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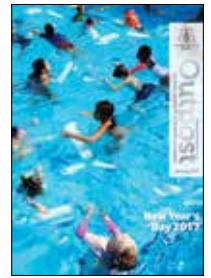
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FRONT COVER

Waking up on New Year's Day is the start of a New Year and all the changes it can bring. Of course, there may be the leftover feeling of the night before as well. Either way, what better than starting with a cold refreshing revitalising swim. Happy New Year!

EDITOR'S GREETING

We welcome the New Year with a look back at some highlights from December, but not Christmas Day yet. The Carols started the month off, and the Annual Ball was a highlight with the whole Back Lawn awash with goodwill and enjoyment.

January has an assortment of fixtures included here and there's an interesting page about giving back to the community, plus a fascinating look at then and now in As Things Were.

All the best of everything in 2017 to you all.

Ed



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Jack Dunford

Christmas Ball: The Christmas Ball was ... well ... a Ball! The new less formal format was a great hit with over 250 Members turning out in finery of their choice on a cold and frosty evening to dance the night away. The Lawns were magical under the lights and live jazz created a wonderful atmosphere for the new buffet style feast featuring a huge choice of western, Thai and Indian delights. The Boss Band were brilliant and the dance floor was full from the minute they struck up their first number until the most determined revellers staggered on to breakfast in the wee hours of the morning. A huge thank you is due to Khun Prem and her staff for the seamless service and especially to Khun Laak our Executive Chef who teamed up with BC cricket captain and master chef, Rahul Gupte to produce the delicious festive fare. Probably a good idea to book your tickets for next year now ... it will be a sell out!

Priorities: New Year is the time to reflect on past achievements and to look ahead. The General Committee (GC) started its term in April with high hopes and an ambitious agenda. After a couple of fractious years, besides making the Club a friendlier place to be, our stated priorities were: to initiate the long awaited poolside redevelopment project; to improve communications with Members; to broaden Member participation in decision making; to review the Club constitution and disciplinary procedures (which had been the source of much of the dissatisfaction); and to establish an internal audit function.

Results: Frustratingly, whilst having made progress on all fronts,

everything has been more difficult and more time consuming than we had hoped. A huge amount of work has been done by the architects, engineers and quantity surveyors though, and we are now ready to present Chapman Taylor's final design for the poolside redevelopment for your consideration at an EGM on 31st January. Details will be sent out with the calling papers and posted on the website. If approved, this will be a huge milestone for the Club, our largest investment for decades, delivering the first phase of an exciting modern family/ sports hub. The GC believes this will revitalise the Club but Members have to approve it. Please make every effort to be at this crucial EGM, and if you are unable to make it, please send in a proxy vote. Watch out for more information.

Much work has also been done on the review of the Constitution and disciplinary procedures. The task has become a little less daunting as the atmosphere in the Club has calmed down but it remains to be seen whether this work can be completed before the AGM. However, an independent member's audit committee has been appointed. Since it took time to be established the scope of its work will be limited this year, but this will be a very valuable instrument for assuring accountability for the future.

A dozen sub-committees (SCs) and interest groups have engaged 40 Members, spouses and non-voting categories, in every aspect of club life and we have also established Facebook/ Twitter pages and conducted three on-line surveys. Whilst I think we can

therefore justly claim that we have improved communications and the participation of Members, all of this is very much 'work in progress' and will require far more time and energy to become really effective than has been devoted hereto.

As reported before, the GC has been working on many other projects beyond these priorities including upgrading our IT systems, putting in place a human resource policy, improving Club security, upgrading maintenance and safety checks, establishing on-line menus, and strengthening our budgeting process. We may not have achieved all we set out to do but we have certainly been busy!

Changing Times: Throughout the 38 years that I have been a Member there has always been tension between some traditionalists whose bastion has been the Churchill Bar and others who want a more relaxed Club, often affectionately known as 'that lot over there'. Indeed a perception by many Members that the Club was becoming too stuffy was another reason behind the fracas during the last couple of years.

I have always believed that our Club can cater for all tastes but in any case the world is changing rapidly and to survive, the Club must move with the times. We must attract more young families to redress our aging membership and if approved, the Poolside redevelopment will be a major step in that direction.

But this doesn't mean that tradition goes out of the window. We are also developing a vision for a refurbished Club House, offering stylish drinking and dining options as well as space for functions and entertainment ... and some guest accommodation. The future British Club can have the best of both worlds ... first class family/ sports facilities one side complementing our classic Club House offering all the traditional facilities and more on the other.

Whilst still floating on the warm buzz of the Christmas Ball and enjoying the early success for our experimental Sports Bar I think

we have also already shown there are ways to freshen up the way we do things even before we get new facilities. The demand is surely here for more relaxed events and a less formal dress code.

Looking ahead: As we move into the New Year a lot of groundwork has been done but there will likely be much unfinished business by the time the next AGM comes around in March. Then it will be time to choose your new GC to take things forward. Last year we had the unprecedented situation when an entirely new GC took over. This certainly had its advantages

but hopefully there will be some continuity this year, ensuring that the things which are working well progress, and any new blood brings fresh ideas and energy.

In closing, I am delighted to report that for all who enjoy a bit of nostalgia all past copies of Outpost going back to 1974 are now on our website, and the scanned GC Minutes going back to the beginning of time will soon be available.

Happy New Year. I hope to see all voting Members at the EGM on 31st January. This is a hugely important decision for the Club. Please be there.



The Christmas Ball



THE BRITISH CLUB
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E.G.M.

Tues 31 January 2017, Surawongse Room, 7pm

• Poolside Redevelopment Project •



Ordinary and Country Members are urged to attend or vote by proxy



LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

December is the busiest time for the Club and we are having events and functions such as the Evening with Christmas Carols with the students from Brighton College International School, which over 70 people attended. Thank you to Brighton College for joining us and for bringing all the young pupils to sing at the Club. Our Annual Ball on 10th December was very successful with over 250 people present for the event. We received very good compliments about the food, the service, the decoration and the bands. Everyone enjoyed the evening very much and we will keep the same format for next year and expect to have more people! Thank you to all Members for coming and supporting the Club.

For Christmas Lunch and Dinner we have almost 500 people booked so it will be another successful year for Christmas Day. Members are always very happy with the Christmas Buffet, the drinks and our service. The number who come along keeps increasing every year, so thank you to you all.

We begin 2017 on 1st January with our Polar Swim which is very popular with parents and kids who have stayed in Bangkok for Christmas and New Year. Also at the end of January we will have our annual Dim Sum Buffet followed by the Lion Dance for our Chinese New Year celebration on 29th January.

Also in January we have the monks' blessing ceremony for the Club on 16th January and on Tuesday 24th January there will be the Annual Staff Party which this year will be at Sattahip. The Club will be closed for that day although Poolside is open but without any F&B service or supervision.



For sports, in January we start junior tennis coaching, yoga, Wednesday ladies coaching, children's martial arts and swimming coaching for adults or children. Our personal trainer, Khun Sandy, left in December and I would like to thank her for supporting the Club and working so hard to keep you all fit and healthy. We have a new trainer, Khun David, who will take over from Khun Sandy so you can meet him or make appointment with him by contacting the Fitness Centre.

Happy Chinese New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all around our Club.



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) (see also Sports Bar below)		
Accounts Office	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Closed (Sat-Sun)		
The Pavilion Café	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)
Sports Bar (at the 1910 Balcony)	5pm - midnight (Wed - Sat incl)		



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NEW YEAR
29 JAN 2017**



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The Verandah

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HAPPENINGS



Jeremy de Sausmarez

Events & Marketing
Manager

The month's events opened with a lovely **Evening of Carols** and Christmas songs performed by the 5 to 9 year old choir from Brighton College Intl Bangkok. We had a really good turnout of the pupils' parents, teachers, and lots of Club Members too. It was lovely. Soon after came the **Annual Ball**, a new format, a new menu, and a massive success with great bands, great raffle prizes, and a great feeling of camaraderie. Everyone seemed very happy and it is that which makes a good evening a huge success.

Christmas Quiz Night followed a few days later, with 11 teams and two extra rounds. That was a lot of fun too. And last weekend we had the **Kids Christmas Party** on the Back Lawn, almost 150 people, incredible face paintings, crafts, magic, orderly piñata bashing, endless bouncy castling and trampoline bouncing too. Another really fun afternoon which went on as the daylight faded.

Christmas Day will be on us in a few days and it's looking busier than last year with turkey too and every room in the Clubhouse booked out. A week later there's the **New Year's Eve Dinner Cruise** which we're going ahead with even though the chance of any fireworks is remote, but it will still be a lovely tranquil way to see in 2017 especially if the buffet is like the Annual Ball's! And then the New Year kicks off with **Polar Swim**, a sharp and refreshing way to remember there's 12 months ahead before it all happens again.

January has a number of diary entries starting with an exclusive presentation of "**Patong Girl**", a movie co-produced by Club Member Tom Waller who has brought us a number of his releases to great acclaim in the past. Set in Phuket, it's a love story with a twist and Tom will conduct a Q&A session afterwards. There's no entrance fee so come and enjoy.

On **Monday 16th**, we have the annual **Monks Ceremony** blessing the Club which culminates in a Thai meal, and Members are welcome to come and make merit and partake in the lunch. **Tuesday 17th** is **Quiz Night**, we now get quite a lot of teams quite regularly but are always happy to see new faces, so put your name down in the sign-up sheet or drop us an email.

The **Annual Staff Party** is on **Tuesday 24th** this year, a day in Sattahip to recover from December and enjoy local F&B. **The Club will be closed that day**, although Poolside and the sports facilities are open but there is no service and no supervision so take care around the swimming pool. After this month many wine cellars will have become bare so the January **Wine-tasting** on **27th** will be welcome!

Chinese New Year falls early in 2017 - the Year of the Chicken crows off on Saturday 28th so we will be having our celebratory **Dim Sum Buffet** on **Sunday 29th** (book early!) followed by the **Lion Dance** on the Front Lawn.

The month closes with the **EGM** on **31st January** which relates to the **Poolside Redevelopment Project**. The final scheme looks good as you can see from the poster on page 6. It's a major decision for the Club so make sure you come along to the EGM, sample the **Mini-Buffer** downstairs beforehand, and then attend the meeting and vote. Look forward to seeing you all there but for now, may I wish you and your families a Happy New Year and all the very best in the future.



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Cajun Chicken served with grilled tomatoes, mixed salad and home-fried potatoes
or Fillet of Pork in light curry sauce served with grilled zucchini and coriander rice
or Baked Macaroni with creamy white wine sauce and cheese
Panaeng Moo (*Stir-fried Pork with red curry sauce topped with sliced lime leaves*)
Gai Phad Khing Sod (*Stir-fried chicken with fresh ginger*)
Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy (*Stir-fried mixed vegetable with oyster sauce*)



9th January - 13th January

Starters: 65 Baht

Mixed salad and Smoked chicken breast, beetroot and mango with balsamic dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

Chicken Stew in Red Wine served with green beans, carrots and mashed potatoes
or Dory Fish with Mango Salsa served with mixed salad and boiled potatoes
or Roast Pork Neck with homemade apple sauce served with mixed vegetables and roast potatoes
or Tom Yum Gai (*Spicy lemon grass soup with chicken and mushrooms*)
Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo (*Stir-fried bean sprouts with curd and oyster sauce*)
Pla Som Rod (*Deep-fried Dory topped with sweet and sour spiced sauce*)



16th January - 20th January

Starters: 65 Baht

Chicken and Cranberry Salad with balsamic dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

Chicken Tikka Masala served with yellow rice
or Pan-Fried Dory with Mornay sauce served with carrots, broccoli and mashed potatoes
or Fillet of Pork wrapped in Parma Ham with grain mustard and honey sauce served with baked eggplant and new potatoes
or Gaeng Kiew Wan Gai (*Chicken in green curry sauce*)
Moo Tod Krathiem (*Fried sliced pork with garlic*)
Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy (*Stir-fried mixed vegetables with oyster sauce*)



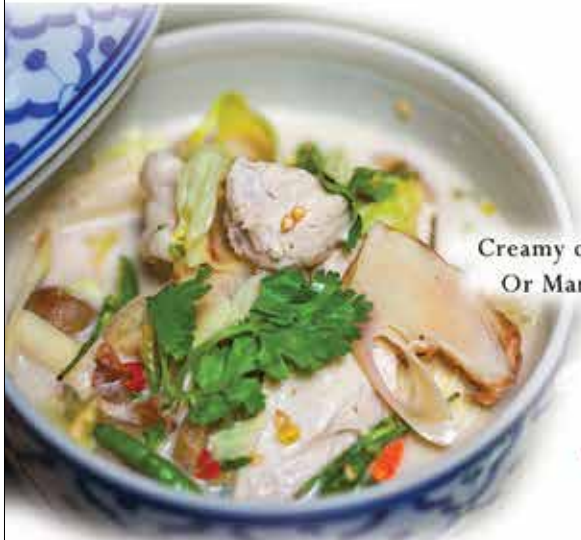
23rd January - 27th January

Starters: 65 Baht

Tuna Salad Tuna tin, tomatoes, cucumber, green beans, potatoes and egg Or Chef's soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

Creamy chicken breast with penne peas and creamy white wine sauce Or Fish and Chips
Or Marinated pork fillet roast on rhubarb served with roast vegetable and Lyonnaise potato
Or Tom Kha Gai (*A refreshing coconut milk soup with chicken and herbs*)
Tod Man Pla (*Deep-fried fishcakes*)
Phad Tua Ngok Moo Krob (*Stir-fried bean sprouts with crispy pork and oyster sauce*)



**** Dessert of the Day : Choose from our à la carte Dessert with 10% off**

F&B MORSELS

It's been an exciting month with outlets being busy so often but quiet spells too. The Annual Ball this year was a very good evening and the international, Thai and Indian buffets proved very successful with many Members giving me good feedback. I must thank Khun Rahul for his hard work with the Indian dishes which ran out quite often as they are new to us here at the Club. I am always happy to try new types of food and these were delicious.

Christmas Day is looking to be very busy again this year with nearly 450 people booked already. I've got lots of turkeys so that should please everyone. We will go on doing turkey dishes in January and will also continue with the strawberry promotion as there are plenty available.

New Year starts with the Polar Swim when we will have the chocolate fountain out with fresh fruit for dipping, as well as mulled wine to round off the season. At the end of January it's Chinese New Year so there will be the Dim Sum Buffet on Sunday 29th January.

I will be changing the 'Khun Laak Recommends' menus early in January as they have stayed the same through December. Also in January our new International and Thai Menus will come into use, with organic eggs, gluten-free dishes, and rice served separately from main dishes - all these will be mentioned.

The Club has its annual monks ceremony on 16th January - Members are welcome to attend and make merit at lunchtime and enjoy the food too.

Happy New Year and Happy Eating!



Khun Laak

Executive Chef



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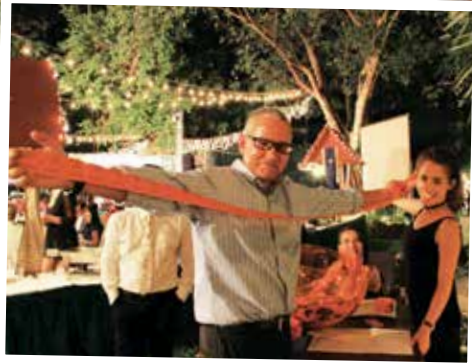
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WHAT A BALL!

The air was balmy, the mood was engaging, the lights twinkled in the trees, the music was entrancing. The new format proved very welcome, with over 250 Members and guests arriving for the evening looking elegant and smart, but not sweating from jackets or tight shoes. The multi-buffet was incredibly delicious, the bands performed flawlessly- Jazziam during dinner and Boss Band afterwards - goaded the assembled revellers into eating and dancing respectively. The raffle prizes, especially the top prize of a holiday at Soneva Kiri, were eagerly sought after, and much appreciated when won! Even the breakfast was well-received by those still swaying around the lawn. Warm thanks and much applause to the guests for having such a great time, and for the service and catering staff for making it all happen as planned. Everyone is looking forward to next year's Annual Ball!







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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



3

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



Football
7 - 9pm



4

Ladies Tennis Coaching
9am - 10:30am



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Monk Ceremony
10am Surawongse Room

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



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7:15pm The Verandah



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Club Closed for Annual Staff Party

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E.G.M.
7pm Surawongse Room

Football
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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

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



Iyengar Yoga
10:30 - 11:30am



6

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Tennis Junior
4 - 5pm / 5 - 6pm



7

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am



Swim Coaching
9am - 10:30am



1/8

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Swim Coaching
9am - 10:30am

Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room

Polar Swim (1st Jan)
12noon Silom Sala

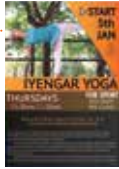


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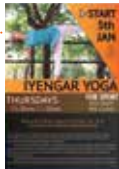


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5:15pm - 9:45pm



Iyengar Yoga
10:30 - 11:30am



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Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Tennis Junior
4 - 5pm / 5 - 6pm

Wine Tasting
6 - 9pm
Surawongse Room



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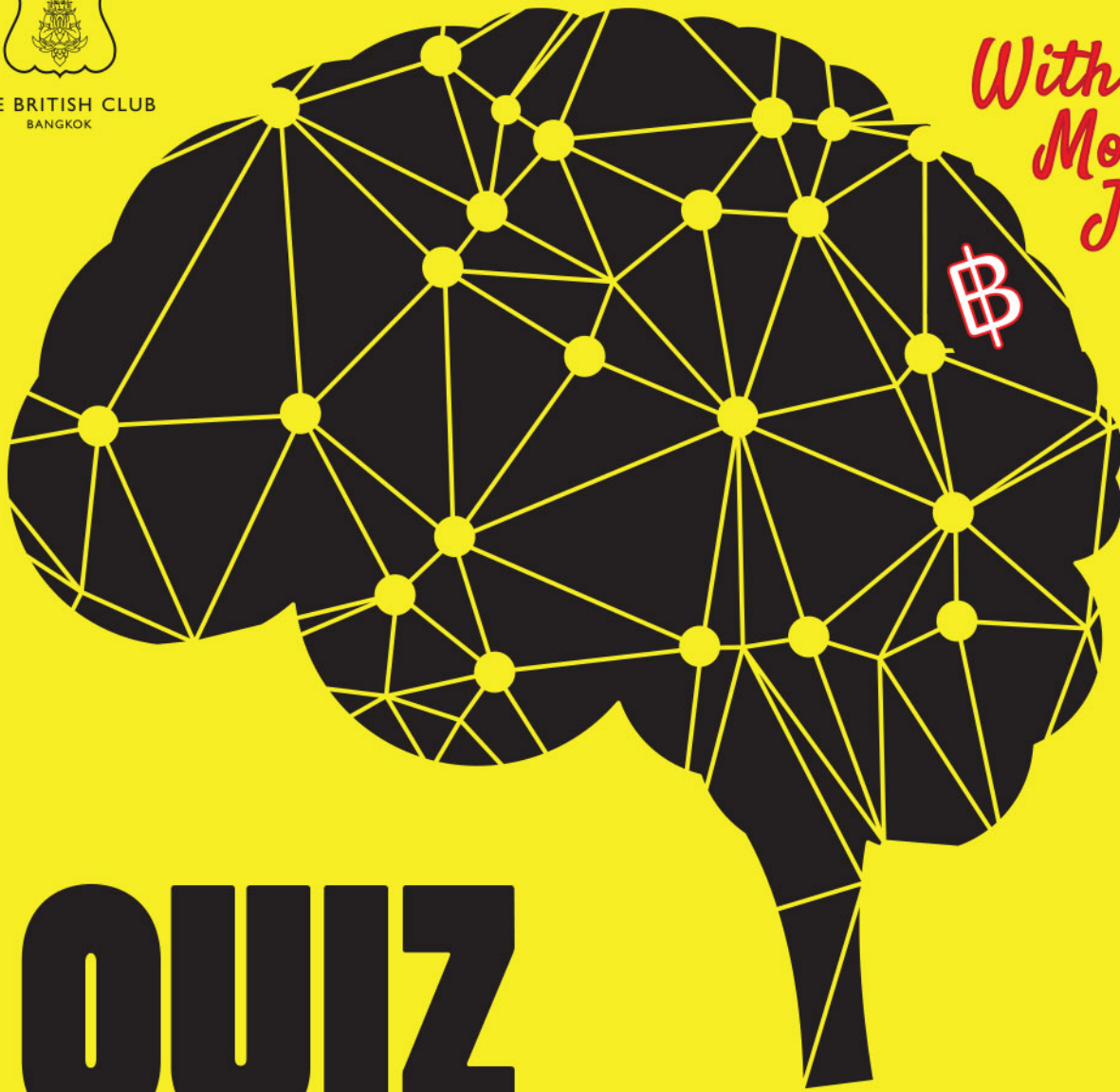
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Soloists



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GIVING BACK TO THE BRITISH COMMUNITY

As a long term resident of Asia, with extensive stints in Hong Kong and Thailand, and my wife from the Philippines, two children at Bangkok Patana, I consider Asia, especially Thailand, to be my home. However, I often think of Britain, with my happy childhood in Durham and Perthshire, and key family members still in Edinburgh and Durham. I like to think we bring part of what is good about Britain to these distant shores...

The British, Australian, Canadian & New Zealand community in Bangkok is quite tightly knit, with Embassies & Chambers of Commerce functions, Rotary Clubs & the British Club, and the varied International schools bringing us together. Overall, most of us can be thankful for a standard of living rarely enjoyed in our home country.

In Thailand, there are 600 members of the British Chamber of Commerce, approximately 50,000 British nationals resident in Thailand, of which over 10,000 are living in Thailand on retirement visas, and in 2015 there were over one million British arrivals, the majority of them tourists with whom we have relatively little interaction. It came as some surprise to me, whilst attending an Embassy Consular briefing by the British Consul, Layla Slatter last year, just how much good work their office does: apart from processing 7,646 notarisations for the resident community in 2015, the team also handled over 1,400 assistance cases, including 334 deaths, 46 missing persons, and 259 hospitalisations (and unfortunately 161 arrest cases).

Ms. Layla, then went on to mention a number of examples of cases which had somehow “fallen through the cracks” of normal process. Cases where British subjects became stranded in Thailand with no financial lifeline to access urgently needed medical care, or lacked the price of a ticket home, or were even desperate for a basic meal after being pick-pocketed. Hard to imagine amongst BCCT members, but who knows, it could happen to any of us (and probably did when we were students!).

The Embassy helps in a number of ways, firstly in terms of immediate assistance, from an emergency relief fund, which survives entirely on charitable donations, and generally dishes out between Baht 1,000-5,000 to the most urgent cases, and did so for 37 cases in 2015. The next level, are cases where the person is just a bit short of funds for a ticket home, or in unfortunate cases where someone dies, but relatives lack the funds to arrange transportation; in these cases the Embassy

lends money against a “promise to repay”, but there is an internal policy limit per individual. Thirdly, are the more financially demanding cases where patients cannot afford their medical bills, but often have reserves back in Britain that they cannot access. Again the Embassy may lend with a promise to repay, but because the amount is larger the approval process may take longer, which exacerbates the financial burden.

Having taken all this on board, I decided I would like to help, and the thought occurred to me that other British Club Members might like to contribute too. As a result, we have established The British Community Charitable Fund (BCCF) which is administered by the British Embassy. The Embassy offered to have representatives from the British community to participate in the decision-making, but we felt it would be better to rely on their judgement. Instead, the Embassy will produce a quarterly report, with a simple tally of inflows and outflows, and real life examples of beneficiaries.

So far this year, the BCCF has received Baht 150,000 in donations. The BCCF would look to fill any gap up to Baht 50,000 per case where the Embassy has reached its “promise to pay” limit for repatriation or medical cases. A reasonable estimate of money needed to fully fund the program is about Baht 500,000 per annum, much of which would be more like a revolving facility: effectively making loans to recipients which would generally be repaid at a later date.

In conclusion, there is an opportunity to share your good fortune, in a small way, to assist your stranded or distressed countrymen return home, after a sojourn gone wrong. The Embassy will issue receipts and recognize larger donations in the form of embossed certificates. If you would like to learn more about this program, please email Jem at the British Embassy, Ms. Jem Wild Jem.Wild2@fco.gov.uk or myself at jk@skfm.com

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Karon Beach 1986



Karon Beach 2016



Jack Dunford

I have very happy memories of a wonderful family holiday to Phuket during the rainy season of 1986. Phuket was still undeveloped and we had pristine beaches all to ourselves. Since then ugly uncontrolled development and horrendous traffic have long since struck Phuket off my list of places to visit .. except for cricket tours! I stayed an extra day on tour this November to visit the spots where I took family photos 30 years ago, expecting to find horrors ... and here are the results. Horrors? Along the roads yes ... but to my delight the sea and beaches themselves are still fabulous in the sun! Too bad the surrounding areas weren't protected!



1986



2016



Nai Yang Beach 1986



Nai Yang Beach 2016



Phuket 1986



Phuket 2016



Surin Beach 1986



Surin Beach 2016

HARD BALLS

A stray BC member at the test



Happy Holidays

The festive season has temporarily slowed down cricketing activities, and as much as I know how much you all love reading the report, I regret to announce we are back to the usual 2 page spread following threats from the tennis and squash sections who felt I was stealing their thunder. The lads managed to inject a sprinkling of Christmas cheer into the calendar with a festive edition (pretty much the same except it was in December) of the fireball doubles social game,

before filling up 3 tables for the BC Christmas Ball. Both events were well attended by supporting WAGS, who played their role in keeping behaviour levels twice as bad as they'd usually be. The remaining report looks back over a glorious moment in Pattaya, and our opening tournament of the season at RBSC.



Ben Eastwell



Representing at the crimbo party



The supporting cast

Pattaya Masters League 12th November

Early November saw BC take on their third opponents in the over 45s league down in Pattaya, hoping to continue their unbeaten run in the 25 over format. Batting first, BC spared no one, using up all 10 wickets on the way to setting the pace for PCC. Nachi initiated a shaky start when he fell for an unconvincing duck in the opening stages; despite half the field being immobile, a low-scoring spell followed - with Sunish being the only top order batsman to make double figures. Father & son Khan duo did some rescue work to put on 30 between them before some saving grace down the order as JCS tucked away a steady 20* on his comeback game, accompanied some of the way by freshly-turned-45'er Captain Rahul, who contributed a further 21 from the same number of balls. Dilip & Jack



BC champions V Pattaya Masters

stylishly wrapped up the innings with double-ducks in the last over, helping Salmon to outrageous figures (4-9, 5 overs) and the opponents a target of 122 to win.

Once everyone had tuned in their hearing aids, BC set to the field to defend their score, hoping not to replicate Pattaya's expensive extras tally - only 17 shy of a half-century. An identical start in the 2nd innings saw Pattaya's #1 sent back for 0, the first of 2 victims to be clean bowled by Dilip (4 overs, 2-16), who were beaten by the ridiculous swing he generates with the new ball. Aseem had clearly put the right pair of pants on that morning as he followed suit with a further 3 wickets for 12 runs, including a caught and bowled. The scorebook looks like it has been filled out by a blind ape, which makes recalling any great detail a little difficult. However, Ed, Sarg, and Nachi all added a wicket to their tally, Jack's arm didn't fall off when he bowled his over and most importantly - BC won by 16 runs and kept the legendary record rolling. 3 more games remain in the mini-league, with British Club surely the favourites at this stage!

T10 Tournament

The opening tournament of the season was held in town by RBSC, who hosted the annual 10-over competition over 2 days at their picturesque ground in the middle of Bangkok. A weekend where Denzyl was looking to get some runs on the board, Dilip was hoping nobody noticed his atrocious parking and the whole team were hoping to grab their first ever win in this seemingly cursed format.

BC were summoned early doors to kick-off the tournament against Kerala Strikers who had opted to bat first in the morning conditions. Ed (1-7) was the only wicket taker, assisted by Ben who had been banished to the boundary the whole weekend. Some sharp team fielding and a noteworthy couple of overs from Denzyl (0-6) helped to restrict Kerala to 83 off their allotted overs. A rollercoaster innings was battled by BC after losing Mossy first ball, recovering well with Rahul (16) and Ed (10), before catastrophically losing 5 wickets for 5 runs. Patrick then proceeded to manufacture a second recovery, and after striking a huge 6 at the pivotal stage of the match - the crowd were on the edge of their seats as BC looked to scamper the remaining 6 runs from 5 balls. Unfortunately Kerala came away victorious with 1 run to spare. Almost!

The second and final game of the day (4 hours later) drew a dreary-eyed BC against premier side and competition favourites BCC. BC batting first managed to beat their score in the first game by 3 runs, including Denzyl finally managing to score some runs and Mossy redeeming himself with a classy 31*. In the bowling reply, momentum was good for the first 4 overs, but without much room for error, BCC stepped on the gas and pulled away from the below-par total, eventually reaching their target in the 9th over. Needless to say, BC rocked on with beats and beverages until they were asked to leave that evening. First to arrive, and last to leave.

Sunday's games were spectated by a packed grandstand for a day of horseracing, whilst BC were looking to keep their tournament hopes alive in a make or break match against the hosts. Rahul won the toss and elected to bowl first, but



Tribute



Plotting



A calamitous pair



Sarg gets his fill



Before getting turfed out

the team had seemingly run out of steam – conceding a colossal 122 runs, with Dilip the only wicket taker (much to his relief). Even with Mossy continuing his form and producing a hasty 36*, and Denzyl (19) back to business, the target was increasingly distant and BC closed their competition campaign on 86 runs. With matches on hold for the Christmas break, the team have got a bit of time to enjoy some time off, and put the feet up ahead of the league stuff kicking off again in January.

SQUASHY BITS

Rod Carter

The Rod Carter Open squash competition is a squash competition named after a man called Rod Carter. A few years back, Rod Carter was a keen squash player at the British Club and when he passed away, it was decided that an annual, open squash competition be named in his honour called the Rod Carter Open.

The Rod Carter Open is held every October or November so every year around October or November the Squash Section organizes the Rod Carter Open. Peter does it. Because it is an open competition, it is open not only to British Club Members, but it is also open to other squash players from other squash clubs.

This year's Rod Carter Open had a lot of squash players. That means a lot of squash players entered the competition and a lot of them were from the British Club and a lot of them were other squash players from other squash clubs.



Bruce Madge

The squash players from the British Club were Neil Evans and Ranjan Isaac and Marvyn Lewis and Bruce Madge and Neil McArthur and Shiraz Poonevala and Daniel Roberts and Marc Sayer and Keilic Wong and Luke Thompson and Justin Bieber. That's a lot of squash players from the British Club and a pop star prat!

The other squash players from the other squash clubs were called Ram, Dorn, Nichada, Amalia, Martin, Supaharn, Kitirak, Surakit, Tanech, Chatchawin, Suthiraphan, Supich, Peerapon, Uthain, Kasidit, Panisa, Asadej, Jay, Kittipong, Chairat, Anantana, Niklas, Jean, Temyos, Pandejpong, Adam and Kim Jong-un. That's a lot of other squash players from other squash players and a fat, ugly dictator!

Adam vs Luke



Adam vs Uthain



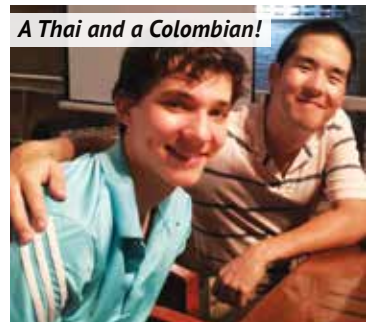
More RC action!



Prat!



A Thai and a Colombian!



Kim Jong-Un's missiles!



RC action



The salad has arrived!



The Rod Carter Open 2016 was played over two weeks so over a period of 14 days the players mentioned above played squash against each other. Some won, some lost because some are better at squash than others. All played well, but some more well.

In the end, at the end of the Rod Carter Open squash competition, on the finals' night, there were only four players left. This was because before that all the other players had lost. For example, Luke lost to Adam. By the way, Justin Bieber was disqualified for being a dickhead and Kim Jong-un was chucked out for trying to sell nuclear missiles to the other players. Very naughty!

Anyway, there were two finals because the Rod Carter has a Plate bit and a Cup bit. The Plate bit final was first and in that bit Adam played against Uthain. Uthain is a Thai man and Adam is not. In fact, Adam is not even a man. Actually, Adam is a man and that was a funny joke. In fact, Adam's full name is Adam Dean and he is an award-winning photo journalist. That is not a joke and the proof is at www.adamdean.net

As well as taking nice pictures of people with their legs blown off and of huge statues in North Korea - it was Adam who invited Kim Jomg-un to play as they are mates - Adam can play squash quite well. More well than Uthain it appears as Adam beat Uthain 3-1. That means that Adam won and Uthain lost so Adam is the 2016 Rod Carter Open Plate Champion and Uthain isn't.

Who invited Justin Bieber?

In the Cup bit final, Chatchawin (Win) played Martin. Martin is only a teenager and Win isn't. In fact, Win is an adult even though he's quite short. Martin is also Colombian which means he's also from South America. No one knows why Martin is in Thailand. Martin doesn't even know. Whatever!

Both Win and Martin are good at squash. Very good. Martin had his parents and relatives in to watch and they were talking in Spanish as that is their language. Win doesn't speak Spanish. Win speaks Thai because he is Thai and he also speaks English. Martin also speaks English. Lots of people also speak English. Win won the first game and Martin won the second game so that meant they had won one game each and the score was 1-1. In the third game, Martin hurt his leg and he couldn't play on because his leg hurt. Martin was a bit upset about this, but not as upset as his parents and relatives who had flown all the way from Colombia to watch him play. Martin's mum had a right go at him in Spanish. Martin's mum was flamin' livid and Martin was in tears and Win was the Rod Carter Champion 2016.

Mind boggling!



Adam's trophy!

After this excitement, the players and the punters sat down for the usual deep-fried, healthy fare of chips, sausage rolls, samosas, onion rings, spring rolls and chicken wings all washed down with lager. Why the hell Peter Cornflakes insists on ordering this crap at the conclusion of every squash competition is as mind-boggling as how Donald Trump has become the next US President. The trophies were quickly handed out before anyone had a chance to die from cholesterol poisoning and some photos were taken and some weren't. And after that we threw Peter in the kid's pool!

Many thanks to ACA Pacific and iCheck in Hotels and Resorts for their kind support and to all the players and spectators without whom there would be no one to eat Peter's fried food!



Win, Flakes, Martin

Until the salads arrive. . . .



Healthy crap!



RC punters!



More RC punters



The BCB Squash Section would like to acknowledge Boots Retail Thailand as its sponsor for 2015. Boots Retail Thailand kindly sponsored the 2014 Rod Carter Open, the BCB Squash Section's open squash competition, and has agreed to support the section throughout 2015. Boots Retail Thailand has numerous branches throughout the country supplying high quality cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Many thanks to Boots Retail Thailand.





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"GREEDY (OR LUCKY) FOOTBALL STARS"



"Arsene Wenger suggests Alexis Sanchez and Mesut Ozil should lower their wage demands in new contract talks." Daily Mirror 5th December, 2016

"Some sources claim Ozil and Sanchez want £20 million-a-year, £384,000-a-week, to re-sign with the Gunners and Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has appealed for them not to let money decide their futures." Daily Telegraph 8th December, 2016



I'm so lucky to be so loaded!



Just one of Ozil's flashy cars!

They are skint, apparently! Greedy more like!

As this is supposed to be the Fantasy Football column, let's talk fantasy money. These days, the EPL football stars are being paid enormous sums and apparently for some it's not enough. Both Sanchez and Ozil earn over £100,000-a-week and they want more. Most ordinary folks would be happy with £100,000 a year, but for these two players, and many, many others, that paltry weekly amount is clearly insufficient.

What the hell is going on with football? It's been like this for years with more and more players demanding, and getting, higher and higher wages.

100K Greed is but a word
jealous men inflict
upon the ambitious.



Bruce Madge

And we've heard all the arguments about it being a short career, could be ended at any moment by injury, the top players are extraordinarily talented, provide entertainment for millions (of fans, that is), etc, etc, etc. So pay them well; they deserve it. But there must be a limit somewhere and it should come from the players themselves. Isn't 100 grand a week enough?

The average EPL player earns in a week what most fans get in a year. Many football stars' yearly salaries are way beyond what the majority of people will earn in a lifetime – ten lifetimes! Of course, the players are the game, but football is nothing without the fans. Do these millionaire players ever look at themselves and then their fans and see the disparity? Do they care? The gulf between the two is getting wider and wider and it's because of the money. The cost of football has gone up and up. Ticket prices are higher than ever and up to 100 quid a match, and replica shirts cost at least 50 quid a piece.



And if these overpaid football stars think that earning millions makes them superior or somehow bett. . . . oh, sod it! This is getting boring. This rant has become pious and dull. Who cares how much money the lucky gits make? We're just envious that we ain't talented enough to be playing in the EPL and making millions. I mean, who wouldn't want 100K a week? I would. Imagine all that cash coming in week in week out. Could afford to buy almost anything. Big houses, flashy cars, expensive watches, beautiful clothes. Beautiful girls! What a dream. What a fantasy.

We're in the wrong bleedin' job!

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TENNIS

Get involved!



Ian Thornhill

1. Join the mix-ins!

See opposite for timings and how to join.

2. Monthly leagues – sponsored by Head2Toe Salon

Just in case there are Members who are not exactly sure what playing league tennis at the British Club means, please see the summary below”

- British Club Leagues tennis is singles tennis played between Members of the British Club Tennis Section
- The league currently has four divisions based on skill level with Division 1 being the highest
- Both women and men are welcome and there is no gender segregation within the league
- Each division usually has between four and six players and matches are played between all players within that division in a round robin format
- Matches are best of three sets, however the third set is a Championship tie-break (first to 10 points by 2 clear points)
- A league lasts for about six weeks - so each player must play between three to five matches during that time period
- Points are awarded for matches and sets won, and for matches completed
- There is a divisional promotion and relegation system for those who finish in first and last place
- The entry fee is TBH 100
- Winners of each division receive a THB 500 British Club F&B Voucher and a voucher from our sponsor Head2Toe Salon.

Points are awarded as follows:

2-set win	4 points
3-set win	3 points
3-set loss	2 points
2-set loss	1 point
Unplayed match	-1 point

If you have any questions please contact Graham Johnston at grjohnston23@gmail.com or the sports centre.

3. 2017 Club Championships

The sign-up sheets are available in the sports centre for the 2017 British Club Tennis Club Championships, which will be run from January through to the finals day March.

There are events for Men’s and Ladies’ singles and doubles, and mixed doubles. All those that lose their first match will automatically go into the Plate tournament which will run in parallel.

So join the tennis section and sign up to participate in the sporting highlight of the year!





TENNIS SECTION MIX-IN

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Wednesdays	6:00-10:00pm.	Cost THB80
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Sundays	4:00-7:00pm.	Cost THB50

MIX-IN RULES

- Tennis mix-ins are open to all tennis section members.
- Players are required to sign in before entering the courts.
- The sign in sheet is on the whiteboard in front of court 1 by the fitness centre. Members who join a 'mix-in' without signing in may incur a double charge.
- Players will be allocated to a court as they sign up. The first four to centre court and so on.
- Only 8 game sets are played with normal duce.
- Players are required to leave the courts at the completion of their set to allow those waiting to start their games.
- Mix in participants are reminded to respect and adhere to the spirit of '**mix-in**' for the enjoyment of **all** players.

LEAGUE & MIX-IN BOOKINGS

In order to encourage participation in the leagues, give us the best chance of having all the matches played, as well as make more efficient utilisation of the courts during mix-ins, some of the back courts are available to book for LEAGUE or CHAMPIONSHIP matches only during part of the mix-in sessions. Based on analysis of the court usage at the different mix-ins over the last year, we expect this will have negligible (if any) impact on the mix-in.

Monday mix-in: Courts 2 & 3 are available to book for League/Champs matches only, at any time.

Wednesday mix-in: Courts 2 & 3 are available to book for League/Champs only, from 8pm.

Friday mix-in: Courts 2 & 3 available to book for League/Champs matches only, from 8pm.

Sunday mix-in: Court 2 available to book for League/Champs matches from 6pm

The sports centre team are aware of the booking rules and will ensure that any bookings are in line with this policy and only used for league matches.

BCGS

November 2016



Randall Coleman, Men's Champion



GCL receive the SUAL Bell from Pete Gale for another year

We held the annual Club Championships at Springfield, a top-rated and challenging course in Hua Hin. Ladies and men compete separately, but both play two rounds of stroke play. The main events are based on gross scores, but prizes are also awarded for net scores, with the proviso that each competitor is eligible for one prize only. The Men's Championship attracted a full field, but on paper it seemed that the fight would be between last year's best performers, craftful veteran Randall Coleman and the athletic Graham Johnston. This was indeed the case. After day 1, Graham's fine 78 gave him a four shot lead, which he extended early in the second round. But Randall was as keen as mustard; he plugged away, sinking some clutch puts and capitalizing from uncharacteristic errors from Graham. The competition was close and extremely well fought; in the end Randall prevailed, retaining his Championship by a single shot. Graham retained the net prize, leaving the somewhat laggard Frank Fawkes and Brian Brook to claim the runner-up spots in the gross and net events respectively.

The Ladies' event had a smaller field. Karen Carter, a previous winner in both 2001 and 2005, asserted her authority early on. This was just as well, as she needed the margin to absorb the cost of multiple watery graves for her shots to the treacherous 18th green. However, she had already played well enough to win, with Yuruchatr taking the net event and Carole Ann Eastgate taking the runner-up slot.

The following Sunday we played a more relaxed competition against The Gentlemen's Cocktail Lounge for the SUAL Bell (shut up and listen), at Subhapruek. It was played concurrently with the monthly stableford, and the format was a pairs, combined stableford match. The ladies of BCGS on the day proved their mettle, with Karen Carter carrying Frank Fawkes to victory in their match and Carole Ann partnering Captain Pete to a hard fought draw. Unfortunately, we had only two ladies on parade, and lost the remaining matches to be soundly beaten. There were, however, some good scores, with recently crowned Club Champion Randall winning the individual stableford with 39 points, from Captain Pete two shots back and David Burton a further three adrift in third place.

The monthly Worldwide Relocations Medal was held as usual at The Royal Golf. In Flight A, Terry Davis reaped the benefit of a new-found putting skill following his adoption of a claw grip. He was delighted to shoot a gross 77 (net 68) to win comfortably from Frank Fawkes in second and John Sienna third. Flight B was a little less competitive, but newly joined Gus Wilson scored a respectable net 77 to win, with David Burton and Chris Brader sharing second place.



Gross and Net Champions, with the ubiquitous future champion



Chris Brader wins another technical at Royal



Brian Brook was a winner



Karen Carter and Frank Fawkes; winners against GCL



Karen Carter, Ladies' Champion



Ladies' championship Runner-up, Carole Ann Eastgate



Medal winner Gus Wilson

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