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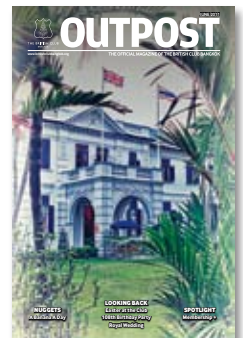
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MESSAGE FROM THE GM



Dear Members,

It is very rewarding to be able to say that the tennis courts, all four of them, were completed ahead of deadline and, touch wood, this time they finally seem to have been done correctly. Likewise, squash courts 1 and 2 finished on time and squash court 3 was delayed by a few days, although this was due to the significant amount of plastering repair. In fact, squash court 3 had the same area to repair as court 1 and 2 put together! So far we have only received positive feedback from this work which is satisfying for all involved. The repair of the squash and tennis courts will hopefully define a period of several years without closure for these courts. The first 10 days of May already show Members starting to come back and patronise the Salas, so we hope this very positive trend will continue as the period without all four courts was so long that many Members may have yet to return to play at the Club again. The new Tennis Committee and Reed have already planned the next 12 months of tournaments, extravaganzas and mix-ins. I am certain that this will result in more activity and fun in the Tennis Section, which in turn means that the future for the Sala looks really bright despite the need to close it briefly at a later date to repair the roof.

During May we have been actively selling functions to both Members and external customers, which at the time of writing represents sales greater than 500,000 baht for May. Although this figure includes many repeat customers, the really positive aspect is that we are starting to get more weddings and other major Member events. The Club has always provided outside catering for Members and of course we want to develop this part of our Member services further, so we hope that next time you are planning a function or event, you will allow us show our abilities, as we know the Club is very competitive on price and quality.

This month we will be relaunching our website. The website design will follow the new design used in our brochure and advertising materials, and should blend in with other social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Of course we want to make the Club more visible in Bangkok both for Members and potential Members. This can be achieved by removing the high level of password protection on the site so that non-Members will be able to see the Calendar, events and magazine online, with only events, functions and courts booking remaining password protected. So in addition to being a facelift for the website, we hope it will be much easier for Members and potential Members to use.

We have also spent time on resolving the Club's email problems. The main problem was that we could only send emails to the named Club Member and not to the spouse, which means that spouses cannot be provided with pertinent information about Club services and activities. Furthermore, whenever more than 1,000 emails are issued, many recipient servers will block the mail perceiving it to be spam. We think we have a solution, so if you are still not receiving Club emails, then either we have an outdated or incorrectly registered address for you, in which case please send an explanatory email to info@britishclubbangkok.org and we will correct it for future mailings.

Coming up on 11 June, we have an Open Day for non-Members to visit and experience the Club. There will be lots of activities for children, squash and tennis mix-ins for adults, and the day will conclude with live music from 5:30 pm. The Open Day is primarily targeted towards all the embassy personnel located around Sathorn and Wireless Road, but as always we encourage Members to bring down their friends and colleagues to relax and enjoy the Club. To make it easy for everyone, non-Members can purchase coupons for their own food and drinks.

Finally I would like to remind you once again of our Facebook page; we now have 175 followers, and Facebook is an excellent way to see what is happening in the Club, as well as a larger selection of photos from events than we have space to display in Outpost. When used together, Outpost, the website, Facebook and Twitter offer an excellent way of knowing just about everything happening at the Club, your oasis in downtown Bangkok.

Jesper Doepping
General Manager

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HOUSE & GROUNDS

The monthly report on maintenance and development



The repair of the defects on Centre Court and Court 1 went according to plan and we now have all 4 tennis courts back in service. We were extremely fortunate to have no wet weather while the work was being carried out, especially as it poured with rain as soon as everything had been completed. I am told that some Members assumed that the Club was spending "even more money" on the Tennis Courts. I must emphasise that this was not the case as the repair of defects was covered by the contractor's obligations under the contract. They have made every effort to bring the courts up to the required standard at their own expense. We now have some work to carry out on the fencing in certain places where it is looking rather frayed. This work will have to be paid for.

I should explain to those not involved in the construction industry that most sensible contracts (from the Owner's point of view) include a defects liability period in which the contractor is obliged to repair any defects discovered, either at the end of the contract period, or in this period that immediately follows completion of the Contract Works. In addition, where special products or materials have been used, the contractor is often required to provide a warranty. In our case, we have a 12 month Defects Liability Period to cover all materials and workmanship, and a 5 year Warranty to cover the Greenset Acrylic Surfacing System. If problems arise in the future, please inform Reed or myself in order that we can investigate and, if necessary, arrange for the contractor, Yang Ma, to visit site to attend to the problem.

The refurbishment of the squash courts was completed on 5th May. There was an extensive amount of plaster replacement on all 3 courts, the worst being Court 3 where there was a total of just over 13 square metres of debonded plaster. If squash players think that there are still some hollow areas or spots where the ball is not bouncing off the wall properly, please ask Reed to photograph the wall and mark the position on a print. I will ask the contractor, CMI, to investigate under the terms of the 3 year Warranty.

Tenders have been received from only two of the three contractors invited to submit prices for the repair of the Suriwongse Sala roof. I myself and the consultant, Boulter Stewart, chose the tender list very carefully and we are now left in a dilemma with only two bids to consider that differ significantly from each other.

The Clubhouse exterior is now overdue for its five year repainting. We received an acceptable tender from CMI for the work and this was recommended to the General Committee at their March meeting. They decided that they would make a decision after the work on the squash courts had been completed. A decision may therefore be made this month. Unfortunately, we are now well into the rainy season.

Our Maintenance Engineer left us in April and we are now doing our best to cope with a heavy workload for the three remaining staff, who divide their time between setting up and attending on functions, and responding to repair and maintenance requirements. We are currently looking for a suitable replacement to manage and work with the small team that currently comprises an electrician, a painter and a carpenter.

We recognize that certain of our facilities are now at the stage where refurbishment is required. For example, the kitchens, the children's playground and the swimming pools. However, in the prevailing financial climate we are still not in a position to attend to these or various other pressing demands, but merely keep our Club in a state of functional repair; something we will do our best to achieve while we look forward to some better times in the future. All for now

John Boisclair
Development & Facility Manager



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CANADA DAY

La Fête du Canada

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British Club - Club Britannique
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Doors open / Ouverture des portes 15.00
Children's games / Jeux pour enfants 16.00
Adult games / Jeux pour adultes 16.30
Greetings / Salutations 18.00
Dinner / Diner 18.30

Ticket Prices / Prix des Billets

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Silver Level



Bronze Level



SIMON SAYS...



As we approach the midpoint of the year, I am not sure where the time has gone! The summer holidays, for many of us, are fast approaching.

Looking back over the last month, we have had some fun events including another New Member's night, an important night for any new Member of the Club as it gives them a chance to meet members of their GC, Section heads, and their fellow new Members. We also had a football fiesta on a Saturday with a well-attended trip to watch a local Thai Premier League game, followed by a buffet at the Club and a big screen showing of this year's English Premiere League final. Talking of sporting finals, it was the month for them as we also had the IPL 20:20 final and the Champions League final on the same day with special promotions for both.

We also had our second comedy night with American comedian Tom Rhodes giving us a night of hilarity. Our Scandinavian gourmet dinner was a culinary treat with a menu devised by our very own resident Scandinavian GM. On top of all of this, we had our regular movie nights, dance classes, quiz, wine-tasting and our newly formed Chess Club meeting on a Tuesday night.

The month ahead holds lots more fun events for the Club. We start with some Gallic-themed fun to celebrate the final of the French Open Tennis. Over the month we will hold Open Days for both teachers and embassy staff, to promote awareness of the Club further and to hopefully gain some more Members. We will be holding a special lunch on 19th June to celebrate the British Father's Day. All fathers partaking in the buffet will receive a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

We will be holding our regular quiz night, which is always a great mix of conundrums and fun, on the second Tuesday of the month. Legendary Bangkok quizmaster Steve Booth will be officiating again with great prizes for the winners. Our next Gourmet Dinner will have a French theme, with Khun Laak working her magic once again and great wines being paired with each dish to give us a perfect partnership for each course. We will also be holding a day of fun for all the family to celebrate the Summer Solstice in the UK or Midsummer's Day as some may know it.

Hope to see you all at the Club over this month.

Simon Causton

Events & Sales Manager

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or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 baht

Roast Chicken Breast and Bacon Rolls Served with Ratatouille and Roasted Potatoes

or
Fish and Chips (breadcrumbs or battered) with Mixed Salad and Tartare Sauce

or
Braised Beef with Red Wine Served with Peas, Carrots and Mashed Potatoes

or
Tom Kha Gai (Chicken in Tangy Coconut Milk Soup with Lemon Grass and Lime Leaves)

Pla Sam Rod
(Deep-fried Fish topped with Sweet and Sour Spicy Chilli Sauce)

Phad Pak Ruam Namman Hoy
(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day - 50 baht

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6th - 10th June 2011

Starters - 50 baht

Oriental Chicken and Papaya Salad with Soya Sauce, Lemon Grass and Ginger Dressing
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 baht

Steak and Kidney Pie Served with Mixed Vegetables and Chips

or
Pan-fried Dory Fish with Spicy Herbs Served with Grilled Tomatoes, Zucchini and Asparagus

or
Mixed Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes

or
Gaeng Jued Sarai Tao Hoo Moo Sub
(Clear Soup with Chinese Lettuce, Seaweed, Tofu and Minced Pork)

Chu Chee Pla (Fish Fillet in Red Curry Sauce)

Phad Woon Sen Sai Khai (Stir-fried Vermicelli with Egg)

Dessert of the Day - 50 baht

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13th - 17th June 2011

Starters - 50baht

Chicken, Mango, Avocado and Beetroot Salad
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130baht

Beef Goulash Served with Pilaf Raisins Rice

or
Banger, Bacon and Mashed Potato with Gravy and Fried Onion

or
Turkey and Ham Pie Served with Home Fried Potatoes, Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese

or
Tom Kha Gai
(Chicken in Coconut Milk and Tangy Soup with Lemongrass and Lime Leaves)

Pla Sam Rot (Deep-fried Fish Topped with Sweet and Sour Sauce)

Phad Woon Sen Sai Kai (Stir-fried Glass Noodles with Egg)

Dessert of the Day- 50baht

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20th - 24th June 2011

Starters - 50baht

Roast Vegetable and Pasta Salad
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130baht

Mince Beef and Onion Pie Served with Sautéed Cabbage, Bacon and Croquette Potatoes

or
Pan-Fried Dory Fish Mornay Sauce Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

or
Chicken Korma Served with Yellow Rice and Naan Bread

or
Gaeng Som Pak Ruam Goong Sod
(Prawn with Vegetable in Spicy and Tangy Herbs Soup)

Kai Jiew Moo Sab (Thai Omelette with Minced Pork)

Panaeng Gai (Stir Fried Chicken in Red Curry Sauce)

Dessert of the Day- 50baht

or
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F&B MORSELS



Dear Members,

May has just ended and we are stepping into the Wimbledon/European summer period. During this time, we of course will have a promotion for strawberries, strawberry cakes, drinks and other food that contains strawberries. Especially cakes and pastries! We believe we can positively surprise Members with new ideas from our Baker Khun Boi.

Many have asked and some have claimed that the cake for the Royal Wedding was so good that it must have been made outside the Club. However, both the Club's birthday cake and the wedding cake were made in-house and we are very flattered that so many people liked them. We'd be more than happy to make large or small birthday, wedding or any other cakes for Members' celebrations. Just order for your outside event and we will make sure that you receive the cake for your celebration.

In the Club, all the bread is made internally. We do this because it is cheaper and because we want to always be able to serve fresh bread with food. However, in the coming month, we will be looking at how we can improve our bread significantly by having real crisp bread, and baguettes like you can get at many other places. Our challenge here is that we do not have a real bread-oven. The kind of ovens we have are good for cakes but they are not good for bread. For an oven to be good for bread, it needs to be able to provide steam, as without the steam the bread will not get a proper crust. We have found a few places around Bangkok where oven prices are coming down to be more affordable, so we can start considering changing some of our 10-year-old ovens. So I really hope that in the not too distant future our new baker will be turning out some real crisp bread!

Khun Laak
Executive Chef



Modern European DINING

1st - 15th June 2011

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day 75

Crab Meat and Pomelo Salad with Thousand Island Dressing 185

Main Courses

Grilled Snow Fish with Stir-fried Vegetables 490

T-Bone Steak Served with Grilled Tomatoes, Button Mushroom and Home Fried Potatoes 490

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sausage Meat and Cheese Bacon Roll Served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes 220

Dessert

Dessert of the Day 95

16th - 30th June 2011

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day 75

Garden Salad of Mixed Leaves with Pan-Fried Shrimp in Balsamic Dressing 165

New Zealand Mussels in Spicy Tomato Sauce Served with Garlic Bread 220

Main Courses

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sun Dried Tomatoes and Feta Cheese with Crispy Polenta and Pesto 275

Roast Pink Salmon with Organic Pumpkin Mashed Asparagus, Zucchini, Carrots, Dill and Pernod Sauce 295

Australian Tenderloin of Beef with Risotto Ball Served with Roasted Vegetable Red Wine Jus 590

Dessert

Lemon Layer Cake with Custard 95



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For more details please contact Simon Causton at the Club

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8th June 2011
22nd June 2011

Ballroom

29th June 2011
15th June 2011

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7pm start for a 90 min lesson

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EASTER AT THE CLUB

Easter was a magical, fun 'egg-stravaganza' at the Club.

The day started off with our traditional Easter Egg hunt with over 50 children attending and winning some lovely chocolate prizes which took all their restraint to save till after their lunch. We were full to the rafters for our buffet lunch with a great range of food and drink, so the traditional British festivities were well enjoyed.

Susie entertained the children with egg painting and lots more crafts, and we had the pleasure of welcoming 'White Flower' Magician who captivated many of the children (and lots of the staff) with his show!





Movie-night

June 2011



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June 2nd - Four Weddings and a Funeral

Now classic British comedy starring Hugh Grant and Andie McDowell. Follows the journey of 4 friend ... the rest is in the title!



June 9th- Gavin and Stacey

Continue our showing of this BBC Bafta Award Winning Comedy series.



June 16th- Love Actually

This British Romantic comedy follows the lives of eight very different couples dealing with their love lives. This story all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London.



June 23rd - Fawlty Towers

Come and catch episodes 5&6 of this classic British comedy series set in a holiday resort hotel on 'England's Riviera' Torquay.



ROYAL WEDDING



To mark the occasion of the wedding between HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton, the Club put on a fantastic afternoon of activities, with food, drink and of course live coverage of the big event itself.

With over 200 people attending throughout all our different outlets, it was clear that the nuptials of the now Duke and Duchess of Cambridge had stirred up some patriotism amongst our British Members, and some interest amongst the others.

We served a traditional British buffet with drinks' promotions, had a fun sweepstake and quizzes with prizes for the best-dressed guests.

After the royal knot had been tied we served complimentary cake and champagne to all those at the Club.





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**Saturday
June 25th 2011**

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and a free glass of bubbly.
Refreshments served on bus.

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HAPPY 108TH!

On the 23rd April, the Club marked its 108th birthday. To celebrate this and the fact that it coincides with St George's Day, we held a garden fair, with a range of games and stalls run by the Club Sections, Loyal Societies and Members.

Despite having to round off the day rather early due to unexpected weather conditions, a good time was had by all who managed to get here before the heavens opened. No birthday party can be considered authentic without a cake, and ours was something special as you can see from the photos!

Here's to the Club having many more birthdays.







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Harry Potter

PART 2

2011

3D



Date: 14th July 2011

Place: SF Cinema At Central World

Ticket Cost: 600 THB/ Ticket

**Includes 3D Cinema, Soft Drink, Popcorn,
Mini Cake & Mini Pizza**

Meet and Greet at 6 pm

Movie Starts at 7 pm

Please book now with Simon or Anne

BC CALENDAR - JUNE 2011

MONDAY

30

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



6

Squash Championships



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
Destroying Angel
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm

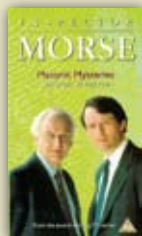


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Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
Masonic Mysteries
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm

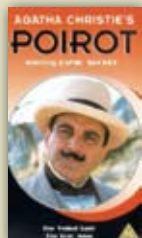


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Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
*The Veiled Lady/
The Lost Mine*
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



27

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
Life Born Of Fire
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



TUESDAY

31

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



7

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



Chess Club
7pm



Scottish Dancing
7pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



14

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



Chess Club
7pm



Quiz Night
7:30pm

**BAR
QUIZ**

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



21

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



Chess Club
7pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



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Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



Chess Club
7pm



WEDNESDAY

1

**Midweekers
Golf Group**



8 am

Sports Camp
9:30 am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Ballroom Dancing
7pm



BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge, 7:05pm



**Midweekers
Golf Group**



8 am

8

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Salsa Dancing
7pm



**Midweekers
Golf Group**



8 am

15

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Ballroom Dancing
7pm



BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7:05pm



**Midweekers
Golf Group**



8 am

22

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Salsa Dancing
7pm



**Midweekers
Golf Group**



8 am

29

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Salsa Dancing
7pm



THU

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Sports Camp
9:30 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Thursday Night Mov
Four Weddings & A Fun

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Thursday Night Mov
Gavin & Stacey, 7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Thursday Night Mov
Love Actually, 7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Thursday Night Mov
Fawlty Towers, 7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Thursday Night Mov
Surprise!!!, 7pm

WEDNESDAY

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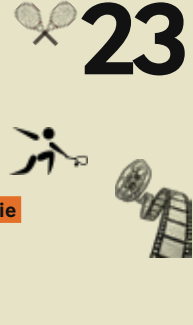
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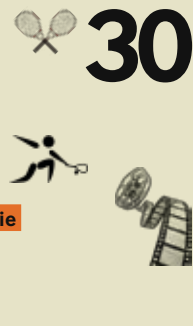
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FRIDAY

3

Junior Swimming 
3pm-5pm

Junior Tennis 

Sports Camp 
9:30 am

Children's Cinema
6pm

Tennis Mix-In 
7pm-10pm

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Junior Swimming 
3pm-5pm


Junior Tennis 


Children's Cinema
6pm

Tennis Mix-In 
7pm-10pm

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Junior Swimming 
3pm-5pm

Junior Tennis 

Squash Championships Semi-Final 

Children's Cinema
6pm

Teachers Night
7pm

Tennis Mix-In 
7pm-10pm

24

Junior Swimming 
3pm-5pm

Junior Tennis 

Children's Cinema 
6pm

Wine Tasting 
6pm-9pm

Tennis Mix-In 
7pm-10pm

SATURDAY

4

Junior Tennis 

Swimming lessons 

Roland Garros Mix-In 

Roland Garros Extravaganza 
4pm

French Open Final 

Netball 
3pm-4pm

11

Junior Tennis 

Swimming lessons 

International Brunch
11am-3pm

Netball 
3pm-4pm

Open Embassy Day
All day from 11:30am

18

Junior Tennis 

Swimming lessons 

Netball 
3pm-4pm

Canada Day 
3pm

Canada Day 

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Junior Tennis 

Swimming lessons 

Netball 
3pm-4pm


Midsummer's Day Fair 
4pm


SUNDAY


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Junior British Club
10.30 am

Sunday Brunch
11am-3pm

Bridge 
Surawongse Room
2:30pm

Yoga 
2:30pm

French Open Final 

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Junior British Club
10.30 am

Sunday Brunch
11am-3pm


Bridge 
Surawongse Room
2:30pm


Yoga 
2:30pm


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
Junior British Club
10.30 am

Father's Day Brunch
11am-3pm

Squash Championships Final 

Dr Who 
11am-2pm

Bridge 
Surawongse Room
2:30pm

Yoga 
2:30pm

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Junior British Club
10.30 am

Sunday Brunch
11am-3pm

Yoga 
2:30pm



PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1964 ...

1 1964 was to be a Hamlet year in that the subject "to be or to be somewhere else" was the key question at each Committee meeting, the AGM and several Extraordinary General Meetings held. As readers of 'Past Participle' may recall, in 1962 the Committee sought to sell off the Club but negotiations failed. The incoming 1964 Committee decided to restart the process but were flawed firstly by a survey of Club Members conducted in June which said that 56% wanted to stay on site and develop it as opposed to moving, and secondly by legal advice that, as a foreign entity, we would only be allowed to buy new land as a special exception to the Land Act 2497 and this was unlikely without diplomatic intervention.

2 Serious concerns were raised during the year about the poor quality of the tennis courts and the need for them to be returfed, or some converted to hard court. Particular concern was the partitions which separated each row of courts. Quotations were received for 130,000 Ticals to strip off, lay drainage and relay the turf on six courts with a further 150,000 Ticals to convert two courts to a hard surface. The matter was deferred until a final decision on the land was made.

3 Another concern was the increase in the cost of our staff. The new Chits system of being given credit in the Club (see 'Past Participle' in May) had required the hiring of an Accounts Clerk

to assist our Permanent Assistant Secretary; the Luncheon Cook left in September and his replacement was more expensive; the Butler's salary had to be increased as it was agreed that he would supply all the staff their meals whilst on duty; and finally Members had complained about variable rates for the hiring of Club servants for private parties. To resolve the altercation, a new fixed rate was set at "50 Ticals per boy for the period 6.30pm to 10.30pm and 10 Ticals an hour thereafter".

4 There are occasions when the minutes go unexplained – like on 13th October when the Honorary Secretary wrote that the Chairman thanked various Members for their organisation of the "Roman Orgy" on 26th September.

5 The Committee called an Extraordinary General Meeting on 27th October to get agreement to lease Tennis Courts 1 and 2 (our current Courts 2 & 3) to tenants. As this affected the founding rules of the Club, a second EGM was called on 30th November to ratify this decision. Members passed both motions. The Club started to negotiate with both the Anglo-Thai Corporation (now part of Inchcape) and the Mercantile Bank (part of HSBC). Unfortunately the Anglo-Thai Corporation withdrew in December, and Mercantile Bank early the next year.

Roman Orgy. The Chairman tabled his appreciation and thanks to Messrs. Jakes and Fitton for organising this highly successful Club night on 26th September.

The Mind boggles!

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

RULES BRITANNIAE!

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



CHILDREN AGED 21-25!



DID YOU KNOW..... Adult children of Members can get 75% discount on the joining fee if they join the Club within one year of becoming 21 years of age.

The same discount can also be given up to the age of 25 if the 'child' is in full-time education. Some conditions apply so see rule 61 for details.

Khun Somboon and The British Club's Catering Team

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Whether you're planning for a corporate function or a private party, the Club's catering service can help take the pain out of planning.

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SPORT & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore



**Bangkok Patana School
and the British Club Bangkok.**
Maximising student benefits
through sponsorship and support



Welcome to June! Summer's here and many people are preparing for the holidays, so it's a great time to start looking after yourself and planning for the future (no this is not a financial hard sell, it's more important, your health!) There are many ways to increase your daily exercise with ease:

- 1 Walk more. Do you catch a taxi or motorbike "just up the road" to the BTS or to a pub? A little extra walking every day can make a big difference.
- 2 You are what you eat. The Club and many other establishments have healthy or healthier options (light beers don't really count).
- 3 It may look funny but doing some push-ups, sit-ups or even step-ups while waiting for breakfast at home in the mornings will help kick start your metabolism and burn more calories, not to mention strengthen and tone your muscles.
- 4 Kick the kids off the Wii and tell them you're in training. Play a few games of a hard interactive game and enjoy the benefits.
- 5 There are also programmes on TV showing you a few routines of "Aerobics Oz Style".

Or simply sign up at the gym and get going. Your health is a big deal.

Sports Camps:

30th May - 3rd June : Runs 9:30am – 2:30pm, Bt.950 per child. Join for a day or all 5.

Tennis, football, squash, swimming, basketball and much more.

Please note this camp will be run by Khun Amnat and Khun Rit as I will be away.



QUICK QUIZ : Can you put these in order of 1) Fat content, and 2) Calorie Content?

1) KFC Chicken Breast



2) Medium Snickers Bar

3) Starbucks Latte

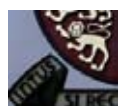


4) McDonalds Medium Fries

Answers: KFC 360 Calories/27g fat: Snickers 271 Calories/14g fat: Latte 272 Calories/13g fat: Fries 380 calories/20g fat

TENNIS

By Reed Passmore



**Shrewsbury International School
and the British Club Bangkok.**
An ace tennis partnership
through sponsorship and support



Dear Tennis Players,
I am sure you are all happy that we now have 4 great
hard courts and with the line-up of tennis events there's
something for everyone:



Roland Garros Extravaganza - 4th June

Pastis and Parties what more
could you ask for! 4pm start.
Watch the finals live Saturday
and Sunday.



Men's Interclub @ Piyaom

Club - 4th/5th June

Competitive match
representing the British Club. From 8am - 5pm. Players will
be selected by the team captain, so if you are interested in
trying out please contact me.

Wimbledon Extravaganza - 2nd July

All players must wear white - Challenging
doubles format: 4pm start. First 26 players
max, must sign up.....first in first served
(pardon the pun). Watch the finals live
Saturday and Sunday.



Bruce Gordon Cup Seniors Trophy - 23rd July

In memory of the greatly missed Bruce Gordon – seniors
doubles event.



Pierre enjoys Centara Grand in Phuket: Winner's prize from
Tennis Championships.



Please welcome the new Tennis Committee:

Chris Watt	- Chairman
John Bleho	- Vice Chairman
Kim	- Social and Events
Glades	- Social and Events
Yubharet	- Outside Events
Patrick	- Competitive matches and leagues

**Enormous thanks from everyone to James Young for
all his hard work over the previous years as Tennis
Chairman.**



| Genesis |
SKIN KLINIK

The Club wishes to acknowledge substantial
support provided by the following:

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JUNIOR NETBALL

Even though interest at first was limited, I am very pleased that Junior Netball is continuing to grow with a regular turnout of juniors and great coaching every Saturday afternoon at 3pm.

We will be having Junior Netball Finals Day at the Club on Saturday 11th June on the back lawn, starting at 3pm.

Come down and watch the British Club girls play against Bangkok Prep and Bangkok Patana. It's amazing to see how well the girls have come along and are playing full netball rules, which is both a challenge and an achievement. I have great hopes for these matches.

It will be a fun afternoon, and judging by what I've seen recently, there is no sure winner, and the Club team needs your support, so put it in your diary - you can always join in rather than just watching!



Sports Camp



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK



May 30th - June 3rd
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tennis, Football, Squash, Swimming, Lunch and More
Children From 5-12yrs **Bt.950 per day**

FOOTBALL

Tuesday night football has gained momentum again with 20 odd players turning up to play. These games are run by players and/or staff to mix the teams up and have some fun. Games start at 7pm and continue until about 8:30pm.

5-a-side Football: 25th June - 4pm start

It's on again!!! - Calling all Sections (squash, tennis, football, cricket, rugby plus invited teams such as Big Chili and St George's). Last time was a fantastic afternoon of football with the tennis/football Section winning the final against the staff. This will again be at the British Club and we encourage Members to come and cheer (heckle) and enjoy the matches.

7-a-side football: 13th August St Andrew's School Sukhumvit

This will be a fun full day of football with all teams playing a round robin and finals format. Teams need to register their interest before the end of June.

For more details please email
reed@britishclubbangkok.org



RUGBY



The British Club Bangkok is grateful to Vinarco International for their sponsorship and co-operation.

Captains Dinner: 6th August - Players, supports and rugby fans come and join the BC Captains Dinner at the Club during the dinner "England vs Wales" match. Function starts at 6pm and continues till late.

Rugby blazers or rugby apparel only (but no rugby boots!). Curry Buffet and discounted beer all day/night.

Sign up in advance, please.

The BC Veterans 10's Rugby - Players and supporters needed for our 2nd ever rugby event on **Saturday 27th August**.

Matches at **Pattana International School**, Sukhumvit Soi 105. First game starts at 12:00 noon. Games continue until 6pm. All presentations take place at the grounds. After party held at the British Club.



SQUASHY BITS

by Bruce Madge b_madge@hotmail.com



There's got to be more to life than this, surely?

Right, last month or the month before that, or yesterday, or last night or even ten minutes ago, there were a few odd events in the Squash Section, so this account is rather fractured and buttered up with some photos stolen from Google to replace the real event photos that nobody took.

So here we go: to begin with, the three squash courts have been refurbished and they look damn fine; spick and span, with shiny, spanking new, pure-white walls. See the before and after pictures. Heaps of thanks to the Club from the Squash Section.

Before

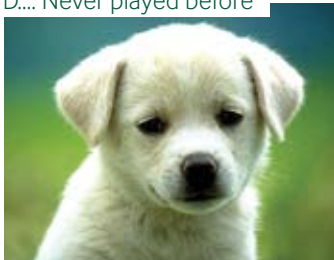


After



Next, or a while back actually, we hosted the Patana teachers once again as we rather like them. The match was arranged for a Tuesday evening which intensely irritated one regular Tuesday evening mix-in attendee as he couldn't mix-in as it had been cancelled and some of his mix-in buddies, Frank, Ignacio and Jesperate, had been selected for the team to play the teachers! Priceless! This was all Ex-Captain Neil's doing and, as a consequence, the inconvenienced individual, a one Mr. Mason, has since insisted on calling Neil a Prat every time he's addressed him. While not many Squash Section members had that much sympathy with Mr. Mason and his missed mix-in, most have wholeheartedly endorsed the 'Neil is a Pratt' tag especially since we lost this match 7-0. Yes, that's right; it's

D.... Never played before



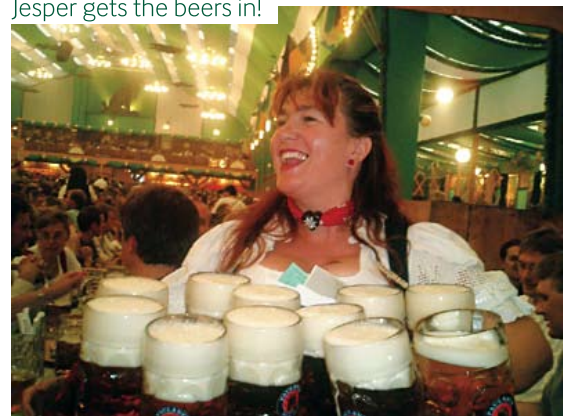
Pop. Rather put his feet up

not a typo nor is it a product of my warped imagination or a complete whopper; it is the truth. We failed to win a single pairing, and what's more we lost all seven of them 3-0! That is to say we lost 21-0! Staggering!

To be fair, Patana had brought a strong team and our squash players did their best, but it was a desperate team performance, and once again, the blame lies with our enormously inept Ex-Captain Neil. More precisely it lay in his team selection. Because for this encounter Neil tried a few new faces, such as Frank, Ignacio, Jesperate, the chubby bird who works on reception, a local Labrador puppy, and finally, Neil's favorite motorcycle taxi guy, Pop. Well, Frank and Ignacio played their hearts out for the team and deserve heaps of praise for their efforts, but the chubby bird, ironically named Lek, the Labrador, called Duracell, and Pop had never played before so were a bit green, and should never have been selected. Jesperate and Neil were utter rubbish and deserve nothing but ridicule! 21-0! What a disgrace!

Moving on, but still in the past, we organized a mix-in for the Songkran Wednesday which was attended by hundreds. We mixed in a bit as one generally does during a mix-in before sitting down by the pool to celebrate the Thai Lunar New Year with a few beers. The first two rounds were on the section as a reward to the hordes who'd attended, and then an extraordinary event took place which astounded all those that witnessed it. Jesperate, aka Jesper, aka the GM, after a little persuasion, actually got a round of drinks in. It's true. He needed some encouragement, but after a few heckles he did indeed, for the first time in over a year, treat his fellow squash players and his loyal club members to a beer. Now if that doesn't prove that not all Danish people are total rotters, I don't know what does.

Jesper gets the beers in!



In the meantime, Den allegedly took his ex-girlfriend (no need to wonder why she's his ex-girlfriend. Just look at him!) on an all-expenses-paid trip to the UK. It can only be reported that she allegedly went with him as there is no proof since none of the 600 or so photos of Den's UK holiday that he's posted on his Facebook include his old flame or anyone else, for that matter, save for Den. And the ones of him were mostly taken by himself holding the camera up in front of his face. This suggests that she wasn't there and that he most certainly went alone as he has no friends. Anyway, this two-week UK tour must have cost his dad a fair bob or two so, while shopping at JJB Sports, Gateshead, to ease his guilty conscience at constantly blowing all his father's dosh on fruitless endeavours such as playing squash or attempting to woo his old Doris, he thought he'd capture himself a real bargain of a squash racket for a tenner. Yes, a squash racket for ten pounds! Indeed ten quid a piece! Yeah, he stupidly bought two of them, the dope. So what's wrong with a racket costing ten pounds, you're thinking? Well, a squash racket that cheap is going to weigh a ton, be made from lead, have strings made of fishing line, have zero feel, and the balance of Swampy after a night in the Churchill Bar! No one with any sense buys this type of squash racket. Den bought two, however. Say no more!

Den in the UK. But, where's his Ex?



Den's new racket

Bringing us more towards the present, we hosted a team from Nick Mellor's new KL squash venue, the Royal Selangor Club, players from which were in town to compete in the jumbo doubles tournament at the RBSC, the Chiang Mai Cup. This was going to be a tough encounter as they had Brian Ross amongst their number and he's a brilliant squash player, one of the best this club has ever seen. So along he came with Mellor himself and half a dozen or so Malaysians, three of whom are junior international players, two of which have world ranking of 106 and 146 respectively. (Malaysia regularly produces world-class squashers including the female World Number One Nicol David.)

Royal Selangor Club



Nicol David



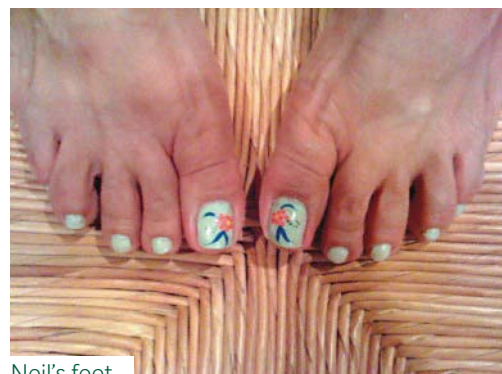
Haroon wasn't available for this fixture and with Pop out working, and our new Labrador puppy, Durex, in quarantine, Peter, taking control of the situation as Neil just can't, brought in a few top Thai players, Chatawin Tosapon and Paradol to help us out alongside Ja, Marcy, Dr. White, Barn Door, Me and Evans. Outcome: after arriving 90 minutes late, Royal Selangor spanked us 7-2. The three junior Malaysians aren't really juniors since they are in their twenties, and they were far too good for any of us including our three Thai ringers. But who gives a monkey's anyway? The key aspect of squash is its social element, and the Malays are very nice fellows so we had an enjoyable evening, the highlights of which were a very tasty curry buffet with lashings of beer Lao, all expertly served up by the super efficient, very professional and delightful Susan. Apparently, a return match in KL has been arranged for August.

Beer Lao



Curry

Finally, another holiday mix-in took place on Coronation Day. Only six made it for this one, but Neil took charge and organized a swimming race and some toenail painting activities. Super fun had by all, apparently.



Neil's feet

Until things get more exciting.....

HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge

Our new opponents at Harrow School on Saturday 9th April were the English Cricket Club of Saigon (ECCS), a self-proclaimed "drinking team with a cricket problem". Having arrived on the Thursday and spending as little time as possible in the fresh air, ECCS were well into their 3rd or 4th tinny of the morning as the BC team rolled up. This was also their 3rd or 4th annual tour and they proudly announced that they had yet to win a match ... ever. The sober BC boys can therefore hardly be faulted for assuming this was going to be a bit of a giggle and walk-over ... and there was little to suggest otherwise for the first half of the match.

BC had two debutants, Bruce Mad of Squashie Bits fame and the third father-son combination in a year ... visiting septuagarian Peter Annetts joining young Nick. On winning the toss, returning skipper Vaughan chose to bat with hard hitting Nick White and Dale Lamb leading the anticipated onslaught, 20 overs the format.

Anthony in full flow



The bowling was truly awful ... so bad in fact, that wides were only given when the ball failed to pitch on the very broad matting ... that is, about 6 feet wide of the stumps. In some overs even these were not called or we might have been there all night. This made batting a bit of a challenge. It is difficult hitting a ball 5 feet wide, especially if everyone around you is falling about laughing ... and of course occasionally they bowled a good

ball, requiring a degree of vigilance. Both Dale and Nick (11) fell on their swords ... Nick having just smashed an enormous 6 over cow-corner only to miss a slow straight full-toss next ball.

Sailesh (18) steadied the ship, but his knees are about 20 years older than the rest of his body. Jon perished in attempting a run that would have been challenging even with a rabbit at the other end. Sailesh never moved a muscle and smiled sagely as Jon continued on his way back to the pavilion. This brought young Corin to the crease, remarkably playing his third consecutive innings for BC in three weeks. As they say, practice makes perfect. From a first ball duck two weeks earlier, and 7 not out the week before, Corin struck 25, the compulsory retirement score, albeit a trifle slowly due to a

tendency to back away and fail to hit balls outside leg stump that should be flogged over the midwicket boundary. But well done Corin.

It was left to Vaughan (25*) and Anthony (13*) to bring some much needed urgency to the final overs, BC finishing on 128 for 4. Surely more than enough now that ECCS had enjoyed another couple of hours drinking.



Anthony gets his man

ECCS has a rather large American gentleman who traditionally receives the first ball of their innings and then retires. It was said that he had never before achieved anything more exciting than breaking a bat by hitting his stumps, so the fact that he actually managed to score a run off a generous long-hop from Sailesh should perhaps have been taken as an omen. From then on, every ECCS batsman tried to hit every single ball out of the ground. This involved an awful lot of swishing, missing and cursing, but by connecting every now than they were 60 for 2 after 10 overs ... bang on target.



Appealing Dale

Being a friendly game, eight BC players were given a bowl. After all, surely we only had to turn our arms over and the game was ours. But we soon discovered that their middle order had some very effective hitters ... Jon was smacked for 14 off one over, Jack (1 for 29) 12 off another, Nick Annetts also for 12, Anthony for 11 and debutant Bruce for 16 including a memorable string of wides surpassing even those bowled by ECCS. Only Nick White (1 for 16 off 4), veteran Peter (0 for 7 off 2) and Anthony (1 for 24) were treated with much respect.



Before we knew it ECCS had won by 7 wickets with two overs to spare.

The ECCS boys were ecstatic and generous in victory. We were all given a rather snazzy tour shirt and Vaughan a rather dodgy tour safari suit and matching trilby ... which actually suited him in a dodgy sort of way! We retired for a very entertaining few beers and once again we were told by a team that had thrashed us, what a great bunch of guys we are to play. We were definitely conned, but it's nice to know we make people happy! Hopefully ECCS will be back next year. We have been lucky this season to have some great photographers at our matches and the ECCS pictures this month were taken by Gordon Andersen.

As a footnote, the return of BCB to the cricket fields seems to be stirring nostalgia for earlier, gentler years and an interest in establishing some of the more social fixtures which used to be a highlight of the Bangkok cricket season. On 17th April, the Indian Ambassadors' XI took on the Commonwealth XI in a fixture not played for about 20 years. The Indian Ambassador captained his team and players selected included embassy staff as well as some of Bangkok's longer serving players. BC's Jack Dunford (2 for 16) played for the victorious Commonwealth XI. Four other ambassadors were in attendance and the Indian Ambassador hosted a wonderful curry buffet later that evening. The event was a great success and a reminder of just how enjoyable social cricket can be.

As we near the close of our second season back we can be proud of BC's quiet contribution to the Thailand cricket scene. We will wrap things up with a tour to Kuala Lumpur in August ... details next month.

Septuagarian respect



Opening the batting



Corin doffs his hat



Arrow School



Drinking team with a cricket problem



Dodgy



Indian Ambassador vs Commonwealth

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Ray Bloom

Juniors/Seniors Competition, Wangjuntr Golf Park Sat/Sun 2/3 April 2011

Well, what a great weekend at Wangjuntr - birdies, eagles deer, ostriches etc. Also, great fun and some great golf on this challenging and 'most spectacular course in Thailand'.

At the end of the first day, James Fielder was well ahead of the Junior pack by 5 plusses, whereas Frank Fawkes held only a slender lead of 1 plus in the Seniors division. Armed with the previous day's knowledge of the best lines to take, we piled into the tour bus to head up the mountain for the second day's Stableford event to add points to Saturday's bogey scores.

Still buoyed by their performances on Day 1, James and Frank maintained their respective leads and finished as winners of this first major competition of the golfing calendar - **well**

done James and Frank!

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Posing atop the signature 14th hole, Steve and Captain Ray draw breath before hitting their tee shot down-down-down to the waiting thin 'strip' of fairway, from where they drove over water to the waiting green, just visible to the right of the photo. (1)

Thanks to all the players for making it such a memorable weekend on this memorable course.

Club Day, Kiarti Thanee Golf Club Sunday 10 April 2011

In overcast, then sunny, then overcast conditions, a small field of 3 groups strode out on to the big field of KT, moving steadily through the 18 holes, scoring Stableford points, although Gordon and Marcus were playing out their own duel in their Matchplay game.

Having failed to enter the Augusta Masters this year, Andrew McLean shrugged off the disappointment to record a win with an impressive 37 Stableford points total. Second place was taken by Mieke, one of our hugely popular Dutch members, with 36 points. **Well done Andrew and Mieke!**

In the Matchplay duel, Gordon narrowly beat Marcus by 2 and 1, to move into the next round where he will play your in-form Captain. **Well done and watch out Gordon!**

Monthly Stableford, Subhapruek Golf Club Sunday 17 April 2011

To celebrate the Songkran weekend, Subhapruek wore its

prettiest clothes to welcome us in glorious warm sunshine for our April Stableford event.

In the end, the lowish scores indicated that only a small amount of pretty golf had been displayed. Joom and Ray were surprised to find their scores good enough to warrant a countback on their tied scores of 31 points.

In full scrutiny, Captain Ray's back 9 score of 17 points overcame Joom's 13, to give him 1st place. He received his wine prize from Joom, who sportingly put on a warm smile to mask her disappointment at getting so close to victory. (2)

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April Medal, The Royal Golf Club Sunday 24 April 2011

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With an empty and inviting course spread out before us, 5 groups of Westwood-look-alikes (apologies Yurachatr and Rose) hit the first tee boxes with visions of birdies and eagles locked in our memories. For most of us, they remained there!

However, more visionary than most, Randall in Flight A (3) and Art in Flight B (4) conjured up some fine golf to win their respective divisions. Randall's net 72, with a handicap of 6, showed what a talent we have playing with us. Just off the pace, Mike Staples with a nett score of 76 and the Jules Verne of the golfing world David Lamb with 77, took the applause as gallant chasers.

Art Carlson, in winning Flight B, delivered a performance which hitherto had been simmering just under the surface. His nett score of 66 easily took the division prize, although James Fielder with 71 and Peter Gale with 72 also played commendable rounds.

In the ongoing monthly Eclectic Competition, ex-Captain Frank holds a 3 shot lead in Division 1 over emerging David Humphreys, after David's Medal strategy removed 2 strokes from his nett score. In Division 2, Pete Gale's steady round leapfrogged him to top spot, with Art in hot pursuit.

Eclectic Competition, Majestic Creek GC Sat 30 April, Sun/Mon 1/2 April 2011

The Creek was majestic and some of the golf was also majestic during our wonderful weekend at Hua Hin. In lush conditions this year, the annual Eclectic Competition at Majestic Creek saw 6 groups strain sinew and muscle in this ever-popular event. Straining more successfully than most, Brian Brook won the first day's strokeplay battle (5).

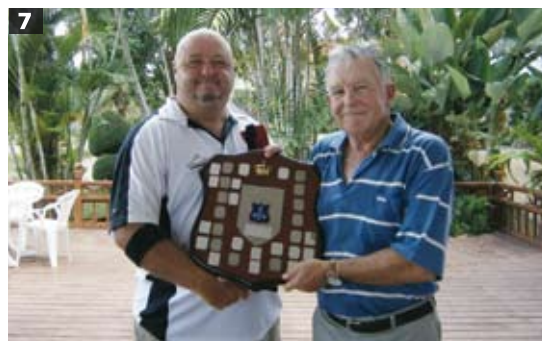


On the second day Pete Gale hit form to return the best score. On the last day, Steve Waldmeyer played out of his skin to win with a nett score of 64. (6)



The overall competition became very interesting with several players in with a shout at the start of the last day. However, in the end, showing the greatest consistency over the 3 days were ace-strategists Andrew McLean and Pete Gale, who

both finished on nett 58, with Tim Mitchell close behind with 59. In the count-back, Andrew's superior back-9 performance was enough to take the title in our second Major of the year. (7) Our 'Photo of the Year' shows young Matthew basking in reflected glory from dad, Pete. (8). Well done Andrew, Pete and Tim!



The best gross score was achieved by new, old-boy Phil North (9), with 67 over the 3 days, but only marginally better than John Carter and Tim Mitchell, both with 68.

So ended a most enjoyable weekend's sport.

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BALUT

By Mr C



>> BALUT SHIELD UPDATE

Record attendances for the two Tournaments at the end of April and beginning of May now puts 18 players in the Balut Shield League with 29 other players still able to qualify by the finale, BALUT SHIELD AWARDS NIGHT, on 7th September 2011.

As of 3rd May:

POSITION	NAME	PLAYER	POINTS	AVERAGE
Leader	Tik	Sra. Thawee Jantacomma	3,153	105.10
2	Mrs Orange	Mrs. Muntana Merrigan	3,146	104.87
3	Tom	Mr. Tomjakraphan Merrigan	3,127	104.23
4	Jammy	Mr. Roger Willbourn	3,109	103.63
5	Swampy	Mr. Steve Eaton	3,080	102.67
6	Mr C	Mr. Paul Cheesman	3,036	101.20
7	TC	Mr. Phil Alexander	3,031	101.03
8	Dark Horse	Mr. Clive Butcher	3,027	100.90
=9	Ali	Mr. Ali Adam	3,024	100.80
=9	The Jackal	Sr. Carlos Romero	3,018	100.60
11	Lindy	Ms. Sulindy Collacott	3,011	100.37
12	Kelly	Ms. Kelly Alexander	2,983	99.43
13	Monkey!	Mr. Bruce Madge	2,927	97.57
14	Slowpoke	Mr. Tony Rodriguez	2,890	96.33
15	Douchebag	Mr. Simon Davies	2,888	96.27
16	DQ	Mr. David Quine	2,848	94.93
17	Katie	Ms. Katie Alexander	2,817	93.90
18	Mrs Jammy	Mrs. Caroline Willbourn	2,771	92.37



>>> BALUT DIARY – TO END OF SHIELD YEAR

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Wednesday	1st June	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	15th June	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Saturday	2nd July	Singapore Pairs	7pm	Singapore Cricket Club
Wednesday	6th July	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	20th July	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	3rd August	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	17th August	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	7th September	AGM & Balut Shield Awards Night	6pm	Suriwongse Room

Full details of Balut can be found at <http://www.teambalut.com>

THE BRIDGE BUNCH IN SPRINGTIME

By Martin Carter

We continue to have good attendance at our Sunday Afternoon competitions. Here are some of the winners from recent events.

British Club Bridge tournament results for February & March:

13TH FEBRUARY (12 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Mr. Ho & Prarop
2nd:	Dr. Worrawat & Surawit
3rd:	Dr. Prasart & Prasert

20TH FEBRUARY (11 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Dr. Prasart & Prasert
2nd:	Michael Winckless & Surawit
3rd:	Geoff Robinson & Shirley Robinson

6TH MARCH (15 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Benjarong & Watana
2nd:	Chalermopol & Piya
3rd:	Michael Winckless & Paul Clegg

13TH MARCH (11 PAIRS, HOWELL MOVEMENT)

1st:	Paul Clegg & Michael Winckless
2nd:	Winlock Hsu & Martin Carter
3rd:	Charlene Hsu & Dennis

20TH MARCH (17 PAIRS, MITCHELL MOVEMENT)

Winner of N/S:	Dr. Worrawat & Surawit
Winner of E/W:	Mr. Ho & Prarop

When not playing, our thoughts turn to how to improve. After each competition, results on a board by board basis are emailed to each competitor with a computer generated breakdown and a matrix. We, the obsessed, may then mull over the mess!



Bridge Goddesses

Children's Bridge

The World can be a tough place and, as with so many of life's lessons, the best time to learn is while you're young. Recently, a stream of young players have joined Bangkok's Bridge Community. It would be great to see more British Club

Members. Children can learn the elements of Bridge from age seven. The kind and capable Khun Manthanee loves teaching children: why not enrol your child in one of her Bridge Classes for Kids? She drives a Mercedes, but don't let that put you off!

The Bridge Bunch Interview

The Bridge Bunch interview this month is with one of nature's gentlemen, Rear Admiral Richard Slater, USN, Retired.



Rear Admiral Richard Slater,
USN, Retired

Bridge Bunch: Welcome back to Bangkok Richard: what have you been doing since you arrived?

Richard: Well thank you, it's good to be here. I've been playing on Sundays here at the British Club and then at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on Mondays and the Polo Club on Fridays. After Sunday Bridge competitions, a group of us have dinner at the British Club Restaurant which allows for a social end to the day.

Bridge Bunch: When did you learn to play Bridge?

Richard: When I was seven years old my mother and two aunts taught me how to bid and play. I grew up in Ohio and it was a family thing to play Bridge on wet afternoons and to teach the children. Bridge in those days was a common after-dinner family entertainment. I'm sure my family had a hoot teaching me. Bridge has contributed much to my social life and career.

Bridge Bunch: Apart from the United States, have you lived in other countries?

Richard: Yes, in 1955 I took a year off from Harvard and travelled to Paris and learnt French. It was an unforgettable experience for a young man: I didn't waste all my time! In addition to France I've lived in Vietnam and Italy as part of my service with the US Navy.

Bridge Bunch: I understand you have an interest in French theatre and culture. How did that start?

Richard: Yes, whilst in Paris I took courses at various academic institutions, including L'Institut Britannique. One of my most fun academic pursuits was a course in contemporary theatre given by the drama critic of Paris Soir. We went to a different play nearly every week. I didn't own a car so I became quite familiar with Le Métro. Several of my friends had voitures, so I did travel some by car, including Easter in Italy. I took most of my meals with my host family, so I did not become conversant with the restaurant or pub scene. I did establish

a great affection for one patisserie, Aux Delices, which was nearby. We had some wonderful confection from there nearly every Sunday night at dinner. After the conclusion of the school year, I went to Spain for the summer, and then took the Britannia home.

Bridge Bunch: Paris in the 1950's must have been exciting.

Richard: I was in Paris during the Algerian War and was very aware of it because the family with whom I lived in Paris had close relatives in Algiers, who were in the newspaper business and therefore subject to frequent hostilities. I loved Paris and speak French so I return whenever I can. I intend to take the Eurostar through the Channel Tunnel when I travel from London to Paris in May.

Bridge Bunch: You were following in the footsteps of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway and Henry Miller. Did you meet any of the famous Americans living in Paris at that time?

Richard: Unfortunately I didn't meet any of my famous compatriots, however I "kibitzed" World Champion American Bridge Player Charles Goren, when he played at L'Hôtel Claridge on the Champs-Élysées.

Bridge Bunch: Having started so young with Bridge and stuck with it, what is it that you enjoy so much?

Richard: I would say in answer that Bridge has allowed me to meet a wide variety of people all over the world. I have visited 35 countries and played Bridge in many of them. During my career in the US Navy, I served on large ships and an aircraft

carrier, the U.S.S. Independence, so I played Bridge only socially; since retirement, I've started playing in competitions. Bridge is an international game that opened doors and helped me make friends.

Bridge Bunch: Which bidding system do you use?

Richard: I favour standard American because it is the most well-known system worldwide. I use Roman Key Card Blackwood 3014 with cue bids for bidding slams provided I have prior agreement with my partner. Here in Bangkok I have a regular partner and we have agreement about most aspects of the convention.

Bridge Bunch: Do you play at other clubs?

Richard: In the United States I play at clubs in and around Washington DC. Bridge is organised along commercial lines in the States and it is interesting to play here in Bangkok where the non-profitmaking clubs run the show. Duplicate Bridge in the States remains extremely popular with 160,000 registered players; I've never seen so many sit down to one tournament anywhere as I've seen in the States.

Bridge Bunch: Thank you Richard for taking part in this interview; we look forward to seeing you at our Club again.

Richard: Yes, well thank you for having me. I plan to be back here next year.

For more information on the Bridge Bunch and our antics, see the Notice Board or contact one of the organisers.

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6th Destroying Angel

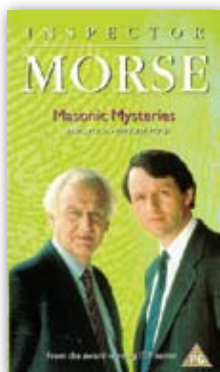


A quirky inheritance, a poisonous mushroom and a few dead bodies, but what was the real crime?

The star-filled cast includes John Nettles as DCI Barnaby, with guest stars Samantha Bond, Philip Bowen and Jonathan Coy.

Death by Miss Adventure

13th Masonic Mysteries

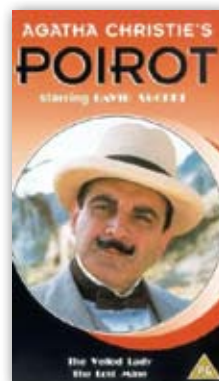


Two murders but only one person found holding the knife ... Chief Inspector Morse. When you are the suspect no one is on your side ... and it is no mystery who will be lodging complaints about you.

John Thaw is DCI Morse, with guest stars Ian McDiarmid, Madeline Newton and Iain Cuthbertson.

This time the Force is not with you!

20th The Veiled Lady/The Lost Mine



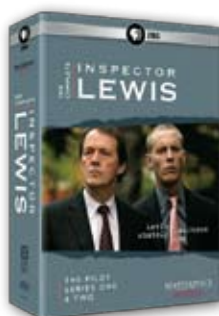
Another Poirot double bill ...

A Chinese puzzle box with more than paste diamonds, and a map of a Lost Mine Lost ... Poirot says these cases are of little interest ... until someone dies!

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Anthony Bate, Colin Stinton, Frances Barber and Terrence Harvey.

Maps & Letters hide the truth

27th Life Born Of Fire



A suicide and a series of brutal murders leads to one suspect, but where on earth is Mr Feardorcha Phelan, and why can no one see him?

Kevin Whately is Inspector Lewis, with guest stars Iain McNeice, Deborah Findlay and Rachel Stirling, with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.

"I lost my way between Gethsemane and Calvary"

THIS IS NOT THE END!

Time Travel makes life weird – I mean, we saw the Eleventh Doctor die on 22nd April 2011 in Utah aged 1103, only to appear ten minutes later aged 908 in a roadside diner! We know all the remaining Time Lords are dead, but we see one regenerate! We think we know who River Song is ... but is that 'Spoilers' or merely a ruse to stop The Doctor (aged 909) from knowing that he will die added 1103?

Too confusing? Well, this June we show the final three episodes of the opening section of this year's Doctor Who season with, what is promised to be, the biggest and best cliff-hanger in the series' 48 year history.

Will we get our answers or will they make us wait until September?

Sunday 19th June
11am to 2pm

1. Rebel Fish
2. The Almost People
3. A Good Man goes to War



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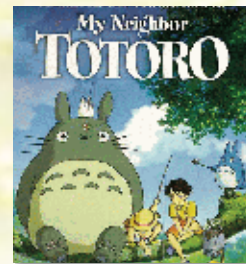
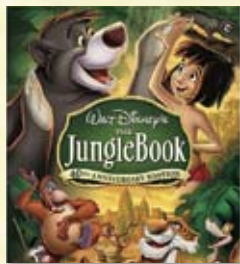
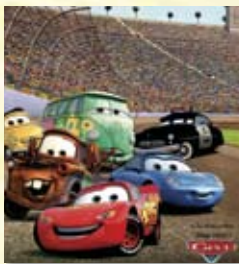
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Children's Movies

3rd-24th June 2011



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This Month:	June 3rd	Cars
	June 10th	Jungle Book
	June 17th	Toy Story
	June 24th	My Neighbour Totoro

Susie's Kids Korner

SNACK TIME CRAFTS

THE CANDY MAN NECKLACE

Materials

- Wrapped round taffy or caramel (head)
- 2 soft candy rolls (arms)
- 2 rolls of colourful candies (legs); Smarties or M&Ms work too ½ ounce box of raisins (body)
- Low temperature glue gun (***parents supervision, please!**)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Small bundle of raffia

Instructions

1. Keep the wrapping on all the candies and glue the head, arms, and legs to the raisin box body. Parents should supervise the use of the glue gun.
2. Cut five 4 inch pieces of raffia. Tie four pieces into a bunch by knotting the fifth piece around the center of the bundle. Glue the knot to the top of the body at the base of the head as shown. Trim the raffia if you like.
3. Cut a piece of raffia long enough to fit over your child's head. Glue the center of the strand to the back of the box. Tie the ends together, and your edible neckwear is ready.



Jokes About Food

Little Johnny and his family lived in the country, and as a result seldom had guests. He was eager to help his mother after his father appeared one evening with two dinner guests from the office.

When the dinner was nearly over, Little Johnny went to the kitchen and proudly carried in the first piece of apple pie, giving it to his father who passed it to a guest. Little Johnny came in with a second piece of pie and gave it to his father, who again gave it to a guest.

This was too much for Little Johnny, who said, "It's no use, Dad. The pieces are all the same size."

Spoon

A man goes into his favourite restaurant where the waiter immediately brings him a bowl of meatball soup. The customer signals the waiter to come back.

"Taste the soup!" he commands.

"Why?" inquires the surprised waiter.

"Taste the soup!" comes the reply.

"Max, you've been coming in here every day for ten years. There's never been anything wrong with the soup."

"Taste the soup!"

"What's wrong, too much salt--not enough salt?"

"Taste the soup!"

"What, the meatballs aren't tender enough for you?"

"TASTE THE SOUP!"

The waiter finally agrees, "All right all right, I'll taste the soup! Where's the spoon?"

"A-HA!" chortles Max.

Wet

Waiter, my plate's wet!

That's not wet, sir - that's the soup!

BUTTERFLY TRAILS

(From one mom)

I just tossed together some Trail Mix, dried fruits, and raisins. We took a few clothes pins and decorated the outside with puffy paint. We put some googly eyes on the butterfly before the paint was dry and then we let them dry completely. Then we cut a pipe cleaner and made it look like an antennae and we were done.



CANDY CORN-ON-THE-COB

Materials

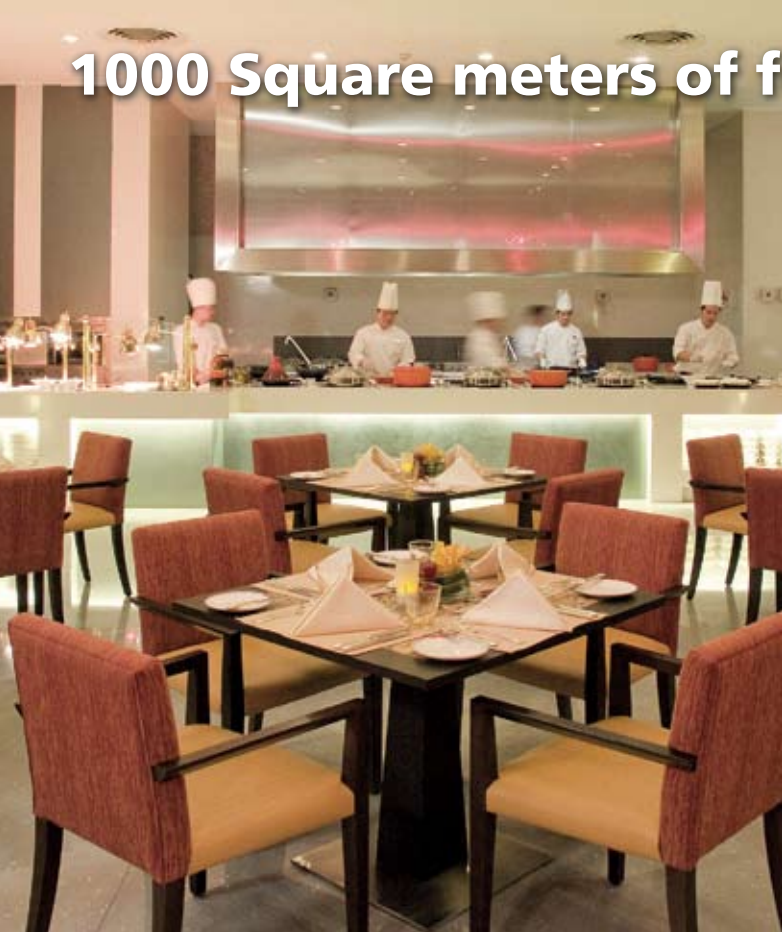
1. 4 tablespoons of butter
2. 4 cups of mini marshmallows
3. 5 cups of puffed corn cereal (or small puff cereal)
4. 1½ cups diced dried fruit (we used raisins, papaya, cranberries, and apricots)
5. Popsicle sticks
6. Fruit Leather (or Fruit Peels, or strips of dried mango)

Instructions

1. In a large pot, melt the butter and mini marshmallows over low heat (about 5 minutes). Parental supervision needed.
2. Remove the mixture from the stove and use a wooden spoon to stir in puffed corn cereal and diced dried fruit. Allow the mixture to cool for about 10 minutes.
3. Using buttered hands, shape each treat by pressing ⅓ cup of the mixture around a Popsicle stick. Add fruit leather husks to the bottom of the ear, slightly moistening them to help them stick if needed. Makes 15 treats.



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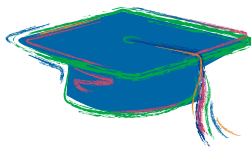
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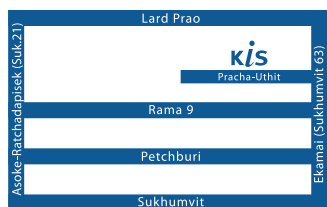
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