

Kuala Lumpur, December 1938

Picture the scene if you will...a Brit accountant by the name of Albert Stephen Ignatius Gispert (known now and forever more as "G") is looking for a way to spend his spare time. He wrangles together a group of bachelors at the Sengalor Club Chambers, and proposes a slightly more interesting version of "Hares and Hounds", where a "hare" (person or persons setting trail) are chased by the pack of hounds "everyone else who showed up". Highlights included the drinking of beer and shadies, eating of food, and general merriment...and of course some running thru nearby rubber plantations. "G" came up with the name "Hash House Harriers" because of the dinning room annex where their post-trail meals were eaten was commonly referred to as the "hash house".

December 12, 1941

Last KLH3 pre-war trail, two weeks after the Japanese invasion

February 11, 1942

"G" is killed by the Japanese in Singapore

August 1946

"Torch" Bennet reestablishes the KLH3

April 2, 1947

Captain Gus Mackie establishes the second kennel in Bordighera H3, in Ventimiglia, Italy. The kennel disbanded in the 1960's before being resurrected on December 12, 1984.

February 19, 1962

Ian Cumming established the third hash house harrier kennel in Singapore. At the time, no one was aware that the Italian kennel existed.

May 1, 2010

N*pples Erectus and Bleeps, Sweeps, and Creeps establish the PooFlingers Hash House Harriers with a trail at Millenium Park in West Roxbury, MA. The kennel prides itself on not being tied to one particular city or state, and sets trail where the compass takes us.

At the time of this writing, there are close to 2,000 hash house harrier kennels in 183 countries. While locations, trail scenery, and languages may differ, some traditions are virtually unchanged, and all kennels share the same belief in welcoming newbies and visitors, enjoying a frosty beverage, and the desire to roam.

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