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News

Events in February

My good friend and hash legend *Sir Rail Jerker* sent news of India Nash Hash: *Madras Hash House Harriers will be hosting Indian Nash Hash 2024 on Jan 19-22 at Alleppey in Kerala. Initially, they are only registering Indian hashers. Registration of international hashers will begin after they have posted it on their web site. On On SRJ*

USA

The boston.com website listed 22 friendly running clubs that people might consider joining and **Boston Hash House Harriers** got a mention: *"Self-described as a 'drinking club with a running problem,' the Boston Hash runs are a great way to meet new people, let off some steam, and log your miles. They have different sub-groups too that let you run as much (or as little) as you want, as well as a ladies-only group. There are no annual dues. You pay per run which gets you your miles, snacks, and beer. There are 'Hash House Harriers' groups all over the world, making this part of a global network of running clubs."*

New Orleans H3 will be celebrating 35 years of hashing this fall and *Puppy Pumper* is trying to contact hashers that participated in the founding hash on October 1, 1988.

Albuquerque H3 is planning a 3-Day 'romp through some of the most beautiful areas of Historic Albuquerque!' to celebrate their 1000th hash.

Fort Collins H3 has published their first Song Book. They sell for \$10 for 40 pages of fun! Proceeds will go to the Street Dog Coalition which helps the dogs of home-insecure humans.

Von Tramp H3 have made the local news with their fund raising. *Over the weekend they decided to do one of their yearly dress runs to raise some money for Girls On The Run VT. A program that nurtures self-confidence in girls ages 9 to 13 through physical activity They have raised three hundred dollars so far. "We get to wear funny outfits, and you know it's just kind of like a no judgment zone. It's pretty awesome, you have some exercise. You run around, you find trail and you don't know where it's going. It's nice that we are able to help people and have fun at the same time," said member Kristen Brosnan.*

Rwanda

Kigali H3 seem to be doing well with weekly runs from the city's wide range of local bars. On On guys.

Visitors to neighbouring Burundi were unable to find an active hash group.

Andorra

Andorra H3 start their hash season on the 15th April. They have also produced an updated 'Hash Guide' a 'simple guide to setting a Hash' which they advise future hares to read.

Mexico

Two big tests for **Mexico City H3** with a trip out to the hills bringing a real risk of low numbers in a hash where few people have cars. Then, two weeks later, there was a 10.00 am hash which again tested hasher's ability to get up so early in a noted party town! Both paid off with reasonable packs of 14 +. Highlight of the hills hash was the performance of hash veteran *Burro*. Two days before the event he smashed his car up and on the day he discovered his substitutive vehicle was unable to climb the steep roads leading up to the run site. His passengers walked up but *Burro* disappeared. After a good hash, and with five minutes left in the circle, *Burro* was seen driving past while still looking for the circle

Shakesprick, editor of this magazine, might have set something of a record. Having attended the hills run he went in for a total hip replacement and - with the hash only running every two weeks - was able to complete the first 200 meters of the next run. Two weeks later he completed the walk and six weeks after surgery hared the 693rd hash.

Germany

Hamburg H7 30th birthday hash will be staged in Brennan

Uganda

Absa Bank Uganda and the **Kampala H3** have partnered to present the Absa KH3 – 7 Hills Run. This is a 21km run spanning the seven iconic hills in Kampala. These hills are Kibuli, Rubaga, Makerere, Namirembe, Kololo, Nakasero and Old Kampala. This initiative is intended to support a significant social cause; keeping the girl-child in school. Over 2,500 runners took part in the maiden 7 Hills Run held on Sunday 28 April. The run featured 6km and 21km routes, starting from Kingdom Kampala on Nile Avenue and saw both individual runners and



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From the Isle of Wight county press

A 1940s themed party has marked 40 years of the Hash House Harriers, a group often responsible for what are frequently reported as mystery markings, spotted around the Isle of Wight. Every Sunday without fail, come wind or rain, a band of warriors meet, at 11am, for an all-inclusive event. One of the members lays a trail, using markings such as flour, wood shavings, and chalk on pavements.

Normally around four to five miles long, with shortcuts for those who require them, the full route is well-kept secret, until the hash starts. Some markings are there to slow up the faster members of "the pack," keeping everyone together and ensuring those who are older, younger or injured can still join in. It is a mystery solved — as the markings are frequently spotted and posted on social media, by confused Islanders.

Hashing was invented in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1938. A group of expats who felt they were eating and drinking too much and hence, getting fatter, started a hare and hounds running group.

Now, Islanders follow trails not just on the IW, but all over the world. There are approximately 1,500 hashes (known as kennels) all over the world.

It is all about getting together, having a bit of a 'run' — albeit with a loose interpretation — as well as some fresh air and perhaps a pub visit. The IW group turned 40 on the weekend of April 8 and 9.

Members entertained around 100 hashers from various corners of the UK and from kennels as far away as the USA. They hashed to a newly bestowed footpath gate they had raised money for. A spokesperson said: "If you are out and about and see mysterious piles of flour, wood shavings or strange markings, watch out, the hash are about! "It means we are in your neighbourhood, but we are very friendly and completely harmless."

corporate entities tackle the iconic seven hills of Kampala. The run was flagged off by the Executive Director, Kampala City Council Authority, Dorothy Kisaka alongside Michael Segwaya, Absa Bank Uganda's Executive Director and Chief Finance Officer and Leonard Mugizi the Hash Mash of the Kampala Hash House Harriers.

Brunei

Thanks to Hazukashii for drawing hash attention to this story: *Happy Birthday to (potentially) the world's oldest active hasher. Let's get the world-wide cheer going for Glamour, the world's OLDEST known active hasher, who will be turning 90 on Tuesday, 9 May. Still active with the oldest harriette's hash club, the Brunei Hens, she will be celebrating with all the ladies, and present them with a coveted hash gift.*

Bangladesh

Truck Yanker has just published the latest hash stats:

Mahmood Geli Rahman	1252
Syed Little Big Horn Hossain	1097
Aminur Chicken Fucker Rahim	904
Md. Nuruddin Minty Hole Rahim	813
Ziauddin Truck Yanker Ahmed	668
Sherif Ring Master Haider	643

Mali

Bamako, the capital of Mali, will host Pan Africa Hash 2025

Australia

The Internet site *Racenet* came up with this story about old hash mates Nev Morgan and David Devine who have been making headlines with their race horse *Kovalica*. Morgan and Devine were part of the local Hash House Harriers in the 1970s and reconnected after successful business ventures saw them turn to racing. To quote: *The pair have not yet won at the top level, but have hopes that Kovalica can win the Doomben Cup (2000m) and/or Queensland Derby (2400m). Morgan and Devine are a powerhouse duo in the business and racing worlds, but they laugh remembering their Hash House Harrier days where they were more concerned about where their next drink was coming from. "There is a running club called the Hash House Harriers, we used to all meet and get on the drink pretty much," Morgan laughed. "On a Monday night we would all meet and go for a run, there were a heap of nick names and different vocations represented. We'd meet at the pub car park, a different one each week, go for about a 10km run or whatever it was, then meet back at the pub and have a drink out the back of our cars."*



Above: Happy Birthday Glamour - the oldest known hasher in the world

Right: A Singapore Hash Legend. If you are going to snog a fellow hasher in a bar make sure there is not a TV crew filming live at the time!



Thailand

There is a new hash in Thailand, **Nongphok H3**. They are on run number 3 at the time of writing and seem to be attracting reasonably sized packs to interesting looking countryside runs. Nong Phok is a district in the north-eastern part of Roi Et province, north-eastern Thailand.

Oman

Muscat, the capital of Oman, now has just the one hash - **Oman H3**. Judging from the facebook page they are still enjoying the unique rocky terrain of this beautiful county.



Following the disaster of the Colombia Inter-America hash bid there now seems to be problems with next year's Interhash.

We publish two letters which have already gained wide circulation. The first is signed by a collection of former New Zealand GM's, the second is the response from the Interhash Committee.

On On Magazine offers the letters without comment.

It is with regret that I have to send this letter to the Interhash Council (IC), designed as an open letter for the world hashing community to receive. It is the wish of the New Zealand hash to protect our reputation as individuals, as a whole and as a hashing destination, by informing as early as we are able that there are potential issues with the event based in New Zealand. The issue of this letter is a direct result of a motion raised at the GMs meeting 16th April 2023, details of the motion attached.

New Zealand Hash House Harrier clubs as a whole, withdraw any and all support of holding the 2024 Interhash

Below I outline at a high level the reasons and history of how we got here. You'll forgive me for not going into unnecessary detail in parts as there is some assumed knowledge and background.

There has been some discord and distrust with the Interhash bid from the beginning largely arising from the bidder's lack of consultation with NZ clubs prior to lodging. We're aware the circumstances around awarding Interhash to NZ was less than ideal through covid, but there is also the added lack of sufficient due diligence undertaken by IC prior to awarding the event.

NZ did our best to surround the event GM with the addition of many new members to form a skilled committee to undertake the event. NZ hashers also proactively engaged IC who tried to provide advice and direction to the event GM. This new committee disbanded when committee voting was vetoed, financial transparency and access was not obtained, and the event GM decided a limited company was a better setup than an incorporated society, not something the rest of the committee supported.

There have been a number of keen and positive hashers willing to help, with the latest succeeding to get

onto the bank account where all the rego monies were being accumulated, to try and add some comfort to those concerned that only one man had access to all the finances, only some 9 months before the event. Despite ongoing advice and feedback from NZ hashers and IC, the event management has a history of wrongly identifying committee members on the website, multiple changes of venue and continual talk that 'everything is sorted' with no substance to verify. This has given New Zealand hashers cause for concern and alarm to the point we feel it necessary to notify attendees and potential attendees of Interhash of New Zealand HHH decision to no longer support the event. Further information about IC input can be found at interhash.com.

Also, it is with regret we aren't able to offer paid attendees any further support. Any queries should be directed to the event GM. This letter is a statement of position, and we have no further comments at this stage.

Again it is with sadness and heavy heart I am in the position to issue this, rest assured this is the result of over a year of consultation with all parties.

New Zealand Hashers wish you to not take this as a reflection on us, but instead appreciate the early warning that we can extend

Signed

FknFeIFoFum - NZGM

Bird Table – ex NZGM 21-23

Shunter – ex NZGM 19-21

Mimi – ex NZGM 17-19

Cynthia Dever

Teazemaid – ex NZGM 15-17

Metal Mickey – ex NZGM 13-15

Queenstown

2024





The Reply to the letter issued by the NZGM's:

Sorry for the delay but points needed to be discussed with the committee first. "Queenstown Interhash has NOT been cancelled"! – None of the posts online made any claim to this.

After the world was sent into a tailspin and thousands of events were cancelled due to the global pandemic including many hashing events, it was finally decided by the Interhash Council that the New Zealand Interhash bid committee would stage next Interhash in New Zealand in 2024

On approval from the IC our IH committee set about reviewing our bid of 2018 and found that the shock waves that came with the civil crisis had changed almost everything in the event and entertainment sector, transport, venues, staff etc including the food and beverage industry we therefore had to do major amendments to our previous plan.

There have also been the issues around the InterAmerica's which the IH Council has been very hard on us, comparing them to us. We are in no way similar! We have had multiple emails, calls and zoom meetings with the IH council. I have been very open with information and forwarded copies of sign contracts etc and regular updates. The council has had 2 members sit in on committee meetings both zoom and in person for the last year. I have filled out their questionnaires and have not withheld details. This has never been asked from any past Interhash events and I have asked them now to let us move forward as we can organise Interhash 2024.

Our team, "Nearly all members have 20+ years' experience hashing with some over 30 years".

Chairman/GM – Bluevain – Hash Club Mount Maunganui

Accounts Management – Sourpuss – Hash Club Mount Maunganui

Joint Accountant – Copteaser – Hash Club Mount Maunganui

Operations Manager – EMDF – Hash Club Christchurch

Registrations - Dr'zt – Hash Club Christchurch

Transport Organizer - 69'er – Hash Club Mount Maunganui

Food Manager – Bluevain – Hash Club Mount Maunganui

Beverage Manager – Smegma – Hash Club Mount Maunganui

Logistics – Kummshot – Hash Club Christchurch

Webmaster – Heaps – Hash Club Taupo

Trails Hares - Gatecrasher & Flymo – Hash Club Wellington/Queenstown

Trails and Ball Breaker - Taste Like Shit – Hash Club Dunedin

Plus 4 Hash Ambassadors and 5 Experienced advisors

This has never been a one-man band. While I have been sorting many of the requirements each member has a role as per above. Decisions and updates have always been made by committee vote.

We not only faced these challenges but unfortunately faced challenges from a few hashers who continuously challenged our right to stage this event in 2024, but we took faith in the support of the local and international hashers who want to see this event as success, so we move on in a professional manner not pointing fingers at anyone or any group.

Your money – IH rego, Exclusive Red Dress, Red Dress and Hotel money is safely the Queenstown Interhash bank account - which is not associated with my (the GM) personal account. Since 2018 the Queenstown bid has been operating as a non-profit bank account. IH Council was sent account details showing dollar figures beginning of 2023.

In 2022 we did appoint a Hash accountant that was given signing powers etc to set up accounts, but they resigned, for their own reasons, so we found another accountant to take their place.

There are 3 people named on the account – 2 are Hash Accountants and me (the GM), with two signatures required to sign. As to date only 5 transactions have happened including 3 deposits – all other costs since 2018 have been paid from my (the GM) personal bank account as a gift to the event. As with other events, there were delays to the accounts being set up with signatures due to the high number of deposits from overseas expected, and the money laundry laws. There were further delays in April when money was safely in the bank, but no signatories could view online, this has since been sorted.

The legal structure also faced issues as we needed the best way to get around GST i.e., VAT taxes and revenue taxes for the event –as this meant less beer the more, we paid. One of our Hash accountants was involved in a similar type of event so all options were looked at. An Incorporated Society was deemed the best option but needed 15 members to put their name down which became an issue. Finding 15 people who would commit to signing was a struggle and so a delay on this option occurred. Currently we are in the process of the forms being filed.

At no time was there was any risk of any money being lost as it is all safely secure in the bank account.

To date we have accomplished a lot but admit 9 months out we are still faced with a few challenges which we are determined to overcome.

Here is a list of Achievements

1. Hash venue booked.
2. Hash hotel booked, nearly sold out.
3. Hash trails done.
4. Website with full booking system
5. Transport – needs final confirmation.
6. Beer and Wine – needs final confirmation.
7. Catering – needs final confirmation.
8. Goodie Bag – samples arriving.

Edit: Note I have made some very minor changes to fit the letter onto two pages. Shakes

Please note we can now confirm the Queenstown Interhash 2024 will be held at the Events centre in Frankton. Coronet Peak is one of the best locations, but the bus company is finding it hard to find drivers for the night runs so could take several hours for return buses and we know Hashes love to wait in lines. The Events centre is a short distance to downtown areas.

We continue to work. Hard pulling this event together and giving you a once in a lifetime kiwis experience. Interhash 2024 in Queenstown New Zealand is going ahead. Its going to be a great event. The committee is working hard to make this a good experience for all those who attend. Events always have people who want to cause problems for the organisers and hopefully they decide not to attend, or they keep an open mind when they do.

We (the Committee) welcome all those that want to have a great time and enjoy the experience of an Interhash in the amazing town of Queenstown. We (the Committee) look forward to seeing you there.

Onon Blue Vain,

Chairman / GM, Queenstown Interhash 2024

Rumpy Pumpy

Grand Master

Hyndburn Hash House Harriers

'It is with deepest sympathy to notify you all of the passing of our Founder member and Grand Master "Rumpy Pumpy" who was an inspiration to us all with his wit and energy loved being part of the hash community.'



Twin Peaks

'Sadly, last night, Twin Peaks passed away, a great Hasher, a marathoner, and ultra runner she was due to run the London Marathon in a few weeks'



Bob 'Blob' Cue

Mash Hash.

'We lost Blob in the height of the pandemic to lung cancer. Due to the restrictions at the time, none of us were allowed to attend his funeral but some Mash Hashers cycled to the road leading to the crematorium & lined the road so that his family could see the hash hadn't forgotten him'

We will always remember Blob for being the fittest, fastest & strongest Hasher, his love of red wine & his trails that took us out into the middle of nowhere & where we wouldn't see civilisation for the next couple of hours.

I will always remember his evil false trail down the steepest longest hill'

Beer Can Bob

Houston Hash House Harriers

He had a great sense of humor and will be missed by all who know him.

Hash Obituary



Eric the Legend

Fucking Shyster

Fucking Shyster made my time on mismanagement absolutely miserable. But even so, he was a great guy and I remember him looking out for me and taking care of me on trail when I got dehydrated and overheated. He was genuinely a good person and I'm really sad that he's gone. This was upsetting news for me and I really wish I'd been able to see him before he died.
On on, friend.

Erica Monique Johnson

has passed away at just 28 years of age. She was a long-time member of St. Paul Church, a fork-lift driver, bartender, ran her own Art business, played softball and hashed with Peoria Hash House Harriers.

Keith the Gas Algarve Hash House Harriers

He spent the last few years of his life giving his talents for free on The Mercy Ships. On Up, my friend.

Rancid Asshole From Houston H3:

Our friend Rancid Asshole has passed this on.



Hash Obituary

Eric The Viking

Eric was from Orkney, hence the hash name Eric the Viking.

Joining the Hash

Tequilover, of Surrey hash, introducing Eric to the hash in Germany in 1980 with Ulm H3.

He joined the London City hash, around 1998. In those days he did a fast shuffle, and was a semi-FRB. However, en route he rarely managed to pass a pub and more often than not he would short-cut back, already well-oiled, and ahead of the pack to make sure he got served first.

Quite often after the run with City, Eric would suggest to a friend or two that they should go to another pub nearby where it would be easier to get served and had cheaper beer. Frequently he didn't make it back until the DD's were over.

Down South Eric ran with London City, West London, Barnes, London, Catch the Hare, Currently Unnamed North Thames and Surrey hashes to name but a few.

Eric went on many away hash weekends & foreign trips, and the hash was effectively Eric's 2nd family.

I remember the first time I heard a lot of booing at the City hash and asked what it was all about. Eric proudly announced that it was because he was setting next week's run. For some, just the mention of Eric's name was enough to make them quiver with fear, run for cover, or batten down the hatches in case he'd been allowed to set another hash. Surrey hashers, whose average age is unbelievably even higher than you lot here today, often refused to attend if they knew Eric was setting the run'.

He's done roughly just under 800 runs and set 80 with TNT & Edinburgh hashes – so a run to set ratio of 10:1.

Who can forget Eric's reply when you dared to make fun of him. Normally an upper left hook would come your way but always in jest, and just stopping short of the target except on one occasion that I know of when he simulated a punch towards

Fat Bar-Steward (previously known as *Fat Bastard*) when he was up in Edinburgh on a visit. He mistimed his punch and sent Far Bar-Steward, who is not a light lad, stumbling backwards.

Kit Great Kahuna Mognett

Houston H3

Kahuna was our mentor to the history of the sport we all enjoy.

Kahuna came to the Houston Hash by way of Singapore where he lived and worked for many years. He worked for a Geophysical company, loading prospect survey data. He first hashed in early November 1969 with **Singapore H3**, and hashing became a big part of his life while he was there.

Kahuna was able to hash with Jakarta and other Hash House Harriers including Mother Hash – Kuala Lumpur. He hashed the 1500, 1600 KL celebrations and many more regional events.

On returning to Houston in the late 1970's he joined **Houston H3** on their 50th Run. This would have been May 28, 1980. He was named *Great Kahuna* ten runs after joining.

Kahuna brought us many stories of what the hash was really about and the songs (his past playing rugby helped – he was a True Song Meister) that brought the Asian hash clubs together.

We spent many days and nights by a campfire, around his home pool or anywhere discussing the lore of the Hash. Over the years we learned more of its history and began to transform the Houston club into something the "Mother Hash" would approve.

Kahuna was fond of the foods he discovered in Singapore and Malaysia, and our camp outs and anniversary hashes soon benefited from his culinary experience. It might be for the lavish tastes he brought us, that he sealed his Nom de guerre, not just as *Kahuna* but as *The Great Kahuna*.

Kit's generous humor and openness' made him

Hash Obituary



a joy to talk to. Not many hashers would go away from one of our camp outs without being impressed by him.

He was one of the four main founders of **The first Texas Interhash** that took place from March 31 to April 1 1984 and was hosted by the Houston H3 at Mexia, Texas.

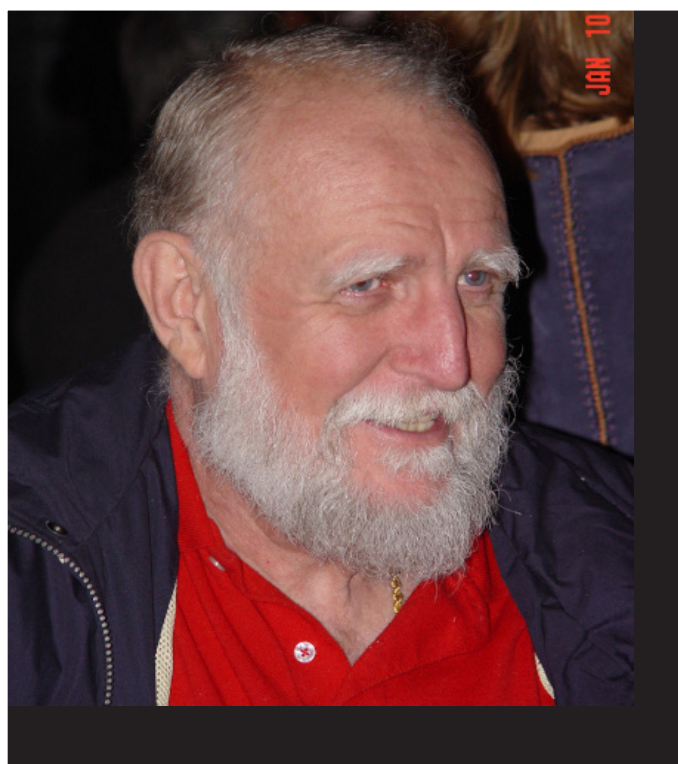
He travelled to many Hashes in the US states and other countries around the world. One time even visiting the **Selangor Hash House** in KL during their 60th anniversary run in 1998.

- Kahuna was our mentor to the history of the sport we all enjoy.
- A True Song Meister
- A hash Story Teller
- Kit's generous humor and openness' made him a joy to talk to.
- Amazing, Awesome, Great Hasher Great Hash Cook - Nom de guerre

The Great Kahuna meant many things to many people, but one thing we know for sure is that he

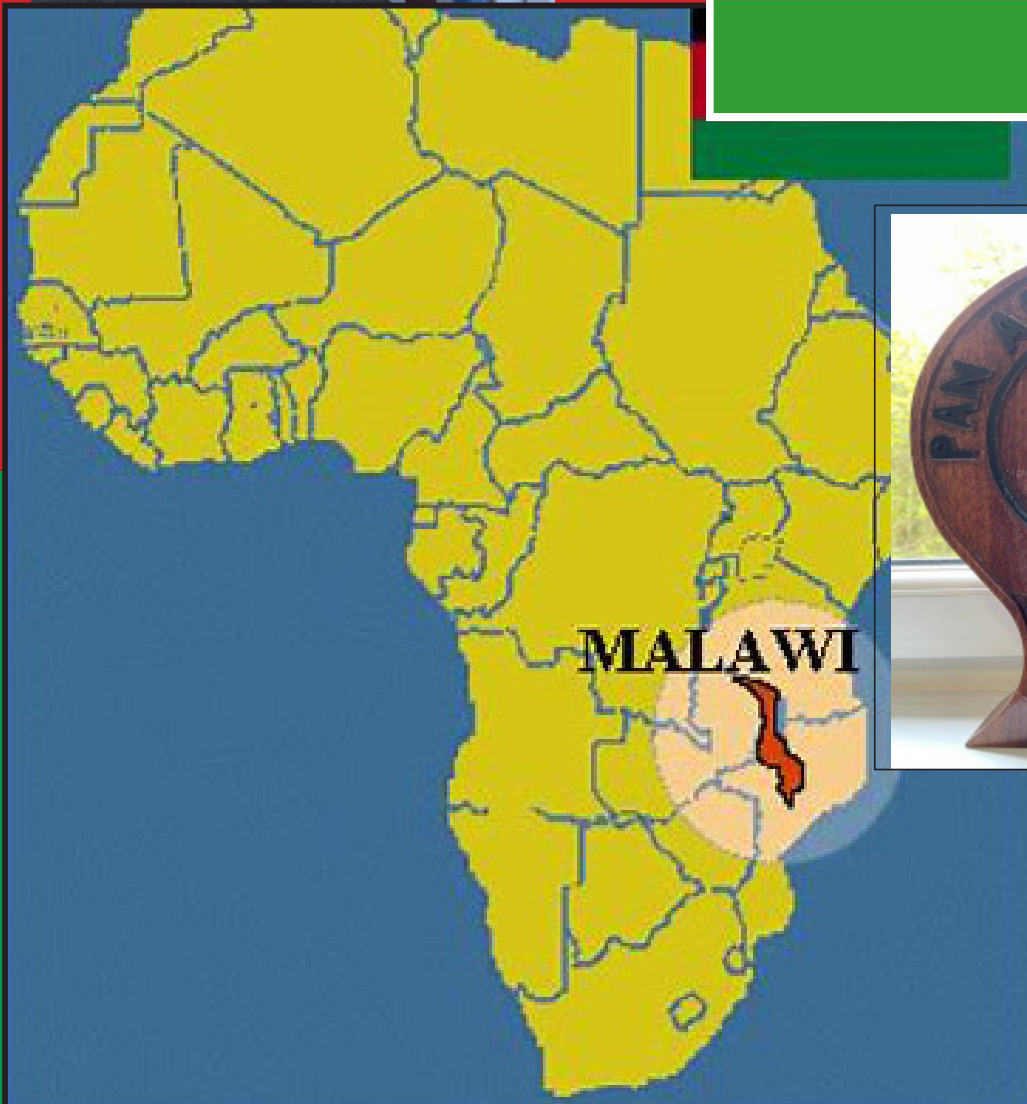
will be sorely missed.

Kahuna loved a good Scotch, so let us raise a glass and toast to his life. Great Kahuna On-On our great, dear, good friend On-On to happy trails/hash heaven RIP.



Featured event!

Pan Africa -Malawi -April 2024









Featured event!



Brazil Nash Hash

Brazil Nash Hash 2023:

The very first Brazil Nash Hash in history was organised by **Rio H3** and took place in Rio de Janeiro on March 10th until 12th. Both other Brazil's kennels, **Brazil Nuts H3** from São Paulo and **Brasília H3**, happily accepted the invitation to visit and run through the streets, hills, jungles and beaches of this marvellous city. Along came visitors from Paraguay, Peru, USA, Canada, France, the UK and even from far away Brunei! A total 50 runners took part.

The traditional red-dress run opened the week-end-long event on the Friday night. Miss-dressed hashers were cheered by the confused Rio residents, who kept assuring us that the carnival had finished already a week ago.

The main run on Saturday took us through the picturesque neighbourhood of Santa Teresa. A hilly and hot run, with long beer stops to rehydrate and keep us running. An on-inn party was held in Rio's famous party district of Lapa. Legend has it that some hashers never found their way home

that night... The hangover hash next day had two main characteristics: more beer and an off-trail run because one hasher decided he wanted to see what was on top of the hill, while the rest followed without minding that there was no flour to be seen anywhere for a long, long time. Their explanation was, they were following the guy with the beer. Sounds a perfect reason to me!

A picnic in the park (which apparently had signs saying 'no alcohol consumption allowed' but the organisers - myself - hadn't noticed) has for sure caused the following day's hangovers, and thus filled the run's purpose of being named a hangover run.

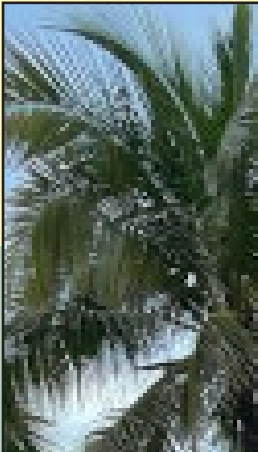
Brazil Nuts H3 from São Paulo promised to host the second Brazil Nash Hash in 2025 and we can't wait!

On On,

Threesome

Grand Mistress of Rio H3







1500 Hashes for Sir Dip Stick

The Hash Trash for Sir Dip's 1,500th TAH3 Trail

We were all prepared for this to be yet another elaborate Sir Dip practical joke, since it was on April Fool's Day. Some speculated we'd show up and there would be no trail (ha, ha, real funny, Dip...), but the joke was on us. Sir Dip had a doozy of a trail prepared for us.

First of all, I don't understand what's so special about r*nnng 1,500 trails with Tornado Alley H3 (he claims he's r*n many more than that if you count with other kennels). All it is is r*nnng around to excess and then drinking beer. Or is it r*nnng around and then drinking beer to excess? I can never remember. Sheesh, any ancient person can do that, (and he is ancient).

The pack gathered at the Andover Community Center, a grease-spot in the middle of some Kansas cow pastures. It wasn't an InterAm turnout, but a respectable (but not respectful) pack of disreputable wankers showed up, many from far-off, exotic kennels.

We were given our trail swag at the start of trail. It was brightly-colored tie-dyed cranium gear (made by True Trail Haberdashery), which Sir Dip graciously autographed for each of us. I hear that those who were late rego-ing and missed out on the swag are now scouring eBay for one. Someone said they're going for upwards of \$500.



The beginning of trail started with a whichy-way, which turned into false trails, hidden marks, and eventually an intersection. We knew then that we were in serious trouble. Trail went downhill from there, both literally and metaphorically-speaking.

The pack faced five miles or so of weeds, brambles, barbed wire, poor markings, martinis, and actually not-crappy beer on this trail. There were a few evidences of an international flour shortage on the trail; either that, or Dip's idea of a straight line needs to be addressed.

We had three beer stops, a shot stop, champagne stop, and a martini stop. The odd thing we noticed was that at the beer stops, the beer bitch looked a lot like Sir Dip. We hadn't realized he had an ugly twin sister who drove the beer wagon, and looked eerily like Sir Dip. We then realized that he had pre-laid trail and Sir Dip was the beer bitch.

Whew, thank Gispert the family gene pool didn't go in that direction. One of the pack brought her own flour to help mark trail. I guess she just didn't have trust in Dip's marking ability. Sadly, we didn't find this out until the next day, otherwise we would have gladly called her into circle to celebrate her co-having efforts.

As the pack limped back to the on-in, we noticed bright red faces (sunscreen, people) and verry slow gaits. We were about to call in Search and Rescue because the DFLs were so effing behind the rest of the pack. The best part is that no one died on trail.

At the on-in, we were greeted with more beer and pizza, and there was much rejoicing.....and then we..... celebrated Sir Dip for his 1,500 trails with an engraved silver vessel, and his very own dead bug. Congratulations, Sir Dip, and may the next 1,500 trails be as much fun! On on!

1,500



Herpes 1000th

To mark the occasion we have
reproduced the Batavia Hash trash:



17th March 2022

Ex Haunted House (aka Vom Almere Dog Training Centre), Gunung Putri

HERPES 1,000th Run

Verdict: GOOD RUN

Hash Shit Holders: Fuckwit & Annual Discharge
Vegemite Holders: Masterbator & Snail Trail

An elite gathering of hoons assembled for this run at the circle site at the Ex Haunted House (aka Vom Almere Dog Training Centre) in Gunung Putri. Alas the Haunted House is no more, flattened by instruments of mass destruction. However, the reassuring sounds of the neighboring doggies remains, with hash doggie *Freddy* apparently willing to sacrifice his life to shut them up.

This was the occasion of St. Patrick's Day but there was little visible support for the Oirish apart from Snail Trail who was clad in his Sunday best greens. More importantly, this was HERPES 1000th RUN on BH4!

As usual, the hare muttered some incomprehensible instructions concerning long (9 km) & medium (6 km) runs and other matters, but who took any notice? No-one, that's who. The Run

The medium runners set off to the south in the direction of the small lake and the big knob of rock, the actual Gunung Putri itself (refer to the Run Discussion below) while the long runners set off on a loop to the north, joining the medium runners before they reached the lake. There were some latecomers, including *Fucking Kathy*, *Muffhead* and *Fartacuss*, who managed to find their way around the trail. In spite of the expanding developments in the area, the hare managed to find some green trails. The run was mostly flat and the front runners, including the GM, were back at the run site by 5.45 pm, with most in before 6 pm. A very tasty pork soup sponsored by the hare was served up before the circle.

The Circle

The circle got under way at 6.30 pm with our Tyrant

GM *Annual Discharge* at the helm. It was noted that the identical and ancient T-shirts worn by *Camel Fuck* and *Elephant* had shrunk at a rate in inverse proportion to the expansion of the girth of these two ancient hashers. *Fartacuss*, visiting again from Bogor, was observed to be without a bib, saying he had never received one (no excuse) and *Fucking Kathy* whinged that he had been waiting for his bib for the last BH4 1000 runs, or so. A lie. A welcome return by *Muffhead* who admitted he was only along for the freebies which included 72 cans of the glorious Bintang beer sponsored by *Herpes*. The current extreme blackness of *Muffhead's* muff was duly noted – he put it down to the gallons of hair dye bequeathed to him by *Philthy Phil* just before his hasty and assisted departure from these shores.

Herpes 1000th Run Celebrations

Hoons were invited to recount tales of *Herpes* various adventures during almost 35 years of hashing with BH4 where he has achieved 1000 runs. There were tales of *Herpes* doggie companions going missing on runs, some for a few hours, one overnight who was waiting for *Herpes* to find him still on the run trail the next day and one that disappeared forever, rumoured to have finally turned up on the menu of a Batak eatery in Blok M. *Muffhead* recalled that *Herpes* never failed to mention the epic "No Run" endless asphalt run set by *Muffhead* and *Headjob* many years ago in Sentul. To mark the occasion, *Muffhead* gave a special 1000 Rupiah note (**Editor: 1000 rupees about 6 American cents**) to *Herpes* complete with a *Herpes* visage on the note. *Fuckwit* said that as a magnanimous gesture to mark *Herpes* achievement, *EP* would give him a Rp1,000 discount on his next bill at Eastern Promise.

Herpes recalled that he had been the hare for the first "regular" last Thursday of the month run in the early days of BH4, thus setting in train the eternal decline of BH4. (**Editor: The last Thursday of the month was traditionally and controversially thrown open to the women.**) He also recalled that he had been a victim of *Witless Wanker* practicing his discus throwing with a plate in a restaurant near K25 on the Old Bogor Road, but that was on another Hash. *Herpes* also noted that he was GM when TGIS switched their runs from Friday as TGIF to Saturday as TGIS.

Herpes was then presented by the GM with a Hash Mug bigger than Texas to mark his 1000th run with BH4. He was also presented with a rather gay-looking

waistcoat with his name on it, which caused *Ocean Queer* to get very excited indeed.

On the occasion of his long awaited return to BH4, *Admiral Bloodbath* told a terrible joke about a catholic confessional, a joke so terrible that it was instantly wiped from my memory. However, the sycophantic *Elephant Man*, also back after a long absence, laughed like a drain when he heard his fellow countryman's attempted joke. He was joined in his mirth by nobody.

69 DD Discussion

Conducted by *Dick In The Dyke*. After many false offers of the 69 DD mug to various hashers, including *Herpes* on three occasions, it was finally awarded to *Herpes* (who else?) who struggled to consume the contents and then disappeared into the bushes to renew his acquaintance with an old friend, Ralph.

Run Discussion

Conducted by *Sukapussy*. After a display of a Non-Down Down in shame by *Masterbator* for reasons unknown, *Sukapussy* proceeded to call in hoons for their comments in sequence of run numbers, starting with the oldest and most decrepit, who happened to have the most runs. The sequence was *Sheep's Kin*, *Koncrete Kock*, *Masterbator*, *Camel Fucker*, *Muffhead*, *Metallicunt*, *Ocean Queer*, *Admiral Bloodbath*, *Effluent Man*, *Snail Trail*, *Fucking Kathy*, *Albertosser* & *Fartacuss*. The hashit holders,

Fuckwit and the GM tried their best to butt in but were rebuffed by *Sukapussy*. Apparently, *Ocean Queer* fancies a bit of rebuffing now and then, in between sandwiches.

There were a number of unhelpful comments and downright bullshit from the hashing geologists present regarding the nature of the soil and rock materials that constitute the knob known as Gunung Putri. A learned paper regarding this matter will be published in the next BH4 Scribe Report.

After much deliberation and waffling, *Sukapussy* correctly awarded a GOOD RUN. Well done *Herpes* and *Nikki* !

Lick-a-Clit Video Call & Circle Closing

Just before the closing of the circle, we had a video call with *Lick-a Clit*, who is currently undergoing medical treatment in a hospital in Leeds, UK and was therefore unable to join *Herpes* to celebrate his 1000th run. We wish *Lick-a-Lit* all the best and we all look forward to seeing him back on BH4 in the not too distant future.

On On

The On On was at Eastern Promise where we (4) unsuccessfully attempted to get *Herpes* to join us. *Herpes*, who was not present, was not present.



The hash and eBay

eBay is an American multinational e-commerce company based in San Jose, California

ebay was founded by Pierre Omidyar in 1995 and became a notable success story of the dotcom bubble. Today it is a multi-billion-dollar business with operations in about 32 countries.

The website is free to use for buyers, but sellers are charged fees for listing items after a limited number of free listings, and an additional or separate fee when those items are sold.

While many items are auctioned there is a growing trend to offer a fixed 'buy it now' price.

What hash paraphernalia could you find?



T-shirts

There are a large selection of original t-shirts which vary in age, condition and price. Most have a securing price of around 40 pounds.

I would have been tempted with a rare Vladivostok t-shirt.



**Average price
10-30 pounds**

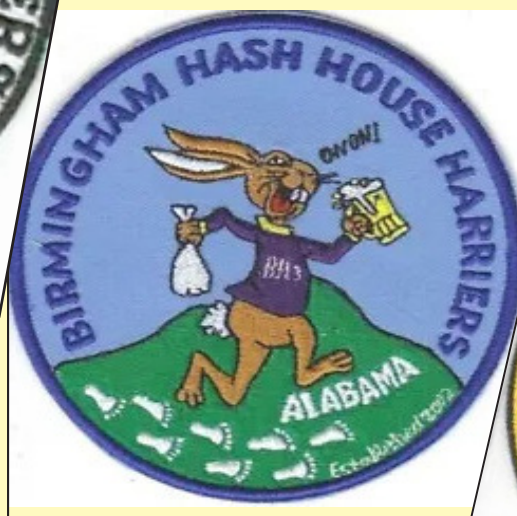


Mugs

There are a few hash beer mugs including a Los Angeles wooden beer mug at 20 pounds.

The Cyprus Interhash plastic mug is quite a historical piece at 32 pounds.

**Average price
10-30 pounds**



Patches

Patches are the most common items. However, it is strange that the price is pretty standard and there is a lot of debate if these are actual badges issued at a hash or copies produced for ebay buyers. Still, if you are a patch collector and missing one then it probably doesn't matter.

**Average price
10-30 pounds**

Beware!!!!!!

Many of the badges come from the Philippines - although cheap the vendor (vendors?) is asking over 40 pounds for postage!



A hash record?

**MR. HENRY LIM
AKA
VERBAL
DIARRHEA**

A framed mint condition T-Shirt of Seletar Hash House Harrier's very first run was put up for auction to raise funds for our anniversary.

After keen biddings on 19 April and continued on 24 April, VD emerged as the lucky winner of this exclusive and exquisite prized item.

**\$ 1,923
SOLD**

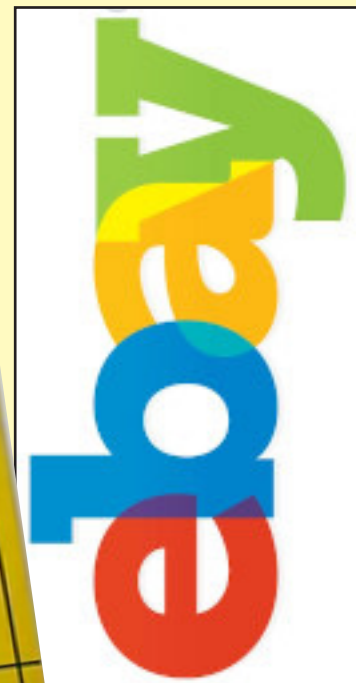
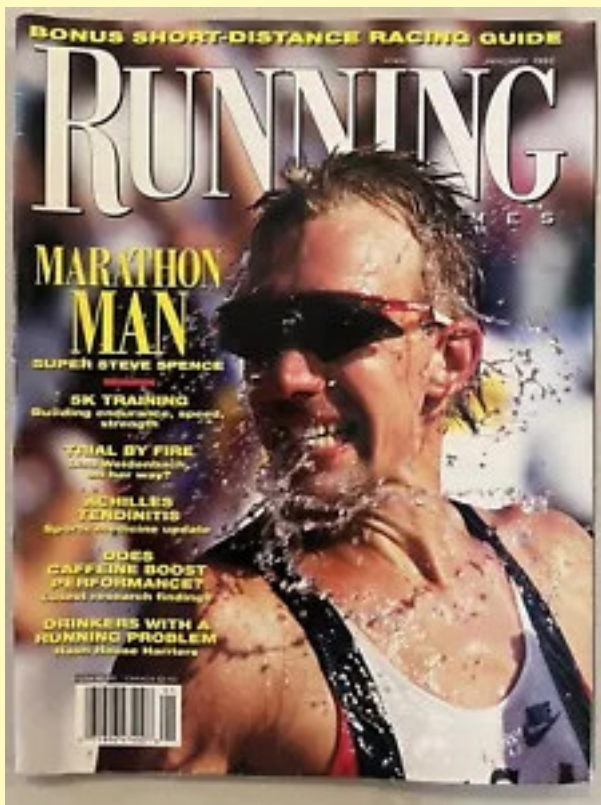
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Auctioned internally this Run Number I Seletar
T-shirt brought \$1,923
(Edit: I presume that is Singapore Dollars!
That is 1300 Euros!

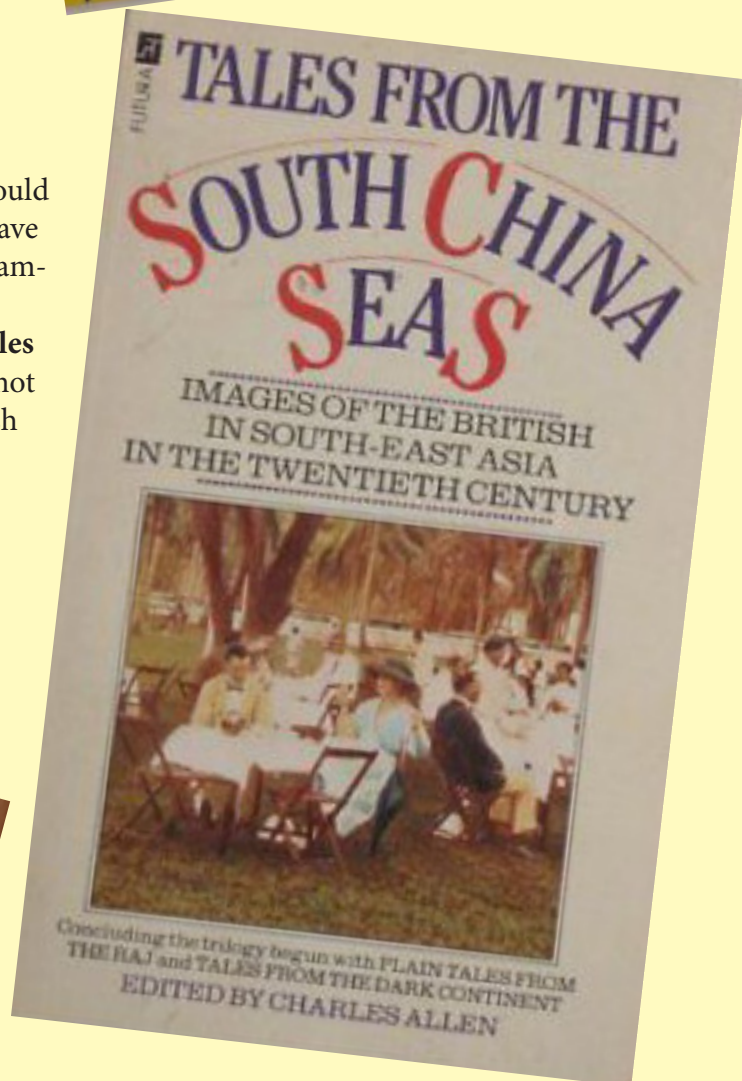


Books

Hash year books occasionally appear. Many would be of interest to anybody who was there and have mislaid their copy or to hash historians. For example a Brunei 800th for 32 pounds.

In addition there are several books such as **Tales from the South China Seas** which, although not listed under hash items, are of interest to hash Historians.

**Average price
10-30 pounds**



Odds and ends

A Saudi hip flask

10 pounds

A hash paperweight

Remember new items appear all the time.



Hashers

A to Z

Letter P

Pinky

Terry Moore

Bangkok H3 (Thailand)

An old Bangkok hand who joined the hash on Run Number 3 and quickly became Joint Master. He left Thailand on retirement but was a regular visitor.

Pisspot

Episkopi H3 (Cyprus)

Interhash drinking champion when the event was staged on the island in 1996.

Pisstake

Pitak Chantong

Bangkok H3 (Thailand)

Pitak *Pisstake* Chantong was the first Bangkok Hasher to complete 1000 runs. Since then Bob *Bullet* Boulter and Tiradej Sukunwatna have also gone past that landmark.

Pissy

Ron Pease

Hamersley H3 (Australia)

Joined the hash back in 1978 and was GM 1978/88.

Pizza Piss

Chris Side

Kuwait Black Hash

A lifelong hasher who ended his career in Kuwait



Popeye - Hamersley H3

From Old Coulsdon H3

I notice the reference to Glyn *Petal* Price and forwarded the magazine to him and congratulated him on his astonishing run total. Alas, your reference may have been confused with the other *Petal* from Surrey hash whose real name I don't know. 'Our' *Petal* has never run with Barnes, but I can certainly confirm he has completed 577 Old Coulsdon runs. Easy mistake to make and you are not the only one! Onon Dynorod.

Edit: Many thanks. We will be producing an A to Z special over the summer and I will correct the mistake there. Could 'your' Petal provide a photo for that issue?

where he was the driving force behind the **Black Hash** and a long term GM of the **Sunday hash**. Pizza passed away some years ago. *On On*

Plastered

Charlotte Dønvang Parks

Copenhagen H3 (Denmark)

A Dane who started hashing with **Copenhagen H3** in 1990. She helped organise Copenhagen's 666th run in 1992 and was then on the Interscandic Committee. *Plastered* went on to hash with various English kennels before coming to South East Asia, where she hashed in Petaling and Bangkok. She was GM of **Bangkok Harriettes** on their 1000th run and received Goa's wonderful present (an enormous horn) on stage, only to see it stolen the same night. Her main hash is now **Petaling** and she was communications manager at InterHash 2006, Chiang Mai.



Popeye PJ Animals

Plunder

Auckland Hussies (New Zealand)

Plunder joined **Whangarei Hash** in 1981, meeting her future husband *Phantom* in Bangkok on transit to Bali 1988 Interhash. She moved to Auckland in 1989 and has now completed 1330+ runs with **Auckland Hash House Hussies**. She has attended 16 Interhashes, and a few Eurohashes, Pan Asia Hashes, NZ NashHashes, one African Pan Hash and numerous runs with other Hashes around New Zealand. A founder of **Splash Hash** (a kayak hash) and **Mangawhai Heads H3**. This suggests a lifetime total of 2,500+ runs.

Plunger

Mark Weeks

Porto H3 (Portugal)

Became **Porto H3** GM in January 2008 and has a total of 314 hashes with the kennel. Regularly sets hashes and has organised away trips.

Plunger

Duncan Platow

Toowoomba H3 (Australia)

Started hashing in Canada with **Hogans H3**, where he was founder of the **Mixed Hogtown H3**. Then moved to Seoul, South Korea. He later hashed in Melbourne with **Doncaster & Eltham** until he moved to Queensland. Here he joined **Toowoomba H3** and started the **Warwick Hash** in the late 1980s. It is thought that he now infests the Melbourne area.

Plumley

Nelson H3 (New Zealand)

Has completed 1400 of the group's 1600 hashes. Is currently Hash Cash.

Point Two. Sir

John Herman

Gold Coast (Australia)

Joined the hash on run 360 and completed 1007 hashes. Got his name for blowing point two on a police breathalyser. (*Ed: The prescribed Australian Blood Alcohol Limit is 0.05%.*) *Point Two* passed away in 2021. On On.

Pole Fucker

Maurice Nevin

Abu Dubai (UAE)

Maurice started hashing with **Abu Dubai** in 1979 after which he wasted the next 20 years of his life by travelling around the world and not hashing. He claims the lack of internet as his excuse! A posting to Zimbabwe in 2000 showed him the light and he



2001-02 Tiradej Sakunwadna

had five happy years of hashing there, with particularly fond memories of the annual Zim-Zam hash. He spent a spell hashing in Stockholm and occasionally when on leave in his home town of Scarborough. He was on The Wolf's Silk Road Hash.

Polly

Richard Hadfield

Dublin H3 (Ireland)

Richard *Polly* Hadfield first heard of hashing in Hong Kong while attending the funeral of a rugby friend. A month later, having been posted to Brunei, he found **Kuala Belait H3** where he would hash for the next 6 years. With three runs a week plus special events he clocked up close to a thousand runs. While in Brunei he built on the work of John Duncan to produce a more comprehensive hash directory. Then it was Devon and long countryside hashes with **Ashburton H3** before his Irish wife took him to Ireland in 1990 where he turned up on first hash with his horn in hand. He has been hashing with **Dublin H3** since.

Pong Ma Thoin

putting up with Camel's Arse

While visiting her native Ireland Pong Ma Thoin sent Camel's Arse to the pub with his Irish family. A fog came down and the boys could not find their way home so spent a freezing night sleeping in the car. They woke up after a cold, tired and hungry to find they were parked just outside their own driveway.

Polly - R2D2 Hash



Polly
David Strauss
RSD2 H3 (England)

Now known as *Sir Polly* and was the first hasher to reach 1000 hashes with the **R2D2 hash**. He has also been a regular with **Haunch of Venison H3** over the years. Now gets his own short-cut trail marked with a P. At the end of the circle he entertains the pack with his 'On this Day in history' spot.

Pong Ma Thoin
Martina Slattery
Dubai Desert Hash (UAE)

Pong Ma Thoin came out to UAE to work in an Irish bar. She married a local – *Camel's Arse* – and has been living and hashing in Dubai every since, this in a country with a large ex-pat turnover. She has regularly taken on the less glamorous roles such as Hash Flash and traditionally sets the St Patrick Day Run. *Pong Ma Thoin* by the way is Gaelic for *Kiss My Arse*.

Pop
Geoff Edwards
Perth H3 (Australia)

Geoff 'Pop' Edwards is a life long hasher, starting with **Mother Hash** and then becoming a founder of

Perth H3.

Pope
Paul Naidment

West London (England)

1470 hashes with **West London** and 650 with **London H3** makes Pope is one of the most hashed hashers in England.

Popeye
Peter Collings
Hamersley H3 (Australia)

Joined Hamersley in 1979 and has now a 1000 hashes to his credit an incredible example of attendance. Was GM 2014-15, and at other times Hash Horn and Joint Master. Clocked up 6 consecutive Interhashes from 1986-1996.

Popeye
PJ Animals (Malaysia)

He heard about hashing in the officer's club in Singapore and joined them on their next run in shining white PE kit. Despite coming back covered in shiggy he loved the experience. 1986 Interhash in Pattaya opened up the world of hashing to him. He later joined **PJ Animals** and was the 1993 Pan Asia co-chair.

Pork Finder
Tiradej Sukunwasna
Bangkok H3 (Thailand)

While expats come and go *Pork Finder* just hashes on and on and now tops the Bangkok hash list with 1500 plus runs. Joined on run 265 and was GM in 2001 when it was still a rare honour for a local.

Porky
Norfolk H3 (England)

Has 1492 hashes with Norfolk earning him the title of Hash Elder. Noted for falls and tumbles as with this example: *Porky was the first victim as he parked his car without braking or applying the hand brake and propped up the fence surrounding the pub's gas storage tanks.*

Pottsie
John Potts
Teign Valley H3 (England)

John Potts started hashing with **Teign Valley H3** in 1984, playing a major role in the development of the kennel. He was hash trumpet – an idea he introduced – for many years and also held the post of GM. He has been elected the **Teign Valley H3** 'President for Life'.

Hash T-shirts -Khartoum

Sudan violence: UK diplomats evacuated from Khartoum

🕒 2 hours ago



These buildings were damaged in the southern part of Khartoum during the escalating violence.

Hashing in Sudan

Khartoum is a strange place, home to the desert meeting point of the Blue and White Nile. Many an ex-pat has spent time running with the old **Khartoum H3**, which clocked up close to 1000 runs before closing down.

Like many hardship postings it was a close ex-pat community with most people joining in the activities that ranged from Embassy soccer teams to the Nile raft race. Hashing thrived with many of the runners coming from the International School and the various embassy military attachments. Numbers could rise with the start of big projects such as the building of a new power station. Sharia law was introduced in 1998 but the hash got by on a combination of hidden stocks and home brewing. *Ripper* claims he was such a poor brew master that they took the job away from him and made him GM instead.

Years of turmoil and civil war followed and the hash eventually closed down. It was restarted in February 2003 by *Bush Puss*, *Feike*, and *HappyJappy* and claimed, with some justification, to be the hottest hash in the world. There was a strict dress code – no shorts or bare shoulders for anybody - but despite this the KH3 was still getting packs of 30-40 for a run. But what else is there to do in Khartoum these days?

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One of the few Sudan born hashers is my good friend *Ratshit*

Memories of Ratshit

- I ran with Khartoum H3 from 1980-81, I have run 2-3 times since over the years when they were running (they take a summer break).
- Being introduced to hash by *Relic* (Colin Cracknell – *Pete the Pilot's* brother) at the Sudan Club, and remember throwing up in taxi after the hash after imbibing too much on first outing.
- Deciding to travel to an outstation over a holiday weekend to get booze when it was banned in Khartoum, only to discover anti-alcohol ban had been implemented there a week earlier.
- *Robocop's* wild hash parties, after one of which my Landy got rolled (luckily we were so pissed no one was injured).
- Highlights are the buying booze from the Army who were destroying it when alcohol was banned (I ended up with 20 cases bought at virtual-

ly nothing).

- Driving down the road with the Rothmans guys on the way to build our raft for the Hash Boat race and just avoiding being hit by the bomb the Libyans dropped on the river road near the radio station.
- The KGB, a hash organisation to compare homemade beers in the hash (Khartoum Guild of Brewers)
- A trail laid in the Blue Nile (blobs of flowers (yes, that is flowers, not flour!) in cardboard boxes floating in river held in place with strings/stones).
- Meeting Feikke Dick (*Dick Fokker*) who re-started the hash after a couple of years of inactivity.
- Running through Adnan Kashoogi's house on the Blue Nile..
- Bumping into ex-Khartoum hasher outside Buckingham Palace 2 years after leaving as I was cycling up the Mall.

Note: For more wisdom of *Ratshit* listen to the recent podcast!



Ratshit blue T-shirt next to *Old Shag* (RIP) with long term RA *Dingbat* in the background.



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Hole in the Ice hash

An annual event originating with the **Helsinki Harriers and Harriettes**. It involves a weekend trip into the frozen Finnish countryside, where a run through the deep snow is followed by everybody tumbling into the sauna.

The brave can make a naked dash to the frozen lake, where you climb into a hole cut through the frozen ice. You then have about three minutes to get back into the sauna before the cold hits you! The Hare of the Dog Run is often across a frozen river or lake.

There were some classic events around 2001-2003 when *Man in Black* made an important contribution to the event.

It was *Man in Black* who organized a spontaneous Hole in the Ice in Goa 2002. As this was tropical Goa there was no snow, so the sauna was followed by sitting on

blocks of hash ice!

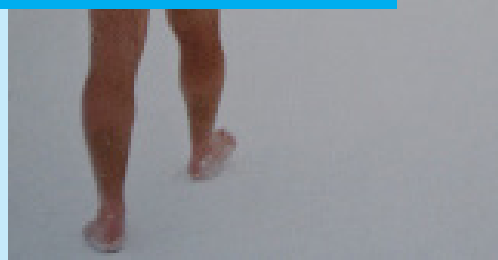
A decline in **Helsinki Harriers and Harriettes** membership led to some problems with organizing the event. Although not based in Finland, *Likk'mm* kept the 'Hole in the Ice' going by taking over the organization. It now seems to be in the hands of a international hash committee.

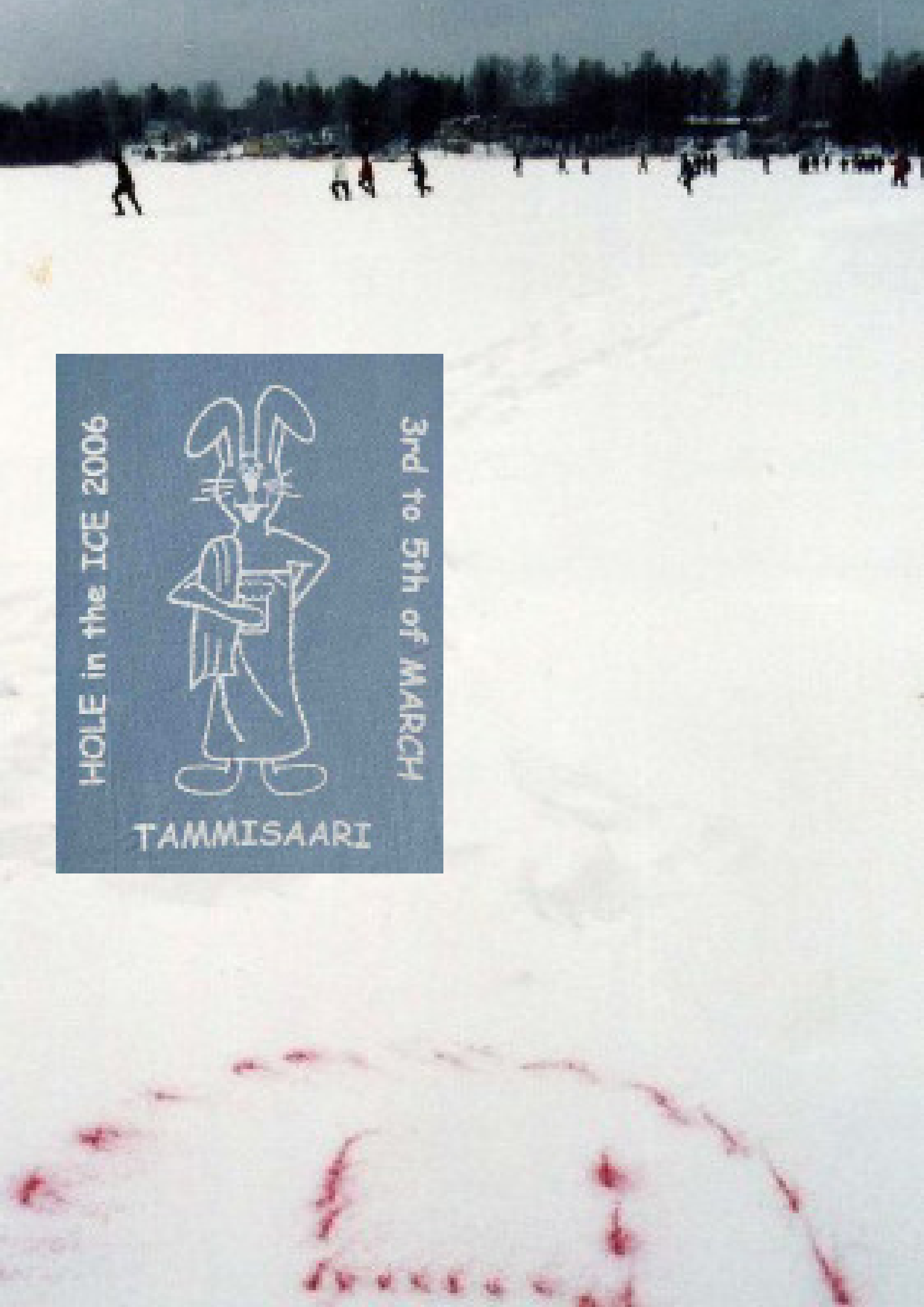


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A Short History of the H5 Hole In The Ice Event

	DATE	VENUE	KENNEL
29	8-10 March 2024	(W10)???H5 #???	
28	10-12 March 2023	Kotoranta, Kiljava	SuomiH5
27.	11-13 February 2022	Kotoranta, Kiljava	Suomi CANCELLED
26.	2- 4 March 2018	HELSinki,	SuomiH5
25	3-5 March 2017	Kotoranta, Kiljava	SuomiH5 #514, 515, 516
24	11-13 March 2016	Kotoranta, Kiljava	SuomiH5 #511, 512, 513
23	6-8 March 2015	Kotoranta, Kiljava	SuomiH5 #507, 508, 509
22	February - 2 March 2014	Kotoranta, Kiljava	SuomiH5 #???
21	8-10 March 2013	HELSinki-Rastila	SuomiH5 #502, 503
20	9-11 March 2012	Salusjärvi, Orimattila	SuomiH5 #500, 501
19	11-13 March 2011	Salusjärvi, Orimattila	SuomiH5 #494, 495
18	12-14 March 2010	Salusjärvi, Orimattila	SuomiH5 #???, ???
17	February - 1 March 2009	Katilla, Nuuksio	SuomiReunion #???, ???
16	27-9 March 2008	Espoo	SuomiReunion #???, ???, ???
15	23-25 February 2007	Vuosaari	SuomiReunion H5 #479, 480, 481
14	3-5 March 2006	Tammisaari	SuomiTammisaari H3 472
13	25-27 February 2005	Tammisaari	SuomiH5 #???, ???
12	2.-29 February 2004	Övik	SuomiH5
11	28 February - 2 March	Pyhtää	SuomiH5
	September 2002	Cavelossim, Goa,	IndiaH5
10	8-10 March 2002	Övik	SuomiH5
9	2-4 March 2001	Kopaniemi, Suomi	HFMH3, H5
8.	18-20 February 2000	Siikajärvi, Suomi	HFMH3, H5
7	19-21 February 1999	Siikajärvi, Suomi	HFMH3, H5
6.	16-8 March 1998	Siikajärvi, Suomi	H5 #274, 275
5.	??? ???		H5 #???
4.	??? ???		H5 #???
3.	??? ???		H5 #???
2.	??? ???		H5 #???
1.	??? ???		H5 #???

1-5 There were 5 Hole In The Ice day events prior to the first full weekend event.



Homo-hasher

Hearing my good friend Shakes was doing a report on the Hole In The Ice I insisted he publish the script of the hilarious hash act he put on with Bubbles at one such event. A. N. Hasher (or possibly Shake's mum)

Shakes: I have to apologise. I have been asked by the committee to give a brief summary of my latest field-work. I realise this is not the time or place so I will make it very quick. I have been studying an early and primitive form of pre-humans.

(Audience confused and bored)

Shakes:..... a species known as Homo-hasher.

(A few giggles)

Shakes: Now to make the talk more interesting I have brought along a hasher. Bring out Bubbles please..

(Bubbles in full hash gear shuffles out helped by two Helsinki Harriets).

Shakes: Well, you need only take the quickest glance at Bubbles to see this is indeed a very early and primitive form of human.

(Laughter)

Shakes: We have the telltale signs. Beady eyes, small statue, vacant expression, shrivelled genitals heavily impregnated with his own fingerprints ...

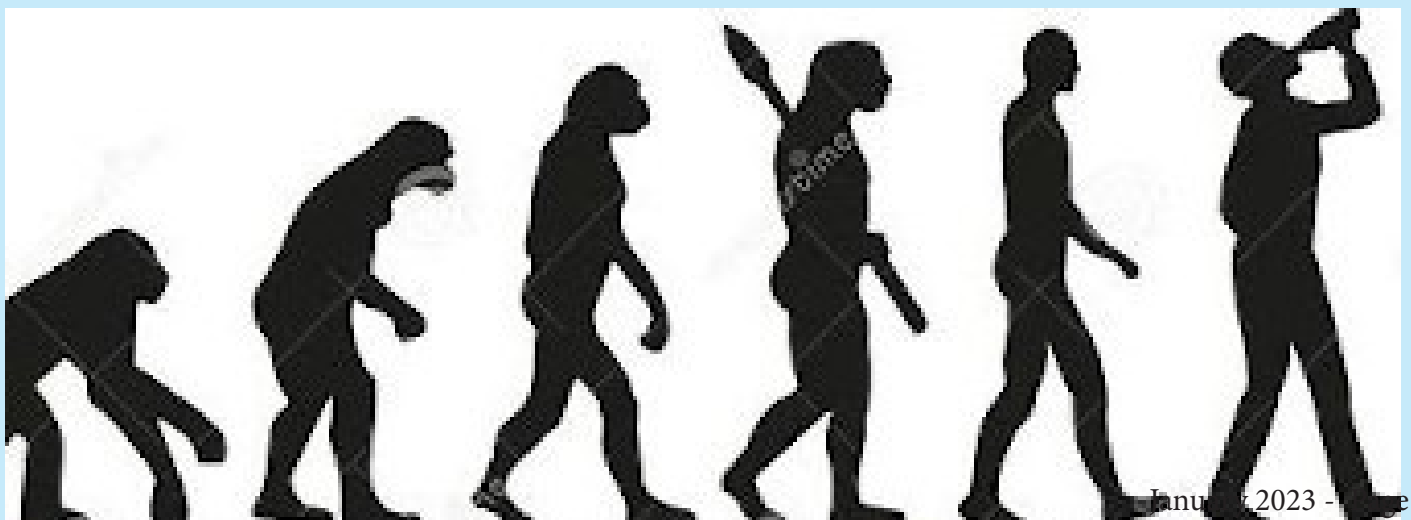
.....but I know what you are asking, how can I be sure this is actually a hasher and not a similar and contemporary species? Perhaps a Homo-jogger or even that rather unpleasant species - Homo-athlete.

Well, what I am looking for to confirm the specimen as Homo-hasher is what we scientists call ... **a beer**. If I can find a beer on this specimen then we can say with almost absolute certainty that it is a hasher.

(Holds up small plastic beer model from around Bubble's neck)

Shakes: Ahh, now this is NOT a beer. It is a religious symbol, an expression of the hasher's desire to find a beer

(Continues search around Bubbles)



Shakes: Yes, and there it is. Where I would have expected - in the right hand. So now we can confirm that this is a hasher. My study has been particularly concerned with hashers and communication. Some scientists have suggested that hashes have a vocabulary of about 300 words. My own studies however suggest that we are only seeing a blind parroting ... let me show you

(Turns to Bubbles)

Shakes: On On

Bubbles: On On!

Shakes: On Back

Bubbles: On Back!

Shakes: Checking

Bubbles: Checking!

Shakes: There you see, blind repetition. Can a hasher actually think verbally? At first it might appear so.....

Shakes: Bubbles, would you like a beer?

Bubbles: Yes please.

Shakes: Bubbles, would you like to go on a hash?

Bubbles: Yes please

Shakes: As you see. An unthinking reaction to whatever you say. Let me put this to the test by saying something totally ridiculous ... let me think ... yes, got it.

Shakes: Bubbles, would you like the Helsinki Harriettes to take you outside in the snow, strip you naked, roll you in the snow and beat you with tree branches?

(Bubbles has big evil smile)

Bubbles: YES PLEASE!

Shakes: There you see - blindly answering yes to every question, no matter how ridiculous. Finally, let us look at the hashers Sex life. Some of my colleagues have suggested hashers have no sex drive and are heading for extinction. I can easily disprove this - Harriettes

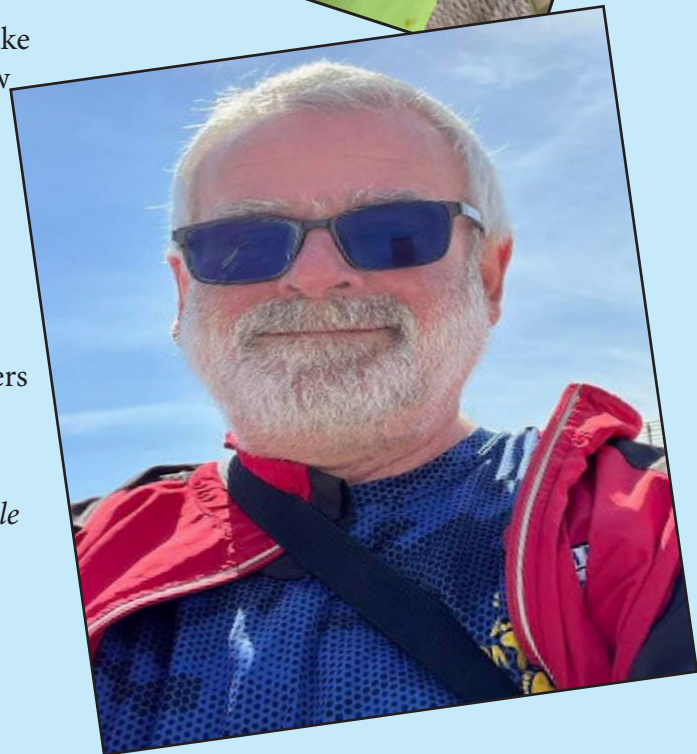
(Helsinki Harriettes stand to side of stage and call Bubbles while making suggestive movements - he shuffles towards them)

Harriettes: Over here, Bubbles!

Shakes: Bubbles, look what I have!

(Shakes waves a beer - Bubbles turns around, forgets the girls and heads for the beer).

Shakes: There you see, there is a sex drive but it is quite a low level and the hasher is easily distracted. So, that hashers ends my lecture on homo-hashers .. ladies and gentlemen ...let's hear it for Bubbles!





If had a time machine

30 hashes I would like to travel back to!

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Hash v Yakuza - Japan

Around 1979

The man who single handily brought Hashing to Japan was Pat *Dunafew* Donaghue, founder of **Tokyo H3** in 1976 and **Kobe H3** in 1978. There was beer in summer and hot sake in winter. The Tokyo group was men only and small, numbering about twenty. In one notable incident the pack upset the local 'Yakuza' gangsters by being too loud in a bar. **One of the gangsters came over and destroyed the Hash Horn** (that's the instrument, not the hasher blowing it).



29

Red Burka Run - Afghanistan

2009

Kabul H3 staged an annual 'Red Burka Run' with the third edition taking place in 2009. The idea of men in drag (even if you cannot see any flesh) would not be found funny in conservative Afghanistan and to avoid a public flogging the run was '*a mad dash of about 300 meters in a secured street*'. The party then got underway in a private location. Hashers bought their burka's from the market in old town and might well have **promoted a trend in more colourful designs!**



28

Wild Days at the Floreat Pub

1980s

Oh to go back to the days when we were all young, beer was cheap and drunk driving rules were optional! And where better than Perth! The Perth boys consider themselves to be 'the' hash club of Western Australia and were founded by a group of extremely distinguished hashers, including Mike Farrer (ex-Singapore) and Geoff Edwards (ex-KL). The Floreat Pub became the home base and the routine was (1) run (2) 11 pm barbecue (3) indoor golf and (4) Tuesday hangover. **In those more relaxed days it could get pretty wild.** Consider this report from an early newsletter, '*Shirty Edmeades left the Floreat because he was getting pissed then returned because he couldn't find his way home*'. Yes, I would like to have seen it!



27

Kuwait Invasion Hash

August, 1990

The Iraqi invasion closed the Kuwait Hash down, although they proudly ran the day **after** the invasion! The run was scheduled to leave from the home of Ted *Pension Book* Foreman and his wife Joyce. With the Iraqi army nervously riding up and down the motorways only those who lived nearby could make it. In the end there were five hashers *(but not co-hare Alan *Dubai* Cooke). **They had planned to stay indoors and drink but Derek Boak had jogged there and suggested they could go for a short run.** They did a couple of laps of the block and then returned for the circle during which Saddam Hassan was named *Wanker of the Week*.

26

Hally's Comet Hash

Botswana, 1986

Eclipse hashes are often big events but they happen several times in a normal lifetime. Halley's Comet only passes the Earth every 75-76 years so has only zipped past once during the 80+ year existence of the hash. The next visit is not due till around 2061, and who can say if there will still be any hashing taking place? The 1986 passing might therefore have been a one off hash-event and was celebrated (possibly amongst others) by **Kalahari H3** of Botswana who arranged a desert camp run the night the comet was passing.



25

Petra Run

1980s

Situated in the centre of the troubled Middle East, Jordan is a beautiful and friendly country that attempts to steer a middle path. **Hashemite H3** is based in the capital, Amman, and was founded in July 1979. The eighties became a golden period for the kennel and for **their 500th run they went through one of the wonders of the world**, the magnificent ruins of Petra!



24

Campo Alegre Brothel Run

2003

There was no hashing on Curaçao until the arrival of *Dildo Dan*. He met a few other residents with hash experience and an announcement was placed in the local newspaper. Numbers slowly grew with a fair proportion of locals joining in. On their most notable occasion Campo Alegre, **possibly the world largest government run brothel**, was used for the on in. Yes, sex does take place there, but it is also a great party village. The harriets were made welcome and after the success of the hash visit a special Ladies Night was introduced.



23

Bai Bang Sauna run

1984

The first hash in Vietnam that we can be certain about was the **Bai Bang H3**, with the Swedes based at a paper mill putting on a few runs around 1984. To understand this era of hashing we need to look at the special relationship between Sweden and Vietnam. Such was the support that Sweden gave the country during the war that even today Swedish citizens can breeze through immigration without the need of a visa. Bai Bang was not an isolated outpost, but an island of civilization that had a sauna and cold Swedish beers, and the small handful of foreigners living in Hanoi at the time would travel to the camp for the weekend **to enjoy a jungle hash and luxuries unavailable in town**.

22

Angeles City post Pinatubo Run - Philippines

1991

Angeles City was a great place to hash with beautiful countryside and a wild nightlife. Both town and hashing took the closing of Clark Airbase in their stride but this was followed by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in 1991. A token hash was set the day after the eruption (three hardy souls ploughed through the still falling dust from one bar to the next bar). **Now that is hashing on the wild side!**



21

Ist Petaling Annual Torchlight Run-Malaysia

1982

Kon Chee Kong started the Petaling 'Annual Torchlight Run' in 1982, with an early evening run followed by a late night party and sleep over. The event was originally on the first Tuesday in June, as the following day was a national holiday for the King's birthday. **It was considered by many who attended to be the best Hash party in Malaysia, if not South East Asia (and therefore in the world!)** Tim Hughes library has a programme for the 13th edition, in 1995, but at some point soon after that the event was discontinued. The torch light run was resumed in 2015 with an event at the Emville Golf Course.

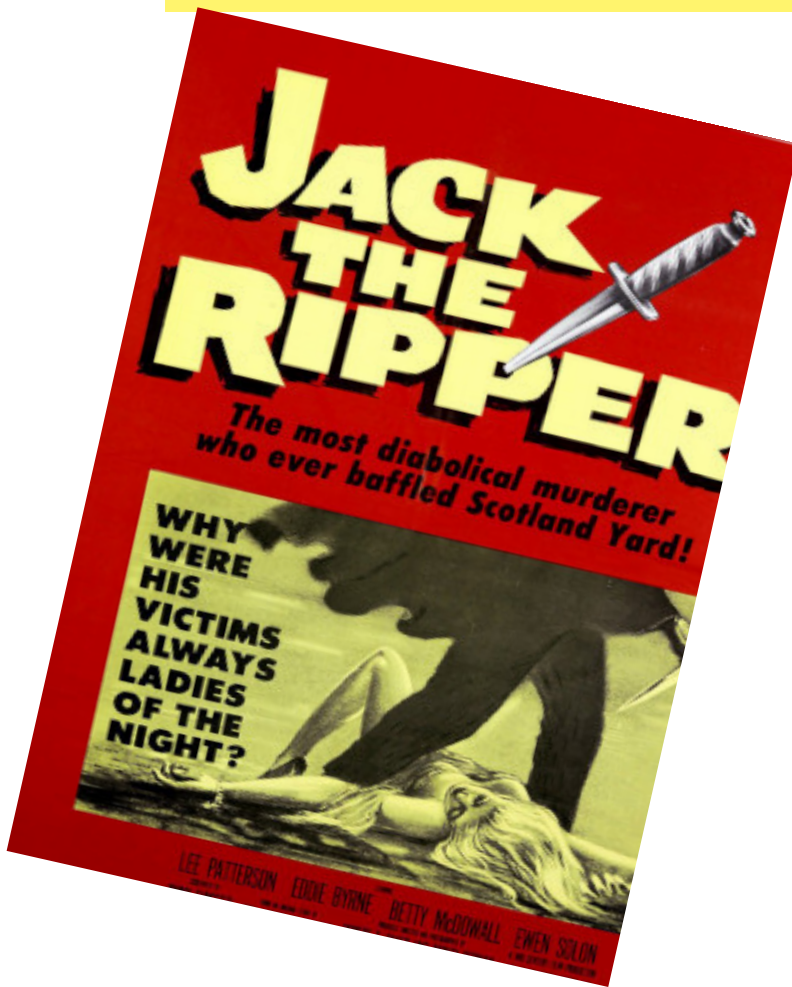
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Friday 13th Jack the Ripper Hash

London's East End

1996

Friday 13th Hashes are occasional events run – yes, on Friday 13th. Each followed the trail of famous murders. The idea was apparently thought up by *Menstrual* although it was *Robocop*, who had access to the Scotland Yard Black Museum, who researched for the first runs. This was in the days before the Internet, when such information was harder to come by. The classic Friday 13th Hash of all time was probably the September 1996 **Jack the Ripper trail** around East London.



19

Cambridge-Donington Hash Weekend - England

Around 1980

UK hashing came of age around 1980 during a weekend that celebrated the Cambridge 100th and the Donington 200th runs. Both were great runs with a who's who of British hashers present. And then, after numerous beers, a few hashers with experience of Interhash suggested it would be a jolly good idea to stage such an event for the growing number of UK kennels. **Everybody presumed somebody else would organise** but eventually a drunk Gerry *Uncle* Gurney was awarded the honour by default. In his own words '*I somehow managed to get my hands on the microphone and proclaimed that Surrey H3 would arrange the first UK Nash Hash.*' **History was made!**

18

Eurohash in a war zone Croatia 1995

Eurohash got off to a shaky start and the pack departed from Germany without deciding on the next venue. Indeed, there was a feeling that this might have been the third and final EuroHash. Instead **Zagreb H3** came forward to host as part of their 1000th run celebration and they selected the island of Hvar as the venue. With the Balkans having a few minor problems at the time (bombs, landmines, wars etc) and with the advertising low key, only around 50 hashers attended. Despite that (or perhaps because of it) the 4th EuroHash was a magnificent success. The venue was a hotel that was specially reopened for the event, the island provided a perfect backdrop of sea, countryside and friendly villages and **the small number of hashers resulted in a close bonding between those who did turn up.**



17

Interhash Kuala Lumpur - 50 years of hashing 1998

Interhash returned to its KL roots for the 50th anniversary of Hashing. 5580 attended, at the time, the largest ever gathering of InterHashers, and nine local Hashes combined to organise the event. The Merdeka Stadium was a dramatic venue and there was a great emphasis on occasion, including a display on the history of Hashing. It wasn't perfect. KL had grown since the last InterHash, the traffic was worse and there were long drives to the more distant run sites. The sheer number of Hashers created problems including long lines for food. The behaviour of some Hashers was also more boisterous than Malaysia was used to, leaving some bad feeling in the community. **No, not perfect - but what an occasion!**



16

Khyber Pass Hash February 1986

In the late eighties, the two senior Pakistan hashes combined to run through the Khyber Pass under the protection of the Pakistan army. **Great terrain, great one-off occasion.**



15

Burswood Island Hash February 1986

In the mid eighties, Western Australia opened a prestigious new casino on Burswood Island and one of the Hamersley hashers decided it would be a good laugh to stage a run through the main hall. On the night of February 24th 1986, probably through a contact with an employee, he gained access via a side door and the pack charged through with horns blowing and cries of on-on. **It only took seconds to see that this was probably not a great idea**, for the hashers were causing panic rather than mild amusement. Casinos tend to invest heavily in security and the guards, having been initially caught out, were quick to respond. The hashers started heading for the nearest doors and most managed to escape, although one representative of the pack was apprehended and briefly detained. In the end the casino accepted that it had been a harmless prank and not one they wanted publicising.

14

Jim Raper's last Surrey Hash 1988?

Surrey H3 was founded by the remarkable Jim Raper. Jim had learned his hashing in Singapore and in the words of the Surrey Hash Magazine, made his money through '*clever but slightly dubious property deals*'. On returning to England he attempted to recreate a clone of the Singapore Hash in Surrey. Jim was the driving force behind the kennel, paying most of the expenses out of his own pocket or, again quoting from the Surrey Hash Trash, '*possibly somebody else's*'. Jim's shady business activities finally caught up with him and **one evening hashers, tuning into a TV crime program, were amazed to see their GM being featured!** Jim fled England after being sentenced to jail for contempt of court and initially settled in Monaco. As far as is known, he only returned once. Having (it is presumed) sneaked over the Irish border, he attended his mother's funeral and stayed on to run a hash the next day! What an occasion and I would love to have been there to give him a down down!

13

The Famous train hash 1987

In 1987 Philadelphia staged Americas InterHash and their subway run remains an Americas InterHash legend. Starting at the Liberty Bell, the pack descended into the subway and found themselves **running down a dark railroad tunnel towards the headlights of a rather large train!** A senior US hasher gives the following account: *Referring to the 'train incident' in Philadelphia. The sound of the train engine was NOT broadcast over loudspeakers; there was a real, live diesel locomotive sitting at the entrance (the exit for the hashers) to the tunnel with its engine running. The sound could be heard for quite some distance. The tunnel curved, so it was not until the hashers were relatively close that they could see the headlight shining down the tracks at them. The BIG SECRET is whether the engineer stopped the train to avoid hitting the hounds OR was there an pre-arrangement to have the train waiting there to scare the hell out of the pack. To this day, there are only 3 or 4 Philly hashers who know the truth, and they have not and never will reveal the answer.*



12

Hitler's Birthday Run 1986ish

Well I don't approve - but it was a hash legend and I would have liked to have seen it! In the late eighties two inexperienced Jakarta hares staged what was to become the infamous 'Hitler's Birthday Run.' **Even by Hash standards the concentration camp theme was in poor taste.** One of the local hares worked with the railways and managed to provide a train with cattle trucks, the t-shirts were concentration camp stripes and a wire fence was erected around the on-in. It might have all passed unnoticed but news reached the Jakarta Dutch community, and from there was reported in the Dutch papers back home. The initial reports totally misunderstood the issue and the silly antics of a bunch of drunken expats was portrayed as a sign of rising racialism in a former colony. The shit hit the fan. Hash officials, with *Browneye*, then GM, to the fore, met with ambassadors, apologies were offered and offending shirts collected in and destroyed. By now however the story was being repeated on the BBC and it took some time for the matter to finally be forgotten.

11 Turkish Road Camp hash 1990s

The great golden age of Turkish hashing was probably the nineties when large construction projects, such as the Istanbul-Ankara road, brought in an influx of expats. **Numbers peaked in both Istanbul and Ankara and the mid-point road camps hosted some wild runs.** There were complaints from Istanbul of Ankara crude singing and an Istanbul hasher kicked (accidentally) a child while doing an up-side-down-down-down. Ah, the fun we had when we were young!

10 Manneke Piss Hash - Eurohash 1998

There was pressure on the UK to host the 1998 Eurohash but hashers departed from Croatia unsure of where, when, or if, they would be meeting again. After some delay *Higgins* came forward to offer Belgium as a somewhat dubious venue. Wasn't Belgium boring? And expensive? Hadn't Monty Python taken the piss out of them? Yes to all those. Yet, thanks to the enthusiasm of the organiser and the brilliant Belgium beer 1997 was a magnificent success that put EuroHash onto a firm footing for the first time. While the Waterloo Battlefield Run might have gained a mention in this list, it was the city trail that wins the nomination. **At one point hashers passed the Manneke Pis statue to find it dressed in a hash t-shirt and producing beer!** (The statue had in fact been converted to take kegs for an early beer festive.) *Right, a glass of urine for me then Higgins!*



9 Bordighera H3 - hash or hoax? Late 1940s

For many years it was believed that the Italian Riviera town of Bordighera was home to the second oldest hash group in the world. The founder was said to have been Gus Mackay (various spellings) who had learned about hashing in KL while visiting his brother, Rupert. It was reported that Gus had spent time in an Italian prisoner-of-war camp and then retired to the Italian coast, where he founded Bordighera H3 in April 1947. The whole story is now disputed and I would love **to go back in time and solve the mystery for once and for all.**



8

Mother Hash, Run 1272

1962?

Run 1272 became a Hash legend when virtually the entire pack became lost and stayed out all night. The venue was a jungle area between Uluklang Ridge and the reservoir. First the hares got lost and as they wandered disoriented the front runners in the pack caught up with them. By 7.15 pm it was dark and some 23 hashers plus hares were now completely lost. They heard voices ahead, but instead of rescuers it turned out to be another 15 lost hashers. **Between them the emergency equipment stretched to one small torch.**

When the moon brought a little light at around 11.30 pm the pack tried to walk out, but the attempt was quickly abandoned and the boys settled down for an uncomfortable night in the jungle. The handful of runners who had reached the beer wagon were now contacting worried - and in some cases not particularly worried - wives. Around 6.15 am it was light enough to get orientated and the first of the pack reached the RV just over an hour later. The main pack followed within half an hour but it was noon before a last lone runner came jogging out of the forest from the opposite direction.



7

Hong Kong - Sunset over the Empire Run

1997

A one-off run in Hong Kong, staged in March 1997 to mark the handover of the former colony to China. *Dances With Dogs* was the main organiser and after a few moments of panic over slow registration the target of 1500 hashers was reached. The party started on Thursday with a Southside run from The Peak and the fun continued through a long weekend. Many hashers stayed another week for the Hong Kong Sevens. There were great runs, wild behaviour at the on on, and when lone military bagpiper played to the crowd there were tears in numerous eyes as **even drunken hashers understood that the hash world had changed for ever.**

6.

Cheras Bandit Incident

1951

If you had a time machine you would just have to go back to witness one of the great hash legends. It is September 1951 – the middle of the ‘Malayan Emergency’ - and live hares are running through a patch of rubber and secondary jungle. Suddenly the hares are returning at a rather impressive pace. **They have just stumbled on a gang of sleeping bandits!** We could join a couple of the faster hashers as they sprint to Cheras Police Station to report the bandits. The next day ambushes are set up on the tracks leading out of the area and over breakfast at the club we learn that three arrests have made (bandits, not hashers). As time visitors it would be great to hear the banter in the club that evening!

5

Rail Jerker's Bangladesh Train Hashes

1990s

The Bangladesh capital was smaller in those days, the wonderful countryside closer and there were some great hashes. For many the highlight was *Rail Jerker's*, now *Sir Rail Jerker*, **weekend trips on private trains that gave hashers the opportunity to climb onto the roof to travel local style.**



4

The first Interhash - Hong Kong

1978

988 Hashers turned up for the first official Interhash in Hong Kong. We could direct our time machine to that first run- Friday on The Peak, with the reception at the China Fleet Club. **This was an evening noted for singing, food fights and striptease.** Later we could join old, old friends for a night out, as the boys set off for the Wanchai nightclubs.

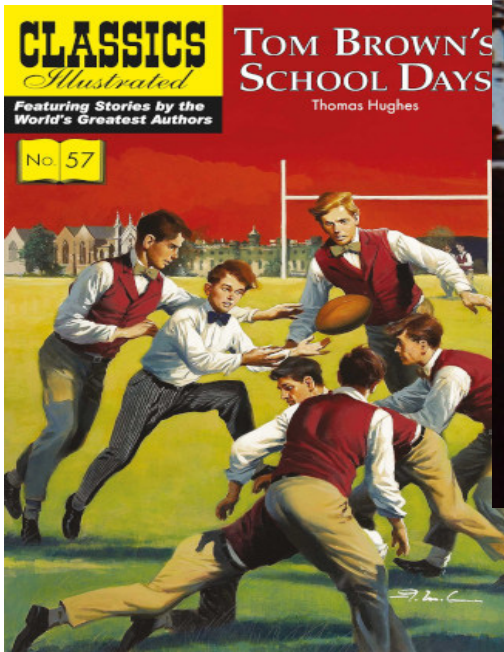


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Big Side Hare and Hounds

Rugby School 1830s

Not a hash as such, but the earliest detailed account we have of a 19th century paper chase! Rugby School around 1830 and two boys, known as the hares, set off with sacks of paper to lay a cross-country trail. After they have been given a sporting head start – six minutes is the tradition at Rugby – the pack races off in pursuit. The annual ‘Big Side Hare and Hounds’ is beautifully described in Tom Brown’s School Days (which although written as fiction was firmly rooted in his personal experiences). This was a nine-mile romp through the countryside in the fading winter light, with the Hares winning praise for setting a trail that was easy to follow. There were checks (although those finding the new trail would call ‘Forward’ rather than ‘On On’) **and even beer at the end, with any boy finishing the run within fifteen minutes of the hares being treated to bread, cheese, and ale at the local inn!** Tom Brown and his buddy, Harry East, were the youngest boys on the run that afternoon and, as the light faded, they lost the paper and wandered disorientated in the dark (and haven’t we all been there!) Not at all put off by the experience, they declared that ‘Hare and Hounds is the most delightful of games.’ Hear, Hear and On On.

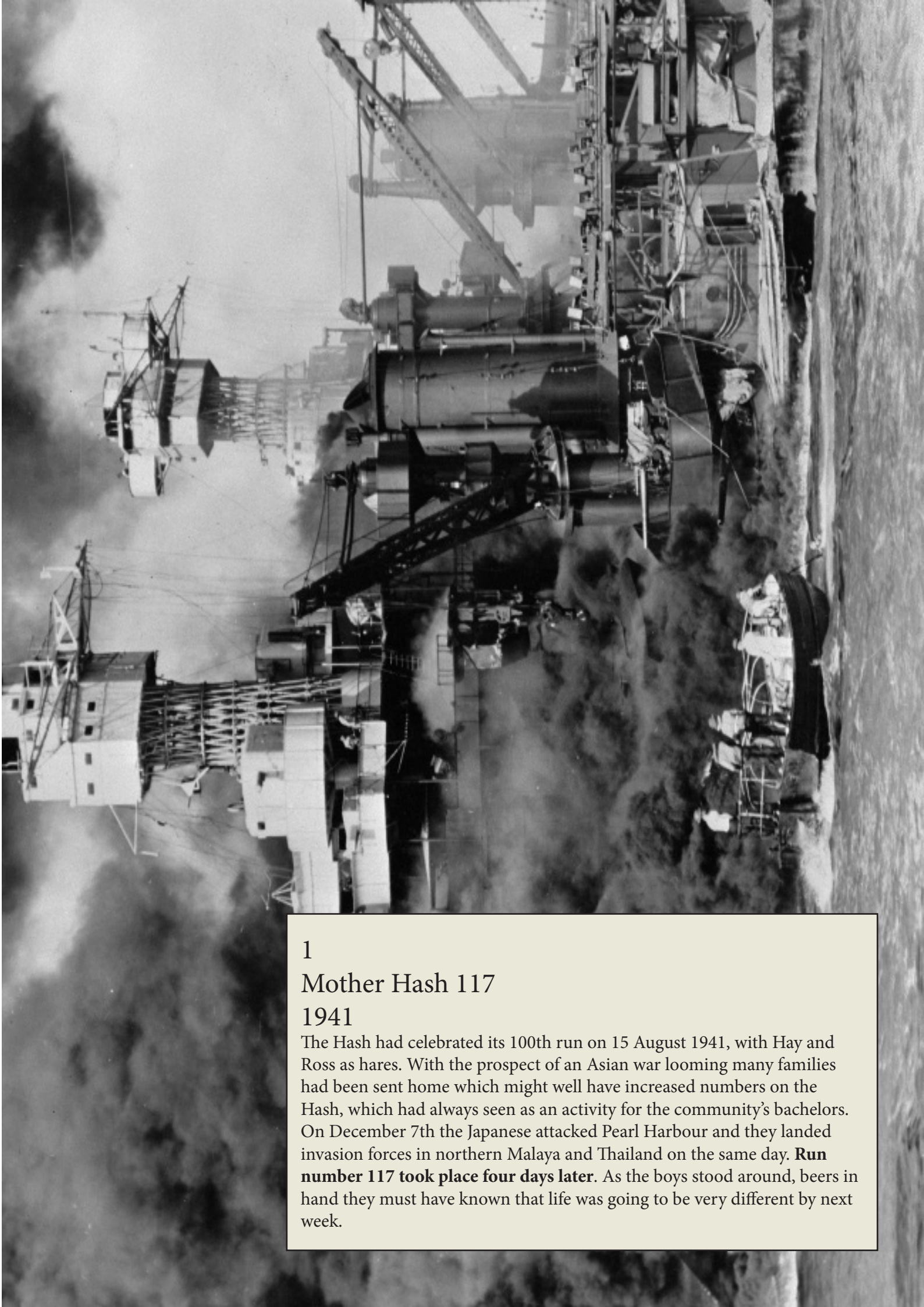


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Hash Run Number One

KL 1938?

So here we are - the TARDIS has landed in an area of bush and rubber plantations just outside of KL. Somewhere out there a dozen or so lads have gathered for a run. They have no idea of the significance of the occasion. **This is the first ever hash!** There is so much we do not know about that historic day. The exact date? Was it a Friday or Monday? Who was there - we have a list of possible names but there were almost certainly individuals who did one run and never returned. What role did Gispert play? Where was the run? Did the boys linger afterwards to tell a few jokes and perhaps sing a couple of songs? Did they announce the next run or was this seen as a one-off event? So much we could find out, and then Carla Oswald says, ‘*Shakes, the Doctor is off exploring, do you want to come back and use the TARDIS sauna?*’ And I say, ‘*sorry Carla, but the boys have invited me back to the Annex for beers and curry* sorry readers, I got a bit carried away there.... so, On On to our number one hash!



1

Mother Hash 117

1941

The Hash had celebrated its 100th run on 15 August 1941, with Hay and Ross as hares. With the prospect of an Asian war looming many families had been sent home which might well have increased numbers on the Hash, which had always seen as an activity for the community's bachelors. On December 7th the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour and they landed invasion forces in northern Malaya and Thailand on the same day. **Run number 117 took place four days later.** As the boys stood around, beers in hand they must have known that life was going to be very different by next week.