

“How the hell we began to hash, I think!”

Sometime in 1980 on a drunken February evening, James Sando, John Chew, Martin Baptist, Ang Chuan Seng, Avtar Singh and yours truly were entertaining Alex the Bear, G. M. of PJ Hash. Amidst politics, murderous crimes, suicide and sex, the topic moved on to a seriously uncertain but definite note – the forming of another Hash Chapter in Singapore. The few stalwarts, with no imagination nor knowledge of effort to be involved, formed the interim – commiddee with Ang Chuan Seng excluding and excusing himself. Datoh Lim and Eddie Yen were then suckered in to this unenviable group.

There was confusion and there was Confucious, meetings and nothing but nevertheless the preparation got underway towards the BIG DAY. Efforts to gather the Republic's long-distance runners and sprinters proved ineffective as the idea of hashing seemed tortuous. The gear was then shifted towards a more brave, eager, adventurous, beer-drinking, and able-bodied future Hashman [A special breed, so the say].

The recruitment campaign seemed uncertain, like everything else, as the Big Day approached and the interim-commiddee mooted out constitutional laws, bye-laws and Hash legalities. Also, the day which we would run weekly, the subscriptions, the Brew, the Nosh, the curriculum vitae of members to come and most of all the identity of the so-called Hash Chapter. Those were thrashed, hashed and hashed ... finally the name Seletar Hash House Harriers came out overwhelming, not by any reason that we would restrict our hashing in the area nor because of any intimate relationship with the environment but more so because the commiddee has the vision and foresight that the name Seletar Hash House Harriers would bring good omen, good Hashing and success to the club. (Do you honestly believe this shit!?)

Finally, with a hashing crowd of 26 members, 15 S. Ujong and 11 P.J. Hashmen, the Seletar Hash House Harriers wrote Hashtory with the Big Day – the Inauguration Run – held on 21st June 1980 as Run No. 1. Checked, hashed and recorded to put the big-foot on the Hashing world. ON! ON!

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P.S. I feel the present Seletar H3 members should bend-down, pay homage, dowry and most of all buy beers for those few foolish, irresponsibly definite, hard-bodied, foresighted, blind but brave people who have and will, hopefully, continue to make Hashing a success in Seletar Hash House Harriers