



HISTORY OF THE SINGAPORE HASH HOUSE HARRIETS.

We began because (as a lot of us can remember) "necessity was the mother of invention". We weren't the first lot of harriets to be formed I'm reliably told, but we weren't far off. History books tell me we were the 5th or the 6th group of ladies to form a club worldwide

When we had our first run in October 1973 we decided to shed the yokes of womanhood and ban tea parties in favour of joining our menfolk on the hash trail. This was, of course, a case of : If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. At first the Harriers were not impressed, in fact they were quite shocked at our intrusion into their world, and did their best to dissuade us. Perish the thought of a bunch of women thrashing through our jungles they thought! Verbally abused but undaunted, we decided we could do it ourselves and it has been a great success.

Give credit where due, we did have considerable assistance and guidance from some of the harriers of the time. They showed us the secrets of setting good hash trails and we were invited to put our hash run information in their weekly newsletter until we got our own going.

It is a fact that girls love hashing as much as do the fellows but being the softer sex, there are some things we do not handle as well. These include snarling kampong dogs, snakes, and other "wazzats", shoggy pits and rock climbing. So even though the men didn't want us on their run we were delighted for them to join us. In fact we generously give a small award for the most chivalrous male.

Our constitution allows for 85 females and 40 male associate members We regularly get between 10 and 20 guests at our weekly runs on Wednesdays. We recently celebrated two special events. Our 13th birthday and our 700th run. Some of these bigger celebrations have attracted in excess of 300 hashers.

When the club was young and membership was around 30-40, the on-ons were mostly held in harriets homes. Now they are mostly on site BBQ's etc. with the odd swinging party at an assortment of eating houses.

Our first G.H.M. and founder Cary|Guaney who worked very hard in the early years to keep the club going. She still keeps in touch from her home and hashing grounds in the U.K.. When our records

were ^{first} ~~just~~ put on paper by Zabi Burt and Jane Bodner in the 70's
the fees were 50 cents per week. The newsletter was stencilled
and run off by coeditors Jennifer Frazer and Mary Ann Ridell.
As per hash tradition, the hares used to organize the beer and
ice but by our 100th run we arranged for the F&N beer wagon to
follow us (Like the men did) and this truck has become as much
a part of hashing as anything. The 100th run also saw the first
sponsored Tshirt, thanks to the great partnership of MaryJane Soon
and Graeme Douglas.

A lot of good fun and good friendships have been made over the
years and we've seen every inch of Singapore. The club has produced
some excellent and hardworking committees and we look forward to
many more years of the same during which we will foster the true
spirit of hashing for the softer sex.

and their invited "Brothers".

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Margaret Beaman
Grand Hash Mistress