

Happenings at 'Sungai Tekala'

Run Nr.: 3698
Date: 20th October 2014
Hare: Edwin Ho
Co-Hares: Many
Runners: 70
Distance: ~ 12km.
Checks: 6
FROPs: Ah Meng
Time: 7.30pm.
Guests: Ben, Kwang Kwong Chee and a Korean
Returnees: None

Edwin asks if someone mistakenly took his umbrella from Ramli's van. Please return it to Edwin.

These days, bright and clear days are tricky as it would not last for long, what with the rainy season in full swing. Question is not if, but when. The runsite was abuzz with guys hanging around the lamb being roasted and the food being prepared by our Resident Caterer Lim Kim Hai.

But at 6pm, we ambled along the trail with the On Sec ahead tracing the paper trail to the first check. It was off on the right by the stream and while Ah Meng checked ahead, the rest stayed on the track and found paper ahead.

The trail wound its way till it started to gently climb up by the oil palm. On Sec told JM John that he planned to do the full trail and if not back by 8.30pm, to start and take the circle. JM said tradition cannot be broken and that no matter what or no matter how late, the On Sec has to do the circle. That spurred the On Sec on.

The trail then took a steep climb to the top and onto a trail by the side of old oil palm. With Mike Kuan and Plastic Man and later the rain for company, On Sec led the way. It was a gradual trail down with flats in between.

Soon the trail led to a sandy area and Mike Kuan who was now ahead disappeared. Plastic Man and I followed paper and got to the main road before the "Opposite Nirvana" runsite. It was a long slog back to the runsite in pouring rain at 8.10pm.

Rob Stott gives an account of the checks:

Got 11.3km but GPS turned off at 6th check so distance is with straight lining. Plus and minus for checks say 10km.

First check through gate to stream. Checked forward in the belief hare might do something different. No. Back check on usual trail.

Trail turns left for Second check. Something different. No Paper forward, usual trail.

Third check, same again trail off left to check, paper forward. A lot of up and the trail runs out in a dusun.

Check Four, inviting trail ahead and to the left, but paper up to the right and onto wide track. Usual tracks in Sungai batangsi.

Now running on the wide tracks above Sg batangsi. On the way can see the two Bird's Nest houses over by the temple in Broga. Can also see the trails we were on two weeks ago.

Check Five on the track. Forward through gate in new cleared area. More downhill running and then same check by river. But will it be different. No. Cross river struggle up the opposite bank and on to the long gravel track at Sungai Batangsi. for Check 6 Back check up the contours and clear run home through EcoVenturePark, Nirvana road, back inside and home via first check.

The rain had started to slow down and finally stopped for the circle to start at the usual 8.30pm. Butler was the ever willing volunteer, David Hirst. We have to check if he is quietly swilling beers.

The hare graciously came up alone saying he did not want to consume too much beer, what with some 13 co-hares. But we had to recognise at least some of them and so 4 more got on the box. Everyone enjoyed the good run and they got their drink.

On Cash is quite pleased with the subs collection but made his plea anyway. He then got Edwin up on the box. He found out that Edwin has nothing better to do on Mondays, because he has been spending the Mondays at Mother Hash for the last 30 years! And gave him a patch for that.

There were two guests present, Ben and Chee.

Interhash Sec threatened to employ a violent debt collector to get those who went to Seremban and have yet to pay up.

The Bomoh, Boey, was an appointed one as the hare for next week was not up to it. Never mind, we have a crate of beer instead.

So since the defaulting hare next week is a Lee, he got other Lee's up for a drink. Fico was up for advertising on the hash. There was a large sign for truck and car rentals on his windscreen. Despite objections that some else had placed it there, he sportingly took his drink.

Bomoh then got Hew, Hew and Eddie Khor up for leading the way after the first check. They had helped set the run and of course knew the way.

Before the run, most hashers stand around bullshitting about something or another. But not Frank who sits at the back of his truck and reads the newspaper.

Boey got a few under umbrellas on the box.

With charges open t the floor, Hardy announced that in the last few Ball Breaker runs, Mother's boys do very well. But at the last one the day before, a Mother hasher was doing well till he got lost. He somehow passed a check and hit the home trail and returned 2 hours early. Again Frank had to own up.

But he honoured Mother's boys who took part. They were Frank, Opera, Hew, Danny, Ah Kah and Slipper Lin.

Sharp eyed hare then got Peter Cushion and Kana up for new shoes.

Edwin had an easy time explaining the On On being at the runsite.

We were treated to chicken-stock-soaked rice, steamed chicken and salad with very hot chili sauce. Meat on the side was the roast lamb with, for once, sauce where you could taste the mint. On Sec was so choked with the chili sauce that he asked On Cash to give the thanks to Edwin.

Thanks Edwin for the enjoyable run, additional beers and great dinner, all free!!

PIX OF THE RUN







