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The Pavilion Café is open! As an overflow for the Surawongse Sala on weekends or at other busy times, it's a great place to relax and watch the tennis, have a refreshment and log on to the Club wi-fi too in a cool and tranquil setting.

EDITOR'S GREETING

Dear Members,

April is a fantastic month as it includes Easter, Songkran and all the water fun, and the Club's birthday party which again this year should be more like a fête. Details on the posters within.

This month we start a new series call "As We Were" which takes a look back at the Club some years ago. Thanks to Jack Dunford for his time putting it together.

Ed.



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SONGKRAN DAY



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

Sunday
12th April
2015

THAI BUFFET

11am - 3pm and 5pm - 9pm

Adults Bt 495 Kids Bt 310



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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

By the time you read this magazine the names of the new General Committee elected at the AGM will have been announced and I hope you will join me in wishing them well for the coming year.

Most of our construction works have been completed during March so the incoming GC will be able to start on new maintenance or development projects. The new changing rooms/toilets block on the Back Lawn for sports and functions has been finished, and we will landscape it as fast as possible so it does not intrude on the gardens.

As you can see from this month's cover, we opened The Pavilion Café on 20th March so please come and enjoy our F&B in its cool serenity. It will be open from 9am - 6pm daily, and there is a small gate between tennis courts 2 & 3 so our Members can take a break and relax at our Pavilion café. Moreover, this area can be used for catering small functions for Members, so if this would suit you please contact any of the management team.



In March we had the honour of catering for the Military Attachés Annual Dinner and feedback from both the guests and the organiser was excellent so thanks to all the staff for making it such a success.

This month we have two big events for Easter Day on the 5th and also for the Club's 112th birthday on the 26th. For the latter we will be closing the back Car Park but there will be parking for Members at the Narai Hotel. April is the hottest month of the year when we celebrate Songkran Festival, so we will have an International/Thai Buffet instead of Sunday Brunch on 12th April in The Verandah, and then on 13th April we will have fun and water activities for children on the Front Lawn.

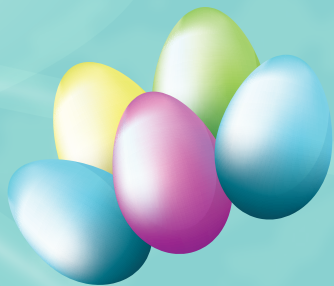
Members who go away in April, don't forget we have more than 330 reciprocal clubs around the world to visit and for children staying here there are Sports Camps (see pages 20 & 23).

As Songkran is traditionally New Year in Thailand, I hope you all have a good month - happy Thai New Year!

See you around the Club soon.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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



Happy *Easter*



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

Sunday 5th April 2015

Back Lawn

**Kids and
family Activities**

Start at 10am
Kids Bt 350
Adults Bt 250

Egg and Face painting

Egg Hunt in the Garden
(with 3 prizes)

Snack lunch buffet

Giant Bouncy Castle

Magic Show



Verandah

**Special
Easter
Brunch**

11.30am - 3pm
Adults Bt 495, Kids Bt 310

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HAPPENINGS

As far as I remember, this time last month was still rather cool, and in the last month it's gone from the sublime to the ridiculous, which means that April, which is Songkran month, will be scorching. That however makes the watery nature of Songkran that little bit more welcome, as long as you're not needing to look smart, of course.

We're very near the end of March, and tomorrow is the A.G.M. which rounds off the month along with the monthly wine-tasting on Friday. It's been a good month, starting off with a terrific St David's Day and a visit by the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir (see p11) who were terrific. We sent a coach of intrepid fans off to see/hear One Direction which seems to have met expectations and then a couple of special day buffets for UK Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day. The former brought lots of people midday and the latter did likewise for dinner. There's never any way to tell who's coming to what, as booking is the inclination of but a few!

Mid month we had the Annual Dinner of the Military Attachés with many distinguished guests from embassies and the Thai military. It was a hot evening, so the guests were happy to begin and end their evening in the cool Surawongse Room whilst dinner was served on the Front Lawn accompanied by four violinists in pink ballerina dress. It was a terrific success, and a tribute to the kitchen and service staff that we could aspire to such a group who are understandably careful of where they select for their celebration. The call to, and end of, dinner were announced by drummers whose rhythmic refrains were obviously conveying a message understood by the attendees. I've included a photo of the dinner on the bottom right of the calendar pages this month.

Coming up in April, we have the enchanting fun of Easter Day, when the Club's Back Lawn hosts the great egg hunt plus puppet show, magic and of course egg and face painting. That's one part of the day - the other is a special Easter Day Brunch in The Verandah which is a separate event, please remember, as moving between the two is just not possible. Songkran's official holiday days this year adjoin a weekend so it will be a long weekend with a difference! The actual day of Songkran is Monday 13th and there will be watery fun on the Front Lawn for anyone wanting to get wet at their own pace - the traditional Thai and International Buffet will replace the usual Brunch on Sunday 12th as we feel there will be little call for it



Jeremy de Sausmarez

**Events & Marketing
Manager**

on Monday itself. During Songkran, the Club is used by many Members as a location to escape the endless assault of water guns and buckets, so if you have water fun here at the Club please make sure it only affects those who are amenable to the idea, and give others the space and dry clothing they are pursuing by being here.

The Club Birthday Party on Sunday 26th will once again be more akin to a summer's fair with lots of things for children to enjoy and I hope we will have lots of stalls selling bric-a-brac and jumble, maybe even more stuff than usual. I'll be sending out a mailing soon about that.

All these events that are on the Back Lawn can now take advantage of the new lavatory facilities in the back corner next to the court which will make life much easier for all concerned; they look pretty smart inside with lots of mirrors so you can stay looking your best regardless of the weather and activities outside!

Quiz Night remains great fun every month, and it would be even better if there were another couple of teams turning up sometimes as it would mean the average number of teams remained almost the same. Friday's Kids Movies is always a good evening in the Silom Sala, and in April we are showing a few very recent titles just out on DVD so come along and enjoy them.

The bad news of the month is that when we moved over to our new website, there were a couple of problems: some of the web links on various pages did not transfer so cannot be clicked, and some email addresses (unfortunately a high percentage of them) appeared with text about the address being protected from spambots etc etc. It's bad news because each one has to be attended to individually - the web links are almost complete and back to normal, the email addresses have yet to be done. Hopefully by the end of April

Have a great month!

Business Luncheons

6th April - 10th April 2015

Starter : 55 baht

Tuna Salad *Tuna, Tomatoes, Lemon grass, lime and spicy dressing* or **Chef's Soup of the Day**

Main Courses : 140 baht

Turkey Chilli Con Carne *Served with Rice*

or

Fillet of Pork in Pepper Sauce *Served with Mixed Vegetables and Lyonnaise Potatoes*

or

Pan-fried Dory Fish in Spicy Herbs *Served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potatoes*

or

Gaeng Som Goong Phak Ruam *(Sour Soup with Mixed Vegetables and Prawns)*

Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai *(Stir-fried Pork Fillet with Garlic and Pepper)*

Tod Mun Pla *(Deep-fried Fishcakes)*

13th April - 17th April 2015

Starters : 55 baht

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

Main Courses : 140 baht

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka *Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread*

or

Grilled Chicken Breast with Chasseur Sauce *Served with Broccoli, Carrot and Roast Potatoes*

or

Pan-fried Sea Bass with Pernod and Dill Sauce

or

Tom Yam Goong *(Spicy Lemon grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)*

Pad Khana Nam Man Hoy *(Stir-fried Kale Oyster Sauce)*

Kraprao Kai *(Stir-fried Minced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chilli)*

20th April - 24th April 2015

Starters : 55 baht

Grilled Chicken, Mango, Beetroot Salad *Served with Balsamic Dressing* or **Chef's Soup of the Day**

Main Courses : 140 baht

Fish and Chips *Served with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce*

or

Turkey Lasagne *Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread*

or

Pork Schnitzel *Served with Apple Salad*

or

Panaeng Gai *(Chicken Stir-fried with Red Curry Sauce Topped with Sliced Lime Leaves)*

Kai Jiew Moo Sub *(Thai Style Omelette with Minced Pork)*

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy *(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)*

27th April - 1st May 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad or **Chef's Soup of the Day**

Main Courses - 140 baht

Mini Steak *Served with Mixed Vegetables, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Sauce*

or

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce *Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes*

Grilled -Chicken Breast Tarragon Creame Sauce *Served with French Beans, Carrot and Sautéed Potatoes*

or

Tom Kha Gai *(A Refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)*

Phad Kraprao Moo Sab *(Stir-fried Minced Pork with Hot Basil and Chilli)*

Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo *(Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)*

Dessert of the Day : 55 baht or **Choose from our à la carte Dessert with 10% off**



F&B MORSELS

Since writing last month there have been three really good days - the Dim Sum Buffet for Chinese New Year, the UK Mother's Day Brunch with over 50 people, and a very good turnout in the evening for St Patrick's Day Green Buffet. My staff and I are always so pleased to see everyone enjoying their food.

April brings us the wonderful family day of Easter with a special brunch in The Verandah, the Club's Birthday party with a buffet, and of course at Songkran we will have an International/Thai Buffet on 12th April. It is also Mango Month, so there are some specials: mango with sticky rice and coconut ice cream, mango ice cream, mango cheesecake, mango crumble and other desserts too. Enjoy your mangoes all through the month!

Our new coffee shop, The Pavilion, is open now and I hope during April the new machines will be delivered so we can serve delicious Brazilian coffee there and around the Club as well as the coffee we already have available. The menu for The Pavilion is much the same



Khun Laak

Executive Chef

as it was for the Neilson Hays Library coffee shop, but there will also be some special snacks coming along and maybe some new dishes as well so go along and see what there is on offer.

I'm pleased to say that Cornish Pasties are turning out very popular - these were improved through feedback so please remember that if there are any comments you wish to make about the food we serve around the Club, your comments are always welcome by email on menu@britishclubbangkok.org

Happy Eating!



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9th March 2015

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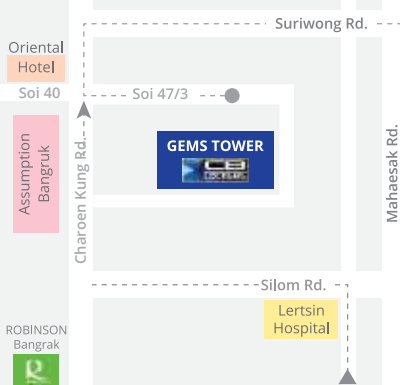
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MUSIC ON THE LAWN



The St David's Society, Bangkok hosted 'Music on The Lawn' at the British Club on Saturday 7th March to celebrate St David's Day 2015. The programme consisted of a Jazz Duo, Khun Poh and Khun Tan, a current and a former student of The Regent's International School, Bangkok, Elfair Dyer a Harpist and teacher at the Tamnak Prathom Harp Centre, Bangkok and the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir visiting for the 33rd time! The setting was perfect for a relaxed and enjoyable evening of music, good company, good food and good drink. The Jazz, as it always has, entertained us with a full range of music, whilst the beautiful sound of the harp contrasted with the Jazz and the Welsh Male Voice Choir very well indeed!

We had a select turnout for this event and were delighted that the British Ambassador Mark Kent and his wife Martine attended, along with the Chieftain of the St. Andrews Society, Mike Brooks and his wife Eed, Donal Dixon, the Chairman of the St Patrick's Society and the most recent former Bard of the St David's Society, Heather Powell and her husband Matthew as our honoured guests.

The HKWMVC had already earned their supper by running a Workshop for international students at The Regent's International School, Bangkok. That and the fact that they sang outside for the first time made it a memorable occasion for them, and it is hoped that a bigger longer Workshop can be arranged for the next visit at the Society's 40th Anniversary Ball to be held on Saturday 5th March 2016!

The Choir enjoyed their traditional and customary Sunday Thai Curry Lunch at the British Club prior to flying back to Hong Kong.

The next event to put in your diaries is the St David's Society AGM to be held at the British Club on the 20th May 2015 - watch this space for more news!

Thank you to the British Club for providing the perfect setting, The Regent's International School, Bangkok for running the Workshop, Khun Poh and Khun Tan for their Jazz performances and Tamnak Prathom Harp Centre for providing the Harp and of course Elfair!



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Sun
26th
April
2015



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- Sketch Artist
- Entertainer
- Bouncy Castle
- BBQ
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Paul Cheesman

We look back to the history of our Club in 2009 ...

1 The year started with a series of financial concerns. Food & Beverage income was down, some outlets by as much as 30% year-on-year, membership was slowing and costs were rising. Cash balances in the Club had shrunk to 11m Baht (from some 25m Baht held three years before) and drastic action was needed.

The first major event of the year was thus 'letting go' the Chief Executive Officer, Michael Silcock. Mr Silcock had been CEO since 2007 thus with a very generous settlement he was terminated in his role. The subsequent General Committee, after the AGM, then took on a long and meticulous search for a replacement CEO but this did not conclude in 2009. In the meantime Barry Osborne, the General Manager, acted up the CEO role.

2 As indicated last month a structured Master Plan was conceived by the new "Executive Committee" of the Club to reverse the damage in the Clubhouse and upgrade the poolside facilities. This "Executive Committee" consisted of the office bearers of the Club whose role was to assist the Chairman in his role within the Club.

The 2009 AGM took on the role of explaining the development proposals and the proposed new General Committee/Executive Committee structure. Unfortunately the presentation did not go down well and after a heated meeting, significant changes were made to the General Committee, with five sitting GC members not re-elected. The outgoing Chairman immediately resigned from the Club.

3 The incoming General Committee saw Membership as their key priority in getting the Club back on the road to recovery thus in June set out two proposals at an Extraordinary General Meeting to boost membership. First of all a 'Stage Membership' was introduced whereby prospective members pay in instalments over six years but with a majority of the payment loaded up-front (similar to 'Hire Purchase'). This was designed to cater for those

on short-term contracts or lower incomes as they did not have to fork out a huge initial lump sum.

Secondly it was agreed to increase the number of Associate Members allowed in the Club. The General Committee proposed changing from the one-third percentage (first set up in 1998) to 42%. Sadly an unforeseen amendment was unanimously approved without any legal consultation which increased the limit to 48%. This figure, whilst still giving a majority of membership to core nationalities, undermines the very nature of the Land Chanote which afforded the Clubhouse land from King Vajiravudh to the British peoples.

4 A first stepping stone was created in settling the on-going dispute with the Tennis Section (see last month). The General Committee set up a new structure of management support for the Tennis Section with an elected advisory committee. In addition a professional coach was employed to enhance the play of the game at the Club. Unfortunately all other sections were still run by members and by year end it had not still been agreed which method worked best.

5 Lots of other things happened in 2009: a termite infestation in The Verandah cost 500,000 Baht to remedy and replace the panelling – a sum which should possibly be added to earlier 'cost' figures (see February Outpost); The Food & Beverage Work Group was founded in the May; Dougal Forrest, chairman 1995 to 1998, was elected as an Honorary Member; and finally an arithmetic error seriously disrupted the Club but as usual you will have to wait until next month to find out what!

The role and mandate of the "Executive Committee" was discussed. stressed that this was one of his election mandates as Chairman, to convene an "office bearers" or EC to act as an advisory to the Chairman, and assist the CEO.

"advisory to the chairman"

The author is/was Honorary Secretary of the Club from 2000 to 2003, 2006 to 2008 and 2010 to 2015; he was also Vice-Chairman 2001 to 2003.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



1

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



6

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Monday Night

Movie 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'THE OLD DARK HOUSE'



7

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm

Quiz Night

7.15pm, The Verandah



8

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



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10am - 1pm



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6pm - 10pm



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Movie 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'THE COURT JESTER'



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5:15pm - 7:30pm



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9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Balut Shield Night

7pm



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10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Monday Night

Movie 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH'



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Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm



22

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



27

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Monday Night

Movie 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'OF MICE AND MEN'



28

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm



29

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



BC Calendar April 15



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

2

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



3

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'BIG HERO 6'



4

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

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

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



5

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am



Easter Egg Hunt
11am Back Lawn



Easter Brunch
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room

9

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



10

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'UP'



11

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

Canadian Buffet
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



12

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am



Songkran Day Buffet
11:30 - 3pm



Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room

16

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



17

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'THE BOOK OF LIFE'

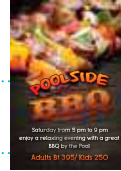


18

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

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

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



19

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm



Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



23

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



24

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm

Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Wine Tasting
6pm - 9pm
Surawongse Room

Kids' Movie
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'THE BOXTROLLS'



25

Kids Cricket
Book first! 8am - 11am

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

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



26

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm



Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room

Club's Birthday Party
2pm Back Lawn



30

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



AS WE WERE



Jack Dunford



1980

I have recently scanned thousands of slides I took during my early years in Thailand, some at the British Club. I will share a few these over the coming months and with big changes coming up for the poolside I'll start with three pictures taken from the Club House balcony in about 1980, 1990 and 2015.

The swimming pool was only about 15 years old when the first picture was taken and features the original wooden Suriwongse Sala. The grey roof appearing above the changing rooms and squash courts was a school where the AIA building now stands and a kiddie's paddling pool was under the awning, behind the fence, in front of the kitchen. The area under the changing rooms was open with a table tennis table, and access to the changing rooms was via a staircase behind the kiddies pool. There were just two squash courts and the Silom Sala and today's children's pool

area had yet to be built. The Narai Hotel had long been open for business but there was no Pullman Hotel, giving an open view down Silom Road. The Bangkok Bank HQ is under construction, one of first high-rise office blocks in the area.

The 1990 picture features a 'new' orange-tiled Suriwongse Sala. The 'matching' Silom Sala and Squash court 3 were built in about 1980 just after the first picture. There was still an awning for seating where the kiddie's pool used to be but the new children's pool area was now open. The AIA had been built in the 1980s and The Pullman (originally Sofitel) Hotel was under construction.

The third picture is the view today showing the new Suriwongse Sala with the old kiddies pool awning finally removed.



TENNIS

BC Tennis Championships 2015



Tony Moore



This year's BC Championship is now reaching the final stages and by the time Outpost appears in your letterbox or drops on the mat, the big matches and the winners will all be known. We've had an excellent competition this year with some shock results and some not so shocking results!

Thank you to everyone who participated and managed to play their matches on time and thank you to our Tournament Umpire Chris Watt.

We must give very special thanks to all of this year's sponsors who make the annual Club championship an exciting event and provide great prizes:

- Sala Hospitality Group
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- Dunlop

Mini Sports Camps



April 7,8,10
Bt 650/ day



TIME	Activities
10:00 – 10:15	Admin
10:15 – 11:00	Games
11:00 – 11:15	Snack
11:15 – 12:15	Mini Tennis
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45	Play time
1:45 – 2:30	Water Fun

Children must be between the ages of 4 and 6 yrs.

4th Pattaya Inter Club ITF Senior Open – report by Tiss Bunwong

Between February 7th to 12th, the first International Tennis Federation (ITF) event of the year was held at the Pattaya Tennis Inter Club. Five representatives of the British Club were there to contest seniors' world ranking points and a few came away with top honours.

Attending my first ITF event as a spectator with Mineko, it was a great few days to be able to watch an extremely high standard of tennis. There were several ex- Davis Cup players and world #1 players including Chris O'Meara 40+ (AUS), Paul Smith 55+ (NZL), Egan ADAMS (former 50+ #1 - USA) and the Pakistan Davis Cup Team Captain and Coach, Rahsid Malik, one of the greats to watch. Seeing the level of fitness of (almost) all of the players was also educational.

Congratulations to Harold Mollin who won the Men's 60+ singles, outlasting the highly ranked Helmut Ritter from Austria (#12 in the world in 2014) in the final with both consistency and determination (Harold lost only four games in three rounds). Played in the midday sun, Harold would then play two more matches on that last day, winning all three, including the Men's 40+ doubles. With his British Club partner (and student) David Padgham, the pair won the 60+ doubles in a thrilling final match as well.

Phairoj Chanveskul was the runner up in the Men's 55+ doubles, but went down to a very consistent, highly ranked Czech Republic player Jiri CERMAK (world top 20 in 2014 - CZE) in the second round of the singles. Patiphan DANSIRICHAISAWAD and Phairoj Chanveskul also competed in the 50+ Mens Doubles losing the quarter final to the eventual winners. David Padgham (now ranked 127 in the world for 60+ doubles), partnered with Scott Cunliffe in the Men's 55+ doubles round robin event.

At his first ITF tournament (given a wild card by the organizers), Scott's highlight was managing to hold his serve once against the world number one player Paul Smith (and doubles pair) in the Men's 55+.

It was great to see Marc Nussaume back in competition again, winning a strong first round match but losing to the third seed and world #99 (and eventual runner-up) Christian Wind from Austria in the second round.

There are three ITF sanctioned events each year in Thailand, the next in Phuket starting 20 April. Phairoj and Scott have already signed up for 55+ doubles and I may try to play my first mixed doubles tournament if I can get time off work.

COMPETITION QUESTION: Who can remember John McEnroe's #1 tip for club tennis players? Free can of balls for the best answer, published in the next Outpost. (PS: "best" could be funny, not necessarily the exact tip from the Mac). Send to: saowani@gmail.com before 14 April.

Keep practicing and always learning.

Tiss Bunwong, in Pattaya for the Outpost.



BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL



Bruce Madge

At the time of writing - halfway through March at game week 29 - the BCB 1910 League looks like this after an appalling weekend for the managers all of whom scored between roughly 20 and 40 points which is miserable. The reason for this is most managers had either Kane or Agüero as captain and neither got more than two points in their respective EPL matches. Man U, Villa and Everton players generally scored the most with week 29's Dream Team looking like this for a total of 123 points!



There is one more fixture to be played this week - Liverpool against Swansea - so that may boost the odd manager's total score.

Aside from that, with nine weeks remaining, it's looking like a race between Bangkok Rockets and Spanish Armada for the BCB FF trophy and at the bottom Bangkokbob's FC and FU FC can battle for the wooden spoon.

#	Team	Manager	GW	TOT
▶ 1	Bangkok Rockets	Peter Charlesworth	29	1,536
▶ 2	Spanish Armada	carlos the jackal	30	1,519
▲ 3	Udaipur United	Nick Mellor	39	1,490
▼ 4	Scunny	Neil Robertson	23	1,484
▲ 5	Artois5.2	haroon Rashid	36	1,479
▶ 6	Smoke and Mirrors	Harry Houdini	26	1,477
▼ 7	Sucking Flow Suckers	David Brennan	20	1,474
▲ 8	Thai Thai Again	bob and james darke	32	1,462
▲ 9	Attack attack attack	jem chalk	32	1,460
▼ 10	bangkok flyers	paul cantwell	20	1,459
▶ 11	Bangkok Forest FC	Ian Thornhill	37	1,433
▶ 12	Oligarch's Blues	Dale Lamb	19	1,409
▲ 13	The Pride	Graham Murrell	38	1,395
▲ 14	Rafa's Reds	Christopher Farrar	37	1,388
▼ 15	Norfolk "N" Good	Ricky Thompson	21	1,386
▶ 16	Pimmelkoff FC	Debra Thompson	21	1,370
▶ 17	Pattaya Panthers	James Howard	33	1,361
▲ 18	FMGAN	Monkey Madge	35	1,359
▼ 19	All Star F.C	Omar Adam	26	1,353
▶ 20	Mighty FC	jeremy quin	20	1,342
▶ 21	All Izz Well	Neil&Ryan Evans	30	1,327
▶ 22	Red Maple FC	Tee Mah	24	1,311
▶ 23	Stroke Titty	Michael Wagstaff	37	1,307
▲ 24	bob united	kiran chauhan	21	1,286
▼ 25	DC United	Darrell Curtis	19	1,286
▶ 26	Real One	Tim Real	39	1,279
▲ 27	Lecter11	Paveen Wongchotiwat	44	1,267
▼ 28	Khlong Toey FC	Ali Adam	29	1,262
▶ 29	iCheck inn	Marc Sayer	35	1,235
▶ 30	C.C. United	Rumi Sutton	24	1,226
▶ 31	Diaby does Gallas	Ryan Bebbington	32	1,223
▶ 32	Bangkokbob's FC	Bob Merrigan	34	1,057
▶ 33	FU FC	Mike Duly	32	1,045

DREAM TEAM!

	MP	GS	A	CS	GC	OG	PS	PM	YC	RC	S	B	ESP	BPS	TP
Schwarzer	90	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	12	27	9
Clark	63	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	35	9
Huth	90	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	30	9
Ward	90	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	24	8
Carrick	86	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	40	41	14
Ramsey	90	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	41	47	14
Fellaini	82	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	46	40	13
McCarthy	85	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	34	40	11
Boyd	90	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33	31	11
Benteke	82	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	55	65	13
Agbonlahor	90	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	55	53	12

In the real EPL, with Man City slipping up against Burnley, who may now escape relegation, Chelsea look set to win the title so that'll please Dale Lamb. Man U and Arsenal are competing with City for the automatic Champions League places. At the other end, sadly Leicester and QPR, who didn't manage a shot on target until the 72nd minute in their 3-1 loss to Palace, who have climbed the table under Pardew, and increasingly,

Phil's Sunderland, based upon a dire home performance against Haroon's Villa - conceding four goals in the first half, all look doomed. However, nine games means a potential 27 points and anything can happen. Rooney might even get knocked out again!

Until next month when there'll be fewer games remaining and hopefully more excitement to report.

Sports Camps



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

DATE	7th April	8th April	9th April	10th April
TIME	Bt 950	Bt 950	Bt 1200	Bt 950
9:30 – 10:00	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	TENNIS	TENNIS	Ice Skating	TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK	SNACK		SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL	Bowling	FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH
1:00-2:30	SQUASH	Cooking	Bowling	SQUASH
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING	SWIMMING		SWIMMING



Children should be 7+

SQUASHY BITS

FACTS and RESULTS!



These are the latest **FACTS** and **RESULTS** from the Squash Section of the British Club Bangkok.

FACT: the Section Captain, Rodney Trotter Evans, has recently entered a team of four BCB squash players into the new RBSC Squash League - BCB players are Evans, H, Shiraz, Chris Childs, whoever's available.

RESULT: first match against the Polo Club in the afternoon on Saturday, March 7th was a resounding victory as the opposition didn't turn up!

RESULT: second match against 2NBT in the afternoon on Saturday, March 14th was won 4-0.

FACT: after that H and Shiraz played two 2NBT players at Jumbo Doubles.

RESULT: H and Shiraz lost.

RESULT: final score was BCB four points, 2NBT two points.

RESULT: the RBSC Squash League table is to be updated by the RBSC Squash Section and distributed to relevant team captains, and our captain, Evans, has promised to distribute it by email to all BCB squash players, even to ones that are no longer alive!

FACT: the Squash Section has monthly leagues.

FACT: some BCB squash players play in it every month.

FACT: the monthly league fee is 150 baht and the monthly league winners are awarded prizes like Club vouchers, squash balls and Squash Section shirts.

RESULTS: they write them on the leagues posted on the notice board by court one after the matches have been completed.

FACT: if you visit the Club, you can see them for yourself.

FACT: if you don't, you can't.

RESULTS: however, they are emailed monthly to all Squash Section members by the Section Secretary and Squashy Bits has never reported them and never will as long as I'm writing it as they are a waste of space!

FACT: evening of Friday, March 13th, Squash and Cliket Section idiots of Jack, H, Evans, Madge and Ben got drunk in the Churchill Bar.

RESULT: young Ben woke up in the morning on Saturday, March 14th with a hangover.

RESULT: his performance for the Cricket Section against an RBSC Eleven that morning was appalling including one missed catch that went through his hands onto his head and over the boundary for a six!

RESULT: Lord Dunford has banned Ben from drinking any form of alcohol the evening before any BCB cricket matches. If he defies the ban, he will be dropped (rather like his catches!) and fined and flogged!

FACT: the following day, Sunday, March 16th, the Squash Section had its AGM.

FACT: there was a mix-in beforehand, in the morning, involving half a dozen mostly unnamed players.

RESULT: Evans got in trouble with the Mrs as he was supposed to take one of his sprogs swimming, or something, that morning, but instead went to the mix-in.

RESULT: he won the mix-in, but is out of favour with the wife and has been labeled selfish!

FACT: after the mix-in, at approximately 13.00, the AGM attendees sat down on the back lawn (Well, on some chairs adjacent to some tables placed upon it!) to listen to the Squash Section Junta report the year's happenings and to select the following year's Squash Section Committee.

RESULT: Bob Van Es has resigned as Section Secretary and John Vivian has taken over. Cheers Bob and thanks John! All other existing committee members of H, Madge, Evans, Cornflakes, Pong, and Jack, were voted back on to the committee as no one else was interested in standing.



RESULT: at the time of writing, the remainder of the minutes of the AGM are waiting to be compiled and published by Chairwoman, Cornflakes, and will, in due course, be emailed to the Section members and posted on the relevant notice boards inside the Clubhouse and by court one.

FACT: during the AGM, someone pointed out that this column lacks BCB Squash Section FACTS and RESULTS.

FACT: it does as they are dull to report.

RESULT: however, this month's column is brimming with FACTS and RESULTS!

FACT: once the meeting was over, at approximately 13.45, most attendees sat down to enjoy the BCB Sunday carvery, some cold beer, Marvyn's tunes, and some silly games and prize giving.

RESULT: Marc Sayer's colossal weight has increased even further as after a soup starter, a pasta dish, some salad, three helpings of said carvery, a dessert and four points of lager, he asked Colin to phone for two large pizzas!

RESULT! Duncan was astonished, appalled, disgusted and disturbed - and in that order - as over the last twelve months or so he's done the opposite and lost tons of weight resulting in him and Marc now resembling 'Little and Large.'

FACT: Cornflake's company ACA Pacific then dished out some super gifts/prizes for answering dumb questions like, "How many fish live in a sea?" or "What's round, brown and has a head and a tail?" The correct answer to the first question being "seven" and for the second it is "a two pence piece."

RESULTS: Some 'lucky' sods received such items as ACA towels, flasks, t-shirts, key rings. In fact, the same junk that is handed out each year.

FACT: the event concluded around 6pm.

RESULT: those still there went in the CB or home. Until the next round of BCB Squash Section FACTS and RESULTS



Churchill Bar Idiots!



Jumbo One!



Jumbo Two!



Jumbo Three!



Yes, Bits does lack FACTS & RESULTS!



Pre-AGM quiet!



Great Prizes!



There are seven fish in a sea, Matthew!



No, it's not time for lunch!



Two large pizzas for Marc!



The BCB Squash Section would like to acknowledge Boots Retail Thailand as its sponsor for 2015. Boots Retail Thailand kindly sponsored the 2014 Rod Carter Open, the BCB Squash Section's open squash competition, and has agreed to support the section throughout 2015. Boots Retail Thailand has numerous branches throughout the country supplying high quality cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Many thanks to Boots Retail Thailand.



HARD BALLS

This month we have a bit of nostalgia and some hard stuff ... BC's first venture into League Cricket for almost 20 years.

Marshall Trophy 50th Anniversary: In 1963, then HSBC General Manger Johnny Marshall donated a trophy for a cricket match to be played annually between the Royal Bangkok Sports Club and the British Club Bangkok. On 15th February the RBSC hosted a special "50th Anniversary" match, inviting players from the past to play and celebrate the oldest Club cricket competition in Thailand.

At least 10 of the players had played in these matches in the 1980s and the organizers, Jackson of RBSC and Jack Dunford of the BCB decreed that it should be played in the spirit of the 1960s, as an 'old-fashioned gentlemen's game with a declaration, and stumps to be drawn after four hours' Thus ensued a most enjoyable match on a glorious sunny afternoon. One septuagenarian and several sexagenarians played alongside some of the younger players of today with Ray Harries, another BC septuagenarian most elegantly umpiring. The British Club, batting in descending age order and declared on 192 for 5 after some lusty hitting from the lower order. When stumps were drawn, RBSC were 142 for 8 ... an honorable draw.

Two Octogenarians who played in the 1960s were on hand for the speeches, Edward Thangarajah, former Bangkok Post Sports Editor, and BC Member Lochie Thompson who regaled everyone with entertaining stories of his early days in Bangkok and meeting with Johnny Marshall.

In the old days this was a keenly contested match and one of the highlights of the season. As fortunes



Jack Dunford

have waxed and waned, 32 matches have now been played with RBSC winning 19, BCB 11, and 2 draws. Basking in the evening sun there was glowing sense of camaraderie and history. As the teams mingled it seemed assured that this match will continue to be played for many more years to come.

After some debate it was agreed to enter the BC in RBSC's new T20 tournament this season with all matches to played at the magnificent Polo Club and RBSC grounds. After all we are just a social side fielding a team with an average age in the 40s or even 50s, while the league teams have some seriously good cricketers, mostly a lot younger and some semi-professional. First time round we would be happy to put on a good show and hopefully not embarrass ourselves.



In memoriam



Marshall Trophy 50th Anniversary

T20 League Vs Siam Parrots, 7th Feb: First time out things went well, BC posting a respectable score of 133 for 8. Dale has been in sparkling form this season and led the way with an aggressive 28 off just 17 balls. Rahul 18, Aseem 20 and Andrew 19 kept the score ticking over and the innings ended with a flourish with both Ben and Dilip hitting 15 off 10 balls in a merry unbroken 9th wicket stand.

BC were in the game for most of the Parrots innings but a dropped catch when their opener was on 2 ultimately proved fatal as he went on to 48 and held things together as wickets fell at the other end to Dilip (1 for 25), Aseem (1 for 26), Rahul (1 for 22) and Andrew (3 for 23). The RBSC skipper Dave Currie was then able to see RBSC home with a quickfire 33 not out off 17 balls and victory with 135 for 6. There was no embarrassment here, a good game of cricket which could have gone either way.

T20 League Vs BFF, 22nd Feb: Next up were 6-aside specialists BFF and BC were quietly confident. This time Dale lost the toss and BC had to field first. After a reasonable start during which Dilip (1-24 off 4 overs) an Anil (2 for 25 off 3) bowled well, the wheels came off as BC's dreaded affliction of bowling wides returned. A partnership of 117 for the 4th wicket off 72 balls saw BFF to an impressive total of 183 for 4 including 25 extras.

BC were always behind the required run rate the only glimmer of hope coming with Rahul (33 off 27 balls) and Dale (36 off 21), once again in full flow. Others perished trying to maintain the momentum leaving it to the one and only Sarg to play out an eccentric maiden over at the end of the innings to leave BC 56 short on 129 for 6. This wasn't a great performance but at least we didn't feel outclassed and should have done better.

RBSC T20 League Vs Southerners, 28th Feb: Hopes were not high against the Southerners, Thailand's top Premier League team. They practice lots, play hard, are brilliant in the field and have some star cricketers. Barring miracles, winning was out of the question and scoring 100 or restricting them to 150 would have been considered pretty decent achievements.

Well we didn't manage that. Although they bowled 10 bowlers, there was no rubbish and scoring was tough against keen fielding. Speddo (12), Ed (16), Steve (13) and Sailesh (14) were least overawed by the occasion, but aided by a couple of sloppy run-outs, BC were all out for 73 with 13 balls still to come.

The ever-persistent Speddo (1 for 9) bowled the Southerners' skipper in the first over to momentarily raise hopes but the execution thereafter was swift and painless. Thinley has played for Bhutan at ICC



The Marshall Trophy



Batting in age order!



T20 vs BFF



T20 Dale out



T20 Dale 4



Declaration from the balcony

Associate level and found the BC bowlers a bit tasty. His 57 not out came off 23 balls and he finished the match with 4 consecutive 6s off the luckless Ed in just the 7th over. Well, for sure we were outclassed. This was a miss-match but little to be ashamed of.

This was momentous month of cricket on the field but exciting developments were also happening at the Club. The new toilet/ shower block on the Back Lawn will be a major benefit to users of the Multi-purpose Court and the cricket nets. And the nets themselves are undergoing major reconstruction that will make them much pleasanter and safer to use. Go BC!

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

by Deb Farrar



A very happy Captain Pete receiving the Trepax Trophy



Sharon Moore - Winner of Flight B



Andy Flynn - Winner of Flight A



Smiles from BCGS, not so many smiles from The Londoners



Centre are Jack Buchan & Martin Weber

Having agreed to become the BCGS regular reporter, following Neil's squash report in last months Outpost, I'm wondering how on earth I make our golf escapades sound half as eventful!! I think the 'Frankie influence' has a lot to do with it, I was more of a U2 girl - I'm sure psychologists will have something to say about both of us....

We remained in safe territory this month, playing in Bangkok. First came our Monthly Medal competition played at The Royal. As always the course was in great condition, but those long Par 5's kill the short hitters like myself - but we keep on trying. No such problem for Andy Flynn, winner of Flight A & Sharon Moore, winner of Flight B. Congratulations to both of you.

That evening we held our AGM at The British Club. We had an excellent turn out, good food, plenty of slurps and laughter. The annual trophies were presented and Pete Gale crowned the new BCGS Captain. Many thanks to Karen Carter, our outgoing Captain - she did a great job as Captain as well as always being fun to play a round with. No scary Captains for this golf group! Karen will remain on the committee helping to arrange fixtures, Pete remains Handicap Secretary too and Brian Brook remains Treasurer and Secretary.

Finally came our annual competition against The Londoners Golf Society, always a friendly but competitive affair. This year it was held at the Royal, so our new Captain must have been feeling brave when deciding to put out a few first time pairings. He clearly knew what he was doing - trophy was returned to its rightful place at the British Club - well done all! Sorry to the lovely players of the Londoners - but I have to call this a landslide victory, 7 to 3. Particularly well done to Martin Weber and Jack Buchan who were victorious 6 & 5.

Next month is a busy one, including the Juniors & Seniors weekend at the St James Resort in Khao Yai - wish us luck!



Carol Hampshire
- Most Improved Golfer 2014



Chris Farrar
- Junior Champion 2014



Chris Maclarty
- Matchplay Champion 2014



Frank Fawkes
- Golfer of the Year 2014



Gaew Khongyoo
- Ladies Club Champion 2014



John Carter
- Men's Club Champion 2014



Peter Gale and John Carter
- Dunlop Plate Winners 2014



Peter Thompson and Marc Brouillette
- Dunlop Cup Winners 2014



Philip Hampshire
- Best Net Average 2014



Sharon Moore
- Eclectic Winner 2014



Yurachatr Brook - Amazon
Trophy, most long drives, 2014

QUIZ NIGHT

WITH
THE
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TUESDAY
7TH APRIL
2015



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Selected and presented by
Mike Smith

April

6th | THE OLD DARK HOUSE **** 1932

72 mins

Directed by: James Whale

Starring: Boris Karloff, Melvyn Douglas, Charles Laughton

Seeking shelter from a storm, five travelers are in for a bizarre and terrifying night when they stumble upon the Fenn family estate.



13th | THE COURT JESTER *** 1955

101 mins

Directed by: Melvin Frank, Norman Panama

Starring: Danny Kaye, Glynis Johns, Basil Rathbone

A hapless carnival performer masquerades as the court jester as part of a plot against an evil ruler who has overthrown the rightful king.



20th | A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH ****

1946

104 mins

Directed by: Michael Powell, Emeric Pressburger

Starring: David Niven, Kim Hunter, Robert Coote

A British wartime aviator who cheats death must argue for his life before a celestial court.



27th | OF MICE AND MEN *** 1939

106 mins

Directed by: Lewis Milestone

Starring: Lon Chaney Jr., Burgess Meredith, Betty Field

Two friends wander around Central California looking for work, only to end up at a ranch with a sadistic man and his flirtatious wife.



BRIDGE

Results for February 2015

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 1st February (12 pairs)	1st	Christian & Daniel	68.13%
	2nd	Chintana E. & Prarop	63.75%
Sunday 8th February (16 pairs)	N/S Winner	Michael & Leo	62.50%
	E/W Winner	Charlene & Daniel	58.63%
Sunday 15th February (10 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	64.58%
	2nd	Martin Carter & Prarop	54.86%
Sunday 22nd February (13 pairs)	1st	Chintana E. & Benjarong	61.36%
	2nd	Martine Carter & Mike	56.82%

Bridge Humour (unknown author):

A lady applied for the position of a house maid. Asked why she left her last employment, she said: Sir, the wages were good, the living conditions were quite comfortable but it was the most ridiculous place wherein I've ever worked. They played this game they called Bridge. Last night a lot of folks were there.... As I was about to bring the refreshments, I heard a man tell a lady:

"Lay down and let's see what you've got."
Another man said: "I have strength, but not much length."
Yet another man told a lady: "Take your hand off my trick!"
I dropped dead when a lady said: "You forced me. You jumped me twice but you didn't have the strength for even one good raise."

Another lady was talking about protecting her honour.
One lady told another: "Now it's my turn to play with your husband; you play with mine."
Stunned, I packed my bags, took my hat and coat and was leaving, when I heard a young man say:
"I guess we can go home now. This is the last rubber."



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