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FRONT COVER

Easter is a symbolic and serious festival for many, and a particularly enjoyable weekend for children who have the exciting option of searching for Easter Eggs at the Club, as well as both a puppet show and magic on stage. Have a splendid day, and a very Happy Easter!

EDITOR'S GREETING

As the year's events get going, there are some reviews in this issue as well as a look at the annual staff party in Pattaya.

This month sees the first of Jack Dunford's comparisons of the old and new look of Bangkok's horizons.

Would any Member like to contribute book, movie, tv or any other reviews? Contributions welcomed by email to: *outpost@suthep.com*





MESSAGE FROM the Chairman

Silom Wing: This month sees the end of another General Committee year and without doubt the highlight has been the Silom Wing Project; the first phase of redeveloping our aging poolside facilities which were built between 1965 and 1990. Tendering and appointing the contractors took a little longer than planned but, once work began in September, everything has gone smoothly with the opening still scheduled for June. Ali's report shows pictures of the big concrete pour on 6th February which completed the demolition, piling and foundation phases of the work. We now expect rapid progress as the new buildings shoot up in the coming weeks.

We are about to finalise details for the new Silom Road entrance which is not part of the Silom Wing project but which will be built simultaneously. Around the time you receive this, the existing guardhouse is due to be demolished and some temporary arrangements put in place. The Duty Manager and head of Security will be based in the new facility together with Reception and a waiting room for guests. Electronic membership card access is also part of the plan.

Preparations are being made to ensure that the new buildings are fitted out to a high standard and that important details like landscaping and lighting are thought through to ensure a smooth opening. We already have a generous sponsor providing high-tech lining for the kiddies' pool and any other sponsors willing to add sparkle to the finishing touches would of course be most welcome.

There has been a lot of activity this last couple of months. If you haven't checked out the VDO on the Club Website lately please do so ... you will find it under the Poolside Redevelopment Tab on the Home page.

Activities: The construction work has caused very little inconvenience to Members and has had minimal impact on Club usage. The family activities on the Front Lawn have added to the friendly atmosphere and weekends have been especially busy ... at lunchtime one Sunday in January every table was taken, both indoors and out. We are having lots of children's' birthday parties this year and after the cancellation of many weddings last year



Chairman

during the mourning period, the bells are ringing again. Club revenues are running comfortably above budget.

Members Gathering: Once again the Members' Gathering on 7th February was a very happy occasion with a good turnout of Members of 20+ years standing and new Members who joined during the last year. It was special to have Paddy Dickson (D6) and Brian Thompson (T4) with us, both of whom joined the Club in 1958, an amazing 60 years ago, both in good health and excellent humour. It was also good to have a few enthusiastic, recently joined under-30s with us to make a start on bringing down the average age of our membership!

Constitutional Review: There is not much more I can say about the new Constitution than I did last month because the 19th February EGM will be held after the deadline for this edition of Outpost. I get a sense however that it should not be too controversial and there is general appreciation for all the hard work that has been put into it by the sub-committee. I certainly hope so. This has been a long process and it will be great to have it finally 'put to bed' before a new GC takes over. There will be a brief, compulsory second EGM to confirm changes to our Fundamental Articles just before the AGM on 20th March.

Club Website: All Members should have received notification that there is now a 'Members Only' section of the Club website. This can be entered via the 'Member Login' tab on the Home page using your personal password. Please contact Reception if you have any difficulties accessing it.

As well as providing access to your Club account, we will be using this portal to post important Club documents that are for internal use only. We have already posted all the AGM and EGM documents and have moved here much of the detailed designs and costings of the Poolside Development. As always we would welcome feedback and suggestions as we further develop this facility.

Neilson Hays Library: We are contracted to run the café at the Neilson Hays Library next door and had hoped to be operational by now. The renovation of their

beautiful old building is now nearly complete but relaying the car park and new landscaping is behind schedule and we have to wait a little longer.

Embassy Artefacts: There has been no official response from the Embassy yet to our offer to provide a 'home from home' for Queen Victoria and the War Memorial when the Embassy moves to an office building in Sathorn Road next year. Both were funded by donations from the British population in Siam, many of whom would have been Club Members. We gather we might be favourites for the War Memorial and Ali and I made a special plea to Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson for Queen Victoria whilst he was in Bangkok earlier this week.

General Committee: In January Jason Morris returned to Australia with his family and had to resign from the General Committee. He was thanked for his contributions to the Silom Wing and House & Grounds Sub-committees and has been replaced by Nathan Thomas, the third change on the GC this year. Nathan is a proud Welshman from Swansea who has been working in business development and sales and marketing with 5 star hotels. Single malt whisky and charcuterie are his passions apparently. Expect some fun!

Annual General Meeting: The year will be wrapped up at the AGM on 20th March. Besides receiving the various official reports and complying with our legal obligations, the main business will be the election of a new General Committee for 2018/19. Nominations will still be open until the start of the meeting but to give Members maximum opportunity to make an informed choice, all nominations received in advance of the AGM will be posted on noticeboards in the Clubhouse and at Poolside.

Most of the current General Committee are standing for election again and there will likely be some other good candidates. Continuity will be important if we are to capitalise on the many initiatives begun over the last two years. Completion of the Silom Wing will be exciting but will demand close attention to detail. The outgoing GC also believes that it should be possible to move quickly on to Phase 2 and complete the whole Poolside Redevelopment, creating a stunning new modern facility to underpin efforts to attract the 21st century expatriates to the Club, and especially younger families.

After a few hiccups last year, management has been strengthened with the recruitment of Tee Bale, our new deputy general manager. With much work having been done back of house to improve data management and communications, and with some further human resource development, the building bricks are in place to upgrade services and improve the Club experience for all Members.

2018/19 should be a memorable year for the Club. I look forward to seeing as many voting Members as possible at the AGM on 20th March.





THE BRITISH CLUB

TWO GENERAL MEETINGS

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING START 7:00 PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING START 7:30 PM

Members will register for both meetings at the same time: The EGM is to vote on changes to Rules 1-6 only as specified at the 19th February EGM. The full AGM and election of the General Committee for 2018/19 will commence at 7.30pm or the conclusion of the EGM whichever is later.

Registration will open at 6pm. There will be a Mini-Buffet in The Verandah from 5pm.

ORDINARY & COUNTRY MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

LETTER FROM the General Manager

Early in February we had a lovely evening at the Members Gathering with almost 100 Members attending; please see the photos and review elsewhere in this issue. I would like to thank everyone who attended and also the GC and the heads of the sports sections. We are grateful to Chang beer for sponsoring this event.

Also in February we combined the Chinese New Year celebrations with a rescheduled Pancake Day because rain washed out the original day. There were a lot of kids and parents on the front lawn for the Lion Dance and the pancake races. Due to deadlines, our review will appear next month.

In March the Club will celebrate Easter Sunday on 1st April. It's always a very popular event with kids as there is the egg hunt, games, magic show and other kids activities. Please check the website or Facebook and as always you can book in Reception. Hot Cross Buns go on sale from all outlets from 1st March, homemade by our baker with both original and chocolate varieties available. Please try them! During this month Khun Laak and her team will introduce a "Mango Promotion" as the season gets underway. Then on 20th March we will have the EGM and AGM which together start at 7pm, with all voting Members urged to attend to air their views and choose a new General Committee.

As of today the foundation works have been finished on the Silom Wing redevelopment, so after this the works should be quick and it is still on schedule. Last month the contractors finished the flooring and beams so several trucks of cement were arriving every day. We apologise for any inconvenience this caused; our



General Manager

Security staff are working with the contractors to avoid any major disruption or disturbance for our Members.

As the demarcation lines in the car parks have almost vanished, our engineer has started to repaint the clear yellow lines throughout. We have hired Quick Paint Company to paint the Clubhouse which we expect to finish within March or maybe before. They have done this for the last five years and we have designed a new paint especially for the front of the Clubhouse. Once completed, I will put some photos in the next Outpost.

We have the Club's Tennis Championships on 24th March and a Bicycle & Boat Tour on Saturday 31st March. Please check the details at the Fitness Centre.

I would like to remind you about our Reciprocal Clubs, 385 around the world, which are fantastic for business or holiday use - please contact the membership department or Reception to obtain introduction letters or for a list of all the clubs. In addition, our membership team are trying to get more Membership Plus benefits with others organisations which you can checkfrom posters around the Club and in the last issue of Outpost.

I am looking forward to see you all around the Club.

The Verandah	11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays)		
1910 Balcony	3pm - midnight (Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm)		
Accounts Office	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Closed (Sat-Sun)		
1910 Sports Bar	5pm - midnight	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)
Churchill Bar	10am - 12midnight	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)
Poolside Bar	6:15am - 11pm Last food orders 9:30pm	Thai Massage	10am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)

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TEE TALK

Since joining back in December 2017, I have had the time to settle in and get to know the Club and a selection of Members over my short time here. The Club itself is something I have always known about yet never had the chance to visit, it has pleasantly surprised me with all it has to offer especially positioned right in the middle of central Bangkok.

When asked to write a page in our monthly Outpost, I first wondered what would I write, I didn't want to speak to much about Club things I'm still learning or its history as that's better done by others, so I decided each month to focus on my passion for sports and of course my input to the Club through those sports, this maybe events, promotions, live TV listings and current sports news.

I am pleased to announce that I will be posting a full month's listing of each major sports calendar both in the Sala poolside and the Churchill bar, with this listing I will have the live TV show times and the F&B promotion attached to it, in short, all live sports will have a great offer attached to them when viewing in the Club, this gets underway in March.

Being a World Cup footballing year, we will be looking forward to the summer and hopefully some great matches, I have already started the forward planning for this and expect big things for all live games, some good surprises are on the cards along with some



well-known football celebrities passing through, watch this space.

Formula 1 will be returning to the big screen in March as it gets underway with the first race in Australia. A special buffet and drinks deal will be available in Churchills along with the leader board being displayed each week, so you can follow your favourite drivers' progress.

Other major sporting attractions you might not have earmarked coming over the next few months include:

- Athletics April: London Marathon
- Athletics **April**: Commonwealth Games Gold Coast, Australia
- Football April: Manchester Derby
- Horse racing April: Grand National
- Football May: Champions League final
- Horse racing June: Royal Ascot
- Cricket **June**: Australia in England for 5 1-day internationals and a twenty/20 as part of a busy England schedule in the buildup to hosting 2019's Cricket World Cup
- Cycling July: Tour de France
- Tennis July: Wimbledon

Finally being a Tottenham Hotspur fan in the world of the English Premier League I will look forward to next month giving my predictions and review of the league so far, plus some mini round-ups of other events and tournaments.

Until then I look forward to meeting you around the Club in the coming weeks and months.



Deputy General Manager

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Business Luncheons

5-9 March

- Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)
- · Tuna Salad.
- · Chef's Soup of The Day.

Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)

- Creamy Chicken Breast with Penne, Peas and Creamy White Wine Sauce
- Fish and Chips.
- Marinated Pork Fillet Roast on Rhubarb.
- Tom Kha Gai, Tod Man Pla, Phad Tua Ngok Moo Krob.

19-23 March

Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)

- Mozzarella, Mango, Tomatoes and Rocket Salad
- · Chef's Soup of The Day.
- Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)
- Grilled Chicken Breast with Tomato and Bean Sauce.
- Grilled Mixed Sausage.
- Grilled Seabass with Coriander Salsa.
- Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla, Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai, Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy.

12-16 March

Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)

- Smoked Duck Salad.
- · Chef's Soup of The Day.

Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)

- · Chicken and Wild Mushroom Lasagna.
- Pan Fried Dory Fish with Caper Meunière
- · Shepherd's Pie
- Gaeng Jued Tao Hoo Moo Sab, Phad Kraprao Moo Sab Kai Dao.

26-30 March

Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)

- · Carrots, Raison and Apple Coleslaw .
- · Chef's Soup of The Day.

Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)

- · Chicken Chasseur.
- · Grilled Seabass with Spinach Risotto.
- Mini Steak with Gravy Sauce.
- Pla Sam Rod, Phad Prik Khing Moo Krob, Kai Jiew.

F&B MORSELS

2018 is very much underway and the Club's kitchen team are hard at work preparing for the new mango season, we will be preparing an array of different dishes for you using the in-season mango. Thailand's signature dessert dish of Mango with Sticky Rice will be a definite feature.

The month of March brings a new selection of events for us to cater for, the first being Hot-Cross Buns, freshly made and delicious, which will be available from the 1st March so make sure you try them.

UK Mother's Day lands on the 11th March with the chance to join a special buffet at lunch or dinner in The Verandah, where you can bring your Mum and spoil her with wine and food.

The 17th March is the biggest green day of the year, St Patrick's Day, not only will the bar have green beer for



Executive Chef

you and special discounts on anything Irish, but we will also create an all-green and super-tasty buffet.

Don't forget we continue our daily business lunches from Monday to Friday giving you different selections to choose from daily.

Churchills & Sala will be having a new option in the month of March, everyday I will be showcasing my favourite dish and serving it with your choice of a pint or bottle of beer depending where you're dining, look out for the Jack Daniels baby back ribs, it's a **MUST**.



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE Silom Wing

All of the Foundations and Substructure for the Silom Wing Project are now complete and work has a begun on the Superstructure. The project is a few days behind schedule but lost time will be made up quickly.

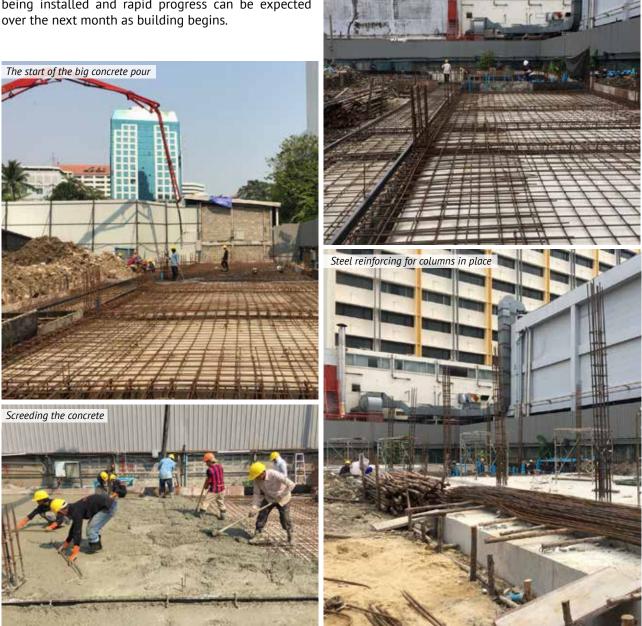
A major landmark this month was the pouring of the concrete slab on Monday 6th February. This required the delivery of 26 trucks of concrete and needed to be completed in one operation. The evening rush hour proved to be a bit of a challenge but all went well with the last delivery at 8.00 pm.

At press time steel reinforcing of the columns was being installed and rapid progress can be expected



Chair Silom Wing SC

Reinforcing steel for ground beams and floor slabs





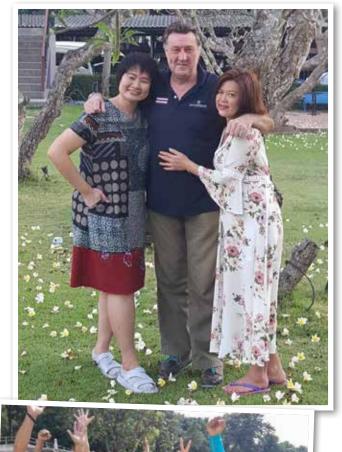






ALL ABOARD! Annual Staff Party

In January only one thing was left to do for 2017, which was to thank all our hard-working members of staff with the Annual Staff Party. This year we had the pleasure of holding the event at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club in Chonburi. The staff all met nice and early to get underway on the party bus and from the setting off the party started. On arrival in Chonburi they all stopped off at Pratumnak Hill View to take in the stunning coastline scenery, the weather was amazing, and the sea view was outstanding. Once safely inside the Varuna Yacht Club they sat down for a well-needed lunch after a long journey, followed by some interesting singing as the karaoke started up. Varuna's General Manager Barry Osborne was on hand to get everyone signed up for the catamaran trip, some staff took more persuading than others but in the end, all were ready for it. Two catamarans holding 4 staff each set out to sea extremely fast with a good wind behind them. Once back, volleyball and more karaoke quickly started up with a BBQ of grilled shrimps. Everyone was pleased to see Jack Dunford who made a surprise visit from Koh Samed where he and his family were staying. The day finished after a delicious seafood set dinner and the lucky raffle draw, where the staff happily won some great prizes. A big thank you to all the staff for 2017!









FRESH AND FAMILIAR Members' Gathering



With the end of a year comes the start of another - this gives us a chance to welcome all our new Members of 2017 as we hosted our annual Members' Gathering. The event not only welcomes our newest Members, but it also recognises the long-standing Club Members, inviting those of 20+ years, 30+ years, 40+ years and finally more than 50 years.

With the perfect setting on the back lawn of the Clubhouse the stage was set for a wonderful evening which saw a fantastic turnout of the Club's long-standing and newest Members.

Jack our Chairman took to the mike to get things underway with a lucky draw, giving out some great prizes

to both old and new Members to much amusement as some familiar faces were called up as winners.

Complimentary drinks and buffet dinner were served to reward everyone for their membership and participation in the events over the years and then Tee called up the different seniorities of membership for group pictures. It was great to see 4 Members of 50 years or more, showing their loyalty and commitment to making the Club such a success over the years, each group was called up and slowly the stage filled, then finally a full group picture as seen below of everyone that joined the event.

The Club looks forward to 2019 and the next event with even more new Members as we continue to grow.





Calendar March 2018











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WHAT'S IN A GLASS? Monthly wine-tasting

After missing December due to Christmas and all the other events we final got things underway with our first wine-tasting evening of 2018. The evening was set to be on the front lawn but due to the forecast of rain the decision was made to play it safe and move to the Suriwong Room.

This month we had 4 wine suppliers showcase their different selections of wines from all different regions and grape varieties, along with a new stand giving everyone a chance to taste some 100% organic chocolate, which they paired with different style of wines, this was extremely enjoyed by everyone and not much was left by the end of the evening.

We had a special treat as all the distributors laid on an array of discounts, promotions and even buy one get one free deals; not many people could resist and all but a few ended up carrying many a bottle or two home with them.

The night was supported tremendously well by over 100 Members to enjoy the wine sampling and delicious buffet laid on. We look forward to seeing you at the next event where we will have more wine suppliers, craft beers and premium spirits stand.







CHANGING SKYLINES Part 1

Into the 1990s most cricket in Thailand was played at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) on Henri Dunant Road and her sister The Polo Club off Wireless Road.

I have lots of pictures taken at cricket matches in the 80s and 90s (mostly) and returned with fellow member Brian Brook in November to check out how the skylines have changed.

I will share these over the next three months and will start this month at RBSC. Most of the tall buildings in Bangkok have been built since 1987 which marked the end of the Cold War and the beginning of a decade of double-digit economic growth.

Some were already going up in my pictures ... and there are lots more to come!







Chairman







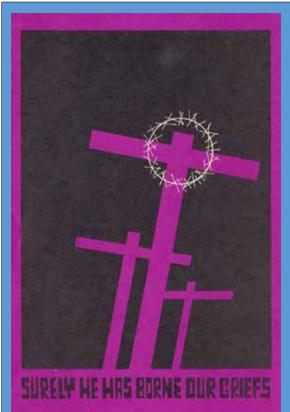
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Towards Radjamari 2017





Christ Church Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday 25th March 10.00am Palm Sunday – all-age service

Wednesday 28th March7.00pmLent Course Discussion and Reflection on
Psalm 22 - Desolation

Maundy Thursday 29th March 7.00pm 'In Remembrance of Me' – a service around the Lord's Table

Good Friday 30th March

12noonAn Hour at the Cross7.00pmRemembering the Cross

Easter Sunday 1st April

7.30am'He is risen' - Holy Communion10.00am'He is risen' - Family Communion

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HARD BALLS

Annual Awards Night 20th Jan 2018

As the season gets going, a rare weekend free of matches presented the opportunity for the annual cricket awards ceremony at the club. The afternoon kicked off with a friendly fireball doubles competition on the back court between 8 pairs, kindly adjudicated by the chairman himself, with assistance from some of the members recovering from various exotic injuries. Meanwhile, Rahul was cooking up a storm to quell the appetites of those who had been battling it out with the orange ball - in addition to some late-comers and families who had started to arrive for the red carpet event.



Ben Eastwell





Chef fires it up

Brewis collects his award



Ladies in on the action

A sea of striped blazers and worried faces decorated the back-lawn audience, as 35 or so of the cricketing fraternity gathered for the annual celebration in which the previous season was reminisced. Following the more formal presentation of the much sought after individual performance awards, including Dilip's elation for holding on to the bowling top spot despite an outbreak of defensive claims about the accuracy of the statistics beforehand; the stories and pictures that most had thought (and probably hoped) had all been forgotten were brought back into the forefront of people's minds as Ben and H presented the blunders of the year.

Special awards saw Sir Nick presented with an award marking an impressive 5000 runs for the British Club and the bowler of the year picked up the mounted match ball from a thrilling 6-for earlier on in the season. Sarg was also presented with an original and unedited copy of 'penguins stopped play', kindly gifted by the touring Captain Scott XI after hearing of his enthusiasm towards the book. The evening went on, as expected into the small hours - mostly consisting of bickering over who should have actually got the awards and bets on next year's winners. All up for grabs in 2019!



The British Club Chiang Mai Takeover 3rd-4th Feb 2018

Ian was rightfully handed the Chiang Mai baton after a successful debut as tour manager in KL last year, leaving Jack nothing to do but moan about how it was all wrong. As in past tours, or the 'good ol' days' as dubbed by some of the more senior attendees, an encouraging number of the tennis and squash sections caught wind of the excitement and tagged along to triple the carnage up North in a less polluted part of the kingdom for the weekend.

The majority had arrived by Friday in anticipation of gently easing into the weekend, ahead of a long and punishing tour. One would think that on experience of previous years, it would make logical sense to take a measured approach to the evening entertainment on the first night, but after Mossy hijacked the local band to sing his anthem and H coaxed everyone to a local nightclub - it was all out the window early doors, and everybody quickly forgot (but not forgave) that the chairman had gone and left his blazer in Bangkok!





Saturday's cricket was reserved for a leisurely social warm-up match comprising of mostly BC members, before a Brewis special Saturday night rooftop BBQ, with music almost as bad as the shirts on display as people interpreted the "loud shirts" dress code. A well fed group ventured onwards for pool, darts and souvenirs before an early night ahead of the big cup match.

Match report

Check out on Sunday morning came around all too quickly before the song-taew trundled off to the Gymkhana Club for the conclusion of the tour. The 36th edition of the Dick Wood cup match, which BC had not won since 2010 was set to pull the crowds in, with a hopeful stand-in captain looking to make history on debut.

Ben lost his first toss in charge, and was put in to field by the seasoned Gymkhana captain who fancied his guys setting the target on a pitch they were familiar with. Sir Nick opened proceedings with the traditional attacking field; all 9 fielders in the slip cordon. The regular pace attack combo then steamed in to hold the hosts to 61 - 3 from 10 overs, thanks to a flurry of dot balls from Denzyl, an early run out from Brewis, a tidy wicket from Patrick, and Mossy picking off number 2 in his 4th ball of the match (before ungraciously pulling himself out of the attack injured).

Now whether it is a result of the back end of a long weekend, aged bodies, a controversial warm-up routine or more likely a combination of the above - sprains and pulls overcame the outfielders like the plague as a sorry looking squad over-exerted themselves under the Chiang Mai sun, just about creaking to a drinks break and an oil change before hobbling back out to finish off.



The Frenchman continued after the massive break accompanied by Dilip who had decided he would join the tour at the last minute - bowling a season best (2-23, 6 overs) to give the selectors something to think about. Sir Nick (2-23, 4 overs) steadied the ship and helped to wrap up a leaky second half of the innings which left Chiang Mai 4 runs short of 200 and BC looking for 197 to win from their 30 overs.

Sir Nick and Mossy opened up the reply to quickly get on top of the Chiang Mai bowlers and put on pressure with a quick 50 partnership before the in-form Kiwi was caught behind for 26. Nick (30) was bowled shortly afterwards to leave Ben (32) and Denzyl (17) at the crease to see off the bowling attack which continued to hurl the ball in even slower than the over-rate that day. With field changes and gossiping after every ball - the sun was well on its way down towards the latter half of the match. At the halfway stage, the contest was delicately poised at 94 - 3 after 15 overs - the perfect way to foreshadow a BC middle order collapse. Dilip (15*) was the only batsman after number 4 to score double figures as the tourists threw the game away. An extended fines session followed, before most flew back to the big mango licking their wounds. Next year?





JM & CM!

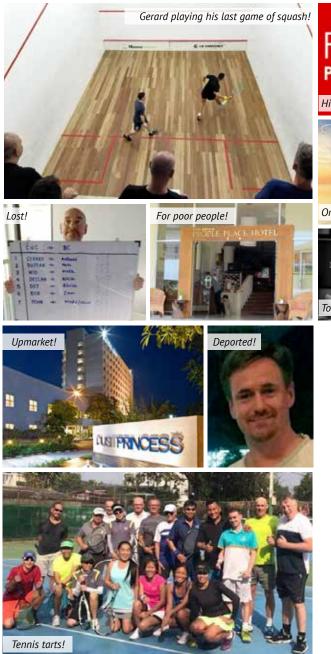






First JM: Jason Morris and the Squash Section Committee have parted company by way of mutual consent (he was fired!). He has returned to his homeland of

Australia to pursue the next stage of his career (he was deported from Thailand after being arrested for stealing pregnancy prevention devices from his local 7-11 and overstaying his tourist visa by 22 months!). The Squash Section Committee issued a statement which said that Jason had conducted himself with "diligence, honesty and integrity" and the decision to part had been made "with disappointment and heavy hearts all round" (in reality, he was lazy, useless and untrustworthy and we're glad he's gone!). Back in his homeland, Jason has plans to establish a koala dating agency exclusively for the males of the species to fully exploit Australia's new laws and liberties regarding same-sex marriage. Good luck with that JM!





As a result, the BCB Squash Section Committee is searching for a new victim to join Wally Evans, Haroon Islamic State, Peter Cornflakes and Smelly Madge. If you feel you have what it takes to do nothing as a Squash Section Committee member, contact Cornflakes on *iamawoman@bcbquashsection.com* Cheers!

Now CM: February, annual tour, team of seven – Rashid, Evans, Rayfield, Lewis, Madge, White, Brewis to play the Gymkhana mob for the Peter Corney Cup, 40 years of history behind the event, lost last year, got thrashed, crap team, played like crap, this year, stronger team, should have won, but lost again 4-3. How? Dunno. Blame Evans as he's the captain or blame God as apparently he's all knowing, all wise and has a hand in everything. More about that later; not God, the CM defeat.

Who cares about losing anyway? The Squashies don't because they had a laugh in CM with the BCB cricket catastrophe who spent the entire weekend smashed out of their tiny minds - they really are an





embarrassment - and the BCB tennis tarts who spent the entire weekend fornicating with each other. Absolutely Disgusting! More about that later. Maybe.

Back to the squash. Ian Brewis lost to Bob, the Gymkhana captain, which along with winning the event meant Bob smiled for the first time since Hitler topped himself. Ian doesn't get any flak for this humiliating and pathetic capitulation as he organized the lovely Dusit Princess Hotel for the majority of the BCB tourists to enjoy with a fab Sat eve buffet and lashings of other treats. Most of the squash and cricket players took a room there, yet not the tennis players as they are a) poor, and b) the Dusit Princess is an upmarket establishment which prohibits group fornication on the premises.

Sir Nick White got hammered 3-0 by some Declan chap and lamented afterwards that he's too posh and important for squash, too sophisticated and intellectual for such a common game. Obviously his Knighthood has corrupted his values and turned him into a snob. Such a shame as he used to be a nice boy. Next year he won't be asked to play!

Madge lost 3-1 to a local bloke called bloke Dej. This was mainly due to some unscrupulous refereeing decisions by his daughter, Nid, and Mark Rayfield who seemed to be accepting 500 baht notes from Nid to sway decisions hers dad's way. Rumour has it Mark made 3,000 baht refereeing that match. Shocking corruption taking place there. Karma caught up with Mark as he then got beat 3-1 by Nid. He claimed later he was sick - food poisoning or something, but frankly it looked like the effects of a massive hangover or some STD passed on by the BCB tennis players!.

Marvyn won 3-0 against a John, Evans beat a Dujean 3-1 and Rashid thrashed some poor lad Gerard 3-0. Gerard is Gymkhana's best player, but could barely get a point off H and such was the manner of the defeat it



was reported that Gerard killed himself the following day. Terrible news really, but apparently the Gymkhana club has plenty of squash players so they don't appear to be inconvenienced too greatly.

The tennis players concluded their match at around the same time the squash finished and we were treated to a lovely BBQ buffet with a fantastic salad, some Thai dishes, heaps of pizza and fruit and plenty of beer and wine. Very nice. CHEERS!

Naturally, while enjoying the refreshments the hot, sweaty, exhilarated squash players took the time to reflect on the match and the opportunity to discuss the action that had taken place, and to swap stories of squash matches past and present. The tennis players? They ignored the food, went straight for the alcohol, drank themselves silly and continued the flirting and lecherous behavior, this time not just with each other, but with the Gymkhana players as well! What went on later that night back at the humble People Place Hotel (800 baht/night) is anybody's guess. No doubt they could have done with some of JM's stolen goods from 7-11!

Until next year's chaotic tour.....



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TENNIS

Championship update

Our annual Club Championships are now well underway and let me take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their generous contributions to the championships. All competitors have received a British Club Shirt courtesy of **FBT Sports** while those who make it through to Finals Day on March 24th will hit **Dunlop Sports** tennis balls, be refreshed by RC Cola, and take away something special from either our main sponsors **Ramada Plaza Bangkok Menam Riverside** or from our other contributing sponsors **Seara Sports Systems, Sala Hospitality Group, Narai Hotel, Tapas Café, Samitivej Hospital, Head-2-Toe Salon, L'Oreal,** and **Pizzaland**.



Section Chairperson

Results so far have gone pretty much according to the form book although James Young had a little scare in the **Men's Singles**, losing the first set of his 2nd round match with former champion Marc Newsome. James took control though from the start of the 2nd set and announced afterwards that he was 'never really worried'. Those of us watching on from the poolside bar are sure we saw his 'GameFace' appear at the start of the 2nd set.

Frank Gluck also appeared to be in a little bit of difficulty at 0-3 in the first set of a tricky 2nd round match-up with the talented Hara-san. He too steadied the ship and Frank will play doubles partner Pierre in the QF. The other seeds have arrived in the QF relatively unscathed.



The Men's doubles is going to be hotly contested and has also reached the QF stage. Let's take a look at the potential champions ...

Pierre & Frank – Last year's winners and favourites to defend the title. The Two Musketeers will take some stopping.

Geoff & Faheem – Despite both carrying injuries this powerful duo still got through to the final last year. They are determined to be there again but have they had enough court time to upset the favourites?

Dawa & Andrei – The young guns! This is a new partnership with the potential to cause an upset. Can the two in-form singles players transform that success to the doubles court?

Frank & Harold – Form is temporary, class is permanent. These boys have oodles of both. Frank is a past British Club doubles champ while Harold has more silverware than The Savoy. How about another trophy on the 24th?



The Ladies Championships have been rocked by the news that Rhea Poonevala has had to withdraw with torn muscles in her knee. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Next year Rhea! With the Poonevalas out, it's hard to look past a repeat of last year's final of **Mookie & Raquel** V **Rebecca & Nisa**.

The Mixed Doubles is perhaps the most interesting of all the events. It is almost impossible to pick a winner but it's likely to come from one of these five pairs.

Geoff & Rebecca – The reigning champs. The husband and wife duo. They say they haven't played any tennis since last year's final. Their condo neighbours beg to differ! See you on the 24th? Maybe.

Pierre & Jean – Last year's beaten finalists in a closely fought match will definitely be out avenge that defeat.



Could Jean help Pierre to complete the holy trinity (Singles, Men's Doubles & Mixed on finals day?) Surely not!

Faheem & Raquel – Team Asia! A new partnership and one that looks pretty impressive on paper. It could be the start of something wonderful

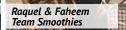
Harold & Nong – Another new partnership to the Club Championships but these two have had some previous successes together in other tournaments. A semi-final showdown with Faheem & Raquel awaits on Centre Court Don't miss it!

James & Mookie – Beaten in the QF last year but these two have previous. They are in the tough half of the draw and will have to win three tough matches to reclaim the title. Don't bet

against it!

Hope to see you on Finals Day on 24th March!

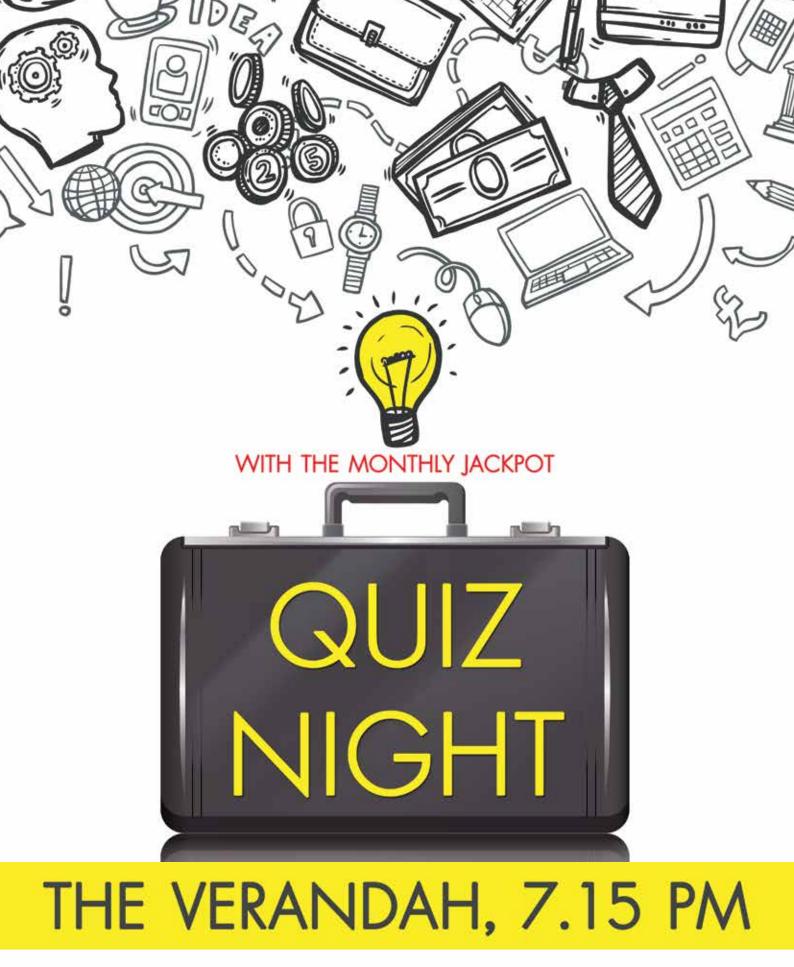
Jean & Pierre - Team French Fries







Geoff & Becks - Team Bellingham



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January Stableford

Former Captain Maureen Gibson flew in from Yorkshire to join the January Stableford at Subhaprueck. The event was won by Graham Johnston with 35 stableford points.



January Medal

There was a welcome return to the winner's circle for Brian Brook who won the flight B January Medal with a fine net 71 and in doing so nudged his lovely wife Yurachatr into 2nd place.

Staying on form, Graham Johnston won the flight A Medal with a magnificent gross 72 and a net 66. Mark Coombes was in the runner-up spot. A nice bottle of red for Graham and just a handicap cut for Mark.



If you would like to join the golf society, we welcome players of all standards. We normally play on a Sunday and also have away weekends. For more information please contact us at *bcgs.bangkok@gmail.com*

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