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THE CLUB IS CLOSED ON
MONDAY 24 JANUARY FOR
ANNUAL STAFF PARTY**

FRONT COVER

Whoosh! The cover photo sums up how we all feel at the end of such a terrific month, and year! This issue is packed with lots of pictures of enjoyment, and quite a bit of what's lined up for the coming year, plus all the usual fun. Happy New Year!



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FOUNDATION TO GRADUATION



10 Made Aztec Day guacamole with vegetables from the Year 5 garden

8 Had great fun getting muddy and finding habitats in the outdoor classroom

7 Recorded a monster sound effect today - it was really scary!

5 Today we made a shadow play

3 Learned the names of the animals at the zoo

18 IB almost done, Uni here I come

17 Read my first novel in Spanish

16 Won the debate at Model United Nations

14 We learned about rocket science in Physics, it was out of this world!

12 Programmed my first web page – check it out!

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MESSAGE FROM THE GM



Jesper Doepping

As I write, the Christmas Ball has just finished. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say thank you for all your positive feedback. For us it was particularly rewarding to see everybody enjoying themselves, and that once the dancing started, there were 150-200 people on the dance floor almost all the time. We did get a bit concerned when a few started dancing on the tables as round tables fold in the middle under enough pressure! There are a couple of pages of photos in this issue, and more pictures on the Club's Facebook page.

November and December is traditionally a very busy period for the Club with a lot of events and functions taking place. During November we had BCT's Lysistrata, Fight Night, the Interport Balut tournament, and Guy Fawkes Night. The Guy Fawkes event had 370 participants, 140 of whom walked in on the night. That's a lot of walk-ins, and even though we succeeded in accommodating and catering for them all, we would have liked to have had better seating to offer the late arrivals. The British Club and its Members need the momentum and the energy from November and December to be something that happens all the year round. Our Events and Sales Manager Simon Causton has in the last month worked pretty hard to implement our vision and strategy for future events and functions in the Club. The first result of this work I think is quite noticeable in the calendar in the middle of this magazine. You can read more about upcoming and previous events in "Simon Says..."

Part of our marketing and reaching out to our Members has, with the help of David Quine, gone electronic by using some of the existing social network tools like Facebook and Twitter. We are using these tools because, apart from our website, they offer the Club and its Members an easy way to communicate about future and past events. In future the Club will use these new media wherever possible.

In the previous month we have made some necessary investments in the Club. The four most visible ones are the new P.A. system, the stair carpet, cutlery for functions and staff uniforms. The uniforms were long overdue as it is 2½ years since uniforms, and for many staff shoes, have been changed. As a result, some of the staff did not wear British Club uniforms, but had purchased shirts, trousers etc privately. The service staff in particular have been involved in choosing their style of uniform in order to ensure that they feel comfortable. To our surprise, they pushed very strongly for a traditional black and white uniform, instead of keeping the old design or choosing something different. This choice is by far the cheapest model to maintain and/or change if the Club wishes!

Last month's accounts continued to show improvement in catering sales, sports income events and other income. Compared to 2009, the Club's revenue was 550,000 baht higher, but still behind budget. However, that was based on an increase of 4% over November 2008, which was the highest earning month in the Club's history. Unfortunately, we only just fell short of beating that record by 190,000 baht! The events, functions and Clubhouse are the areas that have improved the most, but we still need to work on getting people back to the Salas and swimming pool area. In order to do that we are setting up the Junior British Club and working hard to improve the weekend activities around the poolside for families. In addition, we will start many special promotions and events at the poolside in order to get people used to coming here again after a year of red-shirts and only two operational tennis courts.

With a complete management team in place now, we are certain that we can deliver all the benefits and other necessary improvements for the British Club's Members.

Finally, may I remind you all that on **Monday 24th January**, the Club will be **CLOSED** all day for the Annual Staff Party, which after the extra effort they have put in over the last few months, is thoroughly deserved and should be a fantastic outing. Happy New Year to all British Club Members and Staff!

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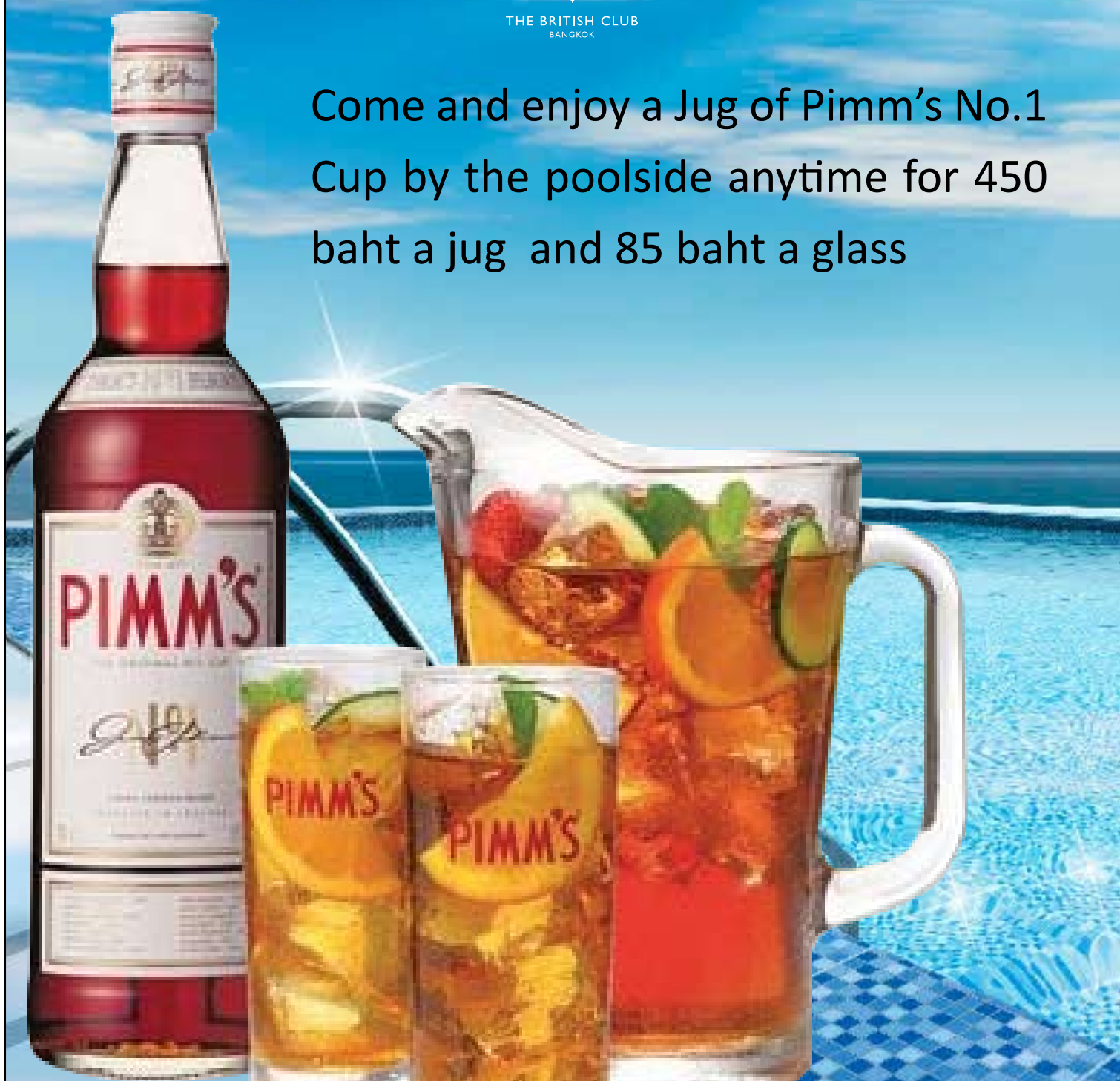
PIMM'S O'Clock

at The British Club



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Come and enjoy a Jug of Pimm's No.1
Cup by the poolside anytime for 450
baht a jug and 85 baht a glass



HOUSE & GROUNDS

The monthly report on maintenance and development



As I write this, we are finalising the accounts and records for 2009/10 and the budget for 2010/11. In the last fiscal year, to keep our facilities in reasonable condition, we have spent just under 4 million baht on 51 separate items. The largest expenditure was on the tennis court resurfacing and the Ladies' Changing Room, a total of 1.8 million. There were only 5 other items above 100,000 baht and these cost a total of 0.85 million baht. The remaining 44 items included 8 new A/C units and a variety of other replacements and improvements.

Routine repair and maintenance is carried out by our own team of four staff under the direction of Khun Adisorn. They used materials costing approximately 0.5 million baht in the year. Specialist maintenance for landscaping and pest control is carried out by Baan Suan Nam and Scientific Pest Management respectively, and costs us approximately 0.3 million baht per year.

As I stated in the October edition of this magazine, we keep detailed records of all expenditure on these projects together with the routine repair and maintenance. As required by the Motion approved at the 2008 AGM, these records are available in my office for inspection by any Member who wishes to do so. I will be pleased to answer any queries that arise.

Those Members who are interested in such things will have noticed the new stair carpet in the Clubhouse. In my view this is more in keeping with the décor usually found in a British Club and replaces the cheap bright red nylon carpet that made the entrance resemble a bordello (not that I am an expert on that type of establishment). In fact, the new carpet is top quality

hand tufted wool produced by Carpets International Thailand in their factory at Samut Prakhan. On 16th November I visited this first class establishment that covers 160,000 sq m and employs 1,200 people. I took the photo of our stair carpet being made.

I have visited many factories in the course of my career but I have to admit that this particular visit was one of the most interesting and I came away feeling very impressed with the different looms and methods of carpet making that I was shown. It is worth mentioning that the advantage of buying a hand tufted carpet is that it can be properly repaired in situ.

At the moment, expenditure on repairs and maintenance is being very carefully regulated in order that it is in line with revenue. The repair of the Suriwongse Sala roof is due to be discussed with the General Committee before drawings and tender documents are prepared. The cost will be significant. There are currently various other projects being prepared; some major like the repainting of the Clubhouse, and others such as the replacement of the A/C equipment in the Silom Room. The equipment required for the new Fitness Centre is going to cost a substantial amount and we are therefore trying to arrange a leasing agreement to cover it. The TV mounting in the Suriwongse Sala has not been repaired because the quotations we have received have been outrageous. As mentioned in last months "Outpost", certain contractors seem to inflate their quotations because we are "The British Club". I am not prepared to play this game, so the TV remains broken for the time being while we try to find alternative contractors.



As I commented last month, our maintenance team is now very much occupied with the setting up and dismantling of awnings and tables for the various seasonal events. One of the team has fallen ill so this is putting a strain on their ability to respond quickly to calls for repairs. Please bear with us, as I am having to prioritise the current workload. This includes damaged concrete paving at the main swimming pool and a broken cistern in the Clubhouse gents' toilet, amongst a very long list.

All for now

John Boisclair
Development & Facility Manager



THE BRITISH CLUB
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Eric Clapton

Live in Bangkok

16th February 2011

With over 50 million copies sold from the rise of his fame in the 70's to present, Eric 'Slow Hand' Clapton will be returning to Bangkok with his greatest hits many of which have become standards for every guitar player such as Tears in Heaven, Cocaine, Wonderful Tonight, Layla, Key to the Highway and Blue Eyes Blue.

Eric Clapton has performed at 2 sold out concerts in Bangkok in 1979 and 2007. This time, he will be performing at **IMPACT ARENA, MUANG THONG THANI ON 16 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 8.30 PM**

Reserve your tickets now at the club and get great seats, police escorted transport to and from the venue and a free glass of bubbly before hand.



CLAPTON

4,000 BHT per Member (4,700 Bht for Non-Members)
Contact Simon or Anne to book your tickets now

SIMON SAYS...



With a month under my belt at the Club, I feel that I have found my feet. Albeit they have been running rather than walking with our December calendar packed with great events, it's better to start as I mean to carry on! I thank all Members who have taken the time to talk to me about their ideas for events and activities, and I'm looking forward to talking to many more over the coming months. I apologise if I do not remember everyone's names but it feels like I have a thousand to remember and that is only with the staff alone!

The festive spirit well and truly descended on the Club in December and we held an array of events. The 'Fashion Show and Perfume Tasting', with stylish collections by PaulJina and enticing aromas from the effervescent Bob Van Es, was an enjoyable night and we hope to hold more of this style of event involving local business showcasing and offering discounts on their products to Members. The Children's Christmas Ball was a lot of fun in a slightly different format this year, with some of the formality removed and an emphasis on having fun. Susie, our Children's entertainer, had our youngest members engrossed and it was a struggle for them to leave at the end of the evening. On His Majesty the King's Birthday we held our Graded Tennis Championships which was followed by a BBQ and live music by the excellent La Sabrosa. A few days later, Shewsbury International School treated us to a 'A Celebration of Christmas' which was accompanied by the traditional glass of mulled wine and mince pies. The children excelled themselves and the carols were much appreciated by a vocal audience. Our 64th Annual British Club Ball was a wonder-packed evening both in atmosphere and guests, with a plethora of great prizes and some interesting dancing, enhanced by a spread of great food and enticing music by the Sofitel, La Sabrosa and Paul Jackson respectively. Christmas Day this year was a sell-out with a festive breakfast in the Sala followed by a Christmas lunch and dinner served in the Verandah, Churchill and the Back Lawn.

January is going to be a busy month with many new initiatives in events, activities and promotions. We will be running on Wednesday's dance classes starting with a Salsa Class on the 19th and a Ball Room Dance class on the 26th. We will also be starting a wide variety of Movie themes on Thursday nights with firstly a Reader's, Writers and Film night that will concentrate on books and their adaptation to the silver screen that will be on twice a month. Subsequent weeks will feature a British Film Industry (BFI) classic movie and a classic Thai Movie that we believe will be of interest to our Members. Please check the advert (page 14) for dates of showings.

Other events will include a Croquet Tournament on the front lawn, a Robert Burns Night supper, two showings of Shakespeare for dummies, one aimed at students and children to tie in with their studies and a general showing for our Members. We will be hosting The St. George's Society President's Garden Party which will also be open to Members for enjoying a family day on the back lawn. The Club will celebrate the end of the Ashes (and hopefully a victory for the English) with a BBQ on the front lawn; we will also be organizing an Australian BBQ for Australia Day on the 26th.

To promote the poolside Sala with its relaxing and therapeutic atmosphere we are organizing a month-long Pimm's promotion by the jug and glass, and a weekly all-you-can-eat BBQ every Thursday night. We are also pleased to reintroduce aqua-aerobics classes, please consult the calendar for times. The Club is also organising tickets for Eric "Slowhand" Clapton's concert on 16th February; the price will include police escorted transport to and from the concert, floor level tickets and a glass of bubbly at the Club beforehand. The Junior British Club (4 - 12 years) will also be running every Sunday from the 16th onwards. This is a chance for parents to leave their children in the capable hands of Susie, our children's entertainer, every week from 9 am to 12 noon for a morning full of fun, activities, crafts and games, with the added option of parents joining their children afterwards for our Sunday Brunch.

As well as all the above, we will be running our regular events from Monday Night Club, Quiz Night (with our new quizmaster Steve Booth) to Music at Dusk. Phew! January's going to be a fantastic start to the New Year!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club soon.



OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 10pm		
Neilson Hays Coffee Shop	9am - 6pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon.-Fri.)
Churchill Bar	10am - 11pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat.-Sun.)
Poolside Bar	6:15am - 11pm Last food orders 10pm	Thai Massage	9am - 5pm (Tues.-Sun.)

EXPRESS

LUNCHEONS

January 2011



3rd - 7th January 2011

Starters 50 baht

Carrot, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Chicken Maryland

with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet corn, Tomato and Bacon
Served with Home Fried Potatoes

or

Pan-Fried Dory with Dill and Pernod Sauce

Served with Carrots, Asparagus, Zucchini and Garlic Mashed Potato

or

Lamb and Beef Moussaka

Served with Garlic Bread

or

Tod Mun Pla

(Deep Fried Curried Fish Cake)

Tom Yum Gai

(Spicy Lemongrass flavoured Soup with Chicken and Mushroom)

Pad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-Fried Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our A la Carte Dessert with 10% off

10th - 14th January 2011

Starters 50 baht

Chicken, Pumpkin, and Cranberry Salad

with Coriander Dressing

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Mince Beef and Onion Pie

Served with Sautéed Cabbage, Bacon and Croquette Potatoes

or

Pan-Fried Dory Mornay Sauce

Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

or

Chicken Korma

Served with yellow Rice and Naan Bread

or

Gaeng Som Pak Ruam Goong Sod

(Prawn with Vegetable in Spicy and Tangy Herbs Soup)

Kai Jiew Moo Sab

(Thai Omelette with Minced Pork)

Panaeng Gai

(Stir Fried Chicken in Red Curry Sauce)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our A la Carte Dessert with 10% off

17th - 21st January 2011

Starters 50 baht

Chicken, Mango, Avocado and Beetroot Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Course 130 baht

Salmon Fish Cakes

Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Grilled Fillet of Pork in a light Curry Sauce

Served with Zucchini and Coriander Rice

or

Turkey and Ham Pie

Served with Leek Cheese Sauce and Home Fried Potatoes

or

Tom Kha Gai

(Chicken in Coconut Milk and Tangy Soup with Lemongrass and Lime Leaves)

Pla Sam Rot

(Deep Fried Fish Topped with Sweet and Sour Sauce)

Pad Woon Sen Sai Kai

(Stir Fried Glass Noodles with Egg)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our A la Carte Dessert with 10% off

24th - 28th January 2011

Starters 50 baht

Nicoise Salad

(Potatoes, French Beans, Black Olive and Egg)

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Beef Madras

Served with Yellow Rice and Naan Bread

or

Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Risotto

with Parmesan and Rocket Leaves Dressed in Pesto

or

Fish and Chips

Your choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered with Mixed Salad

or

Gai Rad Sauce Kratiem

(Stir-Fried Chicken with Garlic Sauce)

Yam Ma Khuer Yaao

(Spicy Salad of Grilled Eggplant with Minced Pork and Boiled Egg)

Gaeng Liang Goong Sod

(Spicy Herbs and Vegetable with Prawn)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our A la Carte Dessert with 10% off

F&B MORSELS



Khun Laak

November has finished, which is the busiest month for the British Club and its kitchen. In the period running up to New Year, we will have 2-4 functions and different festive season parties every day. In fact, November was even busier than expected, with the Balut Interport, Fight Night, BCT's Lysistrata and Guy Fawkes night.

In the kitchen we are very proud to have shown that we can handle several functions at the same time, keeping all outlets open while serving Members who are not participating in any of the functions. I was particularly proud of my team on the 26th November, because on that day we had outside catering, a sit-down dinner for more than 100 people, a sold out Verandah for the Lysistrata show and our normal à la carte menu for Friday. Furthermore, we ended up serving 370 people at the Guy Fawkes party with bookings for only 230! Again I think we managed to make all the last minute changes and still provide enough food for such a big group.

Last month we introduced the new Thai Menu. I am happy that it has been so well received by all our Members. I have had many comments about the size and number of items, and concern about the potential waste that this might produce. A Thai menu can, however, always contain more items than a menu with British and European food because the ingredients in a Thai menu can be accommodated over several dishes while British and European food does not tend to use the same ingredients. Due to being so busy recently and trying to preserve as many items as possible on a menu, we have been delayed with our new Western menus for the Club. We will, however, make it our first priority as soon as the Members' festive season is complete.

May I wish you and your families a happy and prosperous New Year!

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FIGHT NIGHT



The Vinarco International Fight Night III was another big night at the Club with Members and guests flocking to see some amateur and pro fights.

The night saw 6 first timers fighting (4 of these fighters from across the road at Fighting Spirit Gym). These fighters were in amazing condition and pushed hard through each round. Big credit goes to FSG for having 6 fighters on the night.

The main event was fought between two great Thai fighters; one an upcoming champion and the other a semi-retired channel 3 champion Tak FSG, Tak showing he still has the skills and experience to fight at a high level narrowly beating the younger Apichai in a 5 round war.

The night was a huge success due to great sponsors and a fantastic audience. Thank you all for your efforts and contributions.



The club wishes to acknowledge substantial support provided to our sports sections by the following organizations:

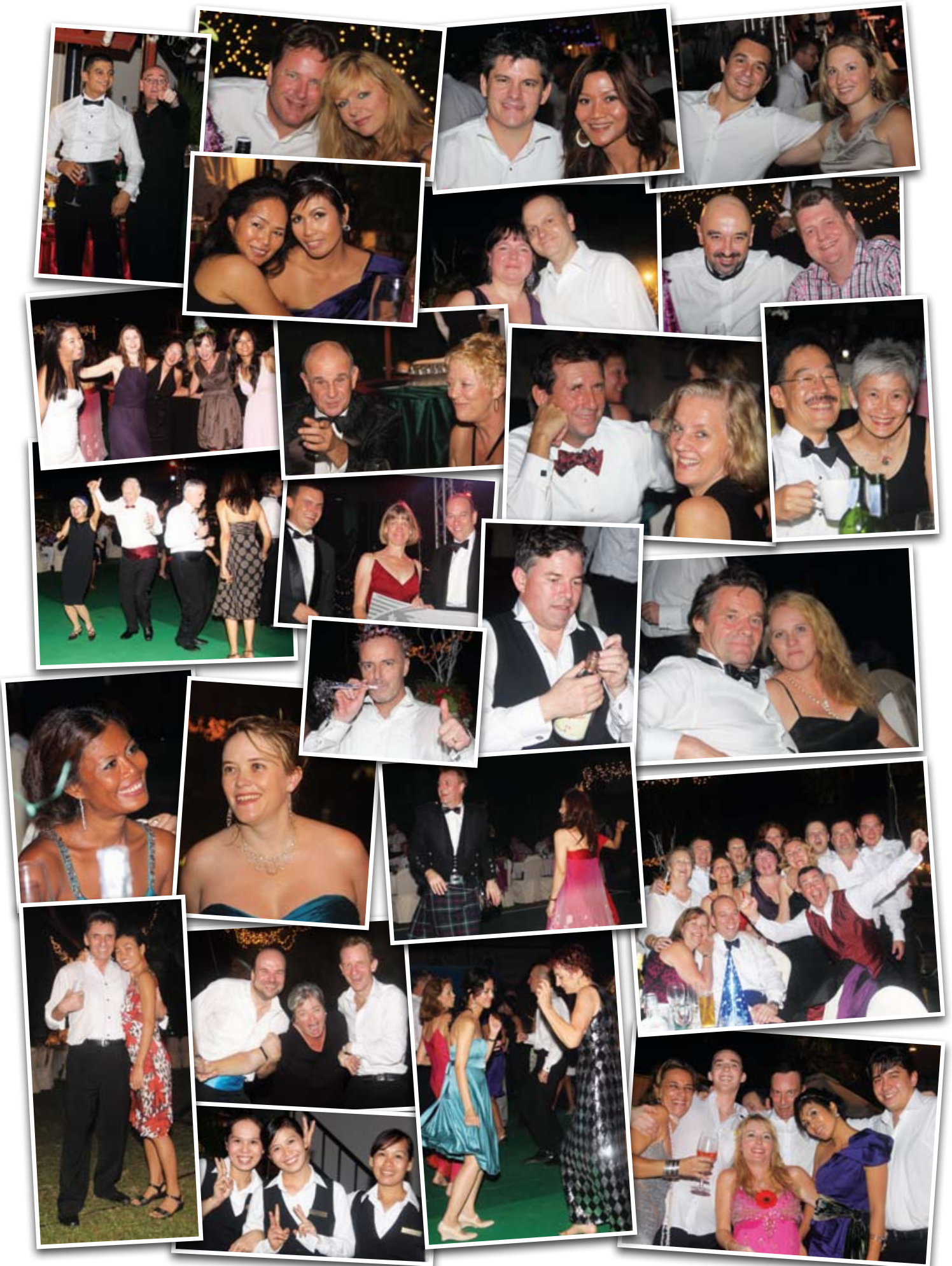


CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS

The 64th Annual British Club Christmas Ball was celebrated under the stars on the back lawn. With over 250 guests attending, the night was truly memorable with the meals provided by the Sofitel Silom and the drinks reception sponsored by Shrewsbury International School. We had over 40 raffle prizes with the 1st prize of a Qatar Airways return flight to London. Excellent entertainment was provided by Mexican Latin-Funk band La Sabrosa and MC extraordinaire DJ Paul Jackson. The dancing was contagious with the party going on into the early hours.

To see more photos please check out our new Facebook page 'The British Club Bangkok'.





Thursday Night

AT THE MOVIES



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6th January: Reader's Writers and Films

Are you fascinated by a particular book or film? Have you ever tried your hand at writing? If so, Readers, Writers and Film is for you. This fortnightly group looks at everything from Thackeray to The Football Boys. Starting off with the first part of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet

The pair of star-cross'd lovers take their own lives in the most famous love story on earth by English playwright William Shakespeare. Together we will read some of the most poignant lines, discuss, and watch the first part of Zeffirelli's stunningly visual screen version including a colourful period dance and a dust-blown sword fight to graze anyone's sensibilities.



13th January: British Film Industry(BFI) 100 best British Films of the 20th Century

Set in bombed-out, post-war Vienna, Holly Martins, a writer of pulp Westerns arrives as a penniless guest of his childhood chum Harry Lime, only to find him dead. Martins develops the ultimate conspiracy theory after learning of a 'third man' present at the time of Harry's death, running into interference from investigating British officer Major Calloway and falling head-over-heels for Harry's grief-stricken lover, Anna. Staring Joseph Cotton, Orsen Wells and Alida Valli.



20th January : : Reader's Writers and Films

Carrying on discussion on the crossover between literature and its transfer to the silver screen with the conclusion of Romeo and Juliet.



27 January : Classic Thai Movie Night

In 1548, Thailand's Queen Suriyothai leads her people into war against the invading Burmese army and their King Tabinshweti. After months of violent... In 1548, Thailand's Queen Suriyothai leads her people into war against the invading Burmese army and their King Tabinshweti. After months of violent conflict, heroic Suriyothai was to give her life fighting alongside her countrymen. A true Epic depicting Thailand's history.

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On Friday 3rd December we tried a new type of event for the Club. While the Children's Christmas Ball was in the Suriwongse room, a Fashion show and Perfume Tasting was held on the back lawn. Even though Bangkok highways were packed with traffic leaving for the long weekend, almost 100 people showed up. The location, the beautiful dresses, and the perfume tasting were amply enjoyed, so we have decided to organise a similar event, probably at the end of March, inviting 3 different and smaller fashion houses to come and present samples from their catalogues.

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FATHER'S DAY

Music at Dusk on a special day

We were fortunate to be able to offer La Sabrosa, a Latin-Funk Mexican four-piece band, to entertain Members on the His Majesty the King's birthday, which is also celebrated as Father's Day throughout Thailand. A dry day in Bangkok on account of local elections, the Club served as a oasis and haven for those seeking a drink over their long weekend. With the Graded Tennis Championships happening over the same weekend, a good crowd enjoyed an extensive BBQ and some great entertainment provided by the visiting quartet. La Sabrosa, or The Flavourful One as their name translates, were in good form and certainly added a quite unique taste to the evening.



HAVING A BALL!

The kids got in there first with the Club's Children's Ball on the 3rd December, and parents were not allowed, so it was an evening of fun, games and activities. Once the dancing started, a bearded old man in red dropped in to join the frenzy, and with Santa there, Christmas was definitely on the way!





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NUGGETS

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Hom Mali Daeng (red hom mali)

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Nuay-Khua

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Khao Nheaw Kam (black sticky rice)

This Yasothon rice contains 25 times more lutein than average



brown rice, 15 times more folic acid, and 4 times more beta-carotene. It reduces the risk of cataracts and cleft lips and palates in babies when consumed by pregnant women.

Sung-Yod

Native to Phatthalung, this deep-water rice is Her Majesty the Queen's favourite variety. It is high in iron, Vitamin B, niyazine and fibre and also reduces the risk of Alzheimer's and cancer.

Hom Mali Tungkula Ronghi

Grown in the North-East's Tungkula Ronghi fields, this rice is rich in niacin, calcium, Vitamins B1 and B2, and phosphorus, and also contains 4 times more iron than average brown rice, and over 10 times more Vitamin E.

Source: Agriculture and Cooperatives Ministry, Bio Thai and Mahidol University.

With thanks to Warwick Newton

ONLINE

The British Club Bangkok is now on Facebook and Twitter

Facebook: Does it feel like everyone that you know is on Facebook? Well, joining Facebook is simple. Just go to www.facebook.com and sign up for free. To follow the Club, search for 'The British Club Bangkok' and click the 'like' button. You can now follow events and updates from the Club and see photos from all our events. You control your privacy measures by going to 'Privacy Settings' under the 'Account' menu. Put as much information as you want on your account and share it with whoever you want as your friends. Facebook is the largest online social networking site and currently has over 400 million members. Facebook allows people to interact, share photos, and find people. In addition to using Facebook for social purposes, many people use it professionally for business.

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RULES BRITANNIAE!

A monthly peek into our rulebook for things you probably did not know!



GUESTS



DID YOU KNOW..... you may have up to three guests a day use the Club with you but if they do not arrive with you they should be pre-registered with Reception to allow them through the gate?

Some conditions apply so see rule 65 and bylaw 24 for details.

BC CALENDAR - JANUARY 2011

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK
MUSIC AT DUSK



THE BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK
8th January at 6:30 pm
13th January at 6:30 pm
26th January at 7:30 pm

3

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Monday Night Club
Blood Will Out
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm

4

Ladies Mix-In Margaritas 9am

Fitball 10:30am

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Senior Football 7pm

5

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge 7.05pm

Ladies Mix-In 8 am

Fitball 10:30am

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Readers, Writers & F 7pm

10

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Monday Night Club
Deceived by Flight
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm

11

Ladies Mix-In 8 am

Fitball 10:30am

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Senior Football 7pm

Quiz Night 7:30pm

12

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

New Members Night

20 Year Members Night

Ladies Mix-In 8 am

Fitball 10:30am

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Sala BBQ 6pm

Music at Dusk
Lee Shamrock 6.30pm

BFI Movie Night 7pm

17

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Monday Night Club
The Adventure of the Clapham Cook / Murder in the Mews
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm

18

Ladies Mix-In 8 am

Fitball 10:30am

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Senior Football 7pm

Long Service Awards Night

19

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge 7.05pm

Salsa Night 7pm

Ladies Mix-In 8 am

Fitball 10:30am

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Sala BBQ 6pm

Readers, Writers & F 7pm

CLUB CLOSED for Annual Staff Party **24**

25

Ladies Mix-In 8 am

Fitball 10:30am

26

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

Ladies Mix-In 8 am

Fitball 10:30am

31

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Monday Night Club
Whom The Gods Would Destroy
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Senior Football 7pm

Robert Burns Gourmet Dinner 7pm

Australia Day BBQ Buffet 6.30pm

Ballroom Dancing 7pm

Music at Dusk
Bangkok Soul Revue 7.30pm

Beer Garden 5:30pm

Squash Mix-In 5pm-7pm

Sala BBQ 6pm

Thai Movie Night 7pm

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



New Year's Day 1

Weekend Brunch 2

Polar Swim 10am-1pm



Special Hangover Brunch 11am-3pm

Junior Cricket 4pm-6pm



Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

Kids Activities 11am-3pm

Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm



Yoga 3 pm



2

6

Beer Garden 5.30pm



Children's Cinema 6pm

Ashes BBQ Party 7pm

Tennis Mix-In 7pm-10pm



7

Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

St George's Event 12noon

Junior Cricket 4pm-6pm



Music At Dusk Cannonball 6.30pm



8

Junior British Club 9am

Dr Who Christmas Special 11am



Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm



Yoga 3 pm



9

13

Junior Swimming 3pm-5pm



Teacher's Night 7pm

Beer Garden 5.30pm



Children's Cinema 6pm

Tennis Mix-In 7pm-10pm



14

Junior Tennis



Junior Swimming



Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

Croquet Tournament 2pm

Junior Cricket 4pm-6pm



15

Junior British Club 9am

Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm



Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm

Yoga 3 pm



16

20

Junior Swimming 3pm-5pm



Wine Tasting 6pm-9pm

Beer Garden 5.30pm



Children's Cinema 6pm

Tennis Mix-In 7pm-10pm



21

Junior Tennis



Junior Swimming



Water Colour Workshop

Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

Junior Cricket 4pm-6pm



Shakespeare for Dummies 7pm



22

Junior British Club 9am

Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

Yoga 3 pm



Shakespeare for Dummies (students) 7pm

23

27

Junior Swimming 3pm-5pm



Beer Garden 5.30pm



Music At Dusk Poolside 6.30pm



Children's Cinema 6pm

CHIANG MAI TOUR

28

Junior Tennis



Junior Swimming



Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

Junior Cricket 4pm-6pm



CHIANG MAI TOUR

29

Junior British Club 9am

Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm

Yoga 3 pm



CHIANG MAI TOUR

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PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We start 2011 with a trip back 52 years as we peek into the Club's past with a look at events of 1959 ...

1 It was not a good year for Member discipline within the Club. In January a Member was suspended from use of the Tennis Courts for using one that was closed for maintenance and then abusing the Butler when asked to stop playing. In May several Members bounced cheques when paying their subscriptions and four others were removed from membership for non-payment of subscriptions. In August the Committee had to remind all Members that the coupons (used to buy F&B so that staff did not handle actual cash) were not being redeemed within their time limit so many were having to be replaced which was not cost-effective. Oh well, nothing changes!

2 In June we decided to build a wall from our Suriwongse Gate along the Road to the corner with the School which was then on the AIA site. This cost the princely sum of 29,000 Ticals. It was also agreed to open a new car parking area by the Suriwongse Gate but here the Club came unstuck ... instead of 20,000 Ticals estimate the bill was 30,000 Ticals. After three months a compromise was made and we settled on 25,000 Ticals. In view of this it was agreed that all estimates over 1,000 Ticals must now be signed off by the Committee.

3 In August a deal was sought to provide oysters from Australia's Seas Food Products of Sydney, courtesy of Qantas and local customs agent American Transpack. The price was set at 35 Ticals a dozen and by October the Club was ordering 100 dozen per fortnight. This move, however, did not gain everyone's approval with several of the Committee voicing objections at each Committee meeting until the scheme was scrapped in January 1960 and the Erawan Hotel took over as importer.

4 Of course we have to mention naval visits to complete the history of the 1950s – HMS Cossack (D57) was in port from 18th to 21st October 1959, and we hosted 114 rating to lunch over that period. HMS Cossack was a C Class destroyer of the third or CO flotilla building programme in 1944. Sadly a month after visiting us she was put on the reserve list, sailed back to Portsmouth and was scrapped a year later.

5 Numbers for the Annual Ball had risen substantively over the late fifties so a Special Sub-Committee was set up to run it: The Chairman arranged a band, the dance floor was borrowed from the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, food was available from 1am (yes, 1am!) and consisted of Hotdogs, Sausage Rolls and Curry Puffs with soup and coffee available from half past midnight. The cost was 50 Ticals per head with a 60 Tical corkage for one's own wine. A notable 421 Members and guests attended.



2011... the 1960s Your recollections

Later this year I will be writing about Club life during the 1960s. As articles are prepared and researched months in advance I would appreciate knowing now any exciting or strange anecdotes that you would like to share about the Club during this period. Please email me at paulc@truemail.co.th

The author is currently Honorary Secretary of the Club.

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SPORT & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore



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Happy New Year!!! With 2011 already here, I wish you all another fantastic year. 2011 is the year of the rabbit, the year of the forests and the year of living healthily. So what are your New Year's Resolutions? Try a new sport, exercise regularly, get fit and stay fit, or kick back and enjoy another great year in Bangkok? Whatever it may be, I am sure you can achieve it at the Club.

Upcoming Activities:

Junior Netball:

Starts on Saturday 15th January. Children 6-12yrs These sessions are run by volunteers so please sign up – come prepared (hat, sunscreen and running shoes) and enjoy a great session of netball.



Junior Sports Days:

Every Sunday in February. All children must sign up in advance as numbers are limited. Sign up in the Fitness Centre.

Junior Squash:

Sunday 6th @ 2pm
- Bt.200



Junior Football:

Sunday 13th @ 3pm
- Bt.200



Junior Cricket:

Sunday 20th @ 3pm
- Bt.200



Junior Tennis:

Sunday 27th @ 3pm
- Bt.200



Junior Sports Camp:

Our Sports Camp will be run in February during the schools' mid-term break, that is Monday 14th to Friday 18th. This is a great week for children to learn or practice sports, play and socialise with friends, enjoy arts and crafts. Ages 6-12yrs. This is open for Members and non-Members. Full day and half day options available.

BC Rugby:

Vets Rugby 10's 12th/13th February. Players needed – 35yrs and over

Last year the British Club Ole Boys played in 2 great tournaments: the BKK 10's run by Eddie Evans, and our very own BC Vet Tournament which will be run again in August/September. This year we are also looking at one tour to either Vietnam or the Philippines.

So current players, ex players or rugby fans contact me if you are interested in playing, supporting or drinking with the BC Vets team.

There will also be a couple of training runs (touch football and beer) in the lead up to the tournaments.

Real men wear pink.

Reed.Passmore@britishclubbangkok.org



BC Football:

In February we will be running a BC Football Cup with 2 BC teams, 1 BC Staff team, and inviting the societies for an afternoon of football, beers and BBQ. This will be a fun time followed by a relaxing night on the back lawn. Remember: Tuesday night BC Football 7pm

TENNIS

By Reed Passmore



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Early in December there was a massive tennis weekend not only at the Club but also outside with numerous Members entering the Thai Open Doubles.

BCB vs SCC:

On Saturday 4th December, the BC team fought hard against a tough Singapore Cricket Club outfit, and through age and experience the Singaporeans beat us in the end, 7 matches to 2. Thanks to Gilbert from Singapore and Chris W for captaining the teams.



Graded Championship:

On Sunday 5th and Monday 6th December we had our own Graded Championships with players of similar levels pooled against each other in a mini round robin. They played throughout the day and in such hot conditions that many players deserved and received a few frozen Margaritas in the evening. Congratulations to Camille, Glades, Michael, Patana, Emanuele and James for winning their Pools. A selection of photos of the event will be placed on the tennis notice board in the Clubhouse. Thanks again to Food-By-Phone for sponsoring another BC event. The Graded Championships will be a yearly event and, judging from the response, the next one will be huge.

**Tennis League:**

The Tennis League is back and all players entered have received emails regarding their divisions. The league format is: Best of 3 Sets; 1st & 2nd Set is First to Win Six Games; Tie Break at 5 games all; 3rd Set is Super-Tiebreak.

Upcoming Events:**British Club Annual Tennis Championships:**

The biggest tennis event on the calendar, this starts in late January with the Finals to be played on Saturday 26th March. Last year we had over Bt.100,000 in prizes. Players need to be signed up by 17th January. Mark it off in your calendars and let's make this the biggest championship EVER!!

Australia Day BBQ Mix In – Wednesday 26th January – Theme party

BCB vs Le Smash - Late January – Dates to be confirmed, so check online at the Club website calendar.

See you all courtside!



SQUASHY BITS

by Bruce Madge <b_madge@hotmail.com>

Okey Kokey, Pig in a Pokey!



Well, that's the end of that. Another year over and wasn't it fun? We in the Squash Section had so much fun in 2010 that four of our Members (we can't print the names for legal reasons, but it was Ricky, Duncan, Shiraz and Charles!) became so addicted to it they had to be put in rehab for a fun detox, and psychotherapy to cure them of their dependency on 'avin' a larf! After 60 days they emerged serene, earnest, unsmiling, and downright miserable so we've transferred 'em to the Snooker Section where they may feel more at home. And that's the end of that an' all!



Nothing else to report as our Xmas Party hasn't taken place yet, well it has by now 'cos you're reading this in late December



or early Jan, but I'm writing this three weeks ago and we ain't 'ad it yet! There was the Tony Austin over 45s comp to write about and a short report on the Vajiravudh College Centenary Squash Galleria that a few of us played in, but frankly, I just couldn't be bothered so maybe you'll read about all that joviality in Feb along with all the lashings and lashings of Squash Section mirth that was 'ad at our Xmas Party and J.Lo's leaving do. Oh, Burin left as well. Burin Andulatiaonationate, or M. He's gone to Hong Kong to be with a man he met there when on vacation a few months back. Another departure, but he was rubbish at squash, even worse than Den, so the Section



is not weakened by his absence. But that makes 5 leavings this year alone, 15 in the last few months. The number of players leaving is difficult to calculate such is the phenomenal rate of loss. 51 in total! We'll have nobody left this time next year and the courts will be shut down, demolished, and turned in to an ice rink or a small inner-city farm that rears free-range giraffes and Peruvian llamas. Imagine that? It could become the BCB Farm Section. And who would want to be the Chairman, the Farmer, shall we say? I'd vote for Bob Van Es as he used to be a camel!





In the meantime, on behalf of all in the BCB Squash Section, Merry Christmas, but Christmas is now over so we 'ope you had a good one, and all the best for 2011. Happy New Year to all the Club Sections, all the Members, the Members' WAGS, Members' Families, Members' Bits on the Side, Guests, non-Members, Sponsors, Supporters, those that hate us, the Management, the Club Cats, and, most of all, the Staff, in particular the Service and Catering Staff, here at the BCB. May 2011 be a good year for all.

(Enjoy the Pics!)

Until Feb.....



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Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th January 2011

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HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



The 2011 British Club cricket season is about to take off. By the time you get this we will have played our first match against RBSC at the Polo Club for the Marshall Trophy which dates back to 1963 ... but hasn't been played for since 1995! This was always a needle match with the BCB often at the receiving end from the mighty RBSC. But we also had some memorable triumphs and look forward to renewing this old rivalry.

Fixtures so far for 2011 are as follows:

Saturday 8th Jan, 1:00pm, Harrow School
 Friday 21st Jan, 3:00pm vs Southern Swans T20, Harrow School
 Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th January vs Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club, CM
 Sunday 13th Feb, 1:00pm, Polo Club, Harrow School
 Saturday 19th Feb, 8:30am, Polo Club, Harrow School
 Saturday 5th March, vs Singapore British Club, Harrow School
 Sunday 3rd April, 8:30am, Polo Club, Harrow School



We already have over 50 Members and families for the tour to Chiang Mai featured last month which will include tennis, squash and golf. We will also be making tours to Singapore, hopefully Pattaya and maybe Kuala Lumpur.

Practice nets have already started but will be suspended over the holidays. Usually they are on Saturdays and Sundays when we are not playing. Next official BC nets:

Sunday 9th January 2:00pm
 Saturday 15th January 2:00pm
 Sunday 16th January 2:00pm
 Sunday 23rd January 2:00pm

Section Members can always use the nets at other times when they are not booked.



We still need more cricketers
 All standards welcome. Just come along to net. Watch the Club Notice Board for updates
 and get on the Section mailing list by contacting Jack Dunford at jack@tbbc.org.

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn

Monthly Stableford, Bangkok GC: Sunday 14 November 2010

Ah! To be greeted with clear blue skies, a cool(ish) breeze and a picturesque course in fine condition; what more could one ask for from Sunday golf? A decent round perhaps! But with some potentially disastrous holes lying in wait as well as fast, tricky greens, decent rounds seemed hard to come by! One such potentially disastrous hole is the 11th (a par 3 surrounded by water) where Peter B is attempting to show how it should be done. (1). The book is still open on where the ball ended up!!



Playing on their "home" course, expectations were high amongst the mid-week players who showed up – would they rise to the occasion? Well, more on that later.



Mike Staples, not a mid-week player, did manage to rise to the occasion collecting two near pin prizes in addition to the longest drive (2). What remained of the minor prizes went to Mark Evans, JC and Jack O.

To add to the excitement of the day, the main prize was initially presented to Mark, only to be taken back when a scorecard error was discovered by

the sharp-eyed Captain. In the end Mark, unfortunately, had to settle for runner-up spot while the bottle of wine was then passed on to a happy and smiling JC. (3).

Results would suggest that further practice is required for the mid-weekers on show!



Bad-Bet Scramble, Windsor Park GC: Sunday 21 November 2010

At the sixth and final round of the Bad-Bet Scramble which took place at Windsor Park GC, the main contestants for the overall Scramble champion were Peter B, Frank F and Jack O. To ensure that there would only be one winner, the contenders for top spot were kept apart in the draw for teams.

Setting out on what turned out to be a very long trek for the coveted title were Peter B, ably assisted by Carole Ann, and

the long hitting Steve W (4). In team 2, Frank was depending on a good day from that dynamic duo of Ray B and Bob R (5). And finally, the responsibility for Jack's success lay in the very capable hands of John B and Paul R (6).



Worn out from slow play and the long walk, all were relieved to eventually get back to the Clubhouse for some much-needed refreshments and of course, to hear who would become the 2010 Champion.



Fittingly, the result of the day's competition couldn't have been closer with the three teams tying for first place. In the spirit of this competition, the winners were decided by a random draw in which the letter "B" came up trumps; John B, Ray B and Peter B taking home the highly-prized bottles of wine.



The tie for first place and equal sharing of points meant that the overall positions remained unchanged, hence the title of 2010 Scramble Champion went to the leader from the outset, Peter Bond. Congratulations!

A special word of thanks goes to Peter Bond and Bob Randle for their continuing sponsorship of this fun event and also to those who turned up on a regular basis to make it all worthwhile.

The top 10 finishers in the 2010 Bad – Bet Scramble were:

Peter Bond	94.0
Frank Fawkes	87.5
Jack O'Flynn	75.5
Paul Rogers	73.0
Steve Waldmeyer	65.0
Bob Randle	62.5
John Bell	58.5
Carol Ann Eastgate	49.5
Ray Bloom	47.5
Jenny Harries	33.0

**November Medal, The Royal GC:
Sunday 28 November 2010**

In excellent golfing conditions 31 competitors, including guests, Stuart & Kathy, Nigel and David (resplendent in the day's most colourful outfit) set off to compete for the penultimate medal in 2010. The course and surroundings were first-rate but the challenging, slick greens may have proved a spot frustrating for some!

With all rounds completed the Clubhouse offered the opportunity for much needed rest, the chance to replace those lost fluids and eagerly await the Captain's announcements (7).



These were made in due course. A mixed bag from George O gave him a net 70, which was enough to secure second place in Flight 'B'. The tricky greens clearly provided no obstacle for the experienced (all references to 'wily veteran' are disallowed) Brian B, who went one better to take this month's trophy (8).



Flight 'A' was equally close with the in-form John C (net 71) edging out the Captain by two strokes. For the second time this month, the happy and smiling JC takes home the top prize (9).

For those still in the hunt it was a case of one eye on the Eclectic scores, a competition run in tandem with the Monthly Medal. With only one more competition remaining, Flight 'A' is promising an exciting finish; currently John C, Tracy C and Gareth Sampson are tied for first place with net 54s. In Flight 'B' however, Jack O (net 46) is well out in front with George O, Steve W and Andrew needing something special next time to make up the deficit. George did make a big effort this week, recording nine pars but unfortunately not helping his overall score.

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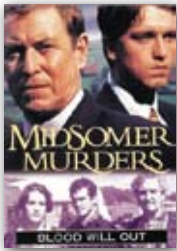
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3rd Blood Will Out

Unpopular landlord Hector Bridges is found shot in his home, suspicion falls on the New Age travellers, one of whom has a military record.

Private, Regular or New Age – they are all armies!

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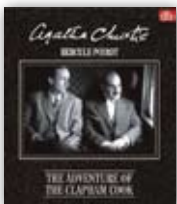


10th Deceived by Flight

Anthony Donn dies but is it murder? And certainly what does it have to do with cricket and an annual Old Boys match – bowled third ball I think!

"Suicide, Cricket and Murder - Howzat?"

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Daniel Massey, Jane Booker and Nicky Henson.



17th The Adventure of the Clapham Cook / Murder in the Mews

Unpopular landlord Hector Bridges is found shot in his home, suspicion falls on the New Age travellers, one of whom has a military record.

"Someone cooking the books I wonder?"

John Nettles is DCI Barnaby with guest stars Honeysuckle Weeks, Kevin McNally, Tricia George, John Duttine, Phyllida Law, Rowena Cooper.



31st Whom The Gods Would Destroy

When the Sons of the Twice Born in Oxford start to die, it is all Greek to Lewis – thankfully his bagman is a scholar, even if it was at Cambridge!

"Quem deus vult perdere, dementat prius"

Kevin Whateley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Richard Linton, Crispin Redman and Adrian Rawlins with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.



CHRISTMAS TIME CAN BE REWRITTEN!

The 2010 Doctor Who Christmas Special

"What's so special about Christmas, I despise Christmas"; so heads off Kazran Sardick played by special guest star, Michael Gambon, in the 2010 Doctor Who Christmas Special ... A Christmas Carol!

Amy and Rory are trapped on a crashing space liner, and the only way The Doctor can rescue them is to save the soul of a lonely old miser, in a festive edition of the time-travelling adventure written by Steven Moffat. But is Kazran Sardick, the richest man in Sardicktown, beyond redemption? And what is lurking in the fogs of Christmas Eve?

"Whatever happens tonight, remember. You brought it on yourself!"

This action-packed adventure will be shown in the Suriwongse Room at 11am on Sunday 9th January 2011. 'A Christmas Carol' also stars Opera diva Katherine Jenkins with Matt Smith as The Doctor along with Karen Gillan and Arthur Darvill as newlyweds Amy Pond and Rory Williams (or Amy Williams and Rory Pond!).



The Ghost of Christmas Past?

BALUT

30th STC Interport

By TC

It seems like only yesterday since the Van Es Clan, ably supported by Richard, won the 29th Interport in Sabah (remember the front cover of Outpost with Lyla clutching the Cup at the bottom of the Air Asia steps!), and gave the British Club the honour of hosting the 30th STC Interport.



After months of detailed planning, with Paul's excellent marshalling the other Organising Committee Members and the close monitoring of the action plans originally established for the BCB's hosting of the 28th Interport, the 136 players from 12 Clubs around Asia arrived and the scene was set for a memorable weekend.

The Friday evening reception was held on the front lawn and was a spectacular success. The Pipers led out Jonathan Truslow (British Club Chairman), Danny Pruce (Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy), and Phil Alexander (British Club Balut Section Chairman), and with the formalities quickly covered, the festivities got under way.



There was a sense of anticipation among the contestants who, while consuming lots of alcohol and the sumptuous food prepared by Khun Laak and her team, renewed old friendships and speculated on who would win the weekend's competition. The British Club were high on the list of contenders, some had also heard the rumour that Det 5 had already petitioned the Bangkok Governor to close Sukhumvit Soi 8 for three days next November and had two teams entered this year, and then of course there were the newcomers the Singapore Indian Association ("SIA").



First blood went to the British Club when Mac, who disobeyed Team Orders, won the golfing event which was admirably organised by Ray and Jenny Harries. Det 5 contestants had strict instructions to go to bed early after their Friday evening practice, and the SIA ably supported by other Singaporean competitors were seen consuming vast amounts of whisky.

Day 2 started off with Kweenie giving a short seminar about his excellent Team Balut website, and it's good to note that several teams are now using that system for all their own internal competitions. The Bar was opened and the team photos began. The tensions were growing amongst the competitors and the speculation about the outcome was at fever pitch.

Before we get to the competition some interesting facts:

1. John Taylor, our Balut guru, is the only person who has played in all 30 Interports. An incredible achievement.
2. The youngest player was Katie Alexander by one minute from her sister Kelly at 9 years old.
3. The oldest player was A.N. Balagopal whose forthcoming 80th birthday was celebrated on the Friday evening.
4. The British Club featured 5 juniors in the competition. Well done to you all.
5. The 30th Interport has the honour of the most alcohol (and paracetamol) being consumed at any Interport competition.



The competition proper started off with the masterful Judge Jammy laying down the rules and handing down “spankings” in an effort to control the vociferous competitors. All to no avail as the tensions rose!! After a few rounds, several of the British Club teams were performing well, Det 5 were struggling and yes all the SIA teams were storming through with incredible scoring. Even the tropical storm couldn't dampen their spirits !!

The evening's dinner and awards event was supported by the excellent music of Celtic Colours whose talents were



appreciated by one and all. And then to the awards and the winners which as you can see were completely dominated by the SIA teams.

TEAMS	
CHAMPIONS:	SIA Team 0002 Total Points: 3,405 (Jag Gill/Duraisamy Manikaraji/Jegathesan Krishna/Roland Pereira)
2nd Place:	SIA Team 0003 Total Points: 3,348 (Ratna Kumar/Gana Prakash/Ernest Ayathurai/Douglas Nonis)
3rd:	Bangkok Krauts Total Points 3,214 (Walter Kreutzner/Yannick Kreutzner/Christian Henrich/Michael Jülich)
Lowest Team Score:	Det-5 Team One Total Points 2,881 (Jiew/Lyla/Aram / Rit Van Es)

PAIRS	
CHAMPIONS:	Jag Gill & Duraisamy Manikaraji from SIA : 1,842
2nd Place:	Ratna Kumar & Gana Prakash from SIA : 1,706
Lowest Team Score:	Aram Van Es & Rit Van Es from Det 5 : 1,341
Highest Pairs Score in a Single Game:	1= Ratna Kumar & Gana Prakash from SIA : 285 1= Jag Gill & Duraisamy Manikaraji from SIA : 285 (Ratna Kumar & Gana Prakash winners after a "Toss Off" : 35 to 32)

INDIVIDUALS	
CHAMPIONS:	Duraisamy Manikaraji from SIA: 996
2nd Highest:	Teo Chin Tuan from NUSS: 910
Lowest:	Nick Pelly from BCB: 602
Highest in a single game:	Duraisamy Manikaraji from SIA: 158

SOME OF THE BEST RESULTS FROM BCB PLAYERS:	
1. Highest BCB Team (4th):	BCB 0137 (Gorgeous, Mac, Mutton & Robbo) on 3,195
2. Highest BCB Overall Pair (5th):	Sleepwalker & The Jackal on 1,650
3. Highest BCB Player Overall (7th):	Sleepwalker on 851.

Another fantastic Interport and off to Singapore next year (sorry Det 5).

On a final note a special thank you to all our Sponsors, without their support it would not have been possible to put on the event. And of course, a huge thank you to the British Club Staff who under the guidance of Khun Somboon and Khun Laak really provided all the "Interporters" with excellent service with first class food, and made us all proud to be Members of the British Club.



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THE BRIDGE BUNCH

By Martin Carter

New Year's resolution : " Drink, don't drive ! "

The advent of controlled fermentation of grain into beer and grapes into wine is unquestionably one of Man's most important advances from hunter-gatherer to the civilised life of leisure based on agriculture, towns and boozers. Our bar staff at the British Club will deliver your pint to the tournament table while the game is in progress; no need to crawl downstairs. Sunday afternoon tournaments at the British Club Bridge Section will continue throughout 2011. We intend to host London Bridge and Tower Bridge Open Pairs Tournaments with a buffet dinner and prizes. These tournaments have proved to be popular; last year we attracted the cream of Bangkok's players to the Club.



was better at it than he would ever be. I became the Dutch National Mixed Pairs Champion and represented the Netherlands on two occasions at the European Championships, once in France and once in Germany.

BB: "Apart from Europe and Thailand have you lived elsewhere?"

Hanne: "Yes, I've lived and played Bridge in the USA. While living in Indianapolis, I was introduced to Mr Easley Blackwood Snr., the inventor of the original Blackwood slam system. His son, also named Easley, is a Professor of Music and a classical music composer based at Indiana University. At Indianapolis, in a prominent position, there is the Easley Blackwood Concert Hall named in their honour"

BB: "Have you met celebrities at the Bridge table?"

Hanne: "Yes many, including Omar Sharif in a Bridge tournament. Afterwards, he took the trouble to come over and compliment me on my card play after we beat him. Apart from his big brown eyes and roles in Lawrence of Arabia and Dr Zhivago, he is well-known in bridge circles for the Omar Sharif Bridge Circus. Omar is a beautiful man and one of the best.

BB: "We understand you've played at the French Bridge Mecca at Dauville?"

Hanne: "Yes, I've played there and played against many celebrities, amateur and professional, good and not so good. The Atlantic coast resort of Dauville has been promoted by the French as a Bridge Tournament Centre, where the world's players meet and compete. I was privileged to have Rixie Marcus, the famous European player, as my partner. I count her as one of the Greats. I was young and had terrific fun at one of the world's most glamorous resorts.

BB: "Which bidding system do you favour?"

Hanne: "In tournaments with an established partnership, we play modified ACOL with a strong No Trump 15 -17 high card points. I'm familiar with most major conventions and play American Standard most of the time simply because it is the most well-known system. I use Roman Key Card Blackwood with cue bids for bidding slams provided I have prior agreement with my partner."

BB: "Do you play at other Clubs?"

Hanne: "Yes I play at the Sports Club and the Polo Club here in Bangkok. I play on the Internet. I have to laugh when I read on BBO (Bridge Base Online) that there are only 500 players world-wide accredited as "Expert" and 5000 of them play at BBO (www.bridgebase.com). I enjoy the Bridge Bunch meetings at the Club on Sundays. It is a social group and we have dinner together afterwards in the restaurant; much better than going home to watch TV, there is nothing of interest there !!!

BB: "Thank you, Hanne, for taking part in this interview; we look forward to seeing more high quality play from you."

Hanne: "Yes, but you won't see it coming."

Next Month's Bridge Bunch reports from The Pub in Chiang Mai, a British-style residential resort with its own restaurant and Bridge Club.

Footnote: The directive in English, "Drink, Don't drive", is displayed prominently as a public health warning on billboards adjacent to the Rama IX Toll Road.

Results for British Club Bridge played in November:

7TH NOVEMBER (15 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Ho King Howet & Prarop
2nd:	Sunisa & Surawit
3rd:	Worrawat & Watana

14TH NOVEMBER (17 PAIRS, MITCHELL MOVEMENT)

Winner N/S:	Supote & Julaporn
Winner E/W:	Chalermopol & Piya

28TH NOVEMBER (10 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Hanne & Magda
2nd:	Geraldine & Jiemjai
3rd:	Panuwat & Phanaporn

The Bridge Bunch Interview

This month we interview Hanne Boonstra, a former World Class Bridge Player from Denmark who, as a guest player, regularly graces our tables at the British Club Bridge Section.

BB (Bridge Bunch): "What are you doing here in Bangkok?"

Hanne: "I'm playing bad golf and reading good books. Having served as the Danish Vice-Consul in Amsterdam, I was appointed to the Danish Embassy in Bangkok. I retired and decided to stay. I'm fluent in Dutch, English and my native Danish. I also speak some German and 'taxi Thai'."

BB: "How did you start playing Bridge?"

Hanne: "My parents in Denmark didn't play Bridge but when I was 22 living in Holland my husband taught me. I had natural intuition and soon

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This project is great fun and easy. You can make your marble slide however you like, start out by cutting most of your toilet paper tubes in half (lengthwise). You can make this project as big or small as you want, so try to judge how many T.P. tubes you'll need beforehand.



2. Start from the bottom!

Pick the spot you want your marble to come out and start from there. To make your slide you layer your T.P. tubes in an upward angle. You can choose packaging box parts or any container.



3. Make a frame!

As your marble slide gets taller you will need to start building a frame. Glue your Popsicle sticks to the sides of your box to give your slide more elevation.



4. Add more support!

It's amazing how easy it is to build with glue and some Popsicle sticks. The toilet paper and paper towel tubes are very light so don't worry about making your frame too sturdy (just not too wobbly).



5. Add longer tubes!

Use the larger paper towel tubes for the straight parts of your slide. You could build a really long slide instead of a spiraling one too!

6. Curve it!

The curves can be a little tricky, but feel free to trim your tubes a little to make them fit. Don't be afraid of using extra glue or tape!

BACK TO SCHOOL JOKES

Did you hear about the bowl of daffodils in the Maths classroom?

No, what happened?
They grew square roots.

Who broke the window?

It was him, sir. He ducked when I threw a stone at him.

Two boys were fighting in the playground. The teacher separated them and said sternly, 'You mustn't behave like that! You must learn to give and take.'

'We did, Miss' replied one of the boys. 'He took my crisps and I gave him a thump.'

Teacher: If there are seven flies on a desk and I hit one with a ruler, how many are left?

Pupil: Just the squashed one!

Teacher: Which is farther away, Australia or the Moon?

Pupil: Australia, because you can see the Moon at night!

Teacher: If I bought a hundred currant buns for a dollar, what would each bun be?

Pupil: Stale!

Teacher: Use "defeat," "defense" and "detail" in a sentence.

Pupil: The rabbit cut across the field, and 'defeat' went over 'defense' before 'detail'.

7. Make a reverse drop...

There are all kinds of fun things you can do with your slide, like the reverse drop put on the top. To make this just cut a hole in the top of one of your tubes and have a T.P. tube feed into the hole. This takes a little trimming but it's a very cool addition to the slide.



8. Or make a longer drop!

The last piece you'll need is "the drop". This is the entrance for your marble, and you can use anything to build it. A paper cup or a shortened T.P. tube would work great. Make sure your drop piece is angled down sharply so that your marble can gain speed and momentum.



9. Final touches!

The final touches are all that's left! We decided to make some signs out of cardboard and some tools from two toothpicks and some paper. Now we have an awesome Mine Shaft Marble Slide!



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