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**FRONT COVER**

Nobody could disagree that for 90 years old, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is simply remarkable. Always impeccably dressed and seemingly able to carry any colour with elegance and poise, the Queen is continuously at work and more often than not accompanied by her equally agile husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. A very happy birthday from us all!

EDITOR'S GREETING

This month sees two busy days, Her Majesty's Birthday Garden Party on 11th and Canada Day a week later on 18th - see the posters herein.

The UK is all a-quiver at the moment readying for the EU referendum. This month we have an un-biased article putting forward the pros and cons. It may be too late to vote, but not too late to follow the public's decision, or to make up your own mind!

Later in the month there are Sports Camps and an exclusive movie presentation - details inside.

Ed



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

One of the things I have enjoyed most so far in my role as Chairman has been the opportunity to meet Members I might otherwise never have met. These have included new Members during the application process and old Members who have responded to our invitation to join sub-committees. What fun! I have met a Welsh Squash Champion, someone born in the village next to me with a much finer Somerset accent than mine, and even an Indian who can't play cricket!

If ever I needed reminding, we do have a very diverse and talented membership and the more we can engage and share these gifts then the richer our enjoyment will be. Opening up ways for Members to become involved in running the Club has been enthusiastically received. Over 30 individuals have volunteered to help, most gratifyingly including ladies and non-voters, bringing skills, ideas and enthusiasm to just about all of our activities.

Our challenge now is to make it all work. Seemingly endless holidays in April and May have meant a slow start but over the next few weeks we should have had at least preliminary meetings of most sub-committees and some will be going strong. The GC is committed to good communications with the Membership and our plan is to shortly have links on our Website Homepage where the sub-committees will report progress, post important documents and invite Members' views.

Much work has been going on behind the scenes, as the GC has been finding out how things work and discussing its initial ideas with Khun Prem and her staff. Just registering the new Committee with the authorities has been a bureaucratic and time-consuming affair and it is a bit early for me to report progress. However we do expect to announce soon a timeline for presenting Members with alternative architect concept designs for redeveloping the Poolside, plans for web-based menus and court/function bookings as well as progress on more mundane but equally important matters such as the constitutional review and disciplinary procedures.

Speaking of the latter, the meeting between the old and new GC's on 9th May was generally congenial and constructive but the previous GC challenged our decision to lift the suspensions in place for two Members who they considered had been fairly disciplined in accordance with the Club Rules and Bylaws.



Jack Dunford

As explained previously, we made this decision because we felt that the high number of disciplinary actions during the last year had created much bad feeling and adversely affected the friendly atmosphere of the Club. Lifting the suspensions was in the nature of an amnesty, to lift spirits and to start afresh. I apologise if this action was perceived to be a criticism of the previous GC's process and/or their decisions because it was not.

The two Members involved were reminded that the GC expects all Members to follow the Club rules and behave courteously towards staff and fellow Members at all times. Sanctions will continue to be enforced for unacceptable behaviour, including suspension of Membership. We are however setting up a disciplinary sub-committee to review the current rules and procedures which contributed to recent dissatisfaction. We believe that every attempt should be made to resolve disputes before they escalate and that it might be appropriate in some circumstances to put in place a process independent of the GC.

We welcome input from Members including the previous GC based on their experience and trust all parties will now consider previous cases closed as the sub-committee goes about its work. I hope that we can work past any perceived miscommunication and return to a mutual relationship of trust and respect.

Governments seem to be judged by what they do in their first 100 days and as I write this, the new GC has already used up nearly 50. I am sure that by next month there will be much to report and we may even start to feature a separate page on sub-committee activities.

Meanwhile I am delighted to confirm that the Club remains in good health. Membership numbers remain stable, and a comfortable financial surplus was again recorded in April taking reserves to an all-time high. This is a great position to be in and credit as always goes to Khun Prem and her staff and many GC members who have gone before us. We will have much more to say on finances as we present development plans in the coming months.



The Club Archives

In closing, I continue to get lots of good feedback on my 'As We Were' features and encourage any other Members with photos taken yesteryear at the Club or in and around Bangkok and Thailand to please share them. The Club itself is sitting on a treasure of memories in the form of committee Minute Books going back to the 1940s when the Club re-opened after World War Two; Annual Reports; Guest Books;

Outpost Magazines from its inception in the 1970s; and Suggestions Books, including one for Ladies Only who presumably were considered too sensitive to read those of the Gentlemen Members or, perhaps more likely, because they could be taken less seriously?

Former Honorary Secretary, Paul Cheesman recently wrote a fascinating serialised history of the Club in Outpost based on the Minutes but there is a wealth of precious material here for future storytellers. I am concerned though that we have just the one hard copy, vulnerable to fire and the tropical climate and am keen to have these scanned so that not only can they be preserved for ever, but also made available to all interested, word-searchable with modern software ... a joy I have discovered writing a book from my personal archives. Just imagine being able to word-search 'dress code' or 'bar fight' in Minutes of yore ... errr ... perhaps not!

Sadly though, a few volumes of Outpost have 'disappeared' and I would like to appeal to anyone who might have kept copies of 1997, 2004 and 2005. If you have these, please let us know so that we can make copies and complete our collection.

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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

As I write, we have just finished the April financial statements: the operating income was over 500,000 baht and our net income was 671,909 baht. The year-to-date operating income for the last five months shows more than 4.5 million baht, 22% more than last year, and our net income was more than 5.4 million baht or 35% more than last year. Our cash-on-hand at the end of April was 38.9 million after paying all tax and replacing some assets, which is the highest on record. I am very pleased with these results and thank all Members for supporting the Club to such an extent.

As there were so many public holidays in Thailand during May, we do not have many functions or events in the Club as many Members take advantage of the long weekends have holidays. Even so, the F&B outlets were busy every weekend and during the week also. In June we will have a big event at the Club, the 90th Birthday Garden Party for H.M. Queen Elizabeth II which will be on 11th June. The party will run from noon until evening. Khun Jeremy will send the details by the weekly email to all Members. We will have full activities for kids and adults with a live band in the late afternoon and early evening. Please come and join us celebrating her birthday at our Club. Then the week after, Canada Day will held at the Club once again this year so if any Members would like to join this event, please contact TCCC for the tickets. The car park will be closed on both these days, but Members can park at the Narai hotel car park at the beginning of Soi 18.

Most of the schools will close around the last week of June, so Khun Amnat and our sports team will start



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

kids sports camps for the following four weeks. In the past our sports camps have been popular with the kids, we separate the levels of the kids and our staff supervise all activities and they can enjoy our Club lunch. Moreover we have started a new swimming coach for technique and advanced swimming on Saturdays and Sundays. There is also kids cricket coaching every Sunday on the MPC and cricket nets. For more info or booking on all sports activities or camps, please contact Khun Amnat at the Fitness Centre.

At the end of June we will start showing Wimbledon tennis in the Surawongse Sala, and we will send details by email when we have more information.

For Club maintenance, we have installed new mirrors in the Fitness Centre, added a new section to the cricket nets, replaced the two side nets at the MPC. Our security guard company, IGG, conducted a session to train our staff in Fire Safety, so the staff were trained in the morning and practiced in the afternoon. Thank you to IGG for supporting us with the training.

I am looking forward to seeing you around the Club in June before many of you take off for your summer holidays.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays)		
1910 Balcony	3pm - 11pm (Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm)		
Accounts Office	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Closed (Sat-Sun)		
The Pavilion Café	9am - 6pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)
Churchill Bar	10am - 12midnight	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)
Poolside Bar	6:15am - 11pm Last food orders 9:30pm	Thai Massage	10am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)

EXCLUSIVE PRESENTATION

Surawongse Room
Sunday 26 June, 7pm

THE LAST EXECUTIONER

(Thai with English subtitles)

Starring:

Vithaya Pansringarm (ONLY GOD FORGIVES)
David Asavanond (COUNTDOWN)

Directed by:

Tom Waller - (British Club Member)



Tom will lead a Q & A session
after the film has shown



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HAPPENINGS

The extended hot season, which seemed to be getting a bit out of hand, carried on into May and put paid to our plans for an outing to a Khao Yai winery for a tour with lunch and wine-tasting, as it was unbearably hot midday and this would have made the trip less than enjoyable, so we will reschedule this for later in the year. It was swelteringly hot for the Brighton College Beach Party on the Back Lawn but the attendance was good and some Members and their families took advantage of the open invite.

There was an amazing response to the Quiz Night this month, after a couple of months with lots of teams out of the country or away, everyone wanted to come along and we were full on the day even before the last two teams booked for their places in the evening. We managed to get everyone in, and their proximity meant teams needed to discuss their answers *motto voce* so as to not give anything away. We had a great evening, a surprise winner in Pun's team of three people, but still the Jackpot remained uncracked! Maybe June's evening will see a winner.

There's a New Members Night on 21st June, by invitation only from Khun Prang, and two days later there's the EU referendum. I have included an article in this issue which lays out the basic facts about Brexit as quite a few people have shown interest in getting an unadorned account of the choices faced when voting. On the day itself, we will offer whatever TV coverage is available in the Churchill Bar as we wait to find out which way the vote will go. As we have seen in past years, much depends on how many turn out to vote, as if the wrong contingent decide to stay at home for an extra cuppa, it could scupper the vote and let a swing take us in the direction we least expected. So be ready for the 23rd.

I'm very pleased to say that Tom Waller has offered to make an exclusive presentation of his film "The Last Executioner" with a question & answer session as well, in the Surawongse Room on Sunday 26th June. Several years ago we did the same with a couple of his earlier movies and they were well received, so this time should be no different. It has won many awards and is a fascinating insight into the mind of a family man whose job is carrying out the law's wishes to terminate another human being. I strongly recommend you attend as it should be a great evening.



Jeremy de Sausmarez

**Events & Marketing
Manager**

Our cover as well as many aspects of this month's Outpost feature HM Queen Elizabeth II whose official 90th birthday is on 11th June. The Club will be holding a Garden Party on that day on the Back Lawn and around the Club which we hope will be like a mini-version of the Jubilee Fête which we organised four years ago. There's much interest in the day, both from our membership and from outside the Club. The Loyal Societies and the British Women's Group are joining us in making it a great party, and there will be quite a number of stalls offering games, lucky dips, hooplas not to forget a selection of car boot stalls and maybe even some jumble and second hand stuff to rummage through. As always, it will be wonderful for children, lots of games and fun as well as entertainment and a puppet show, food and drink available as always, and Bangkok's very own Fab Four on stage live between 4pm and 7pm bringing back the golden sounds of yesteryear. I'm planning to have a screen outside showing Trooping of the Colour from London, which no doubt will snowball into coverage of all the celebrations going on around the UK to celebrate this marvellous 90th birthday. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon, as the bells ring out across the land back home.

Canada Day is being celebrated this year on Saturday 18th on the Back Lawn and in the Car Parks. It's been held here at the Club for many years (excluding last year) and we welcome them back, they have quite a zany afternoon of enjoyment helped along by their legendary Bloody Caesars which are sensational and strong too! Check out the poster for the contact details for more information or getting tickets.

For both the Birthday Garden Party and Canada Day, the Club's car parks will be closed but as usual there will be parking available at the Narai Hotel and you get your ticket stamped by security. Hopefully this will not be of undue inconvenience to anyone.

Have a great month, and if you're heading back to Europe, a great holiday too!

BUSINESS LUNCHEONS



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6th June – 10th June 2016

Starters : 65 baht

Waldolf Ham Salad or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 baht

- Mini Steak Served with Mixed Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes and Gravy Sauce
- or Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce (Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes)
- or Creamy Chicken Penne and Peas (Served with French Beans, Carrots and Sauteed Potatoes)
- or Tom Kha Gai (A Refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)
- Phad Kraprao Moo Sab (Stir-fried Minced Pork with Hot Basil and Chilli)
- Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo (Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Curd and Oysters Sauce)

13th June – 17th June 2016

Starters – 65 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses – 160 baht

- Salmon Fish Cakes (Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce)
- or Chicken Stew in Red Wine Sauce, French Onion, Peas, Carrots and Mashed Potatoes
- or Fillet of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce (Served with Grilled Zucchini and Coriander Rice)
- or Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao (Chinese Lettuce Soup with Minced Pork, Tofu and Vermicelli)
- Pla Som Ros (Deep-fried Dory Fish Topped with Sweet and Sour Spiced Sauce)
- Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

20th June – 24th June 2016

Starters : 65 Baht

Carrots, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw

or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses :160 Baht

- Chicken Maryland with pineapple, banana, sweet corn, bacon and home-fried potatoes
- or Pan-fried Dory fish in orange and butter sauce
(Served with French beans, carrots and mashed potatoes)
- or Sausage Stew with Green Beans, Carrots, Peas and New Potatoes
- or Tom Kha Gai (A refreshing coconut milk soup with chicken and herb)
- Phad Kraprao Moo Sab (Stir-fried minced pork with hot basil and chilli)
- Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo (Stir-fried bean sprouts with beancurd and oyster sauce)

27th June – 1st May 2016

Starters : 65 Baht

Chicken and Papaya Salad (Grilled chicken, lemongrass, spring onion and lime dressing)

or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

- Mixed Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Fried Onions
- or Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes
- or Grilled Sea Bass (Served with Spinach Risotto)
- or Tom Yam Kung (Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)
- Gai Phad Khing (Stir-fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion and Fungus Mushrooms)
- Tod Mun Pla (Deep-fried Fishcakes)

** Dessert of the Day : Choose from our à la carte Dessert with 10% off



F&B MORSELS

Another month with many holidays in it which is good for us as many Members come to enjoy the food here. Sunday Brunch is very busy most weekends, and the mango promotion has been very successful so we will continue it until later in June when the strawberry promotion starts in time for the Wimbledon tennis. The cakes we sell in the Pavilion Café and the Sala also follow the monthly promotions, so try them out too. I will also be keeping the Paella promotion going on Wednesdays, but remember we need time to prepare it after ordering.

In June there are two big events outside - the Garden Party for UK Queen Elizabeth II which sounds like it will be a very busy day, and then a week later there is Canada Day which has been a very successful day at the Club for many years. Bring your families along and enjoy the celebrations.

In July I hope we will be able to host another Sparkling Wine Brunch as we did last year. To make it extra

special, we need to have lots of people booking and then I can order extra items to spread the cost. As soon as we have the date fixed and there's a sign-up sheet, please put your names down and I will monitor to make it as good as possible.

Last month I asked for suggestions and recommendations for children's food ideas and vegetarian dishes, but not much response! Please let me have your thoughts and email menu@britishclubbangkok.org

Happy Eating!



Khun Laak

Executive Chef

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12 noon	Official opening
12 noon - 6pm	Stalls, car boot, retail, Bouncy Castle, Trampoline open
12 noon	Arts & crafts, games, competitions begin
2:30pm	Piñatas !
3pm	Food available
3pm	Entertainer on stage
3:30pm	Welcome by Club Chairman
3:35pm	HM the King's anthem UK National Anthem
3:40pm	Royal and Loyal toasts
3:45pm	Piñatas
4pm - 7pm	The Fab Four live on stage!
4:45pm	Birthday Cake cutting
7pm	Starting to close up



90th

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Sat 11 June 2016 : 12 Noon - Evening



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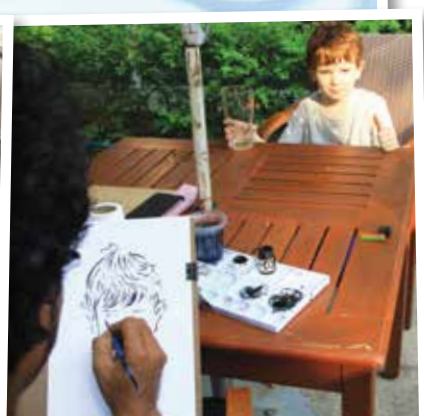
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

It was the 113th birthday of the British Club, and it was a fun day with arts and crafts, the Bouncy Castle, an entertainer with plate balancing and extreme limbo as well as two piñatas, a sketch artist, and of course the birthday cake in the shape of 113. Great fun had by all, especially the scrum for the sweets from the piñata. Many happy returns of the day!



ANZAC DAY 2016

Last year's ANZAC Day was a unusually big event as it was the centenary of the Gallipoli landings that ANZAC Day originally commemorated. The large band the British Club Pipe Band Section put together for that event with guest players from all over the world was always going to a hard act for us to follow. Nevertheless, three guest players, Eric Wilson, Paul Skipworth and Mark Dixon, kindly flew in from Australia to reinforce us again and we were able to field a band of nine players this year.

It was noteworthy that we were also able to field a homegrown Thai talent for the first time. Over the years we have had a number of Thai guest players from Varijarivudh College which has a large pipe band of its own, tutored by our own pipe major, Keith Walker. However, this is first time that a Thai, who was not from Vajiravudh College, has performed with the band. It is not known exactly how Khun Ball came to espouse a love of pipe band music so strong that it eventually drove him, barely able to speak English at the time, to come to the British Club to seek out Keith and ask him for lessons. Having found the Pipe Band Section, despite having a career and a young family, Ball has been able to find the time to put in the long hours of regular practice needed to learn the pipes. We were extremely proud to include him in the band for the first time on ANZAC Day, as our first British Club produced Thai piper.

At the rehearsals at the Kanchanaburi cemetery with the Australian soldiers who form the catafalque party the day before the parade, things were definitely not going well and there was even a suggestion that one unnamed piper's reed should be removed, so that he would only be blowing the drones and miming on the chanter. But practice makes perfect and Keith put the band through its paces until the sweltering heat made further practice impossible, as well as simplifying some parts of the programme that were causing



Pipers Ball (left) and Top



difficulties to less experienced players. The practice paid off and we were able to put in a nearly faultless performance on the day, at least with no noticeable mistakes.

After the parade at the cemetery the band was invited to play at an Aussie bar in Kanchanaburi, the BBB. This was a chance to relax and play a few jigs and reels and other party tunes, while the owner of the BBB, Brett, generously plied the band with food and drink. We ended up playing four sets over several hours at the BBB. The first two sets were pretty good but I am glad that no one filmed the last two, as I fear that Brett's hospitality had got the better of some of our players by then. After going for a quiet dinner with my wife, I found I had one more duty to perform, as leader of the drum corps, on returning to the hotel. A kilted tenor drummer was fast asleep in a hard wooden chair, where the receptionists said he had been for the last three hours. With the help of the hotel staff I was able to wake him up and the person he was supposed to be sharing a room with and arrange his safe removal from the lobby.

GEORGE MORGAN



WHAT IS BREXIT?

Brexit is media shorthand for the possibility that the UK will leave the European Union. On Thursday 23rd June 2016 the British public will vote in a referendum on the question 'Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union?'. Voters will select from two boxes marked 'Remain a member of the European Union' or 'Leave the European Union'. The referendum is the fulfilment of an election pledge by Prime Minister, David Cameron, made to pacify members of his own party and the UK Independence Party (UKIP).

Who's in and who's out?

What is particularly interesting about this referendum is how both sides of the political spectrum are divided over the issue. David Cameron, who is a Remain man has big hitters within his party in the opposite camp, most notably Boris Johnson. This could lead to a major political shake-up should the result be a leave vote with many predicting that it would be untenable for Mr Cameron to stay prime minister. Divisions have also appeared in the Labour party. While officially the party is for staying in and leader, Jeremy Corbyn has gone on record to say so, many party members are in the 'leave camp'. The press has seized on the fact that Mr Corbyn has not been a supporter of EU membership in the past. Given these divisions, a leave vote could significantly alter the political landscape in the UK.

As both the 'remain' and the 'leave' camps are cross-party initiatives, voters will be unable to vote according to party allegiances. According to the polls, the most likely factors to indicate how individuals will vote are based on age, education and where they live, with middle-class, young and educated voters from the South more likely to want vote 'remain' and over 55s, working class and unskilled or semi-skilled workers more likely to vote leave.

What do the polls say?

This race is being run neck and neck with the outcome too close to call. The latest ORB poll carried out for the Daily Telegraph indicated that 51% would vote to remain and 46% to leave with 3% undecided. That said, Barack Obama's statement that Britain would be 'at the back of the queue' for any trade deal with the UK has been seen as a big blow to the pro-Brexit camp and may significantly influence voters towards the remain campaign. There is still a long way to go in campaign terms though.

What are the main issues under debate?

Immigration

The likelihood is that this referendum will be decided on the most emotive subject of them all. Immigration is the biggest political hot potato in the UK at the moment and a subject which divides the British public. It will be the main reason why many voters will choose to leave the Union.

Under EU law anyone from any of the 28 EU member states has the right to live in any member country. This gives Brits the freedom to settle in Europe, and many have done so

with an estimated 761,000 living in Spain and 200,000 in France. However, it has also resulted in almost 950,000 Eastern Europeans from Poland, Bulgaria, Romania and the Czech Republic moving to the UK according to the Office of National Statistics.

Net migration remains way above government targets and for many Brits struggling in a landscape of austerity the flow of unskilled workers into the UK equates to competition for jobs and raises the possibility of unemployment. On the other side of the coin, others argue that these largely young and low paid immigrants boost consumption and keep wage inflation low.

Those who vote to leave because they wish to control immigration may be disappointed. If the UK wishes to negotiate trade deals with Europe post-Brexit, labour mobility is likely to be a major bargaining chip. Britain may still have its arm twisted into allowing EU workers to continue to have the right to work in the UK in return for the right to trade freely with EU member states.

Security

Cross border security is a major concern in the UK with the growing threat of terrorist activity throughout Europe, especially in the wake of the recent attacks in Belgium and Paris. This issue is closely linked to that of immigration with the EU's 'open door' policy allowing easy access into the UK strongly criticised by the pro-Brexit camp who want to be able to control exactly who can come in or out.

However, Metropolitan Police chief, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, has warned of an increased security threat if Britain leaves the UK. He claims the current system of shared intelligence with other European countries including criminal history, DNA and fingerprints, would be jeopardised by a vote to leave and that Brexit would cause a 'bureaucratic nightmare' which would damage police powers. He predicted that the heightened security risk would last two years while bilateral security agreements were negotiated with countries within the EU.

Trade

The EU was originally set up as a common market to allow trading between member states with no import or export tariffs. The EU is far and away Britain's greatest trading ground with 50% of exports staying within the

EU. Another 12% of Britain's export trade comes via EU trade agreements with a whole host of countries including Switzerland, Norway, Mexico and South Africa. While coming out of the EU will mean that the UK will lose much of this access to trade and will need to renegotiate its own terms with each trading partner (including the US as President Obama made abundantly clear last week), those who favour leaving Europe claim that EU bureaucracy is costly and hampers innovation for many businesses and argue that many British small and medium sized businesses are bound by EU regulations even though they do no direct trade with the EU.

Corporate Activity

A 'leave' vote could affect the way companies operate and invest into the UK. A survey conducted by the Bertelsmann Foundation of 700 British and German companies revealed that 29% would reduce capacity or relocate from the UK and that 80% of the companies surveyed were in favour of the UK staying in the EU. The BMW group, which owns six British companies including Mini and Rolls Royce have warned of job losses in the thousands if Brexit goes ahead although the pro-Brexit camp claim the risk is exaggerated.

Many fear that global banks will relocate elsewhere threatening London's status as a major trading centre for financial services. The survey reveals that there is overwhelming support in the finance sector for Britain to remain in the EU with many finance companies believing that Brexit would have a negative impact on employment, revenue and investment. Indeed, some of the big Wall Street banks, including JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs are major donors to the 'remain' campaign.

If voters choose to leave the EU it is likely foreign investors will be very cautious to lend to the UK at least in the short term until the dust settles, which could take several years. Sterling and the price of UK assets are also likely to fall as a result of uncertainty and increased risk.

What would happen after a leave vote?

As no member state has yet left the EU this is far from clear. The procedure for withdrawal has been laid out according to the Treaty of Lisbon (2009). This specifies a two year time limit for negotiations over the terms with a possibility of extension but only with the agreement of all remaining member states.

The holy grail as far as pro-Brexit campaigners are concerned is to maintain trade links with the EU but without the heavy burden of regulation from Brussels. In reality, this will be difficult to achieve. Analysts point out that the EU has no incentive to make the process easy for Britain amid fears that a successful independent Britain may encourage other countries to follow suit and leave.

Indeed, some commentators have questioned the very future of the EU if Britain, the second largest economy in the EU behind Germany, were to leave. Anti-EU sentiment is growing in France, Spain and Italy and if exit proves successful for the UK, voters in other countries may push to leave. Economically, Britain's exit and the subsequent loss of trade could be trigger enough to push the EU back into recession and maybe even to break up the union entirely.

What would Britain's future options be?

Many supporters of the exit campaign cite Norway as an example of how the UK may proceed. Norway is a member of the European Economic Area (EEA) along with Iceland and Lichtenstein. These nations have formed the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) with the EU which gives them the right to trade with member states but they have limited say on rules and regulations and must comply with EU trade regulations in many areas including working time directive and, crucially, the principles of labour mobility. As mentioned above, it seems unlikely that Britain will be able to negotiate a trade deal with the EU without accepting mobility of labour.

The economic consequences of Brexit for the UK

The fact is that we cannot be certain what the economic consequences will be if Britain leaves the EU. Possible consequences could be:

- The weakening of sterling
- Reduction of GDP, at least in the short term, in the range of 0.5 to 2%
- A fall in exports
- Lower growth
- Reduced consumer spending from reduced migration inflows
- Weaker investment growth
- Higher taxes and lower public spending to overcome a bigger deficit

What should I do about my investments?

Much of the media frenzy surrounding Brexit is sensationalist and biased and the reality is that the economic fallout is impossible to predict. There will be volatility for markets and for sterling as a result of uncertainty in the run-up to the referendum but, as Jason Hollands, spokesman from our investment partner, Tilney Bestinvest, points out "The UK stock market is dominated by large international companies, whose performance is not closely linked to domestic UK issues. Markets don't like uncertainty and there are real risks around. But the Chinese economy, US interest rates and oil-price movements are more significant risk factors."

I would give the same advice as I always do when volatility rears its ugly head – stay invested but with a diversified portfolio.

Written By Carl Turner – Infinity

BC Calendar June 2016



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



6

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



7

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm



8

Ladies Tennis

Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



13

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



14

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm

Bangkok

Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm

Quiz Night

7:15pm The Verandah



15

Ladies Tennis

Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

20

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



21

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm



22

Ladies Tennis

Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



27

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



28

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm



29

Ladies Tennis

Coaching

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

2

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



3

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

4

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

5

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am

Yoga for Kids
2pm - 3pm

Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



9

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



10

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm



11

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

Birthday Garden Party

Back Lawn
12noon - Evening



12

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am

Yoga for Kids
2pm - 3pm

Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



16

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



17

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm



18

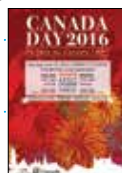
Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

Canada Day
3 - 10pm



19

Kids Cricket

Book first!
8am - 11am

Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room

Yoga for Kids
2pm - 3pm



23

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



24

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Wine Tasting
6 - 9pm

Surawongse Room



25

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

26

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am

Swimming Lessons
9am - 10:30am

Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

Yoga for Kids
2pm - 3pm



30

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



3 BIGGEST FEARS
OF OUR GENERATION



EXCLUSIVE PRESENTATION

Surawongse Room
Sunday 26 June, 7pm

THE LAST EXECUTIONER

(Thai with English subtitles)



**14TH
JUNE
2016**



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

QUIZ NIGHT

With the Monthly Jackpot

**MEMBERS BT 100
GUESTS BT 150**

**THE VERANDAH
START 7.15PM**

TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS

Book in Reception or by email : events@britishclubbangkok.org

ASK ME ANOTHER

We've never fitted 10 teams into The Verandah before, and I wasn't sure we could this month, but we managed it. The proximity of opponents added to the air of competition, as there were ears on all sides wagging to detect the right answers. There were some deceptively awkward questions masquerading as seemingly easy rounds on birds, current affairs, or words with 'x' in them. The final result was quite different from half-way through, and although close, nobody managed to win the Jackpot even though it had been raised in value to reward the extra teams. Next month!!



we're going to win!



are you serious



all these and 4 more teams



I dread this subject



mutter .. mutter .. mutter



only three of us, but we won!



not quite losers



now that's a difficult one ...



that was easy!

AS IT HAD BEEN

One of the joys of living in Thailand in the late 70s, early 80s was that it had yet to be discovered by the tourist industry. We would usually be met with blank faces when we said we lived in Thailand. "Taiwan?" was a common response! Tourism didn't take off until 1987 with a very successful Year of the Tourist and then Thailand 'enjoyed' ten years of 10%/ annum economic growth ... to be changed for ever.



Jack Dunford



Kids enjoy our guests in Ayudhaya



Climbing Ayudhaya



Bang Pa In 1979



Ayudhaya 1979

Before then Thailand's historic sites were little known outside the country and we could visit them almost alone with our lucky visitors. We felt like we were almost discovering these exotic places ourselves. Before double-pricing and overenthusiastic restoration projects, the historic park gardens were not manicured, plants and weeds grew on the ruins and everything felt wonderfully old and tranquil. Here are a few pictures this month I took when taking visitors to of Ayudhya and Bang Pa In Palace in 1979 .. next month Sukhothai and Srisachanalai.



Elephant Corale Ayudhaya



Bang Pa In



Modest restoration underway Ayudhaya



Discovering Ayudhaya

Mini Sports Camp

Week 1 : 27, 29 June, 1 July

Week 2 : 4, 6, 8 July

Week 3 : 11, 13, 15 July

Week 4 : 25, 27, 29 July



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGOR

➤ Bt 650 per day ➤

TIME	Activities
10:00 - 10:15	Admin
10:15 - 11:00	Games
11:00 - 11:15	Snack
11:15 - 12:15	Mini Tennis
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45	Play time
1:45 - 2:30	Water Fun

- Children must be between the ages of 4 and 6 yrs.
- The children must be capable of feeding themselves, changing their clothes and using the bathroom unsupervised.
- In the interests of safety and quality for your children there is a maximum number of 8 children per day so please sign up to avoid disappointment. A three child minimum is required to run each day.
- A no show booking will still be charged at the full amount. Cancellations up to 24 hrs before will be charged 50%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activity camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or off site or travel to or from the Club.



SPORTS

CAMP



27 JUNE - 29 JULY

No CLASS 18 - 22 JULY 2016

DATE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TIME	Bt 950	Bt 1200	Bt 950	Bt 1200	Bt 950
9:30 - 10:00	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	TENNIS	Ice Skating	TENNIS	Ice Skating	TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK		SNACK		SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	SQUASH	Bowling	Cooking	Bowling	SQUASH
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING		SWIMMING

- Children should be 7+.
- This is not an elitist camp, the emphasis is on joining in, trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.
- A five child minimum is required to run each day so please sign up.
- As travel arrangements need to be made for Tuesday & Thursday activities please sign up 48 hrs in advance.
- A no show booking will still be charged at the full amount. Cancellations up to 24 hrs before will be charged 50%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activities camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or off site or travel to or from the Club.



TENNIS

Leagues

We have a record number of players joining the May-June leagues, allowing us to field an unprecedented (at least in my time) five divisions. It is great to see this level of participation in the leagues which add a more competitive (but still fun) option for members to meet other players, and my spies on court (some of whom are notoriously hard to please....) have told me that they are impressed with the standard of play.

The current leagues run until 19 June. If you would like to play in the next one please let me or the sports centre team know and we will sign you up. The leagues will generally run for approximately 6 weeks with 5 players in each division. Matches are best of three sets, but the third set is a championship tie-break (first to 10 points by 2 clear points), and not a full third set. Points are awarded as follows: 4 points for a 2-set win; 3 for a 3-set win; 2 for a 3-set loss; 1 for a 2-set loss, and -1 for unplayed matches. The winner of each division receives a THB 500 F&B voucher and tremendous pride.

Congratulations to the winners of the March-April league:

Division 1: Dawa Sherpa
Division 2: Faheem
Division 3: Denis

Get on court!

So there are now many incentives to play at either mix-ins or in the leagues, and I can't think of any excuses for not making the most of the fantastic courts in June as we head into rainy season..... oh. Good luck!



Ian Thornhill

League & mix-in court bookings

In order to encourage participation in the leagues, give us the best chance of having all the matches played, as well as make more efficient utilisation of the courts during mix-ins, we are trialing a new court booking system where some of the back courts will be made available to book for league matches only during part of the mix-in sessions. Based on analysis of the court usage at the different mix-ins over the last year, we expect this will have negligible (if any) impact on the mix-in.

Monday mix-in: Courts 2 & 3 are available to book for league matches only, at any time.

Wednesday mix-in: Courts 2 & 3 are available to book for league matches only, from 8pm.

Friday mix-in: Courts 2 & 3 available to book for league matches only, from 8pm.

Sunday mix-in: Court 2 available to book for league matches from 6pm

The sports centre team are aware of the new system and will ensure that any bookings are in line with this policy and only used for league matches. Thank you for your cooperation.

Now, the next three "Tips" are important if you want to get better, and keep winning in your club/league matches.

POACHING - Doubles

Don't be fooled into thinking that when you poach it is to win just "that point".....it's to win more points in the future due to the missed returns that are sure to come even if you don't ever go again!

In Doubles, I try to poach early in the match so that my opponents will be looking up from that point forward when they are returning!

When I am partnering a "much weaker player" I really make sure to "go" in the 1st game my partner

serves.....then, I don't have to go at all since my opponents try to go "behind me", even when I never move again!

A number of "ill informed partners" think I am trying to take their ball (sometimes this is hard to explain but you must try), as opposed to understanding I am "steering future shots" to me at the net when I don't move at all!

WHEN YOU POACH – COMMIT – KEEP GOING – AND JUST WATCH THE BALL!



How Far Should I Be From the Net? Singles, Doubles?

This will change, depending how well you move and how quick you are (young/old) going back (also a generalization based on court surface)!

Many years ago, when I had great “wheels and springs” (legs that could run and jump), I would close to about 2 meters from the net in singles “or” when my partner was serving in doubles, to about the same distance.

Now, due to getting slower over time (yes, it’s true), when I move forward in singles (or stand in doubles when my partner is serving), my distance to the net is about 3 meters.

REMEMBER THIS: YOU CAN GET AS CLOSE TO THE NET AS YOU LIKE, AS LONG AS YOU CAN COVER (GO BACK AND HIT IT THE OVERHEAD EFFECTIVELY) 95% OF THE COURT THAT IS BEHIND YOU.

If your opponent gets a lob over your head for a winner, and it bounces next to the “baseline”....., it’s just too good and you should clap your hands in appreciation! But if it’s a winner and bounces near the service line – you are just **TOO CLOSE!**



Serve and Stay Back? Doubles Advice! DO IT RIGHT!!

While I am a big fan of “serving and volleying” and I generally move forward every time I serve when playing doubles, I do find there are times when it’s best to “serve and stay back”.

I will stay back when my opponent’s returns are at my feet on every return, or when I am missing my 1st volleys, and the net man is regularly cutting off the volleys I do make.

Remember the following if you do stay back after you hit your serve:

1. Get back behind the baseline once you have completed your service motion.
2. Once you get back behind the baseline, make sure to be leaning forward, with your weight on your toes ready to move for the return.
3. Hit your next shot firmly, picking where you are going early, with your weight moving forward as you strike the ball.

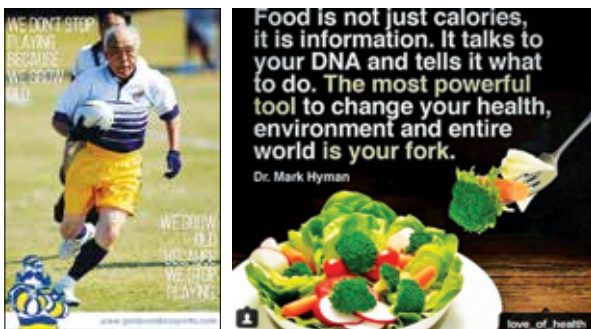
THERE IS NO EXCUSE NOT TO BE READY FOR THE RETURN SINCE YOU ONLY HAVE TO COVER ½ THE COURT!

HEALTH

Don't let the Biggest Loser study get you down! There's hope.

In the last few weeks I have read many articles about the recent studies of the Biggest Loser participants. When I first moved to Brisbane I met a young man who had been had been a participant on the Biggest Loser Australia the year prior. He was then, only one of two people in that season that had managed to keep their weight down – 7 years later he is the only one. He is now a successful personal trainer but certainly nothing like the Biggest Loser trainers.

Why did his weight loss last and the others not? It has not been easy for him it has taken a lifetime commitment... but that is exactly what it is about. He did not go back to his old lifestyle – he studied to be a personal trainer so that he could learn to manage his own health and fitness – and that's exactly what he did.



I cannot tell you the number of conversations I have had with clients looking for quick results in trying to help them understand that there are no shortcuts and that lifestyle changes are the key to long term results. Everyone wants quick results – everyone who walks through my door wants results – but not everyone is willing to make the changes required in their daily life and habits in order to achieve those results.

Dr Yoni Freedhoff is a well renowned Obesity Medicine Doctor with more than 13 years of working entirely with patients on weight loss and behavior change and has some interesting comments on this issue (including the Title of this article).

“Last week was not a good week for those hoping to permanently lose weight. A study of former contestants on the NBC show The Biggest Loser, conducted by the National Institutes of Health, found that six years after the last time Jillian Michaels yelled at them, nearly all of season eight's contestants had regained the bulk of the weight they had so painfully lost.

Worse, it seemed their metabolisms were broken. While it is entirely normal for bodies' metabolic rates to drop with weight loss (a phenomenon known as metabolic

adaptation), six years later and the Losers were burning far fewer calories than would have been expected. Their metabolisms, on average, were underperforming to the tune of 499 calories per day – just shy of a Big Mac's worth.

Well, I'm here to tell you that long-term weight loss is definitely not impossible, but perhaps the constructs we've set up around weight loss, constructs like The Biggest Loser's, doom those who buy into them to failure.

I think what hampers people more than anything else with weight loss is how success has been defined. Whether that definition comes from the glorification of extreme weight loss on idiotic television shows, or from public health messaging around the risks of obesity, or doctors discussing “normal” weights or body mass indices with their patients, or from personally held desires, the shared goal post is one of losing every last bit of excess weight.”

What is your definition of success with your health and fitness? And what are your expectations given your history and lifestyle? Long term weight loss and weight management is totally possible when we base our action plans on realistic processes and outcomes with proper plans for safe and long term lifestyle changes. There just isn't another way. As with my friend who was part of The Biggest Loser series – it is not easy – and it is a lifestyle commitment – but we all have been given this one body to live in – surely we should be committed to keeping it in the best condition we can.

Our bodies will serve us well if we take care of them.

PS: To answer some of those burning questions in advance... YES that healthy lifestyle most definitely includes chocolate and peanut butter and dinners out! This is lifestyle... not deathstyle.



Sandy Remiens



HARD BALLS

Breakthrough

V Siam CC BCLB (25 overs)

Match day morning whispers circulated as to whether TC was going to make his eagerly anticipated debut for BC, rather than excusing himself for breaking a nail or his pastry chef putting too much flour in the cinnamon rolls. Rahul took charge as Dale was basking in the sun somewhere, winning the toss and putting BC into bat first. TC batted an exhibition of indoor shots on his way to comfortably scoring 50, accompanied some of the way by the stand-in captain who stood through a solid first wicket partnership with 27 from 22 balls. Ben and Mossy fell for only 20 between them, after which run-rate decelerated. If it wasn't for an important shift from Aseem (18) and Dilip (21*) towards the end of the innings, the total score would have been considerably less than 165 – BC were very much in the game.

Whilst Dilip was deciding whether he was in, on, or at the fielding ring, Siam CC came out the tent all guns blazing; striking off 1/3 of the target within the 6th over. However, 4 of the top order were dismissed in the same period and the parrots seemed to lose traction. Patrick bagged 3 of the vital wickets, alongside H, who bowled 1-18 and had a man put down who went on to cause BC a spot of trouble. Siam's experienced middle order took responsibility and anchored the opener on form, who eventually struck a ton and his side's winning runs in the 20th over.



Ben Eastwell



Rahul flicking off the toes



TC down up

V Kerala Strikers BCLB (25 overs)

One particular player (for honour of his dignity shall not be named) was a little tardy for the start of BC's 7th league appearance, causing all sorts of speculation and panic. Once the search helicopter had been grounded, Rahul had hung up his phone and the gaping hole in the field had been filled – the game could continue as planned. Patrick had already clean bowled his man by this point and the opposition were restricted to 6ish per over. First change bowlers Denzyl and Aseem kept the pressure on with identical figures of 1-23 from 5 overs, and Ben didn't give their number 5 a chance to face a ball when he fell short of Dale's lightning reactions behind the stumps. Despite a promising outlook at the drinks break, Kerala closed on 172-6 after BC let it slip in the last 5 overs.

Rahul and Nachi came out to open the reply and looked to stay until Rahul top edged to the keeper. Denzyl in at 3 was given the finger on a dodgy LBW decision before the captain jogged out to give his 2 cents. He was either too busy memorising his card tricks or much too excited for the kids party he was rushing home for – illustrated by a careless shot to mark an uncharacteristic duck for the season. Mossy stepped up and looked to twist the sword as Kerala's



H getting an early night in



Sarg warming up

panic was expressed in the field whilst they watched the ball ping of the willow - ball after ball. After Nachi fell for a handy 31, Ben (30) rotated the strike throughout a closing 86 partnership until both players fell victim to well taken catches with the deficit just 13 From 12 balls. Mossy was eventually defeated for a juicy 75 and season best from 58 balls. A win was in the crosshairs, but in true BC style it could not be converted in the death when Sarg somehow faced up a mesmerising maiden in the last over.

Fireball Series 7

BC's home-hosted tournament concluded its 7th series early May under new upgraded flood lights. Adrian took the reins of responsibility and ensured a smooth operation, under the watchful eye of Jack and his new microphone. BC's performance was horribly inconsistent as per other series, finishing in an all too familiar position at the bottom of the table. Even with the addition of 2 extra places!



Chandan collects BFF series 7 cup



Sarg captivates his audience



Toothpick winner



Series 7 finalists

V BFF BCLB (25 overs)

Following a string of close encounters BC stepped out at Harrow for the 8th league fixture with a spring in their step, albeit against the number 3 side 'BFF' who had dominated in the teams' last meeting. Uncle V had kindly rewarded the hopefuls with an afternoon fixture; reducing the chance of hangovers and unexplained absences.

Dale won the toss and sent in Nachi and Rahul whilst he waited eagerly for an absent Denzyl in at 3 who had spent a bit too long doing his hair before leaving. Fortunately he showed up just before Nachi came grinding to a halt with the hamstring injury that had been bothering him all season. A big second over had set up a steady pace up until drinks, with Rahul, Denzyl, Dale and Ben all scoring over 20. A cautious last 10 followed as BC endeavoured to bat out the allotted overs as had been the downfall in previous games. Closing on 155-8 didn't pose a huge threat to BFF, but nothing a bit of magic fielding couldn't suppress...

Pat and Denzyl fired up the reply, with an expected few boundaries punched through the field from the renowned opening pair; both competing for a top spot in the league averages. A well taken nick behind and look of horror from the batsman during an exceptional wicket maiden from the South African started an onslaught from BC, taking 6 more wickets for less than 50 runs in the lead up to drinks. Denzyl and Rahul were the bowlers to thank for the fairy-tale start – both securing 2 wickets for 20 & 21 runs respectively.



Happy captain



Did someone say victory



Celebrations all round



Sunish man of the match

An injury didn't seem to prevent BFF's secret weapon spiking the run rate after the break, and it wasn't until Sunish struck on his way to season best, and man-of-the-match-worthy figures (4-11) that the win was in sight. BC eventually got their reward in the 23rd over, bowling out the opposition for 145. Whilst bowling efforts clearly talk for themselves, support in the field throughout the game was the true catalyst to the win. Namely Sarg holding on to a rocket at mid-off, Dale responsible for 3 important catches behind the stumps, and above all - the positive team spirit that didn't leave until long after the game was over.



BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL



Bruce Madge

IT'S OVER!

Well, finally it's over and us FF managers can at last stop fretting as each weekend approaches over who to bring in and who to take out and who to make captain and then the highs and lows of the points accrued or lost based upon our superb tactical decisions and our blunders or just pure luck! Jess Grimshaw is our champ



and what an achievement and so well-deserved. Only two females brave enough, or interested enough, to enter the BCB 1910 Fantasy Football League and one of them wins it! Any EPL club (Man Utd? Everton? Watford?) looking for a new manager should give her a call as her tactics were sublime: heading into the final round of the season and five points behind Ricky, she selected Arsenal's Giroud, who'd not had the best of seasons, made him captain and he scored a hat trick against Villa leaving Ricky suicidal! As for the also-rans, it was lots of fun, if a little stressful and frustrating at times, and well worth the time and effort. Many thanks to all those that took part and made BCB's fourth FF league a great success and let's do it all again next season. Cheers!

The Managers

Jess Grimshaw: I won because I'm the best; in fact, I'm better than that – I'm the bestest!

Ricky Thompson: I pushed Jess hard at the end and I nearly did it, but my wife drank too much and I lost focus!

Kevin R: This was my first go at the BCB Fantasy Football League and it was fun, but a headache!

Marc Sayer: I took the FF so seriously it cost me my marriage!

Carlos the Jackal: I'm happy to hand my title to Jess. Very well done!

Haroon Rashid: I'm a Villa fan!

Harry Houdini: I tried all sorts of tricks and illusions to get to the top and win the title again, but it just wasn't my season!

Debra Thompson: I was hoping to finish ahead of my husband, Ricky, but drank too much and lost my focus!

Neil Evans: I set up my team with my son, Ryan, but he proved to be too fickle as he's changed from supporting Arsenal to Chelsea and now he claims he's a Hull fan!

Nick Mellor: I had my son, Eddie, manage my team for me as I know little about football; I'm a Sheffield Wednesday fan!

Robert Elliot: I support Rangers and Man City and am confused!

Ali Adam: I blew it like my Spurs did, but at least I finished above my son!

Dale Lamb: My FF team performed as poorly as Chelsea did!

Bob Merrigan: I didn't make a change all season and I still didn't finish last and I'm happy with that!



Confused!



Drank too much!



I don't do changes!



The Bestest!



Smoke & Mirrors!



Villa fan!



Confusing!



FF divorcee!



Suicidal!



Not liked!

The Teams

Leicester City: Cinderella story and all down to Buddhist luck apparently!

Spurs: Best chance for the title in decades and they blew it!

Arsenal: Second place, but fans not happy with Wenger!

Man City: Could've made a real challenge, but didn't.

Man Utd: LVG most confusing manager of the season!

Southampton: Very solid season for the Saints!

West Ham: Brilliant season and a brilliant team!

Liverpool: Klopp way better than Rogers!

Stoke: Mid-table expectability!

Chelsea: Hopeless title defence!

Everton: Crap season by their standards!

Swansea: They did alright!

Watford: Were expected to go down, but weren't that bad!

West Brom: Nothing special, but survived!

Crystal Palace: Slid down the table towards relegation, but saved by Norwich and Newcastle!

Bournemouth: Were favourites to go straight back down, but surprised many!

Sunderland: Big Sam did it again and they deserve to stay up!

Newcastle United: Massive club ruined by ignorant owner!

Norwich: Just not good enough!

Aston Villa: Very, very, very poor!



BRILLIANT!



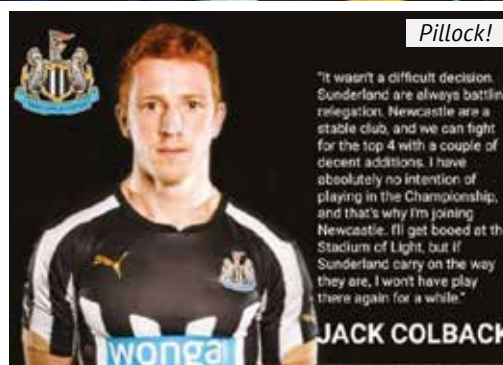
Hopeless title defence!



Cinderella story!



Believe in Big Sam!



Pillock!



Straight back down!

BCGS REPORT MAY 2016

The Golf section defied seasonal warmth to stage three events in April.

We started with the April Stableford which was played at Lam Luk Ka. The course is not easy, but produced a close finish. Ann McKinnon with 34 points beat Graham Johnston and Randall Coleman into joint second place by just one point. Ann is clearly one of the few that are tough enough to withstand the heat; she also won the April Medal in 2013.

The tour then moved to The Royal at Lad Krabang for the Monthly Medal, sponsored by Crown Relocations (those reliable providers of bespoke relocation services). The field included welcome visits by Chris and Deb Farrar, on holiday from their new home in Tokyo, as well as Peter and Nui Clark. In Flight A Terry Davis produced a fine 77 (net 68) to win by 3 shots. Chris Farrar seemed to have been able to keep his



Contestants at The Eclectic



Ann McKinnon wins the Stableford event



Eclectic Low Gross winner Pete Skinner receives his prize from a future captain



Eclectic Runner-up Chris Farrar



Deb Farrar warms up for the Eclectic first round



Ever youthful Deb Farrar celebrated a mile-stone birthday at Forest Hills



Terry Davis receives Worldwide Relocations Medal for Flight A



Yuruchatr keeps her head beautifully still

swing in practice in Tokyo, scoring a net 71 for second place. Phil Hampshire came third. In Flight B Marc Brouillette added to his Medals won in May and October last year by also scoring a net 68. Carol Hampshire and Nui Clark took second and third places respectively.

The second Major Competition of the year, The Eclectic, was played over the long National Labour Day weekend at the scenic (and testing) Forest Hills course in Khao Yai. The format is popular as it allows a relatively relaxed first two rounds, but it can leave a number of very tense holes on the last day. The course surroundings are lovely, only partly because they include a number of wineries offering good meals and remarkably good local wine. The field was not surprisingly relatively large and included the welcome return of Pete Skinner, whose work commitments had kept away from our competitions for some time. The final day field was, however, depleted by episodes relating to the dance floor in the club house and sausage rolls in the winery; unfortunately, I have been quite unable to establish the details.

The golf produced a blanket finish, with seven players all within 3 shots of each other. In the main event popular veteran Barry Ashman made it two major wins

John Bell warms up



Eclectic Winner Barry Ashman



out of two as he added to his Seniors title, won just a month previously. Barry, Chris Farrar and Yuruchatr, playing together in the final group on the last day, all finished on net 66, all having purposefully and calmly improved their score where it mattered. However, Barry's gritty 18th hole par enabled him to win on a count-back. In the gross event Pete Skinner (whose absence from society golf had unfortunately (for him) caused his handicap to lapse) took the honours by a single shot.

If you are interested in joining this golf group, please let us know by email at bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk.

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