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**FRONT COVER**

After 35 consecutive defeats, BC's cricketers won at last and then sustained an unbeaten run in Pattaya with a little bit of help from the heavens! The cover photo shows how hard the rain was, and is for those of you feeling drab and washed out after the festive season!

EDITOR'S GREETING

Dear Members,

I hope you've all had a good Christmas and festive season. This issue is rushed out mid-month because of the NY holidays, but I hope you enjoy the colourful articles inside.

As mentioned on my page, any contributions to the magazine would be warmly received. Make 2015 the year you begin to become a writer, but choose a decent topic to be sure!

Happy New Year to all Outpost readers.

Ed.



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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

December is the busiest month of the year for us, and this year is no different. Our staff have performed magnificently and I hope you have all enjoyed visiting the Club. The Annual Ball was a great success with more than 160 people, and this year we did our own catering in-house again and the food was really so good. Also the Boss Band were excellent and it was fantastic to see so many dancing late into the night!

We are now preparing for Christmas Day when we have bookings for almost 400 people over lunch and dinner. It has become a very popular event with a Buffet Lunch and Dinner at the Club, some say it is the best value traditional feast in Bangkok and maybe because the number of bookings keeps increasing every year. This year for the first time we have a sponsor, British Airways, with an amazing prize of two return business class seats to Heathrow. Another successful event is the New Year Dinner Cruise, and the bookings went very fast and it is almost full.

After this busy month, in January we will take our staff on a trip and close the Club for one day. It will be on Monday 19th January, and there will be no staff at the Club to look after you with F&B, towels, or any supervision poolside. Members still can use the tennis courts, swimming pool, squash courts, changing rooms and of course the lawns.

The lift for Members with mobility problems is installed and operational, it will help our Members



who have difficulty reaching the 1st floor to enjoy our 1910 Balcony and any functions or events on the first floor. Please ask for the key from our Reception staff. We will be putting a roof over the walkway in front of the lift both downstairs and upstairs. Access for the lift is by the fire escape next to the side entrance of the Clubhouse (at the end of the corridor) so we have renovated this area, changing the roof with new lighting and painting.

For sports news, we will have a new Yoga instructor in January - please check with Khun Amnat or the Fitness Centre staff. A mailing will be going out about this before the end of the month. We will also be offering private swimming lessons.

This new year, we will be having the monks ceremony on Monday 12th January for the blessing of the Club. Any Member is welcome to attend.

I look forward to see you around the Club and wish you all a very Happy New Year holiday with a healthy and prosperous 2015.



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah

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

1910 Balcony

3pm - 11pm (Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm)

Accounts Office

9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Closed (Sat-Sun)

Neilson Hays Coffee Shop

9am - 6pm

Fitness Centre

6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)

Churchill Bar

10am - 12midnight

Fitness Centre

6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)

Poolside Bar

6:15am - 11pm
Last food orders 9:30pm

Thai Massage

10am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)

CAR BOOT SALE

A time to turn unwanted items into cash.

Bt 200
a table for
vendors

Special edition
**Sunday
18th
January
2015**

**No entry charge
for visitors**

Really great
SALES

Limited time

**2pm
6pm**
Back Lawn

SALES

A chance to clear out
the cobwebs in your home.

An excuse to get rid of all
the clutter amassed
over the last 6 months.

AND...
An opportunity to pick up
a bargain or two in the process!



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HAPPENINGS

This month our printer will be closing for a long New Year holiday, so Outpost is being hurried through so as to be delivered before mid-January, so I may still have time to wish you all a happy and rewarding 2015 and that whatever your dreams are, they may be fulfilled. 2014 has been a wonderful year, but there are never high spots without low spots and luckily this year the low spots were less extreme than the high ones, which is a great relief!

November closed with a well-attended Thanksgiving Buffet, followed the next day by the Xmas Wine-Tasting with 11 companies crowded into 3 rooms, lots of people and lots of wine being boxed up and carried out, so I guess you're all having a wonderful and wild month! December started off well with the evening of Christmas Carols on the Back Lawn which was wonderful, there was a BBQ buffet available this year, and the school children from St Andrews and their parents and teachers had a good time. It was disappointing that so few Club Members showed up for what is an unusual and delightful evening performance. Not so many days later there was this year's Annual Ball with a really good turnout - the busiest in-house catered ball we've had, the meal was supported by a quintet playing sotto sounds to dispel amongst the chatter, and there were several surprise bottles of wine given out and the band was terrific and kept many revellers on their feet until the early hours. I won a raffle prize, I think the first thing I've ever won in Thailand, so of course that made my evening and I managed to get home in time for breakfast.

December has also seen a huge number of functions all of which have been admirably handled by Khun Somboon, Khun Kasem and their super-crew who seem to have no difficulty setting up for 300 people one evening and then dismantling in time to do a completely different function the next day. Truly committed staff they are, and still they can provide service at a do like the Ball with smiles on their faces. We are lucky to have such a great team. There have been quite a few weddings, a German TV production for three days filming with an entirely Thai crew, and last night a massive charity concert and dinner by the Club's bankers, Standard Chartered which was attended by a huge range of the glitterati and raised an enormous amount of funding for charity.



Jeremy de Sausmarez

**Events & Marketing
Manager**

We've still got Christmas Day (sponsored by British Airways) and the New Year's Eve Dinner Cruise to go, with a refreshing and invigorating Polar Swim on New Year's Day to get our circulation going for 2015. Mid January there's the Car Boot Sale for you to clear out all the unwanted nonsense accumulated before or during the season, and on 19th January the Club closes for the Staff Party, when the Club can be used but with no service nor supervision.

This issue of Outpost has slightly extended sections - a lot of photos from the Annual Ball (when the new lift was officially opened) and extra large sections for tennis and cricket. Members ask me from time to time why Outpost doesn't include interviews with Members or stories or reviews and so forth. I would love to incorporate such a varied writing, but I am still waiting for the budding and/or repressed journalists amongst you to write in with contributions or offer your tomes to serialise. Please feel free to do so, and how about a crossword designer?

Quite a few Members have accidentally unsubscribed from the Club's mailing list, only to find they miss out on knowing what is going on. If you think this may have happened to you and you're not getting the emails, please let me know directly and I can reactivate your name on the list.

Twice in the last 10 days, cars in the Club car park have been hit by others reversing and not stopping in time. This is grossly offensive and inconsiderate too, so please park carefully within the yellow lines and don't bang the car next to you when you open your doors. Car park stickers are being ignored - don't complain if you get refused entry!

Overall, it's been a great year thanks to you coming to the Club and the continuous drive of the GC with Khun Prem. Let's make next year even better - best wishes to you all!

Business Luncheons

5th January - 9th January 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Mini Steak

Served with Mixed Vegetables, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Sauce

or

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce

Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

Grilled -Chicken Breast Tarragon Creame Sauce

Served with French Beans, Carrot and Sautéed Potatoes

or

Tom Kha Gai

(A Refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)

Phad Kraprao Moo Sab

(Stir-fried Minced Pork with Hot Basil and Chilli)

Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo

(Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)

19th January - 23rd January 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Carrot, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Chicken Maryland with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet Corn, Bacon and Home-fried Potatoes

or

Pan-fried Dory Fish in Orange and Butter Sauce

Served with French Beans, Carrot and Mashed Potatoes

or

B.B.Q. Pork Neck

Served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potatoes

or

Tom Kha Gai

(A refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)

Phad Kraprao Moo Sab

(Stir-fried Minced Pork with Hot Basil and Chilli)

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

12th January - 16th January 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Salmon Fish Cakes

Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Chicken Stew in Red Wine Sauce

French Onion, Peas, Carrot and Mashed Potato

or

Fillet of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce

Served with Grilled Zucchini and Coriander Rice

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 Sauce)

Pad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

26th January - 30th January 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Smoked Fish Salad with Lime and Chilli dressing

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Mixed Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Fried Onion

or

Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes.

or

Grilled Sea Bass

Served with Spinach Risotto

or

Tom Yam Goong

(Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)

Gai Phad Khing

(Stir-fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion and Fungus Mushrooms)

Tod Mun Pla

(Deep-fried Fishcakes)

F&B MORSELS

What a month it has been. Quite a number of weddings, many functions, a fantastic Annual Ball, and we expect that Christmas Day and New Year's Eve will be much the same. My staff are very tired! The late cool season has meant the kitchens have been very hot.

In January, the Saturday Buffets in The Verandah start again and I have chosen the ones which get the best response to start the year off. I am always happy to consider buffets with a different theme, so if you have any particular choices you would like, please let me know.

The orders for Christmas food have been good again this year so we will have an excess of turkey for many different types of dishes next month. Anybody who still wants the Christmas menu can order it and we will be able to provide it. We will also continue with strawberry cake which has been very popular indeed.



Khun Laak

Executive Chef

For functions, we can include items from the Snack Menu or the Set Menus on tables. Please ask specifically when you book your function with Khun Somboon.

My staff and I wish you and your families a wonderful 2015. Keep sending me feedback and we will do our best to meet your requests.

Happy Eating!

Strawberry Daiquiri



Cocktail
of the month
January

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Bt 100**

Don't forget ...Afternoon Tea is available from 3pm!

LET IT SNOW!

An evening with Christmas Carols

Our festive month opened on 3rd December with the soft voices of the choir from St Andrews International School, Sathorn Campus. Almost fifty students were on the stepped stage, guided by their Head of Music Edward Stein and backed by a four-piece wind quartet which gave a depth and resonance to their tremulous recital.

The evening was attended by many students' parents, teachers, and there was a presence of Club Members and staff. The programme was full of well-known carols as well as some lesser known but equally delightful Christmas tunes.

With mulled wine, mince pies and a buffet standing in for the chilly weather one normally expects with carols evenings, the evening was a warming and engaging reminder of the beauty and happiness of Christmas as seen through the eyes of children. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





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A GLITTERING DARKNESS

Annual Ball 2014

Mozart's concertos for harp and flute wafted across the front lawn as almost two hundred guests arrived for the pre-dinner reception. Most looked well dressed up for the evening, and the staff matched their crisp and colourful attire with attentive service for canapés and an open bar. This year we were honoured to have the Ambassadors from all four core nationalities attending, as well as members of the General Committee past and present. The hand-to-hand lengths of raffle tickets were snapped up, and the chatter and laughter grew.

During the half hour when everyone moved to the Back Lawn for dinner, a small group including HE Mark Kent, the British Ambassador, diverted to formally open the Club's new lift for the physically challenged which will help many Members to access the wine-tastings and other events upstairs.

The dinner opened with a welcome from the MC, which included a couple of surprise free bottles of wine for those who knew the founding year of the Club or who had a fountain pen. The royal and loyal toasts were led by the British Ambassador and were followed by the saying of grace by the Vicar of Christ Church. Then the dinner, prepared in the Club kitchens by Khun Laak's team, was brought out, the biggest in-house catered Ball so far. And it was good, accompanied by a quintet on stage playing background classical 'hits'. Midway the MC disrupted the seating for a chair marked to win a bottle of sparkling wine, and after dessert the raffle prizes were chosen and announced. The Boss Band started shortly thereafter, commanding a great number on the dance floor until 1am when they finished and everyone still present gobbled up the early breakfast, some staying on until dawn broke. It was a great evening, and so tiresome that we need to wait a year until the next











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BANGKOK

“BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE”

SILOM SALA AREAS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

As Members are aware the last ‘major’ project in enhancing our Club is the area around the Silom Sala including the Squash Courts, the Children’s Playground and the Children’s Swimming Pool. As this is a major project, a large amount of work has been completed since the Annual General Meeting last year approved the concept of the work ... we are now nearing the stage of final Member approval to proceed ... but we need your active support to do this. Here is what we have done and where you can help.

The First Stage – The First EGM

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held in August 2014, the concept design for the Silom Sala Areas Redevelopment was approved in principle and your General Committee was requested to engage in further consultation with all interested Members including non-voting categories to solicit additional feedback. After consulting the Membership, which is further outlined below, minor revisions were made to the scheme and the design was re-presented to the General Committee at their December Meeting.

The General Committee at this meeting has agreed that the scheme, which incorporates some changes following Member consultation, will now be presented to the Membership and we will be calling a final focus group presentation in January, the date and time of which will be announced, prior to the calling of a further Extraordinary General Meeting to gain approval which will be held during February.

The Second Stage - Focus Groups and Feedback Forms

Before explaining the amendments that have been made, it is worth noting that four Focus Group

sessions took place in September and October 2014 involving the Squash and Tennis Sections plus specific other sessions targeted to Families and Sports generally. In addition, 112 feedback forms were received from seven categories of membership including non-voting Members.

Whilst there is clearly a difference of opinion between Members encouraging the incorporation of family facilities (i.e. a family room, a Children’s club and a teen’s zone, which would assist in attracting new Club Members), and those who do not support the incorporation of such spaces, there were a numerous Members who responded positively to the incorporation of children’s and other family facilities whilst stating that they would not make use of the facilities as their children are now adults! The General Committee also strongly believes that it is essential to incorporate these facilities in the scheme and this is vital for the future of our Club ... at present we have 20% of our membership aged over 60 and this is not sustainable in the long term ... we are in effect building for the next generation of Club Members as our Constitution boldly sets out:

“The Club is owned by its Ordinary and Country Members for the benefit of all in the British community in Thailand, present and future”

The Third Stage - Amendments Incorporated

As a result of the Focus Group process the General Committee approved a number of amendments to be made. These are noted below along with some additional commentary:

- Maintaining the current principles of service and dining capacity of the Silom Sala together with the overall layout – the footprint of the Sala has been enlarged which increases the dining capacity and includes a Juice Bar and serving areas as well.
- Looking at the interaction between the Family Room, Silom Sala and Children's Pool and Play Areas such that views, spaces and servicing by staff is optimised – trellises have been removed and sight lines improved.
- Enhancing the landscaped screening between the Children's Play area and the Narai Hotel as well as investigating measures to deal with the control of the foul smells – additional landscaping has been incorporated into the plans though specific design and planting measures will be attended to during the design development stage.
- Developing further ideas for the Children's Playground area including equipment, soft matting etc. to ensure there is a consistent level between the areas as envisaged with the current scheme – this requires discussion with an equipment specialist which will be undertaken during the design development stage.
- Removing the steam rooms from both male and female changing rooms and utilising the space for additional lockers, and looking at the separation of wet and dry spaces – this has been incorporated.
- Considering the optimisation of viewing both into the squash courts and over the wider Club grounds from the upper level – fully glazed viewing is being considered for both squash courts on upper levels with a view across the Club's grounds also maintained. Squash Section representation will be included through the conclusion of the design so that the technical aspects that impact the squash courts are fully known.

In addition to the above, an outline specification will be made available to the Membership which will

indicate the works to be undertaken in each of the proposed areas together with a description of the works, whether the space is renovated or is newly constructed, naturally ventilated or air-conditioned, the dimensions and areas, dining capacities, toilet, shower and locker capacities as well as the general finishes to be adopted.

A recent request from the Golf Section regarding a Golf Simulator Machine is also being assessed and could likely be incorporated within the proposed multi-purpose room.

The Fourth Stage - Final Focus Group Presentation

The General Committee will be arranging a Final Focus Group meeting in early January to which all Members, voting and non-voting, will be invited and the amended scheme will be presented. We are **aiming for** this to be at **2pm on Sunday 11th January 2015 in the Suriwongse Room** ... children are also welcome!

The Final Stage – EGM & The Way Forward

Following the Final Focus Group the drawings will be finalised and the scheme presented to an EGM. The calling notice and supporting papers will be circulated in January and the meeting held in February 2015.

If the scheme is adopted at the EGM then the General Committee will look to adopt the following timeline:

- Design Development including a General Committee review at the half-way stage – end May 2015
- Construction Documentation – end of July 2015
- Tendering, Evaluation and Awards – end September 2015
- Construction and Handover – Q3 / 2016

The General Committee is looking forward to presenting the amended scheme to the membership and seeks your support to enable this remaining parcel of our Club to be redeveloped to complement and enhance the quality and appearance of the other existing Club facilities.

THE CLUB'S FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS!

General Committee 2014/2015
The British Club Bangkok
Dec 2014

“BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE”

Final Focus Group Meeting

Provisional date: 2pm, Sunday 11th January, Surawongse Room

To be confirmed via a Club mailing

BC Calendar January 15



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

29

30

31

5

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Movie 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge
'GREEN PASTURES'



6

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



7

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



12

Monks Celemony

Starts 10.30am

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

Monday Night Movie 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge
'TEN LITTLE INDIANS'



13

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



Quiz Night

7.15pm, The Verandah

14

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



19

**Club Closed
for
Staff Party**

20

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



21

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Balut Shield Night

7pm



26

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Movie 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge
'JOURNEY TO THE
CENTRE OF THE EARTH'



27

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



28

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

1

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



Polar Swim
12 noon onwards



2

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Squash Court 3
'MONSTERS UNIVERSITY'



3

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

Special French Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



4

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am



Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



8

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



9

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'DESPICABLE ME 2'

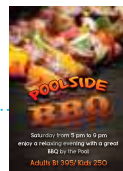


10

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

Special Italian Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



11

Swimming Lessons
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Sunday Brunch
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2pm Silom Room



15

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



16

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA'

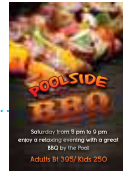


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Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

Special Tex - Mex Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



18

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room

Car Boot Sale
2pm - 6pm
Front & Back Lawn



22

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



23

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Wine Tasting
6pm Surawongse Room

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'PONYO'

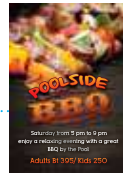


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Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

Special Canadian Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



25

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am



Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



29

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



30

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Wine Tasting
6pm - 9pm

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'SPIRITED AWAY'



31

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

Special Curry Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



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'RULES BRITANNIAE'

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

GUESTS

DID YOU KNOW...

guests may not remain at the Club after the Member by whom they were introduced has left.



**SOME CONDITIONS APPLY
SO SEE RULE 65 (A) (V) FOR DETAILS.**



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

On 9th December, in accordance with Club policy two members of the staff were awarded certificates and some gold for their long service:



Khun Prasarn, who is head Storekeeper, has been working at the Club for 20 years.



Khun Nootjaree, who is Bar Manager, has been working at the Club for 10 years.



We thank both of them for their continued commitment and for all the hard work over the years.

PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicium Melioris Aevi

We look back to the history of our Club in 2006 ...

1 As recorded last month, the Club undertook a full restorative repaint of the Clubhouse in 2005 and as a result the Association of Siamese Architects Under Royal Patronage granted us an award for this work. It was represented to our then Deputy General Manager, Khun Premrudee Tanyaluck, by H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn at a ceremony held in Muang Thong Thani ... The plaque, pictured insert, adorns the front door of the Clubhouse.

2 Development was the order of the year and an outline of ideas was put forward by a small working party under the Chairman of the General Committee. This produced a phase one concept ... the conversion of the Lord's Dining Room into a new "Churchill Bar", the redevelopment of the existing Churchill Bar, and extension onto the back lawn, to provide a new contemporary, bright, clean, leafy outlet with colonial overtones catering to members of all age groups, the partition of the existing Snooker Room to create a Membership & Business Services Room and reception, and a Snooker room with a single snooker table, and the refurbishment of the Reception area.

An EGM was called on June 6th to which 58 attended, although there were 65 Directed Proxies, and the vote to approve the scheme was carried by 72 votes to 52 votes and the authority to carry these works was entrusted to the Development Rolling Sub-Committee (DRSC).

3 In order to support the work of the DRSC and to enhance the management structure of the Club, it was decided to appoint a Chief Executive Officer above the General Manager and to be directly responsible for the development. Sadly the first appointee resigned one week before starting work but on October 1st, Simon Roberts became the first CEO of the Club.

The DRSC proceeded to hold a roadshow and presentation to nine architects, only two of whom tendered and after consideration over several months, and after lots of meetings, the work was agreed by the DRSC, and the General Committee, to be done on a Design & Build basis by a company that had not originally tendered. Six months after the EGM the contract was signed with works to start after Christmas. Soon the character of the clubhouse would be lost forever but not after a huge battle with members ... see next month for that!



Paul Cheesman

4 Also as mentioned last month the British Club Bangkok Tsunami Relief Fund was set up following the Boxing Day 2004 Tsunami and by September 2006 stood at 312,516 Baht. It was agreed that the fund should be used for a Tsunami related project under the auspices of the Population and Community Development Association (PDA) set up in 1974 by Senator Mechai Viravaidya (often known as "Mr. Condom").

The PDA suggested we help put together a Preventive Hygiene Education Project for 1,500 primary and middle school students in eight Tsunami affected villages in Krabi. An initial survey had revealed a generally low quality of personal hygiene, above-average rate of dental decay, a high rate of infestation with lice. The PDA supplied trained visitors to the schools to teach basic personal hygiene and the Club provided 'health packs' containing such basic items as a toothbrush and toothpaste which the children would purchase at a nominal sum 5 Baht each. Senator Mechai explained that if students had to pay for their 'pack' they would take ownership of the project and look after their health pack. The project lasted one year and was deemed a success.

5 A number of other things that happened in a busy 2006 ... a membership & Accounting System was installed; we were due to host the officers of HMS Westminster at the Club but this was cancelled due to the 2006 military coup; action was taken by management and staff on getting guests better monitored after it was found one member had eight guests with fictional names and another just wrote "10 guests" in the Guest Registration book ... and finally the Lords Dining Room closed its doors for the last time on 27 December after 35 years of service.



"For Great Architecture"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

A VEGGIE DIET CAN HELP!



Vegetarian sections on menus such as those at the British Club are increasing at restaurants around the city. And this is good news, because, as well as providing tasty alternatives, they are an excellent opportunity to improve your overall health.

On a vegetarian diet you avoid meat-associated health problems through saturated fats and cholesterol. These can contribute to major diseases like diabetes, hypertension and cardio-vascular disease. And because vegetables are low in fats and calories and high in fibre, a vegetarian diet helps to control body weight, which is also good for health.

There is often confusion about whether you can get all the nutrients necessary for your body without eating meat. But there

are non-meat sources
available for all the

nutrients
you need,
for both
adults
and
children.



Thanyathorn Wongnitchakul, Dietitian at the Internal Medicine Department of BNH Hospital says, "Vegetarians, with a varied and balanced diet, generally can get all the same nutrients as meat eaters." The key is to know what your nutritional needs are and to plan your diet around them. "Proteins come from meats, but also from vegetarian foods such as legumes, soy and tofu," Thanyathorn continues. "A fruit and vegetable diet also contains plenty of vitamins and phytochemicals, possessing potent anti-oxidants, which help to protect against cancer." Milk and dairy products are high in calcium.

"Vegans – who avoid all animal products, including dairy and eggs – may experience deficits in some areas, including vitamin B12, which is found mostly in animal and dairy products," Thanyathorn says. "In this case, dieticians recommend using B12 fortified foods – soy milk, for instance. Alternatively, you can buy vitamin B12 supplements in any pharmacy."

Even if you don't become a full-time vegetarian, cutting down on meat has many health benefits. Whatever your diet, look for variety and balance.

2015 CHAMPIONSHIP

**Men's
and
Women's
Singles
Doubles
and
Mixed**

**BRITISH CLUB
tennis**



Finals Sat 28 March

Starts Sat 17 January

Cup semi finals Sat 21 March

Plate semi finals Sun 22 March

Email: amnat@britishclubbangkok.org

TENNIS

The Bruce Gordon Cup

Bruce Gordon was a stalwart of the British Club tennis section and from his first days as a new member in May 1991 until he sadly died in 2008, he actively promoted and encouraged all aspects of tennis and was always happy to help. Whether it was Junior's, Mix-In, Matches or Inter-Club, Bruce supported them all, often cajoling the players to give up their Saturday or Sunday to travel far and wide to represent the club.

In turn, the tennis section, particularly the morning tennis players and many of his club friends - Phairoj, Jesada, Steve Goode and others, supported him in his hour of need when at the age of 74 he was diagnosed with cancer and after surgery was admitted to Bangkok General Hospital. These members, who are still at the club today, immediately rallied round and put in place sufficient funds for Bruce to receive the best possible hospital care, which he received until he sadly passed away on 7 September 2008.

The Bruce Gordon Cup was donated to the Club for the purpose of holding an annual competition to promote tennis and in 2014 we have successfully held another event to commemorate his legacy. Bruce Gordon should always remain an inspiration to us all, in how to behave on a tennis court, to enjoy the game at whatever age and for as long as physically possible – to go out there and have fun.

Saturday 29 November 2014.

16 doubles pairs, 32 players, some excited, some nervous and each with varying handicaps in order to even up their chances of winning, took to the courts on a warm Saturday morning at 8am to play in the Cup named after Bruce Gordon to honour his legacy. Even before the day there was some discontent amongst the players with respect to their handicaps. Harold particularly whingeing to anyone who would listen about his -5 handicap and Scott asking daily why he and his partner weren't +2 instead of +1.

As the first players took to the courts, Khun Amnat had hung colourful balloons on the court-side railings to denote the handicap points and this was soon complemented by loud popping sounds as each of the pairs took their free points to put even more pressure on their nervous opponents.

By early afternoon we had two semi-final matches ready to play in Orathai/Steve v Andre/Stephen and Nut/Kwan v Phairoj/Tiss when the rain came.

Fortunately, after an hour we were back in action and Andre/Stephen emerged victorious with Andre's audacious use of 3 free points in one game – this tipped the balance, momentum was theirs and on they went to the Finals.

Phairoj and Tiss tried their utmost against Kwan and Nut but there could only be one victor with Nut returning serve brilliantly – all those hours on the back courts with Chris belting the ball at her finally paying off!

The third place play off was won by Orathai and Steve Goode, overcoming Phairoj and Tiss and so to the Final, between the highly fancied Nut/Kwan and the dark horses of Andre/Stephen. Despite a valiant effort by Andre and Stephen it became clear that their titanic struggle in the semi-final against Orathai/Steve had drained them physically and mentally. With Kwan running around like a whirling dervish in the front of the court there could be no denying of the Thailand dream team! Kwan and Nut emerged worthy winners and Andre and Stephen were runners up.

Our thanks must go to Chris Watt for presenting the trophies and taking innumerable photos during the day. Thanks also to all of our backers of all the teams, who helped raise money for the Pisamai Fund. The winning backers were, in order, Chris, Khun Tiss and Anton.



In memory of Bruce we say...
"for he was a jolly good fellow".



Winners: Nut and Kwan



Second: Andre and Stephen



Third: Orathai and Steve



Philippe & Tony



James & Anton



Prasit & Vichai



Harold & Ann



Scott & Frank



Glades & Jem



Tiss & Phairroj

Are you sure our opponents have that many points on us?



Hilda & Yonathan



Steve & Orathai



Raymonde & Jan



Scones anyone!



Jesada & Mikola





Raquel & Laurence



Chris & Tom



Kwan & Nut



Andre & Stephen



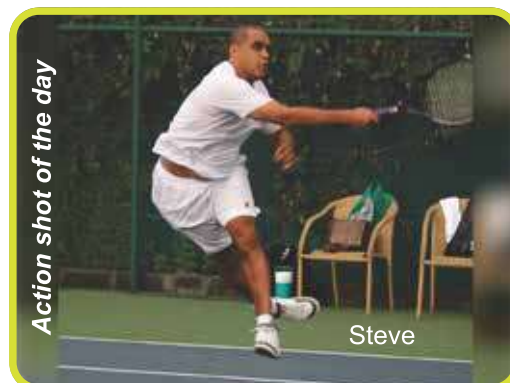
Ian & Bob



Where are those beers?

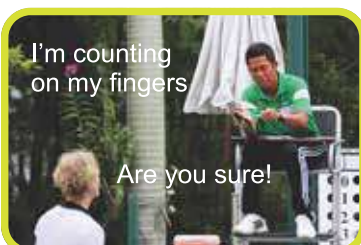


There's always next year



Action shot of the day

Steve



I'm counting on my fingers

Are you sure!



Just hit a winner Nut



Like this?

We are pleased to confirm that the event raised THB 32,231 for the Pisamai Fund and the Tennis Section have agreed to match the amount raised. THB 64,500 has been given to the British Club to benefit the Pisamai Fund. This is a charity set up in 1993 by the British Club to help support the education of staff children at the Club by paying for uniforms, books etc.

Thank you again to everyone who participated and supported the event, Bruce would have been very pleased.

BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL FF EVENING



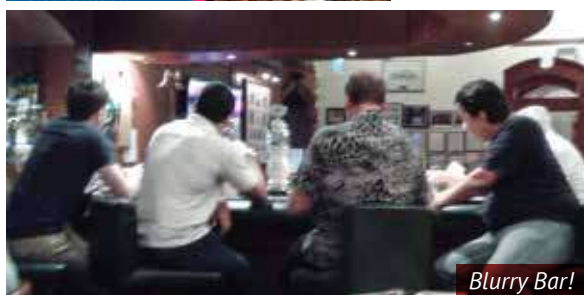
Bruce Madge

Waggers not up for chicken feet again!



naïve (nɑː'ɪv, nɑɪ'ɪv) *adj.* natural and innocent in speech and behaviour (e.g. because young or inexperienced); amusingly simple: a ~ girl; ~ remarks.

We finally did it! What? Finally got around to organizing a Fantasy Football evening in the Churchill Bar and what a glorious event it turned out to be with around three participants one of which was female! Actually, slightly more BCB FF Managers than that turned up to sample iCheck inn's free beer and in order of waist sizes from smallest to largest they were H, Ryan, me, Carlos, Phil and Marc Sayer the larger than life iCheck inn boss who kindly and lovingly agreed to sponsor the league and the towers of Tiger we imbibed that magnificent evening.



Blurry Bar!



Carlos & Phil with Marc eating!



Nick bought it!



Mason Magnanimous!

Others who came along were Wagstaff, and his bird Gifty, who is an absolute football nut, Nick Mellor, whose birthday it was, and Mason whose team, Newcastle, were playing Chelsea in the early game we'd chosen as the phenomenal feature of this sublime and riveting festival of football and beer. And what actually happened was we watched the game, drank two towers of beer and then went home, and that's it. Yet Mason was over the moon as Newcastle beat Chelsea 2-1, Gifty spent the duration of the game playing FarmVille on her iPhone while Marc stuffed his face.

Then Nick ordered a bottle of champagne to celebrate becoming 53 or thereabouts and him and Wagstaff, who has since had a major bust-up with Gifty over a Bangkok restaurant guide and where to have dinner on a Saturday night, which is, of course, hugely important stuff, somehow got hold of the BCB 1910 FF League code and entered their teams which is apparently against our 'rules' as the league is already underway and almost at the halfway point. Phil won't be happy.

Chavstaff's team, Stroke Titty, are no threat as he's currently in 28th place due to very poor management because, frankly, he's still a kid, really, wet behind the ears, naïve, has even started shaving, yet Nick's team, Udaipur United – what the flamin' eck does that mean? – are fifth with 772 points at the time of writing. He could become the champ and that would arouse huge controversy. There might be a fight. Hope so. Anyway, thanks to iCheck inn for the beer and based upon the sterling success of the first one, maybe we'll have another of these stimulating and thrilling FF evenings before the end of the season.



Tiger Tower!

Here's hoping Waggers and Gifty have made up.

HARD BALLS

A bumper three-page Hard Balls this month folks ... because this is the one you have all be waiting for!! Thirty-five consecutive defeats, two years and 15 days since our last win, but now ... VICTORY at last on 23rd November 2014 ... a day to remember! Those green shoots I had been talking about, sprouted at last ... but only after some serious soul-searching during a night-time team meeting on the Back Lawn. And what happened next in seductive Pattaya? Read on ... !



T10 at Polo Club

RBSC T10s November 8/9th: The signs were there two weeks earlier when we had the luxury of being able to select a squad for the 2014 RBSC T10 Tournament ... as compared with last year when we had to ask mums and daughters to make up the team.

We have never won a match in this format (11 a-side, but just 10 overs each) ... and still haven't after three attempts, but this year we came within 5 runs of our first victory and briefly even fancied our chances of taking home a trophy.

During the round-robin stage the Club lost to a strong RBSC team, capitulating on 59 for 6 after restricting them to 103 for 4. The encouraging signs though were much improved fielding and bowling, with only 3 wides conceded. In fact, apart from a disastrous couple of overs from Dale that were clobbered for 39, BC may have fancied their chances. Rahul took 1 for 15 and the late introduction of Aseem (1-4) and Dilip (2-7) showed what might have been.



T10 Squad at RBSC



Jack Dunford

It was the next game against Best Friends Forever that raised expectations; another disciplined bowling and fielding display restricting them to a gettable 85 for 6, Rahul (1-12), Sailesh (1-4), Dilip (1-7) and Steve (1-10) taking the wickets. Requiring 8.6 an over to win, Rahul (23) and Steve (14) got us off to a decent start at a run a ball, setting a platform but still leaving lots to do. Adrian with 20 off 10 balls got the team close and had Speddo (12 off 12) not been suffering a mysterious hamstring problem, they might well have pulled it off. As it was, 13 required off the last over, then 6 off the last ball proved just a little too much.

But spirits were high and the team fancied their chances in the losers' trophy next day against the Siam Parrots ... chances that vanished in a wink of an eye as the Parrots smashed 97 runs off the first 5 overs. 44 runs off 2 overs from the normally miserly Speddo suggests that it probably wouldn't have mattered who bowled those overs. But Aseem (2- 16) and Sailesh (1-26) picked up wickets later and Steve and Anil bowled tightly to keep the final score down to 130 for 4. The game was all but over though, BC replying with 66 for 4, Speddo (30*) and Vaughan (12) accepting a bit of batting practice. Success would have to wait a little longer ... just one game as it turned out!

Pangolin, KL 23rd November. Although we have proven pretty good at it, no one in the BC team actually enjoys losing and for a while some players have felt that they haven't had a fair chance to try to make a difference. Tension has been building and one dark and humid night at the Club, on 14th November, a meeting was convened to allow accusations to be hurled by the aggrieved and fielded by those in command. This could



have been messy! In a charged atmosphere however, although a few googlies were bowled, no chapattis or samosas were thrown because skipper Dale took it all on the chin, acknowledging that he was less than perfect and promising that things would be different. And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, was the final key to a long-awaited change in fortune against the Pangolin Club visiting us from KL the following week.

Change indeed was the name of the game and batting first was a novel aggressive statement of intent. The batting order was switched around and although it was the old guard who got the runs, team spirit was good and a score of 162 for 8 off 25 overs our best for a long time. Dale played a captain's innings of 43*, Rahul

34 and, more unlikely, Speddo 35* You see, Speddo and Vaughany (golden duck) had come straight from the Southerners Ball but would have been better off going straight to hospital. Speddo had the tricky decision of deciding which of the three balls to hit each delivery but finally gave up, retired ill.

It was the bowling though that was the real revelation and it was my pleasure to umpire one of the best BC performances for many a long day. Rahul (2 for 6) bowled his most accurate and hostile spell ever for the Club, even tying down their attacking opening batsman who otherwise hit a very fast 39 in the first 5 overs, mainly off a hapless Patrick. But the most satisfying contributions were from Dilip (4 - 10) and Anil (2 - 22) who hardly bowled a loose ball between them and were very difficult to score off. Aseem (1 - 23) and Neil (1-11) took the other wickets as the Pangolins were all out for 129, which as far as I can recall is only second or third time we have actually bowled the opposition out in 5 seasons!

Final mention must be made of two remarkable catches on the boundary; a very graceful one on the run by Speddo, who by now every one had assumed dead ... but never looked like dropping it; the other not at all graceful taken by Colin standing still, having eased himself out of his deckchair in the shade ... but never actually looking like he was going to hold it.

Great stuff! Broad were the after-match smiles. It was wonderful to get that monkey off our backs but everyone knew this was still work in progress. The fielding still needs to improve and the batting is still fragile ... but now we had something to build on. We still had two more matches before the end of the year to prove ourselves against Pattaya CC and RBSC



November 30th Pattaya CC: Everyone was eagerly awaiting the next match in Pattaya on 30th November. So much so in fact that once again there had to be team selection ... almost unheard of in recent seasons. It was a mostly happy bunch that boarded the van after a hearty breakfast at the Club... grumpy only if you were Dr White who arrived late and missed the grub. But could we sustain our longest winning streak for two years ... of one match?

“Bat first” is the new mantra, “put runs on the board then bowl tight and build pressure”. Which of course is great if you bat well. But with the score 9 for 3 after 4 overs and 50 for 5 off 12, things were not going to plan. Admittedly the bowling was good but only Dale (28 off 28 balls) looked in any kind of form, plastering cow-corner with his trademark swats, as is his want. Nobody else took advantage of their opportunities in the new-look batting order and only Steve (15), demoted to # 9 to give others a chance, managed double figures. There were a couple of unnecessary run outs to make matters worse and an emotional Sailesh richly entertained the crowd with a Hindi poetry recitation after one of them. Defending 94 all out off 21.1 overs was not going to be easy.

However, almost unnoticed, cloud had ominously been building up throughout the BC innings. Sensing the moment, Dale had an earnest chat with God, suggesting that after all the bad luck we have had in recent years it was time perhaps to do us favour. “OK” said God, “I guess I do owe you one”, and after one over of the PCC innings, brilliantly bowled it has to be said by Speddo back at his best, the umpires wisely decided that something a bit wet and dramatic was about to happen and took the players off. Within seconds the heavens opened and we were treated to some spectacularly noisy pyrotechnics as the rain came down in bath-fulls.

Huddled under an exposed iron-framed tent, some feared for their lives, but God surely couldn't be that cruel! Curry boxed-lunches were consumed gratefully as the waters rose around us and by the time the storm was over it was clear that there would be no more play that day, possibly for ever. A draw was happily accepted and the boys set off back early in the van with the odd crate of beer looking forward to an early night cuddle with the missus.

We now have the longest undefeated run for two years ... of 2 matches! Read how it went against RBSC next time ...



Taking on Pattaya



Singing in the rain



Dale chats with God



It worked!



Batting is heavy weather before the storm



Beer Match



Heading home for a cuddle

SQUASHY BITS

ROD CARTER, LINE, MIX-INS

The Squashy Bits Column this month has been penned by me and him.



Bruce Madge

Thanks Dean



Thanks to Boots Retail Thailand



This is me: Our annual Rod Carter open competition was on the other day and it drew in 30-odd players from all over the gaff, while Boots Retail Thailand, on behalf of Deano Thompson, kindly sponsored the event with a wad of cash which we dished out as prize money and the like. Another brilliantly organized tournament put together by him and us Squashies (but mostly him). It's difficult to fathom how we continually manage to do it week in, week out, but we do, and oh so amazingly, yet without him as our guiding light and spiritual kick up the arse, I doubt if we could. So let's go over to him for the RC report:

Dear All,

This year's Rod Carter Finals turned out to be a great evening of high-quality squash and well worth the effort for those who came along to watch.



Peerapon & Kittipong

In the Plate Final, Peerapon met Kittipong in what proved to be a very entertaining and well-fought match. Peerapon was having trouble with his running early on as he had twisted his ankle at the beginning of the week, yet as he began to warm up he started to move more fluently. Unfortunately, Kittipong wasn't up to his usual fitness standard, yet he fought with great determination. The final score was 3-2 to Peerapon after

a very close encounter which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Very well done and many thanks to both players and to those watching.

In the Rod Carter Final between Haroon and Chatchawin we witnessed some of the best squash I have seen in a while as both players displayed great fighting spirit, tremendous movement and sublime racket skills. The audience was treated to many long rallies with incredible retrieving from

both players rounded off with some excellent shot-making. Haroon and Win have contrasting styles which made it even more interesting. Win is steady and methodical, slowly biding his time for any opportunities to kill the ball or maneuver his opponent out of position and put the ball beyond his reach, while H has perhaps greater flair and likes to try more risky winners, such as cross-court volley kills or the backhand top-spin drop shot. However, on this occasion, Chatchawin just had the edge with his flawless retrieving and some superb reflex shots and he won the match 3-1, yet all the games were extremely close and very hard-fought.

RC Runner-up Haroon



Win RC Champion again!



I'm sure all the spectators were very happy they made the effort to attend and witness two great matches followed by the usual eats and drinks and presentations.

Chattaporn was fortunate to win the lucky draw prize.

A very big thank you to all this year's Rod Carter participants and spectators, and to Boots Retail Thailand for kindly sponsoring the tournament.

See you all again next year. Warmest regards, Peter Corney

Now back to me: Thank you so much for that delightful report, Peter, and thanks again to Boots Retail Thailand and Dean.



Moving on, news came through via a carrier elephant that attendance to the weekly mix-ins, any ad hoc mix-ins and the Saturday training sessions were dropping due to a lack of communication. In then came H with the tremendous

idea of taking advantage of modern technology to remedy this tragic situation. Thus, he employed his Samsung smart phone to set up two Line group chats entitled 'Weekly Mix-ins' and 'BCB Saturday Squash' and invited all concerned to join. And what a roaring success it has been with dozens of squashy followers all clambering to

Father's Day Champ



Not Happy!



join and add their thoughts and opinions and to enquire as to the day and time of the next mix-in and who would be there and when and how and why and for how long and in what colour shirt and did they have a ball ready and on and on and on and on and on! And then we used said Line to organize a Father's Day mix-in – only five came as most players are fathers and had been mugged into taking their kids shopping or to the cinema or to the zoo to witness morose looking lions and tigers all caged up and wondering what they'd ever done wrong to deserve the punishment of being held behind bars

for the amusement of, and harassment by, dumb mums and dads and their idiotic, giggling kids. Poor creatures. Anyway, Marv won the mix-in and was awarded a plastic glass of iced-water by Pong.

Well done, Marv. Following that we held a Constitution Day mix-in which attracted six and was won by H, yet he received nothing save for being told to get the beers in! And a few weekends prior to that we'd done some squash training at the Pleonchit Fair which involved mainly beer and fatty food. And that's the end as me is off to the club for Saturday squash training arranged, naturally, with our new Line chat group. Cheers!

Until zoos are banned

Squash Training at the PF



BRIDGE

BRIDGE RESULTS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2014

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 5th October (11 pairs)	1st	Wannawit & Sujinda	60.42%
	2nd	Christian & Daniel	59.90%
Sunday 12th October (13 pairs)	N/S Winner	Supote & Kittiya	60.36%
	E/W Winner	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	57.08%
Sunday 19th October (10 pairs)	1st	Christian & Daniel	67.59%
	2nd	Dr. Apithai & Prarop	61.11%
Sunday 26th October (8 pairs)	1st	Prarop & Winlock	61.90%
	2nd	Helmer & Charlene	58.33%
Sunday 9th November (8 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	58.33%
	2nd	Dr. Apithai & Prarop	57.74%
Sunday 16th November (10 pairs)	1st	Dr. Apithai & Prarop	63.89%
	Tied 2nd	Daniel & Steve	60.42%
	Tied 2nd	Helmer & Michael	60.42%
Sunday 30th November (10 pairs)	1st	Dr. Apithai & Prarop	69.44%
	2nd	Usha & Lalit	60.19%



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

QUIZ NIGHT

TEAMS ≤ 6



Tues 13th Jan 2015

The Verandah, 7:15 PM

Members Bt 100, Guests Bt 150



Book in Reception or by email to events@britishclubbangkok.org

BCGS GOLFING NEWS November 2014

Another active month for the British Club Golf Section, with the friendly competition between players for the Player of the Year continuing right down to the wire.

Breaking with tradition our annual match against the Cocktail Lounge for the 'Shut Up and Listen Cup' was held at Subhaprueck Golf Course in Bangkok rather than Hua Hin. Also breaking with tradition the British Club won for the first time in many years! The format was combined stableford matchplay. Leading the pack was winning husband and wife team, Fiona and Martin Weber who won their match with a combined total of 71 points. John Carter, still in fine form since the Club Championship had the highest individual score of 40 points.

Cool season, what cool season? November's Medal took place on a hot sticky day at the Royal, Lad Krabang. Peter Clark, freshly flown in from Saudi Arabia won Flight A with a net 72. Flight B winner was Chris Brader with a net 75. The Golf Section welcomed a number of new players who discovered the joys of golf in Thailand, namely someone to carry your bag and frequent beer stops.

Holiday weekend saw the BCGS descend upon Royal Hills, Nakhon Nayok, for the 45th Dunlop Cup. What an action packed weekend!

Day two we experienced a sight to behold - Pete & Frank being the two sides of a Korean 5 ball sandwich who appeared on the tee out of nowhere & losing their cool - it was rather hot to be hanging around waiting. Pete stuck to his ground like a tube of Dunlop's strongest glue, our sponsors would be proud. But the highlight had to be John C being the peacekeeper of the group, who would have thought that possible!!

After 3 days of great golf in beautiful surroundings, the Canadian duo of Marc Brouillette and Peter Thompson came through as Dunlop Cup Champions, winning the finals match with Sharon & Tony Moore on the final hole. Frank Fawkes & Chris Maclarty secured 3rd place with a hard won victory over Carol & Phil Hampshire. Pete Gale (the best 20 handicapper in the world) and his peacekeeping partner John Carter had a runaway victory in the Dunlop Plate, scoring an impressive total of 127 Stableford points over the 3 day event. Well done also to Yurachat Brook who won a hat trick of ladies longest drive.

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If you are interested in joining the golf section please contact Karen Carter at bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk

Selected and presented by **Mike Smith**

January: Mondays, 7:30 pm, Wordsworth Lounge



5th | GREEN PASTURES

(93 mins)

Directed by: Marc Connelly,
William Keighley

Starring: Rex Ingram, Oscar Polk

God, heaven, and several Old Testament stories, including the Creation and Noah's Ark, are described supposedly using the perspective of rural, black Americans.



19th | LES PARAPLUIES DE CHERBOURG (91 mins)

**Postponed due to
Club Closed
for
Staff Party**



12th | TEN LITTLE INDIANS

(91 mins)

Directed by: George Pollock

Starring: Hugh O'Brian, Shirley Eaton

The tale of 10 people who don't know each other but are invited to an isolated place only to find that an unseen person is killing them one by one. could it be one of them?



26th | JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH

(132 mins)

Directed by: Henry Levin

Starring: James Mason, Pat Boone

An Edinburgh professor and assorted colleagues follow an explorer's trail down an extinct Icelandic volcano to the earth's centre.

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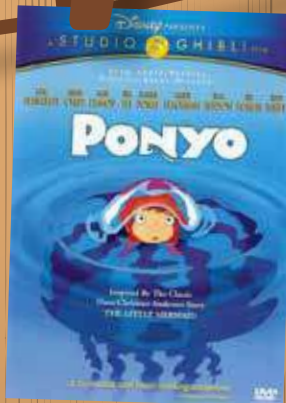
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