

Reaching Victory!





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The Club Cricket Section has been going from strength to strength, and all their effort and practice (with new nets) has finally paid off with a couple of great triumphs recently to round off the season, made possible by some superlative play. Check out the month's review on page 24.

EDITOR'S GREETING

Dear Members,

Firstly an apology that an inappropriate skit about bicycles got into last month's magazine which was in bad taste and should have been picked up before printing.

This month we have more detail of the Constitutional Review, and several posters of the month's offers and promotions, so don't skip the picture pages!

Ed.



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OYSTER PROMOTION





French Fine de Claire or Sydney Rock Half dozen - Bt 480



Served with red vinegar shallots, paprika, Tabasco, lime, and brown bread



Oyster Rockefeller or Oyster Mornay 5 pieces for **Bt 400**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The first few months of the new General Committee year have started in good fashion.

Some highlights April to May inclusive

- During the first two months our operations have produced a surplus of approximately 800,000 baht
- Our Cash in Bank position at the end of May was around 30.3 million baht and we are projecting a nett Cash in Bank position at the end of June of approximately 31 million baht.
- I have mentioned on many occasions the Club operates a prudent financial policy and will continue to maintain a financial buffer of some 10 million baht. These monies have been placed in a separate 12 month fixed deposit and rolling account.
- As I mentioned at the recent AGM, the Club has an additional tax bill to pay which dates back to 2002 and covers a 10 year period. The amount is still under discussion and negotiation with the authorities but will probably be in the region of 3 million baht.
- During the last two months, 15 Members went absent, 14 resigned and 5 were terminated. At the end of March our Membership stood at 1123 and thanks to an influx of new Members and some Members reactivating our Membership now stands at 1111.
- On the organisation front, two key staff members have been promoted to take on wider and more senior responsibilities. Khun Kasem has been placed in charge of all Club outlets whilst Khun Amornmas has been appointed senior finance and accounts manager. Congratulations to them both... well deserved.

Upcoming Club Improvements

In last month's Outpost mention was made of some areas, outside of normal day to day general maintenance activities, that are in need of upgrading. Currently within the General Committee discussions, which will lead to decisions in the near future, are focusing upon:

 Upgrading and integrating the Club's POS, Membership and Accounting systems. This is a very complex and potentially costly area and an initial analysis of systems available on the market as well



Chairman, **General Committee**

as those operating in other private Member Clubs is taking place. David Quine is assisting Management in these initial studies.

- The Club recently engaged some lighting consultants to undertake an assessment of the lighting on both the multi-purpose court and cricket nets. As a result of the findings there is a need to improve the lighting levels on both the playing surfaces. This work is currently being costed and a decision to start these works will be taken shortly
- The proposed interior upgrading of our existing decrepit and inadequate Staff House is a priority as I mentioned in my New Year email, and quotes from 3 contractors have been sought and will be discussed at the upcoming General Committee meeting and again a decision will be taken very shortly.
- Management will making proposals for the general upgrade of the area of the Clubhouse used by Membership Services, the Duty Manager and Functions Manager, which I also mentioned at the New Year.

Work Groups

The work groups mentioned in the last Outpost magazine are in full swing and their activities are reported on and discussed at each General Committee meeting. Some good suggestions and ideas have been forthcoming. These are important discussion forums and are open to ALL Members so if you are interested, please come along and take the opportunity to give your constructive input. Advance notice of each work group meeting are sent out by Jeremy in his regular bulletins to Members.

If any Member has any questions or ideas on any other areas or aspects of Club development, feel free to send me an email.

Finally for those of you going on holiday over these hot summer months, I hope you all have a fantastic time and travel safely.



BURGER MONTH

Our 150g pure beef burgers are homemade and cooked just right! Juicy and filling!





French Fries



Coleslaw



Plain hot and juicy with garnishings





Beefburger with a slice of cheese





Beefburger with a fried egg and bacon on top





Beefburger with cheese and bacon





Chicken fillets minced shaped and served with garnishings



ALCOHOL:

Chickenburger with a slice of cheese







Beefburger with a slice of ham and pineapple pieces on top





A spicy beefburger served with chili con carne and CHILI CHEESE cheese on top







A burger-sized piece of fish steak with a dollop of tartare sauce





A burger sized piece of steak topped with fried onions and sauce





A burger topped with sliced mushroom and Stilton



Nutty vegetable and mash burger full of goodness



LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

This last weekend we had an important evening, the Waterloo Bicentennial Dinner and it went very well so I would like to thank all the Members who attended and made it so enjoyable. We are also grateful Col Chris Luckham, who is such a good speaker, and to the British Embassy for supporting the occasion and I hope we can work again with them in the future. My thanks also to the kitchen and service staff who worked so hard to achieve such a good result, and to everyone involved in organising it.

The holiday season has begun and many Members will take vacations until August, but the Club stays open and we still have a few events in the Club such as the Independence Day Buffet, the Sparking Wine Brunch, Mother's Day buffet and the Wimbledon fortnight with the Finals on the big screen in the Surawongse Sala. In addition for F&B we have Burger Promotion and Oyster Promotion in July which we will serve in every outlet.

For sports, there are Sports Camps and Mini Sports Camps every week in July, as well as Swimming Lessons and Personal Fitness Training too. Please contact Khun Amnat or any staff in the Fitness Centre for more details.

I want to thank you for supporting me by bringing your membership cards and giving them to the staff before ordering. It has made it much easier for new staff and seems to have helped with accuracy. Some long-term Members did not seem to understand that although they are recognised by long-term staff, this does not always help and numbers can still be got wrong or written wrong. I hope it is not too much trouble to carry the cards - in fact it has always been a Club rule, it just got left and ignored and then the mistakes happened.

Our new coffee, Catunambú, is one of the leading brands of fresh coffee in Spain. Since introducing their coffee here at the Club, I am pleased to say that sales have risen over 30%. Maybe it's the taste, maybe it's the special price, either way it's surely worth trying out!

As I mentioned last month, the GC have set up Workgroups so any Members who are interested can join the monthly meetings and submit their feedback. The schedule for the meetings will be sent out in one of the weekly mailings, and matters for the agenda can be sent to the relevant meeting's Chair. Already there are regular meetings for F&B, Treasury, and Silom Integrated



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

Scheme, so if you want any further information, please contact Khun Jeremy as he has the days/dates and contact details.

I am also happy to report that I am working with the General Committee on renovating the Staff House, which has not seen any attention for quite some time and cannot cater for the 80+ staff we have who use it for their break times and for changing before and after their shifts. I hope we will be able to make it much better for them before the busy end of year season starts in September.

I hope all of you have really good summer holidays, and if going overseas please check out our list of reciprocal clubs before you leave Thailand, as we have over 300 clubs around the world which you can visit and use, but you must let us know so we can issue introduction letters for you.

I hope to see those of you staying in Thailand around our Club soon.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays)				
1910 Balcony	3pm - 11pm (Afternoon T	ea 3pm - 5pm)			
Accounts Office	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Clo	sed (Sat-Sun)			
The Pavilion Café	9am - 6pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)		
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Churchill Bar	10am - 12midnight	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)		



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

HAPPENINGS

The holiday season is beginning to kick in as the Club has become guieter. That's how it seems in the week, but it's not so true at the weekends as the weather is still perfect for families coming down to the poolside, and on Sunday mornings in the Silom Sala the kids are entertained by Sam who is absolutely exhausted by 2pm! But in terms of events it's quieter, and as soon as this issue of Outpost has gone off to be printed, I will be taking a couple of weeks off and heading back to the UK to spend a bit of time down in taunton Vale with daily walks up on the Quantocks - if I'm lucky I may even be there when summer pops in for its brief visit, but I'll be happy whatever the weather as it will be a relief to get some cool fresh air for a change, and deafening silence included at no extra charge!

June has seen a wonderful dinner this weekend in commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo 200 years ago. Cohosted by the British Embassy, we saw a good 60 people turn out for the evening with 4 delicious courses and lovely complementing wines followed by an amazing speech from Col Chris Luckham which was peppered with and highlighted by the Drum Corps 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards. It was a terrific evening, with great humour and conviviality from all involved, and it really brought the detail of the

battle to the fore, clarifying the huge numbers of casualties and the complexity of the tactics used for the final defeat of Napoleon. There was even a brief appearance of M. Bonaparte himself, at the moment of defeat, which evoked hisses and boos - fortunately there seems to be no record of his attendance either on paper or in photos. We will have a review of the evening in next month's magazine.

June also saw an excellent quiz night with an unusual outcome the rounds on forests and dinosaurs seemed to pick a hole in some teams knowledge, and although there was only a 9 point difference between winner and loser at the end, the order of the teams was almost exactly the opposite of usual. Which just goes to show that you can never be sure it isn't your month to win! The jackpot has still not been won and will stand at Bt 4,500 next month, so form some teams and book now!

In July we have the Independence Day Buffet on Sat 4th July which is highly recommended and then a fortnight later on Sunday 19th we have our annual Sparkling Wine Brunch with an amazing array of light foods to go with sparkling wine on freeflow from 1pm to 2pm. It's been very well received in the past and makes a great change from the



Events & Marketing Manager

regular and more traditional Sunday Brunch.

We'll be showing the Wimbledon Finals on the big screen in the Surawongse Sala on the weekend of 11th and 12th July, with Pimm's and strawberry promotions in full swing throughout the month. This month is also Burger Month with a great range of different burgers available served with french fries and coleslaw, and also an oyster promotion for both raw and cooked imported oysters. There are posters for all of these in this issue of Outpost.

Don't miss the Harvard Krokodiloes apace concert on Monday 6th July (see ad on page 10) as it's an unusual kind of concert. Monday Night Movies will be reactivated in August, and I should soon be getting details of a special promotion for the new James Bond movie.

Have a good month and enjoy your holidays if you have them.



Business Luncheons

6th July - 10th July 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Carrot, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw 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 in Orange and Butter Sauce Served with French Beans, Carrot and Mashed Potatoes

or

B.B.Q. Pork Neck Served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potatoes

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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 Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)

13th July - 17th July 2015

Starters - 55 baht

Smoked Fish Salad with Lime and Chilli dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Mixed Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Fried Onion

or

Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes.

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Grilled Sea Bass Served with Spinach Risotto

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Tom Yam Goong (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)

20th July - 24th July 2015

Starter: 55 baht

Chicken Cranberry Salad with Balsamic Dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses: 140 baht

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce Served with Broccoli, Carrot and Garlic Mashed Potatoes

B.B.Q. Ham In Parsley Cream Sauce Served with Sautéed Cabbage+Bacon and Potatoes Salad

Baked Chicken Breast in Tomatoes and Cheese Sauce Served with Roast Vegetables

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

27th July - 31th July 2015

Starter: 55 baht

Tuna Salad Tuna, Tomatoes, Lemon grass, lime and spicy dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses: 140 baht

Turkey Chilli Con Carne Served with Rice

or

Fillet of Pork in Pepper Sauce *Served with Mixed Vegetables and Lyonnaise Potatoes*

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Pan-fried Dory Fish in Spicy Herbs Served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potatoes

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

Descert of the Day: 55 baht or Choose from our à la carte Dessert with 10% off

F&B MORSELS

I think you see from mailings that there was the Waterloo Bicentennial Dinner which was last night. There were about 60 people and we cooked four courses two of them were completely new recipes. Most plates were coming back empty and that's what we like to see! Members told me the wines and the food were both good, so I am happy everyone enjoyed themselves and had such a good evening.

As we have suspended the Saturday Buffets over the summer months, we made a special effort for the one-off Queen Elizabeth II Birthday Buffet and I was rather disappointed that so few people turned up.

The special one-off weekend buffet in July will be the Sparkling Wine Brunch on Sunday 19th July. We have done this for the last 2 years and it has been a success, with fresh imported oysters, cold cuts, cheese, antipasti, and lots of other foods which go well with sparkling wine, which is free flow between 1pm and



Executive Chef

2pm. There is also a non-alcohol option for the buffet. I hope to see you enjoying it.

There are two promotions in July.: Burgers and Oysters. For the burgers, there are about 10 varieties and come with french fries and coleslaw. The oysters are fresh and cooked options. See the posters in this magazine.

We will carry on with the strawberry promotion as it's Wimbledon month too. Please also remember there are now 2 coffees (Lavazza and Catunambu) available at all outlets except the Pavilion, and Catunambu is only 50 baht. Please tell the staff which you want.

Happy Eating!



'RULES BRITANNIAE'

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

ABSENT WHILST IN THAILAND

DID YOU KNOW... If any Member on the Absent List

is found to be working, studying or residing in Thailand for more than three months they will have their Membership terminated and will be removed from the Absent List.





The Harvard Krokodiloes, Harvard's oldest a cappella singing group, will perform at the British Club on July 6. The repertoire will include a blend of classic American music from the 1940's to 1960's, along with Scottish and Irish ballads. The *Kroks* have a long history with Thailand, though this will be their first time back to the Kingdom since 2007.

Tickets at the door: Adult THB 450 Students/Children THB 300 Please RSVP: thomas.parks@post.harvard.edu

PAST PARTICIPLEAuspicium Melioris Ævi

We look back to the history of our Club in 2012 ...

The year started well with the appointment of a new General Manager, Joost Paijmans, who hit the track running with a huge 'deep clean' of the whole club. A team of 15 contract cleaners went through the Club grounds systematically and by the end of the two day purge five trucks of rubbish had been removed. The finances also continued to prosper as members were increasing their use of the Club, income was up, membership was increasing and so by March there was 18 Million Baht in cash balance in the Club as opposed to only 13 Million Baht the year before. The increase was attributable to many factors as well as F&B growth and new members ... no GM salary for five months, the first full year of charging members the credit card fee, a small surplus from the Neilson Hays Café and better cost control.

With the Club looking spruced up it was time to start planning what was to be called 'enhancements'-the General Committee felt that 'big development plans' seem to fail (like the Churchill Bar/Lords swap) or fail to materialise (like the New Wing plan). It was thus decided to start to spend some of the accrued cash by developing the poolside and the Pool Works Work Group was formed in early May.

The work plan was created, tenders sought and on 1st August the Swimming Pool, Surawong Sala and Fitness Centre progressively closed for refit. Not all went to plan ...the pool once drained was found to have serious cracks which needed much remedial work, all four pumps in the pump room were found to be in need of replacement. However works continued, and we took the opportunity to also extend our Thai Kitchen as the poolside at the same time but without it closing for more than day or two.

On 1st December we opened up the new poolside A brand new Surawong Sala with a sports bar, a fully refitted swimming pool with the Olympic circles on the sand-wash to commemorate that 2012 was also the year of the London Olympics, an extended Thai Kitchen and a Fitness Centre enlarged 20% to 96m².

2012 was also the Diamond Jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and in its honour the Club hosted a garden fete open to all members and peoples from the embassies, Loyal Societies and Associated Groups – just over a thousand people attended with the Bangkok Music Society singing both the Kings Anthem as we toasted H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej and the British



National Anthem as we toasted Queen Elizabeth's 60 years. A seven minute YouTube report on the event can be found under the Events tab on the Club website. A letter was received from H.M. Queen Elizabeth II thanking us for our Loyal support and it is to be found on the wall in the Churchill Bar [see inset].

Tragedy struck in September when the General Manager fell ill. After nearly two months of sickness he resigned in November. The General Committee was thus in what was almost an annual problem of recruiting a new General Manager ... Joost had been the seventh General Manager or CEO of the Club in the previous six years! A full review of options was made and it was decided to take a dual bold appointment ... Khun Premrudee Tanyaluck was appointed our first Thai and first female General Manager in the Club's history. Khun Prem had been the Club's Finance & Administration Manager from 2000 to 2004, and after a break, Deputy General Manager from 2006 including three spells of being acting General Manager.

Lots of other things happened in 2012: we appointed our first full-time Duty Manager to manage the Club in the evenings, we trialled a Guest fee for non-members playing tennis or squash, membership soared to 1,021 and as the first year of Enhancements was deemed to have gone well, plans were started for 2013 ... but you'll have to wait until next month to see what materialised.



"God Save the Queen!"



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"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis"

As announced last month the General Committee is reviewing the Club's Constitution and Rules: the feedback from many Members has been positive but some have been confused as the 'headline bullet points' provided in the June article did not give enough background.

Absent Members

Former Members who are on the Absent List have paid a fee to suspend their memberships whilst not living in Thailand. Whenever they return on holiday (that is, do not return permanently) and want to use the Club, they are required to pay the Absent Day Fee to maintain their Absent status - unfortunately many simply come in as quests of Members, visiting family or Members of a Loyal Society/Associated Group, thus cheating us of income.

Associated Groups

The general feeling is that as long as they have Club Members within their midst, groups of any nationality should be able to meet at the Club on a regular basis if they so wish.

Country Membership

Due to the distance that they live from Bangkok and the implied reduced frequency of use of the Club, Country Members pay about one third of the subscription rate each month. Sadly a number of Country Members also have a Bangkok home and are seen using the Club up to five times a week. A maximum monthly quota is being considered.

Disciplinary Code

At present the General Committee can only punish repeated bad behaviour by suspension. Some Members believe that the General Committee should have the right to expel a Member as a last resort.

General Committee Election

The issue of a directly elected Chairman seems to have little support but the issue of postal voting has mixed feedback.

General Meetings

Attendance at General Meetings is a tricky issue as the Club has capacity problems as well as those of speaking rights and voting rights. However, the thorniest issue remains Proxy votes ... we are advised that an internet-based voting system is not lawful in Thailand thus we are stuck with a paper-based system if we have one at all.

Loyal Societies

The issue here is that 50 years ago these four societies were a subset of the Club with most of their events held at the Club. However these days the Societies hardly ever meet at the Club, their income to the Club is relatively minor but the Club is expected to give their elected 'chairman' (be it a president, chieftain or bard) a complimentary membership of the Club; we display their honours boards and we store all their trophies and regalia etc. Some Members think that the Societies should no longer be given treatment over and above the Associated Groups, which in itself requires minimum usage of the Club.

Membership Categories

At present the only nearly redundant category is the 12-month instalment plan.

Also as stated last month, to honour the nature of the gift of our Clubhouse land to the British Club by H.M. King Vajiravudh the basic premise, objects and purpose of the Club will be not be subject to alteration. Thus Members who have written in or talked to me about changing the Club's name, or the membership categories that can vote, will remain disappointed. Sorry.

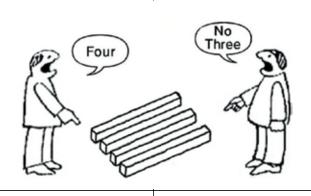
Feedback from Members is still solicited - to do so please send an email to the Honorary Secretary at honorary.secretary@britishclubbangkok.org



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am

Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm

Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am

Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm

Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm

Bangkok Gentlemen

Spoofers 8:30pm

Quiz Night 7.15pm, The Verandah



Treasury Work Group 2pm, Silom Room

Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am

Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

Balut Shield Night



BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



6pm - 10pm



Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



Ladies Tennis

Coaching 9am - 10:30am

Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Squash Mix-In 5:15pm - 7:30pm

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching

9am - 10:30am

Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Squash Mix-In Tennis Mix-In **Kids Cricket Kids Cricket** Book first! 8am - 11am 5:15pm - 9:45pm 6pm - 10pm Book first! 8am - 11am Independence **Junior Tennis Swimming Lessons** Coaching **Day Buffet** 9:30am - 10:30am 4pm - 6pm The Verandah **Sunday Brunch** 11:30am - 3pm Kids' Movie 11:30 - 3pm Verandah 6.30pm, Silom Sala 'PLANES' Open Pairs Bridge 2pm Silom Room **Kids Cricket Kids Cricket** Squash Mix-In Tennis Mix-In Book first! 8am - 11am Book first! 8am - 11am 5:15pm - 9:45pm 6pm - 10pm **Junior Tennis Swimming Lessons** Coaching 9:30am - 10:30am 4pm - 6pm **Sunday Brunch** Kids' Movie 11:30 - 3pm Verandah 6.30pm, Silom Sala 'MEGAMIND' Open Pairs Bridge 2pm Silom Room **Kids Cricket** Book first! 8am - 11am **Kids Cricket Swimming Lessons** Squash Mix-In Tennis Mix-In Book first! 8am - 11am 9:30am - 10:30am 5:15pm - 9:45pm 6pm - 10pm Sparking Wine **Junior Tennis** F & B Work Group **Brunch** 11:30 - 3pm Coaching 3pm, The Alcove SPARKLING WINE 4pm - 6pm The Verandah Kids' Movie **Open Pairs Bridge** 6.30pm, Silom Sala 2pm Silom Room 'DORAEMON' **Kids Cricket Kids Cricket** Squash Mix-In Tennis Mix-In Book first! 8am - 11am Book first! 8am - 11am 5:15pm - 9:45pm 6pm - 10pm **Junior Tennis Swimming Lessons** Coaching 9:30am - 10:30am 4pm - 6pm **Sunday Brunch** Kids' Movie 11:30 - 3pm Verandah 6.30pm, Silom Sala 'FROZEN' **Open Pairs Bridge** 2pm Silom Room Tennis I have to admit, Catwomen -Mix-In 6pm - 10pm you are not as I expected. **Junior Tennis** Squash Mix-In Coaching 5:15pm - 9:45pm 4pm - 6pm Wine Tasting 6pm - 9pm Surawongse Room Kids' Movie

6.30pm, Silom Sala 'MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO'

AS WE WERE





Jack Dunford

In the 70s the Loyal Society balls were highlights of the year, tickets for the St Andrew's Ball being like gold dust. Scottish Dancing Practices were held every week on the Front Lawn for a month before the Ball and Pipers were flown in at the last minute. There was not a whole lot of live entertainment in Bangkok in those days and this special late afternoon performance at the Club, probably in 1979, drew a sizeable crowd.





JUNIOR 5 A SIDE

Come on!

BEAST FO

The last Sunday of May welcomed 6 teams of junior footballers to the multi-purpose court for a knock-out tournament. There were some great moments, and some good play too! No team was obviously far better than another, so there was hope all through the games.

In the end, the Singapore International School Bangkok (SISB) triumphed over the valiant defences of the other teams. Well played everyone, and come back soon for another chance to be the champions!



SPORTS CAMPS

Week 1 Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July

Week 2 Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July

Week 3 Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July

Week 4 Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July

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		TENNIS		TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK	lce Skating	5NACK	lce Skating	SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	SQUASH	Bowling	Cooking	Paulha	SQUASH
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING	Downing	SWIMMING	Bowling	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 48hrs in advance.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount. Cancellations up to 27hrs 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 offsite or travel to or from the Club.





Mini Sports Camps

Week 1 29 June, 1 July, 3 July Week 2 6 July, 8 July, 10 July Week 3 13 July, 15 July, 17 July Week 4 20 July, 22 July, 24 July



	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	5
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- 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.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount.
 Cancellations up to 24 hrs before will be charged 50%.
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TENNIS



British Club versus Dark Side

Khun Phairoj led the BC team in a friendly match against the mysteriously named Dark Side tennis team whose shirt colour really didn't match up to their name. The event took place at the BC on a late and suitably dark Saturday evening in May. There was a full turnout from the BC of 16 people and in a long night of tennis Dark Side eventually scraped an honourable draw, at which point they slipped off into the velvety blackness of the Bangkok night - looking for easier victims. Thanks to everyone who played and we look forward to seeing this enigmatic team again next year.

Tennis Leagues

You may have noticed that Club Singles tennis leagues are now firmly underway and there is always time to sign up for the next league which is breathlessly anticipated in July 2015. For those of you that have not played in the leagues before here are some helpful hints on the format. Each division in the league usually has 5 players, so each person will have 4 matches to play in the 4-6 weeks that the league runs for. In previous leagues there have been up to 7

divisions based on a wide range of tennis ability. The top player in each division will advance to the next higher division while the bottom player will gracefully drop to a lower division.

Based on known abilities of players, the Tennis Committee will try to give you the most competitive and enjoyable matches possible. All leagues are co-ed (men and women play against each other). Matches are best of 3 sets. For the first two sets, normal tiebreak rules apply (first player to 7, winning by a minimum 2 point margin). The third set is a 10 point 'super tie-breaker' (first to 10 points winning by 2 or more) Players must arrange their own matches and member contact details can be found in the Fitness Centre. Please keep your details current so your fellow tennis players have a better than average chance of contacting you.

For each match, one player books the court and the other player supplies new balls for the match, note the 'new' - not those other moth-eaten balls you have left in your bag/locker for the last 2 months.



League details are posted on the notice board (behind the gate to court 1). Players are responsible for entering results immediately following each match. If you find yourself confused as to whether the results are posted horizontally or vertically, you will not be alone. However, either Amnat in the Fitness Centre or Jem Chalk can give a full 40 minute tutorial as needed. Matches must be completed by the end of each calendar month. There is an entry fee of 100 THB. The winner of each division at the end of the month wins a highly sought after 500 THB F&B voucher that can only be spent at the British Club.

We look forward to seeing you on the tennis courts soon.





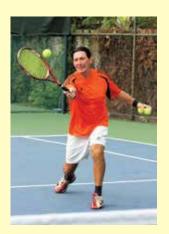
Everything You Should Know About Playing Tennis

by Harold Mollin

The Volley

ON THE VOLLEY..... REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING!

Momentum – How does it affect you on the "Volley"?



Definition of Momentum. a property of a moving body that the body has by virtue of its mass and motion and that is equal to the product of the body's mass and velocity (www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/momentum).

I want to add in here "direction" as well since I want you to understand what happens when you

HIT A VOLLEY with momentum!

Many times I have seen a student hit a volley, running full speed forward and to his/her right side to cut off a volley only to "miss it" long and wide. Why? Because not only did the ball pick up his "speed" of running forward, carrying his volley long - but it also picked up his motion going to the "right", which made the ball veer that way as well!

I am "not saying" stop moving when you hit that volley (helps to move through it with your feet so your hands

don't have to swing at the volley), but learn what happens when you do!

A very important lesson!!

Now, how to hit the TOPSPIN DRIVE volley:

Generally I will hit all volleys without any/much of a backswing and with a slight "slice" on the ball for control (ball rotates towards you).

But, there are times when you can hit a TOPSPIN DRIVE VOLLEY.

If you do, remember the following:

- 1. Hit the ball "higher and deeper" than you think you should because the ball is rotating towards your opponent and it will "DROP LIKE A STONE into the net"!
- 2. Only hit this shot when the ball is "above the net".
- 3. Have your racket back before you are near the ball!
- 4. When striking the ball absolutely make sure your "WEIGHT IS MOVING FORWARD".
- 5. Watch this ball all the way into your strings!

PRACTICE THIS SHOT FROM MIDCOURT, WITH YOUR WEIGHT GOING FORWARD, YOUR FEET MOVING, AND USING SOME LIFT FROM THE KNEES TO HELP YOU DRIVE THE BALL TO BOTH SIDES OF THE COURT!

Harold Mollin - World Tennis Coach.

SQUASHY BITS

Tony Austin Cup for Over 40's!



This over 40's handicap competition took place on Sunday 24th May. Entrants were required to be over 40 in any capacity – over 40cm tall, over 40kgs in weight, sport a waist exceeding 40", wear shoes sized 40 or larger, receive a monthly income of above 40,000 baht, have visited more than 40 different countries, IQ in excess of 40 (tough for some hopefuls!), have a son/daughter past 40 years of age, have been most unfortunate to have fathered, or mothered for that matter, over 40 sons/daughters whether aware of it or not, have been desperately unlucky to have been married on more than 40 occasions, or currently have a spouse or partner over 40 years of age, or even simply to have reached that age yourself. Whatever! However, some form of 'over 40's' evidence was required, anything that involved a 40 – anything, even 40 baht in your pocket would do, yet that vital '40' status had to be scrupulously verified by adjudicator Peter Conflakes who, at the time of said verification, had held the exalted position of BCB Squash Section Chairlady for 40 years, 40 weeks, 40 days, 40 minutes and 40 seconds. Surely he could enter? What a shock then, to discover, due to the most minor of administrative technicalities, he, at the very, very last of moments, was found to be ineligible for entry to this year's Tony Austin so was left to simply referee the matches, hand out the awards, and shut up!

Anyway, after struggling to find sufficient players who matched the seemingly limitless, yet so strictly enforced, 'over 40's' conditions imposed by the Sepp Blatter-like Conflakes, we finished up with seven or eight eager entrants who were then divided into two round-robin groups based on some form of over 40ness decided by Peter's petty whims and ever changing mood which had soured somewhat significantly by that stage on account of his rather sudden exclusion from competing in the day's event (apparently the technicality that had him slung out was not being totally honest about the amount of times he'd taken a wrong turn in his new two-million baht Volvo which comes with zero form of satnav or GPS – it was way over 40 times, yet he claimed it was less than ten; flamin' liar!). Where were we? Here! So now Cornflakes is all upset and starts writing up the players names on the score board and discovers that without his inclusion the two groups were going to be uneven with four in one and just three in the other. and could he please play if he apologized profusely to all present regarding his 'getting lost in his new expensive Volvo fib' and would it help if he did come clean and told the truth? "How many times, then?" The players asked. "A few times a day since I bought it over a year ago." Came the sheepish reply. "Pathetic! How much did that car cost?" They howled. But in the end, the kind BCB Squashies relented and let 'Sepp' play.



It was finally decided, for the sake of simplicity, to base the handicaps on age since all the entrants had indeed passed their 40th birthday, and basing it upon such criteria as income (Evan's a whopping 40,000 baht/day), or IQ (James Crossly Smith's a measly 61), or incidences of getting lost in your new car (Peter's at a ridiculous 1,462) seemed complicate things rather. So ages it was and a handicap of number of

points representing half the age difference between the two players in each match was agreed upon. Squash players know what that means even if nobody else does!

Marvyn Lewis, Chris Childs, James Crossley-Smith and Steve Usher in one group, and Peter Corney, John Vivian, Shiraz Poonevala and Neil Evans in the other group.





Congratulations Chris!

So cruel on Shiraz!

Group A					Total	Place
Marvyn (67)	х	12	15	15	42	2
Chris (61)	15	х	15	15	45	1
James (53)	4	2	х	8	14	4
Steve (47)	6	9	15	х	30	3

Group B					Total	Place
Peter (67)	х	14	8	14	36	4
John (58)	15	х	8	15	38	3
Shiraz (51)	15	15	х	12	42	1
Neil (46)	15	10	15	х	40	2

The group matches frying panned out as indicated and in the following round Chris smashed a hung-over Neil 15-4 in the first semi final and Shiraz only slightly beat Marvyn 15-13 in the second one.

Shiraz vs Chris in the final. This was quite simply a squash match. Shiraz cancelled out the handicap difference (he starting on -2 and Chris on +3) quickly with the scores at four-all after a few hundred rallies. Shiraz looked like winning, but Chris wouldn't let him and he won the next three points in a row, with the match going back and forth after that, yet Chris always staying a point or two ahead. Shiraz was losing! Both competitors playing squash with Chris chasing down many of Shiraz's better shots surprising everyone (six people) watching as he is ten years older. Chris had two 'dead nicks' (Google it!) on the last three points played and just about won 15-12 to become the Tony Austin

Cup Champion 2015. Shiraz promptly burst into tears! He'll get over it. Well done to Chris! The competition was played in a great spirit and very entertaining to watch, though so few did!

This was followed by the usual eats and drinks and trophy presentations, photos, etc. Peter 'Sepp' Conflake's 'over 40's' criteria and round-robin format proved unbelievably complicated, but the event was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon since there was nothing else to do anyway. 'Sepp' congratulated all his over 40 participants and thanked them again for allowing him to compete. However, he reminded Squash Captain, Neil, that he should probably have a sober night in on the eve of such competitions as on this occasion he wasn't up to his usual standard and played like crap!

Until next year.....



The BCB Squash Section would like to acknowledge Boots Retail Thailand as its sponsor for 2015. Boots Retail Thailand kindly sponsored the 2014 Rod Carter Open, the BCB Squash Section's open squash competition, and has agreed to support the section throughout 2015. Boots Retail Thailand has numerous branches throughout the country supplying high quality cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Many thanks to Boots Retail Thailand.



HARD BALLS

V-v-victory!

I will waste no time in delivering the news which I'm sure you've already heard echoed around the Club, an emphatic period for British Club cricket in which 2 wins were recorded in succession. No smoke or mirrors here, two genuine victories without help from rain, concessions or some prehistoric rule Adrian has belligerently extracted from his imaginary book of laws. The first triumph came due to a confident performance down in Pattaya producing a closely fought finish. This was followed in the week by an energetic display on the back lawn during the Fireballs series 5 finals night where BC were deservedly crowned (spooned to be precise) as champions of the consolation final. Is this the turning point? Have the new nets given us the edge? Nobody knows but let us hope we've opened the flood gates.



Ben Eastwell

19 April 2015 - BC Southos Richos - Tri-series

Prior to the victory marches, BC hosted a three way, or triangular series as some like to call it. Touring Australian family-based team 'Richos' were welcomed on the back lawn along with more familiar faces from the Southerners. The format played was the usual Fireball in a Round Robin which went on into the late evening. It was an all-round enjoyable day which was promised to be a recurring event from our visitors.

It was as it has been of recent a very hot afternoon, the marquee was up and a BBQ to contend with the touring teams tradition was dished up throughout the event. The total age of the 'Richos' team was probably half that of the BC squad, who enjoyed a home advantage. With that said, the athleticism was well and truly on display from every player on the court. This was proven on one occasion by Bruce, pivoting on one leg to run out one of the batsmen pushing for runs with a direct hit – but the look of surprise on his face was the real star of the show. A rare feat was witnessed when one of the touring Aussie lads clean bowled Ryan 3 times in a row who had left the gate wide open. Ultimately this was all part of the master plan and a courteous decision to throw away our wicket in letting the visitors take a victory... Besides, there were a couple of burgers left.





Southos on the front foot



I'll show you poms how to hit a ball

24 May 2015 - BC vs Pattaya at Pattaya CC

The party bus was summoned once more to transport BC down to Pattaya for the third annual face-off against the Pattaya boys. After a punctual arrival BC took to the field first after winning the toss, a preferred start to get on top of the game. The squad carried a proud father-son cameo with the inclusion of debutant Shiv, Tejas' son who brought a revolutionary touch of leg spin to the bowling attack.

The bowling was spread like butter; everyone had a bowl in true BC style – keeping the batsmen guessing and not allowing them to get settled. If the bowler doesn't know where he's putting it then the batsman certainly doesn't have a clue. Best bowling figures of the innings would have to be awarded to Sarg, 3 runs for 2 wickets in 2 overs; Sunish also took a couple of wickets helped by a tidy stumping from Goti. Captain Dale managed to hold on to 2 catches, probably exceeding his annual quota already. 143 was the target set to chase down in 25 overs.

A 6 per over target got the BC batting camp hungry, the target felt within reach and batting started positively with Rahul comfortably making it to retirement (42) off of 32 balls. Goti contributed 26 from 32 before being caught to send in Haroon at 3 who did his bit with a punchy 100% strike rate for 30 runs. Cue Captain Dale looking to remedy the past 2 batting performances... golden boy strikes again, but snicks it in to the keepers gloves – undoubtedly setting records with a hat-trick of golden ducks. Vice Captain Sarg also thought this was the way to go when he was bowled off the first ball swishing over the top of a straight one. Needless to say there was some reliable batting to come, and it came in style when Tejas was set in the spotlight after Patrick contributed an important 14 off the same number of balls. Shiv looked on as his Dad smashed 2 fours off the last over to set up a BC win with 4 wickets to spare, the second win in 49 matches! It feels almost unfaithful to break the streak. Well done BC.



Father son cameo





30th May 2015 Fireballs series 5 finals night

The end of the fifth Fireballs series drew BC against Southerners in the playoff for the spoon, only half a point away from qualifying for the plate final. Needless to say, BC doesn't just take part anymore a win in the spoon final totalled 2 Fireball wins in series 5 and another piece of silverware to add to the collection. RBSC Polo took the cup final, and everyone took some of the food and beer laid on by the hosts. British Club are finally getting the hang of the Fireball and are looking more and more like a team to contend with. Until next Fireball night, it has been a good series.

Next month's Hard Balls features vet another visit down to Pattava for the fast paced 8s tournament, and in the meantime we will be drawing up plans for the new trophy room.







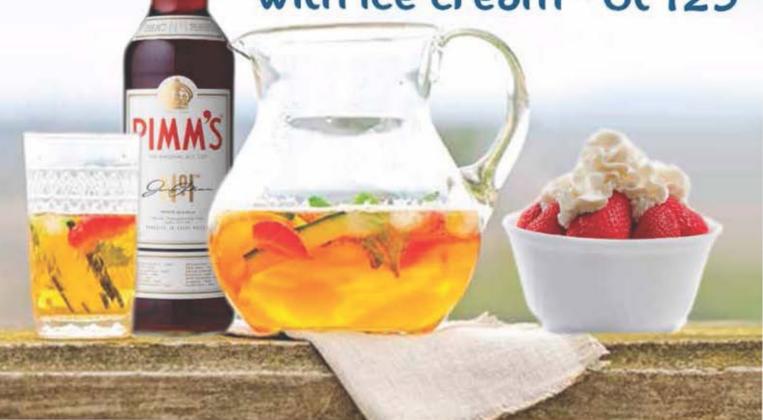


WIMBLEDON 2015 29th June - 12th July















THE NAME "THE ASHES" ORIGINATED IN A SATIRICAL OBITUARY PUBLISHED IN A BRITISH NEW SPAPER, THE SPORTING TIMES, IMMEDIATELY AFTER AUSTRALIA'S 1882 VICTORY AT THE OVAL, THEIR FIRST TEST WIN ON ENGLISH SOIL. THE OBITUARY STATED THAT ENGLISH CRICKET HAD DIED. AND THE BODY WOULD BE CREMATED AND THE ASHES TAKEN TO AUSTRALIA.

THE 1882 83 SERIES WAS PLAYED IN AUSTRALIA, BEFORE WHICH THE ENGLISH CAPTAIN IVO BLIGH HAD VOWED TO "REGAIN THOSE ASHES". AFTER ENGLAND HAD WON TWO OF THE THREE TESTS ON THE TOUR, A SMALL URN WAS PRESENTED TO BLIGH BY A GROUP OF MELBOURNE WOMEN. THE CONTENTS OF THE URN WERE REPUTED TO BE THE ASHES OF A WOODEN BAIL.

AN ASHES SERIES IS TRADITIONALLY OF FIVE TESTS. HOSTED IN TURN BY ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS.







WATCH THE GAMES IN THE CHURCHILL BAR!

ALL MATCHES START AT 5PM (THAILAND)

FIRST TEST

8 - 12 JULY 16 - 20 JULY

SECOND TEST

THIRD TEST

29 JULY - 2 AUGUST

FOURTH TEST FIFTH TEST

6 - 10 AUGUST

20 - 24 AUGUST

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BCGS GOLFING NEWS





May has been a more relaxed month for the BCGS with only our regular monthly competitions to play - this quiet spell won't last long!

The second Sunday of each month is always our monthly Stableford competition. We play a different course each month with this months challenge being Kiarti Thani. The conditions were pretty testing so congratulations to Randall Coleman on his win with 33 points.

Last Sunday of each month brings our Monthly Medal competition at the Royal Golf & Country Club at Ladkrabang. This is a two level competition - Flight A, for good golfers and Flight B, which covers the not quite as good golfers right down to my level....

Well done to Randall on a roll Coleman, winner of Flight A and to Marc Brouilette, winner of Flight B and a handicap cut too.

If you are interested in joining the British Club Golf Section, we are a friendly bunch and are open to golfers of all levels who are BC Members. Please contact Pete Gale our Captain bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk





BRIDGE

Results for May 2015

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 3rd May (10 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	64.81%
	2nd	Helmer & Winlock	54.63%
Sunday 10th May (11 pairs)	Tied 1st	Kittiya & Supote	65.10%
	Tied 1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	65.10%
Sunday 17th May (10 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	63.89%
	2nd	Martin Carter & Boa	62.96%
Sunday 24th May (9 pairs)	1st	Geraldine & Benjarong	63.19%
	2nd	Sue & Pichet	58.33%
Sunday 31st May (6 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	58.00%
	2nd	Michael Winckless & Helmer	57.00%



KIDS MOVIES JULY

FRIDAYS 6:30PM SILOM SALA



3rd July PLANES



10th July MESAMIND



17th July

DORAEMON



24th July FROZEN



31st July TOTORO











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For boarders, in-house one-to-one tutoring from our teachers is on hand for that extra help, at no extra cost.