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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Dear Members,

When you read this, I will have completed my first month as General Manager of the Club. I would like to first of all thank the Search Committee and General Committee for going through the process which resulted in my appointment, and also to all the Members with whom I have spoken up until now; I do appreciate all of your supportive words and good wishes.

I gather that I am the second youngest General Manager ever appointed in the long history of our Club, which I see as an honour even though it will also bring its challenges. I sincerely believe that by building an equally strong relationship with both Club Members and staff as well as with senior management, we will be able to move the Club forward and improve its already good services and facilities.

As one of my first major tasks I was delighted to appoint Jeremy de Sausmarez to the team of senior managers, in the position of Events & Marketing Manager. Jeremy was the Editor of Outpost for the past two years and thus knows the Club well. Jeremy will be looking after the planning of our popular events, as well as keeping our website up-to-date with all events and assisting with this magazine.

On Thursday 8th March I was privileged to attend the 2012 Annual General Meeting to hear members thoughts on the Club and to witness the election of the new GC 2012-2013, whose names appear later in this issue of Outpost. It was a good learning experience and helped me become more familiar with the Club's internal workings. As most will know by now, Phil Alexander was subsequently elected as Chairman of the General Committee for this coming year.

Last but not least, I will be around the Club premises a lot and hope to meet everyone whom I haven't yet met. My focus for the coming months is to get to know everybody, and to make and keep our beloved Club a safe, clean and enjoyable environment for Members of all ages. If you want to meet me and unload your rants and raves, I have instituted a monthly "Open Office" hour on every last Saturday of each month from 3pm to 4pm. I will be doing this at varying Club locations: in March it was in the Churchill Bar. In April, it will be the Surawong Sala. No need to sign up, just show up!

This year, hopefully, we will get started on some needed repairs: the Surawong Sala needs some TLC and the swimming pool will hopefully be refurbished in the summer of 2012. Keep an eye on this section for more info about our Club!

Warmest regards,

Joost Paijmans
General Manager

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah

11am - 2pm (Mon. - Thurs.)
5pm - 10pm (Mon. - Thurs.)
11am - 10pm (Fri. - Sun. and Public Holidays)

Neilson Hays Coffee Shop

9am - 6pm

Fitness Centre

6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)

Churchill Bar

10am - 11pm

Fitness Centre

6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)

Poolside Bar

6:15am - 11pm
Last food orders 9:30pm

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HAPPENINGS



Dear Members,

It is less than a fortnight since I ceased being a Club Member and became a member of the staff here, and that is interesting if only because it means a completely different perspective on what happens, and how, during an average Club day.

There has been a lull in the events here for a number of months, and some of the activities which used to take place on a regular, or sometimes spontaneous, basis have faded and fizzled out. It would be easy, but in my opinion foolish, to simply schedule them again immediately, without prior consideration of their value to Members and whether or not they met their objectives for those who attended. I am therefore working on a long list of previous and possible future events while they are discussed and evaluated before rescheduling them into the calendar. I would seriously welcome your opinions and ideas on what you would like to see provided under the events umbrella, as well as your comments on what is good or bad about existing events and activities. Please let me know!

We are currently working on April, which is of course the peak season for mangoes, and there will be a number of special mango concoctions on offer. More importantly, April will feature the annual exciting and slightly fairytale Easter Day celebrations, which will include finding eggs hidden in the Club garden, a magic show and an Easter-themed movie in addition to other children's activities and of course a special Easter lunch/brunch buffet. By the time you read this, we will already have our homemade Hot Cross Buns available, and they really are delicious toasted with butter or whatever else you may add! For any chocoholics out there, Khun Laak will also be preparing the chocolate variety, and as before the Club will have a selection of Easter chocolates for sale - details to follow on a Club poster or in an email.

April in Thailand is famous for Songkran, as much for those who love it as for those who go to any length to avoid it! At the Club, we try to cover both emotions with a suitable function, and as the weather promises to be roasting, it seems logical to celebrate Songkran on Saturday 14th April when there will be a Water Fun Day complemented by a special Thai Buffet for both lunch and dinner - this is definitely a great opportunity for kids to enjoy getting wet whilst adults enjoy staying dry! Travelling over Songkran weekend is ghastly and less than safe, so let's settle in and chill out here at the Club and enjoy the break appropriately.

Nearer the end of the month we will be having a Club Birthday party outside, where we set up a full bar, with a 'self-choose barbeque', some activities and music topped off with a Club Cake - once again, we want this to be good so I cannot give you the exact details yet, but you will probably have heard by the time Outpost is delivered.

I am also in the process of looking at the website and the functions it offers the Club. I have already exchanged emails with a number of Members in relation to the mailing system, and our new GM Joost is also looking into the whole role of the Club's computer system. Your feedback, regardless of its tone or content, is enormously important, as are the frustrations which I know many of you shoulder in your dealings with the Club's events, bookings and information dispersal. Get it off your chest and on to the keyboard!

My joining the Club at this time with a GM who has ideas and commitment is an opportunity for me to help make membership of the Club that much more worthwhile. I'm grateful to Joost for giving me the chance, and hope you will also gain and benefit from my efforts.

Jeremy de Sausmarez
Events & Marketing Manager

BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

2nd - 6th April 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Grilled Chicken Breast
served with Roast Vegetable Couscous
or
Salmon Fishcakes
served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce
or
Mixed Sausages
served with Mashed Potato and Fried Onion
or
Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao
(Chinese Lettuce Soup with Minced Pork, Tofu and Vermicelli)
Pla Sam Ros
(Deep-fried Dory fish topped with Sweet and Sour Spiced Chili Sauce)
Phad Phak Ruam
(Stir-fried Mixed vegetables with Oyster sauce)

Dessert of the Day/-55 baht

or
Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

16th - 20th April 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Grilled Chicken, Mango/ Avocado, Beetroot Salad with Balsamic and Honey Dressing
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Chicken Korma Served with Boiled Egg and Yellow Rice
or
Fish & Chips (Choice of Breadcrumbs or Battered)
Served with Garden Peas and Tartar Sauce
or
Pork Schnitzel
Served with Mixed Salad, Baked Potato and Apple Sauce
or
Tom Yam Goong
(Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushroom)
Gai Phad Khing
(Stir-fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion, and Fungus mushroom)
Tod Mun Pla
(Deep-fried Fishcakes)

Dessert of the Day/-55 baht

or
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9th - 13th April 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Grilled Pork Loin Steak
served with Apple and Fennel sauce
or
Pan-fried Dory with Mornay Sauce
served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes
or
Mini Steak served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes
or
Tom Kha Gai
(A refreshing soup with Chicken, Coconut Milk and Herbs)
Phad Kaprao Moo Sab
(Stir-fried Minced Pork with Hot Basil and Chili)
Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo
(Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day/-55 baht

or
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23rd - 27th April 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Warm Bread Salad of Crispy Bacon Parmesan and Poached Egg
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Turkey and Leek Pie
served with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes
or
Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka
served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread
or
Fillet of Pork Mushroom Sauce
served with Green beans, Carrots and Garlic Roast Potatoes
or
Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla
(Fish Balls in Green Curry Sauce)
Kai Jiew Moo Sub
(Thai Style Minced Pork Omelette)
Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy
(Stir-Fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day/-55 baht

or
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F&B MORSELS



Dear Members,

I would like to thank you all for your patronage of our F&B outlets around the Club. We have just passed the busiest months of the year for the Club, so we are now ready to review our menus once again.

Over the next few weeks I will be introducing a new snack menu, available at Happy Hour in the Churchill Bar and also around the Club, so watch out for tent cards on the tables. We are also going to create more themed buffets and dinners, like a Caribbean night, Italian night or all-Asian buffets; any suggestions from Members are welcome, of course.

In addition, we will also be re-introducing Gourmet Dinners and Wine Dinners, both of which have been popular events in the past, and details of the first one should be ready in the next couple of weeks.

April holds a lot for F&B; it is mango season so the Mango Promotion which started in March will continue, there is the special Easter Day buffet and 400 eggs to be boiled for the kids egg-hunt, the special Thai buffet at Songkran, and of course a special cake and other food for the Club's Birthday Party on the 21st of April.

Keep your feedback coming, and as always, happy eating!

Khun Laak
Executive Chef



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1st- 15th April 2012

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	80
Pan-Cooked Asparagus and Mixed Seafood	200

Main Courses

Crispy Glazed Duck Breast with Green Pepper Sauce served with Red Cabbage Jam and Croquette potatoes	300
Lamb Shank Braised with Red Wine and Herbs served with Crushed New Potatoes and Green Beans	400
Grilled Snow Fish with Capers, Olives and Butter Sauce served with Asparagus, Carrots and French Beans	680

Dessert

Dessert of The Day

European Dining

16th – 30th April 2012

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	80
Prawn Cocktail	160

Main Courses

Spaghetti with Spicy Lamb Sauce and Fresh Rosemary	265
Duo of Red Snapper and Sea Bass with a Vegetable, Noodle and Scallop Sauce	335
Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sun-Dried Tomatoes and Feta Cheese served with Crispy Polenta, Rocket Salad and Basil Pesto	260

Dessert

Dessert of The Day



PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1974 ...

1 Rising food prices and a new labour law meant that early in 1974 we had to increase staff salaries between 20% and 30% to meet the new law, and increase our overtime rates as well as the medical cover given to staff. Unfortunately we did not manage this well and by August the staff was threatening to strike as the overtime had not been paid and the bonus on 'recycled' bottles had disappeared. Thankfully all was amicably resolved and all staff members were additionally granted new uniforms with their names embroidered on them.



"Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"

2 Member communication was a key theme of the year, and it was agreed that the 'Circular', a regularly produced Roneo sheet, should be replaced by a British Club Newsletter with glossy cover (see insert). The first was produced in May 1974 to much acclaim and this continued until the production of the first Outpost Magazine in 1980. This also led to the first printed Annual Report & Directory.

3 The Club's finances took a heavy toll over the year as food costs escalated, staff cost increased (noted above), electricity costs jumped and then the Chartered Bank increased the interest on our huge loan and overdraft (see February's article) to 12%. The first reaction was to heavily increase fees – Married Gentlemen from 200£ to 250£ per month, single Gentlemen from 150£ to 200£, Ladies Privileges from 75£ to 100£ and Upcountry members from 50£ to 75£; the second was to increase all food prices by 10%. Unfortunately this caused a huge loss in membership which dropped from 475 in February to just 402 at year end.

4 'Suffer the little children' was certainly up for grabs as the new Club motto this year. In January a spate of pranks (such as placing fire crackers under cars and throwing them onto the tennis courts during play) lead to a Committee clamp down on kids – 'The wrath' came down on all parents concerned. However by August, it was the teenagers who were in trouble such that they were promptly banned from the Billiards Room and the Bar at all times.

5 Finally, it seems that children were not the only pests in the Club ... an inspection in late August found white ants, termites, death watch beetles and powder post beetles. This resulted in the Club being closed from 9th to 12th September whilst the whole place was seriously fumigated.

'RULES BRITANNIAE'

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

SPOUSES



A SPOUSE is defined as a member's married partner or acknowledged common law partner. Our Constitution uses the British legal term 'common law partner' as there is no Thai equivalent thus although defining marriage is easy, we rely on a member's integrity on defining 'who you live with' when placing a spouse on your 'Family membership'.



Rule 59 (a) (ii) has all the details.

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HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman



I was amazed at how few members I spoke to knew the meaning of Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). Even fewer knew what Makha Bucha day was about, so I decided to pen a series each month on the different Western and Thai holy days and festivals.

..... THIS IS APRIL

This is a Thai holiday which celebrates the present royal Chakri dynasty being founded when on 6th April 1782 General Maha Kshatriyaseuk was crowned King of Siam. In later years he was given the full title Phrabat Somdet Phra Buddha Yodfa Chulaloke or King Rama I. The present King Bhumibol Adulyadej is Rama IX in the same style. One of first acts of King Rama I was to move the Siamese capital from Thonburi to Bangkok and by the end of his reign in 1809 Siam controlled much of present day Laos and Cambodia.

**CHAKRI
DAY**
April 6th

**GOOD
FRIDAY**
April 6th

This is a Christian holiday which celebrates the death on a cross of Jesus, the Son of God, as a means of payment for the sins or wrongdoings of mankind. Under the Old Testament Law a sacrifice was required to cleanse a man from sin. Christians celebrate this day with Hot Cross Buns (a currant bun with a cross on the top served hot or toasted). The Oxford English Dictionary dates this culinary practice from 1733 but others believe it was a Saxon tradition. **Hot Cross Buns are on sale at the Club. See page 11.**

This is a Christian holiday which celebrates that three days after his death (on Good Friday) Jesus rose from the dead and thus faith in him would give salvation to all mankind. Christians celebrate this day by giving children Easter Eggs (usually chocolate but originally painted real eggs) as eggs are seen as a sign of new life. Some countries traditionally hold egg races; others roll eggs down a hill. **The Club will hold an Easter Egg hunt as is our tradition. See page 15.**

**EASTER
DAY**
April 8th

SONGKRAN
April 13th to 17th
(April 19th onward in
Pattaya)

April 13th is the Theravadin Buddhist New Year Day and in most of Thailand the New Year celebration lasts for three days. However as two of these days are a Saturday and Sunday the following Monday and Tuesday are substitute days so the festival this year is five days long. Pattaya is traditionally one week later in its celebrations. Although most people only see Songkran as a water throwing festival, it was traditionally a time to pay respect to one's elders and to monks, and to clean the Buddha images at household shrines and in monasteries. Sadly the water throwing has escalated in the past decade so be prepared not to stay dry! **Members are reminded that throwing water in the Club is not permitted. See page 14.**



SONGKRAN!!

Saturday 14th April 2012



Water Fun Day
on the Front Lawn



Thai Buffet
Lunch or Dinner

Adults 400 baht, Kids 250 baht

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EASTER AT THE CLUB

Sunday 8th April 2012

BACK LAWN

(for kids & family)

- * Egg and Face painting
- * Puppet Show
- * Giant Bouncy Castle
- * Egg Hunt in the Garden
(with 3 prizes)
- * Magic Show
- * Snack lunch
- * Easter Movie

REGISTRATION and
START at 10:00 a.m.

KIDS	Bt 350
ADULTS	Bt 250

VERANDAH

Special Easter Brunch

11:30am - 3pm

ADULTS	Bt 495
KIDS	Bt 250

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SUNDAY PANCAKE FUNDAY

Heralded as "Shrove Tuesday on a Sunday", over a hundred and fifty Members, their kids, and friends from Bangkok St. George's Society took part in the Funday. The Fun started with the Bouncy Castle, face painting and lots of ball games on the All-Weather Court, intermixed with delicious pancakes made whilst you waited from Khun Laak and her team.

Then came the pancake races! It could not have been easier ... run to the 10m line, toss the pancake, then run to the next

10m line well, we tried. 46 kids took part and many won, a few actually tossed their pancakes, one actually tossed the pan (luckily no one was in the way) and several managed to eat the pancake en route!

But it was a Funday after all, so every kid won a medal and everyone had a good time, as well as going home full of delicious pancakes! Well done to Paul, Rit, Amnat, their helpers, and of course everyone who took part.





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Travels in the Cevennes

(without a donkey) - Part 2

By Ray & Jenny Harries



Le Pont de Montvert

Le Pont de Montvert is a very popular mountain town with ancient houses and narrow streets, and it was very busy the Sunday night we were there. However the next morning, everyone was still sleeping when we left at first light around 7am for another long day's walk. This day was one of the highlights of the whole trip with an 11 kilometre walk along the Bouges ridge to Florac, the capital of the Cevennes. The weather was beautiful, clear and sunny and as it got really hot after midday we were pleased to start a long descent through shady forests. Here again we heard the shots of hunters all around us and then came across four men loading dead boar into a truck accompanied by very fierce looking dogs. After the previous

It was a very long walk into Le Pont de Montvert that evening as the route had been changed from that marked on the map and also in our book. The old route actually went right through the communal gite where we had booked to stay, but the new route stayed high on the hills outside the town, dropped down steeply to the centre and we then had to walk a kilometre back out of the town to find our accommodation.



Ridge walk to Col du Sapet



Florac

After the previous five long days of walking we were pleased to have a rest day in Florac, particularly as it is a very pretty town, definitely with a feel of southern France. As opposed to the grey stone houses of the towns and villages so far, we now had the red tiled roofs and coloured walls of Mediterranean France. An underground stream emerges in the centre of Florac and flows down terraces along medieval streets lined with plane trees. We had a lovely room in the attic of an ancient house in the centre of town. We got all our washing done at the launderette across the street and hung it to dry in the sunshine in the pretty garden and spent a peaceful rest day exploring the town.

We left Florac suitably refreshed for the last five days of our walk, thinking that we had done the hardest part; certainly from Florac to Cassagnas to Pont de Burgen and then St Jean du Gard was easy walking. Part of the way to Cassagnas is along a disused railway line, through tunnels but always on the flat above the Mimente Valley. The next day we climbed a high ridge again with

great views and then down through forests of chestnut trees eventually to Pont de Burgen where the gite was in a very ancient collection of farm buildings with dormitories and bedrooms all leading into each other. We shared this place with five other people, all French. The food cooked by the patron was excellent and all home produced. We had kir made with elderflower syrup and white wine, a superb salad of baked aubergine and chopped tomatoes, veal in red wine and pasta, cheese and fresh raspberries and ice cream, very simple and all delicious.

The next day was quite a short day so we lingered chatting to the patron over breakfast until 9am and then left for the final part of the Chemin Stevenson to St Jean du Gard. There was one final steep climb, which went relentlessly upward for two hours. We stopped for a picnic



Mimente Railway

at the top and then had to descend again on a steep and rocky path to walk alongside the river Gardon until we reached the gite on the outskirts of St Jean du Gard.

We walked into St Jean du Gard the following day and spent the morning exploring the town, visiting the Cevennes museum, which was very interesting, and having our photo taken at the statue and sign which denotes the end of the Chemin Stevenson. We then set off for the final 27 km to Ales. We had decided not to do this stretch in one day, as the ridge walk is said to be quite demanding. So we merely walked 6km to a superb little gite in the tiny hamlet of Audibert. This, like the gite at Pont du Burgen, was a confusing, rambling building which had been well restored by a young couple who were very welcoming. We were the only walkers staying there and our meal and sunset drinks were served on the terrace overlooking the valley.

The next morning for our final day we set off very early to walk the demanding ridge to Alès. To begin with it seemed quite simple and although we heard hunters shooting all around us we did not see anyone for miles. Then gradually the ridge became sharper and rockier and we had to scramble from one limestone ledge to the next. We lost count of how many small hills we climbed and descended carefully, always watching our step, until finally we stood on the high ridge overlooking Alès and knew that we had a two hour descent into the town. We arrived in the middle of town on a Saturday afternoon looking like the hot, sweaty and tired walkers that we were and checked into a smart little hotel with comfortable beds, plenty of hot water and large fluffy towels.



St Jean du Gard end of Chemin Stevenson

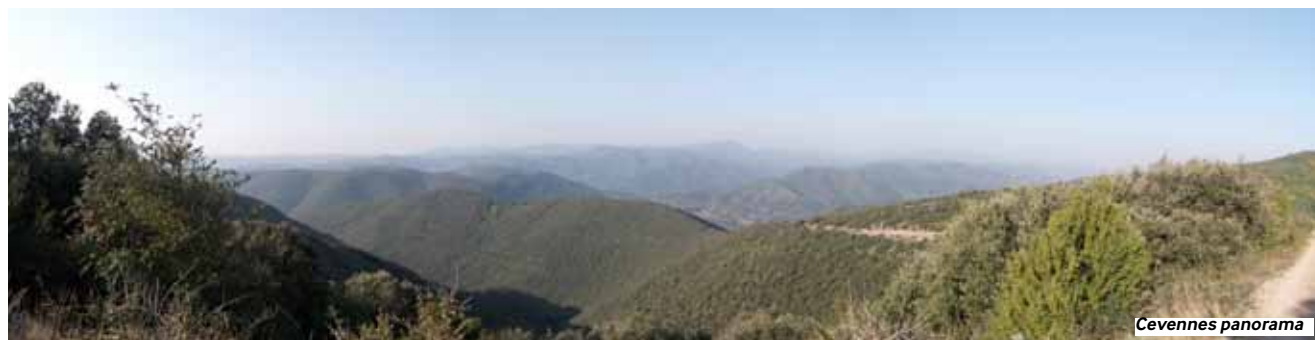


Ridge walking



Ridge walk

This was a great walk, through very varied countryside, demanding at times but nowhere near as difficult or long as our previous walks in France or elsewhere. The only disaster we had was on the first day when Ray's boots fell apart but he managed to get a very comfortable new pair and carried on walking. We met some lovely people, nearly all French, had great meals with lots of homemade food, particularly the jams at breakfast. Apart from two cold wet days, the weather in September was beautiful and ideal for walking. Our feet held out with no blisters and our new boots are now well broken in and ready for the next walk.



Cevennes panorama

BC CALENDAR - APRIL 2012

MONDAY

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BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Club
Death and Dreams, 7pm



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BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Club
Cherubim and Seraphim, 7pm



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BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Club
The Pale Horse, 7pm



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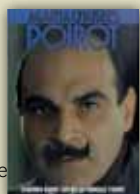
BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Club
The Yellow Iris/ The Case of the Missing Will, 7pm



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BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Club
Old, Unhappy, Far Off Things, 7pm



TUESDAY

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Ladies Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



Ladies Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



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Ladies Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



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Ladies Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



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Ladies Mix-In
8am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm - 7pm



Senior Football
7pm - 9pm



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WEDNESDAY

28

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Artists @ British Club
9am - 1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am - 11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



Artists @ British Club
9am - 1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am - 11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



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Artists @ British Club
9am - 1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am - 11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



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Artists @ British Club
9am - 1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am - 11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



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Artists @ British Club
9am - 1pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am - 11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



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SUNDAY

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Junior British Club

10:30am - 1.30pm

Verandah Brunch

11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge

Surawongse Room

2:30pm

Yoga

2:30pm



Easter at the Club

Back Lawn

10am

Junior British Club

10:30am - 1.30pm

Special Easter Brunch

11:30am-3pm

Open Pairs Bridge

Surawongse Room

2:30pm

Yoga

2:30pm



Junior British Club

10:30am - 1.30pm

Verandah Brunch

11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge

Surawongse Room

2:30pm

Yoga

2:30pm



Chinese Grand Prix

2pm



Junior British Club

10:30am - 1.30pm

Verandah Brunch

11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge

Surawongse Room

2:30pm

Yoga

2:30pm



Bahrain Grand Prix

7pm



Junior British Club

10:30am - 1.30pm

Verandah Brunch

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Sunday Cycle

Starting from the Club



BC Golf Society

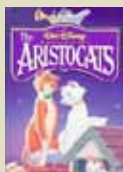
8 April Bangpakong GC
15 April Thana City GC
22 April Lam Lukka GC
29 April The Royal GC

Children's Friday Cinema

6pm, The Aristocats

Tennis Mix-In

7pm - 10pm



Children's Friday Cinema

6pm, How To Train Your Dragon

Tennis Mix-In

7pm - 10pm



Children's Friday Cinema

6pm, The Princess and The Frog

Tennis Mix-In

7pm - 10pm



Children's Friday Cinema

6pm, Thumbelina

Wine Tasting

Surawongse Room
6pm - 9pm

Tennis Mix-In

7pm - 10pm





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TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

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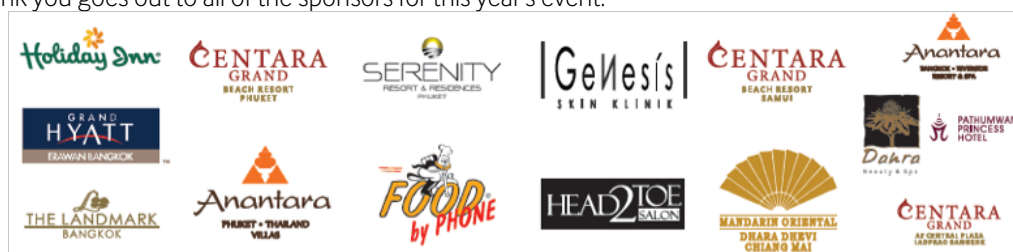


St. Andrews
International School



Well we made it to the Championship finals on the 24th of March and what an enthralling day it was, with plenty of excitement in both the adults and junior competitions. I would like to thank all who entered and all of you who stayed on for the championship buffet.

Another big thank you goes out to all of the sponsors for this year's event.



Saturday 24th March

Starting 8.00am

and to the late coming sponsors;



who kindly sponsored pizza vouchers for everyone,



who kindly sponsored 2 racquets as prizes



for sponsoring a bunch of ladies skincare cosmetics and,



for sponsoring a bunch of men's skincare cosmetics.

Alas, due to publishing deadlines there are no photos of the championship finals as yet, there will however be a bunch in next month's Outpost.

With 3 months of Championship tennis you all may be wondering, what's next?

Well, new tennis leagues are what's next! Running this month and every month from now till, well until the next flood or the courts need resurfacing.

The leagues will be Bt.100/person/month. There will be prizes in the form of British Club F&B vouchers and massage vouchers for league winners and runners up.



The league will be in the following format:

Best of 3 Sets; 1st & 2nd Set is First to Win Six Games; Tie Break at 5 games all;

3rd Set is Super-Tiebreak

POINTS ARE AWARDED AS: 1 POINT FOR PLAYING A MATCH, MINUS 1 POINT FOR NOT PLAYING A MATCH, 1 POINT per 3 GAMES WON; 1 POINT FOR 3rd SET WIN; 1 POINT FOR A VICTORY.

DON'T FORGET:

Mix-Ins: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings.

Ladies Mix-Ins: Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Ladies Coaching: Wednesday morning 9-10:30am, supervised by Pierre Sequier.

- Certified by the French tennis federation
- Major Degree in sport's science
- Former coach at ISP tennis academy

SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members,

It's April, it's very hot, and you still want to do sport and leisure???? Farang baa or ting tong as the Thais would say.

Well, seeing as it's soooooo hot and seeing as it's every Thai persons' favorite time of year there's going to be a lot of cooling activity going on at the BC, well, at least for the kids, that is.

Paul

Water Fun Day & Mini Water Fun Day:

This Songkran at the BC is going to be the wettest ever with water fun days every weekend for everyone.

Water Fun Day will be on the front lawn with all the usual wet sanukness - bouncy castle, slider etc.

Mini Water Fun day will be in the areas of the basketball court, kids play ground and kids pool. The bouncy castle will be set up on the basketball court and the slider between the castle and the play ground.

MINI WATER FUN DAY IS FOR KIDS AGED 5 & UNDER!

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	1 st	Water Fun Day	Front Lawn
Saturday	7 th	Mini Water Fun Day	Kids Area
Sunday	8 th	Water Fun Day	Front Lawn
Saturday	14 th	Water Fun Day	Front Lawn
Sunday	15 th	Mini Water Fun Day	Kids Area
Saturday	21 st	Mini Water Fun Day	Kids Area
Sunday	22 nd	Water Fun Day	Front Lawn
Saturday	28 th	Water Fun Day	Front Lawn
Sunday	29 th	Mini Water Fun Day	Kids Area

SUNDAY CYCLE:

Due to only a moderate amount of interest we had to postpone March's Sunday Cycle. I am however determined to get this idea off the ground and as such have set a new date of Sunday 29 April.

Cycling in Bangkok, rather than being a stupid and dangerous thing to do, can actually be very safe, quiet and relaxing, if not a little hot and sweaty. There are a million interesting places to go and things to see. It's not all a concrete jungle, and you'd be surprised just how much green and peace and quiet there is only a couple of sois back from the main roads.

So if you like to discover new places and see things a bit like this;



Please get in touch for more details.

Sports Camp & Mini Sports Camp:

Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp will run for 2 weeks over Songkran starting on Monday 9th and running till Friday 20th.

The camps will follow the same schedules as in the February camp.

SPORTS CAMP:

TIME	MON ฿950	TUES ฿1200	WED ฿950	THUR ฿1200	FRI ฿950
9:30	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	FOOTBALL	CANOEING & SAILING	FOOTBALL	BOULDERING ROCK CLIMBING	FOOTBALL
11:00-11:15	SNACK		SNACK		SNACK
11:15-12:15	CRICKET		CRICKET		CRICKET
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	TENNIS	CANOEING & SAILING	TENNIS	ICE SKATING	TENNIS
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING		SWIMMING

On Tuesday we will go to Nongbon Water Sports Centre for canoeing and sailing, and on Thursday we will return to Imperial Mall Ladprao for bouldering, rock climbing and ice skating. For both Tuesday and Thursday children will need to bring their own snacks and around ฿100 for lunch money. We aim, traffic permitting, to have the kids back between 3:30-4pm.

This camp is specifically for children aged 7/8yrs and up. It is about joining in and trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.

As always, children of non-members are welcome to join.



MINI SPORTS CAMP:

TIME	MON ฿950	WED ฿950	FRI ฿950
10	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:15-11:00	MINI BALL SKILLS	MINI BALL SKILLS	MINI BALL SKILLS
11:00-11:15	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
11:15-12:15	MINI TENNIS	MINI TENNIS	MINI TENNIS
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-1:45	PLAY TIME	PLAY TIME	PLAY TIME
1:45-2:30	WATER FUN	WATER FUN	WATER FUN

MINI BALL SKILLS - will be team and individual games to improve hand/foot eye co-ordination

MINI TENNIS - will be run by our tennis coach Orathai, possibly on a tennis court but more likely in a squash court out of the sun.

PLAY TIME - will be supervised play in the kids playground with the bouncy castle opposite

WATER FUN - will be supervised play in the kids swimming pool

As always, children of non-members are welcome to join.

A MINIMUM OF 5 CHILDREN PER DAY ARE REQUIRED TO RUN EITHER CAMP. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP.



Prathamesh – A New Beginning

By local artists
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Susie's group for Games, activities,
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Later on from 4:30pm:

Full Cash Bar set up and
Self-choose BBQ with selected Buffet
items cooked outside

Live Music also starts at 4:30pm
and the worth-waiting-for cake!

See you there !

PLEASE book with Reception!



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SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge

You Plonker!

We'll get to him/them shortly, but first is the latest GENUINE SQUASH news from the BCB Squash Section. There's very little of it so it's once again buttered up and padded out with the usual lies, half-truths and complete rubbish:

Tom Kelly won Feb's Premier League. He's the best apart from H. Chris Childs triumphed in League One, Rit took League Two while not one game was played in League Three as all its players had been murdered the night before by Cat Flap in a caffeine induced, Coke Zero overdose, temper tantrum tizz brought on by intense envy as he's out injured and those he brutally slain aren't. (Well, they are now as they're dead!) Thus, Gary Pain, JCES, Bernard Matthews, Ian Hornbill and Genghis Khan have all snuffed it like Kimmi Jongi Illie selfishly did on his way back from Jeen a moon or three ago. The cops were on the case, but apparently Barn Door paid them off after he'd slung



the corpses over the fence at the Sriracha Tiger Zoo which has over 200 starving Tiggers and about 10,000 crocodiles that feasted upon the decaying bodies and left not a trace. Excellent work there from Fire Exit and the animals, yet the job was not really completed satisfactorily as Den's corpse wasn't also amongst those devoured at the zoo since he'd declined to play in Feb's leagues as he'd got a sore thumb. What a plonker! Let's just hope that Back Door flies into another Coke Zero rage rather sharpish and knocks Den off and slings him to the crocks along with the others who probably deserved it. By the way, for those new to the Bits column, those that have poor memories, or those who are just plain dumb, Cat Flap, Barn Door, Fire Exit and Back Door are all pseudonyms for David Eastgate. Not a criminal, but a fine man.

Moving on now to the main item of stunningly interesting and indubitable squash reporting: we made the semi-finals of the TSRA (Thai Squash Rackets Association) Wednesday Team League thingy. Captained by Neil 'Wally' Evans we'd lost only

one match throughout the season and looked sure to win our semi-final, breeze through the final and take the title and first prize of a dead giraffe. That was until Captain Kirk realized



he'd only got two players available from our named squad of five. How could this be? Where was H? Well, he was still on his way back from the Falklands. However, he landed just in time to save Evans from the sack as he sped straight from the airport to the RBSC to join the other two. Brilliant! But, no as H lost due to knackerdness after flying for 11,000 hours. So in we went to the third and fourth place play-off match the following evening. Or rather we didn't as upon that eve Captain Calamity was sitting quietly at home, feet up, sipping dealing loveable spiv. Laurence is Mickey Pearce - nice, makes ginger ale and watching reruns of Countdown. Someone hadn't told him, had they? Or, more likely, he'd forgotten all about it. Another plonker! We came fourth! But, at least it gave H and me a right laugh a few nights later over some Tiger Beer in the Churchill Bar, and the 'plonker' tag got us talking about the characters from Only Fools and Horses and whether the



BCB had any equivalents and we came to the agreement that it definitely does have a few. And so in no particular order, but saving the best till last: Ray Harris is Uncle Albert - got the voice, the hair and the old stories. Swampy was Grandad - miserable, moody and abusive. Marc Sayer is Boycie without a doubt - an over-optimistic wheeling dealing loveable spiv. Laurence is Mickey Pearce - nice, but dim, laughs



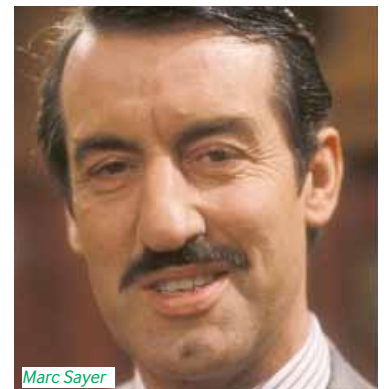


too much, makes stupid comments, but harmless. JCS is Trigger - probably very intelligent underneath, but comes across as completely thick. Denzil is Colin Hastings - not got the same skin colour, but all the same he's here and there with lots of ideas, most of them rubbish. Kasem, is Mike from behind the bar in the Nag's Head - not that bright, efficient, though rather erratic. That leaves the two main stars of Rodney and Del Boy. Well, there's only one candidate for Rodney the Plonker and that's Neil Evans - gullible, overly-sensible, and a total wally. So who is Del? There could only be one candidate; he's in the

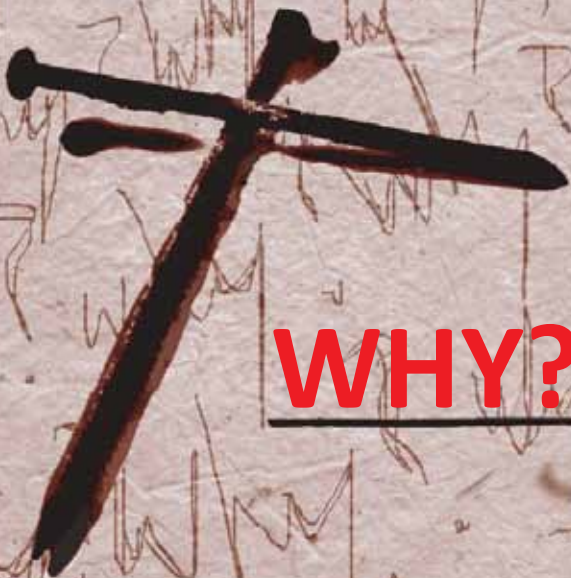


Churchill Bar most evenings, he comes in dressed in the finest of tailored suits, his cuff-linked, pink shirts are hand-made and have his initials on them, he drinks shots of high-class Russian vodka, he smokes huge cigars, he wheels and deals several Fantasy Football leagues, is a natural salesman and even has the voice and mannerisms of Britain's favourite would-be miwwionaire. The BCB's new Chairman, Mr. Phillip Alexander. Spot on.

Until we all become miwwionaires.



Easter at CHRIST CHURCH



WHY?

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April 5th Maunday Thursday

Remembering the Last Supper

7pm - A service of Holy Communion

April 6th Good Friday

Remembering the death of Christ

12 noon - An Hour at the Cross

7pm - A Service of Song and Bible

April 8th Easter Sunday

Celebrating the Resurrection of Christ

7.30 am - Holy Communion

10am - Easter Family Communion

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HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge

30 years ago, a bunch of enthusiastic Rhodesian tobacco growers got together to lay a new cricket square at the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club, to revive cricket after a 62 year break. They were a very good team and the British Club was amongst their first guests. 21 Club Members including wives, kids and one mother-in-law made it a family weekend, travelling up by train. The hospitality was magnificent, the somewhat inebriated team being met off the train by a fleet of tobacco company vans to rest awhile at the nearby Railway Hotel. CMGC had thrashed RBSC the previous day and the BC boys were less than confident, but a splendid game ensued, BC losing by just 5 runs having wanted only 15 with 5 wickets in hand. Several of that team are still in town; Jack Dunford was captain, Brian Brook scored 50, Robin Hyde and Chris Platt are still somewhere around, and Bob Maloy was loaned to us by CMGC. The split-pig roast BBQ was sumptuous and we promised we would be back.

And we kept coming back, 35 Club Members returning in January for the 30th Anniversary Tour, with Squash and Tennis now also part of the tradition. In this namby-pamby age everyone flies in by their airline of choice and some stay in very posh hotels, but pretty much everything else is the same. The picturesque ground has become even more beautiful with thirty more years' growth on the trees and the choice of beer is positively bewildering compared with the good old days of just Amarit and Singha and maybe the odd Kloster.

As usual a practice match was played on the Saturday to give everyone a game and 6 young Thai players were brought in to make up numbers. Two hopefully evenly matched teams were picked to play for Rahul's Vindaloo Burgers vs. Vaughan's Aussie Armpits, and it could hardly have been closer. There were 6 scores of about 30, the retiring score, but ominously only 3 were by BC players: Jem (35), Vaughan (30) and Richard's



nephew Matt (30), who was judged much too young to be eligible for the big boy's game the next day. We all dismissed CMGC's Wani's 33 off 10 balls as a fluke because he never gets runs against us, does he? One of his huge sixes smashed a window high up in the score box. Wanting two to win off the last ball, Rahul ran Corin out leaving Vaughan's AA winners by 1 run.

After a splendid night under the tree, classic entertainment by Richard and Chris (I adder, I adder, I adder ...) and far too much beer, it was time for the Dick Wood Trophy, which was inaugurated in 1983. We got thrashed last year when CM brought in a couple of ex-Test player ringers and so were somewhat reassured when this year they told us they were only fielding members and their average age was 49.2. We worked ours out at 49.9 so hopefully things were more or less even.

Now, as all Hard Balls readers will know, BC's only winning formula is for its top three batsmen to score the mandatory 40 not out so that everyone else can have a fling and if necessary



Broken window

allow the stars back to finish things off. And we normally like to bat second. On losing the toss, we batted first and our top three batsmen, club medic, Nick White, Captain Dale Lamb and Vice-Captain Vaughan McClear, scored precisely 8 between them, 112 under par. (Later in the innings, Richard Harvey scored 12 off 5 balls to put that in perspective).

However, Rahul (32) got his head down, and veteran David Dance after a shaky start retired for a splendid 41 off 41 balls. Corin has gone off the boil after a breezy start to the season and scored 11 off 27 balls, with Jem(17) and Sailesh (10) the other run scorers as BC finally scraped a (not too bad, considering) 158 for 8.

BC's bowling has been better than its batting this year and Nick White (1 for 29), Anthony (1 for 34), Rahul (2 for 33) and Sailesh (3 for 17) all bowled well. At 64 for 6 off 14 overs this began to look like BC's day. The only problem was that CMGC appeared to have been holding back some of their best batting, including Wani, who never gets runs against us, does he? Well he does, now, twice in two days ... this time 45 off 18 balls! The remaining 98 runs came off 8 overs and CM romped home by 3 wickets with 7 overs to spare!

Ah well, that's played 5, won one, lost 4 this season, but one thing we are good at is having a good time and this year we had 30 years to celebrate. There is a missing score book which makes all statistics a bit dodgy, but as best as we can tell this was our 33rd tour to CM, years we missed being off-set by years we went twice. We have played at least 38 matches against the Gymkhana Club and our splendid record is won 12, lost 26!



Corin blocks another



BC take a wicket

All the individual playing records belong to those who played in the earlier years since we played far more cricket in those days. Having been on all the tours Jack Dunford has played most games (at least 34) and taken most wickets (41 @16) but the real stars have been highest run scorer Nick White (570 runs @ 38) and best all-rounder David Dance (356 runs @59 and 21 wickets @ 8).

Over 100 players have played for both BC and CMGC over the years and almost every one of them will carry happy memories of their tours to Chiang Mai for the rest of their lives. The weekend was rounded off with a special 30th anniversary cake and no less than three bottles of vodka slammers sent everyone away promising to keep coming back for at least another 30 years.

Pictures this month from Da. The ones from Chris our official photographer later!



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BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn



February Medal: The Royal GC: Lat Krabang Sunday 4 March 2012



We are still not there yet but we are making progress: February's medal was a little behind schedule but it is now confirmed that the March medal competition will be played in March!! Nonetheless, there was a good turn-out of regular members as well as guests Tyson and Jib Powers, Parin, Athirij and Teewasaki. Making a welcome return from his travels was Simon Fisher (1), seen here on the receiving end of some valuable (?) advice from one of our more experienced regulars.



The heat and humidity, it appears are once again upon us (2) which, together with slightly blustery conditions, may have accounted for the less than average scoring. Or perhaps the prospect of picking up some silverware at the Annual Presentation later in the evening may have been foremost in the minds of some.

Playing the steadiest golf of all and what looks like a return to form saw David Lamb hit the top in Flight 'B' with a net score of 71 (3). John Underwood finished in 2nd place one stroke behind.

Flight 'A' was similarly closely contested but Mark Evans (4) played to handicap and edged out Tracy for the main prize.



Trophies Presentation Evening and AGM at the British Club

Immediately after the Medal competition, most returned to the British Club for the Society's AGM. The evening began with reports from the Captain and committee, followed by the election of new committee members for 2012.

A note of thanks was expressed to Andrew McLean, Tracy Carter and Peter Bond for all their support and efforts on behalf of the Golf Section.





Unfortunately they are taking a break from the committee as is our Captain, Ray Bloom. His hard work, cheerfulness and humour as well as his achievements as Captain over the course of the year were recognized and very much appreciated by all.

And then came the highlight of the evening, the 'Frank & Karen Show'; sorry, that should read 'The Annual Trophies Presentation'. This event recognizes the achievements of our members over the course of the past year's golf competitions. Replicas of trophies were presented not only to major competitions winners but also to the winners of the Medal Eclectics, Match play competitions, golfer of the year, most improved golfer and a host of other 'technical' prize winners.

One of our most senior and highly respected members, David Lamb, kindly volunteered to make the awards (photos 5 – 14).

Following the presentation, everyone sat back to enjoy a splendid carvery dinner laid on by the BC catering staff.

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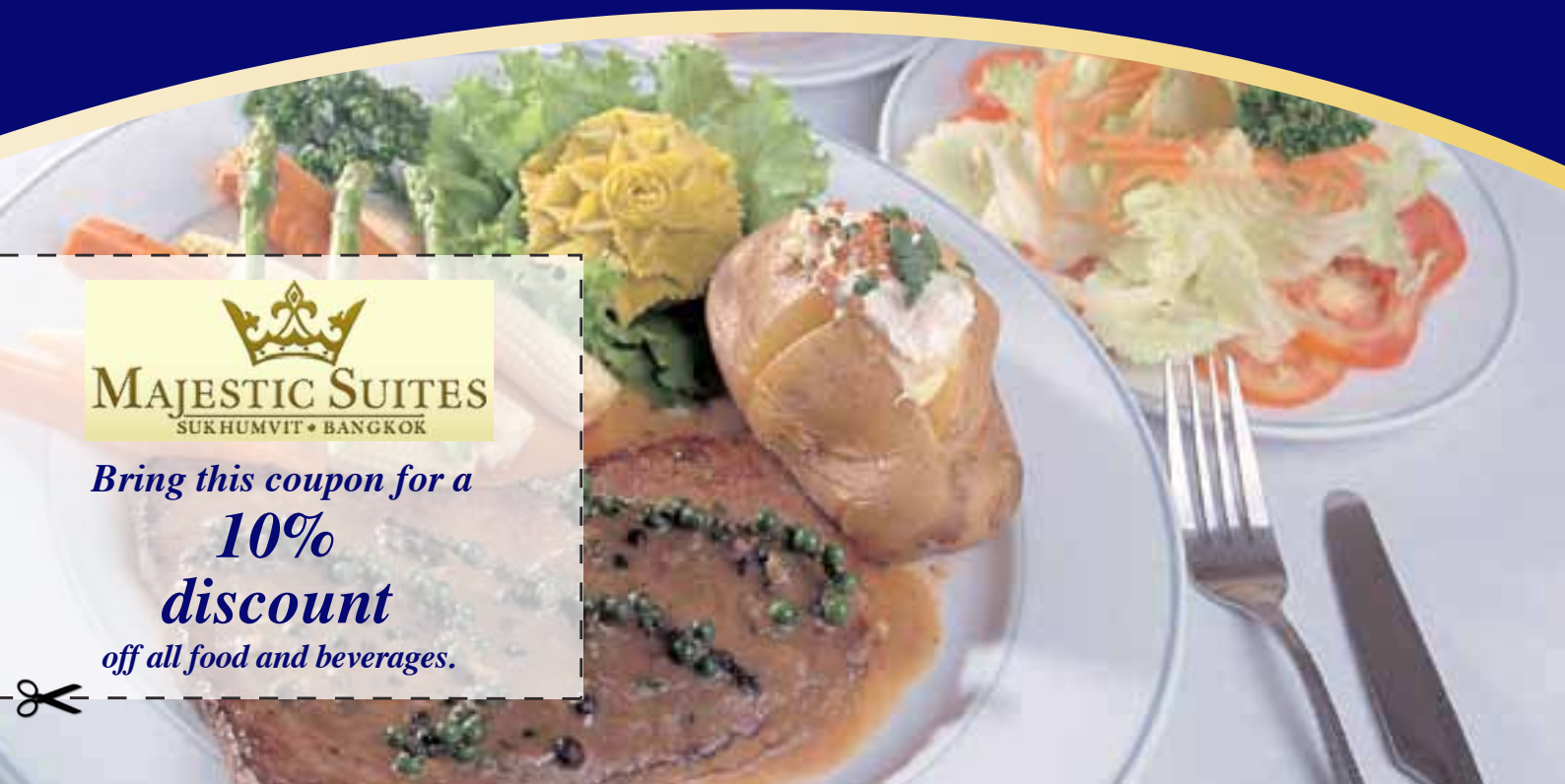
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BALUT

By Sausage



Balut Cups Night 2012

Our annual Cups tournament took place on Saturday 10th March in the Suriwongse Room. It was disappointing that this year the Singaporean baluteers had already confirmed attendance at another tournament in Malaysia so were unable to join us for our annual Cups Night. However, there was still an impressive turnout, despite a small band of intrepid suburbanites taking the wrong turnoff on the way and ending up mid Bangkok Saturday rush-hour! We were happy to welcome a total of 30 players, comprised of 17 BCB Section Members playing for the Balut Cup, 4 'youngsters' playing for the Juniors Cup, and 9 Guests playing for the All Comers Cup.

The buffet spread was laid out at 6pm and everyone tucked in with a hearty gusto, as this year the snacks had been overhauled to include oysters, and scrumptious they were too! The balcony nearby was witness to joviality and pre-game strategies, until the attendants were all present and the evening was kicked off with a welcome from the Section Chairman, TC (Phil Alexander), followed by details of play and most notably the spot prizes clearly outlined by Bowling Ball (Bob Van Es), the BCB Section Secretary. And then the throwing commenced.

Six games were played in all, with very erratic scoring and some significant lows off-setting reasonable highs but not as high as everyone had hoped. The first two spot prizes were taken quickly and efficiently by Shanghai (Paul Williams), the others to regular players and one to Mutton (John Boisclair) after a long absence at the Balut tables.

It was all over too soon, though with the scorer DQ's usual panache the final scores were withheld from the screen until the results could be announced and the prizes awarded as follows:

BALUT CUPS NIGHT 2012		
BALUT CUP	Bob Van Es	634
JUNIOR CUP	Andy Williams	565
ALL COMERS CUP	Kristian Bonnicksen	638
HIGHEST SINGLE SCORE	Lawrence Fay	145
LOWEST SINGLE SCORE	Lawrence Fay	49

Full results can be seen online at: <http://tinyurl.com/77n76lb> and thanks to all for making it such a great night!



Bob Van Es - Winner Balut Cup



Rollin' rollin' rollin'



Kristian Bonnicksen - Winner All Comers



Andy Williams - Winner Juniors Cup



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Lawrence Fay - Winner Highest & Lowest Single



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BRIDGE

By Mike & Winlock



Bridge Results for February 2012

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 5th February (13 pairs)	1 st	Mr. Ho & Prarop	57.92%
	2 nd	Julaporn & Supote	57.92%
Tuesday 7th February (6 pairs)	1 st	Kiatchai & Hiran	61.00%
	2 nd	Somchai R. & Subharerk	56.00%
Sunday 12th February, Tower Bridge (20 pairs)	1 st	Julaporn & Supote	66.88%
	2 nd	Mr. Ho & Prarop	61.71%
Tuesday 14th February (7 pairs)	1 st	Supote & Somchai R.	61.11%
	2 nd	Manthanee & Chakramon	59.72%
Tuesday 28th February (7 pairs)	1 st	Kiatchai & Hiran	66.67%
	2 nd	Chintana E. & Aporn	61.11%

Highlights from Tower Bridge (held on 12th February)



Winners & Runner Ups



Junior players (...kids in the middle are the juniors)



Full house in the Surawongse Room

News & Updates

ETHICS IN BRIDGE (Part 2)

Further to last month's article, there is an additional situation where unethical play is seen. Declarer leads a card (it matters not whether towards dummy or his hand) and the player in 4th seat detaches a card before it is his turn to play). 1) He is ostensibly giving information to his partner (I can follow suit partner) and 2) he is implying that, whatever cards are played before his turn, the card he has detached will be the one he plays. If, when it is his turn, he replaces the detached card and plays another, declarer can call the tournament director who should rule that the detached card is the one that should be played. Where the play is particularly unethical is where the lead is towards a finessing position and, if the finesse is taken, the card is replaced and won by a higher card. In this situation the ONLY reason for detaching the card is to persuade declarer that the card detached is the one that will be played, and the substitution of a different card to win the trick is just as unethical as unnecessarily hesitating in second seat to try and persuade declarer you have the vital card.

Hesitation in bidding is equally unethical. Bids should be made in tempo, and, if there is suddenly a longer pause than previously in bidding, the person pausing is, in effect, telling his partner that he is considering bidding. His partner must not make use of this unauthorized information. Typically a low

level auction may die at the two level, (i.e. with the successful bidder contracting to make about 8 tricks) but if the player in the antepenultimate seat hesitates before passing the person in the final seat should not bid on low values. For example, my partner and I have an unwritten agreement that we will not normally allow our opposition to play in a contract where they only require 8 tricks to succeed, and the last player will often bid on lower than normal values, with the low level bidding implying that his partner may well have some values. If, however, his partner has hesitated before passing, (thus implying himself that he has some values) the last player should not, ethically, make such a bid. A player should understand that his hesitation has such implications, and a good guideline is – if you hesitate longer than normal, bid, for otherwise you know your partner is essentially silenced.

TUESDAY BRIDGE

For the last 7-8 months we have held bridge on Tuesday afternoons, and while those attending have in general enjoyed it, the low attendance level means that the section loses money for these sessions. We have therefore reluctantly decided to cancel the Tuesday Bridge until further notice. We will still continue to play on Sunday afternoons at 2.30 pm, where we have a normal attendance of between 6 and 9 tables.



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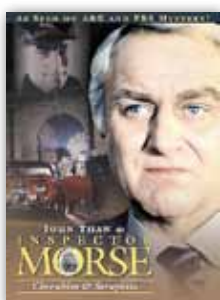


"Is this the right chemistry for murder?"

This bizarre murder trail casts John Nettles as DCI Barnaby with guest stars Isla Blair, Mark Richards and Stuart Bunce

2nd Death and Dreams

One drowning, one shooting, two drug overdoses, one hanging, and one strangling just how many murders are there this week in Midsomer? Strangely the answer is three! Sit on the edge of your seat this week as the most weird and possibly evil of all stories evolves – you won't believe who dunnit!



"Only the good die young"

9th Cherubim and Seraphim

This episode takes Morse from the depths of hell to the heights of heaven. A tragic suicide in his family, a new DCI on his patch, a silent radio and more than one dirty rat are cast in a gripping tale of heavenly host.

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Isla Blair, Liza Walker, Charlie Caine and John Junkin.



"A well researched death!"

16th The Pale Horse

April is a five Monday month so our FMM special this month is a Miss Marple

Death to order is the name of the game – you visit an isolated country pub, listen to the witches' curse your enemy and then wait whilst they die of natural causes ... within the week! Add to the recipe

a walking cripple, a policeman who hasn't heard of Jane Marple and a betting solicitor and you have a perfect Horse Pail ... sorry Pale Horse!

Julie McKenzie is Jane Marple with guest stars Nicholas Parsons, Lynda Barron, Nigel Planner and special guest star Pauline Collins.

THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB



"Where's there's no Will there's a Way"

23rd The Yellow Iris/The Case of the Missing Will

Another Poirot double bill ...

Four cases in two stories from three books – a suicide, an attempted murder, a natural death and a theft – If you take a little iris add some sparking cyanide and then remove most of the Will, you will get some interesting adaptations of Christie's work. In both tales Poirot gets to prove that there is always a way to cheat – if you have the will to do so.

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars David Troughton, Terrence Hardiman, Dorian Healey and Beth Goddard. Pugh.



"Kinky underwear or just weird costumes?"

30th Old, Unhappy, Far Off Things

A ten year old case wakes up so what is the guilty secret which unravels at a College reunion? Is it sex, or drugs, or cheating ... or is it murder? When Lewis has to chase down a lingerie chain to get to the truth, what part of Hathaway becomes exposed one wonders?

Kevin Whatley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Zoe Telford, Joanna Pearce and Stephanie Street with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.

Susie's Kids Korner

Easter Egg Decorating Ideas to add to your Collection



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How To:

Just dip the craft eggs half way in paint. (If you are using real eggs, be sure to pin-pop them first and drain the egg out!) Pop them paint side up into an egg carton and leave to dry. Glue on elastic bands around the top half and glue bottle tops to the band. Place small circle stickers on the front of the bottle tops and draw the eyes. Cut flippers out of felt or foam and glue onto a piece of board. Then put a good dollop of glue on the flippers to keep the little dude standing.



Alien Eggs

You'll need:

- Hard-boiled eggs dyed alien green (you can use food colouring or dye)
- Scissors
- Craft paper (green, blue, and purple)
- Toilet tissue tubes or paper towel tube
- Paper hole punch
- Glue stick
- Glue dots
- Fine-tipped black marker

Instructions:

1. Cut out a pair of green paper ears for each alien. Fold the ears in half to create a centre crease, as shown.
2. Fashion an antenna for each alien by first folding a 3-inch long thin strip of green paper in half and gluing the two sides together, stopping 1/8-inch from the ends. Then fold the ends out to the sides, as shown.
4. Create a stand for each egg by wrapping blue paper around a section of a toilet tissue or paper towel tube and securing the overlapped edges with glue. Add a thin strip of purple

paper around the top of the tube for a collar.

5. Set the eggs sideways atop their stands. Use glue dots to attach the ears and antennae. Add three eyes to each egg, placing the centre one slightly higher than the other two.
6. For the finishing touch, draw a wide smile on each alien (this is easier to do if you remove the egg from the stand and hold it in one hand while drawing with the other).



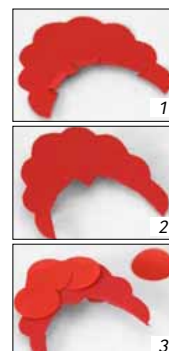
Red Queen Easter Egg

You'll need:

- White hard-boiled egg
- Scissors
- Craft paper (green, yellow or gold, and white paper doilies)
- Black plastic bottle cap
- Blue coloured pencil
- Fine-tipped black marker
- Tiny sticker heart or paper heart (about 1/4-inch wide by 3/8-inch high)
- Fine-tipped black marker

Instructions:

1. Cut the queen's hair from red paper and a crown from yellow or gold paper.
2. Snip tabs in the lower edge of the red hair shape as shown in the picture.
3. Fold all but the centre tab back. Then trim the centre tab to create a small widow's peak.
4. If you like, you can give the hair even more of a curly dimensional effect by gluing on several red paper circles.
5. Glue the crown to the hair. Set the hair aside for now.
6. Cut out a pair of eyes from paper and shade in the spaces above the pupils with blue coloured pencil. Then use the black marker to draw on eyelashes. Use glue dots to stick the eyes onto the egg.
7. Stick the heart sticker (or paper heart) in place for the mouth. Then draw a short, thin frown line right across the center of the heart.
8. Draw two small nostril lines right above the heart mouth and a round beauty mark on one cheek.
9. Now create a stand for the egg. First, fashion a white shirt collar for the queen by folding a white paper doily into a triangle. Press the centre of the triangle down into the bottle cap so that the corners stick up. Then set the egg in the cap atop the paper.
10. Finally, set the hair piece atop the egg and use bits of glue dots to stick the folded tabs to the egg.





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