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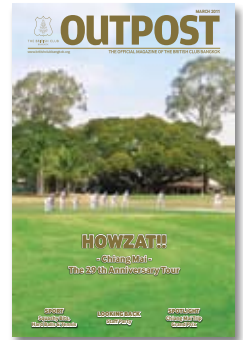
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FRONT COVER

What began 29 years ago as a friendly competition has developed into a full weekend of matches covering four different sports. The weekend involved over fifty fun-seeking enthusiasts, who were as intent on enjoying their weekend as they were on triumphing in their field. This month's issue contains several viewpoints of what transpired was a thoroughly enjoyable if somewhat exhausting event.



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MESSAGE FROM THE GM



Jesper Doepping

Dear Members,

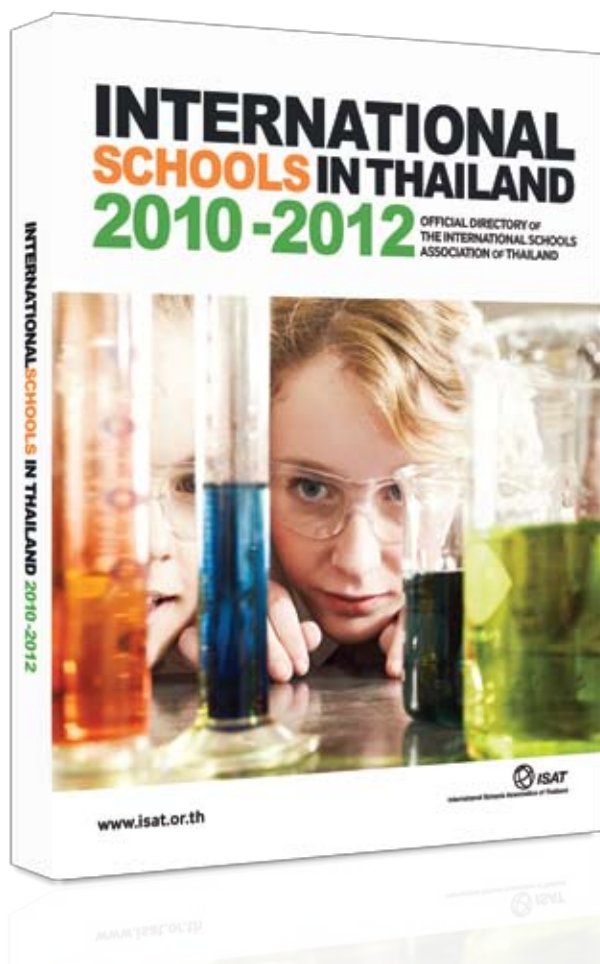
January was a tough month for the Club. Our sports, catering and new membership were all down. In the sports area particularly, our swimming lessons have not yet drawn as many children on Fridays and Sundays as they used to draw just one year ago. Swimming used to be a very popular activity at the Club and we believe that we have very good conditions as well as some of the best coaches in Bangkok. Next month we will try to develop a new concept for our swimming that can attract more of our Members and their children to the Club. In other sports areas like children's cricket and netball, thanks to Reed's efforts and collaboration with external resources, we are slowly but surely creating some momentum that at the weekends can attract even more families to the Club.

At the same time, we are trying to create more awareness about the Club as a central meeting point for business people and professionals by getting more Chambers of Commerce to conduct some of their meetings and network nights at the Club. Whenever we host these activities, it is our policy that British Club Members should be eligible for participating in the events on the same conditions and price as members of the specific Chamber, regardless of whether the Club Member is a member of the organising Chamber of Commerce or not. As I write this, over the last 1½ months the following organisations have organised a network event or similar that was also open to Club Members: TCCC, BCCT, Australian Chamber of Commerce (Sundowners), all the Scandinavian Chambers of Commerce and the European Young Professionals. The purpose of hosting these events is both for the marketing of the Club and to ensure that our Members get a discount and other benefits if they choose to participate in any of the events.

Unfortunately in January and at the start of February this strategy had not yet resulted in the new membership applications which we saw last November. But the Membership Manager, the Events and Sales Manager and I are confident that by making more sales calls and presentations while getting potentials down to the Club, we will by the end of the year reach the budget of 1050 Members.

Our catering sales in the different outlets did not reach our expected results. The background for these results differs a bit from previous months. We used to be able to predict the revenue day by day. However, in January we unexpectedly saw some of the busiest and quietest days I have experienced at the Club. For instance, the Suriwongse Sala on a Sunday recording sales of almost THB 70,000 and the Verandah on an ordinary quiet working day with no planned special events showing a revenue of THB 16,000 when on other days sales revert to what we saw a year ago where the Verandah some days only sold THB 1,500. On one hand we are rather proud that we are starting to get the sales that were common at the Club, but on the other we need to continuously work to maintain the high revenue on normal workdays and at weekends.

The Club's management in collaboration with the GC are creating a policy for the use of electronic social networks like Twitter and Facebook. The Club will use Facebook and Twitter as a means to communicate and bring news from the Club to all our Members about Club activities and events, and any spontaneous changes or additions to the calendar. They can also be used for showing pictures of events and sports, and for telling stories from the Club's daily life. Facebook and Twitter are the modern gossip columns of the town, and the Club's management believes that if we are not part of the electronic social networks, we will not be maximising the advertising of our events to Members. We therefore encourage all our Members to subscribe to both our Facebook and Twitter accounts as soon as possible. However, when using modern networking tools, the Club of course becomes much more visible to non-members who may subscribe to either or both our accounts. This can become an issue because we still want to be a private Member's Club, and we want our activities to be for our Members, except where we need a larger crowd to make the event more worthwhile for the Members. We will therefore try to make it clear that the Club is a Member's club and highlight membership's advantages, and thus encourage followers to consider joining the Club forthwith.



I.S.A.T. DIRECTORY 2010-2012

As part of our collaboration with our publisher Veritas, the Club has the opportunity to provide a free copy of the ISAT Directory to all Members.

The directory lists nearly all the International Schools in Thailand, and while it may be of great use and interest to parents, teachers and other Members, there will be Members to whom such a publication is of no value.

We have therefore decided to make it available to any interested Club Members by collection from Reception or the Salas.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22nd MARCH 2011

Ordinary and Country Members, and Honorary Members who have retained their voting rights under Rule 40, are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday 22nd March 2011 at 7pm in the Suriwongse Room.

ALL SUCH MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND

- The agenda and relevant papers, Annual Reports and the audited accounts will be mailed out to you at least 21 days ahead of the meeting.
- Ordinary Members who wish to stand for the 2011/12 General Committee should obtain a Nomination Form from the Club reception.
- Forms will be included in the mailing for Members who cannot attend to allow their spouse to attend (if their spouse is eligible for Ordinary membership in their own right) or send in a Directed Proxy, or give a proxy to a fellow Member who is attending.
- No Member who is in debt to the Club may attend or vote.

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary
British Club Bangkok

HOUSE & GROUNDS

The monthly report on maintenance and development



At the present time, my main activities consist of two types of work.

First, there is an ever-increasing list of repair & maintenance issues that requires a speedy response. Unfortunately, this is not always possible because we often have to order replacement equipment and sometimes find that it is not readily available. Additionally, our small team of four must attend to these issues in the order of importance, and the high volume of minor problems results in the relegation of some items to the end of the list. We do, however, use our best endeavours to keep everything in working order.

Second, is the preparation of documentation for the tendering of more major work. Items coming up for attention are the replacement of the Suriwongse Sala roof, external repainting of the Clubhouse, refurbishment of the Squash Courts, and the extension and refurbishment of the Fitness Centre. All these projects depend on the availability and approval of funds, and the General Committee will consider and make that decision before we go ahead with each project.

The Members who use the Suriwongse Sala will want to know when the roof will be replaced. The current position is that the drawings and other tender documentation are now complete and I am hoping to have the work carried out in April and May. The removal and replacement of the roof will probably be carried out in two halves. The most difficult will obviously be the half at the kitchen end of the Sala. Everything practical will be done to minimize the dust and debris. Contrary to the rumour going around, the ceiling board is not asbestos so the health hazard is very minor. However, it is inevitable that there will be major disruption to the Sala over a period of 4 to 6 weeks.

With regard to the Fitness Centre, we invited 3 well-known sports equipment suppliers to submit proposals for the upgrading of the exercise equipment. When an acceptable layout and set of equipment has been chosen, the architectural drawings will be completed with a view to tendering the project in May and carrying out the work in July and August when many of the Members are out of Bangkok. This project is very much dependent on the revenue between now and July.

The Clubhouse should, ideally, be repainted every 5 years. The last time it was painted was the end of 2005 and there are now signs of deterioration. This condition will rapidly get worse and the amount of preparation work required by the painters will increase the longer we leave it.

The Squash Courts are looking very much the worse for wear. I am currently obtaining prices for the repair and repainting which I would like to have carried out in April and May. The balustrade for Court 1 now been fitted with tempered glass after removal of the steel mesh that obscured the view of the court from the seating area.



We have not forgotten the outstanding defects in the tennis court resurfacing work. A method statement has been agreed with the contractor for the rectification work. This will include the repair of the cracks on courts 2&3, the replacement of the plastic net sockets with steel ones, and the application of another layer of Greenset acrylic surface material to all areas. The contractor is waiting for Greenset in Spain to advise them of a delivery date for the acrylic. When we know this we can agree on a schedule for taking each pair of courts out of play for 2 weeks.

We are currently reviewing the Club notice boards and signage and these will be improved and added to over the next few weeks.

It is very disappointing that we cannot currently carry out more improvement projects but, in the current economic situation, the priority has to be to keep our facilities up and running while looking forward to better times and an improvement in revenue.

All for now

John Boisclair

Development & Facility Manager



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SIMON SAYS...



Simon Causton

February saw the end of the tempest that was the Chinese Year of the Tiger and has welcomed in the Year of the Rabbit. The omens of this year bode well for the Club and for Bangkok too. A placid and peaceful year is predicted which will be much appreciated in the capital both economically and politically. I guarantee to buck the omens for March which will offer events that I hope will be anything but placid!

Firstly a brief review of the month of February which started with the Club hosting the Australian Chamber of Commerce's monthly sundowners on the back lawn. We have had a flurry of these networking events in February with the Scandinavians, European Young Professionals and the Bangkok Chamber, all of which allowed our Members to make a host of new business connections and also helped to advertise the Club to non-members attending these events. Just to remind Members, all networking events held by outside organizations at the Club are open to Members at the same price as the members of said organisations. We held a special Chinese-themed buffet on the Friday to celebrate Chinese New Year. The Five-a-side Football Tournament was a fun day with great spirit and competition from all involved, and this was followed by a special performance from Disraeli Gears/The Rich Harper Band who gave us their only performance in Bangkok en route to performing at the Phuket Jazz and Blues Festival. We also had great performances throughout the month from Stuart Layzell, The Taylor Reed Trio and Matthew Fischer.

March is going to be a fantastic month at the Club with a great range of activities, including the first in our series of Tuesday Night Talks from Eric Lynn, entitled 'Different Minds, Different Worlds - living and working across cultures'. We will also be holding our annual Great Pancake Race on the front lawn with the usual hilarity and fun that accompanies it. We have a special Scandinavian-themed Gourmet Dinner inspired by the famous European restaurant Noma. Due to popular demand, we will be moving both the Thursday night BBQ and Thursday night Music at Dusk to Friday night.

March also will see the return of Britstock, our popular music event that has been absent from the Club for a couple of years. This year the event will start at 12 noon and will run till 2 in the morning, featuring 12 bands and also a Disc Jockey. There will be plenty of games, activities and fun throughout the day. It is going to be a great event so please make sure to keep 19th March free in your calendar.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Club soon.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 10pm		
Neilson Hays Coffee Shop	9am - 6pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)
Churchill Bar	10am - 11pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)
Poolside Bar	6:15am - 11pm Last food orders 10pm	Thai Massage	9am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)



EXPRESS LUNCHEONS

March

7th - 11th March 2011

Starters 50 baht

Nicoise Salad

Potatoes, French Beans, Black Olives and Boiled Egg
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Chicken Maryland

with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet Corn, Tomato and Bacon
or

Mushroom Stroganoff

Served with Yellow Rice
or

Pork Cordon Bleu

with Peas, Carrots and Chips
or

Tod Man Pla

Tom Yam Gai

Phad Pak Boong Fai Daeng

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

14th - 18th March 2011

Starters 50 baht

Chilli Chicken and Bacon Salad

with Chilli Lemon Dressing
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Chicken and Ham Lasagna

Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread
or

BBQ Pork Neck

Served with Baked Potato and Mixed Salad
or

Salmon Fishcakes

Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce
or

Gaeng Som Pak Ruam Pla Tod

Khai Jeaw Moo Sab

Phad Woon Sen Sai Kai

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

21st - 25th March 2011

Starters 50 baht

Beef and Beetroot Salad

Served with Sour Cream and Horseradish
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Chicken Korma

Served with Yellow Rice and Naan Bread
or

Fish and Chips

Your choice of Breadcrumbs or Batter
Served with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce
or

Fillet of Pork with Mushroom and Pepper Sauce

Served with Mixed Vegetables and Garlic Roasted Potatoes
or

Gai Rad Sauce Makam

Yam Ma Khuer Yaao

Tom Jeud Pak Gard Kaow Moo Sab

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

28th March - 1st April 2011

Starters 50 baht

Pasta Salad

with Pesto Prawns
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Lamb and Beef Moussaka

Served with Garlic Bread
or

Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Butter Cream Sauce

Served with Sautéed Spinach and Mashed Potatoes
or

Mini Steak

Served with Mixed Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes
or

Pla Sam Ros

Tom Kha Gai

Phad Pak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

F&B MORSELS



Khun Laak

Dear Members,

We have just hired a new Baker, who will take over from Khun Bajao who retires in June having been with the Club for more than 17 years. Khun Pichap has made sure over the years that the British Club is one of the best places in Bangkok, if not the best, to get traditional crumbles and pies. We expect that over the next 2-3 months, Khun Pichap will learn the tradition very well, having a lot of experience and education from other places, amongst them, the Oriental Hotel.

Over the last month, we found out that at the weekends in particular, we were so busy that Members had to wait up to 45 minutes (and sometimes longer) for their food, both from the main kitchen and the Thai kitchen. This was partly due to the fact that at the moment we are short of 2 staff, but mainly it was due to being extremely busy in most of our outlets during the New Year from Friday to Sunday. For this reason we are starting to search for part-time staff who can come and work with us during these peak periods and make sure that our delivery time is reduced to the 20 minutes which we have promised and achieved in the previous months.

At the moment we are planning the coming months monthly Gourmet Dinners. This month we will have a Scandinavian-inspired Dinner where Jesper will assist us in the kitchen – help! I will still make sure that the food is good! In April, we plan a special Gourmet and Wine Dinner where the food will be Thai and we will have a Wine Sommelier giving guidance and parameters in selecting the right wines to accompany Thai food. We think that it is very hard to select wine that complements Thai food, and we therefore hope that our Members will take this opportunity to enjoy the best Thai food and learn all they can about which wines go well with Thai cuisine.



MODERN EUROPEAN DINING

1st - 15th March 2011

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	75
Beef Carpaccio with Rocket Salad and Parmesan	185

Main Courses

Braised New Zealand Lamb Shank with Rosemary and Thyme Sauce, Served with French Beans and New Potatoes	350
Crispy Glazed Duck Breast with Green Pepper Sauce Served with Cabbage Jam and Croquette Potatoes	350
Roast Pink Salmon with Mashed Pumpkin, Asparagus, Zucchini, Carrots, Dill and Pernod Sauce	285

Dessert

Summer Pudding with Berry Compote and Fresh Cream	95
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16th - 31st March 2010

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	75
Pan-Fried Goose Liver in Plum Sauce	650

Main Courses

Baked Whole Rainbow Trout Stuffed with Capers and Olives Served with Carrots, Broccoli, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Whisky and Oatmeal Sauce	350
Australian Striploin in Pepper Sauce Served with Grilled Tomato, Button Mushrooms and Home-Fried potatoes	450
Penne Pasta with Spanish Chorizo Sausage and Black Olives in Spicy Tomato Sauce	185

Dessert

Strawberry and Orange Lemon Layer Cake	85
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A young boy in a blue and white striped school shirt is playing a piano. The image is a close-up of his hands on the keys, with his face partially visible in profile. The background is blurred, showing a classroom setting.

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FORMULA 1

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Paul di Resta



Jensen Button



Mark Webber

March 13th sees the start of the 62nd season of Formula One motor racing with the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix racing again on the Bahrain International Circuit.

Whilst the 61st Season was heralded as one of the largest ever ... Season 62 is even larger with a 20th race in the calendar at the Jaypee Group Circuit in New Delhi, India and with Sebastian Vettel winning last year, it means that this year we have no less than five World Champions in the competition: Vettel plus Jensen Button MBE, Lewis Hamilton MBE, Fernando Alonso and Michael Schumacher.

Although there are no 'new' teams this year, there are some changes of ownership and rebranding to give a slightly different line-up: Russian car manufacturer Marussia enters the game by becoming the partner of 'Virgin F1' rebranded as 'Marussia Virgin F1' and, confusingly, we get two Lotus teams as 'Renault F1' becomes 'Lotus Renault GP' following a sell-out to Lotus Cars of UK which is owned by Malaysia's Proton car manufacturer, and last year's 'Lotus Racing' owned by a group of Malaysian businessmen is rebranded 'Team Lotus' after buying the historic name from British racing driver David Hunt! There will still be, of course, two Mercedes teams - 'Mercedes GP Petronas F1 Team' owned by the car manufacturer and 'Vodafone McLaren Mercedes' which remains sponsored by them. The other significant change for 2011 is the replacement of Bridgestone by Pirelli as sole tyre supplier.

BAHRAIN GP
13th March
TV 6.30pm
RACE 7pm

There is a major rule change this year being the re-introduction of the 107% rule which says if a driver fails to set a time within 107% of the fastest lap in the first round of Qualifying (Q1), they will be eliminated from the race; e.g. if the fastest lap is 1 minute 40 seconds (100 seconds), all drivers who exceed 1 minute 47 seconds (107 seconds) will be eliminated and not take part in the race at all. This is to reduce the seriously hopeless

backmarkers who have been a problem over the past few years. There is a list of technical changes which is longer than the average car!

All in all, 2011 is set to be a fantastic year in F1 so fill in your diary, and wait for those five red lights to go out!

The F1 Season 2011

DATE	RACE	BRITISH CLUB TIME
13 Mar	Bahrain GP	1900
27 Mar	Australian GP	1300
10 Apr	Malaysian GP	1500
17 Apr	Chinese GP	1300
8 May	Turkish GP	1800
22 May	Spanish GP	1900
29 May	Monaco GP	1900
12 Jun	Canadian GP	2300
26 Jun	European GP	1900
10 Jul	British GP	1900
24 Jul	German GP	1900
31 Jul	Hungarian GP	1900
28 Aug	Belgian GP	1900
11 Sep	Italian GP	1900
25 Sep	Singaporean GP	1900
09 Oct	Japanese GP	1300
16 Oct	Korean GP	1200
30 Oct	Indian GP	1730
14 Nov	Brazilian GP	2300
27 Nov	Abu Dhabi GP	2000

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29th Anniversary Tour to Chiang Mai

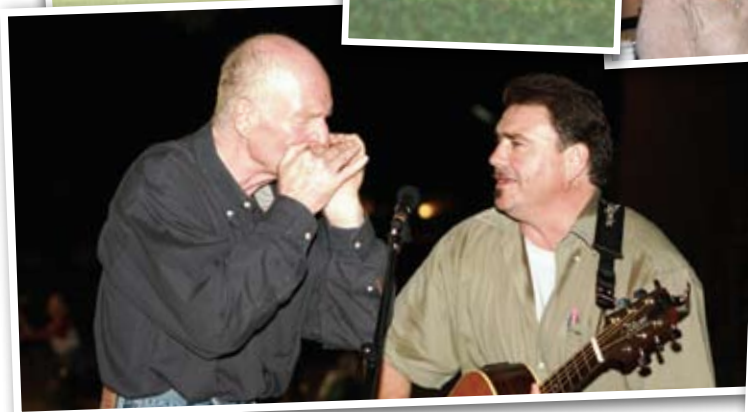
A record number of Members ventured up north for our annual tour to Chiang Mai which included matches against the Chiang Mai Gymkana Club in Cricket, Tennis, Squash and Golf (plus what seemed like competitive drinking games!). With over 50 Members attending the weekend, it felt like we had invaded the club rather than just visited.

On the Friday, those involved made their way to Chiang Mai in various ways. Saturday morning started with The British Club narrowly defeating Chiang Mai under 19s in cricket, a result that was later reversed in a rematch during the afternoon. There were victories for the Club, however, in squash, tennis and golf. That evening saw a magnificent feast of a BBQ laid on by the Gymkhana Club. Impromptu entertainment was provided with live music from Richard Harvey and Chris Clifford with support from Nick White on the harmonica. This was followed by the Club's glorious victory in the drinking games.

Sunday morning began with some very sore heads and saw the Club play in the showcase game of the weekend, The Gymkhana Club vs The British Club Bangkok in 'The Dick Wood Cup'. The performance will not be mentioned here, but it is fair to say that the list of fines that were presented to the BCB Members in attendance after the match was fully justified. Greater coverage of the matches played over this weekend can be found on other pages of this Outpost issue.

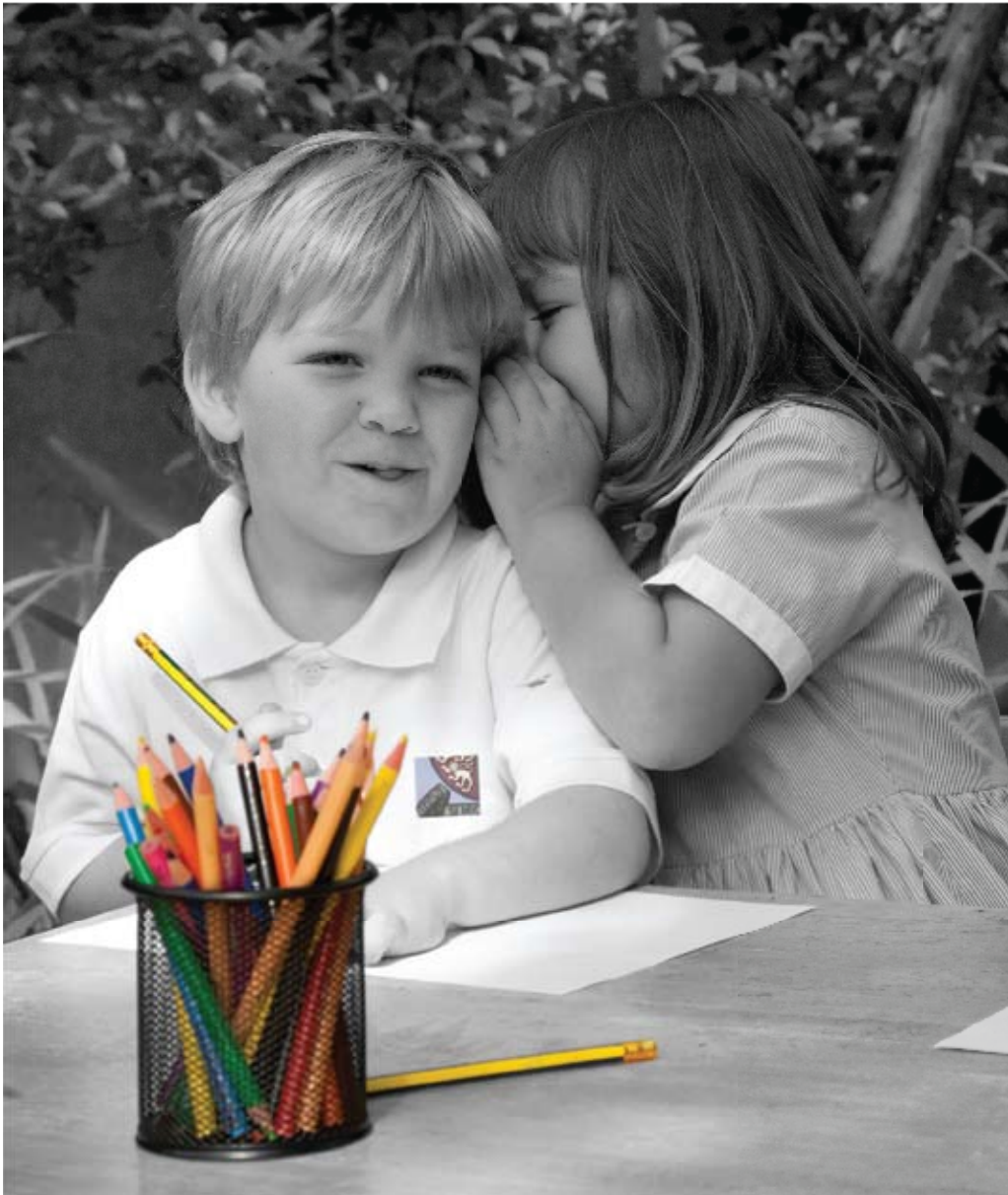
It was a great weekend and thoroughly enjoyed by all; the rematch next year will surely be a special occasion with it being our 30th anniversary year. Many thanks must go to Jack Dunford for his unwavering energy and dedication, and without whom this weekend would never occur.

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SABAI JAI MAHK!

No work, just play.

The Club closed on Monday 24 January for the annual Staff Party. A coach and two minibuses battled out of Bangkok to the same destination via different routes. The coach and one minibus took the majority of staff to Wat Luang Po Sothon in Chachoengsao, and then on to Jomtien, though the minibus took a quick diversion to See Pak market for a snip of shopping. The third minibus left the Club late and stopped for coffee.

Everyone met up in Jomtien for a delicious seafood lunch, facing into the breeze and gazing out to sea. Then the whole party moved to the Varuna Yacht Club in Bang Lamung, a lovely tranquil setting with a small private beach.

The afternoon passed with games in the sea, on the beach, snoozing and of course a continuous stream of refreshment. With karaoke and a BBQ buffet dinner, it was a fantastic day out!



A CARIBBEAN MASS



On Saturday 12 March, the **Bangkok Music Society**, in collaboration with the **Urban Bones Dance Company**, will be presenting the Thailand Première of Glenn McClure's "**A Caribbean Mass**".

This rhythmic performance featuring chant, samba and salsa, is accompanied by piano and percussion. It is sung in English, Italian and Spanish, showcasing excellent soloists and wonderful dancers.

Note to diary: starts at **8pm**, **American School of Bangkok**, Sukhumvit Soi 49.



RULES BRITANNIAE!

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

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Rule 29 has all the details.

Watercolour Workshops With Louise Truslow



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March 12th

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May 21st

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*For more information email:
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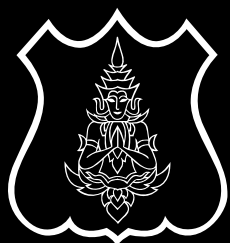
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PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1961 ...

1

The first event of significance at the turn of the new decade was the closing of the Sailors Entertainment Fund whereby since 1947 we supplied lunch to the officers and rating of ships visiting Bangkok. Instead, we allowed free use of the Club's facilities during their visit. First to be extended this revised privilege were HMAS Voyager (D04), HMAS Quickmatch (G92) and HMNZS Rotoiti (F425).

Sadly HMAS Voyager was lost in 1964 with heavy loss of life when it was struck amidships by HMAS Melbourne, broke in half and sank.

2

At the February AGM, Charles Mabbatt stepped down as Chairman of the General Committee to be succeeded by John H.W. Marshall. Charles had been Chairman for 12 of the previous 14 years including a run of six consecutive years: two records unequalled in Club history. Charles declined an Honorary Membership for his services.

3

The AGM was a fiery meeting with a motion to spend 450,000 Ticals to build a Restaurant and Kitchen, an Air-Conditioned Men's Bar and to extend the Bowling Alley.

This was to be funded by taking all 200,000 Ticals from our Reserve fund and borrowing the remainder. The Restaurant was to take over the Billiards Room (where the Churchill Bar is now, putting Billiards into the Silom Room (which you must remember was then the same size as Suriwongse as there were no offices) and putting the Men's Bar into the Rotunda (now the Wordsworth Lounge).

It was thrown out.

4

St. George's Day (April 23rd) saw the Band of the East Anglian Regiment in attendance at lunchtime playing for over an hour, and on April 29th saw the first official function of The Bangkok Society of St. George at the Club under their Chairman Mr J.H. Delacour, who became Club Chairman the following year.

The Club was also used by the Bangkok Naval Association, the Oxford & Cambridge Society, the St. Andrew's Reel Club and the St. John's Lodge. This led to the General Committee creating a list of 'authorised groups' to save their repeatedly having to request of the GC permission to use the Club on each occasion.

5

Membership for the year rose dramatically after years of some decline with 1961 ending at 262 Members as opposed to 225 in 1960.

This rise in membership led to a significant rise in subscription income and bar profit which helped defray the declining state of our finances. In the five year period to the 1960 AGM our income had only gone up by 35% from 310,000 Ticals to 418,000 Ticals whilst our expenses had doubled from 167,000 Ticals to 335,000 Ticals.

In 1961 income went up by nearly 20% thus we were able to spend 114,000 Ticals on rewiring and repainting the Clubhouse and improving the staff house, and we still made a surplus of 42,000 Ticals. Sadly that was later found to be in error as 12,000 Ticals of coupons had 'gone astray' and this had to be charged as a Club loss!



First visitor of the new decade

The author is currently Honorary Secretary of the Club.

BC CALENDAR - MARCH 2011

MONDAY

31

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

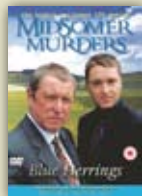
Senior Football
7pm

20 Yrs & New Members Party
7:30pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Monday Night Club
Blue Herrings
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm

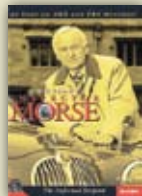


14

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Monday Night Club
The Infernal Serpent
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



21

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Monday Night Club
The Third Floor Flat/ Triangle at Rhodes
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



28

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Monday Night Club
Expiation
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



TUESDAY

1

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Senior Football
7pm

20 Yrs & New Members Party
7:30pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

The Great Pancake Race
6pm

Senior Football
7pm

Quiz Night
7:30pm



15

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Senior Football
7pm

Tuesday Talks
7pm

22

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Senior Football
7pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7pm

29

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Senior Football
7pm

WEDNESDAY

2

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Salsa Dancing
7pm

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7:05pm

9

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Ballroom Dancing
7pm

Embassy Night
7pm

16

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

St Patrick's Day Evening
6pm

Salsa Dancing
7pm

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7:05pm

23

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Ballroom Dancing
7pm

30

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Salsa Dancing
7pm

THURSDAY

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

BFI Top 100 Movie N
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Thai Movie Night
'Chua Fah Din Sa Lai'
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Beer Garden
5:30pm

International Movie
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

BFI Top 100 Movie N
7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am




























































Fitball
10:30am

Beer Garden
5:30pm

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

International Movie
7pm

Scandinavian Gourm
7pm

WEDNESDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
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		 10	   	 12	   	  	
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BALL HOCKEY

Check out these photos of Ball Hockey, a game similar to ice and lawn hockey.

For those Members familiar with the game and who are interested or keen to play, the British Club team frequently plays on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

More information available from Reed in the Fitness Centre.



The Verandah *Brunch*

Saturday & Sunday

11.00am - 3.00pm

All you can eat @ Baht 450

Plus free flow wine & beer @ Baht 765

Children's Brunch @ Baht 250

Weekend Brunch Menu Highlights

Appetisers

Canapes Corner

Breakfast Selection

Live Station with Carvery

Pasta Station

Main Entrees

Dessert and Fruits

SPORT & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore



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Well well, it's March already!! The year is flying by so fast, before you know it, summer will be over and we will be looking towards Christmas 2011!

2 months ago we were celebrating the New Year and making resolutions: how many of you have stuck with your New Year's Resolutions? To quit smoking, get fit, drop 5kgs, take up or join more sports???

45% of adults make one or more resolutions each year. The following shows how many of these resolutions are maintained as time goes on:

- past the first week: 75%
- past 2 weeks: 71%
- after one month: 64%
- after 6 months: 46%

Break the trend and commit yourself to your resolutions – one step at a time! It's never too late to increase your general fitness, so start today and get on the tennis courts, hit a squash ball, play some cricket, swim a few lengths, or jump on a treadmill in our Fitness Centre!

Did you know we have over 160 juniors partaking in activities at the Club most weekends? Tennis, Cricket, Swimming, Netball, Squash, Arts&Crafts plus junior sports days and sports camps.

14th-18th February saw another fun Sports Camp for juniors eager to play, run and learn sports.



Songkran Sports Camp: We will be running a Songkran "wet" sports camp that will include the usual sports such as tennis, squash and football, although this camp will have more of a water theme from water polo, watersliders, pool games and much more:

Songkran Hawaiian Pool Party: This will take place on 13th April from 3pm-9pm. A pool party with a distinctly Hawaiian theme – tennis, squash, table tennis, water polo, limbo and swimwear only! A fun afternoon with a local DJ poolside.

Backyard Cricket: 12th March from 4pm-7pm. Teams of 4 – Old school rules – automatic wicket, garage bin for stumps, over the fence and out! Electrical tape on the tennis ball for swing. Everyone bowls just one over. Back fence on the full – 6 runs. Any out minus 5 runs and more. Looking for 8 teams (children and ladies welcome)



Football:

Tuesday Nights at 7pm





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RUGBY

British Club Ole Boys



Winners of the Tankard – Without playing a Game!

The BC boys dusted off their boots, oiled their joints, warmed up their elbows drinking and donned the famous pink and black kit for another memorable weekend of rugby. This is the 3rd time in 12 months that we have fielded a Vets Team (twice in The Bangkok International Tens and once in our own BC Vets Tournament).

This year for the Bangkok tens we went all out. New jerseys, new polos, new captain and a few new men.

James Crossly-Smith took the helm and led the BC Ole Boys to a great victory in the first game of the day – well done! James also crossed for 2 pies. The following results didn't go our way although the boys battled on with numerous injuries that were quickly washed away with jugs of Tiger beer.

Day 2 was looking good with most players in bed before 4am! Luckily the rugby gods were on our side and other teams were pulling out due to injuries, fear, cheap beer or whatever. BC made the final without playing and went on to win the final of their division through another forfeit.

Thanks to the Bangas, Southerners, Panthers and Japanese for your support, and to the organisers and sponsors.

Results Day 1:

BC vs Gakushi : 24 - 5

BC vs Extinct Volcanoes : 0 - 12

BC vs Bali Legends : 0 - 35

Results Day 2:

BC wins the Tankard!

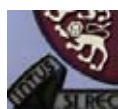


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TENNIS

By Reed Passmore



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Welcome to March!

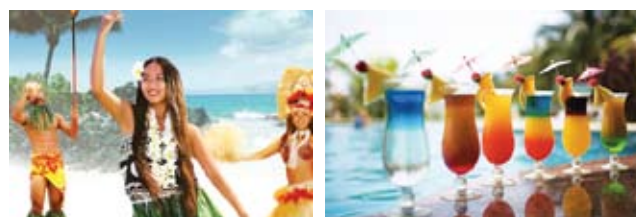
Tennis Championships: The Championships are now at the pointy end of the tournament so come along and watch some quality matches and be sure to be here for the finals on 26th March, as it promises to be a big day of great tennis action, trophies, prizes and lucky draw prizes for any tennis member present.

Here are some pictures of last year's Championship players:



Songkran Pool Party April 13th:

Tennis/Squash/Table Tennis and Water Polo. Swim suits only. DJ playing at 5pm – get in the sun, get a tan and play some sports. There will also be some fun pool games such as limbo, hula hoops and more. Hawaiian and swimsuit theme party.



TENNIS ETIQUETTE

Do not retrieve your ball from the other court.

The old saying "Love Thy Neighbour" applies in tennis. It is common courtesy not to disrupt players on court during a match. If your ball rolls onto an adjacent court, wait for them to finish their point and kindly ask for "a little help" to get their attention. Under no circumstances should you run over onto their court in the middle of a game to retrieve the ball yourself.

Pierre vs Daniel Ahl: A fantastic fast-paced match with a rematch already booked! Both these men showed off their speed, patience and power in a great match which Daniel won in the 3rd set.

Thank you to you both for such a great match!



Tennis AGM: We will be holding our AGM in late April (date to be confirmed). This is a great chance for Members to speak up and voice their suggestions to help the Tennis Section move forward. We will also hold Members Open Forums throughout the year. If you are currently not receiving regular tennis emails from me, please come in and help me update my email lists.



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THE BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK



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

Finals - Saturday 26th March 2011

SQUASHY BITS

by Bruce Madge b_madge@hotmail.com



Happy New Year of the Rabbit!



Squashers

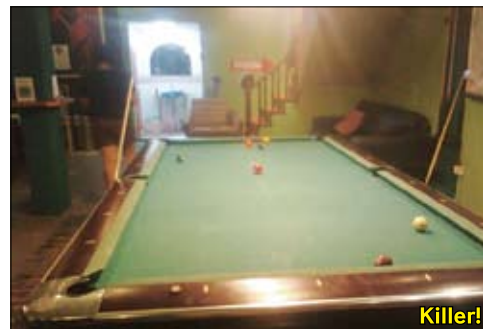
I had a rabbit once; a grilled one with a baked potato, a side-salad, and a cup of tea. Lovely.

And then we went to lovely Chiang Mai to join the Cricket and Tennis Sections, and some golfers and WAGs and hangers-on, and we were all there, 50 of us, about, and some flew, while others drove or got on a train, and some arrived before some of the others, and yet others arrived later, but we all got there save for those who pulled out at the last minute, or hadn't planned

to come at all, and we all stayed in a team hotel called the People's Place, in the centre, near the market, a nice hotel with cheap rates, and we liked it, but some chose to stay at other, posher hotels because they are snobs, or rich or don't like the

People's Place Hotel, and then we met on the Friday evening in the O'Malley's Pub in the centre market, near the team hotel, which we could walk to from the team hotel, but maybe not from the other posher places which maybe required a lengthy tuk-tuk ride, which is expensive, or the individual/s may have had to cross a busy and dangerous road risking life and limb because they, for whatever reason, don't like the People's Place Hotel which is a nice hotel, in the centre, near the market, a nice

place with cheap rates, and most of us liked it anyway, so now we were in the pub drinking tons of beer and talking rubbish, and playing pool, and we played Killer when you get three lives and you have to pot just any ball and if you can't, you lose a life, and the last one with a life or lives left is the winner, and so we all put 100 baht in to play, and there were 16 of us so that's 1600 baht and the winner takes all, and, I suppose, that's gambling really, and that's illegal here, but no one told the cops so we got away with it, and in the end Dale Lamb won the money and he bought a round of drinks as he's a decent chap,



Killer!

and so we drank more beer, and some, but all of us drank too much beer which was silly really because we had to play sport the next day starting in the morning with the cricket, but we in the Squash Section played squash in the afternoon on the Saturday so we stayed out even later on the Friday and drank even more and lots and lots, and got really smashed, then got a hamburger and fries, so then on the Saturday afternoon we squash players all went to play squash against the Chiang Mai Squash Team at the Gymkhana Club like we did last year and



Gymkhana Club



People's Place - Cheaper



Le Meridien Chiang Mai - Posher



Pub!

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the year before so that's three times now, so it's getting quite regular, and we had ten players and they had ten players, but one of our players, Peter Corney, didn't want to play because his back hurt so we had a problem there, so we started at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the home team wanted to play with the old scoring of first to nine points with the player being allowed to score only when serving instead of the new point-per-rally, first to eleven international system we now play at the BCBS, but Captain Neil far too readily agreed so some of the matches went on a bit, and the whole competition lasted



Smashed at the BBQ



Neil asleep, again

about four hours, which is a bit long really, but in the end, H, Nick Mellor, Nick White, JCS, and Neil won, but five of their players also won because they beat the other five of our players so that meant we had another problem as now the match was drawn, but back to the earlier problem of us having only nine players available so this meant one of us had to play twice so I did, and my first opponent, Peter, beat me 3-0, and then I had to play with Peter Corney's player whose name was Willy so effectively I had to play with Peter's Willy, so I did, I played with Peter's Willy for about an hour and lost 3-1, but the one game I did win meant that I'd solved the



Captains with Plaque Thingy

second problem of a drawn match as when we counted back the games won, we realized it was 18-16 to the BCB, and that meant we'd won the match, which was nice, so then we all felt good and happy, and we took some photos and the Gymkhana boys gave us a gold-looking, wooden plaque-type thingy as they are a nice bunch of fellows, and we vowed to get a trophy for next year to play for, as this fixture seems to be a regular one, doesn't it, yes, it does, so now we were ready to shower, and enjoy a BBQ, and more beer, and so we did that, and in the end we were all really smashed again and Neil fell asleep and we helped poor Reed watch Australia lose to Japan in the final of the Asia Cup, and I got lost and had to take three tuk-tuks to get back to the market, but the weather was nice, warm and sunny in the day, but cooler in the evening, and then after it was all over we came back to smelly old Bangkok.

Until next Jan.....



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BANGKOK

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Free of Charge

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Finish at 12.00 and followed by our Weekend Brunch.



HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge

The Chiang Mai tour is Outpost's big feature this month, so other cricket stories from a busy January will be carried over.

Chiang Mai tour traditions go back over many years, most of which do nothing to enhance our chances of victory on the cricket field. This year all of them were honoured with enthusiasm. The traditional quiet bonding, Friday nightcap session at O'Malley's meant early to bed by midnight for some, 2 am for a lot and 4 am for the laggards ... a great start to a demanding weekend of sport! But not to worry, the Saturday cricket is for practice ahead of the Dick Wood Trophy match on Sunday and as an innovation this year we asked the Gymkhana Club to set up two 16 over matches so that everyone got at least two games over the weekend. The opposition were two teams from the Thai Under-19 squad ... some looking a lot Under ... but it's difficult sometimes to tell with Thais.

The cricket was good. Vaughan captained the morning team and Speddo the afternoon, both batting first, posting 114 and 115 respectively off their respective 16 overs. Everyone got a good work-out. The score sheets are not to hand but the Thai boys were a credit to their coach. They all batted properly,

bowled properly and were great in the field, but in neither game did they quite have the muscle to threaten a win in 16 overs. But in the spirit of the weekend they were both offered an extra couple of overs to complete the job: the first team still couldn't get there, but the second team, thanks to some wobbly-dobblys from Richard and Jack, snuck home with 4 off the last ball.



Giving it back



Errr three



French cricket



Body 1943 bat 1985 score 0



Chris 'oiks



DD trains in North Korea



Dibbly dobbly



Not making it bounce



Richard misses



H tries to find something he's good at

The tennis and squash matches are reported elsewhere and the sporting activities were followed by another wonderful evening under the splendid Gymkhana Club rain tree. If only that tree could tell stories! Cliff, Richard and The Shadows provided a bit of classy entertainment before the evening descended into the usual shambles of Fuzzy Duck, Fiz-Buz and, a splendid new addition this year, OoooooohAaaaaarrrrghhhhh! Drinking games are not everyone's cup of tea and they turfed us out at midnight. A few crumbles went to bed but the rest carried on confident that after winning the last two years, and even after two nights on the town, the Dick Wood Cup was there for the taking next day.

This year team selection had wisely taken place before everyone got legless the night before but there was still some speculation as to who might turn up in the morning. But magnificently everyone reported in good time, if not good shape. The remaining speculation was how the new turf wicket would play. We've known Eric Little too long to believe "it looks like a belter" and when asked to bat the BC treated the wicket with a great deal of suspicion. The Gymkhana boys all bowled well and the ball was doing a bit, wobbling and keeping low rather than anything vicious. The fielders were chirping with derision like kookaburras on Sydney's Hill and runs were hard to come by. But Nick White (29) looked in great form before inexplicably playing around a straight one. Chris played an 'orrible 'oik and then disaster struck when last season's star bat Dale Lamb holed out for 4. At 46 for 3 off about 13 overs we were struggling. But then Skipper Vaughan (23) and Speddo (46*) began to repair the damage, cautiously at first, but gradually gathering momentum. Vaughan eventually holed out, but by the time Speddo retired on 40 the score was moving along nicely. New comer Jon Arnold (17*) hit out lustily and the others chipped in before Speddo came back for the last few balls to post a total of 167 for 9 off our allotted 35 overs.

The sages concurred that this was probably a reasonable score on this wicket, maybe 20 or so light, but surely enough to make a game of it ... not!

After opening with the traditional 9 slips (see Cover Photo) Nick White was whacked on the leg with an awesome straight drive leaving the field temporarily with something that looked like his head sticking out of his calf. It soon became clear that the Gymkhana Club didn't like losing the last couple of years. Their batting line-up had been substantially reinforced, saw no dangers in the wicket and were going to smash everything in sight. Maybe the heavy roller had hardened the track and the wicket did seem to play easier ... but it would have helped if the BC bowlers had managed to make the ball bounce a bit more to find out. Only Speddo (1-15) was able to contain the onslaught, taking the only wicket to fall, bullying through their openers' defence with as quick a delivery as bowled all day. But the mayhem continued. Their other opener retired on



41, number 3 on 43, and numbers 4 and 5 were not out 27 and 21 as they wrapped things up off just 21 overs. Ouch! We actually needed about another 150!

This was not the BC's greatest hour. The bowling was poor, too many catches went down to remember ... except for a remarkable effort by James who had literally just strolled onto

the outfield as a replacement fielder to find himself attempting a left-handed catch way above his head on the boundary, and only just failed to hang on. One was left to ponder how different things might have been if everyone had drunk just a few less litres of beer and tried more than just an hour or two in bed. But what would be the point of that!

The lads were a bit quiet for a while but as usual it was a gorgeous Chiang Mai afternoon and soon the beer was finding its way to those parts that make you feel better. BC graciously handed the Dick Wood Cup back, the Chiang Mai boys gloated, Eric handed over some great pictures taken on happier days, everyone politely said thank you to everyone else and then Dr. White presided over the fines ceremony considerably enhanced of late by the introduction of vodka slammers. And long after dark and our hosts had gone home, happy shouts of OooooAaaaargghhhhhhhh ... and OinkNaaaaaaar rang out around the ground and the healing process was complete.

We'll be back for more. Next year will be our 30th anniversary tour. It'll be a cracker!

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn

BCGS Club Day, Subhapruek GC: Sunday 2 January 2011

The first event of the New Year was a 'Club Day' at the beautiful Subhapruek course. The unusual "bogey bisque" format was unsurprisingly unfamiliar to many contestants, but they soon got the hang of it. Nine out of the sixteen participants finished within a shot of the lead and eventually the winning prize was awarded to Bob Randle, whose score of plus 4 beat Val Ashman and Peter Bond on a countback.

BCGS Club Day, Bangpakong Riverside GC: Sunday 9 January 2011

With the holidays well and truly over, some saw this as an opportunity to shake off the excesses of the season and start 'grooving that swing' again. In the absence of an official competition, another 'Club Day' was held at the delightful Bangpakong Riverside course (1).



So that competitors could concentrate fully on their golf this time out, a more familiar Stableford format was employed. And doesn't it show amongst this very relaxed group prior to tee-off? (2).



The field, comprising 3 groups including guest Tony Ashton, set out in almost ideal conditions. A fairly strong wind and some rather testing par 4s may have affected the scores but in general a good standard was set.

Prizes were evenly distributed and were awarded to Gareth S, Karen C, Steve and Jack O for near pins. Men's long drive went to Robert G. Val A had a very rewarding day, picking

up prizes for Ladies' long drive and longest putt as well as 3rd place overall (3). As an added interest, a new 'mystery' prize was up for grabs this week and the first recipient was Carol Ann for most points scored on the par 3s!!



Steve W put in a good showing to finish in second place with 36 points but in top form and in top spot was Jack O with 39 points (4). Congratulations to all.



Monthly Stableford, Khao Kheow Country Club: Sunday 16 January 2011

The January Stableford competition was played at the beautiful but demanding Khao Kheow Country Club. An interesting course layout, ideal weather conditions and a good turn-out more than compensated for the travelling involved.

Relatively new-boy Randall demonstrates some fine technique on one of the more picturesque holes (5). Perhaps it also shows why he was out in front in the Men's long drive



competition. The longest drive in the Ladies' section went to KC, while Captain Frank left the best to last in recording the longest putt at the 18th hole. Nearest pin prizes went to Gareth, JC and Ray B.

The main competition saw some good scoring and a close finish; Mark E and Jack O finished in joint 2nd place with 36 points, but holding his nerve at the end Marcus P went one better to claim the top prize (6).



A very enjoyable day was brought to a close as competitors were able to enjoy the usual much needed refreshments, some friendly chat and the splendid views from the Clubhouse. (7).



January Medal, The Royal GC: Sunday 23 January 2011

Unusually strong winds and a longer than usual course ensured that full concentration was required from all competitors in the first Monthly Medal competition of 2011. Twenty-five of our Members turned up to compete for the 2011 version of the Medal prizes, very stylish pewter tankards.

As the round got going, Gareth's putting prowess was very much on display (8). His 10 one putts kept him well in contention until a blip on the back nine saw him



slip down the order. On a day when the long hitters had the advantage, the usual suspects were well to the fore.

Big hitting Jim Moroney made a welcome return to the competition and, to no one's surprise, picked up the Men's long drive award. Making a habit of it now, Val Ashman once again took the Ladies long drive prize. Other minor prizes went to Ray H, Marcus P, KC and Robert G for nearest pins on the par 3s. Particularly noteworthy was the eagle recorded on the 5th hole by JC which earned him this week's 'mystery' prize. Very well done!



At the presentation in the Clubhouse afterwards, the Captain had the attention of most when announcing the winners of the main prizes (9). Tracy C with a net 72 and Barry A with a net 70, played well in the conditions to finish as runners-up in Flights 'A' and 'B' respectively.

However, managing to keep their focus and their rounds together best to win the first Medal prizes of 2011 were



Art Carlson in Flight 'B' (10) and Captain Frank in Flight 'A' (11). The Captain's gross score of 79 (net 69) is worthy of a mention. Oh! I nearly forgot about his longest putt on the 18th.

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Thursday
Night

AT THE MOVIES



3rd March: BFI 100 Best British Films Of All Time

Brief Encounter (1945) - A rightly celebrated tear-jerker which movingly recreates a little England on a northern railway platform. It shows that even the repressed British can display emotion (in a very understated manner, of course) when true love comes along. David Lean directed this expansion of Noel Coward's one-act play *Still Life*; Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard are the respectable middle-class couple who fall deeply in love but ultimately agree not to meet again and to return to their real lives. They do so with such dignity and restraint that it makes their ultimate parting all the more moving.

All films start @ 7pm. Please confirm with Reception where they will be shown.
Book now with Simon or Anne.

10th March: Thai Movie Night

Eternity (Chua Fah Din Sa Lai) (2010) - Set during the pre-war years, the story depicts the forbidden love between Yupadee, the wife of a wealthy old timber tycoon, and the tycoon's nephew, Sang-Mong, who are chained together when their affair is discovered. The movie is the latest adaptation of Malai Choopinij's classic 1943 novel and stars Ananda Everingham and Cherman Boonyasak.

24th March: BFI 100 Best British Films Of All Time

Lawrence of Arabia (1962) - A truly epic film which won the Best Picture Oscar. Staggering in its scope, execution and impact, it remains a moving and memorable film-going experience. Director David Lean crafts a story that seems to have two central characters - Lawrence himself and the shifting desert so superbly photographed in glorious 70mm. British eccentric T.E. Lawrence inspired the Arabs to fight alongside the British against the Turks in the 1914-17 campaign. The film is full of scenes and performances to treasure, though perhaps the best remembered is the arrival at the isolated well of Sherif Ali and the long shot of his ride across the shimmering sands.

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7th Blue Herrings

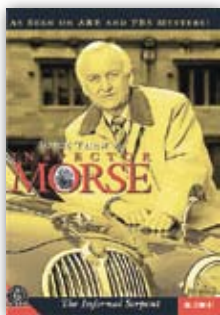


Surely a death in a Nursing Home is something to be expected but Barnaby's aunt thinks not, especially when the deceased's valuable watch goes astray. Is it time to call the Police or just time to call it a day?

John Nettles is DCI Barnaby with guest stars Nigel Davenport, Geoffrey Bayldon and Colin Tierney.

No red herrings here!

14th The Infernal Serpent

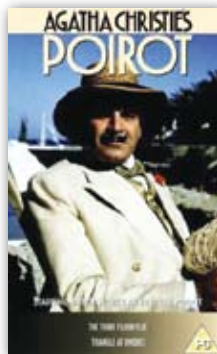


An Oxford Don dies but can a heart attack be murder? The Pathologist says not, the Superintendent says not but Morse can't quite give it up – something in the back of his mind doesn't add up but he can't recall what!

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Geoffrey Palmer, David Neal and Pearce Quigley.

Paradise Lost?

21st The Third Floor Flat/Triangle at Rhodes



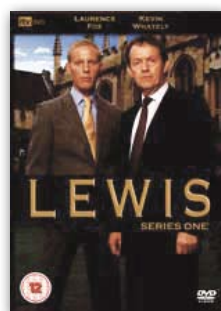
Another Poirot double bill ...

A murder in Newhaven Mansions – good job Poirot lives there or does that make him a suspect one wonders. Then he takes a trip to Rhodes to holiday and one of his immediate guests is murdered – good job Poirot was there, but was he actually in on it?

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars John Cartwright, Annie Lambert and Suzanne Burden

I wonder what the key to this is?

28th Expiation



When a wife's suicide was the wrong crime – because she wasn't his wife! And when a hidden secret was also wrong – it wasn't secret! Crime in Oxford is never easy unless you crack the code.

Kevin Whateley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Emma Croft, Pip Torrens and Vincent Regan with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.

A capital offence?

Don't panic, Captain Mainwaring!



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BALUT

By Mr. C



>>> BALUT SHIELD UPDATE

Tournaments 8 and 9 were played over the past four weeks to bring in a few more qualified players, a lot more high scores and a new 'Leader' for the Balut Shield Cup, the highest score at any of the year's 23 Balut Shield Tournaments. For the Balut Shield itself a player must play six tournaments and is then graded on his/her best six results.

As at end of play on 2nd February, the Balut Shield has seven qualified players, with a further 29 playing this year's Shield, five of whom can qualify by April:



POSITION	NAME	PLAYER	POINTS	AVERAGE
Leader	Mrs Orange	Mrs. Muntana Merrigan	3,146	104.87
2	Tom	Mr. Tomjakraphan Merrigan	3,076	102.53
3	Swampy	Mr. Steve Eaton	3,043	101.43
4	Jammy	Mr. Roger Willbourn	2,995	99.83
5	TC	Mr. Phil Alexander	2,942	98.07
6	Dark Horse	Mr. Clive Butcher	2,912	97.07
7	Mr C	Mr. Paul Cheesman	2,880	96.00

The **NEW** Balut Shield Cup leader is Swampy (Steve Eaton) on 149.

Our thanks to OUTRIGGER HOTELS & RESORTS for supply of the prizes and to YES TECHNOLOGIES for the Balut Internet Scoring System.

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>>> BCB CUPS NIGHT

Results for this will be carried in the April edition of Outpost as play is only on 26th February.

>>> BALUT DIARY - NEXT THREE MONTHS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Wednesday	2nd March	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	16th March	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	6th April	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	20th April	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Sunday	1st May	BCB Det 5 Challenge	2pm	Det 5 Bar & Restaurant
Wednesday	4th May	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	18th May	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Sunday	22nd May	BCB Det 5 Challenge	2pm	Suriwongse Room

Full details of Balut can be found at <http://www.teambalut.com>

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For further information please contact the Club.



THE BRIDGE BUNCH IN WINTER

By Martin Carter



Within the Churchill Bar, communication can exist in silence. The bonding effect of alcohol operates beyond language, so that it is enough to have a few ales and watch cricket to determine whether someone's company is good or bad. Many lasting friendships have built up over the years based upon this quiet regime. And so it seems to be with Bridge partnerships; partners of few words are the best of partners.

British Club Bridge Tournament results for January 2011:

9TH JANUARY (10 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Richard Slater & Geraldine
2nd:	Dr. Prasart & Prasert
3rd:	Khiri & Prarop

16TH JANUARY (18 PAIRS, MITCHELL MOVEMENT)

Winner of N/S:	Khiri & Apisak
Winner of E/W:	Surawit & Dr. Prasart

19TH DECEMBER (13 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Chalernpol & Piya
2nd:	Prarop & Mr. Ho
3rd:	Mike & Leo

Cards with a Stranger

"To Drax's left sat a saturnine young man, grey blue eyes, no more than 35, with a tough, cold and dangerous face."

"Basildon stood, his face very pale, looking intently across the table at Bond. Then he walked around the table, scrutinizing all the hands. What he saw was this:

Bond

e: Queen, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
w: Ace, Queen, 10, 8, 4

Drax

q: Ace, King, Queen, Knave
r: Ace, King, Queen, Knave
e: Ace, King
w: King, Knave, 9

Meyer

q: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2
r: 10, 9, 8, 7, 2
e: Knave, 10, 9

M

q: 10, 9, 8, 7
r: 6, 5, 4, 3
w: 7, 6, 5, 3, 2

"And suddenly Basildon understood. It was a lay-down Grand Slam for Bond against any defence. Whatever Meyer lead, Bond must get in with a trump in his own hand or on the table. Then in between clearing trumps, finessing of course against Drax, he would play two rounds of diamonds, trumping them in Dummy and catching Drax's Ace and King in the process. After five plays he would be left with the remaining trumps and

six winning diamonds. Drax's Aces and Kings would be totally valueless. It was sheer murder."

With Bond declarer, the contract was seven clubs, doubled and redoubled. Bond won 15,000 English Pounds on this hand tax free; enough for a new Bentley Continental and a portfolio of shares in Gold Mining Companies. Amazingly Drax took not a single trick!

"I should spend the money quickly, Commander Bond" said the sardonic Drax, with a hint of menace.

When Bond plays Bridge, the sex, snobbery and sadism give way to a calculated gamble. In his duel with Drax, Bond is armed, not with the short barrel Beretta, but with clear short term memory and an ability to place the missing cards with an uncanny degree of accuracy. Having detected Drax's cheating, Bond traps Drax with an extra strong dose of his own medicine. A stacked deck of cards expertly substituted under the veil of a silk handkerchief.

In Moonraker, Fleming's Bond is a cold, blunt instrument of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, not the affable matinee idol played by Roger Moore. Operating within drab post-war Britain, Bond's Bentley growls in pursuit of his prey; a prey seemingly immune to an effete criminal justice system designed to defend the rights of traitors.



Bridge on Sunday afternoon

Our tournaments are held on Sunday afternoons. For details, contact one of the organisers or view the Notice Board. For new players and guests, please arrive early to register. We hope that our guest players will enjoy the experience at our Club as much as James Bond seems to have done when a guest at Blades Club St James. We don't expect you to look or play like James Bond, but if you drink like him then you will be in good company.

Susie's Kids Korner



STATIONERY CRAFTS

SPEED ERASERS

Materials

1. Various types of erasers
2. Knife
3. White glue
4. Thumbtacks
5. Cardboard
6. Permanent markers



Turn a handful of office supplies into a busy fleet of cars and trucks.

Instructions

1. Begin by cutting erasers with a knife (a parent's job; kids, you can use scissors for this, but the cuts won't be as straight).
2. Stack the erasers to make cars, trucks, and trailers. Pencil-cap erasers and automatic pencil eraser refills make good cargo. Use white glue to hold the pieces together.
3. To make tires, press thumbtacks into a piece of cardboard, colour them with permanent markers, then remove the tacks and press them in place on the vehicles.

PENCIL POCKETS

Materials

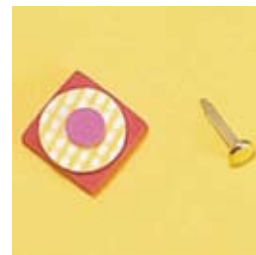
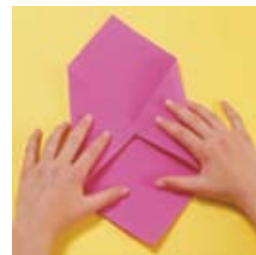
1. Craft foam
2. Craft scissors or pinking shears
3. Packing tape
4. Craft glue
5. Small craft foam flowers and geometric shapes (sold by the package in many craft stores; The Mall and B2S shops have them too)
6. Brass paper fastener
7. 2 strong magnets (If you're sticking it onto a metallic surface) or use a hole puncher for making a hole on the flap



These simple magnetic foam envelopes are great for storing assorted school supplies and CDs.

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1. Cut a 9-inch square from the craft foam, using craft scissors or pinking shears to create a decorative edge.
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3. Apply glue between the overlapped edges and place a heavy book on top of the envelope to keep them flat while they're drying.
4. When the glue is dry, attach decorative foam shapes to the front of the envelope with a brass fastener.
5. Glue the magnets to the back of the envelope, one at the top and one at the bottom, and let the glue dry completely before packing the pouch.
6. If you're just going to hang it on a wall, use a hole puncher and make a hole on the top flap. Whether on a nail, pin or hook on the wall or other surface, simply hang it through the punched hole.



Jokes And Funny Stories About Pets

A man went into a pet shop and asked the assistant if they had any dogs going cheap?

He replied, "Sorry Sir, all ours go woof."

A man at an auction sale started bidding for a parrot. The bidding went higher and higher, but finally the man bought the bird. Then he realised that he didn't even know if it could talk, so he asked the auctioneer.

"Of course it can talk," he replied. "Who do you think was bidding against you?"

Why is your cat so small?
It only drinks condensed milk.

Once upon a time there was a cruise ship at sea. On board, a magician was giving a show to some passengers. The magician ALWAYS had a parrot on his shoulder. Whenever the magician told a joke, the parrot would give it away. One time the magician had a knife, he spun it around, and it disappeared! The parrot said "It's in his pocket, it's in his pocket". The crowd booed him because the parrot gave it away. The next trick he did, he waved a wand around and it vanished. Again, the parrot said, "It's up his sleeve! It's up his sleeve!" The magician got mad because he couldn't keep any of his tricks secret. The parrot kept giving them away.

One day the cruise ship sank. The magician and the parrot managed to make it to an island where they stayed for about 3 months when the parrot, all of a sudden, burst out and asked: "Ok, I give up! Where did you hide the ship?"

For protection, my father bought me a German Shepherd dog. He was a wonderful watchdog. One evening while I was being held up, he watched.



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