

As it happened in Bukit Tinggi

Date: 7 December 2015

Run No: 3758

Hare: Preston Lim

Co-Hares: Zuric (mastermind); Walter T; Michael Lee; Peter Lee; Fico.

Guests: Erik (Father Hash); Jan Pinkster (Virgin); Loreense (Washington DC Hash) and

Runners: 110+

FROPS: Taufu Soo at 7.19pm shortly followed by Monkey and Ah Kah

Distance: 9km

Checks: 4 (I think)

The Run

Although it's quite a long way out to Bukit Tinggi, the weather was superb with clear blue skies and cottony white clouds; one of those days that makes Malaysia a great place to be. As we drove up towards the Genting Highlands turn off, with the jungles displaying their myriad green hues, and the air cooling nicely, it felt like it was going to be a special evening.

The restaurant was easy to find, but parking was limited due to the place being popular with locals and tourists alike. Luckily, The Hare, Preston, arranged for the Hash to have the entire bottom floor. And the stall to the side of the restaurant was doing a roaring trade in fresh passion juice, peanuts and other snacks. It was a big turnout.

At six o'clock On Sec led the pack off and up the gradual incline towards Janda Baik. There was very little paper and On Sec was unsure whether this was the true trail. However, SuperOldMan encouraged him to go on until the road bends left

up the hill and the trail went right and through a tunnel under the road.

The first check was on the other side of the road and up a hill still heading towards the Genting turn off, with Selesa homes off to our right. On Sec and SuperOldMan broke the fairly simple forward check together down the hill to the right as the trail went through a small kampong area with its ubiquitous barking mutts.

The trail then crossed the river and went up towards the road up a fairly steep hill. It was at this time On Sec noticed Ah Kah going back towards the Kampong rather than cross the river. Did he know something? Only one way to find out, so On Sec and a fairly large pack of back markers and walkers went parallel to the river and through part of the building site, the Hare was obviously trying to avoid – nice Tudor style houses set in greenery and beside the river. Not cheap.

The main Pack went up a large hill and over the other side to bypass all the excavations and had another check by the river. Both the walkers and runners met up as the trail went into the jungle along good running paths in a clockwise loop. The runners led by Taufu Soo, Monkey, Ah Meng, Chew LC and the usual suspects rushed through, although On Sec and On Cash decided to go directly towards Selesa homes figuring the trail would end up that way. And somehow the pack made it there before we did. There was only one dangerous bit when the trail went down a stone wall that required a bit of climbing; nevertheless, it then followed a picturesque route at the back of the estate and home. Everyone had praise for the run. Then the party began.

The Circle

The beers were going fast; the kacang stall was doing a roaring trade; and the raucous noise coming from the hashers already washed and seated was immense. The Guinness bar was opened and one of the Tan & Tan's was asked, and agreed, to be Butler. However, he disappeared so the On Sec picked on

the talkative Mr T to fill in for the evening. No sooner had he donned the uniform, the elusive Tan came out of hiding – we'll have to get him next week. Zuric and Preston put their fined cases of beer in, leaving only Ah Hock to put in his promised case of Guinness next week.

The Hares and co-hares were up next and it was unanimously declared a very good run. On Cash was on form and dished out mugs to Spindle Tan, Lim Kin Hai, Henry Chia, Steve Lai and Yeong. He then presented 10-year membership patches out to Steve Lai and Preston.

Interhash Sec called up Billy to explain himself about leading a band of 42 members to Sungei Ujong celebration run. In fact we had more members there than they had. A beer and a song followed.

We had Guests Erik from The Singapore (Father) hash, and with him was virgin Hasher Jan Pinkster (it's his real name), we also had a 2nd or 4th time runner with us called Fast &

Furious, and Loreense a half Malaysian, half Gweilo hasher from Washington DC hash. All were welcomed with a beer and a song, as we did with returnee Danny McBride.

Francis outsourced his Bomoh duties to Steve Leong who did an amazing job given the restless crowd and the bad acoustics. He called up On Cash and Monkey, but I couldn't quite make out the charge. Then guests Erik and Jan Pinkster were called up for racing on the hash. And Taiwan Yu and guest Loreense were called up as although one of Loreense's steps equals two of Taiwan Yu's, he was still beaten by Taiwan Yu. Things were starting to get a bit out of hand and so the Hare was called to open the tables for food. There were 9 full tables of hungry hashers, and while the service was a bit slow, the food was good and piping hot. And all FOC. Thanks Preston for a great run and a very generous excellent evening.