Hash 657
Crève Coeur
Sun 13 Oct 2013

Hares Vijay, Angel and Jim

Hashers 50+

Beer Maidens Nadine and Céline

Hash Flash Jackie, Kay, Priscille and Steve

Hash Trash Kay



First word

A big thank you to Vijay for his hospitality in hosting the Hash at his home and providing a delicious lunch for everyone afterwards. We certainly worked up an appetite on the trail!

A big thank you also to John for standing in as SubScribe at Pailles. His Trash was a joy to read – I haven't laughed so much for a long time. If you haven't already read it go to the Hash Trash archive and prepare to be dazzled by the SubScribe's incisive wit and active imagination.





Trail

The on-on was located in the driveway of Vijay's art deco home in the village of Crève Coeur. Statues of his parents looked down benevolently as we listened to the Hares' briefing. As well as runners' and walkers' trails there was also a strollers' trail around the village for those unable to tackle the slopes surrounding Crève Coeur which nestles neatly in hilly countryside in the shadow of Pieter Both mountain.

The first blobs of flour along the main road were so generous that you could have baked a cake with them but after 50 yards uphill a circle sent the runners scurrying down side streets in search of the trail. We turned off the steep main road and into a side street that led us past allotments and continued upwards along a dirt track and through long grass.











The track was very steep and it was a hot day but the spectacular views of the surrounding mountainous countryside made it worth the effort. You could even see the Coin de Mire in the distance, rising majestically out of the ocean.



After a long climb we reached a dip in the track that led through a tunnel of bamboo.



Emerging from the tunnel we were faced with the final ascent for the summit up a mound of fine, loose, dry soil. It was very tricky to climb up but very easy to slide down so a human chain was formed and hands reached out to haul helpless Hashers up the hill. A great piece of team work! Our fit Hares, Angel and Vijay scrambled up unaided after making sure that everyone else had scaled the slope safely.





We were now sweating at the summit with breathtaking views of Pieter Both, the second highest mountain in Mauritius, at 823 m only 5 metres lower than the highest, Piton de Petite Rivière Noire. What a contrast when we turned round! Stretched out below us a major new road was under construction and men and machines were at work moving earth.



John could be seen running down the road several hundred yards ahead of the rest of the FRBs, the photo illustrating perfectly the loneliness of the long distance runner. We descended via a giant staircase formed by a drainage channel and then dodged the diggers dredging up the dust as we dashed downhill. The new road was great for running on – an even surface that sloped steeply as the road snaked down the hillside.



Hashers may have thought that they would continue along the road back to the village but our Hares had planned a more interesting and quicker route and we left the tarmac to follow a quiet track down grassy slopes. We soon reached the outskirts of Crève Coeur where the runners' and walkers' trails diverged. The runners had a further 2km to go – most of it up a very steep road. Those who had completed the gruelling 18.5 km Moka Trail the previous week had a touch of déjà vu as we had climbed up the same road then. By now it was very hot and the thought of a cool beer was the only thing that kept us going. Eventually we reached a junction and turned downhill to enjoy a rapid descent to the on-on.

Hash circle

Everyone agreed that it was a brilliant trail and our 3 Hares proudly took their down-down.

Here's to the Hares!



Hares: Angel, Vijay and Jim and first timers: Tgoong, Gertrude, Ariel, Double-Dickhead, Alan

First timers

- Alan – from Fuel, invited by Nadine
- Double-Dickhead – from the Lagos Hash, on holiday in Mauritius
- Ariel – works with Claudine at Casa Pizza where they make the best pizzas in Mauritius and where Hashers always receive a very warm welcome
- Gertrude – from Curepipe, invited by Angel and Vijay
- Tgoong – from Thailand, invited by Tim (Double-Dickhead)



Second timers

Richard or was it Christian – he seemed unable to open his mouth much to speak clearly or to smile. Perhaps he was wearing braces on his teeth and didn't want to reveal them? Perhaps he had left his sense of humour at home? Perhaps he was feeling exhausted after such a strenuous Hash in the hot sun? Whatever the reason, we must try to get him to smile and laugh next time. We could award a prize to the Hasher who succeeds in making this young man look happy at the Hash. What a challenge!

Here's to the unfortunate!



RAs

The RAs are not renowned for their sartorial elegance and although Jim was resplendent in his usual wide-brimmed hat and supported his manly frame on his trusty staff, Kees sported a new bright red t-shirt emblazoned with the letters CCCP. What is the meaning behind this secret acronym?

- Союз Советских Социалистических Республик?
- Combined Community Codec Pack?
- Carbonyl cyanide m-chlorophenyl hydrazone ?
- a German synthpop group?

Suggestions to the Scribe at kay.farrow1@gmail.com



Banglestein award



Richard/Christian had been the last person to pay Hash Cash and despite wanting to avoid the spotlight he was dragged reluctantly into the circle for his second down-down within a few minutes. The GM and the RAs tried to console him but the teenage Angst was palpable!

Down-downs

- Alan – for not helping in the human chain and running off to find the trail. He got his just deserts as he followed a false trail and had to come back.
  Here's to the disgraceful!
- Jean – for spending too long admiring Ariel's short skirt and not realising that his beady-eyed wife was watching.
  Here's to the skirt-chaser!
- John (again!) – for leading runners down the walkers' trail.
  Here's to the Pied Piper!







- Keith – who was supposed to set the trail today in Tamarin.
  Here's to the inexcusable!
- The Hash's 3 first aiders – Kay, Steve and the GM – for being too far ahead of Keith to offer assistance when he was in distress after climbing up the hill.
  Here's to the sinners!



First aiders: Kay, Mark and Steve

Dodo award





The Scribe was concerned that the adorable Avi would not want to part with the delightful Dodo but she need not have worried as Avi passed it on without a murmur. Out of all the children present in the circle, Avi chose Erwan as her successor. It is not clear why, but does it really matter? Erwan may have passed the stage of playing with cuddly toys as he seemed unimpressed with the Dodo but at least he only has to keep it for 2 weeks.

Hash hostage



Noah had valiantly carried the cowbell up and downhill on a demanding route and looked pleased to be able to pass it on to the next worthy recipient. Dodocop was singled out for this dubious honour for running too fast. Noah thought that the cowbell would be just the thing to slow him down.
Here's to the cowbell!

Camping Hash

The GM gave further details of the camping Hash:

Location	Northfields School, Labourdonnais Village – see Hash website for map
Accommodation	bring your own tent and torch/light
Facilities	toilets, showers and swimming pool
Co$t	
Campers	Rs 300 per adult for Saturday and Sunday, includes: camping, sports, BBQ, Hash on Sunday
Non-campers	Rs 150 for Saturday – sports and BBQ
Hash	Rs 150 for Sunday's Hash
Children	all free to children under 12 years old
Reservations	pay Ha$h Ca$h to reserve your pitch on the campsite and tell her what food you will provide for bring and share
Programme	
Sat 9 Nov 12.00	sports day activities – rounders, egg and spoon race, tug of war etc BBQ in the evening – Hash will provide mutton, chicken and some beers – bring and share additional food and drink
Sun 10 Nov	10.00 Hash as normal, on-on in the car park







Tents available from:
Super U @ Rs 750
Jumbo @ Rs 731 one person, @ Rs 1354 for 2 people and Rs 2821 for 4 people
Marinette @ Rs 2,500 for 4 people – tel: 59842283 or 57274136 or 59842183

Red Dress Run

In terms of the Global Hash, the Red Dress Run has nothing to do with Christmas, for example, the Madagascar Hash held their Red Dress Run on Sunday 6 October (see photo left). In Mauritius the event has traditionally been held in December as the last Hash before Christmas and 3 or 4 years ago Alan added the giving of sweets to children.



A vote was taken to decide the date of the Red Dress Run 2013. The result was:
Saturday 14 December 30 Saturday 21 December 15
The Red Dress Run will therefore take place on **Saturday 14 December**. Further details will be published in due course.

Next Hash

Trailblazer, Anabelle and Jean-Noël will be setting the next Hash on Sunday 27 October in Pérébère.

Mismanagement

The latest member of the mismanagement team to step into the spotlight is:



Name Gilbert Leste
Nationality Mauritian
First Hash 2001 at Gran Bassin – it was brilliant despite it raining heavily all day

Role

Gilbert does a lot for the Hash. As well as leading us all in song, mi, mi, mi, mi, he is currently listed on the website as Deputy Trailmaster, Cellarmaster, Hash Flash and a past Grand Master. His Cellarmaster duties involve collecting 3 crates of soft drinks from the Phoenix Brewery and bringing them to the Hash. He has carried out this important task for 4 or 5 years now and would like to relinquish this responsibility. So that potential successors have enough information to know what is involved here are the details:

- You should be a regular Hasher – at every Hash unless you have a sick note from the doctor. Occasional absence is OK as long as you get another Hasher to cover for you.
- You should be able to commit to the role until the Hash Bash in July next year when all roles are re-allocated. If you don't want to continue this is the best time to stand down.
- You should have a car or truck.
- You can collect the soft drinks on a day to suit you. The brewery is open:



Monday – Friday 09.00 – 16.00
Saturday 09.00 – 11.30



- The Hash has an account with the brewery so you don't need to pay, you just sign for the drinks.
- You can return the empty bottles when you collect the drinks for the next Hash.
- You need somewhere secure to put the crates before and after the Hash.

What do you get in return?
The satisfaction of knowing that you have given something back to the Hash.
The appreciation of your fellow Hashers.

So come on Hashers, don't just take from the Hash, give something back!
If you want to know more, speak to Gilbert.

Here's to the Hash! On-on……



What a view!