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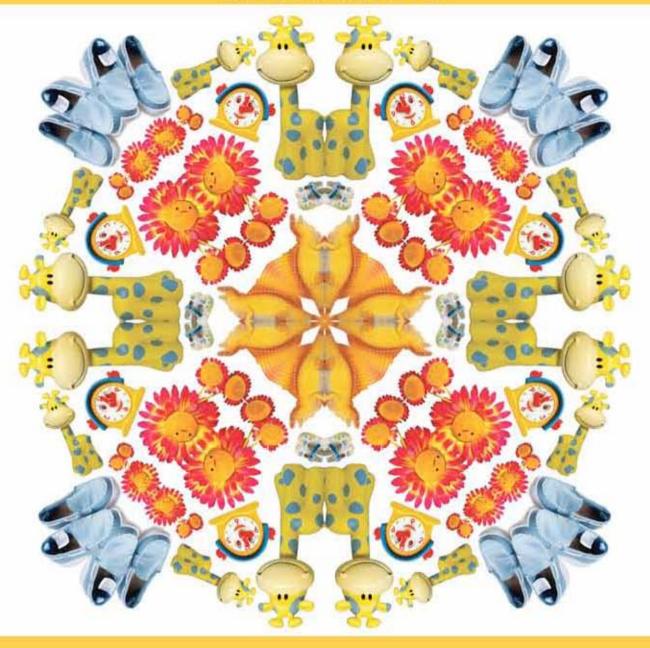


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LETTER FROM THE GM



Dear Members,

We have now completed April and the rainy season should be well on the way. Time for some refreshing showers after such a hot April!

And what a month it was! I firstly would like to thank all our department heads and staff for their excellent execution of our Easter Day, Songkran and the Sports Camps events; all were well-attended and enjoyable. Also thanks to our Members for attending, as this is of course the key to their success.

As you may have noticed upon entering the Club, we have continued some of our maintenance work. The Silom entrance now has proper drainpipes to channel the water into the Soi drains when it starts raining. The wall running to the Narai Hotel will be painted in the next few days and should already be done by the time you read this.

The gardening team is continuing to plant new plants and laying grass mats to patch up the empty spaces on both our lawns. The Surawongse Room has been painted and shows a big difference from what it was before, so a big thanks to K. Jack – our chief engineer - and his team for all the hard work they have put in.

Have you ever booked one of our function rooms in the Clubhouse and wondered why no service staff attended despite your pressing the service bells? That's because they didn't work. We have now installed three telephones, one in each room, and the extension to dial is 18 should you require service during a function or meeting.

I want to thank all of you again for all the support I have received during my first two months, and please remember that on Saturday 26th May I will hold my "GM's Open Office" in the Churchill, no need to sign up, just turn up. I am looking forward to hearing your suggestions and comments.

We have some interesting months ahead at our Club. Jeremy - our Events Manager - has picked up organising gourmet dinners again and I have heard mention that we might even get an Elvis night!

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	Thai Massage	9am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)	

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HAPPENINGS



Hi everyone,

Everything tends to get disrupted in April - it's a great month for holidays, and major holidays too. This year by chance we had Easter weekend less than a week before Songkran, with barely enough time to get things sorted out before they went out of sync anew, then barely a week before the Club's 109th birthday party and then the month has ended. It's lucky productivity is not flavour of the month!

I was looking forward to Easter, and was not disappointed at all. It was a wonderful day, with the combined efforts of staff, helpers, parents and kids making it such a success. Even the magician, whose dialogue needs some revision, managed to escape the chains of his mysterious box, leaving in style in his 1970s Oldsmobile (bright red, diesel engine). The sploshing bubbly fun of the afternoon on the Bouncy Castle and Slider was revisited at the Songkran party, another blisteringly hot day with great food from all over Thailand and lots of chilled out people relaxing and enjoying getting wet when they wanted (in the pool).

There have been two Chill Out Fridays this month, a therapeutic and soothing evening of music to help unwind for the weekend, and we'll be continuing this feature twice a month as it's great for everyone whether after work or after sport or just after the week, and specially for parents whose kids are watching the Friday Evening Kids Movie - we are trying to expand the range of kids movies shown on Fridays as those who watch seem to really enjoy them!

Apologies are due to those who turned up for Curry Buffets every Saturday, as the idea of varying the cuisine came after Outpost had gone to print last month. This rotation of buffet themes will continue throughout May, but due to getting the ingredients fresh the Saturday Buffet cuisines will be confirmed by email.

Looking forward in May, we have our Australasian Wine Dinner on Friday 11th, offering you the chance to taste authentic recipes from Down Under including the legendary Carpetbag Steak and Peach Melba, washed down with some lovely wines.

Our Basic Thai Cooking course starts on the 17th, with one session every Thursday for six weeks. The recipes included are the most popular and mainstream dishes so as to please the majority, and at the end of each session you get the chance to taste what you've cooked! For music lovers, on the 16th there is a Violin and Piano Recital of three rarely performed works with virtuoso Jonathon Glonek on violin, which promises to be an unusual and stimulating evening and will hopefully be the first in a series of performances which are all too rare in metropolitan Bangkok.

Some of you may have already heard that the Club is organising a Diamond Jubilee Fête for Sunday 3rd June, which will see the whole Club bedecked with activities, stalls, entertainment, and as much as we can organise from the UK and related communities to make a truly fun-filled occasion, all in honour of our great Queen Elizabeth II's amazing 60 years on the throne. So far many of the official societies and British groups in Bangkok have pledged their support, and a number of independent and ancillary organisations have confirmed attendance, so with still a bit over a month to go, it's looking good. There are still a number of locations which are vacant, so if any Member would like to participate and take a stall to offer games, entertainment, or any other goodies, please contact me without delay. We want it to be a really fun day that is fêted to be remembered. See you there!

Best wishes,

Jeremy de Sausmarez Events & Marketing Manager



7th - 11th May 2012

Starters - 55 baht

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

Main Courses - 140 baht

Chicken Maryland with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet Corn, Bacon and Home-fried Potatoes or Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce

served with Broccoli and Mashed Potato

Fillet of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce served with Grilled Zucchini and Coriander Rice or

Tom Kha Gai

(A Refreshing Soup with Chicken, Coconut milk and Herbs) Pla Dory Rad Sauce Makham (Deep-fried Dory Fish topped with Tamarind Sauce) Phad Khana Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

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21st - 25th May 2012

Starters - 55 baht Oriental Chicken, Papaya and Ginger Dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread or

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato or

Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Rissotto with Parmesan, Rocket Leaves dressed with Pesto or

Tom Yum Goong

(Spicy Lemon Grass Flavoured Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms) Kaprao Gai (Stir-fried Minced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chili) Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

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14th - 18th May 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Carrots, Raisins and Apple Coleslaw or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Fish and Chips (choice of breadcrumbed or battered) with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce or Chicken Tikka Masala served with Yellow Rice or Pork Schnitzel with Apple Sauce served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potato 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)

Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

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28th May - 1st June 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 Onions 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

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F&B MORSELS



16th - 31st May 2012

Dear Members,

I sincerely hope all of you have had a very good Songkran! After a few days of sun and sea in Hua Hin, I was back at the Club for the Songkran Buffet at Poolside which showcased a broad selection of Thai food from all corners of our country. Thank you to all who were there, and I hope you enjoyed eating it as much as I enjoyed cooking it!

I'm delighted to say that we are now providing healthier options on our kids menu, thanks to a handy cookbook kindly donated to The British Club by Dean Thompson (T 241) and family. It's called "Baby, Toddler and Children's Meals" by Elizabeth Grima and Stephanie Bell. It's available for Members to read in the Clubhouse.

I've taken four recipes from that and put them on the kids menu at reasonable prices as you'd expect from the Club. Please feel free to give me some feedback when you see me around the Club!

On 11th May we are presenting an Australasian Wine Dinner with five courses all cooked from Australian recipes. I hope we'll see many of you for an evening of delicious food and wine!

I would also like to remind you of the Business Luncheons we provide Monday to Friday in The Verandah and the Churchill Bar, truly excellent lunches served quickly to enjoy with your colleagues or business partners.

Last but not least, I am glad to announce that we had three winners on Easter Day at our Egg Hunt, and all 397 other eggs were found as well!

As always, thanks for your patronage and happy eating!

Khun Laak Executive Chef



1st - 15th May 2012

<u>Starters</u> Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80	<u>Starters</u> Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80
Tuna and Scallop Carpaccio with Rocket Salad and Shaved Parmesan	Bt 195	Homemade Perogies Filled with Cheese and Potato Sautéed with Bacon and Onions	Bt 160
Main Courses Australian Rib-Eye Steak with Pepper Sauce served with Grilled Tomatoes, Button Mushro	oms	<u>Main Courses</u> Grilled Cod Steak with Pesto served with Crispy Mixed Green Salad	Bt 335
and Home-fried Potatoes	Bt 575	Roast Herbs and Garlic Lamb Chops served with	
Delicious Roast Salmon wrapped in Smoked B	acon	Spinach Risotto and Onion Confit Red Wine Sauce	Bt 680
with Lemon Tarragon Mayonnaise	Bt 300	Chicken Breast Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms in	
Lamb Kebab with Vegetable Couscous and Mint Yoghurt	Bt 335	Puff Pastry with Whole Grain Mustard and Wine Cream Sauce served with French Beans, Carrots and Home-fried Potatoes	Bt 260

Reportings

GENERAL COMMITTEE





Dear Members,

I am pleased to introduce you to the General Committee for 2012/13. Eight of us were elected at the AGM on 8th March and a week later we co-opted two younger members to bring us up to strength.

After two years as Honorary Treasurer I was elected as Chairman, Chris Watt remains Vice-Chairman and Paul Cheesman continues as Honorary Secretary (for the eighth time). From last year's GC we are joined by Peter Deman (who steps up as Honorary Treasurer), Martin Carter and John Stevens. Returning to the GC is Dr Chris Stanford (who served 2006-2009) and we also welcome Bill Wilcox, and our two co-opted members Haroon Rashid and Michael Taylor.

The GC meets at 7pm on the third Tuesday each month, with the Treasury Work Group meeting at 10am earlier that day. A summary of the Minutes are placed on the GC notice board the day after the meeting and mailed out to members with their statements, and the full minutes, once approved, are placed in the Minute Book for all members to read.

We are looking forward to serving the Club this year.

Phil Alexander Chairman of the General Committee 2012/13



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HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman





This is a Thai holiday established in 1956 (2499) to honour the role of workers in the nation. It is based on the International Labour Day established in 1891 to commemorate the 1886 Haymarket Massacre in Chicago, USA: a dynamite bomb was thrown at police trying to break up demonstrators protesting for an eight hour working day – they retaliated by opening fire at the crowd. Ironically, most of those who died were police killed by friendly fire.



This is a Thai holiday to celebrate that on 5th May 1950 His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) was crowned King of Siam. Prince Bhumibol became monarch in 1946 at the age of 19 and elected to continue his studies abroad thus his uncle, HRH Prince Rangsit Prayurasakdi, Prince of Chainat, acted as Prince Regent. Upon his return in 1950 and one week before the Coronation, the new King married M.R. Sirikit Kitiyakara, daughter of the Thai ambassador to France, whom he elevated to Queen Consort upon his coronation. In 2012 it is a Saturday so Monday 7th May is a substitution day for the holiday.





Although the current Public Holiday is a political invention from 1978 to create a holiday in the UK to parallel the European Union's Labour Day, the true British May Day (May 1st) dates back to Roodmas of the early Christian Church, and to an Anglo-Saxon festival of fertility. Traditionally in the UK it would be a village fete where villagers would elect a May Queen, a local lass who dressed in white (to represent purity) and who would lead the villagers to the green, dance around the Maypole (a flag pole erected with ribbons twisting around it) and watch traditional Morris Dancing! Unfortunately for the May Queen, some historical texts indicate that she was burnt to death at the end of the day!

This is a Royal festival, although not a public holiday, dating back some 700 years to the Sukothai period of Thai history, to mark the traditional beginning of the rice growing season. It is held outside the Grand Palace on Sanam Luang, where two oxen plough a furrow and then are given various foodstuffs to eat such as rice, corn, green beans, sesame, fresh-cut grass, water and rice whisky. According to their eating choice, the Brahman priests present will then make predictions about the forthcoming rice crop.





This is a Christian holiday, although no longer a public holiday, celebrated forty days after Easter, traditionally in the UK a Thursday but often moved to the next Sunday. It is a holy day to celebrate that after his death and witness to many disciples and others, Jesus Christ ascended into heaven to sit with God as witnessed by the remaining eleven disciples. An angel present also told those present that the second coming of Christ will take place in the same manner.

This is a Christian festival called White Sunday which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Christ. Until 1967 the following Monday was a UK Public Holiday but this was moved back to the last Monday of May and renamed the Spring Bank (or Late May) Holiday. In 2012 it has been moved back another week to June 4th to create a long weekend to celebrate the diamond jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.



AN EGGSTRA SPECIAL DAY INDEED!

Nobody needed to have worried about the weather - the day started off with a clear sky and quite a bit of sun, and it got progressively hotter from the moment people started arriving before 10am.

Susie and her team got going with the face and egg painting, whilst the all-weather pitch area was available for games, bikes and the Super Bouncy Castle! Most of the smaller kids soon gathered in front of the stage for the puppet show, whilst the awnings and bar kept the mums and dads cool and well hydrated, with the aid of the four industrial water-spraying fans brought in for the day.

After a quick welcome, the egg hunt was on! Over 400 eggs were well-hidden in the plants and undergrowth, and almost everyone found at least one, with some hoarding more than their fair share - but the three special ones, gold, silver and green were evasive and took a lot longer to locate. Then came the prizes, all deservedly won, with a consolation bag containing some sweeties for everyone. The magic show followed soon with many birds appearing and being released, and the magician ending up in a chained locked box.

The snack buffet was more than a snack! From spinach and cheese rolls to fish goujons to spaghetti bolognese - I was impressed how many kids refused any french fries! The food was filling and warming, and the weather was so scorchingly hot by this time that we started the Easter Bunny themed movie "Hop" early in the cool comfort of the Suriwongse Room.

After the movie, the Bouncy Castle was bounced and the Slider was slid. It was a terrific day with smiles all round and lots of chocolate stained mouths! Happy Easter!





NUNSENSE IS HABIT FORMING!



The British Club was home to Bangkok Community Theatre's hilarious production of Dan Goggin's musical comedy "Nunsense" this past February.

Most audience members didn't know exactly what to expect from a musical about 5 nuns, but they were in for a rare treat. The Suriwongse Room was transformed into the chapel at Mount Saint Helen's school and the audience members were laughingly ordered about like school children. The ruler wielding sisters admonished them to "sit up straight and pay attention" during the quiz and other musical numbers.

Congratulations to the director, cast, and crew who were all dressed like brothers and sisters belonging to the order of "The Little Sisters of Hoboken"; they put on a delightful, joyful performance of musical comedy. The cast and crew featured more than a few British Club members so if you think you'd like to get involved with BCT in front of or behind the scenes, check out their website at www.bct-th.org or email bctQsala.net for more information. They generally host their monthly club nights the first Thursday of the month here at the British Club and will be holding an in-house evening of one act plays in May so contact them to find out more.

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PAST PARTICIPLE Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman

We look back at events of 1975 ...

Two themes from 1974 returned to haunt the Committees of 1975. The first was children's behaviour and the second was the decline in membership. On the children front, things got so bad – graffiti, physical damage, etc. - that eventually the Committee banned all under 18 year olds from the Clubhouse (unless with an adult). This ban remained (in name at least) until a bylaw change of 2007!



Despite the lull in membership, our General Manager was complaining of over-work so on 17th February Khun Manit Tannakesa was appointed as Assistant to the General

Manager. Sadly this position did not work out so he left us in the June and was not replaced. Instead we appointed two new Captains (referred to as 'No. 1 Boys') at Poolside and Clubhouse to better manage the staff.



Outside relations went well in 1975 with over a dozen naval vessels using the Club, together with the Bangkok Darts League, and an International Swimming

Meet (with 450 guests). Unfortunately we came slightly unstuck when it was discovered that books of ten 10 Baht coupons sold to guests at these events actually contained 11 coupons!



Membership was seriously declining as we saw last month, so a "special committee on membership" proposed three major changes:

- Ordinary membership should be extended to male citizens of Australia, Canada and New Zealand in addition to those of British descent.
- Ladies Privileges should be extended to those married ladies whose husbands were not eligible to join.
- That 25 Associate Memberships should be created for those males not eligible to otherwise join and that such applications should be by invitation to those "who share a close community of interest with the principal Ordinary membership of the Club."

The Constitution required a simple majority in favour at one EGM followed by a two-thirds majority at a second EGM to pass these measures.

Eighty-Three members gathered on 27th January and all three motions were carried by a simple majority. One of these votes obviously sent shockwaves through our membership because at the following EGM on 27th February 118, presumably different, members turned up to ensure that the Associate Membership motion was heavily defeated 73 to 43 with two abstentions! Membership at year end grew to only 422 (from 402) as a result.



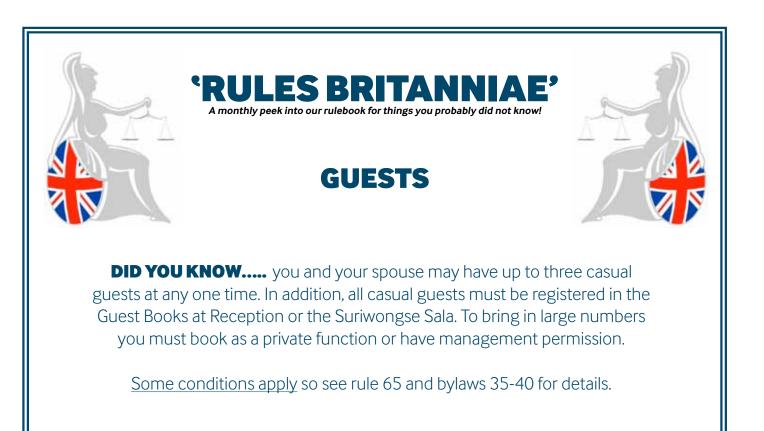
In addition to the keeping of a number of cats in the Club, it would appear that we also had one turkey and a number of geese. By mid-year these were becoming a number so it was agreed by the Committee that the General Manager should have the cats spayed and sell the geese to members. It is not noted what happened to the turkey but it did not appear again in the minutes after Christmas!

8. <u>Any</u>	Other Business:
8.1 /book	The Chairman expressed concern at the unruly behavior of children whilst on the club premises. Furniture has been damaged in the rending room, the suggestion/defaced, both presumably by children, and the billiards room is still being used by children.
	After discussion it was unanimously agreed to ban all children under 18 years of age from the main clubhouse unless accompanied by a parent. The only exception will be the Sunday Afternoon Cinema but should bad behavior continue then the cinema will be cancelled. Notices will be posted to this effect and an article placed in the next Newsletter.

"Suffer the not so little Children!"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club









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SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



On March 10th we had the first ever WAGS tournament; Wine and Gossip for the girls, football and beer for the boys. Though as one lady spectator pointed out, it was more BAGS: Beer and Gossip for the girls.

There were 6 teams: Squashies Team, Tennis/Football Scratch Team, BC Staff Team, Thai Port Team, Patana Teachers Team and the St. George's Society Team. All teams played each other in a round robin format and the top 2 teams played a final. There was a lot of great football and plenty of penalty shoot outs. After initially losing to the Tennis/Football Scratch Team in the round robin, Thai Port had a convincing win in the finals 3-0.

There will be another WAGS tournament on Saturday 12th May.



On the 18th March we had the Prelympics, a family event with family teams competing over 9 different sporting disciplines;

WALK	CRICKET	TENNIS
CYCLE	FOOTBALL	FRISBEE
SWIM	NETBALL	PETANQUE

STATION 1 - GYM:

Walk - 5 minutes to walk as far as possible on the running machines. **Cycle -** 5 minutes to cycle as far as possible on the cycling machines.

STATION 2 - TENNIS COURTS & FRONT LAWN:

Tennis - Basket shot - hit balls over the net into a basket.

- Volley catch in pairs, throw tennis balls over the net, your partner volleys it back and you must catch it in a cone. **Frisbee** - Frisbee back and forth along a line as many times as possible in 3 minutes
- Pétanque Each throw gets points depending on how close it is to the middle of the target.

STATION 3 - MULTI-PURPOSE COURT:

Cricket - How many wickets you can bowl in 5 minutes **Football -** How many penalties you can score in 5 minutes **Netball -** How many goals you can score in 5 minutes

FINALE - SWIMMING POOL:

Swim - ALPHABET SOUP - 2 teams compete to complete the alphabet jigsaw puzzle on their respective sides of the pool.

We had 5 families join in the first family sporting event of my tenure. All competed well and had a lot of fun. Every child got a medal, and the eventual trophy winning family was the Youngs. Congratulations to James, Nisa and Gabbi, and a big thank you to all who took part.



CRICKET:

Following the success of the Saturday afternoon Mini Cricket, TNT (Thursday Night Trio) was launched as a way to provide the flood weary cricketers of BKK with a venue for fun, competitive cricket. We have now moved on to our second season of TNT cricket this month with the original 4 teams, British Club, Siam Parrots, Southerners and the St. George's Society, and hopefully by the time you're reading this a couple of new teams will have joined in the fun.

There is a actually quite a lot of cricket happening at The British Club with Saturday and Sunday morning Kids Coaching with Coach Brian, regular nets practices by the British Club and other BKK based teams and British Club member linked teams. I believe there is still a huge amount more that can be done to develop and promote cricket at the British Club, especially with the younger members and so I hope to run an International School Kwick Cricket and Mini Cricket Tournament on Sunday 20th May. Kwick Cricket is a fun simple form of cricket for younger kids and I will be inviting teams of boys and girls to join this tournament. Mini Cricket will be for the older boys 11/12+ and will follow the same format as the cricket played on TNT nights.



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Dear BCTS, As promised here are the results and photos from the previous months BCTS Championships.

The day started off with the Women's Singles Cup Final on centre court with a closely fought match between Anais and Mooky. Anais prevailed with a 7-5, 6-4 victory. On court 1 the Mixed Doubles Plate Final was contested between Kim /Tip and John B./ Bea. Two more close sets ended with Kim/Tip the victors 7-6, 6-4.

At 9:45 we had 3 championships matches playing due to scheduling conflicts. Phairoj and Nutt played the Men's Singles Cup Final on centre court with Nutt winning 6-2, 6-1. On court 1 Glades and Yubharet played in the Women's Singles Plate Final. Yubharet won with a 6-1, 7-5 score line, retaining her title from last year. The 3rd match played on court 3 was the Men's Singles Plate Final between Pattana and Marc N. This was the first match of the morning to go 3 sets with Pattana triumphing 0-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The final match of the morning was Mooky/Sasaluck vs. Nisa/Raquel. The second 3 set match saw Nisa/Raquel victorious with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 score line.

As the adults took a break for lunch and a respite from the sun, thought to be fair as the weather was fairly agreeable, the BC kids took to the courts for their Championship tournament. There was a good turnout with U17, U13 and U10 Boys & Girls categories. All events were in a round robin format with each child playing every other child in the group.

In the U17s Krit was the overall winner with Marco as the runner up. In the U13s Alexandre won overall with Eric as the runner up. In the U10 Girls tournament Anna won in a 7-5 tiebreak against Georgia. In the U10 Boys tournament Luca beat Sean in a 7-4 tie break.

The end of the Kids tournament was slightly marred by rain which also delayed the start of the afternoons play. However it wasn't for long and at about 3pm we had the Mixed Doubles Cup Final and Women's doubles Plate final. James/Mooky played well against Pierre/Anais however Pierre/Anais took both sets 6-3, 6-3. In the Women's doubles Plate final Glades/Debbie played a three set match against Mam/Jeab and won 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

The last two matches of the day were the Men's Doubles Cup and Plate Finals. Court 1 saw Steve/Jesada vs. Kitti/Philip. Three sets saw Steve/Jesada win 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. On centre court Pierre/Frank G. faced off with Phairoj/Nutt, and a closely contested match with some fantastic tennis saw Pierre/Frank G. retain their title with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 victory.

A big thank you to all the competitors, especially those who didn't get to the finals, and also a big thank you to all the sponsors.







TST - Tennis Skills Tournament:

Following the well-attended Kids Tennis Championships Tournament I will be running a Tennis Skills Tournament on Saturday 26th May. This will follow a similar format as the "A Big Balls Up" events held for the BCTS. The kids will be in teams and will complete in a number of tennis skill related games to win points. Please keep an eye out for emails with more details.

HARD BALLS

After taking a rest to lick their wounds after four consecutive defeats in December and January, the BC boys headed off to the seaside again on 17th March, in an attempt to restore pride. Pattaya was the scene of our greatest and only victory this season. Adding spice to the occasion was sensational late news that Richard Harvey had once again decided to turn against his old pals to play for the Thoroughbreds and to bring along his thrashing machine that he introduced us to musically in Chiang Mai.

A new format of two innings each of 15 overs was on trial and Pattaya batted first. The scorebook tells that traitor Harvey opened the batting and retired on 27 which sounds like a decent knock. But in reality it was sweet revenge for the BC. Castrated by a Nick White short one early on, retirement was brought on by surfeit of singles and Harvey's inability to extract enough oxygen from the thin seaside air to be able to stand up. The biggest smile of the day was on Jiep's face knowing that, at last, his baby making attempts were now over.

The BC bowled OK but the fielding was awful, the 3 OAPs for once matching the youngsters, dropping a dolly at slip, a refusal at deep mid-wicket and a fearsome smack in the teeth at gully. But the Pattaya batting was turgid and it took a swashbuckling 31* off 20 balls from Lancashire County star Simon Philbrook to take their score to a reasonable 113 for 2, BC's "Bowler of the year" being used as cannon fodder. Sailesh was the only bowler (1 for 6) to take a wicket thanks to an unlikely catch by Corin who couldn't get out of the way.







Dr White (41* off 35 balls) and Rahul (40* off 34 balls) opened BC's first innings, starting rather gently, 34 off the first 6 overs, but then gradually raising the pace, both retiring on 40. James Moss (20 off 11 balls) and Corin (14* off 10) then had a biff to take the score to 119 for 1 at 15 overs, a first inning lead of 6 runs.

The Pattaya boys needed to lift their game to set BC a target but struggled against a much improved BC fielding team. Nick White (3 for 13) was at his best and Rahul (1 for 21) and Dale (1 for 15) kept up the pressure. It took another onslaught from Simon (39 off not many) to get things going, Matt, Corin and Jem this time put to the sword although Jem had the last laugh when Dale took a great catch on the boundary. 110 for 6 though, left BC just 104 to get in their second innings. This time Dale (41*) and Sailesh (43*) led the charge, both retiring with victory in sight leaving only Jem (14*) to have a bash as BCB romped to 107 without loss and almost 5 overs to spare. All season our batting has been letting us down for no reason and now, today, we scored 226 runs for the loss of just 1 wicket in 25 overs! Maybe we just enjoy the seaside, maybe the van ride bonds us, but this was Dales' finest match yet as skipper, leading the way with bat, ball and in the field. The fines session was fun with Harvey ridiculed for getting it wrong yet again. Afterwards some of BC's finest subjected themselves to his thrashing machine which reputedly hurled 'em down at 85 miles/ hour.

Next up on 25th March BC was invited to play a T20match against a touring team of Vaughany's old mates from Oz, the Coorparoos. This was the first time that BC had played at the new Thailand Cricket Ground somewhere out past Suvarnabhumi, but it might have been closer to Mars judging by how difficult it was to get a team out.

With four batsmen in the team who all scored 40 not out the week before, we should have done OK. However, from the start when Sailesh and Dale (11) opened and managed only 6 scoring shots off 37 balls between them, we were never likely to make enough runs to make a game of it. Rahul scored a handy 26 off 26 balls before being run out, returning to the pavilion with steam coming out his ears, entertaining the lads richly with question marks about Chitradeep's lineage. His suspicions seemed justified when Chitradeep then also ran himself out. Jem (10 off 9) did his bit but BC struggled to 83 for 8, surly not enough against this very fit looking bunch of Aussies.

Nor was it. It took just 12 overs for Coorparoo to knock off the runs, Sailesh (1 for 18 and Nick White (1 for 16) picking up the only two wickets to fall. We did win the beer 6's match after though ... BC scoring a healthy 59 off 5 overs and Coorparoo falling 6 runs short.





This was not a great day for BC but was notable for the debut of the BC's Sports Maestro Paul Ringer. Looking sprightly in the field, slightly unorthodox with bat (unluckily run out for 5) his star moment came in the 6's taking a wicket in his maiden over for the Club. With a bit of practice his left arm round action could be a useful asset in BC's attack.

Hmmmm ... practice! Maybe that's it! ... just maybe, that could help BC be a little more consistent! But for now it's played 7, won 2, lost 5. Next match Hua Hin on 6th April.



BCGS GOLFING NEWS



March Stableford: Subhapruek GC Sunday 11 March 2012

What a fine day for a round of golf; a gentle breeze to keep the heat in check, good company and a golf course in fine condition. All of this must surely have contributed to some of the remarkable achievements played out on the course, but more on that later.

Firstly, making a return to centre-stage and seamlessly fitting into the not unfamiliar role of Golf Section Captain was Frank Fawkes. Welcome back!

Also making a welcome return were our not unfamiliar guests, Harland and Dianne Bulow, on one of their frequent visits to Thailand. And what better way to spend the time?

Rounds completed, all suitably scrubbed and presentable, it was back to the clubhouse to enjoy the banter, some much needed refreshments and await the final outcome (1).



As noted earlier, scores on the whole were well above average and competition for the highly desirable bottle of plonk was stiff. It was pleasing to see a good number of ladies in the field, including Belinda, who showed some good early form (as well as a fine pose), but unfortunately a few errant tee shots on the way back put paid to her hopes of success (2).



Jack O came in with a very creditable 39 points and was fairly confident that he might be in with a shout in the final count. Disappointment, however – only good enough for 3rd place!

Tracy, playing a high standard of golf throughout, bettered that with an incredible 41 points – but even that wasn't good enough. Young Ed Ashman, on a break from his studies in Australia, virtually tore the course apart and easily took first



place with a mind-boggling 43 points (yes, 43). (3) Well done to everyone. It will most certainly be the 'night of the long knives' when the Handicap Sec. gets to work on this one!

March Medal: The Royal GC: Lat Krabang Sunday 25 March 2012

Smartly attired in our newly acquired Golf Section shirts and definitely looking the part, five groups set out in excellent conditions at the Royal golf course with high expectations. For some, these expectations may have been realized but for others it was the same old story – well, there's always next month!

After a considerable absence from the Sunday competitions it was good to see Gordon Milne **(4)** back in the fold. His near faultless golf in the early stages of the round put him very much in contention for top honours. A significant return perhaps?



Also aiming to make an impression was Captain Frank. As well as a new club shirt, he also had his newly acquired driver on show (5). Would this be the one to make all the difference? In many instances it looked likely as his distances off the tee were very impressive. Accuracy however, may still need a little bit of working on!



In the final analysis, Gordon's good form faltered slightly on the way back but he nonetheless finished with a respectable net 71 to take second place in Flight 'A'. It seems there is no stopping the man in form right now – Mark Evans, with a net 68, romped home and collected his second consecutive monthly medal **(6)**. The icing on the cake – his recent good showings have catapulted him to the top of the Flight 'A' Eclectic standings! Well done, Mark.





time around was for the longest putt at the final hole. His wonderful effort from long distance only narrowly missed and his frustrating day was complete **(9)**! JC took that one as well.



The door was well and truly wide open in Flight 'B' for someone to make a move and grab the headlines. But reliable Ray B had other ideas – having completed a steady round to record a net score of 74, he was able to sit back and wait for the challenges which, somehow, never materialised (7). No hint of surprise as he went up to collect his trophy (8)! John Underwood came close to his maiden victory but unfortunately had to be content with the runner-up spot.

Minor prizes went to Mark, Gordon, Brian and JC for near pins and to Mike S for longest drive. After his heroics in last month's medal competition, David Lamb's only chance of glory this



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BALUT SHIELD

Last month, our page in Outpost was taken up with a report on the Balut Cups Night which meant that there have been four Shield Tournaments since the last mention here. Numbers have varied between a handful and five, but the outcome is always the same - an evening of unbridled entertainment and great dice, with some surprising (but not always) winners taking home their bottle of grape juice. As our Balut Chairman often says, it is more important to have fun than to win, but that's easy for him to say as he's leading the Shield at the moment!

There were various highlights of these matches: in T10, the opening throw of Game 4 for Momo (Ms Daw Kiki Maw) was a Balut, with the next player, The Chieftain (Mr Ranald Macdonald) also throwing a Balut.



Being the third player, I was staggered, and barely threw two fours in complete contrast. Then in T12, young Bowling Ball (Mr Bob Van Es) went from the high of winning the Balut Cup to the low of sweeping the Shield's dregs with an appalling score, whilst the Jackal (Snr Carlos Romero) was quite out of character throwing great dice! Finally, T13 saw an amazing aggregate of 572 from Penguin (Mr Andy Williams), and a threatening 152 High Score from TweedleDum (Mr Lawrence Fay).

The results for the last four tournaments are shown in the table below:

	Highest Score	Highest Aggregate
T10	Momo - 145	Jammy - 520
T11	Jammy - 137	YaaYee - 527
T10	Shanghai - 143	Jackal - 547
T10	TweedleDum - 152	Penguin - 572

BALUT SHIELD LEAGUE

There has not been room to include the league table, but a real-time listing is available at: http://tinyurl.com/7ax9dkp

MAY FIXTURES

Make a note of the following dates for T15 and T16 -Wednesdays 2nd May and 16th May. The competition for the Shield is hotting up, and each tournament alters the places slightly, sometimes by a name or two!

WORLD RECORD

We have been informed, with documentary evidence, that there are two other Balut players who have equalled Douchebag's world record of 169, which means we really need to re-establish our global position, and this time conclusively. Anyone scoring over 169, witnessed as such, will get an enviable reward. Win and find out what it is!

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EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 4th March (17 pairs)	N/S 1 st	Kiatchai & Hiran	58.79%
Sunday 4th March (17 pairs)	E/W 2 nd	Manthanee & Chakramon	64.29%
Sunday 11th March (11 pairs)	1 st	Kiatchai & Hiran	60.63%
	2 nd	Watana & Prarop	56.85%
Tuesday 13th March (6 pairs)	1 st	Noelle & Siriporn	64.00%
	2 nd	Charlene & Narin	60.00%
	1 st	Prarop & Hiran	63.18%
Sunday 18th March (12 pairs)	Tied 2 nd	Rochelle & Helmer	57.27%
	Tied 2 nd	Julaporn & Supote	57.27%

Overcalls and answers to overcalls (by Helmer Nissen), part 1 of 2

This is the first of two articles, and in this article I will discuss one of the very common actions in bidding; the overcall. The next article will be about the related bid; the take-out double.

There are three reasons for making an overcall:

- a) To get to play the contract
- b) To show partner where to lead
- c) To disturb opponents

What does a simple overcall show? (6) 9 to 14 (16) points

If you have \bigstar KQJxx, no one will ever blame you for bidding 1 ♠. But make it a rule, if you have few points, let them be well distributed. If you have many points it doesn't matter so much.

Opponents opened 1 , what is your bid?

1)	2)	3)	4)
♠ AK532	♠ A Q 10 5 4 2	▲ A 107543	♠ AJ854
♥ K43	♥ KJ 4	♥ A 97	♥ Q8
♦ 54	♦ 9	◆ 75	♦ J854
♣ J109	♣ A 10 7	♣ 108	♣ Q5
5)	6)	7)	8)
♠ Q 4 3	◆ K 4 3	♠ K 10 4	♠ Q 7 6
♥ A J 9 7 5	♥Q J 10 4 3	♥ A K J 4 2	♥ K 4
♦ 7	◆K 4	♦ Q 10	♦ 10 7 4
♣ K Q J 6	◆ Q 3 2	♣ K 7 6	♣ A 10 7 5 4

I will return in a moment with my suggestions for the eight What does a weak jump-overcall show? hands above.

What do you do after your partner made a simple overcall?

Support:	2-level; 6 to 9 3-level; 10 to 12 4-level; 12 up or overcall in opponent's suit
New suit:	Isn't forcing, but could show around 10 points. Many players have added a rule to this bid, either this new suit is so solid that it can be re-bid if no support for partners overcall, OR if it can't be re-bid it will have support.

Overcall in opponents opening suit: This is the only forcing bid.

This bid asks your partner to describe his hand further, if it was a medium to weak overcall, partner will re-bid his suit cheapest possible.

This convention is called **UNASSUMING CUEBID.**

My suggestions for the eight	hands:
1) 1 ♠	5) 1 v (double could be an option)
2) 1♠	6) 1 💙
3) 2 ♠ (if vulnerability allows you	u) 7) 1♥
4) 1 ♠ (but pass is a great altern	ative) 8) pass

6-card suit, up to 10 (11 bad) points

The 1 – 2 – 3 rule

It is very important to look at the vulnerability.

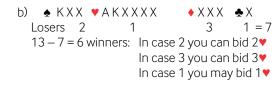
There are 3 situations:	1) You are alone vulnerable	+1
	2) You are both vulnerable or	

- you are both non-vulnerable +2
- 3) You are alone non-vulnerable +3

Count the losers in your hand. Subtract the number from 13.

The number you got now is your winners. To the number of winners you can add 1, 2, or 3 tricks depending on the vulnerability.

Examples:			
a) 🍝 A K X X X X	VXX V	♦ X X X	Υ¥
Losers 1	3	3	1 = 8
13 – 8 = 5 winners:	In case 3	3 you can	bid 2♠
	In case î	1 or 2 – y	ou may bid 1 🛦



In team events you may want to play 2-3-4 rule.

The rule is based on the points achieved for a winning game.

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	1 down	2 down	3 down	4 down	
Vulnerable	200	500	800	1100	
Non-vulnerabl	e 100	300	500	800	

Game won: Vulnerable: 600 Non-vulnerable: 400

Answers to jump-overcalls

Well, exactly the same as if he had made a weak 2 opening bid.

The OGUST-convention could be used:

Weak 2: 2 NT 2 NT asks partner for more information

3♣	Weak hand (6 – 8 p)	weak suit	(not 2 top H)
3♦	Weak hand (6 – 8 p)	good suit	(2 top H)

Good hand (9 – 11 p) weak suit (not 2 top H) 3♥

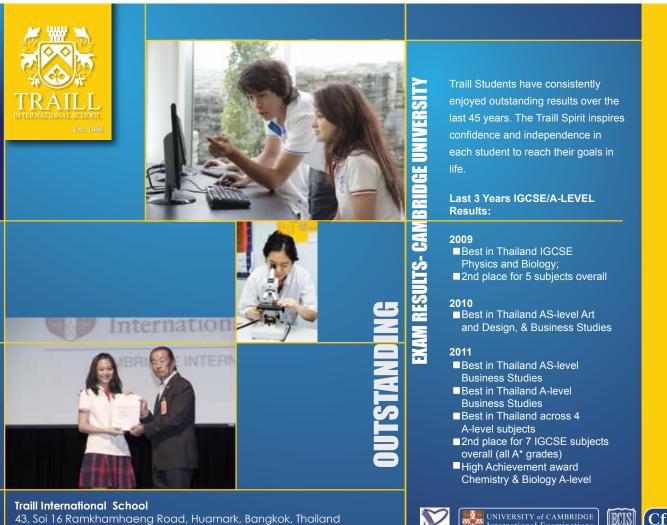
Good hand (9 – 11 p) good suit (2 top H) 3♠

3NT KOxxx

We usually guarantee around a good opening hand, or other values that can justify the use of Ogust.

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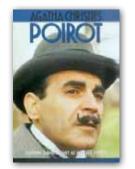


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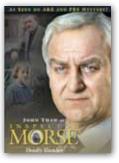
"Where's there's no Will there's a Way"

21st The Adventure of the Italian Nobleman/ The Chocolate Box

Another Poirot double bill ...

We delve into Poirot's past and see a case of the present; we see two foreign noblemen, one is dead and one is a possibly a murderer; one is set in Belgium's home in the marsh and the other in Sussex's wood hamlet, and both end up with secrets untold.

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Jonathan Hackett, Anna Chancellor, David Neal and Anna Mazzotti.



"Only the good die young"

14th Deadly Slumber

A tragic suicide leads to a trail of medical incompetence, and when that leads to a forensic impossibility you are left smelling the roses to find which crime was actually committed, and if so, why? I mean when is a good alibi not a good alibi – when perhaps it is too picturesque?

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Ian McNeice, Richard Owens, Brian Cox and Patrick Godfrey.



28th Wild Justice

A complex case for our dynamic duo when death becomes a hotel error, communion wine is found outside of the communion, when a past secret may be a cause for concern and when the need to be the Master is worth a masterpiece of skulduggery. Not so many red herrings this week as dead herrings!

Kevin Whatley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Sian Philips, Ronald Pickup and Christopher Timothy with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.





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____ 18 ☐ IB almost done, ☐ Uni here I come

11 — Chosen as a member of the winning FOBISSEA Maths team

> **9** -Drew my own

superhero on the computer – cool!

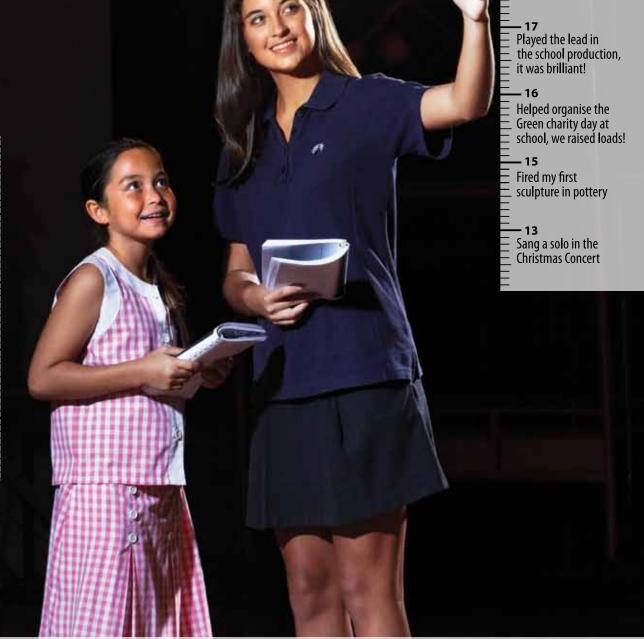
Gave a speech about my country to the class

5 Starred in the school

play, mum and dad took loads of photos!

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l learned a song about the hungry caterpillar





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