

As it Happened at Broga

Date: 11 January 2016

Run No: 3764

Hare: Tam Nam Ann

Co-Hares: Tyson Foo (Mastermind); Ah Wai; Tan & Tan

Runners: 80-90

Guests: 4 x Foo from PJ unmentionable; Takeshi, Kim and Allen.

FROPS: Sotong at exactly 7.30 followed by Ah Meng at 7.31

Distance: 8.7 according to the Hare, but John Dodgson had over 10km

Checks: 5

The Run

A long run in on the road to the first check all the way back to the temple. I broke the first check up the route recently used by the Joint Masters. Being the same route I was wary of it being a false trail until it was realised this is the part of the Jan 1st run the pack did not see. Only the 4.30 had found this part of the trail.

We then climbed up to the second check at the top of rubber terraces. The check was broken forward into secondary jungle and old rubber. This characterised the rest of the run together with steep climbs and precipitous drop offs. The third check in a steep tight valley with no obvious trails took about 20 minutes to break way up on the far side of the valley. Most of the time was collecting the team together as we were ranged far and wide looking for the paper. After this the continual climbs and descents were taking their toll and I cannot recollect the sequence of the final checks.

At 7.10 Sotong sprinted past me on our way back to the temple area. Ah Meng and Super Old Man were a good 5 minutes behind at that point but I believe they pressured Sotong all the way home and reduced the gap considerably.

We came out in the rubber near the restaurants below the temple and set off back up the road to the run site. The running was on the road, the rest was scrambling.

Why not park closer to the actual running territory? Then the similarities began to click in. This was the Bukit Jugra Hares. Bukit Jugra was a very long run along the road, assault a hill (or be assaulted by a hill) and then a long road home on tarmac again. The similarity with this run was uncanny. They must have reced far and wide to get the same format.

On On

John

The Circle

The runners came into the run site as the light was fading to roast dog/lamb nicely roasting on the spit. Ramli was all set up and when nearly all the runners were back – Michael Moi was still in the bush – the circle was called together.

Tan from Tan & Tan was the Butler who received his song and beer for the evening. The Hare had 25 co-hares and so tough was the trail that at least one had come back on a motor bike. However four of the main culprits were called up: Tan & Tan, Ah Wai and Tyson Foo. It was deemed a 'Good Run' and the Hare got his pisspan full of beer.

On Cash didn't have much to say, except 'thanks' to all those who've paid so far. Similarly Interhash Sec mostly advised people to look at the attachment that comes with the Newsletter, and to pay your fees for the 80th anniversary.

Out of the 7 guests only one, Takeshi, was left and as this was his third run received the joining form, which he promised to return the following week. He's true blue.

The Bomoh for the evening was Frankie Soong who got Michael Lee for coming back on a motorcycle; Butler Tan for giving an unmentionable on Thursday his Mother hash Shirt; and Steven Leong for insulting the Bomoh. Good job Frankie.

On Sec got Taufu Soo for pressuring him on the way to the long first check, then shortcutting himself. Hardy got the Butler Tan up for a charge, and also called Russell for being so quiet these days – probably because Chelsea are near the bottom of the football table.

Barry was called up for finally coming back from Canadia. And with that it was time for the Hare to mention where the On On was, which was on-site and FOC. Just then Michael Moi appeared out of the dark so all was well with the world. Everyone was back. Thanks to Tam for another excellent evening with plenty of beer and good company.