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HASH TRASH

An almost monthly publication of the Phnom Penh Hash House Harriers with news, views, and things to do 's !

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Season Summary

Since last Junes lamentable publication the season has been highlighted by

- A first Oudong run.
- A surge of new membership totally disproportionate to the failure of the much hyped HashTrash summer recruiting campaign.
- A Sunday choo-choo ride.
- Lots of trample stampedes through unsuspecting peasants flooded rice paddies. According to IRRI calculations this threatens to reduce the annual rice harvest by up to 0.038%

On the 21st of September several of our top mis-management specialists put their services at the disposal of the public for the Sydney 2000 run. The results were predictable: late start, no beer only water and food queues after the event similar to those normallly found in catastrophe zones. Some runners who only went in it for the T-shirt have recently been seen petitioning in front of the National Assembly complaining about Australian Indian-givers and unfair trade practises. Congratulations to "Lucky For Some" for winning this prestigious 10km run and to all those other Hashers who ran in it but were too tired to run in the afternoon hash....'The Gang of Four' (They know who they are !!)...stand accused of sucking-up to Australia and club disloyalty.

Lounge Lizard's been seen lolling about in various bars, drinking rum toddies and whining about a cold he caught after someone threw ice-water on his kidneys during a down-down. Some of his detractors say nothing's too bad for him and if he hadn't lost the Fester Award they'd know where to put it.

September was also marred by an uncoordinated disorganised Saturday Hash in Kampong Soum. Both the PP Hash and the KS Hash laid a trail and in the squabble that ensued the PP hare courteously acquiesced to follow the KS hare's trail. So off they went through the town, round the HH (wHore Houses), off into the scrub and by potluck, or some other magical means, all finished up standing transFixed before the unforgettably splendid sunset over some place resembling Hailong Bay (no such seascape has ever been seen in the vicinity of Kampong Soum according to the local SS drug traffic suppression police since the last opium den closed in 1956). The committee has set up a board of inquiry to look into the incident. After this some members vaguely remember the down-downs sponsored by the local Angkor Brewery.

The 1000th Vientiane and the IndoChina Hash (2nd and 3rd of October '99) counter-intelligence report by our Flemish master spy. The hash was attended by 360 hashers from Vietnam, Burma, Thailand, China and our intrepid solitary infiltrator. For the fee of $35.00 there were three meals, one backpack, two t-shirts, one shoulder strap bottle holder and two runs. The runs were a one and a half hour duration with no halfway stop. Following a trail laid with dunny-paper, the first half tended to be a slow trail blazing leading on to the running segement. The foreign Grandmasters all presented the host Grandmaster with a present. Due to the absence of a Cambodian Grandmaster our infiltrateur slipped in a Cyclo and a Tin Tin in Cambodia t-shirt. The Burmese HHH presented him with an engraved bugle.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Grandmasters present proposed to change the name of the annual Indochina Hash to the Annual Mekong Hash. so as to include Burma, Thailand and China in the group.

It was officially noted that the Van Eyke family from Phnom Penh had registered but were not present.

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Remember no hares no hash. We are deeply indebted to the nameless, selfless sacrifices of this

The Phnom Penh Hash House Harriers meet every Sunday afternoon at 2:45 in front of the railway station. All welcome.