

## IWGMH 'S NON-ATTENDANCE AT GOA GAJAH CAVE & WATERING PLACE MEI ?

Two misses on the trot - indefensible. Someone will have to give the bugger a DOWN DOWN next week, further ensuring his presence on the spot. Stranded in the nether regions one hears and last seen at SANUR BEER GARDEN on Danau Poso knocking back their SUMMER ALE which is actually brewed on the premises, is deliciously addictive and most moderately priced. Thoroughly recommended to any seasoned swiller of swipes. Which watering place would you prefer?

Done a few runs from the ELEPHANT CAVE over the years. I remember when BOB HARGREAVES (ex F&B of Bali Beach) established the PURI SULING there, always well patronized by boolai tourists. Then came a Dutch window cleaning billionaire who installed state-of-the-art kitchens and sous-chef Gunther (also ex BB). We had some parties there. It was Nieuwenkamp who first described the place in the 1920s, but nymphal watering hole was unknown even to locals until after the Last War.

There are other attractions. Descending to the river Petanu past chunks of toppled masonry, mysterious coves and caverns, one arrives near the water's edge, everywhere excavated and undermined by paras quarriers of antiquity. Scramble within and pray that one will not be lost, abandoned and drowned, or pulverized by thousands of tons of rock-fall precipitated by imminent earthquake. Idyllic. Above the sacred space a towering bifurcated pulai or cheesewood (Alstonia sp) tree, poleng adorned around its monstrous girth. Watering places - plunge in, and to hell with the consequences.

PS - USED TAMPON popped in with SNOWBALLER and said - 'we missed you'. Who did? And I've just bid adieu to PHEELTHY PHROGGE who will fly SIA to Paris this afternoon. Bon voyage dear fellow, et a bientot. ON ON