

Happenings at Kolam Air Panas, Hulu Tamu

Date: 14 Sept 2015

Run No: 3746

Hare: Spindle Tan

Co-Hares: Sotong; On Chai; Ah Hock; Calvin

Guests: Mark; Little Fat Dragon; SL

Runners: about 60-70

FROPS: Ah Meng at 7.44 and then Ah Kah and Ah Wah

Distance: 12.5km; **Checks:** 4

The Run

A smaller pack than usual gathered at the run-site and some, such as Young Yap, Taiwan Yu and Taufu Soo, were already enjoying the hot springs. At the ON at 6pm On Sec rushed to the first check which wasn't that far away and thankfully in the opposite direction of the Petaling Hash paper who had run here on the Saturday.

Ah Chai checked forward and On Sec and Ken Wong checked to the side. No paper to be found. The pack split up and checked back: nothing. It was a good 20 minutes and much of the pack was bewildered before On On was called forward. Apparently those that checked forward several times got within 10 metres of paper but as it was already an illegal check did not bother to go any further. A bit of a up then. The pack tried to make up for lost time and stormed off into undulating jungle trails. With some steep muddy climbs and single file. After this the trails widened and the front runners got into their stride and got to the second check quickly. Again it was a difficult forward check that allowed the back of the pack to catch up and also do a bit of checking. Once broken the pack went on winding trails, mostly jungle and a bit of palm, along winding trails with many small hills and descents in great running country. In the middle of the pack was Haur, Silent Dragon, Billy NoHair, On Sec, Kenny and a few others. Because of the tough second check, good runners such as Mike Kwan, Frank and Poh Choi plodded passed us as they caught up. There was also a back pack not too far away.

The third check was a two and a half km circular which got the whole pack together – brilliant! As the On Sec was just about to take a much needed rest, it was broken down to the left of the rubber where it was set. All the front runners such as Ah Meng, Arther, Steve Leong, SuperOldMan, and Orange again ran on with frustrated looks. The trails were excellent with a mixture of terrain, a bit of shiggy, a stream crossing, and pretty much everything you could wish for.

I don't remember the fourth check as it was broken long before I got there, but we were running along more excellent trails to a point where a few runners knew we were not too far – about 1.5km from the run site. Home then, to enjoy the hot springs. But no, and this is where the Hare made a mistake. He took us up through a workers' estate and a long paved downhill to the main road for a 4km home trail to the run site. In many ways it was good to be on a paved road as it was already dark at about 7.15 because of the extremely high levels of haze

and presumably clouds higher up. But it was boring. Poh Choi summed it up well when he started singing the CCB song on the last stretch.

The Circle

After the Guinness bar was opened at about 8.20pm, the circle started soon after. The Butler for the evening was a very willing CY Lau who did an excellent job and drank his beer to a good song.

The Hares and Co-Hares were called up to receive their verdict and received a Good Run call from the pack. The description of the run is best done as Fantastic for the first part, Incredible for the second part, and CCB for the final part. Overall good lah.

On Cash Russell had no subs to collect, but did have the pleasant job of rewarding two members with their 35-year patch: Ah Hean, who was absent, and Michael Moi who got onto the box for a good song and congratulations.

There were three guests with Little Fat Dragon running with us for the third time so a membership form was pressed into his hands. It was SL's second time and Mark (whose other names were suggested as).

The returnee, Yeoh Qui Seng was having his dinner as he was called on the box for not waiting for the rest of the pack to also have dinner was on-downed with the CCB song.

Then it was Bomoh time and Jeffrey Hao had arranged through the On Sec for Billy NoHair. Immediately he pulled up Ah Hock and SK Ken for taking a Guinness before the Guinness Bar was opened. Therefore they were fined one case of Guinness each. PB Choo was called up for clearing his nose next to the Bomoh; and Monkey was called up to explain why he had spent 20 minutes grooming his hair into a flying saucer. Sotong had two wasp stings and complained that he couldn't see, hear, his heart was stopping and couldn't walk. Ah meng was very worried and CPR may have taken place. Kenny and Arthur were also called up with something to do with counting. LFD and SL were called up for talking while the bomoh was holding court, but somehow Ah Kah was held responsible. Leong was called up for getting a new car with Eric Ng. With that it was charges from the floor and Yap Foo Hoi got Ken Wong for rushing for the Guinness as soon as the bar was opened.

With that, and after a short announcement from Opera about the next Pan Asia Hash (see below), the hare pointed the direction to the FOC on on with none other than Sea dragon. The clear soup was most delicious, and new fare from his usual favourites. Thanks Tan far another memorable and excellent evening.