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This Weeks Run... Philippine Independence Day Run

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1155	Haggis Humper, Rawhide & Hopeless	Admiralty	14 th June 2009

The Warm Up

It is traditional that the Independence Day run is set on the Sunday closest to June 12th by a group of gorgeous, glamorous, young Filipinas. So it came as a surprise to arrive at A to find the trail had in fact been laid by **Haggis & Hopeless**.

It seems the 7107 island archipelago has been supplemented by a 7108th and 7109th, going by the names of "Scotland" & "Wales".

Probing into this anomaly, I found that there had been a Filipina haring presence planned, however **Rawhide** on seeing the weather forecast was afraid she would get *basa* and the RA was called.

I believe the original intention was just to ensure a good word was put in with the hash gods to keep the rain away until 5.30, but **Hopeless** reckoned it would be less trouble to just step in as a "not very mysterious mystery hare" for the second week in a row. I hope Rawhide said "*Salamat*".

As it turns out, even with no rain, the humidity meant both hares ended up very *basa* and probably a little *mabaho* as well.

The much talked about aim of the run was to entice "new blood" into the hash, to be achieved by flyering group of eligible young ladies on the run route. It was therefore unfathomable as to why the lead hare started to talk loudly about "intimidating" nearby groups of non-hash Filipinas to make room for bags, drinks and various other props.

Lesbian Buttslap duly explained, "The Filipinas here are all too religious to enjoy the hash, so we're not interested in them."

Given the faux Filipina nature of our hares, you'll notice I'm making an effort to "Pinoy up" the newsletter this week. There will be a glossary at the end, by which point I should have exhausted my limited *tagalog* vocabulary.

I also decided I would do a bit of cultural research, unfortunately you'll have to go to **Dr Doom** if you want the low down on Jose Rizal and the momentous events of 1898 as I've limited my research to that available on cable channel 720.

Given the gloom in the English language media about the recession, swine flu and like, its refreshing to observe that the biggest story in the Philippines is that two celebrities (Hayden Kho & Katrina Halili) had *iyut* and are now suing and counter-suing each other after a video thereof made its way onto the internet.

This has had top billing on both *Startalk* & *Chika Minute* (although I'm sure the Filipinas on the hash will agree, you need more than a minute for a proper *chika*)

Sadly not all the news from the Philippines is so frivolous, as I also found out that Imelda Marcos is back in the public eye, seeking *justies*. She's claiming that the state's appropriation of her & her husband's assets was not legal. Given that Mrs Marcos has never been convicted of corruption (despite 900 separate charges being brought against her at different times) she may actually have a case within the letter, if not the spirit, of the law.

Among other things, she wishes the return of a ruby ("the size of a prune") currently residing at the Philippine Central Bank. I humbly suggest providing her with a prune the size of a ruby would be more equitable.

The Run

A few new markings were introduced this week, notably a pair of "Flip/Gweilo" splits. We were assured that the run would be about an hour for *Gweilos* and fit Filipinas and 45 minutes on the short split.

GPS of the "Double *Gweilo*" route is below, note the distance and judge for yourselves if you think the briefing was realistic. "Flip splits" are not marked, but can't really have cut that much distance off.



We started out in prime flying territory going past Pacific Place, then through Chater Garden, Statue Square and under the HSBC building. Early confusion set in, with **Haggis & Bwear Wabbit** vetoing distribution to anyone who looked too old, too ugly or too religious. Meanwhile **F3M** was flying blokes!

We continued past St John's cathedral and eventually up to Bowen Road where the trails split. *Gweilos* enjoyed a very short section tame "shiggy", no danger of anyone falling on their *puwet*. We soon rejoined, only to split again on Shiu Fan Terrace, Flips left, *Gweilos* right.

Shitlipstick, momentarily unsure of his ethnic origins chose to shortcut straight on.

Gweilo route continued through Happy Valley Cemetary, where **American Mark** chose to linger a suspiciously long time, then through Wanchai. Here **Doom**, newcomer **Paul** & I lost trail a few times, but after dodging round a few *lolas & lolos* on Johnston Road, we eventually made it back to A. Around 80 very sweaty minutes for *Gweilos* with stragglers taking up to two hours.

The Circle

With hares having intimidated our neighbours away, the *GM* got the Circle going.

First down-down for the "original" hares, **Haggis & Rawhide**, followed by one for two weeks in a row emergency hare, **Hopeless**.

The *GM* then tested the hypothesis that **Rawhide** would (like the Wicked Witch of the West) dissolve if she got wet. Not proven.

Given Harcourt Garden's history of rowdy circles, **Marafat** was appointed the *GM*'s bodyguard, which gave him a fine excuse to scare us all with his menacing whip.

Rawhide has appointed asshole of the week and given the fetching "buttpants" to wear. The *GM* let slip that these had not been washed since *Motormouth* wore them, which really is too much information Ma'am.

Dr Doom was called into the circle. He had apparently had to resort to bribery of the *GM* in order to be allowed to give his traditional (not repeat!) Independence Day down downs.

Despite his position as an eminent political scientist, the good Doctor was confused as to which Independence we are actually celebrating, is it 1898 (when the Spaniards left) or 1946 (when the Americans left)? He sought clarity from **G-String**, who replied:

"What a silly question, we celebrate Independence Day every year".

Beancounter & Bite n Suck were appointed as Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos look-alikes and we were treated to new look-a-likes of Joseph Estrada (**Haggis**) and Stanley Ho (**Marafat**)

All Americans with tax problems were then called and asked the difference between an American would evades tax and a Filipino would evades tax, the answer being:

An American who evades tax goes to jail, a Filipino would evades tax goes to America!

Beancounter's Circle

All English & Americans were called. Beancounter was recently asked if England had an independence day. While they don't, it is customary for the Yanks to thank them for graciously granting them their independence.

GM's circle again

Down down for **Haggis** for his earlier intimidation of nearby Filipinas.

Haggis's Circle, to oversee a "cake off" between **Rawhide** & **Dribblet** as a grudge match for when the former had stolen the latter's muffin on the AGM run.

GM's circle once more

Calls all the Filipinas and singles out the non-runners (the vast majority).

Down down for our only new hasher, **Maria**, who was invited along by **Bonemuncher**.

Time for a game...

Mark, Marafat, Rowena & Judy were invited to pop balloons and win dubious prizes, including what looked like a smashed egg.

Beancounter's circle

Multiple down downs for **Bwear Wabbit**

1. Being very particular about the recipients of fliers
2. Being annoyed the fliers didn't feature his phone number
3. Being very busy as all his girlfriends are off school for the next fortnight

Marafat and **Hopeless** given a down down for not being able to put their phones and Blackberries away.

Mt Edna, Imelda & Shoe Horny received a down down for their pearl necklaces. The double entendre lost on some, I fear.

Shoe Horny & Bona Sleaza shared a down down for modelling the traditional and

modern Filipina looks, both meeting with Beancounter's approval.

GM back into the circle to chastise **F3M** for flyering men earlier.

RA's circle for some namings:

No name Rhina will henceforth be known as **Self Raising Flower**.

No name Mark will henceforth be known as **Tiny Tepee**.

Time for another game...

Filipina v Gweilo sack race with **Big P**, **Self Raising Flower**, **Lesbian Buttslap & Bona Sleaza** defeating no name **Paul**, **Bondi**, **Bwear Wabbit & Old Sock**.

The **Wabbit** remained in the circle to answer the (rhetorical) question if that was the first time he'd come second...

The **hares** (who until now had got off quite lightly) called (loudly) for selecting too noisy a venue.

Big P & Shaves Daily for being non runners and still having to sit down during the circle.

Chow Wah a returnee for the first time since the last Harcourt Garden hash. Notably wearing her backpack ready to leg it should any trouble kick off in the circle. Welcome back and we'll try and behave better this time.

We also have a virgin hasher **Gigi** brought along by Haggis. **Gigi** is on the lookout for a husband, **Lesbian Buttslap** and **Bravefart** are called in as examples of married hash bliss (or something). **Marafat** is offered up as a potential groom.

Time for the last of the games...

Hopeless, **Bonecrusher**, **Bravefart & Bwear Wabbit** have to place stickers on the backs of **F3m**, **Bonemucher**, **Lesbian Buttslap & Self-raising flower**, the catch being they have to kneel down and reach up between their partners' legs. **Hopeless**

& **F3M** win and get a min bottle of champagne, the rest have to make do with San Miguel flip flops.

Last DD's from the **GM** to **Big P**, who asked if **BnS** could make her boobs smaller to fit into her Filipina traditional costume. Continuing on this theme, **Imelda** was given a down down as best dressed Filipina.

Bwear Wabbit on in to announce next week's run, which will be a summer solstice run starting at Ma On Shan, set by **Old Sock**. Check the website for more details:

- Will it be a ballbuster? (almost certainly)
- Will wimps be catered for? (well, **GM** demanded it!)
- Will it be Druid themed? (bizarrely, yes!)

On On to Spicy Fingers.

Tagalog glossary

Basa - wet

Salamat - thank you

Mabaho - smelly

Iyut - fcuk

Chika - gossip

Justies - justice

Puwet - backside/arse/bottom

Lola - Granny

Lolo - Grandpa