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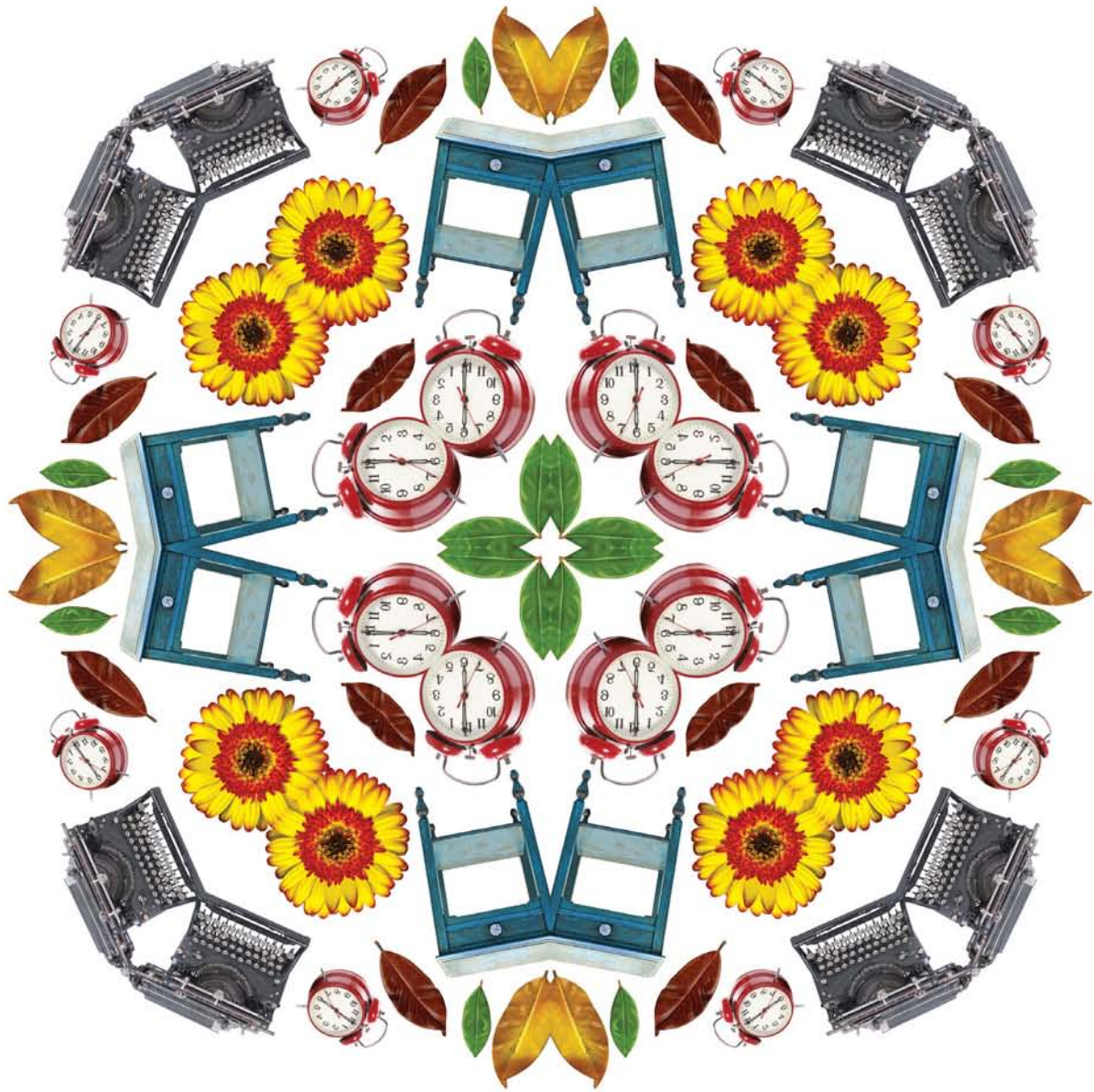
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FRONT COVER

As 2012 comes to a close
we celebrate the year that
was. The Club had a very
busy and exciting year, full of
great events, improvements
to facilities and much
more. We look forward to
celebrating an even better
2013. Happy New Year to
you and yours!



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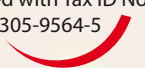
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LETTER FROM THE GM



Dear Members,

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Members a happy and prosperous 2013 and I look forward to making this year a truly great year for our Club, its Members and our staff.

First of all looking back, the newly refitted poolside had a fantastic first six weeks with figures for showing us soaring 40% above the previous year. The festive season was also busy with several Members getting married in the Club grounds and many Members holding Christmas and New Year functions. I thank all our Members for their support for all the festive events and I would to say a special thank you to all our staff who put in a magnificent effort – often running five or six functions in a single day.

Now I have been in this role for two months I am looking at the ongoing challenge of continuous improvement to the Club's food & beverage range and service level. Members will, I hope, have noticed that we now offer eleven house wines by the glass in our upgraded wine list and in all outlets we can now offer you no less than eight draught beers – including Old Speckled Hen and O'Hara's Irish Pale Ale. Over the next few months we will also update the menus and please remember if you missed dinner or want a late supper, the western menu is now available in the Churchill Bar until 11:15pm.

Looking ahead to this year our Club will be 110 years old in April and we will find an exciting way to celebrate this and earlier in the year we will be holding a celebration evening for our more senior Members – those with over twenty years in membership including a number who have been with us for over fifty years!

I thank you once again for all the support Members have given me and I look forward to wishing you a happy new year in person over the next month.

Warm regards,

Premrudee Tanyaluck
General Manager

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| The Verandah | 11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays) | | |
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| Neilson Hays Coffee Shop | 9am - 6pm | Fitness Centre | 6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri) |
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HAPPENINGS



Dear Members,

Well, that's another year gone. Or to be accurate, almost gone. It's Christmas Day in a week and although there are no reports of snow, there are hundreds of people coming to have lunch and dinner on Christmas Day so the fug in the Club will be reminiscent of indoors back home. By the time you read this, I hope you will be looking back over a great festive season, with lots of laughter, fun, food and so forth.

December has been a crazy month with so many things going on, but more so the number of functions which the staff have managed to handle, both on-site and off-site. This is an exceptional time of year when everyone wants to have a celebration, and it helps replenish the coffers from the quiet months at other times during the year.

We had a great evening listening to carols being sung by the St Andrews International School choirs, and an even better evening at the Annual Christmas Ball. There's been amazing feedback about the Sting and Elton John concerts, and the Kids Christmas party last weekend brought us nearly two hundred people, and even Santa dropped in by tuk-tuk!

Looking ahead to January, we will be having a Gourmet Dinner in the vein of 'Global Cuisine', selecting a number of dishes which show the contrasting flavours of foods from around the world. I would like these to alternate with Wine Dinners where we offer foods that are chosen to complement special wines, to provide more variety and a shift of emphasis. In January, we will also be holding another Car Boot Sale where you can unload all those lovely presents which you didn't like! They're great for sniffing around and finding bargains, so have a look in your cupboards and see what you can load into your car! January also carries on the monthly Quiz Night - the jackpot was won in December, so we are back to the monthly prize for the winning team and the jackpot starts again at Bt 1,500.

Sadly, December saw the final episodes shown in the weekly slot of Monday Night Club - over the four years which Paul Cheesman has been selecting and presenting these programmes (from his own collection), many members have enjoyed watching the crime stories, and we all thank Paul for his time and dedication in establishing and nurturing this series. As many people are used to coming down on a Monday Night, we will be continuing the slot but with different material, hence the revised name of 'Monday Night Media'. This month we carry on the theme of Poirot, as played by other actors and as movie productions rather than TV, for a comparison and also because Poirot is so remarkably watchable! As from February, the content of these evenings will change a bit, so keep coming!

May I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and healthy 2013!

Best wishes,

Jeremy de Sausmarez
Events & Marketing Manager

CLUB CLOSED FOR 1 DAY

Please note that on Monday 28th January 2013, all the Club staff will be going away for the day for the Annual Staff Party.

The Club and all outlets will therefore be closed for the entire day.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and are confident of the Members' understanding.

BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

7th - 11th January 2012

Starters – 55 baht

Oriental Chicken, Papaya and Ginger Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses – 140 baht

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka
served with mixed salad and garlic bread

or

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce
served with broccoli, carrots and garlic mashed potato

or

Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Risotto
with parmesan, rocket leaves dressed with pesto

or

• **Tom Yum Goong**

(spicy lemon grass flavoured soup with prawns and mushrooms)

• **Kaprao Kai**

(stir-fried minced chicken with hot basil and chilli)

• **Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy**

(stir-fried mixed vegetables with oyster sauce)

Dessert of the Day- 55 baht

or choose from our à la Carte dessert 10% off

14th - 18th January 2013

Starters – 55 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses – 140 baht

Grilled Chicken Breast
served with roast vegetable couscous

or

**Salmon Fishcakes served with Chips,
Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce**

or

Mixed Sausages

served with Mashed Potato and Fried Onions

or

• **Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao**

(chinese lettuce soup with ,minced pork, tofu, and vermicelli)

• **Pla Sam Ros**

(deep-fried dory fish topped with sweet and sour spiced chili sauce)

• **Phad Phak Ruam**

(stir-fried mixed vegetables with oyster sauce)

Dessert of the Day- 50 Baht

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21st - 25th January 2013

Starters – 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses – 140 baht

Grilled Pork Loin Steak
served with apple and fennel sauce

or

Pan-fried Dory with Mornay Sauce
served with broccoli and mashed potatoes

or

Mini Steak

served with mixed vegetables and roast potatoes

or

• **Tom Kha Gai**

(a refreshing soup with chicken, coconut milk and herbs)

• **Phad Kaprao Moo Sab**

(stir-fried minced pork with hot basil and chili)

• **Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo**

(stir-fried bean sprouts with bean curd and oyster sauce)

Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

or choose from our à la Carte dessert with 10% off

28th - 31st January 2013

Starters – 55 baht

Grilled Chicken, Mango / Avocado, Beetroot Salad
with balsamic and honey dressing

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses – 140 baht

Chicken Korma
served with boiled egg and yellow rice

or

Fish & Chips (Choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered)
served with garden peas and tartar sauce

or

Pork Schnitzel

served with mixed salad, baked potato and apple sauce

or

• **Tom Yam Goong**

(spicy lemon grass soup with prawns and mushroom)

• **Gai Phad Khing**

(stir-fried chicken with ginger, onion and fungus mushroom)

• **Tod Mun Pla**

(deep-fried fishcakes)

Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

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F&B MORSELS



Dear Members,

We are exhausted! The staff seem to have been preparing food non-stop for the whole month, but we are all so pleased that everyone has eaten so much and obviously enjoyed what they ordered.

For us, it was quite difficult making sure that there was always the right food for the functions as well as the events which had been arranged for the Club itself. We had a number of very big functions, including a couple of weddings and the British Council Christmas party which pushed us to the limit, but they all went well and everyone seemed happy.

There has also been very good feedback to the Christmas set menus we had on offer all month, and we shipped quite a lot of food to Members as special orders for Christmas.

This year we will be revising the menus again, and I hope we can include some new dishes which you will all enjoy. This month we start our Saturday buffets again (see the calendar) with the ever-popular Curry Buffet being on the last Saturday of the month.

There is a Gourmet Dinner this month as well, and I hear there are more planned throughout the year, so keep your appetites high!

My sincere good wishes to you and your families for this New Year.

Khun Laak
Executive Chef



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DINING



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| <p style="text-align: center; color: #8B0000; font-weight: bold;">1st - 15th January 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #8B0000; font-weight: bold;">Starters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chef's Soup of the Day Bt 80</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuna and Scallop Carpaccio <i>with Rocket Salad and Shaved Parmesan</i> Bt 195</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #8B0000; font-weight: bold;">Main Courses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Australian Rib-Eye Steak with Pepper Sauce <i>served with Grilled Tomatoes, Button Mushrooms and Home-fried Potatoes</i> Bt 575</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Delicious Roast Salmon wrapped in Smoked Bacon <i>with Lemon Tarragon Mayonnaise</i> Bt 300</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lamb Kebab <i>with Vegetable Couscous and Mint Yoghurt</i> Bt 335</p> | <p style="text-align: center; color: #8B0000; font-weight: bold;">16th - 31st January 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #8B0000; font-weight: bold;">Starters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chef's Soup of the Day Bt 80</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Homemade Perogies Filled <i>with Cheese and Potato Sauteéd with Bacon and Onions</i> Bt 160</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #8B0000; font-weight: bold;">Main Courses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grilled Cod Steak with Pesto <i>served with Crispy Mixed Green Salad</i> Bt 335</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roast Herbs and Garlic Lamb Chops <i>served with Spinach Risotto and Onion Confit Red Wine Sauce</i> Bt 680</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Breast Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms in Puff Pastry with Whole Grain Mustard and Wine Cream Sauce <i>served with French Beans, Carrots and Home-fried Potatoes</i> Bt 260</p> |
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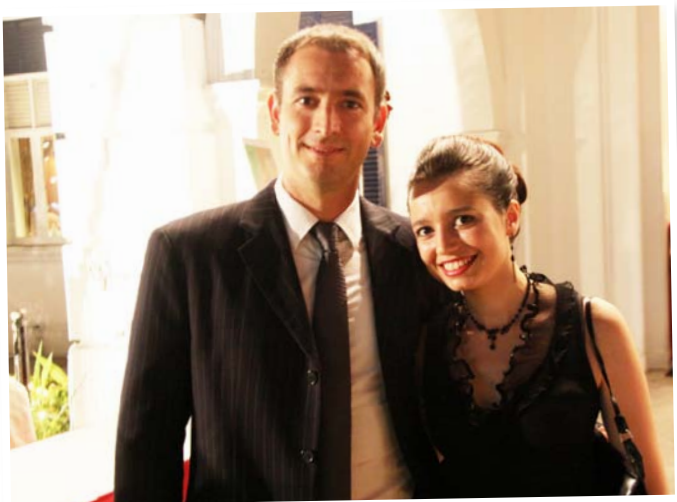
It's a traditional event, and this year's annual Christmas Ball was certainly an event which caught regulars and non-regulars alike. Supported by main sponsors Etihad Airways, St Andrews International School and BNH Hospital, as well as a host of other generous contributors, the evening was in three parts.

There was a warm and genial atmosphere on the Front Lawn as guests arrived, with a selection of Dave Brubeck's catalogue spurring the mood. A splash of canapé-coated tables around the two fine ice carvings dissected the groups chatting and sipping complimentary cocktails from watchful waiters. Raffle tickets were sold by the length (palm to palm) by enticing employees, and joviality spread throughout.

At the MC's call, everyone headed for the Back Lawn, where attractively adorned tables (each bearing wine sponsored by Royal Prestige Wine) were laid out under several rows of paper-shaded lights, complimented by fairy lights in the trees around, and with Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik floating from the Siam Ratchada Chamber Orchestra on the stage. The MC succinctly thanked sponsors and other involved parties and then handed over to H.E. Mark Kent, the UK Ambassador, who led the toasts to HM the King of Thailand and HM Queen Elizabeth II, after which the dinner got underway, catered by the Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit.

By coffee time, the orchestra were gone and the MC coordinated the drawing and presentation of the first 8 raffle prizes, topped by 2 Business Class return tickets to London on Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates. And then a six-piece band called Vertigo took to the stage and the dancing started. And continued until the small hours.

Few but the stalwart remained for breakfast at 2am as the festive season takes its toll on all revellers, but few would deny it was a fantastic evening under the stars at the Club and also a prelude to a wonderful Christmas!









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SUNG IN EXALTATION

The cloud hanging over the Back Lawn on 6th December was the memory that last year the evening was interrupted by a shower of rain, which drove the audience indoors while the choir carried on. And come lunchtime, the clouds in the sky had gathered and we got a downpour.

The staff, well used to this sort of sudden occurrence, covered everything in advance and once the rain had subsided, out came the sun and dried everything out. So it seemed like a cool and misty evening and all was set when the choirs from St Andrews International School Sathorn and Sukhumvit 107 arrived.

After a brief rehearsal and a some comestible energisation, during which parents and members arrived and tucked into mince pies, mulled wine and other snacks, the choirs assembled on the stage and once the MC had welcomed them back to the Club for the second year running, performed a wide range of carols, at times together, at times separately. Under the capable guidance of choir leaders Brian Webb and Sian Jones, they sang harmonically and inspired the audience to join in with some carols or more definitely to raise a grand bout of applause at the end of each.

For one carol, the choir sung acappella with a faint accompaniment from the keyboards. For another couple of tunes, the choristers were joined on stage by a couple of band members, a drummer and a guitarist, who provided rhythmic and very restrained electric support for the young voices. Both instances were unexpected and well appreciated.

All too soon they came to the end of their programme, and hurried off to deal with a late bedtime, but no doubt feeling well accomplished as the audience all seemed pleased with their visit and glad to have had over an hour of their hearts uplifted by the St Andrews International School choirs.





HOLY DAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman



NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1st
Also January 2nd (Scotland)

Virtually every country in the world celebrates January 1st as 'New Year's Day' despite many cultures having their own New Year (e.g. Chinese New Year, Thai New Year). Scotland also has the second day of the year as a holiday. Of course, January 1st was only adopted as the 'New Year' by the United Kingdom of Great Britain in 1752 (before that it was on March 25th) and Thailand only adopted it from 1st January 1941.

Dek Wan is celebrated on the second Saturday in January each year. Originally founded in October 1955, it moved to January in 1963, and is based on a Thai saying "Children are the future of the nation, if the children are intelligent, the country will be prosperous."

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

January 12th

NATIONAL AVIATION DAY

January 13th

This was established in 1994 to commemorate the first public exhibition of aircraft flown by Thai pilots on 13th January 1913 in the presence of H.M. King Vajiravudh (Rama VI). This date is the traditional date of the founding of the fore-runner of the Royal Thai Air Force.

The Thai Council of Ministers on 9th January 1990 designated January 14th each year as National Forest Conservation Day – commemorating the day in 1989 when H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) signed two Royal decrees to temporarily end logging in Thailand, and establish a conservation programme within the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

NATIONAL FOREST CONSERVATION DAY

January 14th

TEACHERS DAY

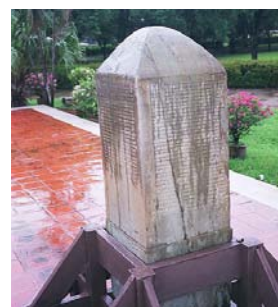
January 16th

In a similar vein to National Children's day, on 21st November 1956, the Thai Council of Ministers decreed January 16th each year as 'Teachers day' starting in 1957. It is a holiday in most Ministry of Education schools.

King Ramkhamhaeng was the third ruler of the Kingdom of Sukhothai, a kingdom which at its height spanned from Luang Prabang (now in Laos) through Nan, Sukhothai and down both coasts of the Thai leg as far as Kedah. During his reign from 1278 to 1298 the King created a new alphabet from Khmer script which became the Thai alphabet as we know it today, and with it he wrote the history of the Kingdom on a stone tablet (the Ramkhamhaeng Stele). After the fall of Sukhothai (it became part of the kingdom of Ayutthaya in 1378), this stone tablet was lost until it was discovered on 17th January 1833 by a monk called Vajirayan in Wat Mahathat ... the monk was none other than H.R.H. Prince Mongkut who in 1851 became H.M. King Mongkut (Rama IV). The Ramkhamhaeng Stele is in the National Museum.

THE MEMORIAL DAY OF KING RAMKHAMHAENG

January 17th



"First Thai writing"

ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES DAY

January 18th

In 1593 King Naresuan of Ayutthaya won the famous Yuddhahatthi or Elephant Battle against Burma's Vice-King Minchit Sra at Nong Sarai. After the Thai Armed Forces were created in 1852 by H.M. King Mongkut (Rama IV) 25th January was decreed to be Armed Forces Day in celebration of that battle. In 2007 this was moved to 18th January.

PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back thirty years at the history of our Club in 1983...

1 January saw the official opening of the new heightened Centre Court and Court 1 by five times Wimbledon champion Björn Borg accompanied by his wife Mariana. The first match played on the Centre Court was a demonstration set between Björn and Joakim Nyström, a Norwegian pro who went on to be the 1983 Sydney Outdoor champion. Björn won six games to two.

A plaque was erected to the right of Centre Court entrance to commemorate this event and the score sheets and some photos are still on display in the Churchill Bar. A video was made of this event as well but since it's being shown in the April and May of 1983, its whereabouts are unknown.

2 John Williams was elected as Chairman of the General Committee after the AGM on 30th March but was unexpectedly transferred by his company out of Thailand at the end of August so his Vice-Chairman, Roy Barrett became chairman for the second half of the year. This fact is not recognised on our Chairman's Board in the Clubhouse lobby which shall thus need correcting in due course.

3 Another all-star occasion came upon us when three 'big TV names' came to film at the Club - Edward Woodward {Callan, 1990, The Equalizer}, Michael Landon {Bonanza, Little House on the Prairie, Highway to Heaven} and Priscilla Presley

{Dallas}, shooting scenes to the TV movie 'Love Is Forever' (aka 'Comeback') seated around the poolside. The movie was based upon the true story of Australian journalist, Thai resident, past Club member and alleged spy John Everingham and his daring rescue of his Laotian wife from communist Laos. Sadly a picture of said Poolside scene that used to hang in the Churchill Bar has been lost it seems.

4 Autumn saw a major upheaval in the Clubhouse room allocations. An original plan to build an office suite above the kitchen block was shelved when the lowest price came in at 675,000 Baht, so 'Plan B' was enacted. The Silom Room (which was then the same size as the Suriwongse Room) was quartered, with a smaller Silom Room and offices to the side and rear with additional offices on the lean-to over the back balcony. The vacated offices then became the new reading room, entitled the Wordsworth Lounge. We took this opportunity to rename 'the Bar' the 'Churchill Bar'.

5 The later months saw the first events of two non-members groups who have stayed with us these thirty years and are now Associated Groups. In October the Committee for Coordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand (CCSDPT) gained permission for its twice monthly meetings to be held here and on 8th December the Bangkok Mothers and Babies International (BAMBI) group, founded the previous year, held their first British Club playgroup in the "new sala" (now the Silom Sala).



"Borg & Nyström - Resistance is futile!"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

BC CALENDAR - JANUARY 2013

MONDAY

31

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Media
Wordsworth Room, 7pm
Death on the Nile



14

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Media
Wordsworth Room, 7pm
Evil under the Sun



21

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Media
Wordsworth Room, 7pm
Murder on the Orient Express



28

Annual Staff Party

Entire Club Closed All Day

TUESDAY

1

Morning Mix-In
8am



Sports Camps
9am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm



8

Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Quiz Night
7:15pm - 9:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm



15

Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm



22

Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm



29

Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm



WEDNESDAY

2

Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Sports Camps
9am



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



9

Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



16

Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



23

Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



30

Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



THURSDAY

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Sports Camps
9am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Gourmet Dinner
The Verandah, 7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| <div>3</div> | <div>4</div> <div> <div>Sports Camps 9am</div> <div>  </div> <div>Children's Friday Cinema 6pm, Ice Age 4</div> <div> <div>Tennis Mix-In 7pm - 10pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div>  </div> </div> | <div>5</div> <div> <div>Tex-Mex Buffet Lunch & Dinner All day</div> </div> | <div>6</div> <div> <div>Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm</div> <div>Sunday Brunch 11:30am - 3pm</div> <div> <div>Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div> <div>Yoga 2:30pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div> <div>Dr. Who Christmas Special Surawongse Room 11am</div> <div>  </div> </div> </div> |
| <div>10</div> | <div>11</div> <div> <div>Children's Friday Cinema 6pm, Brave</div> <div> <div>Tennis Mix-In 7pm - 10pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div>  </div> </div> | <div>12</div> <div> <div>Italian Buffet Lunch & Dinner All day</div> </div> | <div>13</div> <div> <div>Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm</div> <div>Sunday Brunch 11:30am - 3pm</div> <div> <div>Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> </div> |
| <div>17</div> | <div>18</div> <div> <div>Children's Friday Cinema 6pm, A Monster in Paris</div> <div> <div>Tennis Mix-In 7pm - 10pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div>  </div> </div> | <div>19</div> <div> <div>French Buffet Lunch & Dinner All day</div> </div> | <div>20</div> <div> <div>Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm</div> <div>Sunday Brunch 11:30am - 3pm</div> <div> <div>Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div> <div>Yoga 2:30pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> <div> <div>Car Boot Sale Back Lawn 2:30pm - 7:30pm</div> <div>  </div> </div> </div> |
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SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you all made it safely through the Mayan end of the world as well as the New Year Festivities.

Here are a few things to tickle your collective NY fancy.

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS CAMP: DEC 31st – 4th JAN

| TIME | MON 31 st Dec β950 | TUES 1 st Jan β1200 | WED 2 nd Jan β950 | THUR 3 rd Jan β1200 | FRI 4 th Jan β950 |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 9:30 | ADMIN | ADMIN | ADMIN | ADMIN | ADMIN |
| 10:00-11:30 | TENNIS | BOULDERING ROCK CLIMBING | TENNIS | PARKOUR | TENNIS |
| 11:30-11:45 | SNACK | | SNACK | | SNACK |
| 11:45-12:45 | STORY BASED YOGA | | RAQUET BALL | | RAQUET BALL |
| 12:45-1:30 | LUNCH | LUNCH | LUNCH | LUNCH | LUNCH |
| 1:30-2:30 | B BOY/GIRL Dance Classes | FLOWRIDING | B BOY/GIRL Dance Classes | FUNARIUM | B BOY/GIRL Dance Classes |
| 2:30-3:30 | ipay Soccer School | | ipay Soccer School | | ipay Soccer School |

- Children should be 7+.
- This is not an elitist camp, the emphasis is on joining in, trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.
- A five child minimum is required to run each day so please sign up.
- As travel arrangements need to be made for Tuesday & Thursday activities please sign up 48hrs in advance.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount. Cancellations up to 24hrs before will be charged 50%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activity camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or offsite or travel to or from the Club.

BRITISH CLUB MINI SPORTS CAMP: DEC 31st, 2nd & 4th JAN:

| TIME | MON 31 st Dec β650 | WED 2 nd Jan β650 | FRI 4 th Jan β65 |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 10 | ADMIN | ADMIN | ADMIN |
| 10:15-11:15 | STORY BASED YOGA | MINI BALL SKILLS | MINI BALL SKILLS |
| 11:15-11:30 | SNACK | SNACK | SNACK |
| 11:30-12:15 | MINI TENNIS | MINI TENNIS | MINI TENNIS |
| 12:15-12:45 | LUNCH | LUNCH | LUNCH |
| 12:45-1:30 | DANCING | DANCING | DANCING |
| 1:30-2:30 | WATER FUN | WATER FUN | WATER FUN |

- Children must be between the ages of 4 and 6yrs.
- The children must be capable of feeding themselves, changing their clothes and using the bathroom unsupervised.
- In the interests of safety and quality for your children there is a maximum number of 8 children per day so please sign up to avoid disappointment. A three child minimum is required to run each day.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount. Cancellations up to 24hrs before will be charged 50%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activity camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or offsite or travel to or from the Club.



GYM:

Many thanks for all your positive feedback regards the new BC gym. As we now have a larger, brighter gym it is important to try and maximize its benefit for both the members and the Club.



As a first step to improve the fitness services we can offer to members I would like to introduce Sandy, a freelance personal trainer who will be using the Club and specifically the BC gym as a base to work from.

Sandy has experience as a Fitness Industry Consultant, Manager, Gym Owner, Personal Trainer and is a former NZ Super Bantamweight Muay Thai Champion.

For all her fighting prowess Sandy is still a lovely woman and is already used by a number of BC members who speak very highly of her.

Sandy will tailor a fitness program specifically for you to attain your own fitness goals. Most importantly she will give a **free fitness consultation**, approx. 1hr, where she can meet with you, discuss your goals and assess your fitness.



She will also provide **discounted Fitness Age Assessments Bt.500, normally Bt.1200, till the end of January**. A Fitness Age Assessment is a tool to measure your body, cardio, flexibility and strength fitness compared to your age and is a tool used by most fitness professionals worldwide.

On a slightly different but still gym related note. Many of you have commented and even used the new BC punch bag. Feedback has been positive and member comments have been taken on board. It is obviously a popular piece of equipment though perhaps not quite right for the space we have. As such we are looking to replace the punch bag with a new one which sits on the floor and takes up less space. We are therefore looking to sell the BC Bag and would welcome any offers of Bt.6000 or thereabouts, the bag retails at Bt.15,000.

I hope you all have a prosperous new year.

Regards

Paul



‘RULES BRITANNIAE’

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

BRINGING IN FOOD



DID YOU KNOW... Food and other refreshments may not be brought into the Club premises with the exception of special dietary foods such as baby formulae. Members caught doing so may be suspended from Membership.

See Bylaw 8 (f) for details.

TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

In partnership with



St. Andrews
International School



Dear BCTS,

Happy New Year!

I trust you all had a Merry Christmas and a suitably Happy New Year. It's great to see that the Mayans had decided that perhaps they'd planned far enough ahead for the time being and would wait for a bit before planning more rather than predicting the world actually ending.

MATCHES:

The BCTS only had 1 fixture last month out of the 3 originally scheduled. We hosted the Singapore Cricket Club on the morning of Saturday 8th December. The BCTS team worked very hard at making the SCC look good and their efforts didn't go unrewarded with almost a clean sweep for the visiting team. Lunch followed and a fair amount of socializing over the new fine ale addition, Old Speckled Hen.



At the time of going to press we have nothing lined up match wise for January. However the next few months will prove busy as it is yet again time for;



Members of the British Club are invited to take part in the 2013 British Club Tennis Championships. Events are being held for:

- Ladies' Singles • Ladies' Doubles • Men's Singles • Men's Doubles • Mixed Doubles • Under 17 Singles
- Under 13 Singles • Junior Doubles

There will also be a Plate Competition for each event provided that there are at least eight entrants in that event. All players who have played just one game, regardless of which round, will qualify for entry to the Plate.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6:00 PM on Friday, 11 JANUARY 2013

The draw will be posted on the Tennis Section Notice Board in the Suriwong Sala on Sunday, 13 January, together with the names and phone numbers of all entrants. Players will not be notified individually.

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| First Round Matches by: | 03 February 2013 |
| Second Round Matches by: | 24 February 2013 |
| Quarter Finals by: | 10 March 2013 |
| Semi Finals by: | 24 March 2013 |

FINALS AND PLATE FINALS WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY, 23 MARCH 2013

This year's main sponsor is Absolute Hotel Services who have kindly sponsored Bt.60,000 of hotel stays and restaurant vouchers.



In an attempt to reduce the carbon footprint of the BCTS Championships there will not be individual entry forms but a single ENTRY FORM/SIGNUP SHEET at the fitness center. You can see who has entered and with whom, who needs a partner and also register your own entry in one easy go. You can also email an entry to me (paul@britishclubbangkok.org) and I shall fill in the appropriate spaces in the form. The information required is **name, Club #, email address and phone number.**

I look forward to your entries.

Paul

SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge

Assassination in Hong Kong with Tony Austin and Jackie Chan

League news and Tom Kelly has once again won the Premier League. That's every month for the last three years and we've had enough. Thus, at a recent Squash Section Committee Meeting it was unanimously decided that he be prevented from playing in anymore leagues at the BCB, or anywhere else for that matter. Bobby, who'd got upset that some of the staff were mentioned in last month's Bits, stating it was inappropriate, while not revealing that the real reason he felt awkward about it was that it had exposed him as being the one who'd been foolishly 'lending' them money and even more stupidly expecting to get it back, and it is he who's been having a fling with the mincer on reception, and it was Bob himself who was caught sleeping with one of the cleaners in the bogs,



Civil takes 2nd while CWE looks on enviously!



CWE & H with Nick Matthew world no. 2!

asked how we could possibly stop King Kelly from playing in the leagues as he's a fully paid-up member and, as such, has every right to enter and play each month. A good point, which left Captain Wally Evans aghast as it was he who'd suggested that Tom be banned from the leagues because ever since he's been competing in them CWE hasn't won once. What to do? Well, Peter 'Cornflakes' Cornio came up with a brilliant solution



Decrepit, but still loveable!



Don't tell Tom!

to which the whole committee immediately concurred. Cornflakes told us that his boyfriend's brother's next-door neighbour was a hitman and that for 10K - about 200 nicker - we could have Tom Kelly eliminated. This sounded perfect so we all put a grand into the Tom Kelly Assassination Fund meaning we had 6K towards having him killed and we then set up a website to raise the extra cash. So, if you play in the Premier Squash League and are sick of seeing it won by Tom (or just don't like him) go to www.killkelly.com and make a donation. When we have the full amount we'll contact the assassin and get the job done. It shouldn't be too difficult as we know what Tom looks like and where he works. Just a warning though, if you're reading this, don't you dare tell Tom that he's about to be bumped-off as he might take steps to avoid it and that'll mean we'll be wasting our money as, apparently, this hitman Peter's fella knows doesn't give refunds, and, furthermore, if we find out you've grassed us up we may just start another collection and have you killed. And, finally, if you think that having Tom terminated just because he always wins the squash league is going too far please consider the only alternative, which is allowing H to resume playing in the leagues which will mean that he wins it every month which will result in his assassination



HK-wet, chilly, but with beer!



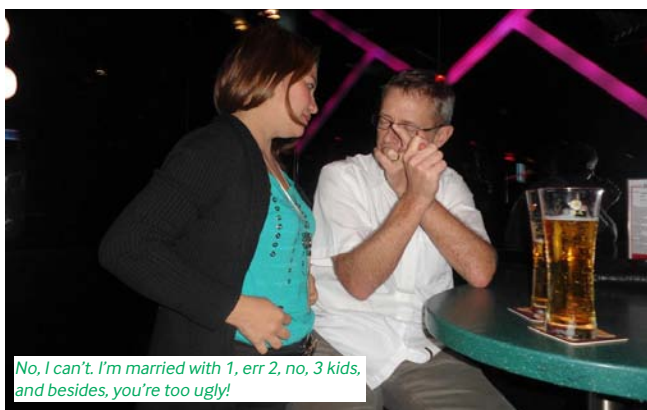
Hulk Hogan, Sister Dolly, JCS, Deano, Racoon, Cornio, Marv, Shazar!



Jackie Chan-best old player!

which will cost more. This is because H is of Indian/Pakistani origin and so has dark skin and the hitman has quoted us 15K to have him knocked-off as he said it'll be more difficult because he'll be harder to see in the dark and he may mistake a local Thai lad for him and end up wasting bullets. You see, it's far safer and less costly to just have Tom done.

In the meantime, by sheer coincidence, Tom and H, along with CWE and Deano, took a trip to watch some professional squash at the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open where it rained and was chilly. They watched the squash, drank some beer and took some photos with some pros. Well, at least CWE did. They also managed to get the odd pic with some of the players.



No, I can't. I'm married with 1, err 2, no, 3 kids, and besides, you're too ugly!

Now on to Tony Austin's involvement: Jackie Chan, Civil War, Tom Godfrey and his Sister Dolly, Ozzy Osbourne, Captain Wally Evans, Jumping JCS, Bobby the Failed Loan Shark, Micky 'Track' Marshall, Torville and Dean, Chris' Children, Hulk Hogan, Shazar and her boyfriend John and his 2 litre Capri, DJ Marv, Frank Sinatra, Ken the Albatross and Monkey Madge all lined up on

a Sunday morning to play an over 40's comp in TA's honour. Actually, this used to be a comp for over 45s, but dropping it to 40s drew more interest and two groups of eight were drawn with the winners of each one to meet in a fabulous final finale. Before that tripe though, those who didn't play deserve to be ridiculed: Ken forgot to arrive - a senior moment at work there; Cornflakes is too decrepit to play anymore, but is good with the organising so we still love him; Den, at 31 or so, is too immature, in every sense, and, according to his mum, is still a virgin; Tom Kelly aint old enough yet, though he would be in a few years if he weren't being assassinated in the next fortnight. Chris Settle is too tall to get through the court doors, and Gary Bain is too young, too sexy, and too fit and firm (Peter likes him!) to be eligible; Rat aint yet 40; Mason couldn't afford the 350 baht (7 quid!) entrance fee and any others who didn't play either weren't invited or are dead! Anyway, after dozens of awesome,



Tony Austin Finalists!



Tony Austin OAP's!

age-handicapped matches (oldies favoured) Civil and Jackie Chan met in the final which was so good there aren't the words to describe it, suffice to say that Jackie won and was crowned 'BCB Tony Austin Squash Oldie 2012'. Well done Ja, and well played David and all who dared during a delightful day of OAP squash, filled with cruel, yet affectionate, banter, potentially fatal post-match junk food and deliciously cool beer, all superbly organised by Cornio in Tony's name and thoroughly enjoyed by the top-class BCB squashes. The end!

Next month's pack of lies, half-truths and total tripe will include CCTV footage of Tom's assassination. Can't wait. Until then.

HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



After a glorious start to the new season as reported last month, BC cricket fans will no doubt be eagerly anticipating yet more tales of gallant deeds in this New Year edition of Hard Balls. But unfortunately things haven't quite gone according to plan.

Over the weekend of November 17/18 the BC was privileged to be invited to play in the inaugural RBSC season opener T10 competition along with 5 other top Bangkok teams. This is a new format of just 10 overs a side but with a full complement of 11 players. Our combined wisdom was that 70 or 80 would be an OK score, 100 very good. The Siam Parrots impressively knocked up 105 for the loss of 1 wicket (bowled Nick White) in our first group match and basically from then on it was downhill. When BC batted, only Sailesh (24 off 18 balls) and Dale (13 off 10) were able to get going and much heaving and missing saw BC finish on 52 for 8 to go down by 53 runs.

After a tournament dinner at RBSC, the next morning's games were taking a bit longer than scheduled and so to speed things up BC's second match against RBSC was reduced to 10 five ball overs which proved to be even more difficult to master. This time no one managed double figures and our score of 33 for 6 off 54 balls was knocked off by the hosts in only 13 balls, a certain Mr Yazeer hitting 5 huge consecutive 6s.

This meant that BC qualified for the losers' final against the Southerners. By now half the BC team had disappeared to play football and we were down to 5 players having to make up a team by roping in bystanders, but the match was mercifully further reduced to just 5 overs. The 5 surviving bowlers were smacked for 47 runs and then it was another procession to 23 for 7, BC losing by 24 runs. Only David Dance this time got into double figures (11).

RBSC were terrific hosts, and the atmosphere at the Polo Club was great with around 70 cricketers getting together to enjoy this social tournament. BC was missing some key players and simply did not have the all-round power to match our opponents. In three matches we scored 108 for 21 off 23 overs (average 5.1 at 4.7 runs/over) whilst the opposition scored 189 for 2 off 17 overs (average 94.5 at 11.1 runs/over). It just wasn't our weekend!

T10 memories were soon cast aside as BC set off on another van trip to the seaside to play the first of a planned series of three matches against the Pattaya Cricket Club. We had hoped to play this on the new ground being laid out at the Polo Club but bad weather has held work up and we were back at Horseshoe Point, our familiar haunting ground.

Our results in Pattaya have been rather mixed, mainly because they can put out 3 teams ranking from very good league



standard to veteran has-beens and are never quite sure what BC is going to turn up with. On this occasion, BC was let down by some late pull-outs and struggled to get a team together whilst PCC decided to give some of their better players a run to prepare for their league season. The result was that the oldest team BC has ever fielded, average age 51.5 years, took on a PCC team with a sprinkling of very good youngsters.

But you never know with cricket. BC had a pretty good bowling line-up and this was Rahul's first match in charge as vice-captain in skipper Dale's absence. The format agreed was 25 overs and PCC batted first.

To be fair, apart from the now familiar problem of 19 wides, we didn't bowl badly and our fielding was surprisingly sprightly. The problem was that 3 of PCC's star batmen all biffed fast 40s, the retiring score, and they were 128 for 1 at the drinks break off just 12 overs. After the break wickets fell at regular intervals with Rahul (2 for 24), Andy (1 for 45), Speddo (1 for 41), Sailesh (2 for 25) and Jack (1 for 24) all sharing the spoils. A final score



of 197 for 7 was a great effort after the early mauling. Rahul seemed to be in the right place all the time, picking up more catches (4) in one match than anyone has achieved in all matches in any of last three seasons. None of BC's four wicket keepers were available for this match and Bruce bravely put on the gloves for the first time in his life. He took a stumping, conceded only 6 byes, and turned in a great performance.

Admittedly, it wasn't with high hopes that BC set about scoring the 198 needed for victory at nearly 8 an over, and it was soon clear that PCC had some very handy bowlers. Only Colin (13) in the top order was able get into double figures and at BC's 12 over drink break we were a modest 44 for 6, still wanting 154 at nearly 12 an over!

This was certainly not to be. Bruce was cruelly run out after the break and so Chairman Phil and veteran Ray chose to save BC a bit of face by playing out the overs. Both enjoyed a bit of batting practice and played very sensibly, Phil ending up undefeated and top scorer with 23 and Ray fending off 33 balls for a hard-earned 7 not out.

82 for 7 meant defeat by 115 runs. Glory this was not. But neither was it shame. The old'uns had kept their heads up and put in some good performances, and certainly outplayed the youngsters in the after-match beer session. The van trip back to Bangkok was as raucous as ever.

Much more appropriately, four BC players, Nick, Sailesh, David Dance and Vaughan played against a touring Malaysian over-55 team at the TCG during the T10 weekend. Unfortunately, we do not have the score sheet but this was a wonderfully gentle game with the Malaysians scoring about 99 off their 25 overs and the home team knocking them off with an over or two to spare. Nick, David and Sailesh all contributed to a tight bowling performance. If only we could find some more genuinely veteran teams to play!



BCGS GOLFING NEWS



Monthly Medal: Royal Golf & Country Club November 25, 2012

A field of 12 golfers competed for the British Club's Monthly Medal in November, with prizes awarded for the low net score across the two Flights. In Flight B, the overall eclectic leader Ian Thornhill scored a net 72 to beat Pete Gale and Barry Ashman into the minor placings. In flight A, Randall Coleman and Mark Evans both shot net 70s. Mark won on the count back and now leads by a hair in the Flight A eclectic, going in to the final round. Gordon Milne took third place.

At the same time, the finals of the year-long Match Play knockout competition were being contested by BCGS stalwarts and multiple "major" winners David Lamb and Andrew McLean. The Cup has returned to Mr Lamb after a very hard fought match that ended at 3 & 2. Congratulations to both players. The match play event also has a consolation bracket, where players who were knocked out of earlier rounds contest the Plate. Frank Fawkes beat out Chris Brader for this year's honours.

DeeMed Trophy: Inaugural Trophy, Ambassador Cup & SUAL Bell Majestic & Railway Courses Hua Hin December 8 & 9

This ever popular event, with its pithy title of DeeMed Trophy, Ambassador Cup, Inaugural Trophy & SUAL Bell, was again a great success. The first three events (Committee against the Members and Stableford competitions, split between higher and lower handicaps) was held at the unpretentious but ever pleasing Majestic Creek Golf Course. The individual Stableford events, the Inaugural and the Ambassador, were won by Karen Carter and Ed Ashman with 34 and 36 points, respectively. Well played both. The match between the Members and the Committee, for the DeeMed Trophy, was played at the same-same time and was comfortably won by the Members, in spite of Karen's good form and Brian's able support.

The other event was against GCL for the SUAL Bell, in combination with Stableford match play at the old Railway Course in downtown Hua Hin. Fittingly, given our propensity to lose inter-society competitions this year, GCL prevailed by 5 games to 2. However, all was soon forgotten as the teams enjoyed an excellent barbecue at Ben and Pensiree's beach house later that evening.



*David and Andrew showing great camaraderie
after their Match Play Final*



*Ian has been in top form all year in Flight B;
here he wins the November Medal*

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Mark, pictured left, was the eventual winner of Flight A in November



Barry Ashman, as the senior member, is awarded the DeeMed Trophy on behalf of the members



KC wins the Ambassador Cup, or was it the Inaugural Trophy?



Ed Ashman wins the Inaugural Trophy, or was it the Ambassador Cup?



SUAL Bell competitors at Thailand's oldest golf course, known as the Railway Course



Karen Carter sizes up her putt, or rather her caddie sizes up her putt at Majestic Creek

JANUARY QUIZ NIGHT

including the MONTHLY JACKPOT



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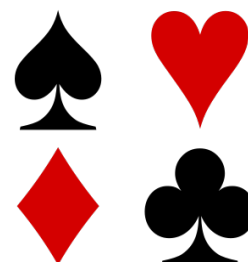


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BRIDGE

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Bridge Results for October & November 2012

| EVENT | RANK | NAME (PAIR) | SCORE% |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Sunday 21st October (13 pairs) | 1 st | Watana & Nakako | 59.58% |
| | Tied 2 nd | Supote & Siriporn | 57.50% |
| | Tied 2 nd | Dr. Prasart & Prasert | 57.50% |
| Tuesday 30th October (5 pairs) | 1 st | Supote & Prarop | 75.00% |
| | 2 nd | Manthanee & Chakramon | 55.00% |
| Sunday 4th November (10 pairs) | 1 st | Lynn & Mike Wiss | 62.04% |
| | 2 nd | Prarop & Surawit | 56.48% |
| Sunday 11th November (18 pairs) | 1 st | Watana & Surawit | 62.80% |
| | 2 nd | Helmer & Maud | 58.04% |

Thailand Club Pairs Championship 2012

On Sunday, 18th November, the BCB Bridge Section co-hosted a second national event with CBLT for the Thailand Club Pairs Championship 2012. 54 die hard Bridge players turned out for the tournament, with play starting at 10am. At the end of the day's bloodletting, the tournament was won by Khunying Chodchoy and Somchai. Our Bridge Section chairman, Jeremy Watson, was runner-up with his Norwegian partner Terje, and 3rd position went to our Sunday regulars Helmer and Hanne. Congratulations to everyone.

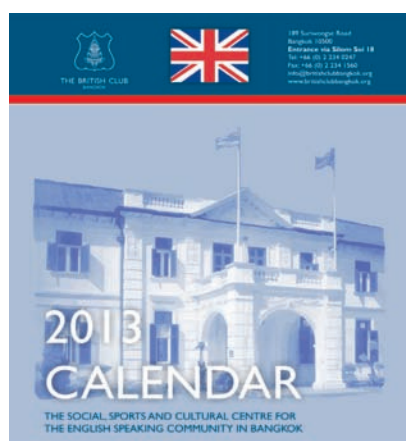


Full House



Pre-Start Banter

BRITISH CLUB CALENDAR 2013



Keep track of the days, make a note of engagements
Plan in advance, Thai holidays at a glance
Stay organised throughout the year

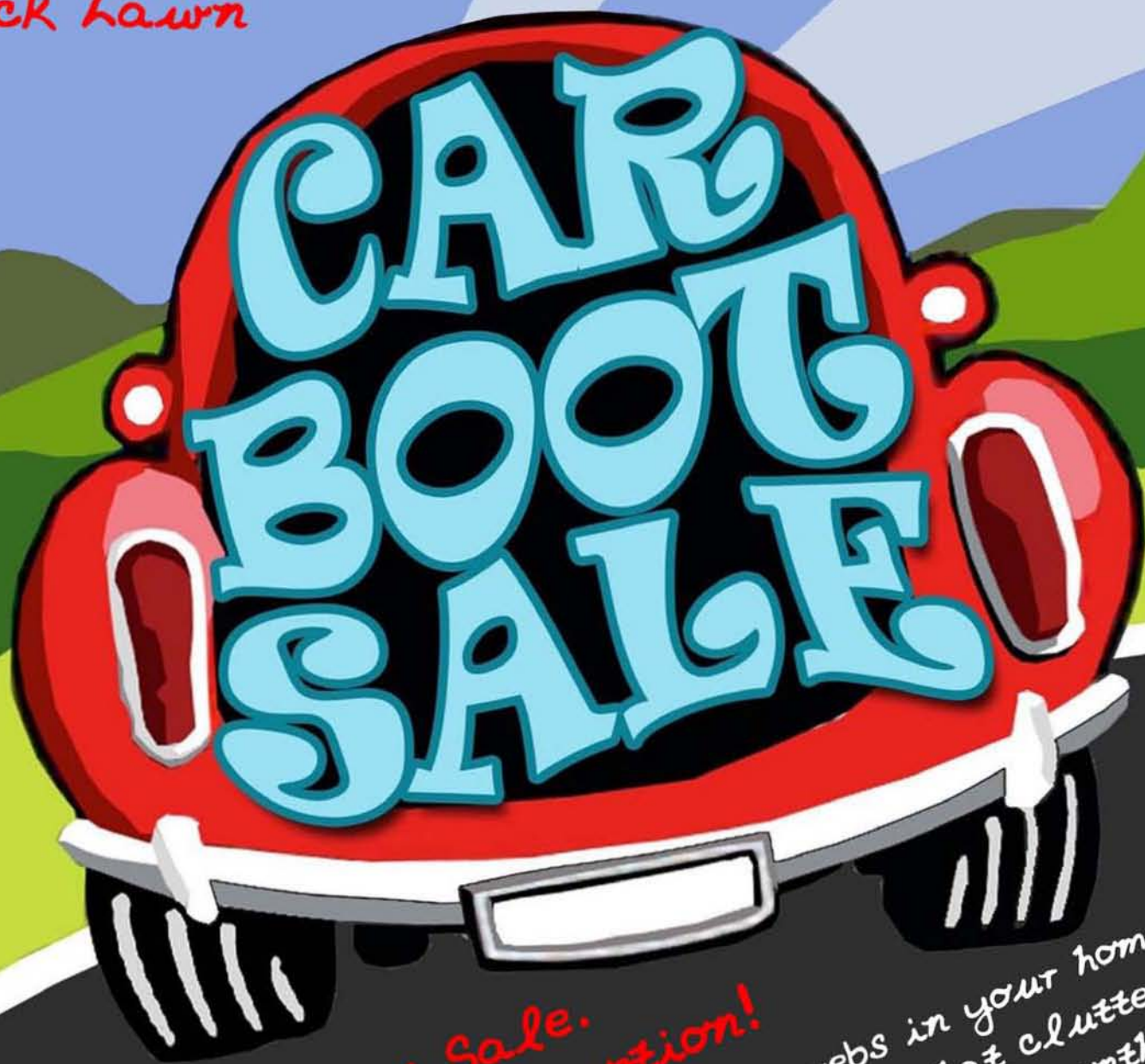
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32nd STC INTERPORT

Owing to a combination of family and work commitments, together with a last-minute illness, eventually only one member of the Club, Roger Willbourn, was able to make the trek to Borneo to participate in the **32nd STC Interport** Balut tournament, held on 23/24 November. The host club this year was The Kinabalu Yacht Club, whose beautiful seaside clubhouse and grounds are located just 15 minutes drive south of Kota Kinabalu town centre. With Amy Teo, well-known to those Bangkok Baluteers who have participated in previous Interports, as the head of the Organising Committee, the KYC's hospitality and management of the tournament were as perfect as one has come to expect.

Greatly assisted by the attractive location of the KYC clubhouse, the dinners and entertainment on both the Friday and Saturday evenings were superb and it was an opportunity for Roger to meet dozens of old friends from the Baluting communities of Singapore and Sabah – and to receive best wishes from them to all those British Club Balut Section members who were unable to be present. There was a record turn-out this year: 180 participants in 45 teams, from 17 different Clubs – including some newcomers such as The Jesselton Team and the Sandakan Yacht Club, as well as past but infrequent attendees from The Manila Yacht Club and the Kudat Golf Club. Everyone had great fun, both at the social events and during the tournament on the Saturday afternoon – one can report, almost incidentally, that the Chivas Regal Challenge Cup for the winners, scoring 3270, went to one of the seven teams entered by the host club but the individual overall highest score (921) was achieved by a young lady novice baluteer from the Jesselton Team. Roger's British Club Team was fortified by three Kinabalu players, roped in for the event – he and his 'guest' British Club players had great fun but hardly covered themselves in glory, coming two-thirds of the way down the order of Teams, once the final scores had been totted up; mai pen rai. Under the influence, no doubt, of the veritable tsunami of whisky, beer and wine consumed during the two day event, the assembled throng loudly proclaimed their desire to visit the Philippines next year. So the 33rd STC Interport will be hosted by the Manila Yacht Club, on some weekend in late November 2013. We hope that the availability of direct flights (in contrast with Kota Kinabalu) and the assured child-friendly club environment, will result in many more participants from our Club next year. Interports are always tremendous fun to attend and generate some of the best two-day parties available in south-east Asia; so, as soon as we know the exact dates, block them off in your diaries and book those flights!



This photo shows the British Club Bangkok team showing, from L to R:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Reina Yin | ('loaned' from Kinabalu Yacht Club) | 35th, 802 points |
| Roger Willbourn | ('Jammy' from BCB Section) | 134th, 725 points |
| Alissa Chew | ('loaned' from Kinabalu Yacht Club) | 138th, 719 points |
| Michael Moo | ('loaned' from Kinabalu Golf Club) | 107th, 740 points |



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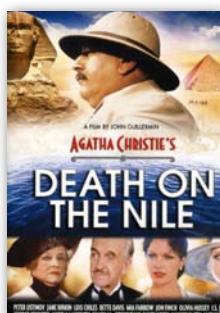


On 31 December, we saw the last presentation from the four-year running Monday Night Club (MNC) which was originally developed as a vehicle for people who love detective/crime/murder stories to watch selections from his collection. Now that MNC has wound up, the slot will continue and there will be a new direction for Monday evenings, which may take the form of sleuth programmes, or comedy, or documentary, or current affairs. Or maybe even a category requested by a group of members.

Half of December's MNC were TV episodes which featured David Suchet as the legendary Hercule Poirot, that Belgian master of the little gray cells created by Agatha Christie and loved the world over.

This month, therefore, we continue with Hercule Poirot in 3 movie productions and played by actors other than David Suchet, for interest, comparison, but mostly because Hercule Poirot is just so watchable! Although we recently watched the TV version of 'Murder on the Orient Express', the movie version is included here as it is the only time that an actor playing Poirot was nominated for an Oscar, and it is an excellent film as well, a good contrast to the TV production.

Suggestions or requests for Monday Night Media can be emailed to outpost@britishclubbangkok.org



7th January: Death on the Nile

Almost everyone aboard the S.S. Kamak, which is cruising gently along the Nile, has a reason to want rich heiress Linnet Ridgeway dead. Whether it's for her jewels, her meanness, her lawsuits, or her fiancée, there are many murder suspects for Hercule Poirot to consider when she is found dead. But can he find the culprit before they reach port?

Directed by John Guillermin, and starring Peter Ustinov as Hercule Poirot, with Maggie Smith, David Niven, Angela Lansbury, Mia Farrow, Bette Davis, Jane Birkin and more.



14th January: Evil under the Sun

Hercule Poirot is called in when a dead woman's body is found on a moor and then an important diamond, sent to be insured, turns out to be a fake. At a tropical island hotel, he finds the woman was hated for many reasons - refusing to do a stage show, stopping a book, and for having an open affair. Poirot must find out who took their hate further ...

Directed by Guy Hamilton and starring Peter Ustinov as Hercule Poirot, with Maggie Smith, Roddy McDowall, Sylvia Miles, James Mason, Diana Rigg, Jane Birkin and more.



21st January: Murder on the Orient Express

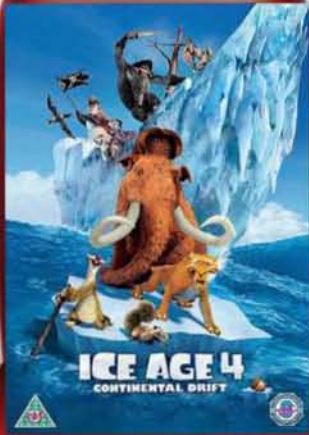
The Orient Express is full as it leaves Istanbul for London, including Hercule Poirot. Stuck in snow during the night going over the Balkans, a passenger is found murdered, with no immediate suspects. While the train stands immobile, Poirot exercises his little gray cells and tries to determine who committed the murder, and why.

Directed by Sidney Lumet and starring Albert Finney as Hercule Poirot, with Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery, John Gielgud, Vanessa Redgrave and more.

28th January: The Club is closed for the Staff Annual Party

KIDS MOVIES

January 2013
Fridays, Silom Sala, 6pm



4th January
Ice Age 4
Continental Drift



11th January
Brave



18th January
A Monster in Paris



25th January
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