

As it Happened at Mantin

Date: 4 January 2016

Run No: 3763

Hare: Kenny Chong King Seong

Co-Hares: Mountain Goat; Ah Meng; Eddie Khor; Ah Siong and Taufu Soo

Runners: about 110

Guests: Loads of people from The Templar Seremban Hash, Taiwan, and Mantin.

FROPS: Mike Kwan and SuperOldMan at 7.15

Distance: 9km

Checks: 5

The Run



It had been a hot, hot day but the rain had held off bar a few light showers. The run site was easily accessible although the

turn-off road had to be navigated carefully in an ordinary car. Parking was a bit crowded, but everyone managed.

Just before the On On, the guests from Taiwan wanted a picture so we all crowded around while Kana did his best to get everyone in. The On and up, and further up, and even further up on a hard slog to the first check, where most of the pack grabbed a breath. There were two false trails here and we got caught by both of them. For the second run in a row it took about 12 minutes to break the first check. Interestingly, as I was heading back down the trail to do a back check I ran into Ah Meng shouting 'On On'. Little did I know at the time he was one of the co-hares. More of this at the circle....

And now the truth from John

The first time I had been to this site although I believe Eddy Kor used it a couple of months ago. The address was Mantin so we knew what to expect.

The run went up and down the face of the ridge each time getting a little higher as we moved up the valley back towards the main ridge above Mantin itself.

After climbing up and down so many times as we moved away from the run site we could envisage the same torture on the way back. Just when you thought you could not do another climb the run levelled off and we crossed the ridge before dropping down a steep palm oil road to an abandoned sand quarry and the last check. From there it was a gentle run down the old access track for about 3km back to the run site. The run was all on open tracks and trails with 5 straightforward checks.

The 4.30 gang went out at 4.15 as we were wary of the local terrain but came in after 2 hours. We expected the first runner to be in by just after 7 but they did not get back until 7.15. Apparently it took them 15 minutes to break the 1st check. Obviously nobody wanted to go down the steep hill from the check having just slogged up the ridge from the run site.

I was lucky and missed the final up and down of a circular check as we turned for home. I still managed 8.2 km and 359 meters of ascent. Roger thought the circular was about 700 metres.

We were back so far in front of the pack that most of the 4.30 gang left for home without a beer!

A good run.

On On

John

The Circle

CY Lau was the willing Butler tonight and donned his uniform and got the cups ready. But first he had a beer and a good song. In fact many thanks go to CY Lau as he was kind enough to do the Butler job at the restaurant which was no easy task.

The Hares were up next with the Co-Hare masterminds and despite a little confusion at the first and last checks, it was declared a good run. So a good song was sung. After this we just had enough time for the On Cash Russell, back from his Christmas break to say that nearly all of us owe him money for the New Year subs. As he was doing this the light drizzle became heavier and just as the Interhash Sec was finishing, it started to pour down. So we adjourned to the restaurant for the rest of the circle and dinner.

Excellent Hash chaos prevailed as nine full tables assembled themselves. A microphone was set up as Billy No-Hare and On Sec tried to get the pack's attention. CY Lau helped out again as we got through the guests fairly quickly – there were 18 of them.

With a restless pack and with the ever generous Hare, Kenny, placing free beer on the tables, it would have been too much for most Bomoh's but this week it was Playboy Choo. So a semblance of order came about. Up first were a group of Mantin Hasher who were told to shut up and if they are dissatisfy they would be asked to get out – no messing about

with Choo. Two guests of Eric Tan and Roger Tan were caught hoarding beer at the On On. And their mentor, Simon Tee, was hauled up together with our old members Daniel Ngiam and Albert

Ting and were given a C C B Song. Don Cheng was given a CC B as well for urging Albert Ting to drink and stage a protest against the spirit of hashing. Also BJM Bon was called up for having a road tax so old that all the writing has been bleached from it. Then Ah Meng and Taufu Soo were called up to explain themselves for being co-hares and running on the trail to ensure it doesn't become a fine run. Yap Foo Hoi had an excellent charge for one member who waited completely naked in the Guinness line so he didn't miss out.

After the very good food, Kenny Seong was called up to let everyone know the cost. And it was declared a free On On, so the Terima Kasih song was sung with gusto. Somewhere a bottle of whisky appeared and more organised chaos returned with further songs including the Hashnal Anthem 'Swing Low' and Yaaaaam Seng down downs. The Hare, Kenny, showed extreme generosity to members and guests alike. Thanks Kenny for a really excellent evening.