

As it happened

Date: 30 November 2015

Run No: 3757

Hare: Chris Tan

Co-Hares: Jake Wing.

Runners: 40

FROPS: Monkey and Taufu Soo at 8.10pm the rest of the pack at 8.30+

Distance: 14.8 (average)

Checks: 7

The Run

The run site was not in the usual Bukit Beruntung location but at the top of the small hill by an electrical substation with a cool breeze and nice views. On Cash arrived just before 4pm to see the 4:30pm group go in earlier than usual after taking into account who the hare was today. Taufu Soo also came early but then it took some time for about 40 something runners to gather for what everyone assumed would be a long run.

Exactly 42 Mother Hash members had decided to skip today's run in favour of the Sungai Ujong celebration FOC one. Maybe that also had something to do with the reputation of the hare? About 4 years ago Chris Tan set a run from this very same location that was almost 20km long with the FROP coming back at 8:30pm. One of our visiting OSM members then, George Lewis, had to be almost carried in suffering from exhaustion. Anyway that was another time and at 6pm today Taufu Soo led the pack up the hill to the pylon and then down into the rubber.

This scribe followed paper with Kana for just over 2km on nice running trails and then decided to turn back as dusk descended. After only a few minutes we noticed freshly laid paper that the hares had just put down for the home trail and

eventually caught up with them very close to the run site. At 7pm precisely the 4pm group came back and so we all assumed that the pack would be in before 7:45pm. While waiting for the pack some stragglers who turned back or got lost came in; Barry had run 4km back on the E1 highway! Unfortunately darkness does come early at this time of year and so the FROP's Monkey followed by Taufu Soo did not make it in until 8:10pm with the rest of the pack all in by 8:30pm. The run distance was 13.5km with 7 checks, but from all the checking some runners had clocked up almost 16km. With hindsight the runners would have been back on time if the run had been a couple of kms shorter with fewer checks near the end when it was already getting dark.

The Circle

With the last runners coming out at around 8:30pm the circle did not start until 8:45pm when one of the newest members around, CY Lau, had showered and was able to start his butler duties. The On Sec and both JM's were on MC today and so On Cash told the circle that because we had a smaller group than normal, and plenty of beer, everyone would have to make a charge, and he would go around asking for charges after the Bomoh.

The butler took the first beer then the hare and co-hare were called up. Co-hare Jake Wing had left early and so "look-alike" Jeffery Wong took his place. There was a mixed response to the "what did you think of the run" question, but as the FROP's came out 25 minutes after the cut-off time it had to be declared a fine run (to be confirmed by On Sec)!

On Cash announced that there are now only 5 left to pay Q4 subs and read out the names asking for help to get these final payments. Interhash Sec told us that there was an FOC run in Sungai Ujong so anyone who wanted to could drive there now. He then called up Bull Ong as a Billy No Hair "look-alike" to thank him for letting us have so much extra beer to drink today. He also reminded those who have not yet paid for the 80th anniversary registration to please do so. There were no

guests or visitors and only one returner, Jake Wing. So as he had already left Jeffrey Wong had another down down! Moustache Yap was still around and collected his 15 year patch. Some members remember when his hair and moustache were black!

Next week's hare, Preston Lim, was in the circle but had subcontracted his bomoh duty to Zuric Bee. So we look forward to Preston's and Zuric's (from 2 weeks ago) slabs of beer next week. Zuric had Hardy Boy up for not doing the run due to there being too many mosquitos and also Chris Tan for scaring away all the members who went to Sungai Ujong today instead. He then caught Kau Peng Yap trying to sneak away from the circle early. Finally he charged the butler with not wearing the new butler skin.

Everyone had been warned to have a charge ready and there was a very good response with charges coming from Kenny Soh, Opera, Hardy Boy, Ah Chai, Edwin Ho, Soh Ooi Yeong and Russell. Several had to do with the excellent wedding function that many members attended the night before for Ah Chai's unmentionable offspring.

Kenny noted that the hares had put up pictures of UM's on trees with the run paper and complained that they had not provided the real thing. Soh told us that Yap Foo Hoi had been to a dinner last week with several datos and other VIP's but had not invited Mother Hash.

Hardy brought up Monkey to explain the significance of the Sikh bracelets that they are both wearing. Russell reminded everyone that it had been excellent sporting weekend for Great Britain with a new boxing heavyweight world champion and also becoming Davis Cup (World) tennis champions. He and John Dodgson took the beers.

Ah Chai noticed that throughout the circle the hare was trying to make us finish as the On On had been booked for 8:30pm and he did not have the phone number of the restaurant. However with such a small group and plenty of beer nobody

else was in a hurry, and so it was 9:30pm before the circle finally closed!

The free On On was at the Full Moon restaurant on the way back to the tolls. Good food was enjoyed by only 3 tables. The smallest Mother Hash On On I have ever been to.

Thanks, Russell and John. Great scribe!