

Of Budgies and Cockatoos

Now listen to this sad, sad tale
Of fairies, hills and hashing
Of a night in June, a moon so pale
When the fairies took a bashing

At 6 o'clock on-on was called
The ground shook like a quake
Poor fairies terrified, appalled
Their Changi home forsake

The pounding herd drove on and
on
Up hill and down the dale
There was no stopping this mad
throng
Until the smell of ale

Six checks, false trails there may
have been
But all to no avail
Because the run was just too short
"Hashshit hashit," the wail.

The budgie and the cockatoo
More cunning than canaries
Now strut around with collars on
It's a pity about the fairies

Now all that's left is just the same
Fairy Point Hill, no pardon
Gone to new homes and new fame
At the bottom of your garden

Footnote:

Road run, we lose paper briefly after 50 metres. A guard at the Changi Beach Club watches us nervously. But then off we go past the Sailing Club, the Golf Club and, so RAINBOW claims, as far as Changi village. The pack went in all directions at this stage – all totally lost. I spied NAVIGATOR, caught him and asked him where we were. His reply "No idea. I've been off paper since the start" After passing the aircraft museum we find the trail, run along RSAF Changi perimeter fence and out on to Loyang Way. A large loop into the Loyang factory area was declined by most, who ambled back up the road and home. Curious goings on at the circle with one JM trying to get hares off the hook and the other, with full support of the circle, rightly awarding the coveted award. Maybe we should repeat and review some of the standard rules of days of old. Two that were relevant for the Fairy Point Hill run – under 45 mins. (and over 75 mins.) – automatic hashshit. No hashers completing the run –another automatic. So poor BUDGIE & COCKATOO who claimed that MUFFDIVER – back in 44 minutes – and gang, who were the only hashers to do the Loyang Loop had missed another big section of the run, were caught in a Catch 22 kind of situ. What to do lah. As James Abey would say, it's character building. Wear it with pride.

Great, secluded run site location and parking area – even an empty building available for use in case of inclement weather. First class curry, all-in-all a good effort, deserving of the highest award.

As scribed by BABYFACE about run 919 hared by BUDGIE & COCKATOO on 5 June 97 at the Fairy Point Hill, Changi.