(H4) HONGKONG HASH HOUSE HARRIERS (H4)

(Founded 5:30 pm 16 February, 1970!)

As yet no Grand Master or Joint Masters to be a 'g u i d e d' democratic election.

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RUN NO.: 1 (FIRST)

DATE: Monday 23 February, 1970.

TIME: 5:45 pm

HARE: John Beavon

START: Top of the Peak Tram at Peak Cafe'.

The inaugural meeting of the H4 was held at THE PUB. D'Aguilar Street, Central, Hong Kong at 5:30 pm on 16th February, 1970. At one time the sec. counted 20 bods. All in all a bloody good turnout. So as everyone gets to know every other Hashmen pretty pronto a list of all those present is attached including others who could not be there but have shown an interest and will receive circulars. (for a few weeks while we await their subs.)

Please pass on names, address to the hon. sec. of any potential Hashmen who might like to receive a circular.

After a quick "election" the hon. treasure was appointed and a subscription of HK$50.00 per quarter fixed, at least as a start, we will see how the beer goes etc. Please start coughing up the cash to Malcolm Glass and we can then open an account, buy pots and a bucket, and we'll be in business.

Dick Gibb hopes to "fix" a bit of P.R. with a "Mate" who's a sports editor in S.C.M. Post, not that we'll need too much but at least we'll collect any stray Hashmen who might be running on their own around Wanchai.

The hon. sec. will make an attempt to raise the standard of weekly circulars to that of the other HHH's and will also circulate to all HHH sec's Austral-Asia.

We need plenty of future hares so pass names to the sec. and also note "A guide to Hares and Hounds" is enclosed.

FUTURE HARES:

Run No. 2 - Monday 2 March - Bill Duhigg

Run No. 3 - Monday 9 March - Chris Rowe

Reminder $50 subscription please. Bring your cheque made out to Hong Kong Hash House Harriers' or cash at the next run.

John Beavon.

Run No. 1 To No. 1,000

I have tried to get together a magazine that is representative of the 18 years H4 have been running in Hong Kong. However in true Hash style a number of newsletters are missing and a couple of committes did not see fit to produce a AGM magazine. Hence making research very difficult.
Old tarts like Jim Hughes helped with his copies of newsletters and magazines and I thanks him for that.
Co-editor was Steve Mather who produced the run list, no easy task, many thanks to him and his constructive criticism (he's not know as the moan for nothing.)
Many thanks also for helping get the magazine in a printable form and for printing it goes to Sandy Neill and James Binnie respectively..
For H4 history the 1985/1986 magazine had an artical by Howard Mckay, what follows is an exact.

On On

Dog Turd Turner

The H.K. H3 was founded in 1970 and the first run took place on 23rd Feb., starting at the Peak Car Park, the On On being at the little cafe across the road. The hare was one J. Beavon who I never actually met, but who is, I understand, well known to quite a few of our old-timers. The runners (and I take this list from the 1979-80 magazine) were as follows: –

W. Artis	I. Hendrie
J. Bellis	D. Hosie
L. Buyers	H. Muller
T. Campbell	C. Rowe
J. Carr	J. Stewart
R. Chapman	C. Tatham
B. Duhigg	L. Thacker
D. Gibb	J. Watson
M. Glass	K. Whitson
S. Glass	L. Wilson
R. Green	G. Woodford

As you will see, none of those are now running with us, Louis Thacker and Guy Woodford were about the last to be seen at a run, but that was two or three years ago now. Malcolm Glass is still in town and runs an accountancy partnership with Robin Radcliffe who was himself an early-day H4 man (On Sec in the early 70's). Malcolm can variously be seen in and around the Cricket Club bar these days, but more often in 'Bubbles', on del Pilar St, Manila. Some Hash traditions never die, quite obviously.

Louis Thacker I met in early 1980 when, as a relative newcomer to H4 I had been landed with the job of Hash Scribe. With due keenness (usually it will last three weeks) I went round the wagon after the run, taking notes of the names of new members and visitors etc. "Are you a visitor?" I asked Louis with due seriousness and patronage . . . ! To which he replied . . .

Reverting to history again, some of you may wonder why it took so long . . . (until 1970) . . . for a Hash to start here? Well here again I bring in Louis Thacker as he provides the answer in this extract from an article he wrote for the same 79/80 magazine :–

"On transfer the following year to Hong Kong I sorely missed the Monday evening's hash. There were a few hashmen around from Malaysia but the general concnsus was that Hong Kong was lacking in good hash country and the population was too sophisticated! OK, so anyone can make a mistake!"

Nuff said . . . but I can't resist printing this further extract (recording Louis' views after a spell away from Hong Kong) which goes as follows:–

"Returning after eight years to Hong Kong, I was pleasantly surprised by the number of familiar faces and feet still running; impressed by the planning and ingenuity of most of the runs; appalled at the scarcity of chalk; the indecently high level of fitness; the absence of calling from those in the middle of the pack (I don't know what happens at the front as I've never been there) and the unnecessary elbowing by those who lack Campbell's finesse."

And its still the same!

For the benefit of those of you who have been with us less than one week, Ian Campbell is our longest serving current member so far as I'm aware, closely followed by Graeme Large and the likes of John Breen, Neslo, Dick Airth (if he pays his subs) . . . Jack Moran , Sandy Neill and others.

Again, from the KH4 '78 mag, comes the additional information as follows:–

"The first realisation of the spirit of the Hashing in Hong Kong happened in the early months of 1970. On 16/2/70 a small knot of men got together in 'The Pub', D'Aguilar Street, and toasted the birth of the Hong Kong Hash House Harriers. John Bevan, H4 (retired), was nominated as the first Hare and on 23rd February 1970 at 6 p.m. a pack of 22 hounds set out on H4's run No.1 from the Peak Car Park. Now there are only three founder members still carrying on the tradition; Dick Gibb, Warwick Artis and Des Robinson; the latter KH3 now. But two other runners on that auspicious occasion, who still languish in Hong Kong, were Chris Rowe and Ian Hendrie. Nine months after the inception of H4 these two defacated to form KH3."

It is interesting to note that Des Robinson is now back with H4, so he is arguably longer serving than Campbell – but he takes penalty points for his spell with KH3.