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THE KENNEL ISSUE



A GUIDE TO
THE BEST
HASHES IN
THE WORLD

News

U.A.E.

Compressed Fart started his 11th year as GM. He will (once again) oversee the organizing of InterGulf which is scheduled for late February 2024.

Portugal

Algarve H3 have 2080 plus hashes to their credit. Judging m\by photos on their Facebook page they seem to find some open and hilly terrain.

U.S.A.

Honolulu H3 have a booze cruise coming up.

Houston H3 have had some cars broken into while occupied in the circle. Ironically the first victim of these robberies had the hash name *Broke In*.

Canada

Edmonton H3 hares surprised the pack with a rather challenging river crossing.

Philippines

The 259th Clark Run in Angeles City - an event closely tied with the hash - saw 12 hashers take part. *'We welcomed Andy and Joseph for their first runs. We trust you enjoyed yourselves and will be back again in the near future. We also welcomed Kunt Thief back after an absence in the UK. Run of the day once again went to Sunrise who equalled her best time and that of her age group by running 28.16.'*

Estonia

Stains the Couch and *Curly* are considering making a "Tallinn" bid for Eurohash 2025

England

Isle of Wight. September 16th will see 180 participants run the nearly 20 miles from Egypt Point to St Catherine's Lighthouse. This is an event created by local hasher, Richard Pearson. A former soldier, he moved to the Isle of Wight in 1995. In 2011 about ten hashers ran the 19.6 miles holding maps to navigate a route. In 2013 the event was thrown open to the entire running community of the island. With the exception of 2020, due to Covid-19, the event has taken place every year since then and places - usually 150 - are filled very quickly. There are no marshals and runners follow a trail laid with markings of

chalk and wood shavings hash style.

Brighton and East Grinstead joined for a Barbie run to celebrate the opening of the movie.

Oman

Glad to hear my old hash buddy *Vipers Arse* is still active in Oman. He and *Wafukka* got good views for *'an amazing trail last night at Sad Boshewr Village. It was really nice to run at Bowsher Village under the palm trees and listen to the birds sing. We enjoyed as well the hot springs water and Falaj.'*

Netherlands

A full report on Eurohash next month but I notice this group photo of an impressive number of current and former **Aloha H3** hashers who attended.



Edmonton H3 hares surprise the pack!

Ireland

Hashing in Ireland doing well. **Dublin H3** are active every week and **Belfast H3** are offering an Ireland Nash Hash.

Czech Republic

Pleased to see the city of Brno has a hash. They seem to run monthly and have just set their second Red Dress Run. *Ed: Please get in touch with On On Magazine*

Mexico

Few new hashers have made a bigger impact than the newly named *Easy Access* who has helped to have a run and stood in as RA, all during her first 5 hashes.

Puerto Valletta are claiming a world record with a 91 year old hash virgin turning up for their run.

Zimbabwe

Hashing made a temporary return to Zimbabwe when a merry band of 18 hashers heading for Pan Africa in Malawi made a dash around the countryside near Victoria Falls.

Rwanda

Kigali H3 have clocked up 1300 hashes. On 1305 *Rambo* brought the pack back to the Best Corner Bar *'an Historic Hash Bar Visited Frequently between 2009 and 2011.'*

East Grinstead

East Grinstead recently followed their hash with a game of Stoolball. *'Stoolball is a sport that dates back to at least the 15th century, originating in Sussex, southern England. It is considered a "traditional striking and fielding sport" and may be an ancestor of cricket (a game it resembles in some respects), baseball, softball, and rounders.'*

Sad to see a couple of great hashes fall dormant. **Rome H3** announced some time ago that *'we will not be running on a schedule for the foreseeable future due to a shortage of hares.'*

There is no sign of hashing in Harare, once one of the most active kennels in East Africa.



Current and former **Aloha H3** hashers at Eurohash

Letters

Gerald Gurney

Shakes, more good reading. Thanks.

However, at the risk of being pedantic, I am challenging the section headed “Tiger- the original Hash Beer”. I do not dispute that Tiger is/was very popular. However the first Hash Beer, not so sure. The first 2 Hashes were KL (1938) and S’pore (1962). Tiger was brewed in S’pore whilst the beer brewed in KL was Anchor (since 1933). Therefore I would of thought that Anchor was the natural choice, and drunk at the bucket and back at the Selangor Club (Dog). S’pore was started in 1962, and was a clone of KL, being started by an ex-KL Hasher. During my time running with S’pore (1970 to 1977) we drank Anchor from the beer truck, and fairly certain that applied in previous years. This suggests they were following KL practice. Also S’pore don’t even drink Tiger now, getting their beer from a local boutique brewery.

Being the Mother Hash history has been deeply researched perhaps you/your numerous sources can advise whether Tiger or Anchor was drunk in those early days. Until clarification, I challenge your heading, particularly as your Tiger history only briefly touches on the Hash.

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Uncle Gerry-Gerry Gurney, still running/walking with Surrey H3 (but it is hurting at 83).

PS. Even now when I visit the S’pore Cricket Club I still ask for, and prefer, Anchor rather than Tiger.

Editor: Hi Gerry I believe that it was Cecil Lee who identified Tiger as the first hash beer. Going from memory I think his words were, ‘Tiger, a headache in every bottle.’ I will search for the reference.

Christopher Lewis

Hi Shakes,

I much enjoyed the “If I had a time machine - 30 Hashes I would like to travel back to!” item in your April/May issue.

Since I only joined the Tokyo Hash in 1980, I can’t shed any light on a contretemps in a bar between TH3 and the yakuza “around 1979”, but I can tell you about another, probably more dramatic incident that happened a few years later.

On a fine Monday evening in one of Tokyo’s most upscale residential areas (and right outside the go-to supermarket for the expat community) one of the FRBs made the mistake of banging on the bodywork of a Cadillac that had blatantly jumped a set of red traffic lights. (No self-respecting yakuza would be seen driving anything else at the time: that particular car had, as we subsequently discovered, apparently been confiscated from a doctor who had presumably been a little late repaying his debts). Three heavies jumped out of the car, only to be outnumbered as the slower members of the pack arrived in force. At this point, any thoughts of confrontation on the part of our intrepid heroes were abandoned as one of the yakuza reached back into the car and brandished a samurai sword! The incident unfortunately did not end well, as the heavies targeted one of our smaller Japanese members, threw him to the floor and put the boot in big time. Not funny - he had to pay a visit to the local A&E, as I recall.

There was an interesting postscript to the story which doubtless sheds light on the relationship between the yakuza and the police: not only were the local cops extremely slow in reacting at the time of the assault, but afterwards Tokyo’s finest did everything they could to dissuade both the victim of the attack and other Hash members from pressing charges or pushing for an investigation. Only in Japan.....

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TWO SCREWS

Sorry to report that Linda Heth - aka Two Screws - died last week. In addition to being a long-time participant in the regular Hash, Two Screws was a regular at the inception of the Cychohash as well.

'Linda Kaye Heth passed away peacefully in her home on July 14, 2023. As the daughter of an Air Force officer, Linda found home wherever her heart and family were. She was creative and lively, known for her quick wit and free-spirited nature. Linda had a caring heart and a deep love for animals, which she expressed by bringing home nearly every stray animal she encountered.'

Rest in peace, Two Screws.

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MULTICOLOUR Ib von Tainen

We reprint this touching message

from Dick Shakespeare

The loss of anyone is not only sad but irreparable, and differently processed depending on the relationship or closeness to the departed. Multicolour was a jolly great hasher and sister that greeted me in my traditional Esan language. To the admiration of hashers at most hash events, she had rendered exceptional reggae dance performances. While living in the same Agudah area of Lagos as her, she rode with me to a few hash events. We quarreled, settled over beer and moved on happily. She was a hasher who mixed with everyone in the most convivial of ways.

Joining the hash, she was one of the first hashers that opened me to lots about the hash, hashing and hashers. As one who loved creativity, she had also openly and privately commented on my posts (WhatsApp status). Checking our last chats, I was moved into writing how much I am touched by the death of a creative hasher.

These lines wouldn't cause her return to our world but relatively assuage the pain of her shocking loss. Importantly saying; I miss Multicolour who would surely rest in the multicoloured bosom of God. Surely...

Dick Shakespeare

Lagos, Nigeria

IB VON TAINEN

From Copenhagen H3:

Copenhagen H3 announced that long term hasher Ib von Tainen died peacefully after a long fight against cancer. *'He will be remembered and missed as a friend and hasher. Thank you for everything. Rest in peace after your quiet journey last night. You are on on.'*

Hash Obituary

100 GREAT HASH KENNELS

PART 1

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.

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*If you think your hash should be included
contact Shakes and complain bitterly!*

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Abidjan H3 (Ivory Coast)

For many years the
most active hash in West
Africa.

Founded: November 1981

Founders: Andrew Martin

Who ran with: ?

Current GM: ?

RA:?

Meet: Saturday afternoons

Hash Legends: *Bwana* first hashed with Mombasa H3 in Kenya and was then transferred to Italy where he founded Milan H3. While there he investigated the story (myth?) of the Bordighera Hash. *Bwana* returned to Africa and by 2000 was in Mozambique, where he would become a long-term resident. He founded Matola H3 in 2003 and was their guiding light for many years. *Bwana* died of malaria in May 2019.



Facts

- Andrew Martin founded Abidjan H3 in November 1981. At the time the Ivory Coast was considered the economic miracle of the continent and the hash claimed 250 members with the pack reaching 90 on a good night.
- These were great days and a run might include some combination of plantations, quarries, bridges and red ants. It is all nicely summed up by a hash trash that reads '*a fine hash notwithstanding the dead body on the road*'
- The kennel was great at organizing social events, with the annual Hash Ball noted for its formal attire – jackets, ties and shorts.
- By the nineties the local economy was declining, crime was rising and hash numbers halved. A second Classic Hash was founded by Mike *Rajun* Cajun and Valencia *Juicy* Hebert in January 2001 but things got worse after the civil war and the main kennel went into hibernation in 2003.
- It was up and running again by 2007 and today Abidjan runs with a medium size pack that makes good use of the hills and mud tracks surrounding the city. The pack has a healthy balance between locals and expats and food is provided on site.



Addis H3 (Ethiopia)

A senior African hash that helped get African Interhash started.



Facts

Founded: December 1981

Founders: Bill Petts

Who ran with: Jakarta H3

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Meet: Saturday

Big events staged: African Interhash 1993 & 2011

Hash Legend: Marty *Garfield* Hanratty started his hash career in Seoul in the 1970s, and also has Jakarta and Afghanistan on his hash CV. However, Garfield will always be remembered for his service to African Hashing, being GM in both Addis and Harare, and helping to co-found the first African InterHash.

- **Addis Ababa H3** was founded in December 1981 by a group of expatriates that included several teachers from the Sanford English Community School. William Petts is credited as the founder and served as GM from 1981 to 1984.

- The weekly Addis runs still set off from the Hilton Hotel, with the pack bundling into cars and minivans for a 45-minute drive to the run site. The 2 pm meeting time is only a suggestion, and it is likely to be at least another half hour before the convoy is ready to roll.

- Addis lies at around 3000 metres and, depending on which hills the trail goes up, you can find yourself climbing even higher. Running here can be hard work!

- During more troubled times it was dangerous for Ethiopians to mix with foreigners (dangerous as in the locals being visited by the secret police in the middle of the night and never being seen again). Thankfully things have changed since then and the majority of the 60-strong pack are now Ethiopians.

- In 1993 Addis celebrated their 500th run. Marty *Garfield* Hanratty was co-founder and the celebration was aimed primarily at the East African region. This is the event that gave birth to the Pan Africa event.



Angeles City H3

(Philippines)



Facts

- Angeles was founded by Bill Brooker in August 1978 and had its foundations in the fleshpots that serviced the giant American Clark Field Airbase.
- Angeles runs are set by live hares with a 15-minute start and there are expected to be plenty of beer stops. They are a mixed hash and families are welcome but parents are warned that the circle will not be toned down because there are children around.
- For many years the Bird of Paradise was often the starting point for Hash runs and certainly the place most of the Angeles City Hashers would end up. One secret of its success was that any of the bar girls who wanted to run the Hash could attend and have it classified as paid work, the girls inevitably enticing a hoard of Hashers back to the bar later in the evening.
- One of the great parties occurred after the 1990 Thriller in Manila when many hashers came on for the 600th that was organized from the Birds of Paradise. It is all summed up by this quote: *'IBM fell asleep in the gutter and woke to find a shoeshine boy vigorously scrubbing his deck shoes.'* The next day it got worse with an A to Z Run.
- The town and hashing both took the closing of Clark Airbase in their stride but this was followed by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in 1991. Although 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) the place was never quite the same.

Founded: August 1978

Founders: Bill Booker

Who ran with: Manila H3

Current GM: Supot

RA: Vacant

Motto: The Pride of the Philippines. The Envy of the World

Meet: Sunday 2:30

Annual events: The A to Z Relay.

Hash Legend: The *Malibog* brothers ran the Birds of Paradise, the most famous Hash pubs of all time. Rob was chairman of Interhash 1990. John is now hashing in Sweden and publishes a monthly Hash Trash with a worldwide readership.



A classic hash and still a great favourite with visiting hashers.



Antalya H3 (Turkey)

Retiring expats have
created a hash boom
along the Turkish coast



Founded: 1988

Founders: Mike 'Sleazy' Lees

Who ran with: London

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Motto: Do it in any Weather

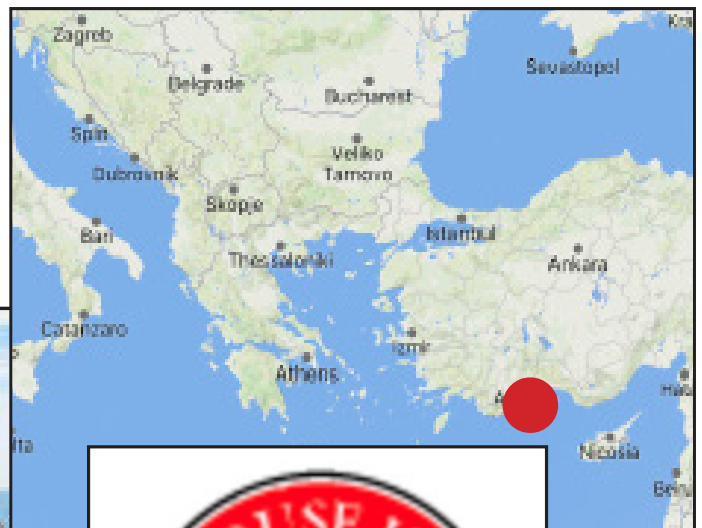
Meet: Every other Sunday

Annual events: Special events include the Red Dress Run in the spring and the Night Hash party in late summer.

Hash Legend: Mike *Sleazy* Lees first stumbled across hashing in 1984 with Muscat Hash and later with Jebel H3. Work then took him to Antalya in Turkey where he discovered there was no hash – so he started one. He was obliged to hare the first seven runs.

Facts

- While the two big city hashes (Ankara and Istanbul) are struggling for numbers there is a boom in hashing along the coast. This is largely inspired by veterans from the 1990s returning to Turkey in their retirement.
- **Antalya H3** was started in 1988 and is mentioned by Magic. It was re-founded in 1994 by Necati *Doc* Koc.
- Antalya hashers have a certain fascination with hashing up mountains, the 5165 metre scramble to the top of Mount Ararat being the most extreme example.



Auckland H3 (New Zealand)



Founded: August 1970

Founders: Bill Booker

Who ran with: Manila H3

Current GM: Demon

Joint Masters: Dio and Cross Dresser

Meet: Every Monday 6.30pm (or when the GM says so). A men-only hash, but visiting hussies/harriettes always welcome.

Hash Legend: Dave Ronson, aka *Demon Dave* is approaching his 2000th run with Auckland. At that point he will become only the third Kiwi Hasher to achieve 2000 runs with the same kennel. His most infamous hash exploit was getting caught by a rising tide in a mid-winter run across the mudflats off Point Chevalier. The rest of the pack swam for it, but *Demon* and *Bananas* (RIP), not being strong swimmers, took refuge on a patch of mangroves where they waited to be rescued by the Coast Guard.

Facts

- Hashing arrived in New Zealand on August 24th, 1970, when Roy *Fiveskin* Skinner and Bill *Great White Hunter* Holden – inspired by having recently run with **Sydney H3** - set a trail from Auckland's Exchange Towers.
- It was a fragile start, with the group closing down over the long Christmas holiday and then remaining inactive for much of the Rugby season. Things picked up in the summer and **Auckland H3** survived.
- However, the lads lacked hash experience and Auckland became a competitive jogging club, even entering a medal-winning team in the Round the Bays Race. It took the arrival of *Fartin Martin* and Ken Floyd (both ex Kota Kinabalu) to direct the group toward a more hash-like philosophy.
- As of April 2023, Auckland could claim 9 members who has passed the 1000 run mark.
- One of their most memorable runs was an ordinary Monday run from South Auckland. *'After a short run we boarded an old DC3 and were told to sit and strap in by the suitably attired hostess. To the surprise of all the old bitch took off (The plane). We did a few laps of the Sky tower and landed at Whenuapai'*.





AUCKLAND HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Bahrain H3

(Bahrain)

Founded: December 2nd, 1972

Founders: Geoff Whitehead

Who ran with: Singapore

Current GM: Spank The Turkey

RA: various

Meet: Bi-weekly runs every Saturday at 5 pm and Monday at 5.30 pm.

Hash Legend: *Stein Balloon Balls* Lindeby is one of the all-time great hashers. He started with Bahrain H3, where he was GM (1978-80). He played a major part in organizing the first Intergulf Hash and designed the famous Bahrain logo.

At one time the
biggest hash in the
world.



Facts

- Established in 1972 by Geoff Whitehead who had hashed in Singapore. He sent out numerous letters to interested parties and was able to attract 16 for the inaugural run at Jebel al Dukhan. This early start date makes Bahrain one of the first 25 hashes in the world and the first in the Middle East.
- Hash day changed from the original Saturday, to Wednesday on run 42 and then to Monday on run 63. With runs open to everybody – including numerous children - numbers climbed steadily. By 1983 the hash was peaking with 402 paid up members, and up to 250 turning out on any single night. At this point Bahrain was probably the biggest hash in world.
- The original version of the hash badge was based on a cartoon published in a local newspaper and mocking Bahrain men who rushed to Europe to indulge in things they would not do at home. The original drawing showed a Bahrain gentleman running down the street, with Big Ben in the background showing 6.00pm (opening time). *Balloon Balls* met with the artist and had the cartoon adapted for hash use
- The Bahrain Black Hash was founded by Ted Lutley and Gordon *Black Head* Clarke in 1986 although the real inspiration was perhaps Norman Moore, 'a fundamentalist who thought the BH3 was getting too poofterish and away from 'real Hashing''. The Black Hash started as a joke – 'if things don't get better the Black Hash will get you'.
- With the Gulf War looming hashers recall being woken up to hear Patriot missiles firing at incoming Scuds. With the military in town and wives and children evacuated, the Gulf War became one great party.





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Baku H3 (Azerbaijan)

Keeping hashing alive
in the region



Founded: December 2002

Founders: Ben *Sir Moonboots* Hodgson

Who ran with: Rio H3

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Meet: The main runs are on Sundays with a sister hash meeting on Thursday evenings.

Hash Legend: Bob *Bob Funny Name for A Girl* Spencer. A hash career that includes Port Harcourt and Kuwait where he was hash cash and set up the KSHHH mail list.

Facts

- Hashing started in Baku around 1996, but was never registered on any Internet site and died out, taking all their records with them.
- With a constant stream of expats going in and out it was only a matter of time before the kennel was restarted. That honour goes to *Moonboots* who got the Baku Azerbaijan H3 up and running in September 2002. (Interestingly their badge retains the 1996 founding date.)
- They are currently going strong, with packs of 30 plus, and a second Baku Thirstday H3 started up as an excuse to 'jog' around the local bars.
- They have several 'bus' runs (i.e. a bus takes them out further into the countryside) and weekend away trips. There has also been an attempt to establish Intercock (InterCaucasus Hash) as annual event.



Bali H3 (Indonesia)

The senior hash on a beautiful island that has twice staged Interhash.



Founded: May 1977

Founder: Victor *Nightjar* Mason

Who ran with: Kuala Belait H3

Current GM: Labia

JM: Chicken Shit

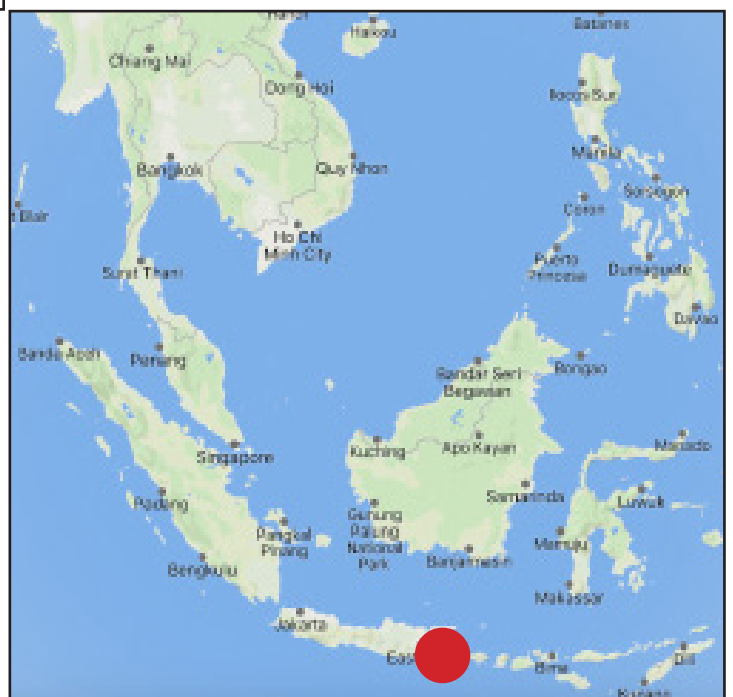
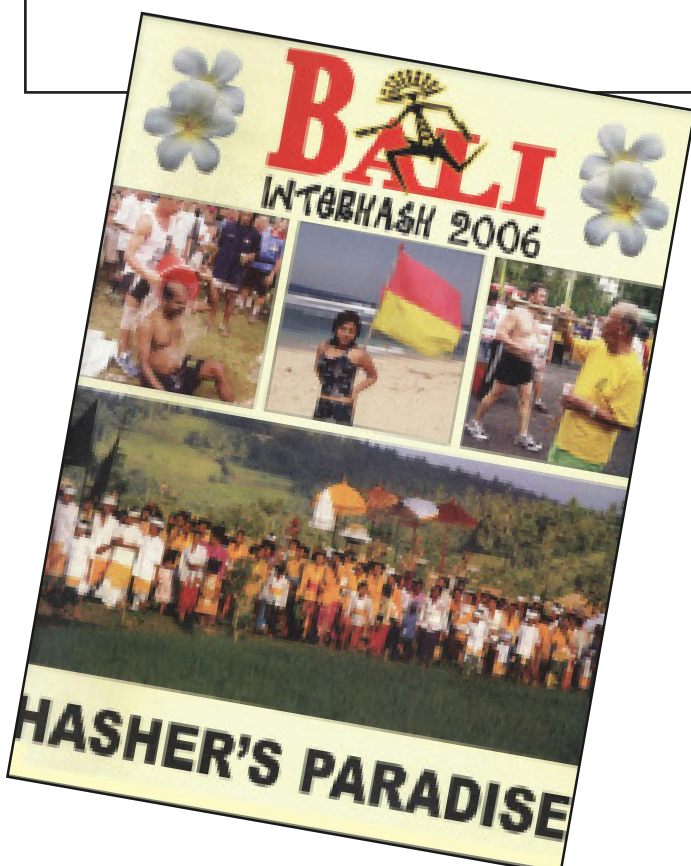
Meet: Monday and Thursday

Big events staged: Interhash in 1988 and 2006

Hash Legend: Victor *Nightjar* Mason was an eccentric Englishman of many talents including, but not limited to, author, birdwatcher, hasher, and connoisseur of icy cold Bir Bintang beer. An old Asia Hand, he set up home at the Beggars Bush Pub in the beautiful Bali town of Ubud where he oversaw the Bali hash for many years. He was the driving force behind Bali bidding for Interhash 1988.

Facts

- Although the surfer's beach of Kuta is the destination for most tourists, it is the hilly interior of the island that is the soul of Bali. It was here, in Ubud, that Victor *Nightjar* Mason founded Bali H3 in May 1977.
- The hash was closely linked with the famous Beggar's Bush Bar & Restaurant, which Victor claimed "*dispensed the best Bintang Draught beer in Indonesia*".
- In 1987 Bali staged Pan-Indonesia Hash and the following year, 1988, more than 2200 Hashers flew in for InterHash. It was a great InterHash with tough runs in Bali's charming countryside.
- Bali's reputation for being an island paradise was badly dented by bombings in 2002 and 2005 and their bid to stage Interhash for a second time was in part an attempt to win back confidence for the island.



Bandar Seri (Brunei)

Great
Jungle hashes.



Founded: October 1982

Founders: John Hughes

Who ran with: Brunei

Current GM: ?

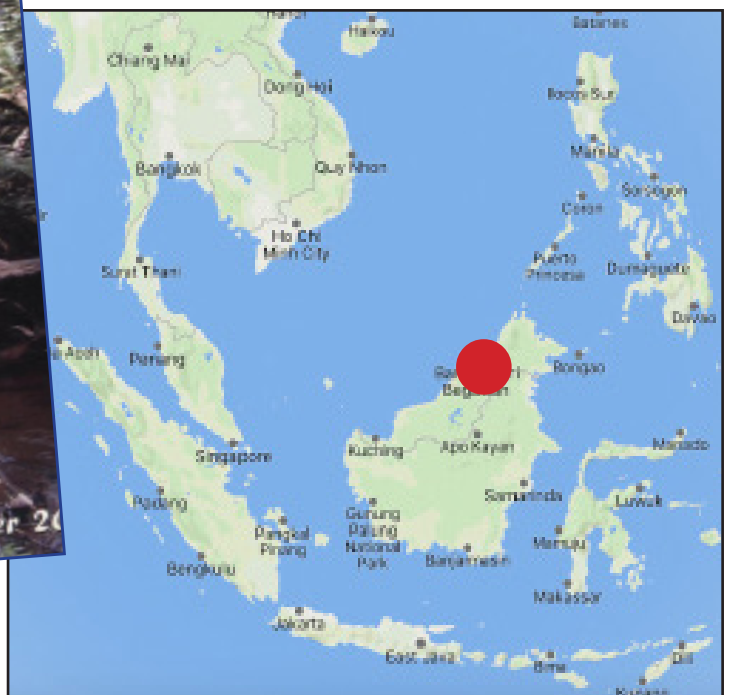
RA:?

Meet: Wednesday

Hash Legend: *Commando* was one of the first locals to hold position on the committee, being the Bandar Seri JM by the time of their 100th run.

Facts

- By 1982 there was a list of 80 hashers waiting to join Brunei H3 and this led to the founding of Bandar Seri Begawa H3.
- The founder, John Hughes, left soon after establishing the kennel and it was John Strugnell who, in a 6-year spell as GM, did much to set the tone.
- For many years the two groups run in '*mutual hostility and unfriendly rivalry*'. The new kennel did not take to the idea that, to avoid picking the same run site, they should seek agreement (permission) of where to run. The BH3 1000th run program gave no mention to the new group even though they had set one of the runs!
- The relationship did not improve until the nineties when many of the fundamentalists were starting to leave the Sultanate.
- *Filth* caused quite a sensation when he deflected from the original hash after 45 years and joined Bandar Seri.



Bangkok H3 (Thailand)

Hashing fits Thailand
as much as Thailand fits
hashing!



Facts

- It was Bill Panton who brought Hashing to Bangkok in 1977, and Thailand, with cheap beer and food, great terrain and a 'social life' to fit every taste was always going to prove fertile ground for the hashing way of life.
- It seems there had been an earlier attempt to start a Bangkok Hash around 1969 but this had failed, most probably due to Monday night traffic. Bill therefore picked Saturday as a more suitable day.
- Bangkok hashers have played a major part in spreading hashing around Thailand.
- They were joint organisers with Pattaya for the 1986 Interhash. Indeed, the fun started in Bangkok, with groups of hashers to be found in every Go-Go bar of Patpong.
- While an all men's hash, *Pe Deep Throat* Chunthong was the first lady of the BH3 as she brought the beer truck. She also won the boy's respect as Interhash Down Down Champion. On 12 June 1995 Pe was killed when the Hash beer truck crashed while returning from a Bangkok run.

Founded: 11 June 1977

Founders: Bill Panton

Who ran with: Washington

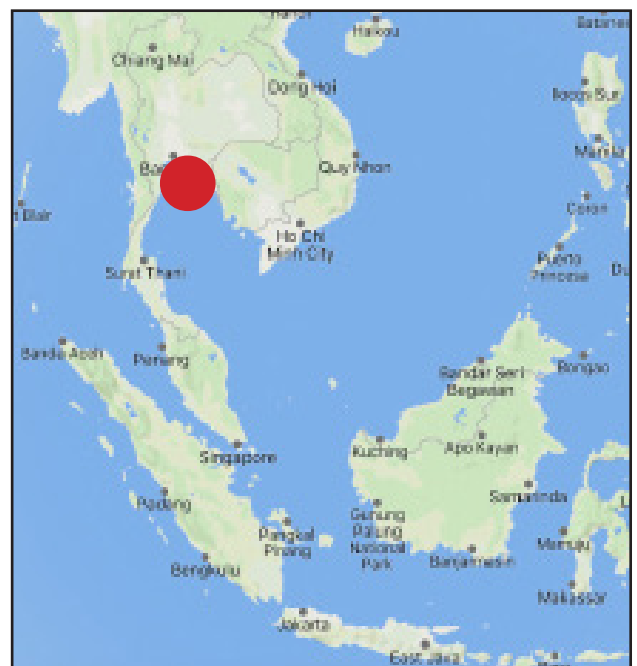
Current GM: Tinker

JM: No Good Boyo, Horny Viking

Motto: The Gentleman's hash

Meet: Saturday at 5pm in Summer and 4.30pm in Winter. Men only.

Hash Legend: Timothy Hughes, universally known simply as 'Magic', made a contribution to modern hashing that is unequalled. Tim was introduced to hashing in Bangkok in 1979. He was appointed GM of Bangkok H3 in 1982 and first attended InterHash in 1984, where he headed the successful Pattaya bid. Pattaya Interhash was Magic's proudest hash achievement and soon afterwards Tim became a consultant in travel, conventions and hashing. A grateful Pattaya Dirt Road H3 awarded him a PHHHD. Magic died in his favourite Bangkok restaurant and is buried overlooking the Chao Phraya River.



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Bangkok Harrittes (Thailand)



Founded: March 1982

Founders: Janet Baker

Who ran with: Jakarta Pussy Hash

Current GM: Eat Me

RA: Senator, Cod Piece and Sizzler

Meet: Wednesday

Hash Legend: *Imelda* is a true hash legend. She has been a hasher since 1984 and has attended every InterHash since 1986 in Pattaya, where she was both a hare and on the committee. A decade later she became the first Harriette to act as Chairperson for an InterHash event. Her home kennels are Bangkok Harrittes and The Thinking Drinking Hash.

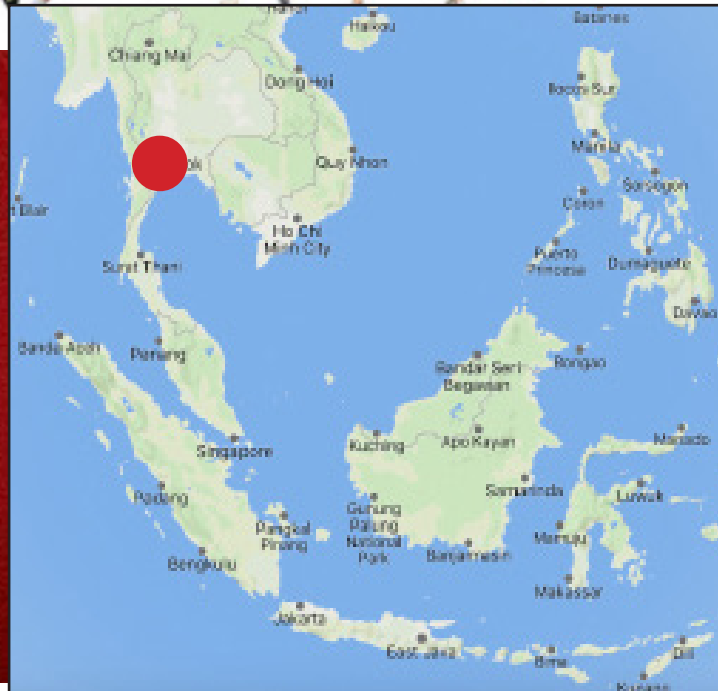
A classic women's hash where men are welcome.



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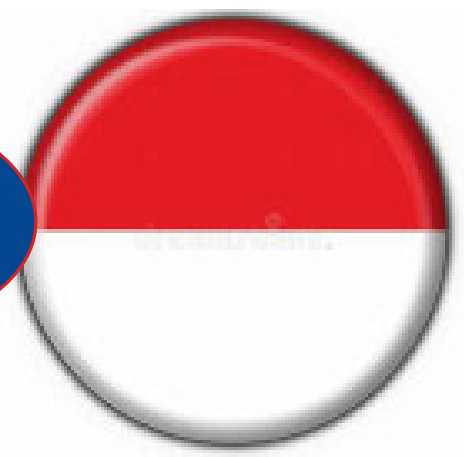
- The Harrittes were formed in 1982 and (until COVID) had met every Wednesday – over 1800 times so far.
- Runs are usually on the outskirts of Bangkok, with the better trails getting off the beaten track
- The circle tends to be structured with runners getting verbal – often non-PC – abuse from the Grand Mistress.
- Though harrietting is traditionally a women's thing, the Bangkok Harriettes welcomes men.

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Bandung H3 (Indonesia)

The biggest hash in the world!



Facts

Founded: August 1974

Founders: John Brinsden

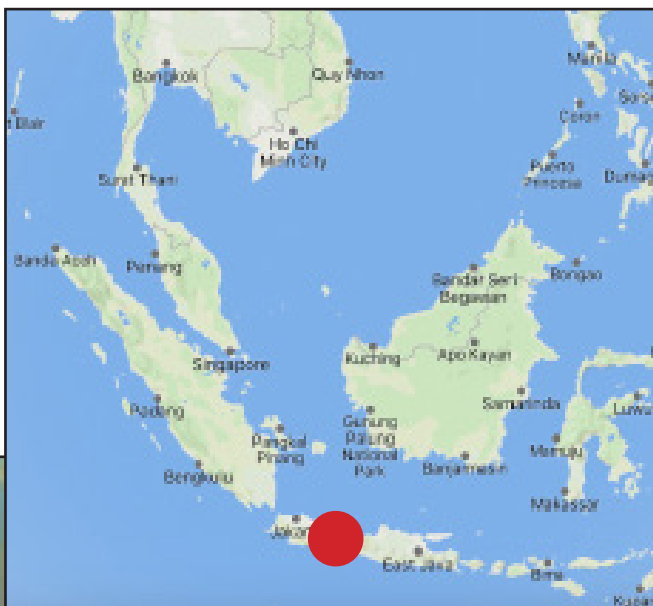
Who ran with: Jakarta

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Hash Legend: Margarete *Sweatie* Harisato was a key member of the hash in the early days and the first to achieve 500 runs.

- Bandung lies to the southeast of Jakarta, in one of Java's most hilly and beautiful regions.
- Bandung H3 was founded in 1974 with just 9 runners coming out for run number 1. The hash quickly gained in popularity and 136 runners attended the picnic-hash staged to celebrate 100 runs.
- The size of the pack became a problem, particularly during the wet season when runners often unintentionally damaged rice fields. On at least two occasions a controversial policy of limited membership was introduced.
- A second hash - which thanks to a brilliant stroke of imagination was called Bandung 2 - was formed in 1984.
- By the 1990's Bandung boasted the biggest kennel in all of Hashdom with packs of 1000 turning up every Friday evening to run a selection of trails.
- During these boom years there was an even number of expats and locals but the GM continued to be a foreigner. Chris *Durex* Johnson was the 19th to hold the role.



Barbados H3 (Barbados)

One of the biggest
hashes in the West
Indies



Founded: November 1985

Founders: David Craig

Who ran with: Abu Dubai

Current GM: Ian

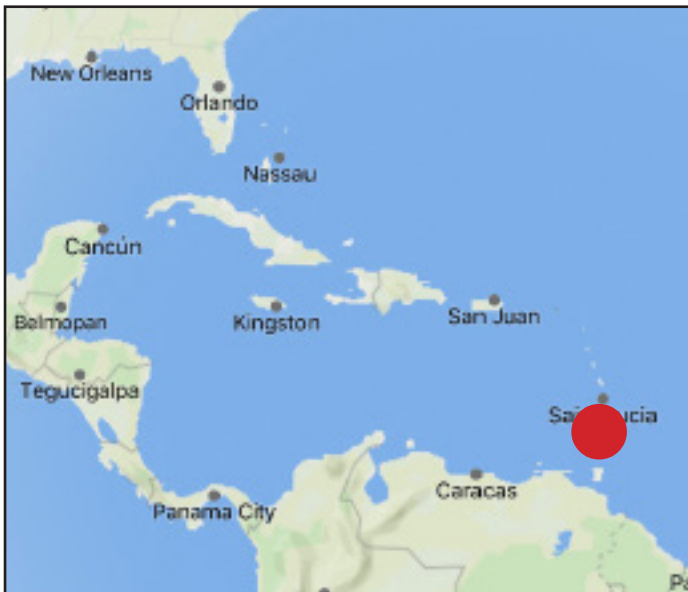
RA: Brigitte

Meet: Weekly, Saturday

Hash Legend: June *Hershey Buns* Clark on
1300 hashes.

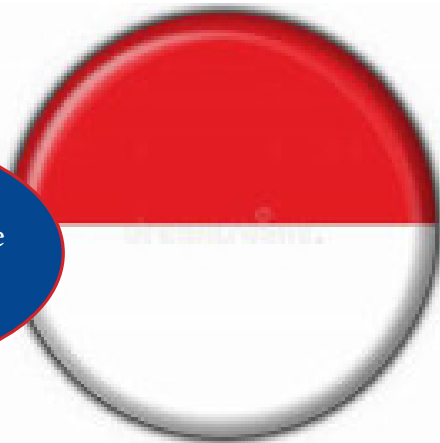
Facts

- Barbados H3 was founded in November 1985 by David Craig – formally of Tehran and Abu Dhabi .
- They celebrated their 500th run in 1995, despite the island having recently suffered heavy flooding from a hurricane.
- Although small, Barbados has a good variety of countryside, from beach to hills to plantation and the hash can meet at exotic sounding places like ‘Surfers Point’ or ‘Morgan Lewis Beach’.
- They have a regional reputation for hospitality.
- A ‘Moon Over Barbados’ Hash started in May 2001. They meet for a short torchlight run once a month.



Batavia H3 (Indonesia)

The best circles in the
hash world.



Facts

Founded: October 1986

Founders: Eddie *Wombat* Machinsky

Who ran with: Medan

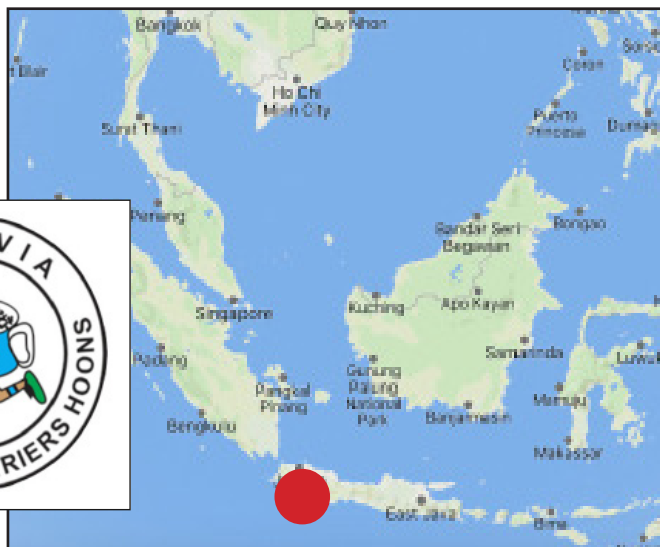
Current GM: ?

RA:?

Meet: Thursday weekly. Men only except last run of the month

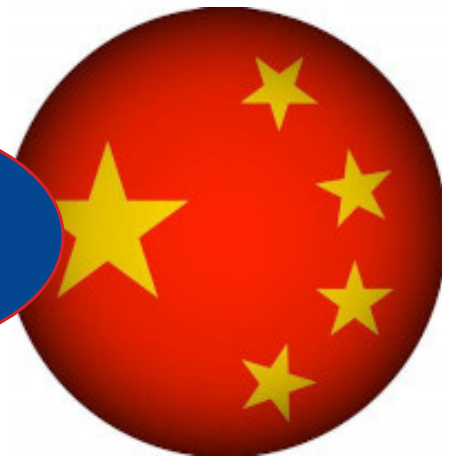
Hash Legends: Alun *Leeky Dick* Philips was an Indonesian veteran hasher who was Indonesian National Hash Secretary for many years. He started hashing with Medan H3 and then moved to Jakarta. Here he ran for many years with his first love - Batavia H3 - where he would compose and perform magnificent hash songs. He was a key figure at Interhash and his brilliant 'Phantom of the Hash Opera' was the highlight of the stage at Interhash '92'.

- Expatriates in the oil business tend to move between jobs with some regularity, and it was a core of Medan hashers – *Sheepskin*, *Leeky Dick*, *Konkrete Kock* and *Wombat* – who, on being transferred to Jakarta, founded Batavia H3. They took the vacant Thursday night spot.
- Batavia hashes centred around heavy drinking (Bintang) and a circle described as '*characterized by interactive repartee resulting in reward or punishment*'. For many years this was, as the famous beer advertisement says, probably the best Hash circle in the world. It was the ritual drinking in the Batavia circle that led to the introduction of the 2-litre mug, The Big One, which became the official pot for the InterHash Down Down competition.
- The economic crash and political violence of 1997 put Jakarta through a downward spiral from which they have yet to emerge. Batavia were due to run on the worse day of fighting and the beer truck and three runners managed to turn up as whole sections of the city were burning.
- Batavia is a strictly male preserve, except for the last Thursday of every month, which is a mixed run.



Beijing H3 (China)

Never a dull
moment!



Founded: July 1978

Founders: Brian *Ewor* Rowe

Who Hashed with: Hong Kong

Current GM: Dazed & Confused

RA: Piss and Chips

Meet: Usually Saturday 2.00 winter, 3:00 other times

Annual events: Great Wall Run

Hash Legend: *Dazed and Confused* moved to China via Colombia and Turkey. He is the longest serving committee member on the Beijing H3 including regularly being voted in as GM. He was also founder of the Beijing Full Moon Hash. He works in digital marketing and his hash publications include the All China Hash House Harriers Official Directory.

Facts

- China started to open up to foreigners around 1977 and hashing soon followed with Beijing H3 being founded by Brian *Ewor* Rowe in 1978. It was a tough time, with considerable suspicion towards foreigners and the hash had to be re-founded by Clint Halloran in 1982.
- At the time the authorities kept the Chinese population well clear of foreigners, who were not, for example, allowed to enter foreign hotels and hashing became an expat activity. The clubhouse in the British Embassy, 'The Bell' was an early venue and 1986 saw the first Great Wall Run.
- An ill conceived Tiananmen Square Remembrance run led to more secret policemen than runners turning up. A hasher collecting T-shirts for the next run was detained by the police and interrogated for the day. Similar problems occurred several years later on the 'Hong Kong Handover Run.'
- Beijing was one of the first hashes to close down due to COVID.



Bergen H3 (Norway)

The Four Hills is a major event on the European hash calendar.



Founded: September 1996

Founders: Finn *Abominator* Haldorsen

Who ran with: Newcastle

Current GM: Teacher's Pet

RA: Dog Handler

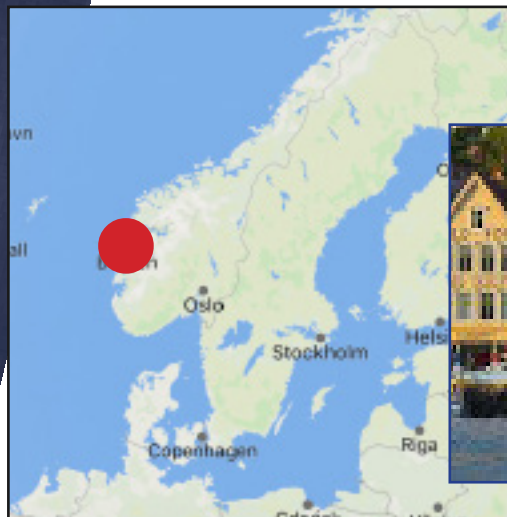
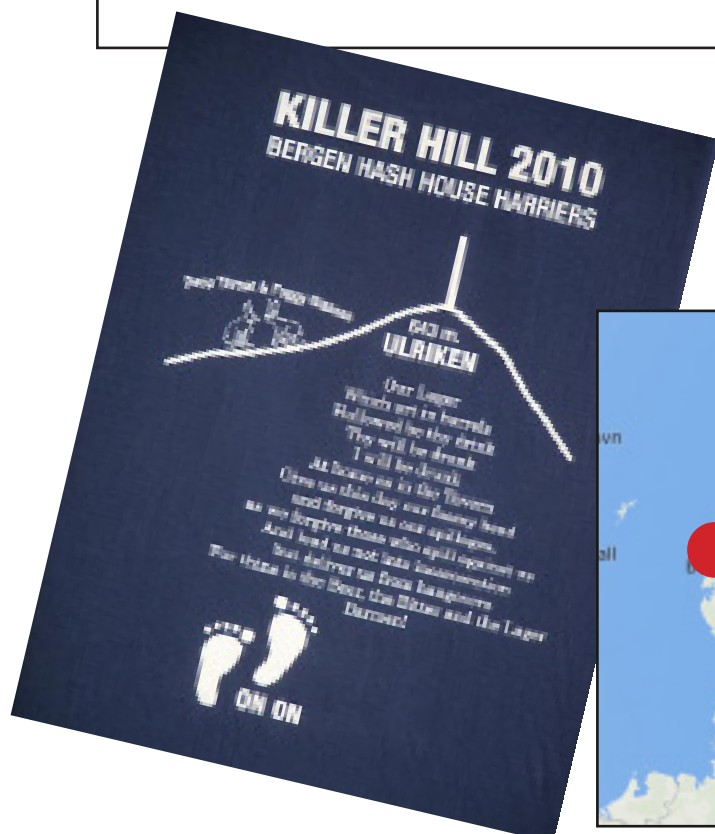
Meet: Every Wednesday at 7pm all year round!

Annual events: Killer Hill

Hash Legends: Andreas *Bubbles* Christiansen runs with Bergen H3 and DRIFTERS. He started hashing in Saudi with Riyadh H3 in 1980. Was given his hash name because he doesn't like bubbles in his beer. A retired maths teacher, he is now a full time hasher! *Bubbles* is remembered for requiring hospital attention at three different hash events.

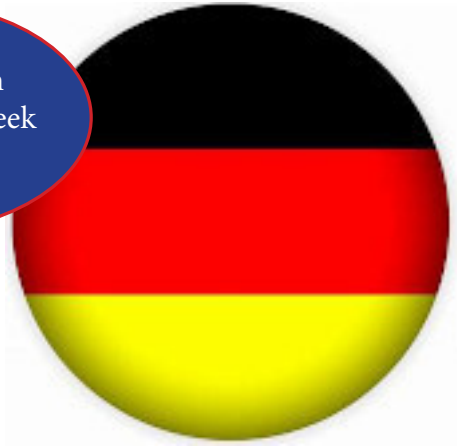
Facts

- Bergen H3 was founded by Atle *Abominator* Haldorsen, in September 1996. They are known as the Viking Hash.
- The beautiful Norwegian city of Bergen (it is really a slightly overgrown town) is surrounded by hills and once a year the local population turn out en masse to spend a whole day walking the complete circuit. Not to be outdone, Bergen H3 stage a Killer Hill Run in which they hash up and down ONE of the summits. This long weekend event attracts some 40 hashers, including a handful of visitors.
- Bergen are enthusiastic users of fish hooks.
- The day after one hash, there was a theft from a house en route and a local newspaper, reported that gangs had marked houses worth breaking into by drawing strange markings on the roads. On another occasion someone noticed the hare laying the trail for run #1694 and posted a message on a local Facebook group to warn people of the possibility that someone might be trying to poison cats and dogs!
- *Comes Every Time* joined the hash for the first time in May 2003. He raced to a 1000 hashes including 40 runs in a row between #1024 and #1063 and 26 runs in a row between #576 and #601.



Berlin H3 (Germany)

Not a flashy hash
but are out there week
after week.



Founded: December 1982

Founders: Neil Cameron

Who ran with: ?

Current GM: ?

RA:?

Meet: Saturday

Hash Legend: *Semen on the Pew* commemorated 20 years of hashing with a trail at Potsdamer Platz. *Semen* has meticulously documented every r*n he has ever attended and the count stands at 1231 r*ns with 95 kennels in 63 cities and 29 countries. He has hared 126 times, taken on the roles of RA, GM and even founded a hash in Mexico.

Facts

- Berlin has had a hash since 1982 and celebrated their 500th run in 1992 by staging Nash Hash.
- Immediately after the wall came down there was a departure of expats with numbers on the hash slipping as low as 5-10.
- They have now recovered and have a medium size pack of interesting characters who put on a good circle and offer all you can drink (in the circle) for 3 Euros.
- In 2008 the German Nash Hash returned to Berlin which meant German hashers went around singing 'We are going to Berlin, we're going to Berlin' which was an adaptation of a famous German football song. They seemed to find this very funny!



Bicester H3 (England)

One of England's
oldest hashes and still
going strong.



Founded: April 1974

Founders: Ray Thornton

Who ran with: Kuching H3

Current GM: Blue Nun

RA: Maraschino & Clippety Clogs

Meet: Monday 7pm

Hash legend: Iain *Amnesia* Belton has hashed with Bicester H3 since 1976, holding all the mismanagement positions at least once, and '*at various times, cocking them all up!*' He was also a founder of the Gispert Birthday Hash and has made some important contributions to our understanding of hash history.

Facts

- Bicester H3, roam over both Bucks and Oxfordshire, and are one of the oldest and most active Hashes in the UK.
- They started as a military hash with a sharp 5.00 pm start, enabling the boys to get out of the pub in time to have dinner in the officer's mess.
- Unlike some of the earlier military kennels, Bicester welcomed civilians and prospered.
- While Bicester H3 had been founded before Surrey, for the first couple of years they closed down during the winter, allowing Surrey to complete more runs. Surrey, therefore, disputes Bicester's claim to be the oldest *continually running* hash in the country. This dispute became a feature of the early Nash Hashes, with the two groups shouting at each other panto style: 'We're the oldest hash' 'Oh, no you're not' 'Oh, yes we are.' *The fun we hashers have!*
- Recently there have been less children and more walkers – the latter being a sign of the growing age of the pack. Having said that, runs can still be tough and a SCB is considered somebody who can get back in less than an hour.



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Brasilia H3 (Brazil)

The most active
group in South America.



Founded: June 1989

Founders: Randy Nored

Who ran with: Maputo

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Meet: Sundays, every other week

Hash Legends: Welf Herfurth took over the kennel in 2016 when it was on the verge of collapse. They didn't have a committee as such so he organise the hashes, bought the supplies, managed the money, run the website and social media platforms and helped them struggle through tough times. The hash can now reach 35 on a good day with a healthy mix of Brazilians and expats.

Facts

- Brazil is the land of samba, football and hash-ing. Well, actual just samba and football, because hashing has had surprisingly little impact on this country of 175 million sport loving, beer drinking people.
- The Brasilia H3 kennel tends to come and go, with the latest reincarnation being founded in July 2000. By the time the two founders departed the kennel was well established with runs on Saturdays if there appeared to be enough people interested.
- It is described as a 'mixed adult Hash based on the traditional robust lines.'



Brasilia Hash House Harriers

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“Naming” Hash N+269

When: 20/08/2023

Time: 19:00 sharp

Where: Parking lot behind Tappia Restaurant, SHS Q1 17, Lago Sul

Hash Cash: R\$ 25 incl. beer, soft drinks & water

Hare: Inbred Fred & I Lost Myself

The Brasilia H3, founded in 1989, is a fun combination of running/walking and socializing, where Hashers every two weeks chase hares, or follow marks, on 5-7 km long trails in search of exercise, camaraderie and the ever-elusive beer stop.

So why not join the fun, meet people from around the world and become part of a global family. On On

For more information and future events join our Facebook group or our blog: brasiliash3.blogspot.com

Note:
• We hash rain, hail or shine
• Please be on time as we do not wait for anybody, not even you
• Everybody is welcome, but a sense of humor is a must

Brunei H3 (Brunei)

The 3rd oldest hash
in the world.



Founded: February 1963

Founders: Colin Berwick assisted by *Pip* Furse and David Hobby

Who ran with: Singapore H3

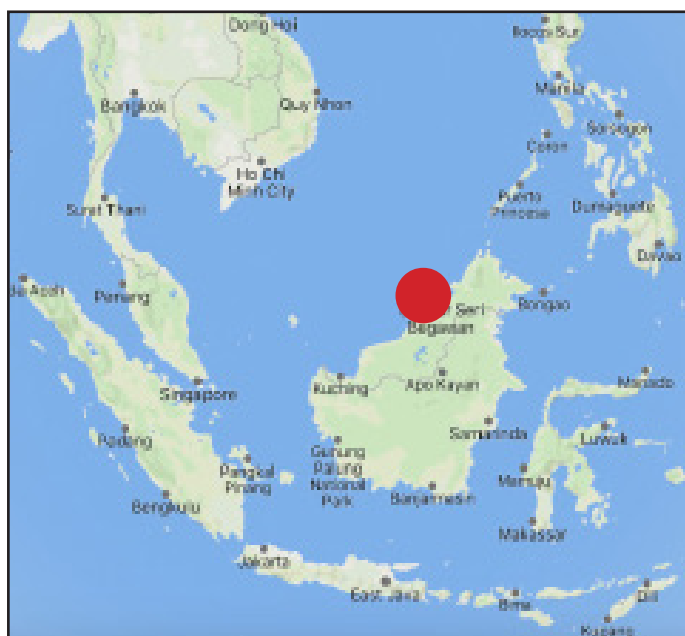
Current GM: The GM was Johnson *Buddha* Teo who passed away in February on the day of 60th anniversary of establishing the BN3. As a mark of respect a new GM has not yet been appointed.

RA: Bill Duane

Hash heroes: During the late sixties and early seventies military officers became the great Hash Evangelists, spreading the event we love around the world. This short-lived period produced a true hash legend in Richard *Mountain Rescue* McAllister. *Mountain Rescue* was introduced to hashing in Brunei in 1964, after which his CV includes founding the extremely influential Kluang Hash, staging the first hash on British soil (Longmoor H3) and bringing hashing to mainland Europe with the founding of Lübbecke H3.

Facts

- The island of Borneo is divided between Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia. Brunei, is a sovereign state taking up a small northern corner of the island. All three 'zones' have a strong Hash culture.
- Hashing started in Brunei thanks to the rebellion of December 1962 when rebels attacked police stations and other institutions around the country. British troops were rushed in from the region, including a contingent from Singapore where there was already a strong hash tradition. By the New Year the rebellion was over and the boys were looking for entertainment, so Colin Berwick, supported by 'Pip' Furse and David Hobby decided to set a hash.
- The military withdrew but expats kept the hash going and numbers rose rapidly. However, further unrest, this time stirred up by Indonesia, made jungle runs too dangerous and the kennel closed down some time in 1963.
- Hashing restarted in 1965. These were great days with Brunei having an '*end of the world feel*' and the jungle starting as soon as you left your front door. Mother Hash traditions, a sharp 5pm start and a very informal circle, were strictly followed.
- There was no lack of jungle and over the years the pack saw leopards, cobras, gibbons and the marks left by a bear.
- Although the pack was 90% expat, locals – most likely from a Chinese background – were very welcome. Later on, when the circle was becoming more formal, it was Brunei H3 who invented the Hashshit, a stuffed rabbit on a beer can first awarded on April 28th 1979 to John Alum for setting a particularly poor run.



Cambridge H3 (England)



Possibly England's
most underestimated
hash.

Founded: October 1978

Founders: Howard Taylor

Who ran with: Bangkok

Current GM: Smeghead

Grandmistress: It'll Come Off

RA: Doubletop

Meet: The Cambridge hash meets every Sunday throughout the year, starting at 11am sharp.

Hash Legend: Terrance *Bunter* Kavanagh returned from an extended over-and trip across Asia just in time to help found Cambridge H3. In 1992 he went to work in the Falkland Islands, where he founded Falkland H3. On returning to England, Bunter settled down and managed the St Radegund's Public House for the next 17 years. This tiny bar was full of character and became home to the Cantabrigensis H3. Bunter passed away in 2012.

Facts

- The Cambridge Hash started with an ad in the personal column of the Cambridge Evening News of September 11th, 1978. The advertisement was placed by Howard Taylor who was an inaugural runner with the Bangkok Hash in Thailand in 1977.
- According to the first Annual General Meeting of the Cambridge Hash, the first run took place on September 31st 1978, which is believed to be a world record - being the first September in recorded history to have 31 days. The first run actually took place on 1st October,
- In their younger days, the hash entered a team in Cambridge Volleyball League.
- RA *Jetstream* claims that his Great Uncle, George Wallach, ran in the 10,000 metres at the Stockholm Olympics in 1912.



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Cairo H3 (Egypt)

Founded: October 1980

Founders: Adrian Hromiak

Who ran with: Mother hash

Current GM: ?

RA:?

Meet: Friday 1pm, Ace Club, Maadi

Annual events: Rehydration Run in March

Hash Legend: In 1995 Mohsen *Hot Air* al Ashmoni was one of the first locals to take the role of GM of Cairo H3. (Ed: possibly the first?) During his spell as GM, the kennel reached 400 members and celebrated their 800th run.

Out into the desert!



Facts

- Cairo traditionally meet on Fridays, when Cairo's horrendous traffic becomes more bearable. City runs are discouraged.
- The pack has always had a fair number of locals, usually Egyptian men working for expat companies.
- During the 1980s there was a tradition of 'making a day of it' with some morning activity – horse riding was popular – followed by buffet breakfast at the Movenpick and then on to the hash in the afternoon.
- Over the years, Cairo H3 has been active in supporting local events, such as the Nile Raft Race or the Rugby 7s. When the Nile became too polluted to risk a raft race, the hash replaced it with a desert Rehydration Hash.
- Cairo H3 has continued to run through all the recent troubles but have increasingly orientated to the southeast bank of the Nile, meeting at the Ace Club in Maadi. This directs most of their runs to the desert and canyons of Wadi Degla.



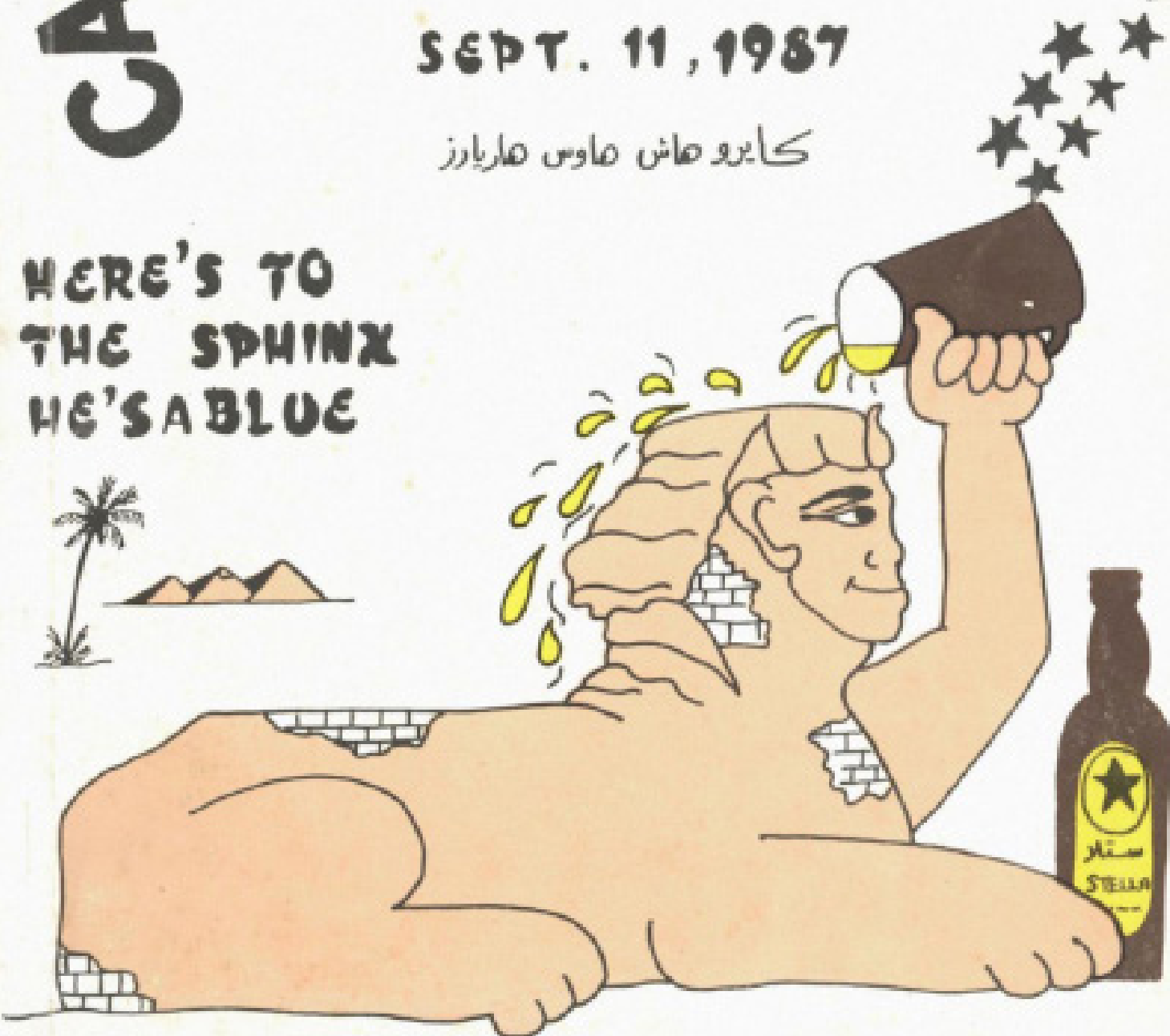
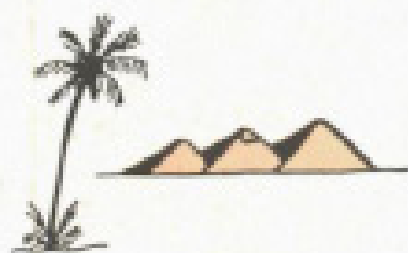
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THE SPHINX
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DRINK IT DOWN, DOWN ...

Capital H3 (India)



Founded: 8th of October 1994.

Founders: Peter *Free Loader* Heinlein

Who ran with: Delhi H3

Current GM: In and Out

RA: Monkey Business

Meet: Every Saturday.

Hash Legend: *Avi Love Chicken* Bindra is one of the giants of Delhi hashing, founding Delhi H3 (with Charlie Stevens) on 31 December 1983. At that point, Delhi H3 was the second hash club in India after Bombay. In March 1995 Avi organised a highly successful All India Nash Hash. When Avi felt that the Delhi hash had become a little too much of a running club, he founded Party Hash (October 1997). Avi was a great traveller and attended many international events.

Facts

- India does not have the same rich hash culture as South East Asia, but neither is it a hash wilderness. There are some fifteen kennels and Indians are increasingly taking up hashing with enthusiasm.
- Delhi H3 was founded in 1982 at the second attempt. As the pack increased in size an alternative Capital H3 was founded by Peter *Freeloader* Heinlein '*because the parent Hash was becoming bigger and the runs shorter.*'
- The pack ranged from 30 to 80 with a fair number of expats.
- There is an annual Red Dress Hash and the Holi Hash is another big event.

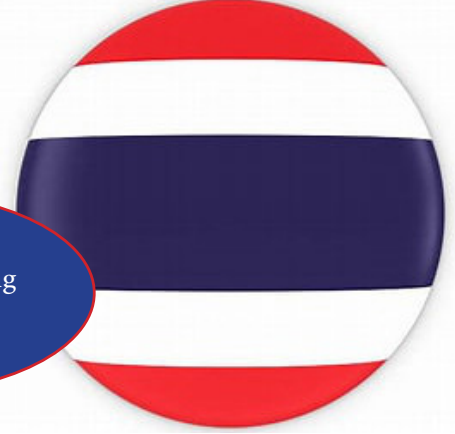


The best hash in India?



Chang Mai H3 (Thailand)

Hashing in trekking
county



Founded: May 1981

Founders: Charlie *Radar* Graham

Who ran with: Bangkok

Current GM:

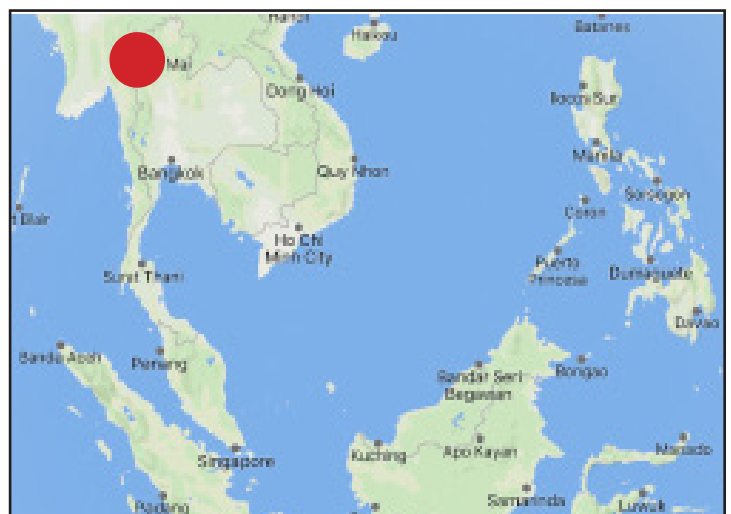
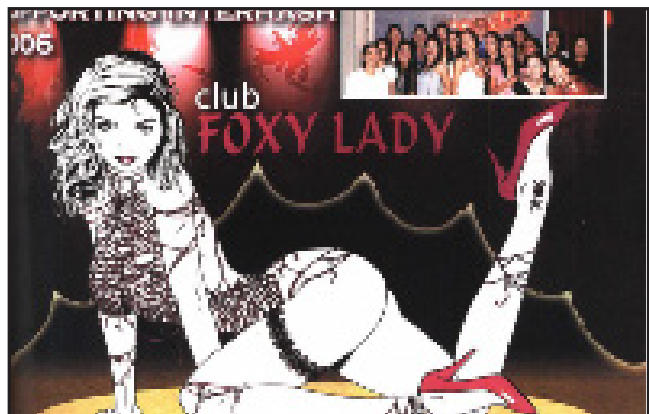
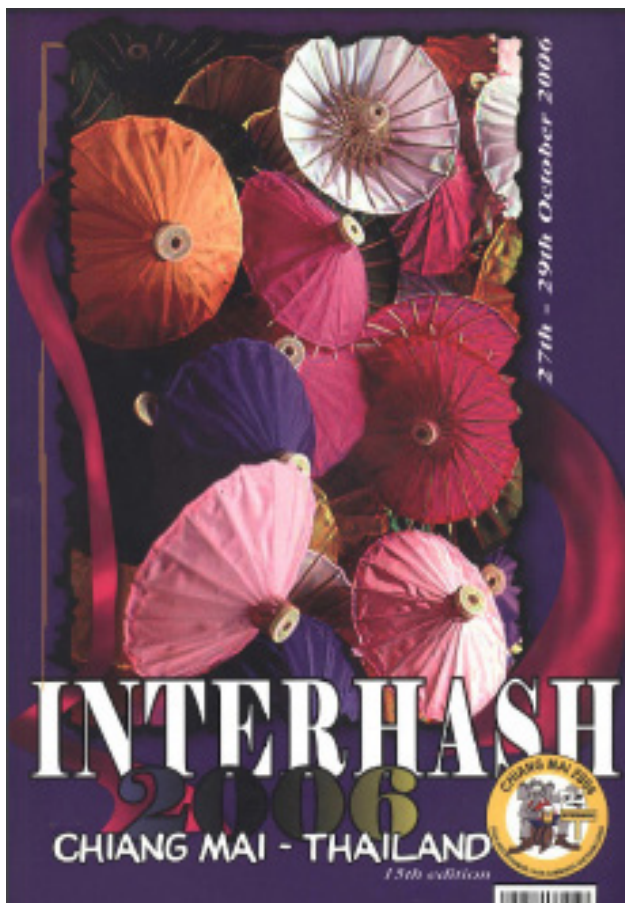
RA:

Meet: Monday

Hash Legend: John *Head Hacker* Shaller has clocked up 659 runs with the Chang Mai Saturday Hash, where he was GM from 1998-99, and 293 hashes with Chiang Mai H3, where he was GM from 2001-02. Was Interhash On-Sec, the event program describing him as *'managing a fleet of clandestine fishing boats used for importing Russian waitresses and beer.'*

Facts

- In 1981 Bangkok headed north to Chiang Mai to celebrate their 200th run and they invited local expats to join them for what proved to be a great weekend. As a result, Charlie *Radar* Graham started Chiang Mai H3 in May 1981.
- Thailand's second city has a very relaxed feel to it and is the centre of the tourist trekking trade, presenting some exciting options for trails. There are now five hash-es in Chiang Mai.
- There are outstation runs into the hills and regular pub crawls in town.
- A fair number of former Chang Mai hashers return to the city for extended stays each year.
- The Chiang Mai hashes combined to stage a highly successful Interhash 2006.



Copenhagen H4 (Denmark)



Founded: March 1980

Founders: *Der Tulip Eater* from Kowloon H3, Just Poul Erik from Seoul H3 and others.

Current GM: Calapso

RA: Biggles

Meet: Copenhagen H3 meet every week of the year, on Saturday afternoons in winter (October to March) and Monday evenings in summer (April to September).

Hash Legend: Jen *Father Abrahams* Falkenberg has been running with Copenhagen H3 since Run Number 2 and leads the run total with a 1000 plus runs. He has written a comprehensive history of the Copenhagen hash that is available on line.



Facts

- Copenhagen H3 'The Viking Wankers' were founded by Kaj *Der Tulip Eater* Petersen, Poul-Erik Dam and Steffen Harpoth in March 1980.
- A year later a new hash was started, unaware that a Copenhagen H3 already existed. The established hash turned up at the advertised run site to wish them luck and the two groups immediately amalgamated.
- The kennel continues to meet every Monday during summer and weekends during winters. Runs are 'in and around Copenhagen' with probably half of them in town. Packs can range from 20 to 60.
- They are an extremely well organised and ceremonial group with medals handed out to runners at regular landmarks, an active program of extra events (they claim to be the 2nd kennel in the world to stage a skydiving hash) and a magnificent Hash History that is available on line.
- A Full Howling Hash (Full Moon) started back in 1995 and is going strong while the Harriettes were founded to stage the occasion party 'somewhere in Denmark'. However, while the hash is doing well, numbers have been in steady decline for a number of years.

A disgraceful level
of good management



Dar es Salaam H4 (Tanzania)



Facts

Founded: February 1982

Founders: Ron Peachey

Who ran with: Bangkok

Current GM: Cockroach

RA: Shaggy Haggis

Meet: Monday

Hash Legend: Mark *Wet Dream* Golding has been hashing with the group since the 1990s. He is one of the few Europeans to take up Tanzanian nationality.

- Ron Peachey and Bob Martin founded Dar es Salaam H4 in 1982. Times were tough, with little in the shops and beer was only available if you could find a crate of empty bottles (an item that was as rare as gold dust) to take to the brewery on the odd days they were producing. The new kennel therefore became the Dar es Salaam Hamna H3, '*Hamna*' being the Swahili expression for 'none' as in – is there any bread? *Hamna*. Any petrol today? *Hamna*.
- In the early days the hash ran every second week and survived a mass arrest for running on army territory around run number 70.
- The hashshite was introduced early, an obscene (and rather heavy) Makaonde carving to be carried around in a backpack
- Dar es Salaam hosted the third African Interhash at Bahari Beach with the main run taking place around the University Campus.
- As Dar becomes a mega-city terrible traffic makes it increasingly difficult to get to the hash meeting point.



The grand old hash
of East Africa.



Dhekelia H3 (Cyprus)

The oldest hash in
Europe



Founded: January 1967

Founders: Ray Thornton

Who ran with: Kuching

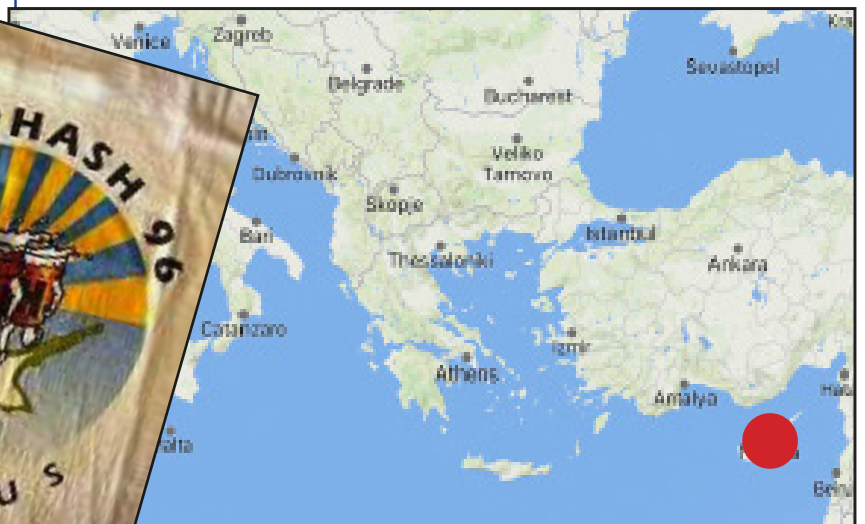
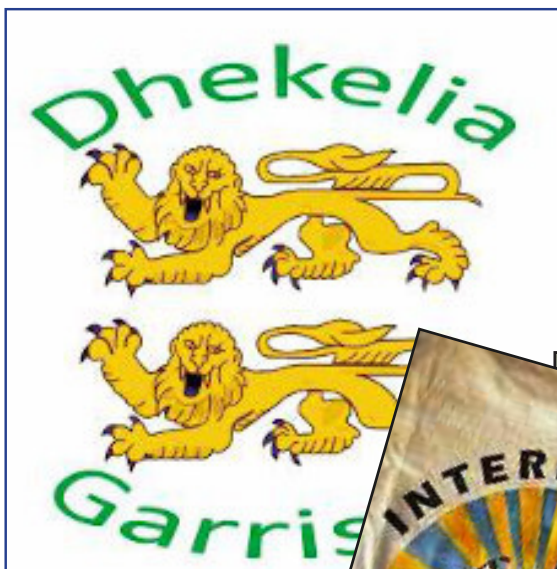
Current President: Ivan Mckeown

Meet: Wednesday evening. 16:00 in winter and 18.00 in summer.

Hash Legend: Gris Davies Scourfield was a remarkable man. After being captured by the Germans in 1940, he made several escape bids, including slipping out of Colditz by hiding in a handcart. Staying in the army after the war, he fought in numerous colonial wars and was awarded the Military Cross, MBE and CBE. He helped found the first two hashes on Cyprus.

Facts

- When Ray Thornton was posted to Cyprus, he approached his senior officer, Gris Davies Scourfield, with the idea of starting up a hash. The commander of the base not only gave permission but joined in with enthusiasm.
- Hashing on Cyprus was open to '*officers and equivalent status civilians*' a social discrimination which becomes a little more acceptable when you see pictures of what the lads were getting up to in the circle. A British officer probably couldn't have squaddies seeing him standing with his shorts round his ankles and a toilet seat around his neck!
- After co-founding **Dhekelia H3** (January 1967), Scourfield was transferred to another British base at Episkopi, where he founded **Episkopi H3** (November 1967).
- The local Cypriot countryside was impressive and the runs short, with the boys intending to be back at the bar within 45 minutes.
- Today the hash continues to meet within 20k of Dhekelia.



Desert H3

(UAE)

Founded: 1979

Founders: Martin *The Ayatollah* Odell

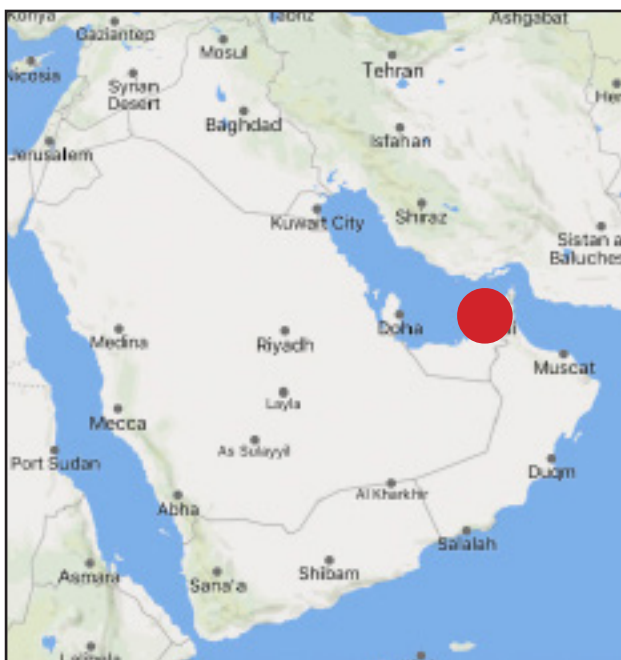
Who ran with: Bahrain H3

Current GM: Compressed Fart (11th year)

RA: Rotates

Meet: Monday 7.00

Hash Legend: Ian *AhPisto* Browning was an Australian veteran of the Dubai hash scene. Before leaving the country he had clocked up a record 1200 runs with Creek H3 and over 800 with Desert H3. He avoided being GM of either hash due to work commitments. A sign of his sharp Australian wit was the habit of wearing a Creek T-shirt in Desert circles. Now hashing with Gold Coast H3.



Numbers are down
but still one of the great
hashes.



Facts

- The **Desert Hash** was formed in 1979. Interestingly, they were originally known as the **Dubai and Sharjah Desert H3**, Sharjah being the next Sheikdom along the coast and only twenty or so kilometres from the centre of Dubai. Indeed, Run Number One was set at Al Wadah Street which is in Sharjah.
- As traffic became ever more of an issue the short journey to Sharjah became impractical doing the rush hour leading up to the Hash. At the same time, many foreigners were moving into Sharjah to find cheaper rents and a local **Falcon H3** started there in March 1988. Interestingly, the title Sharjah remained part of the Desert title for many years, and when it was finally dropped it was an informal decision, taken in the bar rather than at a committee meeting.
- With Dubai Airport growing as an international hub it was easy to travel and the Desert H3 sent 20 hashers to Sydney Interhash and 40 to Pattaya.
- Prior to COVID Desert H3 were proud of never missing a run, although sandstorms had occasionally closed a circle.
- Traffic, the loss of run sites to development and declining pool of expats has seen numbers drop but the Desert Hash is holding steady with packs of 20 plus turning out each Monday.



Dhaka Mixed Hash (Bangladesh)

A underestimated
center of hashing!



Founded: January 1983

Founders:

Who ran with:

Current GM: Hot Dog

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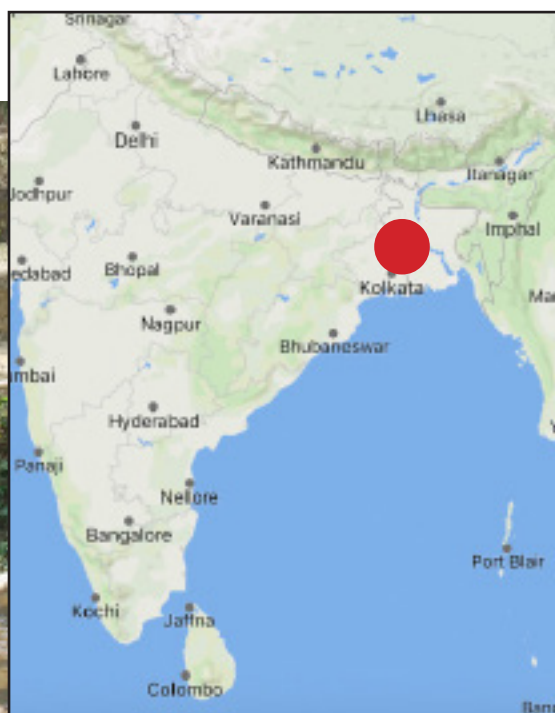
Meet: Saturday

Hash legend: Mahmood *Geli* Raham is a central figure on the Bangladesh hash scene. He has clocked up a record 1190 runs with the Men and 1144 with the Mixed Hash (this is also probably a record). The roof top of his apartment block is a regular venue for big events and he is a good hash traveller.



Facts

- Bangladesh is a small country (its ranks 94th in the world in land area) with a population of 152 million (that ranks it 9th with more people than Russia or Japan!). Of these about 15 million live in Dhaka. The city is far more 'Bombay' than 'Bangkok', being crowded, polluted and traditional.
- The Mixed Hash was formed in 1983 and as there was already a men's hash it became convention that the GM of the Mixed Hash should be of the bumpy gender. Jane Joy Stick Elton, Jackie *Itchybum* Johnson and Denise *Penis* May have followed a long line of powerful women GM's which included the legendary *Nijinsky*, who stood 6' 2' and controlled the circle with the use of a whip.
- Dhaka traffic is horrendous and at the worse times of day a journey of a few kilometres can take hours. However by running at the weekend the Mixed hash can still get into the countryside.
- There is a busy calender of big events open to all including the Victory Day Run and Tall Man's annual Old Dhaka Hash.



Doha Nightcrawlers H3

(Qatar)

Founded: July 2010

Founders: Alan *Baldrick* Holden

Who ran with: Doha

Current GM: Jersey Whore

Meet: Monthly, Thursday

Hash Legend: *Dildo Dan* was introduced to hashing in Dar es Salaam in 1999. His enthusiasm, simple nature (proof of this being that his second hobby in life, after hashing, is supporting the mighty Chester City FC) and intriguing love life marked him down as a boy with potential. Since moving to the Middle East he has been a central figure on the Doha H3 and the Doha Nightcrawlers. Dildo can claim to be the most arrested hasher in history, having been detained by police while setting trails in Tanzania, Cameroun, Bahrain and Qatar (twice).



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Facts

- While Qatar H3 (founded in June 1976) are the older hash the energy seems to lie with the Full Moon Nightcrawlers.
- They run on the Thursday evening nearest to the full moon, which is the start the Friday-Saturday weekend. Nightcrawlers are very much a party hash and the pack usually spend some time 'socializing' before setting out for a 4-8 km run.
- There have been moments of excitement with the police chasing after a group of men wearing red dresses.
- The weekends have seen some excellent special events. On one occasion (see photo) the circle was held in a tidal lagoon with water slowly covering the feet of the hashers and the wheels of the 4-wheel drives.

The Red Dress
Hash might not have
been a great idea!

