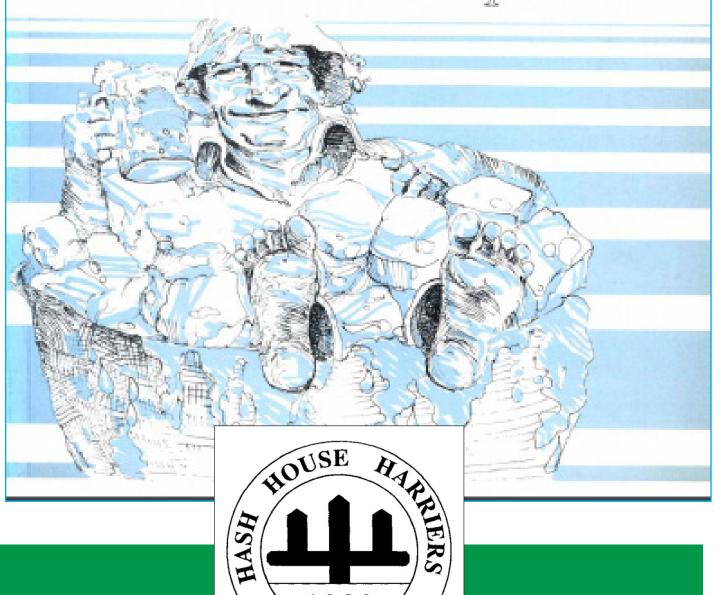
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YOU CAN SEE WHY
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GAGGLE OF RUNNERS
BEHIND HER. THE
VERY LAST PAGE
OF THE MAG DEPICTS
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BEHIND HER.



K H 3

500th RUN

15th April 1989



1980

### Key notes

- Membership was down with numbers often between 12-14 and once hitting as low of 7.
- With dropping numbers the hairline that was now only showing two runs in advance.
- RA Dan Navisa Bowe noted that the hash 'isn't dying. It's just limping along a little.'
- For the 450th run **Islamabad H3** sent a contingent for a run noted (for those who could remember anything) a run along the beach and the appearance of camels.
- In 1988 the hash joined the Karachi Olympic Road Race. There was some opposition from other groups as the hash were considered serious runners. The hash proved otherwise by finishing 13th of the 14 teams entered.
- *The Wolf* had moved to number one of the run list.



# Interam

We reduced this public statement:

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

ISSUES CONCERNING INTERAM 2021/22/23 IN COLOMBIA

After a year of involvement as the planning committee for this event, we regretfully inform you that the event cannot be held as originally planned and scheduled.

Before you vent your frustration, please read what has transpired over the past three years since Colombia was selected to host this event, at INTERAM 2019 . . .

Immediately following the vote, registration was opened for 500 participants, primarily those on the hash boat during INTERAM 2019. Those "early bird" regos sold out almost instantly, resulting in an additional 500 registrations being offered. We believed those also sold out in a matter of hours, but it turns out that there were a number of duplicates. A third block of 500 registrations were also offered, and those we thought sold out, but those turned out to be all duplicates, with no payments associated with them.

### Interam

The hash world has been thrown into chaos with recent events from Colombia.

On On Magazine will do a full review next month when the dust has settled a little.

However, the editor would like to publicly state his support of Hazukashii and the second committee who have done their best to sort out a mess that was not of their making.

Here is the latest statement on the matter and On On to happier times,

Shakes

The original committee members for INTERAM 2019 were ABBAA (Jonas Astrom) who was serving as GM of Medellin H3 at the time, Pablo Pisscobar (Mauricio Valencia) and Chimbawamba (Ana Maria Moreno Martinez); all of whom had limited experience hosting events of any size, nor had been involved with a large-scale hash event. Based on the planning performed at this point, it was clear that they were not prepared for the event. Let it also be clear that the latter (Mauricio Valencio and Ana Maria Moreno Martinez) had sole access to all INTERAM funds and how the received funds were managed.

After several months of inactivity and uncertainty by the remaining committee, a new team of hashers assembled and traveled to Medellin to attempt to salvage the event. During our initial planning meeting in November of 2021, several months after Pablo's death, we were under the impression that the event could be salvaged and that it would be mainly a planning intensive effort on our part.

We are unsure how various events transpired up to the point of Pablo's death, however; since taking on the task of putting this event back together, we have learned that the money taken in (not all the regos were paid) was about \$260,000.00 USD based on financial records we could access at that time. We were able to dig deeper into the finances and requirements of how to access a deceased individual's assets. We discovered that the money had been grossly misappropriated.

Our research uncovered that the registration money had been used to purchase a home known as Casa Agata, build another home known as Casa Mirador or the "Hash House" as well as purchase four tracts of land (approximately 70 acres) adjacent to these structures. Additionally, we found that registration funds were used by Pablo and Chimbawamba to pay off personal debts and loans, and for personal living expenses and travel. These properties and funds were all placed under the guise of the Non-Profit Corporation entitled "La Corporacion de Nuestra Tierra."

The new committee decided after a day of discussion, that the only way to proceed would be to sell all the

properties (with the cooperation of Chimbawamba) and recover as much capital as possible. Over the course of a few months, we invested hundreds of combined hours (and even our own personal funds) into the planning and logistics aspect of holding the event and all that it would entail.

A full-on effort ensued to track down any remaining or hidden funds, establish contracts to hire a commercial event planner, meet and work with town officials at the host venue town of Guatape for permitting and advertisement, secure lodging, create a new website, and work the real estate process in Colombia. These delays, and partially due to COVID, as it affected the suppliers we needed to work with, caused us to come to the conclusion that we would not be able to execute an INTERAM event in 2022 due to the original lack of planning and hurdles to access registration money, resulting in postponement to 2023.

Of course, there were numerous other challenges faced, which continued to mount. The houses were on land that had a deed restriction prohibiting building any dwellings. The lands were titled in the Corporacion with only one remaining officer (Ana) and although we initially had Ana's cooperation and a signed contract to sell the lands, once buyers were found, she stopped cooperating.

This final action by Ana required the committee to seek out legal assistance to investigate our options and attorneys were contacted and put on retainer. The initial support provided by the remaining original committee had now been removed, which prohibited the sale of existing assets. The crushing realization is that we do not believe we can recover any assets in time to fund and hold this event in 2023. Rather than drag this process out yet another year in the hashing world, we have made the disappointing decision to cancel the event in Colombia. This may allow another host to take on INTERAM for a 2023 event in a different location while the attorneys do their work in Colombia. Please understand that announcements, social media presence, and email responses could not be posted or addressed due to the mitigating legal issues. We were not ignoring, we could not respond and risk jeopardizing any chance of recovering hash funds during this unprecedented circumstance. We truly tried our hardest for every hasher involved.

Case # 050016000248202267427 has been opened in Medellin, Colombia. See https://www.fiscalia.gov.co/colombia/servicios-de-informacion-al-ciudadano/consultas/#1536851620255-61ce92ac-374f for details.

As this legal initiative unravels, over what could be years; any funds that can be recovered and are received will be evenly dispersed and refunded to the remaining paid registrants. For those who already have purchased flights or still have a burning urge to visit Colombia; we are not ruling out hosting a limited pay-as-you-go event in Guatape, Colombia during 31 Aug – 4 Sep 2023. This would not be an INTER-AM affiliated event.

Please continue to check the website https://iah2022.gotothehash.net/ for future updates.

This statement has been approved for release by our legal representation.



### Hashers A to Z

# Letter O

### Obelix Jayaram Mamidipudi Hyderabad H3 (India)

Obelix has been hashing since 1994 with various hashes all over the world. He is the Grandmaster of **Hyderabad H3**, where he has completed 777 hashes, and is the founder of **West Marredpalli H3**. He was Chairman of Goa Interhash 2022 and Beer master Goa Interhash 2002. *Obelix* has attended 8 Interhashes, organized 4 Indian Nash hashes and attended numerous other regional Hashes.

### Obs Kevin O'Brien Auckland H3 (New Zealand)

A larger than life hashman well known for his horn; a funnel on a piece of hose with a trumpet mouth piece, that he used to swing around his head, producing a long, slow sound which other hashers all recognised. A former NZ Naval Chief Petty officer, Obs had his dream job in retirement when he was put in sole charge of the naval station on Great Barrier Island, keeping a watch over the communication systems. He was a stalwart of Auckland H3 with well over 1000 runs with this club, and had participated in many overseas and NZ events. He helped organised the NZ prelude to Perth Interhash, this considered one of the great preludes of all time. When it became clear that reoccurring bouts of lost balance were not caused by too many hash beers, but by a brain tumour, he decided to hold a "living wake" at the Glenfield Tavern, Auckland. Obs passed away on January 2020.

### Odell, Martin Haslemere H3 (England)

Martin Odell started hashing in Bahrain in 1976. He then went to Dubai and in 1978 was one of the founders of **Desert H3** of Dubai and Sharjah of which he was Grand Master until 1985. When he returned to England, he thought he had retired from hashing but on 5 April 1987 was one of the founders of *Haslemere H3* where he carries the title of 'The Ayatollah.'



Oily Spanner Ole Spooner Stockholm Absolut H3 (Sweden)

Ole *Oily Spanner* Spooner was a great drinker and hasher and to many people a wonderful friend. In his younger days he was a good sportsman – rugby was his first love – and he became one of the original runners on the Stockholm hash. He met his wife, Rema Paul, at a **Bruxelles H3** celebration and she 'took him home to KL'. In his later years he became a key figure in the local Rotary club. *Oily* passed away in April 2020.

### Oink

### **Robin Duff**

### Various Scottish hashes

Robin *Oink* Duff is a Scottish hash legend and will be remembered all across the European hash world, whether drinking from a whiskey bottle on a Stockholm subway or taking six consecutive down downs on the Wirral hash.

### **Old Bailey**

### **Peter Koefred**

### Copenhagen H3 (Denmark)

Has completed 1357 hashes for 3rd on Copenhagen H3 run list. He has held numerous committee positions including Hare Raiser and RA. *Old Bailey* has also won prestigious awards such as Blond of the Year (for turning up 4 hours late because it was a holiday and hash times had changed) and 2005 Drunk of the Year. His name comes from his work in the legal system.

### **Old Bollocks**

### John Pollock

### Port Moresby H3 (Papua New Guinea)

A regular hasher in the early days of **Port Moresby H3**, setting the 29th run. At the time he was Joint Master and in 1977 became the first GM to be voted into office.

### **Old Fashion Girl**

### **Sydney Harriettes (Australia)**

A member of **Sydney Harriettes**. Most famous for campaigning for the girls to be included in visiting New Zealand Navy hashes.

### **Old Goat**

### **Jack Francis**

### Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

One of only 3 Port Moresby hashers to be given the title 'Godmaster'.

### Old Lag

### **Brain Smith**

### Abuja H3 (Nigeria)

By 1997 the Nigerian city of Abuja had attracted enough interest for Tony *Hash Mouth* Bowles (ex Lagos), Brian *Old Lag* Smith and Don *Stormtrooper* Adamson to start up a kennel.

### **Old Man Withers**

### Little Sai Wan H3 (Hong Kong)

As the military hashes felt the first impact of the changing political time, **Little Sai Wan H3** saw that they were likely to be badly affected. They responded by bringing the start times to 5:30pm in an attempt

to attract the first civilians. *Old Man Withers* was the first noted addition to the pack.

### **Old Rock**

### Jürgen Ruder

### Hanover H3 (Germany)

After hashing in Burma for four years, Jürgen returned to his native Germany where he founded **Hanover H3** in 1984.

### Old Shag

### **Michael Steel**

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

Old Shag came from a military background. For many years he worked in the U.A.E. and hashed with the Abu Dubai hashes. He later moved to Dubai where he stayed on after retirement while his Russian wife worked as a doctor. In his later years, he seldom left the circle but was still a regular hasher, parking his chair on the edge of the bonfire and settling down for the evening with a cigar and a wicked sense of humour. Old Shag has recently passed away.

### **Old Wares**

### **Wes Carter**

### Hong Kong H4

Wes *Old Wares* Carter was a Hong Kong hasher in the early sixties. On his return to Australia he co-founded **Perth Hash House Harriettes** along with Tess *Tinkerbell* Bell.

### Oliver, M.S.

### Mother Hash (Kuala Lumpur)

Oliver was an early post war hasher, having his first run with Mother Hash in 1947. He went on to become Joint Master in 1949 and again in 1956. In 1965 he was co-founder of **Ipoh H3**.

### **Olymprick**

### **Graeme Thain**

### Aberdeen H3 (Scotland)

Olymprick is an Aberdeen based hasher and was their GM in 1989-90. He also has over a hundred hashes with **Edinburgh H3**. At one point he owned a bakery business and would turn up at hash events with a van full of pies. Indeed an early **Aberdeen H3** yearbook lists his hash name as *Masterbaker*.

### One Left One

### **Ed von Leffern**

### Long Beach H3 (USA)

On being posted to Korea with Chase Manhattan, was ordered to attend the hash by his boss who wanted him socialising with customers. This was in 1975 and by 1978 he had been voted GM and had attended



the very first Interhash. On returning to the USA he continued hashing with **Long Beach H3**. *One Left One now* has 900 **Long Beach** runs to his credit and a life time total of around 1500 runs.

### One Eye Jack ? Gibson

### Northern New Territories H3 (Hong Kong)

Tops the New Territories hash list with 966 runs. His competitiveness showed when he won the annual new year challenge to be the first hasher to climb all 19 of Hong Kong's 600 meter peaks.

### On-In Stuart Crichton Calgary H3 (Canada)

He has completed 800 plus runs with **Calgary H3** and was founder of the **Full Moon Hash** back in 1993.

### Oombala Mike Carr Calgary H3

**Calgary H3** was founded by a group of accountants, with Mike *Oombala* Carr (ex Jakarta) one of the founding fathers. Mike Carr now lives (but no longer hashes) in Houston.

### Oopah Athens H3 (Greece)

Completed 300 hashes with **Athens H3**, not bad for somebody in his mid seventies who faced a 125km journey to get to the hash.

### Ooz 'Ee John Williams Aix-en-Provence H3 (France)

Started hashing in 1984, initially in France with Fontainebleau H3, where he was RA, and set the first FHHH night trail. He also completed a few runs with the Paris hashes, notably one where the hash ran up the stairs of the Eiffel Tower! After a long break, Ooz 'Ee got back into hashing with **Khobar H3** in Saudi Arabia, and also restarted the **Dharhan hash** as GM. Moving to Abu Dhabi in 2003, he became a stalwart of the hash, serving as Hash Numbers, Hash Master, Vice Hash Master, RA and RA coordinator over 16 years, achieving the second highest AUH4 run count. In 2009 he got the Worst Run of the Year Award, when it rained on his trail markings. Since retiring to the south of France, Ooz 'Ee has set up the Aixen-Provence Hash with Yogi Bear and My Wife Will Kill Me, and has so far achieved 10 runs, bringing his life-time run count to at least 829 across 14 different hashes.

### Opee

### San Diego/Raleigh H3 (USA)

Was brought along to the San Diego hash in November 1989 and was immediately converted. San Diego was very much a runners hash and *Opee*, being a strong runner, felt at home. A southern boy and a pilot, he met future wife *Tuna Melt* on the hash. On acquiring a family they moved to North Carolina and joined **Raleigh H3**.

### Opera Ross Singer Jakarta H3

Ross *Opera* Singer hashed with **Jakarta H3** from November 1976 and occupied just about every hash committee position and bar in Jakarta. As is explicit in his family name, he knew all the hash songs and he was also listed in 'Hare and Hounds' as having attended every InterHash at least until Cyprus. *Opera* was last reported living in Melbourne, Australia.

### Oral Sex Glenda Dominish Numerous Australian hashes

Glenda *Oral Sex* Dominish is a retail centre manager and a member of the **Brisbane Thirsty Hash**. Before coming to Brisbane she was founder and GM of **Darwin Harriettes** and has also ran with **Sydney Harriettes**. She has completed approximately 1200 runs since 1978 and won the Fiji Women's Marathon whilst breast-feeding her baby daughter!

### Oral Sex Audrey

### Bra and Pants H3 (Scotland)

Was introduced to hashing 35 years ago and immediately took to it. A good hash traveller and founder of the **Bras and Pants H3.** Also known to run with the Edinburgh kennels.

### Organ, Mike

### Qatar H3

Set the first and second runs of the newly formed **Qatar H3**.

### Organ

### Dan Hammond

### Taipei H3

**Taipei H3** was founded in February 1973 by Don *Organ* Hammond, Zeke *Slobbo* Hoffman, Mike McFarline and Bob Jacques. An early dispute as to whether the GM was GM for life, or should be democratically contested, led to *Organ* leaving to start up the **China Hash.** 

### O'Red Eye Colin McLean

### Aberdeen H3 (Scotland)

Was hare on Aberdeen Run 1. Did not hang around, completing just 12 runs (haring 3 of them) before disappearing from the records.

### O'Rourke, John Singapore H3

John was born on the 8th April 1926 and passed



away on 28th Aug 2015 at age 89. He had a military background and had been part of the Australian occupation contingent to Japan after the Second World War. John loved flying and had flown Spitfires at some point during his military service. He won the MBE for bravery for saving many lives when a military exercise in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria, Australia, went disastrously wrong. John joined Singapore H3 in 1963 and took over as Grand Master in 1973. He held the position until 1992 and in many ways ran the hash like a Regimental Sergeant Major. On more than one occasion he applied the unwritten rule that no women were allowed on the Monday Men's Hash. His bad knees for which he had replacements, (2 on 1 knee and 1 on the other) were attributed to the number of parachute jumps he made with the old style parachutes. However, he remained an avid trekker undertaking 6 or 7 treks to the Himalayas, together with mainly members of Singapore H3.

### Osama Barry Will Hong Kong H4

An Australian. He was Hong Kong GM around 2001 and made quite an impression, as the yearbook says, 'Haven't a clue who he was. No one knows where he came from or where he went.' That does Barry an injustice. He was actually a long term and distinguished member of the Hong Kong expat community, serving as Dean of the Architecture Faculty (1990-1998). The professor passed away on 29 August 2019

at the age of 74.

### Ostrich

### Sue Schmidt

### Dar es Salaam H3 (Tanzania)

Discovered hashing with the Pussy Hash in Jakarta where she was given her hash name by the legendary *Froggy Parks*. Sue stands close to 6 foot and in the words of Froggy 'was the biggest meanest bird he had ever seen.' Continued hashing in Dar es Salaam where she won fame for being flattened by a brick thrown over a wall while the circle was in progress. With future husband *Skippy*, decided climbing Kilimanjaro would be too easy, so they attempted it by the hardest route in the rainy season. Still hashes every two years and is one of only 4 hashers who have been present at every Dar es Salaam Reunion Hash (DOBBIE).

### Out of Africa Sofia H3 (Bulgaria)

A hare raiser who often set the runs during the golden days of **Sofia H3** when big projects such as the airport was bringing in a large number of expats and the hash was thriving.

### Overnight Bag Ikeja H3 (Nigeria)

One of **Ikeja H3** hashers killed in the terrible road accident when several cars heading for the hash were caught up in a tunnel fire.



# The Stray Geese and

# the H3

Warning: Recounting the relationship between the Stray Geese and the Hash, their membership, their songs, their history, etc., will fail all tests of sensitivity and political correctness.

I am writing to add some background to the paragraph on *D-Gill, Hash Mu-Sick*, in the Hasher A to Z story in the October 2022 edition of On On. I met D-Gill and was inducted into Hashing by him in 1980 at Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan. We were 'Stray Geese,' members of the 1st Special Operations Squadron (1SOS). Stray Geese is a unit nickname from the Vietnam War. Stray Geese International (SGI) is an organization of current and former 1SOS members. I wrote the following article for its members some years ago, recalling 1SOS involvement with the Okinawa Hash House Harriers (OH3) and the Angeles City Hash House Harriers (ACH3).

Those T-shirts with 'A drinking club with a running problem' stamped on them tell us the individuals wearing them are unique. They also advertise one of the most enjoyable forms of exercise, entertainment, and beer drinking known to unsupervised mobs requiring all these activities in multiple combinations.

A poolside conversation with a dependent wife in Saudi Arabia started me thinking about Hashing. She pulled my attention into her monologue when she identified as a veteran of Okinawa and said that the Hash was the only thing she missed most about the 'Rock.' Despite her undersized ragged bikini and tattoos, I knew she was good folk. With her reminder as motivation, the first website I surfed was the Okinawa Hash House Harriers (OH3). The OH3 broke my Hash Cherry, and like all cherry busters, I still have fond memories.

Among Hashers, the OH3 is world famous. It is recognized for its unique contributions to a particular form of Hashing (live hares) and for being the inspiration (some say the model, some say the father) of nearly 30 Hash House Harrier Clubs or Kennels worldwide, including at least one set up in Iraq. Given the number of Hashers in the US military whose first exposure to Hashing was the OH3,

its worldwide influence is not surprising.

A real surprise in the Hash Trash or history of several hashes was the mention of a member of the Stray Geese for his part in creating the OH3. Who knew? Hard to imagine any members of the Stray Geese involved in running thru Asian villages, waking up sleeping dogs, terrifying half the locals, entertaining the other half while tracking beer, and organizing impromptu tennis shoe games.

Here is the general outline of the OH3 Hash Trash story. The OH3 was the second attempt by a distinguished Hasher, Dal *Jock* Trader, to open a Hash in Okinawa. Living and working in Taiwan in the late 70s, Dal gained the focus and skills to run trails as a hound and set trails as a hare with the Taipei Hash. When he relocated to Okinawa in 1979, he started the **Naha Hash House Harriers (NH3).** The plan was to use the squids on Naha Naval Air Station to create a Hash Kennel on Okinawa. Fortunately for Hashers worldwide, the Naha Naval Air Station closed, and the NH3 locked its kennel door after only a few months.

Dal was not one to give up on a good idea. He tried again and started the OH3. Credit for the success of the OH3 goes to several groups, including the Okinawa Wild West Show rugby team. It was the pearl in this sushi stew. It was a win, place, and show for the OH3. First, it had a bunch of guys used to running themselves into the ground and then chugging down quantities of beer to slip back into gear. Next, they knew all the songs Hashes liked to abuse at their finishing down-downs, such as 'He's an Asshole' and 'Incest Time in Texas.' The third element in this trifecta was the sometimes rugby team captain, Dennis Gill, better known to Stray Geese as D-Gill.

This paragraph from the website (http://gotothe-hash.net/history/okinawa.html) puts the Stray Geese into this.

'Jock also invited US Marine Corps Helo pilots from Futenma and an Air Force Major named Dennis Gill, who was the rugby team captain and a KC-135 Tanker pilot. Jock told me that Dennis was first named *Ship Wreck*, as he was an avid yachtsman, but after picking up an affinity for singing soon became better known as Mr. Mu-Sick. Jock also mentioned that *Mu-Sick* brought in a few Air Force people and helped found the Angeles City Hash'.

A couple of points. Accurate record-keeping and

fact-checking aren't usually associated with Hashes. D-Gill was an MC-130E navigator, not a tanker pilot, and at the time, a Captain. By most accounts, he was also 'as mad as a March Hare' as they used to say, but in a good way. Those head injuries in rugby matches add up over time. Most laptops don't have enough memory to record all the D-Gill stories, and most need recording lest we forget the fun of having a madman running loose in our midst.

The Air Force people briefly mentioned in the passage with D-Gill were three 2LTs, me (*Hash Birdshit*), the Admin Officer (*Hash Honey Buns*), and a navigator. I had forgotten the navigator's Hash name, but something like 'No Moral Compass' sounds right. A Weather Officer from the 18TFW, Hash Swami, joined us later. Hash Swami's relationship with the Stray Geese was short, but his Team Spirit 80 pre-deployment briefing at Kadena put him in the history books. He categorically assured all doubters that there would be no snow at Kwang Ju. That evening in the Kwang Ju all ranks club, the Stray Geese serenaded *Hash Swami* with an x-rated version of 'Jingle Balls' as the howling blizzard piled up mounds of no snow outside.

D-Gill pulled No Moral Compass and me into the rugby club shortly after we signed in for duty with the 1SOS in the fall of 1979. We soon realized he chose us because nobody else in the Stray Geese would go out with him. They knew of him; we didn't. It was brutal, and I was more than grateful when the Squadron Commander barred participation in the rugby club after *No Moral Compass* suffered a neck injury. I've always thanked him for that injury. It was a manly way to quit trying to maim myself in the scrum. With rugby canceled, we trailed D-Gill into the OH3, picking up the Admin Officer.

I loved it; who wouldn't? After a month of hashing, I had the focus and skills to run trails as a hound and set trails as a hare. It was more fun and challenging than setting up and running an Escape and Evasion (E&E) exercise. Stray Geese from those days will recall how much they enjoyed the E&E exercises in Korea, Subic Bay, New Zealand, and Thailand. Haring a Hash was even more exciting with a pack of hounds in hot pursuit while setting checks, on-backs, on-ons' and beer stops. The OH3 hashed around Torii Station, Naha, Shuri Castle, Suicide Cliff, BC Street, Charlies Tacos, Koza City, and I don't recall how many golf courses were trespassed. The Japanese golfers always bowed when we ran through a fairway or across a green, yelling 'On On.'

The OH3 would schedule a pair of Americans to hare and set up the down-down on one week-

end. The following week members of the Japanese Self-Defense Force (JSDF) took charge. Their hashes usually included a down-down soak in a Japanese bathhouse. The hot water and soap bubbles added to the OH3 experience. Another unique feature of the OH3 was full membership for females. No ladies' auxiliary or any of that nonsense with the OH3. The Hash was a British invention, and their kennels were considered an all-male organization. There is nothing more exciting for a bunch of sweaty, drinking, wanker limeys than an all-male organization. Thankfully, the OH3 was one of the first hashes to get women down to their running shorts and sneakers and pledged as full members. And why not? Who better than Honey Buns to come up behind and follow thru a shopping mall, across a golf course, thru a cane field, into jungle underbrush (shiggy), up a cliff, and then drink beer and sing songs with while sloshing around a Japanese bath house.

January 1981, the squadron relocated to Clark AB in the Philippines. It was a busy schedule, but D-Gill convinced the Stray Geese members to set a farewell 'Spec Ops Hash' for the OH3. With two overt hares and four clandestine hares, the Stray Geese ran the OH3 thru most of the bars on BC street and around Koza City for miles. The usual front-runner bastards (FRBs), a squad of jarheads, dead-ended or were chasing on-backs at every checkpoint. A massive down-down for the six Stray Geese hares sent us on our way. This was the first Hash for the new Squadron DO - Lester the Molester.

When the Stray Geese arrived, the Angeles City Hash (ACH3) was up and hashing with some Clark AB hashers and a bar or three full of Aussies. Myself, D-Gill, and several other Stray Geese were soon active members. The injection of Stray Geese Hashers into ACH3 and the anointment of Stray Goose 'All The Way Live' as the ACH3 Hash Master, with unofficial headquarters at the Chili Pot, was the start of a potent blend of Stray Geese and Hashers. I'm not sure who deserves credit for the ACH3 Tennis Shoe Game. The prime suspect is D-Gill, who often carried extra sneakers, but still, what a great idea. It was a significant contribution to the repertoire of any kennel worthy of being called a Hash in the Far East. (Note: In deference to SGI leadership publication guidelines, if you don't know what the tennis shoe game is, you don't need to know).

With the squadron training schedule and TDYs to support, I managed to Hash in New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Korea, in addition to haring and hounding with the ACH3 in Angles and Olongapo. Despite the Big Safari and its' Head Hare,

Der Flame, competing for participation on Sunday afternoons with its 250CC motorized Hashing and down-downs at The Green Beret and Uncle Mitch's beer shed, the ACH3 and the Stray Geese were hashing well together when I relocated to Tampa in 1983. (Note: Again, in deference to SGI leadership publication guidelines, if you don't know about Der Flame and the Big Safari, you don't have a need to know).

Returning to Clark in 1989, I found the bonds had weakened, but there were still some hard-core Hashers in the Stray Geese. I've forgotten 'Roger's Hash name, though something rhyming with Banzai or Head Wound makes sense. When Mount Pinatubo erupted in 1991, the squadron returned to Okinawa. In deference to SGI leadership publication restrictions, I won't remark on the cross-dressing or other deviant 'Banzai' behaviors exhibited during the Pinatubo Recovery Period (PRP) on Okinawa. Acknowledging Banzai as a consistent model Hasher, whatever the hour, the day, or the occasion, is sufficient.

In the PRP on Okinawa, the 1SOS Commander, Hash Dysentery, and other Stray Geese hashed with the OH3 for old times' sake on a couple of weekends. I recognized several of the JSDF hashers. Unfortunately, the bonds between the Stray Geese and the OH3 never approached the level they were before the Stray Geese moved to Clark in 1981. My last Hash with the Stray Geese was a 'Spec Ops Hash' in Korea we organized in 1991 during the PRP for the grand finale of a Military Airlift Command (MAC) exercise at Taegu AB we supported, giving their 'Outstanding' a real closing touch.

Special Operations and Hashing were a perfect match. The unconventional nature of the OH3 and ACH3 was a natural environment for members of a Special Operations Squadron. D-Gill (*Hash Ship Wreck* or *Mu-Sick*, if you prefer) deserves recognition for bringing the two together. Thanks, D-Gill. The Stray Geese, the Hash, and the Big Safari were my trifecta at Clark. ON-ON and Where is the Down Down-remains my personalized t-shirt slogan. It wears well, but the wife and kids bitch when they have to wear their Hash T-shirts to the temple or the new mall. ON-ON. *Hash Bird Shit* 





# Mexico H3 News The Butterfly Hash



Monarch butterfly migrates each summer and autumn. They begin their southern migration from September to October. Originating in southern Canada and the United States, they travel to overwintering sites in central Mexico. The butterflies arrive at their roosting sites in November. They remain in their roosts during the winter months and then begin their northern migration in March. No individual butterfly completes the entire round trip. Female monarchs lay eggs for a subsequent generation during the northward migration. Four generations are involved in the annual cycle and the generation undertaking the southbound migration live eight times longer than their parents and grandparents.

Mexico City H3 has visited the monarch butterfly forests several times. The first trip was in November 1988, when the hash was based in Angangaueo, one of the many old mining towns that can be found in the region. At the time the migration sites had only just been discovered and finding the way there meant hiring a one-ton pick up truck to bounce up an unmarked track. Around 14-15 hashers made the trip.

By 1995 forty hashers returned to a site that was far more developed. They took a butterfly expert with them who, later at the dinner table, pointed out that the male butterflies spend their time in the forest mating as often as they could (roars of approval from the male hashers). He then announced that after that great effort all the males died (bringing rounds of cheers from the harriettes).

# A Hash Mystery



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# Hashing on Youtube



YouTube is a global online video sharing and social media platform head quartered in San Bruno, California.

Shakes selects the best 10 Hash House Harriers Videos



10.

**Title:** Shanghai Hash House Harriers - a pictorial record of 34 years' hashing in Shanghai (1986-2020)

Running Time: 36:39 Date Posted: 2 years ago

Accredited to: Richard S. Webb

Views: 202

This site was created in memory of *Bollock Chops* (Kevin McHale, 1958-2020) and first shown at the Shanghai Hash House Harriers' 16th and final Toilet Run, on October 25, 2020. It is simply a slide show with no music and of limited interest to non-Shanghai hashers. However, hash historians would love other hashes to create a similar record!



9.

WHAT ARE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS - A Drinking Club with a Running Problem

Running Time: 12:56

Date Posted: 9 years ago

Accredited to: Hashtrashonon

**Views:** 9.9K

This is really a homage to Frankfurt H3 which, thanks to AB includes the Vineyard Hash and the Vodka Train hash trip. The opening is brilliant. We watch some black and white film of old ladies going on a coach trip and then suddenly switch to hashers stumbling up a near-vertical rock face. It ends with a selection of slides to the tune of Swing Low, sung (I believe) by Johnny Cash. Great hash memories for anybody who was at any of these events.

YouTube was launched on February 14, 2005, by Steve Chen, Chad Hurley, and Jawed Karim and is owned by Google.



### 8.

### Run with the Hash House Harriers

The Great Global Bucket List

Running Time: 12:56

Date Posted: 6 years ago

Accredited to: ? Views: 1.9km

Robin Esrock investigates Romania's Hash House Harriers (Ed: Bucharest H3) as he ticks off his Great Global Bucket List. It starts with the hares explaining the details of tonight's run to the circle. The editing improves as the video goes on and the camera work makes a reasonable attempt to make a rather dull street run look interesting. There is no history of the hash but the video would make a good introduction to hashing for a total beginner and Robin does manage to make it look fun.



It is the second most visited website, after Google Search with more than 2.5 billion monthly users who collectively watch more than one billion hours of videos each day.

7.

### Comedian Meets the Hash House Harriers

Running Time: 3:52 Date Posted: May 2014

Accredited to: Steve Hofstetter

Views: 28K

The Hash House Harriers show up in force for Steve Hofstetter's comedy show in Birmingham, Alabama. As usual, Steve opens up to questions and this brings an inter-change with the visiting hashers. Unfortunately, the scene is shot with a fixed camera so we never really see the hashers and the exchange is only mildly amusing. Steve does however show that he would have made a great RA.



6.

### Hash House Harriers

Running Time: 1:37 Date Posted: 10 years ago

**Accredited to:** The List Show TV

Views: 25k

THE LIST is the national Emmy award-winning show 'where pop culture takes a need-to-know twist'. In this episode the team visits an unnamed hash (somewhere in Canada?) The video is a combination of people drinking, running, and drinking again. A few hashers face the camera and try to explain why they hash. The editing is sharp and it is fun but it is a shame they joined the hash on a city run. The down-down with eight hashers in a phone box is the highlight.

### **5.**

Interhash Goa 2002

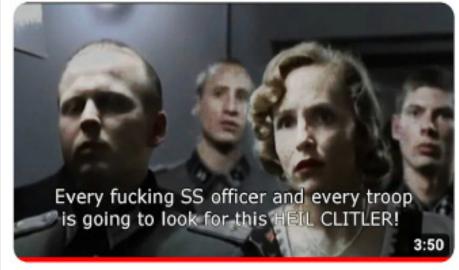
Running Time: 22:32 Date Posted: 1 year ago Accredited to: OnOn podcast

Views: 90

It is badly edited and the indoor lighting is poor, yet that somehow adds to the atmosphere and this series of videos are richer in sentiment, and better at capturing the Interhash atmosphere than many more polished versions. And this was Goa 2002, perhaps the last really happy Interhash for a while. As the cameras wander from boats, to circles to hash runs it is great chance to recognize old friends and hash legends - including *Buzby*, *Digit*, *Mr. Peeeenut*, *BBBB*, *The Colonel*, *Table-Whine*, *Mammaries* - some of whom have now sadly departed.



In 2021, YouTube's annual advertising revenue increased to \$28.8 billion.



### **4.**

### Hitler finds out about the Hash House Harriers

Running Time: 3:50

Date Posted: 10 years ago

Accredited to: mrdeadeye

Views: 6.6k

The Bunker is a brilliant movie and the most famous scene is where Hitler berates his generals. There are numerous comical versions, with amusing subtitles added. In this hash version Hitler finds out about "Heil Cliter" and her plans to take the city...... 'damn the DBH3 for running through the streets'.

### **3.**

### The Hash House Harriers Poet

Running Time: 4:48

Date Posted: 14 years ago

Accredited to: rugcutter243

Views: 1k

**Description:** A fascinating use of old video to capture the atmosphere of a Bogor H3 circle some time in the early 1990s (?) With ex-pats flooding into Indonesia most hash kennels were thriving and for those who were there the video is an amazing combination of nostalgia tinged with a 'my goodness, is that what we looked like' response. Much of the action centres on the words of hash poet Stanley Wood.



### **2.**

### Hash House Harriers Tutorial

Running Time: 6:59

Date Posted: 15 years ago

Accredited to: Shiggy Productions, George Boe and Sean Baello

Views: 113k

**Description:** Officially described as 'a tutorial documentary on the hash house harriers, a drinking club with a running problem' it starts with a bang as various Santa Barbara hashers jump in front of the camera to introduce themselves. We then see some great clips - hashers falling into mud, hashers falling from rocks, hashers mooning a passing express train. A brief history of the hash is given by Maxlode, Blowho, HonorAss and Picassole then there are more action shots including an elderly hasher being helped headed first over a wire fence. The film of the circle is not the best videoing but overall it is a good introduction to hashing, particularly for people who have never hashed before.



**Description:** Opens with some brilliant black and white film of hashers reconstructing what a pre-war hash might have looked like. It then switches to colour and we watch various hash kennels in action with shots of some excellent countryside runs. This is combined with talks from three great hashers: John Duncan who sitting in the hash bar of the Selangor Club.

Cecil Lee seen talking in his Surrey garden.

Simon Gispert, son of G.

There is also vintage film of *Horse* Thomson talking to the crowd at Interhash 1986.

Between them the three guest speakers come up with an incredible range of stories that makes this the outstanding video on the history of the hash.

Note: The video can be downloaded in at least three versions with some very slight changes to the editing:

### Version A

Identified on Youtube by a picture of John Duncan Running Time: 43:16 Date Posted: 9 years ago Accredited to: C2H3GPS

Views: 21k

### **Version B**

Identification on Youtube by The Drinking Club with a Running Problem logo) Running Time: 42:09 Date Posted: 4 years ago Accredited to: DHK Asia

Views: 850

### Version C

Identified on Youtube by a picture of John Duncan (poor recording) Running Time: 47:08 Date Posted: 10 years ago Accredited to: JD Podcast Views: 6.2k

# Friends of the Mole H3

With the start of the construction of the Channel Tunnel in 1987, adverts for Engineers of all disciplines went out worldwide to fulfil the urgent need for the skills and know-how required to undertake such a massive task.

Unfortunately, East Kent got the short straw, as quite a few of the engineers attracted to the task from their cushy "ex-pat" lifestyles, were Hashers! East Kent has never been the same since, as the still night air of Monday evenings, and the bucolic Sunday morning calm, have forever been broken by the shouting of ON-ON! followed by a thundering pack of hashers, rampaging across fields and footpaths.

Wild parties were arranged (all paid for by the Contracting Companies), where curious as to the bizarre goings-on, locals (some whom had hashed before), began to gravitate to the fun and frolics, and numbers grew alarmingly.

The name "Friends of The Mole", came from the Tunnelling Engineers' nickname for the six Tunnel Boring Machines that were used to bore the three tunnels on the UK side of the English Channel. The club mascot had to be and still is, a mole!

Alas! In September 1994 the bubble burst when the Channel Tunnel was opened, and the remaining engineers moved on to pastures or tunnels, new throughout the world. Since then, the club has been maintained by redoubtable locals and visiting worldwide hashers, through thick mud and thin ice, and continues to be a strong presence in the European Hashing arena.



### Totals up to and including Run 1591 30-Oct 2022

		RUNS	HARED RUNS
Mr MaGoo	Ron Corkhill	1076	208
Cowpat	Roger Angus	943	54
Lady Madonna	Judy Angus	908	1
Stormin Norman	Norman Woolhouse	888	146
Piles Driver	Andrew Keeler	665	112
Funky Gibbon	Tim Taylor	622	58
Pissticide	James Rogers	593	82
Pat MaGroin	Ian Nicholl	526	56
Wood Pecker	Dave Hewitt	488	68
T-Bar Twin	Sally Rogers	438	69
Sir Loin	Dave Knight	434	38
Fat Controller	Martin Young	401	78
Special Knees	Alison Murphy	401	23



Hong Kond The first Rickshaw Derby







# **Hong Kong**

# **H4**

# Rickshaw Champions!

By 1975, rickshaws were fading from the streets of Hong Kong - there were perhaps just eighteen still operating. The Round Table decided to stage a rickshaw race to raise funds for their various charities.

Several of the Round Table organisers were also hashers.

Scheduled for August 1975, the race would take place over a 200 yard course marked around Victoria Park.

Six teams entered - The Hash, HMS Tamer, The Excelsior Hotel and three Round Table teams.

The winners would be whoever covered the greatest distance in an hour.

The hash team consisted of:

John Stewart
Ian Polson
Jim Hughes
Roger Metcalf
Preben Meilvang
Jon Hundlove

The captain/manager was Randy Neill and the passenger would be Roy Kwong.

The hash team wore Mackeson Stout T-shirts and were full of confident, 'there was never a shade of doubt the hash would kill them.'

The hash plan was to take an early lead and hold on to it. They would run five laps each before switching.

John Stewart, a noted rugby player, took the first leg and as planned raced into an early lead. However, he had underestimated the task and signalled that he would stop after just two laps.

The nifty takeovers - the puller slipping out to the right, the replacement coming in from the left, worked well and Ian Polson set off with very little time lost.

He clearly intended to show how it was done and lapped the first opponent on his own first lap. Once



The Hash coolies plus passenger and wheel-changer



again the boy had overextended himself and he completed just one lap before calling for a change-over.

Polson's moment of glory was captured by a South Morning Post photographer and was featured in the newspaper the following day.

The hash had already built up a good lead and were never challenged.

HMS Tamer, as expected, were the closest challenger but the hotel team also did surprisingly well.

The heat took a toll on the runners with the Round Table teams particularly struggling.

At 44 minutes the organisers suddenly declared the race would end early at 45 minutes. This gave Jim Hughes the glory of breasting the tape for the hash team. By then the hash team had covered 47 laps and were 4 laps ahead of HMS Tamer and the hotel team.

### History of the Hong Kong Rickshaw

The rickshaw originated in Japan where it was known as *jinrikisha*.

The rickshaw made its first appearance in Hong Kong on January 1874, when one was imported

from Japan for the private use of Mr. S. L. Heinemann.

Rickshaws catered for the public for the first time on 22 April 1880 and quickly became a popular form of transport.

Rickshaw numbers grew from around 30 in 1880 to several hundred by 1882.

The narrow wheels of the rickshaws caused considerable wear and tear to the roadway.

The new electric tramway system came into service on Hong Kong Island on Saturday, 30 July 1904. It was the beginning of the end for the rickshaw.

2,000 rickshaw pullers went on strike on 6 January 1908 protesting the rise in cost for renting rickshaws.

By the 1960s rickshaws were giving way to more modern means of transport. The traffic authorities decided not to issue any new licences but would continue to renew existing ones until the puller concerned no longer wished to continue his trade.