

# On On Magazine

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# News

## England

Once again there was a hash beer stop at 22 miles of the London Marathon. We are trying to find out if world record breaker Sabastian Sawe stopped for a quick drink.

**Wycombe Hash House Harriers** had 4 runners in the April Wycombe Rye Park Run.

## Zimbabwe

**Harare H3.** Run 2513 saw a large group gathering at *Groupie* and *Greasy Lips'* new cottage. There was a hash hold before crossing the rush-hour traffic on the Chase enabling the pack to safely cross en masse. The Circle was 'as humorous as always' run by *Tsotsi!* and *Wang of Mass Destruction*

## Hong Kong

*Father C. Punch* (ex **Mexico City H3**) was named Hash Master of **The Royal Southside**. He has completed 150 runs with them over the last 3 years.

## USA

**Rhode Island H3** celebrated their 40th anniversary with a full weekend of debauchery.

## Thailand

After just 3 months since their foundation the **Pranburi Hash** (ex **Hua Hin Sunday Hash**) raised enough funds from T-shirt sales and donations to take a truck full of donations to the Mercy House Foundation Pranburi. "*Knockout Neptune, Penny Lane & Penny Pincher were overwhelmed by the thanks and smiles of the children, we know every little helps.*"

**Siam H3** continue to have some great hashes as obvious from these hash trash notes of the highlights:

- *Dambuster* carrying the beer up a mountain – true heroism.
- Stunning views from the mountain top temple.
- Barbed wire: the perfect mix of fear, pain, and Instagram opportunities.
- Thai restaurant with an alcohol cooler of dreams waiting at the start – worth the 100 km drive.
- *Missuseme's* Thai salad saving the mid-run snack morale.

*Lowlights:*

- Cliff descent: hares clearly hate safety.

- *Tickler* and *LCBS* taking "optional routes" (and optional timing).
- *Cambodianadam's* spectacular barbed-wire tumble.

## Sweden

The 19th **Stockholm H3** Marathon Hash offered the chance to run between 10 and 42.2 kilometres of hash trail. Eight hares laid 8 running legs of just above 5 km each (on average). Each leg ended with a drink stop next to public transport stop, so it was easy to skip a leg or join the hash later in the trail.

## Australia

The **Gympie Hash House Harriers** were briefly joined by an echidna who ran alongside the pack for a short spell.





## France

A successful DIVA event has passed. Five hashers continued their unbroken attendance: *Rumple*, *Wouldn't Chew*, *Yarkie*, *Half Monty* and *Firethighs*. There is also an honourable mention for *Baggy Snatch* who was at the Carcassonne recce but did not make the weekend.

**Lyon H3** are doing well with regular runs. The city is famous for the best food in France (and therefore the world) and several recent runs have had a culinary theme. **Galette** in January, **Crêpes** February hash, and **pies** on 14th March (Pi Day).

**Héraultics H3** are based in the Hérault region of the south of France, the home of *I like your Boobs*. It started as a New Year hangover hash, got interrupted by COVID, and has re-emerged as a combination of village runs and extra **Héraultics** runs at big events. In addition to *I like your Boob* and *Hidden Asset*, *John Cleese* and *Horny Tail* (of Stockholm) are great supporters when in the area.

## Uganda

Absa Bank Uganda, in partnership with the **Kampala Hash House Harriers**, has announced a star-studded entertainment line-up for the fourth edition of the Absa KH3 7 Hills Run, scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the Millennium Grounds in Lugogo. The post-race entertainment will feature performances from Azawi, Winnie Nwagi, King Saha and Afro-dancehall artiste Dax Vibes, who are expected to

*The London Hash Beer Stop*



headline the cool-down concert after the run. The annual event combines fitness, community engagement and philanthropy, with a strong focus on supporting the education of the girl child across Uganda

## Scotland

NOban 2026, organised by **Edinburgh Hash House Harriers** will take place at Glen Cova.

## Malaysia

As part of their feature on hiking safety, *The Star* interviewed 82-year-old Nisha Mohd Ibrahim who 'hiked' three to four times a week with the Hash House Harriers. She agreed that 'safety must always come first regardless of hiking experience.'

## Indonesia

There were four bidders for InterHash 2028, Mom-basa, Kuching, Jeju and KL. Kuching won by only 24 votes over Jeju. The three losing bidders have all said that they will go ahead with their plans, they will just call it something else.

## New Zealand

**Nelson H3** had their first winter run and AGPU at Cable Bay Campsite. When it came to the awards there was a slight administrative hitch. *“After the committee had spent an entire evening carefully deciding on winners and runners-up, the results were documented and securely placed in a “SafePlace” - which your GM then could not locate for the life of her. The missing document has since been found but its contents will never be revealed. So, with awards reconstructed entirely from memory, the winners were announced as follows:”*

**Barsteward Run:** *Left Behind* and *Right Arse* for their Mapua run featuring the promise of “free beer” which turned out to be approximately 10 years out of date and excavated from a garden.

**Most Novel Run:** *Trolley Dolly* for her Canadian-themed run.

**Wettest Run:** *Lost Properly* and *Code Brown*.  
Scribe of the Year: *Soup*.

**Best Run:** *Uramit* and *Flatliner* for their chal-

lenge-themed winter run.

The new committee is as follows:

GM – *Sir Creamalot*

RA – *Uramit*

Hare Razer – *NBR*

Hash Cash – *Plumley & Supa Dupa*

Haberdash – *Mini Ha Ha*

The ANZAC Weekend has also taken place at Taka-ka and was hosted by *W.E.N.D.Y* and *Toyboy*.

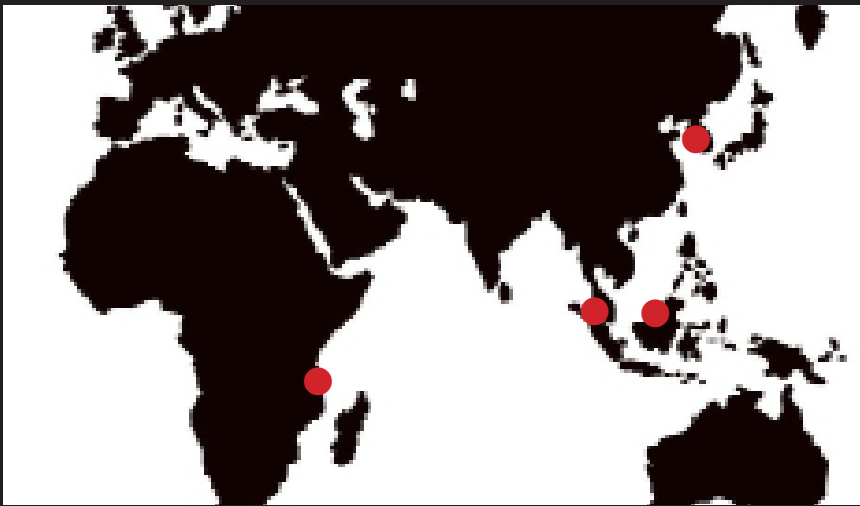
## Senegal

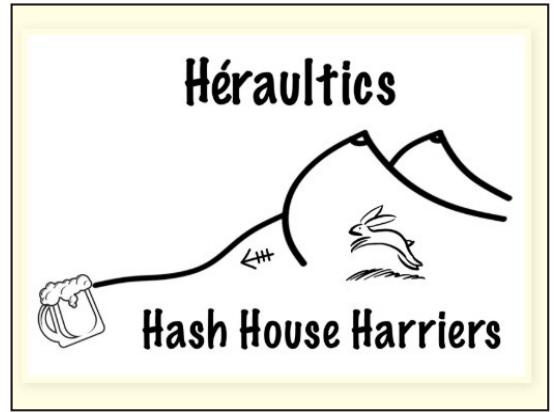
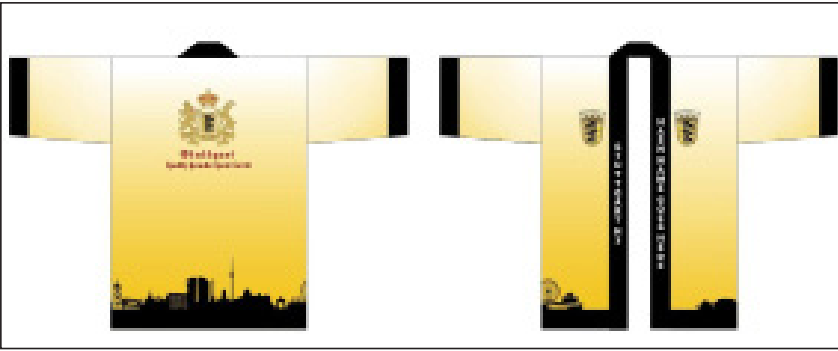
Good to see **DakarH3** are running regularly with most runs seeming to have a stretch of beach.

## Mexico

**Mexico City H3** are still going with 10-12 on each run. There is similar sized pack in **Puerto Vallarta** where just Kim has just been named *Pussy Monitor*.

# InterHash 2028 Bids





Top left - new haberdashery from **Pattaya**. Top right - Badge of **Héraultics H3**.

Middle row left: *Half Monty* with his complete collection of **DIVA** attendance badges, Middle row right - A fine collection of **Dubai** hashers heading for InterHash.

Bottom left: The 2027 Pan-Africa Badge has been released.



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# Hash Obituary

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## Wang of Mass Destruction

Paul *Wang of Mass Destruction* Bennett has passed away peacefully in his sleep.

## Arthur Wineburg

Arthur Wineburg died peacefully in Bethesda, MD on May 2, 2026. He was an art graduate from Bard College who served in the army in Thailand during the Vietnam era. He later practised antitrust and intellectual property law in Washington, DC as a trial lawyer with several firms, until retiring in 2009. He loved running and cycling and was a long-time member of the **DC Hash House Harriers**.

## Tissue Tits

From **Orange County Hash House Harriers**

“We have lost another good one. Tissue Tits passed away early this morning after a valiant 2.5-year battle.”

“She was an amazing lady and will be sorely missed.”



# News

## Joint Hash on the Isle of Wight

The Nodes Point Caravan Park. 13th March 2026.

**Worthy Winchester** hosted on Friday and Saturday and **IOW HHH** on the Sunday. A party from **Chichester H3** gatecrashed the event.

Friday Evening started with a hearty meal of Chilli con Carne 'and it inhibited athleticism greatly!' This was followed by a night Hash with torches glistening along the coastal path towards Ryde. The pack eventually got to the Simeon Arms in Ryde and although not expected (a busy band evening) were given a back room where they could shout lots. Then you either got a 21:05 #8 bus back to the caravan, while those with stamina got some gory entertainments, having moved to Harry's Bar and opted for the 23:05 bus.

Saturday morning saw 60 hashers gathered for the On-Out.

At the end the divided pack all got together for

protracted down-down's. This included *Spiderman* who had gathered up 6 walkers and six dogs who could not keep up with the pace . Just Karen is now to be known as *DipsinDipsout*, unfairly for supposed patchy attendance.

After a long morning, a lunch of soups and sausages appeared at 15:00. "Then we all tried to get into Cock Burns caravan to drink cider or elsewhere to Beer Pump's for nice real ale." There was a Pimms party and a late night for those still standing.

Sunday was **IOW HHH's** turn. As it was nearly St Patrick's day we had green flour and a few silly outfits. "We hashed for ages through bogs and fields helped by back checks and regroup." The walkers missed the beer stop by miles and thus their hare gained the Twat Hat.

The hash rejoiced in the clement weather with the rain storm perfectly timed to miss the hashers as they recovered indoors. Things got a bit hazy after that. Guinness, Cider and Vodka Jellies drunk and Rugby was watched.

All in all despite a lot of whinging about communication and marking of trails, all agreed, the squirrels were red and it was REALLY GOOD FUN.

On-on, *Spiderman*, *Dr Blood* and *Pink Flamingo*



# News

## Rhode Island 40th Anniversary



Over the weekend of May 1–4, the **Rhode Island Hash House Harriers** marked its 40th anniversary with a four day stretch of celebration that managed to be both loosely organized and highly memorable.

### Friday: Toasts & Boasts

Festivities opened with a Toasts & Boasts gathering at the Isle Brewers Guild in Pawtucket RI. Backsliders reemerged, old photos recirculated. Songbooks reappeared, haberdashery was rehomed. Stories, many of them embellished, filled the brewery.

With praise to their founding farter, *Sparks*, the RIH3 raised a toast to its members that have started their own kennels elsewhere: *Sir Snot* (**Henfield H3**), *Flexi* (**Von Tramp H3**).

### Saturday: Pavement Pub Pounder

Saturday's pub crawl was less a bar hop and more a moving beer check. Led by *Hairy Krishna*, the pack set out across downtown Providence for a 6.9 mile route linking five drinking establishments with a generous scattering of "scenic" historic points of interest. The crawl culminated, with surprising success, at the Rhode Island State House; a fitting end point for a group that had spent the day exercising its right to assemble in the least convenient way possible.

Anniversary shirts, screen printed by *Basket Boom Boom* and *Hairy Krishna*, made their debut along the route. A select number of them featured a creative mistake, "The Rhode Island Hash Hash Harriers", quickly elevating them from merchandise to memorabilia.

### Sunday: RISKYH3 Run #37

Set in Cumberland, hared by *Amish Ithead*, the Rhode Island Strollers, Kids, and Youth trail promised 1.69 miles of "strollerable" terrain. Families young and old showed up in hordes. Roots, mud, uneven ground; features that might have challenged wheels, rewarded the youthful camaraderie. Kids handled trail better than most adults.

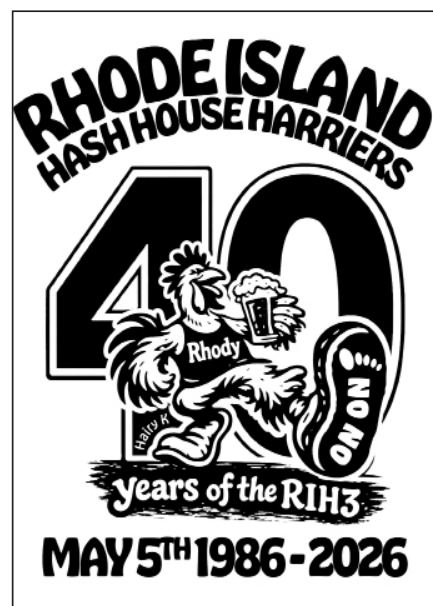
### Monday: Run #2097 Stinko De Mustachio

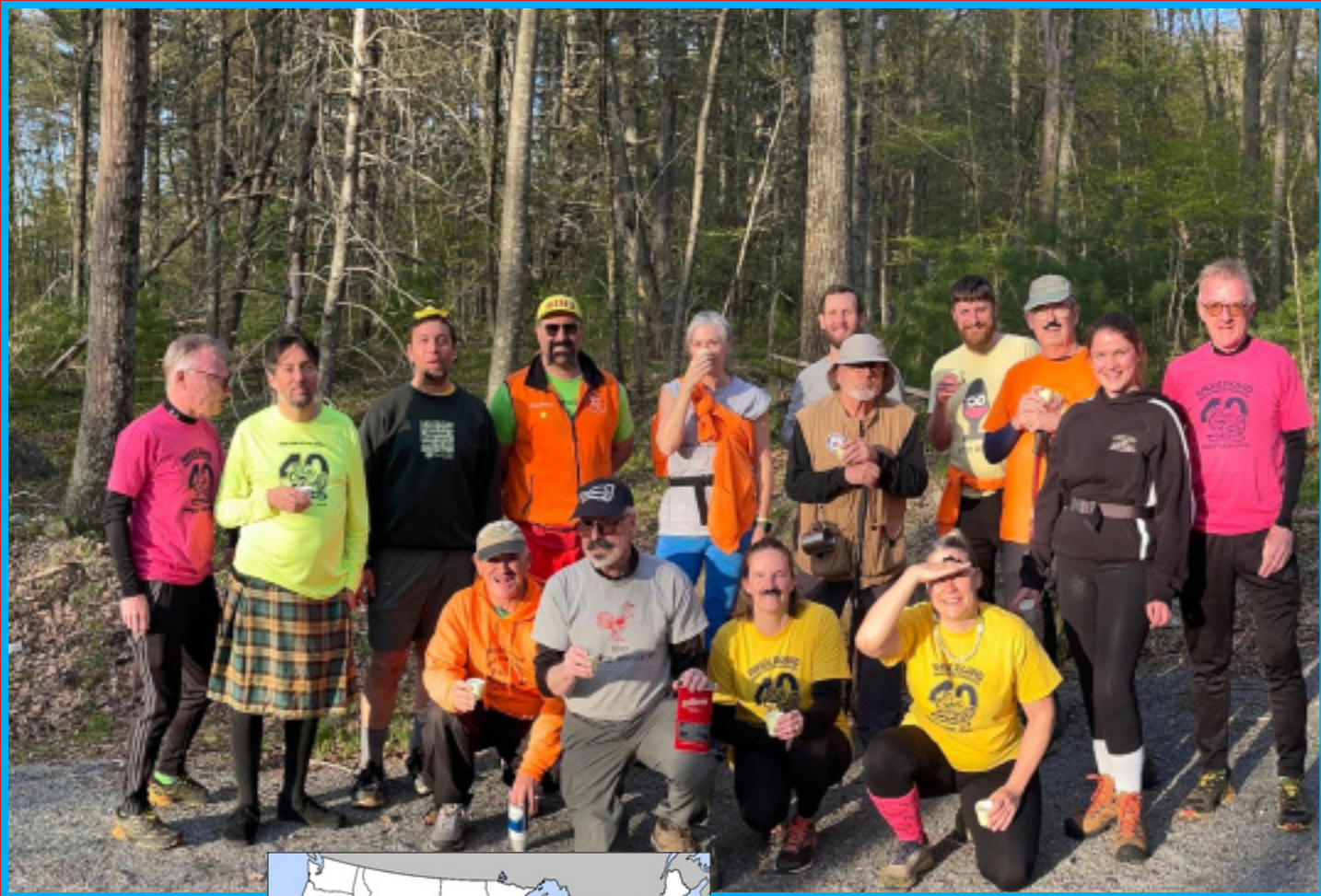
Marking RIH3's official 40th anniversary, run #2097 also lined up with the annual Stinko De Mustachio trail, the final event leaned hard into tradition, theme, and a certain disregard for tact. Mustaches: real, fake, and over ambitious, were all well represented.

Set by *Hairy Krishna* in Foster, the 2.69 mile course delivered a full shiggy experience: boulder scrambles, river crossings, brambles, and generous exposure to poison ivy. It was less a run and more a test of commitment, both to the trail and to the RIH3 as a whole.

By the finish, hashers circled up wet, bruised and bloodied, and entirely satisfied. Complaints however came quickly and loudly, blasts from the shotgun wielding neighbor, which in hashing serves as the highest form of praise.

Onon to another 40 years!





# News On On to Africa!

Like all the best plots, this one has taken years to brew. To the extent that IH2024 NZ got in the way, so we postponed it to leaving in March 2024. Needless to say, we were both ill after IH and my illness then lasted 10 months, and I couldn't get my head around closing my business, and my middle child didn't leave home quite on timetable. So, life got in the way!

The plan is to drive around Africa. And then, for added purpose, *Wurzel* is going to make the truck, and we are going to visit all the Hashes in Africa. Quite quickly amended to "All the Hashes that are safe to visit". And that's not a safe in the way that our livers feel.

The van started to take shape in May 2025, and bit by bit it crept towards something looking a little like a camper van, on the back of a pristine 2002 red Toyota Hilux with only 40,000 miles on the clock. On the front lawn, where neighbours would walk past, the school coach drove past and some optimistic people asked if they could buy it – once they could see what it was.

In the meantime, after **Sierra H4 Inaugural Hash**, **Steel City Inaugural**, **North Wilts 2000th**, **HOV** summer Camp, Wessex Summer Camp, EuroHash Tallinn and Pan Africa Accra all got in the way of preparations, not least the days off afterwards for recovery time. - Did you see the bit about children leaving home – well we're making the most of it.

Leaving date of October became end of Oct/early Nov, became End of Nov, became mid/late Dec. So obviously we weren't ready and had Christmas with family, by which time both Wessex and HOV were fed up of saying goodbye, so when the text came through with notice that the early January ferry had been cancelled due to storms one Harriette 'promised' to just push us off the jetty.

Still, we made it across the English Channel and then weathered the storms for the next three days. Very wet we were, but true English Grit came through and we made it down to Toulouse to see Cheesy Lollipop and Oui Oui for a fab night of food and fun. Sadly no **Toulouse H3** as it was the wrong Sunday.

Not to be defeated we stormed down to Rhonda

and joined **Mijas H3** 2000th weekend on a late pass. There was a Mc D's Clown in a service station all ready for his RDR! Rhonda has incredible scenery, nobody's knees were left untouched and Mijas is a seriously strong partying bunch. Thanks guys – there is lots to live up to!!

And to top it, the next stop was Gibraltar, no Hash on here, but we had put the training in at Mijas and walked to the top and back, our thighs were no longer talking to us. But we stopped in the War Tunnels which were excellent, and even better when we spotted the restoration/curator man, who was posted in Gibraltar with the army and never went home. *Wurzel* and he reminisced for a while and he also told us that he Hared a trail through the tunnels for the forces, organised by a Naval Hasher, Delia, and also attended by our friends Prop Shaft and Beer Pump, who said it was spooky good fun.

So with no knees and no thighs left, we made it to the ferry to Morocco, and finally to Africa, just in time for the next of three weeks worth of storms. The only two days of sunshine happened to be the Saturday and Sunday that we spent with **Rabat H3**, two of whom we'd met at Mijas. What better reason to become a Hasher, for the sunshine?

And the laughs, banter, entertaining circle humour, completely unrepeatable, mainly 'cos I can't remember any of it. All topped off with the fire and most sitting down to drink, and chat, and drink.

And on Sunday they reconvene at the same



place for a picnic and another fire, and another late night. We arrived early and hung the homespun washing out – it would need doing again, but at least the running sweat wouldn't be quite so potent. *Wurzel* found that he was fairly stiff as he hadn't had the opportunity to run since October, so the sitting around in chairs for the day was great.

We had picked up our 'On On' feet stickers a couple of days before, so the sitting time was also employed with cutting those into manageable sizes to await a suitable time to put on the van, after we get the country flag stickers, we think.

So, we've been in Morocco since 21st January now and the scenery we've seen is incredible. We've been to the top of a pass in the High Atlas, seen desert, but not yet the sandy type, that's next week. We've skied in Africa! We've had new shocks put in and an extra spring too, both planned as we, *Wurzel* anyway, didn't have time to put them in before (even with two additional years!) we've skirted around and waited for a parcel to clear customs with our waterproofing compound – one of the only things not to be found here, we've seen old towns, inside and outside markets and an underground village, and been in a couple of sandstorms. We've even driven up 60kms of a dry, rocky river bed on an overland route and past a very securely fenced off gold mine.

And even better, a non-hashing friend happened to be in Marrakesh for a few days, so we saw her and laughed all afternoon, and a few weeks later Kebab Queen hosted us in her holiday's apartment for a few days for days of laughing, when we did a very small and select Nomadic Hash up and down the Paradise Valley. And we got to use their washing machine and showers even though we slept in the car park!

The next thing in the way of our progress is InterHash 2026. Everyone is checking their own visa situation, and ours is our Moroccan visa will run out before InterHash, so we have to leave Morocco by 21st April, or extend. But the extending options are go into Mauritania or back up to Cueta, all the way back up to near Gibraltar, or thousands of bits of paper at a police station. So we have opted for the easiest – stay still and go to InterHash early!

One of the reasons we are still in Morocco and not further south is that the flights to Indonesia were prohibitively more expensive, and they all came through Casablanca. Another reason for

staying put. We will be spending the next 4.5 weeks driving East and North to see those 'must see' places in the Sahara, and of course, hope to see **Rabat H3** again before we fly to Jakarta on 19th April, for a few days of wandering around waiting for the Train Rumble to start.

And when we get back, we will be heading South, into Mauritania, to spend about 12 days there, and heading on down, eventually heading to our friends at **Sierra H4** and **Freetown H3** (which a family friend was the first GM of!) in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Finding **Banjul H3** and others on our way.

So now you know what we are doing! We are looking forward to going to as many Hashes on the continent as possible, seeing you all and meeting up with those we've met before, and are already sad that we can't go to the Hashes in Mali, as we met some wonderful Harriettes from there on PAH Ghana.

Follow us on PolarSteps 'HHH Africa On On!' at <https://www.polarsteps.com/Tiffanyand> and on Instagram: "hhh.africa.on.on"



# News

## The Stockholm Marathon Hash

The 1st May this year, around 30 Stockholm hashers ran the 19th 'Stockholm Marathon hash'. So what is the "Marathon Hash?" As its name suggests, it's a hash that stretches a full Marathon distance, guaranteed to be at least 42.2 km long.

To reach 42.2 km, the run consists of 8 connected trail parts, each just a bit over 5 km. Between every part or leg there is a drink- and rest-stop for a few minutes, i.e. 7 drink stops, which also serves to re-group the runners. Of course there is beer offered on each stop, but also crisps, sandwiches, sweets, water, coke, soft drinks etc. To achieve this, the stops are set up by using two cars, driving to each pre-agreed stop and setting it up in advance of the runners. One car is carrying the runners' backpacks and change of clothes, the other one the food and drinks.

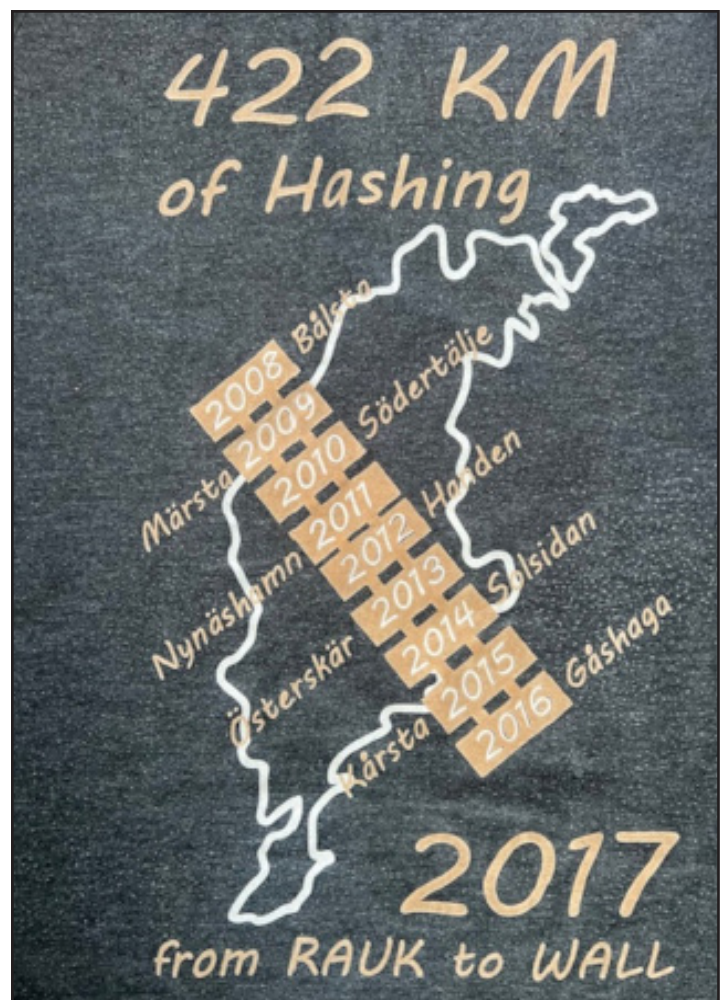
This year it was a warm sunny beautiful spring day with most of the run going on trails close to the shores of the big lake Mälaren with is a significant feature in making Stockholm "a city on water". But can all participating hashers run 42.2 km? No, but 9 out of the 30 hashers completed the full trail, and the rest did everything between 10 and 35 km.

The clever trail design we use is that the trail is always set close to public transport. It may start far out from Stockholm e.g. at the end station of a commuter train line and then each drink stop is located close to a station on that line. This allows a hasher to e.g. run the 3 first legs, then to take the train and skip 1 or 2 legs and then to continue running the remaining legs or maybe just the last one. And as the run follows a published time table, the lazy one can also start his run from a drink stop later on the route and hash to the end. Numerous options/leg combinations are possible. In this way each hasher can decide to run any distance between 5 and 42+ km, but still run

with the group all the time for fun and support.

Often hashers have in this way beaten their own expectations and ran longer than ever before. They e.g. set out to run 4 legs and after that they feel ok and do one more leg, and then one more and then they realise it's just about 10+ more km to a full Marathon – and they complete it all - and achieve a distance they never thought they could do. (And so they may be encouraged to actually enrol to a 'real' marathon).

Each year, about a third of the runners do the full 42 km distance and are of course appropriately awarded by down-downs at the closing circle, which by the way we try to locate somewhere where we can access a sauna and also cater for well deserved food and more drinks. After all, it is a hash – just a bit longer! We usually plan for 7 hours time from start to the circle begins at the finish. This year the trail ended at the villa of "The Mites", two internationally very well-known hashers, with the good taste to have both a sauna and a nice garden available for the pack. Many beers were had, and the organisers for the day had also arranged for pizza delivery to anyone who wanted.



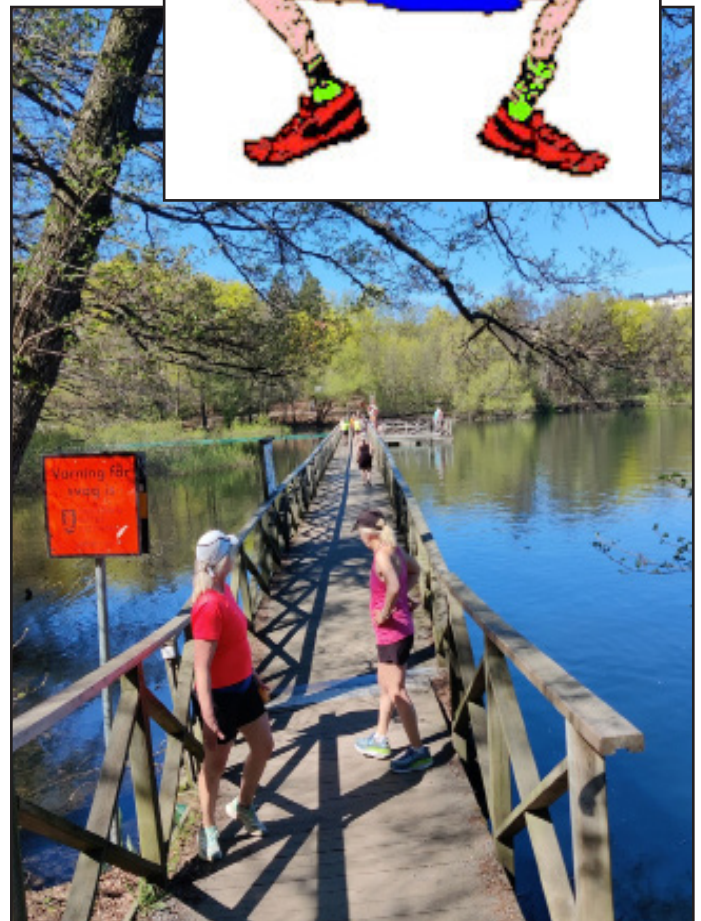
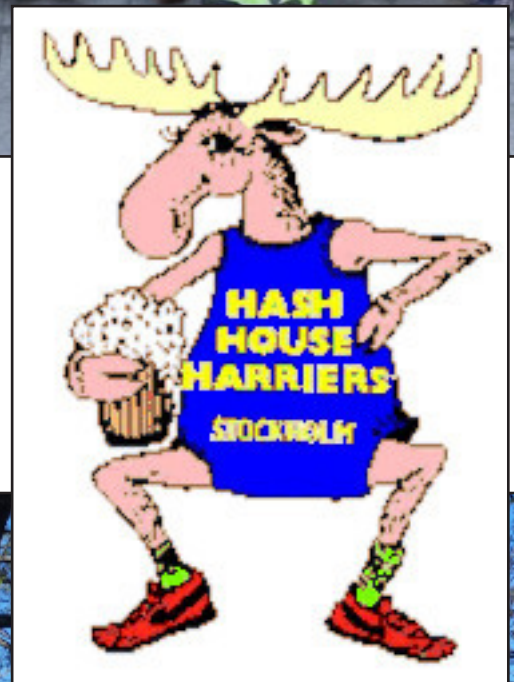


But who sets a 42 km long trail? Well, this is a shared effort by having up to 8 hares setting one leg each. And it's a real hash trail all the way, as scenic and much in the nature as possible, with normal checks and falsies (but restricted to only a few checks per leg). The hares are expected to sweep their own legs and can of course run the whole distance if they like. Only one year, the founding father of the Marathon Hash *John Cleese*, pre-set the full 42 km by himself, with some 14Kg of flour! Then, being the only hare on the run day, he ran the whole thing as sweeper! (He did not repeat that haring effort since!)

As said, this was the nineteenth time and year this run was done, and it is always on 1st May, which is a public holiday. Every year there has been a new route somewhere around Stockholm, except for the 10-year anniversary, which was laid from coast to coast on the Baltic Island Gotland, stretching a full 56 km (!) and with the trail passing straight through a whisky distillery – with tasting – and ending in a prison (turned into a hostel)!

A big thank you to founder *John Cleese*, who came up with this crazy, but successful idea, and to the hares that volunteer to set the trail each year and to *Big Mouth*, *Horny Tail* and *Nordic Seamen* who traditionally act as drivers and organisers of the drink stops.

Big Brother, Stockholm and Mijas Hashes (Co-organiser, hare and runner of 17 Marathon hashes).



# A Hash Pub

## St Radegund

### Cambridge

Few pubs have been more closely connected to the hash than St Radegund in Cambridge.

In the late 1130s, Cambridge was home to a Benedictine nunnery dedicated both to St. Mary and St. Radegund (a Frankish saint). This site is where Jesus College (whose full name is “The College of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist and the glorious Virgin Saint Radegund, near Cambridge“) was later constructed. The pub is located just a few hundred yards from Jesus College and took its name from one of its saints.

The pub is linked to the hash via Terry *Bunter* Kavanagh whose career began in the Far East. Returning to the UK he founded **Cambridge H3** in 1985 and then **Falkland H3** in 1992. For many years *Bunter* mismanaged, the St Radegund Public House (previously and appropriately a convent/nunnery) on the corner of King St and Jesus Lane in Cambridge. The pub re-opened in Jan 2026 as a traditional ale house.



## The Cantabrigensis Hash House Harriers.

Cambridge, a city where you can discuss the mysteries of the universe with the world's finest minds. Stroll down "the backs" and breathe in the history and architecture of one of the world's most famous seats of learning. Alternatively, you could wander along to the Cantabrigensis Hash House Harriers.

The St Radegund pub is an institution in Cambridge. It's famous for being the city's smallest pub, the initiator of the King St Run, the founder of the Cambridge Hash (HHH) and for its large gin & tonics to kick off the weekends.

This motley crew of "drinkers with a running problem" meets every Monday at 7pm at The Castle Inn on Castle Hill, Cambridge. We, too, discuss important mysteries of the universe such as Does Size Matter? We, too, meander down ancient alleyways that time has forgotten, as indeed have the local sanitation inspectors.

A typical Monday gathering will have a mix of Town, Gown, and Yanks (sorry, that should have read "Atlantically Challenged"). Professionally our numbers include students, lecturers, computer scientists, US Air Base staff, a condom tester, and others who actually work for a living. We have a large female contingent, who don't quite outnumber the men but make up for it by being far more rowdy. Fitness levels vary from the Seriously Athletic to those who are looking for a short cut home by the time they reach the end of the street. In short, everyone is welcome – just turn up – and it's free!

Terry *Bunter* Kavanagh's

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Quote: At Chiang Mai, when asked why *Bunter* was such a grumpy old bastard, *Gorilla* of Cambridge H3, replied "Because he was such a grumpy young bastard!"

## Cambridge Hash House Harriers.

The east of England is not particularly strong hash territory although the university town of Cambridge is a noted exception. The Cambridge Chronicle of 1871 reports on, 'A Good Run with the Harriers' so the City can claim a long tradition of paper chasing. The modern **Cambridge H3** started in September 1978 when Howard Taylor, an inaugural runner with **Bangkok H3**, placing an ad in the personal column of the Cambridge Evening News. (According to the Hash records the first Cambridge run is recorded to have taken place on September 31st 1978. This would have been the first September in recorded history to have 31 days, so the actual date is probably 1st October). 'The Hoops' was the venue and 13 Hashers gathered. Today Cambridge is one of the strongest hashes in the UK with 40 considered a reasonable turnout for a summer Sunday. Many ex-pats have retired here and in the summer, when some of those still working overseas are home on leave, the pack can be a 'who's who' of famous hashers.



# InterHash

There will be a full report next month but here is a photo preview from Dildo Dan

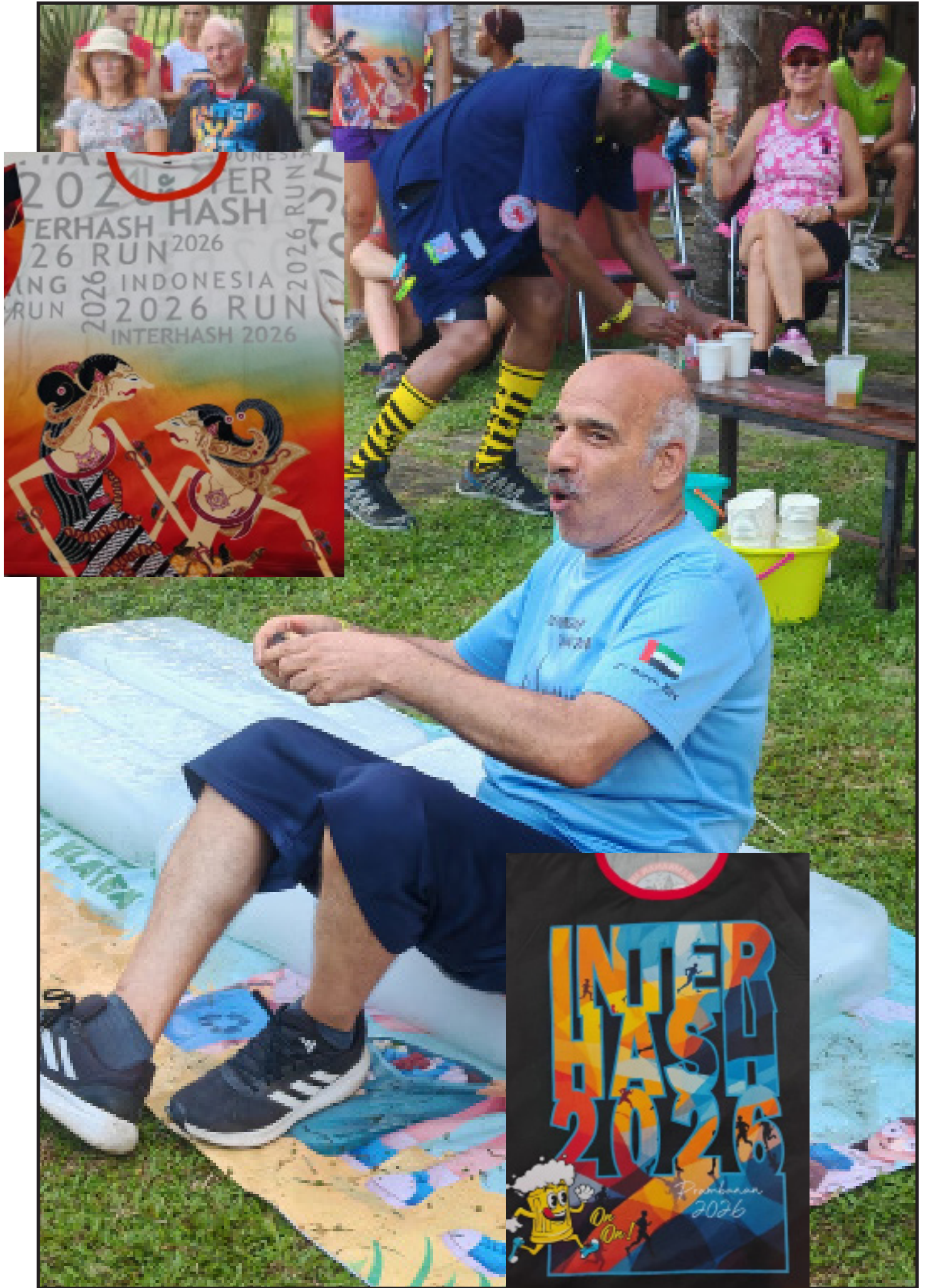


**InterHash 2026 Malagang**  
**The big report next month**









# Upcoming events

**The bestest city for hashing  
IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!!\***

Great harbour and beaches.

Awesome bush clad hills.

Thousands of kms of fantastic  
running, walking and cycling  
trails.

Great hash clubs (half a dozen are  
regular).

Classic pubs, wineries, breweries  
and restaurants galore.

Historic buildings.

Politicians (sorry).

\*Unanimously decided by us.

## NZ NASH HASH



## WELLINGTON 5-7 FEB 2027

**\$280 + optional extras.**

Unlimited drinks (beer, wine etc.).

Entertainment.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner: Friday PM—  
Sunday AM. Options to stay longer

There will also be preludes:

- pub crawls
- Red Dress run
- Fat Catz run.

Visit the webpage for details  
and how you can register:

[nzhhh.nz/nashhash](http://nzhhh.nz/nashhash)

[Join the Facebook group](#)

Calling all Harriers, Moonies, and habitual drinkers!

**11, 12th July Hua Hin Full Moon Hash 4th**

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# Hashers of the World

## Jakarta H3 - The class of 1987-1988



**A**

**Ilham Alkayat**

*Runs:* 386

*In 1987-88:* 44/58 75.9%

*Notes:* Hash Cash

**Rob Armstrong**

*Runs:* 399

*In 1987-88:* 42/58 71%

*Notes:* A teacher at JIS

**B**

**Chris Beebe**

*Runs:* 169

*In 1987-88:* 55/58 93%

*Notes:* Set three runs as hare or co-hare

**Ben Blyleven**

*Runs:* 360

*In 1987-88:* 52/58 89.7%

*Notes:* Joint Master who set three runs. There was a high average score of 7.2 with a 9.5 on Run 846

**C**

**John Carter**

*Runs:* 300

*In 1987-88:* 46/58 79.30%

*Notes:* Hash Flash and Year Book Editor. A great hare with a lifetime of 18 harings to his credit

**Dave Ballard**

*Runs:* 202

*In 1987-88:* 26/58 44.8%

**D**

**Ron Doyle**

*Runs:* 269

*In 1987-88:* 21/58 36.2%

**Jaques De Steur**

*Runs:* 363

*In 1987-88:* 39/58 %

*Notes:* Hash Music. Founder of the Harriettes

**Adrian Dale**

*Runs:* 215

*In 1987-88:* 26/58 44.8 %

*Notes:* Hashit on Run 840 and left the country shortly afterwards. (The two events were not related)

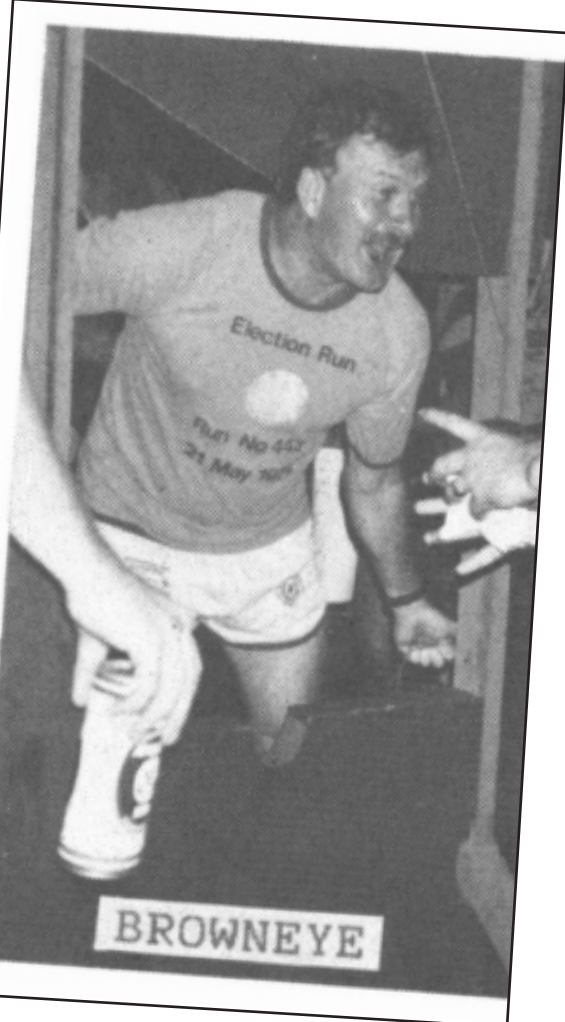
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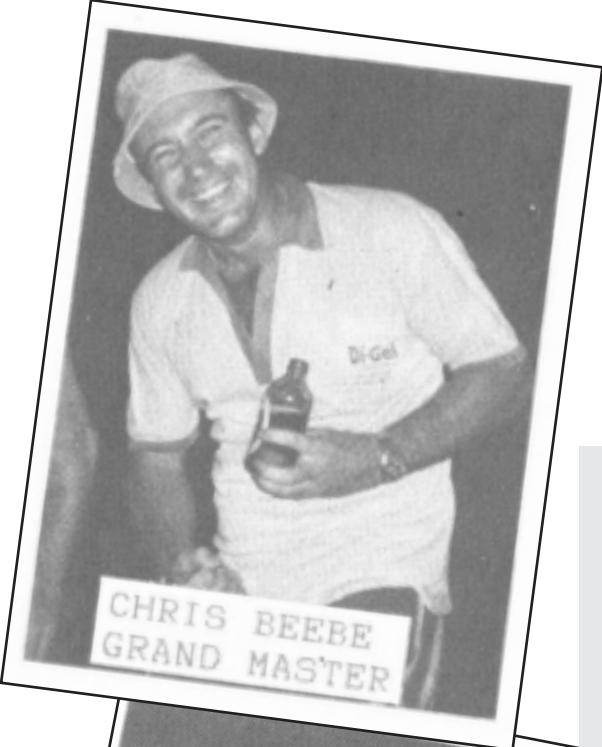
**Bruce Erwin**

*Runs:* 224

*In 1987-88:* 2/58 74%

*Notes:* Joined the hash on its second year





## **G** Peter Gardiner

*Runs* 336

*In 1987-88:* 46/58 77%

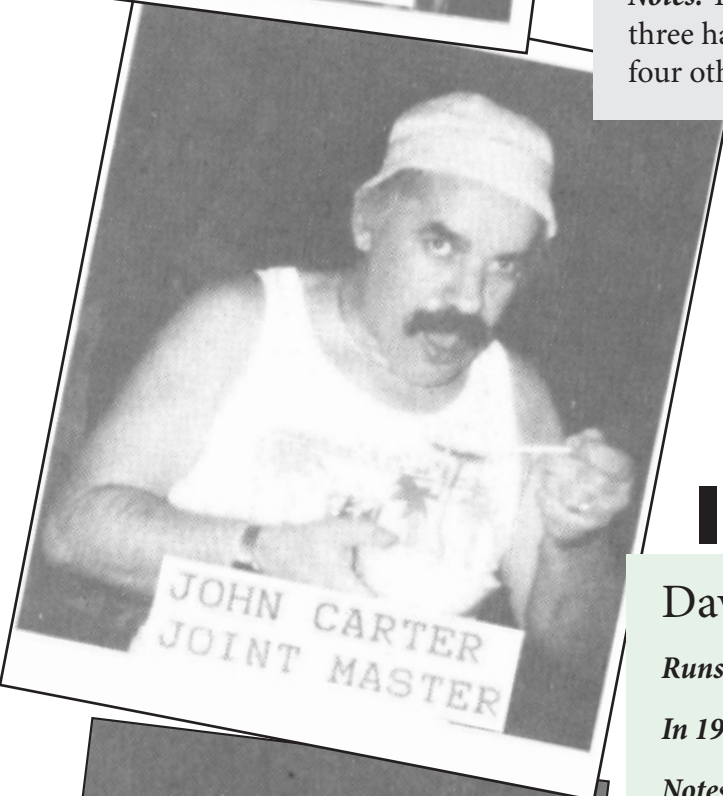
*Notes:* 14 harings in his hash career. Sponsored one run

## **M** Marty Hanratty

*Runs:* 82

*In 1987-88:* 53/58 86%

*Notes:* The top hare setting three hashes and co-haring four others. Also hash cash



## **S** Sonny Harsono

*Runs:* 237

*In 1987-88:* 12/58 20%

*Notes:* A lifetime record of haring 15 hashes

## **D** David Ives

*Runs:* 56

*In 1987-88:* 55/58 93 %

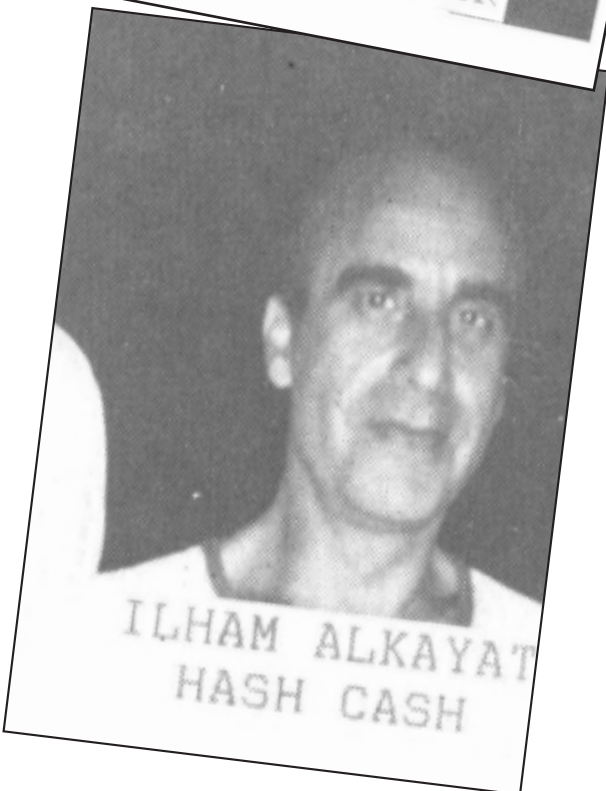
*Notes:* Had been on Run Number 1 and then left the country. Had just returned and stepped into the GM role. Set three runs and co-hared twice

## **D** David Lucok

*Runs:* 235

*In 1987-88:* 25/58 43%

*Notes:* Had completed 11 harings



## **H**

## Derek Holmes

*Runs* 357

*In 1987-88:* 25/58 43 %

*Notes:* A busy hare this year

## **F** Fred Hakim

*Runs:* 294

*This Year:* 40/58 67%

## **K**

## Jan Karlstrom

*Runs:* 320

*In 1987-88:* 9/58 15.5%

*Notes:* A lifetime score of 7 harings

## **L**

## Rod Lovibond

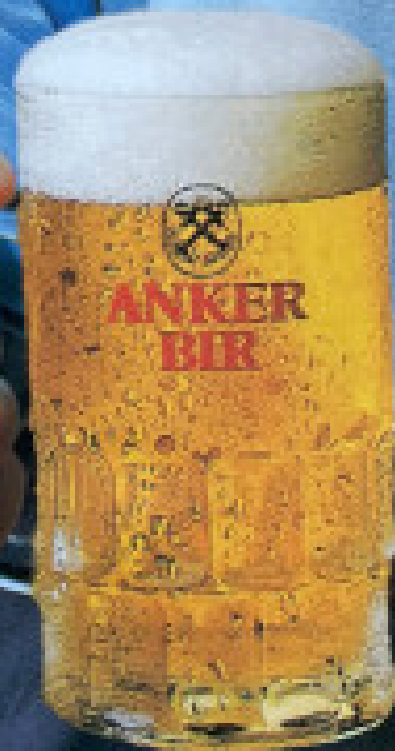
*Runs:* 148

*In 1987-88:* 53/58 91%

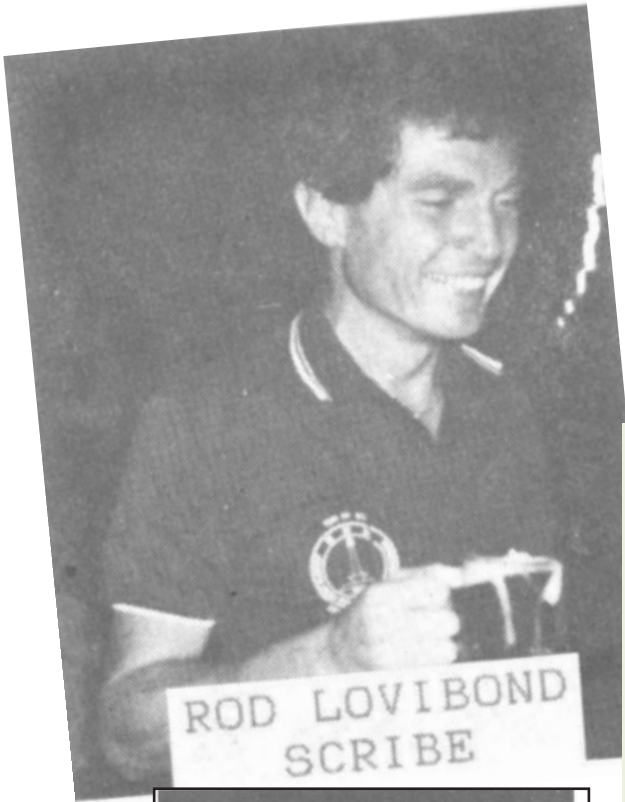
*Notes:* One of the RAs

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# M

Dick Miller

*Runs:* 277

*In 1987-88:* 3/58

# S

Ron Strachan

*Runs:* 536

*In 1987-88:* 47/58 81%

*Notes:* As a hare scored a 10pt for Run 850 and a 9.5 for Run 846. In all hared 4 runs this year. Was InterHash Secretary



Ross Singer

*Runs:* 563

*In 1987-88:* 47/58 81%

Syam Sianturi

*Runs:* 313

*In 1987-88:* 46/58 77%

Eddie van Loon

*Runs:* 84

*In 1987-88:* 30/58 51%

*Notes:* RA

Bob Weaver

*Runs:* 377

*In 1987-88:* 38/58 65%

*Notes:* A fine runner and a JIS teacher

# R

Berndt Radski

*Runs:* 208

*In 1987-88:* 14/58 24%

*Notes:* A lifetime total of 8 harings

Andy Simpkin

*Runs:* 51

*In 1987-88:* 47/58 81%

*Notes:* Joint Master and scribe

Richard Singleton

*Runs:* 262

*In 1987-88:* 51/58 87.9%

*Notes:* Year book editor

# W

Richard Ward

*Runs:* 83

*In 1987-88:* 44/58 74%

*Notes:* Would become a Jakarta legend and is still hashing in the country!

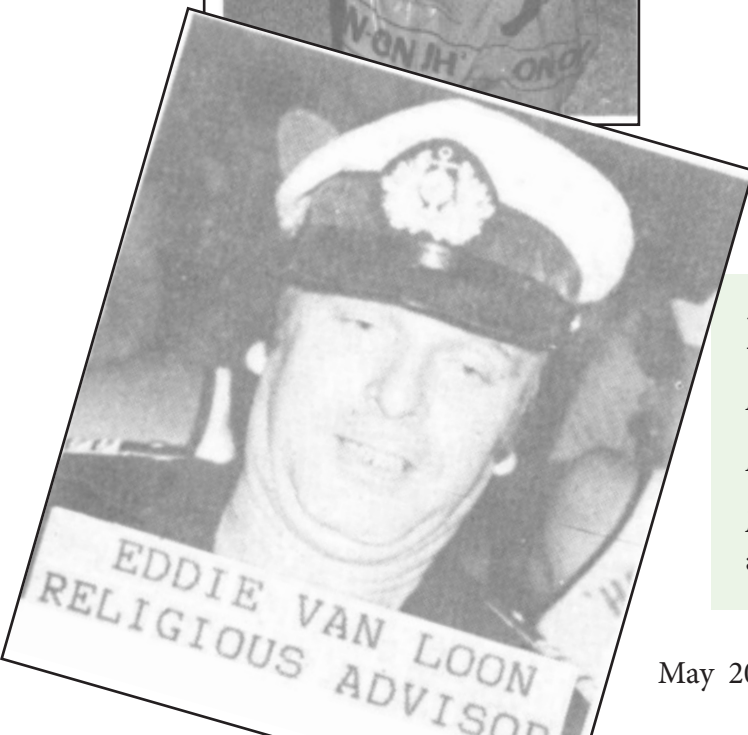
# Y

Minora Yoshida

*Runs:* 257

*In 1987-88:* 39/58 66%

*Notes:* Hash Flash



# A history of hashing in Indonesia

*By Discowanker*

The Hash House Harriers has a long and colorful history in Indonesia, closely tied to the country's expatriate community, its colonial past, and the adventurous spirit of hashers who love exploring new terrain.

Today, Indonesia is one of the most active hashing countries in the world, hosting hundreds of clubs and thousands of runners across its islands, and they take their hashing very seriously, and with a passion.

Hashing arrived in Indonesia during the 1970s, primarily through expatriates working in industries such as oil, mining, engineering, and tourism. These early hashers brought the tradition from nearby hubs such as Singapore, Malaysia, and Hong Kong, where hashing had already become popular among international communities.

Jakarta was the first to have a Hash club in 1971, and probably Jeremy *Burong* Pidgeon, ex Kuala Lumpur, was the man responsible for bringing Hash to Indonesia. I wonder if he's still alive? It took a good two years for Medan to evolve in 1973, and the other major clubs that were emerging were Bandung in 1974, Balikpapan and Surabaya in 1975, Bali, Duri and Soroka in 1977, Bontang and Rumbai in 1978, and Jogjakarta in 1979.

The late and great Patriarch of Hashing in Bali was one Victor *Nightjar* Mason, who founded the Bali Hash House Harriers in 1977, Victor had brought his hashing experience to Bali from his previous hash clubs in Cambridge, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

My favorite memories of Hashing in Indonesia, the notorious On On On On of Jakarta's

**Batavia Hash**, the amazingly long and entertaining hash circles of **Balikpapan's Monday Hash**, the friendship of the **Samarinda Hash**, wearing one of the **Surabaya Palm Family's** amazing shirts, or the sheer joy of joining a legendary **Bandung** or **Jogjakarta** run.

By the way, you can join a hash run every day of the week in Bandung, with some of the clubs having 200 to 400 runners turning up for one run! Bandung's membership boasts the biggest Hash Club in the World. It's home to thousands of Hashers, with local businesses falling over themselves with sponsorship.

So what about Java as a country? Over 100 million people live on Java. The Javanese are friendly family orientated people, very humble, and hard working, and although there is great deal of poverty the Javanese always seem to overcome hardships and manage a smile.

Let's get back to East Java, and Jogjakarta in particular. **Jogjakarta's Malioboro Hash House Harriers** gets its fair share of visitors on each week's run, as tourists are in abundance in a city famed for its Royal Palace, shopping in Malioboro Street, the amazing Borobudur Temple, and a climb up the partially active Mount Merapi.

The old colonial buildings of Jogja offer an amazing backdrop to any hash run around



the city, and when the Sultan has a celebration of any kind, the whole city turns out to see his colorful Royal guards.

That's why we chose Jogjakarta again for our InterHash 2026, after the success of IH 2012. It will hopefully give hashers who may have missed 2012, an opportunity to hash here. Previous InterHashes in Indonesia are Jakarta 1982, Bali in 1988, the afore mentioned Jogjakarta (Borobudur) in 2012, Bali in 2016, and here we are again for our fifth time hosting the event, which has been wonderful publicity for the locations, and the country.

Looking back, it was David *Browneye* Ives and Marty *Garfield* Hanratty, who mismanaged an epic journey from Bali to Jakarta post IH88 by bus, which they called the **Java Hash Dash**, which was sponsored and supported by Anker Brewery (the bus, the promotion girls etc). It was this event that gave me the idea for the "Great Java Train Rumble" back in 2012. This year marks its third anniversary!

Java is so affordable, and has such grand Hashing country, beautiful people, and cheap and tasty icy cold beer.

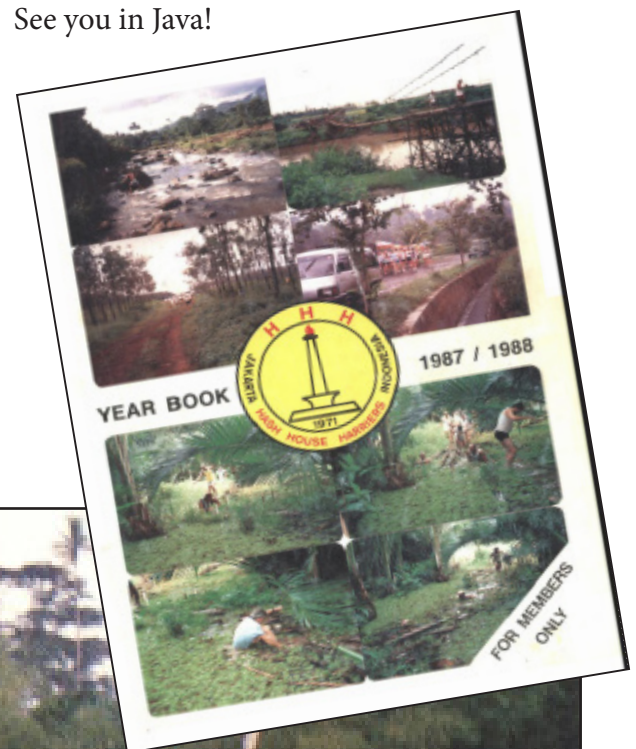
Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of hashing in Indonesia is how it has blended in-

ternational traditions with local culture. Indonesian hashers have embraced the spirit of the sport, with friendship, humor, exploration, and community, while adding their own distinctive energy and hospitality.

More than fifty years after its arrival, the Hash House Harriers continues to thrive in Indonesia. What began as a small expatriate pastime, has grown into a vibrant nationwide community, that welcomes runners from every corner of the globe. We will tap into that spirit to provide color, and motivation for overseas Hashers to enjoy "InterHash 2026 Prambanan Mendut", in wonderful Jogjakarta and Magelang.

In Indonesia, the trail is always an adventure.

See you in Java!



# Shadow puppets are a traditional Asian art form

..... and they adapt well to a hash circle. All you need is a big white sheet and car headlights.

Possibly - I wait for corrections - the first shadow puppet show on a hash was around 1993 at the **Jakarta Pussy Hash** when *Shakes* performed a shadow operation. A willing Harriet was given an anaesthetic (bang on the head with a hammer) after which *Shakes* removed a string of strange objects from various parts of her body.

A shadow play starring *Randy Loney* was performed by **Oslo H3** at InterHash in 1998. It was entitled 'Fjord Watch' a play on 'Bay Watch' and was x-rated. A video is said to exist of the performance.

A 'sex show' was performed by a notably attractive Harriet on a **Dar es Salaam Hash** around 2002.



Personally I hash for the high class of people you meet!

# Shadow Puppets

## And the hash

Shadow puppetry, is an ancient form of entertainment which uses flat cut-out figures (shadow puppets) which are held between a source of light and a translucent screen.

Various effects can be achieved by moving both the puppets and the light source. A talented puppeteer can make the figures appear to walk, dance, fight, nod and laugh.

## Shadow puppet theatre was probably first copied on a hash in Indonesia in the early 1990s.

This form of puppetry is called **Wayang** in Indonesia.

Wayang is an ancient form of storytelling that combines elaborate puppets with complex musical styles. Unlike India's shadow plays that incorporated little to no musical performance, Indonesia wayang includes an ensemble of gamelan music.

**Wayang kulit**, a style of wayang shadow play, is particularly popular in Java and Bali. The word kulit means "skin", as the material from which the puppet is made is thin perforated leather sheets made from buffalo skin.

Performances of shadow puppet theatre in Bali are typically at night, lasting until dawn. The complete wayang kulit troupes include dalang (puppet master), nayaga (gamelan players), and sinden (female choral singer).

The dalang (puppet master) performs the wayang behind the cotton screen illuminated by an oil lamp or modern halogen lamp, creating visual effects similar to animation. The flat puppet has moveable joints that are animated by hand, using rods connected to the puppet. The handle of the rod is made of carved buffalo horn.

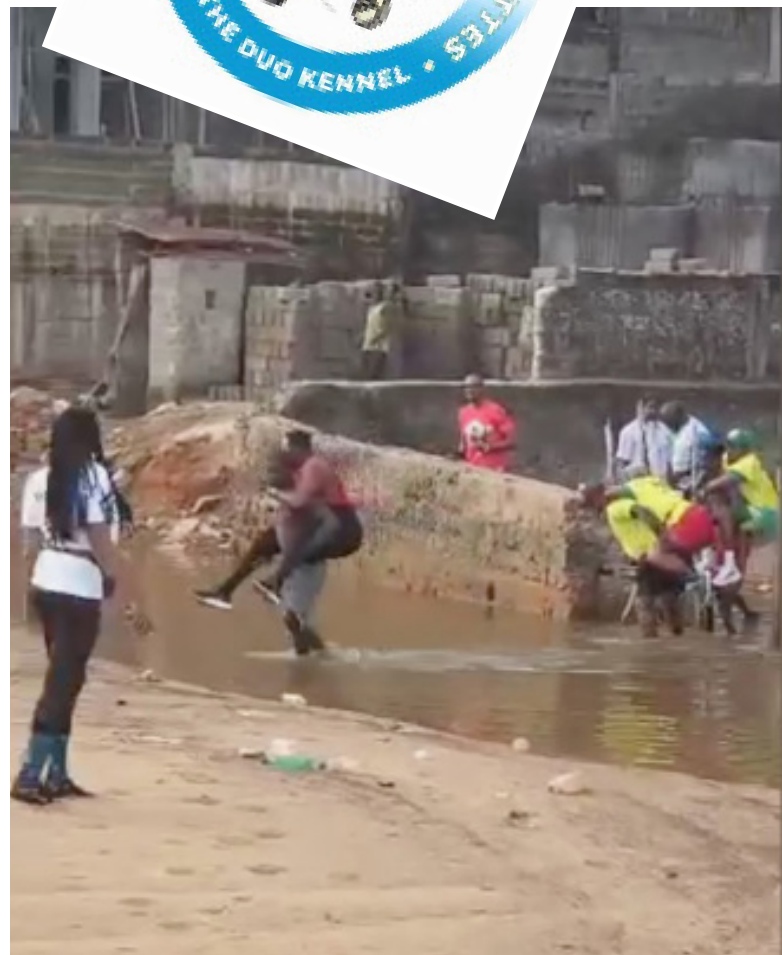
On November 7, 2003, UNESCO designated wayang kulit from Indonesia as one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.

If you have not worked it out the participants can stand some distance away from each other and the shadow merge on the screen.



# Hashing in Sierra Leone

- There was a **Mokanji/Mobimbi Hash** in the mining areas to the south of the country in the '70's. *'Under Jabber-Jabber's leadership through the 1990's, and leading up to the time when the war in Sierra Leone reached its peak, we never missed a Hash, even though the numbers were sometimes down to 10 or 12'.*
- Violence in the country led to Mokanji/Mobimbi closing in 1997. It restarted briefly in the middle of 1998 but *'went into tactical withdrawal following major rebel incursions into Freetown'.*
- Once the country settled down veterans of Mokanji started **Freetown H3** and they now attract 40 or more runners on Mondays and the last Sunday of the month. Sunday runs give the opportunity to get out of Freetown *'the runs are usually up in the hills or down near the beaches along the Peninsular Road'.* The Monday runs following a Sunday hash are usually live hare runs *'for those who can still move'.* The pack consists of Brits, *'either living here or just passing through'*, Lebanese, UN workers and a growing number of locals. Recently the business community has been picking up, adding to the mixture.
- In 2025 Sierra Leone won the bid to stage African InterHash 2027.





# The day the hash was robbed

## ‘A gross miscarriage of sporting justice’

In July 1983 a hash team arrived at the Fenner’s Cricket Ground to play a side from the Port Saint George Pub ‘a well known disreputable house’. The hash were defeated by the dirty trick of their unsporting opponents being better than them. ‘A humiliating defeat by an ill-tempered motley crew’ was the way it was described in the hash magazine at the time.

### The Fenners July 1983

#### Cambridge Hash House Harriers to bat:

Hanspall bowled Warrington	13
King bowled Toon	10
Wilson run out	5
Crabb lbw?	0
Ladrook bowled Warrington	0
Yoini Barker bowled Warrington	0
Umpelby bowled Barker	9
Loe not out	12
H. Tylor caught and bowled Tubbing	0
Borland bowled Tanner	7
Extras	8
Total	76

It was raining at daybreak so a late start is expected.

Surprisingly the groundman says the match can start on time. *Bunter* finds Crabb, Wilson and 12th man Singh ‘discussing tactics’ in the bar.

The hash are first to bat and Hanspall and King make a reasonable start.

Once that opening partnership is broken the hash batting collapses with Warrington (obvious some kind of cheating pro) doing the damage.

Much of the blame for Wilson’s dismissal was given to Prince Anuan Hanspall who displayed ‘the running skill of a one-legged Calcutta un-touchable.’

The hash were not sure why Crabb was given out.

With the pitch favouring the bowlers the Fort George men show an ‘arrogant disdain for the gallant opposition’ and the wickets fall rapidly.

By tea the hash are all out and it is not looking good.

*The hash in action from a later match - the bowler is Boddington*





*Gentlemen of the Hash team:  
 Back, from left: Major Clive King, Sgt. Sir Ron Taylor,  
 Mad Mike Umpelby.  
 Middle: M. Lole (Standing), Brig. H. Taylor, Sir Harry*

*Wislon, R. Crabb, Phillip Ladbrook.  
 Front: Priv. J. Borland. Second Leftenant (acting) J.  
 Barker, Prince A. Hanspall.*

**Fort St George to bat:**

Fole bowled Loe	1
Lewis bowled Ladbrook	10
Tanner bowled Hanspall	26
Walsh Not Out	23
Douglas LBW Hanspall	1
Walker Not Out	9
Extras	9
 Total	 79-4

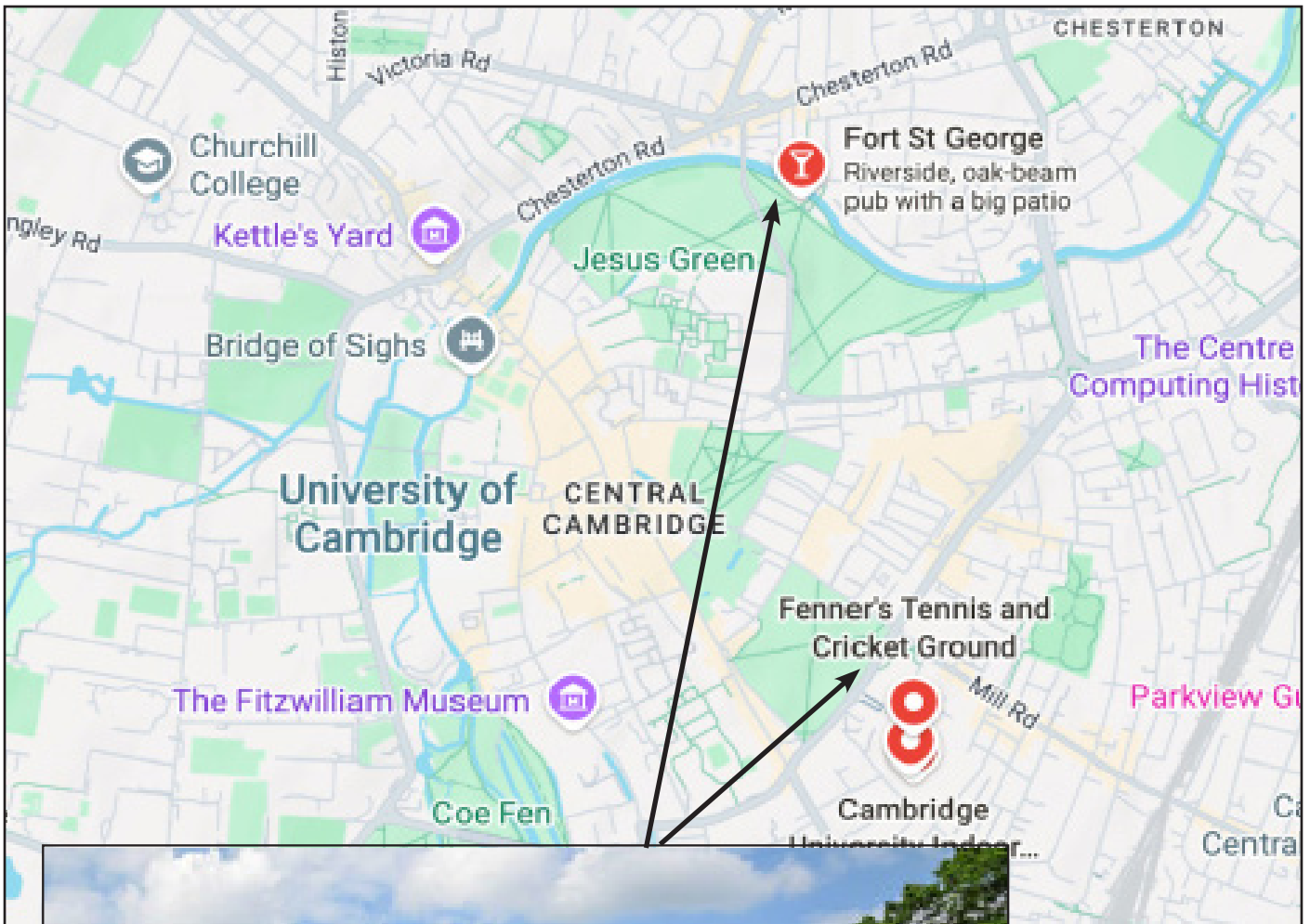
← St George lose their opening wickets cheaply giving the Hash a little hope.

← The Tanner and Walsh take control and put St George in firm command.

← The combination of Walker and Walsh take St George to an easy victory.

*Fort St George win with several wickets to spare*

***“An agreeable day spoilt only by a disagreeable result”***



Fenner's is one of England's oldest first-class grounds, with games being played there since 1848. That year one F.P. Fenner leased land to the university for cricket matches. The freehold was bought in 1894. Until the 1950s, the ground was surrounded by a running track and the land is still used for other sports during the winter. The charming but cramped wooden pavilion was replaced with a more utilitarian and fairly characterless structure in 1972, and the ground lost much of its old-world charm. There are no stands at Fenner's, but it is one of the few places where first-class cricket can still be watched sitting on the grass. Traditionally, the pitch has been weighted in favour of batsmen. In 1938, Free Foresters scored 636 for 7 in a day against the University. Eleven years earlier, KS Duleepsinhji scored 254 for the University against Middlesex.

# Odds and Ends

## *Border Jumpers*

### **Border Jumper Hash House Harriers**

On August 13th, 2004, after a rainy Black Lingerie Hash, *Strawberry Shortdick* and *Butt Darts* sat in a truck, waiting for the downpour to pass.

As they talked, the conversation shifted to hashing—what they loved about it and what they would do differently. They envisioned a hash where trails were shorter, circles were longer, and the philosophy was simple: “Drink till the beer runs out.”

Midweek hashing appealed to them, and they chose Wednesday for its balance—a perfect midweek reset.

They also decided to hash every Saturday, ensuring BJH3’s presence twice a week. Despite the rain, they began laying the foundation for what would become a unique tradition in El Paso. A critical decision included the use of distinct trail markings to avoid conflicts with El Paso H3’s trails and to accommodate the area’s infrequent rain.

# Odds and Ends

## *The Singapore Flour Incident*

### **A look back to 2017 - The Singapore Flour Incident**

The hare laid a trail with baking flour through a MRT station causing the line to be shut down for several hours.

1,200 commuters were affected and 40 trains forced to divert.

Seletar Hash House Harriers later apologised for this incident and swore to be more mindful in their future runs.

The Seletar hasher was fined \$1,000

#### ***Quotes at the time***

“Apparently, his good intention was misinterpreted as an act of terrorism by the MRT station master, who watched the CCTV footage of Tay sprinkling a suspicious substance around the station. The police immediately responded to the alarm, along with the deployment of Singapore Civil Defence Forces’ (SCDF) Hazmat crew.”

“He left white powder around the public transport facility. It is reasonable to conclude that members of the public, station staff and security personnel would be fearful that there is something more sinister to it than just being flour alone,” says Deputy Public Prosecutor Tang Shangjun.”

“The Seletar Hash House Harriers is a men-only group in Singapore that runs every Tuesday night at 6 PM in any type of weather, bad calamities, or any man-made commotions. They are simply unstoppable. The run includes dinner and drinks after and during the run. That’s the main reason why they are nicknamed “The Drinking Club with a Running Problem.” Although Hash Rules last rule clearly says “There are No Rules,” they still follow strict guidelines and the do’s and don’t s on hashing in Singapore.”

## Hash Legend

# Fu Chee Cheng

# Mother Hash (Malaysia)



Fu Chee Cheng 'Fuch' is a legendary Mother Hasher. A local newspaper recently summarised his remarkable career.

They led with the comment:

- At 92, he's still on the move after a life shaped by adventure. A nonagenarian, Fu Chee Cheng continues to drive, play golf and keep active, embracing what he calls his 'bonus years'.
- Born on January 1st, 1934, he celebrates both the New Year and his birthday on the same day.
- He was known affectionately as "Fuch" – formed from his name.
- He enjoys golfing at The Club in Bukit Utama, Selangor with a close-knit group of friends – most of them in their 70s and 80s.

*"At my age and stage, I am blessed to enjoy good*

*health, am mobile without any walking aid, and am surrounded by a few good friends to keep me company.*

*"Attending social gatherings keeps my mind intact. Of course, my loving wife, Thio Ai Koean, is a pillar of strength who assists me with day-to-day chores," he said.*

- He attended Sultan Sulaiman School in Kuala Terengganu before completing his Overseas Senior Cambridge Certificate at Penang Free School.
- At 18, he was accepted for officer cadet training and a chance to be among the 24 pioneer army officers of a fledging pre-independent Malaya. *"Unfortunately, my mother objected and I, thereafter, accepted a Shell scholarship to pursue mechanical engineering in England," he revealed.*
- He became the first Malayan to graduate in

mechanical engineering from Loughborough College in 1955.

- As a young Shell executive, he returned home from England in August 1957 to witness Malaya declaring independence.

*“I flew in the newly introduced British Overseas Airways’ four-engine turbo-prop Bristol 175 Britannia airliner, nicknamed the ‘Whispering Giant’ for its quiet, smooth flight. It was a fascinating journey.”*

- In his younger years, he was an avid marathon runner, sailor, hiker and long-time member of the Hash House Harriers, completing more than 1,000 runs with the group across the world.

- He also played a key role in establishing the Hash Heritage House in Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur in 2001.

- He was On-Sec of Mother Hash in 1989 and Joint Master the following year.

- His first marathon was in Surrey, England at the age of 51 and the hobby took him across continents, including races in New York, Honolulu and Paris.

- He was a torch-bearer during the Kuala Lumpur leg of the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

- Sailing was another passion and he once owned a yacht named “On-On”, which raced from Phuket to Pangkor.

- In the early 1980s, at age 48, Fu moved into the corporate world, taking on a role as chief executive of Multi-Purpose Holdings in London.

- Fu managed to turn Multi-Purpose Holdings around and, after five years, returned to Kuala Lumpur to venture into his own business.



**While in London Fu traced down hash founder Cecil Lee and conducted this interview with him:**

*The article reads:*

Fu Chee Cheng, commonly referred to as Fuch, is a long-time hasher, having joined the **Mother Hash** and **Petaling H3** in 1978, before which he joined the **Petaling Jaya H3** and the **Petaling Jaya Harriettes in 1977.**

“I so enjoyed hashing that I ran four times a week until I was assigned to Shell Centre, London, in 1979, for two years. Then I kept running there with the **London H3, Surrey H3** and occasionally the **Cambridge H3.**”

Through the London H3, Fuch was introduced to Cecil Lee and Eric Galvin, founders of the Hash House Harriers (HHH) in 1938, who played pivotal roles in its management pre-WW2 and its revival postwar. Fuch says that they were happy to meet a hasher from Malaysia where they had spent some 30 years of their lives before retiring back to their home country. Over the two years they became quite good friends, and inevitably talked about hashing in Malaysia, which inspired Fuch to record an interview with Cecil Lee on the history of the Hash.

In an interview with Cecil in London in May 1981, Cecil discussed naming the HHH. He

*The Bristol 175 Britannia was a pioneering British medium-to-long-range turboprop airliner, known as the “Whispering Giant” for its quiet cabin. It first flew on August 16, 1952. Developed for BOAC, it entered service in 1957, featuring four Bristol Proteus engines. Despite early engine icing issues, it became a significant, albeit briefly, successful airliner before being superseded by pure jets. Many hashers might well have flown one on the trips to Malaysia.*

credits Gispert, or G as he was known to all, with the inspiration. G was an English Chartered Accountant with Evatt and Co. (which became Pricewaterhouse Coopers). He was a roly poly, jovial person and a typical specimen of the Raj, according to Cecil.

Some ten of them lived in the Selangor Club Chambers, which had a dining room on the ground floor and rooms on the first floor. The residents referred to it as the Hash House, hash being a slang word for food, usually of low quality. (Cecil admitted that the food was actually very good.) There already were a few paper chase groups running in parts of the country, but there is no record of their frequency and they never survived for long. G had been working in Malacca, where he ran with the Springgit Harriers. When he came to KL, he decided that he would form a Hash group with the help of another resident, Bennet (Torch Bennet), who was quite an enthusiast himself.

Sometime late in 1938, with nine Harriers in the Hash House, the group decided to adopt a formal name. G came up with the name, which Cecil says was a jocular and alliterative allusion to the Mess (bachelor's hostel) where they lived. "There are many other versions (as to the origin of the name), but this is the correct one," said Cecil.

Despite G's strong commitment to the HHH, he was not exactly the perfect athlete. Cecil explained that he lagged behind and in one situation when the pack was caught in a false, he was able to finish first, and was very excited to have his moment.

They used to run around KL, and Maxwell Road came to his mind as the point where the jungle started. They would drink beer mixed with ginger beer and ice out of tin bath tubs. He even recalled they ran once a week, initially on Friday. Runs would be kept to about 1.5 hours, after which they would stand around talking and drinking. The running was interrupted by World War Two, but when they returned to KL around March 1946, they restarted it.

There were ten of them in the original group of runners, but Torch Bennett missed the day when it was named as he was away on leave.

Therefore, only the following nine are known as the founding members:

1. A.S. Gispert – G
2. Cecil Lee
3. Frederick 'Horse' Thomson
4. Eric Galvin
5. M.C. Hay
6. Arthur Westrop
7. Morris Edgar
8. John Barret
9. Harry Doig

From the On On Magazine A to Z of hashers

## **Fuch**

### **Fu Chee Cheng**

#### **Mother Hash (Malaysia)**

Fuch is the veteran of numerous InterHashes and marathons including New York, Honolulu, Paris, and countless others in Malaysia and Singapore. He was a mechanical engineer by profession, and a Founder Trustee of The Hash Heritage Foundation.

Since retirement he has devoted much of his time and energy to the rebuilding of The Hash House, and the promotion of international and cross cultural fellowship. His roles include Chief Coordinator in The Hash House Management committee.



# Hash Legend - Whorator

*We are delighted to reprint another of Flying Booger's classic interviews. This is from 2010.*

## What Flying Booger wrote:

It seems appropriate, as InterHash 2010 kicks off in Borneo, to post an interview with Frank *Whorator* Benfield, a hasher long identified with InterHash.

When I first met Whorator, down in New Zealand for the 1994 InterHash, he was one of the small circle of hashers who had so far attended every InterHash, from the original event held in Hong Kong in 1978 right up to Rotorua. After Rotorua he continued attending InterHashes until Goa in 2002 — which he helped organize — then turned against what he describes as an event that has strayed too far from its roots. He has not attended one since.

(Correction from what Whorator, posted 7/2/10: I missed InterHash 2002 and 2004 but returned for InterHash 2006 and 2008)

If you'd like to read Whorator's thinking on the subject, you can find his famous Wither InterHash article at the Half-Mind Catalog.

But I'm also interested in Whorator the hasher, and that's the subject of this interview, so let's get to it. First, some biographical information:

Whorator was born — and still lives and hashes — in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He started hashing in 1973, and since then has held every mismanagement position known to hashdom. He's currently active with the Brisbane (Mens') and Breakfast Creek Hotel Hash House Harriers. When I asked if he'd founded any hashes, he said he couldn't remember them all, but



will happily take credit for the Toowoomba H3 (1981) and Nigel & Nolene's Noggy H3 (1998), both in Queensland, Australia, and assisting The Pimp and Derelick in starting the Pattaya Dirt Road H3 in Thailand (1985).

**I asked Whorator what set of hashing traditions he embraced. Here's his answer:**

Serious hashing began in Jakarta on the Monday Men's H3 where the hares were mostly alive but the standard of the runs set was not always supportive of hares who were alive. For example, laying paper from a helicopter is not indicative of a hare who wants anything but hashit. Jakarta in the 1970s to 1980s was hashdom's pre-eminent singing hash, without exception. Circles of three hours while working through the Jakarta hash songbook were the norm rather than the exception and it was not unusual to continue the hash songs at a nearby (rat-infested) makan stall, 99.

On-on to the rest of the questions:

**When & where was your first hash?**

1973 in Lae, on the north coast of the then pre-Independent Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

**How did you find the hash, or did the hash find you?**

While I wasn't lost, I was certainly found by some Army and civvy blokes who were hashing around Buttibum Village near Lae town and the Lae Hash formally began a year later. When told there was cold beer (South Pacific) at the end of the run I went there for the beer and was hooked on hash then and remain hooked now.

**How did you get your hash name?**

I was christened Whorator by the "gentlemen" of the Pattaya H3 after demonstrating some oratorical skills on the InterHash stage at InterHash Pattaya 1986 as the MC and deputy IH chair to the one and only Tim "Magic" Hughes. At that time I commonly referred to Pattaya as being the "world's biggest brothel." I mean there were thousands of whores in the town, especially during InterHash and being an orator in the world's biggest brothel gave John Earl and Eddy Heneffer the license to christen me Whorator, a name I've kept with pride. It superseded, with no disrespect, previous names given to me by Jakar-

ta H3, Sarong (for wearing one at the Hash), and FAB by Toowoomba H3 which was a play on my initials of FHB and expanded to provide "F\*ck About Benfield."

**Did you have a hashing mentor?**

I've never considered any of the great good friends I've met at the hash to be mentors. Mind you, I'm constantly learning things from hashers that enhance my hashing pleasure.

**When & where was your first away hash?**

They were all away hashes from 1973 to 1978 because the nature of my Army service kept me from having a home hash. Perhaps InterHash 1978, which although an InterHash required a journey from Australia. In Australia, the Army has some remote bases, I guess with a view to keeping your mind on the job and off the Hashing distractions.

**Where have you hashed?**

On just about every continent, but there are far too many individual hash clubs to name here. I've done more than 100 runs with Jakarta H3, Toowoomba H3, Pattaya H3, Halfway H3 and Brisbane Men's H3.

**Are there places you haven't hashed but would like to?**

Yep! Colombo and Seoul H3.

**Are there places where you wouldn't consider hashing?**

Only those without beer.

**If you could pick the location of a future Inter-hash, where would it be, and why?**

Although I've been to most InterHashes, I'm no longer a fan of InterHash and if forced to, I would prefer InterHash to be anyplace where I had no involvement.

**Do you have any favorite hashing techniques?**

A short run is always a good run.

**What's the best thing that ever happened to you at a hash?**

The enduring friendships of so many people with fine, enjoyable hashing instincts, like The Penguin, Opera, Garfield and the late Magic and Browneye.

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