Hash #663
5th January 2014
Bois des Amourettes
Hare: Dodocop



Hello Happy Hashers!

First off, Happy New Year to all! It started with a helluva Hash – if this is the bar that's been set for this year, then we have an awesome year to look forward to!!!

Secondly, meet your new Scribe – me! I'm honoured to be the one to bring you your Hash updates every fortnight – hopefully I'll be able keep up the standard that has been set by previous writers!

The Circle kicked off with a well-deserved Down-Down for Gilbert "Dodo Cop" – a fantastically set Hash, which kept the FRBs guessing at every step of the way and kept the pack together – there were back-checks and Hash Halts, up-hills, down-hills and oodles of boxes as well as some pretty amazing views – the perfect example for future hares!



The Hash family was happy to welcome the following **First-Timers** (aka Virgins):

- Paula Ferrando and Carles Lluis from Barcelona, Spain (friends of Claude)
- Aldo, Rosie, Anne-Sophie and baby bump Auleebux from Melbourne, Australia (friends of Alysu and Nitai)
- Patrick Pergel from Belgium (friend of Harry)
- Maryla Markiewicz, Adam, Kasia, Tosia and Hania Urbanska from Łódź, Poland (friends of Tusia and her family)

They all said they enjoyed the Hash very much and would most definitely come back again!



Second-Timers Emilia Markiewicz, Patricia and Beatrice Leung were given the customary Second-Timers' Down-Down.



As for the **Sinners** this week, RA Jim dished out a couple of Down-Downs:

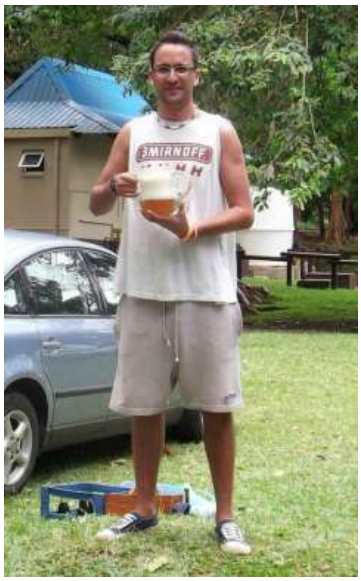
- to Alan "Strong On" for claiming he had been misled by the directions provided, pointing out the fact that the On On was in Providence and not Bois des Amourettes and so on and so forth.. (could have just admitted he was lost, right?!) Here's to the Permanent Loser of Directions!
- to Claude, last to pay!
- to those that claimed that they just "stumbled" on the trail.. the evidence suggested otherwise – upon inspection dirty knees and dirty bums were called into the Circle (these belonged to Patrick, Mario, Franchette, Alysu and Marie-Anne)!

Lost property was again announced:

- a Mauria-regina-something-or-other navy blue cap
- a navy blue cap, that seems to belong to a certain Ines Rawat Shel
- a brown cap which Mario thought he'd recognized, but upon closer inspection changed his mind and ended up giving it back to the RA
- a Tupperware bottle
- keys to a Suzuki – which again, Mario seemed to recognize but it turns out they belonged to Vincent.. (for forgetting his keys, he was given a Down-Down)

If left unclaimed, the above items will be auctioned off at the next Hash!

Tomek "Sheila" was awarded a double Down-Down (you know.. the one in the nice mug) – to celebrate his status as a newly wedded husband and to prove his being a real man. Here's to the Hunk!



The **Cow-Bell** didn't make it to the Hash this week, hopefully next time!

The **Kiddies' Dodo** was nowhere to be seen.. apparently hasn't been around for a while either?

Last word:
As we all know, a wedding isn't official until it's been given John The Baptist's blessing in the presence of the Hash family.. so we were all more than happy to share this moment with newly-weds Tomek and Emilia! As per tradition, the proceedings began with an Apache blessing, which was followed by the vows and rounded off with a song.



Apache Blessing
Now you will feel no pain – for each of you will be shelter to the other,
Now you will feel no cold – for each of you will be warmth to the other,
Now you are two bodies – but there is only one life before you,
Go now to your dwelling place, to enter into the days of your togetherness,
And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

Vows:
"Oh Emilia, Emilia, Emilia.. I, Tomek Alexandra Joseph, do take Thee Emilia Markiewicz (Merkelwitz?), to be my lawless wedded wife, for better but more likely for worse, for richer but more likely for poorer. I know I can be a normal person and become the man that will excite and delight you. Therefore I promise that I will NOT: 1. Leave the toilet unflushed. 2. Leave my dirty underpants on the floor. 3. Scratch my intimate parts in public. 4. Wear your lingerie and high heels. 5. Give a pet name to my penis."

"Oh Tomek, Tomek, Tomek.. You may look like an undernourished diseased battery chicken but you are my undernourished diseased battery chicken and I have been inspired from your very own sister who has shown me the art of tending to dumb, helpless creatures like yourself. I promise to dishonour and disobey you. Although I might care for you in sickness and in health, provided you do not dribble excessively. I will cherish you even during periods of hormonal imbalance and faithfully vow not to hold your diabolic fashion sense against you."

Song
And through it all,
She offers me protection,
A lot of love and affection,
Whether I'm right or wrong,
And down the waterfall,
Wherever it may take me,
I know that life won't break me,
When I come to call,
She won't forsake me..
I'm loving angels instead.

Congratulations to the newly-weds! (And thank you very much for the yummy wedding cake!)

That's it from me folks, keep an eye out for direction to the next Hash – hope to see you there!!

'Til next time!
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