

# On On

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# News

## Philippines

Hashing is once again taking place in the Philippines with **Makati H3** heading for the familiar trails around Nipa Hut. *'The runners trail will be 8 km and the walkers a little shorter. Alternatively the walkers can take the 5 minute stroll to Capitol Commons and get a beer or two while the pack is sweating it out along the Pasig river'*. Sounds fun!

## Sweden

Anders *Little Brother* Karnfält completed his 500th run with Stockholm H3.

## Sri Lanka

**Colombo Harriettes** are planning an April train trip to Ella for their AGM.

## Solomon Islands

**Honiara Hash House Harriers**, enjoying their Pacific isolation, continue to hash each week. Photos suggest packs of 20-30 with some great runs. *Thanks to Honiara for this month's front cover.*

## Ghana

*Woman Wrappa*, a well known Lagos hasher, is now running with **Accra H3**.

## Japan

Many Japanese hashes are preparing to close down again. Jeff Sargent posted this on Facebook: *Things are starting to come into focus and unfortunately the situation with Corona Virus will impact our hash. As the Government of Japan prepares an emergency declaration and the U.S. military prepares to change restrictions, out of an abundance of caution we have decided sadly to pause the Samurai Hash for the remainder of January. For those who are scheduled to hare in January, we are very hopeful that you will be able to offer us your great trails after this second (third?) wave subsides.*

*So, for the month of January, Samurai will have no official trails and no run counts.*

*We will be back and we all will be stronger AND we will need everyone to come together to help to rebuild and grow our hash when these crazy times subside!*

## India

My great friend *Rail Jerker* passed on news that *'Kolkata Revolutionary Hash House Harriers is reviving itself as a Hash which meets one Sunday a month at 3pm.*



Hashers are typically expats living in Kolkata, Indian professionals and executives and anyone with a sense of humour. No age limits. We are happy to welcome newcomers. And you will soon pick up the Hash vocabulary, songs and get a Hash Handle or nickname. This year we are reintroducing icing as punishment in the Down Downs.

## Azerbaijan

**Baku H3** note that 'only' 13 runners reached double figures in a COVID -hit year, *For Feck's Sake* with 31 and *Whiskey Hole-Ahhh* with 28 led the way.

## USA

As the USA struggles with COVID, and what to actually do about it, hash groups have been largely left to find their own path. A few have suspended again, or gone back to social distancing runs.

**New York H3** have published a hareline that goes into February. **San Francisco H3** continues to hash but with guidelines that include no more than 12 people total; *No more than 6 total if food/drink are involved. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. If you're feeling unwell or sick, stay home*

**Ft. Eustis H3** have announced that due to COVID-19, hashes will continue with a limited pack size. *'Please RSVP on Meetup and monitor your own health for all of your fellow hashers.'*

**Houston H3** offer the following news: *'Despite the best efforts of the Corona Virus, H4 is still running as a hash kennel. We have dramatically altered our hash, with virtual circles and virtual happy hours on zoom. The trail is being run as a dead lay on Sundays, with hares laying a trail by 11 am and people running it when they want to, usually between 11 am and 3 pm. Hares have the option of providing a beer check, but it is not mandatory. This entry was posted in Hash News on January 19, 2021 by Epic Fail.*

## Thailand

Pattaya lost one of their great hash bars with the closure of the Tahitian Queen (TQ). The TQ was PH3's longest running "Happy Hour Bar." It was first opened on the 2nd March 1987. *'Owned by Woody and Bob, but run by our RA "Emperor Airhead," it served us well'. Sorry to see a true icon of Pattaya and the PH3 finished. Always remember Titty Tequilas, Christmas Snow and the shift change. Not to mention the hundreds of girls who came on runs that worked there. R.I.P. TQ. Thanks for everything. OnOn.*

The Siam Hash have a new committee for 2021. The key positions are:

Grand Master	Roger Me
Joint Master	Anacuntman
Joint Master	L.C.B.S.
RA	Chicken Licker
RA Ass	Lurch

## Tanzania

The Dar es Salaam H4 Facebook page has given the following COVID update. *Good morning hashers. Just so we are all on the same page. There is no virus cases within our hash community that we are aware of. I am sure you are aware that there have been an uptick in cases and an airline has stopped service. So going forward we will be requiring masks at the hash for the next 30 days. We ask that hashers do not bring any virgins as well. Masks are not required during run or walk. Bringing your own hand sanitizer is encouraged. Socially distance is encouraged during circle and food line. On On.*



**DATES:** 24 - 26 April 2021 (2 nights / 3 days)

**TRAVEL:** Colombo - Ella by **SCENIC TRAIN**  
Ella - Colombo by **LUXURY COACH**

**COST:**

- "CITY LIGHTS" PACKAGE** | Stay at Ella City Grand  
LKR 13,800 per head (twin sharing basis)
- "ELLA ROCK" PACKAGE** | Stay at Flower Garden Hotel  
LKR 18,600 per head (twin sharing basis)  
18 rooms available (with 9 triples\*)
- "THE EDGE" PACKAGE** | Stay at 98 Acres  
LKR 35,000 per head (twin sharing basis)

Cost includes: 2 nights / 3 days stay on twin sharing basis + all travel + breakfast (or lunch) + sightseeing

\* Triple and Family Room rates available on request

**REGISTRATION:** [www.colombobhhs.com/events/agm-2021](http://www.colombobhhs.com/events/agm-2021)

**2021 Hash AGM  
ELLA TRIP  
24 - 26 APRIL 2021**

# On On

OBs

Kevin O'Brien

Died 01-01-2020

OBs was a larger than life Hashman well known for his horn; a funnel on a piece of hose with a trumpet mouth piece, that he used to swing around his head, producing a long, slow sound which other hashers all recognised.

A former NZ Naval Chief Petty officer, OBs had his dream job in retirement in sole charge of the Naval station on Great Barrier Island, keeping a watch over the communication systems.

He boasted that he could look out at the weather as he got out of bed, jump into his boat, catch a snapper and be eating it for breakfast less than an hour later.

He was a stalwart of Auckland Hash House Harriers with well over 1000 runs with this club, and had participated in many overseas and other NZ events.

Along with *Phantom*, *Plunder*, and his daughter *REVs*, he organised the NZ prelube to Perth Interhash, this is well remembered by the 120 overseas hashers, as one of the great prelubes.

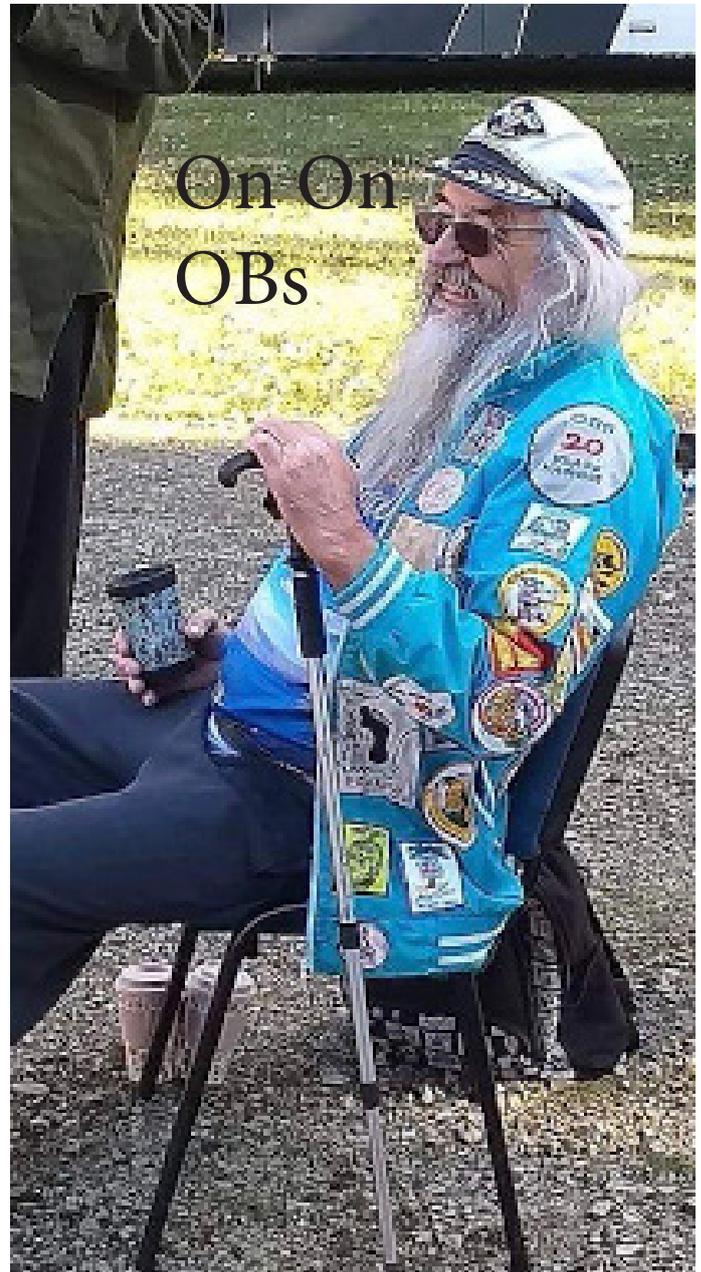
Several months ago OBs was having trouble with his balance and unfortunately it was not caused by too many hash beers, but by a brain tumour.

In typical OBs style, he decided to hold a "living wake" at the Glenfeild Tavern, Auckland. His wife [Robyn] and daughters [Heather and Hazel] brought him along in a wheelchair and about 150 hashers from all over NZ attended to celebrate his life.

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OBs

Mr Beaky



## The Colonel

Gil Jackson reported on Facebook that:

Another one bites the dust. Sad news from the Rumson hash. Bob Hogan AKA *The Colonel* died yesterday at 83 from a sudden heart attack.

No services are planned but probably a memorial service later in the year. He hashed with us for 35 years and will be sorely missed.

## Gargles

Nadia (Gargles) has also passed away. Details next issue.



# Hash Stats

## Madrid H3

### Spain

Twice a Day	1162
Scrambled Dog	1945
Sir Sucluchie	1004
Tim Rat Wass	881
Chatterproof	837
El Portefio	788
Sir Shakespeare	738
Alien Sex	749
El Sordo	679
Very Grimm	679
More Knickers	631
Sex Mex	589
Not Half Bad	584
La Constitucion	550
Tight Tit	549



### Axarquia H3

#### Spain

Based on the Spanish south coast with 739 runs to their credit.

Zulu	307
Jammy Git	274
F Troop (RA)	270
Asmuc	257
Jammy Dodger	250
Double Entry	240
Flip Flop	215
Mungo (Founder)	191
Miss Toned (GM)	183
Wombie	180
Whino	179
Flora	169
Pocket Rocket	163
Tonto	154
Del Boy	153



## R2D2 Hash

(Roman Road Decidedly Dodgy)

### England

Polly	1063
Straddle Various	1003
Shandy Man	941
Bandit	883
Miss Direction	837
Pearl 'n' Dean	835
New Balls Please	723
BLT	702
Ladyshave	698
Red Cock	688
One Hung Low	645
Spice Boy	608
Hotlegs	566

## Koh Samui Hash

### Thailand

Corkscrew	537
I'm Coming	486
Red Mullet	471
Cabbie Twinkle	443
Strolin Bones	401
Wallace	399
Grommet	397
The Big Yin	336
The Wee Yin	333
Forest Dump	316
Crive	305
Down Early	305
Source Bursary	300
No Woman No Crime	265
Leopard Piss.	254
Comic Strip	239
Noballs	237
Winkie	231
Piss Bowl	216

# Hash History



The Islamabad 1,000. You'll spot Digit at the front along with Flatfeet and Pervert from Karachi as well as Mad Dog and FW from Islamabad. WT.

## The Islamabad Hash and the Murree Brewery



The Islamabad Hash House Harriers (“The Men’s Hash”) was founded in 1977, the first hash in Pakistan. The IH3 was a staple of any Monday night in Islamabad. The new capital, set into the Margalla Hills, is blessed with some of the best hashing and most diverse countryside you will find anywhere, and all within a few minutes drive of the Diplomatic Enclave. The IH3 welcomed harriettes for special and anniversary runs such as New Year’s Day etc. The IH3 were a diverse bunch – there are around eight

nationalities in the photo.

Murree is a typical British hill station around an hour’s drive from Islamabad. Pleasingly cool in summer, it can get snowed in during the winter. It’s also the scene of many a hash weekend, including the infamous weekend when one of our intrepid band was arrested and held in a local lock-up for transporting whisky – the charges were dropped when one of the bottles magically disappeared. The Brits built the Murree Brewery in 1860 at Ghora Gali a few miles from Murree. It later relocated to Rawalpindi, next to Islamabad, and is still working today.

The IH3 made Murree beer their own – The Islamabad hash hymn is the Murree Beer Song with the immortal line “warm and weak and not too clear – there is nothing like Murree Beer”. And that just about summed up Murree’s finest. Remarkably the beer we were given at the brewery - “fresh beer” - was actually quite decent. The Murree Brewery run was probably around run 850 and in the winter of 1991.

The IH3 hit 1,000 runs in March 1995. It finally folded on 29 November 2006 at run 1,385, the victim of the deteriorating security situation in Pakistan. It was original, occasionally brilliant and sorely missed.

White Trash

London – December 2020

The British annexed the Punjab in 1849. To meet the beer requirements of British personnel (mainly army), the Murree Brewery was established in 1860. It was located in the Pir Punjal range of the Western Himalayas at an elevation of 6000 ft. above sea level, near the resort town of Murree.

By the turn of the 20th century, the name "Murree" was famous for its beer in keg and bottle in the bars, beer halls and army messes of British India. Murree Beer was first awarded a medal for product excellence at the Philadelphia Exhibition in 1876, followed by numerous awards over the past 140 years.



# Hashers

## A to Z

### Letter C

#### **Container**

##### **Lawrence Lee**

##### **TGIS (Indonesia)**

An important figure on the Jakarta hash scene, particularly with the TGIS hash where he was On Sec 2007-8 and GM 2013-14.

#### **Corkscrew**

##### **Sri Koh Sau Hash (Thailand)**

Corkscrew leads the Koh Sau Hash run total with 537 hashes to his credit.

#### **Cowier, Roy**

##### **Bangkok H3 (Thailand)**

Bangkok GM 1988-89 and Joint Master 1987-88.

He worked in the pharmaceutical industry and was a keen tennis player.

#### **Crotch Thumper**

##### **Auman, Heather**

##### **Horse's Ass H3 (USA)**

An extremely enthusiastic hasher, world traveller, and spokeswoman for the Horse's Ass H3 where she is currently listed a GM. She has hashed with over 230 different kennels in 45 countries, and all 50 USA states! Thumper is known for her Kentucky Hashpitality and has welcomed and lodged over 250 hashers in her Lexington homes. Received her hash name from her one cylinder motorcycle (called a thumper). She has founded three kennels in Kentucky, Horse's Ass, Lexington Lunatics, and Louisville H3.

#### **Craig, David**

##### **Tehran H3 (Iran)**

Joined Tehran H3 around 1977/78 and made quite an impact, being voted 'Pig of the Year', which might have been something to do with him finding items for the hash barbecue. He laid Run 110 which was voted the run of the year. Later hashed in Abu Dhabi and then became founder of Barbados H3.

## **Creamy Nuts**

**Phil Kraemer**

### **Jakarta hashes (Indonesia)**

Worked in the oil industry and spent several years in Jakarta during the 1990s during which he hashed several times a week. Mainly associated with the men's hash, but turned out with most groups and was an important figure in the founding of TGIF. Phil loved to drive out into the countryside to find virgin ground. His wife Pat was a popular figure on the Pusy Hash and sadly died while they were in Jakarta. *Jakarta old hands inform me that Phil has also passed away 'some time ago'. On On Phil and Pat!*

## **Crusader**

**Christopher Lewis**

### **Tokyo H3 (Japan)**

Crusader recently celebrated 40 years of Hashing, having started in 1980. Was GM of the Tokyo Hash in 1987-88 and again from 2003 to 2019. Has hashed more than 3000 times in at least 32 different countries (2112 runs confirmed since 2005). Currently a regular runner on the Tokyo, Tokyo Ladies, Friday Fukov and Hayama Hashes. Married the lovely *Jelly Mouth* (herself a 25-year Hasher) on a Hash run.

## **Crash Test Dummy**

**Norm Klaus**

### **Edmonton H3 (Canada)**

Was a long-standing member of the Canadian Hash scene and has left many memories, such as always having a Rainer beer in one hand. *"Cheap beer meant better to him. He always showed up at runs with it."* In his mid forties Norm faced a battle with a recurring brain tumour that resulted in a major operation and the hash name 'Crash Test Dummy'.

Just out of surgery and determined to get on with life he headed for InterHash in Tasmania. Towards the end of a five-week tour, medical problems forced him home early. Hospitalised in Vancouver he came out of a coma to phone the pack who were just finishing a run. The hash hired a Learjet to bring him home to spend his last days surrounded by his Hash friends. *On On Crash Test!*

Was sent this update:

Pat Cockman was "Legs"... If you knew her, you'd understand why. She was in Islamabad for a while around 1988/89.



A few we missed

### **Ceah, Charlie**

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

Started hashing in 1979. Was On Sec in 1988 and Joint Master the following year. Was a noted good runner but slowed down after getting a pace maker fitted.

### **Chin Yew**

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

Joint Master 1987. He was a hiking enthusiastic, noted for making regular climbs of Kinabalu.

### **Choo Yon Kit**

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

He was On Sec in 1997 and Joint Master in 1998.

### **Coyle, Patrick**

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

An extremely good runner who regularly set the St Patrick Day Run. Spent 25 years hashing, including turning out with the Petaling Jaya Harriettes and Full Moon H3. Also a noted scuba diver.

## **Cuckoo**

### **Karl Sauter**

#### **Ikeja H3 (Nigeria)**

Cuckoo was a central figure in the Ikeja Hash and, amongst his numerous businesses, was owner of the Crocodile Hash bar. Doing business in Nigeria at the time was not easy and his amazing career is described in some detail online. He was badly injured in the June 2000 road accident (several hashers were involved) and flew for long-term treatment in Switzerland.

## **Cueball**

### **Bill Corless**

#### **Ankara H3 (Turkey)**

A central figure in the early history of the Ankara Hash and his spell as GM and then RA set the 'traditional hash tone' that continues today.

## **Culture Vulture**

### **Colin Crabbe**

#### **Various Turkish kennels**

A road building engineer by profession, it was the Istanbul-Ankara highway project that brought him to Turkey in the nineties, when he was a key member of the Ankara Hash. He was involved in organising joint runs with Istanbul, often at Cappadocia, and it was on one of these trips that he met his wife 'Virgin'. Culture Vulture went on to hash in Cyprus and by 1995 was in the UK, hashing with Surrey, but regularly travelling and hashing on business.

By 2000 the Greeks were building a major road system and Culture Vulture hashed in Thessalonica. His final posting was Libya, where he turned out with the struggling Benghazi hash before retiring to Bodrum in Turkey.

A chance meeting with old hash friend *Seaman* led to the founding of Bodrum H3. With Culture Vulture as GM they staged their inaugural run in March 2009, a great two day event attended by nearly a hundred ] hash visitors.

## **Cumin Numb**

#### **Munich H3/Winnipeg H3 (Germany/Canada)**

Delightful Harriette of Canadian heritage. She runs with the Munich Hash and is a regular visitor at European events. She was joint founder of Winnipeg H3 during a short spell back in Canada.

## **Cumming, Iain**

#### **Singapore H3 /New York H3 (USA)**

Ian Cumming is a hash legend, joining Mother Hash in the late fifties and still hashing in New York the following century, which must be one of the longest

unbroken pedigrees in Hashdom. His greatest claim to fame is founding Singapore H3 in 1962, thus taking Hashing out of Malaysia for the first time.

A fine singer of rugby club songs, he was probably influential in turning Singapore into a singing hash, which in turn influenced several other kennels, particularly Jakarta. Not content with that, he became co-founder of New York H3 in 1978 where he has spent many years as GM. *On on Iain! (Note: We will feature Iain as a Hash Legend in a later issue)*

## **Curry, Joe**

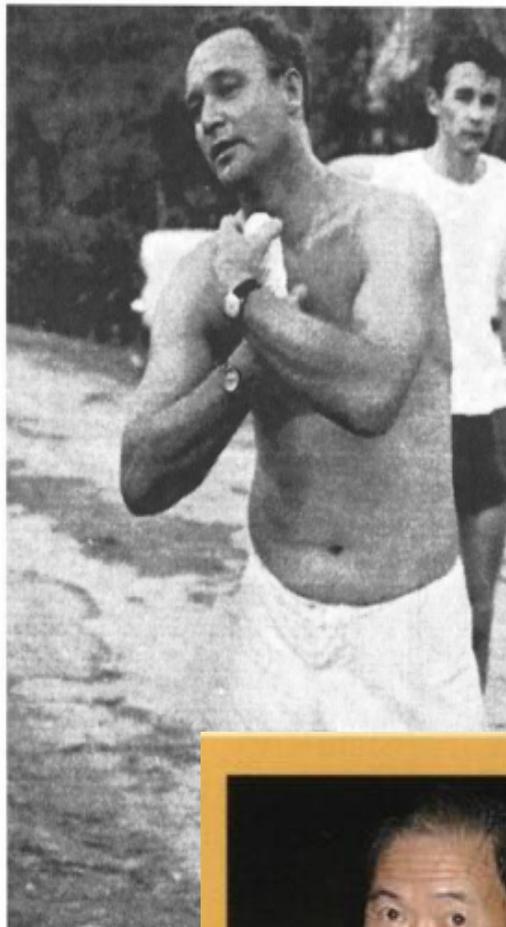
#### **La Jolla H3 (USA)**

Joe Curry founded La Jolla H3 in 1978 and at one point was the oldest active hasher in the state.

## **Cushion, Peter**

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

A great character on Mother Hash. He owned a car upholstery business and was noted for his long pig tail.



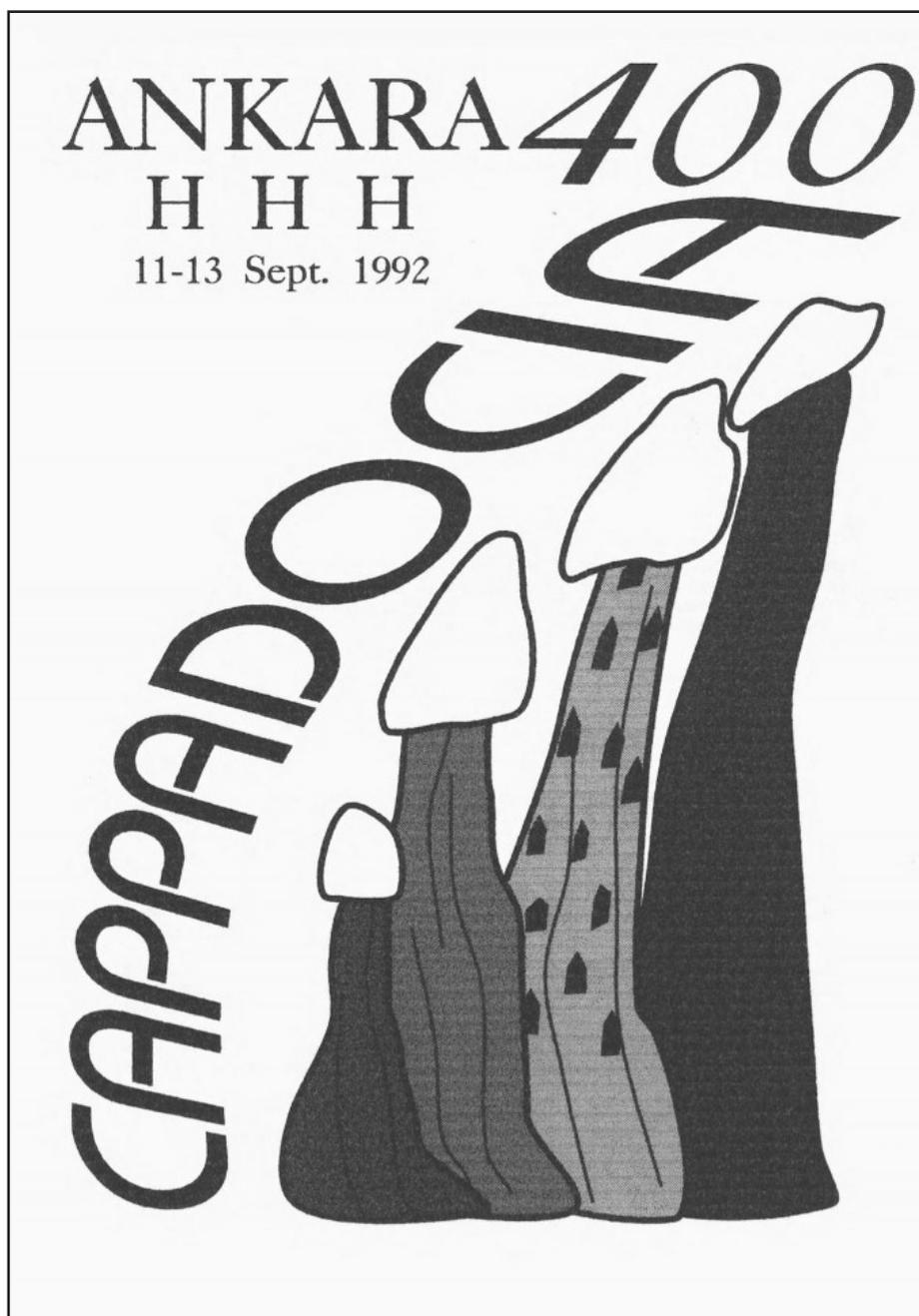
(Iain Cumming add)



**Charlie Cheah**

# Hash Classic

The Ankara 400th Run Program - September 1992



The anniversary run was staged around the unique rock formations of Cappadocia.

The list of visitors shows what a strong hash Damascus H3 was at the time, bringing 17 hashers to the event.

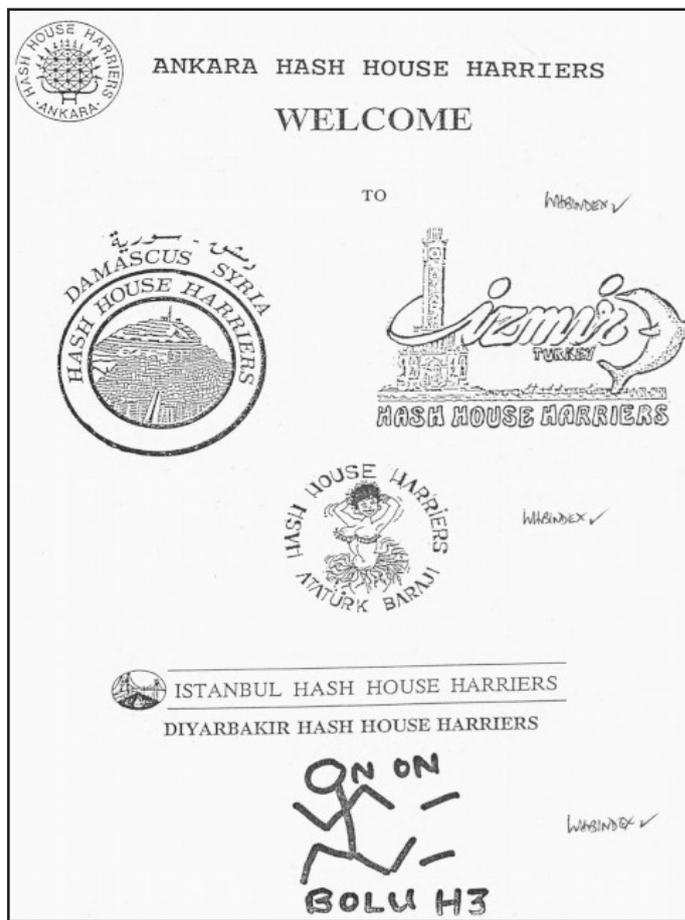
The Turkish hash scene was far more active than today. Izmir, Ataturk Baraji, Diyarbakir and Trabzon all had kennels and the Hendek H3 had only recently collapsed.

The Ankara contingent included *Short Cut* as GM. *Nijinsky*, later the legendary RA of Bangladesh fame, had recently arrived in town.

The program listed some highlights of the Ankara hash history:

●Run 1 was held on 17/3/85 along the road to METU lake. Dick Nichols and founder Ken Wootton were the first hares. (*Ed. Still a popular venue for runs.*)

- Run 21 saw Dick Nichols appointed GM.
- Run 35 was the first trail to be set by Turks, the hares being *Can* and *Tac*.
- Run 43 shows how the pack was changing in ethnic makeup, with 10 Turkish, 10 English and, for some reason, 8 Danes.
- Run 60 saw the first hash wedding between Sema and Thiery.
- Run 109 saw the first naming in the circle, a ceremony tied in with the arrival of Dave *Hashputin* Ilett.
- Run 158 (30/4/88) was the first joint-gathering with Istanbul at the Bolu Road Camp.
- By Run 253 *Culture Vulture* had arrived and was GM.
- Run 300 on 25/11/90 saw a record 122 hashers turn out.



## Hendek H3

The Hendek H3 had collapsed just before this event. Their last run was staged with some ceremony at Cappadocia on 8/12/91.

The main pack met in the rain at 11am for a 11.30 departure. The Istanbul contingent arrived at 12.30!

There were two runs, one demanding 'a short steep climb' with the other 'disappearing into the forest for death or glory.'

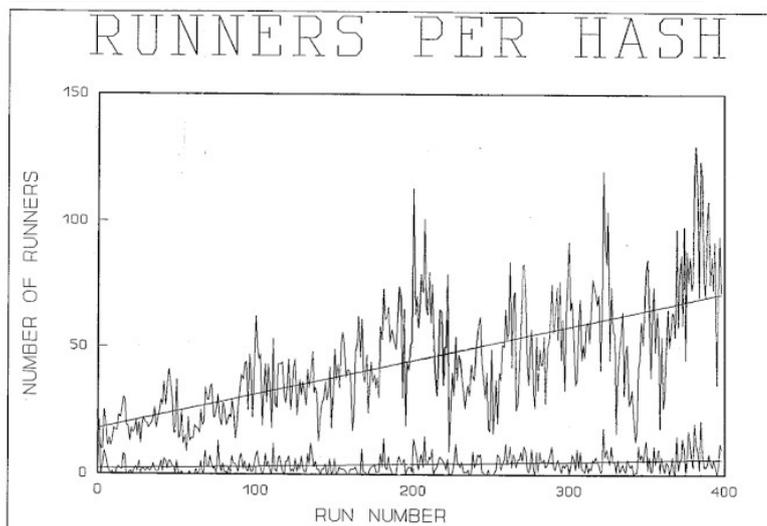
Has anybody out there run with Hendek H3?

Would love to learn more about this little documented group.

### Ankara Run Totals at 300

Can <i>Stubby</i> Mutis	229
Dave <i>Porky</i> Pawley	201
Gokhan <i>Go Kart</i> Una	197
Nur <i>Number Eleven</i> Teague	185
Egin <i>Dipstick</i> Soelm	173
Nur <i>Pussy Galore</i> Matis	121
Ken <i>Hand Job</i> Wollten	121
Colin <i>Culture Vulture</i> Crabb	110

Note: *Go Kart* would go on to be the first Ankara hasher to complete 1000 runs. *Pussy Galore* is also still hashing. *Culture Vulture* would play a big role in spreading hashing to the retirement communities along the south coast.



# Lost on the Hash!

**Mother Hash** has a long record of incidents where hashers have been lost on the trail and had to stay out all night.

At least some of this is credited to mischievous forest spirits, who love to play tricks on lost hashers.

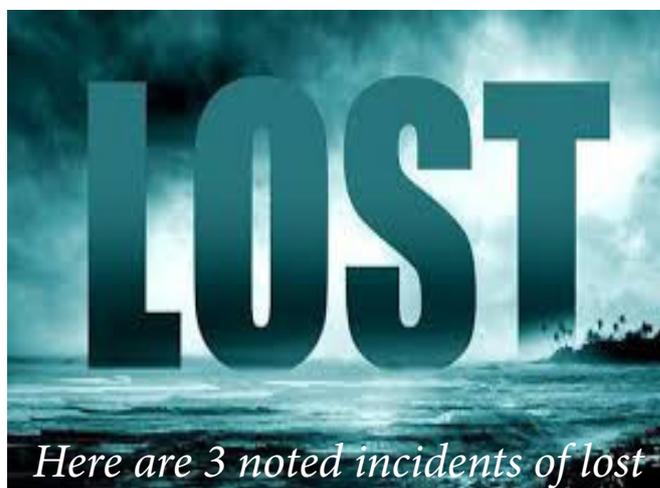
Indeed, three senior Malaysian hashers checking out a familiar area, found themselves lost. They decided the problem was that the forest spirits were offended by the pork items they had brought for their snacks. They buried these items and that was the end of their problems.

Having said that, the author chatted with Malaysia hashers about a recently missing hasher and there were mixed theories:

1. He had been bewitched by the forest imps and fall-  
en into a ravine. At some point in the future, hikers  
would no doubt find his skeleton.
2. The missing hasher had jogged straight through  
the forest, jumped into a car driven by his mistress  
and the two of them were now living in Singapore!



*Jeymond recounting his experience*



## Mother Hash March 3rd 1998

*Jungle Tom* turned up at 5.45 pm in plenty of time for the start, only to discover he had no shoes in the car.

He dashed home, but by the time he returned with his shoes it was 6.40 pm and the pack had left.

At 7.40 pm he met the first hasher, who was following the out paper back to the cars, having given up on trying to find the correct route.

*Jungle Tom* continued on his own to the 3rd or 4th check, where he stumbled and slid 3-5 metres down a slope.

He got up and continued to search for paper only to take a second and more serious fall.

His leg was badly cut, his hand shredded, and of course it was now pitch dark.

At this point he wisely decided to camp out until daylight. There was a small pool of water but an uncomfortable night lay ahead.

At 7 am he set off again and about four hours later reached a clearing. The worst was now over, but there was still a long trek ahead, including crossing one more swamp, to reach the golf course. He first found a motor bike rider who was willing to give him a lift, and then borrowed a phone to report he was safe. It was now 3.45 pm and the police and park officials were about to be called out.

## Mother Hash

3rd November, 2008  
Bandar Baru Selyang quarry area

The hash set off for what was expected to be a simple run, but there were rain clouds in the distance that were heading their way.

The hare was first home at 7.15 pm by which time it was raining heavily. The first runner arrived at 7.50 pm having lost the paper and found his own way to the cars. The trail was reported to be slippery and (presumably) much of the paper had washed away. However, all the runners seemed to have made it home and the circle started.

At some point it was noticed that there was still one set of car keys in the tray. Hashers tried the alarm, and lights flashed on a car belonging to **Jeymond**. It seems he had arrived late and joined the run after the pack had departed. *Editors note: not quite sure how the keys got into the box!*

With the circle over, the main pack went on to the restaurant, leaving a small party waiting to meet the lost hasher. However, having slipped down a slope, and unable to get up in the dark, the missing Jeymond had taken the sensible course of sitting out the night and waiting for day light.

The welcoming team stayed until 3 am and then gave up until morning. Search parties gathered at 7.00 am the next day. By 10.30 am there was still no sign of him. However, Jeymond's unmentionable called one of the hashers to report he was safely out of the forest and on his way home.

## Mother Hash

Run 3002  
Batu Aran Arurg

The pack departed expecting a short and easy run.

At the 4th (?) check runners were advised to keep left by a hasher who knew the area.

Three senior hashers, John Duncan, Chris Bedews and Guinness Khoo, decided that the run was too easy, so turned right, intending to find their own (and more exciting) path back to the cars.

When the track they were following gave out they climbed an embankment and found paper from an old hash, which seemed a good sign. They could also hear the rumble of traffic in distance.

Promising paths kept giving out to thick foliage but the boys were still optimistic until they recognised an area and realised that **they had been going around in circles.**

When their one torch gave out they settled down for an uncomfortable evening of leeches and strange animal noises. By 2 am it was also turning very cold.

At 3 am they heard hash horns (presumably rescuers?) but there was little they could do.

The trio started to walk out at 7.15 am. They came across the 4th check, from where they followed the trail backwards to the rescue party!



# Hash

## History the Okinawa scandal

*I recently stumbled across this article in the American military newspaper Stars and Stripes in which they review the infamous Okinawa incident.*

*I was surprised, and a little impressed, that the paper took quite a neutral stance, doing their best to look at both sides of the issue.*

### Background

Okinawa is a chain of Japanese islands placed under US Administration after the war and many a US hasher passed through here at some point during their military careers. These include noted hash publishers Paul *Flying Booger* Woodford, Larry *Stray Dog* McDowell and Ed *Hazukashii* Howell.

The military authorities on the islands wield considerable authority and this has created the occasional problem for the hash. An army captain, having hared a run that disturbed a General's game of golf, was ordered to report to his commanding officer. He turned up with several hashers, including a Japanese Colonel, and the matter was dropped.

Most famously there was the incident reviewed here, where a marine was thrown out of the service for his behaviour, which the military tried to link to the hash. (There seems to have been some adulterous shagging on what may, or may not, have been a recce for a future run). For a few days it looked as if the military might have enough influence to close the hash down, but Okinawa H3 survived and shortly after the incident posted a picture of their recent Red Dress Run with the caption, '*Look Mum, No Marines*'.

### Key points from the Stars and Stripes article with editors notes:

Imagine a recreational club in which military rank and respect seem to be disregarded as commanders, lieutenants, sergeants — even privates — call each other sexually explicit nicknames while drinking beer. A club in which members gather at off-base parks and recreational areas, singing rowdy, sometimes culturally and sexually insensitive, songs.

**The issue is identified as rowdy, sexually charged behaviour in a situation where military personnel of different ranks are present.**

These Hash House Harrier clubs, part of a worldwide organization with tens of thousands of members, can be found on or near many Pacific-area bases,

**The paper points out that if hashing is a problem in Okinawa, then it is a problem that is widespread across the region. This gives a rather sinister tone to the article, almost suggesting hashing was a third force working to undermine the American military.**

Many members say what happened on Okinawa — including drunken parties and nude runs — doesn't represent Hashing. They admit that alcohol is a big part of the tradition and say the sexually explicit nicknames are given in fun, but they downplay fears of fraternization.

**The paper makes a note that of the 117 nicknames listed on Okinawa's Hash Web site, more than half could not be printed in the paper.**

Fraternization is defined as behaviour between an officer and an enlisted personnel that leads “to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces or of a nature to bring discredit on the armed forces,” according to the Manual for Courts-Martial.

**Note, socializing between enlisted men and officers is not banned if it takes place off base. However, neither are the military comfortable with that situation.**

In South Korea, 8th Army spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Boylan said “any misconduct undermines good order and discipline and reduces overall readiness.”

But, he said, “They are private clubs and as such, have no official affiliation with the military. With the exception of extremist organizations, the Army does not promote, endorse or restrict membership in private clubs that operate in the civilian and or private sector.”

He said that Hash clubs are “not on the list of approved private organizations that can meet on post.” Concerning fraternization between officers and en-

listed, he said the Army has explicit regulations. Boylan said the Army recognizes that contact between officers and enlisted can be acceptable. “However, military custom precludes situations that undermine command authority and threaten the good order, morale and discipline of the unit.”

“Although no specific guidance is provided regarding ‘Hash clubs,’ all officer and enlisted airmen are briefed that fraternization is illegal,” said Charles Steitz, a spokesman for the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

“There is no specific prohibition for these clubs,” he said. “However, participation in such clubs by officers could be considered conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, punishable under Article 133 of the UCMJ.”

**An interesting observation. It sounds as if enlisted personnel are free to join civilian hash clubs but officers are not.**

A Marine gunnery sergeant was recently given a competency hearing as a result of his participation

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in Okinawa's Hash club. Marine officials declined to release the results of that hearing.

**I am not sure of the details of this second case, but enlisted men clearly had to be careful and discrete**

**Stars and Stripes contacted *Stay Dog* for his expert opinion.**

Larry "Stray Dog" McDowell, who is one of the most prominent of the publishers of Hash sites on the Internet ([www.gthhh.com](http://www.gthhh.com)), said he's seen an increase in the lewd behaviour in U.S. hashes in recent years.

"My first hash was the Okinawa Hash House Harriers," McDowell said in an e-mail interview. "It was originally a family-style Hash and I even brought my 9-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son to the runs. There may have been a little off-colored language, but not much and it was curbed around the children." When he retired to the States, he found a different sort of Hash, he said.

"When I traveled around the U.S. attending some events, I met with members of some really crude clubs where nudity and gross behavior was normal," he wrote. "But these activities were mostly in special, weekend long events held in private areas, where you knew what you were attending, not weekly runs. Again, most clubs, even in the U.S., have boundaries on such behavior, only a few have gone overboard or had members who do so."

**Stars and Stripes also found a couple of local service personal to speak up for the positive side of hashing:**

A civilian contractor who asked to be known only by his Hash nickname "SLAP (Squeals Like A Pig)" said the past two years with the Hash have been the best of his 15 years on the island.

"And you can travel around the world and wherever you go there's a Hash. All you have to do is contact them and they help you out. I was in Shanghai over Christmas and ran with the Hash there. It was great." He said the nude UGHs are not part of the Hash and the club shouldn't be damned for the acts of a few members.

"Every Hash is not a drunken orgy," he said. "Many take part and don't drink alcohol. Many bring their kids. We have family Hashes. It's just not an 'anything goes' organization."

'The Chief' said he is unsure about the future of the Okinawa Hash House Harriers. Many members are staying away, hoping the controversy blows over.

"We're not some sex-crazed swingers club," he said.

"It really hurts me to have to distance myself from something that's been a huge part of my life. I've met many good friends and my wife at the Hash.

"But people are scared," he said. "They are worried that just their participation in the Hash could reflect negatively on them. I know I am afraid it will have a negative impact on me and my career."

Members are so concerned about the bad press that they have asked for their pictures and names be removed from the Okinawa Hash's Web site.

Their home page now contains the following disclaimer: "Due to the activities of a few H3 members and the current 'Bad Press' brought upon by these activities. The Okinawa H3 is reexamining itself and trying to put forth a more positive light on the experience for all former, current and future members (if there will be a future ...)."

"We're trying to do damage control, basically," The Chief said. "Our reputation is destroyed."

*The paper finished with this summary*

The Marines on Okinawa confirmed they're looking closely at what happened with Okinawa's Hash club.

"The Hash House Harriers is not a command-sponsored organization and we are in the process of reviewing the conduct of some Marine members," said Col. Richard C. Dunn, chief of staff, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, the command that covers all Marine bases on Okinawa.

"This command takes seriously any allegation of misconduct that impacts on good order and discipline," he said. "Each individual bears the title of Marine at all times and represents the service whether on duty or off, whether in uniform or out."

The issue came to light in October, when officials on Okinawa began investigating a Marine 1st Lt.. During a January court-martial, he admitted to adultery with a married staff sergeant, running nude, skinny dipping, performing mock sexual acts and fraternizing with enlisted troops. On Jan. 29 he was sentenced to 30 days in jail and was kicked out of the Marine Corps for "conduct unbecoming an officer."

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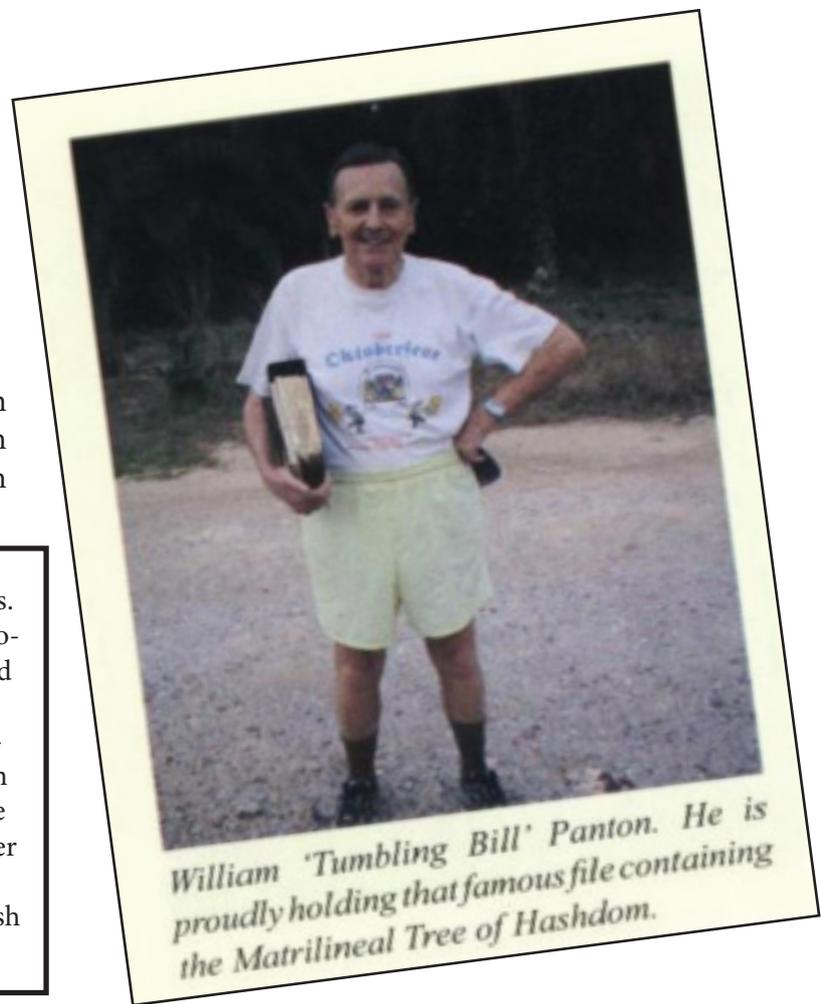
# Hash History

The  
original sources

Bill Panton wrote an article entitled 'Hashing then and Now' that appeared in the 2008 Mother Hash programme. We take a look at this important hash document.

*'Tumbling'* Bill Panton is one of Hashdom's true legends. He first hashed in 1954, then took a long break until promotion in 1958 left him desk bound and feeling in need of some exercise.

He became a Mother Hash regular and was Joint Master in 1962 and again in 1970. A move from Malaysian Agriculture to the World Bank allowed him to become one of the earliest hash globetrotters and he was founder of both Washington and Bangkok hashes. Having retired to KL in 1993 he started work on the hash genealogy.



The Royal Selangor Club

### *John's thoughts*

John describes a 'plain simple English style menu.'

The reference to an English menu is interesting. Other accounts, which are largely pre-war, suggest a curry centred Malaya menu.

The post war runs

Bill describes KL as a small town where most runs could take place within a few miles of the centre. This would include rubber estates, abandoned fields and secondary jungle.

Most of this is well documented.

Numbers

He describes numbers from 20 to low 30's so that hares had no trouble bringing along 'supplies'. These consisted of two dozen bottles of Anchor, ginger beer and a tin 50 cigarettes.

A interesting note of the cigarettes. Also that the beer was Anchor, not Tiger.

Post run

After drinks the older hashers (i.e. married men of 30) would go home to the family while single guys might go on to Bartu Road and have a drink in The Coliseum or Kassims.

KL nightlife needs more research. There is some indication elsewhere that there might have been a seedier side to evenings out.

Hash numbers

In the mid 50's Mother Hash was still 100% expat. There was one run when only 7 turned up. However, that was explained by a function at the Garden School that took away all family members. The trail that evening and been a particularly good one, so was repeated following week.

There had been times when the hash appeared in danger of fading out as numbers dropped, However, Bill suggests that by the late 1950's numbers were healthy and the hash well established.

Ties with the Royal Selangor Club

Bill notes that many hasher were no longer club member, so the ties with the club were starting to weaken.

This is an interesting observation and the question of club membership needs looking at. The suggestion is that the days when every new arrival in KL automatically joined The Club were over. A fertile area for future research!

Ties with the rugby club

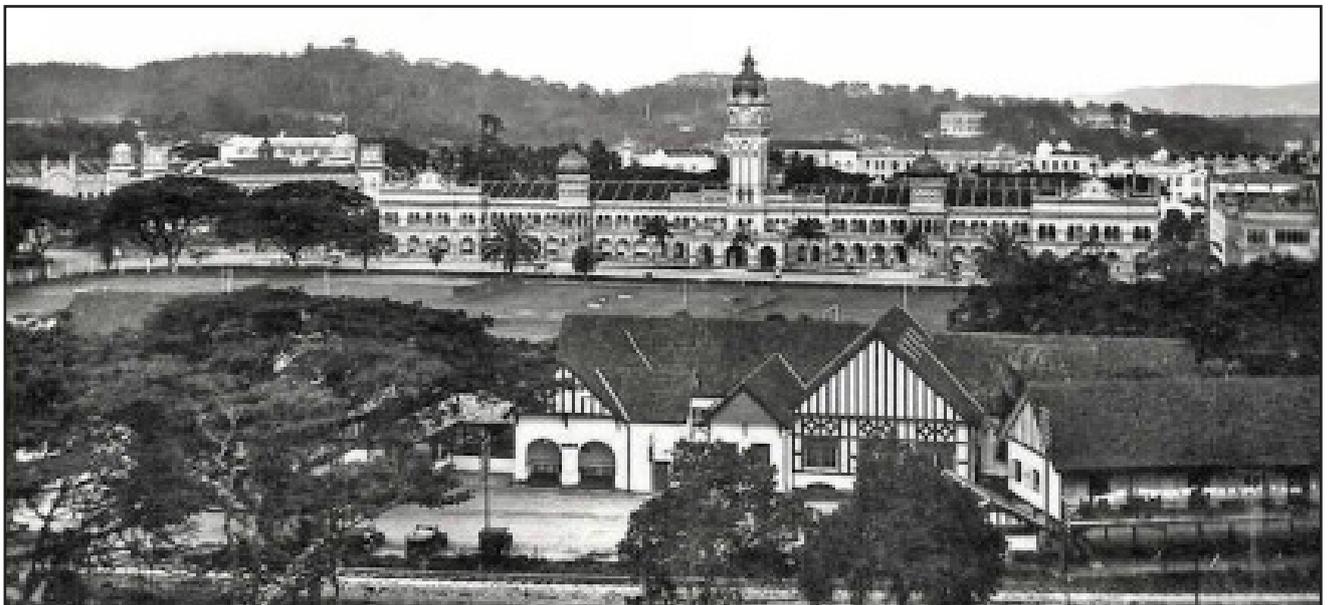
There were still strong links with the rugby section, who were invited to pre-season hashes as part of their training. There were also scratch games (presumably with several hashers joining in to make up the numbers for two teams) and these ties seemed to have continued into the seventies.

The ties between hash and rugby club would be another area for future research.

Hashing comes of age

By the early seventies the hash had reached an optimum size and that this helped spur the growth of new kennels.

Bill does not consider the desire of the women to start hashing as a factor in the forming of new hash groups.



# Readers Write in

## Meet the proofreading team

I am delighted to introduce the On On Magazine proofreading team:

*Wes Debby Harry*

A hash veteran of several decades, now hashing in Dubai.

*Richard Ali Wank Bonk de Wet.*

A veteran of hashing in Africa (Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Zambia) and now GM of the Absolut Stockholm Hash.

*Nathalie Nippy Knickers Tranefeldt.*

Mother hash Dar es Salaam but now hashing in Bangladesh where she was co-founder of the Pussy H3.

*Martin and Denise Walker*

Several months after joining the proofreading team Martin and Denise know more about hashing than anybody else on the planet who has never actually hashed. Were my house guests when I was editing the July issue and they have stayed on the proofreading team ever since.

## Memories of the Himalayas Hash trip

Shakes, excellent stuff as usual. However really enjoyed the Article on the World's Highest Hash in 1983, mainly because I was on it. Impressive in turns of its accuracy, particularly about the Yank diabetic which I was tuned into being my wife is also an insulin diabetic. He indirectly caused the death of the Malaysian nurse by needing the helicopter, which meant that when the time came to evacuate the nurse the clouds had come down and it could not land. Her death was a real downer on the Group. Could go on about many aspects of this trip but won't other than to say that it was a one off as today's safety standards and logistics (live sheep were taken along and slaughtered as and when) would of not allowed it (have trekked and climbed on many occasions in Nepal). Anyway that was not the reason for that note. Found I could not read the name on the Permit who the Hasher was who wrote it. Can you give me this and any means of contact, Hash or individual, as I would like to exchange notes with him being the trip was so unique.

Thanks.

Uncle Gerry aka Gerry Gurney.

Enjoyed the Himalaya article especially, as we have a couple of guys who were on that trip: *Ray Sir Ray/ Raydancer* Sterry and *Janet Muppet* Bristow.

Thanks to Bill Bryson I discovered that George Everest, who gave his name to the mountain, is buried in Hove, so our St. Bernard is planning a St. Bernards day hash soon to visit his grave for a brandy sip. It's unfortunately flat near where GE is buried so we'll be climbing up sunshine mountain to get some height! Bouncer Brighton H7/ Craft H3

## A note on last month's A to Z section

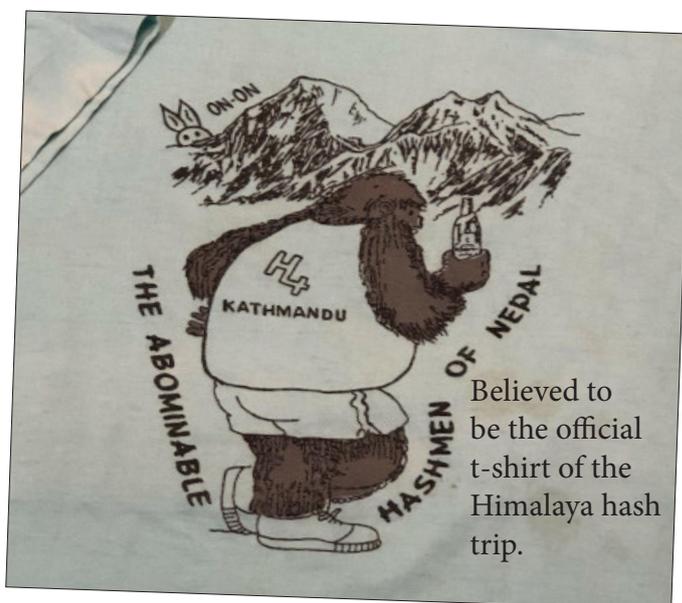
Johnnie Johnson was not in Kuwait

Johnny Jonson was in Kuwait and Laos

Cheers Alan *Balders* Holden

*Editors note: I will try to sort out the profiles for next month.*

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Believed to be the official t-shirt of the Himalaya hash trip.