

AS IT WAS ON DENNIS KHOO'S RUN PETALING GARDENS

Labour Day observed on a Monday, anticipated through a barrage of huhs and hahs that OnSec had to get through to set the hare back on track with Monday traditions.

That is when you have your name back and your identity restored. This is how everyone has the chance to enjoy the camaraderie and male bonding time in the hash, this is also why it is so addictive.

The hare, Dennis, was all and about his hyped Birthday Run. He had the co-hares lunch fed early in the day, opened up a few bottles for them and then came the spoilers – rain, real heavy downpour for a couple of hours!

Taufu Soo was impatient around four thirty as it was still raining heavily and finally had the chance to lay the trail just before five. The 430 gang went after him twenty minutes later while OnSec started the run a few minutes early.

The first check was just after the first kilometer on the shed stacked with cement on foothills. Most went right towards the trail that we had ran before but a guest and myself decided to check out a forward trail. I waved him to go further forward as I was going on the same trail. He called, I relay and I fell upon slipping on the corrugated steel sheets that were covered by the grasses. A few deep lacerations on my legs but I was fine and soldiered on despite the bleedings.

Ninja Shan came on paper after making a humongous steep climb just above the check and came Mountain Goat and gang from the long search on the tarmac. The steep cliff hanger on the gabian wall held up a bunch of people while A-Meng found an alternative climb down. The climb up towards the reservoir on the concrete drain and got us to the second check by the reservoir. Wong Chee Keong went up the temple trail but Ah Kah hit paper by doing a back check. Danny Tai and I were a bit at the front holding up the line for the runners.

Between the second and the third check were a lot of climbing, some guys were already on top of the third check even though there was not any paper. Some called it a circular check but a whole lot of us saw it as a forward check. As I was connecting paper heading towards the On Call,

Ah Hoe tried to pick up paper where I was but I yanked his shirt and urged him to run rather than 'itching his hand'.

More climbs and OnSec finally caught up with me for a few minutes before running off with Danny Tai. Fourth check was tricky with the guys looking in the area where we ran previously but we were led heading towards the condominiums before a left turn back into the forest reserve. We headed towards the suspension bridge and another left turn got us to the entrance of the park behind the bungalows. I had Fei Loong to accompany me the three kilometer home trail, before he dropped behind and guest Peter Sleep Alone for the rest of it. We dug up speed and buried lethargy for a good three and a half minute per kilometer pace to be back at the run site.

