

**Run: 1877, 21 NOV 2018**

**Cheesecake**

**Hare: Jack Off**

**Location: London Tavern, Lennox St Richmond**

Jack Off, a virgin Lakeside hare, set a splendid run through Richmond and Cremorne. A very tight run with nice clear markings. Cremorne was once the home of Kath Pettingill, the crime matriarch, and her sons - Victor Pierce who allegedly killed 2 policemen in Walsh Street South Yarra, and Dennis Allen a drug dealer and brothel owner who allegedly murdered 15 people. Dennis Allen trained his greyhounds with live chickens by racing the dogs around Balmain, Stephenson and Gwynne Streets Cremorne in between drinks at the Cherry Tree Hotel, another highlight of Jack Off's trail. We made it back just before the deluge started. Well done RA.

### **Spain Story**

Earnest, young and fit pilgrims traversing the Camino carry their luggage packs on their backs for 800 or so kilometres. Astro, Cut Loose and I are not earnest, young or fit so we decided early on that we would have our bags transported forward each day to our planned accommodation and we would just walk with small day packs containing water and rain jackets. Cut Loose did the research and determined that Correos, the Spanish postal service was the best company to take our bags. For 4 euros per day per bag, Correos carried our bags from Irun, near the French border, to Finisterre, on the Atlantic coast. They were incredibly efficient, not a bag lost, and there our bags were at our accommodation each afternoon every time. A service I'd strongly recommend.

As we progressed across Spain, it was Cut Loose who liaised with Correos re the pick-up and delivery of our bags. Here's a sample of her correspondence:

**Monday, 5pm.**

Cut Loose: Dear Correos, could you please collect and deliver our 3 bags. Yours sincerely -**Cut Loose**.

Correos: Your request has been processed – **Buzon**.

**Tuesday, 5pm.**

Cut Loose: Dear Buzon, it's lovely to hear from you. The bags were delivered beautifully. Would you mind awfully doing the same thing again tomorrow? – **Cut Loose**.

Correos: Your request has been processed. – **Buzon**.

**Wednesdy, 5pm.**

Cut Loose: Hi there Buzon. You are so efficient; I'm going to ask you again to transport our 3 bags plus Cheesecake's hatbox. She's bought a rain hat. Thanks – **Cut Loose**.

Correos: Your request has been processed. – **Buzon**.

**Thursday, 11.55pm.**

Cut Loose: Dear Buzon, sorry to contact you so late, but there's been a development, Cheesecake now has 2 hatboxes. Now she's bought a sun hat. Can they be carried forward with the bags? – **Cut Loose**.

Correos: Your request has been processed – **Buzon**.

**Friday, 5pm.**

Cut Loose: Dearest Buzon, I am amazed at your efficiency. I can't believe you answered my email even though it's midnight. You must work extraordinarily long hours. I hope the postal trade union is looking after you. Cheesecake now has 3 weirdly shaped hatboxes so hopefully they won't be a problem. The previous sun hat wasn't big enough apparently. Should we set up a Wot'sApp group together, might be easier than email plus we can share a few Spanish recipes. – **Cut Loose**

Correos: Your request has been processed. – **Buzon**

**Saturday, 5pm.**

Cut Loose: Hi there Buzon, as always it's wonderful to hear from you. Like all Spanish people, you are so friendly. This weekend is the feast day of St Gabriel the Archangel, the patron saint of postal workers. Will you and your family be doing anything special? Why don't we hook upon Facebook and I could see your photos? Bags and many hatboxes to go forward as usual. Muchas grassy arse. – **Cut Loose**.

Correos: Your request has been processed. – **Buzon**.

**Sunday, 5pm.**

By this time, Cut Loose was in a lather of insecurity. Her networking skills are second to none. She prides herself on her ability to make friends with just about anyone. So why wasn't she building any sort of rapport with Buzon? Because - this is a buzon.....



