

HASHINGS

17th February, 1987.

RECEDING HARE LINE

Run No. 106	Sunday 22nd February	Hares: Gaucho, Flamenco & Bumble
107	8th March	Cleopatra, Never Again
108	22nd March	Gentleman Jim & Sanatarium
109	5th April	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
110	19th April	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
111	?26th April?	Blondie & Nag

Run No. 106: "39 Steps" starring Gaucho as the sadistic irrigation engineer who tries to drown a pack of rabid hounds in the Rio Mahaweli, only to discover that 3.14159 has pulled out the plug, so he then tries to lose them in the high sierras. Will he succeed, or will the alluring Flamenco dancer lure him from his lurid labours? Filmed in glorious IRRIdescent colour with full supporting international cast-offs.

Date: Sunday 22nd February

Time: 10.30 a.m.

Misdirections:

From Digana drive towards Kandy and cross Mahaweli bridge, then turn left onto wide dirt road; from Kandy drive towards Digana but do not cross bridge - continue instead onto dirt road. Set tripmeter to zero. Drive along dirt road and at 2.00 mls./3.2 kms. cross bridge over small stream and immediately turn left. At 2.2 mls./3.4 kms. turn right at T-junction and park beside Haremobiles at 2.5 mls./4.0 kms.

ATTENTION ALL HASHERS!!

VHHH Run No. 107 on Sunday 8th March will take place on the far side of the Vic Dam past the Vic Power Station along the road to Randenigala. Special arrangements are necessary to get there, as access to the dam is normally prohibited. First, will owners of vehicles please give details of car make and registration number to Neil Patterson or Tony Hillier at the next Hash or as soon as possible. Vehicles and passengers will travel IN CONVOY from the access road checkpoint across the crest of the dam, up to the checkpoint at Adhikarigama. The convoy will not be held up for latecomers. Assembly time at checkpoint to be announced, but time from Digana is approx. 45 minutes. The organisers hope to be able to arrange a brief toilet stop at the Observation Building. Hash will be followed by a picnic, and barbecue facilities will be available. Bring your own beer/softs for the picnic. More details next Hashings.

RUN NO. 105 - "A BRIDGE TOO FAR" or "WHAT BRIDGE?"

Commentary on the Lemonade Run

The pages of Hashings have oft told us that hashing is a state of mind. Or mindlessness, if you prefer. Regardless, we all know that one gets from a hash what one brings to a hash -- except that you leave small change and take beer. But, if you are a horror, you guzzle down all the lemonade early on and laugh up your sleeve when its time to do a down-down and your elders have nothing to give you except beer. But, I digress. Hashing is a state of mind. Of course, we all know that hashing is also a pagan ritual of purification through trial, human sacrifice (that is, sacrifice made by humans NOT sacrifice of humans, mainly horrors), and rites of passage (or you don't get the goodies until you pass the right way; on-on and all that). Now, of course, we must ask, "What is the purpose of all this?" And, while we're at it, let's ask, "What is the meaning of life?" How can we prove that we exist? Why is God? And why do some people always hang back and wait for the eager ones to check all the false paths?" I don't intend to answer these questions. But I digress. As I pointed out, hashing is a state of mind. But, it is also a state of dress, or undress, if you prefer. Did you ever examine the symbolism exhibited on hash T-shirts? No, well you ought to. Why do hashers wear hash T-shirts? Why do some hashers not wear hash T-shirts? Of course, they must wear something but what about the sexual significance of T-shirts so saturated with sweat that... well, I digress. But consider the choice of shoe. I recently overheard a hasher ohing and ahing over a new pair of Nikes he spotted on someone else. Naturally, we all know that the Bible tells us "Thou shalt not covet." And, especially another man's wife, or cow, or whatever. Have you ever noticed how many hashers desert their families to run on the main run, risking life and limb; and leaving themselves wide open to all kinds of mischief on the Lemonade run. And they probably don't even carry insurance -- at least not to the tune of 6 times ones annual salary, which is the rate recommended by Insurance Underwriters. But I digress. Hash names are another problem. Who thinks up hash names? Right, the person him or herself. Wrong! Names come from all sorts of places but obviously fulfill some hidden need for anonymity. Then again, a careful analysis of hash names will reveal those hashers who have "expectations." What do they expect? How would I know. They probably just expect to finish the run and replace all the calories they sweated out by drinking beer in a frenzy of ritual song and dance. But I digress. Hashers don't dance much. Dancing requires certain kinds of legs and most hashers have the other kind. And they like to display them. Have you ever noticed the choice of shorts hashers wear? No, well, I haven't either. But I have noticed hats. Hashers who are smart wear hats because that means they get free beer -- and maybe free beer twice -- when they "forget" to remove their hats during a down-down. I have a really nice hat that let's the air blow through these tiny little holes and air-condition my head. Which reminds me: Hashing is a state of mind. Of course, there are those hashers who think hashing is an event and they are on the earth to record it with expensive photography equipment. A careful scientific study of cameras reveals that choice of camera has nothing to do with the size or shape of the hashers, except that most picture-takers go on the Lemonade Run. Actually, they should go on the main run because that is where all the interesting shots are. But I suspect they want to take pictures of cute horrors or various spouses laboring under the weight of a kid who refuses to stay behind but also refuses to walk. Have you noticed how hashers generously help one-another with kids? Well, they also help old ladies over fallen logs and old gents across muddy streams. Hashers have big hearts -- and small brains. Which reminds me that I digress. Anyway, the Lemonade Run was on-on, up-up, back-back, on-on, over-over, up-up, on-on, down-down, etc. and I was too busy breathing to really see who all was there but I think I was....

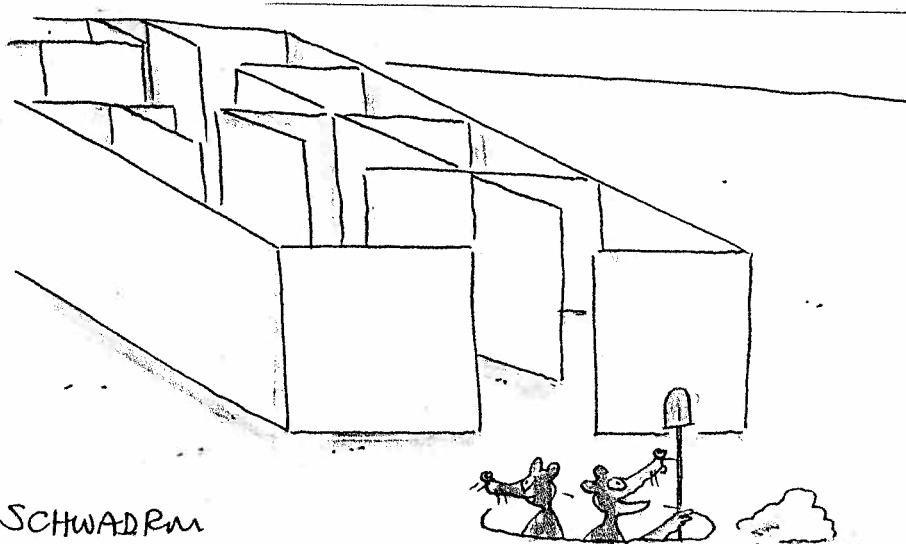
No report yet for the main run of No. 105, but even the five late arrivals seem to agree that it was an excellent and well planned run. There must be a moral in that somewhere, but at present it escapes me.

And now on-on to.....

HASHbarana: VH3 hopes to have a special Hash and Hash Thrash at HABARANA on Saturday night/Sunday morning 25th/26th April. Details are currently being worked out in boardrooms, bedrooms and bars and will be available shortly.

HASH NOSH: Sepala informs me that a special Chinese lunch will be available at Digana Club after the "39 Steps" Hash. I think we all agree that the barbecue after the last Hash was excellent value for money - well done Sepala and the lads.

HOTELS: There is no reason why we shouldn't use any spare space in these pages for business other than strictly Hash news. So, how about letting me know if you've enjoyed a hotel recently and think other Hashers might like it too? For example, High Tension and Keep Fit were recently at the Ranweli Holiday Village which is just north of Negombo (i.e. not too far away and you don't have the long trek through Colombo) and recommend it particularly for its squash and tennis courts. Tel. 031-2136/25284. They also recommend, as do John Cleese and Bumble, the Riverina at Beruwala, part of the Confifi Group. And did you know that for absolutely free you can join the Confifi Beach Club which will get you a discount on room rates, food, drinks etc.? If you're interested, write to: Confifi Beach Club, 207/2 Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 7. The Riverina is near the Beruwala/Bentota lagoon where you can wind-surf, water-ski etc.



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"There, we made it! That wasn't so tough to figure out."