

On On Magazine

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News

India

Pan Asia dates are out. November 5-6th 2027. To quote the official publicity: *'Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana, is one of India's most vibrant and culturally rich cities. A seamless blend of old-world charm and modern dynamism, Hyderabad, located in the south of India, is known for its historic monuments, thriving technology hub, delectable cuisine, and warm hospitality. Often called the "City of Pearls", Hyderabad has for centuries been a melting pot of diverse cultures, making it a truly global destination today.'*

USA

The Philly (Philadelphia) Green Dress mismanagement has been hard at work planning out the return of Philly's famous Green Dress Run It is scheduled for the weekend of March 12-15th. *"We have four days of shenanigans planned for you all!"*

A good one from **Houston H3**. Lots of food, 'Per last 15 years or so I will provide a pot of blackeyed peas melange, my world famous spinach artichoke dip, chips & a case of down down beer.' And as for the trail, we can sort that later! 'Location undetermined at the moment.'

Scott Shugarts, RA of **Buffalo H3** set the first First Friday event of 2026 on a snow covered day. The event was featured in The Buffalo News.

Vietnam

My good friend *Bubbles* got in a bit of trouble with quicksand on a river crossing. Shakes comment: *If he had gone in a bit deeper you could have used his head as a stepping stone!* On On Bubbles

Thailand

After 3 successful years the **Hua Hin Sunday Hash**, will be renamed **Pranburi Sunday Hash**. "In the past we have been giving t-shirt profits to a local Jungle aid Foundation. We think this is the next step in Hashing, more community support and integrate local businesses

Pranburi Monthly Hash Mission Statement reads: "The Pranburi Monthly Hash is a non-competitive, social running and walking club dedicated to promoting community fitness, camaraderie, and local economic support in the Pranburi area.

Our core mission is two-fold:



Middle: Bubbles in Quicksand.

Bottom: New Stockholm Fleece



Will hashers have problems entering the USA?

Tourists to the United States would have to reveal their social media activity from the last five years under new Trump administration plans. This would apply to the 42 countries whose nationals are currently permitted to enter the U.S. without a visa, including Britain, France, Australia, Germany, and Japan.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said it would also require any telephone numbers used by visitors over the same period, any email addresses used in the last decade, as well as face, fingerprint, DNA, and iris biometrics, plus names, addresses, birth dates, and birthplaces of family members, including children.

CBP stated that the changes to the Electronic System for Travel Authorization application were necessary to comply with a Trump executive order that called for restrictions to ensure visitors "do not bear hostile attitudes toward its citizens, culture, government, institutions, or founding principles."

Shakes thoughts:

This is NOT about making the USA safe. It is about seeking out anybody who has been critical of the administration.

Any search of a hashers social media is likely to throw up alerts -the word HASH itself might bring suspicion.



Hash Prayer

Repeat after the RA

Coppus no catch us

Farmer no shoot us

Doggus no bite us

Heatus no stroke us

Frostus no freezus

Tickus no suck us

Rapist no fuck us

beerus to drinkus

Coitus non interruptus.

Amen

1. To host a fun, inclusive monthly event with trials suitable for all ages and abilities (long and short trails).
2. To act as a 100% non-profit fund-raiser, ensuring every surplus baht generated from our events is donated directly to vetted local Pranburi charities. Furthermore, we commit to actively supporting the local economy by utilizing local restaurants for our post-hash community gatherings."

Run for Fun. Run for Fitness. Run for Pranburi

Mauritius

Read this nice summary of hashing in Mauritius: Run 945 A hash filled with lots of motivational and funny signs, a rum stop (which not everyone got to), a river crossing where we got our feet wet, and lots of sun.

Philippines

The hash had ten people at the 383rd Clark Run. *Wait Lang* broke *Stolen Property's* female course record with a time 24.36. Congratulations also to *Dances with Dogs* who did his 150th run. *Mouse* did her 99th run this week and so hopefully will get to 100 before the end of the year. Well done all of you.

Gilbert *Trembles* Leitch, of **Hobart Hash House Harriers**, achieved a milestone last night in achieving 2400 runs with just his home Kennel. Certainly a record for Tasmanian Hashes and maybe Australia wide. *Trembles* has been a great contributor to Hashing in general and attended the first I/H held at Hong Kong and was a tireless worker at I/H 2000.





Got in a run with **Vientiane H3** (Monday Hash). Numbers are down - we had 10 - and there is no trial but the hare had a planned walk that took in a few pubs. We covered a good 4-5 kilometres. Starting point was the Lao Beer Garden, officially closed, but open to the hashers. The Saturday run is far more hash like with a normal countryside run and larger numbers. Many of the old hands do not have transport and getting there can be a problem.

Hong Kong

Nearly 140 people dashed through Hong Kong's streets for the annual Santa Hash charity run. The event began at Lockhart Road Playground in Wan Chai and covered a 6km (4-mile) route past landmarks including the Hong Kong Observation Wheel, Chater Garden, St John's Cathedral, the Peak Tram and Hong Kong Park, before looping back to the finish. "This is the one event where we all come together, no politics, just charity," said Mark Hope, grand master of **Santa Hash** and its lead organiser for nearly two decades. He noted a surge in enthusiasm this year, boosted by 25 visiting hashers from Shekou, just over the border in mainland China. It took place of course in the shadow of the tragic Tai Po fire.

The **N2TH3** AGM results in *Golden Balls* taking on the GM role. **Kowloon H3** embarks on a tour to Chiang Mai, Thailand, at the end of January. *Father C*nt Punch* loses a number of the **RS2H3** Piss Pots in Joe Bananas after a few too many sherberts, if seen please return (do not return FCP we don't need him!). *Hopeless* passes 4,500 total hash runs.

Zimbabwe

I had presumed **Harare H3** had collapsed, but no, I am happy to report they are still active. November saw them visit the Nyaguwe Safari Resort.

Sweden

Champagne Charlie set the first **Absolut Hash** of 2026, which is featured on the front cover. The snow was thick as the hashers did a short circuit of the pretty lakeside town of Norrtälje. Ten turned up. Although it was a 68 km journey, Stockholm Bus Travel Cards were still valid. You have to love Sweden!

August will see a 3 day celebration for the 40th Anniversary of the **Absolut hash**. A rough plan so far: Friday August 28th: pub crawl at Södermalm, Saturday August 29th: run/walk and party with a live band at Stortorpsparken Trångsund, Sunday August 30th: hangover run/walk in the city.

England

'Twas four nights before Christmas and not a mouse

...’ but Surrey H3 was out in force. “Uncle Gerry announced a world record in that both Atalanta and Petal had arrived before the start.”

Old Coulson had a joint run with **CRAP** (The Crawley hash) at Bletchingly village. It was a cold morning, for a 5k run, that turned into 7.5k! Hare was Gary Tailend Cooper

The weekend before Christmas the **Wessex H3** and **Haunch of Venison MRC H3** ran a 12 pubs of Christmas ‘Baublebreaker’ hash around Salisbury and took the opportunity to raise money for this years charity, Julia’s House children’s hospice. “We were blessed with a lovely sunny day and much fun

was had by all. There are already plans for next year!”
On on Kebab Queen

Australia

The last run of the year saw **Gympie Hash House Harriers** joined by 19 walkers and runners for a trail that went up into the hills.

Cambodia

The Good morning from Cambodia, Shakes. I am with the PP2H3 and I noticed that there is a small mistake with the date of the Mekong Inter Hash in Siem Reap next year. **Correct dates are 13th to 15th of November 2026.** On On, Short Stump

Hi Stockholm Bob

Cluster here. Previously from **Honiara HHH** (3 years total, in two stints).

I am now living/working in Pohnpei, FSM (in North Pacific). There is no Hash here but I am reaching out in case you know of anyone who might be interested in joining me to start a Pohnpei Hash, or in case anyone contacts you about it in future.

Love your magazine. Best wishes

John H (Hash name - Cluster)

Anybody interested contact Cluster at
rewrap-fax-tabasco@duck.com

More details next month!



Surrey H3 Christmas Party



Hazukashii



Our hare that evening

Got in a hash with **Bangkok Thursday** - some great hashers were there, *Boob A Lube* the hasher with the most confirmed runs (5,000 plus), hash publisher *Hazukashii*, and Dhaka veteran *Tall Man*.



Boob a Lube and Hazukashii,



The Nigerian



Wessex H3 and Haunch of Venison MRC H3 12 pubs of Christmas





(Above) Ex-Mexico hasher, *Father C Punch* set the Thanksgiving Day Run in Hong Kong. It was for the **Royal Southside Gentleman's Hash** who loved the apple pie and t-shirts but found the pumpkin pie a little too much of a culture clash.

(Below) Two ex-Mexico GM's *Dick Chair Tracy* and *Burnt Sox* met up in Rio where *Burnt Sox* hosted his annual Xmas hash on the beach.



THE ABSOLUT RHAPSODY TRASH

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Check out Malibog's latest hash trash



BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Freddie Mercury

50TH ANNIVERSARY
1975-2025

THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES

News Chichester H3 1066 Hash

1066 is a big day in England - our first attempt to join the European Union. **Chichester H3** celebrated with a special run for their 1066 hash.

Chichester H3 were founded in 1983 and have had their share of returning ex-pats.

Indeed the founder, Andrew Tarry, was of Cheras Bandit fame and his wife Veronica a founder of **KL Harriettes**.

Recently the Chichester pack has been in decline, the original members growing old and dropping away while fewer ex-pats have been retiring in the area.



News Glasgow 40th Anniversary

Glasgow managed to stage their 40th anniversary weekend despite the approach of a major storm!



History of the Kennel

Glasgow H3 started with the setting up of Britoil in Glasgow and the associated arrival of Oilfield Trash from around the world.

I returned to Glasgow, my home town having sampled the delights of such places such as Senegal, Italy, Oman, The Netherlands and Aberdeen on the way.

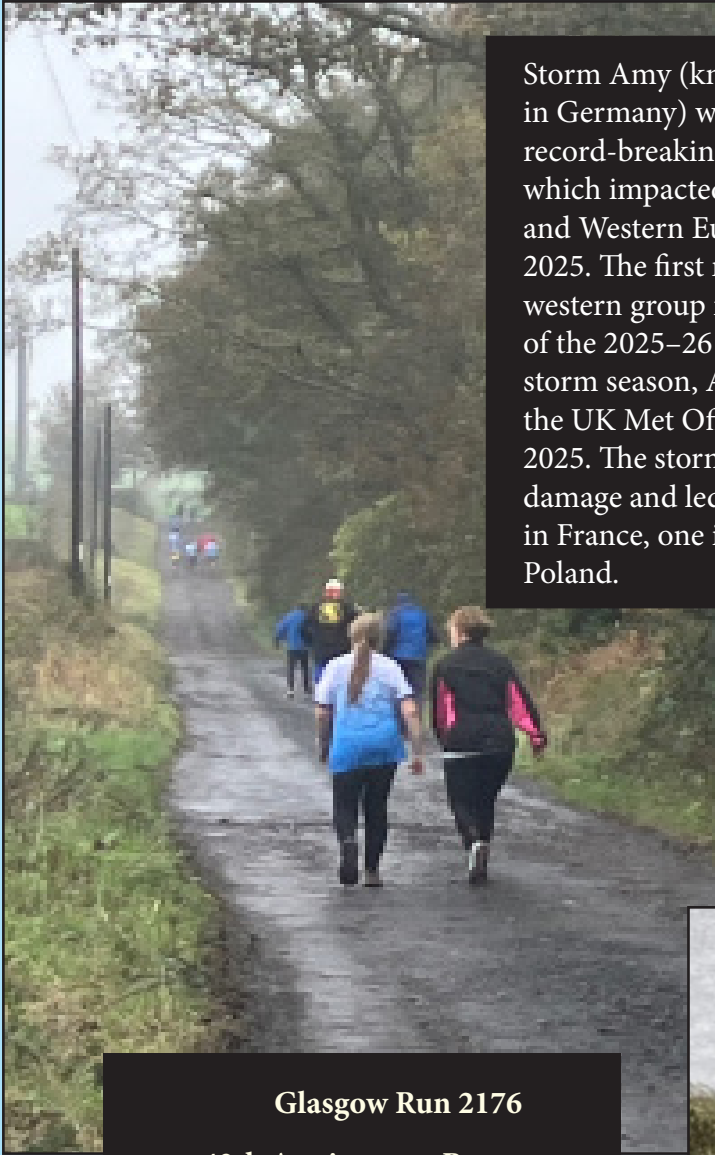
The plan (for a hash) was born in the Basement of Archies Bar in Waterloo. So the first run was the famous "Dry Run" in Pollok Park set by Mark and myself (26th August 1985). Advertising was by Britoil noticeboards and word of mouth. Those attending included Graham Dean, Wol Chaffe, John Nieto and Christine Flint.

A second dry run followed and as momentum built the "Inaugural Run" actually Run 5 was set up, complete with Founder Member T Shirts, Hash Sheets, Down Downs, by which time *Maw* and *Paw Broom*, Carolyn Grant were well on the scene and the Glasgow Hash had come out of the Britoil closet.

What happened to me? Well I was soon on my travels again, leaving behind the GH3

Roger McIlroy (BIGMAC)

Storm Amy (known as Storm Detlef in Germany) was a powerful and record-breaking tropical cyclone which impacted parts of Northern and Western Europe in October 2025. The first named (using the western group naming list) storm of the 2025–26 European wind storm season, Amy was named by the UK Met Office on 1 October 2025. The storm caused widespread damage and led to four deaths: two in France, one in Ireland and one in Poland.



Glasgow Run 2176
40th Anniversary Run
Saturday 4th October 2025
Hares: Kipper ,Glaury Hole (and Reekie)



Half a Banana

I was in London in August and visited one of the most underestimated museums, the National Army Museum. There happened to be a talk by Richard Betty who had just published his father's war diary. Peter Kemmis Betty had been a prisoner-of-war in Changi (Singapore) where of course several hashers spent the war.

There was a large audience with many former Malaysia/Singapore ex-pats. Whenever I introduced myself 'I edit the magazine of a running club that started in Malaysia' everybody in that room, which included senior military officers, ambassadors and Sirs went, 'Ah yes, *the Hash!*'

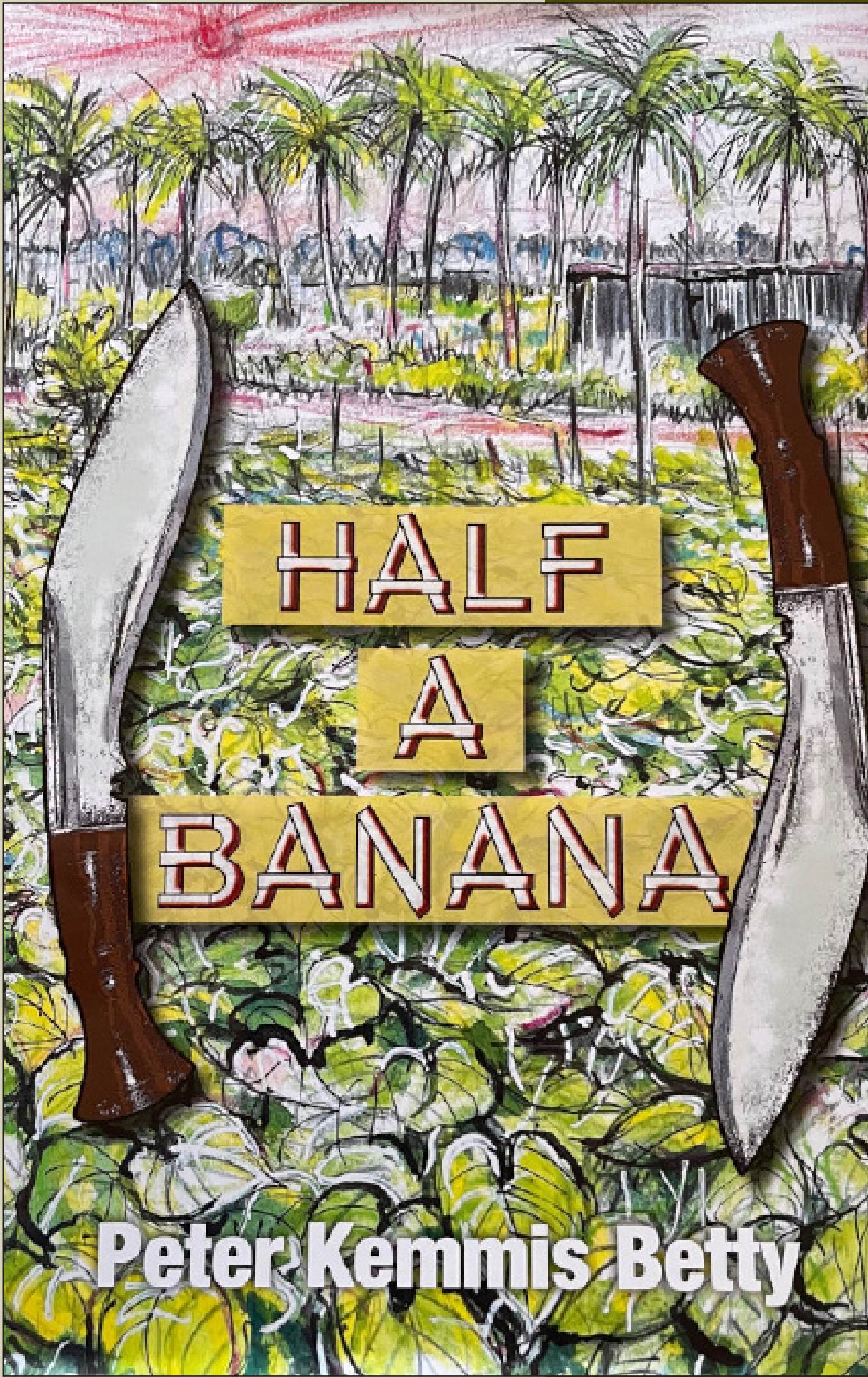
Two very interesting themes emerged.

Life in Changi was grim but it did not have the brutality that prisoners sent out to work on the railway in Thailand experienced. Indeed, there was actually a degree of sympathy with the Japanese guards, seen as doing a difficult job and, towards the end of the war, enduring a life as miserable as that of the prisoners.

The camp was not under complete lockdown. Passes could be obtained to visit local markets to trade.

There is no mention of any hasher but the book describes a life that several of them would have experienced.





HALF

A

BANANA

Peter Kemmis Betty

An ex-pat life

The prologue by his son Richard is particularly interesting as it describes how:

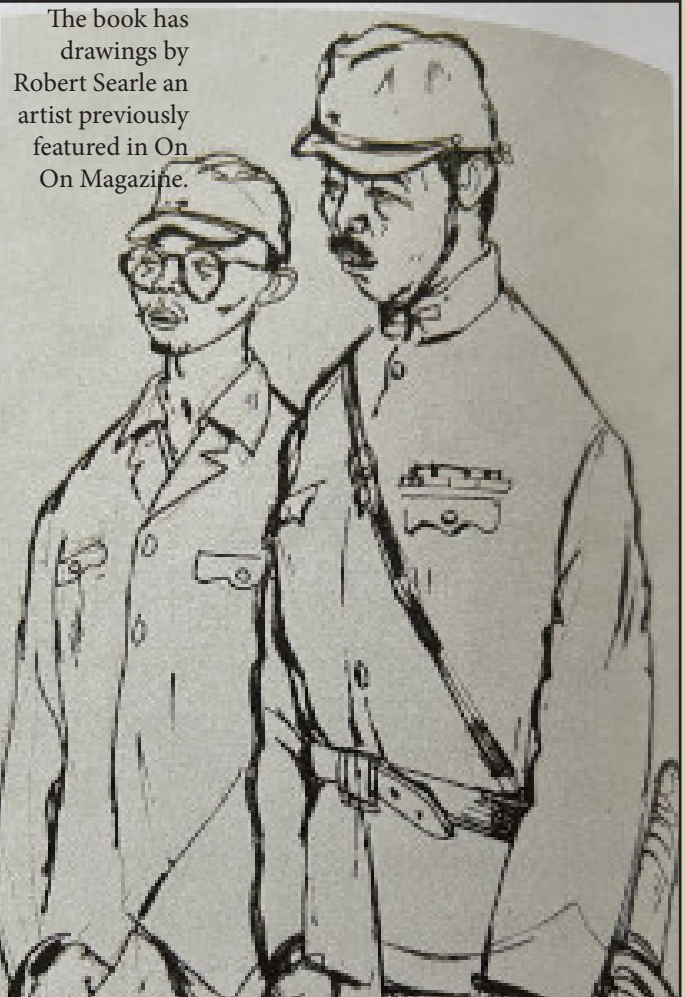
- Peter grew up in India.
- Went to boarding school in England.
- Joined the military where, because of family connections, he was drawn to the Gurkha's.
- Was posted in Chittagong and then the Himalayas.
- In July 1941 was told to mobilise and sent to Bombay to join the war.

The war starts

- On boarding the ship the troops expected to be heading for Africa - instead they headed for Port Klang and were taken north to Ipoh by train and trucks.
- On December 6th the officers were allowed to attend the local race meeting but had to phone in after every race. After the 5th race they were told to return to camp immediately.
- By the next day they were digging in 30k south of Siam border.
- They were soon retreating south, blowing up bridges as they went.

The camp

- After the first weeks, life settled down and there was little friction between Japanese and prisoners.
- Prisoners were given an allowance by the Japanese. This sounds generous but made sense. This way prisoners could support themselves and was cheaper than providing meals.
- Prisoners grew food in extensive gardens and parties with guards or just a camp pass went to the local markets to buy eggs, cigarettes and tinned food.
- There were regular lectures, such as 'The Norwegian Campaign' and a talk on cricket by



The book has drawings by Robert Searle an artist previously featured in On Magazine.

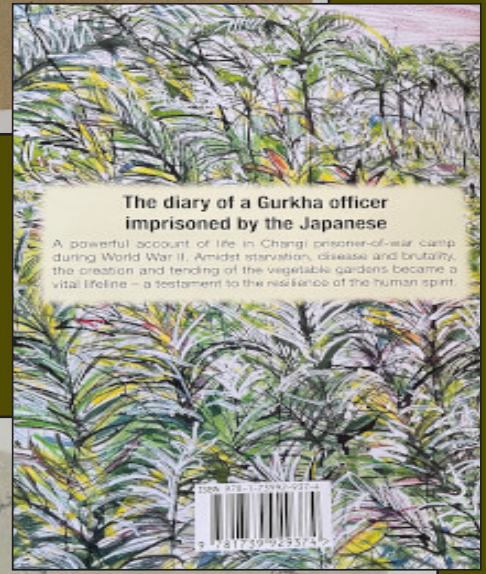
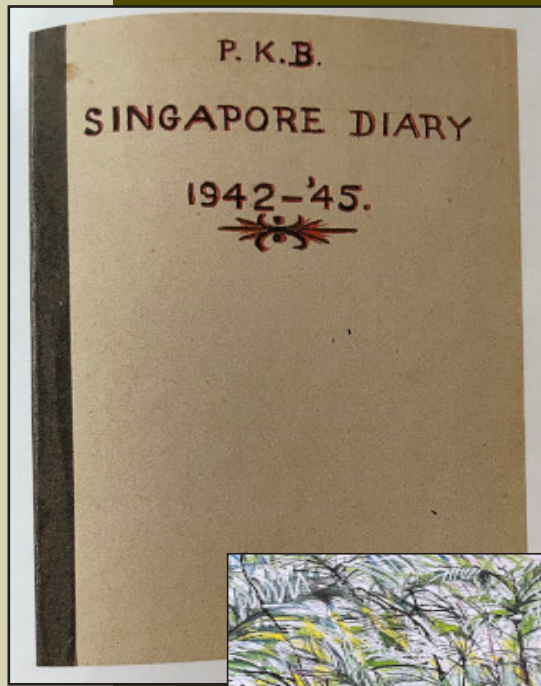
Barnett, an Australian test player.

- There were regular music concerts and plays. In Christmas 1942 there was a plan to put on a pantomime for the children in the nearby civilian camp.
- There was some sport, cricket was popular but few had the energy for football.
- The Japanese questioned the prisoners (in a surprisingly good natured way) about Sri Lanka and India, which they still planned to conquer.
- The South African Red Cross sent occasional food parcels and letters.
- Starvation was never a threat, but hunger was a constant companion. January 1st 1943: *'we ran out of tinned food a fortnight or so ago and no bully-beef is obtainable at the canteen, .. living entirely on rice and vegetables with the very occasional issue of fish. Can still buy dates and peanuts at the canteen.*
- By March 1945 rations were cut and black market prices were increasing.

Easter Sunday (25th) April. Another crop of five letters yesterday, bringing my total to twenty, wonderful business; Alec Ogilvie and I are running neck and neck and both of us much envied by those who have only had the meagre one or two. A few days back the Japs made a sudden call for yet another party of 1,600 to leave Changi (presumed overseas). We have consequently had to part with our remaining 45 Australians in the Garden Group (all except a few batmen and sick). We gave them a farewell party last night with the aid of a piano and singing etc. and they all went off that morning at 10 o'clock. We are just waiting for their convoy to come past on the road any moment now. Two convoys of Dutch have already left. The labour situation on the gardens is very tight - it remains to be seen how long they last out (just been to the balcony to see the boys pass by - shouts of the good old cry: 'You'll never get off the island!')

Easter Sunday, 25 April

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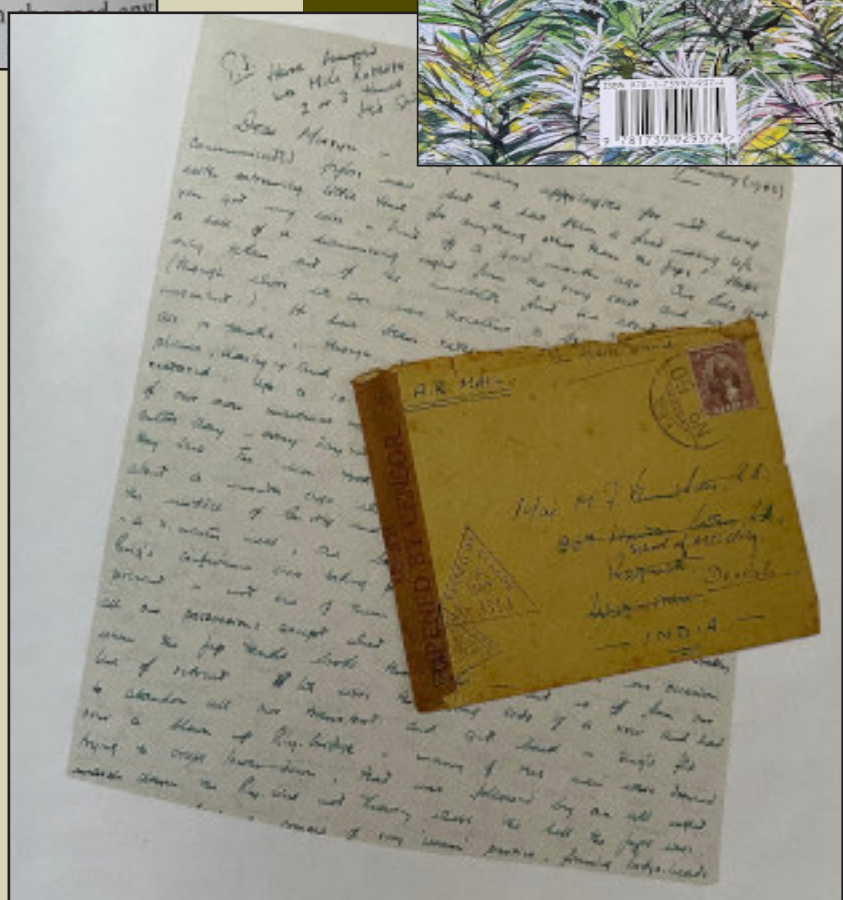


The diary of a Gurkha officer imprisoned by the Japanese

A powerful account of life in Changi prisoner-of-war camp during World War II. Amidst starvation, disease and brutality, the creation and tending of the vegetable gardens became a vital lifeline - a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

After the war

- Peter was still in the military. He was ordered to collect the Gurkha coming in from different prison camps and take them home to Nepal.
- He then had 6 month leave where he meet future wife, Gemma St. Maur.
- This was followed by a posting to India and then Ipoh to fight the communists. Life was still good, with visits to the beach and the Cameroon Highlands.
- In 1954 the family was coming home when their ship caught fire in the Mediterranean. They survived the shipwreck but lost all their possessions.
- There was another spell in Malaysia, this time in Negri Sembiln.
- His last three years before retirement were spent as military attaché in Nepal.



Letter to brother Mervyn, 21st January 1942

The letter was sent to Mervyn's last known address whilst on 'Active Service' and posted in the Perak region where they were fighting the Japanese. The envelope bears a 25c Malay stamp and is addressed to Mai M F Kemmis Betty at 26th Mountain Battery RA, Razmak, and redirected

Ice

'Ice the bastard,' is a common cry when a mere down-down is considered an insufficient punishment for a crime. On such occasions the offender sits on the ice to drink their punishment, sometimes being left there until the RA ordains they can get up – which might be at the end of the evening.

The cry that goes with it is 'flesh,' meaning shorts to be dropped.

The origins of this ceremony are unknown, some claim it is an Australian idea, others credit the Americans. However ice was certainly being used in Jakarta as early as 1979, making Indonesia the most likely place of origin.



1930s

Mother Hash would collect ice from a warehouse and use it to keep the drinks cold. It was probably crushed ice so not suitable for sitting on.

1960s

Icings took place in Brunei but this involved tipping the chest of iced water over the victim.

A British High Commission representative nearly suffered a heart attack after such an icing.

1970s

Jakarta used big blocks of ice yet the idea of sitting on the ice was not immediately adopted

The first firm date for an icing was 1978 when Ron Strachan and his co-hare John *Cod Liver Oil* Dodds set a particularly interesting run.

This is the first icing that is clearly documented but possibly not the first such event to take place.

1980s

1982 Icing regularly took place at the Jakarta Interhash and the idea spreads rapidly around the world.





*Interhash
1982 - perhaps
the very first
photographic
evidence of an
icing!*

From the Run Report: The Jakarta Hash-circle was formed with the G.M., Hash Music, and the all powerful, Religious Advisor, taking the centre. Run mugs were given out, and down downs given to non-Hash T-shirt wearers, etc, till the words "Hash Shit" were muttered! Sure enough the award was given for the Blue run on Saturday, and one of the hares was called forward for his down down. On presentation of the mug, he then had to drop 'em and sit bare-*rsed on a block of ice! At this point the Religious Advisor gave a long story of the Hash Shit verdict and kept the guy sitting on the ice for a good 20+ minutes !! Eventually the Down Down song was called by the Hash Music, and he was released. The circle continued through rain till late with many, many songs, and a couple of interruptions. The circle remained large and closed as we were not allowed to move - the hares responsibility in Jakarta H3 is to bring round the beers. At one stage, the circle collapsed in laughter when somebody threw a cat in and the cat started running round and round and round. The other major disruption was when the Semarang stripper was brought on, and started to do her dance.

There have been surprisingly few ice names.

Alan *Ice*man Elliott founded **Warsaw H3** in June 1983.

Dagmar *Ice Queen* Atynski saw **Vindabono H3** run past while ice-skating, and has been running with them ever since.



- Ice in cubes, blocks, flakes or chips, it's a crucial part of our modern lives.
- With electricity we can make ice anywhere. In ancient times it was a question of collecting winter ice and finding ways to store and transport it.
- Wealthy Romans, like Emperor Nero, went to extravagant lengths by transporting snow and ice down from the mountains to chill their drinks.
- In the Middle Ages labourers would venture onto frozen lakes and rivers, armed with saws and axes. They would cut large blocks of ice, often relying on horsepower to transport the haul. These blocks were then stored in specially constructed ice houses, sometimes built underground, and/or insulated with sawdust and straw.
- These ice houses allowed people to preserve meat and dairy products.
- In the early 19th century, a daring American entrepreneur named Frederic 'Ice King' Tudor, built up an ice trade that spanned continents.

Creative Hashers

Drawing on the hash

My hashing career started when I was invited to what turned out to be the London Hashes Millennium New Years eve party by a work colleague. What a treat! I was travelling for work a lot at the time and after that I took the opportunity to hash wherever I landed. The friendliness of hashers drew me in when I was at a difficult point in my life, as well as the internationalist aspect of this great disorganisation. While *Scrumpy*, my wife, and I don't hash at every opportunity, we use Interhash, Eurohash and similar events as a focus for holidays. I have been involved in mismanagement of City (of London) H3 and London H3 in one way or another over the years, including GM of both. I'm still tidying up the accounts after UK Nash Hash last August!

My Art

Although I did a bit of drawing on holidays, I only started to draw regularly, and to paint, long after I started hashing. I began sketching pubs when I was injured and could not manage a trail. Later I began to "colour them in" with watercolour. My enthusiasm, if not talent, developed from there. I also enjoy painting landscapes, pets and people.

The latter are particularly a challenge and I have attended a few life drawing classes in the hope of improving but no hashers have yet offered to pose naked for me. Though all my pictures are representational and may be from life or photos, my style varies, sketching in pen or ink and painting in watercolour, gouache or acrylic. I keep trying new things but *Scrumpy* says I should stick to pubs, which is what she thinks I do best! Certainly the line and wash sketches seem most



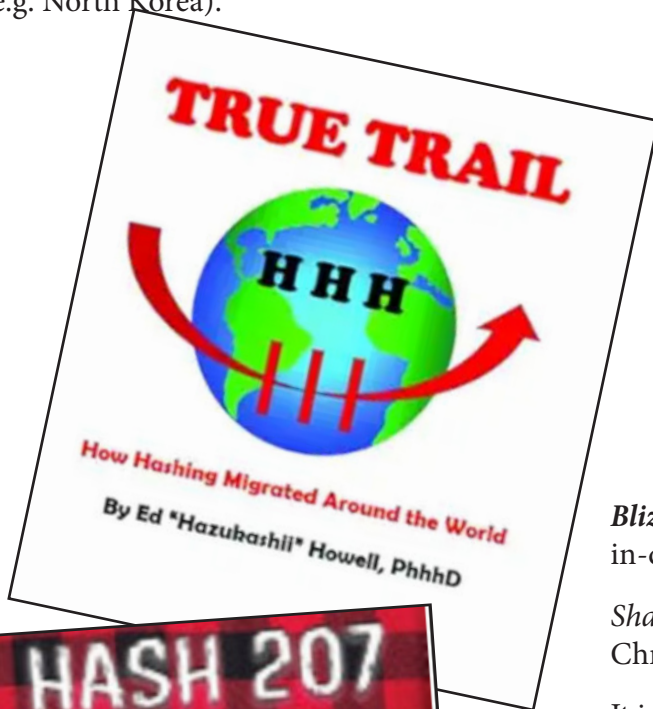
Creative Hashers

Are you a Hasher and a writer, musician, painter, poet, or model builder? On On Magazine would love to feature 'Creative Hashers' in future issues.



Hash Publishing

Hazukashii This book provides new and interesting details on the origins and founding of the Hash House Harriers, and consequently how this movement made its way around the world. Every country has its own story, although there are a very few countries that have never been home to a hash club, or even had a hash trail set (e.g. North Korea).



Blizzard is a high-end soccer magazine that publishes in-depth articles and soccer fiction.

Shakes, editor of *On On Magazine*, has an story in the Christmas issue!

It is one story from a collection called **'The Boys of '65'** 11 stories from an alternative universe where England win the World Cup in 1965. This first story in the series involves full back Eddie Clark who faces a moral dilemma when his club plays in Albania! Should he let the Albanians win and bring down their communist government?



"Hash 207" is a work of contemporary American fiction set in modern day Portland, Maine. Unsure of his direction in life, "Just Jamie" leaves behind a world designed for him, to learn a few hard lessons...and find unlikely camaraderie in the Hash House Harriers--a drinking club with a running problem. Their slice of Bohemia in a small coastal city is in peril from development, rising prices, and a scene threatened by its own success. In an act of clever resistance, Jamie unites an unorthodox group of local artisans, community leaders, and the Hashers, to fight for the right of all to exist in the place they've made their home. "Hash 207" is a wicked modern twist on a tale as old as time, of finding one's purpose and creating your own true trail! Advanced praise for "Hash 207" includes these reviews from fellow authors and experts on the Hash House Harriers organization.

"I've never read a book more authentic about the Hash House Harriers experience. Hash 207 is an epic and hilarious tale about the battle for the soul of a city-a riot within a love story about Portland, Maine." - Walter "I-Feel Tower" Moore

Hashing on Rhode Island

1996

Founded: February 1987

Offer: Mixed Runs every Monday

Founded by: Ole Sparks Vigerstol

Who ran with: Sydney Hash House Harriers

Ancestors:

Kuala Lumpur H3

Singapore

Sydney H3

Descendants:

Henfield H3



A News Report: The following article appeared in **The Providence (RI) Journal Bulletin** in December 1996.

They make you run for your beer

Hash House Harriers have gotten a strong foothold in R.I. by Tom Meade, Journal-Bulletin Sports Writer

The Hash House Harriers say theirs is a drinking club with a running problem. Rhode Island has two club chapters, or "Hashes," the younger one in Newport, where there are a lot of serious runners. "Because we have so many athletes, we take pride in a good run, but we still have fun," says Karen Murphy, whose Hash handle is Mouth Full - all Harriers and Harriettes have handles.

Founded in 1986 in the northern part of the state, the Rhode Island Hash House Harriers celebrated their 550th run last week. Beery, bawdy and blasphemous, the Rhode Island group is trying to loosen up the Newporters, says Bill Matsinger, the group's spiritual leader, whose handle is *Basket Boom Boom*. The Rhode Island group's real lead-

er is Jake, a yellow Labrador retriever. The Rhode Island Harriers takes pride in its beer and singing.

A Hash runs every week: Newport generally is out on Sunday, starting at 2pm, and the Rhode Island Hash usually starts each Monday at 6:30pm. Directions for getting to the start of a Hash generally are available on the Internet; reviews of past run's are there, too.

Flying Booger, one of the Web's leading authorities on hashing, quotes the group's original charter on the goals of the Hash:

Promote physical fitness.

Get rid of weekend hangovers.

Acquire a good thirst and satisfy it with beer.

Persuade the older members that they are not as old as they feel.

Modeled on the old English schoolboy game of hares-and-hounds, a run is set by a "hare," who marks the trail with flour or lime. He also stashes beer along the way. The hounds are supposed to follow the trail, according to another Internet

author, because:

They don't know any better.

There might be beer along the way.

There might be beer at the end.

Sometimes, the hare sets false trails to confuse the hounds and to keep them from getting to the suds too soon. At the first stop of Rhode Island's 550th run last week, *Basket Boom Boom*, the hare, stashed spiked, mulled cider to warm the hounds as they paused to sing dirty ditties.

The hounds' running ability ranges from world-class to asthmatic. In a pack, they work cooperatively. When the lead hounds find a hare's mark they shout "On-On!" At a "check," where the trail branches and the hare may have gone in any direction, strike hounds scout the possibilities while those in the back of the pack yell "Are you?" as in "Are you on the trail?" At a check, most of the hounds slow down to catch their breath. When a hound finds three hare marks in a row, he knows he's on the trail and yells "On-On!" Sometimes the slowest hounds lead the pack because they are the first to find the hare's trail at a check.

The Rhode Island Hash generally runs through woods. With flash lights on dark winter nights. On the edges of highways. Through swamps and muck they call "shiggy." On their 550th Hash last week, they sank up to their crotches in shiggy covered by skim-ice. During the Christmas Hash Sunday, a group of Harriers and Harriettes from Boston lost the trail and found themselves in a Burrillville backyard with some gentlemen carrying shotguns, who notified the hounds that they were trespassing on private property.

Hash House Harriers have run

through cities, jungles, sewer pipes and shopping malls.

Founded in the 1930's in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur, Hash House Harriers have spread around the world.

For the Rhode Island Christmas Hash, runners from several countries represented Hashes in Boston, Hartford and Newport.

Skinkle came to Rhode Island for the Christmas run, having just completed the Red Dress, a huge charity event in which more than 500 Hash House Harriers ran in red dresses. The Rhode Island Hash is planning a similar event for Mother's Day; *Basket Boom Boom* says he already hash his outfit selected. It's a sexy strapless number with matching pumps.

At the end of each run, the hounds gather in a circle for more singing and the "down-down," a ceremony in which the hare must down a bedpan full of beer in one swallow; what he cannot drink he must pour over his head. The same goes for visitors and those new to the Hash.

"Every Hash has its own character," says Cindy Duerr, a Rhode Island Harriette who has an X-rated handle. "Some are family-oriented, some are serious about their running, and some are more about parties and beer."



Rhode Island is a state in the New England region of the United States. Rhode Island is the smallest U.S. state by area and the seventh-least populous, with slightly more than 1.1 million residents. However, because Rhode Island is small it is the second-most densely populated state after New Jersey. The state takes its name from the small Rhode Island, though most of its land area is actually on the mainland. Providence is its capital and most populous city.

Letters

Jared Granbersen

The AGM campout, which what the f&%\$ is that, has numerous points of lager, that need corrected.

It had a Fauxchella theme, which is basically an excuse to put yarn everywhere, and was really at the Cougar Den, where a certain Joint Master attempts to seduce all the young hounds (henceforth known as cubs).

Trail was laid by **Brass Monkey H3**, involving multiple water crossings, pursuit by heavy equipment, a missing hound, a flamingo invasion by **Bonaire H3**, and was an excuse to chase everyone away, while some young cubs, that had “just the right shade of tan,” where ogled by the Harriettes as they set up the surprise slip n slide.

Circle rapidly turned into full chaos, including a sexy cub revue and people hurling themselves

down the slip n slide, and magically not suffering any major injuries.

The night continued onward with karaoke, which led to the current misman wondering why they didn't go to Canada this weekend, and oncoming misman debating their choices in life.

On-on

From Big Tree

Greetings.

As an ardent hasher, with the **BSBH3** from 1985-1996 (471 runs), I was delighted to see the article on hashing in Brunei.

Very much like a supporter of a football team from a city with 2 teams, you pick one and enjoy disliking the other!

The BSBH3 had an amusing (pedantic) rule that



INTERHASH 2028
“WHERE IT ALL BEGAN” 
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Hosted by
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Hashers from all corners of the hash diaspora are cordially invited to ‘return’ to the cradle and the Eden of hashdom

The poster features a cityscape of Kuala Lumpur on the left and a large white building on the right. At the bottom, there are icons of runners, beer mugs, and arrows, along with logos for the Royal Selangor Club Hash and the Interhash 2028 event.

"Swing Low" was never to be sung by BSB hashers, given that we associated that song with our rivals, the **Brunei H3** (aka The Old Farts).

This is obviously complete nonsense given the world wide status of the song. But a rule is a rule!

The Week of Hashing was the brainchild of *Biggus Dickus*, and involved 6 consecutive nights of hashing on 6 different hashes, from Monday to Saturday (**Tutong H3, Ladies H3, BSBH3, Temburong H3, Hetero H3 & Labuan H3**). The stipulation being that men, running on the Ladies H3, had to wear a bra to maintain their decorum.

The following year we enlarged to 7 in 7 by starting on the Sunday, and then of course we went to 8 in 7 with a morning and night run on the Sunday.

I recall one year doing the Temburong run (a boat ride was required in those days to get there), and then we hopped over the border to Limbang for the on on. In the morning it was decided to go straight back to Brunei, across the official border crossing, with the only problem being that I had forgotten my passport. It was one of those crossings where you pushed your passport through a small hole in the window and received it back with a chop. 14 hashers milled around, 13 passports were submitted and chopped, and 14 hashers crossed the border!

Labuan being a duty free port was a dangerous place to go because the beer was 1/3 the price of that in Brunei.

The hash relay was very successful, and involved over 100 hashers (25 teams of 4). *Stapes / Big Foot / Iggy* (1 man many nicknames) was indeed the driving force behind the idea.

The kiddies H3 was also very popular and held monthly. At the conclusion to a very tame 30 minute jungle loop, the kids would amuse themselves, while the parents got stuck into the booze and partied into the night.

One night we got a call from our Anchor beer supplier, who told us he was going to be raided by police the next night, so we organised several jeeps and removed 300 crates of beer, before it could be confiscated.

December 2001 was the BSBH3 1000th run. The Brunei H3 would have been many, many more at that stage.

I suspect I was there in the best of times, with superb jungle trails for running.

As the expat influence started to dwindle, the Chinese hashers, mostly Malaysian, took over the reins, and continue to maintain high standards.

On On

Big Tree (aka Gunner)



From FCP

Hey Shakes!

Loved it! Thanks so much. Looks like a TON of work went into this issue.

Being the current Vicemaster of the **Royal Southside Hash** this year, I especially loved the historical piece on the Lamma Island Hilton Incident.

Looks like the Southsiders were in true form that night - we have the same reputation now. Many of us were on Lamma island on Saturday for a South Lantau run. I showed up to the run having already drank 6 pints at local bars so the run was great to get the poison out before the circle where I put it all back in! Haha. Fun times.

I miss your witty down downs, my friend! Hope all is going great! Keep up the amazing work with the On On Magazine. I shared it on our Southside WhatsApp group.

-Michael FCP

Hashing in Juba - 2012

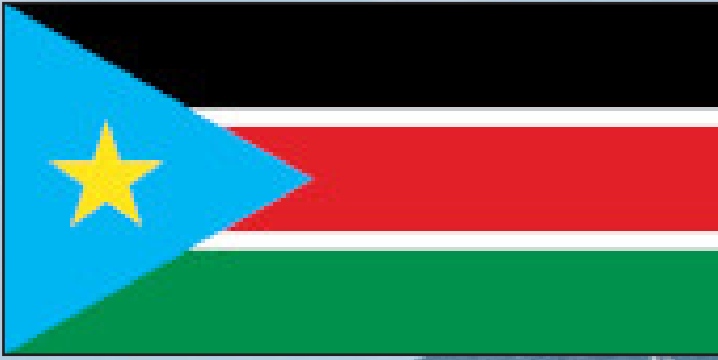
Little Softy, a recent member of the Stockholm Hash scene, started his hashing in South Sudan from 2012-13. He gave this information.

- Many people lived in the UN compounds but expats were scattered around the city. Security was very relaxed and there was no trouble getting out into countryside. There was a UN imposed curfew that ordered everybody to be off the streets by 1am.
- There were plenty of restaurants and bars, many Chinese owned.
- The Hash started late at 5 pm as it was so hot.
- Numbers could vary from 5 to 40. A major influence was how far out of town it was because there was a shortage of cars. You needed a tough vehicle as the tarmac stopped as soon as you left Juba.
- There were lots of red sand and small villages with goats and children.
- Goats were a problem. If you laid the trail too early in the day they could eat all the flour.
- Mostly hashers were UN or Aid works, although several Sudanese men and a few women

who worked for those agencies also turned out.

- South Sudan was a hardship posting and there was a quick turnover with two years considered the maximum stay.
- Although a hardship posting it was also fun. There were parties and barbecues within the expat community every weekend.
- The hash staged a Red Dress Run in town.
- While a dry area of the world, where there was water there was vegetation and there was even a waterfall, sights non hashers never saw.
- Until July 2013 Juba was safe and relaxed but at that point rebels shot down a helicopter and the situation changed.







Not sure of the status of Juba H3 at the moment. Facebook show very occasional, but well supported runs, the most recent in May 2025.





All photos from *Little Softy*

JAKARTA HASH HOUSE HARRIETTES



1993

1994



Jakarta Pussy Hash 1993-94

The 1990s was a golden spell for hashing in Indonesia. Ex-pats were being recruited by every section of the oil driven economy. Jakarta was friendly towards foreigners and offered a perfect combination of third world excitement and booming Asia luxury. Traffic could be horrendous but new motor ways were opening which made the countryside more reachable. There was **Jakarta Men's** hash on Monday, **Batavia** on Thursday and every other week there was a **TGIF** and Wednesday nights of course was the **Pussy Hash!**

1994 Highlights

- Train ride to Bandung and Jurassic Krap
- Weekend Pelabuhan Ratu
- 850thRun
- Bastille Day
- Santa Lucia Hash
- Pussy Party with a Halloween theme
- Karen Weber reaches 550 runs
- Other theme runs:, Mexican Run, Horrible Hat Run, Elephant Run,

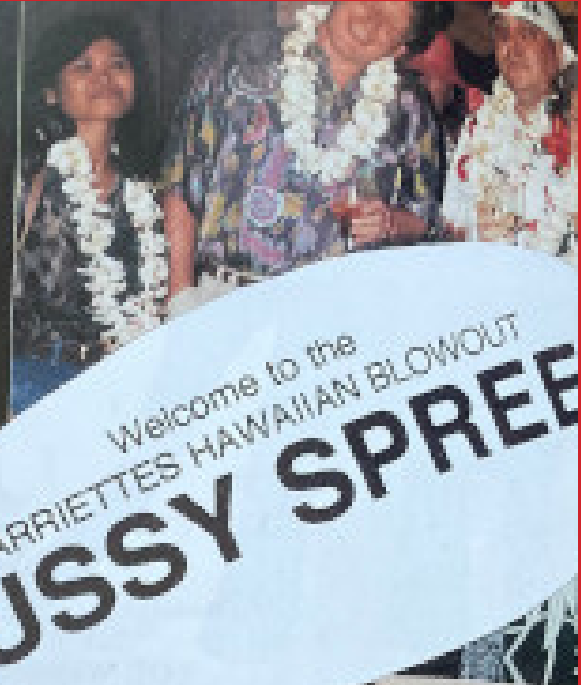
Guru Run. At the time JIS (Jakarta International School) was the biggest (and perhaps one of the most prestigious) schools on the International circuit. Numerous teachers hashed. At the start of each new school year the Pussy Hash would set a run from the school to encourage new teachers to join.

Hash Stats

Regular runners who were still active:

Susantin Sinarno	Indonesia	595
Karin Weber	Germany	557
Rita de Steur	Indonesia	494
Lisbert Kvistgaard	Denmark	475
Emy van Loon	Indonesia	457
Linda van Leeuwen	Indonesia	367
Lady Laksmana	Indonesia	337
Diah Romlah	Indonesia	329
Joyce Nanalohy	Indonesia	300
Olga Hewet	Indonesia	240
Pam Galante	USA	234





Welcome to the
HARRIETTES HAWAIIAN BLOWOUT
PUSSY SPREE



Linda

**THE HUL
TWIN**



WANNA HULA?



Bras in the Circle

When a harriett called Pauline reached her 50th run she was presented with a mug and a T-shirt. She happily removed her T-shirt to put on the new gift. That set the tradition for the ceremony. By 1994 prepared harriettes were putting on special bras for the occasions that ranged from flashing lights to live kittens.



Circle entertainment was structured and hares were expected to sing an original hash song. This example 'You're picked a fine time to lose me Lucille' was by *Lisbert and Lady*.

We picked the right time to lose us our trial

An hour since sundown when darkness prevails

No path to no kumpung, we're lost in the unknown

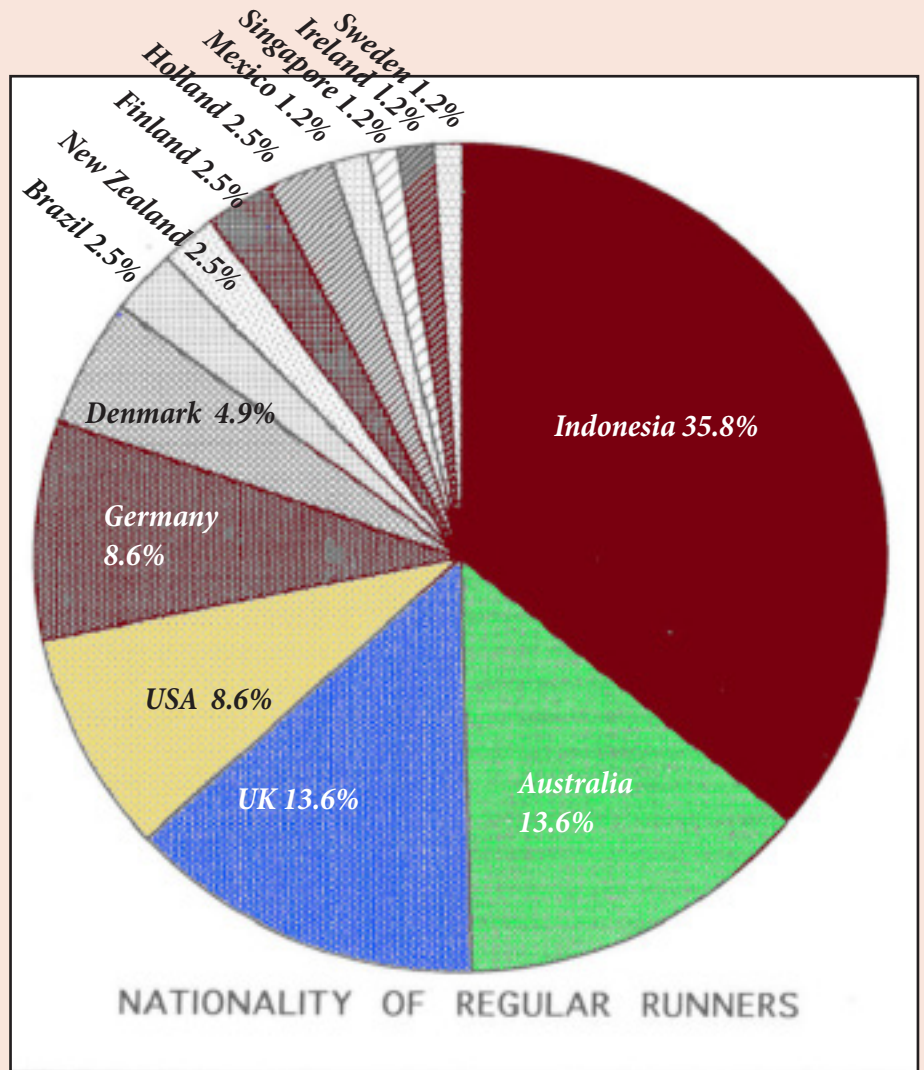
No hash cock and no goods on sale

We picked the right time to lose us our trial



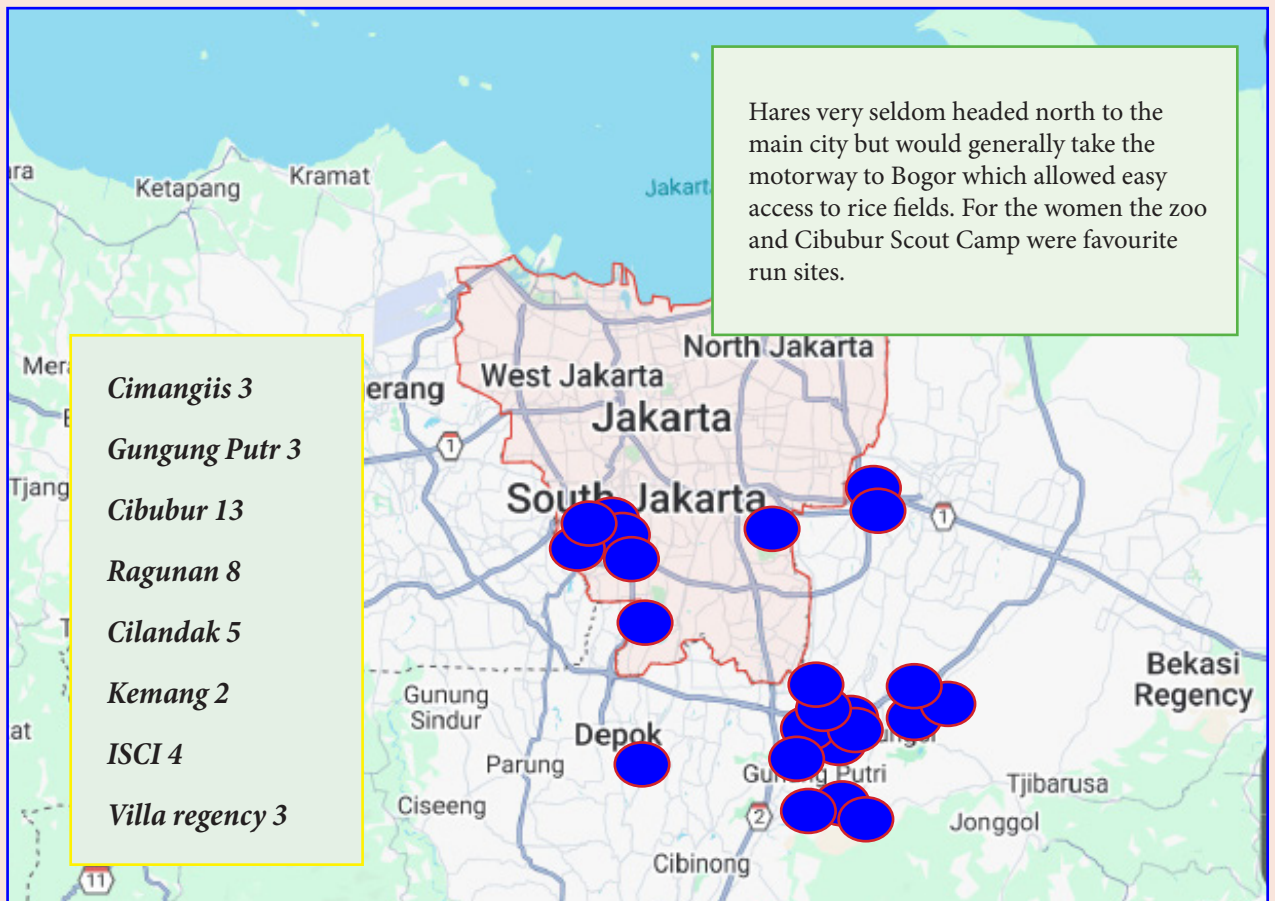
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The major surprise is the small number of Dutch women considering the history of Holland and Indonesia. 1.2% actually only represents one Harriet. The Mexican representative was Gloria who, every time she entered the circle, would be greeted with a cry of GLORIA as in the Van Morrison song.



Indonesians and maps

While many Indonesian men had done national service and we good map readers the Indonesian women were notoriously bad at directions. The 5 o'clock start was but on one occasion NOBODY had turned up. The directions had been to leave the motorway and turn left. Nobody had added the 'turn left **at the third road!**

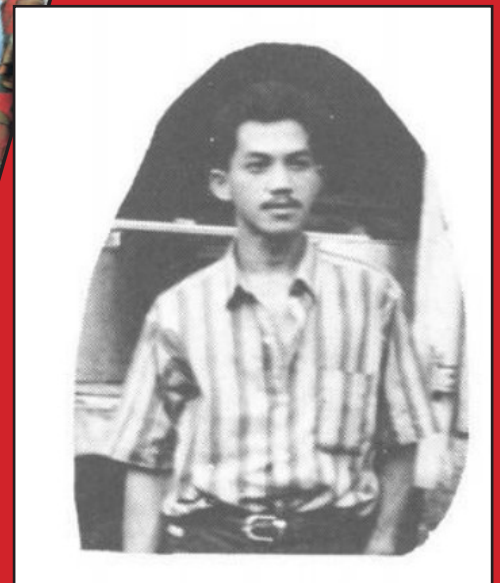


The Beer truck



SUKADI

Boss of the truck crew. 22 years with Anker, 6 with the truck.



GHANI

Joined Anker 3 years ago and was immediately placed on the beer truck crew.

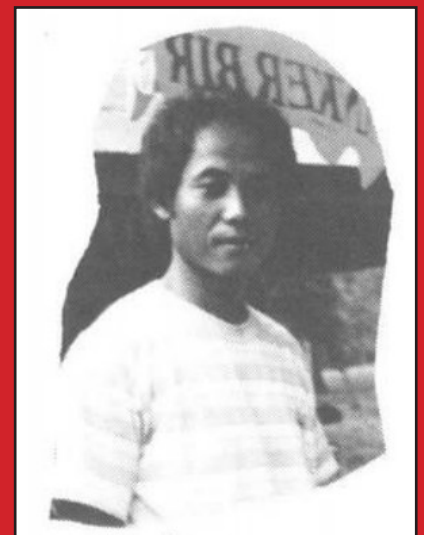


CECEPS

5 years with Anker and 4 years with the hash.

MURSIT

8 years with the hash.





indeed, sometimes it



Then we go up and over.

A hash song
Our Favourite Things by Marney and Annette
Hashing on Wednesdays
T-shirt on pussy
Ice cold Anker
Hot water mandy
Good looking hash cocks
To give us a fling
These are a few
Of our favourite things

The 1994 Committee

PAM GALANTE

GM

1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 200 runs and 25 hares

Hash wish: The old run sites would reappear

MAI WILSON

Joint Mistress

1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 50 runs

Awarded a sinker on Run 871

JILL MCLEAN

Joint Mistress

1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 150 runs

Awarded a sinker on Run 876

*Hash wish: Two have a two hour a
Wednesday run*

KATHLEEN BYRNE

Secretary

1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 150 runs

EMMY VON LOON

Joint Mistress

1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 450 runs

*Awarded two stinker runs. Hare on In-
donesia Independence and Valentine's
Day Run.*

KAREN JAKOBSN

Joint Mistress

1994 Landmarks: Left after run 843

MARY MYERS

Mirth

*1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 50 runs.
Left after 57 runs*



ELSINE NIX

MARNEY UDY

BETSY PYNER

SALETE CURTIS

Scribes

MARION WALBANKS

Music

**1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 50 runs
Set the Sinter Claus Run**

RITA DE STEUR

Music

**1994 Landmarks: Clocked up 450 runs
and 25 hares**

PARSITI SCHIPPERS

Trash

**Hash wish: To make it to every Wednes-
day run**

MARA KLUMPER

Flash

**1994 Landmarks: Set Australia Day
Run**

LISBERT KVISTGARRD

Cash

**1994 Landmarks: Set a stinker on run
863**

Hash Cocks

ALLEN DONALDSON

GARY PYNER

BILL CURTIS

ROSS KLUMPAR

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SINARNO (Scribe)**

Pat Nut Cracker Kramer

Pat was a hasher with several kennels, she and her husband Phil often setting great trails. She worked at the big International School (JIS). After complaining of stomach pains Pat was flown to Singapore. Cancer was diagnosed and she never returned. A brass memorial on the JIS wall commemorated her as a teacher, theater lover and hasher.

