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Dressed up, someplace to go

Hash House Harriers run, drink the night away

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Hash House Harriers run through Palm Springs



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Members of the Orange County chapter of the Hash House Harriers have fun Friday night at the Spurline bar in Palm Springs.

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Lingerie, bunny ears, cowboy hats and running shoes - all are the traditional garb of the men and women of the Hash House Harriers.

The group visits Palm Springs every year and madly dashes through downtown, jogging, running and walking quickly from bar to bar.

And yes, most wear women's underwear. So, if you thought you were losing your mind Friday night, rest assured you weren't.

"Our motto is, 'We are a drinking club with a running problem,'" said Corona resident KC Herr, who walked Friday night with her husband, Doug.

About 300 people, members of the Orange County chapter of the Hash House Harriers, are participating in this

annual festivity - now in its 21st year - which kicked off Friday.

They follow markings left behind by lead walkers, or hares, that direct the rest of the crowd through the area to their destinations.

"We're a group of people who have fun and don't take things too seriously," said Samantha "Sam" Cardenas, a 31-year-old Orange County property management worker.

The event continues today with a five-mile jog through Palm Springs, sans lingerie. Participants wear regular jogging attire.

There are chapters around the world.

The event, which happens several times a month around Southern California, is organized to promote physical fitness, fun and to show senior citizens they're not as old as they feel, members said.

Members are made up of people ages 19 to 76 years old. Walkers make sure people under the age of 21 don't drink, though, they said.

But on Friday, passersby tooted their car horns and whistled at the provocatively dressed runners.

"They think it's hysterical," Herr said.

The fun kicked off at The Spurline at the corner of Indian Canyon Drive and Arenas Road.

Los Angeles resident Amy McEachern was walking by when she noticed the crowd.

After talking to the participants, she said she wants to join in on the fun next year.

"Anyone who wants to have this much fun running is someone we'd want to hang out with," McEachern said.

Gary Criglow came all the way from Little Rock, Ark. to participate in the event. He does it because it's fun.

"This is like the peak of the Hash year," he said.

Nicole Ahern, a Long Beach make-up account executive, participates because she likes to dress up, she said.

"I'm a costume whore," she said.



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