# On On

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### News

### **Turkey**

Good to see that **Ankara H3** are coming back to life. A combination of dropping numbers and COVID meant they hadn't hashed regularly since early 2020. They were restarted in September 2023 by *Mc DickHead*, *Me Me* and *Gokart* and have managed a monthly since then.

### U.A.E.

After many years as GM of the **Desert Hash** John *Compressed Fart* Pyre is leaving the U.A.E. He has been GM of all three hashers and the organizer of several Gulf Interhashes. A lover of cricket, aircraft and photography, he will be missed. *On On CF!* GM Desert Hash from August 2012 (12.5 years). Desert 586 run and 85 hares Creek 548 and 71 Moonshine 119 and 23.

### **Hong Kong**

Hong Kong's oldest hash, Hong Kong H4, recently held their AGM, with the new HM announced as Alex *Monty* Montefiore. Kowloon H3 are coming up for their 2,800th anniversary run in April, the same month as Ladies' LH4 will be organizing their first away trip for 4 years. They will be heading for Hoi An in Vietnam. Closer to home St. David's Day and St. Patrick's Day runs were a plenty, with the actual (Sun)day celebrated by Sek Kong H3. The initial bookings are coming in now for November's All China Nash Hash. *Thanks to Mark Hope* 

### **England**

Torquay United Football Club thanked their local Hash House Harriers for their support, after the group held a fund raiser for the club. 'Tuesday evening saw about 30 'Hashers' come together at Boots & Laces before embarking on a trail, ending up back at Torquay United's very own sport's bar to enjoy some well earned food and drink. Those walking took a two mile path, meanwhile the group of runners endured a very tough 4 mile run, with the route taking the group downhill to Babbacombe Beach, before following the same route back up.'

**Baku H3** had a reunion in Leicestershire where a small group ran with **Quorn H3**.

There are, I believe 4 survivors of the UK Nash Hash present at every event since 1981

UK Nash Survivors 1981 - 2023.

Doormouse (Surrey H3)

Sister Anna (Surrey H3)

The Brewer (Edinburgh H3)

Robo (North East West Cotswold)

Thanks to Robo

#### **USA**

Congratulations to *Special Ed* for a 3:56 finish in the Los Angeles Marathon.

Hash House Harriers in Baton Rouge got their pictures in the local papers while taking part in the Green Dress Run during St. Patrick's Day. Founded in 1971, the parade featured marching clubs, bands, floats and trucks.

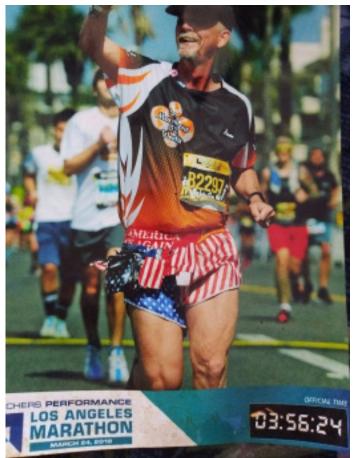
Fort Collins H3 put out a warning about ticks: 'Hey hashy folks, just wanted to mention that tick season has apparently already started in the foothills. Be sure to check yourselves and your furry friends. And your dogs, too.'

### Sweden

Westra Aros Gurka H3 were featured in the local newspaper.







*Special Ed* a 3:56 finish in the LA Marathon.

#### Correction from last month

From Vilnius Harriers

Vilnius have corrected a note in the last magazine:

On On Magazine wrote: Vilnius H3 had a beer, curry AGM and Birthday Dinner run on Valentine's Day!

They answered: No we didn't - it was February 15th, the official club birthday and unofficial Valentines' Rejects' Day!

### Kenya

Nairobi Run Number 2422 linked with the annual Nairobi Beer Mile. 'Come run a mile that is 4 Laps and earn yourself 4 Beers. Spectators are welcome to come cheer ....dance and drink more and more.'

### **Thailand**

Run 604 was a special walk for the Songkran water festival. 'Today's run is a follow the leader walk through some of the Songkran water throwing areas ending at Soi Cowboy. Bring your squirt guns and plenty of water. If you want dry clothes for the evening dinner, bring them in a backpack you can carry ensure they are well wrapped in plastic.'

### **Czech Republic**

*Sloppy Stool*, a former GM of **Prague H3**, has formed a hash in the town of Brno.

#### Australia

Melbourne based Samantha Hunter, the chief executive at Occupational Therapy Australia was interviewed about her running career. The hash got a mention. 'Ever been lost?' 'Briefly, during a Hash House Harriers run through the Balinese mountains and rice paddies. Hashing is fun and social and most often involves drinking. I was young and travelling alone, and it was a great way to meet people and explore the country.'

#### Mexico

Having been out of Mexico for his election, *Total Banker* has returned to take up his new duties as GM of **Mexico H3**.



Sloppy Stool - Founder Brno H3

### InterGulf 2024 - Dubai

What we all thought as the 22nd InterGulf was held in Dubai from 1st to 3rd March by the **Creek H3** and **Desert H3**. However, subsequent checks in old hash magazines proved us wrong. A lot of history was unearthed and we now find that the actual number should have been 35! This may change as more old magazines are unearthed. A list of the InterGulf's has been made with the new information from regional hash magazines. If anyone can add to this, please drop On On Magazine a line.

The organizing committee *Vomit*, *Long Time Coming* and *Compressed Fart* had met at least once to arrange the weekends fun and with a great bunch of willing helpers the weekend's activities went smoothly.

The InterGulf was based around the Hyatt Garden Hotel where the first event, the pub crawl started on the Friday evening. A total of 5 bars were reached with a shwarma stop half way through. The last bar was a night club that was just for the Hashers and we stayed until it closed.

Saturday was a leisurely morning for most apart from the organizing committee and their band of helpers. The running and the walking trails were set and the shade, tables for snacks and bins of beer, water and softies were iced ready for the hordes. The coaches arrived in the desert just before 2pm and the Hashers snaked out over the dune to the circle area.

Compressed Fart called for the circle to form and welcomed the attendees who had covered some distance to get here. There were 10 countries attending and it was great to see such a good turn out by the African hashers with 15 of them. A few Hashers also passing through on their way to the InterHash in NZ. The Hares F\*ckng Dipstcik and John Boy gave the run talk and Ratshit gave the walk talk. It had already gone to Ratshit as he used false trail marks for his check points.

The runners made it back in a very short time after their 3.5km run while the walkers were out for just over an hour negotiating the soft sand and a 5km trail, shoes full of sand. But that's the joy of the desert. Even better there was copious amounts of beers to be used for rehydration purposes, that the runners had left.



Date	Number	Country	Date	Organizers	Previous number
1978	InterGulf 01	Bahrain		Bahrain H3	
1979	InterGulf 02	Doha			InterGulf 01
1980	InterGulf 03	Abu Dhabi	March	Island H3	
1981	InterGulf 04	Bahrain		Bahrain H3	
1982	InterGulf 05	Doha			InterGulf 02
1983	InterGulf 06	Abu Dhabi	September	Mainland H3	
1984	InterGulf 07	Bahrain	September	Bahrain H3	
1985	InterGulf 08	Amman	August	Hashemite H3	
1986	InterGulf 09	Doha			InterGulf 3
1987	InterGulf 10	Bahrain		Black H3	
1988	InterGulf 11	Abu Dhabi		Island H3	
1989	InterGulf 12	Dubai		Creek H3	
1990	InterGulf 13	Muscat	May	Island H3	
1991	InterGulf 14	Bahrain			
1994	InterGulf 15	Muscat	May	Jebel H3	
1995	InterGulf 16	Doha			InterGulf 4
1996	InterGulf 17	Bahrain			InterGulf 5
1997	InterGulf 18	Al Ain		Al Ain H3	InterGulf 5
1998	InterGulf 19	Saudi Bahrain			InterGulf 7
1999	InterGulf 20	Muscat			InterGulf 8
2000	InterGulf 21	Abu Dhabi			InterGulf 9
2001	InterGulf 22	Doha			InterGulf 10
2002	InterGulf 23	Bahrain			InterGulf 11
2003	InterGulf 24	Dubai			InterGulf 12
2004	InterGulf 25	Oman		Jebel H3	InterGulf 13
2005	InterGulf 26	Dubai			InterGulf 14
2007	InterGulf 27	Oman			InterGulf 15
2012	InterGulf 28	Dubai	March	Desert H3	InterGulf 16
2015	InterGulf 29	Bahrain	October	Bahrain, Black Hash	InterGulf 17
2016	InterGulf 30	Oman	November	Jebel/Muscat	InterGulf 18
2018	InterGulf 31	Abu Dhabi	march	AUH4	InterGulf 19
2019	InterGulf 32	Dubai	Feb/march	Desert H3	InterGulf 19
2020	InterGulf 33	Bahrain	March	Bahrain, Black Hash	InterGulf 20
2022	InterGulf 34	Bahrain			InterGulf 21
2024	InterGulf 35	Dubai			InterGulf 22

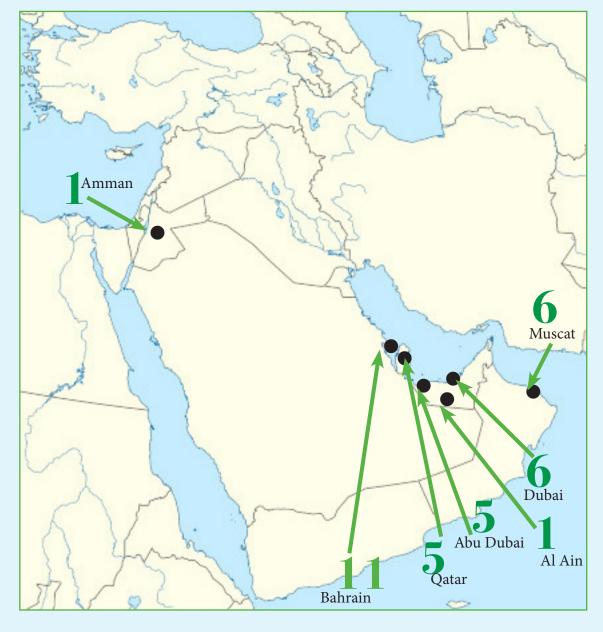
*CF* opened the circle and the RA *Toilet Brush* entertained the crowd with the help of visiting RA's and GM's. Lots of cold down-downs were handed out and with a banana and cream eating contest the Nightcrawlers *Wet Spot* was the champion. There was also lots of noise so the *Gobby Mugs*, *Dildo Dan* and *50 Shades* were kept busy putting the talkers on the ice.

The circle was closed with the Creek H3 'From the minefields' and we trudged across the sand to the coaches and back to the hotel to change for the evening. The evidence was cleaned up as if no one had been there and as usual we left the desert a cleaner place.

The evening was spent at the International Seafarers Mission a short walk away or a ride on the coaches. A tasty buffet with 6 free drinks and our favourite band to dance the night away ensured a good night was had by all. The bar stayed open with very affordable drink prices, which could explain the hangovers the next day. The recovery run started from the Hyatt Garden hotel with running Hares *Dingbat* and *Crème Brulee* setting a grueling 6.7km run and *Debbie* and *Spread Eagle* setting a leisurely stroll to end up at the Seafarer Mission again for the circle, more free drinks and a tasty buffet. The circle was opened and F\*&king *Dipstick* as RA brought the charges in for down-downs. More guest RA's and an interesting session from *Biggles*.

During the circle *Slippery Comer* made an announcement for the Pan Africa Hash in Ghana 2025 June 6th – June 8th organized by the Accra H3. There was a vote, a very democratic vote for the next InterGulf. The loudest cheer went up for Muscat to hold in 2026 so we are looking forward to returning (after 10 years) to the land of the legend who organized the InterGulf in 2016 Incredibly Ugly Bastard, who is now running trails in the sky. Thank you to all who attended and thank you to the organizing committee and helpers. On

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### The Hash returns to

### Bhutan



#### BHUTAN - THE MECCA OF HASHING

What started as a casual holiday by *Pusher* and *Towering Erection* from **Hyderabad H3** visiting Bhutan in early 2023 quickly culminated to an epiphanic sequence of events that led to the conception of the **1st Druk Hash** ever (March 2024)!

30 hashers from Germany, Australia, Malaysia, Qatar and various kennels in India made it to this 7-day hashing tour. The experience was a perfect mix of 3 fantastic hashing trails, sightseeing, cultural familiarity, local cuisine and a whole lot of drinking, all thrown in! The circles were in locations that will blow your minds - by rivers that chilled our unlimited supply of beer perfectly!

After 2 days of acclimatisation and short hikes, the hash trails were amazing.

#### Trail No. 1- The Tango Goemba Run (Day 3)

"Tango" literally means the 'horse head'. The legend goes back to the 13th century when Lam Phajo Drugom saw the cliffs, hills, and rocks manifesting into the form of the mandala of Yidam Deity Tandin, the horse-headed deity. The trail, being first day of hashing was relatively easy. The circle was by the riverside with chilled beers waiting for us. As usual, the circle was fun and the charges hilarious.

After sight seeing on Day 4 at the Chimi Lhakhang Temple a well-known temple of Bhutan which stands tall on a round hillock in a village called Punakha. It is famously known as the "Fertility



Temple", we headed for .....

#### Trail No. 2 - The Khamsum Yulley Run (Day 5)

Built by the Queen of Bhutan, Khamsum Yulley Namgyal is a stupa overlooking the Punakha Valley. It was built with a specific function in mind: to ward off evil spirits in Bhutan and across the world, and to bring peace and harmony to all! This run took you on to a bridge, through paddy fields and up the hill to the Khamsum Yulley Chorten. The trail was medium level of difficulty but easily doable. This was followed by a good circle.

#### Trail No 3 - The Tiger's Nest Run (Day 6)

Sitting precariously 3,000 metres above the Paro valley, the Paro Taktsang Monastery was built in the late 17th century on the site of a cave set into the cliff. Though it's called the 'Tiger's Nest',

Taktsang more accurately translates to "tigress' lair" and gets its name from the legend of its founding. The grand finale of the Druk Hash 2024 to Tiger's Nest was marked by Guru Rinpoche himself and we hashers followed his trail up 10200 feet. Circle, beers and lunch at one the most glorious locations ever, at the midpoint overlooking the monastery!

All the work that went into putting this together from organizing visas for the group to getting permissions to run/set trails in some of the most beautiful settings in the world paid off and how! It was unanimously declared that Bhutan is the "Mecca of Hashing" and Druk Hash as an event every hasher MUST do at least once in their hashing lifetime!! An exhilarating weekend indeed.

Hyderabad Hash is at it again and the **2nd Druk Hash** is set to happen in March 2025!

Cheers...ON ON!

Jayaram "OBELIX" Grandmaster Hyderabad H3



The Himalayan nation of Bhutan has fought long and hard to keep the rest of the world out. It is slowly losing the battle and in November 2001 conceded another major defeat when it became one of the last sovereign nations in the world to get a hash. **Thimphu H3** was founded by Austin *Supermini* Hutcheon and for a while met on the first Sunday of every month, with runs taking one and a half hours. However, as the trails went up and down steep slopes at 2,300 metres of altitude you worked very hard to cover relatively short distances. Egbert *Digger* Monet was GM and other noted members included Helen *The Enforcer* Jordan described as 'the most punished' and the FRB Esben *The Wonder Boy*. By 2004 hashers seem to be leaving faster than they arrived and the kennel folded.

### Interhash

The local press were upset when they saw some of the names registered for Interhash

### Dodgy names make a hash of major event planned for Q'town

Is it a thousands-strong horde of misogynist homophobes or a group of harmless social runners that like a laugh, a drink and a good time, coming to Queenstown for a major event next March?

That's the question that needs to be asked when viewing the list of more than 2000 participants from all over the world registered for New Zealand Interhash 2024, the premier event on the Hash House Harriers global calendar.

It's due to hit the resort from March 8 to 10 next year. As is custom with the harriers, runners used their 'hash name' when registering themselves. But many of the monikers make for alarming reading. 'Rape thy neighbour', 'Giveherone', 'Inspect Her Gadget', 'Paedophile Paedophile', '50 Shades of Gay' and 'Anal Adventure' are a very small, barely publishable sample of the thousands of in appropriate names participants registered.

Many more are far too blue for **Mountain Scene** to publish. The majority of the more in appropriate names came from American entrants.

One small grace is the list of registrations is no longer publicly available on the NZ Interhash 2024 website — Scene obtained them via a web retrieval site.

Interhash is using the Queenstown council-owned Queenstown Events Centre as its hub during the event, the venue hosting dinners for participants over each of the event's three nights. Council sport and recreation manager Simon Battrick, who manages the centre, says the inappropriate names are a concern. "Using those types of names is not something we would particularly endorse," he says. "Ultimately that's up to the organisers to sort out, not really council. From an economic point of view it's obviously a big event for the town. 'Queenstown's reputation as a party town means we have a lot of

these types of events on."

Scene is aware of accommodation providers who have turned down bookings from participants because they didn't want to be associated with the distasteful names. Sergeant Tracy Haggart, Queenstown police's family harm coordinator, says: "Police find some of the names inappropriate and have concerns that victims of sexual assaults would be offended by these. It is up to the event organisers to progress any further around acceptable team names."

But NZ Hash House Harriers GM and Interhash event chairman Jack Lyness says the names are "tongue in cheek and not meant to cause offence. My name is 'Fee Fi Foe Fum' because I'm a large Englishman. "We have no control over the overseas clubs and how they name people. The Americans have taken a lean to slightly more crass [names], but that's no reflection on them as people. I can understand how it might raise eyebrows, and to be honest the names, to a point, are supposed to raise eyebrows."

Lyness says the custom of giving everyone a nickname began when Hash Harriers first started in Kuala Lumpur in 1938 when soldiers would go for a run from the hash (meal) house to work up an appetite and a thirst.

Ed: The last paragraphs is of course not at all accurate!

# Hashers of the world, the Selangor Club Hash would like to bid for IH 2028.

'We have what it needs to host an IH. All we need is your support to move on. We will submit our request to the IH Council for their due consideration.

Our own in house venue can host any number of Hashers. The venue is a combination of a football field, a hockey & cricket pitch. With more than 12 outlets of food & bar services between the 2 clubs that we have we can't go wrong. And with 145 in house staff we should be able to do it. Hashers who have visited "Where it All Began" should be able to vouch for it.

All IH 2028 participants will have access to the

Legendary Selangor club and be able to buy drinks and meals at the Selangor Club during the event. This including the famous Long Bar which is now accessible to ladies. Those who were there for IH 1998 know about it.

Please support our bid.

RSC Hash

### Auckland H3 pub-crawl

pre-lube The pre-lube turned into a proper run as it was too difficult to get 50 hashers all at once in old downtown pubs.

# Harriette Huddle at World Interhash From Anne W. Simon:

Women, Ladies, Divas, Hussies, Sheilas, Girls, Dudettes, Sisters in Sneakers - Let's celebrate the next chance to lime with sisterhood drinks on Friday, March 8 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at a fabulous location. Join us for a pay-as-you-go lunch/brunch/it's five o'clock somewhere celebration. You can order bubbly, beer, wine, mixed drinks, and food with your long-lost girlfriends and make new BFFs. No trail, but make your own trail to get here. Organizers Bronco Buster, Liquor Up, and friends.

#### Mother Hash Seeking Help

Allow me to introduce myself, I'm Barry Dawe (*Pillsbury* or *Pils* for short). I am the Hashtorian for Mother Hash. Our records surprise me at times. I can usually provide solid documentation of most things Mother. I have been on a mission to backfill the newsletters. We are a bit challenged in the 1950's period. May I ask if you come across any "savers" who may/might have some old newsletters in an attic somewhere, I would greatly appreciate you passing their name along to me or mine to them.

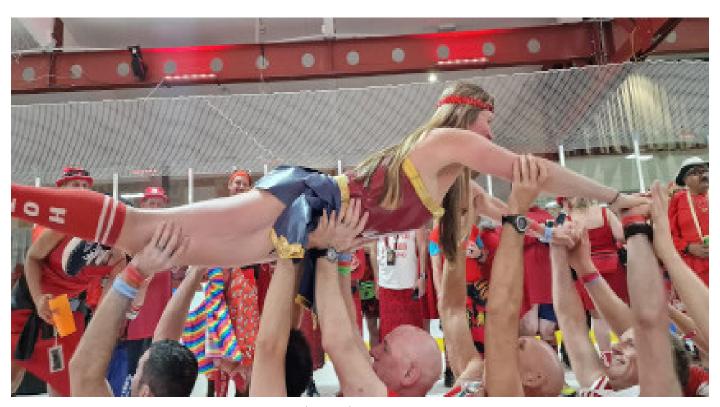
Thanks in advance.

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From: Higgins Baron von Higgstein

In the western part of the hashing world the

goodie bag budget is a ballast for the overall budget. Due to Covid and the cost-of-living consequences - a double whammy in two years - we had to review its content accordingly and go for the bare minimum. So this goodie bag is a minimalist edition. Good for those who like to travel light and need to declutter their cupboards full of previous H3 souvenirs.



For those hashers not going to the Red Dress Run

### there was a Black Dress Run

that was staged approximately the same time and location, but which headed for different parts of Queenstown. Advice was, 'don't have a black dress? No problem. A black tutu or kilt works just as good. Don't forget you black hats & sunglasses'. The planned stops were:

- 1. Pog Mahones
- 2. Perky's floating bar
- 3. Smiths Craft Beer House
- 4. The Locker Room Sports Bar
- 5. Baja Mexico
- 6. The London

From Steve Williams:

XEROX, for the most time my favourite KIWI

Hasher, produced a Rugger match as a curtain raiser ... I was privileged to obtain one of

the Match Balls .... the other Match-Ball went off to Englandshire with that *Prickly* 

Thing the Wessex Scrum Half Hasher who annoyed me more than many male Scrum half... anyways I digress.... Prickly Pants must have taken home the good ball as I have had nothing but trouble with this one! Example ... This morning at 06.45 the Ball turned left into the Cockpit and spent the Flight with CAPTAIN COOPER!... Thirty minutes into the Flight INTERHASH 2024, Leeky Willie and the Ball were announced and blamed for our slight tardiness! I had to write a "School type" Letter to retrieve the Ball and duly ended up in the 'Head Masters Cockpit .... Get this ... The Co-Pilot is a Hasher called BLOW HOLE... Both Pilot and Co-Pilot added their signatures to rest of memories! ... I blame XEROX for everything!

# Will Likkm be the last interhasher standing?

From Amy Mcmoolan

Sad to see our visitors departing Aotearoa NZ one by one back to their homes. Will *Likkm* be the last hasher standing? Cumming to a north island town near you, he crossed the ditch on Saturday! *Likkm* will be hashing in Wellington Mon-Thurs, then in Hamilton on Friday and Auckland for AH3 next Monday. He was rather taken by the heifers earlier today. On on, moo moo.





**2020** Trinidad and Tobago – Postponed to 2022

The Interhash Council reviewed three potential bidders for IH2024: Goa, New Zealand and Turkey.

The Council found that the Goa and New Zealand bids were well thought out and presented.

The Turkey bid was found to be incomplete, so the bidder was advised to consider bidding for a future date.

**2022** Trinidad and Tobago – CANCELLED. Goa steps up to host the event at the end of the year and Queenstown will host in 2024.

**2026** Turkey did not put forward a bid leaving PM (Indonesia) as runaway winners for **2026**.

**2028** Selangor H3 have put in a Malaysian bid for 2028.

# Hash Obituary

### Thomas Toy Boy Tom Pates

A runner, golfer and charity trustee, *Toy Boy* passed away in hospital this week on his 69th birthday. *'Groups across Aberdeen are paying tribute to a "one in a million" man who died after being struck by a car.* 

He had been in hospital for three weeks following the incident which happened near his Rubislaw home on March 6.

Tom was well-known and respected across Aberdeen for his charity work, as well as volunteering for local sports clubs.

A fitness enthusiast and avid runner, he was a member of Peterculter Golf Club, and acted as the treasurer for Aberdeen Hash House Harriers.

'His smile, kindness and fun loving nature was a joy to be around.'



### Jim Branchaud ·

'Sorry to report the passing of another founding member of the HHHHH,

Dave Benson. Long before Hash Names, many of us will miss Dave.'

### Randy Andy

Randy Andy, a hasher from PJ Animales was found dead while recceing a trail..... On Up Randy Andy

### Tony *Hubcaps* Harris

Was the trail master of **New Cotswold H3** and a hash traveller with visits to Warwick H3 Bicester H3, Bristol Greyhounds plus of UK Nash Hash.

'For the N.E.W Cotswolds Hash and for me personally it is a tremendously sad loss of first a friend and a mainstay of our group who will be sorely missed and is to be honest irreplaceable. Hubs and I had hashed together for nigh on 30 years and what was thought to be a routine heart operation went desperately wrong and leave all those who knew him in deep shock.'

RIP Hubcaps, we miss you!

### Allyson Fredericksen

This past Sunday, one of our harriettes was killed instantly by a falling tree in an unforeseeable accident. Others were narrowly missed. The entire hashing community in the region is numb. We are in various states of shock and slowly processing this sudden and tragic loss from our community. Her family has set aside a fund to donate in her name to causes that meant a lot to her. On Up Harriette.





### Ron Turnor

Ron passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 3, 2013. Ron and his wife Rose moved to Tasmania from Melbourne in 1975. He was noted as an Australian Rules umpire, a member of the Royal Hobart Golf Club and a hasher. He was an Alderman on the Hobart City Council and President of the Lions.

### Michael James Aszman

Michael passed unexpectedly at Beebe Healthcare on Saturday, March 30. He worked for the Exxon Corporation and in 1993 the family accepted a transfer to Al-Jubail, Saudi Arabia. 'They spent weekends in Al-Jubail with a large community of Expats from around the world, camping miles out into the desert and participating in an international running club known as The Hash House Harriers (AKA Hashers)'. In 1994 the family were transferred to Singapore and returned to the U.S.A. in 2000.

# Hash Obituary

# Orienteering and Hashing

We all know what hashing is. Orienteering is simply defined as the getting from A to B using a map. You don't particularly need a compass – it can be useful but not essential – what is vital is a map. An Orienteer is only as good as the map she/he holds in their hands. Many get exposed to some form of Orienteering at School, Scouting, Guide, Boy's Brigade movements, Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition section, ATC/CCF and similar and suchlike.

Navigating from A to B is a useful skill, and one which has been affected by technological advances with the introduction of GPS in recent decades. Devices and software can tell you where you are and where to go. Increasingly paper maps are becoming placed in recycling bins and phones and TomToms/Sat Nags take over. Are we losing a lost art?

The sport of Orienteering still uses paper maps and forbids technological aids. You need to get yourself from A to B to C etc using just the map in your hand and your cunning. In its 'sport' form you have a stopwatch running. Fastest person round the course wins. Occasionally there are mass start races but it is more common to have time trial starts. Course formats are either Score (visit controls in any order) or Linear (visit controls in a set order.) There are Sprint, Middle, Long, Ultra-Long Distances, Relays, Night Events, and longer 2-day versions like Mountain Marathons such as the OMM, SLMM, MMM (Google) and Rogaines. You can Orienteer anywhere you can draw a map. And people have drawn maps of the moon and had virtual races around them! (Yes - Orienteering is online in virtual format too.)

At each control point (checkpoint) is usually a classic Orange/White control kite/flag – the symbol of Orienteering – much like a foot print or two is the symbol of Hashing. To show you have been there, in the old days you would use pin punches to punch your control card. In the last 25 years we have moved to Electronic Punching – EMIT and SportIdent being the two main systems used. You

carry a plastic chip thing which is picked up at a control unit to register you have been there. At the finish, you download to a computer and results can be online directly. In fact bigger races will have radio controls so race progress can be followed online. Bigger races still will have runners carry GPS trackers so the race can be followed LIVE at home or for use in TV coverage. There are roughly 50 nations who are currently 'active' in Orienteering in any meaningful amount.

Googling will find the National Federations. Www.BritishOrienteering.org.uk will get you to oodles of info on Orienteering and an events list of all the events in the UK. Joining the British Federation (BOF) and your local club for the year is relatively peanuts. The Sport is still generally run on a volunteer/amateur basis and 77% of British O Federation members are over 40. Sound a bit like Hashing?

The International Orienteering Federation (IOF) oversees the sport globally. Luckily, unlike sports like Triathlon, there is just one international governing body and they do lots of useful things. To watch international O events that have happened, go to IOF TV on YouTube and for free you can watch loads of international Events. This TV coverage has improved greatly in recent years, much aided by GPS tracking and static & much aided by GPS t

Sport participation and Beer/alcohol is generally an unwelcome combination. In Sweden and the UK for instance you are not allowed to serve it in the arena/at an event. The Czech's and Belgium's however have a different attitude. Visiting Orienteers to Belgium might be led to believe the locals first find a local hostelry or sports hall that sells beer, and then they map the local bit of forest to hold an event on. Events in Belgium always serve beer (well they do seem to do beer very well!) and similar is

true in Czech. Whereas in Sweden an event is perhaps more serious in sporting terms, many Czechs see Orienteering very much as a social opportunity and a beer after a tiring hot run, a necessity! And considered akin to drinking water. (Sound familiar!?) I was privileged to live in Czech and orienteer there for a year and a half 20 years ago and there was one event which caused great controversy, and which got reams of comments on the Czech Chat Forum. It was nothing to do with the forest or the course, but moreover the organisers had put the beer tent more than 50 metres from the finish line and this was just simply, unacceptable!

Some orienteers, especially youngsters on training camps, may be introduced to the format of a hashtrail on tours, training camps or club days, just as a bit of variety. If an orienteer lays a trail, expect it to be in the terrain and off trails, as that is where

orienteers generally race.

As with hashing, there are Orienteers who just walk. You can orienteer, like hashing, till you drop dead and at an event there are normally multiple courses of differing length and difficulty. So fitness is irrelevant. You do need to be able to use your brain a bit however when orienteering and use the map in your hand. Something which some hashers may struggle with.

Orienteers will use hashing as a training run and no doubt for the social side too, although some of course are not big on the alcohol side.

Blind Pew

Editor of CompassSport Magazine

Mother Hash: Stockholm Full Moon



## Orienteering and Hashers

## Blind Pew....A hash World champion

Nick Blind Pew Bramble hashed with Stockholm H3 between 2000 and 2004, where he was noted for setting long live trails from a couple of minutes head start. However, as a member of the British Orienteering Team, and with a best marathon time of 2.33, Blind Pew was possibly the fastest Hasher currently running. When Nick reached his 35th birthday he became eligible for Master competitions and in the autumn of 2009 travelled to Australia, where he won the Over 35's World Orienteering Sprint Race Championship.

### Orienteering and Hashers GoKart....Orienteering International and three

time Ankara GM

Ünal GoKart Gokhan, was the first Turkish runner to pass the 750 and 1000 run barriers. His CV includes three spells as Ankara H3 GM, as well as long-term service as Webmaster. He represented Turkey at orienteering.



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# Wagga Rod ....Competed in the World Championships

Rod Wagga Rod Dominish was a notable runner in his youth and in 1972 was the first Australian to take part in the World Orienteering Championships. By that time he was already a hasher, having joined Sydney H3 in 1967. He stayed with them for 1065 runs, holding the positions of Trail Master, President and Joint Master. During his Sydney days he clocked up another 200 runs as a guest with the Harriettes. He later moved to Brisbane, where he founded the **Thirsty Hash**. All in all he has a lifetime total of well over 2000 runs.



# Orienteering and Hashers

Snakehips .....close to international class

Michael Steward started orienteering as a teenager with Plymouth DOC. He was a talented runner and skilled map reader and but for a heart problem would have made international class. He was founder of Drake H3 and an expert on Dartmoor.



### World's Oldest Hash

### **T-shirt**

I noticed that the hash T-shirt online museum has a new entry on their *Oldest Hash T-shirts* page.

This T-shirt is said to date from 1969, which seems a reasonable guess but is not confirmed.

If so, that makes it the oldest known hash T-shirt in Hashingdom.

However, judging by the pictures it might be a hand-painted T-shirt and if so it might be a one-off issue. Does that count?

I would think not, but perhaps a dozen or so were hand produced? Surely that would count?

It would also suggest that there might be other and even older hand-produced shirts out there. I would love to know more about this intriguing item.



### HOBARI HASH HOUSE HARRIERS JOINT MASTERS 967 - FOUNDED (Fred Whithaker) 967 - FOUNDED (CHAIS EDEN) 1968 - "ON - ON" B (STAN SHEPPARD ) 1969 - "ON - ON" B

### Ten oldest known hash T-shirts

1. 1969 - Hobart

Possibly hand-painted

2. 1971 August - Singapore 500th

First commercially printed *T-shirt?* 

- 3. 1972 July Sydney 250th
- 4. 1972 November Penang 400th
- 5. 1973 April Jakarta 111th
  - 6. 1973 June KL1500th

First T-shirt for an international gathering

- 7. July 1973 Singapore 600th
  - 8. 1972-1973 Seoul H3

First generic T-shirt not linked to a special occasion

- 9. 1974 September Singapore 66th
- 10. January 1975 Jakarta 200th



Hash Beer -KEO

• KEO is light straw-colourer lager with a thick head, sometimes compared to a pilsner in taste.

- KEO launched their beer product in 1951. The original recipe and technical consultation came from Czechoslovakia. Increase in demand resulted in production facility upgrades, but the recipe remained unchanged.
- The name KEO is the beer producer's corporate acronym of Κυπριακή Εταιρία Οίνων (Cyprus Wine Company).
- The beer is brewed in Limassol, in Cyprus.
- KEO won the 1987 brewing industry world bottled lager competition gold medal.
- In 2010, KEO held a 32.4% share of the island's beer market.
- KEO beer was awarded a gold medal by the Brewing Industry International Awards
- In 2010 the appearance of the beer in a pornographic American film sparked a reaction by the largest shareholder in the company, the Church of Cyprus.

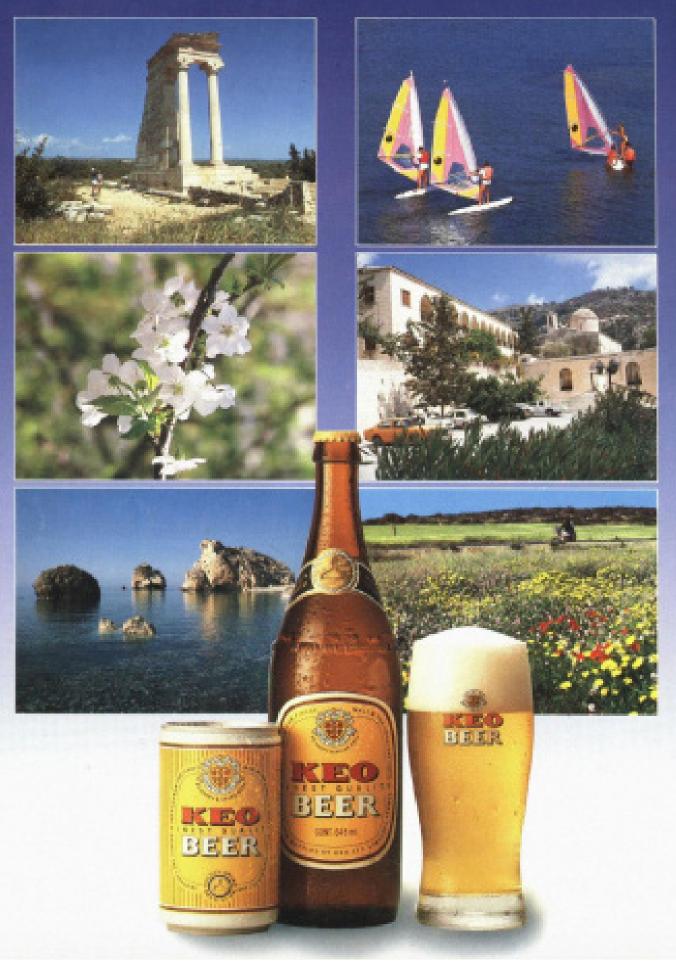


While not considered a 'hash beer' in the same way as Bintang, Tiger or Anker, Keo nevertheless has a major place at the heart of Cypriot hashers.

It was also the official Interhash beer when the event came to Cyprus.



### THE TASTE OF CYPRUS!



Taken from hash yearbooks

### St Trinian's

### and the hash

St Trinian's started as a cartoon comic strip drawn by **Ronald Searle**. The first cartoon was published in 1941.

The cartoons centred on a boarding school for girls, where the teachers are sadists and the girls juvenile delinquents.

The series stopped in 1952.

The first movie was **The Belles of St Trinian's.** This 1954 British comedy film, directed by Frank Launder, was a box office success. This was followed by:

Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957)

The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960)

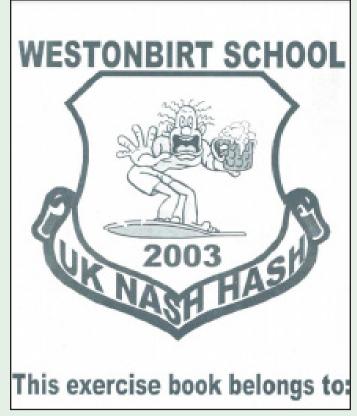
The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966)

After a long break there was

The Wildcats of St Trinian's (1980)

St Trinian's (2007)

and St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009)



St Trinian's was the theme for the 2003 UK Nash Hash



### The Surrey H3 St. Trinian's Hash

The report on the St Trinian's themed hash was reprinted in the 1975-1995 Anniversary Special.

The Author was Ancient Manner. It was undated but must have been some time before 1988.

The day	Quotes	
Ancient Manner put the run down as one of his great lifetime experiences.	"Up there with winning the war, winning the World  Cup, landing on the moon and even beating the Aussies at cricket."	
The hash gathered at Jim Raper's house where the St Trinian's fancy dress theme saw the men in gym slips and black stockings, the harriettes as bunny girls and tarts.	"Not only was it difficult to recognize friends, it was difficult to tell who was male or female."	
The trail started by going around the grounds and into a horse transporter. This had no windows and very little space.	"Pungent even before we got moving."	
The hashers were let out at Box Hill	"People in the car park must have thought they were seeing a mobile brothel."	
The trail crossed the A25 and the railway line in the direction of Effingham.	"Stag was having problems with a troublesome boob."	
They then crossed a river, most likely the River Mole.	"Ron Walters who supposedly couldn't be bothered running to the bridge decided to short cut by swimming across."	
There was a long run-in along a muddy path where hashers passed a gaggle of Boy Scouts.	"Poor Akela didn't know whether to dob dob or dib dib."	
The trail brought the hashers back to Jim's pad where they gathered around the indoor pool.	"The rest of this crazy day was spent at Jim Raper's indoor pool where, amongst the tropical palms and cuckoos, charming oriental beauties fed us and a	
Sister Anne was voted the best costume.	butler served wine all day."  "She must have come straight from school."	
One hasher who declared her husband too drunk to drive hit a side building while leaving the compound.		

"A perfect end to a perfect day. Jim, wherever you are in the world, many thanks for a most memorable day."



# Ronald Searle - A hash link?

Ronald Searle was born in Cambridge, England.

His father was a Post Office worker who repaired telephone lines.

He started drawing at the age of five and left school at fifteen to train at Cambridge College of Arts and Technology.

In April 1939, he abandoned his art studies to enlist in the Royal Engineers.

Searle was still drawing and in 1941 published his first St Trinian's cartoon in the magazine *Lilliput*. St Trinian's was based partly on his sister's school and partly on other girls' schools around Cambridge.

In January 1942, he was posted to Singapore with the 287th Field Company.

After a month of fighting in Malaya he joined the retreat to Singapore. He was taken prisoner along with his cousin Tom Fordham Searle, when Singapore fell to the Japanese.

He spent the rest of the war as prisoner, first in Changi Prison and then in the jungle, working on the Siam-Burma Death Railway.

Searle contracted both beriberi and malaria during his incarceration, which included numerous beatings. His weight dropped to less than 40 kilograms.

He documented the brutal conditions of the prisoner-of-war camps in a series of drawings. He hid these under the mattresses of prisoners dying of cholera. The majority of his originals are in the permanent collection of the Imperial War Museum, London.

He was liberated in late 1945 with the final defeat of the Japanese.

After the war, he served as a courtroom artist at the Nuremberg trials.

He married the journalist Kaye Webb in 1947. They had twins, Kate and Johnny.

Searle was now in great demand, his work appearing in *Life*, *Holiday*, *Punch*, *The New Yorker*, *The Sunday Express* and *News Chronicle*.

In 1961, Searle left his family and moved to Paris. He later married Monica Koenig, a painter, theatre and jewellery designer. Searle also designed for the cinema, and in 1965 completed the opening, intermission and closing credits for the comedy film *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines*.

In 1986 he published: *Ronald Searle: To the Kwai and Back, War Drawings 1939–1945.* 

His art was an early influence on John Lennon's drawing style.

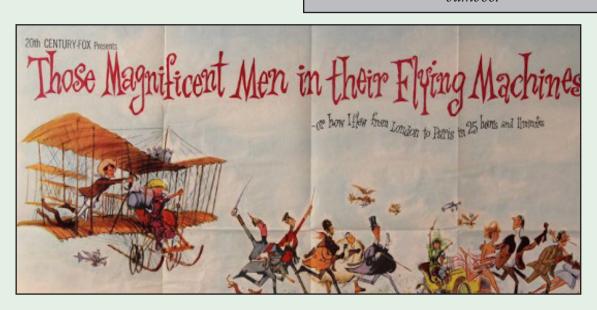
Ronald Searle died on 30 December 2011, aged 91.

While Searle did not hash he might well have met hashers in the prison camp.

Ronald Searle: To the Kwai and Back, War Drawings 1939–1945 included a written account of his experiences as a prisoner, which helps us understand what hashers such as Lee and Thomson would have gone through.

These accounts include the day he woke up to find a dead friend on either side of him, and a live snake underneath his head.

"You can't have that sort of experience without it directing the rest of your life. I think that's why I never really left my prison cell, because it gave me my measuring stick for the rest of my life... Basically all the people we loved and knew and grew up with simply became fertiliser for the nearest bamboo."



### Hashers

### A to z

Sierra Madre Priscilla Haskell Libby Los Angeles, Long Beach H3 (USA)

Has been described as a 'quiet sweet lady' who loved hashing. She began distance running after age 60, and went on to complete over 50 marathons. Was in her 80s when she completed her last hash trail, while the last hash road trip was to Hawaii.

### Sister Anna Ann Brannigan Surrey H3 (England)

A harriette on the early **Surrey H3** hashes. She was also one half of one of their first hash wedding, marrying *Doormouse 'with full hash approval'*. They took their honeymoon at Bali Interhash. She is one of four hashers present at every UK Nash hash.

### Skippy Huw Williams Dar es Salaam H4 (Tanzania)

Huw *Skippy* Williams started hashing in Papua New Guinea in 1987. Having survived this, he resurfaced in Africa, running in Malawi, Swaziland and then Tanzania. It was on the **Dar es Salaam H4** that he met his wife *Ostrich* and their wedding in Wales in 2002 featured a hash cabaret. Posted to South Africa, he ran regularly with **Jo'Burg H3**, where his willingness to lay trails helped keep the struggling kennel alive. On returning to London he was made a Freeman of the City (which meant herding sheep across London Bridge). Now only hashes on the **DOBBIE** (Dar es Salaam Reunion Hash).

### Slab, Sir Bruce Gibson Gold Coast H3 (Australia)

*Slab* started hashing with **Brisbane H3** in 1975 and has 1000 hashes with **Gold Coast H3.** As of 2022 he was one of 'Magnificent 5' who had attended every Australian Nash Hash.

Slam Dunk Nancy Davies Orlando H3 (USA)

Nancy *Slam Dunk* Davies was a founder of **Orlando H3** and a high profile figure at America



InterHash, where she was voted 'Miss InterHash' 1989 and 1991. She was also briefly detained by the police in 1989, leading to her being known as *Slammer Dunk*.

### Slasher Thomas, Robert Dubai Desert H3 (U.A.E.)

Slasher arrived in Dubai in 1980 where he hashed with both **Desert H3** and **Creek H3**. He stayed until 1995 at which point he continued his hashing in Doha. 1997 saw him move on to Jakarta and then to Bangkok in 2000. He did relatively little hashing in Asia due to office hours. *Slasher* has attended most World InterHashes since 1982.

#### Sleazy Mike Lees Dubai Desert Hash (U.A.E.)

Sleazy first stumbled across hashing in 1984 after moving to the Sultanate of Oman. He first ran with Muscat H3 and later with Jebel H3. On returning to the UK he was pleasantly surprised to find hashing existed outside the Middle East and he turned out regularly with **West London** and **London H3**. Work then took him to Antalya (Turkey) where he discovered there was no hash - so he started one. As none of the various baffled Turks and expats he cajoled into participating had any previous experience of hashing, he was obliged to hare the first seven runs. After leaving Turkey in 1990, Sleazy continued to hash whenever possible, in Kelantan, Malaysia with Pergau H3, and in India with Delhi and Madras. In 2005 he moved to the U.A.E. and became a regular with both the Desert Hash and the Creek H3, clocking up nearly 500 runs with

each of these hashes. *Sleazy* is now back in the UK turning out with the **Truro H3** in Cornwall.

### Slobbo Zeke Haffman Taipei H3 (Taiwan)

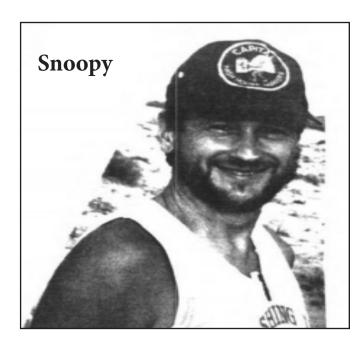
Zeke *Slobbo* Haffman was founder of the **Taipei Hash** where he had a long reign as keeper of the Hash faith. *Slobbo* also wrote one of the best Hasheets produced anywhere in Hashingdom.

#### SLO-Cop-You-Later Real name withheld San Luis Obispo H3

When *SLO-Cop* was appointed to Arroyo Grande Council, her political opponents immediately attacked her lifestyle, with a great deal of attention focused on the fact that she was a member of the **San Luis Obispo Hash**. Hashing was described in the local press as a mixture of athleticism, drinking, public nudity, cross dressing and hedonism (*Editor - many of us might deny the first charge and not know the meaning of the 5th!*) Hash names came to attention, while it didn't help that the hash website showed 'a photo of a man with his testicles placed on a passed out man's head'.

### Slops John Hammond Hamersley H3 (Australia)

Slops discovered hashing in Papua New Guinea back in 1976. On returning to Australia he joined **Hamersley H3** in April 1981. Was Hash Cash in 1983 and regularly on the committee from then onwards. Was promoted to GM in 2007/08. Slops passed away in 2021.





Sloppy Stool Damien Smethusrt Prague H3 (Czech Republic)

Damien started hashing in Prague in 2010 and quickly became GM and a regular hare. He got his name on a canoe hash when he drunkenly sat on a stool that collapsed and he fell asleep before hitting the ground. After attending Eurohash in Krakow *Sloppy* launched a one man bid to stage Eurohash. Despite problems with COVID, the event was a success and marked the return of the big international events. He remains in the Czech Republic but has moved to the non-hash town of Olomouc. He has therefore started a monthly hash in nearby **Brno**.

### Sludge Dennis Thompson Hamersley H3 (Australia)

Arrived in Perth via 6 years hashing with **PJ Animals** in Malaysia. Was Hash Cash in 1997/98. *Sludge* passed away in 2004.

### Smartarse FUKFM H3 (England)

Smartarse claimed a hash record by completing 195 consecutive runs with the **FUKFM Hash**. As this is a monthly run, this meant never missing a run over 12 years! He was almost absent on the very first run, as it was on the same day as the birth of one of his children.

### Smiley Ibrahim Ibrahim Cairo H3 (Egypt)

Ibrahim Smiley Ibrahim clocked up 400 plus runs

with **Cairo H3** before his untimely death in May 2002. He was also an amazing (if reckless) scuba diver, known to dive demanding sites solo. *On on Smiley!* 

### Smiley Iale Donelson Ankara H3 (Turkey)

A long term member of **Ankara H3** joining them on hash 864 which suggests around the year 2000. By 2016 she had clocked up just over 400 runs (a 76% attendance) with 44 harings. She was twice GM and it was largely her efforts that kept a fading hash going for several years.

#### Snappy, Snappy Tom Tom Chan Brisbane H3 (Australia)

A key hasher with **Brisbane** in the 1970s. He attended the very first Interhash at which time he had clocked up a respectable 189 of Brisbane's first 400 hashes.

#### Snatchatory Date Mark Smykowski

Mark *Snatchatory Date* Smykowski was killed while on active duty in Iraq in 2006. *On on Snatchatory*.

#### Snickers Baku H3 (Azerbaijan)

*Snickers* was one of the founders of **Baku H3** and an early GM back in the 1990s. The stats have him completing his first run on 25th November 2007

and he built up 339 runs, 47 harings for a ratio of 13.9%. This total did not include many years for which there are no records. *Snickers* has not been seen on the hash for the last few years as he's been waiting for an operation in the UK.

#### Snoopy Gunther Heinz-Zucchelli Creek H3 (U.A.E.)

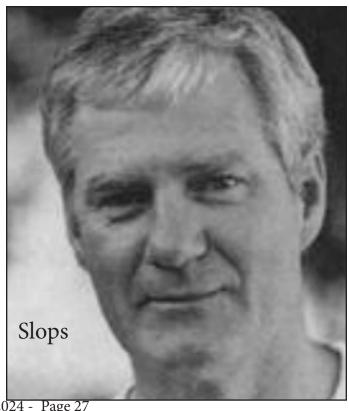
A keen hasher with **Creek** in the 1980s. By the kennel's 300th hash, he had completed 214 runs with 22 harings for third in the ranking list. He worked in the catering department of Emirates Airline. Was still in the U.A.E. decades later but seldom hashed.

### SnotRag Tom Collins Portland H3 (USA)

Stumbled on the Atlanta hash scene for a New Year Day hash around 2015 or 2016. It was a short run followed by barbecue and beers and *Snotrag* never looked back. He hit the Atlanta hash scene like a hurricane and in his first two weeks clocking up six runs and acquired a hash name. He completed 100 runs in under 4 months and regularly travelled north to hash around Oregon where he eventually moved. Although seldom on a committee he is always willing to give a helping hand.

# Snoozanne Susanne Christian Merseyside Thirstdays H3 (England) Snoozanne started bashing around 2002 a

Snoozanne started hashing around 2002 with Wirral and Chester H3 and was also a regular with the



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now-defunct **Warrington Wednesday H3**. Was a founder member of **Mersey Thirstdays H3** having been on their first run in May 2006. She now tops the **Mersey H3** stats with 370 plus runs and 53 hares. Has had spells as RA and GM and is currently Hash Cash. *Snoozanne* also organised the annual 'run' to Hilbre Island with traditional G&T stop to watch the seals. Has now retired from her career as a careers advisor and writer, having written for numerous websites and author of 7 books (still there on Amazon!) Still hashing and is an enthusiastic outdoor swimmer, mainly in the sea which she can see from her front door.

### Sourpuss Richard Sweetman Wellington H3 (New Zealand)

An active hasher with over 1,300 runs with **Wellington H3**. A keen triathlete, with an international record of 24 starts, 2 podiums and 1 win. His other loves in his life are beer and his lovely wife *Fillunumeros*. Has attended numerous Interhashes since the *Thriller in Manilla*.

### Sparks Ole Vigersol Sydney H3 (Australia)

Started hashing in Jakarta before moving to Sydney. Was not part of the original Interhash bid team but stepped up to become chairman. As part of his duties he took on a world promotion tour. *Sparks* later returns to the hash attention in the USA, running with **Newport H3** and as founder of **Rhode Island H3**.

### Spermmaid Lisbert Kvistgad Jakarta Pussy Hash (Indonesia)

*Spermmaid* was a central figure of the Jakarta hash scene in the golden period of the 1990s. This



included being a popular Grand Mattress of the **Pussy Hash**.

### Spiderman Michael Perera Colombo H3 (Sri Lanka)

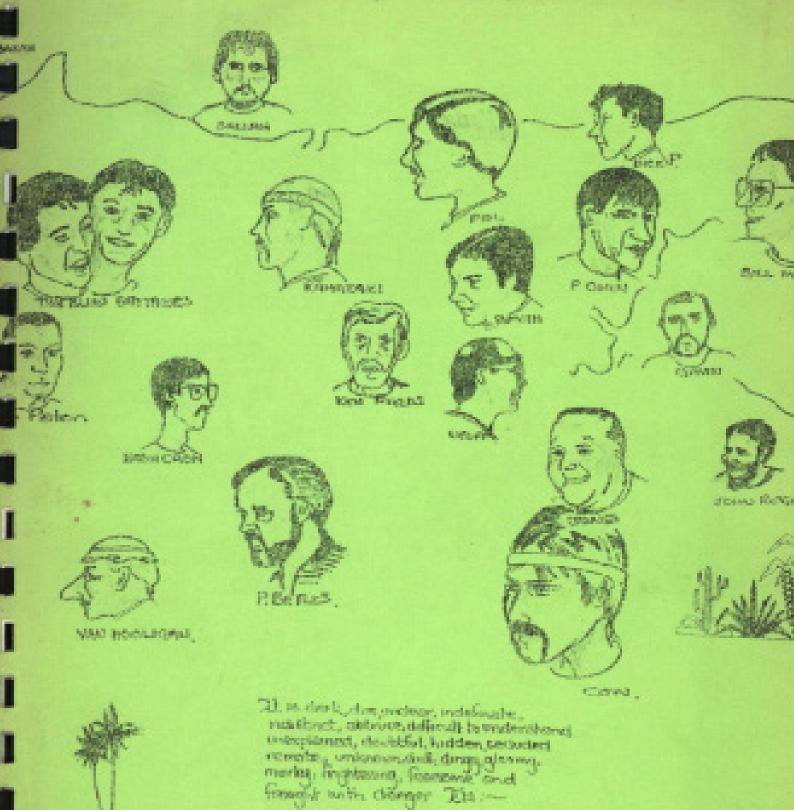
Michael *Spiderman* Perera is a Sri Lanka businessman and number 2 on the **Colombo H3** all time run list with over 800 hashes. Also has a healthy 160 plus runs with the **Harriettes**.

### Spinning Dwarf Todd Wilkie

#### Bangkok Monday/Bangkok (Thailand)

Spinning Dwarf is a Canadian who has been living in Bangkok for the past 33 years. Hashing had him hooked after the first run with **Vientiane H3** in 1989, where the camaraderie and beer culture mirrored his rugby playing days in Vancouver. During his decades in Thailand he has racked up 1100 runs with **Bangkok H3** and 1250 runs on **Monday H3** where he has served as Hash Cash for two decades.

### 350th Rain



THE BANJUL HASH

Hashing in the Gambia

The Gambia is a country in West Africa. It is the smallest country within mainland Africa and is surrounded by Senegal, except for its western coast on the Atlantic Ocean. It has a population of 1,857,180 and Banjul is the capital.

The Gambia became a British Crown colony called British Gambia. Slavery was abolished in 1906. Following a brief conflict between the British colonial forces and indigenous Gambians, British colonial authority was firmly established by 1919.

The Gambia achieved independence on 18 February 1965, as a constitutional monarchy within the Commonwealth.

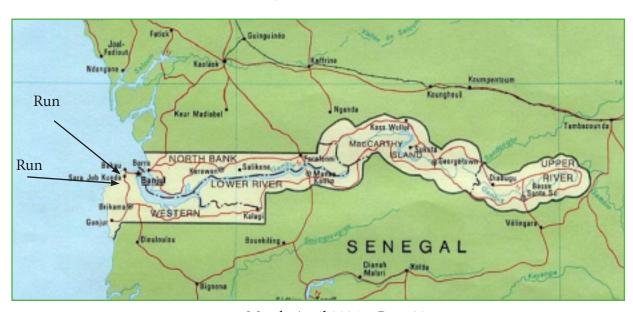
Following a weakening of the economy and allegations of corruption there was an attempted coup on 29 July 1981. President Jawara requested military aid from Senegal and by 6th August, some 2,700 Senegalese troops had helped defeat the rebel force. Between 500 and 800 people were killed during the coup.

In 1994, the Armed Forces Provisional Ruling Council (AFPRC) deposed the Jawara government and banned opposition political activity. Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh, chairman of the AFPRC, became head of state. In late 2001 and early 2002, The Gambia held elections, which foreign



observers deemed free, fair, and transparent. President Yahya Jammeh was elected to continue in the position he had assumed during the coup.

On 11th December 2015, President Jammeh declared The Gambia an Islamic republic. After elections in 2016 Adama Barrow was declared the winner. Jammeh, who had ruled for 22 years, initially declared the results void but stepped down on 20 January 2017. In January 2017, President Barrow removed the "Islamic" title from The Gambia's name.





### The 300th Banjul Hash 17th August 1985

This run report gives a good idea of the atmosphere on a Banjul Hash.

Brufut village was the venue, this about a 40 minute drive from Banjul. The hares set off in good time to have the trail finished before the pack set off.

'The hares set off in a blazing sun through market gardens and into the bush. Half an hour later with Smith trying to work out which way up his compass should be, we agree, we are slightly off the route we recc'd'

Minutes later the hares heard the pack and realised they were actually nearly back at the cars. They raced home to avoid the embarrassment of the pack arriving before them. However, when they reached the cars the hares noticed that for strange reason (and despite the late hour) the pack were actually heading *away* from the cars.

Back at cars the walkers started to arrive and abuse the hares for their map drawing skills. It seems the hash had set off late as nobody had found the meeting point! When the main runners came in somewhat later than normal they joined in the abuse.

However, hares were spared further criticism when the pack discovered they would have to pay for the t-shirts and their wrath switched to Hash Cash.

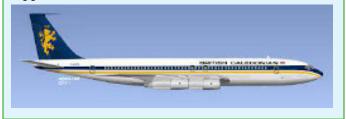
Twenty-one hashers took part, and one watched.

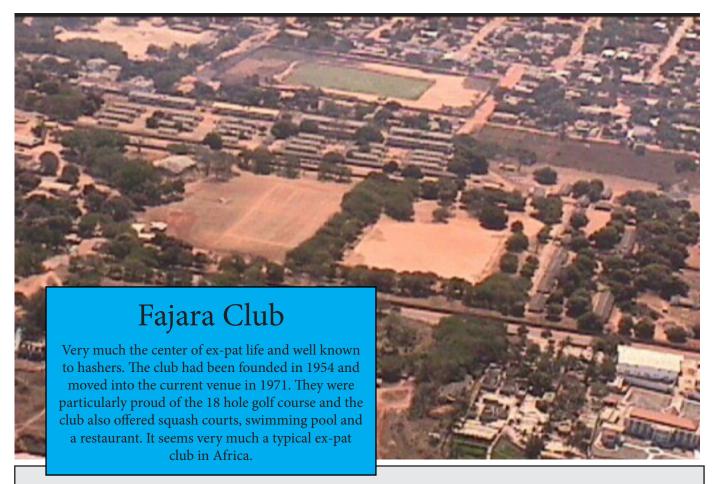
### Getting in and out

Gambia was pretty remote in those days and it was dear old British Caledonian who, with four weekly flights to Gatwick, was the airline of choice for many ex-pats.

Travel could still be difficult, as the trip to Interhash '86 demonstrates.

First hashers had to take British Caledonian out of town (presumably to Gatwick?). It was then on to Rome where there was a 24 hour delay before boarding Philippines Airlines to the Philippines.





#### Committee

	Runs 300-350	350-400	400-450
HM:	Jim Paton	Con Young	Bill Mason
Со НМ	Gavin Scoll	Bill Mason	Ian Forger & Cameron Knight
Cash	Steve Moore	Mike Copeman	Con Young
Horn	Owen Riley	Ian Forger	Con Young
Choir	Ken Jones		Alan brooks
Procurer:	Peter Betties	Peter Betties	Peter Betties
Scribe:	Peter Betties	Cameroun Knight	Mike Copeman

### The 350th Banjul Hash 19th July 1987

*PAL* and *Kenneth* were hares out by Kotu Power Station.

July was the edge of rainy season and the sky was overcast.

The first part of the run saw the trail go up and down into quarries and this provided some diffi-

cult checks. It was then into a village where short cutters - *Dumbo* and *Cami Khasi* are named - had good opportunities to leap over fences or make a straight line through a private garden.

It was then back to the cars for beers, t-shirt (the third of the year) and even a magazine.

Finally, it was off to the On On where wives and girl friends were invited to join. Several hashers were criticised for going home to shower first.

### Run totals at 398

The list only seems to include those who had hashed that year

Peter Smith	348	
Peter Langfield	315	
Dick Parkin	250	
Ken Fielas	236	
Salah Khourt	193	
Peter Betties	162	
Con Young	156	
Ian Ruff	136	
Peter Owens	135	
Tom McCormick	110	

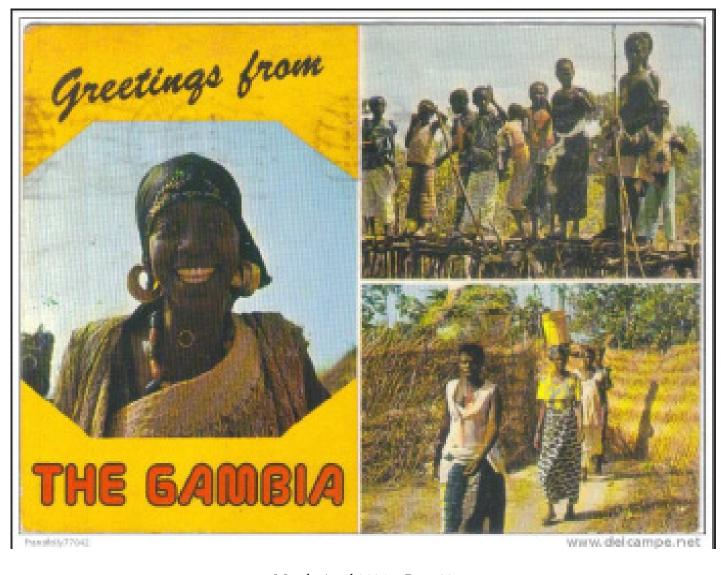
Most people loved Gambia but it was a small and remote posting and there was a 'what did you do to end up here?' feel to the place.

### It was a men only hash

Peter Langfield, second on the run total list, was still in Gambia as late a 2002 when he represented **Banjul H3** on the Terry Fox Run.

In 2003 he is listed as running a half marathon in Canada but lists his team as the Faja Club of Gambia.

Jonathan Tregenza informed me that he had hashed with Peter around 1996-8 and that Peter and his wife later moved to Canada.



# 100 GREAT HASH KENNELS

### PART 5

Criteria for consideration

Siam Sunday H3 (Thailand)
Singapore Harriettes (Singapore)
Singapore H4 (Singapore)
Stockholm Absolute H3
(Sweden)
Surrey H3 (England)
Nadi H3 (Fiji)
Sydney H3 (Australia)
Taipei Macau H3 (Macau)

Taipei H3 (Taiwan)
Tamer Valley H3 (England)

Thinking Drinking Hash

(Thailand)

- 1. The kennel must still be active with relatively good numbers.
- 2. First consideration is given to kennels with a long history going back 50 years or 1,000 hashes. Having staged Interhash or one of the major regional events adds brownie points.
- 3. Most of the kennels included will have an international reputation and have fathered other important hashes.
- 4. However, kennels with a shorter history that have brought new energy to hashing in their region might also be considered.
- 5. Kennels that do not necessarily meet points 1-3 but have a strong presence in a region not considered a hash stronghold have been considered.
- 6. Where a city has two hashes with a similar shared membership only one of the groups has been included.

Siam Sunday H3

(Thailand)

Offers traditional countryside hashing

Founded: December 1997

Founders: Chris Bushman Schulz

Who ran with: Bangkok

Grand Master: Aunties Bitch

Joint Master: Potpom

RA: Pussy Virus

Meet: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Hash Legend: Boob a Lube is now settled in Thailand after a hash career that started in 1988 and included Korea, Hawaii, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines. Was GM of the Yongsan Kimchi H3 in Seoul and the Aloha H3 in Honolulu, and founder and ex-GM of the Makati Metro Manila H3 in the Philippines. His lifetime number of hash runs stands at around 4000 and is one of the highest confirmed totals in Hashingdom.

- As traffic made it ever more difficult to get into the countryside during midweek the idea of a mixed Sunday hash gained traction.
- **Siam Sunday** only hash twice a month meaning it was early 2024 before they passed 600 hashes.
- The GMs have included some of the most distinguished Thai hashers including, *Noriega*, *Maid Marion*, *Lady Boy* and *Boob-A-Loob*
- They are a very organized kennel with a good newsletter and make imaginative use of the Thai elephant as the group's emblem.





## Singapore Harriets

(Singapore)

One of the pioneers of women's hashing.



Founded: October 1973

Founder: Caryl Gurney

Who ran with: A Singapore H3 Hash widow

Current GM: Big Head

Assistant GM: Tongue in Cheek

Meet: Every Wednesday

Hash Legend: When husband Gerry was introduced to hashing by the legendary John O'Rourke, Caryl was inspired to start a Harriettes group. In the early days, she kept the group going by ringing every potential runner individually. On leaving Singapore the couple became central members of Surrey H3.

- The Harriets date to October 1973, probably the 7th Harriet (female) club in the hash world. It was brought to life by a very small group of hash widows.
- The first run started from Dover Road with 12 ladies turning up for the run.
- Men were only allowed to join in if they were invited by one of the Ladies and approved by the committee.
- Today, men are allowed to join without official invitation but there are rules. No male may lead the pack ever during the run. Those found guilty of leading, or even those who are just accused of leading at some time during the run, will be required to wear lipstick to the On-On-On (dinner) after the run.
- Membership is comprised of many nationalities, from Asia, from Europe, from the Americas as
- Harriet parties can be wild affairs and the 500th anniversary saw the girls still dancing at dawn.





#### Singapore H4

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## (Singapore)

The second oldest hash in the world

Founded: 1962

Founders: Ian Cumming

Who ran with: Mother Hash

Current GM: Martin Hoffman

Joint Masters: Chong Tan, Pasi Haatainen

Meet: Monday evening

**Hash Legend:** John O'Rourke came to Singapore from a military background having been part of the Australian occupation contingent sent to Japan after the Second World War. John loved flying and had flown Spitfires at some point during his military service. He won the MBE for bravery for saving lives when a military exercise in Port Phillip Bay (Australia) that went disastrously wrong. John joined **Singapore H3** in 1963 and took over as Grand Master in 1973. He held the position until 1992 and in many ways ran the hash like a Regimental Sergeant Major. He was fiercely against women on the hash. Despite bad knees, he remained an avid trekker, undertaking six or seven treks to the Himalayas. John passed away on 28th August 2015 at age 89.



- In 1962 Ian Cumming was posted to Singapore, where he contacted another former Mother Hasher, Chris Verity. The two men discussed setting up a hash
- They sought advice, and possibly permission, from Mother Hash. The reply from On-Sec John Vincent was basically, 'I dunno. Do what the hell you like. Nothing to do with us'. This marvellous display of common sense set the tone for the independent and laid-back nature of hashing today.
- Letters of invitation to the Cumming's house, for 'run, sausage and mash and discussion on forming a club' were sent out and thus, **Singapore H3** was born.
- The kennel has met every Monday since, except on two occasions when the island was under curfew. (This of course is prior to COVID-19.)
- In the early days there was no circle, but Singapore became a noted singing hash, with John O'Rourke, Peter Flanagan and Harry Howell helping to set the tone. It was a wild group who, going to the first Interhash, drank the train dry of beer and had to send runners off at every station for fresh supplies.
- The Tuesday lunches, where the boys wrote their circulars (Hash Trash), became legendary. The trash was posted to former members now running with other kennels and the Singapore newsletters played an important role in spreading the idea of how a hash should be conducted.
- Singapore H3 have established several important hash traditions. They decided that such a distinguished group of gentlemen deserved a club tie, but it proved too difficult to fit 'Hash House Harriers' onto a narrow band of cloth. The lads therefore came up with the 'H3' abbreviation that we all use today.
- It is possible, perhaps likely, that it was the Singapore boys who first used the term Shiggy.



# HASH HOUSE HARRIERS SINGAPORE FOUNDED 1962

## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Run No. 1600 March 28th 1992

#### Stockholm Absolut H3

#### (Sweden)

A hash that likes to run as much as they like to drink beer.

Founded 1986

Founders: Janet Jannie Walker Fergu-

son-Karlsson

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Who ran with: Brussels

Current GM: Titan Dick

RA: 2 Swedes Cumming & Laid Bird

Meet: Every second Saturday

Hash Legends: Marmite and Termite.
Started hashing in Taiwan in 1985 and on returning to Sweden attempted to form a Stockholm hash. They were posted away before it could become established. They returned in 1988 and have hashed with both the Absolut and the Underground hash ever since. The last stats show Marmite topping the Absolut run list and ranking 2nd on the Underground with a total of over 1500 hashes.

- Stockholm Absolut H3 was founded by Bertil Nosslo Olsson, Gosta *Two Pricks* Karlsson and Jan *Stamps* Ferguson-Karlsson in August 1986.
- Today the **Absolut Hash** runs every other Saturday, with packs of around 30. Runs tend to be from people's homes which often takes the hash into the more distant suburbs.
- In the summer of 1994 some of the Harriettes thought that the Absolut was getting a bit too family-oriented and founded the **Underground Hash** to run from a subway station on Wednesday evenings.



- Fifteen years ago a 'typical' Stockholm hasher would have been a Swedish ex-pat returning home with hash experience, or a Brit working in the city.
- A new generation of Swedes who have Stockholm as their Mother Hash started to arrive around 2002. At one stage this made Stockholm the 'fastest' hash in Europe, with a dozen hashers capable of running under 3 hours for a marathon and a handful around 2.40. This new generation of runners also brought the correct hash attitude and on the day of the Stockholm Marathon the hash set up an unofficial beer stop at the entrance to the Olympic Stadium.
- The spelling of Absolut comes from the famous brand of vodka.

## Surrey H3 (England)



Founded: April 1975

Founders: Jim Raper

Who ran with: Singapore

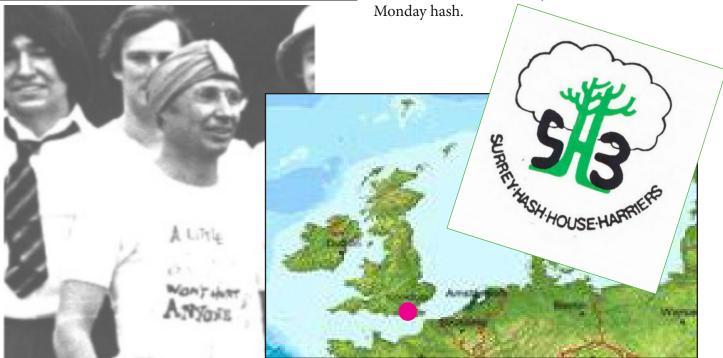
Current GM: Born Burgle

RA: *Popeye* 

Meet: Sunday 11.00 Sharpe

Hash Legend: Jim Raper leant his hashing in Singapore and having, in the word of the Surrey hash magazine, made his money through 'clever but slightly dubious property deals' returned to England where he founded Surrey H3. Jim was the driving force for the kennel until his dubious business activities caught up with him and he fled England having been sentenced to jail for contempt of court. He lived for a while in Monaco, where he hashed with the Rivera H3 and then moved to the Philippines. He was once released from a prison cell in Bangkok to jump into a waiting limo that took him straight to the hash!

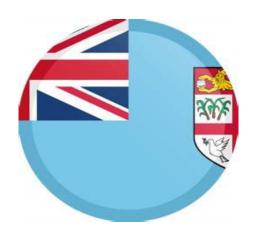
- Surrey H3 run every Sunday and are one of the great UK Hashes. The oldest (they claim) continually hashing Hash in the UK, the originators of UK Nash hash and the first UK Hash to send people to InterHash.
- **Bicester** actually started before Surrey but in the early days closed during winter, allowing Surrey to stake their claim as the oldest continually running hash.
- Founder Jim Raper had hoped to recreate a clone of **Singapore H3**. That proved impossible, Monday had to give way to a weekend run and the women would not be kept away.
- It was drunken Surrey hashers who volunteered to stage the first UK Nash Hash.
- They make good use of the Surrey countryside and village pubs and numbers have stayed healthy, with a sprinkling of distinguished hashers who know what it is all about.
- When Jim Raper sneaked into England for his mother's funeral he stayed on to run the



Nadi H3

(Fiji)

Hashing in the middle of the Pacific



Founded: February 1990

Founders: Neville Weathercock Koop

Who ran with: Lautoka Hash House Harriers

Current GM: ?

RA: ?

Meet: ?

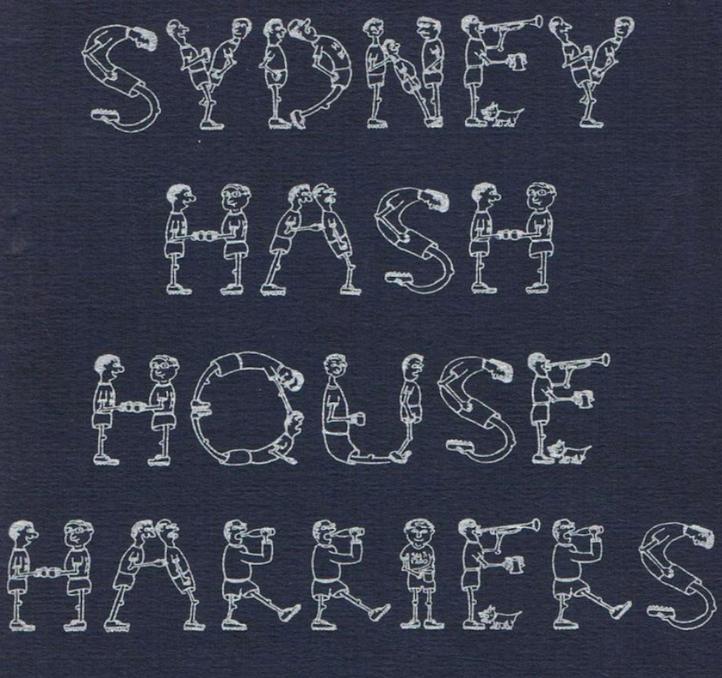
**Hash Legend:** Doctor Ram *Sir Cock* Raju is a long-term hasher and chairman of Fiji Interhash. He was co-founder of the **Lautoka Hospital Hash House Harriers.** 

- Hashing came to the Pacific island of Fiji via Port Moresby, with Joe Shaw founding the **Suva H3** in November 1974.
- The Harriettes came along three years later and ex-Suva runners went on to found **Lautoka H3** in March 1976 and **Lautoka Hospital H3** in December 1982.
- Nadi H3 & Harriettes were founded in 1990.
- They were the group that brought the Red Dress Run to the island, an event that was thrown open to the public and raised money for the Western Cancer Society.









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## Sydney H3

## (Australia)

The oldest hash outside of greater Malaysia



Founded: September 1967

Founders: Mike *Little General* Miall and Phil *The Ruptured Duck* Riddell.

Who ran with: Mother Hash and Singapore H3

Known as: The Posh Hash

Current president: Molly Meldrum

On-Sec: EShit

Meet: Monday 6.30

Hash Legend Born in 1923, Darwin Don started hashing in 1975 (when already middle-aged). The 2007 Aussie Nash Hash programme identifies him as the oldest Australian hasher and he continued to hash for another 12 years. He became recognised as the oldest regular hasher in the world and Sydney H3 made him 'World President of all Hashdom'. In 2015 he had to be hospitalised with heart pains but made a rapid return to hashing after a heart valve operation. Having completed his last run on September 23rd, 2019, Darwin Don went on to the great Hash in the sky a few days later.

- **Sydney H3** was founded in 1967. The first Sydney run was on Monday 18th September, 1967 and attracted 6 runners, They are a men's only, Monday night Hash, with a rich tradition.
- Their 250th hash in 1972 produced what is possibly the first ever commercially printed hash t-shirt.
- The city staged Interhash 1984 with Ole *Sparks* Vigersol (ex-**Jakarta H3**) as chairman
- Runs start at 6:30 p.m. every Monday, mostly in the suburbs and bushland of northern Sydney.
- The hash has a trailer with tables and chairs that goes out to the bush locations.
- There are approximately 100 members, with about 45 participating each Monday night
- Many of the guys have been hashing together since the beginning and the introduction of a walking trail in the 1990s was an acknowledgment of the growing age of the pack.
- Sydney hashers enjoy many additional activities, including: golf, kayaking, walking, cycling, and participation in worldwide Inter-Hash events.



#### Taipa Macau

(Macau)

An underestimated kennel with an interesting hash history.



Founded: June 1998

Founders: Captain Kirby

Who ran with: Wanchai H3

Current President: ?

On-Sec: ?

Hash Legend Megan *Annapurna* Magee is a Canadian and a teacher with a powerful personality. In a short hash career she has been GM of both the **Dhaka Mixed Hash** and **Macau H3**. She also arranged and fought in the first ever female boxing bout to be staged in Macau. She acquired her hash name of *Annapurna* on an away trip to Nepal where her silhouette was thought to resemble the distant mountain range.



- Macau is the Portuguese version of Hong Kong, colonized in the 16th century. It is smaller than its cousin and famous for gambling.
- Perhaps because of its Portuguese background, hashing did not catch on here in the same way as it has in Hong Kong.
- Taipa Macau H3 was founded in June 1998 by Rob *The Captain* Kirby (ex-Wanchai). They hash every Saturday.
- The hash tend to use the excellent Tsing Tao beer which, according to ex-beermaster *Nancy Boys* Hughes, 'is a fine beverage from a brewery founded by the Germans in Tsing Tao, China, which still brews the same concoction after all these years.'
- *Granddad* and *Sir Peter* both completed over 300 of the kennels first 440 runs.
- Many hashers work in the casino business tending to make this a young and fun crowd with Harriettes in a slight minority. Teachers are probably the second largest group.
- Runs are set at the weekend and town runs are frowned upon with hares are expected to explore the hilly areas that surround the colony. While you might appear to be running in a wilderness, you are actually never far from a bus route that will bring you back into town.
- Although most hashers live on the island of Taipa, runs can be either there or on the peninsula. As so many ex-pats head for Hong Kong for the weekend numbers have never been high and 20 is considered a good turnout. Like Hong Kong Macau stage a typhoon hash.



## Taipei H3

(Taiwan)

A grand old hash still going



#### Facts

Founded: February 1973

Founders: Don Organ Hammond

Who ran with: Singapore

Current GM: Pin Hole

RA: Gash and Sofa

Meet: Men Only, Every Saturday

Hash Legend: Cap'n'Hook was a core member of the Taipei H3. He was most famous for organizing the last hash through the red-light district of Peitou before it was closed down by the government. 'The organizer and hare was Cap'n'Hook, survivor of a thousand forays through every Red Light district known to man and sailor, from Birkenhead to Brisbane.' According to the yearbook he was once said to have got into an argument with a Hong Kong bar girl because she wanted 150HK\$ and he insisted the price should be 200 HK\$. (Ed: Not sure I believe that story!)

- Don *Organ* Hammond read an article about hashing and decided it sounded a good idea, founding Taipei H3.
- In 1975 'Organ refused to give democracy a chance within our ranks, he hauled ass and began the China Hash.' Stonewall Pinnick became the first formally elected leader of TH3.
- Back in the early days of Taiwan hashing the Taipei and China kennels would get together to organize weekend trips to the beautiful south of the island. As Taipei runners moved on to other posts many took the idea of outstation runs with them.
- Taipei had a nightlife that rivalled Bangkok and this centred on a neighbourhood called Peitou. With the area about to be closed the hash brought their 350th Run forward to have a final night out in Peitou.
- The first World Interhash where TH3 made any big showing was in 1988 in Bali. Since then TH3 has had a respectable attendance at each one, every two years.
- Thanks to the Taiwanese taking to hashing with a passion numbers have not been dependent on ex-pats and most kennels on the island are thriving.







## TAIPEI HASH

台北捷兔俱樂部 TAIPEI HASH HOUSE HARRIERS





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### Tamer ValleyH3

(England)

Good hashing in a retirement corner of England



Founder: Chris Bloodknocker Laurence-King

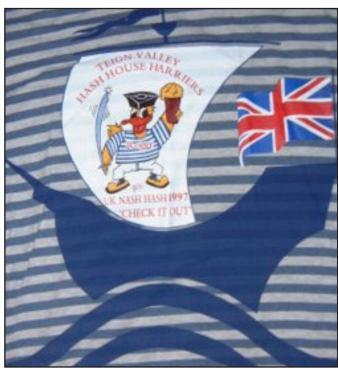
Who ran with: Singapore H4

Current GM: ?

**RA:** ?

Meet: Every Monday

Hash Legend: Ann *Kacky 2* Marcer discovered the hash soon after her daughter started infant school and has now completed around 1348 runs with **Tamer Valley H3**. She has been a regular on the committee, filling roles such as Flash, Hare Riser and Joint Master (2002 and 2009). Having retired from teaching she took up VSO work in Nepal. She only got the chance to hash a couple of times with the Kathmandu Hash as she was based out in the foothills. Ann still hashes with Tamer but is now in the walking group.



- The beautiful Devon countryside, plus a large retirement community with some hash experience, has tempted just about every little town to create a kennel. Tavistock based **Tamar Valley H3** is the biggest.
- Tamar Valley H3 was in 1981with the founder members including *Bloodnock*, Sara *Shortcut* Laurence-King, and Simon *Trehanrehan* Trehane. *Bloodnock* had learnt his hashing in Singapore with the army.
- In January 1984 ex-Tamar Valley Hashers formed a break away Hash so that the smaller pack could get off-road more often. They called themselves **Son Of Tamar Valley H3** for several years, until *Cream Soda* led a move to rename them after the local British naval hero Sir Francis Drake and they became **Drake H3**.
- Tamer hashers tend to stay around and there are fifteen members who have recorded over a thousand hashes.



## Thinking Drinking Hash

(Thailand)

Great parties and there at all the big hash occasions

Founded: March 1991

Founders: Wichanee Imelda Charutas

Who ran with: Bangkok Harriettes

Current GM: ?

RA:?

Hash Legend: Imelda has been a hasher since 1984. She has attended every InterHash since 1986 in Pattaya, where she was a both hare and on the committee. A decade later she became the first Harriette to act as Chairperson for an InterHash event. Her home Hashes are Bangkok Harriettes and The Thinking Drinking Hash.

- Thai hashers used to take the train up to Hua Hin to celebrate the Queen's Birthday Weekend. One night, around January 1991, *Hymen Hacker* and *Tinker* discussed the idea of doing this regularly, but without the run to spoil it. The circle could be held on the train coming up, leaving the whole weekend free for drinking and shagging.
- It would be 'The Thinking Drinking Hash' and those attending were expected to be able to master at least one, and preferably both, of those skills.
- Wichanee *Imelda* Charutas and Bill *Blobs* Hobbs arranged the first **Thinking Drinking Hash** away trip a couple of months later.
- Their third run left Thailand for a hash tour of Hong Kong, Portuguese Macau & Guangzhou, Red China.
- Since 1992 Think Drinking Runs have become a regular feature at InterHash and other big occasions.

