

# AS IT WAS ON RUN 3794 AT BROGA (1/8/2016)

## HARE : ALVIN SIA

Run Site: Broga Temple

Distance: 8.7km

Checks 7 including a circular for the last.

Front runner: 7.48 Ah Meng ,

It was Broga, which meant getting out of town as early as possible. Leaving at 4.15 from Mid-valley allowed a relatively easy drive with just a little hold up at what was Phoenix Plaza with the ubiquitous road works.

The only major traffic jam I encountered was just before the run site where Taufoo Soo had stopped to witness the capture of a wild and ferocious crocodile by a local on his cupchai motorbike. The monster in question turned out to be a monitor lizard that was well over six feet long and had been bludgeoned to death by the Neanderthal local and then wrestled on to the back of his bike for sale at the local market. It's a great shame that wildlife is still killed so shamelessly. It's the same with the rivers with even the smallest fish being taken back for Ikan Goreng.

There was already a fair turn out at the car park with Russell fencing off the area for Ramley, who's record for turning up on time is much better these days – well done On Sec. Another visitor from Singapore, Erik, joined us via Uber taxi, which cost him RM60 from the airport. He may well be joining us in future as he has a new post based out of KL. Excellent – we could do with a few more gwailohs around in the club.

Most of the pack gazed hesitantly at the darkening clouds over the range of hills in front of them, but as 6 O'clock came, the On On was back towards the road and along a small tarred track to the first check. This was broken across a small stream and then up the steep, steep and barren hill to the jungle and the second check. The lightening was coming down everywhere but the rain was just spitting at this stage. At this point I also saw the Foos from last week, who insisted their name was Roy 12345 this week, taking selfies and other photos as they nonchalantly made their way tourist style to the top of the ridge. Sure going to be late. The third check was down the other side of the hill through the jungle. This was broken back and to the right. The rest of the trail went in a clock-wise direction and came out by the Monkey god above Broga Temple for a good home run.

The first runner who I think was Ah Meng came in at about 7.48pm with Alvin Sia looking very relieved indeed. The Roys came out last as usual. On Sec Steven declared it a good run and the beers flowed. Next Week's Hare (Chris Tan's second Fine Run) was not around and had not arranged for a stand in – No Manners. On Sec fined Chris two cases of beer to be put in at the run site next week (one for no bomoh duties and one for no substitute).

Luckily Yap Foo Hoi, Hardy, Russell and others stepped in and made the evening great. I didn't make it to the restaurant this time but I heard it was good. Thanks Alvin: great

evening mate.