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## KLMBH 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DINNER

### POST MUNCH-UP REPORT

The Annual Dinner was held at the **Sri Mongkhun Restaurant** in **Desa Sri Hartamas** with 52 Bashers, their family members and Guests in attendance.

The food, as always, was superb (My complements to the Chef, Khun Mongkhun) and more importantly, there was lots of it to fuel us for the next morning's Bash. Khun Mongkhun and his team even took the time to decorate the restaurant with mountain biking paraphernalia and screen mountain biking videos which kept the kids enthralled (when they weren't trading their Pokemon® cards, that is).

The main order of the day was the KLMBH General Elections which took place in between the raffle. The New Committee was elected on the back of the wave of euphoria created by the prizes up for grabs in the raffle including a pair of Oakley® Minute sunglasses, Buck® multi-tools, Swiss Army knives, Hutchinson® tires, a Selle Italia Flite saddle and several bottles of wine (No lube this year!). There were veiled threats, campaign speeches and mud slinging during the nomination and voting process but in the end, the elections were decided without the need for a recount.

Many thanks go out to Mr. Tan Boon Foo of Bike Pro Centre for giving the KLMBH the best deal on the goods, to Adventure and Leisure Sdn. Bhd. for donating the wine and the Buck® tools, to Khun Mongkhun and his team for the excellent food and ambiance and to the volunteers who made the dinner possible.

Ed.

### Editorial

1. Well, the New Year is here and with it a new (kinda sorta) Committee as listed above. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any queries about or feedback for the KLMBH. We'll be most glad to answer your questions (as long as it doesn't require a degree in rocket science) and receive your feedback to help improve the KLMBH.

However, please do remember that we are only human and hold down real jobs too! Thus, your kind indulgence is requested if it takes some of us some time to get back to you on certain matters.

2. With the New Year comes time for you, the members of the KLMBH, to renew your to annual memberships. In relation thereto, please find enclosed together with the Basherama a copy of the membership application and renewal form.

Annual memberships are RM50. However, this year, your Committee has decided to allow pro-rated **quarterly** memberships on request to those who join later in the year or are only here for a short duration. Guest fees remain at RM10/ride.

For those who do not renew their annual memberships by the February Bash, your subscription to the Basherama shall lapse from March onwards. So fill in the form, cough up the cash and pass it all on to your nearest Committee member a.s.a.p.!

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## DIRECTIONS TO THE JANUARY BASH @ KUNDANG LAKES – 9.30 a.m., 4 February 2001

From KL, head North on the North-South Expressway. Exit at Sungai Buloh. Turn left immediately after toll, towards Kuala Selangor (route 54). Set tripmeter to zero at next traffic lights. Take right turn at 6.9km. Turn left at 9.5km immediately after BP station (on your left), onto a small country road giving a passable imitation of being a Paris-Dakar stage. At 11.1 km turn left onto a small road **after** passing under some high-tension cables overhead. At 11.4km turn left again. Follow the edge of the lake until you see the haremobile, a dusty dark grey Land Rover WEG 7566.

Hares: Teh, Speedy the Dog and Joe "Casper" Adnan

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## November Bash – Kg. Sungai Tangkas – 26 November 2000 - The Short Ride

“Hmm, the Knowles clan aren’t here today” I thought to myself. Well all righty then. “Who’s going on the Short Ride?” I asked, hoping to get a volunteer to scribe the short run. Blank stares were my only reply. Darn!

Even the threat of me having writing the Short Run Scribe Report myself wasn’t enough to shame anyone into stepping forward. The Bastards! Well, I guess that makes me the scribe for the Short Run. **Never mind the fact that I didn’t even ride the Short Run!** Here it goes...

The Short Run started out pleasantly enough, along a gravel road lined with little buntings and marked with long and short run paper. Funny how a place can change in the matter of ten short months. The parking site had been paved and the gravel road was nowhere in existence when I last road here. It was all jungle the last time I set a Bash here.

Anyway, the Long Bashers had gone off first to save the Short Bashers (“SB’s”) the indignity of being passed, cut-off and just plain run over by hard core two-wheeled horde. The split came soon enough and off the SB’s went to the right, into the rubber trees.

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### SCRIBE REPORT – NOVEMBER BASH – NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup> - HARES JAKE SLODKI AND CONRAD FAWCETT. Scribe: Denis “Twocan” French

A beautiful day for it, to be sure, but after a hard night of celebration at the Annual Dinner and AGM, I’m sure many of us could quite easily have rolled over to catch a few more winks. But being the true blue athletes that we are, we rolled out in force to support the Hares. The usual breakfast spot on the way to the site was [would you believe it] out of Roti at 0845 – so Ali and I took a detour towards Kajang, hoping to find bananas. We looked behind us to find a convoy of vans and cars following us – hey, they must want breakfast too – but no - Boon Foo thought we knew where we were going, since he was lost. We set him straight and continued our successful search for bananas.

The next saga began when we arrived first at what we thought was the ridesite – but the gravel road was bitumen, and no Haremobile was apparent, so we went in convoy in search of a gravel road. Why did everyone think I knew where the ridesite was? Anyway, after 10 minutes of head scratching and a phone call to Fuji, who explained the road “used to be” gravel, we returned to site A. But hey, Boon Foo was still not there.

It was indeed a good roll-up [could it be the promise of a freebie] and after a briefing by Hares and the “volunteering” of scribes, approx. 45 headed off on the long ride and 20 on the scenic. What a fine bunch of athletes we were, huffing and puffing our way up the first FBH [Hash term for a big hill] - a sharp turn at the top saw Twocan take the lead after the sheep followed the leader straight ahead [SHA, superior Hashing ability] but not for long.

I would assume at this point, being vaguely familiar with the area, that the SB’s then passed the area where I was chased by a pack of vicious dogs not 10 months prior to that with little fanfare and continued on after the elusive paper trail, winding their way through the rubber and oil palm trees, which provided plenty of shade.

Somewhere in the middle of the oil palm plantation, the SB’s ran into several diabolical checks (not Czech’s) set by those diabolical hares. Not one but many false trails were set, causing much despair and cursing among the SB’s. Finally, when all hope had almost faded away, the call of On! On! was heard and off charged the SB’s again. Of course, I’m not too sure about all of this but I know that the Long Run checks were brutal (& brilliant).

The Short trail intersected the Long Trail several times, making for some confusion, as the paper didn’t look that much different (especially when you’re bone tired in the middle of nowhere) but in the end everyone pulled through, I think.

The Short Run was easy enough but perhaps too easy for some. For the SB’s in this category, perhaps it’s time to raise the bar one notch higher and try the Long Run instead. What say?

#### Rainman, Reluctant Scribe

Funny how, when you put your bike in to have some work done, it always plays up on the next ride – I couldn’t get gears 1&2, so had to struggle up the hills in 3or 4 [good excuse anyway].

But we don’t want this report to be a 3 page saga like the Rocket Boy’s last report, do we? Suffice to say it was a great ride – lots of good single tracks, lots of shiggy to wade through, lots of hills and some good technical downhill bits. The checks were a little too easy to break, so consequently the pack was quite spread out. The front runners did a good job filling in checks [I thought we did anyway] and I even saw Boon Foo fill one in – we’ll make a Hasher out of him yet. But we didn’t please everyone, it seems. Melody came in swearing at Charl for not filling in checks, and there was obviously some very sneaky short-cutting done by the Scandalous one, as she managed to come in before Paul, who swears she could not have passed him. And of course, we managed to lose one rider who turned up at a railway station a few klms away.

Overall, it was a good effort by the Hares, who had been a little more generous this time with trail paper. An excellent inpromptu On On was attended by a dozen or so happy but weary bikers – I think this should become a regular feature of Sunday Bike Hashes. It’s a great way to finish the day.

Perhaps we could borrow a theme from Wednesday’s Harriettes and have a POTW award. Nominations are:

1. Hares for using old directions and not realizing the ridesite road had been bitumened in the last year – did these guys do any reccies.
2. Charl – why didn’t you fill in those checks better?
3. Ali –shortcutting.

**November Bash – The Long Run Cont’d**

4. Denis – leading Boon Foo astray, and then again leading half the convoy up the gravel road.
5. Boon Foo – being silly enough to follow Denis, then getting lost again after getting excellent directions.
6. Joe – not taking his mountain biking seriously since he discovered the wonders of nature – quite often seen disappearing into the jungle with his able assistant to study fauna and flora. And poor Speedie sits at home alone.
7. Larry – this guy is such an athlete, he stretches and does push-ups before the ride
8. Charl who laughed so hard when he observed Larry’s push-ups and said ”hey Larry, someone stole your girl”.
9. Kenny – didn’t fit his new saddle won at the AGM – this saddle is the state of the art model, with little soft bits to protect males from testicular dysfunction and scrotal abnormalities – come on Kenny, think of the future generation of Bike Hashers.
10. New Basher Jo for actually trying to make her new bike look new again at the ridesite – Bashers leave their bikes dirty, Jo – looks like you’ve done something.
11. The Basher who suggested we order wild boar curry at lunch [sorry, Fuji]– was that Melody?

And the winner is: well, seeing we don’t have an award, we won’t choose a winner.

**On On, Twocan**

**Editorial Cont’d**

3. It’s funny how many of us say that we don’t have enough time to ride. Work and family/relationship obligations tend to take up so much of our time that there is precious little time to ride. This makes us cherish the little time we have to ride and love our bikes soooo much.

But what if you could or had to ride every day? Would we still cherish the time spent riding and love our bikes as much? It’s all a matter of personal opinion, so lets not start any debates here. The following story gives one man’s point of view on the matter at hand and can be accessed via the following web address:- [www.dirtragemag.com/articles/latimer.shtml](http://www.dirtragemag.com/articles/latimer.shtml).

4. Well. It’s official. Package C of the Sprint Highway (a.k.a. the Western Traffic Disposal Scheme) shall proceed as planned based information obtained through publicly available documents. Package C will cut through Bukit Kiara to link the Mon’t Kiara area with the Damansara-Puchong Highway (LDP) at Kampung Sungai Penchala, just after One Utama.

All this, like everything else, is in the name of progress and no one knows for sure what the impact on the trails of Bukit Kiara will be. This makes it more crucial for us to enjoy the trails before they are potentially destroyed forever.

Anyone who’s interested is free to join us on our weekly rides in Bukit Kiara. Just drop me a line and I’ll put you on the mailing list.

5. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish a belated Selamat Hari Raya, a belated Happy New Year and Kung Hei Fatt Choy to the collective readership of the Basherama.

**Ed.**

**HARELINE**

In order to facilitate the efficient planning of your 2001 cycling calendar, the following Bash dates have been fixed for this year. As in the past two years, your Committee has decided not to adopt a receding hareline, whereby all members are required to set hashes on a rota system, this year and therefore volunteer hares are needed to keep the Hareline going.

Setting a Bash is a rewarding experience as it involves planning, much adventure, camaraderie, some deviant thinking and a great sense of satisfaction when the pack charges off down your false trail and/or your fellow Bashers curse you out at the end of the Bash and then buy you a beer. In fact, setting a Hash is so much fun as evidenced by the Hare Tonic overleaf.

Anyone interested in setting a Bash can contact the Melody, the Hare-Raiser, and for those who have no experience in setting a Bash, fear not for your Committee shall pair you up with an experienced Hare who shall pass on his/her wisdom free of charge. **Hares will also have the exclusive use of the KLMBH guillotine and the KLMBH directional signs to help prepare for their Bash (Ooh! Ahh!).**

Bash	Bash #	Date	Hares
January	75	4 February 2001	Teh, Speedy the Dog and Joe “Casper” Adnan
February	76	25 February 2001	Charl Bester , Paul Sweeney & Melody Tan
March	77	1 April 2001	Hulk, Chew and Fuji – April Fools Bash
April	78	29 April 2001	Hares needed!
May	79	27 May 2001	Hares needed!
June	80	24 June 2001	Hares needed!
July	81	29 July 2001	Hares needed!
August	82	26 August 2001	Hares needed!
September	83	23 September 2001	Hares needed!
October	84	21 October 2001	Hares needed!
November	85	18 November 2001	Hares needed!
December	86	9 December 2001	Hares needed!

## HARE TONIC

In Basherama! 48, Hare Tonic was introduced in an effort to encourage more members to step forward as hares. The idea was to reward hares who had set 5 or more Bashes with Pewter Mugs. The Committee is currently sourcing the rewards (which may or may not be in the form of Pewter Mugs or exclusive Jerseys) with the intention of presenting them to the deserving hares as soon as possible.

The score as it stands as at 15 January 2001 is presented below. As mentioned before, if you feel that you've set more Bashes than listed below, kindly contact Ed. to set the record straight.

Azizul Adnan	12	Animal Elford	2	Colin Jackson	1	Phaedra	1
Richard Aubry	11	Dick Shelly	2	Dave Baker	1	Pinhead	1
Eric Teo	7	John Hagedorn	2	David Foo	1	Simon Ng	1
Gordon Fraser	6	John Mugford	2	Emma Booth	1	Steve Ellison	1
Pat Brunson	6	John Spencer	2	Geoff Stecyk	1	Annett Frohlich	1
Ngah Fuji Bakri	6	Mark Chaterton	2	Graham	1	Kenny Stewart	1
Peter Bloomer	5	Nigel Blott	2	Ian Miller	1	Karen Brunson	1
Barry Hills	5	Shariman Alwani	2	James Aubry	1	Janie Ravenhurst	1
Mike Elliot	5	Tan Boon Foo	2	Jeff Dean	1	Paul Moir	1
Denis French	4	Grant Lee	2	Johnathan Startin	1	Angus Knowles	1
Alison Keeler	4	Larry Chan	2	Marie Benedix	1	Jamie Knowles	1
Hulk	4	Kelvin Wong	2	Mark Clark	1	Robbie Knowles	1
Bill Steven	3	Jake Slodki	2	Mike Smit	1	Raymond Keys	1
Peter Heston	3	Andy Blake	1	Mike Wright	1	Paul Sweeney	1
Shaharudin Damis	3	Andy Knellar	1	Noel Brennan	1	Conrad Fawcett	1
Simon Kenney	3	S.Y. Chong	1	Paul Booth	1	<b>Your name here!</b>	
Alistair Swanson	2	Clara Chin	1	Peter Pickernell	1	<b>Your name here!</b>	

### Kiara GP 2001 – 14 January 2001

Pat,

The first race in the Kiara GP 2001 was held on 14 January 2001 with 32 riders taking part. The time trial through Bukit Kiara was flagged off from Devi's Corner in Desa Sri Hartamas and wound its way through the singletrack of Bukit Kiara to end at Soul'ed Out.

Conditions were treacherous as the rain of the previous month had exposed many roots on the descents and turned parts of the trail into a quagmire.

The rush to beat the clock and Pigpen "King of Kiara" Pat's record of 1.01:48 (set in similar conditions) yielded several minor flesh wounds, some soft tissue damage and numerous broken bike parts. When all the blood and mud was hosed off, Pigpen's official record still stood although Tom "The Fonze" de Bruyne (1<sup>st</sup>; 1.01:50; recently recovered from 5 broken ribs suffered on a secret Kiara training ride) and "Big" Ben Thomas (2<sup>nd</sup>; 1.02:12; cool Jeep Cherokee) came close to matching it.

The next race in the Kiara GP 2001 series shall be held on 11 March 2001. Those who are interested can contact Adli ([adadli@pc.jaring.my](mailto:adadli@pc.jaring.my)) or Farizul ([farizul@maxis.net.my](mailto:farizul@maxis.net.my)) for more details or log on to the official website of the Kiara GP 2001 at [www.SpokesWorldMalaysia.intranets.com](http://www.SpokesWorldMalaysia.intranets.com).

Slightly more information on the race can be gleaned from the text of my e-mail to the King himself, Pat "Pigpen" Brunson:-

**Ed.**  
**BITS & BOBS – 1) Swag for sale!** KLMBH Mugs (RM15), polo t-shirts (RM15), 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Int'l Bash t-shirts (RM5) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Int'l Bash t-shirts (RM12) are still available and **make great gifts!** Kindly inquire with Bash Cash. **2) People often ask me for information on places to ride.** Briefly, the Rubber Research Institute in Sungai Buloh and the Forestry Research Institute in Kepong are good places for beginners to check out. Adventurous types can always check out Elmina Estate, both North and South, which begin on the Sungai Buloh-Shah Alam Road and ends in Kundang Lakes (Popular Bash venue). Those with a serious need for for the finest technical riding around can head on over to my personal favorite, Bukit Kiara. Keep an eye out on future editions for more details on **Places to Ride.** **3) Beer prices for the Bash have increased to RM5.50 each** from RM5.00 due to increased sin taxes levied by the "Powers That Be". **Softies remain at RM1.50 each.** **4) That's all for Bits & Bobs for now...**

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

Month	Date	Event/Remarks	Month	Date	Event/Remarks
February	4	KLMBH January Bash	March	11	Kiara GP 2001 #2, Bukit Kiara
	25	KLMBH February Bash		16-18	Formula 1 Grand Prix of Malaysia

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