

HASH TRASH AND BALDERDASH

VICTORIA HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Run No. 54

Sunday 13th January, 1985

Hares: Lancelot, Glencoe & Guinevere

As we assembled beside the road at Wawena a strange feeling of déjà-vu descended with a familiar paddy field appearing on the right (more familiar to those who short cut the last run in this vicinity). The Hares having explained that all did not finish where it began (caveat S.C.B.s) we were off up the road - a middle tar start to what proved to be a low tar run.

ON-RIGHT into the paddy and ON-ROUND to join a familiar irrigation canal. Some well placed checks with long false trails sent the majority of the pack scrambling around the hillside. Only Drag Queen, too idle to scale mountains, found the trail beside the canal and had shouted himself hoarse before the rest of the pack discovered it totally independently. The next check, however, brought them back together as it was ON-UP around the hill then Lo! What is this! ON-DOWN and yes! you guessed! back to the canal. We were now beginning to appreciate Lancelot's map - thank god it was dry and the promised leeches had all gone to bed.

We soon had an opportunity to appreciate the engineering excellence of the Irrigation Department as Marathon Man and TLH led up a series of cascades and wrought iron aqueducts. The head stone on the top cascade solved the last mystery of this run and suggested that as the canal was the subject we had plenty more of it to see.

All too soon coming round a bend we discovered Glencoe's better half. The thought that we had missed the loop up Piduratalagala and short cut onto the Mums' & Kids' proved ill founded as Lancelot confirmed we had completed the trail. A short and flat run by this Hare's normal standards but excellent fare with an engineering bent (aren't all engineers bent? - Ed.) Checks performed the task of keeping the pack together - even the guest who walked most of the way was never far out of earshot.

The promised leeches appeared at the Down-down though that wasn't on the map. The only one to suffer was the newly arrived ex-Bahrain Hasher with an eminently punnable surname (see Hash Gossip - Ed.). Hares' medical kit to the rescue! The singing was typically dreadful despite Deep Throat's blandishments but the Hares' ditty added some amusement despite nobody recognising the tune by its name.

It was noted that Guinevere was wearing a tee-shirt not approved by the Mismanagement!

Lemonade Run

The weather was lovely and our local supporters had turned out in good numbers. The organisation was perfect: 10 minutes to the second after the main run began we were chauffeured to our ON-ON and off we went with our Hares through the tea and immediately encountered what was representative of big parts of this run - mud. Striving upwards for a long time we took our clues as to which were the false trails from the smirks on the face of our Hare Guinevere. One of the more memorable moments was when Gringo, bravely attempting to cross a stream, stepped on a piece of wood meant to be a bridge. It broke and there he was covered up to more than his charming "I love London" shoelaces in thick brown mud.

Going through areas filled with distinctly rural smells (wild flowers? - Ed.) and having inspected a major part of the country's irrigation system, we really believed we were close to home. But alas! in front of us lurking in the twilight was a hill covered with dry bushes of tea. Unfortunately having lost the trail your very own Scribess had to negotiate big parts of that hill on the rear (rear of what? - Ed.) trying to coax her 50 pound cat (???) down as well. Reaching the end of the rather long run we were greeted by - surprise! - the main runners refreshing themselves with alcoholic beverages. And we - even after this run - were still supposed to settle down with biscuits and lemonade!

RECORDING HARE LINE

No. 55	Saturday, 26th January 4.30 p.m.	Hares: Vaguely-Ramblinson & Bumble
56	Sunday, 10th February	Hash Almanack
57	Sunday, 24th February	Wise Owl
58	Sunday, 10th March	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
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60	Easter Weekend	Deep Throat

Directions for run no. 55

On Project Office road, through farm, turn left onto new road, over bridge. Continue until you find the haremobile. Or - from site head towards Digana, turn right onto new road and over bridge.

Features - farewell songs from Drag Queen, Superstar, Marsuperma and Kangahugh.

HASH GOSSIP

Notable by their absence on Run No. 54 were Geoffrey, Apostle, Zebidee and Almanack. Rumour has it that they found a bar on the trail before leaving Digana and checked back to prop it up.