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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



**Jonathan Truslow**  
Chairman - General  
Committee 2009/2010

I wrote in January's Outpost about our progress with recruiting a new CEO, noting: "One of the challenges facing the Club is an overhaul of the management structure." By this statement I meant that we were not just looking to routinely fill the CEO vacancy, but were reviewing the Club's management needs so as to understand the sort of person we need and the management structure they should head.

Some members have questioned whether we need a CEO at all, stating, "The Club runs itself." I think anyone who has served on the GC would assure you that this is not the case. The Club runs due to the hard work of the staff, the management team and the GC itself. However, the annually changing composition and volunteer basis of the GC makes long-term planning and development at the Club difficult. Despite all of our efforts, important areas such as planning, marketing, development of internal systems, and staff training and development have not received as much attention as they warrant. Other members have commented that there has been too much overlap of responsibilities in the GM and CEO positions in the past, a sentiment I would agree with.

These and other considerations have led the GC to conclude that the Club's interests will be best served by hiring a highly qualified professional manager with a broad range of general management skills to run the Club, rather than focusing on candidates with experience of running clubs. In Jesper Doepping, a Danish national with a successful career in Human Resources and Change Management, we are confident that we have found that person. We expect Jesper to have started work by the end of March and will be arranging some events for members to have an early opportunity to meet and welcome him to the Club.

Furthermore, we have decided to abandon the CEO title and revert to the older usage of General Manager as the most senior member of Club management. Accordingly, Jesper will be the General Manager, reporting to the GC through the Chairman. Barry will be appointed to a new position of Deputy General Manager F&B, looking after F&B, events and member relations. Barry and the rest of the senior management team will report to the General Manager.

The Club's senior management team going forward will be:  
General Manager Jesper Doepping

Deputy General Manager F&B  
Deputy General Manager Finance  
Development & Facility Manager  
Sports & Recreation Manager

Barry Osborne  
Premrudee Tanyaluck  
John Boisclair  
Reed Passmore

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

<b>The Verandah</b>	11am - 2pm (Mon. - Thurs.) 5pm - 10pm (Mon. - Thurs.) 11am - 10pm (Fri. - Sun. and Public Holidays)	
<b>Neilson Hays Coffee Shop</b>	9am - 6pm (Tues.-Sun.)	<b>Fitness Centre</b> 6am - 10pm (Mon.-Fri.)
<b>Churchill Bar</b>	10am - 11pm	<b>Fitness Centre</b> 6am - 9pm (Sat.-Sun.)
<b>Poolside Bar</b>	7am - 10pm Last food orders - 9.30pm	<b>Thai Massage</b> 9am - 5pm (Tues.-Sun.)

# HOUSE & GROUNDS

## The monthly report on Maintenance and Development



I will start my report this month with a few words on the pest control activities being carried out by Scientific Pest Management. An intensive treatment was carried out over two evenings in February to eradicate ants and cockroaches. Almost all areas of the Club have a moderate level of these pests, but this treatment should keep them out for a few months. Although we are in the middle of the mosquito season, SPM assures us that the monthly mosquito treatments are improving the situation.

Several areas of the Club have rodent problems, including the Churchill Bar and the kitchen in the Suriwongse Sala. The access points have been identified and the maintenance staff instructed to seal them. An ant nest was found in the main kitchen near the bakery, and baits were used to eliminate the problem. The last termite inspection conducted on 23 February revealed no activity in any of the bait stations. This was very good news. The only activity discovered was a soil trail in the Verandah, and this has been treated. At the moment, the situation appears to be under control.

Future projects in the preparation stage are the Ladies' Changing Room, the Fitness Centre and toilets, and the proposal for two small two-storey buildings between the tennis courts and the Suriwongse boundary wall to provide a much-needed Workshop and Storage Facility. The current plan is to refurbish the Ladies' Changing Room, Fitness Centre and toilets in the international schools' summer holidays, when many Members are out of Bangkok.

Over the next week or so, we will be replacing the notice boards in the corridor and the pictures behind the reception desk. We have a rising damp problem in the corridor, for which a suitable treatment is being considered, short of inserting a damp-proof course.

The Tennis Court Sub-Committee submitted a detailed proposal to the General Committee for rectification of the tennis court surface. This was approved early in March, and the work will commence in mid March. Work to Courts 2 and 3 will be carried out first, and the work should take approximately one month. These courts will then be brought into service, and the Centre Court and Court 1 worked on for another month. An asphalt base will be laid over the concrete slabs, with a geo-textile membrane installed between the concrete and asphalt.

The function of the geo-textile membrane is to prevent any future cracking in the asphalt being induced by the existing cracks in the concrete below. Additionally, the membrane should help with the dissipation of any dampness from below.

The fence between the Suriwongse Sala and the tennis courts has now been replaced. In order to achieve maximum visibility for Members who are watching the tennis players while sitting in the Sala, the galvanized steel mesh was sprayed black to reduce the reflectivity. This was suggested to me by a Member who is a retired lawyer. The suggestion seems to have worked (and there was no fee charged).

The landscaping contractor that carried out the work on the back lawn has now been appointed to provide regular maintenance of our landscaped areas. Their advice will be very useful in looking at ways we can improve our gardens and ensure that the trees are regularly cropped and maintained.

We invited three companies to submit fee proposals for the detailed review of the fire systems. A full evaluation will be made of the scope of work required to improve all items that fail to meet the appropriate British Building Regulation requirements, e.g., fire alarms, firefighting equipment, means of escape, exit lights and signage, emergency lights, exit doors, etc. We have received one satisfactory proposal from a suitably qualified consultant and will be recommending to the General Committee that this be accepted.

As I write this, the Annual General Meeting is almost upon us. We have completed our efforts to comply with the motion passed at the 2008 AGM that, amongst other things, required the completion of Phase 1 of the Club development "in its entirety and to the Members' satisfaction". An EGM has been called to immediately precede the AGM, and the Membership will be asked to formally confirm their satisfaction in order that we can move forward with proposals for future development of the Club facilities. Your decision will be very important, as it will very much effect our ability to improve areas other than the Clubhouse.

All for now.

**John Boisclair**  
Development & Facility Manager

# BAZZA'S BANTER



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Looking back, we had a great March here at the Club with lots of activities taking place, some of which will be reported on elsewhere in the magazine.

Over two weekends, the BCT entertained members with their latest 'theatre in the round' production of 'Pinocchio' – all 8 shows on both weekends were sold out! The Club put on a range of activities, including cookie decorating and the Club's bouncy castle to entertain the kids. The Members were also able to purchase food and drinks and relax in the Club's grounds whilst kids were able to amuse themselves and enjoy a great show. Well done to BCT and Club Member Bonnie Zellerbach for this great event.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day in style with our regular green food buffet created by Khun Laak. We were very lucky to have music from No Fixed Abode, who normally plays in another venue in Bangkok. We also sold Guinness at 130 baht a pint and had a promotion on Jameson whiskey and Irish coffees. A few days later, we had a full house in the Verandah for our celebrity chef dinner with Ken Hom. The night was a great success, and Ken was a great host; the food was also stunning.

A few days later, we were off once again to Impact Arena to see the legendary Tom Jones in concert. Over 60 Members booked for the event, all presented with a pair of ladies' knickers once aboard the coach to the concert. You can imagine the look on the cashier's face at Tesco Lotus as I placed 60 pairs of ladies' knickers on the checkout belt and also asked for a tax receipt! And, mind you, the office staff was a bit surprised when I turned up at work with a receipt for 60 pairs of ladies underwear, also. I think explaining the fact that the Members throw them at this singer who is over 70 years old got a bit lost in translation.

Looking forward to April, we will have a range of Easter goodies on sale from 27th of March through Easter Day at the Neilson Hays coffee shop and at poolside. We will also once again be baking our hot cross buns, and this year, we have introduced chocolate hot cross buns! They will be available in all outlets, and if you wish to purchase a bulk order, please contact the outlet manager. In April, we will also be featuring mangos in our promotions: We will have mango crumble, mango mousse, mango pancakes and lots more – once again, available in all outlets throughout April.

Events planned in April obviously include Easter Sunday Funday and the egg hunt. The event takes places from 11am until 1pm on the back lawn, followed by a free video in the Suriwongse Room at 2pm. We will also have an Easter Sunday brunch from 11.30am until 2pm in the Verandah café. To book for either event, please send a fax or email to the Club, or sign up at Clubhouse reception. On 24th April, we will be celebrating the Club's birthday, which is actually on the 23rd, so on the 23rd, we will have a wine tasting in the Suriwongse Room from 6pm until 9pm and a British buffet available in the Verandah. On the Saturday from 3pm until 7pm, we will host a party on the back lawn. This event will be free to members (members just pay for food and beverages consumed on their regular accounts), and we will have a few games and live music throughout the day from Celtic Colours. We will also have a happy hour on all draught beers and house spirits in outlets from 6pm until closing.

Songkran is celebrated throughout the Kingdom during the 13th, 14th and 15th of April. I would like to point out that no water pistols or water apparatuses are allowed to be brought into the Club. Whilst not wanting to be total spoilsports and fuddy-duddies, Khun Reed and his team will organise controlled games for all, strictly on the front lawn only during one of the Songkran days. Contact Reed for more details.

On Tuesday, 13th of April, we will have a Thai buffet at poolside, featuring dishes from all regions of Thailand, and we will also feature some of the more unusual dishes also.

On Wednesday, 14th of April, a Hollywood movie is being filmed here at the Club. They will be filming at the Silom Road gate, so that gate will be closed to Members. Members can enter and exit via the Suriwongse gate. The Neilson Hays Library will be closed, but the coffee shop will remain open, so members are able to enter and exit through this gate by foot also. We apologise to members for the inconvenience, but this filming will bring in more revenue for the Club also.

As you can see, there is lots going on, and we also have more planned, including a day out to Khao Kheow Open Zoo, Siam Park and lots more!

I look forward to seeing you around your Club very soon.  
Regards,  
**Baz**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

## Tetley Smooth Flow Bar Quiz

The British Club Quiz will be held in the Verandah at 7.30pm. As usual, Bangkok's premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of nineteen questions (on a range of subjects from 'Asia' to 'Celebrities'), each ending in the dreaded "Common Denominator". Prizes go to First, Second, Third and 'Second-to-Last'. There are also three 'between-round' questions, sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations, where your team has the chance to win drinks. So get a team of friends (up to six, with at least one Club member per team) to come along and join in the fun, or just pop along to see if we can fit you in!

TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH

## Songkran Thai Buffet at Poolside

To celebrate Songkran, we will have an extensive Thai buffet with an array of foods from all regions of the Kingdom. Khun Laak and her sidekick, Khun Somchai, have created a menu with a variety of dishes – some your favourites and others a little more unusual!! The buffet costs 350 baht per person and includes a complimentary glass of a special Thai cocktail. Celebrate Songkran by the pool with your whole family here in the comfort and safety of your oasis in Bangkok. The buffet will be available at lunch and dinner times.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD, AND SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH

## The British Club's 107th Birthday Party, Wine Tasting and British Food Buffets

We are celebrating the Club's 107th birthday and the 100th birthday of the Clubhouse. We celebrate St George's Day and the Club's birthday on Friday with a British buffet available at lunch and dinner times in the Verandah cafe. The buffet costs 400 baht for adults and 200 baht for children and consists of roast beef, roast lamb, mince beef pie, assorted sausages, broccoli and Stilton soup, rhubarb crumble and lots more. We will also be showing classic British TV comedy series on the TV. We continue the celebration that evening with our monthly wine tasting held in the Suriwongse Room. This month, five companies will be on hand allowing members to sample their wines and purchase at specially discounted prices. Khun Laak will create a range of British canapés to accompany the wines. The wine tasting takes place from 6pm until 9 pm and is free.

On Saturday, we will have a British buffet available at both lunch and dinner times in the Verandah Cafe. In the afternoon from 3pm until 7pm, we will have a birthday party for all the family. There will be lots of games and activities lined up to entertain the kids, plus a beer garden for Mums and Dads, Khun Laak's barbeque and live music with the excellent Celtic Colours. There is no entry charge for the party on the back lawn, but all food and beverages purchased will be charged to Members' individual accounts.

# FOUNDATION TO GRADUATION

10 Made a working fairground model in Design Technology

9 Sang a solo in assembly, it was awesome!

8 So excited - my first overnight trip with Year 3 to Prachinburi

6 Learned to play a song on my guitar

3 Dressed up for pirate day, watch out Captain Jack

18 IB almost done, Uni here I come

17 Final International Award trek, phew!

16 My sax piece brought the house down at Patana Jazz and Blues!

14 Laid down a track in the recording studio

12 Learning loads of new words in French – parlez vous français?

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# ST. DAVID'S BALL

## St. David's Society Bangkok

St. David's Society is the society that represents Welsh people in Thailand. It was established in 1976, and its first Bard was Mr. Eric G. Howell. Since 1976, the society has grown from strength to strength, and the current Bard, Basia Filzek, holds the record for being Bard the most number of times, which, in total, is four times between 2002 and 2010. The society's membership requirements are flexible, and the current membership comprises of people residing in Thailand that either have direct links with Wales, who have studied or lived there, or have Welsh ancestors.



Each year, the committee is appointed at the AGM in May, and a plan is drawn up comprising of a number of quality events, which includes a murder mystery night, a quiz Night, a wine tasting evening, a Christmas dinner, the Intersocieties golf event, which in 2009 was hosted by the St. David's Society, a 'Poems & Pints' evening, as well as the flagship event being the St. David's Society Annual Ball.

This year, the annual ball was held at the JW Marriott Hotel on Sukhumvit, and notwithstanding the financial crisis and ongoing political instability, it attracted more attendees than ever before. The Rolls Royce entertainment provided to the guests comprised the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir (direct from Hong Kong), Mr Owen Money, MBE, and Mr Lloyd Davies (two well-known Welsh comedians and singers who have hosted their own television shows in Wales), as well as the Red Sleeve and Celtic Colours Bands.

This year was a particularly special ball as, for the first time in the history of balls in Bangkok, the St. David's Society Bangkok was able to attract the presence of two ambassadors, being His Excellency Quinton Quayle, British Ambassador, as well as His Excellency Douglas Gibson, South African Ambassador.

The St. David's Society membership is probably the best value for money in Bangkok, with the single ordinary membership being 400 baht and full-family membership being only 500 baht.

For more information on how to join the St. David's Society of Bangkok, please contact Bhavana Kumar on email [Bhavana.Kumar@rsmthailand.com](mailto:Bhavana.Kumar@rsmthailand.com) or telephone number 02 670 9002-6, ext. 141.



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# ST PATRICK'S DAY

We celebrated St Patrick's in style here at the Club. Khun Laak and her team created an amazing and imaginative green food buffet. Yes, all foods were a shade of green. Well, except for the Guinness pie and Bailey's cheesecake, but these items are from Ireland, which is also known as the Emerald Isle, which is a shade of green, okay?

Around 35 members enjoyed the buffet, and in the evening, we were entertained by Tets, Mia and their excellent band, No Fixed Abode. If you did not catch them this time around, then be sure to come to the Club's birthday on April 23rd, as they will be performing once again. To be honest, the evening was very quiet, but we were competing with all the Irish pubs in town. However, our Members who did attend had the best band in town and the cheapest Guinness at 130 baht a pint and Jameson's at 50 baht a glass.



# CELEBRITY CHEF

## A dinner with Ken Hom

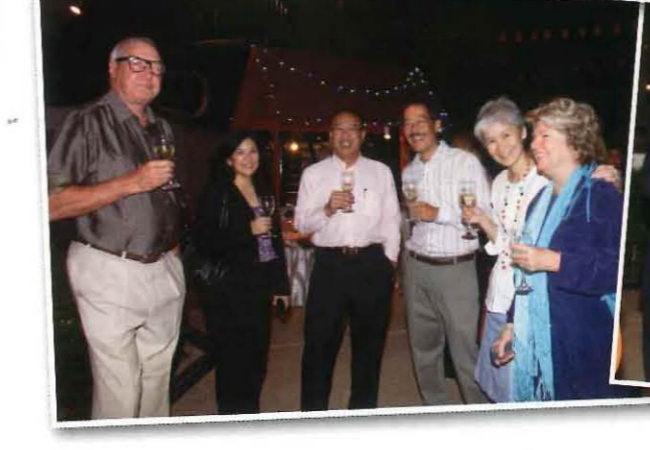
On Friday, 19th of March, we held a celebrity dinner with Ken Hom and his team in the Verandah café, and the place was packed. We entertained 65 members and guests, plus sponsors. In fact, we had a waiting list of over 20 members.

The evening started with wines and canapés on the back lawn of the Club, with the wines for the evening sponsored by Jonathan Glonek of Bangkok Fine Wines. Khun Laak and her team created a range of canapés to accompany the wines. Around 7.30, members were invited in the Verandah. The Club Chairman introduced Mr Tim Cooke from Bandara Group, and he introduced us to Ken Hom himself. Actually most members had already met Ken, as he had been very active walking around and introducing himself to members and their guests. The evening was very informal, light-hearted and good fun.

There were lots of prizes to be won, including weekend breaks to Bandara Resort Koh Samui and to Ken's restaurant, Maison Chin, in Saladaeng.

Members drank lots of wine, and there was a great atmosphere. To round off the evening, complimentary Irish coffees were served. The meal wrapped up at around 10pm, and the last members left the Verandah at 11pm, with some members having moved to the Churchill (the Bar closed at 3am that night!).

Many thanks to Liz Smailes for introducing me to Ken and his team, to Tim Cooke and Khun Pop from the Bandara Group, Jonathan Glonek from Bangkok Fine Wines, the staff of the Club, Ken Hom himself, and of course, the Members that came out, for once again supporting us.



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# PINOCCHIO

## The show must go on!



The streets of Bangkok may have been overrun with demonstrators but mid March saw the British Club grounds overrun with fairy wands and donkeys' ears, happy children and their parents. Bangkok Community Theatre's production of "Pinocchio" brought in some 1,600 people, and they stayed on for Khun Laak's delicious picnic lunch and supper on the front lawn, decorated amazing giant fairy cookies and bounced the afternoon away on the BC's bouncy castle! By all accounts, this children's participation play had them screaming in the aisles – "Call him 'Pinocchio'", "Don't go with them; those are bad guys!", "Make him a real boy!" – and roaring with laughter all afternoon.

BCT's "Pinocchio" was billed as a participation play for 4-9 year olds, but we spotted a lot of the big kids (that means you, Mums & Dads!) enjoying it just as much as – if not more so – than the little ones! The children really kept the performers on their toes, especially during the second weekend when well-prepared audience members who'd already seen the show the first weekend (groupies!) came back to join in the fun a second time round.

The hour-long play was written, produced and directed by BC Member Bonnie Zellerbach. Bonnie notes, "There were wonderful surprises at each performance because of the unpredictability of the children, but my favourite moments



were the same for every performance. I loved watching the children's faces when Pinocchio emerged from the block of wood for the very first time, when Pinocchio's nose grew for the first time, when the whale entered the room and, at the end, when Pinocchio transformed into a real boy. Show after show, the expressions on the children's faces were priceless at each of those key 'magic' moments."

The Suriwongse Room looked magical with all the balloons that Khun Adisorn arranged so artfully. You could hear the children "ooh" and "aah" when they walked in and saw all the colours. And as soon as they came in and met the performers, the children started to show off the wonderful "donkey ears" and "fairy wands" that they had made on the front lawn with Angela Stafford and volunteers from the BNH Hospital.

"Pinocchio" was truly an exceptional family experience – and it was made possible by the generous sponsorship support of Bangkok Patana School and all the volunteers from the BC, BNH and Bangkok Community Theatre. BCT's next production, "Lysistrata", is an adult comedy about the battle of the sexes, and it will play upstairs in the Suriwongse Room in June. "Pinocchio" was for the little ones, and "Lysistrata" is definitely for the grownups. Check the BCT's website at [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org) to learn more about this outrageous comedy.



# PAST PARTICIPLE

## Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We continue our peek into our Club's past as we look at events of 1950...

**1** Although the Club had been open now for over three years, much of the present poolside area flooded when the Chao Phraya River was at its peak from September to December each year. This was due to the removal by the Bangkok Municipality Council of the 'pratu-nam' (water/sluice gate) on Suriwongse Road that caused our 'northern' border *khlong* to overflow. Several requests for the gates restoration were not met, so the Club commissioned local builder Karn Chang Company to create a bund for the whole edge of the tennis court's land. The work took three months and cost 11,800 ticals, but after the rains of the monsoon, the tennis courts were back in play immediately.

**2** The Club continued to encourage more members to use our facilities. As well as guaranteeing tennis for most of the year, we held a members' event monthly on the back lawn (weather permitting). Events rotated between movie nights (with films coming from Singapore and Malaya) and dances. A couple of inter-club bridge and snooker matchers were arranged with the Cosmopolitan Club, and full play was made on our internal tennis and snooker cups, including a new 'St. John's Cup', donated by the Masonic Lodge.

Of course, all was not fun and games – the Snooker Room became infested with insects, the roof leaked, and the ladies' toilets needed urgent work – nothing changes in 60 years, does it?!



Our Royal Patron

**3** The most of the most-significant events of the year was the need of our Club to register its Land Title Deeds under the Land Concerning Aliens (No.2) Act, which was a forerunner to the Land Act of 1954. In the 'Past Participle' in September 2009, I mooted that it was believed that the King of Siam donated the Clubhouse land in 1914, but we had no such record. I am pleased to write that in the past two months, we have recovered from the Land Registry a copy of the front page of the title deed gifting it from Phra Bat Somdet Phra Jhao Pan Din Siam (His Majesty The King of Thailand) to Messrs Crosby and Nun, being British Club trustees on 16th January 1914, and subsequently to the Club itself on 14th January 1915.

This Title Deed was so registered under this new Act, and again under the Land Act, giving us the right to own the land as the British Club, for as long as we remain the British Club.

**4** 1950 was a year of unrest for the Club's General Committee. The year had started with Charles Mabbatt as Chairman. Charles stood down at the AGM in March 1950 to return to the UK on leave, and P.B. Karrage took over. Unfortunately, he was sent on leave on 10th August, so R.H. Hickling then took over as our third Chairman of the year.

To add to the perils of the committee, A.J. Thorogood, who was Honorary Secretary, stood down at the AGM, and H. Bowyer took over. Unfortunately, he returned home indefinitely, so on 14th August, a Mr. P.F. Hutton took over as our third secretary of the year... and if that wasn't enough, a total of four other GC members resigned over the year and also had to be replaced. Talk of Committee cycles!

**5** The Department of Civil Works within the Ministry of Interior decided in 1950 that road transport would be the priority along Silom Road, thus closed the tramline that ran from the Windmill at Chareon Krung to the Water Gate at Khlong Saen Saap and filled in the *khlong* along Silom Road, which ran from the Chao Phraya River to Khlong Hua Lamphong (running along Rama IV). The result was a much-widened Silom Road, offering three lanes each way. It is not noted when the first traffic jam appeared.

The Author was Vice-Chairman of the Club from 2001 to 2003 and Honorary Secretary from 2000 to 2003 and in 2006 and 2007.

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# A RECIPROCAL CLUB INTERVIEW

## Ms Patricia Hooper of the Boulevard Club



## And what about the club that you represent?

It's called the Boulevard Club, Lakeshore, in Toronto, Canada. I've been a member over 30 years now. I play tennis, swim, generally hang out with my friends.

This is a general club. Anyone can join, it's open to everyone. The club has a membership over 3000, and it's been going up and up. It's popular with upscale young couples and families.

It's got sailing, tennis, badminton, lawn bowling, croquet, ballroom dancing, two swimming pools – 1 indoor, 1 outdoor – though the outdoor one isn't often used, as you can imagine, only from about May to October, then it's too cold. Then we have reciprocal agreements with golf clubs, rugby, skiing, ice-skating, all that; not really cricket – Canada is not a cricket country.

But really, this is an opportunity to come out in the summers. Toronto has beautiful summers. And our club is on the lakeshore (on Lake Ontario) – a really nice area – and it's quite active in the summers. It's upscale and exciting and things are going on all the time.

## Tell me a little about yourself.

I'm Welsh with an Irish background. I'm retired now, but I worked for the GPO in Britain, and I got a contract to Africa. I worked in Rhodesia for 11 years, and then I decided I wanted to do something else. So, I left Africa and went to Toronto, Canada. I planned for one year, and for some reason, I'm still there.

## How did you choose to visit Thailand?

I used to travel back to Africa regularly up until 1999, and then it became difficult and a bit sad to do so, especially in Rhodesia, which became Zimbabwe. Then I thought, "I've never been to the Far East," and having read a lot about Thailand, I met up with children whose parents had been here, especially those who had been prisoners-of-war here. And they advised that I should try it.

So, in 2000, I just decided to come out; I thought I would like it. I came out to Singapore and Thailand, and then I came back in 2007 for about six weeks, seven weeks in 2008, two months in 2009, and now two-and-a-half months in 2010. I like Bangkok for the city life, and I like Chiang Mai for the hills and because it's cooler and I know some people there.

I like to travel alone, and I come out here for a couple of months. People think I'm really crazy – I'm celebrating my 78th birthday on St Patrick's Day – but it's what I like to do!

## How do clubs connect to each other to make reciprocal agreements?

Well, we have people like me, who are interested. As far as I know, I'm the only one (from our club) who has really gone for Thailand because I've been coming out here, on and off, since 2000. So, it's usually from people who have gone off to work or have a holiday somewhere or they know or have connections to people (abroad).

I checked our reciprocal pamphlet, and I didn't notice anything in Bangkok other than the Heritage Club, which I found out had gone out of business. I went back to our Club and said take this off our list, we don't have any place in Thailand.

But when I found out about the British Club, I thought I must go along and see what goes on. I've come along two years in a row, and I thought this was rather nice. I didn't want to go around and be a silly tourist; I wanted somewhere to go and relax and eat and swim and so, there you go.

Back at my club, I said, "Why don't we get a reciprocal club agreement going with the British Club in Bangkok?" I know a lot of people come out on business here, and then have relatives and friends come out to join on holiday, so why not? We got the right people in touch on both ends and got it going. I like the area, and I like this club, and anyway, I knew I came out here! (laughs)

# BC CALENDAR - APRIL 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>Easter Sunday Eggstravaganza</b> Back lawn Starts 11am.  <b>Easter Sunday Brunch</b> The Verandah 11.30am-3pm. 	<b>Monday Night Club</b> Sherlock Holmes double-bill Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. 	<b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.  <b>Quiz Night</b> Sponsored by Tetley's Smooth Flow The Verandah 7.30pm. 	<b>Artists at the BC</b> 9am-12.30pm.  <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All F&B outlets. All day.  <b>BCB Balut Shield</b> Worldworth Lounge 7.05pm.	<b>Curry Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.	<b>Monday Night Club</b> The Mystery of the Blue Train Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. 	<b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.  <b>Songkran Thai Buffet</b> Poolside Lunch and Dinner.	<b>Artists at the BC</b> 9am-12.30pm.  <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All F&B outlets. All day.		<b>Mediterranean Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.	<b>Monday Night Club</b> Sleeping Murder Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. 	<b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.	<b>Artists at the BC</b> 9am-12.30pm.  <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All F&B outlets. All day.  <b>BCB Balut Shield</b> Worldworth Lounge 7.05pm.		<b>Canadian Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.	<b>Monday Night Club</b> The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. 	<b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.	<b>Artists at the BC</b> 9am-12.30pm.  <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All F&B outlets. All day.		<b>British Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.  <b>Wine Tasting</b> Suriwongse Room 6-9pm.	<b>British Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.  <b>British Club's Birthday Party</b> Back lawn 3-7pm.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.  <b>Doctor Who</b> The first two new episodes Wordsworth Lounge 11am-12.45pm.	<b>Monday Night Club</b> The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn Wordsworth Lounge 7pm.	<b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.	<b>Artists at the BC</b> 9am-12.30pm.  <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All F&B outlets. All day.		<b>Tex-Mex Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.	

# SPORTS & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore

## Songkran, water festival, water fights and water fun.

I love Songkran!! It's the hottest time of the year (plus it's Thai New Year) so it's the best time to relax, party or stay healthy... and the best place is poolside. With that in mind, we will run a swimming gala during Songkran, plus put up the water slider and hose down the bouncy castle.

Take care over the Songkran period, stay off the roads and sit in the safe, serenity surrounds of the Club's grounds.

### Looking back:

February and March were both great months poolside with a lot of activities for all members: the tennis championships in full swing, large mix-in numbers, regular swimming lessons, sports camp, squash tournaments, netball, water polo, cricket and more.



### Looking forward:

**Sports Camp** – 5th-9th April, 9am-12.30pm. We will be running another fun sports camp for children 5-12 years old with numerous sports, including tennis, football, swimming, water games, squash and much more. Please book in advance, as numbers are limited. 450 baht per day, and includes healthy snacks.



### Junior Netball Final Day

– 3rd April, 3pm start. This is the last day of term for the junior netball, games, prizes, medals and a little fun. All are welcome to come and watch these talented children play.



**Songkran Fun and Swimming Gala** – 14th April. Swimming gala at 2pm, followed by fun and games on the front lawn. Must sign up for the swimming gala.

**Please note that water pistols or water balloons are NOT allowed to be used at the Club.**



Every Sunday in May, we will run junior coaching/games, 125 baht per child:

Junior Football, 2nd May, 3pm.



Junior Squash, 9th May, 1.30pm.



Junior Tennis, 16th May, 3pm.



Junior Swimming, 23rd May.



# TENNIS

By Reed Passmore



Shrewsbury International School and the British Club—an ace tennis partnership



### Dear Members.

Welcome to a hard-serving addition from the tennis section:

Firstly, you would have noticed a lot of non-tennis activity on the backcourts during late March. We are in the process of asphaltting all four courts (two at a time to allow continued tennis activity). The backcourts should take four weeks, and when that is completed, we will move to the frontcourts.

Mix-in numbers have been fantastic, with most days getting busier and busier, which is great, and we can continue this once we have all four courts back again. Please have patience, as booking the courts during this period is a little difficult now with only two courts available.

### Events:

- Tennis AGM – dates to confirm.
- Singapore Cricket Club is visiting the BC on 24th April and are looking for a social match: SCC had to cancel their last trip here in July and will be hitting Bangkok with force this time 'round. So we will show them a good time on – and off – the courts.
- Roll up for Roland Garros – late May. French buffet, and although we cannot have clay courts, we will have great courts and a French theme!

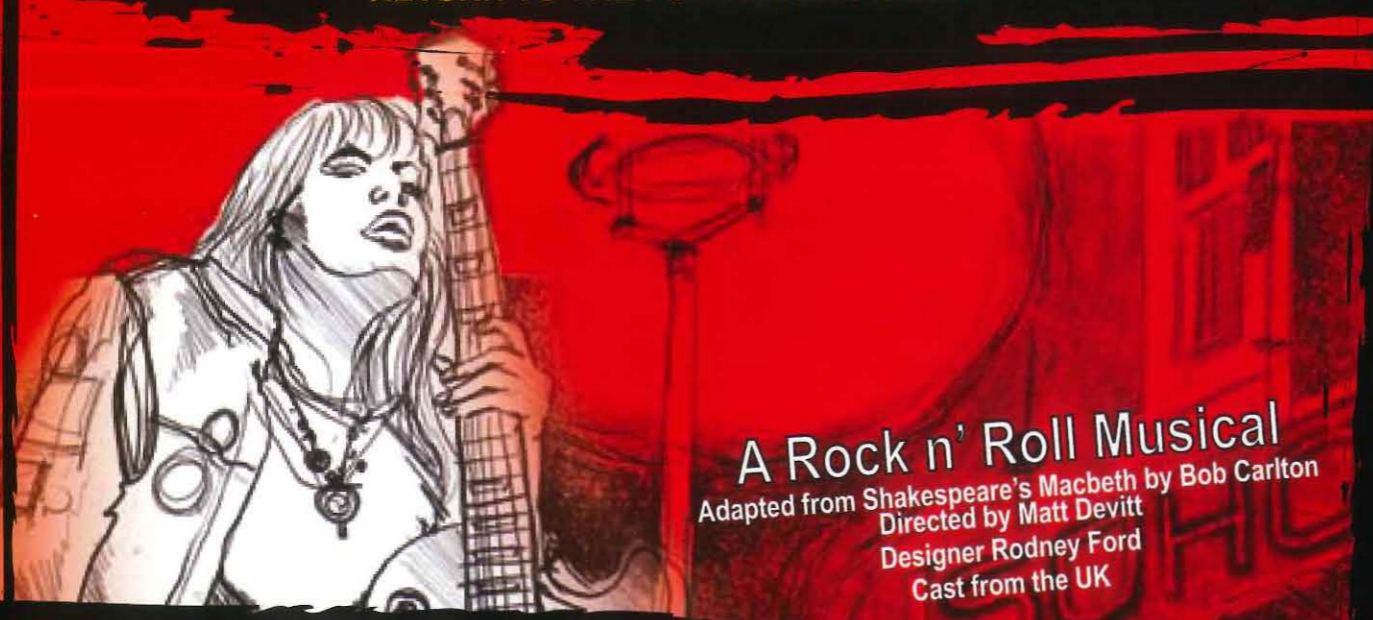


### Past Event:

Pierre Séquier vs Micheal Leong – Pierre our Club's current No. 1 played against Michael Leong, ranked 1023 in the world, who was here on a tour with the Australian Davis Cup team. Pierre played a great match and went down 5-7. Awesome work, Pierre, and we look forward to more big matches set up by Khun Phairoj in the future.



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# NETBALL



Manchester netball, 1949

Netball has really taking off with junior and senior players using the backcourt regularly. The junior netball is attracting 25 children every Saturday, thanks largely to Kim, Jenni, Liz, Joey, Lee Anne and many other netball enthusiasts helping coach the talented children. Great work and a huge 'thank you' from us!

The ladies' netball team 'Thailand Tigers' have also been using the backcourts for training and a match... and margaritas.

Netball is played by over 20 million people worldwide. Come see what the fun is all about.



Thailand Tigers, 2010

# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge, bmadge@hotmail.com



This month's match report was written by Dean Thompson, as I was in the cop shop having been arrested for stealing a rabbit from Neil Evan's children. I am currently on bail, awaiting trial. As the rabbit has been returned, and I have apologized to Zoe, Ryan, Naomi, and the rabbit for any distress I may have caused, I expect to receive only a suspended sentence and community service, as this was my first offence and having confessed to my crime.

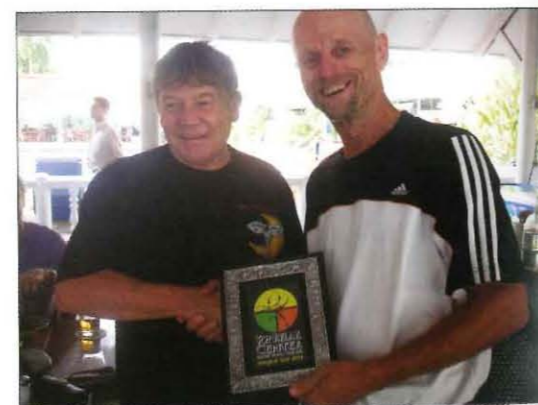
Take it away, Dean:

Well, they do say history is written by the victor – and, therefore, isn't necessarily slave to the absolute truth. Good job, really, as the following is a fairly wobbly account of the matchup between an elite British Club line-up and the visiting "Top Relax Centre" Phuket team.

The account is wobbly, given that Marvyn, our captain for the day, walked past me on the balcony halfway through the proceedings, patted me on the shoulder and said, "Thanks for doing the match report. You see, I'm Welsh and, therefore, can't write very well". Hmm, I thought, that could be challenging, as I missed half the games and paid scant attention to the rest.

Anyhow, I can tell you that not only can't Marvyn write, he can't play squash very well either. Playing last, he was up against James, who has never won a competitive game in his life and, according to his team, always loses, 'cos he's rubbish and only partially sighted. Anyway, Marvyn lost 2-3, and in his post-fight debrief muttered something incomprehensible in Welsh, then slunk off to the showers.

BCB		PHUKET	
1	HAROLD	3-2	JOHN
2	CHRIS V	3-1	GIANLUCA
3	RICKY	3-0	CLIVE
4	DANIEL	3-2	STEEN
5	CHARLES	3-1	DOM
6	MARVYN	2-3	JAMES



The swashbuckling Omar Sherif look-alike Mr Charles Sir, took on the French Monsieur Dom (short for Domino's Pizza, I think, or possibly Dominic). Charles never looked in real trouble despite losing an early game to the slightly 'younger' man. Dom is about 70, I think. He turned up the heat in games 3 and 4, hitting some crisp wrong-footing cross-courts, then instantly swivelling 'round to look longingly at the balcony for the appreciation that never came. 3-1 to Charles, who rolled back the years yet again.

Whilst that game was going on, the quiet and unassuming Ricky Thompson (great surname), whom I am led to believe is an electrician of some sort, was treating Clive to a squash master class on Court 1. Although I didn't get to see the game, someone did report that "Ricky had been on fire in his game" – quite off-putting, I imagine, but this clearly didn't distract him, and probably comes from training at work, as he won comfortably, 3-0.

Chris Vennell was up next against Gianluca, an Italian, so it was the battle of the libidos and over-elaborate haircuts, which Chris won 'cos Gianluca is bald. This game looked quite a challenge for Chris, as he took a while to get the hair gel out of his eyes, which made him find the tin on numerous occasions. However, he eventually started finding his range and, as ever, hitting the ball a micron above the line at super velocity to eventually run in 3-1 winner.

The penultimate game (which means second to last, Marv!) was me against the Dane, Steen; a very good looking lad with rather nice sideburns. I had finally found a player with worse knees than myself, and we both hobbled our way through

the first game, which I managed to win. However, Steen soon found his range, and playing some very cute drives that looked like they were going to be drops, he won the next two. The 4th was nip-and-tuck, but from some unknown reserves, I managed to sneak the game and set up a deciding 5th. The tension was reaching fever pitch, and the balcony was getting ever louder with partisan encouragement. Points went either way in the 5th until a couple of soft strokes were conceded by Steen, and I managed to seal a victory with a searing cross-court killer (remember, history is written by the victors).

This all set up the final game, the number 1s, with a packed gallery buzzing with excitement. The only person seemingly not excited was H, who was actually on court playing. He was up against the super-fit-looking John, who had given top Thai player, Poowis, a good game the day before. Anyway, the first game started with H at his normal languid self, losing easily, and we all thought he was going to embarrass the BC yet again. However, this first game defeat seemed to stir something deep inside him, and he came out revived and turned on a masterful display to rip into a 2-1 lead. Then in the 4th, we realized where the stirring had come from – it was from his hamstring, which he proceeded to pull painfully. Feeling the strain, he lost the 4th to set up a pulsating 5th, where H abandoned style and went for a substance driven win, 3-2.

BC won 5 matches to 1, with the less said about Captain Marv's performance, the better. As usual, the best part of the day was the post-match food and drinks, when club gifts were exchanged and Marvyn stood to make a captain's speech: "On behalf of the British Club, I would just like to say..." Before an unknown member of the audience heckled, "That's enough!", Marvyn looked around the audience to see a unanimous nodding of heads and rather gingerly sat down to a hearty round of applause. I think that was probably the most succinct speech ever made by a BC Squash Club Captain. Well done, Marv!!

**Dean Thompson,**  
with love.

And until I find out whether I end up in jail or not,  
**Bruce**

# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Ray Bloom

## Monthly Stableford Competition and our Match Play Final, in association with the British School of Bangkok – Sunday, 14th February

After presenting our loved ones with chocolates, flowers and cards to build up credit for the following year's golf outings, we pointed our vehicles towards the Bangna-Trad expressway to meet up with our golfing chums. As usual, Captain Frank was an early arrival and so too, unusually, was one of the protagonists in the day's Match Play Final. Clearly, Peter Clark was too excited to sleep in anticipation of the forthcoming match and was intent on staying awake long enough to complete the round by sipping copious amounts of strong coffee. His opponent, Mike Staples, arrived later however, looking very focused.

The pre-match photo of Mike and Peter also featured Captain Frank and sponsor Peter Bond to add decoration. I think they did, but politeness was always my strong point! The photo could also be the first in a new series, 'The odd one out', and I'll leave you to make your own choice on this one. [1]



After much banter and golf gossip, and in quite beautiful conditions on this picturesque course, four groups strode out purposefully to amass their maximum Stableford points, whilst, at the same time, showing great respect to the Match Play final pair.

Whilst milling around the first tee-box, some golfers were snapped having a very intense conversation about something or other. Many suggestions were sent to me and are attached to the photo. [2]



"I'm pretty sure that Val and Gareth are standing on my nearest point of relief."

After three holes, the 7-ball discussed ways to speed up the round. Following a lengthy debate, the Rules Committee agreed that Gareth and Val were moveable obstructions.

"Bit of a problem, guys, only three sets of clubs showed up."

"When I drop this ball, the person standing closest partners with Peter and gets the last sausage roll."

The Handicap Secretary, keen to ensure fair play, but not get involved, kept an eye on proceedings from the safety of the trees.

**Gareth:** "Val, do know you're standing on my foot?"

**Val:** "You hum it, Gareth, and I'll sing along."

**Val:** "So you think it's fair to wear that bright yellow cap, Gareth?"

**Barry:** "Don't get upset, Val. I know it's very distracting, so I won't wear one today. I also hear that Brian Brook's been held at gunpoint somewhere on the course."

**Val:** "It's really weird – I didn't even think George was playing today."

Barry's submissions win the first prize – my first, quiet VCD release of keyboard music, 'Unplugged in Bangna'.

Around the same time – and clearly under the impression that there would be a prize for the most beautiful hat – Yurachatr plucked up courage to pose with Barry and Val, whilst the caddies giggled away behind. [3]



After much huffing, puffing, hacking and shanking, the field returned to the clubhouse to hand in their cards and check if others had suffered the same frustrations as themselves, as well as hear the match play result.

Leading up to the match play result, Captain Frank reported that most players had had a trying time in the Stableford event. However, trying harder than most participants, Yurachatr came in 3rd, still wearing the hat, with 34 points; and Barry Ashman (sporting Val's Valentine's gift of a heart-rimmed handkerchief) came in 2nd with 36 points. Still on a high from his wife's early morning gift, Steve Waldmeyer scorched up the course to win with 40 points and was pleased to receive his tankard from Captain Frank [4]. Well done, Steve!



Whilst we mere mortals were scratching around for Stableford points, the Match Play Final was developing into a closely fought duel, with both players alternately leading then trailing throughout the match. However, in a nailbiting back-nine, Peter Clark's coffee intake gradually kicked in to allow him to just pip Mike with a 2-and-1 win (two hole-wins ahead and only one hole to play). Well done, Peter!

During the after-match presentation, sponsor Peter Bond, Director of the British School of Bangkok, handed over Peter's prize. [5]



## Dunlop Cup – February 27th, 28th and March 1st – the Black Mountain course, Hua Hin

In what seemed to me like overdosing on cream, this annual three-day competition was played on the magnificent, challenging and beautiful Black Mountain course, just inland from Hua Hin. The first day's format gave every pair an opportunity to qualify for the knockout match play tournament on days 2 and 3. The pairs failing to qualify entered the Plate tournament.



After the first day's round, and before indulging in dinner in the clubhouse, Captain Frank announced the scoring on day 1, to the effect that four pairs 'made the cut' to participate in the following day's match play event. Perhaps it was the wine, but it soon became difficult to distinguish between successful participants and the rest. [6]

Not requiring the grape juice to smile broadly, in anticipation of winning the much-coveted Dunlop Cup, were the four pairs of Belinda and Gaew; Barry and son, Edward; sponsor David and Captain Frank; plus George and Andrew.

These four pairs set out the following morning to play the two matches in a match play format. Scorching up the course, Barry and Edward overcame Belinda and Gaew, whilst Andrew and George fended off David and Frank's challenge, to set up the final day's match.

In the Plate event, Brian and Yurachatr also scorched, just ahead of Val and myself, but leading by six points overall.

In tune with all Hua Hin events, eating and drinking played a major part of the weekend. On this occasion, we all made for a Cha Am beach restaurant to celebrate to the sound of breaking waves and the sight of a shimmering moon over the sea [7] – some signs of romance breaking out could be seen, but – to avoid gossip – let's move on to the final day.



Firstly, the Plate competitors set out, followed by the final pairs of Andrew and George playing Barry and Edward. In the Plate competition, Brian and Yurachatr continued their scorching performance to finish 12 points ahead of Tracy and Karen, with Ricky and Varghese in third place.

In the Cup competition, it was exciting golf throughout, with Andrew and George always with their noses in front. Andrew's three birdies and George's reliability on the greens eventually ensured a victory by four holes, with three to play (a 4-and-3).

In the 3rd/4th place match, David and Frank played consistent golf to win that match.

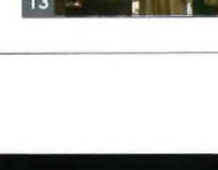
During the merrymaking at the conclusion of the event, sponsor David Lamb presented prizes to the winners in this extremely enjoyable event. Thank you, David!



David and his wife, Cheryl, handed the 3rd place Plate prize to Ricky and Varghese [8], followed by the 2nd place Plate prize to Karen and Tracy, with the addition of Gaew's son, Matthew, completing the picture. [9] As proud winners of the Plate competition, Brian and wife Yurachatr received their golf bag prizes from David and Cheryl. [10]



Presentations to the Dunlop Cup contestants began with 4th place to Belinda and Gaew [11], then 3rd place to Frank and David, himself [12], followed by the runners-up Barry and Edward [13] and finally to the Cup winners, Andrew and George. [14]



What a great weekend, thanks to the sportsmanship of all competitors, the generosity of sponsor Dunlop's David Lamb and Captain Frank for organising such a wonderful weekend!

## March Medal – Sunday, 7th March – the Royal course, Lat Krabang

As usual, this month's Medal Competition was closely fought. In Flight A (handicaps under 16), Captain Frank played his normal steady game to come in with a score of gross 80, net 71, but John Carter's calmness and mental toughness (who writes this stuff?) carried him through to record a score of gross 76, net 68, to win the Flight A prize, presented by Club Captain Frank. [15]



In Flight B, Barry Ashman, bolstered by copious helpings of Hua Hin fresh air (and red wine), continued his good form to score gross 87, net 69, to beat the less-bolstered Peter Gale (gross 90/net 72) and Rosemarie Milne (gross 100/net 72). [16]

## Trophies Presentation Evening and AGM – Sunday 7th March – at the British Club

This annual event recognises the achievements of our members during the past year's golf competitions. The left-to-right lineup of winners, celebrating at the Club, shows John Carter, Frank Fawkes, Karen Carter, Andrew McLean, Tracy Birchall, Pete Skinner, Gaew Khongyoo, David Lamb, Mike Staples and Barry Ashman. Well done, everyone! [17]



The more formal part of the evening, the Club's AGM, comprised reports from the Chairman and Committee, as well as election of new Committee members.

Chairman and Club Captain Frank Fawkes reports:

"At the BCGS AGM, a new committee was elected. Barry Ashman and Ray Bloom stood down; many thanks to both of them for a great deal of support to the society."

John Bell, Carole Ann Eastgate and Jack O'Flynn joined the committee, which now comprises:

**Captain** – Frank Fawkes, **Vice-Captain & Treasurer** – John Bell, **Secretary** – Peter Bond, **Handicaps Secretary** – Brian Brook, **Fixtures Secretary** – Karen Carter, **Website** – Peter Gale, **Trophies** – Carole Ann Eastgate, **Outpost Reporter** – Jack O'Flynn."

Guests and new members are welcome at all our events. Either email or phone for more information and to sign up for the next games.

Website: [www.bcgolfsociety.com](http://www.bcgolfsociety.com)

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For the fortunate golfers who can and want to play a midweek round, there is friendly golf on offer every Wednesday morning with the Midweekers group ([www.bkkmidweekers.com](http://www.bkkmidweekers.com)). We play most weeks at Bangkok Golf Club, Pathum Thani, where we take advantage of preferential green fees, but travel to other courses that also offer good value. Contact me, Ray Bloom, on [rbloom\\_364@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rbloom_364@yahoo.co.uk) or 087 051 3548.



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Can we make it two wins out of four tournaments?



Arithmetic skills are much tested!



## The Balut Cups Night

The third annual Balut Cups Night was the largest and most successful event of its kind held at the Club. Although the event was due on Saturday, 27th March, it really began the preceding Friday when some twenty of the visiting players descended onto the Churchill Bar. Many BCB players had also turned up, and a joyous – if not outright noisy – evening was enjoyed. It started with a few drinks and a birthday cake surprise for four members of the Singapore Cricket Club, including their veteran Mike Yeomans, who was a youthful 78 years of age. Dinner, more drinks and lots of Balut continued into the early hours.

The Balut Cups Night is an event that plays for four cups: the BCB Balut Cup for members of the British Club, which had 27 Club members booked to participate, and our own BCB Junior Cup for their children/university students, which attracted six players aged from 8 to 22. The BCB All Comers Cup attracted 31 players from the Singapore Cricket Club, Singapore Recreation Club, the Tanglin Club, the Singapore Town Club, the Singapore Indian Association, as well as players from our more local Det 5 Bar & Restaurant. The fourth cup is the BCB Lowest Score Cup, for exactly what it says.

**BALUT CUP 2010**  
Muntana Merrigan (571)

**JUNIOR CUP 2010**  
Kelly Alexander (566)

**ALL COMERS CUP 2010**  
Roland Pereira (582)

**LOWEST SCORE CUP 2010**  
Mike Mitchell (396)

Cup, the situation was far simpler as Roland Pereira led from the start with 138, 117, 118, 86 and 123, giving a massive 582. All these cups winners won the trophy a medal and a bottle of wine, except the juniors who took home a B2S voucher.

A bottle of wine was also awarded to the highest single score of the evening, which went progressively from Rit Van Es on 141 to Katie Alexander on 147, then onto Jonathan Loney's 150 and finally, in the last round, to Robin Tessensohn with 155.

Balut is about sanuk as well as winning, so there were plenty of spot prizes for each round and, finally, a dinky bottle of wine for the lowest single score and a trophy for the lowest score of the night. We awarded these at the same time, so that Mike Mitchell did not have to make the walk twice, having scored a 41 in his overall 396.

Carlos 'The Jackal' Romero, one of the sponsors, did the prize-giving, and the evening came to a close upstairs at around 10.30pm, but players continued to the Churchill Bar to watch the 6-Nations Rugby... and to play balut!

The Balut section wishes to thank its sponsors – Outrigger Hotels & Resorts for the provision of the wine, Carlos 'The Jackal' Romero for the beer and Yes Technologies for use of their Balut Internet Scoring System.

## Balut Shield update

As of 4th March, 11 players have qualified for the 2009-10 Balut Shield:

Position	Name	Player	Points	Average
Leader	TC	Phil Alexander	3168	105.60
2	Swampy	Steve Eaton	3057	101.90
3	Bowling Ball	Bob Van Es	3028	100.93
4	Slowpoke	Tony Rodriguez	3020	100.67
5	The Jackal	Carlos Romero	2947	98.23
6	J Lo	Jonathan Loney	2886	96.20
7	Mrs Orange	Muntana Merrigan	2849	94.97
8	Kweenie	David Quine	2839	94.63
9	Mr C	Paul Cheesman	2820	94.00
10	Tom	Tomjakraphan Merrigan	2780	92.67
11	Mac	Andrew McLean	2773	92.43

The current highest score of the year is held by Jammy (Roger Willbourn) with a 147. There are currently 25 other players in the qualifying league. Full details are on the Balut notice board in the Clubhouse.

Our evening started at 6pm with a wonderful buffet spread set out by Khun Laak, the Club's Executive Chef, with roast ham and turkey being the most popular of dishes. A plentiful stocked bar was on hand with beer and wines sponsored and included in the ticket price and magnificently served by Khun Somboon and his team through the night, even all the way through the play as well. The juniors were, however, limited to soft drinks, and by the end of the evening, a few adults were wishing that they had as well!



The BCB Balut Cup got off to a wonderful start with Rit Van Es throwing 141 in her first game, followed by a 114 and a 109, but was she pipped at the post by Muntana Merrigan, whose steam of 108, 122, 130, 108 and 103 took first prize with 571. For the juniors, Katie Alexander stormed in with 147 and 146 in rounds 2 and 3, but was also pipped to the post by her twin sister Kelly's run of 93, 119, 107, 122 and 125, totalling 566. For the All Comers

# QUIZ NIGHT

By Fingall O'Flahertie



I'll drink to that!



I was always more of a Britt Ekland chap, myself....



Junkies negotiate that tricky food/question interface.

A pint or several of Tetley's Smooth Flow came in rather handy at the March bar quiz, which turned into a deliciously close competition, with the balance of power shifting from one round to the next. Chairman Rodney booted off with a textbook starter ("What is Zulu time?") before hammering our tender synapses with Bach, Scooby Doo, regal canines, Italian volcanoes and the inevitable Tiger Woods teaser. After round one, Jim's Junkies held a narrow lead over Shminky Binky Bang Bang and Another Team, with new boys Step Two hovering in mid-table obscurity.

But then it all went weird. After a second bout of punishment (venomous mammals, Antarctic explorers, Robbie Williams), the leaders all dropped their batons, and the more lowly-placed participants suddenly remembered why they'd turned up. Step Two (who'd only decided on a name 30 seconds before the quiz began) found some kind of inner strength, a bit like Ralph Macchio in The Karate Kid, and topped the rankings.

The affronted Junkies pulled themselves together for Round Three (ethylene glycol, Idi Amin, James Cameron movies), enough to breathe down the upstarts' necks. In the final stretch (power stations, drag races, Charlie's Angels), Another Team took up the challenge, but again, couldn't quite impose themselves on the game, taking the round, but by too tight a margin to alter the eventual result. At the close of play, Step Two took the top spot by one and a half points from the Junkies, with Another Team a further two behind. Shminky failed to build on their early strong position; the Bangkok Gentleman Spoofers were uncharacteristically quiet; and Under Par... well, let's just say that Under Par succumbed to a severe bout of nominative non-determinism.

So if a scratch team of refugees, rejects and passers-by can triumph in this most testing of cerebral arenas, what's stopping the rest of you? It's so simple: find up to six people; book a table at the next quiz night on Tuesday, 6th April; and try to think up a name slightly better than 'Step Two'. It's as easy as estimating the length of the Weinan Weihe Grand Bridge on the Zhengzhou-Xi'an High-Speed Railway.



Gezundheit.



Defeat snatched from the jaws of victory.

## BAIN STRAIN

- Alexander Graham Bell made the first long-distance call in 1892 from New York to where?
- Who invented the centigrade scale?
- In The Flintstones, what is the name of Fred and Wilma's daughter?
- On what river does Baghdad stand?
- How many hurdles are there in a 110-metre race?
- What is the last word in the New Testament?

# SUDOKU

It is with sad news that I must report that the worldwide economic crisis has finally caught up with the Sudoku Lab: The CEO of the Lab sent out a memo last month seeking a few voluntary redundancies from the crew. Unfortunately, to the CEO's surprise, all of the Sudoku scientists volunteered! It might have been the compensation offer from the now ex-CEO – a bottle of low-quality, coconut-flavoured rum. What can I say? The Sudoku Lab employees are easy... and cheap.

Anyway, this turn of events has devastated the Sudoku Labs, and sadly, the business has chosen just to shutter up entirely. But, a little good (but bittersweet) news for you this month, two final puzzles from the Labs were found (they had been tacked up to cover up one of the Lab's broken window panes). We can't verify their quality (QC was the first to accept the rum offer... it can now be said – they were right drunks!), but we can guarantee these do use the numbers 1-9 throughout (watch out though, Sudoku fans, the economic crisis will start Sudoku-makers saving money by cutting out, oh say, the number '6' on a semi-regular basis!).

To our intrepid Sudoku fans who loyally sent in their results over the last year by any means possible (though we didn't appreciate that one delivery by dead carrier pigeon simply tossed over the Silom gate), hoping to best your fellow Sudokuologists (a real word, look it up, would we lie to you, hmmm?) on a monthly basis, the team at the Sudoku Lab wishes you the best... at least I think they would, if they would only lift their heads out of their buckets of piña colada.

Keep on puzzlin'!

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QUIZ NIGHT'S BAIN STRAIN ANSWERS!

# MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

We continue our TV series of famous detectives each Monday throughout April – this month with Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot, Miss Marple and Inspector Morse.

## APRIL

Each evening starts at 7pm in the Wordsworth Lounge with the full F&B menu available.

### 5th Shoscombe Old Place/The Boscombe Valley Mystery

A Sherlock Holmes double-bill...

- Where the truth is dog-eared, and Jude Law gets his first role in Sherlock Holmes.
- When death creeps up behind you – better have Holmes on your case. Jeremy Brett stars as Sherlock Holmes.

### 12th The Mystery of the Blue Train

An adaptation of this Poirot novel where a threatened murder and a planned murder get mixed up and a robbery is thrown in for good measure! David Suchet is Hercule Poirot.

### 19th Sleeping Murder

When you get déjà vu in a house you have never visited, it could scare you, but when you freak out a play about murder and know the victim's name – then you are really scared! Joan Hickson stars as Jane Marple.

### 26th The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn

The second Morse story is confronted by a crossword puzzle, a cinema ticket and a fire alarm – but are they all red herrings and Morse's first rule of detection actually applies? John Thaw is DCI Morse.

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When the truth is  
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Sleeping  
Murder

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DEXTER  
THE SILENT WORLD OF  
NICHOLAS QUINN

This murder  
is deaf-defying!

# DOCTOR WHO

Sunday, 25th April

"GERONIMO!"

"Legs, I've still got legs, good! Arms! Hands... orgh. Fingers... lots of fingers! Ears? Yes. Eyes? Two. Nose? I've had worse! Chin? Blimey! Hair?... I'm a girl!! No! No! I'm not a girl...and still not ginger! Something... something important. I'm... I'm... I'm crashing! Ow, Ow, Ow, Geronimo!"

As we go to press, the 47th year of Doctor Who will launch on Easter Saturday, and thus, we will show the first two episodes on Sunday, 25th April, at 11am to 12.45pm in the Wordsworth Lounge.

Set immediately after 'The End of Time', The Doctor (Matt Smith) is sent hurtling through Earth's atmosphere as the TARDIS starts to break up inside and seems destined to crash. Has The Doctor fully recovered from his regeneration? How will he repair a dying TARDIS? What turns an 8-year-old girl into a policewoman, then into his companion?

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# KHUN LAAK'S ON THE MENU

It's Mango Mania month at the Club, so we present recipes that are all-things-mango. Feel free to come on into the Club if you'd like us to do the heavy lifting for you!



**Mango, avocado, beetroot & smoked chicken salad**  
Serves 4

2 ripe avocados • 2 tablespoons olive oil • 1 small mango • 3 tablespoons wholegrain mustard • 1 teaspoon clear honey • 2 teaspoons cider vinegar • handful of watercress • 50g (2oz) cooked beetroot, finely sliced • 175g (6oz) smoked chicken breast thinly sliced • salt and pepper

Halve, stone and peel the avocados, slice or dice the avocado flesh and put into a shallow bowl with the lemon juice. Slice the mango lengthways either side of the thin central stone. Remove the skin and discard, then slice or dice the flesh.

Mix together the oil, mustard, honey, vinegar and salt and pepper to taste in a small bowl. Remove the avocado from the lemon juice and stir the juice into the dressing.

Arrange the watercress and beetroot on 4 plates or in a salad bowl and add the avocado and mango. Drizzle the dressing over the salad and top with the slices of smoked chicken. Serve immediately.

**Cajun salmon steak with raw mango chutney and cranberry salad**  
Serves 4

800g salmon steak • 20g Cajun-spice; Raw mango chutney: 1 large ripe but firm mango • ½ small red onion, finely chopped • 1 small red pepper, cored, deseeded and finely chopped • 1 spring onion, finely shredded • 1 tablespoons lime juice • 2 tablespoons olive oil

Put the salmon steaks into a shallow non-metallic bowl. Mix together the oil, parsley, thyme, garlic, lime rind, and salt and pepper to taste. Pour over the salmon, cover and leave to marinate at room temperature for 30 minutes-1 hour.

Meanwhile, to make the chutney, slice the mango lengthways either side of the thin central stone. Remove the skin and discard, then finely dice the flesh and put it into a bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and gently mix together, cover and leave at room temperature for 1 hour to allow the flavours to infuse.

Heat a grill or griddle pan and cook the salmon for 2-3 minutes on each side, depending on the thickness of the fish. To serve, put a pile of uncooked baby spinach on each plate, put the hot salmon steaks on top and spoon the mango chutney over and around them.



**Mango pancakes with ice cream**

Pancakes: ¾ cup plain flour • ¾ cup powdered sugar • 4 tbsp shredded fresh coconut • 2 mangoes, pureed • ½ cup coconut milk • ½ cup cooked and cooled rice • 1-2 tbsp oil; Filling: 1 mango, chopped • ½ cup fresh cream • 2 tbsp powdered sugar; Garnish: 1 tbsp caster sugar

Pancakes: In a bowl, combine all the ingredients except the oil and make a smooth batter. Heat a little oil in a non-stick pan, pour in 1 tablespoon of the batter and spread evenly to make a circle. Cook evenly on both sides until golden brown. Repeat this process for the rest of the batter.

Filling: Peel and chop the mango into small pieces. Whip the cream with the powdered sugar until peaks form. Combine with the mango. Spoon a little filling on each pancake and fold neatly into a semicircle. Repeat with all the pancakes. Arrange on a serving plate and sprinkle with caster sugar.

## At Poolside

### Mango Daiquiri

1oz Bacardi light rum • ½oz Cointreau • 1½ oz sweet and sour, mixed • ½ pc ripe mango • ¼ scoop crushed ice

Blend all ingredients together and pour into long drink glass.



### Mango Smoothie

½ pc ripe mango • 1oz syrup • ½ scoop crushed ice • 6oz water

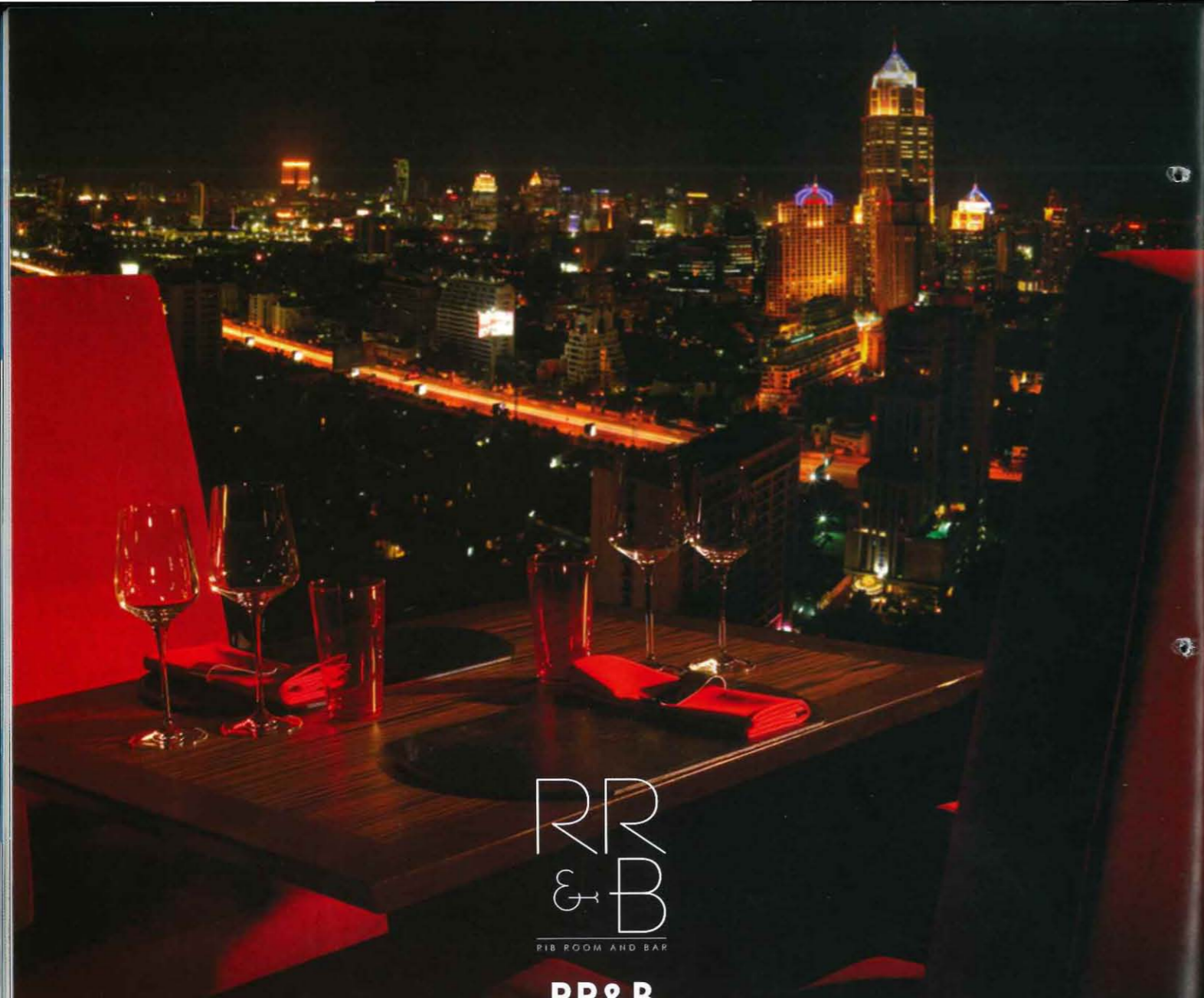
Blend all ingredients together until slushy and pour into glass.

### Mango Milk Shake

½ pc ripe mango • 2 scoops vanilla ice cream • 6oz fresh milk

Blend all ingredients together until slushy and pour into glass.





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## Easter Sunday Fun Day

Sunday, 4th April 2010

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11 am, we start our Easter egg hunt. On the back lawn  
and also have a host of activities including our BC Bouncy  
Castle, Magic Show, Puppet Show, Easter arts Crafts  
and Face painting.

The cost of the event is Bt.350.- for children  
and Bt.200.- for adults,  
The cost includes activities, lunch and soft drinks.



# SUSIE'S Kids Korner



## Egg Dyeing: Rubber Bands Technique

Stretch the uses of an ordinary office supply with this easy technique.

### Craft Materials:

- Eggs
- Dye
- Rubber bands



### Instructions

1. Just wrap your egg with rubber bands before placing it in a container of dye.
2. Remove it when it reaches a shade you like, let it dry, then remove the rubber bands. Or, to give your egg a few different shades, take off only some of the bands before dyeing the egg in a second color.



## Egg Dyeing: Thumbprints Technique

All thumbs? No problem. Fingertips coated with paint create perfect tiny templates for mini animals, Easter eggs, faces, and more.

### Craft Materials:

- Eggs
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plates
- Fine-point permanent marker



### Instructions

1. To put your prints to work, pour a bit of acrylic paint onto a paper plate. Dip your thumb or finger into the paint, dab off any excess, then press it against the egg.
2. Let the paint dry completely before adding details with a fine-point permanent marker.

## Egg Garden

Turn your Easter eggs into a blooming centerpiece for the table with these flowering pedestals.

### Craft Materials:

- Craft foam in green and other colors
- Cardboard tube
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- Eggs (real or plastic)
- Sandwich bag
- Uncooked rice or beans



### Instructions

1. Cut a pair of petal patterns from craft foam (see picture sample). For the center hole, trace the end of a cardboard tube, then cut out the circle.
2. To make the stem, glue a piece of green craft foam around the cardboard tube, using masking tape to secure it until the glue dries.
3. Push the foam-covered stem through the holes in the foam petals, and set an egg in place for the flower center. For added stability, place a sealed sandwich bag of uncooked rice or beans inside the stem to anchor it.



## EASTER JOKES FOR KIDS

**Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?**  
Because then it would be a foot!

**Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?**  
He was having a bad hare day!

**What did the rabbits do after their wedding?**  
Went on their bunnymoon!

**Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world?**  
Because it has four rabbit's feet!

**How does a rabbit keep his fur looking good?**  
With hare spray!

**What did the rabbit say to the carrot?**  
It's been nice gnawing you!

**Why does the Easter Bunny have a shiny nose?**  
Because the powder puff is on the other end!

**How did the Easter Bunny rate the Easter parade?**  
He said it was eggs-cellent!

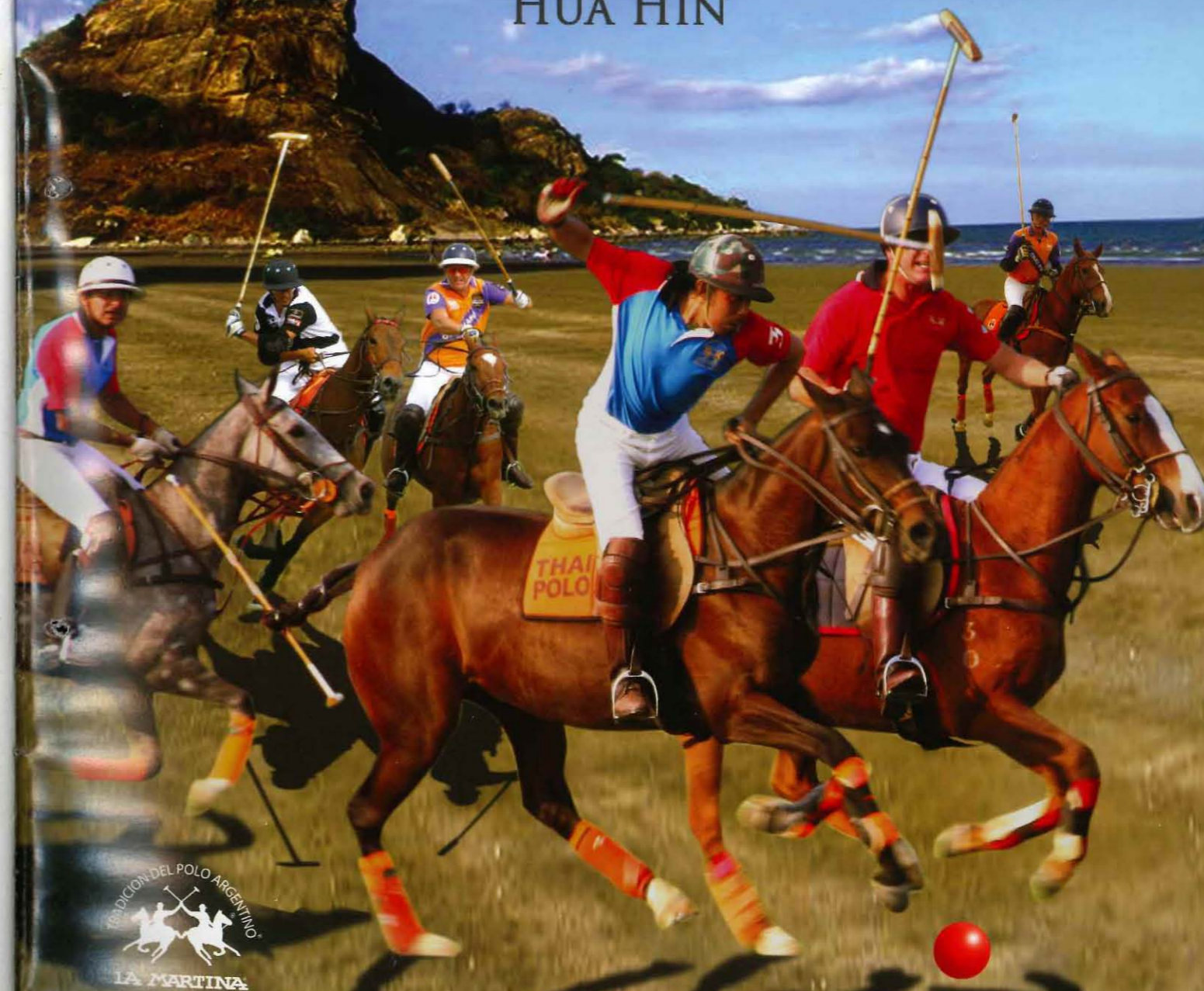
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