



Run **23**
Date **Sunday 20 December**
Location **Ortakent/Yaşı Horse
Riding School**
Hares **Captain Crease, Semen,
Tamer & Vanessa**
Scribe **Culture Vulture**

After a week of torrential rains (and flooding in odd places, not to mention Culture Vulture & Virgin's place), 9 brave souls turned up for the Christmas Hash. The weather still wasn't great, and nearly half of the pack had set the trail as hares!! Before the run, Culture Vulture opened the circle and Virgin handed out Christmas hats complete with flashing lights to everyone – no expense spared on this Hash. Even though he had been hare last run, Culture Vulture had the pleasure of taking the DOWN-DOWN for first home as all those who finished ahead of him then hadn't turned up this week. Semen handed over to Captain Crease for the Religious Advice before the run and then ON-ON was called.

Despite the heavy rains, most of the marks were still visible, but there weren't too many of them. Semen and co-hares still seem to be frugal with the flour – hey those trail markers are so economical that a trail with marks every 3 to 4 metres only uses less than a kilo of flour. Only Lightfoot and Culture Vulture of the hounds (non-hares) were runners, so this was to be a rather strung out Hash. Down a few tracks doubling as river beds, and Lightfoot first to each check and choosing the correct trail each time leaving Culture Vulture to check out the falsies (as usual!!). All the trail was on tracks or even over rough ground which is good except for part of the ON-IN that was along the main road, but there wasn't much alternative for that. After a bit of a wait at a non-remarkable location for the usual tail-enders Semen led a Father Abraham to warm the pack up.

Then ON-ON again and with a few arrows in the wrong direction with no check backs, the ON-IN was found that took everyone along a track that was still running with water.

The circle was rather brief as the weather was starting to close in again, with everyone getting the usual DOWN-DOWNS. It was good to see Vanessa again who has been busy working since her first and only previous appearance on Run 6 in Bitez. Similarly it was good to see Coşkun who returned, not having been seen since runs 13 and 14.

We then had a conducted tour of all the horses and foals at the Riding School (where Tamer had worked some while ago). Many had their pictures taken with the various horses. After a thank you to the Riding School Management, the ON-ON-ON was taken at Sue's Place where a good spread of Roast Turkey with all the trimmings and Christmas Pudding was served up. Well done Sue and Captain Crease.

ON-ON
Culture Vulture