

Run 600 and still going strong 24 years of hashing for the kids



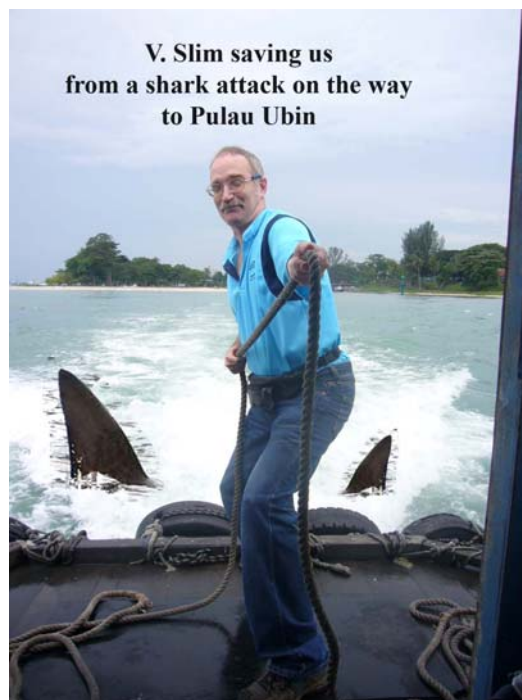
Last Sunday 29 July the Hash House Horrors celebrated their 600th run. Some 24 years ago Mike Croft, a dedicated Seletar Hash man, had started this special hash for the kids of these very Seletar hashers. Sadly, Uncle Mike, passed away during the setting of a hash run, but over the years dedicated committee members have steered Mike's precious baby to a well oiled organization which comes together every Sunday fortnight irrespective of rain, hail or thunderstorms! What better way to celebrate having such a great organization other than with an extra special run in a very special place together with lots of goodies and a sit down Chinese dinner!

Setting the run

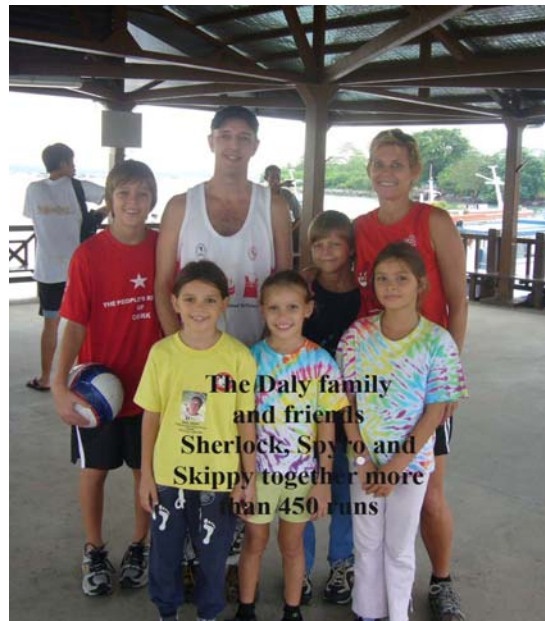
The most fun of being a hasher is still setting the run. The hares will have to go and recce the place first and before the other runners come they will set a trail on paper or flour. The run site was on Pulau Ubin, which is not as easily accessible as usual. It took some effort to bring all the goodies over, but the local population was more than willing to give a hand.



In total some 56 young hashers and 55 parents came down by bumboat ferry to get themselves all muddy and wet. The ferry ride was fun, although the hares and their families had to fend off some sharks in the waters between Singapore and Pulau Ubin. Thanks to Seletar Hashman and self proclaimed patron saint of the horrors Uncle V. Slim they completed the trip safely.



Most families had no problems and arrived with friends and happy smiles, ready to brave the muddy terrain and to add more runs to their track record such as the Daly families who have completed more than 450 runs.



Circle Time

After surviving the trail there is always the incentive of circle time. There are rewards in the form of the admiration of fellow horrors and down downs. The hares for this run were no other than Trouble, Double Trouble and Disaster a.k.a. Neil, Scott and Matt Joosa who are not only famous troublemakers but also long time hashers and frequent hares. Lucky their co-hare Isabelle Ecton was in control of their antics. The hares had done a great job together with their parents and Uncle Roman. Their effort to set a trail which was appreciated by all. There was a lot of nice jungle mud and, as some complained.... scary spiders!!!! They all received a well deserved down down.



Further down downs were for a large number of guests, drink helpers and cleaners and of course in celebration of our 25th runner Egon Boer and 100th runner Ella “Hash Cat”.



The real fear of horrors starts during circle time when the whip comes in. Especially the horrible whippet named Disaster. Although he can be longwinded he also brings fear to the horrors by calling horrors up to account for their misdeeds. In his own horrible way he further celebrated the name change of 100th runner Cheetah “Ella Linskens” into Hash Cat.



Baptism ceremony for change of name

Circle time ended at 17.30, although from the photo it appears that the hares had something further to report but nobody listened.....and the horrors and their families went on to a well deserved dinner!



What only the hares could see that day

Other matters

Setting runs is fun and a few guidelines will help

1. Once you have run about 10 runs you will get yourself familiar with the hashing procedure. If you feel you are not ready to lay a run on your own, you can approach some of the more senior hashers who are more than willing to help you. Bring along with you at least three bags of flour and 3 rolls of toilet paper. Make sure that after the run everything is cleaned up.
2. Try to find a place with ample parking for all the cars IF POSSIBLE, if there's minimal traffic for the Kids, that's a big plus. Other considerations for a run site are a challenging terrain, perhaps some water or a hill to climb.
3. Please have at least, two runs (a Short & Long) Ready so all ages can enjoy. I would say the long should be around 30-40 minutes and the short around 20-25 for walking parents and kids. If you want to throw in a super run at 45+ minutes be sure someone is there to advise the younger runners and then sweep.
4. It is custom that the as a reward for the challenge of running the kids are rewarded with lots of goodies. Part of the membership fee goes to food which is supplied by Mr. Hoe, soft drinks during circle and after the run, ice-cream and sweets. **THE HARES ALWAYS SUPPLY THE SWEETS! ICE CREAM IS ON THE HASH, UNLESS NECESSITY REQUIRES OTHERWISE!**
5. Make sure you pick up the Hash Signs "*the run before your run*", this is the next hares obligation. Hares also take the "tug a war" rope home with them, unless it's totally inconvenient, then we'll make other plans for the rope.
6. At least two weeks before your run (if not longer) please let The Head Horror know if you are doing all the games, one age group and or none so game arrangements can be made. A good link for kids games is:
<http://www.gameskidsplay.net/>
7. Remember the club is run by the members, the more active the members the stronger the club!

MR. HOE THE CATERER AND MR. TAN THE DRINKS MAN

The horrors have organized everything and there is always food and drinks thanks to Mr. Hoe our regular caterer and Mr. Tan who supplies the drinks! If there is enough food left after the kids have all eaten, parents buy a meal from Mr. Hoe for \$ 5 and support the horrors' finances. Additional income is used for prizes and additional costs. Also don't forget Mr. Tan, rain or shine he is there. It will not be worth his while if we all share one coke with six straws or bring our own eskie.

STARTING TIME & FEE COLLECTION

Horrors should arrive in time to set up camp, register, sort out passports, introduce guests and pay fees, bring their subs up to date, say hello to friends, stretch, burp, mark territory, scratch or apply insect repellent, and be ready when the Head Horror calls "Gather Round". This is not possible unless you arrive well before 4:30. If you arrive around 4:00, it means that there is no check-in queue when that "Gather Round!" reverberates, and the Secretary gets a chance to see what the Hares have been up to.

HABERDASH

Hey kids, remember to wear your Horrors T-shirt, Horror track pants or bandanas, it will not only help the other horrors to recognize you as a member but it is a worldwide Hashing custom to wear a Hash shirt on runs. Horrorble goods are given out during special runs, but common to the other Hashes' practices these goods are only for those who attend the run, they are however for sale during normal runs and you can grab a nice t-shirt for a very special horror price. We have still lots of t-shirts, shorts and pants in stock. Come and see Tina Dortmans, our haberdash hash!

On on!