



HUA HIN HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Who are the H2H3 – A fun-loving and sociable running group that runs every 2nd Saturday of the month at 5:00 pm following paper trails. We add spice to just running, walking and drinking. We are never boring. Check us out and join us. Call May 032-513855 or email: may1may@hotmail.com

Hash Run #22

Saturday 18th May 2002

Hare: Tom

The Five Samurai Run

Film buffs might remember a film by the Japanese director Kurosawa called “The Seven Samurai” about masterless Samurai who went around the country performing good deeds of some sort. Well we didn’t have seven but H2H3 run #22 was graced by five lovely Japanese hashers from Osaka bent on doing good deeds, but more on that later.

Despite a rain shower early in the afternoon the skies had cleared when our biggest pack to date of twenty-three, mostly visitor, but with one new member hit the ON ON trail. The setting was the valley adjacent to the Palm Hills Resort and new member Don (otherwise known as Ball Buster) showed his vigor by leading the way to the first check and breaking it quickly. In fact this new fellow put on an amazing show breaking all the checks except two where May showed the way. The trail started on asphalt along the perimeter of Palm Hills but quickly veered into the cow paths and pineapple fields that we are used to. The trail led straight to the hills (where many stopped to enjoy the view of Hua Hin and the bay by the airport) but hare Tom, knowing the packs aversion to hills, veered off to more gently terrain, by passing a temple and then into an open field (some discussion of what had been harvested here with May suggesting some type of alovera plant???) . In any case open field and fast running. Then some dirt roads and, at last the Back Check that Tom is known for. This brought the strung out pack back together, with even the walkers catching up. Then back to dirt roads, back down to the canal, another back check, and then a loooong run in along the canal. Fast run, 45 minutes for the front runner and new member Don with May coming next and first for the ladies. All the pack came in within five minutes. Great run in a nice setting.

But of course the run is only part of the program and now to our visitors and most importantly the girls from Osaka because they are the important one. After a few beers and gentle discussion comes time for the circle. In come the five visiting ladies from the Osaka hash, all giggles and blushes, for the intro and down downs. Tom, leading the circle in GM Doug’s absence, had the brilliant thought to ask one of the girls (I don’t know Yoko or Aiko or Tojo, I mean really how can one track these things with such numbers) what they did in the circle in Osaka. Well one of the girls confessed that the initiation for new girls was shirts up for a topless down down. WOW!! Tom is getting old but even he was quick to see potential in this thought and quick as a wink he let the girls

know that actually this was the normal down down exercise for female visitors to the Hua Hin Hash. “Lelly Tom San??” (the girls had been drinking a bit). Yes dear, trust me. Well (as May and the Thai hash ladies edged to the background) all the Five Samurai discussed this and agreed they must observe local hash custom. Well on to the beers, up with the shirts and there were all ten of them (I mean five but you know what I mean) staring out at us, finally we caught our breath, into to the hash song and the down downs commenced. Unfortunately the one nicknamed “Twin Peaks” was a quick drinker but some of the lesser ladies lingered a bit. In any case – YOU HAD TO BE THERE! The circle closed, Thai food at the Silver Spoon and the Five Samurai wanted to be shown the Hilton Pub and on into the evening. You will have to ask the younger guys about that.

Good Run, but the best circle in H2H3 history. If you missed this don't miss the next opportunity. Saturday June 15th when GM Doug will be back and hopefully the Five Samurai too!