

## HUA HIN HASH RUN NUMBER 1

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2000

Hare: Tom Crowley

Founding Members: May Crowley, Colin Wood, David Cocksedge

RAIN. A downpour around 4.20 pm (16.20 hrs) threatened to mar Hua Hin Hash House Harriers' first ever home promotion. Several called in to cancel, but three sturdy souls chose to brave the conditions and slog through the wet. After all, Hashing is partly about getting muddy, sticky and wet – and enjoying it. Call us maschoists, but that's what we do.

So a little bit of local history was made on 8 July.

Congratulations to Club Secretary May, who came in first ahead of both Colin and David after squelching through the mud for just over 45 minutes, following the paper trail through some beautiful countryside near the turn-off for Khaio Takiab.

Actually, it stopped raining soon after the 5pm (17.00) start, and it became cool, though the going underfoot can best be described as "soft and squishy". Colin dashed away to a big early lead with May and David trailing.

Thanks to an ingenious false trail laid by hare Tom earlier, the entire field of three runners were able to re-assemble after some 28 minutes, searching around for the correct path. Hash Runs are social, not competitive occasions, but May found enough energy to forge ahead after locating the right path, and came home just ahead of Colin's hard sprint to the line. David followed more cautiously some 10 seconds back.

So that was it. H2H3's first home Hash. Tom, a veteran of Hashes in Malaysia, Thailand and USA, called what could be the shortest Hash Circle in history; introductions were cemented, and beer and water were drunk. Photos were taken on a Sony digital camera, and from those the founding four will feature on H2H3's inaugural tee-shirt. A rare collector's item.

Take note that Hua Hin's next home Hash, on 12 August 2000, will feature around 120 guesting Hash House Harriers from Bangkok. It promises to be a lot of fun. If you are a social type who doesn't mind getting some mud on your trainers, come along and join us. You don't have to be super-fit; many people enjoy walking the course – you can take in the beautiful scenery better that way – and stand more chance of spotting clues along the paper trail. Hashing is an ideal way to see the spectacular countryside around Hua Hin, meet new friends and enjoy a few beers with them afterwards. It's all part of a tradition going back to Malaysia in 1938, when a group of British expats started a Hare & Hounds running club.

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