

Happenings at 'Sungai Lalang'

Date: 22 June 2015

Run No: 3734

Runsite: Sungai Lalang Eco Park

Hare: Michael Chew

Co-Hare: Tyson, Ah Wah, Ken Wong, Mike Kwan

FROPS: Ah Meng and Sotong 7.13pm

Distance: about 8km. Checks: 5

The Run

Traffic to the run site was reasonably good with the jam at Connaught Plaza not as bad as usual. The afternoon was hot with hardly a cloud in the relatively clear sky, and the sun beat down relentlessly. It would have been easy to pass by the runsite had it not been for Russell's quick thinking to erect a bigger sign than the original to guide us into the eco-park. Even so, several cars overshot as even the larger sign was swallowed up by the plethora of other information advertising the park's amenities.

The first thing that greeted us was the row of cars that represented the football team of co-Hares. Then the waft of the spit roast lamb carefully nurtured by Peter Cushion hit us as he roasted it by the fishing ponds. The scene was more reminiscent of a holiday camp gathering than a run. Nevertheless Ramli arrived to bring some much needed water before the off.

At 6pm precisely On Sec called the run on and the pack of about 75 runners streamed out of the car park and along the main road for 20 metres and then a sharp right along a dirt path that led down to the muddy river. But then a most bizarre thing happened. The paper then went along the river for a bit and up behind a fence and back into the eco park grounds. Speaking to Mastermind Tyson later he confessed that the bridge they wanted to use had been washed away so they had to resort to plan B and use the park's bridge.

The wide trail wound its way along the outskirts of a rubber plantation to where the on Sec found the first check which was at about 1.5km in. The back of the pack quickly broke the check as it led further in towards a bare hill in the distance. Carlo Pancrazio caught up with the rest of the pack as it stormed on to a very old oil palm plantation and a farm. The second check was up a hill with two falsies. The On Sec found the first, and the true trail was broken before the second one was found. This was again a back check and down to the right passed some evil looking dogs in a compound and on through scrub and a bit of barbed wire fencing. The trail then went on up to the bald part of the hill where the runners had the joy of a circular check waiting for them and then a good run in back to the car park. It was a tough run despite its shorter distance and the pack got a great work out. Then it was a case of grabbing a cold beer and on to the lamb. Well done Hare.

The Circle:

With all the pack in before dark, and the cold beers fast disappearing, the Guinness bar was opened at about 8pm, with the circle starting about 10 minutes later. The atmosphere was very relaxed with the Hare looking very pleased with himself. In fact everyone was looking comfortable having had their fill of the excellent lamb and a few cold ones.

The Hare, Michael, brought along another ten cases of beer including several cases of Guinness and at least two of these went into the ice as the circle started. First up was the Butler who this week was Golo, who appears to really enjoy the job. And a good song was sung. The crowd was quite sedated as they welcomed the Hare on to the box with 4 chosen co-hares. It was called a good run by the pack and the hare looked bemused at the Piss Pan wondering if it was really beer or something else in there.

On Cash mentioned by name the members on the Chow Kar list and stated that they would be fined if they didn't pay up soon. Russell also called up Geoffrey Wong to collect his 5 year membership patch and Carlo Pancrazio to collect his **25 year** patch.

Interhash Sec wasn't around with rumours that he had defected to the Animales run, which I'm sure we would hear about next week.

The guests were up next with one of them mentioning an unmentionable word, but to punish the guest would be unfair so Ken was called up to take the blame for not warning his guest about unmentionable words. Kana was also called on the box for ordering the On Sec around so he got his beer too.

The evening's Bomoh was to be Tan Chin Choi, however he had subcontracted to Zuric B, who had then subcontracted to Kana. So Kana bravely and briefly stood up to mention a couple of charges including Melaka Tey, the Hare and Ah Meng for a charge that got a bit lost in the crowd, but ended up more of a 'thank you' than a charge.

On Sec noticed that there had been a private party going on at the back so called up Sotong, Orange and Tee. As it happens they were discussing Tee's new Totota Corolla and not paying attention to Kana, so they got the la la la song as we were in close proximity to the restaurant staff.

Barry Dawe had a charge from the floor about Eddie Khor saying the run was too short, and Tyson agreeing, but then Tyson was the Co-Hare so could have made it longer. So they got on downed.

Steve then had a charge, but more of a recognition of the Mother rescue team that went in to look for the missing Oily. They were Taufoo Soo, Young Yap, SuperOldMan, Sotong, John Dodgson, Foong Wan. Unfortunately at the time of writing this the hasher is still missing and we all hope he is found soon.

The Hare was then called up to point the way to the restaurant, which was next door. Eight tables were treated to some mouth numbingly authentic Thai food including a delicious spicy Mango salad, veggies, steamed fish, omelette, and an excellent Tom Yam. And very generously FOC. Thanks Michael for an excellent run and an excellent party.