Hash 627
Pétrin
Sunday
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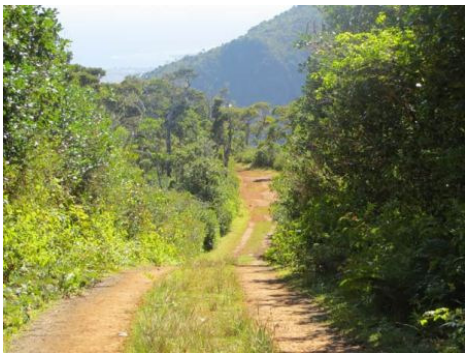
Hares 2: Jackie and Bob

Hashers 53

Scribe Kay

The first word

To quote the Grand Master "It was a memorable Hash!" Those who preferred to go to church, count their winnings from an afternoon at the Champs de Mars or sleep off their hangover after a night of debauchery in the Flying Dodo rather than come to the Hash, missed a morning of extreme exercise, first class first aid (see quiz at the end) and diabolical drama. So what happened to turn a simple Sunday Hash into such a memorable event? Read on MacDuff …



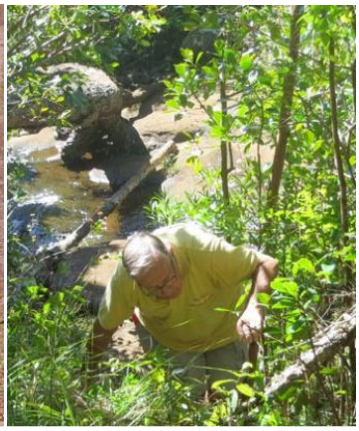


Trail

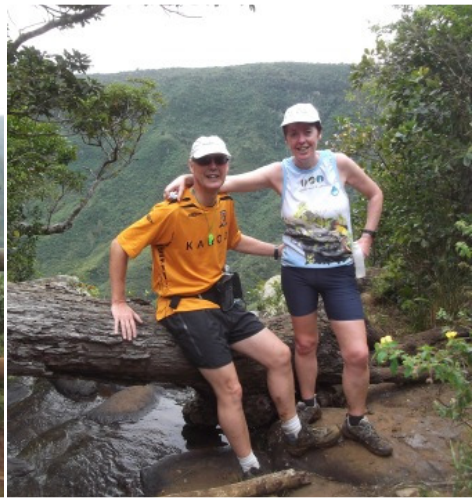
The Hares made use of established trails in the National Park and estimated the walkers' route to be about 6km and the runners' route about 8km. However they omitted to mention that this was only the distance one way! Alan gave himself a head start by setting off before the Hares had finished their description of the route but his lead was short lived as he misinterpreted the first arrow and led the first few runners the wrong way.






All followed the same route initially then the trail diverged to provide a comfortable undulating walkers' route on grass, stones and some concrete with some short steep sections to provide good variety. There was a tortuous, twisting trail through dense foliage for the runners with challenging climbs and difficult descents, a river crossing and some amazing views across the National Park. When runners emerged from climbing up and down the steep terrain in the forest the signposts announced Pétrin 5km and Macchabée view point 1km and for those who still had the energy the view was well worth the 2km detour.

On the runners' trail in the forest Tarzan was heard calling but closer inspection revealed the strange sounds to be coming from Vincent. A mongoose was startled by the noise and raced across the trail like Usain Bolt to find safety in the undergrowth.

The cooler temperature high up in the National Park provided comfortable conditions for running but the rain that started to fall when the last Hashers were still on the trail forced some to take shelter. Concerned that several people had not returned the Grand Master and Trail Master mounted a search party. All were relieved when Ellie arrived back safely at the On-On. She had enjoyed the runners' route so much she had decided to do a second lap! Edwige and an Italian family who were taking part in their first Hash arrived soon after and the circle was called to order at last.



Hash circle
53 hashers assembled for the Hash circle and miraculously the rain stopped.

Here's to the hares!
Husband and wife team and aristocracy of the Hash, Lord and Lady Russell, received congratulations, complaints and compliments on the trail depending on the experience of individual Hashers but all agreed that the Grand Master was correct in describing it as a memorable trail. The Hares accepted the customary Hare's down-down and all the comments with admirable aplomb and the Grand Master moved swiftly on to ……..

First timers



A group of grimacing Germans (left) advanced reluctantly into the circle and introduced themselves as:

- Jürgen – invited by his friend Stefan
- Shakira – daughter of Jürgen
- Khaleah – daughter of Jürgen

The Grand Master had already moved on to second timers when a family of Italians was belatedly identified for initiation into the Hash family. They were:

- Fulvio
- Tatiana
- Tabatha – 9 months old and now the youngest member of our growing family

They had been invited by Juliette and promised to come back. (Fulvio and Tabatha pictured below)

Second timers
There were no second timers again so the Grand Master was forced to take his first down-down of the day.



Religious and Sexual Advisor
The Grand Master announced that the Religious Advisor was relaxing in Rodrigues with Nadine and that a relay had taken place in which the RA baton had been passed around like a stick of dynamite between Kees and John Cabrelli. In a weak moment in the Flying Dodo late on Saturday night Ellie had picked up the baton. So the Grand Master introduced the venerable and vulnerable Eleanor O'Carroll, the female version of Dave Allen but with all 10 digits intact and a preference for cappuccino rather than whiskey.



Despite a dubious experience on the Hash the acting RA launched into a tremendous and triumphant tirade of Olympic oratory and admitted that

- she was a champion ….. at arriving late, and had proved this by arriving back at the On-On 45 minutes after everyone else
- she was an atheist and that the assorted assembly of Hashers needed no advice on sex, thus proving her eminent suitability for the post of acting Religious and Sexual Advisor
- Ireland had won the same number of medals in the Olympics as Mauritius – zero
- 2 Irish athletes had been disqualified for use of illegal and performance enhancing substances:
    - a £25 bag of oregano
    - a snort of bicarbonate of soda
- an athlete carrying an 8 foot long pole in the Olympic village had been asked "Are you a pole vaulter?" To which he replied: "How did you know my name was Walter?"
- Ireland was hoping to repeat the success of the last Olympics in the hammer when Paddy, who came from a long line of idle Irish idiots, had broken the world record. Asked to account for his success, Paddy replied: "My mother said if anyone ever put a hammer in my hand I should throw it as far away as possible!"
- 3 would-be spectators, an Englishman, a Scotsman and an Irishman, trying to get into the Olympic stadium without tickets, employed devious tactics:
    - the Englishman walked in with a frisbee introducing himself as John Smith a competitor in the discus
    - Scot, Hamish McTavish, walked in with a broom handle and persuaded security guards that he would be taking part in the pole vault
    - Paddy McGinty staggered in with 100m of cable claiming he was there for the fencing

After this veritable volley of versatile verbiage the RA enthralled her fellow Hashers with an amusing audience participation game. 2 teams of volunteers were persuaded to step forward and line up as a team of men and a team of women. After several minutes of deliberation over which team to join, 12 Hashers lined up as follows:

- Men – Vincent, Bob, Leslie, Pierre-André, Jürgen and Didier
- Women – Véronique, Isabelle, Tusia, Philida, Henriette and Jean





There were 5 rounds with the first team to finish each task correctly scoring a point. Teams had to line up according to the following criteria

- youngest to oldest
- largest to smallest shoe size
- number of kilometres travelled to get to the Hash
- lightest to darkest hair
- number of letters in their first name

Score: women 5: men 0. How's that for girl power?!

Down-downs





- 3 malingerers, Alan, Brian and Etienne, who had deprived the Scribe of valuable drinking time after the Hash by requiring her first aid skills to tend their various wounds (see quiz at the end)
- Didier – for winning the first gold medal for Mauritius at Mary's Olympic theme party – he was dressed as a table tennis table
- Grand Master – silver medalist in the cycling at the same event
- Vincent and Yanni for proving at Mary's party that Mauritius has talent – Vincent gave a virtuoso performance of a romantic song in his virile velvet voice after downing his beer
- British hashers – to honour Team GB who, despite having a huge haul of medals in the Olympics, had lost again at football in a penalty shoot-out






Hash hostage

The cowbell was returned to the Hash by Marie-Andrée with the news that Rey has left Madagascar and is now on walkabout in Austria - yodl lay ee, yodl lay ee, yodl lay, ee oo!

After her epic performance on the trail and in the circle the RA was unable to single out a deserving Hasher for the cow bell. She was therefore spun round with her eyes closed and propelled into a group of Hashers where she picked out Gilbert at random.

Announcements

Hash cash

In Claudia's absence Jean-Paul, assisted by Henriette, has taken on the responsibility for collecting the cash. Henriette will continue to do this until Claudia returns.

Hashers were reminded to pay Hash Cash on arrival and that the money is used for drinks at the Hash as well as for functions such as the Hash Bash and Red Dress Run.

Next Hash

Didier the Trailmaster announced that he and Gilbert would be setting the next Hash in the Flacq area where the winter weather is expected to be better.

This week's quiz First aid at the Hash – small cuts and grazes

3 Hashers arrived back with grazed limbs and were treated by Kay, a qualified first aider. Her aim was to protect their wounds and minimise the risk of infection. What would you have done? Put the following actions into the correct order and email Kay. There will be a prize for the first correct answer received.

1. Pour water over the wound to rinse away loose dirt then clean around the wound with gauze / tissue
2. Apply a plaster to a small wound or a gauze dressing and bandage for bigger wounds
3. Get the casualty to sit down
4. Pat dry with gauze / tissue
5. Wash your hands

In addition to the above the casualty should be advised to soak the injured part in warm soapy water at home to clean the wound further and to consult a medical professional if a foreign object is embedded in the wound.



Photographer

Thanks to Hash Flash, Jackie, for the photos.

On-On ……