

On On

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News

Sweden

Hashy Birthday to Stockholm hash veteran *Laid Bird*.

Malibog announced that: *We proudly hail 'Sir Puke' visiting Hasher from Houston Texas. Following the Knighting of Sir Clever Dick on his 70th Beerthday some 14 years ago then Sir Malibog 10 years ago on the Stockholm Hash we have since expanded this to include among others, Dame Double Decker and Sir Mad Swede of the West Aros Hash, Dame Jannie Walker and Sir 2 Pricks, founders of the Stockholm Hash.*

Delighted to see my old friend *Clever Dick* has passed 1,000 runs with the **Underground Hash**. His achievements over the years include falling off the stage at Eurohash and going over to explain what hashing was all about to Princess Victoria when the Stockholm bike hash saw her walking in the garden of her country house.

Thailand

The plans for the **Siam H3** Xmas Party are coming together. The TaiPan Hotel will be the base and a 7 piece band, *I-Sass Play On* will entertain.

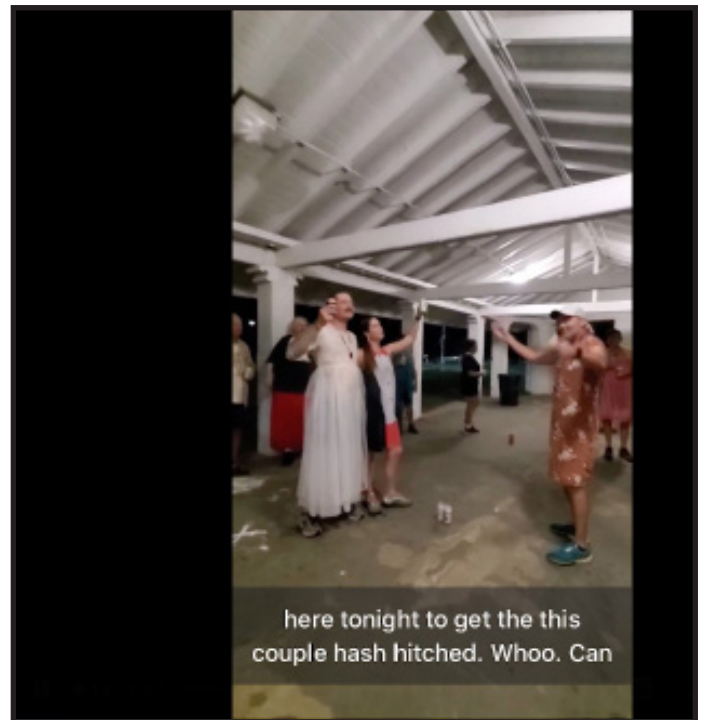
USA

Over the weekend, residents of Juneau (Alaska) may have noticed a flamboyance of flamingos running around downtown. *"We were wearing flamingos on Saturday because one of our members is transferring to Bahrain and he's a huge fan of flamingos in the keys in Florida. So, we decide to wear flamingos in tribute to his departure."*

Fort Collins H3 have named Just Megan *Tiny Hands Make Everything Bigger*.

There was a hash wedding in **New Orleans!!!** Congrats to *Dogs and Cops*.

I have just wandered across this profile of the **Atomic Shit Show Hash House Harriers (ASS H3)** kennel. The hash was created in March of 2018 by a group of transplants to Las Vegas originally from other kennels spanning the globe. *'We maintain an incestuous relationship with our Las Vegas Hash House Harriers (LVHHH) and Sin City H3 brethren; attending each others' trails and events'.* **ASS H3** hashes every second Friday night of the month at 7:30 pm laying trails and drinking beers over mountains, gruelling desert,



Above: Hash wedding *Dogs and Cops*

Below: Happy birthday *Laid Bird*



and pounding pavement throughout the Las Vegas area.

Podcasts

Ra has released three new Podcasts - *F.L.A.B.* (Hogtown H3, *Scuba Deuce* and my former GM in Dubai, *Compressed Fart*).

Grenada

You might remember that a hasher went missing, and he was later found dead, this after attending his first hash. On September 11th hashers went over the trail again, 'A team doing it in reverse found Liam's hat.

From Round 9:00, four teams comprised of a member of the SSU (Police), SGU students and employees, and hashers, searched the general area where the hat was found. During the search on the ground, police used a UAV (drone) to assist.'

England

Highlight (*Ed: or possibly lowlight?*) of the **East Grinstead H3** 40th Dinner-Dance was a skit starring *Miss Penny Pincer, Marius Quick, Lance Boyle and Shirley Shig-Slinger*. It can be viewed on their Face-book page.

Turkey

After a long period dormant **Ankara H3** is struggling back to life. The group closed down during COVID and although they started up again numbers were low and long-term GM *Smiley*, who seemed to almost single-handedly keep the group going, finally lost energy. However, there is some hope. *Alex MeMe Cruickshank* reported: *two of us, that are essentially visiting hashers, are trying to breathe life back into the hash here. It seems not to have restarted since halt-*

Hazukashii

Here is a once in a lifetime event notice . . . as you know, many of the other continents have their own major event (e.g. Eurohash, Pan Asia, Pan Africa, Inter-Americas). I am happy to announce the first ever Pan South America Hash to take place 6-9 June 2024. The Brasilia H3 will be hosting up to 500 hashers in the beautiful city of Brasilia, Brazil. Sign up ASAP at PANS-OAM2024

ing for COVID. I am even laying trail this Saturday. Me and the other visiting hasher have discussed trying to lay trail fortnightly. We will see how it goes... Might try monthly, and up the frequency if we get the numbers attending.

A couple of days later it was announced that: *Hashers, After a long break, Ankara H3 activities are starting again. Two hashers (McDickhead (Hare) and MeMe) participated in run no 1617.*

Three hashers (McDickhead, MeMe (Hare) and Humper) participated in run no 1618. Run no 1619 was planned Saturday 14 October.



A European Hash Tour

Sloopy Stool reports: As many of you are no doubt aware, I had planned a train journey across Russia this summer, but world events got in the way and that trip is on indefinite hold. But fear not, as the Sloppy Brain never stops plotting shenanigans, and I have now come up with a completely different, but much more practical idea for train stupidity! Dates: July 28th - August 4th 2022 from Paris to Zurich, Budapest, Bucharest and Istanbul. Spaces on this trip will be limited to just 15 people.

Belgium

Julie Yark Sucker Burgess a well known figure on the European hash scene (most notably as Vice Chairman at Brussels 2014). Delighted to see she has made a return to competitive swimming after a six-year break, winning a handful of medals in the Luxembourg Open Master races.

Malaysia

Great progress with the hash museum! It is a scaled down version of the original plan to rebuild the old 'Hash House' but we are moving closer to the dream!

Mauritius

Good to see that **Mauritius H3** are hashing regularly. They seem to run every two weeks with countryside runs that include waterfalls, monkeys, historic lighthouses etc. There are also hash boat trips and some great names - such as *Dodo Cop* who was hare on run 891.

Paging

Bren Gun

of Brisbane H3

I was running the **Mexico City Hash** when I heard the call of *On On* from an elderly, distinguished looking Aussie gentleman. It was *Bren Gun* of **Brisbane H3**.

If anybody is in touch with *Bren Gun* please forward the magazine to him!

Italy

The new **Bella Napoli** MisManagement team!

GM: *Token Prick*

RA: *Token Prick*

Song Meister: *Faceplant Puke Princess*

Beer Meister: *Dicks of Hazard*

Hash Flash: *Wet 4 Boobs*

Haberdasher: *Golden Pole Breaker*

Web Meister: *Pasta In My Pants*

Ghana

Accra H3 meet every Monday at 5:15 pm at various locations through Accra, plus the occasional weekend run and other activities throughout the week. All are welcome! There are some great videos of their runs on the Accra H3 Facebook page.



Mr. Asia

It is with great sadness that Southern Flyers (Invercargill, New Zealand H3) advises the passing of long-term Hasher Stuart *Mr. Asia* Sinclair on 18 September following a battle with cancer.

Mr. Asia frequently hosted Southern Flyers at his property in the rural suburb of Underwood. These cross country runs and BBQ evenings were always extremely memorable, and on one occasion provided some international Hashers their first experience with sheep - an up-close-and-personal encounter, courtesy of Mr. Asia.

He was a likeable, sociable and entertaining Hasher, and will be missed by everyone who knew and respected him.

Edward Raynolds

Ned Raynolds of Short Hills, NJ, passed away on October 1, 2023. Ned enjoyed playing and composing jazz piano and was a member of a jazz band during his college years. He was an avid runner who participated in NYC Marathons, and was a member of The Hash House Harriers.

Stewart Forbes

Drianoil informs me that a senior Mother Hasher, Stewart Forbes, has passed away.



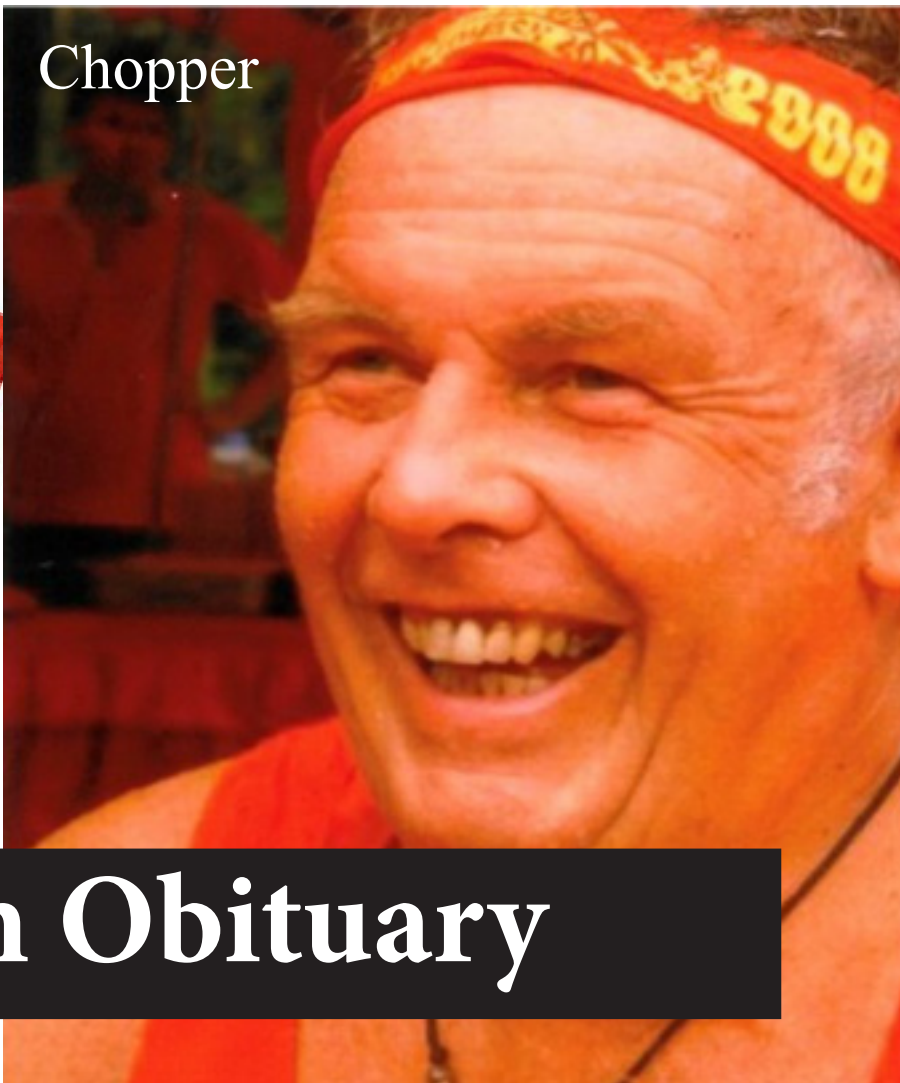
Michael Steward

Mike first started orienteering as a teenager in 1971 after attending the inaugural meeting of Plymouth and District Orienteering Club. He was a tall, thin man who was a superb orienter, but sadly never made it into the big time because of a recurrent heart problem. Mike was an expert on everything to do with Dartmoor and had a huge library of Dartmoor related books. Mike also did a number of Mountain Marathons and was a founder member of Drake Hash House Harriers where he had the very appropriate hash name of *Snakehips*. As with orienteering he put his heart and soul into hashing and we all remember how he would get himself to the front and then go back to support the runners at the back before rejoining the front runners. He would often do this multiple times in a single hash. *Written by Mike Wimpenny, Devon Orienteering Club*

Chopper

Tony *Chopper* Fellowes a long term GM of Looe Liskeurd H3 has passed away.

Chopper



Hash Obituary

Letters

From Drainoil

Hi Bob, "Alan Chee Bye Chew" should be Alan Chee Bye Chee. And his Kennel should be Petaling Jaya H3 Animals aka Animale@s which he founded

Petaling is a Mixed Chapter of which I was Hash Cash for a while in the mid-Eighties. I would prefer "Penang H3" as my kennel against my name. I joined it in February 1966. As for hash survivors, we were never sure that Frank Whorator was really on the 1978 Interhash so his entry may be unnecessary.

From Drug Runner

Drug Runner, who is currently hashing with **Mexico City H3**, points out that the **Binh Duong H3** is in Vietnam not, as I said, Cambodia. Sorry about that. PS: *Drug Runner* has also provided this month's front cover.

From Wombat via Dick Chair Tracy

Wombat added to the story of Bintang Beer Medan H3 it seems actually started with Bir Baris, 'it was French and bloody awful.'

Then in late 1976, and to general relief, Bir Baris was bought out by Bintang. Wombat confirms that the three Batavia founders - and of course it should be Batavia H4 - *Wombat*, *Geronimo* and *Trapper* - made sure Batavia were a Bintang hash.

From Tightarse

SEVENTY

(To the song Yesterday) 22nd October 2013

Seventy, have I reached the age of seventy, It crept up on me so gradually,

I can't believe I'm seventy.

Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be, I've got wrinkles that you all can see,

It's not much fun being seventy.

Why it had to be,

I don't know, can you tell me,

I did not agree,

To grow old unhappily-y-y-y.

Seventy, how I wish I was just Thirty Three, Drinking beer and laughing merrily,

I'd even accept being Fifty Three.

Still I'm standing free,

So I thank the powers that be,

I could be buried under a tree, It's much better being se-ven-ty.

And surprisingly, I might reach the age of one hundred and three, I might even write my autobiography,

Well, that's better than writing my obituary.

And finally, I've got a wife and family, So I'm wondering what is bothering me,

Hey, it's not so bad being seventy.

Yes, I'm rather glad I'm Seventy.

(On the 7th November I turn 80 and yes I've written the 80th Birthday Song).



From Messiah

Greetings Shakes,

For consideration of one of the best Hashes in the World, I'd like to proffer my home Kennel, Huronia H3 on shores of Georgian Bay, surrounding Midland & Penetanguishene, Ontario Canada.

Founded in August 1990 by Doo Run Ron (Ron Hunt) after the Hash discovered him during a work visit to Singapore. But with the exception of the world pandemic, Huronia H3 has run weekly since its inception. Located on the beautiful sandy beaches of Georgian Bay, there is lots of beautiful terrain and archipelago to set trails upon. As I write this, their #994 Trail is about to commence with Hares: Dreamer & Dipstick leading the charge!

On On from the great white north; okay, technically Flour City H3 in Rochester NY these

From Big Mac

I started hashing in Surrey circa 1976 during the reign of the infamous Jim Raper. I recall one trail in particular which set off from his Surrey mansion (replete with black swans and Philipino servants). Within a few metres we found ourselves passing the stable block with flour leading the pack into the back of a large furniture removal van. Once we were all safely aboard the doors were closed and the van set off to parts unknown down country lanes. Once we had been decanted we followed a trail through Surrey countryside back to his palace for a rather splendid on on which included the use of his indoor Olympic pool. Jim tended to forget his wallet and would generously offer to buy a round and then look to someone else to pay. Maybe that was his secret to becoming a millionaire.

My hashing and oil and gas career took me all over the world and wherever there was a hash I was part of it, notably The Hague, Santiago, Moscow, Delhi, Dhaka, Dubai, Cape Town, Madras (Chennai), Yaounde, Mijas, Malaga, and now back here Edinburgh. On On

Big Mac (Mike Mackie)

The following names are from Wellington Ladies H3 and have over 1000 hashes to their credit. This is a mixed hash.

Auntie (deceased)

Azmud

Chips- founder of Wellington Ladies

Downthere

IQ20

Jabberwocky

Right

Sunbeam

Capital H3 (over 1000) Monday

Gee string

Handle

NippLPeenk

Scrac Thing

Wellington H3 Monday

Biggles

High Heels

K9

Oggy

Sproggy

SourPuss

Townplanner

- many more

and with Port Nicholson Geriatrix H3

Gatecrasher and a handful more

Thanks to Recycled Virgin

From Dogshit

Shaun, *Dogshit* Moore informs me he has become RA **NOT** GM of the Delhi hash.

Race the Trams!

Melbourne City H3

have added what they hope will be an annual event:

The first annual race the tram run!

The plan:

Date: Saturday 23rd September 2023

Start & Finish D-11 Tram Stop, Waterfront City, Docklands.

Set off chasing the first number 35 tram that leaves after 3:30pm.

Complete a 8.5km 'trail' versus the city circle tram.

Meet up at the Urban Alley Brew Pub for pre-race hydration.

The event

Melbourne City H3 run every 1st & 3rd Thursday and so this was a one off Saturday event. As this is the first time, we also learned something which we can use next time.

Just before the event we found the city circle tram (Tram#35) would not run due to some issue. But with a track already in place it does not matter. It's a 8.6km track and the tram takes about 60 minutes depending on stops & traffic lights. So cannot go wrong whether the tram runs or not.

I marked the trail around junctions & shorter walkers cut-off, but marks were not needed. FRB runners (3 of them) even had two beer stops at two bars and were still faster than the tram time. But the rest of us kept on going to multiple drink stops and had 4 drinks on the way.

The idea generator for tram run was *Pog* when we were having a beer after a city hash run and discussing how to make hashing different and more interesting in Melbourne. New bloods were not coming to Melbourne hashes like in many other places. The City Hash was founded (post Covid lockdowns on January 2022) to attract new blood who like to run and drink. We saw a lot of people do park runs, beer runs, beer miles but few tried hashing. So, the city hash is trying to attract a different crowd. We never consider ourselves as a

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Melbourne City Hash House Harriers

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breakaway group. Rather we would like to continue to attract non-hashers to hash through City Hash. And we already found a few. It is a hard work but slowly getting there.

Regards.

Shiny Dick

Ed: There has been some slight editing to the above letter

About Melbourne City H3

Runs are always less than 10km from the city and always public transport friendly.

Great things about our Hash runs: you are invited and welcome, you will see nooks and crannies that most locals never get to see, as the hare spells magic of a new trail.

Then after the run, socialise with your friends,

We are always within 10 km of central Melbourne, accessible by public transport, and the 6:45 pm start makes it easy to get there on time.

Visitors will love hashing and you are most welcome. Locals will love hashing with us and meet new friends.

1st & 3rd Thursday of every month.

Compressed Fart

You are something of a Dubai legend. How many years have you been the Desert GM?

I took over as GM in August 2012 after *Knobbing Donkey* passed on the gauntlet so that's just over 11 years. One reason I'm still GM is that I enjoy it so much and the hash has been a real family for me with living here on my own.

My job is related to supporting customers so I have the nature to listen and not react straight away and that has certainly helped me over the years to keep the peace. We have never had any serious problems on the UAE hashes during my time so it's satisfying to have a big family of like minded beer drinking friends.

And how has the hash changed over this time?

Like most hash's, we've seen people come and go. The **Desert** and **Creek Hash** had so many people who had been here over twenty years and they have all left now, or moved on and away from hashing. Most of these people had great venues to host the runs and many parties as we are a real social bunch here in Dubai. Most of us are apartment dwellers.

We have also lost our favourite run sites in the near desert going from approximately 30 sites to just one close (found by **John Boy**) and one far away. The Covid effect saw us start to run from pubs and so the trend continued and street runs are the norm now rather than soft sand. We all miss the fire in the desert and the food prepared by the Hares, but a pub garden with happy hour has become the comfort zone.

Thankfully we still get quite a few new runners join us and we have fresh blood in the Mismanagement now.

And the other UAE hashes?

As well as the Desert H3, where I am GM and Hash Cash I am also Hash Cash on the Creek H3 and vice GM to Vomit who is notching up some years as the Creek GM. For the **Moonshine H3** we run once a month on or near the full moon and I have been RA for a few years and Hash Cash a while ago. The fourth hash group in Dubai is the **Barbies H3** and yes I served drinks one night for the girls at Jezebels several years back, it was rather pleasant.

We have very close ties with the **AUH4** crowd from Abu Dhabi and we have hashers join us and sometimes we join them. The big events are the AUH4 Hash Ball, which is a great coming together of the hashers all cleaned up and dressed to kill. A rather forgettable event until the photo's are distributed. Then the memory comes back!

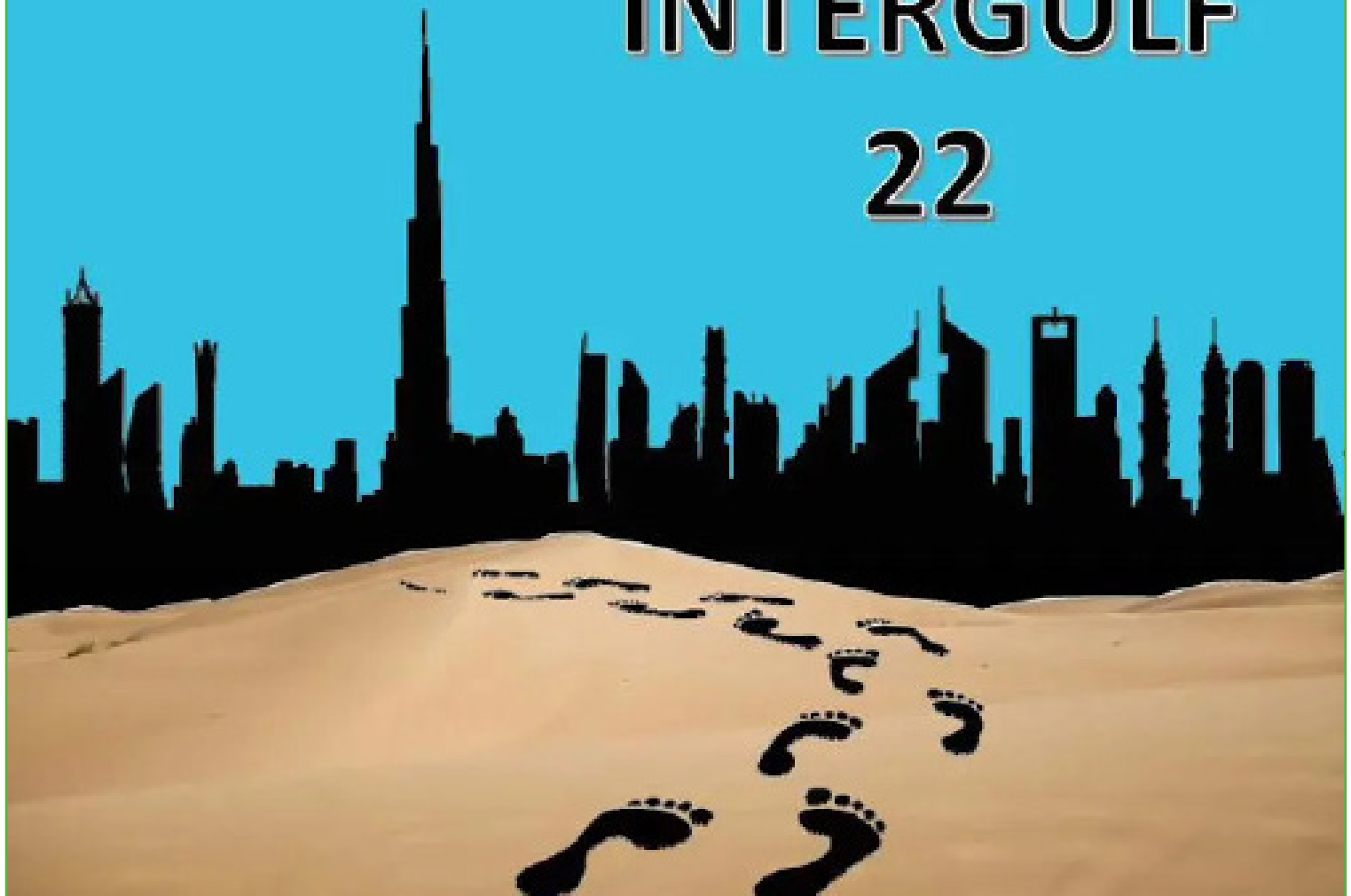




Save the date:
1st March to 3rd March 2024

Pub Crawl - with tee shirt
Main Run - with tee shirt
Evening meal and entertainment
Recovery Run

INTERGULF 22



You will be the Inter-gulf Chair when the event comes to Dubai. Not I understand for the first time?

The 22nd InterGulf will be at the beginning of March 2024 and it will be a joint venture between the Desert H3 and the Creek H3, so *Vomit* and myself will be sorting and arranging along with the very capable *Long Time Coming*.

It was my first time as an organisers with *Long Time Coming* when we hosted the Desert H3 2,000th run

in 2017 with 9 consecutive days of hashing. Then we held the 19th InterGulf in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the Desert H3 in March 2019. That was organised by *Kung Fu* and friends I also supported *Vomit* for the Creek 2,000th run in March 2022. It's not too difficult as long as everything is covered and having a few of us on the team helps to cover all the bases. Having said that it's only at the recovery run that you can relax!

Another lost hasher

story

From Billy Sheal
(Pattaya Hash House Harriers)

After reading about your lost hasher, I thought I would post something that brought back memories. We had a similar situation about 1999, when we had a run at Khao Mai Kaew (Aussie site). Through the proceedings we discovered that *Sweetballs* had not returned. *Sweetballs* was an elderly hasher, who was tough as nails and had been in the French foreign legion. How did he get the name *Sweetballs*? He asked for it. Kind of tells you something.

He would run every week, but many times go in the opposite direction, and with various deviations.

I was GM at the time, so felt obligated to go look for him. Plus, he was my friend. So, with the two hares, plus *Steamy Lump* and myself we set out and back tracked to look for him. Sure enough we found him hunkered down for the night, but luckily on paper. We had not thought it through when we went looking, so took no water. I did, fortunately, have half a can of beer left, which *Sweetballs* guzzled down appreciatively. We got back out to the A-site and it was gratifying to see quite a few

hashers with cars had stayed behind to see that we found him okay.

It was a feel good moment for everyone.

It was an even better feel good moment the next week on the hash, when *Sweetballs* gave the four of us each a half bottle of Black label Johnny Walker whisky. *Sweetballs*, you were a class act.

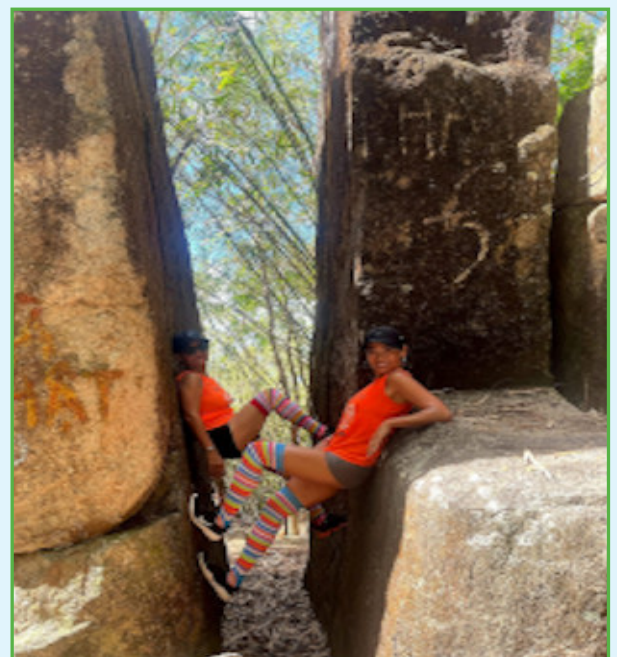


Hash terms

HASH FASH

I had never heard this term before:

It is given to hashers in Vietnam (and other places?) who turn up in hash gear yet have taken the time to make sure they look fashionable!



100 GREAT HASH KENNELS

PART 3

Part 3
Hobart
Hogtown
Hong Kong
Honiara
Houston
Ipoh
Jakarta
Jeddah
Kampala
Kota Kinabalu
Kuching

Criteria for consideration

1. The kennel must still be active with relatively good numbers.
2. First consideration is given to kennels with a long history going back 50 years or 1,000 hashes. Having staged Interhash or one of the major regional events adds brownie points.
3. Most of the kennels included will have an international reputation and have fathered other important hashes.
4. However, kennels with a shorter history that have brought new energy to hashing in their region might also be considered.
5. Kennels that do not necessarily meet points 1-3 but have a strong presence in a region not considered a hash stronghold have been considered.
6. Where a city has two hashes with a similar shared membership only one of the groups has been included.

Hobart H3 (Australia)

Staged one of the
best Interhashes ever



Founded: October 1967

Founders: Alfred *God's Father* Whitaker

Who ran with: Singapore H3

Current GM: *Mucus*

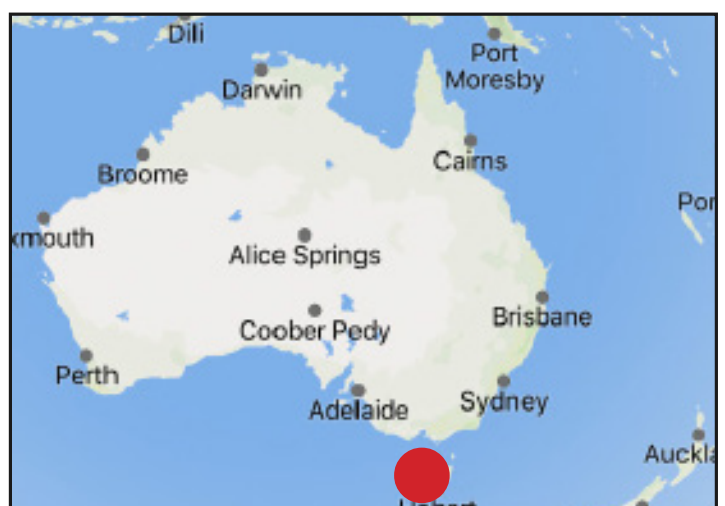
RA: *DBII*

Meet: A male club that runs on Monday at 18:30 in summer and on Monday at 18:00 in winter.

Hash Legend: *Easy Rider* started running with **Hobart H3** in 1967. He was a very good sportsman, famous for running ultra races such as the Sydney to Melbourne. Great fun in the circle, his most famous act was rolling over the mini bus containing the Hobart InterHash committee.

Facts

- **Hobart H3** and **Sydney H3** were founded within one week of each other in 1967, the first hashes (excluding the now disputed Bordighera) to be founded outside the geographical region of Malaysia.
- Hobart staged their first run on October 2nd, with Fred *Godsfather* Whitaker and Christopher *Lord* Eden the founding fathers. Graham *Barrell* Farrell and Whitaker set the first trail at Ridgeway. The motivation was to provide an off-season fitness workout for Harlequin rugby players.
- Hobart staged a highly successful Interhash in 2000. Just a few weeks before the event several of the committee were hospitalised following a mini-bus accident. The show however went on. One of the committee, *Honkers*, was still suffering from injuries sustained during the minibus crash but was able to make a brief appearance. One run also diverted past his house allowing the pack to pay their respects.
- Hobart also staged Aussie Nash hash in 2011.
- The lads once hijacked the **Launceston H3** beer trailer and held it for ransom.



Hogtown H3 (Canada)



Founded: November 1987

Founder: Duncan *Plunger* Plastow

Who ran with: Hogans

Current GM: *F.L.A.B.*

RA: *Back Door Buzz* and *MotherSucker*

Meet: Alternate Mondays and Saturdays, every full moon, various special dates.

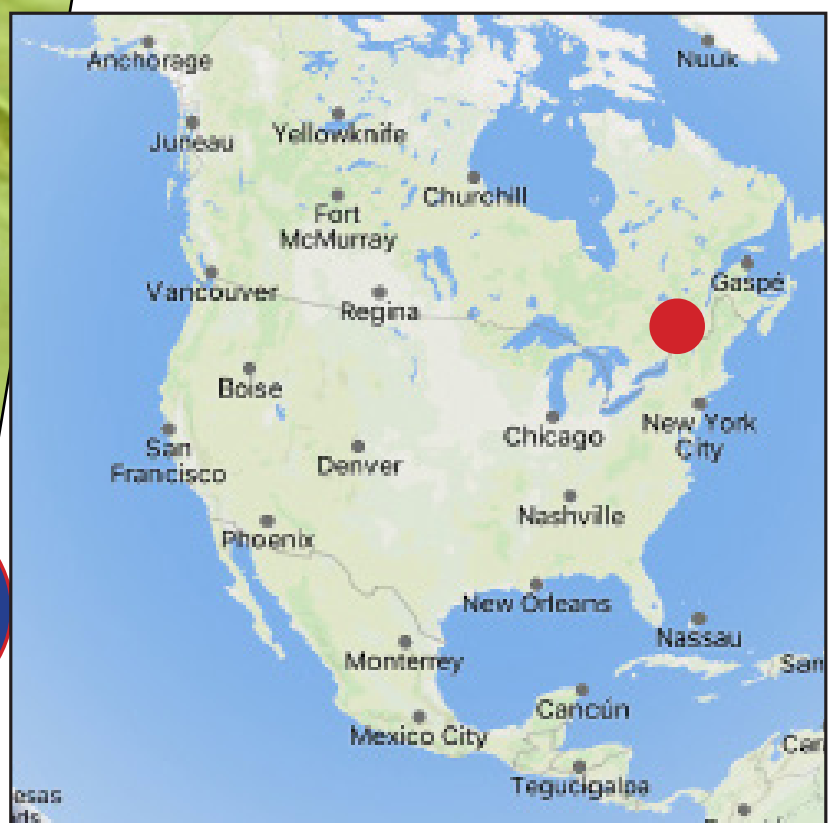
Hash Legend: Duncan *Plunger* Plastow started hashing in Canada with **Hogan H3** and was the founder of the mixed **Hogtown H3**. He then moved to South Korea and later hashed in Melbourne with **Doncaster & Eltham**.

Facts

- Toronto has what is probably the most active and best-known hash in Canada. The original group in the city was **Hogan's H3**, who had a men-only policy. They were named after the Hogan's Pub which was situated on the northern suburbs of the city, a location that gave easy access to the countryside.
- In 1987 *Plunger* founded **Hogtown H3** and it quickly became obvious that most Canadians favoured a mixed hash. Hogtown now claim 100 members, but their pack averages a relatively modest 25-30 on any given week. Hogans continue to run on the last Friday of the month.
- Hogtown hosted Americas InterHash in 2005.
- Their 36th anniversary hash is to be held at Niagara Falls!



One of the most active hashes in
Canada



Hong Kong H3

(Hong Kong)



Founded: February 1970

Founders: John Beavon

Current GM: Alan Knowles

JM: Callum Brechin and Gary Lui

Meet: Monday 6.00pm

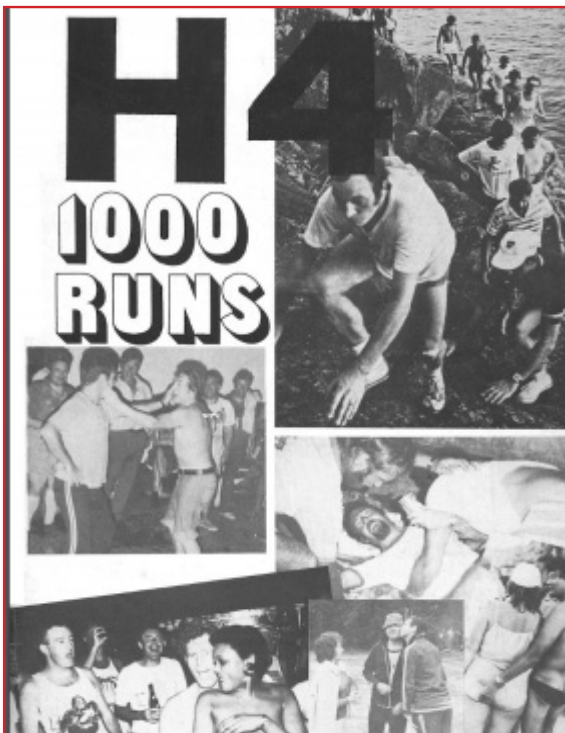
Numbers: Men only

Motto: Most Royal and Ancient Hash in Hong Kong

Hash Legend: John Watson was a founder of **Hong Kong H4**, this momentous contribution to hashing being nicely summed up in the Hong Kong Year Book: *'he is the reason why in 1970 a pathetic band of white (well, off-white) middle-aged losers, with homes they wish they didn't have, went for a mindless trot around the Peak, followed by massive system-altering infusions of blizzard cold piss'*. Known as *John the Baptist* or *The Sperm Donor*.

Facts

- **Hong Kong H4** started in 1970 with a small notice in the South China Morning Post calling for hash men to meet on 16 February at 'The Pub' in D'Aguilar Street. There was no run that evening but those gathered agreed to form **Hong Kong H4**.
- A week later John Beavon set a trail that attracted 23 or 24 runners, depending on which account you read.
- H4 actually ran unofficially and illegally for eighteen months before registering with the authorities.
- The Hong Kong men got in trouble when *Sheepshagger* celebrated his imminent departure from the colony by dropping his shorts in a public restaurant. When some fellow diners shamed them in a letter sent to the South China Morning Post, the hash made the mistake of wording a reply that was meant to be comical, but came across as arrogant. An exchange of correspondence followed, which dragged the hash into an undignified and losing battle for the 'hearts and minds' of the readers.
- Four decades later **Hong Kong H4** remain proud of their traditions, *'no Hash names, no silly songs, no circle, just lots of cold beers'*.



HONGKONG HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

1975/76



Honiara H3

(Solomon Islands)



Founded: July 11th 1973

Founders: Brian Leach

Who hashed with: Perth H3

Current GM: *Analyst*

RA: *Root Advisor*

Meet: Monday

Hash Legend: Rob *Canman* Low was born in Fife and studied at Aberdeen University, where he captained the boxing team. He then completed his national service on submarines and from there joined the Colonial Service. He started hashing on the Solomon Islands around 1973 and continued to run with them until 1977. On returning to England Rob became one of the founders of **Chichester H3**. Over the years he spent four spells as joint Hash Master and was elected President for Life in 2015. A recent update from *Spiderman* noted that, '*Robin is still joining the hash but is not so agile these days.*'

Facts

- The Solomon Islands consist of six major islands and hundreds of other bits of rock of various sizes. The capital, Honiara, is located on the island of Guadalcanal, which is famous for the heavy fighting that took place here during World War Two.
- Hashing officially dates to 1973, with Brian Leach (ex-Perth) credited as the founding father.
- Guadalcanal is reasonably large, and very rugged, so you do not have to travel far into the hills to find excellent hash terrain. One visitor described the scene with '*meals being prepared over open fires, pigs shuffling in their pens, excited children giggling and waving as we pass.*'
- Another hash club was formed in Honiara in September of 1996, when Jeff *Rabbi* Moore and Tom *Claymore* Schoen formed the **Honiara Full Moon H3**.

Fifty years of hashing in the Pacific



Houston H3

(USA)

One of the great US hashes



Founded: Jay *Cap'n Lewd Gore*

Who ran with: Philadelphia H3

Current GM: *McPisser* and *Dickhead*

RA: *Rain Bitch*

Meet: Sunday weekly

Hash Legends: *Geek* was born in St. Louis, Missouri and worked in Houston as a structural engineer until he retired in September 2015. He was one of the numerous new boots recruited during the founding days of **Houston H3**, becoming their first RA and going on to hold virtually all the mismanagement positions. He has completed a remarkable 2220 out of the 2304 **Houston H3** hashes.

Facts

- **Houston H3** has been around since 1979 and are only three generations removed from Mother Hash - KL- Washington - Philadelphia - Houston Hash.
- Houston hashers have been extremely influential in spreading hashing around the USA with their members going on to found (amongst others) **Pittsburgh H3**, **Boulder H3**, **Austin H3**, **San Antonio H3**, **El Paso H3**, **New Orleans H3**, **Mosquito H3**.
- In 2004 a jogger, carrying a bag of white powder (flour), was questioned by police and released without charges.
- Houston have been enthusiastic supporters of the Beer Mile.
- The Houston Hash has a long tradition of supporting the Houston Marathon including setting up a beer table at 24 miles.

Houston Hash House Harriers
1600th Run
December 21, 2008

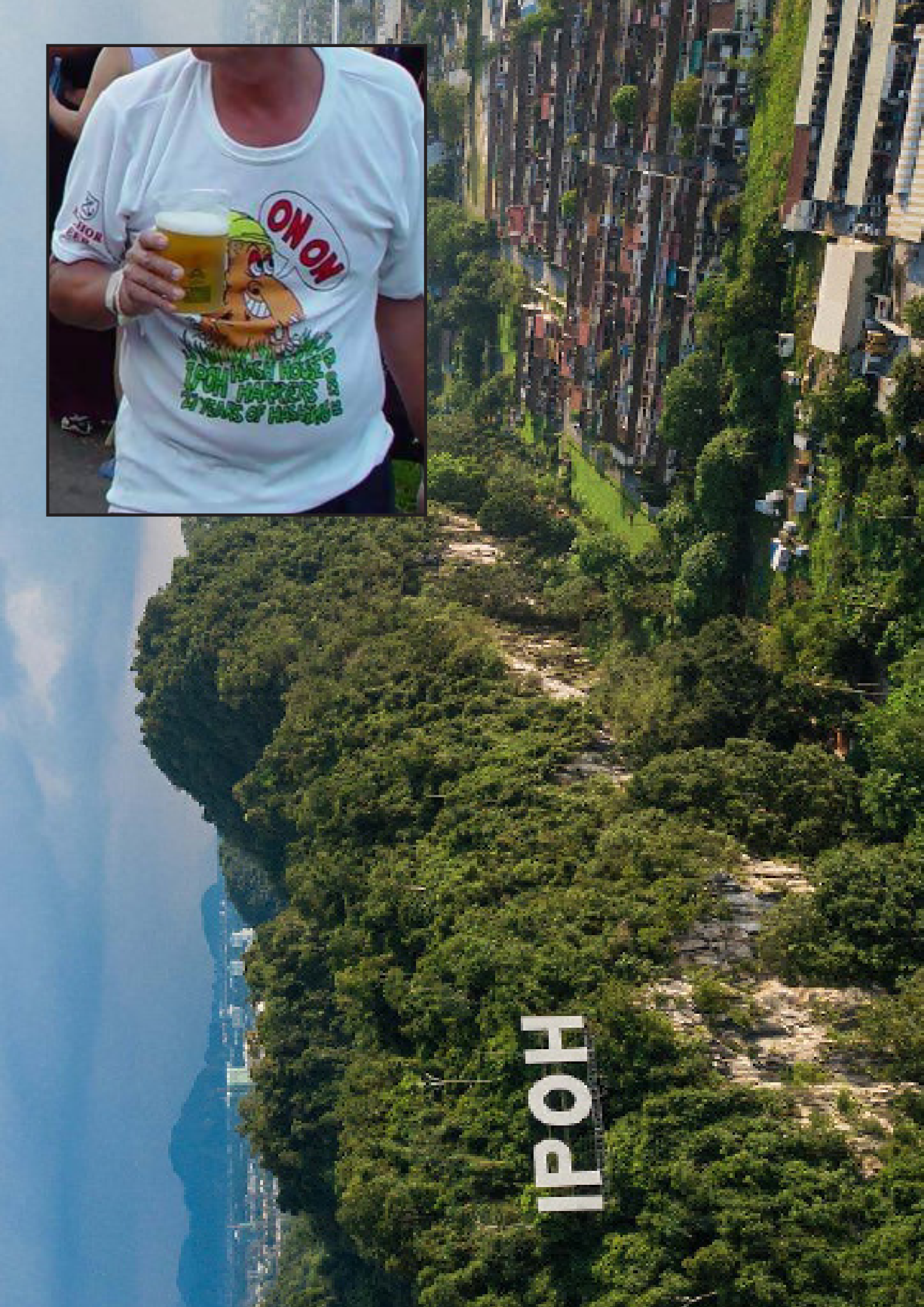


Festivus Hash
2008





IPOH



Ipoh Hash (Malaysia)

Founded: January 1965

Founders: David *Mad Dog* Denning

Who ran with: Mother Hash

Current GM: Lee Fook Kwon

Joint Masters: Mah Cahi Marg and Kenny
Oh Teik Kheng

Motto: Home of the Jungle Hash Since 1965

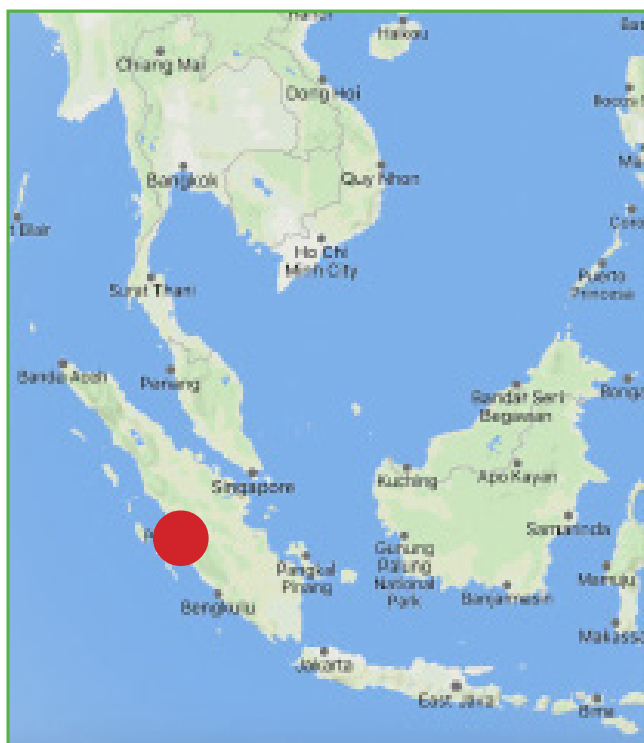
Meet: Friday and Monday.

Hash Legend: Wan Sai Pun was GM of
Ipoh for at least 15 years.



Facts

- Ipoh is the capital city of the Malaysian state of Perak. The wealth of the city was based on deposits of tin.
- The tin mines brought in expats and Ipoh had a pre-war paper-chase club called the Kinta Harriers.
- **Ipoh H3** is the 8th oldest hash in Hashingdom, being founded by David *Mad Dog* Denning (ex KL) and others in 1965.
- They are one of the few kennels to hash twice a week. Monday runs are usually in the jungle with slow runners knowing to bring a torch.
- A 1998 year book notes that *Yellow Small Dog* was their oldest hasher at 76.
- By 2000, they could claim 250 members.



In at the beginning of hashing
and still going strong



**IPOH HASH HOUSE HARRIERS
MALAYSIA**

Jakarta H3 (Indonesia)

The hash that gave us the circle!



Facts

Founded: March 1971

Founders: Jeremy *Burong* Pigeon

Who ran with: Mother Hash

Assisted by: Gordon *Bent One* Benton

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Meet: Monday

Hash Legend: After a military career that saw him reach the rank of Lieutenant-colonel, David *Browneye* Ives went into development work. He became a senior member of the Asian Hashing community, running with distinction in Borneo, Sri Lanka, Jakarta and Dili (East Timor). David will always be linked with Indonesia, where he ran with every kennel and was co-founder of **TGIF H3**. *Browneye* had a love for beer, whisky, cigars and sport and was always willing to give his time to help new hares set trails. David Ives died in January 2007. On *On Browneye*

- **Jakarta H3** was founded in February 1971 by Gordon *Bent One* Benton and Jeremy *Burong* Pigeon, with Jeremy and John Reed the hares on Run Number One.

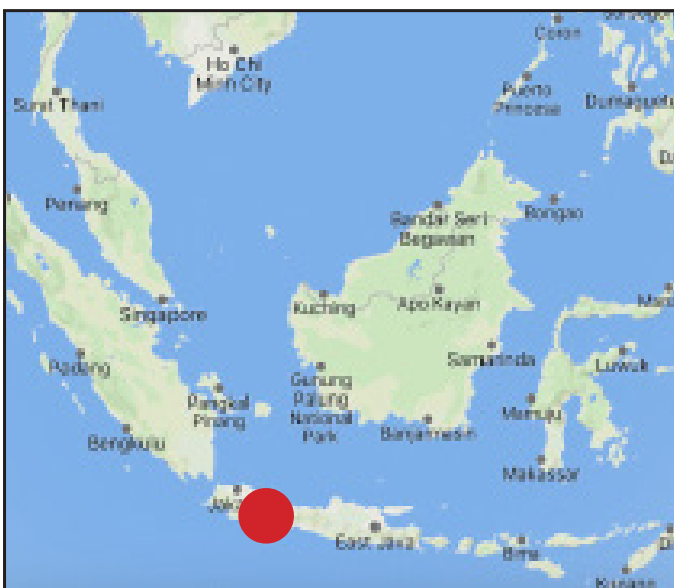
- Initially fuelled by Bintang beer, **Jakarta H3** was lured to the rival Anker brand after Run 88, this a major issue in a two-brewery town.

- At some point a 2-litre mug 'The Big One' was introduced and this later became the measurement for the InterHash Down Down Competition. Many of the great hash legends passed through during this period, and many took the idea of 'real hashing' with them to the far corners of the globe.

- Jakarta was a staunchly and chauvinistically 'Men Only Hash' but in 1973-74 a defiant Judy Prosser started running with them. She refused to be intimidated or embarrassed and her example encouraged other women to join. After the founding of the **Pussy Hash** the women tended to drift away.

- The Highland Gathering was a big event in Jakarta, with a large turnout from the expat community as well as attracting many Indonesian teams. The 10K road race was considered the main event but there were numerous other competitions with volleyball and 5-a-side soccer the most keenly contested. The event was closely tied to the hash, being founded in 1975 by Gordon *Bent One* Benton.

- The credit for creating 'a circle' goes to **Jakarta H3**. The boys would stay on after the hash and enjoy a few drinks in the paddy fields, and they started to stand in a circle simply to surround the beer crates and stop locals dashing in to snatch the odd bottle. Once formed, a circle proved a natural arena and this led to the more managed and ritual form of post run entertainment we are all familiar with. Indeed in the early days circles were often referred to in South East Asia as 'Jakarta Circles' and the concept spread after they were demonstrated at InterHash.





JAKARTA HHH YEAR BOOK 1984/85



Jeddah H3

(Saudi Arabia)



Founded: April 1981

Founders: Peter Marking

Who ran with: Mega Mob

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Meet: ?

Hash Legends: Bryan *Kingfisher* Fisher went to work in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 1984 where he was introduced to the hash. He would sign in as King because 'I was *King of the family*'. This was written as '*Kingfisher*' by mistake. He became On Sec, then Hash Flash, and eventually Grand Master, a position he held for a number of years. In 1993 the family came back to the UK where they founded **SLOSH**.

Facts

- Jeddah is on the Red Sea and is popular with ex-pats who can enjoy the private beaches and a climate that escapes the cold winters and sandstorms of Riyadh.
- Hashing came to Jeddah in 1981 with the founding of **Jeddah H3** and within a year the pack was reaching 50 to 60 with desert barbecues and campfires. As this was the Thursday start to the weekend many stayed on to camp overnight.
- On 12th May 2003, thirty-nine people were killed, and over a hundred and sixty wounded, when bombs went off at three compounds in Riyadh. Many foreigners pulled out of Saudi Arabia and those who remained faced new problems of heightened security. It became more difficult getting into some compounds, while the extra road checks made it tricky moving 'grape juice' around.
- **Jeddah H3** struggled on and, with Saudi appearing to have got things under control, hash numbers slowly started to recover. With more Syrians and Lebanese coming to work in the country some kennels picked up a larger Arabic contingent, which made many people nervous. While a blind eye might be turned to Christians discretely drinking, offering 'special lemonade' to Muslims had the potential to be taken far more seriously.



A low-profile but a long hash tradition.



Jeddah
17th September
1992

Kampala H3 (Uganda)



Facts

Founded: 1986

Founders: Peter van der Meer

Who ran with: Addis

Current GM: (2019) *Warm Beer*

RA: (2019) *Dirty Dick*

Meet: 6.00pm Monday rain or shine

Hash Legend: Stephen Pisser Luswata was the first Ugandan born Hash Master, taking on the mantle in 1995. Pisser played an important role in increasing hash numbers by introducing many of his cricket colleagues to the hash.

An active hash in one
of Africa's most beautiful
countries.

- **Kampala H3** started in July 1986 with 37 r*nners, all of whom were expatriates.
- The trail was laid with shredded paper from the American Embassy and the route covered much of the Makindye suburb.
- Numbers grew steadily as did the proportion of Ugandan Hashers, and the first hash attended by more than 100 hashers took place in January 1994.
- In the early days they usually met at the hares home, so runs rotated around the expatriate areas of town. Growing numbers (and a fear that a few shady characters were joining just to spy out homes) forced the hash to move into restaurants and pubs.
- By the mid 1990s special days started to be celebrated with theme runs, most notably the Christmas Bash.
- By the 1990s Ugandans were joining the hash in increasing numbers and would eventually make up 80% of the pack.



Kota Kinabalu

(Malaysia)

Founded: June 1964

Founders: George Wills

Who ran with: Singapore

Current GM: ?

RA:?

Meet: Men only Monday 4.30

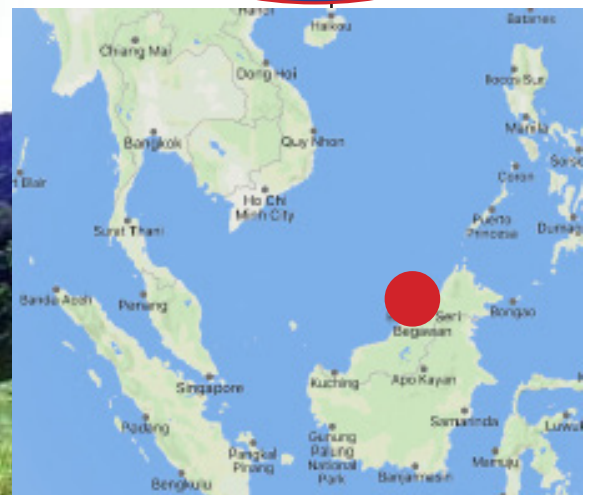
Hash Legends: *Hardy Boy* was a former army officer who started hashing with **Kota Kinabalu H3** in 1987. He hashed for the next thirty plus years until the breakout of COVID brought hashing to a temporary halt. He was Chair of Pan Asia 2003 and was on the committee for Beer Odyssey, which meant flying to Belgium for meetings! His army experience has seen him involved in several search and rescue missions after hashers have gone missing.

Facts

- In 1963 the hash rash spread to Singapore signalling the start of a steady expansion of hashing across the region.
- **Kota Kinabalu H3** (original **Jesselton H3**) dates to 1964. They were the 8th hash group in the world and at the time four of the seven Hashes in existence were based on the island of Borneo.
- Just thirteen (all expats) turned up for the first run.
- Kota Kinabalu remains one of the great hashes and they have a noted social life, including hikes up Mount Kinabalu.
- When they couldn't get near the stage at Rotorua, Kota Kinabalu hashers hired strippers to perform in their room.
- A new mixed hash has revived the old **Jesselton H3** name.



A long hash tradition
on a beautiful island



Kuching H3 (Malaysia)

Founded: May 1963

Founders: Harry Howell

Who ran with: Singapore

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Meet: Tuesday

Hash Legends: Stephen Kueh joined **Kuching H3** in 1966 and on 2nd May 1989 completed 1000 runs with them. He was the first hasher in the world to reach that landmark with a single kennel. Attempts to have him entered into the Guinness Book of Records was unsuccessful as hashing was considered 'too specialist'. He was a regular at the early Interhashes.



A kennel that dates to the early days of hashing!

Facts

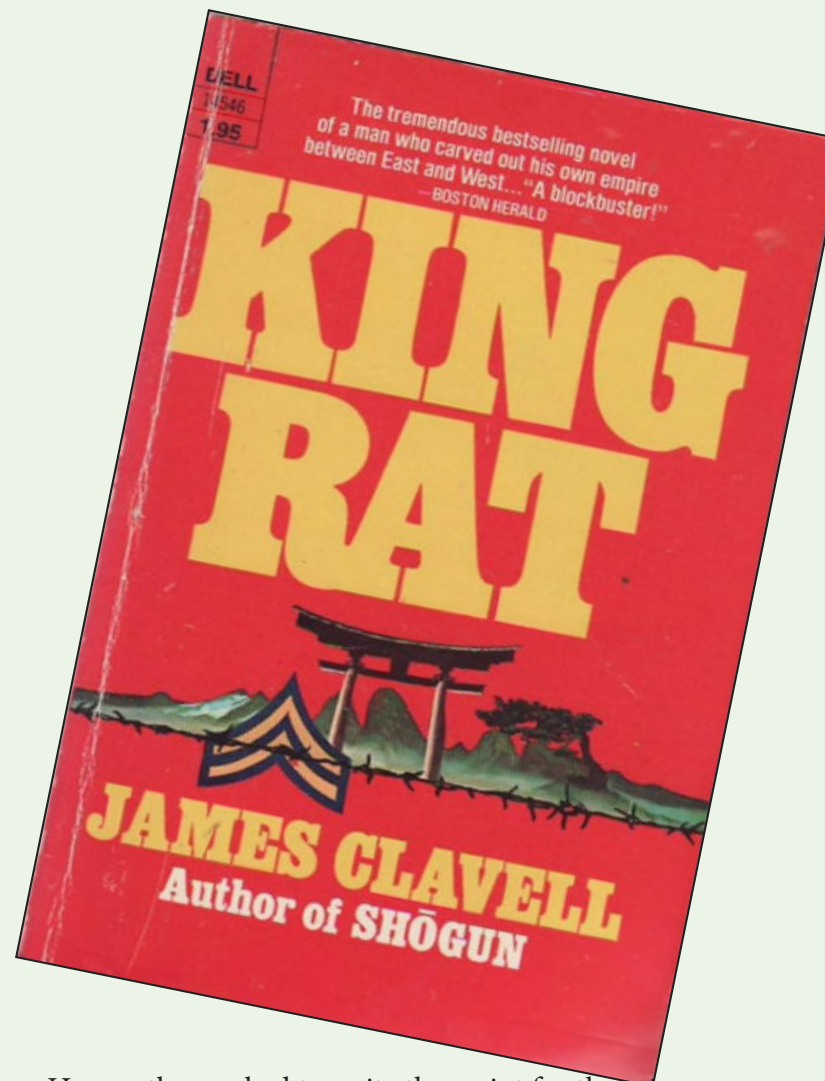
- Back in the 1960s Indonesian opposition to the creation of a greater Malaysia saw fighting flare up all across Borneo. Commonwealth troops were rotated in and out of the region and many came with hash experience from Singapore or KL. The conflict fuelled a '*Big Bang Event*' in the spread of hashing. Kuching, the capital of the Malaysia state of Sarawak, became an important base for military operations and **Kuching H3** date to 1963, making it the fourth oldest hash in world.
- Harry Howell, ex-Singapore, is considered the founding father, and their first hash attracted a pack of thirteen, twelve of whom were expats.
- Their first hash trash still exists. Dated 21st May, it mentions the hashes in Singapore and KL and points out that '*we are not catering for would be Roger Bannisters - far more for the panting Duggie Clark's of the world*'. Duggie, presumably, was noted for his lack of fitness. Sounds like a good lad!
- Kuching remains a great centre of hashing, having staged Borneo Nash Hash in 1987 and 2001, Pan Asia in 1995 and 2005, and Interhash in 2010.
- However, many hashers were disappointed with Interhash 2010. In the weeks leading up to the event emails circulated around the hash community warning of disagreements in the committee and predicting disaster. In the end Kuching was not a disaster, but neither is it likely to rank as anybody's favourite Interhash.

King Rat

King Rat was a novel (and later a movie) set in Changi Prison during the Second World War. Although no hashers are mentioned several of the founding fathers would have been there and the book gives an account of what life might have been like in the camp.

The Author

- James Clavell was born on 10th October 1921. He was born in Australia, the son of Commander Richard Charles Clavell, a Royal Navy officer who was stationed there.
- The family returned to England and Clavell was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School.
- In 1940, he joined the Royal Artillery. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 he was sent to Singapore. The ship taking his unit was sunk en route to Singapore, and the survivors were picked up by a Dutch boat fleeing to India.
- He was captured in Java and sent to a Japanese prisoner of war camp on Java. **Later he was transferred to Changi Prison in Singapore.**
- Prisoners were fed a quarter of a pound of rice per day, one egg per week and occasional vegetables.
- Clavell stayed in the army after the war and became a captain, but a motorcycle accident ended his military career.
- He enrolled with the University of Birmingham, where he met April Stride, an actress, whom he married in 1949.
- Inspired by his wife, Clavell entered the film industry and worked in England for a number of years.
- In 1954 he moved to New York, then to Hollywood. In 1956 he sold two stories for movie plots, *Far Alert* and *Forbidden Territory*.
- Neither was filmed but *Far Alert* kept being sold and re-sold between studios. "In 18 months it brought in \$87,000", Clavell later explained "We kept getting paid for writing it and rewriting it as it went from one studio to another."



He was then asked to write the script for the science-fiction horror movie *The Fly*. This became a hit and launched Clavell as a screenwriter.

- He went on to write numerous other science-fiction scripts.
- For fifteen years Clavell never talked about his wartime experiences with anyone, even his wife. It had obviously affected him and for a long time he carried a can of sardines in his pocket for emergencies. He also fought the urge to forage for food in trash cans. He experienced bad dreams and a nervous stomach kept him awake at night.
- In 1960, the Writers Guild went on strike, meaning Clavell was unable to work on films. He decided to use the time to write a novel. **King Rat** was based on his time at Changi. It took him three months and several more months after that to rework it. The book was published in 1962 and sold well. It was turned into a film in 1965.

SELARANG BARRACKS, SINGAPORE



Selarang Barracks, September 1942. More than 15,000 Pows were incarcerated in the barracks when the Allies refused to sign the "no escape" pledge.

The Plot

- Pete Marlowe, a young British RAF Flight Lieutenant, has been a P.O.W. since 1942. Marlowe comes to the attention of the "King" - an American corporal who has become the most successful trader and black marketeer in Changi
- The novel opens in early 1945 when things are becoming grim in the camp.
- Robin Grey, is a British officer and Provost Mar-

shal of the camp, who hopes to arrest The King for violating camp regulations.

- King decides he and his friends should breed rats to sell for food. His comrades, though nearly starving themselves, are repulsed at the idea of eating rat meat, so King comes up with the plan of only selling the meat to officers without telling them the true source. A group of officers are later seen greedily enjoying a meal of what they are told is mouse deer.

Raylins - possibly a hasher?

Considering many characters in the book were probably based on a combination of several inmates there might just be a little hasher in the portrayal of Raylins, who has a small cameo role in the book. Clavell describes a bald, middle age man, who was a bank manager in Singapore. He had joined the Malaya regiment for the social life and prestige it offered. When the war started he was ordered across the bridge into Malay. He led 20 untrained men up the road and into an ambush which instantly killed 13 of them. Could this character have been partly influenced by one of the KL hash volunteers?

Hashers who spent time in

Changi include:

Horse Thomson

Frank Woodward

Cecil Lee

and

A.R. Westrop

Westrop kept a secret diary as well as additional thoughts in notebooks. These can be found in the Imperial War Museum (London) and Changi Museum.

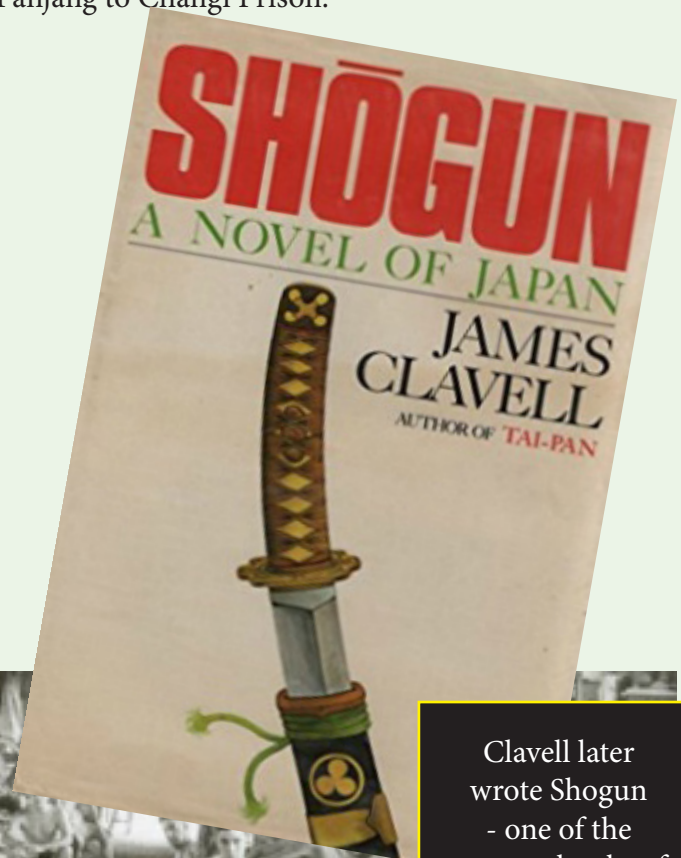
The Prison

- Following the Fall of Singapore in February 1942, the Japanese military detained approximately 3,000 civilians in Changi Prison, which was built to house only one-fifth of that number.
- The Japanese used the British Army's Selarang Barracks, near the prison, as a prisoner of war camp. This held 50,000 Allied soldiers, predominantly British and Australian.
- The name 'Changi' became synonymous with **both camps** since they were in the Changi area.
- About 850 prisoners died during their internment in Changi, a relatively low rate compared to the overall death rate of 27% for POWs in Japanese camps. However, many more prisoners died after being transferred from Changi to various labour camps outside Singapore, including those on the Burma Railway and at Sandakan Airfield.
- Allied POWs, mainly Australians, built a chapel at the prison in 1944, using simple tools and any material they could find. Stanley Warren of the 15th Regiment, Royal Regiment of Artillery painted a series of murals at the chapel. Another British POW, Sgt. Harry Stodgen, built a Christian cross out of a used artillery shell. After the war, the chapel was dismantled and shipped to Australia, while the cross was sent to the UK. The chapel was reconstructed in 1988, and is now located at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra.

● After the war, Changi Prison was used by the British to hold Japanese prisoners of war, which included former Imperial Japanese Army, Imperial Japanese Navy and Kenpeitai personnel, police officers and POW camp guards.

● Most of the prisoners of war were repatriated to Japan, but eight former Kenpeitai members were found guilty by a military tribunal of torturing 57 internees (which resulted in 15 of them dying). These were sentenced to death.

● On 17 October 1945, 260 German prisoners of war (who were former Kriegsmarine personnel and had served on U-boats) were moved from Pasir Panjang to Changi Prison.



Clavell later wrote Shogun - one of the greatest books of all time!



Mother Hash Special





The Hash House before demolition to make way for a highway

Every hash group is descended from the first hash in the world, known consequently and affectionately as 'Mother Hash'.

Mother can trace its origins to a handful of Hares and Hounds events that took place in Malaya during the 1930s.

1930

Frederick 'Horse' Thomson, Cecil H. Lee, Frederick H 'Torch' Bennett and A S 'G' Gispert are generally accepted as founders of Mother Hash. These British expatriates had organized or participated in several earlier paper chases around the country so when, in 1938, they found themselves stationed in KL it seemed inevitable that somebody would suggest putting on a run. The idea was almost certainly discussed over lunch at 'The Selangor Club', although whether it was **Gispert's** idea, or more likely a group decision, is debatable. The first run took place sometime in September 1938 and shortly afterwards it was agreed to make the runs a weekly event. They were soon attracting packs of 10-15, occasionally rising to 20, with **Morris Edgar, Eric Galvin, Arthur Westrup, H.M. Doig, John Barrett and M.C. Hay** amongst

the runners.

'Horse' Thomson was away on leave for the first run, but on his return is credited with bringing a little organisation to the group, including the opening of a bank account. The Registrar of Societies required all gatherings to be legally registered, so the name was probably thought up very early on to satisfy this requirement. It was either 'G', or more likely 'G' and **Cecil Lee**, who came up with idea of the name, 'Hash House Harriers'.

The Ampang and Maxwell Road districts were the most common venues for the early runs, but several runners had cars so the Hash soon branched out with A to B runs. The Malay drivers would be sent off to the finish point with supplies of cold beer and as a result hashers started to stay much long at the 'on in'. The first few drinks after a hot run were usually Tiger beer, mixed with ginger beer to make a shandy and this required the purchase of enamel mugs. However there was nothing in the way of singing, a circle, or other rituals more common on contemporary hashes.

Bennett as On-Sec and **Lee and Thomson** as Joint-Masters, led the Hash through its first two years during which the numbers grew slowly, with **Frank Woodward, Philip Wickens, Lew Davidson**

and **E.A. Ross** joining the list of regular runners. The men only policy was debated, earlier paper chases elsewhere in Malaysia had tended to be mixed, and it seems that women were invited to one run but it rained and none turned up.

1940s

At first the Hash had been very much for those not sporty enough to play the established games of cricket or rugby, but that changed over time with the pack growing in numbers and adding some good runners, notably **John Wyatt-Smith**. Indeed in the 1940's the Hash might even have entered a team in a competitive race against the local Indian Athletic Club. A small group was also extending the evenings to include a trip to the 'girlie bars' in the Batu Road district.

The Malay Mail played an important role in the Hash in these days, providing the paper to lay the trail and publicising the meeting place each week. With the growth of pre-War political tensions the Hash moved to Friday, as the Selangor Volunteers had reserved Mondays for drilling. (*Ed: The Mon-*

day/Friday issue is still debated). In 1941 **Hay** and **Bennett** became Joint Masters. The On-Sec is unrecorded for that year and it is possible **Bennett** was doing both jobs. It should be noted that **Gispert** never held an official position on Mother Hash.

The Hash celebrated its 100th run on 15 August 1941, with **Hay** and **Ross** as hares. On December 7th the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour and landed invasion forces in northern Malaya and Thailand on the same day. Run number 117 took place four days later and was to be the last Hash for five years.

Post war – 1940s to 1950s

It was nearly 12 months after the war before the survivors reassembled and '**Torch**' **Bennett** lodged his legendary war damage claim for lost hash mugs and a tin bath. It is **Bennett** and **Philip Wickens** who are generally credited with re-starting the Hash and a trot around the racecourse in August 1946 was classified as Run Number 1. The Malayan economy was in a mess and it was some time before cars started to reappear and allow the



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



William 'Tumbling Bill' Panton. He is proudly holding that famous file containing the Matrilineal Tree of Hashdom.

Hash to once again wander further afield. Many of the old faces had returned and the new committee had a familiar look to it, with **Bennett** resuming his role as On-Sec and **Lee** and **Galvin** acting as Joint Masters. On June 16 1948, MRLA guerrillas killed three British rubber plantation workers and a State of Emergency was declared in the country.

The Hash once again had to be registered and was known simply as the 'Hash House Harriers'. Kuala Lumpur was not part of the title. The Hash struggled through this period, battling against the curfew and official disapproval and some runs saw the pack reduced to single figures. **Wyatt-Smith** was often hare during this period, as his work for the forestry commission gave him knowledge of which areas were safe to run. It is possible that the Emergency provided a few new members from the troops stationed in the city, and it set the scene for the legendary Cheras Bandit Incident.

1950s

The old hands slowly started to fade away during the fifties. **Horse Thomson** was the last original member to hold a position on the committee when he was Joint Master in 1951. **Wickens** in 1954 and **Davidson** in 1956 were probably the last of the pre

war Hashers to do so. By 1958 the pre-war runners were probably down to **Lew-Davidson**, **Wyatt Smith** and **Lee**. New names were arriving, some of whom, most notably **Bill Panton**, would themselves go on to become Hashers legends. Numbers however once again started to drop to dangerous levels until **D.E. Scourse** took over as On-Sec and launched a successful recruitment drive. **C.R. Verity** appears regularly on the committee during this period.

1960s

The Hash started to pick up again and new members included **John Duncan**, who was to become Mother's longest continuous member. **Ian Cumming** leaves an account of hashing during this period. A typical run would be from A to A with dead hares. A limited number of beers and ginger beers would be available after the run, as would cigarettes. When the drinks were finished everybody went home and there were no down downs, circles or ceremony, except possibly if an old hand was leaving for good.

In 1962 **Ian Cumming** took hashing to Singapore, after which Mother Hashers played an increasingly important role as hash missionaries. When KL celebrated their 1000th post war run on 12 March 1966 there were probably ten Hashes scattered around the world. It was at the 1,000th



Senior Shortcutter, Guinness Khoo

run that it was agreed to make the pre-war runs official, so that run 1000 actually became run 1117. The old barriers between ex-pats and locals were breaking down and new hashers included **KC Chai** and **Guinness Khoo**, both of whom joined in 1968 and were still running in the next century. However Mother Hash remained firmly a male preserve.

1970 -2000

Eddie Fong and **KC Chai** became the first Malaysians to serve on the committee and 1972 saw an important evolutionary change when the role of On-Cash was separated from that of On-Sec. The missionary work continued, ex-KL men starting up some of the world's finest hashes, including **Jakarta, Durban, Washington** and **Port Moresby**. The 1,500th anniversary run in 1974 attracted 300 runners and inspired the first official InterHash that took place four years later in Hong Kong. Run number 1272 was memorable, with the entire pack getting lost and staying out all night.

The 1980s opened with KL hosting the world's second InterHash and 1,242 runners gathered for the occasion. **B. Colombus** was one of the most noted officials of the eighties, acting as On-Cash from 1986 to 1994. During the 1990s the position of On-Cash once again found a long serving official in **E. 'Ted' Quirk**, while **Charlie 'Dynamite' Chandran** became one of the kennel's most distinguished On-Sec's. In 1998, KL became the first kennel to stage the InterHash twice, with a record 5,580 hashers turning up to pay their respects to Mother Hash in its Diamond Jubilee Year. Several senior hashers used InterHash to unveil their plans for a Hash Foundation, which would work to build a replica of the Selangor Club as a Hash Museum.

Mother Hash in the new century

There are five specially gazetted runs each year; the **AGM Run** in February, **Chinese New Year Run**, **Can-Am Run**, **Merdeka (Independence) Day Run**, and **Deepavali Day Run**. In addition there are always numerous other semi-official special runs. A relatively new custom is to give engraved pewter mugs to members who have '*completed five years continuous membership in good financial standing*'. In 2001, Mother Hash passed 3000 runs, with **Nick Mason** organising a successful celebration.

Mother Hash continues to run on Monday nights with packs of sixty plus. The main issue is



now traffic which makes it increasingly difficult to locate good running territory within reasonable travelling time. Yet, there is still some good hashing territory and in 2008 **Jeymond** managed to get lost and was out in the jungle until 10.30 am the following morning. The same year saw Mother Hash celebrate their 70th anniversary with **Edwin Ho** as On-Sec and **Choo Yon** as the event organizer.

As the Malaysian work force becomes more trained the number of expatriates has declined. Out of respect to the club's origins there is a policy of having some 'foreigners' on the committee. **Russell Jones** has been a long term hash cash and **Frank Wijnands** a recent On-Sec. There have been other changes within Malay society and pressure from family and mosque has seen many Malaysians drop from the hash, with Malaysian-Chinese making up the largest percentage of the pack.

Sources: Original research by John Duncan; Mother Hash website; Hash Heritage Foundation website; S. Lloyd's Hare of the Dog.

HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

THE ORIGINAL CHAPTER SINCE 1938

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RUN



7TH DECEMBER 2008

**COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FOUNDING OF THE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**



Hashers

A to Z

Letter R

Really Sadistic Bastard

Jimmy

Pattaya H3 (Thailand)

Joined **Pattaya H3** on run 974 and reached 900 hashes in April 2001.

Rear Area Security (RAS)

Steve St Clair

White House H3 (USA)

Was the **White House H3** GM in 1995 and 1996. Noted in a year book for his ability to 'set great trials and run funny circles.'

Rear View

Phil Gray

Maputo H3 (Mozambique)

An American by birth, he moved to Mozambique back in the days when the civil war had only just ended and Mozambique was a serious harsh posting. He founded **Maputo H3** in 1987 having hashed in Bangkok. With little other entertainment in town he completed 349 of the first 500 hashes and hared 50 of them.

Reckless

Peter Rycroft

Sarajevo H3 (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

According to Harrier International, Peter *Reckless* Rycroft, an RAF wing commander, was co-founder and first GM of a kennel that was up and running around Christmas 1994. They boasted that 'so far haven't been shot at while hashing.' (Individuals had been shot at while jogging.)

Recycled Virgin

Amy McMoolan

Thirsty Thursday Taniwha (New Zealand)

Although she has 'only' hashed since 2015

Recycled Virgin has built up quite a hash CV. Her mother hash is **Puerto Galera** in the Philippines but she was named on the **Singapore Lion City Hash**. She has been GM of **Vancouver H3** (2019-2020) and **Capital H3** Wellington (2021-2023) and is founder and current GM of the **Thirsty Thursday Taniwha Hash**. She has attended both UK and New Zealand Nash Hash and has 100 run mugs

with **Capital H3**, **Wellington Ladies**, and **Thirsty Thursday Taniwha**.

Red Cock

Robin MacAskill

R2D2H3 & Bourne Valley H3 (England)

Red Cock first hashed with **Kuwait H3** in April 1990 while working out there for a short period. He didn't get into regular hash until persuaded to join **Berkshire H3** by then work colleague *Ladyshave* in 1996. Was christened by C5 on a **Berks H3** run. Became a regular hasher with **NH4** until 1998 when he moved to Cape Town then Jo'burg where he ran regularly with both **Cape Town H3** and **Jacaranda H3**. Took on Hash Hooch responsibility for Jacaranda and attended many of the InterAfrica hashes during that time starting with Vic Falls in 1999. Married *Ladyshave* in South Africa in 2000 before moving back to the UK where he Joined **R2D2H3** and **Bourne Valley H3** (a monthly hash). He was GM for **BVH3** for 15 years starting in 2004. From 2012 spent 4 years travelling in and out of Oslo and hashed with **Oslo**



H3 when the timing worked out. Still running regularly with **R2D2** & **BVH3**, currently at 772 runs with **R2D2** & 219 with **BVH3**.

Red Leader

Falkland Islands H3 (Falklands)

The original Falklands hash faded out in 1987 but was restarted by *Red Leader* and Tom Denny in October 1989. Numbers grew to thirty but attracted very little interest with the locals and as various construction projects came to an end the hash folded again.

Red Light District

Christchurch H3 (New Zealand)

Leads the **Christchurch H3** run list having passed 1000 hashes in April 2018.

Red Lobster

Rob Lidster

Pog H3 (Gabon)

While hashing has never really caught on in Gabon, there was once a **Pog H3** in Port Gentil, this kennel being founded by *Red Lobster* in 1993.

Red Riding Hood

Taupo H3 (New Zealand)

The British TV show Little Britain had a running sketch on *'The Only Gay in the Village.'* Well imagine you are the only hasher in town! That is the case of *Red Riding Hood*, who for many years hosted an annual hash weekend in Taupo.

Red Snapper

Wanda Callahan

Houston (USA)

A degree in chemical engineering and a career in the US Air Force was followed by working with Shell where she discovered hashing. *Red Snapper* later joined **Houston H3** where she ran the city marathon in 1999. *Red Snapper* passed away in August 2020.

Regal Rooster

Jasper Knight

Jacaranda H3 (South Africa)

A key member of **Jacaranda H3** in their early days. He was not on Run Number 1 and first appears in the records as hare on Run 15. By Run 50 he had completed 34 hashes placing him 4th on the run list. By then he was On-Sec, a position that seemed to take on the role of RA, the Year Book noting, *'he kept us amused at the On On by abusing just about everybody.'*

Ricky Ho



Read, David

Bombay H3 (India)

Founder of **Bombay H3**.

Refill

Australian Nash hash

When *Refill* registered for Aussie Nash Hash in 2013 he was one of the 'Magnificent 5' who had attended all of the Nash Hashes up until that point.

Replica

Alan Jenkins

Hamersley H3 (Australia)

Was Joint Master in 1997 when still a novice not yet on 200 runs. Since then, he has sailed past the 1000 run and thirty year marks. Also runs with the **Friday** and **HOSH** kennels.

Resident Arsehole

Phil Brinkly

Beirut Tarboush H3 (Lebanon)

The original Beirut Hash collapsed during the long civil war, but peace brought an influx of expats working on construction projects, most notably the rebuilding of the old downtown area. **The Beirut Tarboush Hash House Harriers** was founded on 21 February 1998 by a group of experienced hashers including Phil *Resident Arsehole* Brinkly.

Ricky Ho

Brunei H3

While the expatriates come and go, Ricky Ho just keeps going. He joined **Brunei H3** in 1983 and has completed 1254 hashes so far.

Riddles

Kevin Riddler

Launceston H3 (Australia)

Tasmanian hasher who joined **Launceston H3** on run 137 and now has a thousand hashes with them. He was GM in 1998.

Right

Robert Hirschberg

Wellington Ladies (New Zealand)

A central figure in the **Wellington Ladies H3**, *Right* undertook his first run on 14 December 1983 (although says he had previously clocked up around 20 with **Wellington Men's** before joining WLH3). He is rarely seen on a run without his trusty hash horn that can be heard from start to end and ensures hashers are never lost for long. Following his hash match to *Downthere*, the pack was boosted a few years later with the addition of offspring, *DribbleDropper* and *H2*, (both completed 9 months of runs before even entering the world). His engineering background ensured many hash antics including traffic light starts (his favourite song at one time "I Like Traffic Lights") and huge blinding lights mounted on baby buggies to ensure trail could be located when pushing his junior hasher (passing vehicles often requested he dip the light!). Some years ago **Wellington Ladies H3** were awarded a prize for being placed in the women's section of a fun run but were disqualified when *Right* lined up and it became apparent it was not an all women team. *Right* has held numerous titles on Wellington Ladies H3 Mis-Management committees. In July 2013 he completed his 1000th run and is now approaching 1500 runs.

Rigid Rabbit

Trevor Frederickson

Energy Hash (New Zealand)

Has completed 1,300 plus runs for number 2 ranking on the **Energy Hash** list.

Rigor Mortis

Paul Slinger

Grenada H3

Paul *Rigor Mortis* Slinger started hashing in Trinidad and in 1985 founded **Grenada H3**. There is a yearly Founder's Hash held at his house in St Paul's.



Rigor Mortis

Ring Pierce

Milton Keynes H3 (England) H3

Was GM of the 2007 UK Nash Hash hosted by **Milton Keynes H3**.

Rin Tin Tin

Luc Buseyne

Ankara H3 (Turkey)

Luc *Rin Tin Tin* Buseyne might 'only' have completed 130 plus runs with **Ankara H3**, but he played a significant part in the kennel's golden spell, including a spell as an enthusiastic and good natured GM. A former Belgium diplomat, he was posted to Turkey where he met and married a local girl and, having left the diplomatic service, opened Amarillo's, a Texas style bar and grill. This became a favourite spot for both locals and expats, and Wednesday night was half price for hashers.

Ripper

Paul Lynch

Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)

A lifetime working in construction has seen *Ripper* hash around the world. He was such a bad brew master in Sudan that the kennel promoted him to

a higher position on the committee. He and the whole family hashed in Dar es Salaam and are supporters of the DOBBIE Reunion Hash. *Ripper* was most recently hashing in Sri Lanka. He is a big lad, a former rugby player, and a supporter of Birmingham City FC.

Roberts, Keith
Abu Dubai (UAE)

A hasher with Abu Dubai in their early years. Roberts was noted for being a member of the team that won the Dubai 7's rugby tournament in 1982. At that stage, he had completed 190 runs with 13 hares.

Robertson, Peter
Hashemite H3 (Jordan)

One of three Hashemite hashers who crossed the line together in the 1985 London Marathon. Judging from run numbers, Peter probably joined the

hash around late 1990 and rapidly headed towards 100 hashes.

Road Kill Too
Houston H3 (USA)

Houston hasher approaching 1200 hashes.

Roberts, Phil
Hong Kong H4

A Hong Kong hasher in the 1970s. He was a fine runner who won the 1974 Hong (Bank) Race which was a prestigious title in those days.

Robo
Graham Robertson

Cheltenham and Cotswold H3 (England)
Graham *Robo* Robinson is best known as GM of the 1993 UK Nash Hash. He is a long-term servant of **Cheltenham and Cotswold Hash**, where he has spent spells as GM and trial master.

Some corrections from last month

From Guy Shirra

The hasher you refer to under *Rat Chucker* is Rick Rhead (not Head) who is my brother-in-law now resident and occasionally hashing in Singapore.

From Randall Lyon

Hi Robert, Great magazine. I saw hashers from A-Z and you had my name Randall Lloyd. The surname is wrong. It is Lyon. Randall Lyon. Yes I played for the West Indies and for my country Trinidad & Tobago in cricket.

Once I had a real name I could turn to Wikipedia for a summary of his cricket career:

John Randall Lyon (born 4 March 1952, Trinidad) is a former Trinidad cricketer who played first-class cricket from 1974 to 1983. He toured India in 1978-79 with the West Indian team but did not play Test cricket.

A wicket-keeper and lower-order batsman, Randall Lyon made his first-class debut for North Trinidad in the Texaco Cup in the 1973-74 season. He first played for Trinidad in the 1975-76 Shell Shield,

when he led the competition's fielding statistics with 11 dismissals.

He continued to play for Trinidad in 1976-77 and 1977-78, making his only first-class fifty against Barbados in 1977-78.

With most of the senior West Indian cricketers playing World Series Cricket in Australia in the 1978-79 season, Lyon was one of several inexperienced players to be selected for the tour of India. He played in most of the first-class matches outside the Tests. He continued to play for Trinidad until the end of the 1982-83 season.

Until Brendan Nash played in 2008, Lyon was the last white cricketer to represent the West Indies. He lives in Trinidad, where he has coached young wicket-keepers.



Hash Beer - Safari

Safari is one of the most popular beers in East Africa and is closely linked to the Dar es Salaam Hash.

1933

Tanzania Breweries Limited is founded as Tanganyika Breweries in Tanganyika (now part of Tanzania). The headquarters is located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and it operates breweries in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza and Mbeya.

1935

Tanganyika Breweries is acquired by Nairobi based Kenya Breweries Limited (KBL)

1936

KBL and Tanganyika Breweries operations are merged as East African Breweries Limited (EABL).

1964

Tanganyika joins with Zanzibar to form Tanzania and the company name is changed from Tanganyika Breweries Limited to Tanzania Breweries Limited

1967

The Government of Tanzania made their first equity investment in TBL through their acquisition of 45% stake in the brewery.

1979

The government take over the company as part of the government's nationalization of large industries as part of the Arusha Declaration. After being nationalized in 1967 TBL was poorly managed and become a loss making entity.

1993

The Tanzanian government enter into a joint venture with South African Breweries International. The South African company invest US\$22.5 million giving them 50% ownership of the brewery.

1996

The South Africans turned TBL around with extraordinary speed, almost tripling production in the space of three years.

1990s

The late 1990s to the early 2000s sees a beer war in East Africa involving South African Breweries International and EABL *Editor: It is a great time to be there as prices are kept low as the two companies try to force the other out of the market!*

2002

These beer wars end when EABL sign a license agreement with South African Breweries.

2013

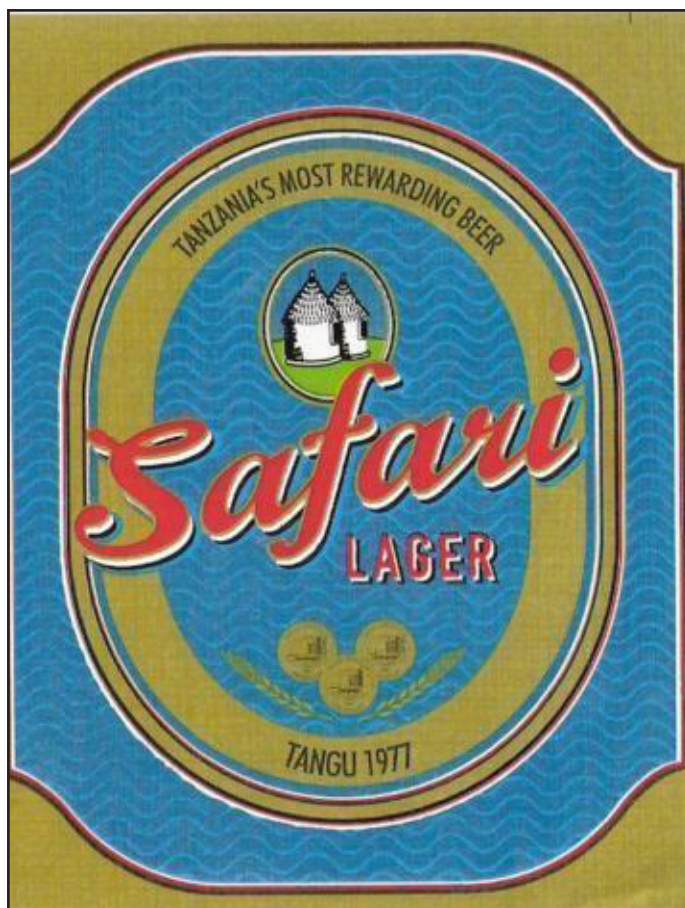
As at March 31, 2013, TBL has a 74% market share of alcoholic beverages in Tanzania and is a major exporter of beer to Nile Breweries Limited of Uganda, Crown Beverage Limited of Kenya and Zambia Breweries Limited of Zambia.

Safari and the hash

Back in the old days when nothing was available getting beer was a major issue. (*Ed: The Editor hashed in Dar es Salaam from 1982-85.*) First you had to purchase a crate from somebody leaving town. Then you had to go down to the brewery on the one day a week they were brewing. You needed a full crate so breaking a bottle was a disaster and hashers stealing bottles from the hash crate was a regular problem.

On the positive side Safari was a surprisingly good beer! However, on one occasion the hares were sold a crate of bottles filled with brown water!

After a vicious crackdown on corruption, with the Asian community being particularly targeted, the



Safari Song

When I came to Dar from the UK

Scotch and water was my drink

Then I changed to scotch and soda

God almighty what a drink

Warm Safari, Warm Safari

I can never get enough

(get enough)

I can never get enough

Went into a bar in Upanga

Told the barman milk will do

He replied more in sorrow than in anger

Drink the drink that is good for you

(Chorus)

S ..A..F and A ..R.. I

Safari's the drink for you

On your feet you shower of rotten bastards

Drink to the drink that is good for you

(Chorus)

government suddenly relaxed restriction and one of the first signs was Kenyan beer arriving in the shops.

Safari remained the hash drink of choice and later became the inspiration for the Dar song. (See Box).

However, hash drinking was not limited to Safari.

In the 1990's *Grunt* finally agreed to set a hash. (The useless bastard did so by driving up the coast road throwing paper out of the window and then coming down the other side - throwing paper out the window.) As manager of The American Club he had let a large batch of Budweiser go out of date and sold them to the hash. It was Czech Budweiser and a great beer!

One group of hashers decided to open a bar. It was a great position set over a popular night club but it was just too big. The cost of the AC alone would have crippled the budget. There was no surprise when the project ran into problems and closed. A hasher who was manager of one of the big two beer companies told his assistant, *'good job we didn't give them credit.'*

His assistant went quiet and mumbled, *'but Bwana, I thought they were your friends.....'*

S..A..F AND A..R..I

Beer nerds have various websites where they compare notes on brews. Here are some of the comments on Safari:

It was a bit dark at the table, but it seemed pretty clear and yellow with hardly any head.

Not much of a nose, whiffs of malt.

Not very complex

Nothing noteworthy

Totally fine beer. I probably wouldn't buy it if I saw it at my local bottle shop back in the US, but drinking a local brew in Tanzania is awesome!!!

Looks and smells like an average lager; rather sweet little hops. Tastes of corn, sugar. A bit thin, carbonation is wrong. Overall this is a sub-par beer but there is nothing terrible about it.

Nice light grassy smell and typical yellow lager colour, maybe with a touch of amber. Original foam from pour, some lacing but no head retention. Tastes better than others of this ilk, maybe that's where the extra .5% ABV is going - a few extra fermentables? Overall very refreshing.

Zimbabwe

By Ed *Hazukashii* Howell, May 2023

Zimbabwe is one of sixteen landlocked countries on the continent of Africa. Surrounded by Zambia to the north, Mozambique to the east, South Africa to the south, and Botswana to the south-west, it also has a 4-corner angled touch with Namibia to the west. Zimbabwe has a population just over 15 million, and covers roughly 390,000 square kms according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. Annexed in 1923, it was renamed South Rhodesia, and remained under control of the United Kingdom for more than 50 years. After several uprisings, independence in 1980 resulted in a name change to Zimbabwe. Robert Mugabe led the primary uprising and became the first Prime Minister after independence. He eventually became President in 1987, and ruled until his forced resignation in 2017, according to the World Factbook.

The Zambezi River is one of the predominant features, that flows south from Zambia and creates half the border between Namibia and Zambia, then continues to flow as the entire border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. The most commonly noted feature of the Zambezi occurs where it cascades down Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest and most picturesque waterfalls of the world. The Zambezi then flows on along the border through Lake Kariba and then into Mozambique, eventually spilling into the Indian Ocean.

The countryside of Zimbabwe is adorned with grasslands, rain forests, and various patches of desert, with the capital being located in Harare. Speaking of Harare, the first exposure to the world of the Hash House Harriers occurred there on 12 March 1984, when Susan Morris Swain founded the Harare H3 after coming down from Nairobi, Kenya. They celebrated their 2000th hash in February 2017, and as far as I can tell, the Harare H3 was active up until November 2020, having completed over 2200 trails. There is no further trace of them on the internet, but they may still be active on WhatsApp like many other hash clubs in the region. UPDATE: The Harare H3 is in fact still active, running every Monday, posting their run info on WhatsApp [0773246616]

The Harare H3 has had two spawns according to the HHH Genealogy, first being the Cackle H3 founded on 1 June 1999, by Colin John Liebenberg. The second was the Harare Full Moon H3 founded by Snowy 'Colcom Kid' Neves, with the assistance of Malcolm 'PC Plod' Smith and Donald 'Dinosaur Don' MacDonald, on 2 December 2009. Both of these clubs appear to be long since dead, with the last trace of either of them, the Full Moon Hash, in 2014.

Despite there being no trace of active hashing in Zimbabwe at the moment, a merry band of prelubers recently dashed around the countryside near Victoria Falls. Making their way to the Pan Africa hash being held in Malawi, these 18 hashers enjoyed the many sites of the region, as well as a shiggified trail along the back streets, elephant trails, and various other sandy paths in the desert, to find a sweet beer check a mere 1 km from the finish. Hared by Hazukashii, this 5 km trail in desert heat fulfilled at least three of the primary objectives of the hash . . . promoting physical fitness amongst its members, allowing them to acquire a good thirst and satisfy it with beer, as well as the possible off chance of persuading the older members (which was pretty much all of us) that we are not as old as we feel. The fourth objective was only tangentially addressed by creating the after-trail hangovers that would have to be ridded by other means. I may have made up a few words for this article.

As you can tell from this mere shallow dive into the background of Zimbabwe, it is a land of enchantment with plenty of bucket-list level items to see and experience. I highly encourage anyone who wants great adventure, to plan a trip and go see all that Zimbabwe has to offer.





Hashing in 1975

The 1976 publication *Hash House Harriers A Short History* was produced by the Cyprus hash and one article listed all the known hashes in the world at the time.

While not 100% accurate, **Fort Eustis** for example was omitted, it gave a good idea how hashing had spread in the 20 years since breaking out of Malaysia. As the data was based on the work of Bill Panton we can consider it as an accurate summary of the data that was available at the time.

Points of note:

- Hashing had thrived in Australia which was now second only to Malaysia in the number of kennels.
- Aussie links had taken hashing to Papua New Guinea where there were eight kennels. *Editor: Papua New Guinea was under Australian control until they achieved independence in 1975.*
- Much of the Malaysian economy was based on plantation work and hashers working in agriculture might account for the spread of hashing to the Seychelles, Solomon Islands, New Hebrides and Vanuatu.
- Hashing had just broken into the Middle East with a single kennel in Bahrain.

Malaysia	19
Australia	11
PNG	8
Bahrain	1
Britain	3
USA	3
Taiwan	2
Cyprus	2
Hong Kong	2
Indonesia	2
Japan	1
Kenya	1
Korea	1
Philippines	1
Iran	1
British Solomon Is.	1
Brunei	1
New Hebrides	1
Seychelles	1
Singapore	1
South Africa	1
Switzerland	1?
Yugoslavia	1



- Africa had two kennels, Kenya and South Africa.
- All three of the UK hashes had a military link. **Bicester** would welcome civilians and thrive, **Plymouth** and **Liss (Longmoor)** would collapse as their military personnel were posted to other bases.
- The hash in Switzerland was the **Swiss H3** who are no longer active. It is uncertain what city they were based in.
- **Hunters H3** were a RAAF hash based at Williamstown, I could not find any information on **Surfers Paradise H3**. Neither kennel are active.
- Three of the countries listed no longer exist under that name. The British Solomon Islands are now The Solomon Islands, New Hebrides is known as Vanuatu and Yugoslavia has broken up into half a dozen independent nations.

