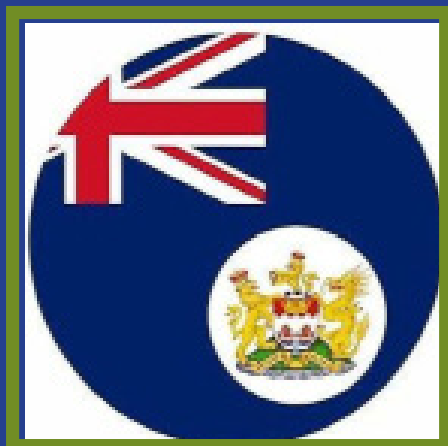


# On On Magazine

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*InterHash Special Edition*

# News

## England

*Gromit* and *Guzunder* recently celebrated 25 years of marriage by laying a hashing trail for the **Ashburton Hash House Harriers** around Dawlish Warren in Devon.

Twenty-one year old Taaneer Niazi, appeared in Court in Glasgow where he 21, denied a charge of causing death by dangerous driving. His victim was a well known Aberdeen Hasher. The case is scheduled to begin in Aberdeen in August next year.

**Newcastle Hash House Harriers** had a visit from their founder *Abominator*.

## USA

A Syracuse website guide to running groups featured the local hash groups. To quote: *'Hashing culture is quirky, with a lingo and rules all its own. Drinking is not required, though kennel (because, hounds) members must be at least 21. Some of the oldest hashers are in their 70s and 80s.'*

**Orange County H3.** *Mum & Repo* promised their 30th wedding anniversary hash would be through the shaggiest trails this side of matrimony! *'Expect celebratory sips of beer and Prosecco at every milestone.'*

## Hong Kong

April saw the Hong Kong Rugby 7's celebrate its 50th year and the event was well attended by hashers during the 3 days of play. There have been several AGMs



in Hong Kong recently. **Wanchai H3** new GM is *Marie Go Down* and **Royal Southside H3** HM is now *Father C. Punch*. Both chapters plan Cinco de Mayo runs in May, complete with Tequila Down Downs! The **Ladies H3** AGM followed in June with the new GM being *Virgin Split*. Men's **KH3** embark on a tour to Macau in May. **Little Sai Wan H3** hits 2,600 runs in June and Hong Kong's oldest hash, **H4**, is planning its October 3,000th. It remains to be seen if they open an invite to other hashes for this prestigious occasion.

## Sweden

With hashers passing through to Interscandi there was a big turn out for the annual hotdog run by *Eye Full* and *BMW. Messiah*, the newly crowned Inter-Hash Down Down champion took on *Violent Volvo* a former African InterHash champion. Who won? Our lips are sealed! That weekend there was also a cocktail walk for the Harriettes and the first bike hash for



*Gromit and Guzunder recently celebrated 25 years of marriage*

# National Day Run Stockholm



a while.

Sweden National Day brought a colourful turnout for the Saturday Absolut Run. A good trail and excellent barbecue but the circle struggled as hashers tried to shelter from an isolated rain shower.

Eye-Full has completed her 600th Hash with the Stockholm Underground.

## Australia

Gympie H3 celebrated 45 years of hashing. On the same night Chugga clocked up 100 runs and Premy

200. Betika, one of Africa's leading sports betting and entertainment brands, has announced a Shs 10 million sponsorship for the Kampala Hash House Harriers (KH3) Hash Bash 2025.

## Uganda

A local betting firm has sponsored the **Kampala H3** ball! The event is scheduled for November 29, with the run starting from Silver Springs Hotel in Bugolobi. The sponsorship package includes premium Betika-branded jerseys for all participants, logistical support for the event, and involvement in the annual gala. The partnership reflects Betika's commitment to promoting active lifestyles and community wellness in Kampala.

## Norway

Interscandi is getting great reviews except for the weather. *'Thank you to all who helped; the clearing teams, the bar teams, the band, the hares, the RAs and the alcohol mules! Thank you to everyone who came - we had a blast!'*

*On on to York, UK Interscandi 2028!*

*IS Mismanagement 2026*

## China

Pickle Boy has passed the all-time run total for **Beijing H3** with his 653rd hash. Apparently it has taken him 25 years, an average of about 26 runs a year.



*Istanbul H3 are back in action*

## InterHash

Congratulations to *Messiah* and *Oily Mango*, the new InterHash Down Down Champions.

## Oman

**Muscat H3** hosted a live trail on 24th April which was also attended by Hashers from **Oman H3** and **Wasted Wadi Wanderers H3**. The Hares, *Groucho* and *Tuneless*, dressed as bunny rabbits, laid a trail through old town Qurum with multiple checks and routes and re-routes. The intrepid Hashers took it upon themselves to get lost, confused and eventually found again. The circle saw summary icing for charges ranging from new shoes to excessive talking and less walking. On-After were held at the neighbourhood Rock Bottom bar. A special mention to *Breast-stroke Bokkie* and *GM White Mamba* for behind-the-scenes work. ON-ON! Thanks to *Pussy Wrangler*, Muscat H3 RA.

## Thailand

**Pattaya H3** raised 8,300 baht from a raffle and their Betty Boop Run. This was donated to Take Care Kids.

## New Zealand

Sad news of the death of *Metal Micky*. A full report next month.



*Pickle Boy Beijing hash record*

# ON ON

*Taking a summer break*

*The next issue at the end of August.*

*On On Shakes*

# We received this letter from a true hash legend

Hello Bob,

I am not sure if I am addressing this letter to the right person. But you can advise.

This is written with reference to the most recent On On Magazine and more specifically about the article on the founding of the Jakarta Hash. If I may, and you may use any part of this detail should you wish, below are the facts as I experienced them away back 55 years ago.

I arrived for the first time in Indonesia in late 1969, but took up residence in Jakarta, setting up a branch of our Singapore architects' office in perhaps late 1970. I set up the first Jakarta Hash House Harriers' (JH3) run with a pal, Jeremy Pidgeon ('Burong' - Indonesian for pigeon) on Monday, 22.03.1971 (date confirmed by John Carter through Phil Murray). Jeremy died young, sadly, in 1981 in England, leaving a widow and two children.

I, Gordon Benton ('Bent One') set the run, set then about 20 minutes from the centre of the City, and Jeremy ran it with about a dozen men. It was set from Jalan Telesonic (now Jalan Kemang Selatan 5) where I stayed, in an area then covered in coconut palm trees, some thatched kampung homes and a mosque, that I recall. The villagers were suspicious of us young white men running about the place, fearful of the return of the colonising Dutch who had been kicked out just 26 years before. Women and children were rushed inside their homes, doors locked, they unable to comprehend why half-naked 'bules' (white skinned persons) would be running about, apparently aimlessly, shouting in an unknown language, in the hot tropical climate. Mad, but clearly a danger to their young women. It became necessary later to talk to the Kapala Kampung (headman of the village) to explain and seek permission every time we set a trail.

Jeremy came, again from memory, from a British trading company, William Jacks, in Kota Kinabalu, in Sabah, and ran in its Hash there, which not long ago was known as the Jesselton H3, then the Kota Kinabalu H3. All this can surely be confirmed at source.

I did my first hashing in 1965 with the newly resurrected Brunei Town H3, which has started some time before then, but was closed down due to the Emergency called the Konfrontasi - a short war when the then President Soekarno of Indonesia had decided to expand his newly independent country by conquering the parts of Kalimantan (called Borneo elsewhere) it didn't own. The land in the form of the States of Sabah and Sarawak, belonged to the newly created Malaysia, and the 600-year-old independent Sultanate of Brunei, incidentally an offshoot relic of the Archipelago's ancient Majapahit Empire. Britain put in troops, helicopters, and naval ships to crush the invasion, and in Brunei these military personnel formed a critical, part of these early days of the Hash. In a Muslim State, they provided the beer, on ice blocks in a zinc tub, with metal mugs.

It was from this Hash that we introduced to JH3 the Hash Rules - such as "ye shall never pass a Hasher who thinks he is running", "... never step into a Hashers' footmarks until he has left them", sitting bare-arsed on a block of ice for perceived and often just contrived penalties, ignore the early finishers and cheer the last runner in, the host looks after their guests. The early Hashers were largely development consultants, English-speaking Embassies' staff, representative from Singapore-based Trading Houses, international Banks, etc. The cold beer at the end, the chat, the songs, the outrageous piss-taking became the norm, with cars somehow finding their way home without GPS.

Three thousand runs later, Indonesia's first Hash has given birth to perhaps hundreds of others around this vast Nation. Originally for men only, then for women, then mixed sexes, and at weekends for children, everyone is today welcomed all over the country on virtually every day of the week. It can be said that Hashing has taken off 'big time' in this truly beautiful country of over 17,000 islands, with the fourth largest population in the World. We were fortunate to have been given the opportunity of living, working and of course hashing in this welcoming country in an exciting time in its' and the Region's remarkable history.

And, although according to my doctor I am "seriously old", I am still very much alive (touch wood!), with marbles still in good order (I like to believe). "Perhaps it was all the Hashing that done it. Yer Honour". But then again, perhaps not.

On On tae the tap (top), Bent One.

# Hash Obituary

## Ron *The Penguin* Strachan

The Penguin has passed away. The Monday before he was on the Aberdeen Hash where *Little Shit* and *Sharnie* presented him with a Jakarta 3000th run T-shirt.



Ron *The Penguin* Strachan, also known as Wee Ronnie, started hashing in the Middle East before moving to Jakarta in January 1975. He was a regular member of the **Jakarta H3** committee, including a spell as GM. In 1977, *The Penguin*, accompanied by Jacques and Rita De Steur co-founded **Jakarta Harriettes**. He was also Chairman when Jakarta hosted InterHash in 1982. Ron left Indonesia in 1992, having completed more than 1,000 runs. He continued to return to Indonesia regularly. Missing the special atmosphere of Indonesian Hashing, he became GM of the **Indonostalgia Hash**, which seeks to recreate that atmosphere wherever and whenever it runs, mostly in the UK and Europe. One of The Penguin's greatest claims to fame is being the 6th of the 5 InterHash survivors. Ron registered for every event, but missed one due to family bereavement.

# In Loving Memory of



## Ronald William Strachan

25th July 1945 - 28th May 2026

I can't put into words what The Penguin's contribution to world Hashing has been. I'm sure plenty of others will do that for me. And they may even describe some events and adventures which preceded my own Hash Life, which only began in 1988. I'm guessing that even that long ago he was already something of a Hash Legend.

But what I can say is that he bore his obvious suffering this past couple of years with a massive amount of private dignity. We have all known that the situation was terminal for quite some time now, but Ron never played the victim.

He continued actively Hashing for as long as he could manage, then somewhat seamlessly converted to walking and ultimately to just being at the pre and post run Circles; quietly spending the run duration in someone's car and then re-joining in to listen to the Down Downs etc.

It says it all about his commitment to Hashing that he attended again as recently as Monday 25 May, where he was warmly toasted and given a souvenir t-shirt from the latest Pan Asia Hash. He had us all in stitches with what must have been his final public Hash pronouncement along the lines of 'Just what I needed. Another Hash shirt'. It was something of a blessing that I and a good number of other AH3 Hashers were able to pass some time with him, with (most of) us not realising just how close to his final hours he actually was.

Hashing right to the end. The Penguin wouldn't have had it any other way. And it's a sad irony that I have just seen another couple of mentions for him in the latest issue of On On, just a couple of days after his death

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OneLiner GM. Aberdeen.

# InterHash Special

InterHash. The biannual gathering of the world's hashers, first held in Hong Kong in 1978.

*The reports from 1978 to 2010 are a combination of thoughts from Whorator and Shakes.*

*More recent reports are thanks to Discowanker Mu-Sick.*

## Pre 1978 InterHash events

In 1966 Mother Hash, now emerging from several years of declining numbers, invited runners from Ipoh and Singapore to join them for their 1,000th run. There were 24 visitors, all hosted by Mother Hash.

In 1973 Mother celebrated its 1,500th run and numbers rose to 300 plus, with guests outnumbering locals 3-1. In addition to the various Malaysian Hashes, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Perth, Washington, Brunei and Singapore were represented and there were apologies from half a dozen other kennels. Hares on the main run were Peter Bromley (Joint Master) Geoff Edwards and

Andrew Tarres and the evening involved boat races and choirs.

The Hashers gathered the next day at 'The Dog' and the party continued at the same pace. The event saw the world's first Hash banner and the first Hash T-shirt for an international event.

There was already talk of staging regular gatherings but the idea of meeting in Bali never got off the ground. Indeed, Mother Hash probably visualised themselves as the only appropriate hosts for staging such events and had pencilled in their 40th anniversary and their 2000th run for the next big gatherings.

However, Hashing was becoming more international and events such as the New Zealand Nash Hash and the Singapore 1000th run reopened the idea of a bringing the world's Hashers together. It was Hong Kong who took up the challenge.



## The First InterHash Committee

Barry Griffin

Wes Parfitt

Sturat McDouall

Roger Medcalf

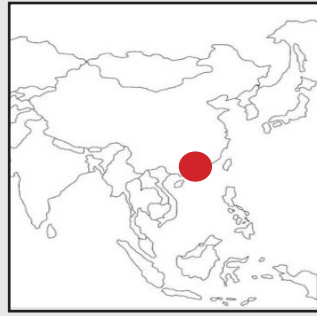


Hong Kong, 1978

Beer: San Miguel

Attendance: 800

GM: Festering Parfitt



The idea that grew into InterHash came from Barry Griffin, but in the end it was Wes *Festering Pas-tit* Parfitt, who organised a gathering of world Hashers during the four days of the 1978 Easter holiday. For the first time a fee - HK\$50, or about US\$10- was charged, which brought complaints from KL, as on previous occasions visiting hashers had not been asked to pay anything. It didn't put anybody off however, and eventually 988 Hashers turned up.

Friday's run was on The Peak, with the reception at the China Fleet Club being noted for singing, food fights and striptease. Later many of the boys were off to the Wanchai nightclubs. Saturday's run was on Prison Island, and Tehran gave a legendary singing performance on the ferry crossing. Sunday saw the pack in the New Territories, where a giant (and excellent) curry was served from the back of an Army truck by Ghurkhas. A core of senior Hash men gathered on Sunday and decided to make this a biannual event, with John Duncan provisionally accepting the honour on behalf of KL.

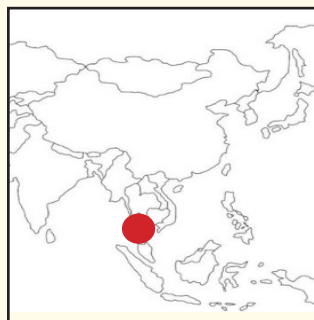


Kuala Lumpur 1980

Beer: Anchor

Attendance: 1,200

GM: ?



Numbers rose to 1,242 and despite their protest in 1978, KL now charged US\$50 a head. There were some problems, including pre-issuing of tickets, registering with the Malaysian authorities and currency conversions, but everything eventually fell into place.

On Friday InterHashers gathered at the Selangor Club, at the very roots of Hashing, for a night of brilliant atmosphere, ice-cold beer and monsoon rain, which enabled Victor Mason to exercise his body sliding techniques on the muddy padang. This added to the dismay of the snobbish Club management, who were already struggling to deal with the presence of the Harriets in this usually all-male domain.

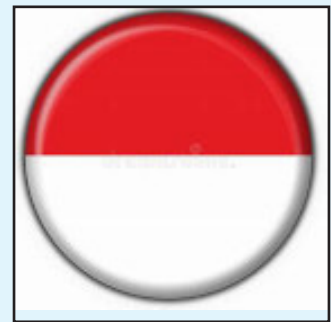
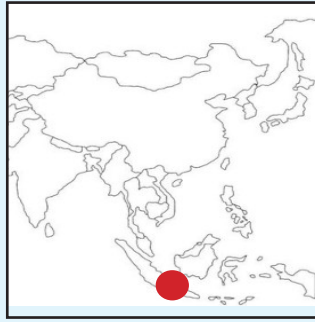
There were transport problems in the shape of bus shortages and on Saturday night the heavy rain flooded the rubber drying shed that was the main venue. Despite this the show went on, on and introduced many visitors the true nature of Asian 'shiggy'.

## Jakarta 1982

Beer: Anchor

Attendance: 1,300

GM: The Penguin



In 1982 Jakarta was still considered a hardship posting, a place of power cuts and crime. Indeed the original Easter date had to be switched to October because of elections. On the other hand the booming, oil-driven economy resulted in InterHash acquiring a healthy US\$50,000 in sponsorship. 41% of the 1,190 participants came from Indonesia and 28% from Jakarta, so there was no lack of guides for those who wanted to head into the restaurant/night club zone of Blok M.

The main venue for the runs was the Cibubur Boy Scout Camp, which is set in beautiful countryside and was a favourite venue with local kennels, particularly the Harriettes. Unfortunately a problem with the permit (Tidak ada permissi) caused the 'Blue Run' to be abandoned.

The cabaret was memorable for the performance of 'Miss Semarang' and there were impressive displays by *Captain Knockers*, and the **Jakarta Pussy Hash**.

On Sunday, InterHashers gathered in the downtown square surrounding Monas, (this being the rather phallic National Monument symbolising Indonesian independence or Merdeka) and from there boarded buses for the trip up into the hills of the Puncak tea plantation. The Puncak offered great running territory, with the deep ravines making life difficult for the short cutters, but there was a long (more than 1 hour) bus trip back to Cibubur.

On Monday about 500 turned up at the ISCI Sports Club for the usual Monday night run and many went 'On On' to Singapore and then Mother H3's 2,000th run.

## Sydney 1984

Beer: Fosters

Attendance: 1,654

GM: Sparks



Ole *Sparks* Vigersol (ex-Jakarta H3) was chairman in Sydney 1984, while Noelene *Captain Knockers* Shepherd was InterHash Secretary. It was a big decision to go out of Asia, especially when considering the difficulties of travelling in 1984. This resulted in a smaller attendance with a mere 1,562 registrations. There were, for example, only 30 Hashers from the United Kingdom and half of these were from Cambridge. It has been suggested that with a 2-1 ratio it all felt a bit like a giant Aussie Nash Hash.

The New Crest Hotel in the bawdy red-light district of Kings Cross became an unofficial gathering place and the Hasher's good behaviour surprised the Sydney police, who had turned out in force, expecting riots from 'the wild drinking club'.

Saturday offered 12 runs, most heading north and out of town. In the evenings, InterHashers gathered at the main venue, the Wentworth Greyhound Racing Track, where *Horse* Thompson (by then 78 years of age) was guest of honour. Some Queensland Hashers wore XXX Beer T-shirts to piss off the official sponsors, Foster's Brewery.

On Sunday, the runs began from the Opera House steps by the fabulous harbour. From there hashers headed in every direction, many departing by ferry and one passing through the Lady Jane nudist beach. Lunch was at HMAS Penguin, where the ironmen and women competitions took place.

With InterHash officially over, the partying continued at the Battery Hotel. Monday was a day off in Sydney and train trips up the Central Coast and Newcastle for post-InterHash runs were available for interested InterHashers. Regular Sydney Hash runs resumed on Tuesday and Wednesday.



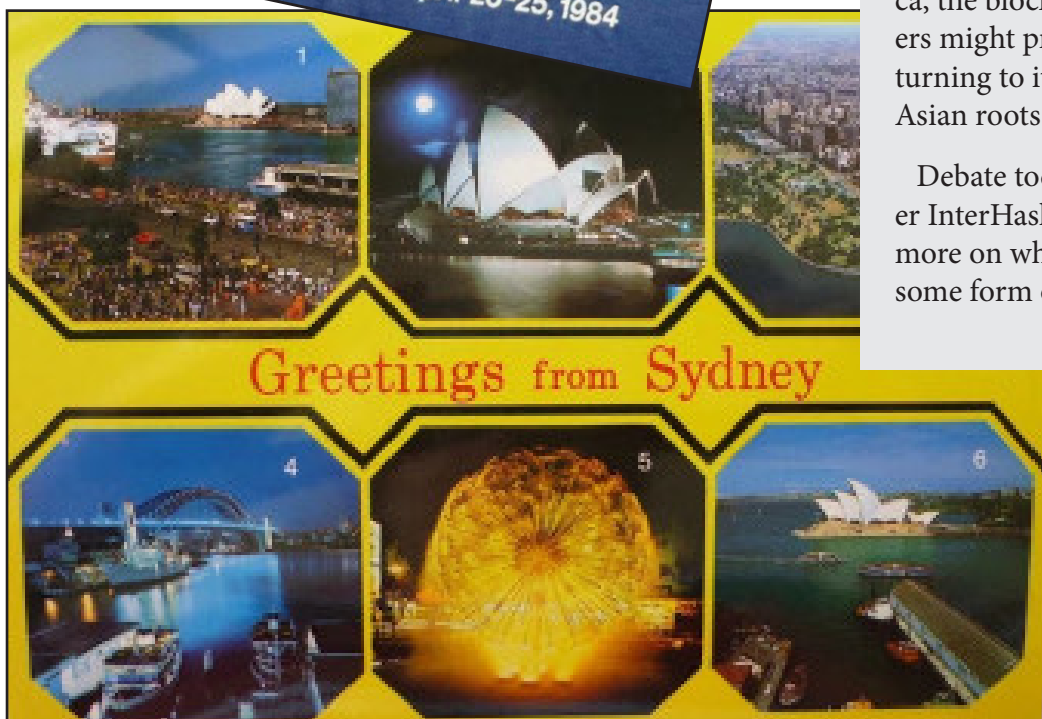
## InterHash debate

There has always been debate as to whether InterHash should always be based in Asia, or did it belong to the whole world. The arguments for remaining in Asia are centred on the emotional tug of its origins, economics, fun factor and practicality.

As Frank Whorator Benfield argued in 1986, following the successful Pattaya InterHash, *'Pattaya fits InterHash as perfectly as InterHash fits Pattaya. Hashing belongs in Asia.'*

There was also a perception that if InterHash went to Europe or America, the block vote of the home Hashers might prevent the event from returning to its geographic and spiritual Asian roots.

Debate today centres less on whether InterHash should stay in Asia and more on whether there should be some form of geographic rotation.



# 25 InterHash Heroes

**Antonie, Valerie**  
**KL Harriettes (Malaysia)**

**One of the first Harriettes at InterHash**

One of the few Harriettes at the early InterHashes and she continued to hash for many years. She was On-Sex at the 1996 Nash Hash and a member of the 1998 InterHash committee.

**Birdtable**  
**Gail Baillie**  
**Auckland H3 (New Zealand)**

**A major contribution to InterHash in recent years**

*Birdtable* has been hashing since 1977 and has made a major and varied contribution to InterHash in recent years. She has clocked up 13 InterHashes and was both an On-Sec (2024) and a Down Down Champion. Runs with the Auckland based **Woeful H3**.

**Captain Knockers**  
**Nolene Shepherd**  
**Sydney H3 (Austria)**

**Influential figure in the 1980s**

A veteran of the hash circuit and, during the 1980s, one of the most famous Harriettes in Hashingdom. Called *Captain Knockers* for obvious reasons, she will always be remembered for her contribution to Sydney InterHash 1984, where she was the On-Sec. She was still hashing nearly 30 years later.

**Chairman Pasit**  
**Wes Patfitt**  
**Kowloon H3 (Hong Kong)**  
**InterHash pioneer**

Although Barrie Griffin is credited with being the man who came up with the idea of organizing a gathering of the world's Hashers in Hong Kong in 1978, it was Wes Patfitt who is considered the main organiser. He was already well established with **Kowloon H3** where he was a regular hare. The 1973/74 Yearbook describes him as '*sleeps ad lib, drinks ad hock and copulates ad nauseum – a genuine hasher*'.

**Chee Bye**  
**Allan Chee**  
**PJ Hazards (Malaysia)**  
**InterHash Survivor**

Allan *Chee Bye Chee* started hashing in Penang around 1969. From there he moved to Kuala Lumpur, where he joined **Mother Hash**, before finding that the slower pace of **Seremban H3** suited him better. With his belly growing as fast as his age he joined with *Bear* and *Toda* to form the **PJ Animals H3** in 1977. He later became the religious adviser of the **PJ HHHazards** and occasionally golfed with the **Hash House Hackers**. This long hash career has left



Imelda

two main claims to fame: (1) He was one of the last three InterHash survivors to have attended every world gathering since the beginning. (2) He was a pioneer of breaking down barriers between expats and locals on the Malaysian hash scene. On retirement Chee Bye became involved in mismanaging the Hash Heritage Foundation. (Chee Bye, by the way, is Mandarin for the female genitalia!)

**Deep Throat**  
**Alan Seerup**  
**Wellington H3 (New Zealand)**

**One of the great Down Down Champions**

*Deep Throat* was introduced to the wider world of Hashing in Melbourne in the 1980s. '*His trusting kiwi nature was sometimes taken advantage of by local legends such as Steamshoes and Herpes who used him as a fall guy at away events*'. Having been introduced to hashing, *Deep Throat* went on to clock up over 3,600 runs, both in New Zealand and around the world. He has passed the 1,000 mark with 2 Wellington hashes, as well as completing over 400 runs in his 2nd hash home of Melbourne. DT has been co-hare with *Bluevain* for the last 4 Red Dress runs at the New Zealand Nash Hash. Over the years his University drinking training has stood him in good stead for InterHash Down Down events and he has 5 titles to his credit. He is also webmaster for the NZHHH website, despite having, in true Hash fashion, almost no skills in Websites. Wife *Fire N Da Ho* is also a hasher. (Ed: *Deep Throat* has been a great supporter of On ON Magazine - many thanks!)

**Digit**  
**Eric McGaw**  
**Hyderabad H3 (India)**  
**InterHash Chairman**

Eric *Digit* McGaw started hashing in Brunei with **Kuala Belait** in 1980. As he worked offshore he only managed a

handful of runs, but it meant when posted to Manila, and hearing a squash partner mention 'hashing' he knew what it was all about and went along. He spent eight years in Manila and although rowing was his first love he started to build up what was to become a legendary hash career. He was often scribe, became a regular roving correspondent for *Magic's* 'Harrier International' and served on the 1990 'Thriller in Manila' InterHash committee. Although he had actually left the Philippines before the event took place, he travelled back to help out and to set a trail. On arriving in Hyderabad in 1989 *Digit* immediately set about founding a kennel. *Digit* hashed in India for the next decade and a half, during which time he became one of only two hashers to attend every Indian Nash Hash. *Digit* did not think up the idea of bringing InterHash to India, but he led the presentation and went on to become chairman. Indeed, few InterHash chairs have imposed themselves on an event as much as *Digit* in Goa.

### Drainoil

#### Bob Leonard

#### Hong Kong H3 (Hong Kong)

#### InterHash survivor

A veteran of Hong Kong hashing who had a meteoric rise in the wild and zany world of Hong Kong banking. His tendency to sing uninvited, and to recite the whole of Eskimo Nell from memory, have rightly made him a legend in his own lunchtime. He was on the original 1978 InterHash organising committee. From there *Drainoil* went on to run in every InterHash up to and including Chiang Mai 2006 where he was one of the Hares on 'The Old Farts Run'. His pride in being one of the 'InterHash survivors' even stretched to getting his son to change his wedding date! Until recently could still be found hashing in both Malaysia and London.



### Duncan. John

#### Mother Hash (Malaysia)

#### InterHash Pioneer

John Duncan is a hashing gentleman of the highest order and has three claims to hash fame. (1) He started hashing with **Mother Hash** in January 1961 and was still setting trails in 2004. This is the longest spell of non-stop hashing ever recorded. (2) It was John's research through the Malaysian records that laid the foundation of our understanding of early hash history. (3) Duncan attended the first InterHash in Hong Kong in 1978, where he agreed to bring the event to KL in 1980. This established the biannual nature of the event.

### Easy Rider

#### Alan Rider

#### Hobart H3 (Australia)

#### Nearly killed the hash committee!

As a youth *Easy Rider* was a talented Aussie Rules Football player and his conversion to Hashing was unexpected. He ran with **Hobart H3** from 1967 completing 111 of their first 199 runs and acting as Joint Master. He was also one of the founders of the **Mixed Hash** in 1982. Alan played a major role in developing mass participation running events on Tasmania, founding the Point to Principle Race and being credited with introducing a half marathon and finisher medallions to the Hobart Marathon programme. He continued to hash for many years and eventually passed 1,300 runs. Perhaps his most famous single act was being the driver of the mini bus that rolled over while carrying a large proportion of the Hobart InterHash committee. His retirement was marred by bouts of ill-health and Alan has sadly passed away.

### Fartin Martin

#### Martin Van der Linden

#### Kinabalu/Auckland (Malaysia/New Zealand)

#### Possibly the best InterHash act ever

An ex-Kota Kinabalu Hasher, *Fartin Martin* joined **Auckland H3** on his return to New Zealand in the mid seventies. He took on the role of scribe and along with Tony Evans is credited with helping New Zealand hashing to both expand and move closer to its 'drinking club with a running problem' roots. He became the self appointed GM of 'South Pacific from Antarctica to the top of the Pacific, except for Australia' and officially held the New Zealand GM'ship in 1981. He is also famous for being the creator of *Fartin Martin and the Booze Brothers* a hash band that stole that show at the Bali InterHash cabaret. The boys followed this with what is probably the best Hash CD ever recorded.

### Froggy

#### Alex Park

#### Jakarta H3 (Indonesia)

#### A tireless worker for hashing

Froggy started hashing in 1978 in Bandung in West Java which, with numbers in excess of 500 on each run,

was probably the largest hash in the world at the time. He went on to hash in Jakarta, Kota Kinabalu, Hong Kong and elsewhere in South East Asia until he took up semi-residence in Jakarta in 1985. He stayed there for the next 15 years and attended his first InterHash in Bali in 1988. He subsequently helped organise 15 other InterHashes. It was in Goa (2002) that he excelled himself as an engineer by creating a venue for 4,000 hashers on a virgin beach which had no water, drainage, sewage, electricity or buildings. Froggy has been a member of the InterHash Council since 2004 and is frequently seen on stage at InterHash with microphone in hand as MC of the Down Down Competition or RA for the Old Farts Run. Froggy now lives in France and in London and runs regularly with **IndoNostalgia Hash** in which he excels as RA.

## Horse

**Fredrick Thompson**

**Mother Hash (Malaya)**

**The only hash founder to attend InterHash**

Fredrick *Horse* Thompson was a veteran of the early paper chases in Malaya and in 1938 joined his old colleague, Gispert, in KL. He missed the first few hash runs as he was on leave, but on his return took over as secretary and is credited with bringing an element of organisation to the club. *Horse* was not the most enthusiastic of runners, but was a noted short cutter. After a nasty war, including being shot while trying to escape from the Japanese, he returned to KL around 1946 and had a spell as Joint Master before retiring to the Philippines to run a sugar plantation. He made widely acclaimed guest appearances at InterHashes in Sydney (1984) and Pattaya (1986).

**Hooray Henry**

**Henry Liddell**

**London H3 (England)**

**The ultimate Down Down superstar**

When Henry *Hooray Henry* Liddell was elected GM of the **London H3** at just 20 he was clearly destined for great things. Countless down-downs later he is an international drinking legend, three-times InterHash champion, Euro-Hash drinking champion and Hash record breaker with a best recorded time of 8.6 seconds for 2 litres of beer and 3 second flat for the one litre. He went on to found a hash in Bermuda.

## Higgins

**Pierre-Marc Lefebvre**

**Manneke Piss H3 (Belgium)**

**Pioneered the alternative hash**

In just under three decades - he only started hashing in 1991 - Pierre-Marc *Higgins* Lefebvre has become a living hash legend. You can't quite explain why, but a combination of drinking, world Hash travelling, an amazing performance as EuroHash Chairman in 1997 have combined to make him one of the most recognizable figures on the hash circuit. He led an excellent bid for staging InterHash in Brussels and when his team failed to win the bid they went ahead with a highly successful **Belgium Beer Odis-**

**sey**. In real life – and many of us are always surprised to discover Higgins has a normal life – he was a Programme Manager. He recently became (possibly) the first hasher to run in 100 countries.

## Imelda

**Wichanee Ratanapa**

**Thinking Drinking Hash (Thailand)**

**First female InterHash GM**

The first Harriete to chair an InterHash bid. Founder of the **Thinking Drinking Hash** *Imelda* has been a hasher since 1984 and has attended every InterHash since 1986 in Pattaya, where she was a both a hare and on the committee. A decade later she became the first Harriete to act as Chairperson for an InterHash event. Her home kennels are **Bangkok Harriettes** and **The Thinking Drinking Hash**.

## Magic

**Tim Hughes**

**Thinking Drinking Hash (Thailand)**

**A unique contribution to hashing**

Timothy John Patrick Hughes, universally known simply as *Magic* made a contribution to modern hashing that has been unequalled. This devotion to Hashing worldwide was often at great personal cost to both his bank balance and health. *Magic* was born in Staffordshire, England in 1944. A talented musician, he played with Bern Elliot and the Fenmen, who had a hit in 1963 singing the Beatles song 'Money'. Tim then became a businessman, moving to Bangkok in 1969 as Managing Director of the Ford Motor Company, selling mostly Ford cars and tractors to up-country sugar cane farmers. It was in Bangkok that Tim was introduced to hashing, joining **Bangkok H3** in 1979 on Run 112. He was appointed GM of **Bangkok H3** in 1982 and first attended InterHash in 1984, where he headed the Pattaya bid. Soon after InterHash 1986, he left Ford to become a consultant in travel, conventions and



Hashing. However, less and less of *Magic's* energy went into consultancy, as he became more and more a full-time Hasher and writer. His Hash publications, Harrier International, Hares and Hounds and the World Hash Handbook, helped fuel the 1980s Hashing boom. He became a Hash guru who encouraged Cairns, Cyprus and Phuket (and probably others) to make InterHash bids. *Magic* also encouraged Milan to incorporate the Bordighera Hash into their title. For all of this and more, *Magic* was awarded a PhhhD by a grateful **Pattaya Dirt Road H3**. *Magic* did have a life outside of Hashing. He was an accomplished big-game fisherman, trekked the Himalayas and Andes, and continued his love of music. Above all *Magic* was a gentleman, who cared about his mum in the UK and his Hashing sister, Michelle *Mango* Wilson.

### Nightjar

#### Victor Mason

#### Bali H3 (Indonesia)

#### InterHash chairman with his very own style

An eccentric Englishman of many talents, including but not limited to author, birdwatcher, hasher and a connoisseur of icy cold Bir Bintang. An old Asia hand, he had, by the late 1970s, made his home at the Beggars Bush Pub in the beautiful Bali town of Ubud. In May 1977 *Nightjar* and a few friends decided to get together on a Friday afternoon to set a hash. The Beggars Bush became the spiritual home of Bali hashing and for many years *Nightjar* was the abrasive GM. He is remembered for strolling along the trails barefoot, dogs by his side. *Nightjar* played the leading role in bringing InterHash to Bali in 1988.

### No Mercy

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#### Lagos H3 (Nigeria)

#### Greatest female Down Down champion of all time

Joined **Ikeja H3** in the vintage years of the 1990s when the kennel was 'conquering the bush between Ikeja and Ibadan every Saturday.' *No Mercy* became famous for her drinking and was InterHash Down Down champion in 2004 and 2006. Was also in Perth and reported to be in fine drinking form but a late change of venue denied her the chance to go for a third consecutive title.

### Penguin

#### Ron Strachan

#### Jakarta H3 (Indonesia)

#### InterHash veteran and chair

Ron *The Penguin* Strachan, also known as Wee Ronnie, started hashing in the Middle East before moving to Jakarta in January 1975. He was a regular member of the Jakarta H3 committee, including a spell as GM. In 1977 *The Penguin* accompanied by Jacques and Rita De Steur co-founded the **Jakarta Harriettes**. He was also Chairman when Jakarta hosted InterHash in 1982. Ron left Indonesia in 1992 having completed more than 1,000 runs. He continues to return to Indonesia regularly. Missing the special atmosphere of Indonesian Hashing, he became GM of the **Indonostalgia Hash** which seeks to



re-create that atmosphere wherever and whenever it runs. One of *The Penguin's* greatest claims to fame was being the 6th of the 5 InterHash survivors. Ron registered for every event, but missed 1992 one due to family bereavement. He eventually attended 21 InterHashes before illness caused him to miss 2024. Nobody who knows *The Penguin* would ever doubt Ronnie's commitment to hashing and, like Tim *Magic* Hughes, he has probably never made an enemy in his life.

### Philthy Phil

#### Phil Chapman

#### Doncaster & Eltham H3 (Australia)

#### InterHash survivor

An Australian who was hashing with Jakarta from the mid-seventies. In later life he returned to Melbourne, where he ran with **Doncaster and Eltham H3** and supported Melbourne's Collingwood Football Club. He is most famous for attending every InterHash from Hong Kong in 1978 to Fiji in 2018.

### Ra

#### Matthew Kleinosky

#### Cairo H3 (Egypt)

#### A noted InterHash MC

*Ra* was born in the USA and started hashing in 1985 at age 26. His first hash was run #25 of the original **Kuwait H3**. He moved to Cairo in 1989 and started hashing with **Cairo H3**. *Ra* took over as Religious Advisor 3 months after arriving. At that time, Cairo H3 had no hash names and a single circle song, so he introduced 'kid friendly' namings and expanded the circle singing. He was 're-elected' R.A. for the next 14 years. His hash name is a reference to the Egyptian sun god 'Ra'. During his time in Cairo *Ra* held every Cairo H3 mismanagement position at one time or another. He first attended InterHash in 1994 and has attended every InterHash since. He has MC'd 10 InterHashes and numerous other events including Inter-Americas, Pan Asia, etc. Returning to North America, *Ra* hashed while living in Florida and DC before marrying *H2Ho* in Toronto. He is a member of the InterHash Council and upon *Flying Booger's* retirement from H3 publish-

ing, took over Half-mind.com which was the official H3 Regional Directory of club contact info. He invented the 'Where Have You Hashed' online tracker. His most recent hash project is interviewing hashers around the world and publishing the podcast.

### Roller

Junie Lauw

Medan Harriettes (Indonesia)

#### A hash legend who slipped under the radar

Roller has been hashing in Medan since at least the mid 1970s. She went unnoticed by the hash world until spotted in at the Queenstown InterHash wearing a T-shirt from the first ever InterHash. Roller had been at that event but had missed 1980 so while the InterHash survivors have been honoured, her incredible record of attending 22 out of 24 events has only just been acknowledged.

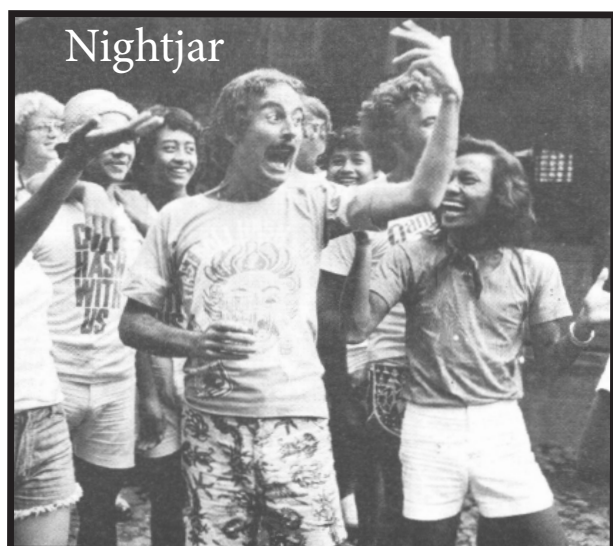
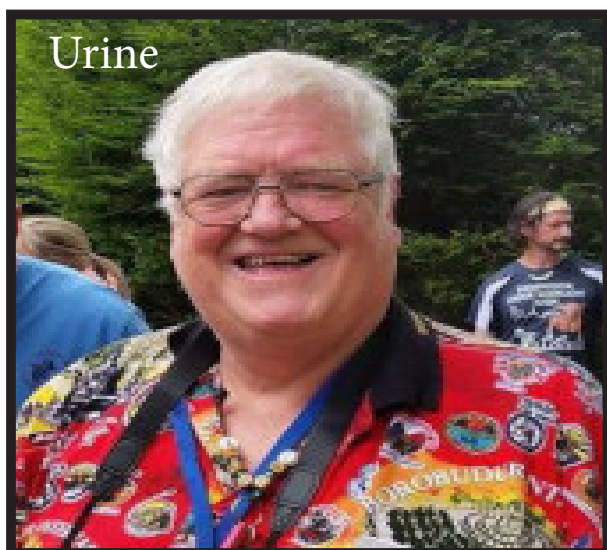
### Urine

John Jackson

West London H3 (England)

InterHash chairman

Urine started hashing in the Solomon Islands in 1986, completing about 12 runs before returning to the UK. By 1988 he was in Cyprus where he resumed hashing. It was hot and he tended to hash in a pith helmet, hence his hash name: Pith helmet = piss-helmet = Urine. He went on to



become a hash traveller running on five continents. While in Phuket for InterHash *Urine*, Johnny Johnson and *Magic* decided a Cyprus InterHash bid would be a good idea. After the success of Cyprus *Urine* became a hash guru helping and advising on numerous big events. He was a man of many talents particularly music and writing.

### Wolf, The

Wolfgang Gust

Frankfurt H3 (Germany)

#### Hash guru and InterHash survivor

Wolfgang *The Wolf* Gust was introduced to hashing in Korea in the early seventies and as a Lufthansa employee spent the next two decades hashing around the globe. He was one of the 5 surviving veterans of every InterHash and was co-founder the InterScandi Hash, on which he also had a 100% attendance record. His career highlights include taking a wooden donkey cart all the way from Islamabad to InterHash 1986, directing a winning cabaret act at InterHash Phuket and acting as a special advisor to *Digit* in InterHash Goa. For many years he divided his time between Korea and Norway where he helped establish **Oslo H3** as one of Europe's most active kennels. He later returned to Germany, becoming a central figure on the Frankfurt Hash and a major organizer of international events and trips. He could be tough in the circle, but was too kind to ever upset people and as an organizer had few equals. In May 2010 the hash world was saddened to hear that The Wolf had died while on a run with the Frankfurt Hash. *"Towards the end of the run he had taken a short cut home. There was little immediate concern when he did not appear, as he often stopped and chatted to people as he walked around. However, on this occasion the great man had suffered a heart attack."* His death brought a vast outpouring of messages and tributes from the hash community.

### Whorator

Frank Benfield

Jakarta/Toowoomba H3 (Indonesia/Australia)

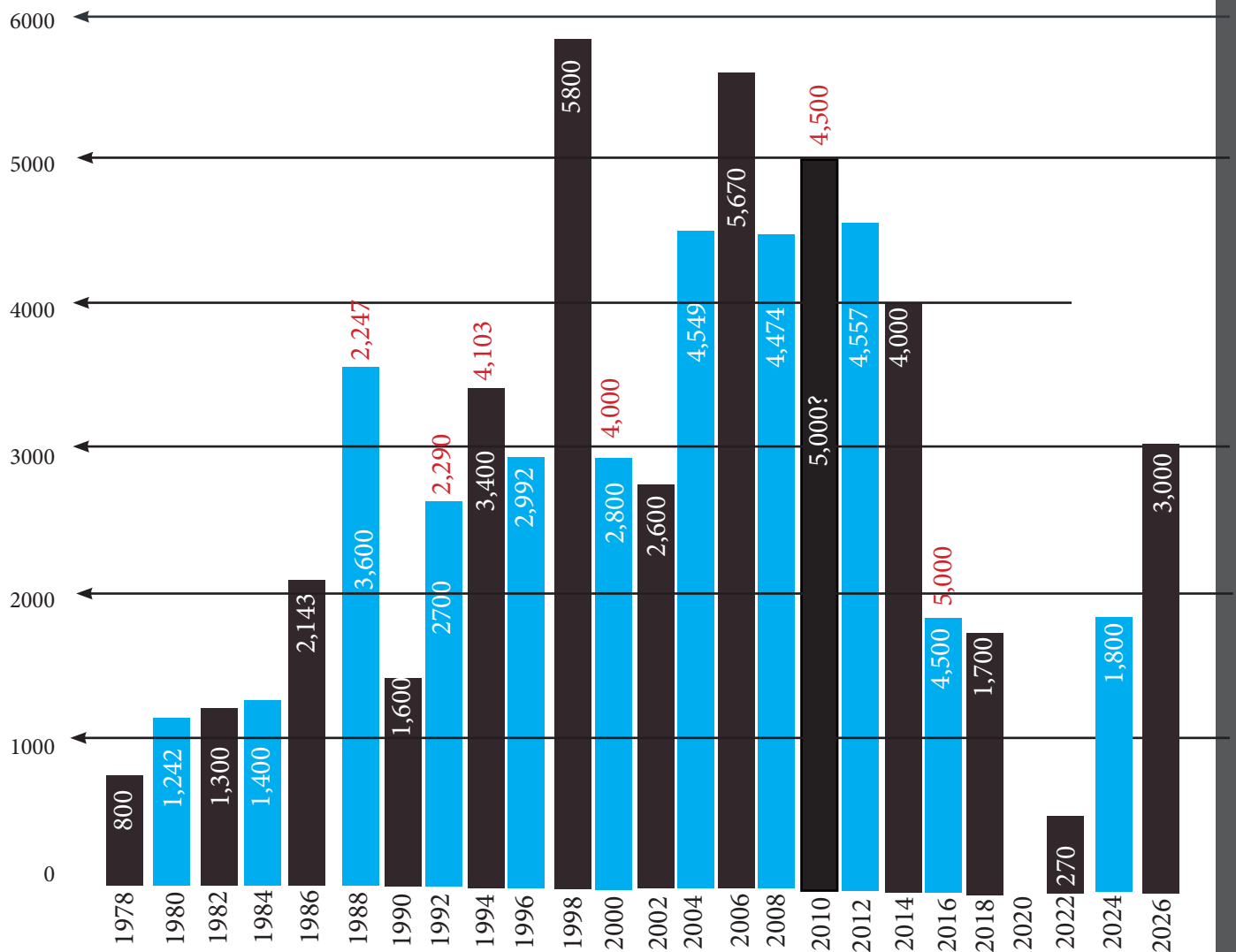
#### InterHash Survivor

Frank *Whorator* Benfield was first exposed to Hashing in Lae, PNG in 1973. He spent a significant part of his hash life in South East Asia, most notably in **Jakarta** (1978-80) and **Pattaya** (1984-87) where he worked on various hash committees. He was Joint Master of **Jakarta H3** in 1979 and GM in Pattaya. After moving to Australia he was one of the originators of the **Toowoomba H3** (1981) and in 1997 was one of a small group of Brisbane hashers who started the **Nigel and Noelene's Noggy H3**. *Whorator* also hashed for several years with the **Halfway Hash** in Brisbane and is now a regular at the Wednesday night **Breakfast Creek Hotel Hash**. He attended each InterHash up to Hobart 2000, missed two and then rejoined the InterHash trail in Chiang Mai in 2006. In 1986 he assisted *Magic* in the staging the Pattaya InterHash, where he started his career as InterHash MC. *Whorator* passed away in August, 2020.

## InterHash – numbers

InterHash attendance is not as easy to pin down as you might expect. There are many figures bandied about, with discrepancies arising between those registered and those who actually attended. However, the general trend was a steady increase from Hong Kong in 1978, rising to 5,800 in KL in 1998. The one blip in this period occurred in Manila in 1990, when ‘only’ 1,610 attended following political upheaval associated with Cory Aquino’s Presidency.

Numbers dropped in 2000 because of distance and 2002 because of threats of regional conflict, but then rose again, with Chiang Mai attracting a record attendance of 5,700. COVID-19 has had a long-term influence on numbers, and we wait to see if attendance ever returns to the 4,500-plus that was regularly achieved between 2004 and 2016. Below are *Whorator’s* records of InterHash attendances (with some additions from *Shakes*). *Hazukashii* has also published figures and where these differ in any significant way these are shown in red.

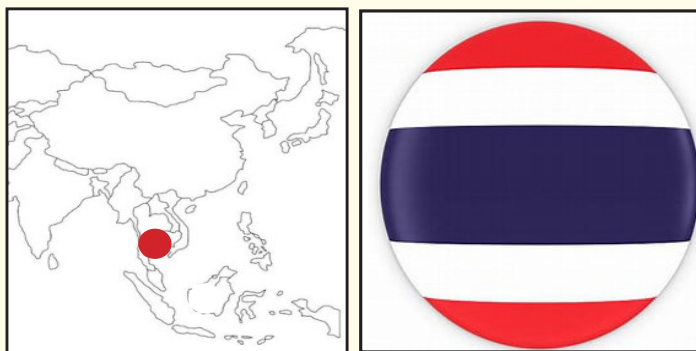


Pattaya 1986

Beer: Singha

Attendance: 2,143

GM: Magic



InterHash 1986 InterHash 1986 was staged by **Bangkok** and **Pattaya** Hashes, with Tim *Magic* Hughes of Bangkok, who had only been hashing since 1979, serving as chairman. Frank *Whorator* Benfield, the **Pattaya H3** GM, was *Magic*'s deputy and Stage Master. This was the most international gathering so far and broke the 2,000 (2,143 attended) barrier for the first time.

Thailand was still an emerging economy, and there was little hope of sponsorship, meaning an initial fee of US\$80 and rising. There were only limited computer facilities available, and communication was still by mail or unreliable telex in an emergency. Local hashers remember Tim driving to the P.O. Box and struggling to fit all the mail into his small Ford Laser.

Registration and the official opening were at the Grand Palace Hotel by the beach. Many Malaysian Hashers missed the opening night, having been delayed by a bomb scare on their aircraft. Thai food was laid out around the function room, reflecting a rural Thai village theme. It was arranged by *Whorator* that *Magic* would be delivered to the stage by a large elephant, and he would then officially open InterHash 1986. What was not arranged was that the (non-toilet-trained) elephant would vacate its bladder and bowels as it was kneeling to allow *Magic* to dismount!

Kick boxing and Lam Morrison's (no relation to Van Morrison) Deep Purple renditions entertained the flock, along with a transvestite dancing troupe whose presence awed many a Hasher who knew not what he watched. There were protests when the Singha Gold beer supply was turned off at 11.00 pm. However, this decision was taken when it became apparent that cartons of beer were being removed to Hashers' hotel rooms.

Hares from Bangkok and Pattaya set 22 runs, taking Hashers to the north and south of Pattaya and all finishing at the Ocean Marina beach. Some of the runs were a disappointment as by the time InterHash came around, Pattaya was in the middle of a drought, and the countryside was not at its best. It didn't help that the water, which had been ordered, arrived in giant tankers, not little plastic bottles!

At the run site, circles **Jakarta H3** demonstrated their singing circle, a concept enthusiastically adopted by the Pattaya Hash and others. On stage, *Whorator* was deluged with Hash acts, and there were only limited opportunities for non-Hash music on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. *Horse* Thompson made a second appearance as the guest of honour.

On Monday morning, a fleet of buses returned the InterHash pack to Bangkok, although some 600 Hashers stayed on for Pattaya's Monday run.

The charity to benefit from the 1986 InterHash was the Pattaya Redemptorist Orphanage, whose children, under the leadership of Father Ray Brennan, had maintained the Marina site's cleanliness. In return, the orphanage cashed in the thousands of empty beer bottles, received a modest cash donation from the InterHash kitty and also the Pattaya Hash and also inherited the donkey cart that *The Wolf* of Karachi H3 had shipped in for the event and was unable to ship out! The many girls and bars of Pattaya were left to count the takings for days afterwards. Holiday resorts like Pattaya fit InterHash as well as InterHash fits Pattaya.

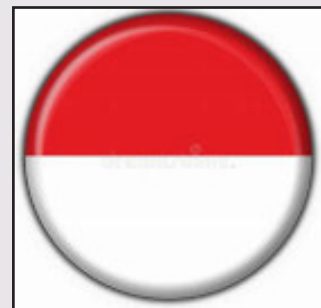
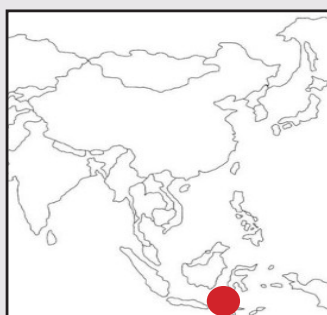


Bali 1988

Beer: Bintang

Attendance: 2,4500

GM: Nightjar



It was **Bali H3's** turn to stage InterHash in 1988. The event was timed to get the best of the weather and staged on the Nusa Dua Peninsula. Registrants numbered 2,247 and included many Indonesians who, for once, did not have to pay their government's US\$150 exit tax. Bali was already familiar ground for many hashers, not least the large Australian contingent.

There was a great opening show, with a 60-foot paper and cane Ogoh-Ogoh monster burnt to appease the Spirits and encourage the harmony so important to the Balinese. This was followed by a spectacular fireworks show. On Saturday, 20 runs covered 'the best of Bali', the police escorting convoys of 'bemos' to the various starting points. The food that evening was magnificent, and *Whorator*, serving as MC for a second time, was again impressed with the number and quality of the Hash acts. *Fartin' Martin* and *Booze Brothers* were the undisputed stars, but *Singapore's Syph* and *the Sores* provided additional musical support. The non-exploding Penguin from Jakarta was a source of bemusement, while Hamersley, the Hague, and some of the Gulf Hashes provided high-quality Hash entertainment. The Copenhagen Harriets were "special".

The 8.30 Sunday start was too early for many, especially for those still coming home. Victor *Nightjar* Mason's Sunday Hash cricket game at the Sidhakarya Cricket Ground was well-attended and had the Americans both intrigued and nonplussed. Some wondered aloud what cricket had to do with Hashing, but they apparently knew as little of *Nightjar* as they knew of cricket!

It was an exceptional InterHash with great Bintang beer and tough runs in Bali's charming countryside. In all, an excellent job by Nightjar and his team.

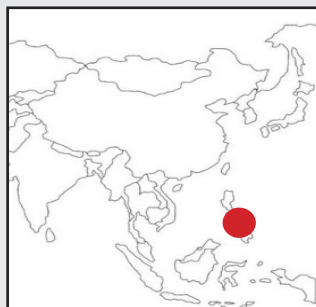
Manila 1990

Beer: San Miguel

Attendance: 1,400

GM: Grumbles and Malibog

Motto: The Thriller in Manila



When Mark *Black Marker* Blacker was forced to stand aside as Chairman due to work commitments, Ken *Grumbles* Grumley and Rob *Malibog* Denny assumed InterHash responsibility as Joint Grand Masters for the 1990 'The Thriller in Manila'.

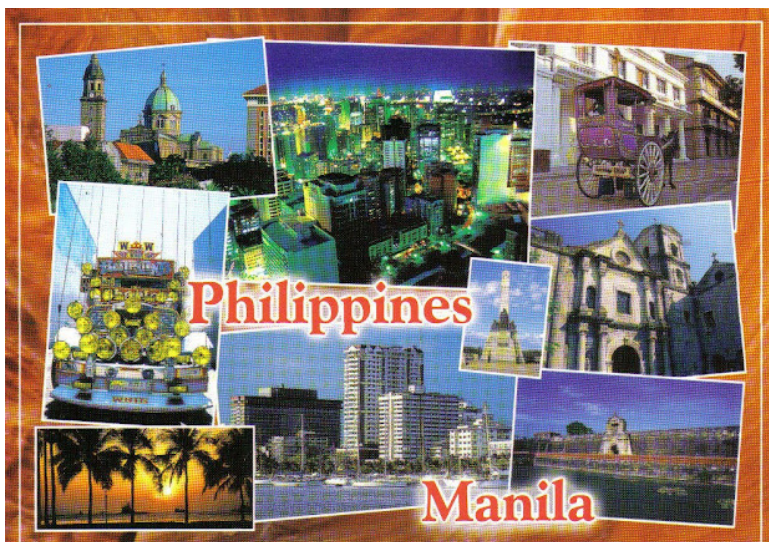
Political uncertainties, which led to the US government forbidding its employees from entering the Philippines, kept numbers down to 1,610. However, generous sponsorship from San Miguel and Coca-Cola meant there was still plenty of beer available to rehydrate thirsty hashers. ‘

Registration began at the airport, and there were pre-InterHash events in Manila and Angeles City. The Friday function was at the Coconut Palace on Roxas Boulevard, while the main venue was the Coca-Cola bottling plant. Bulk beer was stored in containers, a la Pattaya, and again this was sponsored by Maersk.

Forty-odd runs were offered over the weekend, and these were blessed with good weather. *Whorator* was MC once again, and there were notable contributions from **Batavia H4**, **Auckland H3**, **Sydney H3**, **Hamersley H3**, **Mother Hash** with John Duncan, **Edinburgh H3**, and a repeat performance from *Syph & the Sores* from **Lion City H3**. The InterHash entertainment was supplemented by some of the world's best LBFMs wriggling and writhing on the giant stage at the Coke bottling factory. Those present might remember the single pipe, low-pressure shower on the right-hand side of the entrance gate!

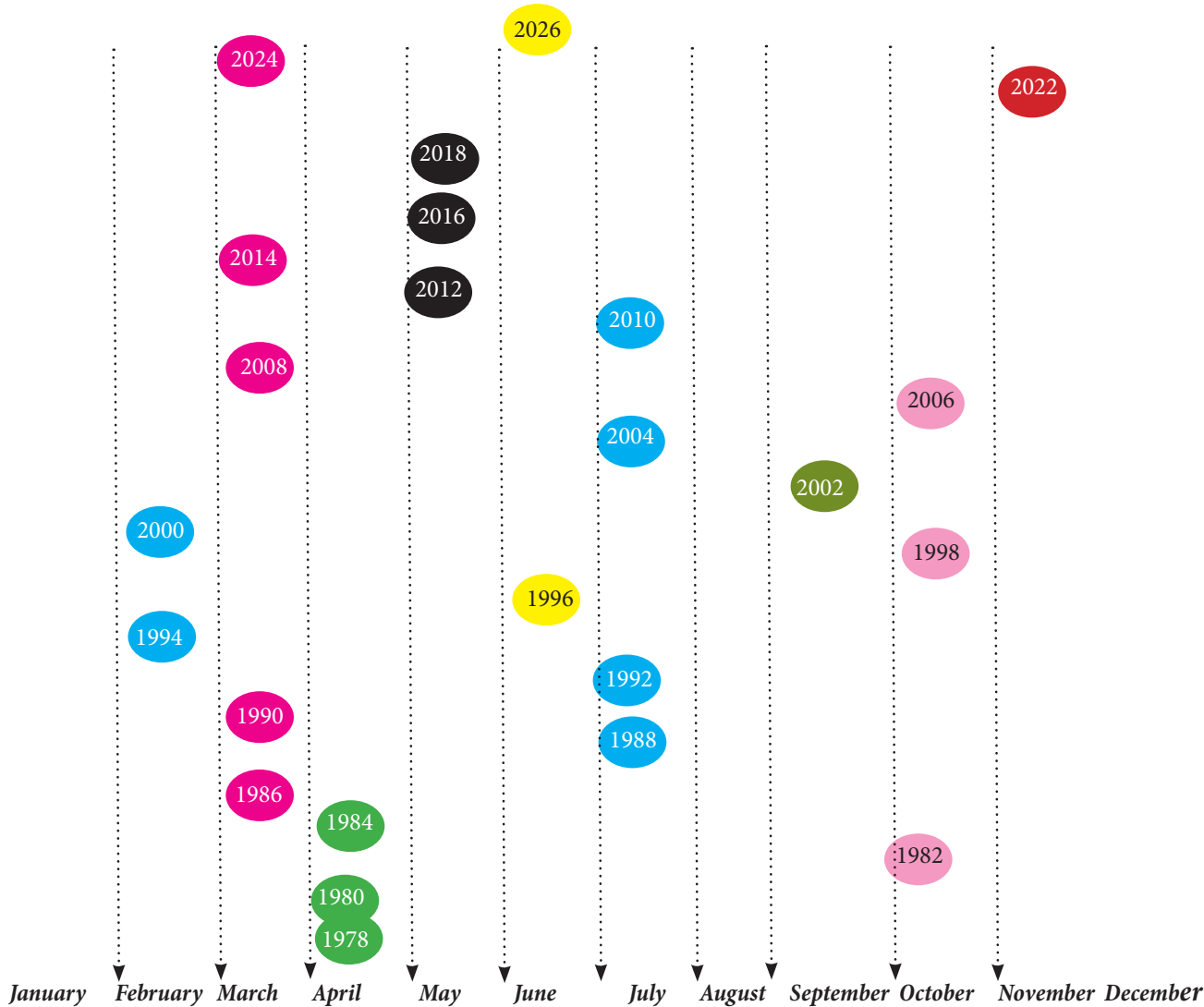
The following Monday, the Manila men's kennel threw its doors open to everybody, while those who were based in Angeles could do the Angeles 600th on Tuesday and the infamous A to Z Bar run on Wednesday. La Union and Baguio also put on special events.

The InterHash committee selected several charities to benefit from the surplus Pesos, as well as passing the regular US\$15,000 onto Phuket. An InterHash to remember, well done *Grumbles*, *Malibog*, et al.





# InterHash - Dates

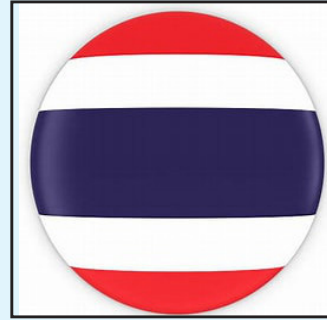
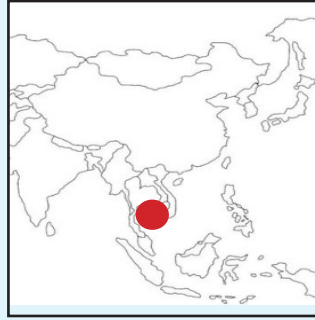


Phuket 1992

Beer: Singha

Attendance: 2,500

GM: King Klong



*Magic* gave considerable encouragement to **Phuket H3's** bid, even though they had only completed 200 or so runs at the time. His faith was rewarded when Paul *King Klong* James and his Mismanagement team staged a highly successful InterHash to the benefit of the almost 2,300 InterHashers.

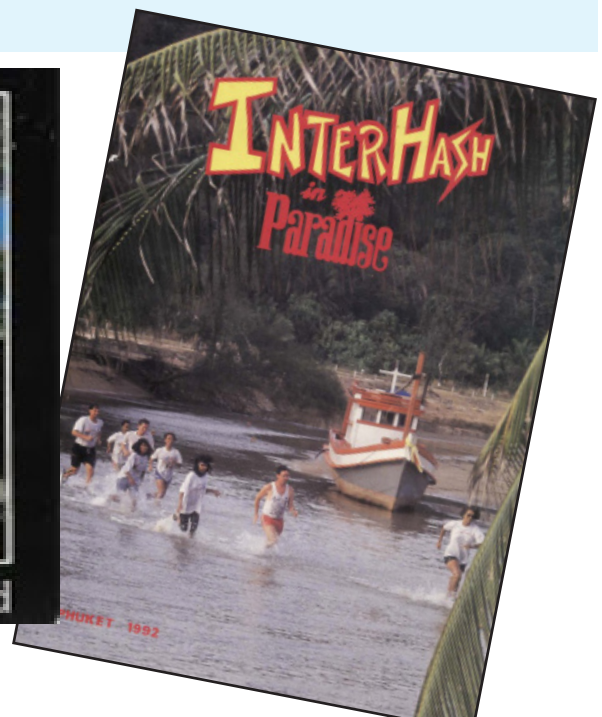
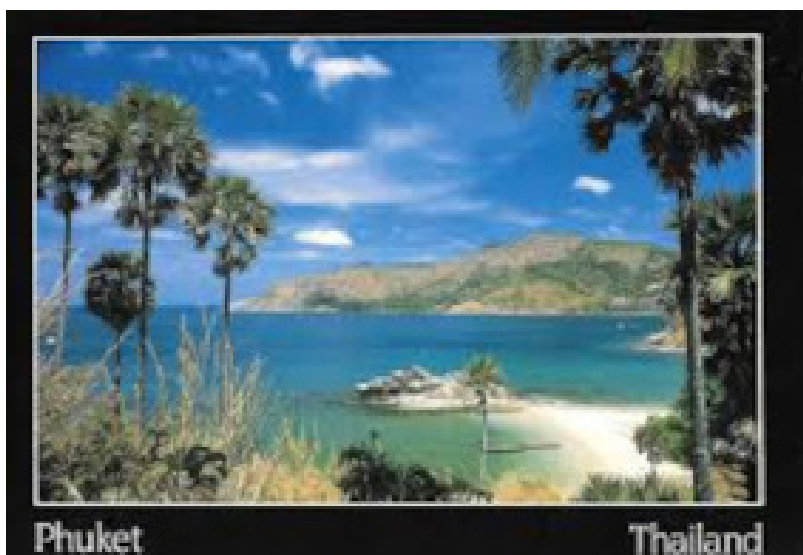
The Friday night registration was enlivened by some security hassles that were resolved by Dave *Sir Wanda* Cooper, event security manager, throwing all of the offending InterHashers, as well as the overzealous security guards, into the pool.

Saturday's bus boarding did not go smoothly, but coordination by *Flying DickHead* resolved the issue in a true InterHash manner. The runs were generally well received, helped by the fact that Phuket had escaped the worst of the drought that had affected Pattaya four years before.

The Saturday night function was at Surakul football stadium, where the food was not only of excellent quality but also readily accessible, as was the beer, which was cold and plentiful. The on-stage entertainment was hilarious and mismanaged by *Bollox* dressed in pink as a skirted clown. So many InterHashers volunteered to perform that *Bollox* and crew employed a padded hook to clear the stage of acts that were deemed unsuitable. The cry would ring out from the assembled pack of InterHashers soon after it became apparent that an act was not accepted: "Give 'em the hook" and the long handled hook would snake its way onto the stage and drag the miscreant off-stage! It was a highlight.

Afterwards, and before bedtime, the InterHash pack went off to Patong Beach to sample the dangers/entertainment of the bars and klongs. Reverse bungy jumping was a huge hit, and in various stages of dress, undress, and sobriety, InterHashers were flung into the sky, and the operator had to put on extra staff to count the profits.

The traditional Down Down competition saw *Hooray Henry* move beer at his fastest and eventually into the overflowing vomitorium. While not having the benefit of any overtly generous sponsorship deal, Phuket was another outstanding InterHash.



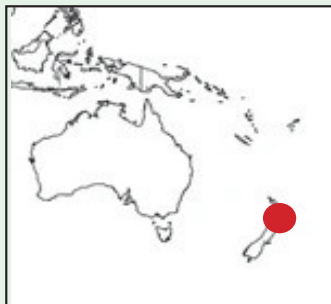
Rotorua 1994

Beer: Steinlager

Attendance: 3,650

GM: Father and The Hound

Motto: The Thunder Down Under



InterHash 1994 took place under the direction of InterHash Chairman Ken *The Hound* Pascoe and Rotorua GM Bruce *Father* Eagar. Taking InterHash so far from the centre of Hashdom was a gamble, but several thousand InterHashers made their way to 'The Thunder Down Under'.

Many came via a week of hashing in Auckland, and so intense was this Hashing pre-lube that some felt they were lucky to survive the generous hospitality of the Aucklanders and looked on the forthcoming weekend in Rotorua as a chance to dry out. The Friday train ride from Auckland to Rotorua put an end to that "Train of thought".

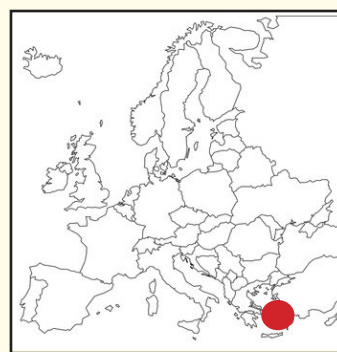
Rotorua, with its hot springs and attendant sulphuric smells, is one of New Zealand's top tourist destinations and left a great impression, from the welcoming Haka through to stories of police giving drunken Hashers lifts home. The food was excellent, some of the best InterHash has ever provided, and the Sportsdome proved an ideal base, despite its poor acoustics. Tequila was provided by the bucketful, Steinlager by the tanker load served from an associated plumbing nightmare.

Cyprus 1996

Beer: Keo

Attendance: 4,500

GM: Urine



A 333rd anniversary practice run hadn't gone too well, but the committee, under the guidance of John *Urine* Jackson, learnt from that experience, and Cyprus '96 was okay to good.

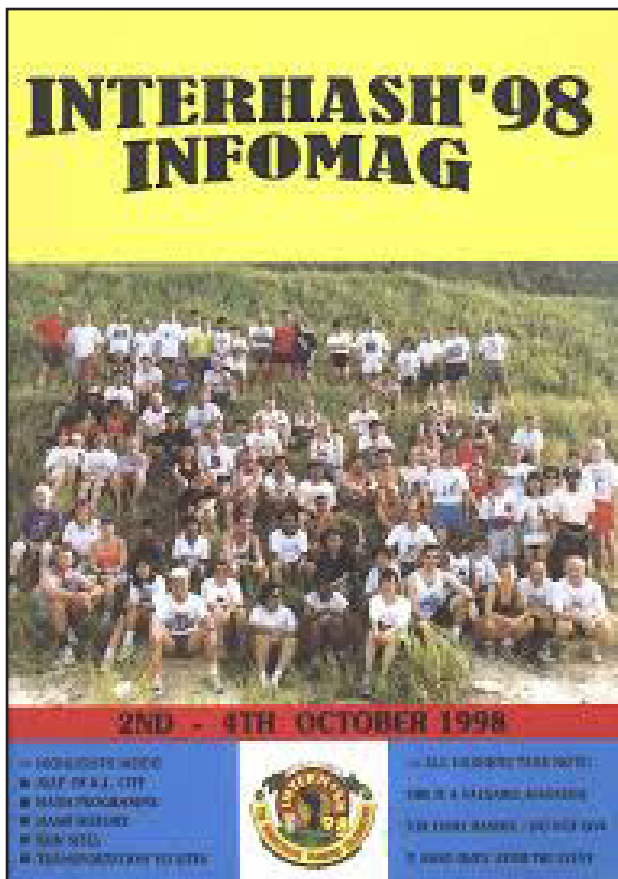
If the island was too hot, then at least the Municipal Park was secure and shady. Accommodation was more of a problem, with the runners being scattered around the island, and many were not too endeared to Cypriot taxi drivers. A European venue, plus the growth of UK Hashing, meant that of the 3,261 registrants, 882 were Brits, more than the USA and Australia combined. Those fortunate enough to be part of the GM's run after the meeting on Sunday morning have fond, but limited, memories of that part of InterHash1996 in Cyprus.

After the event, Urine was able to pass US\$20,000 to KL as start-up funding for IH 1998.

## InterHash Appearances

(From 1978 to 2024 - highest possible 23)

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## Whither InterHash

An article by Frank *Whorator* Benfield, then GM of **Pattaya H3**, published in 1986 in *Magic's* Harrier International, in which he reviewed where InterHash had come from since its 1978 inception and expressed his views - in a deliberately provocative manner - about the future of InterHash.

The discussion was not only of where InterHash should go, but also considered InterHash financing, the size of the event, and how successful bids were to be identified.

The discussion was placed in the context of rapidly expanding InterHash attendances and a waste of valuable resources and money in a bidding process that he thought had gotten out of control.

Kuala Lumpur 1998

Beer: Anchor

Attendance: 5,800

GM:



It was back to KL in 1998 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hashing. 5,580 attended, making this the largest ever gathering of Hashers. Nine local Hashes combined to organise the event, and the Merdeka Stadium was a dramatic venue and one within walking distance of most hotels. There was a great emphasis on occasion, including a display on the history of Hashing.

On the negative side, KL had grown since the last InterHash in the city, 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 Malaysians were used to, leaving some bad feelings in the community.

As in 1980, Harriets were allowed into the usually men-only preserve that is the Long Bar at the Selangor Club, demonstrating the importance of the Hash to the Club.

The collapse of the Ringgit, the Malaysian currency, resulted in a profit of RM\$ 450,000.00. (US\$ 120, 000). Of this total, a huge amount, RM\$ 200,000, was shared between 10 local charities. This 'generosity' with InterHash cash still rankles with many an InterHasher. However, KL 1998 also passed on the US\$20,000.00 it had received from Cyprus to the next committee.

# InterHash Beer

Beer – and plenty of it – is of course central to a successful InterHash. Three breweries have had the distinction of providing the InterHash beer on more than one occasion. Anchor led the way, having provided hash beer in 1980, 1982, and 1998.

San Miguel was the official beer on two different occasions and in two separate countries (Hong Kong and the Philippines). Beer Singha, having sponsored Pattaya in 1986, joined this elite group in Chiang Mai in 2006. On both occasions, Singha has used InterHash to launch new beers, first Singha Gold and then Singha Light.

Despite the high rate of beer consumption amongst hashers, breweries have not always been willing to exploit the market. For example, many considered it a surprise that ‘Brains’ did not become the Hash beer in Cardiff.

Some breweries have also seen fit to provide special commemorative beer cans in association with InterHash, including Jakarta, Bali, Rotorua, KL 1998, Goa, and Chiang Mai.

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|------|------------|------|-------------------------|
| 1978 | San Miguel | 2004 | <i>No official beer</i> |
| 1980 | Anchor     | 2006 | Singha                  |
| 1982 | Anchor     | 2008 | XXXX (?)                |
| 1984 | Fosters    | 2010 | Tiger                   |
| 1986 | Singha     | 2012 | Bintang                 |
| 1988 | Bintang    | 2014 | Tsingtao                |
| 1990 | San Miguel | 2016 | Bintang                 |
| 1992 | Singh      | 2018 | Fiji Bitter             |
| 1994 | Steinlager | 2020 |                         |
| 1996 | Keo        | 2022 | Kingfisher              |
| 1998 | Anchor     | 2024 | Double Brown            |
| 2000 | Cascade    | 2026 | Bintang (?)             |
| 2002 | Kingfisher |      |                         |



Tasmania 2000

Beer: Cascade

Attendance: 2,800



## GM: Scrambles and Easy Rider

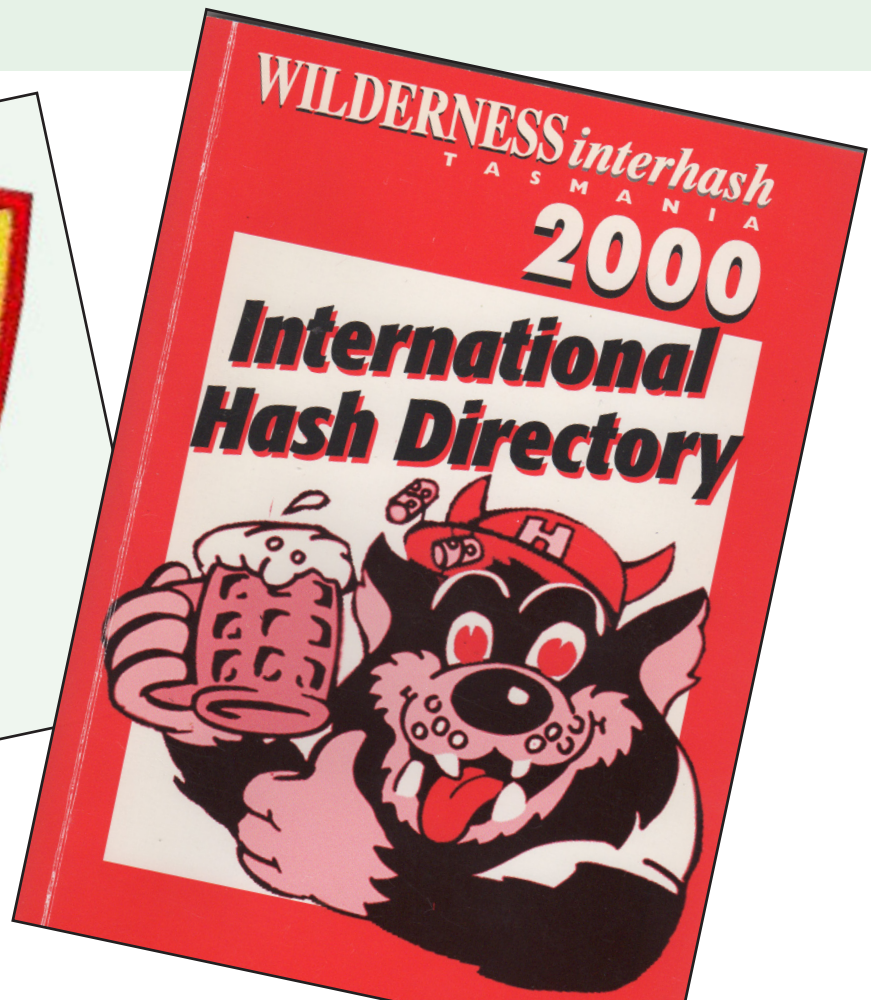
Hobart had unsuccessfully bid on several previous occasions, so when given the event, Alan *Easy Rider* and Denis *Scrambles* Ransley were determined to mismanage InterHash to a ruthlessly efficient business plan. Indeed, some veterans joked that Hobart couldn't be considered an InterHash at all, because there was no Blue Run, no warm beer, and no food or transport stuff-ups!

The worst moment by far occurred a few weeks before the event when several of the committee members were hospitalised following a mini-bus accident. The show, however, went on.

The good-natured welcome of the locals is fondly remembered and was in part due to city officials going on local TV and explaining what the event was all about. As a result, all public transport was free, some bars and restaurants were offering discounts to hashers, and there are stories of the local police giving drunken hashers a lift back to their hotels!.

The Government also removed (or just ignored?) a 64-year-old law making it illegal for Tasmanian men to dress as women in public between sunset and sunrise. Enforcement of the law would, of course, have resulted in mass arrests during the Red Dress run!

One of the committee members, *Honkers*, was still suffering from injuries sustained during the minibus crash but was able to make a brief appearance. One run also diverted past his house so the pack could offer their respects.

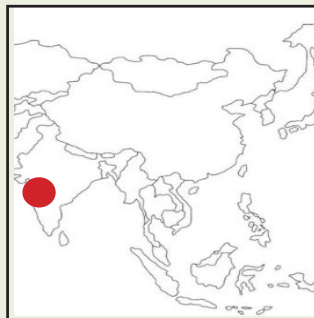


Goa 2002

Beer: Kingfisher

Attendance: 3,500(2,500)<sub>registered/attended</sub>

GM: Digit



## Motto: Hashing by Hashers for Hashers

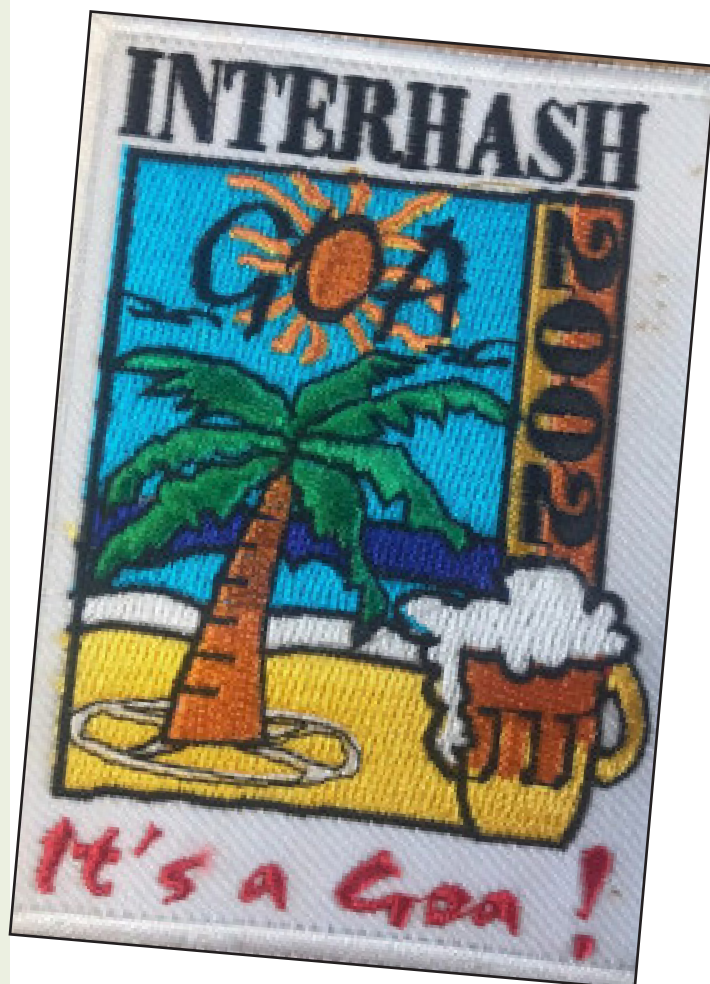
The idea of an Indian-based InterHash originated with Ian *Bullfighter* Booth, who visualised the event being staged in Madras. It was Digit who persuaded him that Goa was the natural venue. *Bullfighter* was unable to make it to Cyprus, so it was Digit who led the presentation and went on to become event chairman. InterHash Goa 2002 was mismanaged by one of the most international and experienced committees ever gathered, and they worked under the motto 'Hashing by Hashers for Hashers'.

Despite this experienced base, there were internal rifts, which led to the resignation of *Whorator*. Additional problems arose out of the necessity to deal with the local state-based 'Mafia'. For example, at one point, they threatened to block the road to hash buses to force hashers to use taxis to travel between venues! Here, *TNT*'s local knowledge was a considerable help. Getting the beer out of the customs warehouse also proved to be a nightmare, and was only solved at the very last moment.

Much of this escaped the notice of the 2,500 InterHashers who turned up. 3,587 hashers had in fact registered, but there was a large dropout rate due to political tensions between India and Pakistan. The position of the committee was simply that this left more beer for the rest of us!

The tiny village of Cavallossim was the venue, and a giant inflatable tent was erected at the end of a strip of hotels and bars. It was a long bus ride to the 'Yellow Dress Run,' but the boat cruise made it worthwhile, and everything was in full swing by the following afternoon. The Cardiff party became the place to be, and there was a mass parade from the local bars down to the tented site for the official opening.

The countryside around the venue provided great Hashing territory, and at least one run started and finished with a river cruise. As expected, the weather was slightly on the hot side, and a few of the long runs were 'ball breakers' in all but name. The cabarets brought no single outstanding acts but an agreeable degree of nudity, which continued in one of the beer trunks after *Man in Black* (**Helsinki H3**) organised a spontaneous sauna party. Hashers got good reviews in the local press, their behaviour being compared favourably with that of the normal holiday visitors, and Goa certainly left a similar impression on the InterHashers. A special mention should be made of the hard work of Reggie *TNT* Fredericks.



Cardiff 2004

Attendance: 4,500

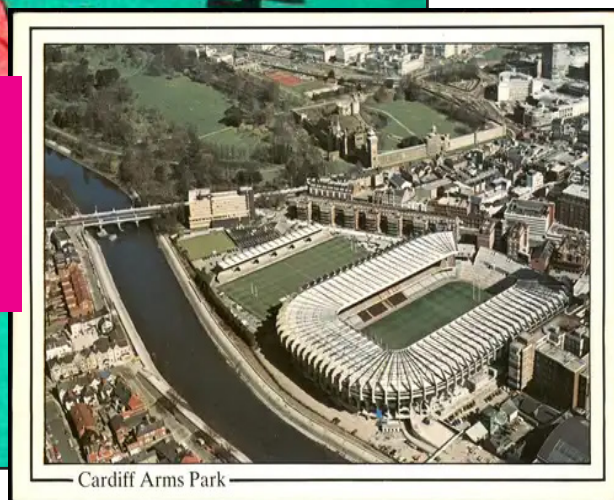
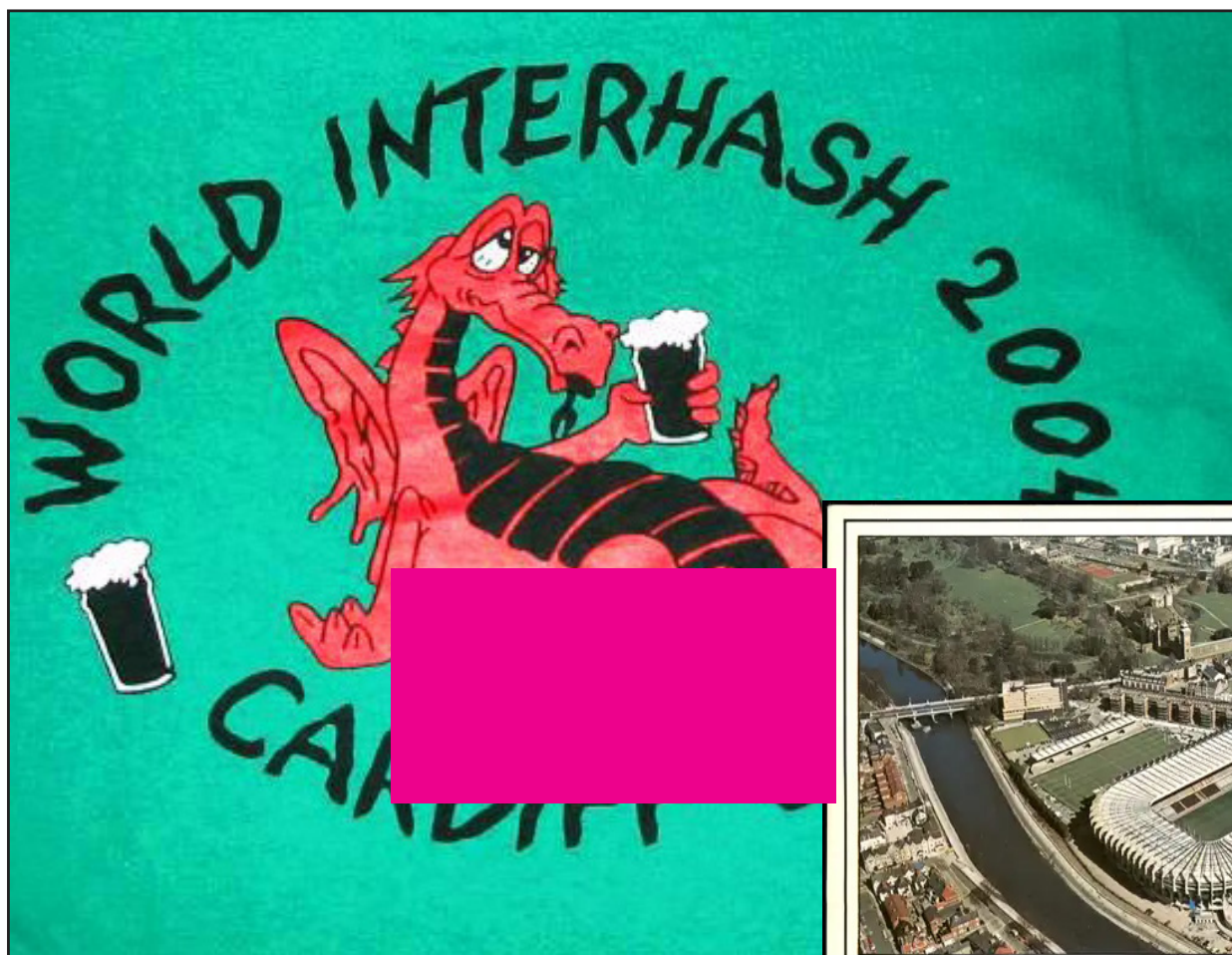
GM: GBH



The dream of bringing InterHash to the UK had been building up since Cyprus. Scarborough was one of the first venues discussed, and it might well have turned into a Yorkshire bid. Plymouth was another possibility, but in the end, it was Cardiff that was selected to host, and GBH was anointed Mismanager.

There was some excitement over finding a venue. The Millennium Dome was the first choice, but with Wembley closed, they were charging too much, so the Rugby Stadium next door was booked. As numbers grew, this venue started to look too small. Then Wembley reopened, and InterHash could switch back to the Millennium Dome that was suddenly offering more competitive rates. Most accommodation was within walking distance of the venue, and registration took place in the impressive Town Hall.

The Red Dress Run departed from the steps of the town hall on a cold and wet evening, but by the following day, the weather was perfect, and the next two days provided some excellent runs through some of Britain's best countryside. The stage was not ideal, and there were long food lines on the first night, but these were minor points for what proved to be a very successful event.



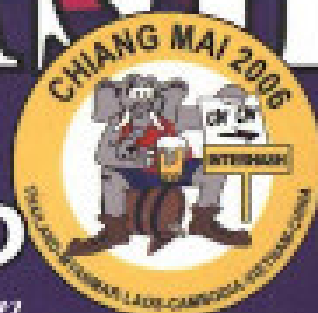
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# INTERHASH

# 2006

CHIANG MAI - THAILAND

15th edition

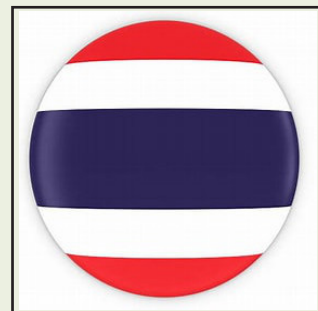
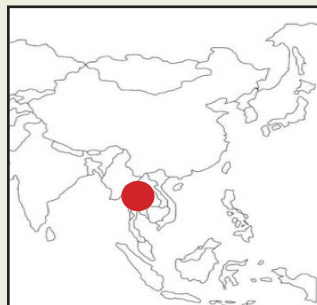


Chiang Mai 2006

Beer: Singha

Attendance: 5,670

GM: Imelda



InterHash 2006 was the responsibility of the 6 countries, Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, China, Laos, and Vietnam, which, with pre and post rambles, was promoted as a 'Mekong Region' event. For the first time, the committee was chaired by a woman, Wichanee *Imelda* Ratanaporn.

A record 6,000 InterHashers registered, at which point numbers were capped, but it still left *Imelda* and her crew the challenge of organising the biggest InterHash ever. There was generally a very positive report back from those who attended.

The event got off to a great start with representatives of the host nations entering the arena on elephants. There was plenty of cold beer, served by nubile Singha Beer nymphets, the food was plentiful, varied, and readily accessible, and there was also red and white wine. The transport worked despite the numbers, and the runs were good to excellent and seemed to improve from Saturday to Sunday. The lantern show made the closing ceremony as dramatic as the opening event.

Perth 2008

Beer:

Attendance: 4,474

GM: XYZ



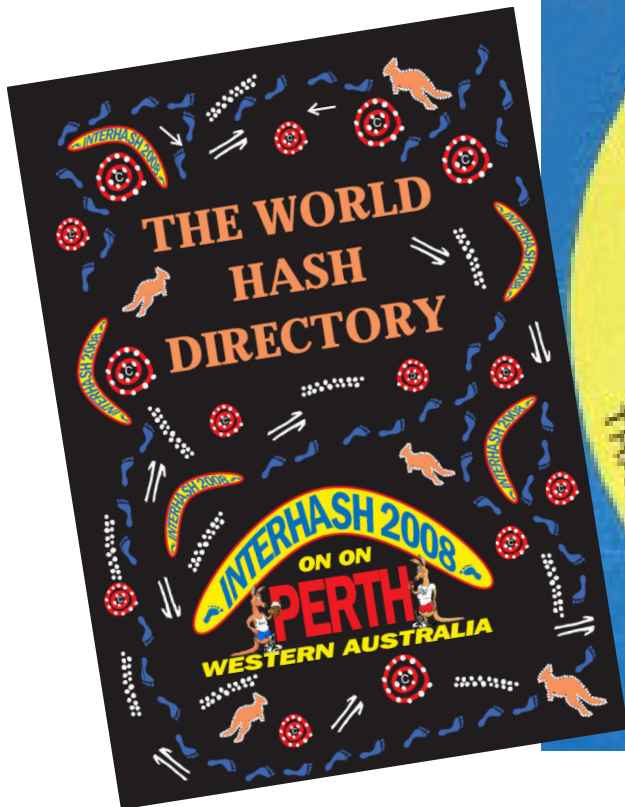
InterHash probably came to Perth too late. By the time they hosted, the Australian economy was booming and the currency strong, a problem when most registration fees were expressed in other currencies. In addition, the local authorities were not impressed with the event, suggesting Perth was an international city that should be aiming higher, like building a Grand Prix track!

As a result, finding a venue at an affordable price was a considerable problem, and it was this that probably forced the Easter date. That, however, created additional problems, such as all pubs closing on Friday and no public transport running.

On the positive side, just about everything organized by the Hash Committee went well, and the runs got particularly good reviews, as did the goody bags. Many individual committee members drew praise for their hard work. The problems were generally with the site management. There was some feeling that Gloucester Park, a harness racing stadium, was an ideal site, spoiled by the site's own management. The security guards came in for particular criticism, suggesting that, with no trouble to contend with, they relieved the boredom by hassling people. One urban legend reports that a hasher having his shorts pulled down by fellow hashers was then promptly arrested.

Another issue was that the Perth committee was not allowed to place the stage in front of the Grandstand as they wished, meaning many people struggled to see the Hash Cabaret. Beer was in plastic cups, causing queues and hardly being environmentally friendly. The policy of 'two hands, two beers' added to the queues and upset many hashers. This was particularly evident after the Red Dress Run.

The Down Down competition was also affected, the local management deciding, it seems at late notice, that this was 'binge drinking' and could not take place within their grounds.



Kuching 2010

Beer: Tiger

Attendance: 4,500

GM:



A few weeks before the event, emails were speeding around the hash community warning of disagreements in the committee and predicting disaster at InterHash 2010. In the end, Kuching was not disastrous, but many found it disappointing, and it was certainly controversial.

On the positive side, the beautiful city of Kuching provided an excellent setting, and the local press was fully supportive. The stars of the show were the local residents who gave a warm welcome to 4,500 or so hashers from 60 different countries. Beyond that, there was plenty to complain about.

While nobody can blame the committee for the tropical storm that broke out at the start of the Red Dress Run, it did seem a poor omen! Ironically, it didn't rain again until after the announcement of the voting for InterHash 2012.

Held in the car park of Kuching Civic Centre, the arena was too small for the majority to see anything other than on relay screens. Beer appeared to be rationed, and when there was beer, the stalls ran out of drinking vessels. Large queues formed at meal times. The stall serving Indian food gets some credit for being better organised than the rest. There were complaints that even on the Thursday registration, some sizes of t-shirts had already run out.

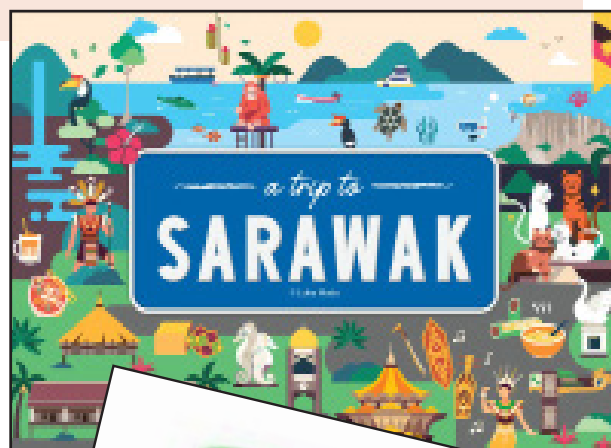
Buses were a major point of contention. Many runs were A to B with a long, medium, and short option, and with the buses dropping the pack off at different points along the trail. This meant not only getting onto the correct bus for your run, but the correct bus for the distance you wanted to run. However, the buses seemed to be parked in no particular order, with hundreds of hashers wandering lost, often finding the bus they wanted had left early and having to take whatever run was left. There was also a feeling that many of the trails did not resemble the description in the magazine.

The Ball Breaker certainly got lots of attention. It was 23k, but this was 23k either straight up or straight down a hill! The pack took 2 hours to reach the first beer stop, by which time they had only covered 5k! Many hashers, including some claiming to be ultra-marathon runners, dropped out, and of the 300-odd who started, only about 130 finished. Indeed, the Ball Breaker will probably be remembered as a great success! The terrain on all the trails came in for some criticism, with narrow paths and steep hills meaning there was far more walking than running. In general, the event appears to have been put together on a very tight budget and in too much of a hurry. It was the voting for Interhash 2012, however, that will always be the issue that 2010 will be remembered for.

Report by *Amnesia* with additional thoughts and information from *Marmite*, *Pole Fucker*, *Clever Dick*, and *Shakesprick*.

## VOTING SCANDAL

There was a major change at Cardiff with voting via a ballot card handed out at the start of the weekend. All hashers were invited to place their four choices in order. This system proved effective, if a little dull. However, the weakness in this system was infamously exposed in 2010. There was a straight fight between Kenya and Java, and rumours were circulating as early as Friday about irregularities. Some hashers claim they were not given proper voting slips in their packs, and the slips were unidentifiable and easily reproduced, which led to further claims of bundles of reproduced slips appearing in the count. There were also rumours of bogus ballot boxes. It must be emphasised that a lot of these rumours were unsubstantiated. However, the announcement that Java had won by a large margin in a record 90% voting turnout brought boos and catcalling from the audience.



## The Down Down Competition History

The Down Down Championship has been a part of almost every InterHash since 1978. The 2-litre mug for men was presented to the InterHash community by **Jakarta H3**. The women's Down Down Championship began at InterHash Sydney in 1984. An official 1-litre mug for the women's competition was donated by Bangkok Harriettes in memory of their late Champion, Deep Throat.

### Men

|                           |      |            |
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| Jim Palmer (Jakarta)      | 1980 | KL         |
| The Champ (Seletar)       | 1982 | Jakarta    |
| The Fireman (Melbourne)   | 1984 | Sydney     |
| Mongo (Auckland)          | 1986 | Pattaya    |
| Hooray Henry (London)     | 1988 | Bali       |
| Hooray Henry (London)     | 1990 | Manila     |
| Hooray Henry (London)     | 1992 | Phuket     |
| Suipe (Marlborough)       | 1994 | Rotorua    |
| Pisspot (Episkopi)        | 1996 | Cyprus     |
| Suipe (Marlborough)       | 1998 | KL         |
| Deep Throat (Wellington)  | 2000 | Hobart     |
| Deep Throat (Wellington)  | 2002 | Goa        |
| Too Tuff (Quorn, England) | 2004 | Cardiff    |
| Deep Throat (Wellington)  | 2006 | Chiang Mai |
| and RTC (Colombo)         | 2008 | Perth      |
| RTC (Colombo)             | 2010 | Kuching    |
| RTC (Colombo)             | 2012 | Borobudur  |
| Faulk (Taipei)            | 2014 | Hainan     |
| Geestring (Wellington)    | 2016 | Bali       |
| Geestring (Wellington)    | 2018 | Fiji       |
|                           | 2020 |            |
| Deep Throat (Wellington)  | 2022 | Goa        |
| <i>No contest</i>         | 2024 | Queenstown |
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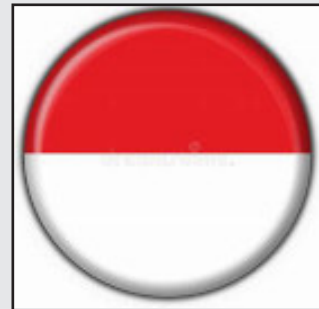
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| Gypsy (Rotorua)       |
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| Gypsy (Rotorua)       |
| Martini (Cheltenham)  |
| Lee ah Fe (Kamunting) |
| Bird Table (Auckland) |
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| No Mercy (Lagos)      |
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| Ho White (Alaska)     |
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| Oily Mango (Samurai)  |

Borobudur 2012

Beer: Bintang

Attendance: 4,557

GM: King Kong



I cannot say enough about how well organized and what a masterful production IH2012 Borobudur was. Beer, lunch boxes, and water on the buses, snacks, soda, water, and beer after the run in large quantities. Fun circles, all buses had police escorts, where traffic jams, red lights, etc., meant nothing for the convoy.

The main venue on Friday night was the most stunning setting, with the stage and dance floor set up in front of the lit Prambanan Temple. The image of 500 hashers dancing to a good rock band with a great light show on stage, with the imposing temple in the background, will stay in my half-mind for a long time.

The venue in front of Borobudur Temple on Saturday and Sunday will be remembered with delight for a long time too. A full orchestra started the entertainment with two hours of classical music, followed by a rock band, MC'd by Ra, doing his best to keep things on schedule.

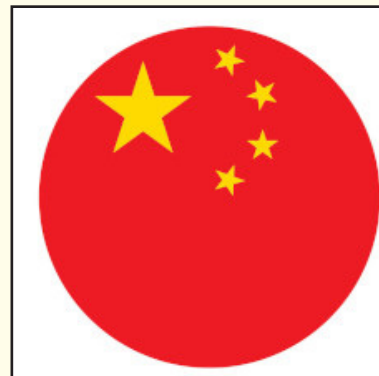
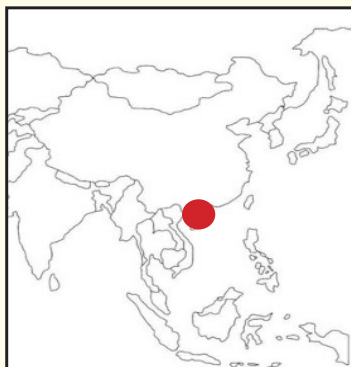
There was Asian, British, American, and German food available with virtually no queues, and the food was enough to feed twice the crowd. Beer available with no queues and no rationing. Great fireworks displays and a great audio-visual light show on the Borobudur temple. Raised the bar high indeed! Regards *Mu-Sick*.

Hainan 2014

Beer: Tsingtao

Attendance: 4,000

GM:



It was the first InterHash to be held in China, and Hainan brought their InterHash to us earlier in the year, in mid-March, which made for a chilly weekend as the sun didn't show up at all. The Registration HQ was spacious and made for a good meeting place to drink with old hash friends. The runs were good, and the circles as good as Asian led circles are. The stage area was huge, and being open and near the sea, the chill factor kept everyone on their toes. The entertainment was big on Cabaret held on a massive stage, but the announcements were all in Chinese, which made it hard to follow.

Not having the hardcore InterHashers to do the Hash Acts and the Down Down Competition proved difficult, but making the best of it is what Hashers are good at, and everyone seemed to have had a good time, regardless that the Tsingtao beer was plentiful, but of dubious alcoholic strength. Unfortunately, the Government, upon realizing how big the event was, introduced some last-minute changes which made the organizers' jobs more difficult, but gained the sympathy of the InterHashers in attendance. All in all, Hainan pulled off a decent event in difficult circumstances.

Bali 2016

Beer:

Attendance: 5,000

GM:



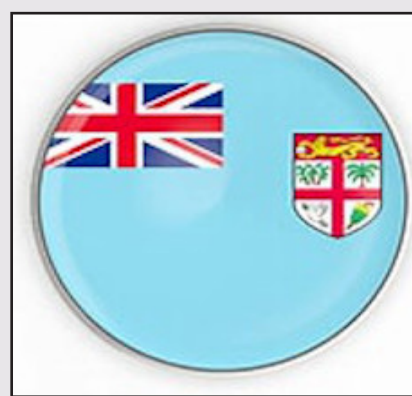
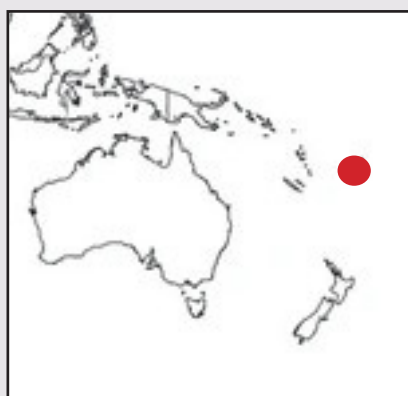
InterHash was back in Indonesia again, and the organizers managed to drag in a few of the Stalwarts from the Borobudur Committee to help out. It was always going to be a tall order to beat the Borobudur effort, but Bali has that charm that attracted InterHash voters back after the last one was held here in 1988. The main stage was smack bang on the beach, which we hadn't had for many a year. Over 5,000 participants were treated to some of the most beautiful running terrain on the planet. There were sixteen runs a day to choose from, plus an Old Farts Run, a Ball Breaker, and even a Full Moon Run on the following Monday. Again, the buses to the run sites were led by police escorts, which is always fun, and the circles had great RA's, and the beer and snacks at the run sites were plentiful. A record 2,700 Hashers turned up for the Red Dress run a day before the main event, and the residents of Sanur turned out to welcome the brightly dressed invaders. *Ra* kept order as MC, and the entertainment was varied and colourful with a great live band playing the crowd's favourite floor fillers. The Down Down Competition was back with a vengeance, with *Garfield*, *The Penguin*, and their team taking charge as usual. We were also treated to quite a few Hash Acts, including the famous Hamersley show. Plenty of good food and beer with no queues at the main event kept everyone happy. All in all, everyone enjoyed Bali, and the islanders welcomed us with open arms.

Nadi , 2018

Beer: Fiji Bitter

Attendance: 1,700

GM: Dr. Ram Raju



After two InterHash bids, Fiji finally won the hashers' vote in Bali, and as expected, the Fiji team pulled off a really good event. The Fiji InterHash was hosted by **Nadi H3**, and the event attracted 1,700 hashers from close to 60 countries. This was the biggest single sporting event ever staged in Nadi, also making Fiji the smallest country ever to host InterHash. The goodie bag at registration was great, with eleven different give-aways in the bag. The Fiji Committee offered seven different run sites each day, including a Ball Breaker. The event started off with 550 hashers joining the Red Dress Run, followed by a huge party in the evening. The weekend's entertainment of music and dancing was very, very special with the top live bands in Fiji and a Polynesian-style entertainment group which stunned the crowd. There was plenty of cold beer and a great choice of local and International food. On the opening night on Friday, there was a Skydive team, which was led by local veteran Skydive professionals, diving with flags, which was a nice touch. On Saturday, the theme was Bollywood, which was a lot of fun, and everyone had a blast. On the final day, there was a huge farewell party, and the counting of votes for the next InterHash resulted in big congratulations for Trinidad and Tobago, who would host in 2020.

# Interhash T-shirts

*All from the Hash T-Shirt Museum - a big thank you to Hazukashii.*



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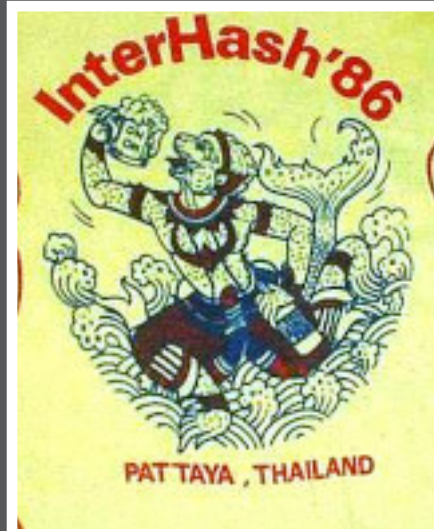
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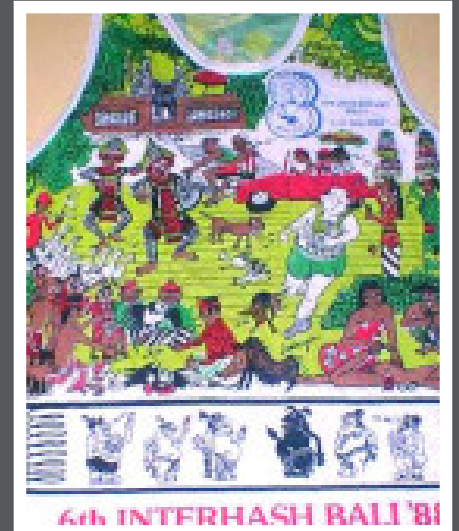
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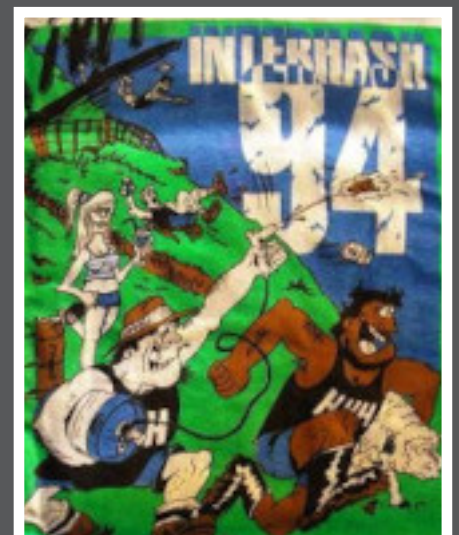
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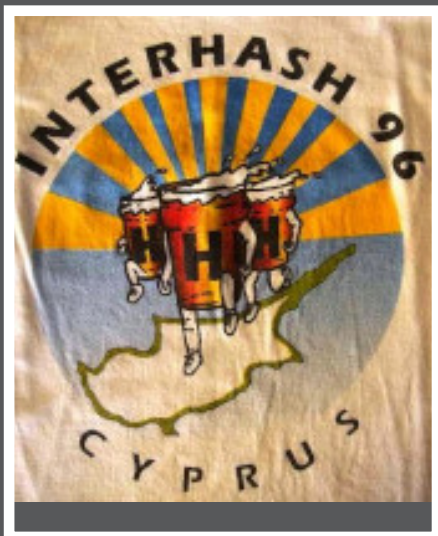


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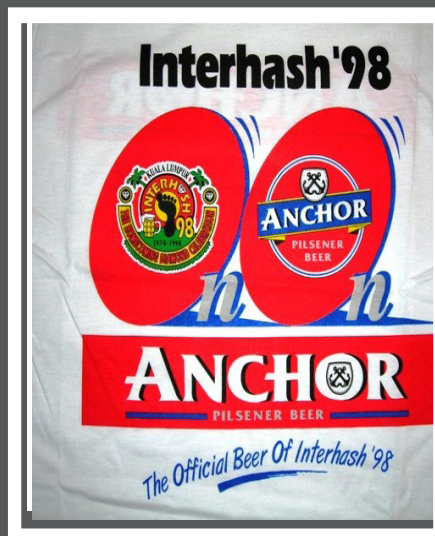


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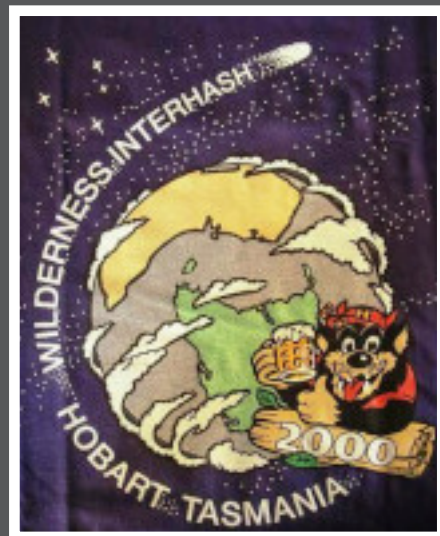
# InterHash T-shirts



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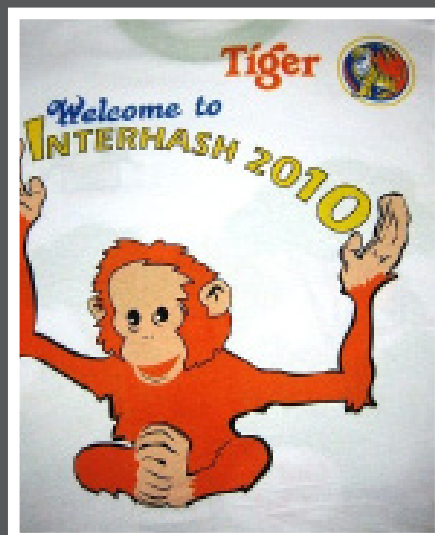
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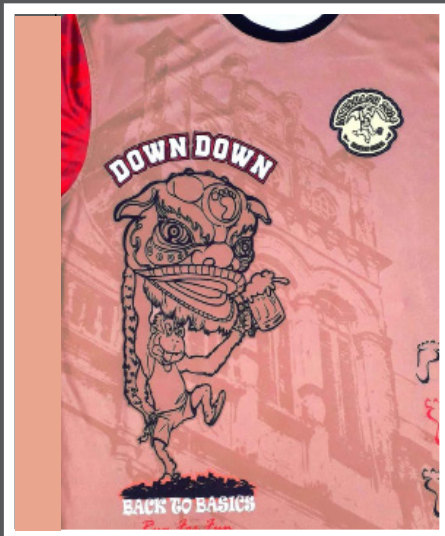


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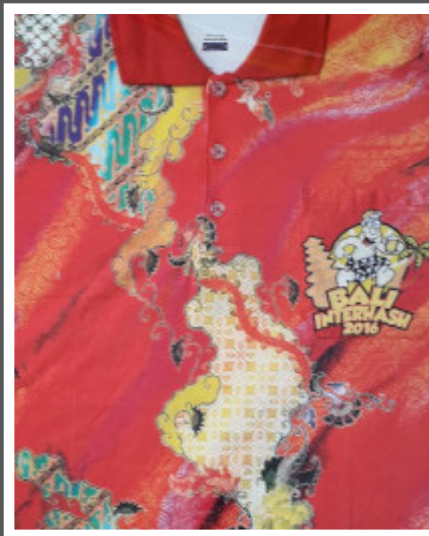


2012

# InterHash T-shirts



2014



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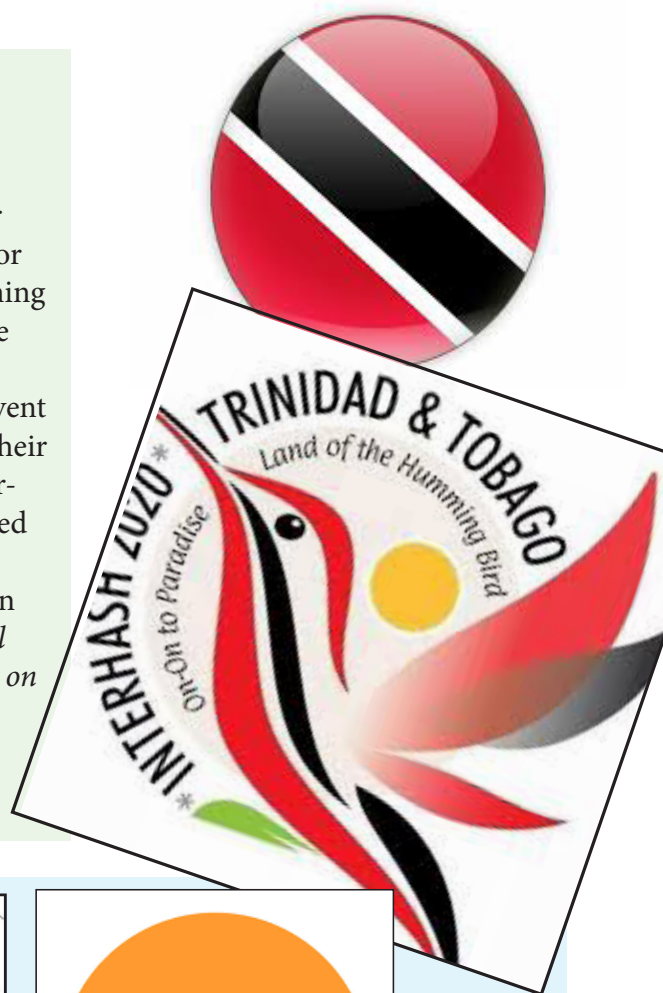
2026

T-shirts have been handed out at InterHash events since the first gathering in Hong Kong in 1978. That issue was a simple two colour design, and since then, shirts have tended to become more complex, for example, the Bali 1988 or Jogyakarta 2012 designs. However, we are probably still waiting to see the truly classic InterHash t-shirt. In addition to the official goody bag t-shirt, others exist for officials or as pre-event promotions. In addition, many hashers travelling in groups design their own t-shirts to wear at the event. A definite list of InterHash t-shirts, therefore, doesn't exist, but many designs can be viewed at Go to the Hash.

All from the Hash T-Shirt Museum - a big thank you to Hazukashii.

## Trinidad and Tobago 2020

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the event was postponed for the very first time in InterHash history. Originally scheduled for 2020, it was rescheduled for 2022. By then, the world was opening up, and there had just been a EuoHash in Prague. However, the Trinidad government had relaxed but not lifted restrictions on the number of people who could meet at one venue, and the event was reluctantly cancelled. Many hashers had already booked their flights, so a group of Hashers led by Hazukashii, with considerable help from Jenni Jones and the hashers of Trinidad, arranged an 'Outer Hash.' Four hundred hashers turned up. Meeting in small groups that kept within government regulations, they run trails for 8 straight days. In the words of Hazukashii *'The usual pomp and circumstance was pushed aside, with the focus simply on good hash trails and socializing.'*

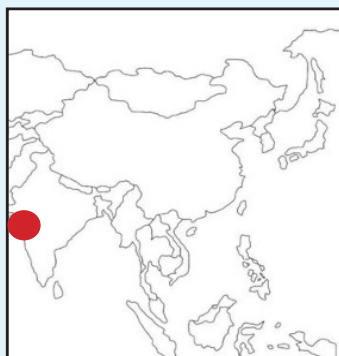


## Goa 2022

Beer: Kingfisher

Attendance: 270

GM: Obelix



Unwilling to let the hash world go 4 years without meeting, the Goa team stepped forward to organise InterHash at the end of the year, leaving New Zealand to host in 2024. Goa, having stepped up to organise a little earlier than they had planned, did a great job at short notice, helped by the fact that in the shadow of COVID-19 only around 270 hashers attended. As one participant wrote, *'there was lots of good stuff, a few things that could have been better, and fun was had by all.'* Food was excellent and Kingfisher beer popular. That it came in small cans helped keep it cold. They also had bottled G&Ts so people were fairly happy. As hashers were getting older, there was a small turnout for the Sunday runs. All in all, it was a fantastic event noted for the excellent food and drinks. There was no "official" Down Down competition, although an unofficial contest organized by Worm and Birdtable with Ra MC'ing.



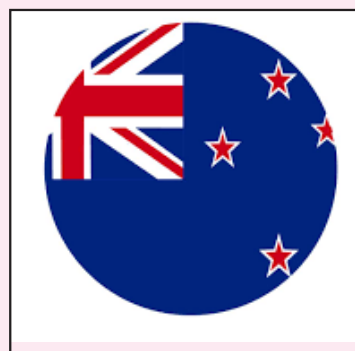


Queenstown 2024

Beer: Double Brown

Attendance: 1,800

GM: Fe Fi Fo Fum



Some early problems led to a changes on the committee, and then the local authorities expressed concerns after learning of some of the hash names. In the end, it all worked out fine with the Queenstown Event Centre welcoming around 1,800 hashers from around the world. The Red Dress Run raised \$11,000 for the Cancer Society, and there was an impressive range of trails showcasing some of Queenstown's best scenery. These ranged from a 27km ball breaker with 1,000m of elevation to a Lord of the Drinks pub crawl. There was a Lord of the Rings theme on Saturday night with a very good band LA Social. Then, of course, there were the hash acts, with a few sheep making an appearance during the Hamersley's contribution.



We have not forgotten 2026!  
Check out the summer issue at  
the end of August.