

HASH TRASH & REFLECTIONS ON BALI H3 II RUN #1478 ON SATURDAY October 10th

Scribe: Nightjar

OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY

On up, way past Payangan and lychee avenue, practically to where coconuts cease to thrive, and we attain Gusto's pleasure dome. Been here once before, Bali Hash 40th anniversary I think it was. Wot a spot. Wot you want? Best views and lavatories universally.

Earlier in the day and preceding night it had bucketed down, and one was mildly apprehensive of slipping, sliding and slithering slopes. But no, we were above the lowering rain clouds - and just as well for Sod's Law amply demonstrated on run, given valleys and rivers intervening 3x2, and fairly tough going for even the hardiest in our midst.

Great checks - loads of 'em - and extremely effective; all sopping, none actually immersed but boys sweating and girls perspiring freely. Should have had a wet tee shirt contest - did we? Hares well done: Run of the Year Award at VICTOR AWARDS on Friday Nov 13th? Get your ticket now - I've got mine - #001. Yippee!

To Hares: HARELIP, SERIAL OFFENDER, AMAZON & WHILE YOU'RE DOWN THERE - all kudos - last mentioned, a little bird informed me, not altogether enthusiastic about her given Hash moniker, And speaking of little birds, some forest beauties manifest for those with eyes to see and ears to hear, including, I was informed by no less an authority than INFLATABLE BEDMATE, radiant Mountain Tailorbird also well described as Golden-headed TB by older authors (like meself). Habitual skulker, the beguiling whistled phrase reveals its presence if not its form. And you will not find it below 2,000'. Drongo Cuckoo also heard and that other charming denizen of primary forest Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, luminous ruby penetrating the gloom "like a lighted inner candle" (Jarvis). SERIAL OFFENDER feted with ginormous gateau - Get plastered you bastard, Happy birthday to you. Celebrated as well the birthday in 1861 of the Norwegian hero Fridtjof Nansen - pioneer Arctic explorer, Ambassador to the Court of St James, recipient of Nobel Peace Prise for rehabilitation of refugees following Great War. and not least Founder of the Kingdom of Norway, What a man! YWGMH and HORNY HERRING did the honours. DOWN DOWN.

And not forgetting ravishing nosh dished up by Gustra's brigade. Exceptional. Some of us adjourned to FLY for one for the road, where YWGMH alerted by proprietor to proximity of OYSTERS. YES PLEASE. Unexpectedly good and ridiculously cheap. Go get 'em while they last. Thank you M and lovely PEJENG.

Next week at Br Demayu Tunon. See you there.