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LETTER FROM THE GM



Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As we start out this new year, I am really looking forward to having a great 2013 here at our Club. There are already capital improvements underway and more scheduled to take place this year. These improvements will make our Club an even nicer place.

After a hectic time, we had our annual monks ceremony with the monks giving a blessing to our Club and our staff as in the Thai tradition. We followed this with our staff party at Hua Hin; our staff had a great time, relaxing and having fun with games and food and a few drinks. Thank you to Khun Prasertkit Soongswang for allowing us to use your place and to the other sponsors, both Members and suppliers.

In February, we will celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Snake. We will also celebrate Shrove Tuesday a few days early on Sunday 10 February. We will start with a Chinese buffet, including Dim Sum for lunch and dinner. In the afternoon, we will have a Lion Dance and show. This is the first time in our Club's history to have a Lion Dance. After that, you can enjoy the Pancake Menu, and there will be Pancake races and other activities on the Back Lawn for the whole family.

For Valentine's Day, Khun Laak has created a special menu for this romantic occasion. Each couple will receive a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

Don't miss out on these great events! Booking is easy, you can either send an email to info@britishclubbangkok.org or sign up at the reception, or even call the reception desk at 02-2340247 and we can make the booking for you.

On other matters, this year the Club will celebrate its 110th birthday. We have formed a team to brainstorm and create new ideas and activities to celebrate this historic event. We will keep you updated as things progress.

In light of safety issues, we have decided to use plastic glasses and crockery around the poolside and Sala areas. We are in the process of ordering this material.

Gong Xi Fa Cai

Premrudee Tanyaluck

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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



Dear Members,

Last month Outpost went to print before Christmas Day, and I must just say what an incredible day that was. All the Clubhouse rooms were full, with another hundred plus seated on the Back Lawn. And what an amazing array of food, too. And Santa. Now I can't wait for next year!

We ended the year off with a comfortable and relaxed evening away from the pushing and shoving of crowds and the crushing noise of television or loudspeaker announcements, although we were getting there with our techno DJ! On New Year's Day, poolside filled up towards midday and shortly thereafter we had numerous blocks of ice delivered which made their way into the pool for Polar Swim. Lots of kids were there, and some adults too - I gather the water dropped quite a few degrees and was refreshingly sharp!

January has seen the arrival of the Phantom of the Opera tickets for two of the nights in May and the continuation of the Santana tickets for March. For Phantom, we now have tickets for a different night, the 23rd, and we still need to check the seating before confirming, so let us know with plenty of time as the tickets are selling extremely well and may have gone if you leave it too late. Santana is ok as we have a block reserved, but we will still need to release some of those if we haven't got firm bookings from you. For other concerts this year, it looks increasingly likely that sales will be firm soon after booking, so make sure your diaries are clearly marked to avoid disappointment!

February is looking like being a busy month with the rescheduled Gourmet Night on the 7th a couple of days after the Old & New Members Night which is being arranged by Khun Prang by invitation. Lent is early this year, as is Easter, which means Shrove Tuesday is early and can only be brought forward for a weekend Funday, and that coincides with Chinese New Year! So Sunday 10th February is a triple event day, with the Chinese Dim Sum Buffet at midday followed by the Club's first ever authentic Chinese Lion Dance on the Front Lawn, and soon after that the pancake fun begins with races and games and of course lots of pancakes! A few days later is the February Quiz Night, and then Valentine's Day for which we will be having an exotic dinner. Balut Cups Night sees a large group of Singaporeans descending on the Club to compete in the All Comers Cup, and soon after that we have a performance by the Bangkok Music Society called "Under Her Spell", a continuation from last year's "Scatter Her Enemies", which brings a selection of Medieval to Baroque songs and duets illustrating Woman and her power over Man, which promises to be both interesting and melodic.

Starting on 4th February, the Monday evening slot of Monday Night Media will embark on a trial of 3 new, less famous detective series, as well as one excellent courtroom drama series. The pilot episodes of all the series will be shown and it will be interesting to hear feedback about them. One is a series of programmes about crime-busters contemporary to Sherlock Holmes which will provide contrasting stories and methods.

We are already making plans for the Club's 110th birthday party which will be celebrated in style around the Club on Sunday 28th April. In March, we've got 6 nights of the Bangkok Community Theatre's production of 'Blithe Spirit' and of course Easter Day plus a New Zealand Wine Dinner. But that's another month away, and a busy one to get through!

I've been battling away at getting the front page of the website back into shape in a more user-friendly layout, trying to allow for information to be posted as well as just forthcoming events. By the time you read this, I hope to have found a tabular layout which will be legible and easily accessible. This has all taken a while longer than anticipated, and I thank you for bearing with me during this period.

Have a good month, and beware of Cupid's arrow.

Best wishes,

Jeremy de Sausmarez
Events & Marketing Manager



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BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

1ST - 8TH FEBRUARY 2013

STARTERS - 55 BAHT

NICOISE SALAD WITH FRENCH BEANS,
EGG, BLACK OLIVES, POTATOES AND ANCHOVY
OR

CHEF'S SOUP OF THE DAY

MAIN COURSES - 140 BAHT

PAN-FRIED DORY FISH WITH SPICY HERBS
(SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD AND BOILED POTATOES)
OR

TURKEY LASAGNE
(SERVED WITH GARLIC BREAD)
OR

MINI STEAK
(SERVED WITH MIXED VEGETABLES AND ROAST POTATOES)
OR

• GAENG SOM GOONG PHAK RUAM
(SOUP SOUP WITH MIXED VEGETABLES AND PRAWNS)

• MOO TOD KRATIUM PRIK THAI
(STIR FRIED FISH FILLET WITH GARLIC AND PEPPER)

• TOD MUN PLA
(DEEP-FRIED FISH CAKE)

DESSERT OF THE DAY- 55 BAHT
OR CHOOSE FROM OUR À LA CARTE DESSERT 10% OFF

11TH - 15TH FEBRUARY 2013

STARTERS - 55 BAHT

MOZZARELLA, MANGO, TOMATO AND ROCKET SALAD
OR

CHEF'S SOUP OF THE DAY

MAIN COURSES - 140 BAHT

CHICKEN MARYLAND
(WITH PINEAPPLE, BANANA, SWEET CORN,
BACON AND HOME-FRIED POTATO)
OR

PAN-FRIED DORY FISH WITH MORNAV SAUCE
(SERVED WITH BROCCOLI AND MASHED POTATO)
OR

FILLET OF PORK IN A LIGHT CURRY SAUCE
(SERVED WITH GRILLED ZUCCHINI AND CORIANDER RICE)
OR

• TOM KHA GAI
(A REFRESHING SOUP WITH CHICKEN,
COCONUT MILK AND HERBS)

• PLA DORY RAD SAUCE MAKHAM
(DEEP-FRIED DORY FISH TOPPED WITH TAMARIND SAUCE)

• PHAD KANA NAM MAN HOY
(STIR-FRIED KALE WITH OYSTER SAUCE)

DESSERT OF THE DAY- 55 BAHT
OR CHOOSE FROM OUR À LA CARTE DESSERT 10% OFF

18TH - 22ND FEBRUARY 2013

STARTERS - 55 BAHT

CARROTS, RASSINS AND APPLE COLESLAW
OR

CHEF'S SOUP OF THE DAY

MAIN COURSES - 140 BAHT

FISH AND CHIPS
(CHOICE OF BREAD CRUMBED OR BATTERED)
(WITH GARDEN PEAS AND TARTAR SAUCE)
OR

CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA
(SERVED WITH YELLOW RICE)
OR

PORK SCHNITZEL WITH APPLE SAUCE
(SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD AND BAKED POTATO)
OR

• PANAENG GAI
(CHICKEN STIR FRIED WITH RED CURRY SAUCE
TOPPED WITH SLICED LIME LEAVE)

• KAI JIEW MOO SAB
(THAI STYLE OMELETTE WITH MINCED PORK)

• PHAD PHAK RUAM NAM MAN HOY
(STIR FRIED MIXED VEGETABLES WITH OYSTER SAUCE)

DESSERT OF THE DAY- 55 BAHT
OR CHOOSE FROM OUR À LA CARTE DESSERT 10% OFF

25TH - 28TH FEBRUARY 2013

STARTERS - 55 BAHT

ORIENTAL CHICKEN, PAPAYA AND GINGER SALAD
OR

CHEF'S SOUP OF THE DAY

MAIN COURSES - 140 BAHT

LAMB, BEEF AND EGGPLANT MOUSSAKA
(SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD AND GARLIC BREAD)
OR

PAN-FRIED DORY FISH WITH CAPER BUTTER SAUCE
(SERVED WITH BROCCOLI, CARROTS
AND GARLIC MASHED POTATO)
OR

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST
AND SPINACH RISOTTO WITH PARMESAN,
(WITH ROCKET LEAVES DRESSED WITH PESTO)
OR

• TOM YUM GOONG
(SPICY LEMON GRASS FLAVOURED SOUP WITH PRAWNS
AND MUSHROOMS)

• KAPRAO KAI
(STIR FRIED MINCED CHICKEN WITH HOT BASIL
AND CHILLI)

• PHAD PHAK RUAM NAM MAN HOY
(STIR FRIED MIXED VEGETABLES WITH OYSTER SAUCE)

DESSERT OF THE DAY- 55 BAHT
OR CHOOSE FROM OUR À LA CARTE DESSERT 10% OFF

F&B MORSELS



Dear Members,

Thank you all for the good wishes you pass to me when we meet. It is very good for me when I hear people have enjoyed the food we produce, and I am happy that my team have been able to meet the deadlines for Christmas deliveries. I'm happy you all had such a good day!

After the busy-busy month of December, we have been getting back to normal through January. But not all normal, there have been many functions this month as well, so it has still been quite busy. The buffets have been returned to Saturdays, and our Sunday Brunch has been more popular than ever, so I am hoping to introduce some new dishes soon to make the buffets and the brunches even more delicious.

February is Valentine's month, and we will be doing a special dinner on Valentine's Day which I recommend! There is also the rescheduled Gourmet Dinner and some special Dim Sum for Chinese New Year.

We will be doing a special drink for February: Lychee Delight, available from all outlets. If you want to make it have a kick, order a Lychee Delight Cocktail, which has rum in it.

I am also pleased that people are ordering more from the "Khun Laak recommends" board, and hope that we are not often out of any items on the list.

Happy Eating!

Khun Laak
Executive Chef

1st - 15th February 2013

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80
Pan-Cooked Asparagus and Mixed Seafood	Bt200

Main Courses

Crispy Glazed Duck Breast with Green Pepper Sauce (served with red cabbage jam and croquette potatoes)	Bt 300
Lamb Shank Braised with Red Wine and Herbs (served with crushed new potatoes and green beans)	Bt 400
Grilled Snow Fish with Capers, Olives and Butter Sauce (served with asparagus, carrots and french beans)	Bt 680

Dessert

Dessert of the Day

16th - 28th February 2013

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80
Prawn Cocktail	Bt 160

Main Courses

Spaghetti with Spicy Lamb Sauce and Fresh Rosemary	Bt 265
Duo of Red Snapper and Sea Bass with a Vegetable, Noodle and Scallop Sauce	Bt 335
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Dessert

Dessert of The Day

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on 10th February 2013



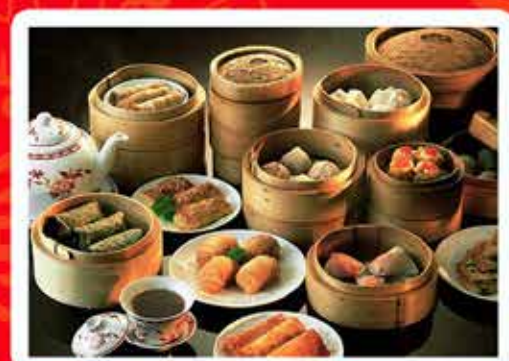
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FRONT LAWN

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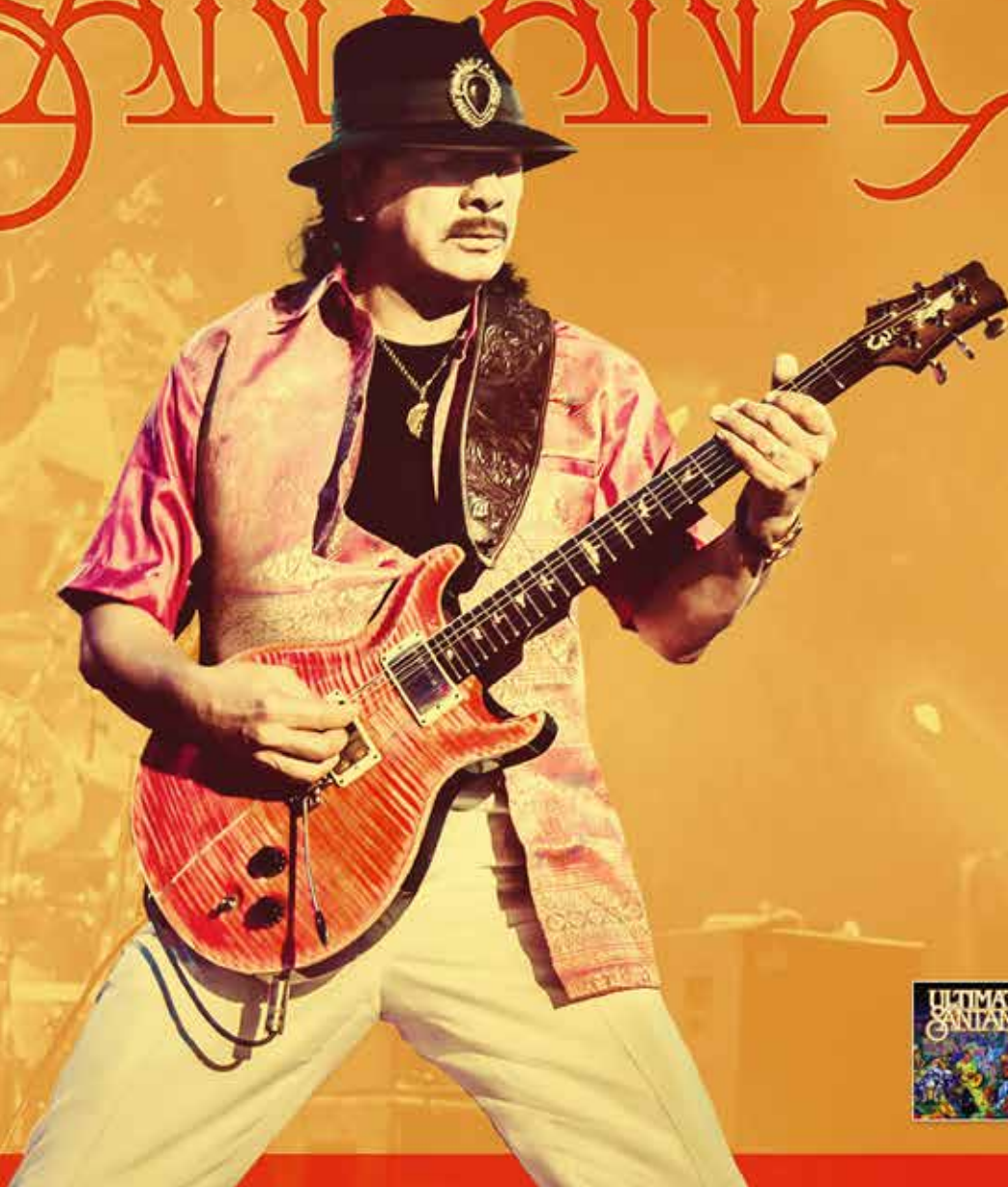


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 19th March 2013

This meeting is open to all Ordinary and Country members only. An official Calling Notice will be dispatched on Friday 22nd February 2013.

AGM MOTIONS:

If you wish to put a motion to the AGM regarding any constitutional matter or some policy you want our Club to adopt or, indeed, any matter concerning the Club, please submit the motion duly proposed and seconded by Ordinary or Country members, together with some rationale, to our General Manager by 5pm on Monday 18th February 2013.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 2013/14:

Candidates for the next General Committee may stand from the floor of the AGM but if you wish your name to be circulated on the Calling Notice Candidates List please send a completed application form to our General Manager by 5pm on Monday 18th February 2013. Forms are available at reception.

To be eligible to join the General Committee you must

- (a) Be an Ordinary member of the Club and have been so for at least six months.
- (b) Have a valid work permit and/or visa to reside in Thailand or be a permanent resident here.
- (c) Be able to obtain an affirmation letter from your Embassy in order to be registered with the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.
- (d) Have sufficient time to attend the monthly GC meetings, sub-committee and Work Group meeting, membership interviews and New Members Nights.

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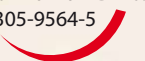


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GOODWILL TO ALL

Christmas Day at the Club!

It certainly looked as if the Club was catering for 'all' on Christmas Day Luncheon. Almost all the rooms were ready with tables beautifully set with crackers, paper hats, and other Christmas accoutrements. The Verandah, Churchill, Wordsworth and Suriwongse; all were booked, with only the Silom being used to lay out the food. And what an unbelievable selection of food there was too, far too wide a range to even consider listing, enough to make the sturdiest of tables groan. What's more, it was all delicious, excellent, hot, fresh and simply scrumptious.

And then there was the Back Lawn, awnings covering tables seating over 100 people, spray fans toiling away, muzak-style carols on loop, children's activities and the mega Bouncy Castle, and along one side a massive double-ended buffet. What a fantastic opportunity for gastronomic satisfaction and a bit of hedonism too!

Just as everyone was beginning to wonder whether they would burst, Santa appeared, ho-ho-ho-ing, with beaming eyes and sparkling smiles, handing out wrapped presents for the kids, and showing there was still a long way to go before bursting! It rounded the meal off admirably and helped make Christmas Day the very special day that it really is. Thanks to all who came and joined in the merriment!



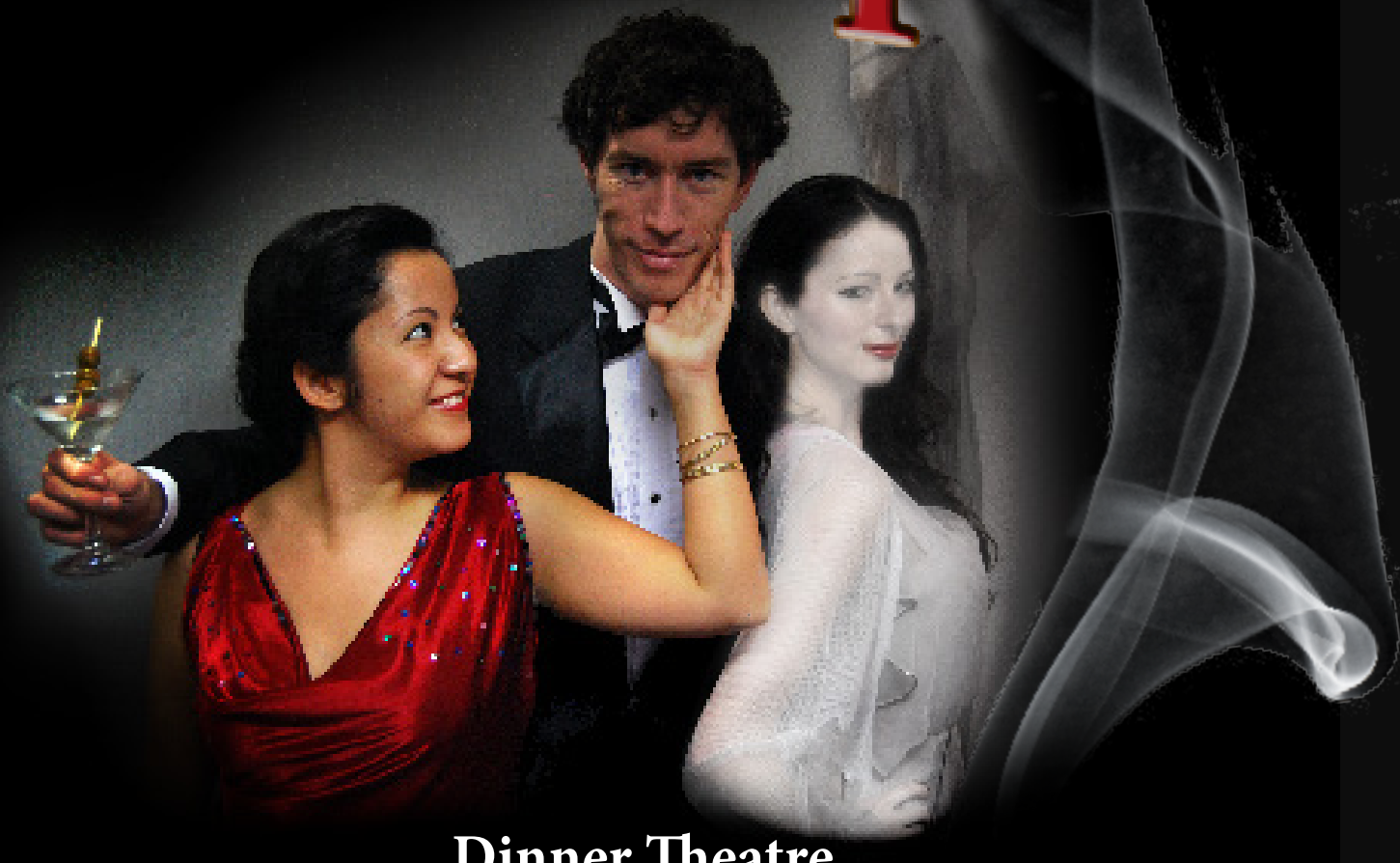
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HOLY DAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman

Several members have suggested that I should add in holidays from all our core countries and differentiate those Thai holidays which are actually Public Holidays not just national observance days So here we go ... official Thai public holidays are in **Red** and I apologise for missing Australia Day on 26th January.



INVENTOR'S DAY

February 2nd

The Thai Council of Ministers decreed on 22.07.1993 that each February 2nd would be known as 'Inventor's Day' to celebrate the granting of patent number 3127 to H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) for the 'Chaipattana Aerator' a machine used to oxygenate ponds and for wastewater treatment.

This national observance day was created to mark the founding of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand. A service is held at the Victory Monument.

VETERAN'S DAY

February 3rd

WAITANGI DAY

February 6th

This is a public holiday in New Zealand to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840 which made New Zealand part of the British Empire. Since 1934 this day has been treated as New Zealand's national day, and in fact from 1974 to 1976 it was named 'New Zealand Day'.

This year we celebrate the start of the 'Year of the Snake' – people born in a Year of the Snake (1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989 and 2001 in recent years) are said to be acute, aware, charming, cunning, elegant, mysterious, passionate, proud, serene and vain. Anyone you know?

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY

February 10th

SHROVE TUESDAY

February 12th

Shrove Tuesday (or Pancake Day as it is usually known) is the last day before the 40-day fast that ends at Easter and thus the last day to use up all the sugar, fat, flour and eggs at home before that fast starts. Traditionally all the food is rolled together in pancakes and the day celebrated with pancake races, 'tossing the pancake' games etc. The Club will have pancake races on this day.

The start of the 40 day fast before Easter recognising the fact that Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert before starting his public ministry. The term 'ash' relates to an ancient Church practice of marking the forehead with ash dust to show penitence and adherence to the fast.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 13th

VALENTINE'S DAY

February 14th

Originally a feast day for the Christian saint Valentinus who was executed for performing marriage ceremonies for Roman soldiers (who were normally forbidden to marry) the day has been taken over by the world as the 'day of love' whereby you send a card or flowers to your sweetheart. By coincidence our Club is in Khet Bangrak which can be translated as 'village of love' which is why hundreds of Thai people get married at Khet Bangrak Office each February 14th!

A relatively new national observance day, since 1985 this day has been used to name the National Artist of Thailand - the date is the birth date of King Buddha Loetla Nabhalai (Rama II) who was an artist. The first National Artist was M.R. Kukrit Pramoj whose historic house is these days open to the public on Soi Phra Pinit (Narathiwatratthanakarin Soi 7) – about 1,800m from our Club.

NATIONAL ARTIST'S DAY

February 24th

MAKHA BUCHA DAY

February 25th

This is one of the major Buddhist festivals of the year and marks the day nine months after his Enlightenment (on Visakha Bucha day) that Buddha wrote the principles of Buddhism, called "The Ovada Patimokkha" being 'to cease from all evil', 'to do what is good' and 'to cleanse one's mind'. In Thailand the monks in a Wat perform a candle ceremony on the Makha Bucha evening.



The Bangkok Music Society presents

UNDER HER SPELL

Songs and Duets from Medieval to Baroque
celebrating Woman, and her power to
enslave the heart, mind and soul of Man

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013

8pm, Suriwongse Room
The British Club, Silom Soi 18

Featuring:

Allyson Adair (mezzo soprano)
Jak Cholvijarn (countertenor)
Joel Akins (tenor)
Jonathan Truslow (baritone)
Joseph Moore (harpsichord)
Alice Orton (flute)
David Wilson (viola da gamba)

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Stage direction by
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TICKETS: Bt 200 - adults, Bt 100 - students, children
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Proceeds from the concert will help support marginalised women working in Thailand



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The British International School in Thailand
Established 1957

PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at the history of our Club in 1984 ...

1 The year opened with serious problems from the on-going construction of the AIA Building to the north of the Club. Late night and evening working and excessive noise led to numerous representations to AIA as usage of the Club's poolside dropped drastically and some members were even resigning because of it.

2 The big issue of the year, however, was the on-going debate for females to hold membership in their own right. Since 1903 membership was open only to males although from 1948 single ladies could hold 'Ladies Privileges' which was a sort of non-voting membership. It is unsure who the major proponents of the rule change were – the Committee were undecided (see insert) and a survey of 400 Ladies (wives of members and Ladies Privileges) received only 21 responses and only 14 of them in favour. The Committee decided thus to hold a 'Vote in Principle' at the AGM in March, then if passed proceed to delete the word 'male' from the qualifications of membership – it would thus read "Membership of the Club shall be opened to citizens over the age of 21 of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand" – a process which would require two general meetings as it was deemed a major constitutional change – the first to agree by majority and the second by a two-thirds majority.

The AGM debate did not open as well as could be expected with one member quoting Sir Thomas Beecham reasons for not having females in his orchestra saying "if she is beautiful she disturbs the musicians; if she is ugly she disturbs me". The (male only) debate did, however, approve the principle of female members by 58 votes to 28 and a subsequent vote to amend the constitution by 57 votes to 23. However, the second meeting required to ratify this saw an increase in support on both sides by passing 71 to 47 making the win seven votes short of the two-thirds majority needed and the motion was lost.

3 The AGM also changed the rules on going 'Absent' - originally back in 1947 when one was going on leave, which would require setting sail to Blighty and being out of Thailand up to six months, one paid a reduced monthly fee upon return. In 1970 this became a fee in advance but we were now finding people being away weeks not months so in 1984 the limit was introduced whereby one had to be absent for at least three months to actually be 'Absent'.

4 April 1984 saw the retirement of our General Manager Bob Vlietstra. As recruitment was taking its time, the General Committee appointed its vice-chairman Geoff Percival as acting General Manager. Although only acting as General Manager for six months Geoff left the Club a lasting memory in that he bequeathed to the Club the green Churchill Bar stools – most of which are still in use today. A plaque denoting this is under the clock. In October the Club was successful in appointing our youngest ever General Manager David Williamson - aged only 34. Nicknamed 'Buster' after his likeness at birth to 'Buster Keaton', David is one of five past GMs who are still members of our Club.

5 The end of 1984 saw the Long-Range Plan, created in 1977, come to its end – lasting seven years through six General Managers and seven Chairmen of the General Committee – having succeeded in doing all but the now deemed unviable office block above the kitchens. However, despite completing the refurbishment of all Clubhouse rooms, moving the offices, building new ladies in-door toilets, the laying of two hard courts, building an extra Squash Court and a new Sala and despite membership being the highest ever at 496, the Club's finances were again out of control with income down, operating losses up and so we faced yet another financial crisis ...but you will have to wait until next month to find out what we did next!

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Item 4 was the proposal by the General Committee that the Members of the British Club vote on the motion whether "In principle they are in favour of the admission of eligible Ladies to Membership of the British Club."

In his introduction the Chairman stated that the Committee, as a body was neither in favour nor against the motion.

"A balanced committee!"

ERRATUM - apologies for listing Joakim Nyström as Danish last month when in fact he is Swedish!

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

BC CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2013

MONDAY

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4

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Media
7pm, Wordsworth Lounge
The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes



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BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Media
7pm, Wordsworth Lounge
Life on Mars



18

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Media
7pm, Wordsworth Lounge
New Tricks



25

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Media
7pm, Wordsworth Lounge
Judge John Deed



TUESDAY

28

5

Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm

Old and New Members Night
7pm



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Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Quiz Night
7:15pm - 9:30pm

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm



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Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm

Under Her Spell
Surawongse Room, 8pm



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Morning Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers
8:30 pm



WEDNESDAY

30

Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



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Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Gourmet Dinner
The Verandah, 7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Valentine's Day
The Verandah, 7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Cricket Thursday Night Trio
7pm



WEDNESDAY


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Gourmet dinner
 Dinner every 1st Sunday
 7pm - 10pm
 Tuesday 26 February 2025
 7pm - 10pm
 Members \$12.00
 Non-members \$22.00
 Book by email on with Kaitlyn

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Valentine's Day
 6pm - 10pm
 7pm - 10pm

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Children's Cinema
 6pm, Silom Sala
 Toy Story 3
Wine Tasting
 Suriwongse Room
 6pm - 9pm
Tennis Mix-In
 7pm - 10pm

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Wine Tasting
 Friday 22nd February 2025
 Suriwongse Room
 6pm - 9pm
 Members \$12.00 Non-members \$22.00

FRIDAY

1

Children's Cinema
 6pm, Silom Sala
 Aristocats
Tennis Mix-In
 7pm - 10pm



SATURDAY

2

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

Six Nations Rugby
 8:30pm - Wales vs Ireland
 11pm - England vs Scotland



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

Six Nations Rugby
 9:30pm - Scotland vs Italy
 Midnight - France vs Wales



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



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

Six Nations Rugby
 9:30pm - Italy vs Wales
 Midnight - England vs France



SUNDAY

3

Junior British Club
 10:30am - 1:30pm
Sunday Brunch
 11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
 Surawongse Room
 2:30pm

Yoga
 2:30pm

Six Nations Rugby
 11pm - Italy vs France



Junior British Club
 10:30am - 1:30pm
Sunday Brunch
 11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
 Surawongse Room
 2:30pm

Chinese New Year
 Dim Sum Buffet, 11:30am
 Lion Dance, 2:30pm

Pancake Family Funday
 3:30pm

Six Nations Rugby
 10pm - England vs Ireland



Junior British Club
 10:30am - 1:30pm
Sunday Brunch
 11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
 Surawongse Room
 2:30pm

Yoga
 2:30pm

Six Nations Rugby
 10pm - England vs Ireland



Junior British Club
 10:30am - 1:30pm
Sunday Brunch
 11:30am - 3pm

Yoga
 2:30pm

Six Nations Rugby
 9pm - Scotland vs Ireland



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BC Golf Society

2 Feb Vintage GC
 10 Feb The Royal GC
 16 Feb Royal Hills GC
 17 Feb Royal Hills GC



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6 NATIONS 2013

Sat 2nd Feb 13	20:30	Wales vs Ireland	Millennium Stadium
Sat 2nd Feb 13	23:00	England vs Scotland	Twickenham
Sun 3rd Feb 13	23:00	Italy vs France	Stadio Olimpico
Sat 9th Feb 13	21:30	Scotland vs Italy	Murrayfield
Sat 9th Feb 13	24:00	France vs Wales	Stade de France
Sun 10th Feb 13	22:00	Ireland vs England	Aviva Stadium
Sat 23rd Feb 13	21:30	Italy vs Wales	Stadio Olimpico
Sat 23rd Feb 13	24:00	England vs France	Twickenham
Sun 24th Feb 13	21:00	Scotland vs Ireland	Murrayfield
Sat 9th Mar 13	21:30	Scotland vs Wales	Murrayfield
Sat 9th Mar 13	24:00	Ireland vs France	Aviva Stadium
Sun 10th Mar 13	22:00	England vs Italy	Twickenham
Sat 16th Mar 13	21:30	Italy vs Ireland	Stadio Olimpico
Sat 16th Mar 13	24:00	Wales vs England	Millennium Stadium
Sun 17th Mar 13	03:00	France vs Scotland	Stade de France

RUGBY

6 Nations Tournament

By Michael Taylor



The 2013 Six Nations looks to be every bit as exciting as last year's, which saw Wales triumph and England finish a deserved second. The question on everyone's lips, after Stuart Lancaster's team's success in last year's tournament and the historic win over the All Blacks in November, must surely be whether England can go the extra yard and win the tournament. Certainly, the signs are very positive, but with Ireland underperforming and Scotland suffering the indignity of finishing last in the previous year's tournament, these are two nations ready and willing to prove themselves this year. Italy continues to steadily improve, while France – though erratic – is capable of beating anyone on their day.

As usual, we'll be showing all the games which start before midnight in the Churchill Bar and will be extending Happy Hour prices for all games involving British teams.

The Club's,

110th

Birthday Party



Sunday 28th April 2013

Lots of activities planned.
More details soon.

MARK YOUR DIARIES!!



TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

In partnership with



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Dear BCTS,

Christmas and New Year are now well and truly a distant memory and we must look forward to tennis, tennis and yet more tennis.

The Championship draw was posted in mid-January and I hope by the time you're reading this you have managed to play your first match and are looking forward to your second match, be it in the Cup or Plate tournament.

The draw for the Plate tournament will take place on February 4th.

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES:

Cup Singles winners: 1 night complimentary stay at
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Eastin Grand Sathorn – Value Bt. 4000



Plate final winners: Dinner vouchers for 2 people at the Glass House restaurant – Value Bt. 3000
The following companies have also donated cash and/or voucher prizes.



Good luck for the rest of the Championships.

Paul

SPORT & LEISURE

GYM:

The gym used to be a quiet relaxing place where I could knuckle down to some serious admin work partially hidden behind a pile of neatly folded towels. Alas those days are no longer as foot traffic into the gym has greatly increased, not only because of the bigger, brighter and more welcoming space we have but also because of the excellent work Sandy, our freelance personal trainer, is doing.



Sandy will give a **free fitness consultation**, approx. 1 hr, where she can meet with you, discuss your goals and assess your fitness.

The promotion discounting Fitness Age Assessments will be extended for 1 more month, and, if that wasn't enough to whet your collective get fit appetites then **for February every member who signs up for/renews a Personal Training package will receive 1 free BC massage.**

Coming up in February we have a WAGS Football tournament on Saturday 9th. Always a fun afternoon with some hotly contested matches, friendly camaraderie and a smidgen of beer, you are more than welcome to join in or just come along and watch. Kick off will be at 2pm with the finals being played around 6pm.

There will also be a fun volleyball competition on the front lawn on Saturday 20th. Due to court size teams are usually 5-a-side. This event is open to everyone and proves to be a lot of fun to play or just watch.

Finally, here's a quick look at some of the stuff the BC kids got up to on sports camps over Christmas and the New Year:



Looking forward to seeing you all at the Club.

Regards,

Paul

SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge

Flamin' 'Eck!



It's only a month into the year and just look around ya, the whole world's still in constant disarray and 99% of it is all our own fault: death, murder, war, plague, famine, robbery, 7-11 not selling beer after midnight, more death, more murder, more war, plague, famine, and robbery, dog poo on the pavement every bleedin' mornin', floods, then drought then more floods and more drought, forest fires started by arsonists, no bog roll, corruption, pollution - air, water and noise, litter, a hole in the ozone layer, urine on the toilet seat, diarrhea, rabid stray cats, racism in football, truancy from school, no FA Cup on True Visions, drug addiction, strikes, redundancies, bankruptcies,



ACA Bear for Civil!



Came back up easily as well!

alcoholism, sheep stuck in snow drifts, terrorism, tooth decay, smoking, K-pop, fake monks, human trafficking, Chavs like Den So, beggars and homeless people, traffic jams, loneliness, heart break, depression, waking up late, fast food and cholesterol, no bread left in the bread bin, drunk drivers, hangovers, taxi drivers who don't want to switch on the metre, greed, anger,

anxiety leading to suicide, acne, cellulite, hairy backs, fraud, debt, austerity measures, creepy crawlies, disabilities, poverty, stretch marks, burnt toast, wet paint with no warning sign, smelly feet, bad breath and back ache. Well, with all that lot going on beyond the walls, and even within them, of the British Club, Bangkok, the Squash Section decided to throw a New Year party.



Carvery!



DJ Marv!



Five a side madness!



H and Win in love!



Happy New Year!



Pong's empty oil bottles!

And this is what happened: 10am mix-in, 10-12 players in two groups, Civil topped one of them and Pong the other both winning ACA Pacific cuddly bears, photo of Pong and his bear lost in the rush along with most of the other photos that weren't even taken; then noon+30mins Win (Thai #1) and H played an exhibition match which Peter oversaw while dozens watched on in stunned silence, rapt, in awe, drinking beer and applauding politely between points until halfway through the final and deciding game, CRASH! SMASH! BANG! a poor, innocent pint glass cruelly destroyed by Wayne shuffling across the benches to get a better camera angle, play stopped, point replayed, H's nerves suddenly shot, his game collapsed and Win triumphed 3-2, brilliant match, tons of talent, awesome play, us lowly players can only dream of Win and H playing together; now 13.30 so back lawn and Marv on the decks with the Sunday carvery, beer, wine, and Don't Fear the Reaper, Hulk Hogan, Tom Kelly (still alive) and friends,



Justin Bieber wears ACA!

Deano, Jack, Marc, JD and family, Mark Hagleur and all the usual characters stuffing our faces with turkey, salmon, beef and custard, guzzling down the Tiger and red wine, time flew, more tunes, bit of funk, some house music, rock 'n' roll, heavy metal, even Bodyslam, some more ACA give-aways - small bears and t-shirts, the staff did well, Pong had kindly brought some rice oil - additive, preservative, cholesterol, sugar, fat free, in fact it was so free of everything the bottles were empty, but we handed them out anyway, then more glasses broken as Evan's boy Ryan tried to punch his way across a table, Glades came over, then we decided to play football, well, what a stupid idea as all drunk, total chaos, people falling over, kicking each other, biting, scratching, eye gouging, all injured, cuts, bruises, broken limbs, dislocations, torn clothing, shoes destroyed, so more drinks and more tunes; 18.00+ most drifted away, but some carrying on, Dexys Midnight Runners, Oasis, Marv eventually had had enough so gathered his tunes and headed off leaving me and JCS and H's iPod with trance and JCS' lovers' rock, more red wine, tons left in the box, it's going down like cranberry juice and I must finish it all afore it goes to waste, so I do until. . .until. . .until it's all



Supposed to be watching Man U!



Wayne's World!



Went down like juice!

coming back up again, gallons of it, coming out like a fountain along with the roast beef and the custard and peas and carrots, always diced peas and carrots, but hadn't eaten any, whatever, in the bogs for a clean up, then the Churchill for a beer; 20.30 Man U v Liverpool, H and JCS, Nuch and Michael Taylor, didn't catch any of it (see the pic), but roused to make KFC and the BTS before midnight, home and six bottles of Leo waiting in the fridge, what luck and what a party, enough to make you forget any problems and anything else for that matter!

Until the hangover is gone. . . .

HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



I had to change my pseudonym this month because Corin didn't realise that Squire Legge was a cricketing term.

The Parrots: The BC played a 25 over match against the Siam Parrots at Harrow School on 8th December. There was no match report and only photos of the slammers session, but the scorebook suggests a very entertaining, high scoring match. Inserted by the Parrots, the BC racked up an impressive 175 for 8 with Rahul (22), Speddo (30*), Dale (14), Vaughan (26) Matt (21*), Andy (18) and Naim (30*) all getting into double figures. Five 6's and fourteen 4's were struck, the most awesome innings of all being Speddo who finally figured out that the best way of avoiding fatigue is to get the runs quickly and retire.

Unfortunately the BC was missing some of its star bowlers and although Speddo, Anthony and Matt all managed economical 4-over spells at under 4 an over, the usual quota of 17 wides were bowled and the Parrots were always more or less on target. 3 of their top 4 batsmen retired on 30 and only 3 wickets fell, one to Corin's first ball which apparently swung both ways and knocked back their best batsman's middle stump. Amazingly Corin (1 for 12) was also responsible for one of the other wickets, taking a blinding catch on the boundary presumably whilst taking evasive action. The Parrots won by 3 wickets with just 4 balls to spare ... a great game of cricket celebrated, I am told, in festive spirit.

Oh Calcutta! Two of the missing star bowlers were absent in Kolkata for the Third Test Match between England and India ... together with friends from the Not the MCC team from Kingston, UK. And what a blast that was.

Kolkata is an incredibly colourful, vibrant city, most of its population desperately poor, but cricket mad. It is well-planned and endowed with graceful historic buildings and could be a gem whenever India's growing prosperity can be more evenly

and productively shared. I'll swear the airport was exactly the same as when I last visited 30 years ago and from the one hour wait for our bags as an endless stream of flat-screen TV's sauntered around the carousel it was like a step back in history. Most of the traffic into town comprised honking, aging, yellow Austin Ambassador taxis driven like dodgem cars, competing with hand-pulled rickshaws, bicycles and, of course, cows.

We stayed at the Hotel Floatel, an eccentric over-sized bathtub outrageously advertised as heavenly luxury, but conveniently located within walking distance of the historic Eden Gardens, one of the largest cricket grounds in the World. Days are short in Kolkata this time of year and the match started early each day at 9.00 am to be over before it got dark soon after 4.00. We enjoyed the luxury of a Corporate Box with a splendid outside viewing gallery and an air-conditioned room for snoozes and TV replays. Tea and biscuits were served by waiters in smart white uniforms in the morning and afternoon with a splendid curry buffet for lunch. Magic!



The run rate was never above 3 an over, but this was Test Cricket at its best. England had only ever won once at Eden Gardens and had not won a series in India for 27 years and yet they out-plated India in every department of the game ... batting, fielding and, amazingly, spin bowling. We saw history in the making, Cook with 23 becoming England's leading century maker, record partnerships with Compton and Trott, and possibly the last Test 50 by India's all-time great Tendulkar ... and an English victory on the 5th morning to go one up in the series.

View from the box



The ladies enjoy it too

Eden Gardens



Missing bowlers



Not The MCC

The Indian crowds were fantastic ... although Test Cricket is supposed to be dying in India there were 25,000 to 45,000 at Eden Gardens each day ... outnumbering the Brits by 100 to 1. The Barmy Army was blissfully small but vociferous enough to prompt excited and friendly banter throughout. How amazing that such diverse cultures can embrace and enjoy the subtleties of such a complex and gentle game as cricket! The best day for atmosphere was the 4th. In other parts of the world with the visitors hammering the hosts, the terraces would have been emptying ... but by late afternoon, with India 9 wickets down and still 50 runs short of making England bat again, every run was greeted with such a roar that you would have thought India had just won the match.



It is!

Never have I enjoyed a cricket match more ... and that's saying something!

Christmas Cricket: On Saturday 22nd Paul Ringer managed to get 20+ cricketers together for some festive Christmas Cricket on the Back Lawn. 6 of BC's squad were over 50 and we took on Brian's under 14 year olds and St Georges. The boys thrashed us before we had even woken up and then we strategically lost a warm up game against St Georges who, unimaginably, were lulled onto thinking they were just playing a load of old f**ts. But with a bit of practice under our belts the oldies came good in the all-important 16-over Bashes match, batting with ... err... maturity ... and bowling within our limitations ... running out easy winners! A great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Well done Paul ... well done Brian's boys and well done St Georges.



Jingle Bells



The Bashes vs St Georges

BCGS GOLFING NEWS



3 Clubs and a Putter Competition & Capitan's Day – Bangpakong Riverside Golf Course – December 16, 2012

The ever popular 3 Clubs and a Putter Stableford style competition was contested in December at one of Bangkok's lesser known layouts – the Bangpakong Riverside Golf Course. This golf course was in excellent condition allowing for competitors to play to their very best, despite the limited number of weapons at their disposal. The course also features an abundance of refreshment stands, which for at least in the case of a handful of spirited golfers, perhaps contributed to less than impressive play and style. This was also the Golf Section's Capitan's Day, and Mr. Fawkes treated players to some chilled Champagne on the first tee box as golfers readied themselves for the game. Certainly, these early libations put players at ease as they sized up the unusual task ahead of them.

When the day was done, interestingly enough the scores seemed better than most Stableford events, which must tell us something both about the power of the club manufacturers' lobby, and our own games. Form player Mark Evans won the event with a very respectable 39 Stableford points. Just behind him was Marcus Prior, Brian Brook and Ray Bloom (extra credit to Marcus and Ray who endured a cheerful 5 ball grouping). Well done to Brian who was the runner-up on count back.

A word of thank you to Capitan Frank is due, as he carried out the Capitan's duties this year with grace, spirit and great technical competency for the benefit of all golfers participating in the Golf Section's events in 2012. Thanks Frank!!



The quality of Flight A Medal winner Gordon Milne's golf game was much better than the quality of this photograph would suggest



A well deserved Flight B Medal victory goes to Brian Brook, who has played some outstanding golf in the latter half of this year

Monthly Medal – Royal Golf and Country Club – December 23, 2012

The final Medal event of the year saw a full field of regulars and some guests, who on a clear and breezy day played for glory, honors and the pleasure of golf. The tightly contested Flight A event went to Gordon Milne, who shot a fine Net 69, good job Gordon! Honorable mention in the flight goes to Phil N. and Randall C. who shot a 69 and 70 respectively. In Flight B, Brian Brook took home gold with a Net of 74, beating Barry on count back, while Karen Carter took third place. Well played Brian!

The December Medal also marked the occasion when golfers who were contesting for the final top spots and trophies in the year long Eclectic Championship (overall fewest number of strokes per hole, by flight, over 12 Medal competitions).

Entering the day, Ian Thornhill in Flight B had an unassailable lead and won the event comfortably with an incredibly low Net score of 47, all off a final handicap of 22. Well done Ian, who is capable of playing some sublime golf, and we all ponder how long it will take him to shave off those handicap strokes and join us mortals. In a painful relegation, Art found himself back in Flight B but came in second with a Net of 51 and Ray Bloom was third with 52.



Capitan Frank pours cocktails for thirsty golfers near the 1st tee box at the 3 Clubs and a Putter event near the river course south of Bangkok



Ray Bloom seems to be confident about his upcoming shot at the well maintained Bangpakong track.

Flight A saw an interesting battle between Mark Evans and Art Carlson who were tied at the start of the day with a net 52 (the tie-breaker going to Mark on count-back) and with Frank Fawkes 2 strokes back. In a very tense dual that saw Art and Mark paired up, Mark managed to gain one stroke on the par 3 7th hole, by sinking a 20 foot putt from the edge of the green to gain his first par 3 birdie of the year. So in the end, Mark won the Flight A Eclectic with a net 51 (off a 15 handicap). A well deserved congratulations to Mark, who played outstanding Medal golf all year long, and won a well deserved Flight A Eclectic! Frank and Jack O'Flynn both ended with net 54s to take the final podium spots.

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BRIDGE

By Mike & Winlock



Bridge Results for December 2012

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 2 nd December (13 pairs)	1 st	Dr. Apithai & Chalernpol	65.83%
	2 nd	Surawit & Prarop	56.67%
Sunday 9 th December (computer glitch)		Announced by email	
Sunday 16 th December (13 pairs)	1 st	Martin Carter & Watana	60.83%
	2 nd	Mike Wiss & Dr. Kesselman	60.42%

Bridge Play Techniques (by Helmer Nissen)

What do you play and why?

Declarer opened 1 NT, your lovely partner leads ♠ 2 (4th highest), dummy got ♠ JT6, you have: ♠ Q 8 5 3

What do you play if declarer plays the 6 from dummy, and respectively the jack? Before you decide what to play, you need to be able to count to 13: partner has 4 spades in his hand, there are 3 in dummy, and you have another 4. So now you know that declarer has only 2 spades in his hand, but which two?

Let's say it is the A9; then the declarer will always get two spade tricks. But what if it is K9?

Therefore, don't cover with the queen, but encourage your partner to play the suit again, and whenever you or partner gets in, the king will drop, and your side will get 3 ♠ tricks.

That was a set up question. Would you play like this at the table?

Two more questions, what do you lead upon 1 NT – 3 NT from opponents?

A) ♠ AK654	B) ♠ T98642
♥ 63	♥ 7
♦ 864	♦ 965
♣ 975	♣ 832

- A) If your partner got two ♠ and both opponents three, you need to play a small to keep an entry to your hand. Try also to imagine partner having the jack doubleton, and dummy having Q82!
- B) Of course you must try to make your ♠ good, but how are you going to cash the tricks? You must try to count ... your partner has all the defensive values, and at least 5 card ♥! Opponents didn't ask for majors, so they have a maximum of 3 + 4 ♥, and you got one = 8. Lead the ♥ 7, and your partner will surely want to play with you again.



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NIGHT



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BALUT

By Sausage



BALUT SHIELD

January sees us returning to the usual two tournaments a month on Wednesday evenings. In December, we only met for one tournament, which was on 19th December and it was a Balut Christmas Special with spot prizes of extra bottles of wine, a package of Sausage's sausages and a Club calendar. In addition, we had five new Balut members cutting their dice, but above all the evening will be noted for its technological slant in being played on two continents simultaneously! Swampy's mum and sister played in the tournament in Australia whilst we played in Bangkok, and the scoring was undertaken collectively by the Balut Online Scoring System.

BALUT CUPS NIGHT

Coming up on Saturday 16th February is the Balut Cups Night, a splendid evening when we all play for three different cups. The Balut Cup is for Section members, the All Comers Cup is for non-members and visitors from overseas, and the Juniors Cup is for, well, juniors (up to the age of 17). The evening starts off at 6pm with a buffet which is sumptuous every year, and then the tournament, consisting of 6 games, rolls off at 7pm. There is free-flow refreshment and inevitably some highly unpopular dice for those wishing too hard for glory! There will be spot prizes, and a good time will be had by all. Please come down and enjoy the evening with us!

CHALLENGES

We would like to organise some external challenges with different teams later in the year. If anyone knows of any groups who would like to play an away and home session against a BC team, please let us know.

BALUT SHIELD LEAGUE

Already after only three months of the Shield year, there are some surprising results coming into the league table. The top positions reflect the best of 6 games, and the average scores reveal the trends. As the year progresses, the six top scores become more significant, and also more difficult to challenge. It is going to be an interesting year!

Player	Games	Total	Average
TC (Phil Alexander)	6	2938	97.93
KOS (Ryan Bebbington)	6	2893	96.43
Sausage (Jeremy de Sausmarez)	5	2544	101.76
Hobbit (Steve Hobley)	1	508	101.60
Penguin (Andy Williams)	3	1518	101.2

BALUT CUPS NIGHT

Saturday 16th February 2013



BALUT CUP
(Section Members)



ALL COMERS CUP
(non-members
+ overseas)



JUNIORS CUP
(up to age 17)

Sumptuous buffet, free-flow beer, wine, whisky and soft drinks.

F&B starts at 6pm.

Tournament (6 rounds) starts at 7pm

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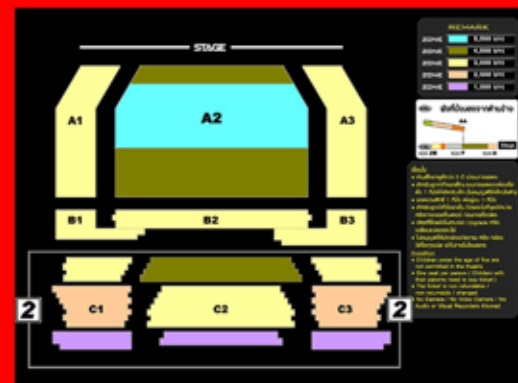


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For this month, we have selected the first episodes of four series all of which received great critique and viewing figures and spawned follow-up series.

Three are detective series, the other is the BBC's longest running courtroom drama - come along and try them out!

FEBRUARY: Mondays, 7pm, Wordsworth Lounge. Full F&B service available.

4th February

The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes "A Message from the Deep Sea"

This series dramatised short mystery fiction by authors who were contemporaries of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, with detectives who had appeared in popular short stories or novels, and were contemporaries of Sherlock Holmes. The series was inspired by Hugh Greene, elder brother of author Graham Greene.



In this episode, a young girl has been murdered in her boarding house, and the solution looks obvious. But is it? Our sleuth Dr Thorndyke, played by John Neville, is a medical man first and a solver of mysteries second. He decides to look into the matter further.

11th February

Life on Mars "Episode 1.1"

After a road accident, Sam Tyler (played by John Simm), wakes up in 1973 as a Detective Inspector in the Manchester CID (formerly a Chief Inspector). He is unsure of whether he is in a coma, barking mad, or has gone back in time. The series examines differences and methods in police work between '73 and '06.

Tyler follows a series of murders committed with the same modus operandi in both 2006 and 1973, and the clash between Tyler and his colleagues largely due to the lack of importance placed on forensic science.



18th February

New Tricks "The Chinese Job"

New Tricks follows the work of the fictional Unsolved Crime and Open Case Squad. After a hostage rescue goes wrong, superintendent Sandra Pullman is put in charge of unsolved crimes, with little resources and no back-up. She recruits three retired policeman, but times have changed, unlike her new recruits.



Here they investigate the murder of a nightclub hostess, when the convicted man is released on appeal after serving twenty years, having always claimed his innocence, with a surprising outcome. Featuring Amanda Redman, Denis Waterman, James Bolam, and Alun Armstrong.

25th February

Judge John Deed "Exacting Justice"

Despite the red robe and wig, Mr Justice Deed is no average High Court Judge. Good-looking, fit and fifty-something, he has a rakish charm that belies his sharp intellect. His passion for justice and his maverick approach set him at odds with the Lord Chancellor's department.

This episode concerns a father accused of murdering the man who killed his daughter, though he will not speak or offer any defence which intrigues the judge, who is already having serious trouble with his activist daughter and her new friend at university. Starring Martin Shaw as Judge John Deed, with Jenny Seagrove and Donald Sinden.





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PANCAKE KIDS COMPETITION

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