

Hash #670
13th April 2014
Hermitage
Hare: Mario (with some help from your Scribe)



Hello Happy Hashers!

Let me just start off with a quick two reminders:

1. **Please register for the Hash in advance! This is important as we need to provide enough drinks for everyone, and we have to have a general idea of how many people will be attending. If you don't put your names and numbers down, there may not be enough beer!**
2. **Please DO NOT LITTER at the Hash, either on the trail or the On-On site – we leave the site as we found it. Beer and soft drink bottle caps need to go into the cooler bags or into the rubbish bag and NOT on the ground. The same people clean up each week and they shouldn't have to.**

That aside, onto Hash news! This week's trail was set in the picturesque area of Hermitage and its numerous lakes. It was a great run if I may say so myself, with a lot of variety in terms of scenery. Back-checks were plentiful, keeping our FRBs in check – they had been warned at the beginning that chances were that if they thought they were on the right trail, they probably weren't (and this proved to be the case time and time again!). Two R trails gave the runners ample opportunity to stretch their legs and get a good run in, both times ending up at the back of the pack. Several boxes were strategically placed in an attempt to further keep the front guys from getting too far ahead, with a Hash Halt thrown in as well to give the runners a chance to catch up with the walkers. There was a fabulous little river crossing, which thankfully everyone got across without any hiccups (I wish I could say the same for my fellow Hare,

who was quite unfortunate when we were setting the run, and slipped off a rock and banged his shin pretty badly, which caused bleeding and swelling and required first aid attention upon arrival back to the On-On – this is probably why it’s wisest to set a Hash with a buddy!) Everyone made it back safe and sound to the On-On, with the walkers not too far behind the FRBs. Down-Downs for both Mario and me.



We always love to welcome **First-timers** to the Hash, this week’s newcomers being:

- John de Kock (from South Africa)
- Annicka Spangenberg (half Swedish, half Mauritian)
- Karuna Puri and her son Yannick (from Mauritius)
- Brish Ramloll (from Mauritius)

Hopefully these guys will be back!



Second-Timers Fulvio, Tatiana, Tara, Sanjeev and Shakira got their Down-downs (by this point the skies burst open and the rain poured down soaking us all).



RA Kees, performing on his own this week (RA Jim was acting GM), handed out Down-downs to the following **Sinners**:

- **Shakira and Annicka**, last to pay (and LATE to the Hash too!)
- **Jean, Shyama, Tusia and Sanjeev**, for attempting to cover up their smuggling of papayas and guavas to their respective cars. Four beers were poured (small, medium, large and pisspot) and the Sinners raced to pick the forementioned fruits from trees and bring them back to the Circle, with the first person back receiving the smallest Down-down and the last being stuck with the pisspot. First back was Sanjeev, followed by Shyama, Tusia and last was Jean. Oh and someone pointed out that Kees had also participated in the illicit activities, so he downed his punishment alongside the rest of them.
- **Alan**, for chasing away one of our own and told him to hurry along, telling him that the Hash was a members-only club. It turned out that it was our second-timer Sanjeev, who fell victim to our very own Hash Scarecrow!
- **Mario**, for his miraculous recovery – he was pale as a ghost and was pretty much passed out in his car whilst we were all out running, yet when the first beer bottle was popped open, Mario was drawn to it like a fly to light. Didn't even hobble.
- **Leslie**, for causing confusion as to what sort of numbers should be in boxes – some Hashers have been led to believe that it should be Roman numerals, whereas on the Hash t-shirt, with Hash instructions, a box with “normal” numbers had been printed. The final ruling is that you can do whatever is easier for you (yes, some people are not very familiar with Roman numerals).

Rey decided to bring some life and smiles into the Circle (the rain did dampen some of the Hashers' moods), and introduced 5 chairs to the centre. He then picked out 6 Hariettes (Claudia, Mireille, Alison, Franchette, Marie-Claude and Shyama), one of who would receive the Cow-Bell in a game of Musical Chairs.



The rules were not too clear to the rest of us, but some of the ladies caught onto the general idea quite quickly (as long as you were the one remaining standing, you would just go back to the Circle, and the last one sitting would be the recipient of the Cow-Bell). So Doe-a-Deer we all sang as the ladies pranced around the chairs, with Franchette being the one to win the last chair (and thus the Cow-Bell).



Kiddies Dodo went from Aveline to Noah.



Next Hash: Grand Gaube, “Sir Gaetan run” – to be set by Pierre-Andre.

See you next time!
Isabelle “Isis” Joseph