

Hash #664
19th January 2014
Le Morne
Hares: Fred & Pierre-Andre



Hello Happy Hashers!

This week's Hash started with a number of confused faces as some of us couldn't find the On-On! After cruising down the mountain towards Le Morne Village, without a worry in mind, passing beach after beautiful beach, admiring the view, with some Hashers going all the way down to Baie du Cap, we were overcome with the sudden realisation that there had been no visible Hash signs along the way. Call after call was made to fellow Hashers and the panic started to slowly sink in. We all seemed to be lost! On the long drive back towards the mountain, we kept our eyes peeled for any kind of clue – we looked left and we looked right, and still we didn't know where to go. Trailmaster Didier came to our rescue after some time (to us it felt like a long, long time) and pointed out the signs that had been put up next to the Le Morne Village Community Centre (perhaps some of the local kids had been playing a trick on us poor unsuspecting Hashers?!). Anyway, long story short, everyone made it with a slight delay, but all's well that ends well!



The Circle this week started off with a reward for Hares Fred and Pierre-Andre – they set a great 6.5km track (a couple of FRBs did it back to front – scroll down for details). Some ran, some walked through mangrove plantations, with the big Le Morne Mountain looming in the background with the sun beating down on our backs. The trail was thankfully flat (what a relief!) with great views, so thanks again for the good run!



There was only one **First-Timer** who stayed on for the Circle this week - Philippe Scheffel from Switzerland (brought by Gilbert). Our local translator, John, was on hand to translate from Swiss French into... Mauritian French?! At the end of the day, our newcomer had enjoyed himself and said that he would grace us with his presence again. NB. I did happen to bump into another Virgin during the run – Helene Ah Pong (from what I understand she couldn't join us afterwards).



Our **Second-Timers** this week – Marie-Claire, Carles and Paola – thoroughly enjoyed their Down-Downs in the 34°C heat!



Our **Sinners** this week (and trust me, there were many, including myself), were rightfully punished. RAs Jim and Kees were more than happy to award Down-Downs:

- to Patricia, for speaking out of turn without a bottle on her head (I'm not sure which is the bigger crime?!).
- to Leslie, last to pay this week!
- to your Scribe, me, for leading a pack of the FRBs astray (I have a good excuse.. I got confused – the dots were all on the right side and I had been looking for them on the left!!!). Aforementioned pack ran the Hash back to front essentially, but hey, we got the whole trail done – just not in the right order!
- to Tusia and Alan, for not following the aforementioned pack on their mission to atone for their mistake as they decided to come back to the On-On instead of doing the loop we had previously overlooked.



- to Mario, for using the box (complete with Roman numerals) as an excuse to sit down and “rest”.
- to Steve (one of our trained First-Aiders), who didn't tend to his wife, Kay's injury – she ended up patching her scraped knee by herself.
- to Hector, who hasn't kept up with his Hash horn tooting lessons (your Scribe also dutifully noted he hasn't been practising Down-Downs either!)
- to Trailmaster, Didier, for continuously rescheduling the roster for upcoming runs (poor Mike has been trying to set a Hash for a few years now and he still can't get a fixed date – it would be the first one he's set.. if it ever happens!)

No **lost property** announced this week – I assume the lost items found themselves a home!

The **Cow-Bell** returned with Kees (about time, too!). There was much fuss as to the whereabouts of the bell, which had disappeared from the location it had last been placed. Nobody confessed to the deed, so the investigation is ongoing. It was eventually found, although in the meantime Kees had magically conjured up a replacement, so we ended up with TWO Cow-Bells! They were initially to be awarded to two of our senior Hashers, but ended up around the neck of GM Mark and in the hand of RA Jim, as they'd both given poor Kees a lot of grief as to the misplacement of such a valuable item.



The **Kiddies' Dodo** also decided to make a reappearance (what a week, hey!) and was handed over to Georgie, who seemed pretty thrilled to be the new temporary owner of this awesome stuffed toy.



Last word:

Our thoughts are with Webmaster Bob Russell as he recovers from a hip operation. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at the Hash soon!

Hash magnets are now on sale for Rs. 50 – if you see this magnet on the car in front of you in two weeks' time, then you can safely assume you are on the right track to the On-On. If you see it mid-week, then feel free to give your fellow Hasher a wave!

That's it from me folks, see you at the next Hash – at La Preneuse so I've been told – keep an eye out for directions!

'Til next time!
Isabelle "Isis" Joseph

Many thanks to Rey and Gilbert for their photos – there's a whole lot more on the Hash website!