

A Brief History of the H4 Drunken Dragon

There were various logos used before the Drunken Dragon arrived in 1977. This was the earliest recorded and used as a header on the weekly newsletter from 1971:



An alternative motif (H4) appeared on newsletters during Pat Donoghue's reign in 76 (though he later adopted the "Single Foot"):



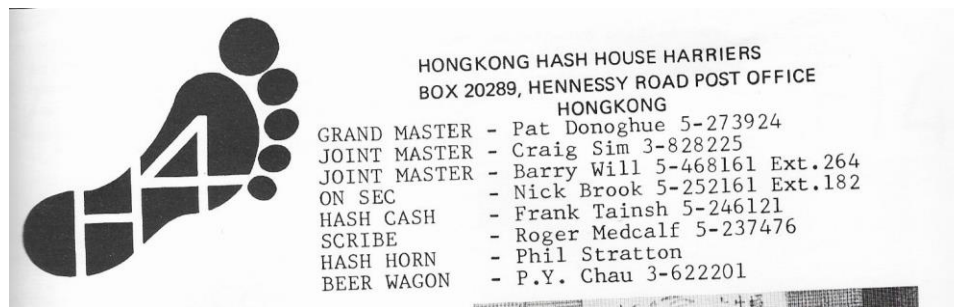
But it seems that in 1977 the Drunken Dragon we all know and love was born – as told by ExGM Pat Carter: “The Drunken Dragon motif first appeared at a committee meeting chaired by GM Ian Campbell held in the Jockey pub, Swire House (since demolished) in 1977. Dick Gibb, a JM, produced a number of white T-shirts (possibly for a committee run) with different coloured printing of run details on one side and with what has now become H4's iconic Drunken Dragon motif on the other. The DD was in just one colour. I was hon. sec. at the time.”

This was the image used on the back page of the 77/78 AGM Magazine:



Note the Adidas markings on the shoes (as opposed to the Nike Swoosh which came later).

Whilst the Drunken Dragon became associated ever more closely with H4 it did not initially replace the “ H4 Foot” (introduced 76) on the newsletters – which later became the “double foot”:



The “Double Foot” was introduced in 1984, by which time the Drunken Dragon was widely in use on tee shirts.



This was a generic H4 “Drunken Dragon” Tee shirt available from the mid eighties:



And this is what we have today:

2000+

