

ABERDEEN HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

HASH SHEET NO.1 23/01/1983

RUN NO 1 - Tyrebagger Hill

Hares: Mark Thompson and Colin MacLean

Hash Secretary: Russell Smith
Head Hare: Mark Thomson
Hash Cash: Barbara Graham
Religious Advisor: Colin MacLean
Hash Dray: John O'Leary
Hash Horn: Eammon O'Connell

One of the better days of an admittedly mild Aberdeen winter was struggling through its course when a momentous occasion took place: the collecting together of a group of half-fit, half-mad and half-awake ex-experts, novices and experienced hashers.

But how on earth did this excellent turn out for the first AH3 run find the start!! With a map about as useful as a Britoil Share and a sign which **Ol' Red Eyes** our Religious Advisor swears was designed by his daughter? **Alex? (Irish for Cynthia?)**.

Well, 27 of us made it..... Eventually, including two keen novices Messrs **Mark "Curly" Petterson** and **Paul "Under the Doctor" Sullivan** who decided to begin the run at the Leys Hotel and were well warmed up by the time they reached the start!

Before we set off, our first Sermon from the Religious Advisor on just how to run a hash. A valiant attempt considering two apprentice Hells Angels were going through a rigorous training programme behind him! I think he got his message across admirably and with remarkable composure considering the rock he clutched in his fist and the gentle purring of motorcycle engines behind him!

And away we went – coughing, spluttering and bringing up things that no longer resembled breakfast! The fist check was welcome when it finally came. But no respite. While most of us normal mortals stood around gasping in lung-fulls of icy air **"Big Lungs" O'Connell** (our future Hash Horn - that'll slow him down) was already on the trail again!! Check number two was excellent and quickly followed by a nasty climb which half the pack avoided, thanks to some timely advice from one of our hares. (SCB's (look it up! will be sent orienteering - you have been warned).

Your honourable secretary couldn't believe it, 100% record with false trails and then half the pack appear in front of him! Worse to come.

At checkpoint three: **Smith** (The Mith. Ed) scores the third of these five false trail successes. *"I mistook frosty cow-turds for line spots"*. MacLean has a coronary and screams his head off to down **Smith's "on on"**. Hare-in-chief **Thompson** admonishes the naïve **MacLean**. *"Let the buggers go. That'll knacker them"*.

This really was an Irish check, **O'Connell** really had the bit between his teeth and fuelled by **MacLean's** advice that right and up the hill was the way home he might have been well on the way to the Airport Skean Dhu had the right trail not been found *"On on"* to checkpoint four: where **O'Leary** (not to be sure) with nerveless frozen hands, blows pathetically on them. Next stage blindness due to too much antifreeze the night before. Sticks them down his trousers and gamely struggles on.

Checkpoint five: three false trails, all uphill. **O'Connell** crashing out of a thicket resorts to the Gaelic of sighting the culprit. "*Bastard*" he grunts, referring to the fruit of illicit relationships between ancient Irish saints and noble scholars.

"*On On*" (home) **Thompson**, feeling the pressure, offers to backtrack for stragglers, in case of hypothermic and exposure. Last seen heading for the woods, plastic mac agape. Turns up at the Finish fifteen minutes late holding back two pregnant hashettes to improve his position at the tape.

Soon we were all at the watering hole with everyone getting stuck into the jimmy brew, with the hash mis-management committee being chosen. By most accounts it was a good run apart from the odd complaint about the length.

Oh yes, finally, before I forget, congratulations to **Eddy Lappin (The Rabbit)** first home in 42 minutes.

"on on"

Scribed by: **COLIN MACLEAN, RUSSELL SMITH, JOHN O'LEARY**

Run 1 - Runners:

John Daley

Bob ELDER

Jane ELDER

Barbara GRAHAM

John GRAHAM

Martin GRAVESTOCK

Crawford GRAY

Bill JUSTICE

Eddy LAPPIN

The Rabbit

Leslie LIVINGSTON

Colin MACLEAN

'OI Red Eyes

Roger MARTIN

Eamon O'CONNEL

Big Lunges

John O'LEARY

Mark PETTERSON

Curly, Assen H3

Richard PLUMB

Visitor

Jason REYNOLDS

Mark REYNOLDS

Trevor REYNOLDS

Barry ROGERS

Russel SMITH

The Mith (x Karachi)

Paul SULLIVAN

Under the Doc

Malcolm TAYLOR

Neil TAYLOR

Mark THOMPSON

Tortoise (x Cairo)

Jane MacGregor

Alan MacGregor