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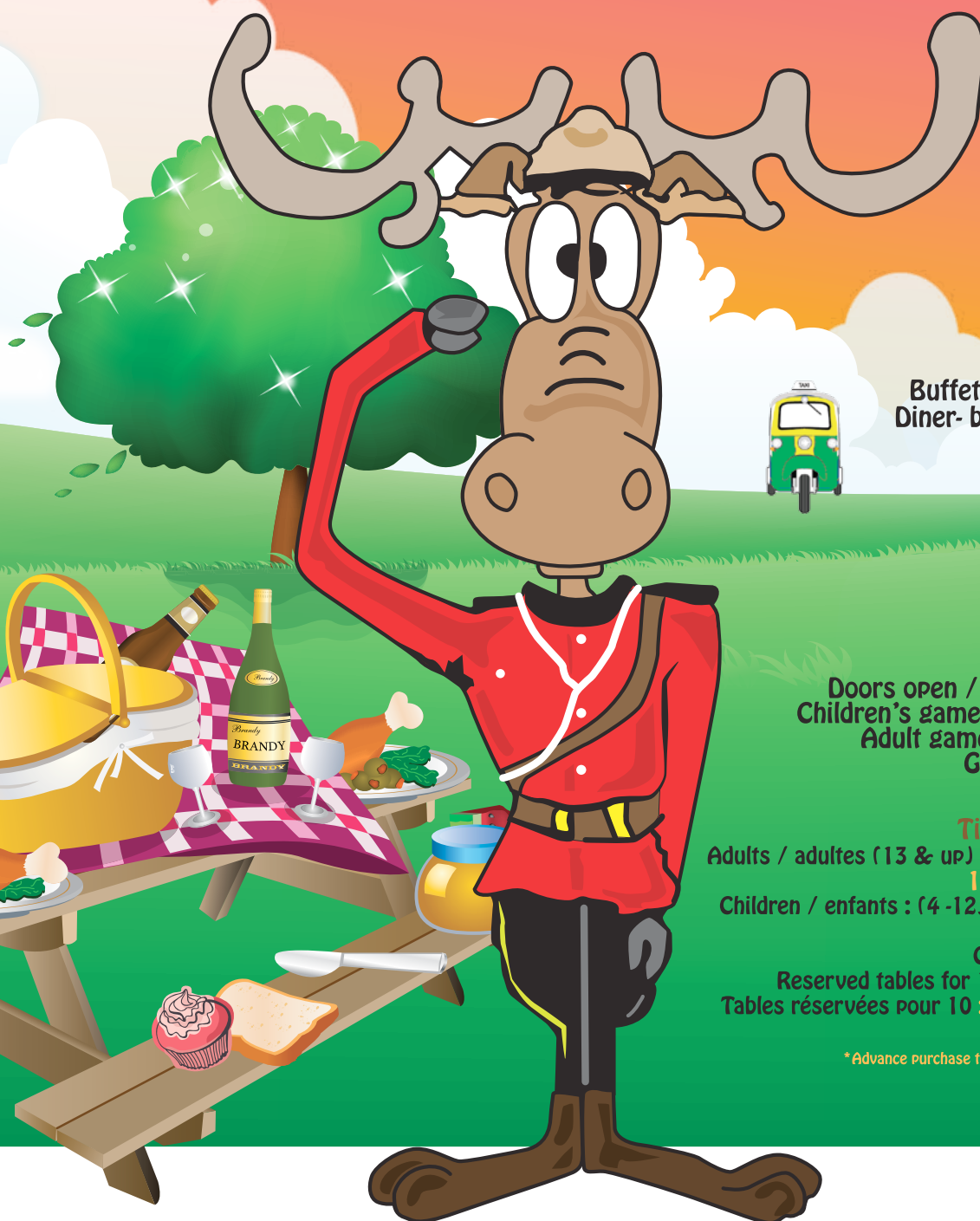
# CANADA DAY

## La Fête du Canada

Saturday 23 June 2012

British Club - Club Britannique

Silom Soi 18



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Remise sur billets vendus à l'avance\*

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Buffet Dinner with Salmon & Beef  
Diner- buffet avec Saumon & Boeuf

French Canadian Tourtière

Canadian wine & beer  
Bière & vins canadiens

### Schedule / Programme

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

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Reserved tables for 10 : Contact TCCC before 15 June  
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\*Advance purchase tickets are available through Friday, June 15, 2012



# LETTER FROM THE GM



**Dear Members,**

It's that time of the month again to say hi to you all and give you an update here in Outpost. I do hope all of you are still enjoying your Club. Let me give you a quick run-down of the changes and updates currently happening.

In addition to the painting of the Silom entrance wall and drainpipes, the Surawongse Room has now been cleaned and painted as well, something that was seriously needed. Khun Jack's team have installed new speed bumps in front of the Clubhouse, as I am still concerned about the excessive speed at which some cars drive through the Clubhouse entrance, and I would like to request all of you to please drive only at walking pace on the Club's premises and even slower than that in front of the Clubhouse, where other Members and children may be crossing to/from the front lawn.



The Club has purchased a new Mega Bouncy Castle, 6m wide, 12m long and 6m high, which is our new attraction for functions, events and which is also available for Members to rent for birthday parties and also outside events. Also a 4.5m wide trampoline has been obtained. I thought that would be nice to have, as well as another option to have available for the Club.

From now on, Asia Books will be providing a selection of best-selling paperbacks and children's books which will be on display in the Suriwongse Sala and available for Members to purchase. This may sometimes save you a trip into the sweltering heat of the clogged pavements!

On a rather different note, I am planning a big cleaning day on Monday 11th June. We will pay a lot of attention to the walls of the Club, parking areas, weeds, stains, and all the litter between the tennis courts and the fence,

behind the kitchens, in the plants and gutters. All our staff will clean their respective areas and we will get help from a professional cleaner with the use of heavy equipment. Of course the Club will stay open, but Members' enjoyment might be disrupted a little on that Monday morning due to equipment noise and groups of staff moving around the premises, but we will try to keep this to a minimum. Also our gardens will be getting some attention; lawns and landscaping issues that can be done quickly and cheaply, to make our Club feel even more like an oasis in the heart of Bangkok than it is now.

June is looking good and of course, on the 3rd there will be the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fête to which I would like to extend you all a very big welcome; please do come and enjoy this celebration. Our successful Wine Tastings will continue monthly throughout the year, and may I gently remind all of our Members that there is a dress code for this event; smart casual, no flip-flops, shorts and singlets.

Khun Prang and I are reviewing our Membership numbers and producing a three month action plan as we always need new Members to keep our Club growing. May I remind all of you about our "Member get Member" scheme which rewards any Member who bring us a new Members with a handsome F&B credit to their account. Also Membership + is currently being reviewed with more companies expressing interest to give great benefits and discounts to our Members.

I do hope all of you appreciate what our staff and I are undertaking, and should you have any comments or suggestions, please do come and see me, preferably in the GM's Open Office on the last Saturday of every month, otherwise any time around your Club.

Lastly I would like to thank all our senior managers and our staff for their continued efforts in making the Club a special place for all of us to enjoy!

Warmest regards,

**Joost Paijmans**  
General Manager



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# HAPPENINGS



Hi everyone,

Phew, what a scorcher! That old Private Eye expression is as applicable to the weather this past month as it is to what's gone on since I last put finger to keyboard for Outpost. There has even been time to put Member's faces to names, which of course makes any task I do more meaningful.

Before anything else, a word of explanation for the erratic weekend TV mailings. The information for what will be shown is taken from the TV providers' websites, and we speculate on which will be of most interest to Members and guests in the Churchill. Relying on this information has sometimes proved unfortunate, and on one occasion there was strong disagreement and hostility between people wanting to watch different matches. It really isn't possible for us to know who will want what, so we'll do our best to check everything more thoroughly from now on. In return, please try and be civil and friendly with other supporters. The Suriwongse Sala often shows other channels, sometimes The Verandah is available too.

I'm still ironing out problems with the mailing list software, but it's getting better. There seems to be a glitch when text is deleted from my screen, in that it often ends up in the mailing as well as the text which replaces it. I've found a solution, so that should be a thing of the past.

There are still a lot of email addresses bouncing, and it's difficult to check up on bounced emails without resorting to snail-mail chasers which nobody likes getting through yesteryear's rusty old letterbox, so please try and remember to let us know if you change your email address, or any address/contact details for that matter.

We had a cracking New Members' Night earlier in the month, with more people than we expected and walk-ins on the night as well as visits from some GC members. The level of chat indicated that people were getting on well, and after all, that is the point of the exercise. A few days later, the BCT had a couple of very well-attended evenings for their Fringe Festival - it's great seeing so many new people enjoying being at the Club, especially with so much laughter and amusement.

The Australasian Wine Dinner was an enormous success with numbers rising to a staggering 40 at final count. Khun Laak excelled in her choice and preparation of some unusual dishes, and our guest Tim McMullen gave a brief background on his vineyard's delicious selections. I'm looking forward to the next one, and hope even more people join us for a fun evening. Less than a week later, the Club timbers were rustled as over 100 people gathered in the Suriwongse Room for an outstanding performance of three rarely played pieces written for violin and piano. It was amazing hearing the music float around the top floor, a bit like adding a sepia tint to one's ears! Everyone seemed most impressed and glad they came to listen and reflect.

Through all of this, the Jubilee Fête has been slowly coming together, and it is now taking over much of my waking hours. The number of people attending has swelled, the number of tables needed has also grown, and it is beginning to look as if Sunday 3rd June will be a magnificent day! There's quite a selection of different activities and products which should make meandering around more fun, a British Brunch (mmm, fried bread bacon and baked beans, ha!), and with pony rides and Clown Eekie, it will be fantastic for kids (if we can get them away from the Giant Bouncy Castle and the new Trampoline!) We are also hoping to have a group presenting Parkour activities which is hugely popular in the UK and other parts of Europe, so please come to the Fête and help us be proud of our celebration - there won't be another British Diamond Jubilee for quite a few years!

June will also see an outing to Khao Yai to plant tree seedlings, regular Chill Out Friday sessions from Jay by the swimming pool as it proved so chilling last week, and of course there's Canada Day later in the month as well as the beginning of Wimbledon! And how about the new Private Dining? Isn't it a great idea? People have also suggested Fancy Dress Parties, TV Drama evenings, Documentary Hour in the Churchill every night, Kids Cooking, return of the Chess Club - what do you all think? Feedback always welcomed, so please give it, either to my email or to [outpost@suthep.com](mailto:outpost@suthep.com).

Please note the **Club Car Park** will be **TOTALLY CLOSED** on both 3rd June and 23rd June - more space for a good time!

Best wishes,

**Jeremy de Sausmarez**  
**Events & Marketing Manager**

# BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

**4th - 8th June 2012**

**Starters – 55 baht**

Waldorf Ham Salad  
or  
Chef's Soup of the Day

**Main Courses – 140 baht**

Grilled Pork Loin Steak served with Apple and Fennel sauce  
or  
Pan-fried Dory with Mornay Sauce served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes  
or  
Mini Steak served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes  
or

Tom Kha Gai  
(A refreshing soup with Chicken, Coconut Milk and Herbs)  
Phad Kaprao Moo Sab  
(Stir-fried Minced Pork with Hot Basil and Chili)  
Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo  
(Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)

**Dessert of the Day- 55 baht**

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**18th – 22nd June 2012**

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

**Main Courses – 140 baht**

Turkey and Leek Pie served with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes  
or  
Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread  
or  
Fillet of Pork Mushroom Sauce served with Green beans, Carrots and Garlic Roast Potatoes  
or

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

**Dessert of the Day- 55 baht**

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**11th - 15th June 2012**

**Starters – 55 baht**

Grilled Chicken, Mango/ Avocado, Beetroot Salad with Balsamic and Honey Dressing  
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Chef's Soup of the Day

**Main Courses – 140 baht**

Chicken Korma served with Boiled Egg and Yellow Rice  
or  
Fish & Chips  
(Choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered) served with Garden Peas and Tartar sauce  
or  
Pork Schnitzel served with Mixed Salad, Baked Potato and Apple sauce  
or

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

**Dessert of the Day- 55 baht**

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**25th – 29th June 2012**

**Starters – 55 baht**

Niçoise Salad with French Beans, Egg, Black Olives, Potatoes and Anchovy  
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Chef's Soup of the Day

**Main Courses – 140 baht**

Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Spicy Herbs served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potatoes  
or  
Turkey Lasagne served with Garlic Bread  
or  
Mini Steak Served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes  
or

Gaeng Som Goong Phak Ruam  
(Sour-Soup with Mixed Vegetables and Prawns)  
Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai (Stir-Fried Pork Fillet with Garlic and Pepper)  
Tod Mun Pla (Deep-Fried Fish Cake)

**Dessert of the Day- 55 baht**

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# F&B MORSELS



## Dear Members,

Starting off F&B Morsels, I would like to thank two of our beloved Members, Lindy and Ryan, who after a trip to the UK brought back a 1 kilogram block of Cadbury's Dairy Milk chocolate as a donation to the Club. Our new baker and I have made a "Cadbury's chocolate and whisky cheesecake" for everyone to enjoy. Slices were limited so I hope most of you got one and enjoyed it! We say a big thank you to Lindy and Ryan and of course keep donations like this coming!

Our diverse Saturday buffets have been receiving good comments, as you may know I have cooked a Canadian, Mexican and a Spanish buffet, with more diversity to come in June. Come and enjoy these buffets every Saturday at the Club, for lunch and dinner.

The wine dinner we had organised was a huge success! It wasn't easy to get all the courses and dishes out for 40 Members and their guests, but we managed and hope all that attended enjoyed the evening's food and wine.

I am also happy to announce an ongoing update of our wine lists around the Club; we have a new House Wine which is also being featured as a 'Wine of the Month' - it is a great and very affordable wine from Chile, and I have together with our GM selected a couple of new Rosé wines to accompany lighter dishes or just for you to enjoy, well chilled, on their own.

Keep your feedback coming, and as always, happy eating!!

**Khun Laak**  
**Executive Chef**



## Modern European DINING

### 1st - 15th June 2012

#### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80
Pan-Cooked Asparagus and Mixed Seafood	Bt 200

#### Main Courses

Crispy Glazed Duck Breast with Green Pepper Sauce served with red cabbage jam and croquette potatoes	Bt 300
Lamb Shank Braised with Red Wine and Herbs served with crushed new potatoes and green beans	Bt 400
Grilled Snow Fish with Capers, Olives and Butter Sauce served with asparagus, carrots and french beans	Bt 680

### 16th - 30th June 2012

#### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80
Prawn Cocktail	Bt 160

#### Main Courses

Spaghetti with Spicy Lamb Sauce and Fresh Rosemary	Bt 265
Duo of Red Snapper and Sea Bass with a vegetable, noodle and scallop sauce	Bt 335
Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sun-Dried Tomatoes and Feta Cheese served with crispy polenta, rocket salad and basil pesto	Bt 260





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# HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman



## VISAKHA BUCHA DAY

June 4<sup>th</sup>



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This the most auspicious Buddhist day in the whole year as it represents three major aspects of the Buddha's life – his birth, his enlightenment and his death all occurring on the same lunar date which in Leap Years' is always celebrated in June.

Siddhārtha Gautama was born to King Śuddhodana, the leader of Shakya clan, and his wife, Queen Maha Maya in Lumbinī in Nepal according to most traditional texts. He was married at age 16 but at age 29 left the Palace life to find out about reality. According to tradition at the age of 35 he sat under a Bodhi Tree in Bodh Gaya, in northern India for 49 days until he received enlightenment, on the same lunar day as his birth. From that time, Siddhārtha Gautama was known to his followers as the Buddha or "Awakened One" or "The Enlightened One". For the next 45 years the Buddha travelled throughout northern India and southern Nepal and at the age of 80 he announced that he would soon reach Parinirvana, or the final deathless state, and abandon his earthly body and so he died in what is now Uttarapradesa, India – on his lunar birthday.

Thai Buddhists adopted this Worship day in their Sukothai period, about 700 years ago, and it remains a key day for all Thais to visit their local temple.

For only the second time in over 1,200 years of monarchy within the British Isles, this June we celebrate our monarch having served our nation for sixty years – June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are special holidays to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Although she ascended the throne in February and her birthday is in April, the UK always celebrates such Royal occasions in June – the Trooping of the Colour on the Queen's Official Birthday and in times past the Silver and Golden jubilees in 1997 and 2002 respectively.

The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria back in 1897 although King George III ("Mad King George") came very close, sadly passing on some months before hand. Queen Elizabeth II is not however, the world's current longest serving monarch as that honour goes to Thailand's reigning King Bhumibol Adulyadej who, on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, will have served for 66 years! **Join the Club for our Jubilee Fête on June 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

## JUBILEE HOLIDAYS

June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>





# DIAMOND JUBILEE FÊTE

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2012, 1PM - EVENING

## Main Event Times

<b>1pm - 1:30pm</b>	<i>Bagpipes greeting arrivals announces opening of the fête</i>
<b>1pm</b>	<i>Stalls, car boot, bric-a-brac, retail etc all open</i>
<b>1pm - 6pm</b>	<i>Entertainment, kids games, competitions etc underway</i>
<b>3:30pm-3:35pm</b>	<i>Formal welcome by Club Chairman</i> <i>Introduction of British Ambassador by Club Chairman</i>
<b>3:35pm</b>	<i>British Ambassador's Speech</i> <i>Bangkok Musical Society sings: HM King of Thailand's anthem</i> <i>UK National Anthem</i>
<b>3:40pm</b>	<i>British Ambassador toasts HM Queen Elizabeth II</i>  <i>Bangkok Music Society sing a few other traditional songs</i>
<b>3:45pm-5:45pm</b>	<i>Pony rides on the Front Lawn</i>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<i>Band starts playing</i>
<b>5:30pm</b>	<i>Jubilee Cake cutting</i>
<b>7pm</b>	<i>Participants begin to close up, where appropriate</i>





# DIAMOND JUBILEE FÊTE

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2012, 1PM - EVENING



## ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

- GAMES • RAFFLE • PONY RIDES • COMPETITIONS • RETAIL, BEAUTY • CLOWN ECKIE
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# BRITS UNITE TO



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Brand new swings swings on the Club lawn

Our Club got together with the British Women's Group to help them with their impressive post-flood initiative. It was right up our street, as they say. Yes, we could run a community sports event and yes, we could provide a tasty, nutritious lunch!

The BWG had raised an impressive amount of money to source and purchase a huge amount of sports equipment as well as other useful and important fixtures, to replace what had been lost in the frightful floods.

We interviewed one of the organisers and Paul Ringer from the BC, who between them made the day a memorable one for the kids and a marvellous event for the community:

**Jill Rayment. Welfare Coordinator, BWG:**

## What motivated you to get involved with this Lopburi Community?

When the floods began, all our members wanted to do something. Straight away we gave money for rice to Channel 3 and we gave lots of our time to help them and the Thai Red Cross pack emergency relief bags. The more intrepid donned waders, climbed aboard boats and gave a hand distributing the goods. Siti Survo spent sometime in the Lopburi area and came back to us with descriptions of how people were contending with up to two metres of flood water, which in some places took 10 weeks to disappear! We were keen to help and decided that when the fuss about flooding ebbed away, we would do something to help this community.

## Why a Sports Day?

Three of the team went to Lopburi on a fact-finding trip. We visited three schools, a clinic and two special needs children in their homes. Everywhere we looked had the 2 metre watermark and every house had ruined furniture outside. It was a sorry sight. We were impressed how the schools had cleaned up but were shocked at the destruction of almost everything they had owned.

One of the schools often hosted community events and it was their practice to open during out-of-school hours to benefit the neighbourhood, but it was clear that all their equipment, apart from the football posts, had been destroyed. Therefore we decided to replace the lost equipment and restore some joy with a special event.

## How did you manage this?

Our members were very generous and we raised Bt100,000. Then we asked FBT to help make our money purchase more than it would do if we paid retail prices. They were wonderful, as were many other companies we approached. The British Club saved us a lot of money and a big headache by helping with storage, donating a spaghetti bolognese lunch, and also a Sports Manager

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Paul Ringer, Sports & Recreation Manager, British Club:**

## 1. What motivated you to partner with the BWG for this event?

A couple of months ago I was returning from the Clubhouse to the gym when to my surprise a rather large man said "Ah Paul, my wife wants to speak with you." This was the fortunate moment I became acquainted with Jill Raymont and the BWG. Jill struck me as a highly motivated, can-do kind of a woman who perhaps rarely takes 'no' as an answer. As it turns out, no was never going to be my answer anyway. Jill quickly explained to me the work BWG had been doing in Lopburi and her plans for a Sports Day at a school which was central to the local community. Despite her hard-sell, it was obvious to me how the British Club could help and how it would be good for the Club to do some community outreach. It is my personal belief that the British Club can, should and needs to engage with the wider Bangkok, and indeed Thai, community as a means to promote a greater understanding of the beliefs and values all expats hold dear, and to directly help and benefit those in need.

## 2. How did the day go?

It went extremely well. Jill had almost military-style planning and had prepped the teachers at the school thoroughly before our arrival.

There will always be hiccups and unexpected issues, and having witnessed a few Thai school Sports Days during my time as a teacher, I am aware of the many significant differences such as a Thai school Sports Day focusing around only a few children doing sports while the rest cheer. Nevertheless, the Thai teachers with Jill's coaxing and direction were able to get all the kids playing different sports with the equipment the BWG had provided.

The BWG volunteers proved worthy and accessible companions for their year groups, and the ladies who prepared and served the spaghetti bolognese lunch did so with finesse, and being sent from the Club meant it was absolutely delicious!

The final part of the day was the Sports Day races. Whilst I provided the concept, equipment and format for each race and led the explanations and race-starter responsibilities, credit again must go to Jill and her volunteers for making sure everything ran quickly and smoothly - in fact, if there was any hold-up at all, it was due to myself not returning skipping ropes or eggs and spoons to the next line of eager children quickly enough.

After the 3-5 year group separated heats of seven different races, it was back to the school hall for certificate and medals and finally more gifts for every child. With their arms bulging, they filed back to their classrooms tired but excited, whilst myself and the BWG on the other hand were tired and sweat-soaked. It was a rewarding and satisfying outing for us all.







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# FOUNDATION TO GRADUATION

- 11 Chosen as a member of the winning FOBISSEA Maths team
- 9 Drew my own superhero on the computer – cool!
- 7 Gave a speech about my country to the class
- 5 Starred in the school play, mum and dad took loads of photos!
- 3 I learned a song about the hungry caterpillar

- 18 IB almost done, Uni here I come
- 17 Played the lead in the school production, it was brilliant!
- 16 Helped organise the Green charity day at school, we raised loads!
- 15 Fired my first sculpture in pottery
- 13 Sang a solo in the Christmas Concert



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# EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!

By Sheila Da Nunda



It was a fitting choice for the return of the Wine Dinners at the Club, and there were 40 people sitting in readiness. The dinner was an illustration of how good food and wines from Australasia can be, especially when consumed together. Too true!

I liked the crab cakes with smooth rich avocado mousse, mainly because the Chardonnay was so refreshingly fruity. The grilled sea bass was fishy, full of flavour, and rounded off nicely with a Sauvignon Blanc. We were treated to two wines with the legendary Australian signature dish, the Carpetbag Steak (which for you Poms is a steak with oyster(s) inside). This was Tim McMullen's idea, the proprietor of Borombola Wines in New South Wales, who wanted us to compare the Shiraz with a Shiraz blend. I liked the idea, and the wines, and the steak was amazing with the oyster buried inside. Then in complete contrast we had the ghost of Nellie, a Peach Melba, enlivened and sweetened by a NZ Late Harvest Dessert Wine. Bingo, as they say! It topped the evening off a treat.

Thanks to all involved in the organisation, preparation, cooking and serving, and also to the purveyors of those haunting and enticing wines. After such a good evening, there's only one question: when's the next?







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# BC CALENDAR - JUNE 2012

MONDAY

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4

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*A Tale of Two Hamlets*  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



11

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*The Day of the Devil*  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



18

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*Dead Man's Mirror / The Jewel Robbery at the Grand Metropolitan*  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



25

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Monday Night Club**  
*The Mind Has Mountains*  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



TUESDAY

29

5

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm - 9pm



12

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm - 9pm



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**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm - 9pm



26

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Senior Football**  
7pm - 9pm



WEDNESDAY

30

6

**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



13

**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



20

**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



27

**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm - 10pm



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



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**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**  
7pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**  
7pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**  
7pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



**Squash Mix-In**  
5pm - 7pm



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**  
7pm

WEDNESDAY  
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## FRIDAY

**Children's Friday Cinema**  
6pm, Finding Nemo

**Wine Tasting**  
Suriwongse Room  
6pm - 9pm

**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm - 10pm



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**Children's Friday Cinema**  
6pm, Chicken Little

**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm - 10pm



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**Children's Friday Cinema**  
6pm, Happy Feet

**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm - 10pm



15

**Children's Friday Cinema**  
6pm, The Polar Express

**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm - 10pm



22

**Children's Friday Cinema**  
6pm, Ice Age 2

**Wine Tasting**  
Suriwongse Room  
6pm - 9pm

**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm - 10pm



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## SATURDAY

**Jamie Oliver Buffet  
Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm - 4pm



**Caribbean Buffet  
Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Canadian Grand Prix  
Qualifying**  
Midnight



**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm - 4pm



**Watercolour Workshop**  
Suriwong Room



**Spanish Buffet  
Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm - 4pm



**Plant a Tree  
Khao Yai National Park**  
Coach leaves the Club, 8:30am  
Coach returns, 6:30pm



**June Curry Buffet  
Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**European Grand Prix  
Qualifying**  
7pm



**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm - 4pm



**Canada Day**  
Doors open, 3pm



**Canadian Buffet  
Lunch & Dinner**  
All day

**Junior Netball**  
Back lawn, 3pm - 4pm



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## SUNDAY

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1:30pm

**British Brunch**  
The Verandah, 11:30am - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
Suriwongse Room  
2:30pm



**Yoga**  
2:30pm



**Diamond Jubilee Fête**  
1pm - Evening



3

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1:30pm

**Verandah Brunch**  
11:30am - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
Suriwongse Room  
2:30pm



**Yoga**  
2:30pm



**Canadian Grand Prix**  
1am (Mon)



10

**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1:30pm

**Verandah Brunch**  
11:30am - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
Suriwongse Room  
2:30pm



**Yoga**  
2:30pm



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**Junior British Club**  
10:30am - 1:30pm

**Verandah Brunch**  
11:30am - 3pm

**Yoga**  
2:30pm



**European Grand Prix**  
7pm



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### BC Golf Society

2-4 June	Black Mountain CC Hua Hin
10 June	Match V Londoners
17 June	Lam Lukka CC
24 June	The Royal GC Lat Krabang

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# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspicious Melioris Ævi*

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1976 ...

**1** he first occurrence of the year was that our Club Manager, Mr H.A. Traugott resigned and was in due course replaced by a Mr J.F. Davis. Thirty-six years later, Mr Traugott still holds the record as our longest serving Club Manager – seven years in all. Also unique to 1976, Mr Davis took over the role of Club Secretary as well as being Club Manager, thus ending nearly seventy years of Honorary Secretaries. The role of Honorary Secretary was not filled again until the year 2000 and the first new post holder was the present incumbent.

**2** Local community groups were as important to the Club then as they are now, and in 1976 we saw the birth of the last of the Loyal Societies in the form of The St David's Society in Bangkok with Eric Howells as the first Bard and their Honours board was duly commissioned. We also gave 'standing permission' for four other groups to use the Club during this year ... The Australian Women's Group, The British Women's Group, the Royal Varuna Yacht Club and the Bangkok Amateur Dramatic Society (fore-runner of the Bangkok Community Theatre).

**3** Although there had been intermittent colour television in Thailand since 1973, the first full colour service on all three channels (4, 5 and 7) did not start until 1976. The Club

Committee decided that we would rent a set (at a massive 700 Baht per month) but that it would be put in the 'Cinema Room' (Suriwongse Room) to allow children to watch it with a separate aerial placed in the 'Reading Room' (Wordsworth Lounge) for when adults wished to view it privately

**4** Richard Willoughby Wood was an Upcountry member of the Club for many decades, residing in Chiang Mai and in the summer of 1976 he presented the Club with a 1909 photograph of the Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club Championships of Bangkok: this picture, on display in The Verandah, shows H.R.H. Crown Prince Maha Vajiravudh assembled with all the players and BLTC members. The Crown Prince had actually donated the Men's Singles Championship Bowl for the tournament. In 1910 the Crown Prince became King Rama VI, in 1915 he donated the Clubhouse land to us and in 1919 we purchased the Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club as our present poolside

**5** Although the Club was now operating at a slight cash surplus each month there was still an underlying concern that membership was not improving. The 1975 tinkering with eligibility rules (see May Outpost) had done little to increase membership which had, in fact, floundered to 399 by year end. A working party was thus set up to re-examine bringing in non-British male members .... but more on that next month.



"Crown Prince Maha Vajiravudh visits the Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club in 1909"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club





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# SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



The BC had its first ever Sunday Cycle on April 29th with 11 keen cyclists arriving at 8:30am for a bike fitting before heading off after a quick briefing at 9am.

We left through the Suriwongse Gate and after a couple of hundred metres left the main road and headed in to the labyrinth of Sois, small roads and alleys which would lead us to Chinatown. After a stop at a Chinese temple next to the Chao Praya we headed into Chinatown proper and the famous Chinatown markets. Thankfully it wasn't too busy because of the early hour. We eventually popped out by memorial bridge and after a water stop headed round the back of the flower market and across to Wat Phra Kaew. From there we made good use of what little cycle lane was available down Ratchadamnoen Avenue till we got to the Golden Mount Temple. Here we had a well deserved 20min break whilst those who have never visited the temple could go and bash all its bells whilst taking in the view.

From here it was a surprisingly short way back to the BC and the showers/swimming pool/AC. Approximately 4hrs and 17.64kms later by my bike computer's reckoning.

Many thanks to all who joined the tour and many thanks to Mr. Wut our guide and Grasshopper Adventures for providing the bikes.

There will be another Sunday Cycle on Sunday 24th June. Places will be limited, approx. 10 and will be allotted on a first come first served basis. Please keep an eye out for more info in future emails.



We had 2 weeks of Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp in April. New activities to Sports Camp were sailing and canoeing which made an enjoyable change. There will be a Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp this month from Monday 4th till Friday 8th. Both camps will follow the same format as April's camps.

## SPORTS CAMP JUNE 2012

TIME	MON β950	TUES β1200	WED β950	THUR β1200	FRI β950
9:30	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	FOOTBALL	CANOEING & SAILING	FOOTBALL	BOULDERING ROCK CLIMBING	FOOTBALL
11:00-11:15	SNACK		SNACK		SNACK
11:15-12:15	CRICKET		CRICKET		CRICKET
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	TENNIS	CANOEING & SAILING	TENNIS	ICE SKATING	TENNIS
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING		SWIMMING

## MINI SPORTS CAMP JUNE 2012

TIME	MON β650	WED β650	FRI β650
10:00	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:15-11:00	MINI BALL SKILLS	MINI BALL SKILLS	MINI BALL SKILLS
11:00-11:15	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
11:15-12:15	MINI TENNIS	MINI TENNIS	MINI TENNIS
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-1:45	PLAY TIME	PLAY TIME	PLAY TIME
1:45-2:30	WATER FUN	WATER FUN	WATER FUN

Finally, just incase anyone's missing them, we'll have a water fun day on Sunday 10th 2-5pm.





# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge

## Odds and Plenty of Sods!

Right, here we go. No Bits last month as sod all had happened, I couldn't be bothered, Outpost was cancelled, and my arms had suddenly fallen off. Actually, Den had actually come to me with an actual tale of actual romance that actually turned out to be actually tripe. He said he wanted me to write an account of his first time. That's it. Really. Den's first time with.....with..... with a lady. He reckoned he'd finally done 'it' and wanted us to know. What a lying sod! As it turned out, he had nothing at all to report as it was all some type of sordid dream and he's never even kissed a bird let alone done 'that' with one. Instead he's bought a new car. See the pic.



Den's New Motor!

Hear this. Apparently we had a Squash Section AGM recently, last month or the one before that or next January or yesterday. A mix-up was held beforehand or afterwards or not at all and no one played with Tom Kelly's team beating Bob 51-2.



From Bob's Head!

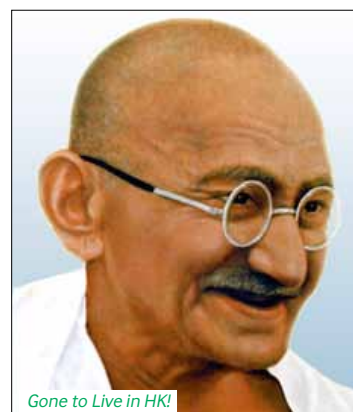
At the AGM the old committee was sworn out with the F and C words they'd deserved and some new suckers were drafted in: OUT: Cornflakes; IN: Den - not as attractive, but just as much of a sod. OUT: Cat Flap; IN: Bagpuss and Emily - not as efficient, but cuter. OUT: Earl Dunford; IN: John Merrick from the Veranda Bar - less status, but fewer steep House of Lords' level consultancy fees. OUT: Evans. In: A feisty Cambodian welder called Joy - less incompetence, but still a connection there. Ask Neil what it is, and who she is. OUT: Bob; IN: A small field mouse that used to be attached to the back of his shiny

head. And finally: OUT: Gandhi; IN: Joy's friend who Evan is also involved with. So the old sods are out and this new lot of sods is in and they can sodding well get on with it starting with an away match in Alaska against a pod of killer whales.



Hom's Squash Club!

There are in fact several teamy squashy matches pending, like another one with the Pattana teachers after the last fixture was cancelled as no one could be arsed or rather Evans had arranged it with only five hours' notice and then said he couldn't actually make it himself! Hardly a surprise he's been replaced by Joy, is it? Then there's a match at the BC in Singapore that nobody can afford to attend so it can stay on the back burner. Should put it on a Bunsen Burner really and forgotten about, or tell them to come here. There's also a Pattaya match that's been pending for 27 sodding months. This is because most are fearful of going there as the healthy abundance of transsexuals on Walking Street are so stunning and, more so, convincing, they are convinced that they will be convinced (probably very willingly, in fact) to have certain relations with them and that this will lead to the end of their marriages and the loss of their home. Well, if that's their attitude they're going to miss out then and we ain't talking about the squash. Serves 'em right; shouldn't be married! There was a match planned for Homs in Syria, but the court got bombed so is a bit dusty, and we had very high



Gone to Live in HK!



hopes of being able to visit a small squash club in Mexico located in a quaint little village just on the US border, but we learned an hour and a half ago that the players from this club had been moonlighting as drug cartel mafia types and were found one bright, sunny morning hanging from a bridge after a parking dispute with some other rival drug cartel mafia types. That's a real shame that is as most of us were really looking forward to a visit to Mexico. New committee, find us some new fixtures please. Cheers.



Now then, we usually have an oldies' comp and a team comp early in the year, but both were struck. Struck off. Struck off the calendar due to mass illness brought on by the new 300 baht minimum daily wage for local workers who do menial,



unskilled labour such as sweeping the floor. Yes, the club has fired all the cleaners as none of them were worth six quid, or ten bucks, a day as they all seemed to have an aversion to cleaning. As a result, we had to clean our own squash courts with our tongues as the sacked staff had nicked all the brooms and mops in protest at being so harshly fired by



a new manager called Jeremiah Sausageandmash who is on 450 baht a day. So we organized a 'Big Clean-up Day' which all squash section members were forced, on pain of having to play with that sod Den, to attend and we bought packets and packets of gum to aid saliva production. However, it turned out a colossal tragedy as we all fell seriously ill from poisoning as our three courts were covered in cats' pee and we drank it! Finally, Gandhi has relocated to Hong Kong. He was our Club Champion, the best squash player the BCB has ever had, allegedly, and he had dark skin and supported Aston Villa.



Work has taken him away like it did John Vivian from pretty wowan, Water Gay, Johnny Lonely Heart, James Dean, who sensibly returned, Ross Fish Fingers, who is no longer welcome and Nicholas Mellorsod who is also a traitor. There are others, but their names have been forgotten as they were either crap players, tight with the drinks, unsociable, or ugly, annoying sods. Gandhi was none of these things, but he's still a sodding traitor. I mean what's the point of coming all the way over here only to then go somewhere else? You might as well stay at home in the first place. Anyway, best wishes to H and let's hope HK throws him out so has to come back to BKK.

Until Den sodding well finally does 'it'.....

# TENNIS

By Paul Ringer



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Dear BCTS,

At the very end of April we held the BCTS AGM. It was attended by 9 BCTS members and me. Whilst the chairman presented his report the group discussed the points raised.

The general points raised and discussed at the AGM were;

- Championship plate redraw needs reviewing
- A review of the rules for seeded players is needed
- Rules could/should be placed on the website
- Championship quarter finals matches could be published for BCTS members to watch
- There needs to be a competition protocol as well as protocols for visiting teams, friendly matches and other events were tennis clubs visit the British Club
- BCTS only trips and tours
- A review of the tennis activities and training currently held for BCTS members

The meeting also involved the selection of a new committee for 2012/2013. Chris Watt, Glades Buliboli, John Bleho, Sally Crossley-Smith, John Cork and James Young all put their names forward and all were duly voted onto the BCTS committee for 2012/2013.

Following the meeting the new committee members held a vote for the chairperson of the BCTS. James Young was the only person to put his name forward and was duly elected as the BCTS chairman for 2012/2013.

Many thanks to Chris Watt, the outgoing chairman, for his hard work and support over the last year, and also thanks to Yubharet, a key force behind the ladies tennis over the last year, who this year stepped down but who will maintain an advisory position regarding the women's tennis at the British Club.

## Ladies Inter-Club Tournament:

The 26th ladies inter-club tournament was held at Piyaom Club on Sukhumvit Road 101/1. A total of 6 teams joined the tournament.

The British Club were in Group A with The Silom Club and Land Development Department (LDD). The Silom Club have been champions for the last 10 years and so the BC ladies didn't fancy their chances. However with the help of Orathai and Nong Mookda the BC Ladies managed to beat The Silom Club 8-0 for the first time ever in the Club's tennis history. Other pairs winning pairs were Nue/Mam, and Sasaluck/Glades.

These results meant the BC Ladies Team was placed second in their group. Unfortunately the afternoon heat took its toll and the ladies lost to the Japanese 2/3, meaning that the British Club ranked as 4th (ahead of RBSC - another first).

The final results were; Silom Club 1st, Polo Club 2nd, Japanese Club 3rd, British Club 4th, RBSC 5th and LDD 6th.

Thanks to all the ladies who came to support the Annual Inter-Clubs Ladies Tournament despite the 39 degree heat. The team included Orathai, Nong, Camille, Renuka, Mam, Sasaluck, Glades, Raymonde, Wandee, Wararut, Na and Yubharet as the team captain.

GOOD WORK GIRLS!!!



## TENNIS LEAGUES:

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

By now we will be in our 3rd month of tennis leagues, many thanks to all those taking part. Just a couple of points and reminders;

- You must play all matches by the designated date
- You are free to contact anyone in your division to arrange a match
- If you book the court and arrange the match your opponent supplies the balls
- Please complete your match results in the league table after play, there should be a pen or pencil available
- You must play all league matches to receive the division prize
- The scoring system has been changed to make scoring easier, points are awarded as;
  - **STRAIGHT SET WIN = 4pts**
  - **3 SET WIN = 3pts**
  - **3 SET LOSE = 2pts**
  - **2 SET LOSE = 1pt**
  - **FAILURE TO PLAY A MATCH = -1pt.**
- The prizes for each division winner are a Bt.500 F&B voucher and a massage voucher, value Bt.250

Congratulations to April's league winners;

Div 1 – Frank Gluck

Div 2 – Philip Mock

Div 3 – Luc Charrier

Div 4 – Pongsak

Div 5 – Raquel Evans

Div 6 – Orathai

Div 7 – Jim Brophy

Div 8 – Rajeev

A Big Balls Up was held on the 28th before the AGM, it was well-attended and a lot of fun.



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# HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



When I started playing cricket in Thailand in 1978 there was really only one ground, the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, with occasional matches played in Nakhorn Sawan and at AIT. The Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club started cricket again in 1982, the Polo Club opened soon after and in recent years more and more grounds have been built with several more yet in the offing. The BC has played on no less than 7 grounds in the last two seasons and on 6th April added an 8th with a trip to Hua Hin where cricket is played at the Dusit Thani Hotel on the old Polo field.

This was a Friday, Chakri Day, a Thai holiday and an opportunity for another van ride to the seaside where we always seem to do best. The Hua Hin International 6s were due to start the next day and so it was agreed that both teams would field an international 'Star' in our line-ups. We drew the unlikely named Glen Batticciotto (Batty to his mates) who plays first class cricket for Queensland, and our opposition, who comprised a mixture of Siam Parrots and the strong touring Cluden Club from Melbourne. I had Mick Lewis, who has played 7 ODIs and a couple of T20s for Australia.

A splendid day was in prospect. The ground was all dressed up for the 6's, we had professional umpires and scorers and even a commentary team. 25 overs, retire on 40 was the format, hot and humid the weather, Dale winning the toss for the first time this season and choosing to field.

The Parrots got off to a flying start, their pro, Lewis, raced to 42 off just 31 balls although was fortunate to survive a freakish clean bowled to an above-waist high no-ball from Rahul who probably bowled his best spell of the season. The only wicket to fall before drinks was the other opener, the first of three remarkable catches by BC's senior players, Dr White clutching



Getting ready for play



Hua Hin Action

a soaring drive that went a million miles in the air whilst only just managing to stay within the ropes. But 88 for 1 after 12 overs looked pretty threatening.

But this was a determined BC team and with two big hitters out of the way, runs became much more difficult. Only 23 came off the next 6 overs with Nick White (2 for 34) and Sailesh (2 for 23) turning the screws and BC's fielders putting on a rare show of athleticism. Sailesh nonchalantly stuck out a hand at slip to pick off an edge induced by BC's own star, Batty (1 for 31) who was almost knocking Dale off his feet standing 20 yards back behind the stumps. And Jack Dunford completed the OAP triumvirate by moving effortlessly to his left to snaffle another sharp one in the gully.

The Parrots did have a late fling but their final score of 166 for 5 was contained by an important if unlikely Dunford (1 for 11) 'death' over which conceded minus 2 runs .... 3 runs off the bat and minus 5 runs because match rules were that any batsman out first ball could bat on but would have 5 runs deducted. A similar first ball 'out' earlier to Nick White also saved us 5 runs although in this case the batsman went on to score 40\*.



Hua Hin dressed up for the 6's



BC batting

We figured 167 was just about gettable and it soon looked very gettable as Queensland star Batty stroked a handsome 43\* off 21 balls, including four 6's. Batty inspired Rahul who was also in fine form, also retiring on 40 off 36 balls. James Moss contributed a typical cameo with 11 off 7 balls and at drinks BC were 104 for 1 off 12 overs, wanting just 63 off 13 overs to win at under 5 an over.

Definitely gettable. But it was noted that Parrots were holding back overs from their Aussie International and another very tricky quickie. Only 11 runs came off the first 5 overs after the break raising the asking rate to over 6. Sailesh and Dale perished in contrasting fashions but with the experienced Nick White (34\*) playing sensibly, it was still game on.

Andy had visions of finishing it off by himself, contributing a handy, but all too brief 11 off 5 balls to raise the tempo.... but when Corin (13) joined the good doctor, 30 were still needed off the last 5 overs to be bowled by the Parrots best two

bowlers.

It was nail-biting stuff. "Run everything" was the Doctor's order to Corin. There were no easy balls to hit and much scampering ensued. 5 runs off the 21st over, 4 off the 22nd, 4 off the 23rd .... 14 to win off the last two overs! And then Corin was run out when the good Dr in his wisdom withdrew his orders at short notice and refused to run. Bad luck Corin ... but a great team knock which brought Chitradeep to the crease.

There were still 11 runs to win off the last over to be bowled by Aussie international Mick Lewis. He was bowling fast ... very fast by Thailand standards ... and the odds were not good. His previous 4 overs had gone for only 17 runs and it was only our own star Batty earlier on that had been able to pick him.

The atmosphere was electric. Nick pushed the first ball for a single into the covers ... but some nervous fielding resulted in an overthrow with the tension getting to everyone. 9 off 5 balls now wanted.

Another push by Nick for another single off the second ball ... but no ... another misfield ... and a miss-directed throw .... and yet another nervous fumble .... and they scamper through for 2 overthrows! Incredible ... just 6 wanted now off 4 balls.

Unfortunately Nick was now off strike and Chitradeep couldn't get bat on the 3rd or the 4th ball ... but with the wicket keeper set deep, another bye was run which brought Nick back to finish it off. 5 wanted now off 2 balls!

The 5th ball goes for 2 frenetic runs leaving just 3 to win off the last ball ... 2 for a very honourable tie ... that is, until everyone's attention is drawn to the umpire who has the signalled "one short"!!! Correction, 4 to win off the last ball, 3 to tie!

The experienced pro wasn't going to bowl anything hittable, 2 leg byes were scampered ... 9 had come off the Aussie international's over ... but we had lost by ONE run!

This was a wonderful game. For once BC had played to its potential and gone down fighting in glory against a very strong team. The sponsored beer was attacked with relish and it was a very spirited van ride back to Bonkers.



Scores and commentators



Losers... but victorious!



# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn



## Juniors / Seniors: Wang Juntr Highland GC Sat 31 Mar / Sun 1 April 2012

The season's first major tournament, the Seniors and Juniors, was played at the magnificent Wang Juntr Highland course over two days, 31st March and 1st April. The hill country around the course is very scenic, but poses stern challenges with its several steep climbs and large but undulating greens. Whilst many competitors may have encountered a few difficulties and frustrations over the two days, attitudes seemingly remained positive, both on and off the course (1-4).



The leaders of the Junior section proved best able to cope, and both John Carter and Mark Evans posted creditable scores for second and third positions. But it was Gordon Milne's trademark fearless chipping which stood him in good stead, as he alone was able to better his handicap and win the section (5).

The Senior scores were not so good, with all players noticeably flagging over the final stretch of the second day. Veteran Brian Brook grittily hung on to his overnight lead to beat Frank Fawkes and Karen Carter into second and third places (6).



## April Stableford: Lam Lukka CC Sunday 22 April 2012

Despite the prospect of having to forego the customary après – golf thirst quencher, a small but determined group turned out for the first Lam Lukka Stableford competition of 2012. As always the course was in excellent condition and our man with the camera found Ray in a contemplative mood as he planned his strategy (which ball to use) amidst the picturesque surroundings (7)! On the downside however, the recent hot spell continued in force, making conditions difficult and may have contributed to the lack of focus for many in the latter stages of the round! It was a welcome back to Art C following a spell on the sidelines due to injury. Marcus, also recently returned, but from his travels, took this opportunity to promote his alternative line in golf wear (8). The golf section attire of the future, perhaps – Andrew to look into it!!

In the meantime Mike S got on with the business in hand, fine tuning his short game on the practice ground (9). In the end it proved to be a smart move as Mike was able to keep his game together better than most and his 35 stableford points was good enough to edge out Marcus by the narrowest of margins (10). Minor prizes went to Brian B, Karen and John G for near pins and to Art and Belinda for their efforts in the long drive competition.



Playing spectacular golf and continuing her good form in match play events, Karen proved too strong for Simon F in the first round of the 2012 knock-out competition.



#### April Medal: The Royal GC: Lat Krabang Sunday 29 April 2012

Perhaps some of our regular golfers were trying to find a cooler spot to spend the weekend as it was a smaller than usual field that set out to compete in this month's medal competition. Surprisingly, conditions at The Royal GC were slightly more tolerable than we have been experiencing of late, making the round a lot more pleasant for those who took part.

We welcomed back two long term absentees in Robert Gray and Varghese. Inevitably, both showed signs of rustiness and did not challenge for the main awards. Varghese however, did get a mention when he saved the reputation of the male competitors in the long drive competition. For a time,

it looked like Gaew, the only female player present, was going to put the rest of us to shame with her commendable effort until Varghese stepped up to the plate. Is that a look of embarrassment – well, perhaps not? (11) The remaining technical prizes went to Art, Frank, David and Gaew for nearest pins and to Ian T for the longest putt.

Further success went the way of Ian in Flight 'B' of the main competition. Being the only competitor on the day to play better than his handicap (net 71) he deservedly finished in first place, two strokes ahead of Ray B. (12)

No one really covered themselves in glory in Flight 'A' and a net 73 was good enough for Jack O to get his hands on one of the latest Medal trophies (13) Mark E continued his good form with another podium finish – sufficient to ensure that he hangs on to first place in both the Flight 'A' Medal Eclectic' and 'Golfer of the Year' competitions.



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### 25<sup>th</sup> The Mind Has Mountains

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Kevin Whately is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Alex McQueen, Douglas Henshall and Jack Roth with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.



# BRIDGE

By Mike & Winlock



EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 1st April (14 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chintana & Maud	62.50%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	61.54%
Sunday 8th April (10 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Helmer & Hanne	63.89%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Winckless & Supote	60.65%
Sunday 15th April (14 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Watana & Prarop	70.51%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chalernpol & Piya	68.91%
Sunday 22nd April (12 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlene & Manthanee	62.27%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiatchai & Hiran	60.91%
Tuesday 24th April (9 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chintana & Wako	65.87%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Manthanee & Chakramon	58.73%

## Take-out Doubles (by Helmer Nissen), part 2 of 2 parts.

This is the second of two articles (Part 1, "Overcalls & answers to overcalls" was published in May issue of Outpost). In this article I will discuss another very common action in bidding, the take-out double.

A question which you might often ask yourself is "Why do I make a take-out double instead of an overcall?"

Remember that there are three general rules for making an overcall:

- to get to play the contract
- to show partner where to lead
- to disturb our opponents.

Overcalls should show at least a 5-card suit, and somewhere between (6) 9 to 14 (16) points.

But what about for hands which do not fall into the above guidelines for overcalls, such as:

- You may not have a 5-card suit,
- You may be too strong,
- You want to show preference for more than one suit.

A universal rule which I think must be followed is:

If you make a take-out double with only a few points (11 – 15 points), you must have a distribution which allows you to accept any suit response from your partner.

On the contrary, if you have a strong hand (16+ points) you may double on any distribution.

Let's look at a few examples where I have seen players abuse the system.

Opponents opened 1♦ – you chose to make a take-out double.

Your partner answered 1♠, what now? Your hands (the take-out doubler) are:

- |           |         |       |        |          |
|-----------|---------|-------|--------|----------|
| 1) ♠ KXX  | ♥ QJXXX | ♦ AQX | ♣ QX   | (14 HCP) |
| 2) ♠ QXX  | ♥ KJX   | ♦ AXX | ♣ KJXX | (14 HCP) |
| 3) ♠ KJXX | ♥ KXXX  | ♦ KX  | ♣ AJX  | (15 HCP) |
| 4) ♠ KXX  | ♥ QJXXX | ♦ AQX | ♣ AQX  | (18 HCP) |

How should partner respond to your take-out double? (Points +/- 1, up to you)

0 – 8 points Bid best suit, lowest possible.

9 – 11 points Jump once in best suit, or 2 NT with stopper in opening suit.

12+ Either jump to game, **OR** overcall in opening suit! At first it isn't asking for a stopper in that suit, but only telling partner that you have an opening hand as well, game-forcing. Now bid slowly to find the best game.

After your partner responds 1♠ to your take-out double, my suggestions for the above hands are:

- Do you want to bid again? Please don't! If you bid 1 NT, it shows 18 – 19 HCP, if you bid 2♥, it will show 16+. You need to pass, because you forgot to bid 1♥ (overcall).
- 1 NT? See above. You need to pass; you have shown your hand already.
- Bid again? No, you have 15 HCP only, and your partner got something like 0 – 8. You can't reach game, and a 2♠ bid would encourage your partner to go for game with maximum (7 – 8).
- Jump to show your strong hand? No, there is no need for it. A re-bid 1 NT shows your big hand, 18 – 19 HCP. You didn't bid 1 NT directly which would show 15 – 17. Therefore double, and re-bid 1 NT. It isn't weak!

Rules for your next bid, after you have made a take-out double:  
If you bid again you are strong!

N	E	S	W
	1♦	X	P
1♠	P	?	

With Spade support:

12 – 15	points	Pass
16 – 18	points	2♠
19 – 21	points	3♠
22+	hpoints	4♠

No spade support:

12 – 15	Pass
16+	New suit; should be 5-card.

No spade support, but diamond stopper:

12 – 14	Pass (you promised that you could play any suit as you had doubled)
15 – 17	Why didn't you bid 1NT at first?
18 – 19	1 NT
20 – 22	2 NT
23+	3 NT

Home-work for next time:

Opponents opened 1♦, what is your bid?

1) ♠AK53	♥K432	♦54	♣J109
2) ♠AQ10942	♥KQ4	♦8	♣K107
3) ♠A107	♥A97	♦75	♣AKQ108
4) ♠AQ854	♥KQ8	♦54	♣AQ5
5) ♠J43	♥A75	♦AJ987	♣K6
6) ♠K943	♥QJ104	♦K4	♣AQ2
7) ♠Q1098	♥AQJ4	♦10	♣Q1065
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