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# LETTER FROM THE GM



**Dear Members,**

A very warm greeting to all of you from the General Manager. It has been great for me to meet some Members lately whom I haven't met before; country Members or Members who have been overseas; slowly getting to know more Members makes me again see what a wonderful Club our Club is, with a great diversity of Members from all nationalities, backgrounds and professions.

I do think that's the strength of our Club, that new Members are welcomed very warmly and feel they are part of a variety of people from all walks of life. I certainly have been made feel welcome over the last 4 months and thanks to all of you for that.

On to the recent things happening at the Club: Lady Gaga was a great success, we went with 5 coaches and 125 Members and non-Members to Lady Gaga's only concert in Thailand on the 25th May, and what a trip it was! Everybody travelled comfortably, safely, and worry-free with the police escort whilst enjoying a drink or 2 (ahem) on the bus, and the coaches stopped right outside the correct entrance and at the end of the show they were ready to pick up all Members and staff at the same point and return to the Club.

Thanks to everyone for the positive feedback and comments that my staff and I received from all those who went, see you again for the next concert!

Of course needless to say, thanks to all of you who attended our celebration of H.M. the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fête, it was a great but tiring day for all individuals and families alike. All Managers and staff did an excellent job making this day special together with all Members and Non-Members who had a booth or a stall.

Capital TV dropped in to the Fête and did some filming and produced a 7 minute story which you might like to check out on the website at <http://www.britishclubbangkok.org/index.php/Jubilee-Fete.html>

On to much-needed renovations and repairs: I am happy to announce that we are going ahead with renovating the Suriwongse Sala, the Fitness Centre and the swimming pool over the next few months, and we will also look at enhancing the Back Lawn and the multi-purpose court area.

July and August are traditionally our low season when many Members are away on holiday, so we are using this opportunity to undertake some urgent repairs and upgrade work at the Poolside. Once confirmed, the exact dates will be posted for Members' information, but for approximately four to six weeks during this time there will be considerable disruption to the Poolside. The Suriwongse Sala will be closed for four weeks whilst we replace the roof, with a tented Sala serving alongside Centre Court as well as the Silom Sala being open at this time. In addition, the main swimming pool will be closed for about six weeks for a complete retiling, and we will be extending the size of both the Fitness Centre and the Pool Kitchen, although disruption here will be at a minimum. We ask your forbearance during this time and look forward to re-opening our brand new Poolside in September.

Warmest regards,

**Joost Paijmans**  
General Manager

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

### The Verandah

11am - 2pm (Mon. - Thurs.)  
5pm - 10pm (Mon. - Thurs.)  
11am - 10pm (Fri. - Sun. and Public Holidays)

### Neilson Hays Coffee Shop

9am - 6pm

### Fitness Centre

6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)

### Churchill Bar

10am - 11pm

### Fitness Centre

6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)

### Poolside Bar

6:15am - 11pm  
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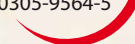


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# HAPPENINGS



## Dear Members,

Strange to think it's as good as a month since the last Outpost was off to the printers. Time became rather congealed as we approached June with the days running into each other and everything seeming to stand still even while it progressed. Of course, the Jubilee Fête became a much larger creature than I had expected, and that generated concern over whether it would go smoothly.

As it turned out, Sunday 3rd June will be etched on my mind for many years, as it ended up being nothing short of phenomenal and proceeded as close to clockwork as anyone could imagine. The participants were terrific, the stalls were spectacular, the visitors were marvellous, the special guests were exceptional and the Club staff were absolutely magnificent. What's more, the weather was predictably unpredictable, typically British! My biggest disappointment was that we couldn't finalise an appearance by the Parkour Team to demonstrate their amazing exercises and physical skills as there was neither enough time for them to prepare the right kind of show, nor was there actually enough space for their equipment and antics. However, I'm planning their debut here with Paul Ringer and we hope that will be scheduled in the next few months.

I will curtail my waffle at this point, as there is a review of the fête elsewhere in this issue; I just want to express my gratitude to all of you who made the effort to come down to the Club and/or take part in the festivity. The incredible attendance must make it Thailand's most amazing occasion this year in honour of HM Elizabeth II, and quite rightly so!

The downside, and of course one exists, is that there wasn't much free time last month to prepare other events and activities for June, so things are a bit quiet at the moment though we are working on July and August as well as events later in the year which need booking and preplanning now. By the time you read this, we will have had the annual celebration of northern North America, Canada Day, which will take over the car parks and most of the grounds for the usual extravaganza. The rest of North America is being enjoyed with an Independence Day Buffet in The Verandah, where we will be having great American foods including a D.I.Y. Burger Bar so you can have the burger you always dreamed of but could never find for sale! For later in July, we are currently finalising the presentation of a couple of feature films which were produced (and one directed) by a Club Member who will be leading the presentation and offering a Q&A session afterwards. More details will be sent out by email as soon as they are complete.

We've had some cracking birthday parties over the last few weeks, differing in content and presentation, some being indoors and centring on creativity, others outdoors concentrating on pure fun and exuberant bouncing on either the inflatables or the trampoline. We had a water slide a couple of times which was really popular, and even a foam pit with thick soapy bubbles waist-deep. It's good seeing parties becoming more tailor-made to suit the kids.

There has been some progress on the website - there are areas which are being looked at and amended for both cosmetic and practical reasons. The booking system is still being tested, and ultimately the front page should be revised to make accessing information easier which in turn should present a more colourful introduction to the first-time visitor. The mailings have improved, and although still somewhat erratic in their issue dates, seem to be incurring less errors or omissions. As with all computer systems, the minutiae take time, and the results are not always immediately visible. However, overall it is improving bit by bit.

We had some trouble getting back on to the Club's Twitter account as passwords and other details had vaporised, but it's up and running again as @BritishClubBKK so hit follow and soon enough there will be bits and pieces of information coming your way through the Twittersverse.

I wish all of you who are going back to your countries for the summer a fantastic holiday, and I look forward to seeing those who stay in Thailand around the Club some time. And keep the feedback coming!

Best wishes,

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





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# Business Lunches

**2nd - 6th July 2012**

**9th -13th July 2012**

## **Starters - 55 baht**

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

**or**

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses - 140 baht**

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

**or**

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce served with Broccoli and Mashed Potato

**or**

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

**or**

Tom Kha Gai

(A Refreshing Soup with Chicken, Coconut milk and Herbs)

Pla Dory Rad Sauce Makham

(Deep-fried Dory Fish topped with Tamarind Sauce)

Phad Khana Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)

## **Dessert of the Day - 55 baht**

**or**

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10 % off

**16th - 20th July 2012**

## **Starters - 55 baht**

Oriental Chicken, Papaya and Ginger Dressing

**or**

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses - 140 baht**

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato

**or**

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato

**or**

Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Risotto with Parmesan, and Rocket Leaves dressed with Pesto

**or**

Tom Yam Goong

(Spicy Lemon Grass Flavoured Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)

Kaprao Gai (Stir-fried Minced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chili)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

## **Dessert of The Day - 55 baht**

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Carrots, Raisins and Apple Coleslaw

**or**

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses - 140 baht**

Fish and Chips (choice of breadcrumb or battered) with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

**or**

Chicken Tikka Masala served with Yellow Rice

**or**

Pork Schnitzel with Apple Sauce served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potato

**or**

Panaeng Gai (Chicken Stir-fried with Red Curry Sauce topped with sliced Lime Leaves)

Kai Jiew Moo Sub (Thai-Style Omelette with Minced Pork)

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(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

## **Dessert of the Day -55 baht**

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**20th - 24th July 2012**

## **Starters - 55 baht**

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

**or**

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses - 140 baht**

Grilled Chicken Breast served with Roast Vegetable Couscous

**or**

Salmon Fishcakes served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

**or**

Mixed Sausage served with Mashed Potato and Fried Onions

**or**

Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao

(Chinese Lettuce Soup with Minced Pork, Tofu and Vermicelli)

Pla Sam Ros (Deep-fried Dory Fish topped with Sweet and Sour Spiced Chili Sauce)

Phad Phak Ruam

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

## **Dessert of The Day - 55 baht**

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# F&B MORSELS



## Dear Members,

Now that the first rains have fallen, there is even more reason to come and visit your Club for a meal.

The variety buffets on Saturdays are always sunny; Mexican, Italian, Greek, Spanish and more varieties being planned for the next coming months!

I want to thank all the Members who have given so much input and so many ideas for food, menus and dishes they would like to see and eat, and of course thanks to all Members who frequently visit our F&B outlets; without you we couldn't continue to provide good food at value prices.

I hired a new baker last month, Khun Chalorn, and I hope you have seen the variety and expertise he has brought to the Club; we have newly designed and great-looking birthday cakes available, and also he has baked new pastries and cakes to be enjoyed at all outlets as well as the Coffee Shop at the Neilson Hays Library. I also have a new steward and Commis 1 cook on my team, so I'm looking forward to serving all of you again over this summer period!

As always, happy eating!!

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



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# DINING

### 1st - 15th July 2012

#### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80
Tuna and Scallop Carpaccio with Rocket Salad and Shaved Parmesan	Bt 195

#### Main Courses

Australian Rib-Eye Steak with Pepper Sauce served with grilled tomatoes, button mushrooms and home-fried potatoes	Bt 575
Roast Salmon wrapped in Smoked Bacon with lemon tarragon mayonnaise	Bt 300
Lamb Kebab with vegetable couscous and mint yoghurt	Bt 335

### 16th - 31st July 2012

#### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	Bt 80
Homemade Perogies filled with cheese and potato sautéed with bacon and onions	Bt 160

#### Main Courses

Grilled Cod Steak with Pesto served with crispy mixed green salad	Bt 265
Roast Herbs and Garlic Lamb Chops served with spinach risotto and onion confit red wine sauce	Bt 335
Chicken Breast stuffed with Wild Mushroom in puff pastry with whole grain mustard and wine cream sauce served with french beans, carrots and home-fried potatoes	Bt 260



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# HAPPY AND GLORIOUS!



By Dickie Whitworth

Rumour had it that the Club was going to put together a larger than usual celebration for the Diamond Jubilee, and as I have always nurtured a sincere respect for our monarch, I planned to drop in for a while. It has always amazed me that for so long the Queen could go on doing what she does, much of which is rather humdrum and uninspiring, and doing it so well too; always under the spotlight, always getting slagged off from some quarter, yet always reaping praise, and more often than not with such good spirit. And 60 years is a long time - really, I can't remember what I was up to 60 years ago, though it was likely no good.

As I sauntered down Soi 18, I felt a surge of pride at the Club entrance, adorned with a new banner echoing the promotional poster and with striking images of HM the

Queen from 1952 and 2012. From then on, nearly all the usual space was taken - not with cars, but with stalls, tables, chairs and what appeared to be a paddock. There was a huge amount of 'stuff' on offer: from hanging pot plants to air tickets to leather goods to jumble to stuffed elephants to discounted cosmetics to stray puppies to a Rabbit card. And there was more. Lots of games for kids, have your photo taken in a simulated newspaper, learn to make cupcakes, beautiful glassware, second-hand books, and I almost tripped over a split-screen Morris Minor 1000 which I reckon was the model on the roads when this reign started. Really, such a great range of things to look at and through, which is what makes a fair a fête or a fête an affair, if you follow. After all, variety is the spice of life, even in the spice capital of South East Asia.







The Back Lawn was teeming with people, more stalls, more kids games, lots of food and drink, a humungous inflatable castle and a trampoline, lots of seating area for food and numerous bottles of bubbly, I was about to throw a wellie when the rain suddenly started and people hurried to be under an awning. But though the rain may have wet the ground, it certainly didn't dampen the amazing atmosphere,

and nobody appeared to be concerned by it. In true British style, the rain disappeared as quickly as it had arrived, in fact, just as loud tinny raucous cackling heralded the arrival of that weird Clown, also called Eckie, in his electric yellow tuk-tuk. There were Union Jack flags everywhere, only out-numbered by the prevalence of smiling faces. How did the staff and kitchens manage? Brilliant!





It did get formal at one point, when someone introduced the Chairman who then introduced the British Ambassador who made a great speech and then introduced the choir from the Bangkok Music Society who sang a brilliantly harmonious version of the Thai King's anthem and then the British National Anthem, with His Excellency leading the toast to the world's longest and second longest reigning monarch respectively. Meanwhile, the kids were having fun riding ponies on the Front Lawn! Then a great band started playing and before long, the beautiful Buckingham Palace cake was cut and then the raffle prizes. There was a projector showing the

live BBC programme of HM the Queen herself going down the Thames by barge, people were singing patriotic songs, dancing on the stage, kids still bouncing on the castle - it was absolutely fantastic. So many people sharing such a good time - wonderful!

All too soon it was time to go. I drifted off, considering how many other people all over the world were celebrating likewise during this Diamond Jubilee month, and wishing that the Queen knew what a memorable and highly enjoyable day she had caused us. Long Live Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth III!





The British Club would like to express their sincere thanks to all raffle sponsors and other participants of the Diamond Jubilee Fête on Sunday 3rd June 2012 who made it such a special occasion for everyone:





# NEW MEMBER'S NIGHT

By Khun Prang



The latest New Members Night took place on 8 May! It was a really good evening and so much fun too with free-flow drinks and canapés from 7pm to 8pm. There was a really good mix between our Committee Members, the Heads of the Club's Sport Sections and our new Members. This made it was easy for people to circulate and meet lots of people while putting faces to names. We all met up in The Verandah for drinks and, like the drinks, the conversation just flowed until late in the evening. I was so happy to see that people enjoyed their time at the event.

To enhance the benefits of Club membership, I am currently working on our Membership Plus programme with outside companies like Samitivej Hospital, the Westin Grand Hotel, Six Senses Resort & Spa and a number of others still to be confirmed. Hopefully this will be finalised soon and I will let you know the details next month or so.

Please do not forget that there is the 'Member get Member' scheme - if you introduce a friend to the Club and it results in a full membership, you will receive 3% of their entrance fee as F&B credit on your account! This is surely a good incentive to getting your friends down to the Club to show them around. It's always good to have lots of friends nearby.

I would like to thank all of you for coming to the New Members Night and I hope to arrange another one just as good as this again soon.





# KEY DIARY NOTES

## *for the second half of 2012*

**Members are advised to book these events in their diaries now!**

**Saturday 20th October**

**TRAFALGAR DINNER**

Our annual Black Tie/uniform/national dress gourmet dinner with fine wines and a fabulous after-dinner speaker **Captain Ken Taylor RN**, Military attaché to Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur. England expects ....

**Thursday 6th December**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

The Choirs of St. Andrews International Schools will again grace us with our annual carols concert – so come all ye faithful!

**Saturday 8th December**

**ANNUAL BALL**

Bangkok's only Black Tie ball held 'under the stars' – we cannot promise a lunar eclipse as last year but it will be a night of good food, great music and, above all, good fun. Bookings for tables of ten open in September.

**Tuesday 25th December**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Our traditional Christmas Buffet with Father Christmas and all the trimmings – well worth a day off school. Bookings for air-conditioned tables open in September.

## TAKE-AWAY



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Did you know that most items on all  
the Club's menus are available for take away?

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outlet in person or by telephone.

For bulk orders, please  
contact khun Somboon in Clubhouse.  
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# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

## FRONT OF HOUSE



SAKUNTALA POOTABNAK  
FITNESS RECEPTION



KATIN KLINUBON  
SUPERVISOR



PRADUP NANNA  
RECEPTIONIST

FEBRUARY  
2012

MARCH  
2012

APRIL  
2012

## BACK OF HOUSE



SONGPHOL KONGKAI  
CHIEF ENGINEER



PREERAPHOL SAETON  
STORE KEEPER



ANANT PRAKING  
CLEANER



# CANTREF



On the 15th May 2012, the St. David's Society Bangkok hosted a reception for Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Secretary of State for Wales. Mrs Gillan had the opportunity to meet with Welsh expats in Bangkok to learn more about their lives thousands of miles from home. She visited the Thai capital on a five day trade and diplomatic mission to South East Asia.

The reception was held at Bistro 33 and the event was also attended by members from the Embassy, Loyal Societies' heads and St. David's Society committee and members.

Photo (left to right): Stephen Hillcoat (Principal Private Secretary), Richard Hazelwood (Special Advisor), Rt. Hon. Cheryl Gillan (Secretary of State for Wales), Basia Filzek (Bard, St. David's Society Bangkok 2011/2012), His Excellency The British Ambassador, Mr. Asif Ahmad.

The St. David's Society's Annual General Meeting was held at The British Club on the 24th May 2012. Members heard the reports for the past year and had the opportunity to meet the new committee who will be in place for 2012 / 2013. For full details, please see the Societies' notice board (opposite The Verandah) or our website at

<http://www.stdavidsinbangkok.com>.

Special thanks were given to Basia Filzek, retiring Bard, for her past three years' leadership of the St. David's Society. Basia holds the record for being Bard the most number of times, a total of six in all between 2002 and 2012.



On Sunday 3rd June 2012, at the British Club's Diamond Jubilee Fête, the St. David's Society presented to EDF (Educational Development Foundation) a cheque for 100,000 baht. This money will be used to purchase over 100 new books for Ban-Nhongkinpen school in the North East of Thailand and 20 bicycles for students who have to travel long distances to reach the school. In addition 20,000 baht will enable 4 disabled children to attend school for one year. The St. David's Society was able to fund this donation from money raised at the 2012 Ball. 50,000 baht had also been donated in April to the Pakanyor Foundation.

Receiving the cheque from the outgoing Bard, Basia Filzek and Treasurer, Leighton Fowles was Khun Sawai Seesai, International Project Coordinator for EDF.



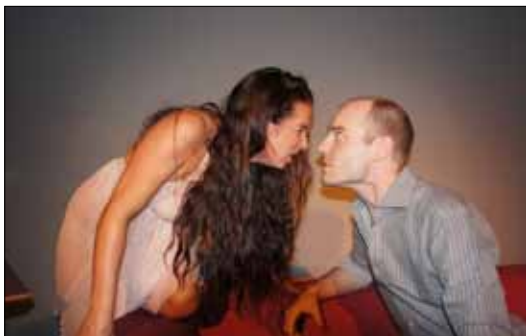
# MANLY NUNS

## *and a whole lot more!*

On May 10th & 11th, the Suriwongse Room was home to Bangkok Community Theatre's madcap thespians performing their annual "Fringe Festival", which is an evening of songs, scenes and one-act plays. BCT stages this as an in-house event for British Club Members, BCT members, and their friends - with no publicity to the general public. This is a wise decision because the two-night event is a sell-out every time!

This year's "Fringe" featured 8 different productions with over 30 talented performers! There was a lovely period comedy "While the Auto Waits" written by O Henry; hilarious hijinks by The Rude Mechanicals from "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; some bathroom humour with "A Moment of Peace"; a short comedy written by BCT's own Deborah Shucart entitled "Gate Change" highlighting the messier side of aeroplane travel; a visit to Madame Mooch's psychic reading parlour in "Nobody Famous"; an intense dramatic excerpt from Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour" performed by 3 of BCT's talented teen members; some ghostly dark humour and an unusual ménage à trois in "The Unwanted"; and a side-splitting musical finale with nuns in drag in "Bad Habits."

There was something for everyone at this year's fringe - including the fabulous buffet dinner that Khun Laak and her team put on before the show! Many British Club members took part in the event onstage and behind the scenes including Elise Meleisea, Jonathan Truslow, Bonnie, Kit & Alex Zellerbach, Anna Khendry and John Wright just to name a few. If you think you'd like to help out or audition for a BCT show, please visit their website at [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org) or contact them at [membership@bct-th.org](mailto:membership@bct-th.org). BCT's next production, the bawdy restoration comedy "The Country Wife", is already in rehearsal and will be staged in the Suriwongse Room from the 10th to 13th October. Mark your calendars now!





# BC CALENDAR - JULY 2012

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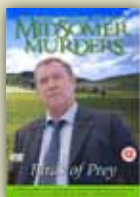
**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*Birds of Prey*, 7pm



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**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*Twilight of the Gods*, 7pm



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**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*The Secret of Chimneys*, 7pm



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**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*Cards on the Table*, 7pm



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**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*The Gift of Promise*, 7pm



TUESDAY

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**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Senior Football**  
7pm - 9pm



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



**Senior Football**  
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**Ladies Mix-In**  
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**Squash Mix-In**  
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**Senior Football**  
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**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



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WEDNESDAY

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



**Independence Day Buffet**  
The Verandah

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



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



**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



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



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



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



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



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



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



**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



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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**  
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# HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman



The July in 2012 (2555) has no Bank, Public or Religious holidays which in itself is an interesting set of stories:

## USUAL BANK HOLIDAYS IN JULY

The usual 'Bank's Mid-Year Closing Day' which is always on July 1st falls this year on a Sunday and the Bank of Thailand has announced that there will be no substitution for that day. This is unlike a Thai Public Holiday when a substitution day would be announced if it fell on a weekend.

## USUAL RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS IN JULY

July would usually host two traditional Buddhist Holidays of Asanha Bucha and Khao Pansa but this year they are in August. This is because 2555 is an Atigamas year, that is it celebrates the 'Eighth' month twice (like having July twice in one year) and thus both these holidays will fall in the 'second-Eight month' which is August not the 'first-Eight month' which is July.

The reason for this strange calendar occurrence is very similar to why we had a leap day (February 29th) in 2012.

## Western Calendar

Most of the world for most things uses the Western or Gregorian calendar in which we normally observe 365 days in a year. However our Gregorian calendar is a Solar Calendar which is calculated using a true year being 365 days, 6 hours, 13 minutes and 52.6 seconds long (the time it takes the Earth to orbit the Sun). This means that our Western Year is out of sync with the Solar Year by over a quarter of a day each year, hence we add an extra day roughly every four years (at the end of February) to balance this. I say 'roughly' because some four-year cycles we do not do this although the last 'missed' year leap was the year 1900 and the next will be 2100!

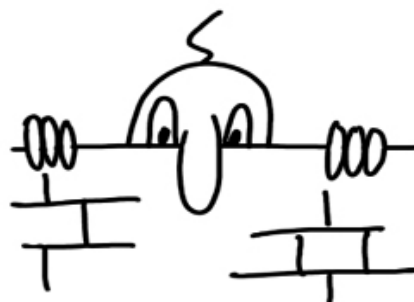
## Lunar Calendar

Some religions and indeed some countries, use a traditional Lunar Calendar instead of the Gregorian calendar. This calculates the true month (the time it takes the Moon to orbit the Earth) as being 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and 2.9 seconds long thus the Lunar year of 12 months is only 354 days long. This means that a Lunar Calendar drifts by  $11\frac{1}{4}$  days each year, has no correlation with the seasons and only synchronizes with the Solar Calendar every 33 years.

## Lunisolar Calendar

A number of religions and many countries, including Thailand, use a lunisolar calendar which is a traditional lunar calendar augmented to roughly balance the solar calendar in order to keep phrases of the moon akin to the seasons of the Sun. To achieve this balance these calendars add an extra day some years (Leap Day) and an extra month (Atigamas in Thai) in others. These additions mean that each four years, the solar and the lunar calendar are roughly in sync with each other. 2555 is an Atigamas Year.

**Enjoy having no holidays in July!!!**



"Wot! No Holidays?"





## 'RULES BRITANNIAE'

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



### FAMILY FROM ABROAD

**DID YOU KNOW.....**that if you have parents or siblings coming to Bangkok on holiday that they can get free use of the Club for up to 30 days? Rule 59 (b) allows this.

Simply take them to Reception and they can be granted a temporary membership card for their period of stay. No photographs or membership forms required. F&B can be charged to your account or their credit card.



### *Royal Varuna Yacht Club*

In a quiet cove, just two hours drive from Bangkok, our members enjoy some of the best dinghy sailing in the world. Join a race, sail to nearby islands, have lunch on a beach or relax by the pool. The Club has great restaurant and bar facilities that are open seven days a week. Enjoy good company within secure grounds and clubhouse. New on-site accommodation now available. Group or individual training for all age groups is organized. Especially popular are weekly sessions for children learning to sail Optimists. There are Hobie 16s, Lasers and Optimists for hire.

Visit our website [www.varuna.org](http://www.varuna.org) for more information and contact details. We will be happy to organise a visit so you can experience the flavour of the Club facilities and the sport of sailing.

[www.varuna.org](http://www.varuna.org)



# **INDEPENDENCE DAY BUFFET**

**Wed 4th July 2012**

**BBQ Ribs, Fried Chicken,  
DIY Burger station,  
Pizza, Minute Steaks,  
Full Carvery, and  
Long Island Iced Tea!**

**from 11:30am  
The Verandah**



**THE BRITISH CLUB  
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# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspicious Melioris Aevi*

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1977 ...

**1** The Club had supported community based workers coming to Thailand since the Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) was founded in 1958, whereby VSO and the Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) were offered short-term concessionary memberships of the Club. In January 1977 we decided to extend this concession to missionaries from the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF). Although we no longer offer VSO/CUSO such memberships, the OMF continue to enjoy this privilege today.

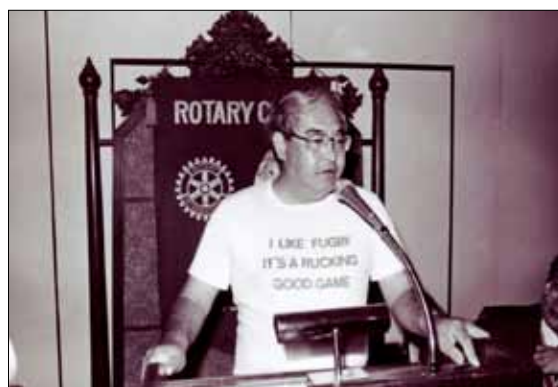
**2** After five years of declining membership (now just 387) the Committee ended the 1976/77 year with a series of Extraordinary General Meetings in February to push through membership for non-British males ("Associate Membership"), Temporary Membership (for visitors) and a Long-Range Plan to refurbish and renew the Club in the hope of attracting new members. Due to on-going curfews (from the 1976 coup) the meetings started at 5pm, however unlike in 1975 all the votes were passed by huge margins ... Associate Membership by 170 votes to eight, although most of the votes in favour were proxies!

**3** Our first Associate member, and also our first Thai member, elected in June, was Khun Pravit Purananda. Educated at Cheltenham College, Khun Pravit worked initially for the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) then British

Airways until 1978 when he set up Prestige Travel with four prominent Club members. A member of Bangkok South Rotarians for over 28 years, he was their President 1978-79. Khun Pravit was an avid rugby fan, had a single digit golf handicap however he was probably most famous for opening Wits Oyster Bar (now called Witch's) in Soi Ruam Rudi. Sadly Khun Pravit passed on in 2009 aged 70.

**4** The Long-Range Plan approved in February was a mammoth set of 13 tasks to be done as cash became available including a re-arrangement (again) of Clubhouse rooms, the conversion of the Suriwongse Room back balcony to storage and electrical works, building of a ladies toilet in the Clubhouse, building an extension block for offices and storage and laying two hard tennis courts. Sadly over the year, many of these projects were highly detailed in their planning but there was insufficient cash to actually do them!

**5** Finally, 1977 was the Silver Jubilee year of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and thus a series of celebrations were the order of the day. First of all there was a Service of Celebration at Christ Church conducted by Revd. John Taylor; then there was a Garden Party at the British Embassy lead by H.E. David Cole and catered by the Club; and finally there was a Club Family Day including a huge Swimming Gala. Interestingly many of the then Family Day sponsors are still present in our membership today ... Dunlop, Louis T. Leonowns, Ben Line, Unilever and Standard Chartered.



"Our first Associate member"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club



# SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members,

I gather by the time this issue of Outpost has gone to press most if not all international schools will have broken for summer holidays. This will be my first summer here at the BC and I have been told it is typically the quietest time of the year for the Club.

For those of you returning to your home countries or travelling abroad I wish you a happy holiday. For those of you remaining in Bangkok there's no need to worry there will still be plenty of things happening at the Club this summer.

## SPORTS CAMPS:

This July and August Sports Camps and Mini Sports Camps will run every other week.

JULY: Mon 9th - Fri 13th      AUGUST: Mon 13th - Fri 17th  
 Mon 23rd - Fri 27th

This summer's sports camp will see yet another new activity -

### Wakeboarding.

On Thursday we will return to Imperial Mall Ladprao for bouldering, rock climbing and ice skating.



For both Tuesday and Thursday children will need to bring their own snacks and around ฿100 for lunch money. We aim, traffic permitting, to have the kids back between 3:30-4pm.

**AS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE FOR THESE 2 DAYS ANY CHILD WHO WANTS TO ATTENDED NEEDS TO BE SIGNED UP 48HRS IN ADVANCE.**

This camp is specifically for children aged 7/8yrs and up and is about joining in, trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.

**A 5 CHILD MINIMUM IS REQUIRED TO RUN EACH DAY SO PLEASE SIGN UP.**

**As always, children of non-members are welcome to join.**

TIME	MON ฿950	TUES ฿1200	WED ฿950	THUR ฿1200	FRI ฿950
9:30	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	FOOTBALL	WAKE BOARDING	FOOTBALL	WAKE BOARDING	FOOTBALL
11:00-11:15	SNACK		SNACK		SNACK
11:15-12:15	NETBALL		NETBALL		NETBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	TENNIS	WAKE BOARDING	TENNIS	WAKE BOARDING	TENNIS
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING		SWIMMING



**MINI SPORTS CAMPS:**

MINI BALL SKILLS - will be team and individual games to improve hand/foot eye co-ordination

MINI TENNIS - will be run in a squash court out of the sun or in the shade of our cricket nets.

PLAY TIME - will be supervised play in the kids playground with the bouncy castle or trampoline opposite

WATER FUN - will be supervised play in the kids' swimming pool

**The children must be capable of feeding themselves and using the bathroom unsupervised.**

**TO ENSURE THE CAMP RUNS PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE.**

**A 5 CHILD MINIMUM IS REQUIRED TO RUN EACH DAY SO PLEASE SIGN UP.**

**As always, children of non-members are welcome to join.**

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

**TENNIS & SQUASH CAMPS:**

In the weeks when sports camps are not running (1st & 3rd week July, 2nd & 4th week August) there will be tennis & squash camps on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

TIME	MON β500	WED β500	FRI β500
10:00	TENNIS	TENNIS	TENNIS
10:15-11:00	SQUASH	SQUASH	SQUASH

**(No lunch will be provided. A 5 child minimum is required to run each day so please sign up)**

**YOGA:**

The British Club has yoga sessions every Sunday from 2:30-3:30. They are run by Tawat and you can sign up in the fitness centre.

**KIDS CRICKET:**

On Sunday 20th May we ran our first Kids Cricket tournament.

Last year I organized a few Mini Cricket tournaments where the older kids played and comprehensively beat the Senior BC cricket team as well as a couple of teams who use our facilities for training.



This then was the first all kids event and we had a good turn out with kids from the BC, Patana, and RIS.

In the morning we had kwick cricket for the under 11s with 2 BC teams and a team from Patana. In 1st place came BC 2, 2nd BC 1 and 3rd Patana. Many runs were scored but many wickets (-5 runs) were also taken. All teams did well and now I'm sure they'll perform much better next time.

In the afternoon we had the under 16s with a BC team, Patana team and a team from RIS. The cricket was of a high standard with the final being between RIS and Patana. Patana needed 5 runs to win off the last ball. A 6 was duly hit and 1 run made meaning a 2 run victory for Patana.



# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge



## Action!

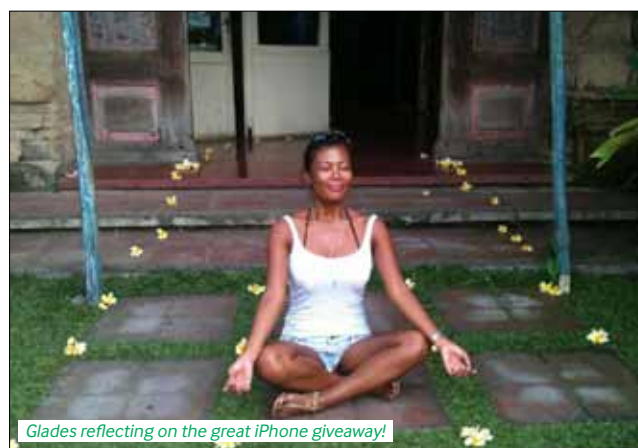
Squash action at last. Team from Singapore came over and we thrashed them/it 22-2. That means we won 22 and they got only 2. Our players were Capt Neil, Peter Stringfellow (Chris V), Jackie Chan (Ja), Tom KY, Torville and Dean Thompson, Me, Charlie, and another Chris, who is Charlie's husband, Mark Smith who is a professional American person, Marc Sayer, Mark from over the road, Mark from the Bible, and another Mark that Charlie's husband, Chris, is knocking off on the side.



Then there was Varrapong and Yassapong and Dennapong, who is actually Den So, but has been recently adopted by the two Pongs who have married of late and started Bangkok's, nay, Thailand's first all-male adoption agency with Dennapong being the first, and most likely, the last adoptee as he will, in the pursuit of honesty, ethics, transparency and good adoption practices, have to be recorded and advertised as the agency's, the name of which is Adoptapong, by the way, first ever adopted boy and that is bound to put any and all off forever. And there was old Tom Annas, still playing at 104, and Cornflakes (Peter Corney, the Aussie idiot who is the Squash Section Chairman), Fire Exit whose real name is David Eastgate, but some vicious git decided to make jokes about this like Cat Flap and Barn Door and Tradesman's Entrance and, of course, Fire Exit. Pathetic, childish and quite hurtful, as Loft Door will no doubt testify. Poor lad. So then there was Bobby Bobcat and David Mason, sporting some new flashy white kit and pro squash shoes he'd purchased from a school uniform store and there was Vietnam, (David Warr) who's just become a dad so that's the rest of his life ruined, and Gary Pain, Bernard Matthews, Lord Dunford and Dame Da and about ten others which were way too many as the team from the British Club Singapore had only eight players so what we did was to make them play three matches each.

That is to say that each BCS player had to play three, separate, full-length, five-set matches against three, separate, full-length, five-set BCB players because they had only brought

eight players and we had 24. So they did that and it made them a little bit knackered and that's how we won. However, to make it not look so bad on the BSC team, one of which had by that stage died, we recorded the score as 6-2 and cut our team to 8 for the photos and then to save money we told 16 of our players to get lost and we sat down to a lovely chicken curry buffet, and Tiger beer, all served up by the excellent Susan with Somboon hovering on the peripheral throwing tooth picks at some of the cats while arguing with himself over the vulgarity of plastic compared to the beauty of teak and other dark woods. Weirdo! After we'd had a good scoff, the BCS captain, whose name has been forgotten, stood up and said something along the lines of thanks to which the players, who were now diners, said thanks back and raised their glasses, which is called a toast. Then the BCB captain, whose name is Neil, Wally, DJ Crosscourt, I-Love-Peas, Evans, also stood up and also said thanks to which the diners, who before were players, said thanks again and raised their glasses again, which is called another toast. Then the captains had a snog and the BCS chief gave Peas some fake gold thing and







Neil kissed this man!



Thrilling games!



Overwhelmed with excitement!



Where did Jacki Chan go

then we did some shirt swapping; not the smelly ones most of us were still wearing, but the BCS had had some super, special, BK Tour 2012 ones created so we all got one of those, except for Evans who somehow got overlooked as he'd dashed off to the bogs with the BCS captain for something or other, while we dished out some of our old centenary stock from 2003 and some other rubbish that's been festering for years in that large, blue box outside the bogs in which DJ Peas was with another man! And that was the end of all that.

Before that all happened, or didn't, depending on how much of this column can be believed, we teamed up with the Tennis Section, or rather, the only two of 'em who could be arsed—Chris Watt and Glades, to celebrate Liz's 60th Jubilee Jolly-up at the Club with a stall at the back featuring a couple

of games of throw ping pong or tennis balls into PLASTIC cups or baskets to win a prize. Prizes were Squash Section Shirts or kindly donated ACA Pacific-Cornflakes' firm-stuff like bears, Foolishly, as he'd slung all his personal effects on the table and just left them there and one of them was his brand new iPhone 4GS. Was, as it aint his no more because while he was off searching for more junk food Glurdy mistakenly gave it to a six-year old Indian boy who'd brilliantly thrown eight out of ten ping pong balls into the PLASTIC cups. She thought it was one of the top prizes and since the rest of us were in the Club House getting drunk on excellent, ice-cold Guinness, she'd had nobody to consult with other than Naomi, who's only six herself, and Kimi who hadn't a clue, and poor old Somboon who was hovering on the peripheral muttering to himself about hovering on the peripheral. So Glider gave away Marc's 24K new iPhone and that was the funniest thing all day. ALL YEAR!

Until the next great GIVEAWAY .....



# TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

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Dear Readers,

It appears the rainy season has come early this year and it is unfortunate that a lot of your tennis is now being rained off. We can only hope an early start heralds an early finish.

Coming up in July we will have King of the Court on Sat 7th. This is a variation of a mix in system where players of any ability play doubles together but collect points for themselves. The end of the event will see players suitably seeded for a final match with players of a similar ability. More details nearer the time.

This July will also see the annual Bruce Gordon Seniors Championships on Saturday 21st.

## Men's Inter-Club Tournament:

On the last weekend of May the Annual Men's Interclub was played for the fifth time at the Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand, all the way up by Impact Arena. This year the BC was able to field a full team on both days.

The BC was in Group A with Rajapruek, Rama Gardens, Tah Rue II and The Polo Club. The results were as follows:

BC v Rama Gardens	4:1
BC v Tah Rue II	3:2
BC v Polo Club	0:5
BC v Rajapruek	3:2

At the end of the round robin it transpired that 3 teams in Group A won 3 matches and lost only 1. The situation was resolved by counting games won and games lost, the outcome being:

Polo Club	15
Rama Gardens	12
BC	11

So, unfortunately the BC missed out on a place in the semi finals by only 1 point.

In a position ranking round BC played Bludeck and won 3:2 meaning The British Club came 5th overall, the same as last year I believe.

Many thanks to Chalermphon who was team captain and managed the team so well over the weekend.



WELL DONE GUYS!!



**TENNIS LEAGUES:**

Congratulations to April's league winners;

Div 1 – James Young/John Cork

Div 2 – Pongsak Yuktanandana

Div 3 – Orathai Thampensri

Div 4 – Scott Cunliffe

Div 5 – Rahul Gupte

Div 6 – Wandee

The prizes for each division winner, **who must play all their matches**, are a Bt.500 F&B voucher and a massage voucher, value Bt.250.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE CORRECT LEAGUE PLACEMENT AT THE END OF EACH MONTH PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU *CLEARLY* ADD YOUR MATCH RESULTS TO THE LEAGUE TABLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLAY AND TALLY UP YOUR POINTS ONCE ALL GAMES HAVE BEEN PLAYED.**

- 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 your league matches to receive the division prize
- The scoring system is as follows;
  - **STRAIGHT SET WIN = 4pts**
  - **3 SET WIN = 3pts**
  - **3 SET LOSE = 2pts**
  - **2 SET LOSE = 1pt**
  - **FAILURE TO PLAY A MATCH = -1pt.**

**TST - Tennis Skills Tournament:**

On Saturday 26th May we ran our first ever Kids TST. This was an afternoon of tennis skills based games for the younger BC tennis players similar in format to the A Big Balls Up events for the adults.

Altogether there were 18 kids who we separated into 3 teams of varying age and ability. We had The Tennis Ninjas, The Tennis Aces and Team Crazy.

We played the following skill games for points:

**Game 1: FOREHAND RELAY**

**Game 2: BACKHAND RELAY**

**Game 3: FOREHAND BOUNCE RELAY**

**Game 4: FOREHAND HIT**

**Game 5: BACKHAND HIT**

**Game 6: SERVE**

The overall rankings were:

1st - The Tennis Aces

2nd - The Tennis Ninjas

3rd - Team Crazy

We will definitely run TST again as all the kids had a great time. We will however look at reducing the group sizes and running different events for younger and older kids. We will also look to modify the games and introduce new ones to suit the ages and abilities of the kids.

The ultimate aim is to have a good format for the age and skill groups and to have well a practiced BC kids team before we invite kids from other tennis clubs to join and compete here at The British Club.





# HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



The BC made its third trip to Horseshoe Point in Pattaya on 17th May and, with the rains closing in, this was probably our last game of the season. The match was against a Pattaya CC select team and played in memory of Elfrado Roberts, Rob to his mates, who had died suddenly, aged 67 having been diagnosed with lung cancer just a couple of week earlier. He had never smoked but had been ignoring a persistent cough.

Most of the BC team did not know Rob very well but he had played in all of the games against us over the past three seasons including our last game in March. He was the sort of guy you noticed. He was so obviously a nice guy, exuding good humour and dignity, not drawing attention to himself but at the same time central to the action.

He was clearly loved by his teammates, over 40 cricketers wanting to play in this match. Captain Simon Philbrook led a suitably humorous tribute to the man before the game with a good crowd in attendance, listing the dubious artefacts bequeathed to the Club from his kit bag and his less than glorious, though ever promising performances on the cricket field. The BC plays Rob's sort of cricket. We were honoured to be invited and thrilled to be playing in this match.

The agreed format was two innings of 15 overs, the idea being to get everyone into the action. We had won our two previous encounters at Horseshoe Point this year, but this was less predictable with PCC including youngsters alongside some old(er) players and first teamers. Dale lost the toss, PCC batted first, and a very fired up Rahul opened the bowling (2 for 13) with the wily Sailesh. Somewhat to our astonishment, two of their first team batsmen were back in the hatch by the third over, Rahul (who claims he hadn't played cricket for 15 years before joining us this season) improving with every match.



Young, handsome, but sleepless and hopelessly in love with every girl in Thailand, Matt Laino partnered by Chitradeep then kept up the pressure with equally economical spells. Chitradeep is potentially BC's most dangerous bowler but, for health and safety reasons, is usually employed in fairly short bursts of about one over, today bowling three. After 12 overs PCC were scratching around on 55 for 2 with just 3 overs to go.

Then Yogi, (2 for 14) dangerously close to infringing copy right laws, bowling what is known as 'a load of old Dunfords' took 2 wickets in two balls and it was 55 for 4. Things were shaping up for another great BC seaside performance and looking back it is not clear how they then managed to get to 100 for 4 off the 15 overs. PCC have some dangerous players, and score very quickly when they get going. They just went for it!





Matt looking cute

But 100 was still modest and BC was hopeful of a handy 1st innings lead. Rahul is proving himself to be a class all-rounder and romped to 30 retired off just 14 balls. But the others weren't quite firing. Young Matt hit a 6 before but had a hot flush when memories of the previous night came flooding back. Corin, James and Chitradeep scored 6 between them and it was left to Sailesh (27\* off 31 balls) to keep the score ticking over. Dale (15) upped the run rate in the final overs but 102 for 5 was a bit scratchy and gave us a slender lead of only 2 runs.

The spirit of the game was to give everyone a bat and bowl and so Jack Dunford found himself in an unlikely opening bowling combination with Corin against some very junior PCC batsmen, a most welcome opportunity having been used as cannon fodder in many matches this season. Such generosity from the skipper however is likely never to be repeated because 3 for 16 took him back to the top of the bowling averages. He He! Cry your hearts out guys! PCC were 26 for 3 after 5 overs.

But then the wheels came off. Sailesh (1 for 41) did hang on to an amazing catch over his head tumbling backwards which he probably wouldn't have bothered with if it had not been off his own bowling. But everyone became cannon fodder as PCCs batsmen avenged their first innings failures smashing 128 off the last 10 overs with two 14 ball 30 retired outs, and another 30\* by a 14 year old! BC needed 157 to win.

No less than 6 BC batsmen got into double figures, Yogi (13), Thommo (10), Sailesh (16), James (13), Dale (11) and Rahul (20\*), but it was by now a very hot afternoon and with lots of panicky heaving, huffing and panting, the innings degenerated with 3 run-outs and 3 stumpings! We ended on 101 for 8, losing by a rather hefty 56 runs.

But no one really minded! We were there to celebrate Rob's life and his love of cricket and we were soon lost in a mammoth slammers session downing three litres of his favourite Jamaican Rum before heading back to Bonkers. Thanks for the memories Rob, thanks for inviting us PCC and for being wonderful hosts.

We were legless by the time we got back to the Club. Somewhere along the way I lost the camera that recorded the above events and I've had to rely on pictures sent by PCC which seem mainly to have been taken by a young lady who had a crush on Matt who actually didn't do anything really useful all day other than help pack the kit. For that I am truly grateful.



Matt undressed



Slammers . Not Matt.



# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

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## 3 Day Eclectic Competition: Forest Hills GC Khao Yai Sat 5 / Sun 6 / Mon 7 May 2012

The second major of the year, the 3 Day Eclectic, was played at the beautiful but challenging Forest Hills course in Khao Yai. The format is popular; it encourages adventure but can produce tense moments on the last day.

Day prizes were won by Mike Staples, Gaew and Rosemarie Milne. Rosemarie, on the last day, produced the only handicap beating round of the event (1 – 3).



Always competitive Pete Gale won with a typically gritty final round (4). He came from well back over the last three holes to overtake Frank Fawkes and Gordon Milne (5) by the smallest of margins.

In the gross section, Ed Ashman watched a long succession of his birdie attempts narrowly miss as he delivered 17 pars and a single bogey to take the honours (6).



## May Stableford: Subhapruek GC Sunday 13 May 2012

Another fine day out at Subhapruek GC and with favourable playing conditions there was always the promise of some good scoring in this month's stableford competition (7). We were not to be disappointed. Tracy, demonstrating how it should be done around the greens but unfortunately there was to be no repeat of the heroics at her last outing on the same course (8). Mark Evans, seemingly determined to hold on to his No 1 position in the 'Golfer of the Year' competition, played his usual consistent round to finish on level par and take third place.

Continuing his recent stunning good form as well as his apparent love affair with Subhapruek golf course, Ed Ashman put in another top class performance to add to his (as well as Barry's) now impressive collection of fine wines (9). Well done again Ed!



At this point I think we should include a word of sympathy for the Captain who, despite his very creditable score of 38 points, was frustratingly pipped at the post for the second consecutive week! Aah!!

Minor prizes mostly went to JC for one nearest pin, the longest drive and longest putt. The remainder was shared by Mark, Frank, Mike and Karen.

After giving it their all in pursuit of the many prizes on offer, a relaxed and very attentive group can sit back and enjoy the sanctuary of the clubhouse (10). Included in the field today was new member, Razi Latif. Welcome to the club.



#### Annual Matchplay update:

The annual matchplay event is now hotting up and today saw two knock-out matches being played, with Peter Bond seeing off the other Peter (G) by 4 and 2. In the other match Mike S and Simon B were involved in a ding-dong battle throughout and eventually finished all square. This one will be continued at a later date.

Other matches completed during the week saw Andrew Mc

and Gordon M advance to the next round at the expense of Frank and Barry respectively.

#### Annual Matchplay (further) update:

Round 2 of the battle between Mike and Simon took place during the week; another dogged affair eventually ended with Mike taking the honours and progressing to the next round.

#### May Medal: The Royal GC: Lat Krabang Sunday 27 May 2012

A good turn-out for the May medal competition included guests, past Captain Kevin Jones and David Staples. Playing conditions were made slightly more comfortable and enjoyable with a mostly overcast sky.

Flight 'B' was a closely contested affair with the long hitting Art Carlson and the canny David Lamb returning net scores of 73. However, it was the steady play of Peter Bond which won the day as he was able to go one better and play to handicap. Peter's busy schedule precluded him from appearing in our winners' gallery.

If Flight 'B' was a close affair, then Flight 'A' was an even tighter one. Three players, Frank, Mark and Jack all returned net 71s and accordingly the countback system was applied. Frank was eliminated at the first count and so it was left to Mark and Jack, who were seemingly impossible to separate. It was only after some time and some unerring calculations by the Captain that Mark was eventually credited with the win. Yet another Medal to add to his recent trophy haul!! (11)

The biggest shriek of the day came from Karen at the par 3, 7th when her tee shot was within a whisker of rolling in for a hole in one. In the end she had to be satisfied with a plain old near pin award, but she looks happy enough! (12). The other near pin prizes went to Ed, Gordon and Mike. Art duly won the men's long drive and the ladies' prize went to Yurachat.



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# BALUT

By Sausage



We missed the last issue of Outpost for a number of reasons: turbulence amongst the Balut Section Committee, with overseas travel, local business disruptions, and also the Jubilee Fête preparations, so now it's catch-up time before the next tournament makes everything out of date.

## DET-5 CHALLENGE

We had been scheduled to embark upon a two-session tournament against those most formidable opponents at Det-5 Bar and Restaurant, but due to staff changes and the exhaustive rebuilding and launch of their new website, Det-5 had an unconfirmed and uncertain number of players at just the time when they needed them most, only to be mirrored by the British Club Balut Section facing exactly the same problem with less-than-firm commitments from the oversubscribed number of possible entrants for their teams. This means this neck-and-neck exchange of probability and wits will have to be postponed until everyone can decide who will play whom at the same time when a fixture will thus be finalised.

## 32nd INTERPORT COMPETITION

This year's Interport will take place at the Kinabalu Yacht Club in Sabah, East Malaysia on 23rd /24th November 2012. Way back in 2009, said Yacht Club was known as the Sabah Golf and Country Club. The BCB contingent that year sported some 16 players in excellent form and specially designed clothing. The hospitality was fantastic despite the shortage of shoe polish, and great fun was had by all, topped off by Bowling Ball winning the trophy for the BC. It was rumoured that after such a crushing defeat, the place would be put under new management with a new name, but who knows. However, it's the same place and this year's Interport will be an amazing outing for those who go. The BCB Section may be able to help with limited sponsorship - this will be confirmed at a later date to those who have registered their interest in taking part with The Jackal. Entry is about Bt4,000 to cover all food/drink on the Friday evening and all of Saturday.

## BALUT SHIELD

The last four tournaments in the Wordsworth Room on the first and third Wednesdays of the month have been fraught with dismay, despondency and jubilation in equal measure. Only one was truly pitiful - T15 was a night of obscenely bad throws, a pathetic record of lousy dice where nobody's aggregate exceeded 500 and the highest scores spluttered between 110 and 116. Seriously, it made us all wish we were playing rummy with our grannies. Anyhow, the winners for the four tournaments were:



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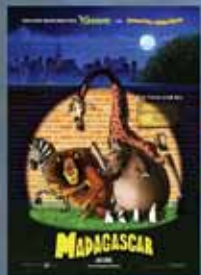
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# THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

As we enter our Fourth year, the Monday Night Club is coming to the end of some of the Detectives' series that we have followed since July 2009, so sit back and relax, there are still some murders in the house!

## JULY

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



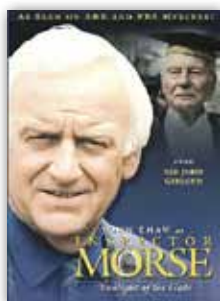
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Birds of Prey

Midsomer continues its record of being the most deadly county to live in ... The vultures encircle as the most eco-friendly mode of transport is about to be announced by its creator – yet a strange mixture of a twitcher, a collector, an afrophile and a falconer leads to the most weird of

*"A bird in the hand"*

crimes ... well they say "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" but what about "one in the freezer"?

This watery murder casts John Nettles as DCI Barnaby with guest stars David Calder, Trevor Cooper and Kate Buffery.



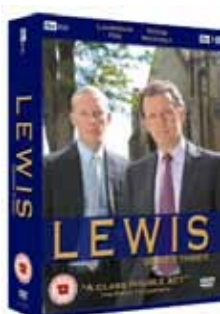
### 9<sup>th</sup> Twilight of the Gods

The start of our fourth year sees us come to the end of the regular episodes of 'Inspector Morse': seven seasons which ran from 1987 to 1993 conclude with this strange tale ... yet the title is not coincidence. Wagner was Morse's favourite composer and he entitled his last opera in The Ring by this name. As good opera buffs know, "it is not over

*"Truth I have said, and so I die"*

'til the fat lady sings" but what if she is shot? Perhaps 'The Ring' gives more clues than just Brynhildr? Yet in his last outing for many years, Morse seems to miss all the clues to this one ... maybe he should just forget the 'fat lady'?

John Thaw is DCI Morse with a guest cast of Sir John Gielgud, Robert Hardy and John Bluthal.



### 30<sup>th</sup> The Gift of Promise

The final Lewis in this season very much copies Midsomer Murders for a body count – yet why are so many people being killed? In a story full of gifted children, academic prizes and a publisher even a visit to 'the circus' does not seem to help Lewis much – perhaps he should just poison Hathaway to find the murderer! Oops ... he does!

Kevin Whatley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Matt Orton, David Westhead and Charlie Roe with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.

*"A Circus Act"*

## THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB



### 16<sup>th</sup> The Secret of Chimneys

As July heralds FIVE Mondays, our mid-month guest is New Miss Marple ...

A quiet Country House hosts an Austrian Count keen on buying it, a leading Minister of State keen on selling it, a tomboy keen on keeping it and a murderer keen on ... finding the secret of chimneys! Except, of course, that the real secret is well hidden – and the secret to solving it is ... chimneys!

*"When the prize is a rose"*

An interesting adaptation from Christie's excellent novel will have you waiting until the end to see if anyone dunnit!

Julia McKenzie is Jane Marple with guest stars Edward Fox, Michelle Collins, Ruth Jones and Stephen Dillane.



### 23<sup>th</sup> Cards on the Table

We start Poirot's Final Thirteen problems with his own most detested type of crime ... a murder with three other detectives present! In a card game to find a murderer the host is himself murdered – has justice been done or is there still yet another murderer in the room – play your cards right and you might find out.

*"Twist, Stick or Bust?"*

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Zoe Wanamaker, Alexander Siddiq, Robert Pugh and Lucy Lieman.





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