

# Ride 514 Report – 11 December 2016

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## The Xmas Ride!

### Hares: Tinsel Tits & Fat Stuck Bastard

The faithful assembled on a pristine Sunday morning for what would be the last organized ride of 2016. TI Joe generously offered his home for the post-ride On On meal and party, and as the clock struck 10am that morning, a large turnout of 40 riders left the suburban enclave of Swiss Club Road in search of fun and misadventure. They soon found both in abundance.

The ride became a gruelling 2 hour 40 minute outing that offered paved roads, some single-track opportunities, and even some 'shiggy' portions that were straight out of a running Hash. The Hares did a mammoth job of keeping us on track and more or less organized. There were a few transitions, such as exiting Turf City, that were a bit confusing because we needed to avoid taking the 'home trail' as we were departing the area. But the Hares hard work prevailed and we all managed to make it back to the start point with smiles on our dirt-covered faces.

At the circle that followed, GM Bunny Tool ushered in virgin Peter and returnees Roberto, Bob Graf, David Sicard, and Phil. Peter has run the men's Hash for 3 years, and has finally 'manned up' to ride with the Singapore Bike Hash. Hope to have you join us again in 2017, mate! Phil was avoiding a beer gut by downing a 100 Plus instead – could he be onto something?

There were a number of crashes of the day, but fortunately more pride than blood was lost that morning...

Crash of the Day #1: Bunny Tool called himself into the circle for the first charge... Sue came in to give him a hand by explaining that NASA legend John Glenn died that week, and when Bunny Tool's wheel touched Agnes', he put his foot down and proceeded to take a tumble down the hill – not unlike John Glenn tumbling through space. "Here's to the astronaut, he's true blue..."

Crash of the Day #2: Copy Cat called Yutaka into the circle for his 'crime' of running down an octogenarian who was out for a Sunday stroll. "Here's to C.O.D., he's true blue..." "Next time I'll do better," Yutaka announced as he stepped sheepishly back to the circle.

Crash of the Day #3: Too Easy stepped forward to accept her C.O.D. charge, which she acquired as she managed to wedge her knee between her bike frame and a tree root. She said it was quite painful, which – coming from this glutton for punishment – must have been excruciating. Meanwhile, Phil followed up by accepting a C.O.D. charge for bashing his leg against a tree. His right sock was a testament to this fact, as it had turned a bright Christmas shade of red due to being doused with blood.

Coo Chi Coo stepped in to recall how Phil had a small army of medical technicians gathered around him, administering wet wipes, tissues, spray and bandages for a tiny scratch. Coo Chi Coo admonished him to “Man Up!” And with that, the choir sang the refrain, “He ought to be publicly pissed on...” Too Easy threw out the cheeky phrase “Boston Red Sox” as a possible naming for our unfortunate friend, but the name didn’t stick and his naming will have to wait for another day.

The scribe stepped forward to announce Ride 515, the kick-off ride for 2017. Tentatively set to take place in the West Coast / Pasir Panjang area, the Hare will be joined by first-time co-Hares Andrew and Stu in what promises to be a fun and fast-moving ride. We hope to kick off 2017 with a full house of riders, so pencil the date of January 15th on your calendars!

FCB then called forth the Hare, Tinsel Tits, to centre stage. Tinsel Tits was the co-Hare of the Xmas Ride, and as part of the festivities many of our riders turned out in seasonal apparel. Among them was Andrew, our lanky British friend who is humble and humorous but a force of nature in the saddle. On that day, Andrew arrived at the Hash adorned in holiday-themed ‘baubles’ on his helmet.

During the ride, Andrew was heard exclaiming, “Oh, goodness me! My baubles are falling off left, right and centre.” FCB mentioned a few choice Hash names for our British friend: “Lost My Baubles,” “Flying Baubles,” “Lost Balls,” or even “Big Baubles,” which Andrew seemed to be quite keen on. And yet it was not to be... like many of the well-intentioned charges that FCB has brought to the table, the naming never really got past the conceptual stage and Andrew returned to the circle with his name and honour intact.

Ditch then called in our Danish representative, Sonny, on a charge of doing something good on the Hash for once! This pillar of society – this Danish ‘boy scout’ - came to the aid of a member of the public who had run his van into a ditch. Sonny, Ditch and another SBH Samaritan came to this driver’s aid and put another notch in the Bike Hash’s list of good deeds. Well done, mates! We hereby give you the Boy Scout salute...

Bunny Tool called in the unknown cyclist who he’d seen doing a full ballerina’s *Plie’*, with his legs fully extended as one of his feet became caught in a root in mid-cycle. Bunny Tool did a great demonstration that almost had him in that helpless pose himself. The guilty rider had bugged off by then, so the GM had to drink his own charge of Tiger beer. And the crowd bellowed, “He ought to be publicly pissed on...”

Too Easy then called the Hares into the circle. Tinsel Tits stepped forward, but unfortunately his co-Hare Fat Stuck Bastard was still out sweeping on the trail. Tinsel Tits was given a deserved note for “Going Too Far.” Every year he can be spotted clearing impenetrable trail and scaring wildlife in order to create some pristine and fresh trail. This year, he outdid himself by designing a 2 hour 40 minute “Epic Ride” that wended its way throughout western Singapore. For his diligence and never-say-

die attitude, let's give this gentleman a note. "Here's to Going Too Far, he's true blue..."

Today's "Epic Christmas Ride" was followed by an epic meal, courtesy of Mr. Ho's catering and the benevolence of TI Joe, whose lovely back patio made an ideal setting for a memorable On-On. The on-site high-powered hoses were most helpful in clearing our bikes of layers of mud and saved us a trip to the petrol station car wash.

2016 was a terrific one for the Singapore Bike Hash. Offering over a dozen local rides and organizing overseas rides to Bali and Phuket this past year, the organization, camaraderie and enthusiasm of SBH is apparent to both long-time members and to 'virgins' who are making their first appearance. Kudos to our GM, Bunny Tool, whose hopes to attract new members might yet be realized through the colourful business cards that he distributed to everyone that fine day.

SBH welcomes riders of all levels for our rides that occur on average every 3 weeks. You will need a sturdy mountain bike, a CamelBak or similar hydration device, a helmet, and a fun-loving attitude. Those who go the extra mile by helping to set a trail are especially welcome! We look forward to another great year ahead and encourage you to give it a try – or invite a curious colleague along for a spin.

And finally, the Hash Awards for 2016 are:



● **Best New Hasher** - Kiyoko Hosoi.



● **Best On On** - Ride 500 - Five Hundred and Counting Ride!



● **Best Hash** (In Singapore) - Ride 500 - Five Hundred and Counting Ride!



● **Best Hash** (Overseas) - Ride 503 – Never Too Easy Ride! and Ride 509 - Won Ton Paella Ride!



● **King of the Hares** - "Phone Sex" with 4 lays.



● **Best Scribe** - "Knobby Boy Scout".



● **Special Recognition goes to** - "Bunny Tool"~ GM, "No Good"~ Hash Cash, "Spa Barbie" ~ Hon. Sec., "Back Entrance"~ Webmaster, "Wan King" ~ Treasurer, Puffy ~ Hash Flash, & "Recipricunt" ~ Hash Brew.

Until the next ride, on on!

Scribed by: Knobby Boy Scout

