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# LETTER FROM THE ACTING GM



**Dear Members,**

December is our busiest month of the year at the British Club. The Club's own events are supplemented with many private parties, lunches and dinners, and the staff are kept busy running from one event to the next. As usual they have performed magnificently and delivered happy and smiling service to our Members at all hours of the day and night. The General Committee have asked me to say a big thank you to each and every one of them, and I add my own thanks to theirs.

Please note that we will be taking the chance to relax and enjoy ourselves after this busy time at our Annual Staff Party on 30th January 2012. We regret that we will not be serving Members on that day and hope you understand.

The season started on 7th December with Christmas Carols on the back lawn sung by the children of St. Andrew's School. It was a delightful evening and even some unseasonal rain failed to dampen the joy of the children or even the enjoyment of the audience. I'd like to thank St. Andrew's for such a lovely night and we hope to see them return soon.

Over the long weekend of Constitution Day we hosted the Childrens' Ball on the Friday night and the Club's Annual Ball on the Saturday. The Childrens' Ball was attended by a record 50 children and it was a delight to see them dressed to the nines and enjoying time off from parental eyes while still safely looked after. Despite lower attendance than usual, the Annual Ball was a wonderful evening for everyone there. The Shangri-La did an excellent job of arranging the catering and the food was delicious. Paul Jackson spun his magic and, along with our guest band "Superbad", had us all dancing for hours. The entire event was presided over by a total lunar eclipse for which we had ring-side seats. Please don't ask how much that cost to organise!

As I write this we are busy preparing for many more events. Christmas Lunch and Dinner at the Club are proving as popular as ever and we are looking forward to a full house, with fun, friendship and good food to the fore as always. Before we know it we will be hosting the New Year's Eve party, followed by the Polar Swim and our other traditional New Year events.

I look forward to seeing you on many of these occasions and wish you all a Happy New Year.

**Premrudee Thanyaluck**  
Acting General Manager

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

### The Verandah

11am - 2pm (Mon. - Thurs.)  
5pm - 10pm (Mon. - Thurs.)  
11am - 10pm (Fri. - Sun. and Public Holidays)

### 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 9:30pm

### Thai Massage

9am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)

# BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

2nd - 6th January 2012

## **Starters – 50 Baht**

Pasta Salad with Roast Mediterranean Vegetables and Napolitano Sauce

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses – 130 Baht**

Minced Beef and Onion Pie Served with Mixed Vegetables and Carrot Mashed

or

Salmon Fish Cakes Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Grilled Cajun Chicken Served with Roast Vegetable and Croquette Potatoes

or

### **Tom Yam Pla**

(Spicy and Tangy Soup with Lemongrass and Fish)

### **Phad Khing Gai**

(Stir-Fried Chicken with onion, Fresh Ginger and Black Fungus)

### **Phad Phak Boong Fai Daeng**

(Stir-Fried Water Spinach with Oyster Sauce)

## **Dessert of the Day- 50 Baht**

or

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16th - 20th January 2012

## **Starters – 50 Baht**

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses – 130 Baht**

Chicken Maryland with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet Corn, Bacon and Home-Fried Potato

or

Pan-Fried Dory fish with Mornay Sauce served with Broccoli and Mashed Potato

or

Fillet of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce served with Grilled Zucchini and Coriander Rice

or

### **Tom Kha Gai**

(A Refreshing Soup with Chicken, Coconut Milk and Herbs)

### **Pla Dory Rad Sauce Makham**

(Deep-Fried Dory Fish Topped with Tamarind Sauce)

**Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy** (Stir-Fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)

## **Dessert of the Day- 50 Baht**

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9th - 13th January 2012

## **Starters – 50 Baht**

Nicoise Salad with French Beans, Egg, Black Olives, Potatoes and Anchovy

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses – 130 Baht**

Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Spicy Herbs served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potatoes

or

Turkey Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread

or

Mini Steak Served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes

or

### **Gaeng Som Goong Phak Ruam**

(Sour-Soup with Mixed Vegetables and Prawns)

### **Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai**

(Stir-Fried Pork Fillet with Garlic and Pepper)

**Tod Mun Pla** (Deep-Fried Fish Cake)

## **Dessert of the Day- 50 Baht**

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23rd - 27th January 2012

## **Starters – 50 Baht**

Carrots, Rassin and Apple Coleslaw

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses - 130 Baht**

Fish and Chips

Your Choice of Bread Crumbed or Battered with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Yellow Rice

or

Pork Schnitzel Served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potato Apple Sauce

or

### **Panaeng Gai**

(Chicken Stir-Fried with Red Curry Sauce Topped with Sliced Lime Leave)

**Kai Jiew Moo Sab** (Thai Style Omelette with Minced Pork)

### **Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy**

(Stir-Fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

## **Dessert of the Day- 50 Baht**

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# F&B WORKING GROUP

Following a review process by the Food and Beverage Working Group (F&BWG) in consultation with the Club's Executive Chef Khun Laak, a revised Western Menu will be available at all outlets from 5th January 2012. This new folder style allows for weekly specials to be placed within the front of the menu folder, avoiding further need for numerous loose sheets of menu items. It also makes it possible for items to be changed if and when necessary without the expense of producing another menu book. The Beverage Menu will be placed in the back pages at a later date eliminating the need for a separate drinks menu. In the New Year, the same process will take place with the Thai Menu. Once completed, there will just be the two menus, Western and Thai, both having the same beverage list in the back.

As part of the review, the number of items on the menu has been reduced from 114 to 90, with items that had been ordered less than ten times in a three month period being removed completely, and with Khun Laak further removing some items that will be reintroduced as weekly specials.

Reluctantly, we have also had to increase prices by 5% which is the first full increase in two years and reflects the dramatic increases in food costs of the past year.

The new menu will also be available in the Neilson Hays Coffee

Shop but, as this outlet caters mainly to non-members, the prices will be higher than at in-Club outlets. However, Members producing and paying with their Club membership card will receive a 10% discount. This will give them the same net price as in the Club.

**Sausages!** There has been an ongoing debate over what are the best sausages, how should they be cooked, and whether they were even cooked properly in the first place. At the last F&BWG meeting which was attended by nine Members, a sausage-tasting took place. The consensus was that Bunter sausages were the best and these will be reintroduced at the Club. During the tasting it was noted that the Bunter sausages appeared to have a slightly lighter coloured centre, but were in fact cooked. It was also recommended that to deliver the real British look and flavour, that the sausage be slightly over-grilled. It is hoped that this issue has now been resolved once and for all.

Members are more than welcome to come along to the F&BWG meetings and join in the discussion of positive ways to improve the food and beverages at the Club. Meetings are held once a month and are notified to Members by email.

**Chris Watt**  
Vice Chairman, GC



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## Modern European

# DINING

### 1st - 15th January 2012

#### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day 75 Baht

Tuna and Scallop Carpaccio with Rocket Salad and Shave Parmesan 185 Baht

#### Main Courses

Australian Rib Eye Steak served with Grilled Tomatoes, Button Mushroom and Home-Fried Potatoes Pepper Sauce 550 Baht

Delicious Roast Salmon Wrapped in Smoked Bacon with Lemon Tarragon Mayonnaise served with Asparagus, Carrots and Boiled Potato 285 Baht

Lamb Kebab with Vegetable Couscous and Mint Yoghurt 320 Baht

#### Dessert

Strawberry Tiramisu 85 Baht

Dessert of the Day

### 16th- 31st January 2012

#### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day 75 Baht

Home Made Perogies Filled with Cheese and Potato Saute d with Bacon and Onion 155 Baht

#### Main Courses

Grilled Cod Steak with Pesto served with Crispy Mixed Green Salad 320 Baht

Roast Herbs and Garlic Lamb Chops served with Spinach Risotto and Onion Confit Red Wine Sauce 650 Baht

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Wild Mushroom in a Puff Pastry Whole Grain Mustard and Wine Cream Sauce Served with French Beans, Carrots and Home-Fried Potatoes 650 Baht

#### Dessert

Strawberry Eton Mess Fresh Strawberry Meringue and Cream 95 Baht

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The 2011 festive season started off in good cheer as nearly two hundred Members, parents and guests attended our joint Carol concert with choirs from two of the St. Andrew's International Schools. An entertaining mixture of single choirs, dual choirs, all audience participation and even a rock band gave spice to the evening, as did the mulled wine which was also in abundance.

After late afternoon rehearsals, the kids were wine and dined (well, fed and watered) in The Verandah before parading out in 'Hogwarts style' capes and providing well over an hour of some of the best known carols. Even a brief spell of rain could not dampen the occasion as the adults rushed indoors but the kids kept singing.

After two encores, or was it three, people stayed around to enjoy the rest of the evening (and the rest of the mulled wine). This concert is one of many events being planned between the St. Andrew's International Schools and the British Club Bangkok – roll on 2012!



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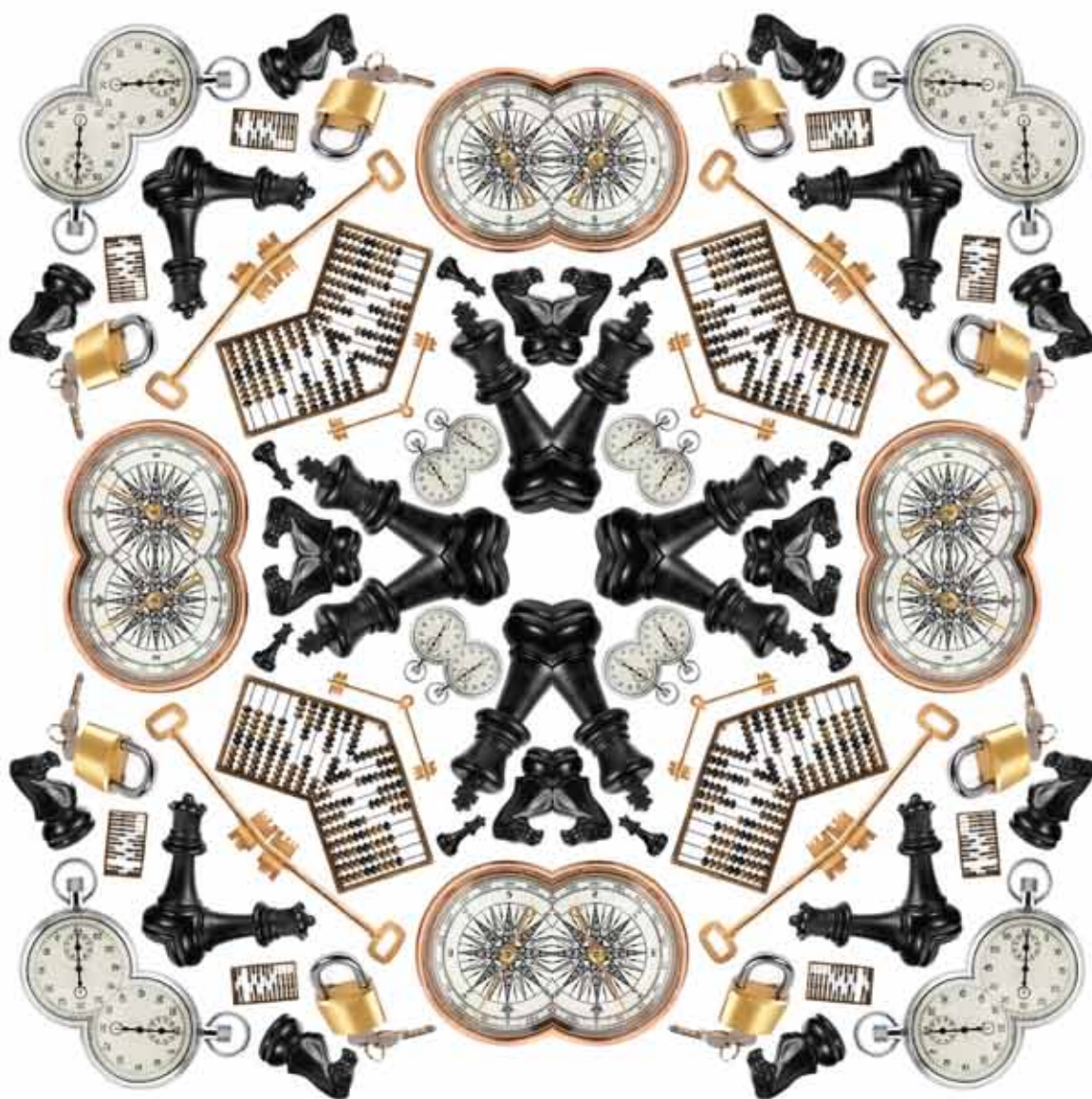
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This month, British Club Member Polly McGovern is launching a new large-scale participatory art project. **'Inside Out Bangkok'** is a city-wide initiative that challenges you and your families to use black and white photographic portraits to discover, reveal and share your stories through art.

The aim of this project is to bring the people of Bangkok together, to strengthen communities and to build a sense of identity. Everyone can participate.

Simply take a photo, upload it to the online database with your personal statement and receive a large poster of your image. Participants will then paste these images, with permission, in public locations throughout Bangkok in June 2012.

**'Inside Out Bangkok'** starts now and is a collaboration with the global 'Inside Out Project' which is the creation of the French street artist JR.

The official **'Inside Out Bangkok'** launch party will be held at Attic Studios on Friday 2nd March 2012.

For more information, please join the **'Inside Out Bangkok'** Facebook group:  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/122134897891729/>

Please also visit: [www.insideoutproject.net](http://www.insideoutproject.net)

Polly McGovern can be contacted on 081 446 7626  
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## 183 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE!



**Mid-December saw a combined staff party for this year's Long Service Awards, Employees of the Month for November and two Staff Retirements:**

- Employees of the Month: Prawit Chansawang (Poolside) & Prasarn Phantuwong (Stores)
- Retiring after 20 and 16 yrs respectively: Sumol Tanuranon (Housekeeping Supervisor) and Boonchao Satipa (Baker)
- Long Service Staff: 20 year awards to Chanupan Nanna (Functions) and Achara Ngamramai and Pensri Prungpor (both cleaners) and Thamrongluck Moonaut (Stores Supervisor); 5 year awards to Kornnisara Nongkoo (Executive Chef), Jarunut Chaiyasen (Chef de Partie), Amphol Khanna and Somjed Thamasa (both Cooks), Pimlada Udomledapinon (Senior Accounts), Santi Sri-Ek (Poolside), Chattri Thanachotpong and Samroeng Thonglor (both Gardeners).

# DINNER UNDER THE ECLIPSE

By Ryan Bebbington

An ice sculpture in the middle of the front lawn welcomed those attending the Annual Ball. It was a balmy evening under a clear sky. Drinks, nibbles and chat, plus a handful of raffle tickets for prizes of buffets to return flights. Most people wore black ties or evening dresses, everyone looked good.

A gong summoned us to the back lawn, to be seated to background Christmas music. Lights in the trees, great ambience, tables set for Christmas dinner, Christmas pudding, crackers and at 9.30pm, a remarkable and completely visible lunar eclipse - really spectacular!

The British Ambassador led toasts to His Majesty the King of Thailand and then Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, with respective national anthems, after which the Reverend said grace. Staff formed a sword archway through which the exquisite dinner was served, whilst the eclipse was in full effect and made more stunning by lowered lighting.

Dessert was followed by music for dancing, starting with James Brown. During the interval, the DJ Paul Jackson drew a number of winning raffle tickets. The music changed to golden oldies, more prizes, and slower music into the early hours. What a fabulous evening!











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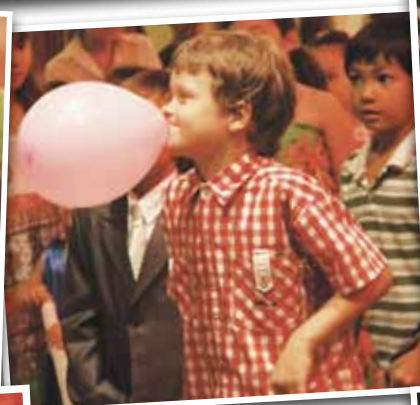
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# LOOKING THEIR BEST!

A Gallery view of the Kids Christmas Ball



# CAR BOOT SALE



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Sunday  
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# Chinese New Year

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Traditional Dim Sum Buffet

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR Q1 2012****JANUARY**

- 2nd Substitution Holiday for New Year's Eve  
3rd Substitution Holiday for New Year's Day  
16th 10am - Annual Monk's Blessing ceremony in the Suriwongse Room  
30th Staff Annual Party – **CLUB CLOSED**

**FEBRUARY**

- 6th Diamond Jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II

**MARCH**

- 7th Makha Bucha Day  
10th Balut All Comers Cup 2012

**CLUB CLOSED**

Please note that the Annual Staff Party will be held on Monday 30th January 2012, and therefore the Club will be closed for the whole of that day.

We apologise for the lack of service and are confident of Members' understanding.



THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB **SUNDAY EXTRA**  
**SHERLOCK**  
**SUNDAY 29th JANUARY 2012**

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## ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMIRE

Several members of the Club have had the honour of being made a member of the Order of the British Empire for services in many parts of the Commonwealth.

Her Majesty the Queen has commanded that a Service of the Order of the British Empire be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on 7th March 2012.

Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master of the Order, will attend.

For members residing in Britain, there will be a ballot for tickets.

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Information may be had by visiting [www.obeservice.org.uk](http://www.obeservice.org.uk)

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There has been some confusion over Club email addresses recently.

Please check the addresses shown after each staff or committee member in the first column of the Contents page of this issue of Outpost before sending any email, and wherever possible, update the address book in your computer's email client.

## NEW CODES FOR OLD?

The Club's Constitution & Rules is the document under the Commercial & Civil Code by which we exist legally and by which people can become and remain members, and we can continue to enjoy our oasis in the heart of Bangkok. To that we added the Bylaws which set forth how the Rules are administered, and we finally have the Staff Handbook, as required by the Labour Protection Act 2541 (as amended), to establish employment conditions.

All well and good, except that since 1995 the General Committee have added to these legal tomes a further set of 62 'Policies & Procedures' by which we administer 'gaps' in both the rules and the bylaws. Unfortunately, this additional tome has not been updated in some places for over a decade and in many cases these are hopelessly out of date - "Urgent matters are to be sent by facsimile to each Committee Member for his urgent consideration" is not untypical. These documents have thus been updated.

The General Committee believe that we should only have the three legally binding documents to operate the Club thus effective in January the Club's Bylaws will be expanded to cover all those 'Policies & Procedures' which are still in force. This revised set will be available on the Club's website and in the 2012 Yearbook.

**Paul Cheesman**  
**Honorary Secretary**

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# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspiciam Melioris Ævi*

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1971 ...

**1** January 22nd was to see the grand opening of Squash Court No.2, performed by the chairman G.A. Sommerfield and a series of exhibition matches were played. Although nearly two years in the making, the court lasted less than two months before serious repairs (under warranty) were needed. These repairs were complete, however, in time for a Squash Exhibition Day when international player Aftab Jawaid visited the Club for a day, gave lessons and played a few exhibition matches. Aftab went onto to become Head Coach for the Pakistan Squash Federation, the de facto National Coach of Pakistan.

**2** The Silom Gate had always been a problem for the Club as it was frequently used as a shortcut by non-members – to the point where on several days Committee Members staffed the gate to check all who entered! It was finally agreed to keep the gate closed and locked – opening only at 9am, and then closing at 9.30pm after which the Suriwongse Road became a two-way street!

**3** The most significant event of 1971 should have been the visit to the Club of a Mr. W.M. Gilmore on the 4th January: Mr Gilmore had been a Club Member from 1908 to 1932, and served two years as Honorary Secretary in that time. He had been seconded from Barrow, Brown & Co to Siamese Military Survey Department. Sadly few Members were around, but for those who were, Mr Gilmore spent the whole evening telling

of life in the Club before the present Clubhouse, and how it developed through the tens, twenties and early thirties. Mr Gilmore promised to set this all in writing for the Club but so far a search of the archives cannot trace a record of it – hopefully some reader can enlighten us?

**4** One of the most drastic events in 1971 was the decision to demolish the staff house, this was situated where the rear car park is. Regular readers will recall the past year's problems of overnight guests, well the year started out with a serious outbreak of tuberculosis affecting five staff who lived there, one extremely seriously. It was thus agreed in April to shut the place, all staff being offered a financial incentive to move and when they had all moved out it was bulldozed to the ground!

**5** The year came to a close on a more happier note. The previous year had seen the Billiards Room relocate upstairs, so the ground was set to air-condition the old Billiards Room and establish it as a restaurant – thus on 22nd November, at a cost of 250,000 baht, 'The Dining Room' opened. This was located where the current Churchill Bar is.

Strangely, it was not agreed, at the time, to enhance the Snack Scullery into a kitchen so only a daily special and a range of snacks were available at first. Also it was felt 'too expensive' to knock through to 'The Bar' – now The Verandah - so this did not happen until 2007.

Fortunately repair work was finished in time for a visit of the well-known international player, Aftab Jawad who spent a whole day coaching individual members: in the evenings he conducted a clinic and then played exhibition matches with the best players in Thailand before an appreciative, well-attended gallery. Aftab's only criticism of the new club court, when asked, was that the floor was rather hard; but he admitted that most floors feel hard if you run about them, as he had, for over 10 hours.

"He hardly noticed!"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

# BC CALENDAR - JANUARY 2012

MONDAY

26

**BWG Mahjong** 東  
10am - 1pm



2

**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*Ring Out Your Dead*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**BWG Mahjong** 東  
10am - 1pm



9

**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*Happy Families*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**BWG Mahjong** 東  
10am - 1pm



16

**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*The Mystery of the Spanish Chest / The Theft of the Royal Ruby*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**BWG Mahjong** 東  
10am - 1pm



23

**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*Dark Matter*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



30

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TUESDAY

27

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



3

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Open Pairs Bridge**  
1pm



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm-9pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



10

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Open Pairs Bridge**  
1pm



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm-9pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



17

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Open Pairs Bridge**  
1pm



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm-9pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



24

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Open Pairs Bridge**  
1pm



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm-9pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



31

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Open Pairs Bridge**  
1pm



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm-9pm



WEDNESDAY

28

**Artists @ British Club**  
9am-1pm



4

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am-11:30am



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Artists @ British Club**  
9am-1pm



11

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am-11:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Artists @ British Club**  
9am-1pm



18

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am-11:30am



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Artists @ British Club**  
9am-1pm



25

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am-11:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Artists @ British Club**  
9am-1pm



1

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am-11:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



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**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**BC Movie Night**  
*The Full Monty*, 7pm

**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**BC Movie Night**  
*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, 7pm

**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**BC Movie Night**  
*A Fish called Wanda*, 7pm

**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am

**Fitball**  
10:30am



**BC Movie Night**  
*Yes Man*, 7pm

**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm-7pm





WEDNESDAY

29

5



12



19



26



2

FRIDAY

30

6

**Children's Cinema**  
Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief  
6pm



**Tennis Mix-In**

**Children's Cinema**  
Eragon, 6pm

13



**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm-10pm

20

**Children's Cinema**  
The Golden Compass, 6pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm-10pm

27

**Wine Tasting**  
6pm-9pm

**Children's Cinema**  
The Karate Kid (2011), 6pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm-10pm

3

SATURDAY

31

7

**Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm



14

**Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm



21

**Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm



28

**Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm



4

SUNDAY

1

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1.30pm

**Polar Swim**  
10am-1pm

**Verandah Brunch**  
11:30am-3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
Surawongse Room  
2:30pm

**Yoga**  
2:30pm



8

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1.30pm

**Dr Who Christmas Special**  
11am

**Verandah Brunch**  
11:30am-3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
Surawongse Room  
2:30pm



15

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1.30pm

**Verandah Brunch**  
11:30am-3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
Surawongse Room  
2:30pm

**Car Boot Sale**  
2:00pm - 6:00pm

**Yoga**  
2:30pm



22

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1.30pm

**Chinese New Year**  
Dim Sum Buffet

**Watercolour Workshop**



29

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1.30pm

**Monday Night Club**  
**Sunday Extra**  
11am

**Yoga**  
2:30pm



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# SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



## Dear Members,

Many happy returns. I hope all of you are well and had a festastically festive Crimbo and NY.

Our website boasts that: "The British Club is the social, sports and cultural centre for the English speaking community in Bangkok". Whilst this might have been true in the past, as Sports & Recreation Manager I would say, sporting wise, this is no longer the case and the Club has perhaps lost a lot of the appeal it once had. Nevertheless I think the Club has huge potential as a venue and centre for sports, and there is no reason why it can't once again be the sporting centre for the English speaking community in Bangkok.

I have big plans for Sports & Recreation at the British Club this year. I think the sports and activities we already have at the Club can be developed much further and there are great opportunities to develop many new ones. We have great facilities, a good location and I think a large, diverse and as yet untapped pool of loyal Members.

My aim for 2012 is to develop existing sports and recreation activities, introduce some new ones and to start rebuilding the Club's reputation as the sporting centre for the English speaking community in Bangkok.

Of course none of this will be possible without your help support and participation. There will be ups and there will be downs, good times and bad times. I am, however, banking on there being a lot more of the ups and good times and I'm sure 2012 will be a lot of fun. Please join me for the ride and help me restore The British Club to its rightful place and position in the English speaking community in Bangkok.

## GAME ON!

Every Saturday and Sunday between 2pm and 5pm we will run kids sports activities. These will be fun skill-focused games for all abilities, most suitable for kids aged 6/7 up.

## CRICKET

Lord Dunford has done a sterling job of reestablishing the BC cricket team and together with his help and that of cricket coach Brian we managed to pioneer a number of fun mini-cricket events on the multi-purpose court. The aim for this year is to develop this mini-cricket in to a regular league with the hope that the BC Juniors will continue to thrash all participating adult teams; well that's my hope anyway.

We will be looking to host a more competitive evening league on a Thursday night, initially to give all flood-related groundless teams the chance to play competitive cricket until the cricket grounds dry out. I will also be looking to invite some of the international schools to a kids mini-cricket tournament; the first one will hopefully be held at the end of this month.

## FOOTBALL

Now the weather is cooler, the rains have stopped and the floods have abated, there are finally a good number of you turning up to football on Tuesday nights. The BC staff team now all have fancy new shirts and we will be out every other Tuesday ready to challenge any team the Members can manage to scrape together. There's a tower of beer in it for the team with the most goals.

I will be inviting teams from outside to join us in order to spice things up and offer some more variety, so I will keep you posted.

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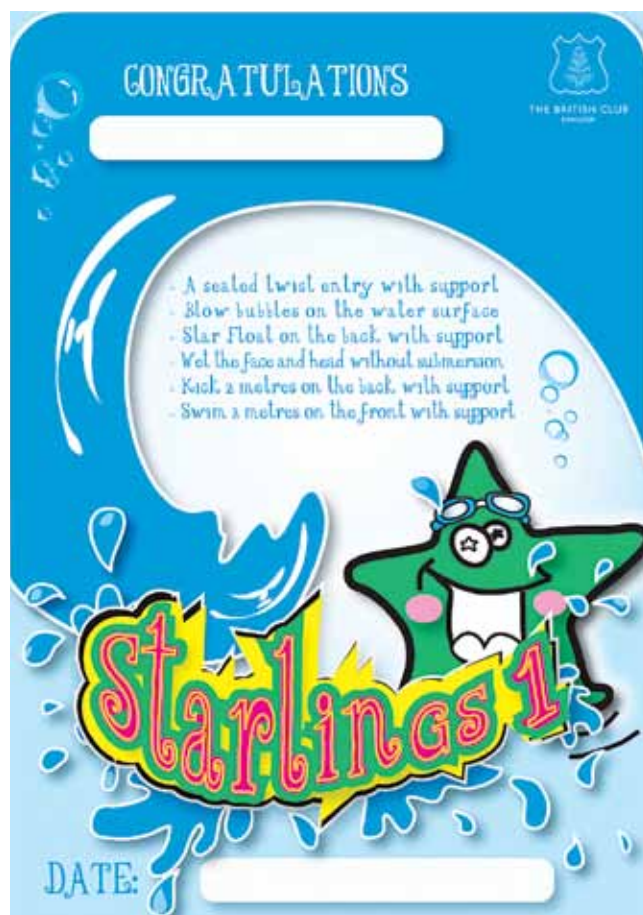


# SWIMMING

As well as our BC Squirt, Nemo, Marlin, Barracuda and Shark swimming certificates, we now have a range of Metre Eater certificates for distance swimming, and Starlings and Star Skills certificates for specific swimming competences.

We will be starting a new run of swimming classes towards the end of this month or at the very latest in early February.

Please keep a lookout for any emails I send updating you.



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# TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

The Club Championships will start on the 23rd of this month and the finals will be on the 24th March. The closing date for entries is the 13th.

You can pick up or fill out an entry form at the Fitness Centre.

And if you were thinking about cheating, please peruse the rules shown below first!

Finally as this is The British Club Tennis Championships and we are all gentlemen and gentle ladies, it is important that everyone is aware of appropriate tennis etiquette.

So for all you rough diamonds out there.....



## TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

# 2012

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The British Club Tennis Championship is only open to bonafide British Club members.</li> <li>2. A fee of Bt 300 per event will be charged and members' accounts will be debited accordingly.</li> <li>3. All matches should be played at the British Club, but if that proves to be impossible then outside courts may be used if all players involved agree.</li> <li>4. There will be a Plate competition for each event provided that there are at least 8 entrants in the event and all first time match losers (regardless of which round) will go through to the Plate. However it should be noted that a 'walkover' counts as a match Played.</li> <li>5. For all age related Junior events, age as at 1st January 2012 is The qualifying age. Junior players can play in any Senior event but can only play in one age group per event.</li> <li>6. All matches must be played by the designated dates as shown on the previous page.</li> <li>7. Finals cannot be held on any other day regardless of circumstances.</li> <li>8. All matches are to be the best of 3 sets The 7 point tie breaker rule will apply to all 3 sets.</li> <li>9. The first named player on the 'Draw Sheet' in each round is solely responsible for contacting the opponent(s) and this first contact must be made during the first week of each round.</li> <li>10. Unless there are exceptional circumstances acceptable to the Tournament Referee, failure of the first named player to make contact with the opponent(s) during the first week of each round may result in the Referee awarding a walkover to the second named player.</li> <li>11. The first named player is solely responsible for booking and paying for the court for a minimum of 2 hours on the agreed day and time. Courts are to be booked and paid for at the Fitness Center.</li> <li>12. The second named player in each round is solely responsible for providing new balls.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Partnerships cannot be changed without approval of the Referee and definitely not, once play has commenced in the partnership's first match.</li> <li>14. The winner(s) or in the event of a walk over, ongoing player(s) MUST enter their name(s) &amp; score in the appropriate box on the 'Draw Sheet', posted on the Suriwong Sala notice board. Failure to do this by the end of a round may be regarded as an unplayed match. (See Rule 15 below)</li> <li>15. If a match has not been played by the designated date, the outcome will be determined by the Tournament Referee tossing a coin on a "no fault" basis.</li> <li>16. Players should contact the Referee if in any doubt about interpretation of the rules. All decisions made by the Tournament Referee will be final and binding.</li> <li>17. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners up in each event in both the Championships and the Plate Competitions.</li> <li>18. Challenge Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each of the Championship Events.</li> <li>19. Players should be aware that this is not 'Grand Slam' Tennis but a Social Tournament and thus the objective is to encourage as many players as possible to participate in, enjoy and benefit from Tournament play. Therefore the Tennis Committee and Tournament Referee will take all reasonable steps to ensure that as many matches as possible are completed. It follows that no encouragement will be given to players taking 'walkovers' except as a measure of last resort. In such cases the Referee will seek agreement between all players concerned. If no agreement can be reached, then the Referee will make a final decision based on the particular circumstance of the case.</li> <li>20. The Championship is open to all Club Members. However, entrants who are not tennis section members will be charged the Baht 300 Annual Fee. As a special concession their membership will be extended to 31st March 2013 enabling entry into next years Championship without an additional Annual Fee.</li> </ol>
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**Remember:** If in doubt as to whether the ball is in or out, in the spirit of sportsmanship it should be called in.

## Warm-ups

You should always warm up with your opponent(s) before your match begins. However, this is not the time to practice competitively. Place your shots around the middle of the court so your opponent can easily return the ball without having to hustle around the court.

You should stop the ball and catch it when you're warming up your serves. Additionally, you should not hit returns unless you warn your opponent and let him know that you'd like to take a few practice service returns. You can warm up with your partner, rather than your competitor, if you're playing doubles.

## Ball Management

Players should always keep a tennis ball in their hand, pocket, or ball clip during a match. If you notice that your opponent is searching for a ball, take a look around your side of the court. If you find a ball, slowly hit it so that they can easily catch it without having to run around the court.

Try to keep any extra tennis balls against the back fence. Tennis balls are a hazard if they are lying around the court.



## Keeping Score

The server should always announce the set score before the start of each game and the game score before each point. State the score loudly and in a clear voice; you do not want to recap each point at the end of the game if there is any confusion. Additionally, announcing the score lets the receiver know that you are ready to begin the next point.

## Close Calls

If you cannot clearly tell whether your opponent's shot is in or out, it's in. You must be 100% sure you're making the correct call, so the benefit of the doubt goes to your opponent if there's any uncertainty on your part. To be safe, return all of your opponent's shots regardless of whether they're in play, and call the shot out in a clear voice if you know that it's out.

You should not make calls on your own shots that land on the other side of the court. You have to respect your opponent's decision and trust that they're an honest player.

In doubles, you should not call balls wide if you are on the far sideline and your partner is closer to the ball. Most likely, your partner has a better angle to judge whether it landed in or out, so rely on your teammate's judgment. Similarly, let your partner make the call if you are receiving a serve and your teammate is standing near the service line. They have a better angle to see the ball, and you should trust that they will make the right call.

## Behaviour & Attitude

Even if you're playing badly, refrain from shouting or looking dejected in a match. Undoubtedly, your attitude affects how you play, so

try to have fun and stay positive. Additionally, it's disrespectful to your opponent to look miserable after every point. Give them credit if they are beating you, and keep your head up.

Don't talk in the middle of points. Your opponent may confuse your words and think that you are calling a shot out, so avoid unnecessary conversations. Talking is much more appropriate for a doubles team and is acceptable during a match.

## Tempo

Do not deliberately slow the game down. Play at the pace of the server, which is a 10-12 second rest after the last point ended, and look ready. You're allowed to take 25 seconds in between points, but unnecessary lagging is frowned upon.

Likewise, servers should not rush to start each point, even if they prefer to play at an extremely fast pace. You should redo the point if the server serves the ball before the receiver is ready. The receiver is out of luck however, if they claim they were not ready after making an attempt at returning the serve.



# TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012



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## Saturday 24th March



### Men's - Ladies' - Juniors Singles - Doubles - Mixed

## Starts - Monday 16th January 2012

**January**

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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**February**

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26	27	28	29			

**March**

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

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# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge

## Rod Carter Open SQUASH Report!

Squashy Bits was criticised recently by a few sad and misguided individuals: Come-on-Bobby, and Wally Evans. They lamely argued that not enough squash reports had been included, and stories of Indonesian goats and poolside birthday food fights, while entertaining, and including real BC squash persons, were irrelevant. (Captain Calamity even sent in some dull writing that described some uninteresting squash match somewhere between some luckless squash players that was somewhat boring so somehow found itself tossed into some bin somewhere.) Bits response was 'F' and 'C' words, and then to write solely about squash-leagues, ladders, competitions, match reports, and that kind of tripe. Result: Bits' readership down by 47%!

### FLAMIN' WELL TOLD YA!

However, just because a very few want to know, and there may be one, two, or three more who might show a passing interest, here is the **Rod Carter Open** report.

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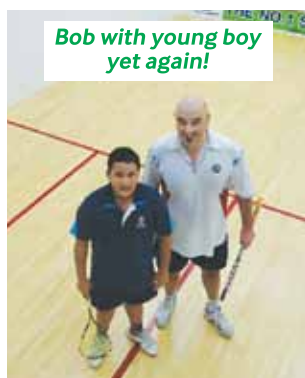


Sponsored very generously by ACA Pacific and Supersports, 59 squash players came together to play for cash and vouchers and the odd trophy. Entrants from Bangkok squash clubs too numerous to mention, and from Pattaya, and even England.



Tom serves it up!

Cornflakes put it all together then left for Oz for a testicle transplant leaving Bobby, Evans, H, Madge, Rit and the Grinch in control. Flood delays meant the comp lasted three months until we got to the finals' week. In that three-month period, 17 competitors passed away due to impatience. Finally we finally got to the finals' week for



Bob with young boy yet again!

the quarters, semis and the final finals. The Rod Carter Plate bit had Tom Kelly, who started as a Pattana player but ended as a BC player by becoming a Member halfway through,

I'm getting thrashed!



beating Kittipong, Charles, then Sathid from somewhere or other to make the final. Tom Godersferry beat Krit, got a bye to the semi, then beat the BC's Bernard Matthews to make it an All-Tom Plate Final. This final lasted about seven minutes as Tom thrashed Tom 3-0. Tom did his best, but Tom was just too good for him. Even with refs Bobby+Madge giving Tom a few lets that should have been strokes to Tom, Tom still wasn't able to get past Tom's superior length, width and clinical drop shots (Tom used to be a nurse!). So Tom won the RC Plate Title and took a couple of grand or so in cash from ACA and an equal amount in Supersports vouchers. Runner-up Tom received a plastic ball-shaped thing placed on a bit of wood and some more ACA cash plus Supersports vouchers. Well done Tom Kelly and well played Tom Godfry for getting thrashed while maintaining a smile.

The **Rod Carter Proper** had H in the final against Poowis after he beat Rit, Paul Stevens from Pattaya then Kitirak and Supich from the Polo/RBSC. Poowis was out of the comp, then back in, then out again, then in again. (He's a pilot so he has to fly!) Anyway, he beat his dad, Peerapon, then Pawadol of Nonthaburi's Riverine Club, and then another Kittipong, of the same, who was a bit upset that Poowis had been allowed to enter the comp so late as it would have been him in the final against H otherwise. Life's a bitch! Whatever. In the final H was nervous. So much so that he peed himself once again, this time on the court and Rit had to come in and mop it up. Poowis took the first game easily. Yet H, now with an empty bladder, came back.



Poowis serves.



H and Poowis action!



Rit mopping up H's pee!





Fascinated Spectators!

1-1. The crowd of over 42 persons, all getting drunk on free Heineken, fascinated by this display of marvellous squash from ex-English County player H and Thailand's number two. Game three: the raucous spectators mostly on H's side piling on the pressure. H couldn't cope. Serving out three times he lost it. Poo now 2-1 up. Fourth: H had to win or it was over. Did he? No! Poowis was too relaxed; he'd been there before, and despite H playing some amazing kills, Poo was just too strong. 3-1 and Poowis was **Rod Carter Champion** for the third time with H runner-up and there's no shame in that. Poowis picked up the trophy, then he put it down again as it's quite heavy, and also won 8k ACA cash and 4k's worth of Supersports vouchers. Excellent performance. H received 4k in ACA cash and some Supersports vouchers. Losing semi-finalists Kittipong and Supich also received ACA cash and Supersports vouchers. F&B in the Sala, speeches, presentations, and the lucky draw of Supersports vouchers valuing 5k. Bob holding the bag of names offered it to Tom Kelly's wife to draw the winner and she drew out Bob! Criminal!



What!



Mind your head!

And of course we took some photos of the winners receiving their goods. So where are they? Well, they are on the BC Squash Section's Facebook page as they aren't fit for publication here as they are barely decipherable. Taken on H's camera, they are blurred, out of focus, dark, grainy and just awful. If you want to see them, check out Facebook.

Meanwhile enjoy the action shots taken by Chris Watt with a real camera. Thanks Chris and thanks to ACA, Supersports, the BC, Rit, Paul Grinchyler, Bobby, Cornflakes, anyone else who gladly helped with this year's Rod Carter and most of all to the players who entered and took part and played some fantastic



Pick it up mate.

matches particularly from the quarter-finals onwards, and a special thanks to the very young players from Vajiravudh College. Thank you all from the British Club Bangkok.



Ref, can we have a ball please.



This is pointless!



Sorry, you're both disqualified!

Lastly, Neil, Rit and Bernard won the November leagues in that order and a couple of individuals won some ladder prizes, but Bits doesn't know who, can't be bothered to find out, and doesn't care. And we have a new bag rack designed by Evans and put together by Chippy Minton from Trumpton and now being used as a bed by the Club's Cats!



New Bag Rack Cat Bed!

**Happy New Year!**

# HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



At last the long-anticipated BC cricket season got underway on 26th November against the Pattaya CC Thoroughbreds at Horse Shoe Point. Debutant Jem Chalk, from the Professor Nick White School of Time Management, delayed departure but BC's frustrated cricketers sallied forth in a hired van for a trip to the seaside. Having his whole team together on one set of wheels gave new Skipper Dale Lamb time to get his boys pumped up and for some serious tactical talk. No more namby-pamby Aussie softy talk this year! "We're gonna' win all our matches ... start tough ... win the toss, bat 35 overs and show 'em who is in control".

On arrival we lost the toss, Pattaya decided to bat and, in a bizarre negotiation we somehow agreed to play a 12-a-side 27 over match with each bowler limited to 5, or maybe 6, overs each, and we will argue about drinks breaks when we get out there! But it was the huddle we all looked forward to and were scarcely disappointed. "Sorry about losing the toss lads but all we have to do is bowl line and length, field well and hold our catches". Brilliant ...

We have some serious new talent this year and expectations were high with 4 debutants in the team. And we were not disappointed. Newcomer Rahul opened impressively from one end and Anthony (2 for 29), perhaps realising he has a bit

of competition for his place this year, bowled his best spell for the BC at the other. But the Thoroughbreds also have some serious hitters and whacked 16 off the first two overs before starting to play and miss regularly to some accurate bowling.

The fall of the first wicket brought turncoat BC Member and music maestro Richard Harvey to the rostrum, the only cricketer in Thailand with a personal bowling machine. How would he bat after his three honeymoons? How would he respond to the "hills are alive" taunts of his erstwhile friends? Well, the answer was, "like a musician". His playing and missing with his baton was much more melodic than that of the other batsmen and, yes, three baby-making holidays had taken their toll. 17 off 33 balls was hard work and, no, we don't want him back.

A gentle giant, Chitradeep, replaced Rahul making another impressive debut. With a little bit of reconditioning required after a 10 year lay-off, 2 over bursts are his limit just now and he bowled two of these for a miserly 5 run. He will be an awesome prospect when he gets fit.

A couple of catches went down and the Seaside had reached 50 for 2 however before the introduction of spin. Phil Alexander (2 for 14) is not one of BC's keenest net bowlers and his sum total practice this year had been two balls the previous

The teams



Going



His Imperialness



Keeping the tab





Corin sees us home



That WAS slow



27 overs a-side eh



Coming back



Debutants Chitradeep, Lawrence, Jem, Rahul



Well played chaps!



day after which he declared himself match-ready. "What does he bowl?" asked the batsman of the wicket-keeper. "Slow", replies James. Being clean bowled first ball having played his shot hours before the ball arrived, the batsman muttered "That was VERY slow" as he trudged off. Phil took a second wicket before his form deserted him and landing the ball on track became a bit of a challenge.

Sailesh (1 for 11) bowled tightly and Thailand's leading wicket-taker (2 for 26) was introduced to the attack 7th change (!). Two good catches were held by Phil and Rahul and PCC had slumped to 108 for 7. Some lusty hitting from Earl (40\*) however, took them to a respectable 145 for 8 after the mystical 27 overs. Gettable was the BC verdict, but they still had to be got!

Sailesh opened the batting with Rahul and, as regular readers will know, Sailesh has a knee problem which makes hitting boundaries imperative. Sailesh today was NOT going to run but, lucky for Rahul, Sailesh was at his imperial best. On days like this it is easy to imagine he has just been regally carried out from his Palace during the days of the Raj, his kit and moustache immaculately trimmed thanks to the attention of his many wallahs, and leisurely taking guard having assured his harem that he will not overexert himself.

His timing was exquisite; stroking the ball effortlessly past the admiring Thoroughbred fielders who we now realised numbered 12 thanks to the splendid negotiating skills of our captain. Drinks were taken after 9 overs (when else?), the score 39 without loss, one of the most serene starts for BC for

many a match. However, "speed things up bit lads" was the order and Sailesh and Rahul moved up a gear. Sailesh retired with a splendid 42\* off 37 balls and Rahul also retired 40\* off a slightly more sedate 52 balls.

Meanwhile however our fearless skipper had strode the crease and expressed his desire to win the match without losing a wicket and as quickly as possible. 29 off 15 balls was the result before holing out, including one amazing "6" that hit a tree on the boundary about 20 metres up and still rising ... only to be called "4" under "seaside rules".

This at least gave a few other batsmen a chance of a knock but Jem Chalk's long wait with his pads on was soon ended when adjudged caught behind for very special debut golden duck. He promised to buy James a pair of spectacles for Christmas and it was left to Colin and Anthony to knock off the remaining runs which they did with panache. The BC boys strolled home to win by 8 wickets on 146 for 2. The Pattaya boys were gracious in defeat and the BC boys happy in victory. Played one, won one ... a great way to start.

The van ride back to Bangkok was a jolly one. Fines were randomly levied and beer provisions bought in. Other than forgetting to stop for a nature break which might have made the last few miles a little less anxious, there was unanimous agreement that it had been a perfect day out to the seaside and a return trip should be organised as soon as possible.

The flood-wrecked fixtures list is still under review but at least one more game will be played before the holidays.

# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn



## November Stableford, The Royal GC, Lat Krabang Sunday 13 Nov 2011

This month's Stableford competition was due to be held at Bangkok GC but due to a waterlogged course it was rescheduled at The Royal GC. Amazingly, the course was in great shape and this together with very tolerable weather conditions made for a most enjoyable day out.

After a long absence we welcomed back Steve W with his new 'go faster' knee – it appears to have done wonders for his distances off the tee. Perhaps it might become the next 'must have'!!



Also back after his exploits on the high seas was David Lamb – unfortunately practice facilities were not included on the voyages, hence a touch of rustiness!

And gracing us with his presence for the first time was that well known figure on the Bangkok golfing scene, Jack Egan (1). Jack was well satisfied with his day out at his favourite course, but unfortunately for him (and fortunately for others!),

being a guest excluded him from the main prizes.

Other notables in the field were Peter B, conjuring up a cunning plan with the coloured balls (2) in an attempt to outwit the opposition and Frank F, full of confidence after his recent success in Hua Hin (3).



The finish to the main event was a close call with JC, Frank and Jack O scoring 34 points but going one better and picking up this month's main prize was John B (4).

And finally, the cat that got the cream! (5). With unerring accuracy on the par 3s JC added considerably to his collection of ProV1s leaving very little for the rest of us.



## Club Championships, The Royal GC, Lat Krabang Sat/Sun 26/27 November 2011

In spite of the difficulties in arranging this year's event, the Club Championships eventually took place at our 'home' course in Lat Krabang. Played over two days, the event attracted quite a large number of participants.

As well as the main prizes, there were a host of others on offer, so it was all to play for as the seven groups set out on Saturday morning. The course itself is now in much better shape than it has been for some time, but the fast and tricky greens required the utmost concentration. For whatever reasons the scoring was generally on the high side with only Mike S and Randall C putting themselves in serious contention for the Men's trophy with rounds of 78.

Attempting to make it four titles in a row in the Ladies' event, Tracy C played consistent golf to lead the field at the end of Day 1. Could anyone upset the odds on Day 2?

Staying with tradition and enjoying the social side of this event, a number of the group met up later for a very pleasant evening of wining and dining at the British Club. However, with Day 2 looming, moderation (!) was the name of the game.



Out early on the practice range on Sunday, pre-tournament favourites Randall and Tracy (6) tried to fine-tune that swing for one more round. But for most, Sunday would prove to be a frustrating day with shots slipping away with abandon. In spite of the difficulties encountered, most showed the necessary conviction to complete their rounds and some may even have had an enjoyable day out!!



All was soon forgotten as a relieved group got together afterwards in the Clubhouse. While the Captain and his helpers worked out the list of prize-winners, Karen was keen to explain to anyone who would listen, how next year it will all be so different! (7).



With all the cards thoroughly checked, it was announced that in a very tight finish Mike S had squeezed past Randall C on countback to win his third Club Champions award. Both recorded identical rounds of 78 and 80. (8) In the Ladies competition, Tracy C continued from where she had left off the previous day and duly won this year's top prize with something to spare (9). The other main awards for



Men's and Ladies best net scores went to Marcus P (net 146) and Karen C (net 151) (10&11)



#### Results in full:

	Men	Ladies
Champion	Mike Staples	Tracy Carter
Best Net	Marcus Prior	Karen Carter
Runner-up (gross)	Jeremy & Somchai R.	Yurachatr Brook
3rd place (gross)	Randall Coleman	Gaew Gale
1st Day best net	Steve Waldmeyer	Belinda Skinner
2nd Day best net	David Lamb	

Although the competition had to be rearranged at very short notice with new dates and a new venue, it went off without incident. This was in most part down to the considerable time and effort put in by Captain Ray and his team. A big thanks goes to them as well as to all those who contributed in making this another successful Club Championships.

#### November Medal, The Royal GC, Lat Krabang Sunday 27 November 2011

Due to time constraints the November Medal was played in conjunction with Day 2 of the Club Championships.

Having finally shaken off his 'sea legs', it was 'steady as we go' for the wily old campaigner David Lamb, who did just enough to edge out Peter G and Karen C to pick up the Flight 'B' award (12).



All-in-all it was a very good day for Marcus P. As well as collecting one of the main prizes in the Club Championships, he also achieved a personal first in winning the Flight 'A' medal with a very respectable net 71!

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# BRIDGE

## Bridge Results for November 2011

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Tuesday 1st November (6 pairs)	1st	Charlene & Supote	67.00%
	2nd	Manthane & Winlock	52.00%
Sunday 6th November (7 pairs)	1st	Julaporn & Supote	62.50%
	2nd	Prarop & Chalernpol	60.42%
Tuesday 8th November (6 pairs)	1st	Manthane & Supote	76.00%
	2nd	Rochelle & Hanne	60.00%
Sunday 13th November (6 pairs)	1st	Charlene & Noelle	57.00%
	2nd	Hanne & Michael Winckless	56.00%
Sunday 20th November (10 pairs)	1st	Hanne & Rochelle	59.26%
	2nd	Manthane & Chakramon	58.80%
Tuesday 22nd November (8 pairs)	1st	Noelle & Patrice	61.90%
	2nd	Winlock & Michael Winckless	59.52%

## Bidding Convention: XY-NT

by Helmer Nissen - Part 2 (continued from Dec'11 issue)

Bidding system details:

1X - 1Y

1NT - ....what is partner's next response?

Partner's next response will correspond to the following:

- 2♣ Game invitational (about 12hp) - (or to play 2♦)
- 2♦ Game forcing (about 13+)
- 2♥ To play (or choose between the 2 majors, if the first bid was 1♠)
- 2♠ To play
- 2NT Invitational, nothing to show
- 3♣ To play (because the natural 2♣ has gone)
- 3NT To play, nothing to show

An important detail:

- 1♦ 1♥
- 1NT 2♣
- 2♦ pass!!!!

You can use the relay function to stop in 2♦, if you have a weak hand and support for your partner's opening suit. But it could also be on a hand like this:

♠ 105      ♥ Q1076      ♦ AJ8764      ♣ 8

- 1♣ 1♥
- 1NT 2♣
- 2♦ pass

Partner opened 1♣, and I know quite a lot of players would bid the 4-card ♥, instead of the 6-card ♦ suit. In this case I think many players can see a huge advantage in using this convention, as the 2♣ relay bid to 2♦ will now be passed out.

Convention advantages:

You know right away whether it is a sign off, invitational or game forcing board

When partner makes the rebid 2♦ you know for sure that you are going to game, no need to jump, but instead exchange more information about your hands.



The only disadvantage is that you can't stop in 2♣.

A few hands for you to practice, opening 1♦, you answered 1♠, re-bid 1NT, what now?

a)

♠ KQ76  
♥ K10  
♦ Q765  
♣ AKQ

b)

♠ K10654  
♥ K9876  
♦ 105  
♣ 8

c)

♠ K1086  
♥ 987  
♦ K109876  
♣ void

d)

♠ A765  
♥ 2  
♦ 43  
♣ KJ6543

e)

♠ 9876  
♥ A10  
♦ A10987  
♣ K10

f)

♠ AK765  
♥ J9765  
♦ A4  
♣ 5

- a) 2♦ Game Forcing, later on you may be in 6NT or 6♦, but the advantage, you bid slowly.  
 b) 2♥ Partner will choose between the 2 majors ONLY.  
 c) 2♣ Relay to 2♦, which will be your contract (you may discuss what 3♦ is?)  
 d) 3♣ Stop bid. In pair you may take a risky pass.  
 e) 2♣ Relay to 2♦, which you can raise to 3♦, invitational bid.  
 f) 2♦ Game Forcing, you will end in either 4♠ or ♥.

**An older version of this convention is Checkback Stayman.**

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# BRITISH CLUB BALUT

By Sausage



## 31st CHIVAS INTERPORT CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

Last year, the Interport Championship was held at the British Club who were the Cup holders. Sadly the Cup went to the Singapore Indian Association, who therefore hosted this year's event at their premises in Singapore. The British Club fielded only one team to compete in Singapore, consisting of Dark Horse (Clive Butcher), Jackal (Carlos Romero), Jammy (Roger Willbourn), and Tilak (Tilak Karamala). One other BC Balut Section Member was present to enable and operate the scoring for the huge gathering of 100 people - DQ (David Quine), owner and developer of the Balut Online Scoring System (BOSS).



The long weekend of the Interport started on Friday 18th November with an informal evening of greeting, friendly association, and the reestablishment of old friendships made at earlier Interport Championships. It was an evening of great food, copious refreshments, and exuberant dancing. All team members spoke of an excellently relaxed and enjoyable evening with a marvellous feeling of camaraderie, well what they could remember of it at least!

Saturday 19th November was the main day, with the competition being played. The two pairs comprising the BC Team played separately against different other pairs for all 5 games. BOSS is an online system, so the progress of scores being achieved was watched online avidly by other BC Members back in Bangkok. The dice were not kind to us that day - initial scores were well under a hundred, then the scores perked up after Jackal had tea and it looked like the BC Team was making a comeback. As quickly as they had improved, the scores slipped back, and the end result was less than the spectacular outcome all had hoped for. Jammy threw best, coming in at 30= out of 100, and Jackal had the worst luck of all coming in considerably lower.



Dark Horse won an impromptu bottle of wine prize for throwing a top Full House in one. The only other award related to the BC Members was a plaque in appreciation of the Official Scorer! However, our thanks go to all four Team Members for representing the BCB Section.

The overall winning team was SCC who agreed to have next year's Interport organised by the Kinabalu Yacht Club in Sabah. And the reports that a new World Record of 171 had been set recently have still NOT been confirmed!



## BALUT SHIELD 2011-2012

At time of going to press, there has only been one more tournament since the report in last month's Outpost, which will be deferred until the next issue hits the presses. For other details, anyone interested in scrutinising the current state of the Shield table can go to <http://www.teambalut.com/asp/report.asp?ReportID1=9&ReportID2=10>

As always, we extend our sincere thanks to our sponsors **OUTRIGGER HOTELS & RESORTS** for the prizes, and **YES TECHNOLOGIES** for the unique Balut Online Scoring System (BOSS).

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## THE B.C. MOVIE NIGHT

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DVDs answered all our hopes - brilliant visuals with awesome sound, but not always on a single disc. Still more advances were made, with dual layer discs for longer playback time, and DTS 5 channel sound.

Now, we can drool over our favourite screen moments on Blu-Ray, which can give us five times clearer pictures, interactive menus, extras, aural and subtitled options - a truly breathtaking high resolution experience.

The British Club has access to a vast library of Blu-Ray and DVD movies, some of which will be presented weekly during the coming year. Titles shown will be themed on a monthly basis initially, until we find out what YOU want to see.

January has the theme of comedy - after the depressing watery last months of 2011, an injection of humour is called for. February's theme will revolve around Valentine's Day and/or the Oscars.

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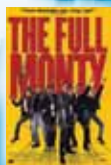
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## January

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### 5th: The Full Monty

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### 19th: A Fish Called Wanda

Sexy American diamonds lover Wanda and her boyfriend Otto are in England to plot alongside George and Ken the robbery of a diamond collection. Wanda and Otto want the stolen diamonds for themselves, and inform the police about George not knowing that he has already moved the diamonds to another secret place. Wanda thinks the best way to find out is by getting close to George's lawyer - Archie Leach.



### 12th: Four Weddings & A Funeral

The film follows the fortunes of Charles and his friends as they wonder if they will ever find true love and marry. Charles thinks he's found "Miss Right" in Carrie, an American. This British subtle comedy revolves around Charlie, his friends and the four weddings and one funeral which they attend.



### 26th: Yes Man

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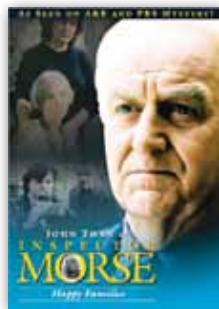


### 2nd Ring Out Your Dead

Campanology is not everyone's cup of tea, especially when someone is murdering your fellow bell-ringers one by one. Perhaps if they paid attention to a nursery rhyme and a century-old murder, the toxin would have gone out? Or does that not appeal to them?

*"The Bells! The Bells!"*

This misleading murder trail casts John Nettles as DCI Barnaby with guest stars Hugh Bonneville, Graham Crowden and Gemma Jones.



### 9th Happy Families

It could be an episode of Men Behaving Badly until you realise that it is the press who are at fault – although strangely and in a sort of ironic manner, it is they who solve the crime and Morse's boss who takes all the credit!

*"And then there was one –oops no there isn't!"*

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Gwen Taylor, Martin Clunes, Rupert Graves and Anna Massey.



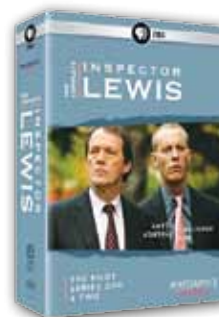
### 16th The Mystery of the Spanish Chest/The Theft of the Royal Ruby

Another Poirot double bill ...

When infidelity leads to either murder or theft; when a party is the key setting for both; where an attempt at theft is mistaken for murder and murder could be mistaken as theft; and where Poirot is a witness to one murder and plans another!

*"Better than a poke in the eye this one!"*

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Pip Torrens, Peter Copley, Frederick Treves and John Vernon.



### 23rd Dark Matter

When the sanctity of life reveals a murderer, when a Church confessor will only say Friday at 3.15, when the real murder was probably not but the unreal one probably was and when hell has no fury comes in all sizes! All-in-all only the transit of Venus will solve this one.

*"The Transit of Venus"*

Kevin Whateley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Sofia Ward, Robert Hardy and Diana Quick with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.

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