

# NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

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### Golf carnage leaves casualties strewn all over market town

When Luk Sup Gow announced that his much-anticipated birthday run would not this year be over the border but in the homelands of Tai Po, there was a collective sigh of relief.

And when he announced it would be Pub Golf, with the GM at the helm, there was a collective groan of despair.

Nevertheless, 18 souls turned up to try their hand at the round of nine, along with various groupies, caddies and hangers-on.

The concept was to do a course of nine "holes" (bars) around Tai Po, taking a drink at each one, with the number of drafts taken for each drink representing the score for that hole. As with golf, the lowest total score for the course would win. The situation was complicated with the introduction of hazards – rough, bunker and water – designed to increase scores.

The pack gathered in The Soho for a briefing, at which players teamed up in pairs, with each pair given a map of the course, a rules sheet and a score card. During the briefing, LSG scuttled off to prepare hole 1 - a par-2 B52.

VD, who admitted to B52 being her favourite drink, immediately drew a rough hazard, necessitating her downing two of said drink for a creditable par 2. Big Moany and Liberace hit a bunker hazard and had to neck a tequila shot along with their B52s, for a par 2. Most others went one under par.

So to Butterfly, in the pedestrianised centre of old Tai Po, scene of many a karaoke embarrassment, where a par-4 bottle of Guinness was the order of the day. Eunuch went into the bunker but still went 2 under par, while VD started to suffer from her hole 1 folly with a 6. Early signs of weakness were shown by Bogbrush and LSG, both scoring an 8 for this hole.

The rotting fish and watery gunk of the old market area beckoned for hole 3, the Singalong, where a par-3 gin & tonic had to be mastered. Billy Jizz extracted a 1-under from a potential bunker



*Luk Sup Gow went to bed early*

disaster, while Walky Talky ruined a perfect start by going 2-over in the rough. Ominously, birthday boy LSG chalked up another 8.

The fourth revisited an old favourite, After 5 Wine Bar, and the long, sobering walk to the tee allowed LSG to catch his second wind. But the par-3 bottle of Tsingtao proved too much for him and he fell even further off the pace with a dismal 5. Fartypants joined the fray here, penalised with scores of par + 4 for the three holes he'd missed, but a pattern was starting to emerge. G-Spot, Desperate Dan and North & South were engaged in a heroic struggle at the top of the leaderboard, each having made a hole-in-one at all four holes. Billy Jizz was only one stroke behind, while Stingray, showing surprising strength

for an amateur, was just two off the pace.

But the front three started to show their class at the fifth, 10 Degrees, a par-5 pint of Carlsberg, each holing in one. Billy Jizz and Stingray made a 2-under three but the gulf in class was starting to show.

And it was here, at 9 minutes past 9pm on the 9th day of the 9th month of the 9th year, that LS9 met his Rubicon or Waterloo or Fiasco - a Flaming Lamborghini that made his own battered jalopies look classy – and consigned him to history.

On to Giligulu, where G-Spot went into the rough on the par-2 tequila shot to fall one stroke off the pace, while DD and N&S maintained their perfect records. LS9, despite rallying with a one-under par 1, was not seen again.

Hole 7 was the old Kwong Fuk Road haunt, 133, where a par-5 pint of Carlsberg underlined the class at the top of the leaderboard. North & South edged into the lead with another perfect 1, while G-Spot and Desperate Dan both went one stroke more after

encountering hazards. Billy Jizz shot a disastrous 7, effectively ruling him out of the running, while the tenacious Stingray hit a 2 to keep him in touch.

The Bobby London, hole 8, was where anarchy really took centre stage, with half the players unable to either complete the hole or fill in their scorecard properly. North & South's one-stroke lead over Desperate Dan was annulled when she hit a hazard, setting up a massive showdown at the final hole.

North & South and Desperate Dan went into the final hole on 9, while G-Spot went in on 10. Stingray still nursed an outside chance on 13. But all four players showed their pedigree by collaring the final par-2 tequila shot in one, to leave Desperate Dan and North



North & South in some pub

and South sharing the Pub Golf honours, with G-Spot just one stroke off the pace in third. A titanic effort!

The aftermath was messy. Stingray was discovered in the gutter later that evening, while Desperate Dan was finally tracked down the following morning on a street bench, screaming obscenities at local triad boys baiting him. Everybody else woke up down the rabbit hole – except North & South, who claimed to be “not drunk”.

The bar has been set.

## NEWS

### Next Run

September 16

One Eyed Jack

Catchment above Ting Kau Bridge



Stingray resurfacing

7.35 start

See web site for details

### SOW & Little Stinky

The legendary hashers return and will be at the run on September 30. Let's make it a good one!

### Samdim Memorial

A memorial run for Samdim, who passed away earlier this year, will be held on Sunday, October 4 at Sham Tseng service reservoir in Tai Lam Chung Country Park (start of Sham Tseng mountain marathon and venue for many of our runs). She was a lovely girl, never begrudged our antics, and all are encouraged to go to this run.

“It will be an A to A run hared by myself (Bondi Barbie) and Captain Pubic. Should be a Wimps, Rambo and Super-Rambo. Nothing melodramatic, no T shirts or anything like that, but we'll take some pix to send to her family in Indonesia. I hope you guys can come along. She was a real hasher. We'll sort out food etc as we go; an on-site bash is definitely on the cards.”



Desperate Dan at peace

## HARE LINE

1389 / 16 Sept. 2009 / One Eyed Jack

1390 / 23 Sept. 2009 / Stingray

1391 / 30 Sept. 2009 / Rocky - China

National Day's Eve run

1392 / 07 Oct. 2009 / Billy Jizz

1393 / 14 Oct. 2009 / Velcro Lips

1394 / 21 Oct. 2009 / Fartypants

1395 / 28 Oct. 2009 / Dingaling

1396 / 04 Nov. 2009 / Walky Talky

1397 / 11 Nov. 2009 / Golden Balls

- birthday run

1398 / 18 Nov. 2009 / Chris Higgins

1399 / 25 Nov. 2009 / VD

1400 / 02 Dec. 2009 / to be

announced

