

H2H3 RUN #388 - Saturday 23rd June 2018

Joint Birthday Run - Cathusalems 80th (14 June) & Stumbles 76th (22 June)

LOCATION: Off the Palau Road behind the Old Driving Range near 4 km Marker

Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/8U1cLGifL22>

GPS Coordinates: N 12.5719838, E 99.9251609 (N 12 34.319, E 99 55.510)

Hares: Cathusalem & Stumbles

Hash Snacks: Dutchy

Tax Collector: Tinks

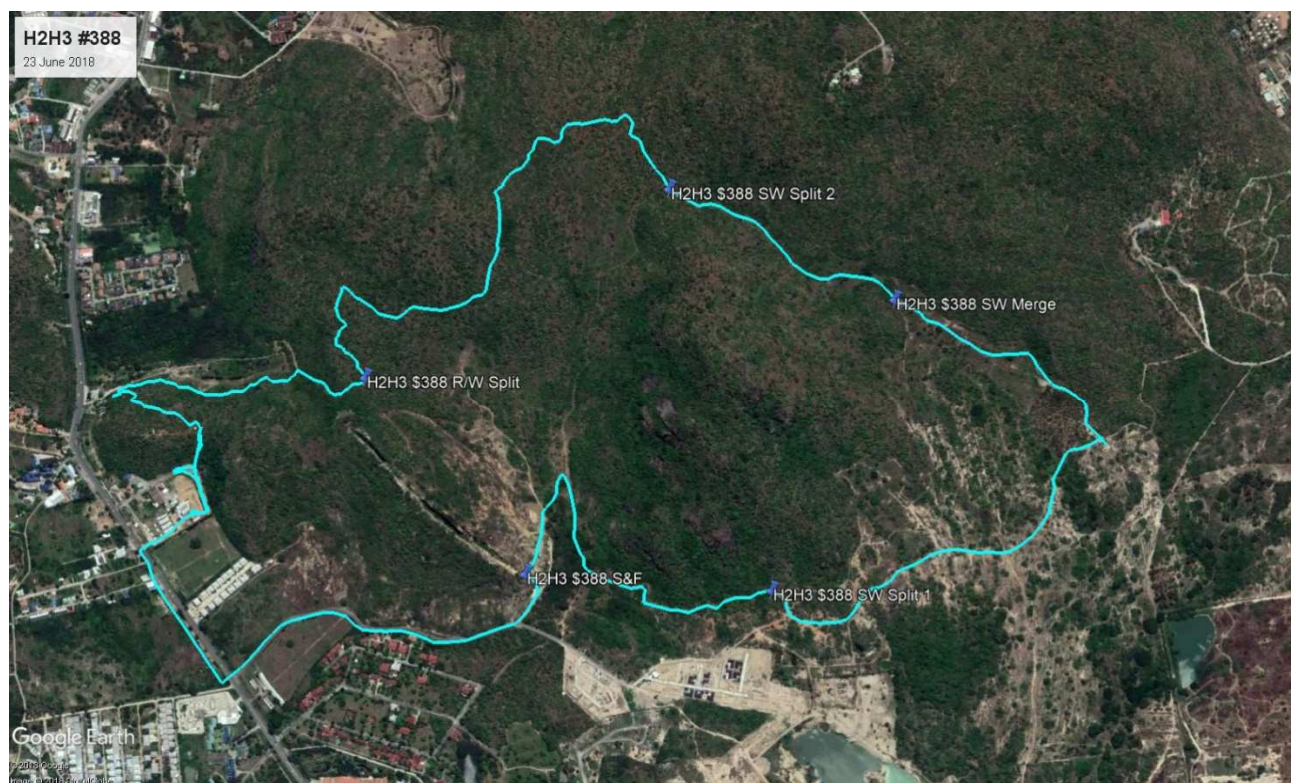
Number of Hashers: 40

Pre-Hash

After several weeks of inclement weather, the heavens were open with blue skies and sunshine resulting in a turn out of 40 hashers. The hares, Cathusalem (80) and Stumbles (76) had made today a joint birthday celebration run. They were invited in to the pre-circle to advise on what was in store for us. They had sets several trails with additional merges and splits so that you could make the trail as long or as short as you wanted. When it came to sounding out numbers for the On After at the Bann Suan (Isan) Restaurant there was a low show of hands until Stumbles advised that the Hares would be providing the beer. With the pre-hash formalities over the pack set off on trail.

The Trail

With the front runners jostling to gain a head start, Brambles fell at the first fence (rock). No serious injury as he dusted himself down and went in pursuit of the leading hound. The trail then entered the shiggy and followed a stream bed to an option to go left or right, but not a check. Some went left only to find they had got it wrong. The trail having gone right now followed a well-known track for the more veteran (seasoned) hashers to the short walk split. With the short (not



necessarily in height) walkers going left and following trail around the base of the hill to the merge point. The remaining hashers looking for a more challenging trail went right through more open terrain too a challenging three-way check. At this point Brambles and Von Nivea were still searching for trail with the FRB's having disappeared without breaking the check, this only to happen again on more than

one occasion. Brambles persevered left towards the more obvious path and eventually called the On On. With the check now broken and the paper laid in the correct direction the following walkers had no problems. The trail continued skirting the hill to the left and eventually meet up with the short walk merge point. From here all the hounds followed a well-known trail to the saddle blow Hin Lek Fai at which point the second split was Left for the short walk and right for the long walk/Rambo trail. The left trail followed an obvious path which in January was so overgrown that Hugs on that occasion had no option but to take the short trail route. The Hares laid a devious check on the section with a view to leading the FRB's in the wrong direction. It looked like it worked but by the time I got there the trail was well marked and so onto the Rambo Split. At this point Brambles opted to take the walk option home leaving me and Von Nivea to follow the trail through dense shiggy and downhill towards the Pala-U Road. Many trip hazards in the form of vine trails encountered but no falling. The trail died a very devious left U-turn part way down and so on it went to come across unusually sighting of water pipes and taps. It was on the sector that I and Von Nivea caught up with now struggling FRB's Bush Whacker and VD. We then came across the terracing behind a coffee place overlooking the Pala-U Road and an unbroken check. With several options along terracing and up steps the trail was eventually called by Bush whacker heading back uphill only to arrive at another unbroken check by a radio mast. The obvious choice was to go left and possible join up with the long walk trail but this was not to be. With me having gone down towards the temple and not finding paper headed back up. So the back marker of me, Bush Walker, VD and Von Nivea we went down to the wards the temple and eventually came across paper and another unbroken check. At this point we came across Rainbow Balls who confirmed that the other FRB's had been with him up to this point they had now disappeared without any calling. So after some time the reaming rear ending runners together with Rainbow Balls disappeared leaving me all alone. At this point I called Hare Cathusalem for guidance and was advised that if I made it to the road I would see a sign telling us to return to the start via Pala-U Road and the road up the side of the old driving range. In my opinion not a very satisfactory solution as the road was a good 150m away sand the sign would have been more appropriate than the check. So now the lone hasher headed home for the last 1.5 km and to refresh with some cold bear and snack on the last chicken leg prepared by Hash Snacks Dutchy.



Post Trail and Circle

Much discussion about who went where on trail and the no breaking of checks, other than that normal banter about ongoing life and the downing of cold beers until GM Cathusalem called the pack to order and commenced the traditional circle and award of down downs. However, before posting Gathusalem's Circle notes below I recall somebody alerting the pack during the circle to a possible missing Hasher. When the pack was asked if anyone had seen Hugs return from the trail there was silence. Suggestions were made to call him and/or check if his truck was still around. Mudman went to check and found no truck so the assumption was made that he was safe and had left the area. Should any hasher choose to leave the venue early please have the courtesy to let somebody know so that there is no unnecessary concern and the need to go on a search or call emergency services.

The Circle (Notes by Cathusalem)

Hash Snacks was my first call. Tinks responded that he hadn't had any but Dutchy quickly gave him something she'd saved, and I called both into the circle. The snacks got a rapturous approval and the down-down call was for the tasty Hash Snacks lady and the guy who's still tasting them.

Next, I called Pussy Pedaller in and tried to explain that he'd also contributed to the trail with his routing suggestions. PP took over and said it wasn't just him that should be given credit but about 20 others who'd also helped. He left it in the air what he was referring to but I just jumped in with "Here's to the exaggerator...."

PP stayed in the circle and did the business about what did the runners, long walkers and short walkers thing of the trail and everybody responded positively. As just another example of how things don't always work out in the circle, I don't remember sharing a down-down beer with Stumbles but neither of us were bothered.

I then called in Screwdriver and he gave an account of the Mismanagement decision to give any hasher completing 200 runs, 300 runs or more an option for 5 free runs or a case of beer. He called Tinks in and awarded him with vouchers for 5 free runs followed by the down-down for a Double Centurion.

Returners were next, and they were Oui Oui, Rubber Duck, Wombat, David (Iggy), Stumbles and Forget me Not.

Any Leavers was the next call. Steve and Christine stepped forward and Steve told us he'd popped the question to Christine recently, she'd said YES, and they were going back to Canada to get married so they were down-downed as "Leaving on a Jet Plane to Get Married". Incidentally, as there was no choir in attendance, I led all the down-down songs myself.

I then called PP back into the circle. He told a joke but can't remember anything about it except calling "Here's to the Joker" for his down-down.

Finally, Mudman gave us the lowdown on the next CAH3 hash, the Fun Run got a mention and Bush Whacker filled us in on the location for his H2H3 trail on 7th July.

On After

Around 20 hashers then made their way to the Bann Suan (Isan) Restaurant for further rehydration and carbo loading.

On On,
Tinks