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10 Made Aztec Day guacamole with vegetables from the Year 5 garden

8 Had great fun getting muddy and finding habitats in the outdoor classroom

7 Recorded a monster sound effect today - it was really scary!

5 Today we made a shadow play

3 Learned the names of the animals at the zoo

18 IB almost done, Uni here I come

17 Read my first novel in Spanish

16 Won the debate at Model United Nations

14 We learned about rocket science in Physics, it was out of this world!

12 Programmed my first web page - check it out!

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Wimbledon, Rugby, World Cup football, and Pimm's with lots of strawberries all mean that summer has arrived again, regardless of weather or location. It's also the month when our Queen was crowned, and when one of our oldest allies, Canada, celebrates her birthday. May all Union Jacks fly with pride!





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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



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

## Security, Credit Cards and By-laws.

As I write this article, the political situation continues to be unclear – both here and in the UK. I hope that by the time you are reading this we have a stable new government in UK and a peaceful end to the problems here in Thailand.

Of course the continuing protests in Bangkok have a more immediate effect on the membership, and the current atmosphere of tension has led to a reduction in Members using the Club, and the cancellation of a number of event and function bookings. Fortunately, this has not had a huge impact on Club finances to date and numbers seem to be picking up again. Over Songkran the Club was very quiet but I was very pleased to see many Members enjoying our facilities over the weekend just past, despite the sweltering heat.

Security at the British Club has been based on an assessment of the threats to expatriate communities following 9/11. This assessment no longer seems wholly relevant and prior to the protests many members had been urging the re-opening of the Suriwongse gates. In response to this, but bearing in mind the current situation, the Club is developing a more flexible three level security approach. This approach would allow the gates to be opened in normal times, but if the security situation deteriorated, they could be closed again; in extreme circumstances access to the Club could be restricted to Members only.

Thus we had hoped to open the Suriwongse gates to all Club traffic in early May, but the drive-by shootings on the night of Friday 7th/Saturday 8th has made us postpone this action. We still do not detect any direct threat to the Club itself but it does not seem appropriate to relax our security measures at this time. I have attended a number of security briefings at the British Embassy during the last two months and have kept Club management up-to-date with relevant advice received. The Club displays the latest travel advisory from the Embassy together with additional information from the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand on more local issues such as road blockages and availability of transport services.

As I mentioned last month, a particular area of concern raised at the AGM in March was the amount of bank fees the Club pays to collect membership dues by credit card. Whilst we prefer Members to settle their accounts by direct debit we do appreciate the flexibility and reward/mileage benefits that settlement by credit card offers. However, the cost to the Club of this arrangement is very high (about 915,000 Baht in 2009) and moreover constitutes, in effect, a subsidy by those Members paying by direct debit towards the rewards/ airmiles of those settling by card. After reviewing the situation, the GC has determined to continue to allow payment by credit card but to pass on any bank charges to individual Members. Those currently paying by credit card will be offered the opportunity to switch to direct debit before any charging is introduced.

We will be updating the Club's By-laws to reflect the proposed policy changes regarding payment by credit card and access through the Silom and Suriwongse gates. At the same time we will take the opportunity to fix some errors and anachronisms in the By-laws (such as references to the use of pool tables). The proposed revised By-laws will be posted on the General Committee notice board for Members review and comment for one month before becoming effective as per Rule 18 of the Constitution.

## 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 (Tues.-Sun.)

### Fitness Centre

6am - 10pm (Mon.-Fri.)

### Churchill Bar

10am - 11pm

### Fitness Centre

6am - 9pm (Sat.-Sun.)

### Poolside Bar

7am - 10pm  
Last food orders - 9.30pm

### Thai Massage

9am - 5pm (Tues.-Sun.)

# LETTER FROM THE GM



**Jesper Doepping**  
General Manager 2010

After a month in this job I am now starting to settle in to the Club. I would once again like to thank the Club's Members and the Staff for their welcome and the very constructive and positive collaboration I get everywhere in the Club.

One of the Management Team's tasks is to develop a primary business plan and a master plan for the coming 5 years. In doing this, we try to use much of the valuable work that has been done by previous Managements, Members and General Committees. However, a short review of The Verandah's performance shows that while the family restaurant concept works on Saturdays and Sundays, on normal workdays from Monday to Friday it is not sustainable for long. Consequently, in May we started to experiment with the concept of The Verandah, especially on weekdays. We have introduced the Express Business Lunch, the High Tea/Coffee, and a Fine Dining concept in the evenings. We will continue to experiment with different concepts until we have a more finalised business plan for The Verandah which the Management and the GC believe is sustainable and satisfactory for the Members in the long run. The change in the weekdays concept of The Verandah does not mean that children are not allowed in the area. It only means that children and adults are expected to behave like they would in all other better restaurants and cafés in Bangkok.

During last month, we have tried to clean up the outside area and change our gardening and cleaning procedures in order for the British Club to reflect better maintenance. Reed has taken over the responsibilities for this area, and with the team he has made a very good start. Changing old procedures and practices do take time, but we expect and hope that the Members will notice a significant difference before long, and meanwhile all constructive comments from Members are more than welcome.

We have started to change the organisations structure and the employees' work time. In many organisations, the Thai staff wants some overtime, however, our employees complain that they have too much overtime. By changing the structure and the work time of the employees, we are able to reduce the amount of overtime and adjust the opening time of the Suriwongse Sala such that we will start serving tea, coffee and other drinks no later than 6.30 am. We will focus this month on improving our service to all our Members.

The GC has been asked to make two changes to the By-laws which are important for the Club. The first concerns payments by credit card, and the second concerns access to the Club. It has already been noticed at the AGM that the Club loses almost a million baht per year on credit card charges. This credit card expense does reduce the value of the services which the Club can provide to its Members. However, we do not want to take away the facility for Members to pay by credit card. We have therefore suggested that the actual cost of the transaction will be carried by the Member who chooses to use a credit card. Elsewhere in Outpost we describe payment options in detail showing how the credit card expense can be saved by both Members and the Club.

In order to make access to the Club more convenient for Members, we will open the Suriwongse Gate as soon as the situation in Bangkok returns to normal. Opening the Suriwongse Gate means that in the future we will work with three different security levels depending on the circumstances, and whenever there is a change to the security situation, Members will be advised by email and a notice displayed in the Club, as detailed elsewhere in Outpost.

See you at the Club,

**Jesper Doepping**

# HOUSE & GROUNDS

## The monthly report on Maintenance and Development



I will start by continuing my report on the resurfacing of the tennis courts. Unfortunately, contrary to the hopes expressed in my previous report, our tennis players were not playing on Courts 2 & 3 when the May edition of this magazine was issued. The contractor managed to complete the work by Tuesday 27th April and Reed, to be safe, waited slightly longer than the recommended 7 days before starting to install the nets. It was then discovered that the socket for one of the posts had not been constructed properly. Worse still, cracks were discovered in the acrylic surface on the playing area. The contractor carried out the remedial work and we are now proposing to take over the courts within the next few days. Depending on the way in which the surface performs over a period of a week or so, we will decide when and whether to start work on the Centre Court and Court 1.

Since the EGM & AGM Meetings on 23rd March we have been preparing proposals for forthcoming repair & maintenance projects, and new development. As stated in my previous report, the outstanding need to repair and maintain the Club infrastructure will limit the finance available for development. We are therefore first addressing the repair & maintenance needs to estimate the cost, and will be presenting our proposals to the General Committee at the meeting on 18th May. Proposals for new development will be presented at the June meeting and will be tailored to suit the finance which we estimate will be available.

A great deal of work has been carried out over the last 10 years by General Committee members, Sub-Committee members, non-committee members and various consultants, to develop a Master Plan for development of the Club facilities. I have gathered all this material together and, over the last year, studied it in detail. It is interesting that certain elements recur in different proposals and one can follow the logic and good thinking behind many of these suggestions. In carrying out building operations on our site we need to consider 2 major factors; satisfactory access for the contractors, and the minimization of disruption to our Members. These factors, will, to some extent, dictate the sequence of work and must be planned very carefully. Access from Silom Road would possibly require the demolition of the Staff House. This would provide an area for the contractor to work out of while carrying out the development in phases. On completion, this corner could possibly be considered as the site for an air-conditioned family building, as suggested in several proposals over the years.

One recurring proposal is to build three new squash courts into the corner of our site adjacent to the Narai Hotel. This will provide additional space for redevelopment of the facilities in the poolside building. It would be possible to build a larger gymnasium, perhaps at first floor level overlooking the pool, and a modern sauna, spa and aerobic room. A Sports Bar could be considered above the Suriwongse Sala with a balcony overlooking the tennis courts. Other suggestions have been a centralised kitchen and a multi-storey car park. We could consider new staff offices built outside the main clubhouse building. This would

enable the upper floor to be developed into spacious well appointed rooms for conferences and other group functions. The General Committee are currently considering a list of possible facilities which we have put forward as suggestions and are starting to prepare a strategic plan to help guide and prioritize the development of facilities in line with current and future Membership needs. Our Club has a very diversified Membership and it therefore is a very challenging problem to satisfy the majority of the Members. Any Master Plan adopted by the Membership would be implemented over a period of at least 5 years in order that it could be funded from revenue and disruption is minimized.

One of the first new facilities for which I will be seeking approval is new Workshop and Storage buildings on the land between the tennis courts and Suriwongse Road. I thought this proposal was a bit of original thinking on my part, but then came across it on a proposed redevelopment plan by someone else some years ago. This certainly underlines the fact that considerable thought has already been given to how we can improve and generally add value to our facilities and it would be a waste if these various proposals were to be totally ignored.

We will be signing a contract this month for the refurbishment of the Ladies' Changing Room. This is planned to commence on 5th July and be completed by 29th August. A stainless steel clothes rail is being manufactured for the Men's Changing Room and, if satisfactory, will also be installed in the Ladies' Changing Room. Alternative layouts for the Fitness Centre will be prepared in the next two weeks. The intention is to refurbish the Fitness Centre to an overlapping but slightly later schedule as the Ladies' Changing Room.

Over the last 2 weeks we have been monitoring our electrical consumption and, with the help of Electrical Safety Consultants, been investigating the means by which we can reduce our electricity bills. At the moment, the Clubhouse is taking electricity from our own transformer adjacent to the Silom entrance. The poolside facilities are served from the transformer owned by the Metropolitan Electricity Authority which is opposite the entrance to the Narai Hotel car park. We have been considering the possibility of obtaining electricity solely from our own transformer as it would result in a saving, once the capital cost was recovered. After carrying out the monitoring and calculations, we were slightly disappointed that the saving would only be in the region of 140,000 baht per annum. However, all such savings help and are still worth serious consideration.

We have arranged for a sample notice board to be installed at the end of the Clubhouse corridor. If this board is acceptable to the General Committee we will replace all the termite damaged boards, and the skirting, and install 2 additional boards in the reception area.

All for now

**John Boisclair** - Development & Facility Manager



# BAZZA'S BANTER



**Dear Members,**

Wow, well here we are in June already, nearly time to start your Christmas shopping, and start thinking about booking your table at the Club's Christmas Ball to be held this year on 11th December, and of course your places for Christmas lunch and the New Year's cruise. It is quite scary how time has flown by this year already. Looking back at the first few months of the year we have been quite busy with new events held at the Club. Looking back just to April we had a great Easter party here and celebrated the Club's birthday with a whole weekend of events. In May we opened the Bar at 5am for Members to watch the British Election, the turn out was great with first members arriving at 5.25am, pretty soon the bar was virtually full and by 10am it was full! At lunch-time The Verandah became busy with the overflow from the Churchill bar. For the early risers we had a promotion for all-day breakfast and also on beers, wines and Bloody Marys. The Staff were great despite us not getting much, if any, sleep. They were even smarter by making sure that my mug of coffee was ready awaiting me when I got in as they know Khun Barry cannot start to talk until he's had at least 4 mugs of coffee!

Also in May we took the kids on the Magic Eyes rice-barge for a brilliant day out, took Members to see Deep Purple in Concert, and had a great Wine Dinner featuring the wines of Jonathan Glonek with a delicious menu created by the Club's very own celebrity chef Khun Laak, so as you can see we really do try to cater events of all tastes for our Club Members. All these events will be featured more fully in depth in later issues of Outpost.

And now June, which we start with a day out at the cinema; currently we were due to visit Central World although due to recent events, this will now be the Emporium. We are off to see Sex and the City 2, the cost is 1,000 baht which includes a glass of wine or a Manhattan cocktail, canapés, cup-cakes, popcorn, soda, and the comfort of watching the movie with a whole group of your friends. This is definitely a night out for the ladies and a jolly good time they'll have too! We have some bookings already but we need more to achieve the 106 ladies that attended the original Sex and the City movie première!

We will be showing the World Cup matches live on the TVs in Rathe Bar and at poolside; watch out for special Happier Hour prices during selected Matches. And we'll celebrate Queen Elizabeth's official 83rd birthday and the Trooping of The Colour with a British Buffet in The Verandah with free games and crafts from Khun Suzie for the kids from 1pm until 4pm.

The Friday buffets this month are Curry on 4th June, British on 11th, 12th, 13th, and Canadian on the 18th. The buffet on the 25th is from an assortment of British chefs so if you enjoy the recipes of Delia, Jamie, Gordon or Ken Hom (ok he's American

but the Brits have adopted him), then come to The Verandah and enjoy these culinary delights all for just 385 baht. June has the Wimbledon tennis championships from 21st June until 4th July, so there'll be a promotion on delicious raspberries, strawberries and, of course, Pimm's.

The Verandah underwent a mini-makeover a few months ago with new furniture and paintings. We have now launched some new ideas to tempt members into the cafe. From Monday to Thursday an 'Express Luncheon' will help you enjoy a choice of three starters, four main courses and two desserts. The menu changes weekly, and the main course is guaranteed to be delivered to your table within 10 minutes of ordering. The regular menus are still available. Every day in the afternoon from 3pm until 5pm Khun Adsadang invites you to join her for High Tea: the Cost is just 180 baht and includes a pot of Twinings tea or filtered coffee, and five savoury or dessert items. Enjoy High Tea with your friends in The Verandah looking out on the beautiful landscaped gardens. In the evenings there will be a weekly Table D haute menu created by Khun Laak and her team, changed weekly, while all other menus continue to be available at all times.

Let me remind you about the Verandah's existing themed Buffets each Friday, our famous Sunday Carvery with kids activities upstairs with Khun Suzie, and our midweek Tuesday Carvery also. The Verandah is also home to the Bar Quiz, and is available for private bookings as an ideal room for a function or event. For more information on this or on catering in general please contact Khun Somboon, the Club's very popular Catering Manager.

Well, that's it for another month, wow my last Banter! On a personal note, I would like to thank all the Club's Staff and Members for all their support over the past 16 years. I have had a blast, a really amazing journey creating events and finding myself in situations I would never have imagined! I will be leaving the Club in late June, but I am hopefully going to be staying around Bangkok.

So bye for now and I look forward to seeing you around your Club, or sharing a drink around Bangkok, very soon.

Regards,  
**Baz.**

**Don't forget** the Club Car Park will be closed from midnight Friday 18th June until 10pm Saturday 19th June for the **Canada Day** celebrations!





# HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES



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# Payment by Credit Card

## Dear Member,

At the AGM it was questioned why the Club bears an expense of roughly one million baht per year for bank charges. The reason is that when payments are made using credit cards, the Club has to pay a commission to the credit card companies which ranges from 1.5% to 3.05% of the actual payment. This charge directly and indirectly lowers the service and benefits that the Club can provide to its Members. The GC has therefore, on the Management's request, started the process of amending the By-laws, with an appropriate posting on the notice board and by sending out emails to the Members.

The Club will continue to allow Members to use credit cards, although the cost of using them will be recharged to the Member as an administrative cost. The charge for using credit cards is as follows:

American Express	3.05%
VISA or MasterCard automatic deduction	2.75%
VISA or MasterCard pay at the counter	1.50%



All Members can avoid this cost and the Club will assist Members in doing so.

In order to save the above-mentioned cost, the Member must change the payment method from credit card to direct debit. The British Club has agreements with six banks, namely: Bangkok Bank, Kasikorn Bank, Siam Commercial Bank, UOB, HSBC, and Standard Chartered Bank.

To initiate the change in method of payment, the Member should adopt the following procedure:

1. Fill in the direct debit form from the Members bank (the form can be obtained from British Club or your bank).
2. Send the form to the British Club's accounting department.
3. The accounting department will send the form to the bank, in order to verify the signature. This verification process takes approximately 20 working days.
4. The amounts due to the Club will be deducted from the Member's account on 25th of each month.

The British Club will be happy to assist you or answer any questions. Please feel free to contact Khun Prem.

# Entrance and Security

## Dear Members,

In order to both secure the BCB premises and at the same time create a more pleasant entrance, the Club will start working with three different levels of security. The level of security existing at any time will relate to the security recommendations from the core members group's embassies. If one of the embassies considers that there is an increased risk, the security level will automatically be raised. All Members will have to identify themselves with their membership cards at all security levels. The security levels will be categorised as follows: 1. Low Risk, 2. Medium Risk and 3. High Risk. The Risk Level will be communicated at both the Silom and Suriwongse entrances.

### RISK LEVEL OUTLINE

#### Low Risk Climate:

##### Roles:

**Primary:** Provide traffic control, identify Members/non-members. (and follow non-members to the reception)

**Secondary:** Assist with parking, assist with transport to destination and provide safety for all Members. (and children/cars)

**Entrance:** Access to the Club is possible from both Surawongse Rd and Silom Soi 18, for vehicles, Members, temporary members, and guests.

#### Medium Risk Climate:

##### Roles:

**Primary:** Provide traffic control, identify Members/non-members. (follow non-members to the reception)

**Secondary:** Identify risk and report. Maintain visual on all exits and entrants

**Entrance:** Access to the Club from Surawongse Rd is restricted to Members and temporary members arriving on foot. All vehicles or guests must arrive at the Silom gate.

#### High Risk Climate:

##### Roles:

**Primary:** Identify Members. Non-members are not allowed on Club premises. Deter and detect possible danger.

**Secondary:** Reduce risk to the Club and Members with Step-Up procedures.

**Entrance:** Access to the Club from Surawongse Rd is restricted to Members and temporary members arriving on foot. All vehicles or guests must arrive at the Silom gate. A secondary check-point will be posted further down the Silom Soi 18, in order to ensure early warning.



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# ONE UP FOR OUR BRITISH DEMOCRACY!

## A REPORT ON OUR ELECTION RESULTS PARTY

By Alderman Cheesman



*"No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."*

**Winston Spencer Churchill**

Thirty plus people packed the Churchill Bar, some from 5.30am on General Election results morning (7th May) to see who had won and who had not. The numbers varied each half hour with some even venturing on until the wee small hours of the afternoon! Many returned later for the various leaders post-election speeches as they tendered their wares in public.

To delight punters we had a 99 baht Breakfast, and Party Political Muffins of various flavours and colours – and even the beers (at Happy Hour prices) took over the leadership of each party! One TV showed BBC News (what else?) and the other Sky News - that was all well and good until they showed the same declaration and you find that the BBC is a full second faster than Sky so deafening echo resounded across the bar.

All in all a good party atmosphere prevailed with cheers going up when the "bad" guys lost – goodbye Peter Robinson, Lembit Opek and Jacqui Smith, and a few groans when yet another UK Independence Party (UKIP) candidate's vote was more than the vote required for Tory victory in that seat.

And of the serious politics – the actual results did not give an immediate impression that any good could come out of the night. For the three major parties the Tories "failed" to get an overall majority, Labour they "failed" to hang on to even enough seats to form a pact and the Liberal Democrats crashed out as Cleggmania "failed" to materialise into votes.

The results are all in except Thirsk & Malton in North Yorkshire where a candidate died so their vote is now on 27th May.

Such are the vagaries of our electoral system that with 650 MPs you should get one MP for each 0.154% of the overall vote, or 10 MPs for each 1.54%, or 100 MPs for each 15.4%, but we are a British Democracy and so you can win a seat with well less than half the votes - in fact less than 5% of all MPs

actually took more than 50% of their constituents votes (Alistair Carmichael, Charles Kennedy, David Cameron, Nick Clegg and Gordon Brown to name a few), and a few took their seats with less than a third of the vote (Albert Owen and Caroline Lucas as examples).

However in every cloud there is a silver lining or in this case a blue lining with yellow edging – as we go to press

(17th May) a Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition has been formed, the first time since the first elected parliament in 1265 that the two parties have come together outside of war and the National Governments elected in 1931 and 1935. Coincidentally both those governments were formed at a time of national economic crisis.

As commentators will have mentioned no doubt, David Cameron becomes the youngest Prime Minister since Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, took the office on 8th June 1812. Nick Clegg becomes the first Liberal Democrat in a Cabinet post since Sir Archibald Sinclair was Secretary of State for Air in Churchill's wartime government.





And of the future, I think the words of Abraham Lincoln sums this up the best ...

**"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time."**



Party	% Vote	Seats
Conservative	36.10%	306
Labour	29.00%	258
Liberal Democrat	23.00%	57
Democratic Unionist Party	0.60%	8
Scottish National Party	1.70%	6
Sinn Fein	0.60%	5
Plaid Cymru	0.60%	3
Social Democratic & Labour Party	0.40%	3
Green	1.00%	1
Alliance Party	0.10%	1
Others	1.10%	1

The author served two terms as a London Borough Councillor and was elected as an Honorary Alderman of the London Borough of Southwark in 2005.

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# DIARY DATES IN JUNE

**THURSDAY 3RD JUNE**

## **British Club @ The Movies**

Due to distribution problems in the USA, the planned outing for SEX & THE CITY 2 was postponed, and tonight is the new night! So if you've booked already, don't forget, and if you didn't, there may still be some seats available for you and your friends!



**SATURDAY 12th JUNE**

## **HM Queen Elizabeth II's Official Birthday**

Since 1748, the official birthday of the British Monarch has been marked by the event of "Trooping The Colour", a ceremony performed by regiments of the Commonwealth and the British Army. Held annually in London on the second Saturday in June, it is an extremely old ceremony retained through time, and today is largely ceremonial.



To commemorate the Queen's Official Birthday this year, the British Club will be organising an afternoon of fun in the garden with the Bouncy Castle, Stocks, face-painting and games with Khun Susie, as well as a British Buffet on The Verandah in the evening. There is Happy Hour in outlets from 6pm until closing.

**SATURDAY 19TH JUNE**

## **CANADA DAY FÊTE**

Sharing history, a Head of State and monarch, and membership of the Commonwealth, Canada and Britain have deep-rooted ties and great empathy.

At the outbreak of the Great War, Canada enthusiastically joined Britain's side; during Britain's darkest days in the Second World War after the fall of France and before the entry of the US, Canada was Britain's principal ally in the North Atlantic, and a major source of both weapons and food.



It is appropriate that the Canada Club is one of the oldest dining clubs in London and the most ancient Canadian institution in the United Kingdom, and it is equally significant, therefore, that Canada Day 2010 is being celebrated here at the British Club in Bangkok.

With celebrations, games for adults and children, prizes, and a buffet dinner, Canada Day is an opportunity for all to join in, have fun and enjoy themselves. And there's no need to speak French, either!

So come on down to the Club and do just that. No need for a tuque or runners, hoser! You may win a two-four, eh!



## **RULES BRITANNIAE!**

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



## **CHILDREN AGED 21-25!**

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

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# Club's Birthday Party



The British Club's 107th Birthday was remembered in style over the weekend of 23rd to 25th April 2010.

We began the celebrations with a British Food Festival on 23rd April, which appropriately was also St. George's Day, and a Wine-Tasting in the Suriwongse Room. Six wine companies presented a wide range of wines to Members at specially discounted prices, and around 80 members attended the event, whilst Khun Laak laid on some specially prepared British canapés to compliment the wines. Club Chairman Jonathan Truslow delivered a birthday speech for the Club which turned 107 this year, and the Clubhouse which opened 100 years ago to the day. The Club provided the Members with complimentary wines for toasting their Club, and later many Members made their way down to the outlets with the last few leaving the Club at 3am.

We awoke on Saturday to a black sky and the heavens then opened with a torrential downpour. Regardless, Khun Somboon and his team were all at work beavering away to prepare and set up for the Birthday Party.

Over 20 games and activities had been organised to keep the children (and many adults) entertained. Amongst those helping were the St. George's Society, the St. David's Society who were welly wanging, and the St. Andrew's Society who were tossing cables. Also present were the Magic Eyes Foundation, The Ladies from the BWG with their Pimm's table, Anna and Jim Napier with their Grotty Granny bric-a-brac stall, and Edith Stewart. We also had the Club's popular bouncy castle, a coconut shy, some stocks, Birthday T-shirt painting and lots more.





Despite all the trouble around town, over 300 Members attended the event. There were two bands lined up: the brilliant Celtic Colours and we also welcomed back Hanni Phillips and her new group. The bands entertained the Mums and Dads while the kids played. In addition, on the Big Screen and other TVs around the Club we showed comedy classics such as Porridge, Going Straight, 'Allo 'Allo, Black Adder and more, thanks to Khun Jeremy (the Outpost Editor) loaning the DVDs. The bands were a big hit and Members enjoyed great live music whilst eating Khun Laak's delicious buffet, as well as toffee apples, candy floss, and Fish'n'Chips, to name but a few. For the Party, we offered a promotion on Pimm's, Cider, and draught beer, with a unique cocktail at a unique price for the unique occasion!

As all this was going on outside, The Verandah was full with diners enjoying the British Buffet which consisted of Roast Beef, Lamb, Turkey, Scotch Broth, Cornish Pasties, Welsh cakes, Irish Stew and yet more healthy British food...?







All the outlets celebrated with a special Happy Hour from 6pm until closing on both Friday and Saturday nights.

To wrap up the party on the back lawn, we had produced a special birthday cake of the Clubhouse. The cake was huge and all the kids and parents loved it; personally, I am surprised that it made it from the Club's kitchen to the back lawn without collapsing. Disappointingly, due to the social unrest we had been asked to tone down the planned firework show, so we lit candles and sparklers on the Club's roof instead, and after the cake cutting there was a small firework display.

The Party was scheduled to finish at 7pm, but it was really good to see that many Members stayed on way past that, in fact the lawn wasn't empty until about midnight.

So, one more Birthday Celebration went off with a bang. Many thanks to the star of the event Khun Somboon, who is a real trooper and ensured it to be the success that it was, and also to all the Club staff from each department who pulled together under difficult circumstances and created a great day out for everyone. And not forgetting thanks are also due to all the Members who supported us and came to the party despite the recent events in Beautiful Bangkok. We had had phone calls on the day to ask if the party was still on due to the weather! Actually, we organised the weather to be awful just to make the event even more British and authentic, as it always rains at celebrations in the UK! We are British and Carried On Regardless, which happens to be a title in that truly British institution, the 'Carry On' films....

**Bazza.**



# Sport on TV

June is a bumper month for sport coverage on TV, so here's a summary of what is scheduled to be played which you may be able to find broadcast on one of the many channels available from the many TV packages in Thailand. I'll leave you to check the channel listings, and the commentary languages!

Wherever possible, the Club will be showing matches on available screens.



## Rugby



30	May	11:00pm	England vs The Barbarians
5	June	4:30pm	Australia vs Fiji
5	June	8pm	Wales vs South Africa
12	June	2:30pm 5pm	New Zealand vs Ireland Australia vs England
12	June	7pm	South Africa vs France
19	June	2:30pm 5pm	New Zealand vs Wales Australia vs England
26	June	2:35pm 5pm	New Zealand vs Wales Australia vs Ireland
26	June	8pm	South Africa vs Italy

## Football World Cup



11	June	9pm	South Africa vs Mexico
12	June	9pm	Argentina vs Nigeria
12	June	1:30am	England vs USA
13	June	1:30am	Germany vs Australia
15	June	6:30pm	New Zealand vs Slovakia
15	June	9pm	Côte d'Ivoire vs Portugal
16	June	6:30pm	Honduras vs Chile
16	June	9pm	Spain vs Switzerland
18	June	1:30am	England vs Algeria
19	June	9pm	Australia vs Ghana
20	June	9pm	Italy vs New Zealand
21	June	6:30pm	Portugal vs Korea DPR
21	June	9pm	Chile vs Switzerland
22	June	9pm	Mexico vs Uruguay
22	June	9pm	France vs South Africa
23	June	9pm	England vs Slovenia
25	June	9pm	Portugal vs Brazil

## Formula 1



30	May	7pm	Turkish Grand Prix, Istanbul
13	June	11pm	Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal
27	June	7pm	European Grand Prix, Spain
11	July	7pm	British Grand Prix, England

## Tennis



23 May - 6 June	Roland Garros
21 June - 4 July	Wimbledon



# RECIPROCAL CLUBS

***As an active British Club Member, you are entitled to enjoy the full use of other associated Club facilities around the world. This month, we feature the Granite Club of Toronto in Canada.***

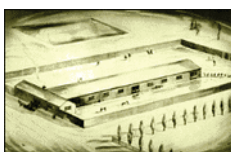
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The Granite Club name is rich with meaning for those who honour the values of tradition and family. For generation after generation, the Granite Club has been a place where families enrich their lives, value time together, and share special moments. With its warm, caring atmosphere, the Club fulfills its founders' vision by taking on an important role in the family traditions, celebrations and lives of members.

In 1925 a piece of land on St. Clair Avenue West, near Yonge Street, was purchased to accommodate a growing membership and conversion from a gentlemen's to a family club. In the early 60's, after thirty-five years at St. Clair, the need was felt to either make major alterations to the building or move to new quarters once again. The fourth Granite Club home was opened in 1972 on a beautiful twenty-two acre site on Bayview Avenue, bordering on the Don Valley. A spectacular combination of the elegant and the athletic, it offered a modern answer to changing desires and trends, with scope to comfortably handle its now large and sophisticated membership.



The traditions that today are an integral part of the Granite Club, are founded on a history that is long, successful and prosperous, so the Granite Club continues to offer the best in a family, athletic, dining and social club-for today's members, and for future generations to come. The Granite Club offers members and their children the opportunity to develop and nurture special interests, and learn valuable new skills, in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, where the emphasis is on enjoyment and pleasure. Many members take advantage of the invigorating and soothing services of the Club's Active Therapy



Clinic, which has professional chiropractors, physiotherapists, massage therapists, and an acupuncturist on staff.

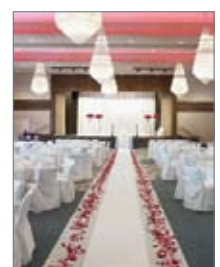


The Granite Club has the most complete and well-equipped athletic facilities in the country. Sporting activities are geared for every member of the family, while for members interested in recreational activities and personal fitness, or those eager to compete at the club level or beyond-the Granite Club is without equal.



Inspired menus, exquisite wines and caring service are given a special home at the Club. Whether members choose to enjoy a meal on the Terrace or in our Fine Dining Room, grab a nutritious snack after a game in our Sports Bar Café and Lounge, or meet friends and family in the Bistro, the Granite Club has the perfect dining experience. The Grand Ballroom is a masterpiece of understated elegance with soaring 22 foot ceilings, 12 spectacular crystal chandeliers, a baby grand piano and built in stage. With a capacity of up to 200, the adjacent Ballroom Terrace is available for cocktail parties and ceremonies.

However members choose to use their time in the Club, they will experience the warm personal service of Granite staff and the genuine quality facilities of one of North America's finest clubs.





Come Celebrate – Venez Célébrer

# Canada Day

## La Fête du Canada

Saturday 19 June – Samedi 19 Juin

British Club – Club Britannique  
Silom Soi 18



**Discount tickets sold in advance/Remise sur billets vendus à l'avance**  
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**Buffet Dinner with Salmon and Beef/Dîner-buffet avec Saumon et Bœuf**  
**Canadian beer and wine/Bières et vins canadiens**

### **Ticket Prices/Prix des Billets**

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### **Programme/Schedule**

**Doors open/Ouverture des portes** 15:00  
**Jeux pour enfants/Children's games** 16:00  
**Adult games/Jeux pour adultes** 16:30  
**Welcome remarks and Grand Prize Draw/Salutations et Tirage du Grand Prix** 18:00  
**Dinner/Dîner** 18:30





# BC CALENDAR - JUNE 2010

## SUNDAY



30

Mathias Rust in Red Square, 1987

### Sunday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch only.

6



### Sunday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch only.

13

### Squash Finals



### Dr Who

The Hungry Earth/Cold Blood  
11:00am-12:45pm

### Canadian Grand Prix

11pm



### Sunday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch only.

20

### World Cup

Italy vs NZ  
9pm



### Sunday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch only.

27

### European Grand Prix

7pm



## MONDAY



31

Clint Eastwood is 80 today!

### Master Class

Neilson Hays Library  
8:30am-5:00pm

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### Tennis Mix In

6pm - 10pm



### Monday Night Club

*Written in Blood*  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



### Tennis Mix In

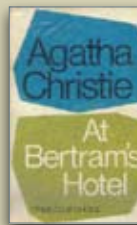
6pm - 10pm



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### Monday Night Club

*At Bertram's Hotel*  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



### Wimbledon Opens!

### Tennis Mix In

6pm-10pm



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### World Cup

Portugal vs Korea DPR  
6:30pm

### Monday Night Club

*After The Funeral*  
Wordsworth Room  
7pm



### Tennis Mix In

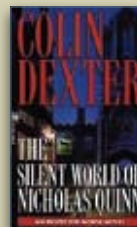
6pm - 10pm



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### Monday Night Club

*The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn*  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



## TUESDAY

### Tuesday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

1

### Football Mix In

7pm



### Quiz Night

Sponsored by Tetley's  
Smooth Flow  
The Verandah 7:30pm



### Tuesday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

8

### Football Mix In

7pm



### Tuesday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

15

### Football Mix In

7pm



### World Cup

Côte d'Ivoire vs Portugal  
9pm



### Tuesday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

22

### Football Mix In

7pm



### World Cup

France vs South Africa  
9pm



### Tuesday Carvery

The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

29

### Football Mix In

7pm



## WEDNESDAY

### Paella + Sangria

All day

### Tennis Mix In

6pm-10pm

### BCB Balut Shield

Wordsworth Lounge

### Paella + Sangria

All day

### Tennis Mix In

6pm-10pm

### Paella + Sangria

All day

### Tennis Mix In

6pm-10pm

### BCB Balut Shield

Worldworth Lounge  
7:05pm.

### Paella + Sangria

All day

### Tennis Mix In

6pm-10pm

### Paella + Sangria

All day

### Tennis Mix In

6pm-10pm



WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<b>Special</b>  7:05pm 	<b>2</b>	<b>British Club Q Movies</b> Meet + Greet @ 6pm Movie starts @ 7pm <b>Fitball</b> 10:30am  	<b>3</b>	<b>Curry Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner <b>Tennis Mix In</b> 7pm-10pm 	<b>4</b>	<b>Junior Netball</b> 3pm  <b>Junior Swimming</b>  <b>Junior Tennis</b>  <b>Rugby</b> Wales vs South Africa 8pm 	<b>5</b>
	<b>9</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Special</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>Fitball</b> 10:30am  	<b>17</b>	<b>British Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner  <b>Tennis Mix In</b> 7pm-11pm  <b>World Cup Opens</b> South Africa vs Mexico 9pm Margaritas & Nachos 	<b>18</b>	<b>Official Birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II</b> <b>British Buffet</b> Lunch and Dinner  <b>Junior Netball</b> 3pm  <b>Junior Swimming</b>  <b>Junior Tennis</b> 	<b>19</b>
	<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>		<b>26</b>
<b>Special</b>  	<b>30</b>	<b>Fitball</b> 10:30am  	<b>31</b>	<b>Canadian Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner  <b>Tennis Mix In</b> 7pm-10pm  <b>CAR PARK CLOSING</b> 11pm	<b>1</b>	<b>CAR PARK CLOSED UNTIL 10pm</b> <b>Canada Day Fête</b> Doors open 3:00pm Buffet Dinner 6:30pm <b>Junior Swimming</b>  <b>Junior Tennis</b>  <b>Rugby</b> Australia vs England 5pm 	<b>2</b>
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# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspiciū Melioris Ævi*

By Paul Cheesman



We continue our peek into our Club's past as we look at events of 1952...

**1** 1952 was the year of the 'Five Ships', in that we played host to five warships of the Royal Navy: the first four were HMS Jaseur (J428), HMS Magicienne (J436), HMS Maened (J335) and HMS Michael (J444). All were Minesweepers of the Algerine class which docked on 15th and 16th January, and the Club hosted 200 sailors to Tiffin. The fifth was a return of HMS Alert (K647), a Bay Class Frigate, on 21st and 22nd November when we entertained 60 crew.

Of course the major difference in the two visits was that in January they were 'His Majesty's Ships' and in November it was 'Her Majesty's Ship' – the Committee held a minute's silence on the death of H.M. King George VI on 6th February.

**2** In May, the Committee agreed to re-instate the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club as a Reciprocal Club. The two Clubs had had a special relationship since before the First World War, and it was felt that such reciprocity would benefit both sets of members. This arrangement lasted over 40 years until it was decided around 1994/95 that Reciprocal Clubs should be overseas only.

**3** 1952 also was the herald of the first (of countless) 'Master Plans' for the redevelopment of the Club. This 1952 plan was very extensive and involved the lower floor of the Clubhouse only: 'The Bar' (now the octagonal part of The Verandah) was to be refurbished in grey and a new longer bar created to allow for ten bar stools. The external wooden doors to the 'Verandah' and the back lawn (between the TV and The Verandah's bar) were to be removed and the external marble 'Verandah' as was (now the outer part of The Verandah) to be enclosed and made part of the bar.

The 'Ladies Bar' (now the lower office and Games Room) would be turned into a 'Snack Bar' with luncheons being brought in from outside and other snacks made in the pantry (to the rear of The Bar). There was a side plan to move the Assistant Permanent Secretary's office from the ground floor (The Verandah's dogleg) to upstairs.



HMS Jaseur

This was costed out at 77,580 Baht, which was virtually the whole balance of funds of the Club. Thankfully the Extraordinary General Meeting called to approve this had the common sense not to do so and only The Bar was refurbished.

**4** In August the Bangkok St. Andrew's Society received permission to hold their monthly Reel Club within the Club. In order not to negate our newly-won exemption from Hotel & Restaurant Tax (see last month's article), all St. Andrews' members had to be signed in as guests and prohibited from consuming F&B unless paid for by a Member.

**5** 1952 was an eventful year with around a 100 Members and guests attending each of the bi-monthly dances, and the bi-monthly Sunday Night Cinema becoming so full that it had to be split over two nights to accommodate all. On the downside, the bi-monthly Stag Nights saw declining numbers and were destined to be phased out. A total of 343 persons attended the Annual Christmas Ball and by the year end we boasted a membership of 235, a gain of some 23% in one year.

The author is currently Honorary Secretary of the Club.



# SPORTS & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore

## Dear Members,

After an eventful few months both in and outside the Club, I am pleased to tell you that more sections have started up again, like Rugby and Football, but first the Juniors:

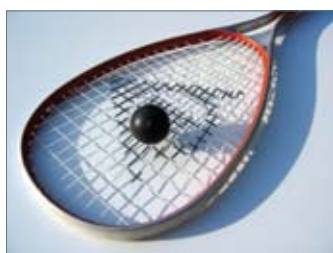


**Netball:** The season has started and the juniors amaze me with what they have remembered from last term. They are showing great catch and pass skills, fantastic team-work and have all made some new friends. Come and watch the juniors on Saturdays at 3pm on the Club's back lawn.



**Swimming Gala:** Sunday 20th at 3pm.

With 40 children currently taking swimming lessons, we will run another swimming gala on Sunday afternoon for all Members; traditionally we start with an adult's noodle race to break the ice, and then move into the children's events. This is a fun gala..... so sit back and enjoy, or jump in and join the fun. Medals for all children. Free. Sign up in the Fitness Centre.



**Squash:** Thanks to Khun Rit and Neil Evans, we had 11 juniors turn up for junior squash coaching on Sunday 9th. It was great to see the kids enjoying themselves and learning new skills.



**Tennis:** Rit again proved skillful at racquet sports and helped Khun Kwan coach the juniors. It was another great turn-out with so many kids enjoying the warm afternoon. It's important for children to learn sports, be active and socialize so keep your eye out for the next junior activities or book a coach at a time that is convenient for you.



**Sports Camp:** 28th June - 2nd July.

Sports camp for ages 5-12yrs, including tennis, swimming, water polo, table tennis, squash, football, cricket and more. Plus on Friday 2nd we will head out of the Club for a fun day, either bowling, swimming or to the cinema, as I believe Shrek 4 will be showing.



# TENNIS

## Match: British Club vs Le Smash Club

The BC played Le Smash Club for the first time on Saturday 15th May. We hope to make this a regular fixture in the tennis calendar, both home and away matches each year. There were a few last minute challenges as some participants were unable to reach the venue, so there was some trading of players chiefly from LSC to the BC, but most were Members of both Clubs anyway.

The two team non-playing captains, Pierre Séquier and James Young, had their hands full keeping players active on all 7 courts.

It was a very close affair with the Men's Singles being edged by the BC after Nut Watanapalin was challenged to an extra game but Khun Tao of LSC, it was decisive with the BC edging the series by 6 to 5.

Le Smash	BC	Result
FRANK	NUTT	4/6
NIELS	PHAIROJ	6/3
CHARLIE	TON	4/6
JEROME	DAVID	2/6
RUNCROJ	PATTANA	4/6
GO	MARK	6/2
DANIEL	STEFAN	6/2
THIBAUD	STEVE	6/2
GAETAN	SCOTT	0/6
TAO	NUTT	1/6
5	6	

The Mens Doubles featured a great fight back from the lower order, a terrific effort so the BC kept their noses in front in the overall standings.

Le Smash	BC	Result
FRANK /NIELS	NUTT/TON	6/3
GEE/GO	DAVID /PHAIROJ	3/6
JEROME/GUSTAVO	STEFAN/MARK	6/1
TAO/RUNCROJ	SCOTT STEFAN	4/6
DANIEL/THIBAUD	ERICH/SCOTT	6/4
CHARLIE/GAETAN	MARK/STEFAN	3/6
JEROME/GUSTAVO	STEVE/PATTANA	6/2
JEREMY/VINCENT	ERICH/STEVE	2/6
PIERRE/JEAN-MARC	PATTANA/MIKE	0/6
TAO/RUNCROJ	NUTT/TON	1/6
4	6	

The Ladies of LSC proved too strong for their BC counterparts. A special word for Wandee, without whom it could have been a rout! The BC are now just the odd game in front, very close!



Le Smash	BC	Result
CAROLINE/SIRADA	GLADES/NISA	6/4
BENJAWAN/NA	MARIA/KIM	6/2
ZOYA/MAM	MINEKO/WANDEE	4/6
NA/OLIVIA	ANNIE/YUBHARET	6/2
MAM/BENJAWAN	NISA/GLADES	7/5
ZOYA/OLIVIA	NU/WANDEE	1/6
4	2	

An epic struggle ensued between Phairoj & Glades against Niels and Sirada who eventually prevailed 10-8 in the tie break. This seemed to turn the tide the way of the home team. However they didn't count on the resilience of the lower order once again, with the BC winning 4 out of the 5 final matches.

Le Smash	BC	Result
FRANK/ CAROLINE	NUTT/NISA	6/4
NIELS/BENJAWAN	PHAIROJ GLADES	7/6
CHARLIE/SIRADA	TON/MARIA	6/4
THIBAUD/NA	SCOTT/NU	0/6
GEE/MAM	DAVID/KIM	6/3
OLIVIA/GAETAN	ERICH/YUBHARET	0/6
JEAN-MARC/NA	MIKE/ANNIE	2/6
VINCENT/ZOYA	PATTANA/WANDEE	0/6
JEAN-MARC/NA	ERICH/YUBHARET	6/2
JEREMY/OLIVIA	STEVE/MINEKO	1/6
5	5	

The overall score for the match was a 19 - 18 win for the BC and the newly purchased trophy was handed to James to sit in the BC trophy cabinet for at least the next 6 months. I'm sure LSC will be very anxious to get it back to Rama III when the return is held in November.

Thanks to all the Members and staff at Le Smash Club for a very, very enjoyable afternoon of tennis. This then led to the sumptuous buffet and seemingly endless stream of margaritas from Pierre and Marc.

A special thanks to Marc, Na and Pierre for setting up and running a great day, with great food, great company and a great turn-out!

We are looking forward to hosting Le Smash Club at the British Club around November where Reed can arrange the cocktails, a hard act to follow!

Best wishes,  
**James Young**



# TENNIS INFO



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## Dear Members

With the last 2 months being busy with The Championships and the next couple months busy with events, the tennis section is:

### Le Smash Club

For the first time ever the BCTS travelled due south to Le Smash Club on Rama 3 for a friendly home and away fixture. See the report on the previous page.

**30th May** - Roland Garros Mix In - French Flair - Pastis and French specials - 4pm to 8pm

**11th June** - World Cup Opening - Mix In - Margaritas and Nachos - South Africa vs Mexico 9pm. Mix in 7pm - 11pm. Be proud and wear your team's colours.

**19th June** - Tennis Extravaganza - Thailand vs The World 4pm till late. Annual Event was washed out last time with Thailand the current holder of the trophy.

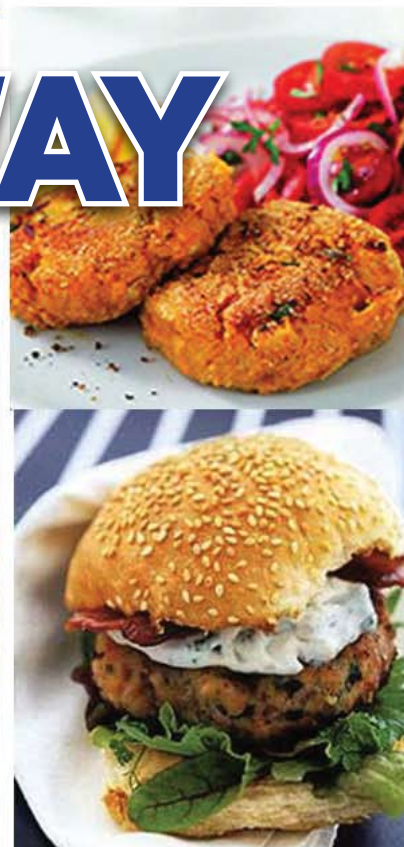
**4th July** - Wimbledon Mix In - All players wear white - Pimm's and other great British specials - 4pm to 8pm And, of course, the major dates:

**23rd May - 6th June** Roland Garros

**21st June - 4th July** Wimbledon



# TAKEAWAY



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# RUGBY

By Reed Passmore



The British Club Bangkok played its first EVER veterans rugby match in February and what a success it was.

Members and absent Members travelled the globe to be a part of history. From Wagga Wagga, Seattle, Hong Kong and Rama 4 they all came prepared for two days of hard, physical, memorable drinking with a little rugby thrown in.

Friday night started at HQ - the British Club's back lawn. So many stories, old jerseys and older players drunk and even more talk about old times.

Saturday a.k.a. Game Day started well for the BC Boys as most players turned up, well, soberish! BC played 3 games on day 1 with mixed results although they pulled off a valiant draw against the favourites "The Southerners". Another big night rolled into another early morning and sore heads and bruised bodies arrived for day 2 of the tournament. The BC team were the best dressed team, thanks largely to Trevor "My Captain, My Captain" Day's fashion sense.

The BC Vets team is looking to run a Vets Tournament in September and needs players - if you've still got it, never had it or want it, contact Reed in the Fitness Centre (as we may do a little training occasionally).

A huge thank you to Bob and Trevor for all their hard work and rallying the masses. Also to all the players that made either the games or the nights ones to remember. Looking forward to the next social or physical rugby event.



# SCUBA

**5th June, DIVE DIVE DIVE**

FREE! Scuba Diving session for those of you who have always wanted to try Scuba Diving but have never had the chance. This is run by Master Instructor Huw Cuckson, who has trained several Members since we started this program, including achievement of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Certificate of Recognition for Excellence, which was awarded in March this year by one of Huw's students at the British Club.



This free try-out is open to all Members aged 10 years and above. We will run this program at the pool on 5th June from 3pm until 5pm. Please try to let Reed know if you are coming so we can make sure we have a place for YOU!

For those of you who already know that you want to learn to dive, we will be starting a course at the British Club the following weekend on the 12th June. Once again, please let Reed know if you are interested, so we can contact you in advance and get you signed up.

# FOOTBALL

**Fancy a little football?**

Every Tuesday night at 7pm the BC players gather on the back lawn for a little 5-A-Side fun.

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# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge, [b\\_madge@hotmail.com](mailto:b_madge@hotmail.com)



## A DJ. A Fraudster. A Lion and some Leopards.

Let's start with the **DJ**: His name is Marvyn Lewis and he was incorrectly described in last month's Squashy Bits as awful. Bob Van Es is responsible for this as it was he who used his iPhone



DJ Marvyn Being Silly.

technology to interfere with, and to corrupt, my Squashy Bits text as it was being transmitted to the publisher. What I had actually written was: artful DJ, playing all the latest and greatest tunes; guaranteed to get any party going. Shame on you, Bob!

clearly the victim here, and that is the real tragedy of this whole sordid and sorry mess. Incidentally, don't you think Bob looks like Boy George now he's shaved his beard off?



Boy George or Bob Van Es?

Let's move on to the **Lion**: squash players and others members regular to the Churchill Bar (not me, as I'm banned for foul language and unruly behaviour!), will recall one member of staff missing over the last few months: That's right, it's Morakot; the cheerful, shall we say, more mature waitress, with the unique, yet rather awkward gait. She's not there anymore, is she? But I think I know what happened to her. You see, the last time I saw her working in the Club, was the very same night that I, and others, encountered a lion in the Churchill bar that had popped in for a drink (once again, see photo). This lion was sitting on a table enjoying a small glass of beer and it allowed me to take a photo while we exchanged some pleasantries. Really, it shouldn't have been sitting on the table, rather a chair, but no-one's going to argue with a fully-grown lion, are they? Anyway, very soon after this, Morakot left the bar with a tray of glasses, and at this point the lion said it had to dash as it had a plane to catch so off it went right behind poor old Morakot. Well, it's clear what transpired, isn't it? This lion ate her, didn't it? It devoured the whole lot and that's why she's not been seen at the Club for months and months, and never will be again because she was eaten by a lion. And you know what the real shame is? This lion wasn't even a BCB member! Tragic.



Bob's Highly Dubious Position.

Right. That's the DJ dealt with, so let's talk about the **Fraudster**. And would you Adam 'n' Eve it, it's Bob again! Very briefly; Bob recently played Rit in a ladder match and won 3-0 meaning he moved up to 8th place just below the likes of Ricky, Ja and H (see photo). Now, everyone knows Bob isn't that good. Oh, he's improved alright, but not much, and Rit, despite having his

'off' days, isn't that bad. So the obvious conclusion one can very clearly draw from this bizarre, unexpected, and highly unlikely result is that it was bought. Yes, that's right, as unpalatable as it may seem, all evidence points to the despicable fact that Bob actually paid Rit to lose so he could climb the ladder. The evidence being: Rit seen counting money in the gym about an hour after his defeat and seen with a new mobile phone a day later; Bob losing all ladder matches since, even to me 10 places below him! Now, we can gloss over this or label it anything we want, but basically it's just plain cheating. Cheating in the game of squash. It's just unheard of. And from a Committee Member, as well. Too vile for words. Shame on you again, Bob. And though it's not for me to decide, Chairwoman Cornbread must be the judge in this; I suggest a lengthy ban and a cash fine donated to those in need, that is to say, me. As for Rit, he's



The Lion That Ate Morakot.



Team	A Pumas		B Tigers		C Cheetahs		D Leopards	
	Games	Matches	Games	Matches	Games	Matches	Games	Matches
<b>A</b>			4	1	5	1	9	3
<b>B</b>	11	3			2	0	9	3
<b>C</b>	9	3	12	4			9	3
<b>D</b>	5	1	4	1	3	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	25	7	20	6	10	2	27	9

Pumas	Tigers	Cheetahs	Leopards
Haroon	Neil Evans	Shiraz	Ruengrit
Marvyn L.	Jonathan L.	Tom Godfrey	Marc Sayer
Bob Van Es	Bruce Madge	Da	Graeme H.
Emil	Varapong	Wayne N	James C-S

At the end of the competition, the team with the highest number of matches will win. Should there be a tie, the highest number of games will decide the winner.

Wed 10th	Feb	Pumas v Cheetahs	Tigers v Leopards
Wed 17th	Feb	Pumas v Tigers	Cheetahs v Leopards
Wed 24th	Feb	Pumas v Leopards	Tigers v Cheetahs

From lion to **Leopards**: the yearly Harold Mercer Team Competition took place a while ago and was deservedly won by the Leopards team of Rit, Graeme Harlow, Marc Sayer and JCS, captained by Fire Escape (see photo, minus Marc, and results). Very well done to them and gratitude to all participants. I won't go into any match details as most squash match reports are just plain dull (just wait until you read Neil's report of the Shrewsbury teacher's match in next month's Bits!), and besides, most of it's been forgotten, anyway. However, Chairlady Cornsyrup deserves abuse, ridicule, a fine, or worse for first, not allowing last year's winning team of Shiraz, J.Lo, Marc and me to defend its title on the grounds that it'd be too strong and thus unfair (it wasn't too strong, and unfair last year, was it?), and for then captaining the Cheetahs to only two victories. Karma. WGACA. And, ultimately, pathetic!



Winning Leopards with Bob.

Until next month.....



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# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn

## Seniors and Juniors Competition, Wangjuntr Golf Park, Rayong - 3rd/4th April.

The publicity leaflet for this course includes quotes from a recent review: "you can enjoy the most beautiful of walks on the planet", and "it's an uncommon golfing experience". Following our two rounds on the Highland course, none would disagree. With our comfy hotel rooms overlooking the Valley course fairways, we really indulged ourselves in this 'back-to-nature' experience.



But enough drooling, what about the golf? In true day-out fashion, each day we set off in great jollification on the shuttle-bus, highlighting the beauty and scale of this incredible course. (1)



The most impressive of many spectacular views, the jaw-dropping 16th is often considered the 'signature' hole. It requires a drive from a high tee-box down to a lateral fairway,



then a 170 yd shot on to an island green. (2) Barry, Pete and Tracy looked a little tense at the drinks stop, before tackling this unique but tough challenge. (3)

That evening we relaxed in a convivial atmosphere for drinks, dinner and the inevitable golfing banter, with The Skinners taking the prize for most unphotogenic couple! (4).

After showers and over a late lunch, Captain Frank began the presentations with the 'Juniors' competition, congratulating Steve in third place and JC in second, but was pleased to hand over the Juniors trophy to Andrew – the 2010 winner.

### Well done Andrew!

For the 'Seniors', Ray Bloom came in third, Barry in second and Captain Frank presented the 'Seniors' trophy to himself!

A great weekend's golf at a fantastic course, destined to be an annual event. Many thanks to Karen for making the arrangements and to Frank for organizing the competition.

## Monthly Stableford Competition, Subhapruek Golf Club, Sunday 18th April 2010

This month's Stableford took us to the delightful but formidable Subhapruek course. It was pleasing to see a fairly large turn out (6 groups), which also included our guests for the day, Art Carlson and Ingar. In addition to the main event, Khun Yurachatr and Jeremy Watson chose to play their match in the knockout competition.

Noticeably absent were our Captain, Vice-Captain and Treasurer, leaving the competition's onerous organisation in Brian's very capable hands.



Most stylish group on the day must surely go to our newly crowned "Junior" champion, Andrew McClean, with Peter Bond and Val. (5) Looking relaxed despite the pressure whilst obviously

subscribing to the old adage that all your best putts or shots should not be wasted in the practice areas, our acting Captain and Peter enjoy a break prior to their round. (6)

In the matchplay competition Khun Yurachatr had a resounding victory over Jeremy to progress comfortably to the next round.







The main event saw a very close finish, with Tracy and Peter B. ending up equal with 35 points. However both were topped by Peter Clark with 36 points, a very good score. Brian, relieved to complete his final chore, presented the tankard to the winner. (7)

#### April Medal, The Royal Course, Lat Krabang - Sunday 25th April 2010

Despite scorching heat and chaos in town, once again an encouraging number of players turned out to compete for the April medal. There were six groups plus our guest, Bob Walker. Our guest last week, Art Carlson, has now become a full playing member of the BC Golfing Society.



Returning to the clubhouse afterwards, it was reassuring to see Captain Frank back in his normal place after a restful and abstemious(?) break. In his usual proficient manner he quickly began working out details and getting the presentation underway. (8)

Minor prizes went to Rose, Tracy, Frank and John C. for nearest pins, and for their double act Tracy and John C. with the longest drives on the day. Both flights were closely contested with Varghese coming out on top in Flight 'B' with a score of 69. Second place went to Rose & Peter B. with scores of 72. John Carter had a fine day, shooting a gross score of 77 (net 69), just enough to edge Tracy out by one shot.



To conclude the afternoon, the winners of Flights 'A' and 'B' were presented with their prizes by the Captain, suggesting that "abstemiousness" had now been avenged!! (9)

#### The Annual Eclectic Competition, Majestic Creek Golf Club - 1st-3rd May 2010

Included in the 23 competitors taking part was ex-Captain Maureen, making a special trip just for the event! Initially most appeared relaxed and enthusiastic, though maybe Roy was already serious in preparation for the big event! (10).



The competition comprises three rounds and prizes are awarded for each day and for the overall result. It took a little time for most to adjust to dry fairways and very slow greens, unlike Bangkok. However, Day 1 scores were decent and the early pace setters were Roy Barrett and Tracy Carter with net scores of 69 and 70 respectively, contended by Peter G. and Barry.



Ray Bloom, who hit form on day 3, didn't quite catch the front runners, though his score of 63 rewarded him as the net score runner-up. Khun Yurachatr came 3rd with an overall 64. Ray and Mike Staples achieved Day 3 best net score and took a well earned rest

(11). Peter Gale and Val Ashman finished just outside the main prizes but won best net scores on Days 1 and 2. Roy and Tracy continued well throughout Days 2 and 3, and rightly finished up as overall winners. Tracy won the best overall gross score (70) and Roy became our new Eclectic champion with a best net score of 58. **Congratulations to the proud winners!** (12).

Big thanks to Frank, John and Brian for organising accurate and timely results of this thoroughly enjoyable competition.



#### Useful contacts:-

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**Contact:** Society Captain Frank Fawkes

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#### For those interested in a mid-week game of golf:

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# BC BALUT

By Mr C



Can anyone stop TC taking the Shield for the second year running?

## BALUT SHIELD UPDATE

Record attendance for both the Tournaments at the end of April and the beginning of May now puts 16 players in the Balut Shield League with 21 other players still able to qualify by the finale, BALUT SHIELD AWARDS NIGHT, on 1st September 2010.

Position	Name	Player	Points	Average
<b>Leader</b>	<b>TC</b>	<b>Phil Alexander</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>106.50</b>
2	Mrs Orange	Mrs. Muntana Merrigan	3,102	103.40
3	Mrs Jammy	Mrs. Caroline Willbourn	3,099	103.30
4	Swampy	Mr. Steve Eaton	3,092	103.07
5	Bowling Ball	Mr. Bob van Es	3,028	100.93
6	Slowpoke	Mr. Tony Rodriguez	3,020	100.67
7	The Chieftan	Mr. Randal Macdonald	3,018	100.60
8	DQ	Mr. David Quine	3,010	100.33
=9	Jammy	Mr. Roger Willbourn	2,984	99.47
=9	The Jackal	Sr. Carlos Romero	2,984	99.47
11	Tom	Mr. Tomjakraphan Merrigan	2,961	98.70
12	Mr C	Mr. Paul Cheesman	2,913	97.10
13	J Lo	Mr. Jonathan Loney	2,900	96.67
14	Mr. IH	Mr. Iain Hackett	2,865	95.50
15	Mac	Mr. Andrew McLean	2,806	93.53
16	Septic	Mr. Arnold Troeger	2,694	89.80

## BCB DET 5 CHALLENGE

Events in early May lead to the postponement to June of part of the BCB Det 5 Challenge Competition. Thus by the time this is published, the revised first leg at the British Club will have been held and all the points carried over to the new second leg at the Det 5 Bar & Restaurant in Sukhumvit Soi 8.



The delayed second leg this June

## Sunday 6th June

Round 2: 2pm to 5pm (Q Det 5 Bar & Restaurant)

There will be two teams on each side, spot prizes for each round, prizes for Highest Single and Highest Aggregate, and a light buffet provided by the home side.

## INTERPORT UPDATE

The Full Interport website has now been launched and can be found using the link from <http://www.teambalut.com> - the home of STC Balut.

The website has full details of the Interport competition, the Golf Day, and accommodation and tours for overseas players. Bangkok should be in post-Election fever by then so we are hoping that renewed peace will attract more players from the 12 or so overseas Clubs that took part last time.



Who will play in this year's Interport we wonder?

Full details of Balut can be found at  
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# MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

In June we continue with our four favourite detectives...Barnaby, Poirot, Marple and Morse ....

**JUNE** 7pm in the Wordsworth Lounge. Full F&B Menu available.

## 7th Written in Blood

Midsomer Worthy Writer's Circle is a group of dull, would-be-writers until the Chairman is found naked and dead in his home; is this a good plot for a best-seller or does the story drag on too long with too many murders for even Midsomer?

John Nettles is DCI Barnaby with guest stars Joanna David, David Troughton and Una Stubbs.

## 14th At Bertram's Hotel

A Judge who robs a bank, a Priest who robs a train ... what sort of guests does Bertram's Hotel have these days! Perhaps it is really a den of vice but that would be silly, after all this is Bertram's.

Joan Hickson stars as Miss Marple with guest stars Caroline Blakiston, James Cossins and George Baker.

## 21st After the Funeral

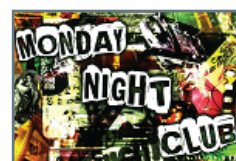
As the family gather, the whispers abound that the patriarch was murdered but then the accuser gets murdered and fear takes over. How many more will die before the truth will out, and will Poirot find out which cover-up is really the motive?

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Anthony Valentine, Anna Calder-Marshall and William Russell.

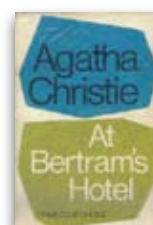
## 28th The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn

In the second Morse story, delayed from April, he is confronted by a crossword puzzle, a cinema ticket and a fire alarm – but are they all red herrings and does Morse's first rule of detection actually apply?

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Michael Gould, Clive Swift and Roger Lloyd-Pack.



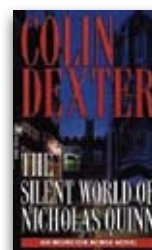
*No Clues on this dead body, in fact no clothes either!*



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*Cover the truth  
and die!*



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# ET ALIA...

By Dickie Whitworth

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The April issue of Outpost carried the sad news that the folks at Sudoku Labs had run for their lives, and many heaved a sigh of relief. Sudoku becomes an obsession, and without variety, can end up being a matter of going through the motions (which is when I solve them the quickest).

So the May issue of Outpost was devoid of sudoku diversion, and the addicted Members' clamorous feedback was intense. Luckily, a mysterious email brought respite in time for this issue.

Here is some variety for you - the 16x16 sudoku below uses the numbers 1 to 9 and the letters A to G. And the 3x2 sudoku above is for those keen to emulate the experts, but have yet to initiate their deductive logic. Go on and enjoy!

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QUIZ NIGHT'S BAIN STRAIN ANSWERS!

1. The spirit of ecstasy; 2. Farrah Fawcett;  
3. Mouse; 4. The Confederate Army;  
5. Venice; 6. The Sahara



Arthur takes the underground train to work and uses an escalator at the railway station. If Arthur runs up 8 steps of the escalator, then it takes him 42.5 seconds to reach the top of the escalator. If he runs up 15 steps of the escalator, then it takes him only 25.0 seconds to reach the top.

How many seconds would it take Arthur to reach the top if he did not run up any steps of the escalator at all?

## THE UNION JACK

The Union Flag originated in 1606 when King James I of England, who was also King James VI Scotland, decreed that a new flag be produced to represent the Union of the two kingdoms even though each kingdom remained an independent state. The flags of St. George (England) and St. Andrew (Scotland) were therefore merged. Wales had no recognition in the Union Flag as it had been annexed by in 1282 and was therefore legally part of the Kingdom of England.



Later in 1801, the flag of St. Patrick (Ireland) was added, after the Kingdom of Ireland merged with what had become the Kingdom of Great Britain, resulting in the current design.



The 'Jack' is likely to have been named after King James I, (Latin for James was Jacobus), or perhaps referring to the flag which flies from the bowsprit of a ship, known as a jack, which often denotes nationality.

Still used as a part of many Commonwealth countries' official flags, it is one of the most recognised emblems in the world and not being symmetrical, is often seen being flown or printed incorrectly.

In the 1960s, a brilliant economic stimulus package for retailers and manufacturers, known as the "I'm Backing Britain" campaign, saw the flag often used on many commercial products. Nowadays, the flag is also a eye-catching fashion item, snapped here in a trendy Bangkok mall



# QUIZ NIGHT

By Fingall O'Flahertie



Never quiz on an empty stomach.



Nice shorts, shame about the score.



Chairman Rodney brings the pain.



Come on, at least pretend to be enjoying yourself!



You pretend to faint, I'll nick the answer sheet.



Legion of the smug.

There had been concerns that May's Tetley Smooth Flow Quiz Night might not take place, thanks to a little political unpleasantness going on down the road around Sala Daeng. Fortunately, a brief interlude of chromatic harmony occurred, and five teams picked their way through the razor wire to Soi 18.

But rather than emulate the sweet reason exhibited by our colour-coded chums, they were in a viciously competitive mood; by the end of Round One, three teams (Jim's Junkies, Jokers Wild and Under Par) were in a tie for first place. Chairman Rodney Bain had thrown together his usual smorgasbord of the easy-peasy (what's the highest mountain in Scotland?) and the perversely obscure (what rank did Elvis Presley attain in the US army?).

Round Two was equally challenging, with a devilish trick question on the Marx brothers, and teasers on the Bible, cakes, Thunderbirds and, painfully for some, relegation from the Premiership. After this, the Junkies narrowly pulled ahead, while Another Team began to suffer the sort of reverses with which Hull, Burnley and Portsmouth might sympathise.

Round Three saw contenders having to sift through memories of school chemistry, the American Civil War and Welsh rugby in the 1970s, not to mention suffering exposure to a particularly egregious example of Rodney's Aussie rock collection. The closing selection encompassed Roman history, British jazz and American dirty



books, with a bit of snooker thrown in for fun. Jim's Junkies just held off the opposition, but it was another very close run thing.

The only real downside was that quizzing mainstays the Crown Southerners were absent, with two key members having decamped to New Zealand. Which leaves something of a gap; might you be able to fill it? Get some friends together, think up a daft (but clean) name, and book a table for the next event, on ??? June. While you're at it, maybe we should invite the Reds and the Yellows, who could settle their differences in intellectual combat. Here's hoping...

## Bain Teasers:

1. What is the name of the mascot on the bonnet of a Rolls Royce?
2. Who did Cheryl Ladd replace in Charlie's Angels?
3. Which common animal is properly known as *Mus musculus*?
4. Who wore a uniform of butter nut grey?
5. Where was Casanova from?
6. What is the world's largest desert?



# THE MONTH THAT WAS!

By Dickie Whitworth

## 1946

TV licences were issued for the first time in the UK for only £2!



## 1675

On 21st June, construction work began in London on St. Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren



## 1940

On 14 June during World War II, Paris surrendered and was occupied by the Germans.



## 1986

On 29 June, Diego Maradona kissed the trophy after Argentina beat West Germany 3-2 in the final of the FIFA World Cup.



## 1953



On Tuesday 2nd June, at Westminster Abbey in London, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was crowned Queen.



## 1947

On June 3, Viceoy Lord Mountbatten announced plans for partition of the British Indian Empire into the nations of India and Pakistan



## 1894

On 30 June, HRH The Prince of Wales officially opened Tower Bridge, crossing the Thames next to the Tower of London.



## 1944

The D-Day invasion of Normandy began on 6 June with over 1 million Allied Troops.



## 1215

At Runnymede on 15 June, King John signed the Magna Carta, limiting the power of the monarch and providing the basis for our current constitutional law.



# KHUN LAAK'S ON THE MENU



## Duck, Pomegranate, Cranberry and Almond Salad

Serves 4:

- 1 Gressingham duck
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 level tablespoon ground cinnamon
- A sprig of fresh rosemary
- 1 tangerine or 1 small orange, halved
- 2 large pomegranates
- 6 small preserved lemons
- A large bunch of fresh flat leaf parsley
- A large bunch of fresh mint
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 50g/1.75oz shelled pistachios, chopped
- A handful of dried sour cherries or cranberries
- 2 large handfuls of lamb's lettuce, washed and dried



### Method:

Preheat your oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Wash the duck and wipe it dry, inside and out, with kitchen paper. Mix a teaspoon of salt and a teaspoon of pepper with the cinnamon and season the duck with it, both on the inside and outside. Stuff the duck with the rosemary and the tangerine or orange halves – they will hold everything inside. Place the duck on a roasting tray, breast-side down, and roast in the preheated oven for an hour.

Take the tray out of the oven and spoon all the fat out of the roasting tray. (Don't forget to save it for your roast potatoes!) Turn the duck breast-side up and roast for another hour. Turn the oven up to 200C/400F/Gas 6 for the last 15 minutes if the skin needs some extra crispening up.

Near the end of the cooking time for the duck, halve the pomegranates. Scoop the insides out of the preserved lemons and reserve. Chop the lemon skins roughly. Pick the parsley and mint leaves.

Remove the duck from the oven and leave it to cool down a little. When it's cool enough to handle, take the tangerine halves out with a spoon and set aside. Rest the duck on a clean serving dish while you prepare the rest of the salad.

Hold a halved pomegranate, cut side down, over a bowl in the palm of your hand. Smack the skin side with a wooden spoon. The seeds should tumble out from the fruit and fall

between your fingers into the bowl below. Do the same with the other 3 halves. Once you have all the pomegranate seeds, put two-thirds to one side and pulse the rest in a food processor with the juice from the tangerine halves and the insides of the preserved lemons. Pour through a sieve and mix in an equal amount of olive oil to make a dressing. Season it lightly with salt and pepper, and put to one side.

In a large mixing bowl, combine most of the parsley and mint leaves with the toasted almonds, the pistachios, the sour cherries, the skins of the preserved lemons, the whole pomegranate seeds and the lamb's lettuce. Toss in some of the dressing. Pull the duck meat off the bone, including the crispy skin (you can wear a pair of clean rubber gloves to do this if it's still a bit hot, and tear it up into chunks. Arrange the warm duck on a large serving plate, top with the dressed salad and the rest of the parsley and mint leaves, and drizzle with a little more dressing before serving.



## Chickpea and Chorizo Soup

Serves 4:

- Olive oil
- 150g/5½ oz Chorizo sausage, finely chopped
- 1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 clove of garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 sticks of celery, finely chopped
- 500g/1lb 2oz fresh spinach, washed and chopped
- 8 fresh tomatoes, deseeded and roughly chopped

### Method:

Put a couple of tablespoons of olive oil into a large pot and add the chorizo. Allow to heat up and cook for a couple of minutes until the fat comes out of the chorizo, then add your onion, garlic and celery. Turn the heat down and cook slowly for 15 minutes with a lid on and without colouring the



onions. Now take off the lid – the smell and colour will be fantastic. Stir it around and get some colour happening now. Add your spinach, tomatoes, chickpeas and chicken stock. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat and simmer for around 40 minutes.

At this point you can remove about a third of the mixture and purée it in a food processor. Pour it back into the pot, give it a good stir and season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove from the heat and stir in the pata negra or ham and 2 or 3 tablespoons of good Spanish extra virgin olive oil. Divide into bowls and grate some hard-boiled egg on top.

### Grilled Sea bass with sautéed Vegetables and Serrano Ham

Serves 4:



- 3¼ lb – 4½ lb/1½ - 2kg gurnard
- 4½ lb/2kg vegetables in season, such as artichokes, green beans, turnips, green asparagus, carrots, leeks, celery, • tomatoes
- 8 Slices of fatty Serrano ham
- 1 leek
- 1 clove garlic
- 4 bay leaves
- A few leaves flat-leaf parsley
- Olive Oil
- 1.67 cup/400 ml brown veal stock
- salt and freshly ground pepper

#### Method:

Clean and trim the vegetables, peeling them where necessary. Cook each type separately until al dente. Allow to cool.

Fillet the fish and cut into four 5½ oz/160g pieces. Place 1 bay leaf between the skin and flesh of each piece. Bake the seasoned fish with the olive oil and 1 clove garlic for 10 minutes.

Cut half of the ham into fairly thin strips and sauté with the vegetables in a little butter. Add the veal stock and parsley and simmer, covered, for 2 minutes. Deep-fry the julienned leek.

In a skillet, sauté the remaining 4 slices of ham. Place a nest of vegetables on each plate, top with the fish and finish off with the fried leek and the ham. Drizzle with a little olive oil and serve.

### Strawberry Protein Shake

#### Ingredients:

- 4 pcs strawberries
- 2 oz strawberry juice
- 60 g vanilla protein powder
- 4 oz fresh milk
- 1½ tbsp honey
- ¼ scoop cracked ice

#### Method:

Blend all ingredients together and pour into a glass.



### Raspberry Sunset

#### Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp raspberries
- 1 oz fresh lime juice
- 3 oz fresh orange juice
- 1½ oz syrup
- ¾ scoop cracked ice

#### Method:

Blend all ingredients together and pour into a glass.



### BC Kir Royal Wimbledon Special

#### Ingredients:

- ¼ oz Crème de Cassis
- 6 oz Sparkling Wine
- Half piece of sliced fresh strawberry

#### Method:

Pour the sparkling wine over crème de cassis in a tulip champagne glass and top with sliced fresh strawberry.



### Strawberry Sangria

#### Ingredients:

- 4 oz red wine
- ½ oz Brandy
- 1 oz orange juice
- ½ oz strawberry juice
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- sliced oranges and diced strawberries

#### Method:

Stir ingredients and served in a wine glass.



# SUSIE'S Kids Korner



## Make a Swarm of Tumblebugs

*Set these little critters on an incline and watch them cartwheel as they make a bee-line to the bottom. The secret to their antics is a marble rolling around inside.*

### Materials

- Scissors
- 2 one baht coins
- Toothpick
- Black marker
- Glue stick
- Card stock
- Tacky glue
- Marble (1 for each bug)
- Coloured tissue paper

### Instructions

1. For each bug, cut a 5½ inch by ¾ inch strip of card stock and two 1¾ inch by ⅞ inch card stock ovals.
2. To make an oval, lay the 2 coins side by side on the card stock and trace around them, connecting the top and bottom.
3. Glue the strip into a loop, overlapping the ends by an inch. Pinch it or use a paper clip to hold it together while the glue dries. Next, use a toothpick to line one edge of the loop with glue, then set the loop on top of an oval.
4. When the glue dries, place a marble inside. Line the edge of the loop with glue and press the other oval on top.
5. Once all the glue is dry, use a marker to add a face and other features. Cut out a couple of 2 inch long wings from tissue paper and use the glue stick to attach them to the top of your bug.



## BACK TO SCHOOL JOKES FOR KIDS

### Bathroom Procedures

On the first day of school, the Kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

### Little Johnny's Science Lesson

Miss Jones had been giving her second-grade students a science lesson. She had explained about magnets and showed how they would pick up nails and other bits of iron.

Now it was question time, and she asked, "My name begins with the letter 'M' and I pick up things. What am I?"

Little Johnny in the front row proudly said, "You're a mother!"

### Proverbs As Told By Children

A first grade teacher collected old, well known proverbs. She gave each kid in her class the first half of a proverb, and had them come up with the rest:

As you shall make your bed so shall you... mess it up.

Better to be safe than... punch a 5th grader.

Strike while the... bug is close.

It's always darkest before... daylight savings time.

Never underestimate the power of... termites.

You can lead a horse to water but... how?

Don't bite the hand that... looks dirty.

No news is... impossible.

A miss is as good as a... Mr.

You can't teach an old dog new... maths.

If you lie down with the dogs, you'll... stink in the morning.

Love all, trust... me.

The pen is mightier than the... pigs.

An idle mind is... the best way to relax.

Where there's smoke, there's... pollution.

Happy the bride who... gets all the presents!

A penny saved is... not much.

Two's company, three's... the Musketeers.

Don't put off tomorrow what... you put on to go to bed.

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and... you have to blow your nose.

Children should be seen and not... spanked or grounded.

If at first you don't succeed... get new batteries.

You get out of something that you... see pictured on the box.

When the blind leadeth the blind... get out of the way.



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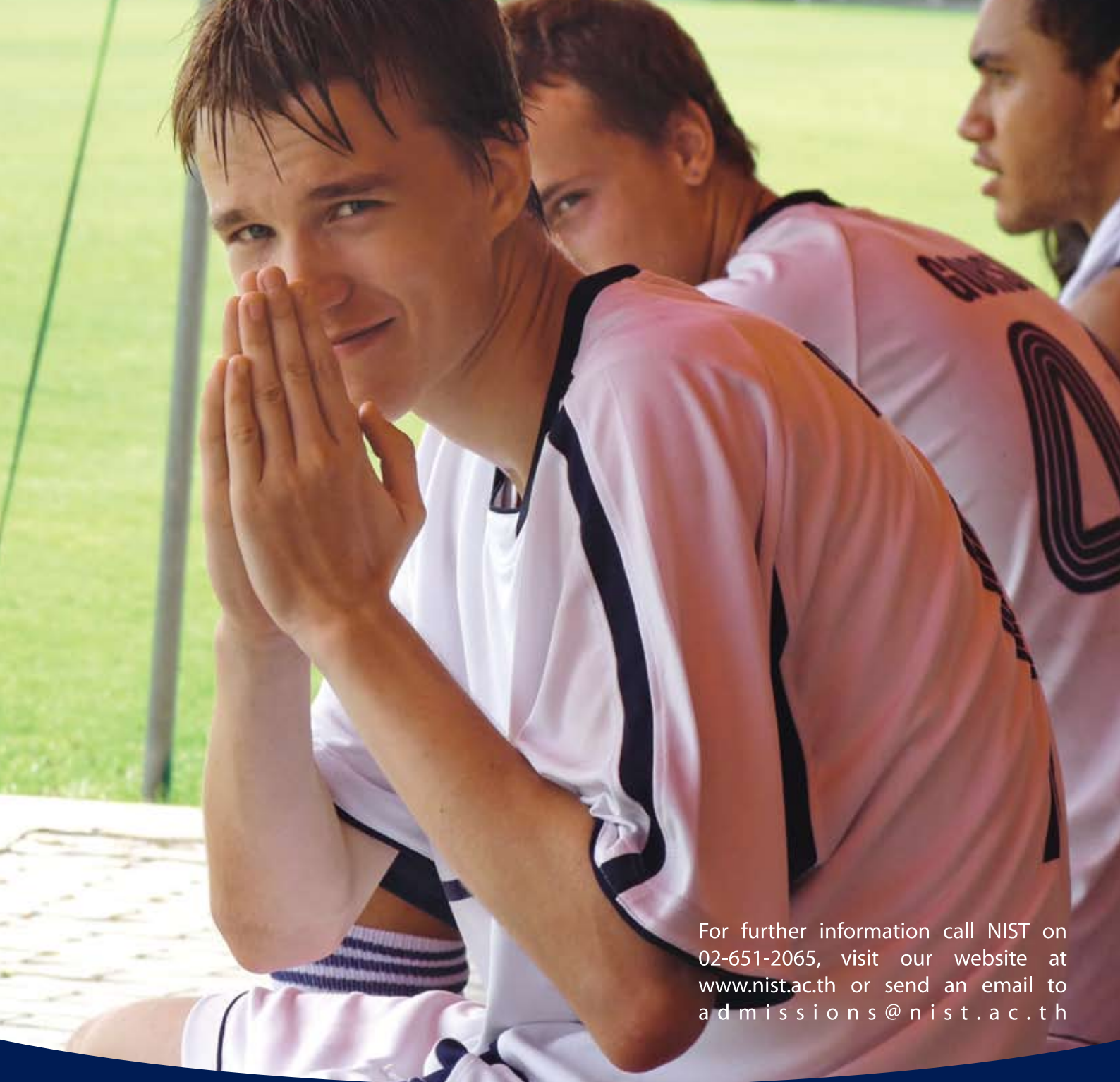
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