Hash #677
20th July 2014
Midlands Dam
Hares: Harry and Ravin

Hello Happy Hashers!

Again this week, the Hash trail was given the now-customary Hash blessing by the RA before we set off. It was a 99% road run (with just 3 checks!), with a short section of the trail winding in and out of the tea plantation nearby, so the FRBs had a tough time keeping up with John C. who due to his speed (and size) could be only seen as a dot on the horizon. We had expected muddy trails – WET, muddy trails – we are after all Hashers, and I think a few of us were disappointed to come back to the On-On site with dry and clean trainers! Nevertheless, thank you to the Hares for a good effort. (NB: future Hares, please make sure your Hash signs are well-placed – avoid putting them there, where they can be blocked from view by oncoming traffic!)



First-timers this week (majority of them were sailors and came just for the beer):

- Elian Bouenou & Odile Morand, from France
- Jean-Baptiste (not to be confused with our own John the Baptist Cabrelli) & Anik Delannoy, from France
- Blandine Collenot, also from France
- Sheila Linds, from Canada
- Bernd Gierszewski & Elli Mader, from Germany
- Holger Wulf & Antye Wiechmann, from Germany
  (all of the above are the sailors)
- Marlon Varpins, from Germany (son of Mike Varpins)
- Jessica Bignoux, from Mauritius
- Rita Tang, from Hong Kong



Second-Timers this week:

- Mike Varpins,
- Siddhesh
- Bernard



RA John N. reminded us all of the rules again – that there are none and that the RA is always right. So as we all let out a sigh of relief that no rules can be broken on the Hash, we were then caught by surprise at the news that despite the absence of rules, there are certain things that are frowned upon and certain actions punished. Down-downs were given to the following Sinners:

- **Claude**, for showing up late to the Hash (big no-no) and then having the cheek to short-cut (there were another 25 people guilty of the same crime, but it was decided that there would be a lack of mugs, thus Claude took the punishment for them all).
- **Sanjeev**, last to pay

- **Kees,** for being the first one to bring out an umbrella at the Hash (gasp!) – umbrellas are not allowed – we are Hashers and we aren't scared of a bit of water! The only exception to this rule is an umbrella opened over the notes of the Scribe – my precious papers MUST be protected at all times.
- **Men with white shoelaces**, for not being able to remember which historical event took place 45 years ago (if you don't know, you can do your own research), and not being able to name the people involved in this historical event (hint: they had white shoelaces).



- **Marlon, Siddhesh and Yannick,** our under 21s – could not quite answer the RA's riddle (not that anyone else understood it either!)
- **Ladies with white shoelaces** (there were quite a few, and since I was one of them, I didn't have time to note down all the names – apologies!), for not being able to correctly name the food that some Italian scientist discovered is as good as wine and chocolate in the category of aphrodisiacs. Answers ranged from potatoes through to lobster. The correct answer: an apple. Suspiciously enough, one of the ladies produced an apple from her pocket.. coincidence much?



Cow-Bell wearer Pierrot passed it on to Philida – now not only has she the vuvuzela (which makes a horrifically loud and unpleasant sound especially when blown in your Scribe's ear) but also two bells, so she will most certainly be the noisiest one at the next run.



Next Hash: Somewhere in the South.

See you next time!

Isabelle "Isis" Joseph