

Hash #671
27th April 2014
Grand Gaube
Hare: Pierre-Andre & Kevin

Hello Happy Hashers!

This Sunday's On-On site, located far away from civilization, gave us a great ocean view, with Flat Island (not very flat to be honest!) to the left of the panorama and Amber Island to the right. We were even lucky to get the tiniest of glimpses of the famed Sir Gaetan Duval's Mansion through the iron-wrought gates – however, a very impressive-looking Doberman stood guard on the other side, thus hindering our attempt to get a closer look. The trail was very good – a 6.5km track that let loose our runners, was very well-marked and had John guessing at every Circle as to which was the right way to go (99.5% of the time he was wrong). Several boxes and a W/R trail kept the pack together, and we all enjoyed the variety of running on flat asphalt roads, through grassy fields, along the beach road and through mangrove plantations (a pattern with the mangroves and Pierre-Andres's hashes is emerging!). The hares got a hearty cheer from the crowd and were awarded a Down-down.



First-timers this week:

- Siddesh Dhawan
- Jay Thakkar
- Vikash Puri
- Pierre How

They all had a good time and hope to be back again!



We were happy to welcome back **Second-Timers** Karuna, Yannick and Albert – they got their Down-down (thoroughly enjoyed after a 2-week wait!)



RA Kees and RA Jim were back to full strength this week and Down-downs were handed out like sweets to the **Sinners**:

- **Leslie**, last to pay (he protested that this was not the case, but Jean – cash-collector stand-in – pointed out that he had the evidence necessary to prove that he was indeed the perpetrator)
- **Primrose and Philida** – for having the audacity to short-cut.. and right under RA Kees’ nose too! (The ladies claimed they hadn’t seen the false trail marking.. but then again, if they hadn’t seen it, how would they have known it was there???)
- **Albert and Marie-Jo**, another pair of short-cutters, caught in the act by RA Jim (here’s a tip fellow Hashers: if you’re going to short-cut, at least have a look around to see who’s there. Second piece of advice: Do it like Alan, he’s our Hash pro).
- **Marie-Andre**, for tinkling on the trail (no.. “watering plants” is not a good enough excuse).

- **Noah**, for being encouraged by his parents to short-cut. (The RAs decided that disciplining our young Hasher at an early age would help discourage him for repeating this offense later in life.)
- **Steve**, for being a gentleman and helping out some of the ladies on the trail (his motives were unclear, so the RAs wanted to remind him that he was being watched!)
- **Yannicke and Jean**, for non-stop chit-chatting from start to finish, there was just no stopping them and they were completely oblivious as to what was going on around them (next thing you know, they'll be short-cutting too!)
- **Tara**, for smoking in the Circle (it's bad for you and it's bad for us!!)
- **Vikash**, our First-timer, for being the supplier of the deadly puffs that were emitted from Tara's cigarette.

The **Kiddies' Dodo** didn't make it with Noah to the Hash this time. The little guy had already been given a Down-down, as had his father, thus the beer-baton was passed on to mum, Veronique, for having forgotten the extinct bird at home.



Cow-Bell wearer Franchette had two people in mind and had to decide between the first person at the Hash to pay this week and the person who arrived with a *bang* to the On-On site. Both seemed to be in a rush on the day, and I shall admit I was the former. It turned out to be my lucky week as the crowd chanted Kees' name, and deemed his crime to be worthy of bearing the Cow-Bell at the next run. Arriving at the Hash slightly over-speeding and slightly underbraking, he almost managed to take off Jim's car door without any screwdrivers or any other tools. Thankfully there was no-one too close by and the brakes eventually responded, so there was a noise and there was a scare and our blood pressure jumped up to 150 but the door was fine (fixed perhaps?) and didn't seem to have any trouble opening and closing. Phew!



Next Hash: Black River – check the website for directions.

I hand over the pen to my stand-in for the next two Hashes (I am confident she will keep you all entertained with her wit and her humour) and I shall see you in a few Hashes' time!

Isabelle "Isis" Joseph