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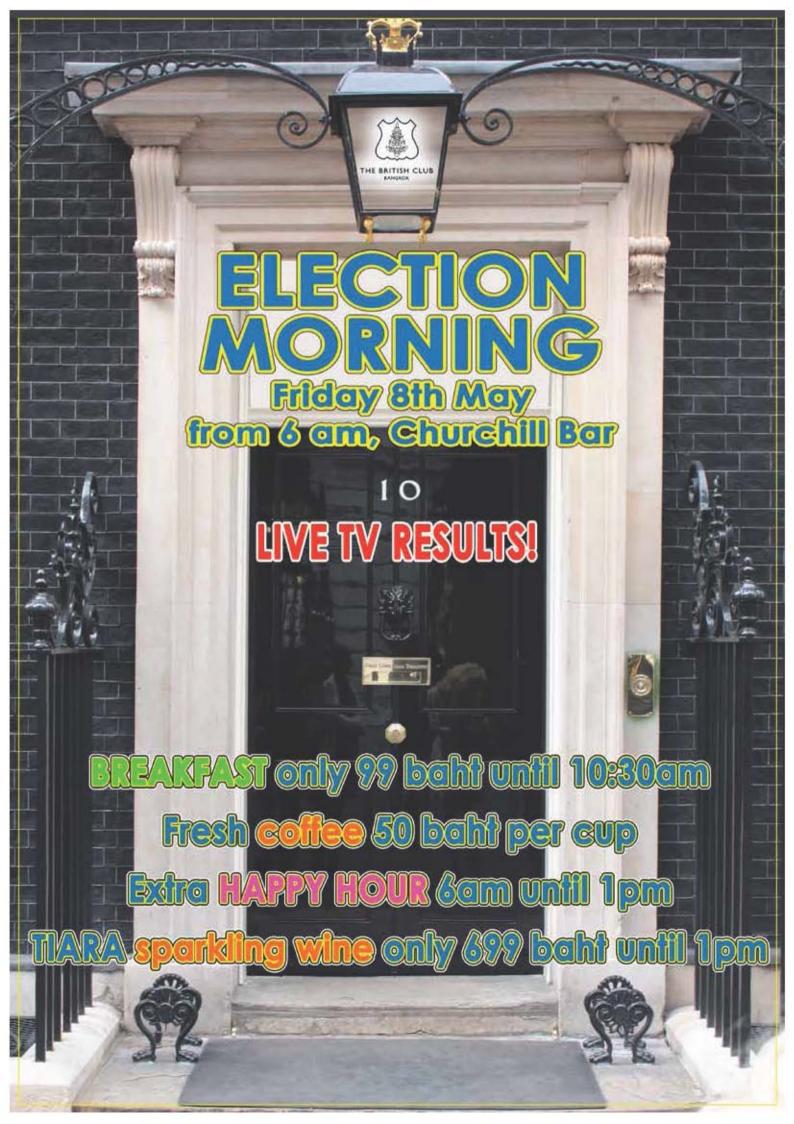
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FRONT COVER

The Club's Tennis Championships filled the Surawongse Sala with supporters, and were dominated by the amazing play of Raquel Evans which led to multiple wins! She battled her way to victory, and there was a lot of great tennis along the way. See the four page report inside!

EDITOR'S GREETING

Dear Members.

This month there's great sports coverage, and we continue with the series entitled "As We Were" which flashes us back a few decades with photos from Jack Dunford's collection.

There's also an update on the SIS project and a review of last month's AGM, so quite a bit to digest along with good photos from Easter Day.

Anybody like to do a monthly crossword?

Ed.



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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

April is the hottest month in Thailand and the rainy season should be well on the way which will come as a great relief now that we have had the hottest day in Bangkok for 50 years! This means that some days around Poolside we are very busy indeed and the staff are overloaded, so on days like this please be patient when ordering and help the staff by understanding their workload. I know they try hard to give you all good service wherever possible.

This year we had more than 100 Members attending the AGM, and I would like to thank all those who came and participated in the important meeting. We had 20 candidates standing for election to the General Committee, which was the most candidates that I have ever seen since I joined the British Club. There were few changes voted so we got a partly new team to run our Club for the next 11+ months.

On Easter Sunday the weather was so hot but many of our Members and their families came and enjoyed our party. Also our Easter Brunch in The Verandah was fully booked, so it was another successful event for our Club. We also catered an International-Thai Buffet on 12th April for the Songkran festival in The Verandah, and this saw a good turnout from our Members as well. I hope that our Club's 112th birthday party on 26th April will be another successful event, which is after the magazine has gone to print.

We have introduced a new blend of fresh coffee selling at 50 baht per cup, from a major Spanish supplier, to



General Manager

offer our Members at very good value for money. It is available from the staff in every outlet, so please try it out and give the staff your feedback. Also, as it is mango season in Thailand, we have introduced the mango promotion in all outlets. Please enjoy it now while the mangoes are at their best.

Since opening the new changing rooms and toilets on the back lawn, it has proved to be a very good facility for our Members during sports, functions and other events. Our Members and their guests used it on Easter Sunday, a farewell party, a wedding reception, and at sports tournaments. We have carried out additional landscaping around this area as well, and now some time is needed for the plants to thicken out. Some of you may have noticed that we have repaired and repainted all the chairs in The Verandah, to maintain them and keep them looking in good condition.

Once the new General Committee have settled into their portfolios, I expect that there will be new projects in the following months, and I am looking forward to seeing more improvements for our Members.

See you all around the Club.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays)						
1910 Balcony	3pm - 11pm (Afternoon 1	3pm - 11pm (Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm)					
Accounts Office	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Clo	sed (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)				



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HAPPENINGS

Phew! What a scorcher! As Private Eye so accurately phrased it many years ago, this month has seen the mercury zoom skywards especially the last few days. So it was on the morning of Easter Day when we gathered on the Back Lawn for the Egg Hunt and other fun - the children leaping around on the Bouncy Castle seemed in their element, while the Mums and Dads lolled and looked a bit frazzled. The Hunt was good, sadly some of the bigger kids took ridiculous numbers of eggs leaving a few despondent toddlers, but one bigger kid actually then gave some of her collection to a small child, an act really befitting the spirit of the day! By the time lunch was finished, most people retired to Poolside, though some went and enjoyed 3D cartoons in the cool Wordsworth Lounge. It was a good day.

Songkran was part of a long (if not very long) weekend (or two), so those families staying in Bangkok had the pool to themselves for the week, so it was quite busy, and the Songkran Buffet was well attended. Next weekend we have the Club's 112th birthday party, and I hope the hot weather eases up a bit to make it sufferable for people to come along.

April saw a good Quiz Night with a nail-biting last round - Dumb and Dumber were pipped to the winning post by a tie-breaker, I believer, and the Jackpot still hasn't gone, so May's Quiz Night should be a good one too. It would be nice to see some new teams, so come on, put on your thinking caps and throw caution to the wind and book a table! We've had a good turnout for the Friday Kids Movies despite the holidays, with a couple of recently released blockbusters like Big Hero 6 which are full of action, colour and fun, often more important for the intended audience than a good storyline!

Monday Night Movies has not evoked a huge response this last month so its host Mike Smith will be taking a break for several months. I'm disappointed that his classic titles, many of which are not available through normal channels, did not get more interest from our broad membership, and I hope that when it starts up again there will be better attendance.

Early in May we'll be stretching the walls of the Churchill Bar on Friday 8th May for the Election Morning, as results should be coming through from 6am when the bar opens. With a special breakfast on offer, along with extra Happy Hours and cheap sparkling wine, it's almost possible for anybody to



Events & Marketing Manager

celebrate whoever wins in whatever configuration! Next month too there's a New Members Night for those recently joined Members invited by Khun Prang - you can always call her if you think you've been missed! Later in the month we'll be having a tour to a vineyard (or Winery as they're called) in Khao Yai this should be a fun day out with lunch provided and a tour of the facilities plus, of course, a wine-tasting. We've booked a larger than usual mini-bus to make the journey more comfortable though last time I recall most people dozed off on the way back! You can sign up in Reception for this great day out, or by email to me is fine too.

Looking ahead to June, we've teamed up with the British Embassy to host a dinner for the bicentennial commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo, that great day when along with the Dutch, Belgians, Prussians and others, we rid Europe of the bellicose expansionist Napoleon. The guest speaker is Col Chris Luckham OBE whose banter was warmly applauded at last year's Trafalgar Dinner, so with a special menu and good wines it should be an excellent and enjoyable evening. Book soon!

This issue of Outpost has much about the Club Tennis Championships so I couldn't fit in a review of the exciting 5-a-side football match held on the Back Lawn's MPC. This will be held over to next month as Khun Amnat has also organised a great Bike Tour in May and also a Junior Football 5-a-side too. And don't forget there's personal swimming tuition available at the weekends through the Fitness Centre - a perfect opportunity to benefit from this glorious warm weather we're having!

** Club mailings go out once or twice a week. They are quick to read and easy to delete, but necessary to keep in touch. I get so many returned for wrong email addresses, so if you're not receiving them, could you drop me a note so I can check if your email address is incorrect?

Have a wonderful early summer month, and stay cool!

USINESS LUNCHEON

4th May - 8th May 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad or Chef's Soup of the Day Main Courses - 140 baht

Salmon Fish Cakes Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce or

Chicken Stew in Red Wine Sauce French Onion, Peas, Carrot and Mashed Potato

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

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

11th May - 15th May 2015

Starters - 55 baht Carrot, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw or Chef's Soup of the Day Main Courses - 140 baht

Chicken Maryland with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet Corn, Bacon and Home-fried Potatoes

Pan-fried Dory Fish in Orange and Butter Sauce Served with French Beans, Carrot and Mashed Potatoes

B.B.Q. Pork Neck Served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potatoes

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)

18th May - 22nd May 2015

Starters - 55 baht Smoked Fish Salad with Lime and Chilli dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day Main Courses - 140 ba

Mixed Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Fried Onion

Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes.

Grilled Sea Bass Served with Spinach Risotto

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Tom Yam Goong (Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms) **Gai Phad Khing** (Stir-fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion and Fungus Mushrooms) **Tod Mun Pla** (Deep-fried Fishcakes)

25th May - 29th May 2015

Starter : 55 baht Chicken Cranberry Salad with Balsamic Dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day Main Courses : 140 ba Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce Served with Broccoli, Carrot and Garlic Mashed Potatoes **B.B.O. Ham In Parsley Cream Sauce** Served with Sautéed Cabbage+Bacon and Potatoes Salad

Baked Chicken Breast in Tomatoes and Cheese Sauce Served with Roast Vegetables

Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla (Fish Balls in Green Curry Sauce) Kai Jiew Moo Sub (Thai Style Minced Pork Omelette) Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)



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F&B MORSELS

My staff and I hope you all had a very good Songkran holiday and send you good wishes for the Thai New Year. As Songkran was at the beginning of a week, it meant a long holiday for many people to go away, and so many of the staff had a chance to go and visit their families as well. At the Club we celebrated Songkran with a International/Thai Buffet in The Verandah and saw many Members enjoying the selection of food. A week before Songkran was Easter Sunday with lots of kids looking for eggs in the garden of the Club and having a snack buffet afterwards. There was an Easter Brunch as well which was completely booked out and not much left at the end! Also this year we sold lots of Hot Cross Buns during the weeks before the Easter weekend.

In May we carry on the mango promotion as that's proving popular. There's a New Members Night coming up, as well as an early start to see the results of the UK General Election, with breakfast at 99 baht and and



Executive Chef

extra Happy Hour too! In the Pavilion Café there's a range of take away foods like pies and sausage rolls which you can sample if you go there for a snack or a coffee. Also a continuous rotation of cakes there and in the Sala too.

I'm still trying to finish the new Thai Menu for the Club outlets, and I hope to be revising the Healthy Menus and the Business Luncheons in the coming months. Send me your suggestions if you have any!

Happy Eating!

SILOM INTEGRATED SCHEME UPDATE

Dear Members

As the new Vice Chair with the responsibility for the Silom Integrated Scheme, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight how we will move this development forward with your feedback.

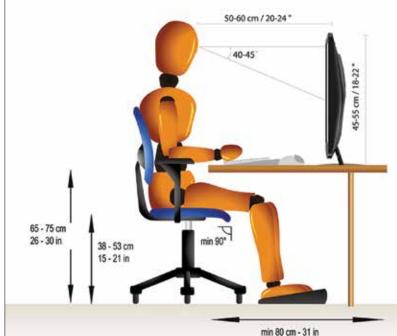
- The GC has set up a Working Group which will consist of Members from the respective areas associated with the development and those with expertise in construction and design.
- I have already reviewed the plans in details along with all the questionnaires and noting with particular interest in your comments.
- The plan is to have at least two Working Groups of Members in May: the first to get feedback following the February EGM in order to prepare amended plans, although it is not envisaged that there would be major changes to the current plans; the second meeting would be to review the amended plans to ensure that they accommodate the feedback of the Members.
- The final step would be to then call an EGM to get your approval as Members.

I am over in the Suriwongse Sala most Sunday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons so feel free to pass on any comments that you may have. Many of you already have.

Chris Watt Vice Chair, Silom Integrated Scheme



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- 5. Manage stress and rest sufficiently

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness.

As with many a meeting it was the business not on the agenda that was to provoke the most comment. A near record attendance meant that the Official Notice of Quorum was delayed whilst Members registered to enter the AGM. Once the meeting was underway, the large turnout led to robust and polarised discussions, rich in content and varying in volume, while the diverse subject matter prompted involvement and strong opinions from many usually silent Members, but this did not detract from the real purpose of the meetingto celebrate another year of our fantastic Club!

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN Members were in attendance for part or all of the meeting which with 86 discretionary proxies and five directed proxies meant that 35% of the voting membership was represented at the meeting.

The Chairman's Report, which appears the Yearbook for those who wish to read it in full, noted that "the last year has again seen our Club advance positively and significantly on all fronts: in finances from a cash perspective and from a marked improvement in operational performance; in the improvement, upgrading and uplifting of the Club's buildings and grounds; in the increase of personnel contributions, and in the growth of new Memberships." The Honorary Treasurer's report dotted the i's and crossed the t's on the accounts; we adopted the Limits of Expenditure, Scale of Fees and appointed the new auditors.

An important change was made to our highly successful Annual Membership Scheme following some negative feedback over recent fee increases. From 1st April (and it was not a fool), Annual Members now renew at the rate at which they joined not at the prevailing rate. Good news which the Club hopes will translate into more Annual Members continuing on to Full Membership.

One major record set at the AGM was the number of candidates for the 2015/16 General Committee ... all in all twenty Ordinary Members came forward to serve the Club but as always only ten were elected: the full election results were, in ballot order:

GC ELECTION RESULTS

Warwick Newton	94
Christopher Watt	91
Craig Hoy	76
Jack Dunford MBE	79
Peter Corney	69
John Vivian	68
Brian Brook	80
Hugh Davies	17
Paul Cheesman	148
Philip Alexander	103
Bill Wilcox	113
Jeremy King	87
David Quine	95
Michael Binney	71
Steven Granot	73
Edith Stewart MBE	90
Sulindy Collacott	95
Robert Merrigan	101
Adrian Dunn	92
Geoffrey Banks	88

Source: Scrutineers' Summary

The meeting ended, the bar was full, and we march on to another year ... perhaps the best of times?

The General Committee at its first two meetings elected the following Officers, Vice Chairmen and Members with Work Group portfolios:

Officers

Chairman: Phil Alexander Honorary Secretary: Paul Cheesman Honorary Treasurer: Bill Wilcox

Vice Chair Bob Merrigan Chris Watt (Silom Integrated Scheme)

Work Groups & Portfolios

Family & Young Persons – Sulindy Collacott & Edith Stewart MBE Food & Beverage – Warwick Newton Silom Integrated Scheme Work Group – Chris Watt & David Quine Sports Work Group – Adrian Dunn & Bob Merrigan Treasury Work Group – Bill Wilcox

PAST PARTICIPLE *Auspicium Melioris A*Evi



We look back to the history of our Club in 2010 ...

The first major change to the year was the recruitment of a replacement Chief Executive Officer. This opportunity was also used to restructure the management of the Club. Instead of the CEO title a new General Manager position was created and the current General Manager position was restructured as Assistant General Manager. On 1st March the revised role of General Manager was given to Dr Jesper Doepping (previously the Regional HR Director of News Outdoor South East Asia – a subsidiary of News Corporation).

Unfortunately this restructuring lead of the resignation of our long serving expatriate Assistant General Manager, Barry Osborne. Barry resigned on 26th March and left after a big members' Goodbye party on 25th June after 16 years' service. Barry had joined originally as Operations Manager on 1st November 1994 (see Past Participle, January 2014).

2 The previous year's financial concerns continued. Food & Beverage income was some months 20% lower year on year, we were still losing more members than gaining (see later) and even without paying the CEO salary for the past year our Net Income was still down each month. Thus a plan of reducing unnecessary expenditure was put into place together with a strategic marketing plan created to increase membership and revenue. Part and parcel of the cuts included halving the Capital Expenditure budget, cancelling the Weekly Bar Accumulator (which had lost its sponsor), and later in the year moving the poolside's power supply from a Metropolitan Electricity Authority owned Transformer to one that the Club owned.

As noted last month an arithmetic error seriously disrupted the Club. The June 2009 EGM increased the proportion of Associate Members allowed to join to 48% of the total membership, with Thai members being one third of this figure [the Single Nationality Quota was brought in in 1988 to ensure that no one nationality dominated the Associate Membership]. Unfortunately the GC took this to mean that we could immediately have 16% of the Membership as Thai Members and actively recruited many more Thai Members. This was an error: in actuality it is only one third of the actual Associate membership thus the Club by April had 28 more Thai Members than allowed [see insert]. As a result the Thai Membership list was closed for over three years adding even more pressure to the deteriorating membership position

In preparing the marketing strategy the General Committee noted the disappointing results from the Stage (Hire Purchase) Membership Scheme started in 2009 (also see last month) which had generated only 11 applications in its first year. It opted thus for a simpler Annual Membership Scheme with equal payments each year for six years designed primarily for those on one or two year contracts. This was agreed by members at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 28th September and commenced on 1st October. The Annual Membership scheme attracted 25 applicants in its first two months.

As well as controlling costs and increasing membership the General Committee realised that getting existing members to spend more at the Club was also required. An Events Manager was recruited (although she resigned within days of starting) and it was seen that poor quality of some sporting facilities was reducing member usage. It was agreed therefore to spend some additional capital on cricket and tennis. A sum of 162k Baht was spent on renewing the cricket nets and added in a backdrop and repairing the floor. On the tennis side it was agreed with the contractor that all four courts would be resurfaced (in two stages) as the initial laying of the 'Greenset' surface was hampered by poor grouting and 916k Baht of additional works to bring the courts up to standard was also agreed.

5 Lots of other things happened in 2010: in March a clause of the Computer Crime Act 2550 came into force which required a sign-in page to be added to our WiFi system and the Club to hold records of URLs viewed; in July the age of alcohol consumption in the Club was raised to 20 year to comply with the Alcohol Control Act 2550; a revised Disciplinary Procedure for the Club was codified at the aforementioned September EGM; the end of year gains from the Annual Membership allowed us to end the year with 980 members, our lowest since 1998, but better than it looked mid-year; and finally cracks were appearing in our management structure and there were fears of imminent collapse ... but you will have to wait until next month to see what transpired.

noted out an error in our Single Nationality Quota calculation: the SNQ had been derived from the maximum Associate Member Quota allowed under the rules instead of the actual number of Associate Members. This mean that the SNQ should be 116 not the 158 stated thus at 145 our Thai list was now closed.

"Errr ... one and one is?"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

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AN EGGCITING HUNT

This year Easter Sunday was only a week before Songkran so the hot season was at its peak. This did not deter the children arriving early so as to be ready for the hunt and maybe even catch a glimpse of the eggs hidden around the garden area of the Back Lawn.

Sam and his Amazing Friends were flat out with face painting and crafts, while lots of youngsters were active on the Bouncy Castle. Soon there was a Puppet Show which was eagerly watched and featured that marvellous story of the Princess and the Pea! Then came the exciting bit - the Egg Hunt! And there were the three special eggs that needed finding - the gold, silver and green, which won the three chocolate rabbit prizes. It didn't take long, and there were sweets for everyone as well which went just as quickly! Then after the magician had done his tricks, the snack buffet lunch was served.

It was a really hot day unless you didn't notice because of having such fun, but with the swimming pool calling after lunch, and 3D movies in the aircon Wordsworth Lounge as an alternative, the day turned out to be all that was expected.



Reportings



BC Calendar May 15





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Saturday 20th June 2015 - Surawongse Room, 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Col Chris Luckham OBE, (late) Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

4 course dinner with wines
black tie, uniform, evening dress
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AS WE WERE

Back in the 70s and 80s floods were frequent in Bangkok in the rainy season and Silom Road could be waste deep. These two pictures were taken in '79 or '80. The tennis courts featured in the first picture were still grass in those days and a few feet lower than today making them unplayable most of the rainy season. There were no lights of course, not even a side fence. The original wooden Suriwongse Sala again features in this picture. My old boss is standing Canute-fashion at the Club House entrance in the second picture. The level of front Lawn was raised in the 90s. Look carefully and you will see this was before the Suriwongse and Silom Rooms were air-conditioned.







TENNIS 2015 BC Championships - Fun in the Sun

Perfect weather, highly competitive players and a friendly panda made for a fun day at the Oasis in the Heart of Bangkok on Saturday 28 March. A good time was had by all and this proved to be a successful conclusion to the Championships.

Cup Competition

Raquel Evans eventually swept to victory in the Ladies Singles after a tough match in the early morning against Orathai. Flushed with success, she then partnered Orathai to beat the highly fancied Jean and Glades in the ladies doubles. In the men's singles Pierre defeated Andrei in a tight match that he won on the tie break. The men's doubles found the perfect combination of Frank and Pierre winning through when their opponents Harold and Andrei unluckily had to retire through injury. There was drama in the mixed doubles when the Thailand dream team - Phairoj and Orathai won against Raquel and Harold in a thrilling 3 set final. Khun Phairoj who gives a good impression of a whirling dervish, implored his partner to, lob, lob and lob again to tire out the number one seeds and so they emerged victorious.

Plate Competition

The wonderfully ambidextrous Steve and his partner Jesada won the mens doubles. Roger, the devilishly handsome left hander from England had a closerun victory against Philip in the men's singles with only an iced towel saving Roger from melting on court. The ladies singles was won by the impressively consistent Chalathip beating the youngster Tip. Under the hot sun, Wandee and Na beat Nut and Ann in the Ladies doubles. The mixed doubles final was won by the beauty and the beast partnership; the ever so tall Zdenek and the ever so beautiful Glades. This perfect pairing was too strong for Prasit and Yubharet despite their best efforts.

And so it was all over, which was good news for Chris - Tournament Referee and official photographer. He stood on court all day taking all of these remarkable photos-thanks Chris.

Whilst all this had been going on, the kids, staff and even some players had been getting their first introduction to a Panda and many happy photos were taken. Alongside our Major Sponsor Sala Resorts and Hotels the Panda from Food Panda made a great day even more memorable.

We would like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their support again this year. Thank you.

Orathai & Raquel winners of the Ladies Doubles Cup



Raquel winner of the Ladies Singles Cup



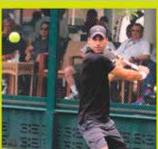
Frank & Pierre winners of the Mens Doubles Cup





Pierre winner of the Mens Singles Cup









Andrei





















Raquel









CUP FINALS Singles







<u>Orathai</u>





Orathai

CUP FINALS Doubles







Harold





Phairoj







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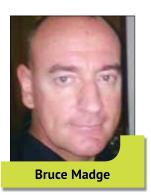








SQUASHY BITS Chiang Mai Comes!



They did. The team from the Gymkhana Club in CM visited end of March attempting to reclaim the Peter Corney Chiang Mai Challenge Trophy Cup Plate Thingy having just lost it at the end of January. They brought six players, two of whom were ladies, and Capt Evans was worried he'd made another colossal blunder in inviting them down for a rematch so soon after we'd won Peter's Thingy for the first time in its three or four year history. He had! The Thingy was still sitting in the gym on top of the fridge, barely engraved, and Evans barely had a team ready, barely three days before the match.

Besides, it was supposed to be an event due to take place each January (annually!) in Chiang Mai as part of the usual BCB cricket/squash/tennis trip, and if the Gymkhana Squashies wanted to visit BK and play our Squashies they were very welcome, but not to compete for Peter's Thingy and not two months after we'd just played for the bloody thing in CM. But no, Captain

Sensible agreed we could play for it again before Easter and Songkran. Why not? Let's make it a monthly event while we're at it!

Anyway, he finally got six of us together and we thrashed them 6-0 and Peter kept hold of his Thingy. All matches ended 3-0 save for Marc's. So it's

well done to the BCB Squashies, thanks to Gymkhana for coming and that's the end of that.

And that is the end of that as there's barely anything left to say. However, just to please the tiny minority who may enjoy reading dull squash reports, let's have a go at writing one. I'll try, but may get distracted and begin to digress.

Well, in the first match H thrashed Owen as he used to be an English county player and Owen is just a regular club player. Owen didn't stand a chance. H then went off to play cricket while Owen drank free beer provided by the BCB Squash Section's phenomenal generosity.

Tom Kelly thrashed Alisa as she was just not good enough and he was just too good. Alisa didn't stand





H thrashed Owen



Sports C

Outpost

a chance. Tom then went off to drink beer while Alisa checked her Facebook.

Neil thrashed Nit as he was much better than her and she wasn't nearly good enough for him. Nit didn't stand a chance. Neil then didn't go anywhere as he had to organize the event and entertain his guests while Nit chatted on Line and WhatsAap to Alisa who was sitting three feet away.



Nick thrashed Bob as he had eaten a plate of noodles ten minutes before his match and Bob hadn't had anything since breakfast and Nick's squash kit is from the 1990's and Bob's is from the 1970's. Bob didn't stand a chance. Nick then went out back to enjoy the cricket while Bob when shopping for more designer gear at Paragon.

Ken thrashed Michael as he is Just look at Ken's wingspan! really tall and has very long arms and his nickname is The Albatross, because an albatross is a large sea bird with an amazing wingspan of up to 11feet, even though Ken is not a sea bird, in fact, he is a teacher, and Michael is really short and has very short arms and his nickname is The Stump which could refer to the stump of a tree after the main part of it has been cut off as is happening to millions of trees worldwide and is a direct contribution to global warming. Michael didn't stand a chance. Ken then sat down and pruned his feathers while Michael read a report on the devastating effects of deforestation.

Marc didn't thrash Guy as Marc wasn't much better than him and Guy was almost as good as him. Guy did stand a chance. Marc then went off to play cricket with H while Guy burst into tears as he could have won, but so narrowly didn't.

After all the thrashings were over and Peter had clung on to his Thingy, Neil, Ken and Tom invited the Gymkhana players into the Sala for F&B on us.



4K's worth of beer and grub later and they went back to their hotel and they haven't been seen or heard from since. But rumour has it Bob, their captain and their Peter Corney-the-man-who- organizes- squashthings-type guy nicked all their cash while they were drinking beer, socially networking, reading about the



environment or sobbing and spent it all on flashy sports gear at Paragon leaving them penniless and unable to settle their hotel bill come the following day. Apparently, they had to sell their return flights to CM to pay said bill and walk back. And all because of one man's insane vanity! Never mind, I bet Bob looks so good now.

Until they make it back.....



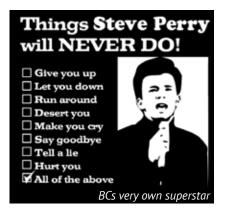
The BCB Squash Section would like to acknowledge Boots Retail Thailand as its sponsor for 2015. Boots Retail Thailand kindly sponsored the 2014 Rod Carter Open, the BCB Squash Section's open squash competition, and has agreed to support the section throughout 2015. Boots Retail Thailand has numerous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





HARD BALLS

This edition of hard balls marks the end of an era; the eloquent Jack Dunford has handed over report writing duties in a bid to preserve energy for his eagerly anticipated 250th BCB appearance. Thanks for all your hard work Jack but there was only so much reference to the 19th century we could tolerate. My name is Ben; BC's honorary youth member, I have stood in to alleviate Jack from his constant worry as to whether he is reporting on the correct era.



It's been a busy cricket period for the club and at the time of writing the nets are still incomplete. The 2 week projection was perhaps a little ambitious to start with, not made any more probable when the contractor rocked up with the wrong carpet (Jack didn't like the colour). Nevertheless, the lack of facility provided the perfect excuse for our continued losing streak. Good things come to those who wait!

T20 v BCC 7th March 2015 @ Polo Club BKK

British club stepped into their fourth game in the new T20 league with the odds stacked against them. Bangkok CC looked confident after electing to bat, although perhaps halted in their tracks slightly by a professional warm up routine carried out by stand in captain; Jimmy 'Saville' Salter.

Speddo (1 for 27) was the only wicket taker of the day, forcing a nick behind which was safely held by the captain, a great take but we still haven't heard the end of it. The bowling attack showed glimmers of hope with





Aseem (0 for 25) producing an encouraging maiden in the early stages. However the notable team performance was in the field, namely Patrick, all that time on his knees picking tea seems to have paid off. Bangkok finished their 20 overs on 213.

Chasing a 200+ total was always going to be a test, not made any easier by Vaughan getting bowled over first ball. BC took the batting practice and posted some respectable scores – Speddo (26), Ed not out on (24) but the game was fairly won by BCC in the end – maybe the result would have been different if British club weren't holding back a few gears to take to Pattaya the following day!

Pattaya 8th March 2015 @ Pattaya Polo Club

The second annual clash v Pattaya was underway, and BC took a full squad of 13 all sporting the new tour kit, not least to lull the opponents into a false sense of security. The bus was running marginally late, allowing a quick catching practice session in the car park (please bill all damaged vehicles to Dale Lamb). Eventually the transport turned up, and much to Rick Astley's delight the tour bus which looked like it had just driven off set from the latest Star Wars movie boasted an on-board karaoke. "Finally, something to drown out Sarg" he said.

After a fashionably late arrival BC elected to bowl first. Fielding was uncharacteristically sharp and helped to keep Pattaya down to 66 for 3 at the drinks break (15 overs). I don't know what Sailesh slipped in the drinks but the second half wasn't quite so impressive, not even with the newly adopted bowling tactic of breaking out in passionate appeal every time the ball came near the pads. Rahul took a sky high catch which was graciously topped







I can't wait to check on the nets

Who gave me this bit of driftwood



Dilip heading the attack in Pattaya



Right out of the coaching manual



Ed taking no prisoners



by Steve who held on to one he didn't know much about. Dilip bowled a solid 6 overs (2-20). Rahul (2-36), Steve (1-18), and Aseem (1-19) made up the rest of the wickets to keep Pattaya CC down to a chaseable 176-6 from 30 overs.

Ben (7) and Speddo (15) led the batting charge but were both dismissed early as the middle order looked on to the escalating challenge. Rahul (7) and Steve (1) only managed 2 overs between them which lead on to a much needed partnership between David (10) and H (38 not out) to supress the collapse; a fine innings from the token Brummy, albeit showing worrying signs of spending too much time with Sarg with the cross-bat swipe and talking to himself between balls. Unfortunately, an additional contribution to the run table didn't come and final hope was lost when Patrick (10) was run out trying to squeeze a 2. BC finished all out for 139, a disappointing end to what had every chance of being a victory.

Regardless of a second loss in 2 days, spirits were still high and the van back to Bangkok gave everyone time to reflect on the weekend's cricket. Well I say everyone - Patrick wasn't allowed on the bus, succumbed to a less exciting trip home with the Mrs.

Fireball doubles night @ British Club

With no nets and a few weeks off from the league an all new experimental fireball series was slotted into the calendar. 16 players, 8 teams, 64 overs, a barrel of beer and the occasional dispute turned out to be a well-rounded event, played in the right spirit and undoubtedly the first of many 'fireball doubles' to come.

Teams of two were randomly selected and each had an opportunity to post their highest score in 4 overs against drawn opponents in the pool stage. It made for a fast paced format and scores were just as easily gained as they were faltered, it even forced a controversial deciding super over.

Finalists were decided from pool results and the second half of the night took a more serious turn as teams battled for the first fireball doubles titles. Slow and steady wins the race, with the chopsticks crown were David and Aseem. Close but no cigar, spoon winners were Ed paired with guest appearance James. 'Should have been in the final', Plate award went to Ben and Patrick. Last and most definitely least, Rahul and Biren received the first prize, beating Steve and H to the top spot by 3 runs. Credit to Jack and Sarg for organising a great night.

Next month sees the concluding 2 games and playoff for the new T20 league and hopefully reports on a functioning new net facility, although with David's return to the UK who knows when the project will be finished without his fundamental daily assessment. With squad numbers continuing to force competitive selection, the future looks bright - and now with England's discouraging world cup performance out the way I can look forward to writing some winning reports.

BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL





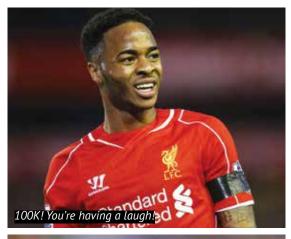
131 Points and 100K!

Smoke and Mirrors - Gameweek 31 Points 131pts

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Rose	90	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	6
Ivanovic	90	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	17	2
Schlupp	90	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	2
Hazard	90	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	52	59	13
Phillips	180	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	64	62	20
Sánchez	90	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	42	44	13
Silva	90	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	22	3
Austin	180	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	83	73	21
Kane	90	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	2
Benteke	180	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	82	98	23
Myhill	90	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	12	1
Eriksen	90	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	3
van Aanholt	90	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	17	5
Moreno	90	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14	0

If you're not aware, the above team is managed by BCB Chairman Phil who managed to amass this colossal score by making some clever changes and taking advantage of one extra fixture of QPR vs Aston Villa. He did it by only losing four points through transfers and even his four substitutes earned nine points between them. Impressive, and lucky, but will he win the league come the end of May? Who knows?

#	Team	Manager	GW	тот
▶ 1	Bangkok Rockets	Peter Charlesworth	60	1,780
▶ 2	Spanish Armada	Carlos the Jackal	46	1,740
► 3	Smoke and Mirrors	Harry Houdini	50	1,727
▲ 4	Udaipur United	Nick Mellor	58	1,700
▲ 5	Artois5.2	Haroon Rashid	67	1,700









Because the top of it looks like this after game week 32. So take your pick.

At the other end, Bob, who hasn't made a change all season and whose captain is on the bench, is still propping up the league, yet is still scoring points. As equally as impressive, and as equally as lucky.

33	Bangkokbob's FC	Bob Merrigan	35	1,202	
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The thing about the FF League is there is no relegation so Bob isn't worried about coming dead last and a wooden spoon is an essential culinary tool and Bob loves his grub!

Anyhow, what do you get for winning it? Well, in our league, nothing, save for an old recycled trophy that was once handed out in the now-defunct BCB Tree Climbing Section, and the title of BCB 1910 Fantasy Football League Manager of the Season which is something, I suppose. But there's no financial reward unlike in the real game as it's all a fantasy.

And on that note - money - let's have a look at some of the sums being paid out/offered to the EPL players, and in particular, to Raheem Sterling. The 20-year-old Liverpool winger is reportedly on a gross basic salary of 35,000 quid a week. That is, give or take, 1.8 million a year. Now, I would venture a guess that most young British lads not many years out of high school would be quite happy with 35K a year, but Sterling, being an EPL star and a full England international gets that a week and, depending on your point of view, deserves it, along with any goal or win bonuses he earns, England appearance fees, and whatever endorsements he has been lucky to capture. All in all, I think it's safe to say he's doing alright for a young man who, just two years previously, wasn't old enough to buy a beer!

However, as he's a rising star and doing so well for club and country, Liverpool recently offered him a new fiveyear contract worth 100K/week - 5.2 million a year. Now let's say he has to give away half of that in tax so he's back down to 50K/week. Well, that is still just over 7,000 pounds a day or just under 300 quid an hour or about a fiver a minute and that doesn't include any of the add-ons mentioned above. Imagine being paid a fiver a minute!

And, I'm sure you've heard as this is fairly old news, but I needed something to fill the page, he turned it down and wants £150,000 a week and then claimed it wasn't about the money and that he's not greedy or a money grabber! And he's only 20!

I'll leave you to make what you will of that.

Until Sterling gets his pay rise.....

BCGS GOLFING NEWS













It's certainly getting rather warm out there for us golfers, but we battle on!

Our regular monthly Medal competition at the Royal was again a well-attended event with members getting in as many rounds as possible before they were beaten by the heat or holiday plans. Congratulations to Chris Maclarty the winner of Flight A & a huge cheer for Fiona Weber in winning Flight B, her first competition win in Thailand.

Over the long weekend holiday we ventured north to Khao Yai for our annual Juniors & Seniors competition. A few days staying at the St James Resort with amazing scenery and slightly cooler weather.

Day 1 was Matchplay against the course and, you guessed it, the course beat many of us. A relaxed evening followed with dinner and plenty of slurps under the stars at one of the local vineyard restaurants. Relaxing for all except Captain Pete, who appeared to have been put on a diet by the restaurant. After much ribbing from the rest of the group who were enjoying the food, a call to the manager was needed and the Captain was finally fed. Being a sociable group a few more slurps followed in the hotel bar before retiring for the night, rather late.

Day 2 was Stableford point scoring, a joy for the higher handicappers like myself.

After two challenging days on this beautiful course, the winners were declared. Seniors winner - Yurachatr Brook, in 2nd place was Bryan Dodd. Juniors winner - successfully defending his trophy from last year - Chris Farrar, and in 2nd place was Tony Moore. Congratulations to all of you.

Thanks must go to Karen Carter for arranging this lovely weekend, great fun was certainly had by all.

Medal Flight A winner - Chris Maclarty



BRIDGE Results for March 2015

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 1st March (15 pairs)	N/S Winner	Dr. Apithai & Prarop	56.25%
	E/W Winner	Apisak & Chirawut	62.30%
Sunday 15th March (12 pairs)	1st	Martin Carter & Daniel	61.82%
	2nd	Charlene & Helmer	59.09%
Sunday 22nd March (13 pairs)	N/S Winner	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	60.36%
	E/W Winner	Helmer & Michael	65.00%
Sunday 29th March (8 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	63.69%
	2nd	Leo & Michael	61.90%





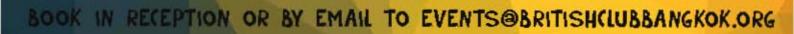


will take a SUMMER INTERMISSION, from May to August.

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and we'll do our best to schedule it.

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