

Hua Hin Classic

Ride # 62 (Sat 25th Jan) - Hare: Dave Rocky CoHare: Lem Morgan

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All roads to Hua Hin were full of Bangkok Bikers from early Friday afternoon as the preparations for the w/c had to be started early to ensure no dehydration symptoms would occur.

A vast crowd gathered on Saturday afternoon much to the amusement of the local guesthouse owners and their visitors from abroad.

The local Bike Truck arrived but despite some very tight packing the need for more space was recognised and a local Pick Up was recruited for the job whilst some of the Fager Beavers elected to ride the 25 odd clicks to the start of the ride.

The remaining 45 or so hashers commandeered a fleet of seven more Pick Ups and off to the scenic Marina we went for the Hash Flash's (Mad Max) photo and video shoot and start of the ride shortly after 3.

The first few early checks left everyone wandering around a field looking very bewildered before the puzzle was solved and we retraced our steps and went over the hill and away towards the sea again.

Shortly after this the first of the "Bike Busters" appeared in the form of Bonnie who was busy pedalling but getting nowhere on the bike that Raincoat Rayner had duped her into buying from him. With Raincoat absent the bike experts investigated the problem but their prognosis was not good and it looked like an early taxi home might be on the cards.

Then Joylide arrived and opened her famous fanny pack to reveal it's contents which included her Supertool and some "Magic String".

Some deft needlework minutes later and Bonnie Was Back.

The pack was now well separated and followed the trail in dribs and drabs toward and then away from the sea when the great views were seen not to be accompanied by paper.

The "Big Beach" was eventually reached after the welcome water stop and, despite the insistence of some, the trail did continue there.

A long pleasant ride along the sand then followed through (Or into if your name is "Calves") some local football fanatics.

The locals were also treated to an exhibition of a side exit at speed dismount followed by a body surf on the sand (9.95 Performance) from one of the hashers in an efforts to frighten a local canine beastie.

↘ (Bernard)

Back onto the road we went where we found some sandy loops before getting back to the Sea View in various stages and by various routes.

Some shortcutters came back on the road whilst the Religious Monks (Thelomious and Dawn) led some of the less experienced hashers home on the beach in the dark (Very Romantic).

The G M (Stiffy for short) arrived just in time to call the unruly circle into some sort of disorder.

The Hare and Cohare were rewarded for their efforts in the circle and Lem also received his 50th Run mug only a few months late.

The many Visitors were led in their down down by "Beerhole" Jeff, and eight of these were later persuaded to part with 250 Baht for life time membership of BHHB !!!
The ever thirsty Lick Deary helped conserve the beer by collecting the dribbles during the down downs whilst Tom Heinz tried to save the leaking beer barrel by drinking as it leaked.
All Down Downs were accompanied by the Docile (Or maybe dead) tones of Ass Hash Music Dawn "Saffron" Monk.

The Wheel Busters included The Bushman who didn't even get down the road and Shagless who's puncture persuaded Mad Max (Or should it be Cheap Charlie) to part with his 1930's issue tyre patch though the glue was reported to be in very short supply.
The various Good Samaritans were also punished in the circle for their unhash like actions in helping out others.

The circle then went ON ON ON to a local Italian eaterie where the true Hash Spirit reared it's head in various forms with the pizza, pasta beer and wine being shared by all before the trip to The Hurricane Rock Bar via the Rose Bar.
The Jumping 'n Living continued until the early hours with the Smiley Faces being led by the GM and Jen.

The night was not over yet for some as Noriega repeated his Bang Serac skinny dipping exploits in the company of Debbie and Dog (Back scratches courtesy of the Dog ???).
The ever caring Frank had one last call to make at 5.30 am to tell Teresa that he had left the door of her car open earlier in the day - Impressed Teresa ???

A reduced and somewhat hungover party of about 30 hashers assembled for the start of the Sunday run shortly after 11 - Notable by their absence were most of the Canadian Crew including F.O.N. (Friend of Noriega) who took the early bus back to Bangkok.

After the first few checks the pack took a detour to the Seventh Green of the local golf course where Mad Max was chased out of our way by Beerhole and Buddies.
After a pleasant meander through the golf course the racers headed the "Alp d'Huez of Hua Hin" only to be met with a check close to the top.
As the view was there to be enjoyed by all, most made it at least part way up the hill, before the somewhat predictable ?? run back down and onto paper again.
Another hill with an intermittent check to keep everyone together was successfully conquered by all before heading off road again.
During the ensuing downhill scramble to get to the first water stop, E J (Headbanger) Finlay decided to part company with her friend Garzy (Fisher).
The local Quack arrived at the drinks stop to treat her cuts with some iodine, cotton wool and several strips of Beerhole's sweat towel which sorted out the problem until the hospital visit later on in Bangkok.

Onward we went through pleasant plantations and trundling tracks with a combination of false trails, "U" bends, checks and more water stops before the long climb back toward the coast against the wind for a great view of Hua Hin and then the fast downhill "ON IN" with everyone making it back to the Sea View in one piece.

The circle which included a Down Down for E J for the best crash of the weekend (Represented by her lookalike Beerhole !) brought to a close a most enjoyable weekend thanks to the efforts of Dave Rocky who promises to turn this into an annual event.

The Hare did not go unrewarded for his efforts as he later confided that his encounter with a local lass at the Marina the previous day would be repeated later on in the week in the more romantic setting of Bangkok - Latest news please Dave ??? ON ON ON ...