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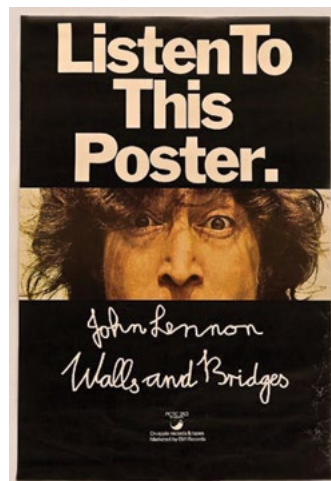
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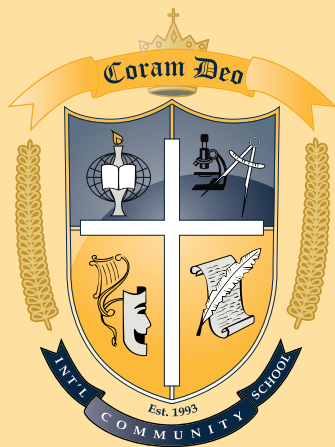
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# LETTER FROM THE GM



## Dear Members,

Many of you will be away on summer holidays and I hope you are having a good time. I see there is a heatwave in Europe and it is as hot as Bangkok!

As July is a quieter month at the Club, we are starting on some maintenance works:

- In the main Clubhouse kitchen, works started on 12th July and we plan to finish in mid-August. The renovations include a new ceiling, replacing the wall tiles and floor tiles, and repainting throughout. We will also install a few new pieces of equipment for our kitchens. During these renovation works, Khun Laak has created a temporary Western Menu for our Members. We are sorry for your inconvenience.
- We will renovate the upstairs function rooms and corridor, with all work starting early in August, and we will try to avoid any interruption to Members as much as possible.
- At the area of the children's playground on the back lawn, we will create a new rest area for families and works for this will start at the beginning of August. When complete, your family can enjoy the atmosphere of "an oasis in the heart of Bangkok".
- For the children's playground area next to the Silom Sala, we plan to renovate this at the same time as when we renovate the Silom Sala, but we have no date as of yet.

When we re-open the new kitchen in August, we will have a new menu for every outlet. Each will be different to suit the style of the outlet, but if anyone would like to order an item from another menu, please ask one of the outlet staff. For our Healthy Menu, in future the BNH will help us to calculate the calories for each of the dishes and maybe add a comment on the health aspect.

Khun Laak has created a buffet menu for BBQ by the Pool on Saturday evenings, and it's quite popular so we will add one more night with music in September.

I would like to thank William Grant & Son for providing Glenfiddich Single Malt for our Whisky Tasting evening in July, and Khun Laak, our Executive Chef, for providing the special canapés paired to each age of Glenfiddich. There were more than 25 Members at the tasting, and we are looking forward to the next successful event.

Our General Committee has been helping the management to contact and update the list of Reciprocal Clubs. We now have agreements with 265 clubs in 47 countries, and this number will rise over the next two months as additional clubs come on board. The fully revised Reciprocal Club list will be posted on the website as soon as it is finished.

We are working on getting more Membership Plus participants for our Members and we will update you in Outpost every month. If any Members would like to have the list of this programme, please ask in the Membership Office.

The Club provides First Aid Kits at every outlet and in the Fitness Centre and signage is being prepared to clearly locate them. We annually arrange for First Aid and CPR training for our staff from the Lerdsin Hospital.

Enjoy your holidays and see you around the Club.

Best regards,

**Premrudee Tanyaluck**  
**General Manager**



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# HAPPENINGS



## Dear Members

This is off to the printers any minute, but the news has just come through that the Prince of Cambridge has been born in London! Fantastic news, and congratulations to the parents! Sadly we do not have enough time to feature a picture of the baby as none has been released nor has there been any announcement of the name he will bear. My bet is on George!

July started off with Andy Murray's tremendous victory, sadly the same could not be said for Manchester United's defeat by Singha All Stars here in Bangkok. The kitchen renovations have meant us losing our Saturday buffets, but they will be back before the end of August (touch wood) and I hear there may be some variations on the themes previously offered. We had a terrific evening of Whisky-Tasting with the Brand Ambassador for Glenfiddich, which showcased some unusual and delicious canapés prepared by Khun Laak specially for this event. We're still hoping to finalise a Whisky Dinner, but that is still in planning.

Both July and August see many people on holiday and the almost daily downpours, there have been fewer events which has afforded time on the Club App's design and to address the many points arising from the questionnaire about the magazine, the app, events, and mailings. I was surprised, and rather pleased, at how many people expressed interest in documentaries, and I'm wondering whether or not to arrange to show David Attenborough's latest series on insect monsters which has amazing photography, as you can imagine. It was also good to see that most people would like Outpost to have a Letters Page which will be carried out if possible in the not too distant future.

The Monday Night slots are now showing comedy for half of the monthly evenings - we had a hoot watching Carry On Camping, and it was an interesting reminder of how different social behaviour was back in the 60s! Our Monday comedy movie this month is "The Meaning of Life", arguably one of Monty Python's funniest films but also the most tasteless and gross one, an even greater comparison in social behaviour two decades later. We may also schedule a showing of some Not the Nine O'Clock News in memory of Mel Smith who sadly died last weekend.

Contrary to everyone's expectations, Quiz Night in July was not only our first anniversary with Dan and Ieuan as quizmasters, but also the busiest in attendance for the last couple of years. We had a great evening, with some weird rounds in the vein of the previous month's round on knots - this month it was monkeys. Surprising how many people actually got the answers. I hope that the Quiz Night will grow so we can offer some additional spot prizes other than the usual team winners and the monthly jackpot; it's really not so difficult to guess those answers you don't really know, and it's fun too, so get a team together (or even a few people), let me know, and then come and test your brains!

In August we'll have a special buffet lunch and dinner to celebrate Thai Mother's Day which is on Her Majesty the Queen's birthday, Monday 12th August. Later in the month, we will be presenting a succulent wine dinner with 5 courses and almost as many wines, and some port, and pre-dinner sparkling wine and canapés on the back lawn patio. The menu is almost ready to circulate, just checking the final suppliers.

Tickets will soon be going on sale for Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap", which will have four performances at the end of September. The Club is actively supporting this show, as it is the 60th Anniversary of what has become the world's longest-running theatre production. I think the tickets will sell very fast so please contact us ASAP to make your bookings as you may not get another chance and I will need to confirm every enquiry individually. I took my parents to the show in the West End years ago, and remember it being brilliant, but as it is forbidden to discuss the plot twist with anyone that hasn't seen it, I have now completely forgotten who did what to whom with what, so it's great news that it's coming to Bangkok!

Also in September, there will be the Wizard of Oz singalong evening and of course, the much awaited visit to Bangkok by Justin Bieber. This Canadian megastar's tickets are almost sold out, so come on Dads, don't prevaricate and risk letting your daughters down, book now!

Last but definitely not least, we have just heard that due to the Manila Yacht Club's withdrawal, our offer to host this year's 33rd STC Balut Interport has been accepted for the last week of November. Great news indeed, see page 37!

Have a great August, and stay off the motorways on the Bank Holiday weekend!

Best wishes

**Jeremy de Sausmarez**  
Events & Marketing Manager





# BUSINESS LUNCHEONS



THE BRITISH CLUB  
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**5th - 9th August 2013**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Carrot Raisin and Apple Coleslaw**

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Chicken Maryland** with pine apple, banana sweet corn, bacon and home-fried potato

or

**Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce**

served with broccoli and mashed potato

or

**Tom Yum Pla**

(Spicy lemon grass flavoured soup with fish)

**Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy**

(Stir-fried kale with oyster sauce)

**Gai Phad Sauce Makham**

(Stir-fried chicken with sauce makham)

**12th - 16th August 2013**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Oriental Chicken, Papaya and Ginger Salad**  
with soya and lemon grass dressing

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Fillet of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce**

Served with grilled zucchini and coriander rice

or

**Turkey Lasagne**

Served with garlic bread

or

**Panaeng Gai**

(Chicken stir-fried with red curry sauce)

**Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy**

(Stir-fried mixed vegetables with oyster sauce)

**Tord Man Pla**

(Deep-fried fish cake)

**19th -23rd August 2013**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad**

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Spicy Herbs**

Served with mixed salad and boiled potatoes

or

**Chicken Breast in Tomatoes and Cheese Sauce**

Served with roast vegetables and roast potatoes

or

**Gaeng Som Pla Tod Phak Ruam**

(Sour soup with mixed vegetables and fish)

**Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai**

(Stir-fried pork fillet with garlic and pepper)

**Kai Jiew**

(Thai style omelette)

**26th - 30th August 2013**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Tuna Niçoise Salad** with french beans, egg, black olives, potatoes and anchovy

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Fish and Chips**

with garden peas and tartare sauce

or

**Pork Schnitzel**

Served with apple and carrots salad, Baked potato

or

**Tom Yam Goong**

(Spicy lemon grass flavoured soup with prawns)

**Phad Pak Bung Fai Daeng**

(Stir-fried chinese water morning glory)

**Gai Phad Khing**

(Stir-fried chicken with ginger, onion and fungus mushroom)



# F&B MORSELS



**Dear Members,**

First I wish to thank you all for your patience at the moment while the kitchen works are going on. So far everything seems to be going smoothly, both with the kitchen staff in their temporary location and with the construction workers who are sealed off in the kitchens. The works are on schedule so that means we will be back to normal before the next issue of Outpost.

We had to cancel the Saturday buffets - it was just not possible to keep them going during the works. However, I'm pleased to say that when the kitchens reopen and the buffets start again, I am planning a few new themes for the Saturday Buffets. I expect this to be in September - if we can begin before then, you will be informed in one of the weekly emailings.

There will be revised menus when the kitchens reopen, so keep your suggestions of favourite dishes coming in!

A week before the end of August, we will be having a rather interesting Wine Dinner with a really good selection of dishes. I hope many of you will be free to come and enjoy the evening with good wines and five courses of food!

You will see from this page that we have also suspended the Fine Dining menu during the works. Instead, there is a Drink of the Month (which is very refreshing) and the Wine of the Month too.

Happy eating!

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

## Wine of The Month "August"

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## Drink of The Month "August"



**Strawberry & Watermelon  
Smoothie Bt 75.-**



# WINE DINNER

Friday 23 August  
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Sparkling wine with canapés

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## UPDATE

New participants since last month are listed here - a full listing will appear next month

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## WORKS REPORT

The main kitchen in the Clubhouse closed on Tuesday 9th July. There were several days of preparatory works, clearing the fixtures, fittings and stocks out of the rooms. The whole area was boarded off to prevent dust, debris and noise escaping, and access was severely limited for safety reasons. The works then began. The wall tiles and floor tiles were stripped, the peeling paint removed from the ceilings and walls. The repairs were then started. At the time of going to print, some wall retiling has commenced. Works are expected to be completed mid to late August.



## J.B. (BARRY) WHITTAKER

It is with sadness that we announce the passing away of BCB Member Barry Whittaker.

Barry was born on 25 May 1933 and came to Bangkok in 1957 working for Louis T. Leonowens Ltd. Barry was a timber specialist and made frequent trips to Burma buying teak logs and conversions for the shipbuilding and furniture industries. After several years in Thailand, Barry moved on to postings in Malaysia and Singapore before returning to Thailand and eventual retirement.

Barry is survived by his wife Wanna, three daughters and seven grand-children. He will be sadly missed.



# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

## *“Food for thought”*

To those 154 Members who sent in completed questionnaires, a very big thank you for taking the time to diligently complete them and also for providing your personal comments throughout.

The Questionnaire, whilst long, was intentionally comprehensive as there is clearly a need to get constructive feedback from our membership on a wide variety of issues. Thus it was particularly pleasing that close to 40% of the questionnaires were filled in by non-voting Members.

As the Club strives to improve service levels and to provide a range of activities which will appeal to a broader spectrum of its membership, we are embarking on new plans to improve and upgrade some key areas of the Club's House and Grounds. With only eight months to go for this General Committee, time is of the essence and your input is both important and appreciated.

### **Analysis Overview**

All the questionnaires have been analysed internally both from a statistical viewpoint as well as by a detailed constructive analysis of all the comments made. The results are being discussed both within the General Committee and with Khun Prem and her Management Team.

Khun Prem has started immediately following up on Members' comments and recommendations which are perceived as having added value for the Membership as a whole. Other immediate action has already been taken and more will be implemented over the coming months, such as:

### **Communication and Member Benefits**

- The first phase of an upgrade to the Club's wifi system raising the speed to 10Mbps and improving the reception footprint. An improvement of the user friendliness of the system is planned in the coming months.
- The Membership Plus Programme, which provides Members with discounts at various retail outlets and hotels, is being revised to include some golf courses, more up-country hotels and retail outlets as well as some international airlines. The latest addition is a promotional campaign from British Airways. Full details of the expanded programme will be recorded in Outpost every month.
- A thorough review of our Reciprocal Clubs has been undertaken by Paul Cheesman and John Stevens and while some clubs have closed down, we have an overall increase of some 16 clubs (including various Member recommendations from the questionnaires). We now stand at around 270 and we hope to get to over 280 within a couple of months!
- The new British Club App is in its final stages and should be launched before the end of August. The Club website is being updated and will receive a makeover in the coming months.

### **The Outlets**

- The analysis of the questionnaires is ongoing, however we have already implemented special staff training programmes and our Staff are now undergoing on-site customer service training from the Dusit Training College.
  - In common with many hotels and restaurants in Bangkok, we are still short of outlet staff and are intensifying our recruitment programme while looking at new on-site language training for our Staff.
  - Our food and beverage menus are currently being reviewed with the F&B Work Group providing support, so there will be revised menus and improved wine lists when the current main kitchen upgrades and new equipment installations are completed in late August. We have recently introduced poolside barbecues which have proved to be a great success.
  - Some years ago the British Club spent a lot of money revamping the Churchill Bar and creating The Verandah. The General Committee is aware that these outlets (The Verandah in particular) fall way short of the mark in a host of areas. Reversing this shortfall will be reviewed further.
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**Sports and Events**

- Revamped Sports Camps for the children have been a tremendous success and have included the very popular "sleep over" in tents on the Back Lawn, as well as cookery and visits to local attractions.
- The questionnaires raised a significant interest in some new, and also requested, improvement to some existing sports activities, so our sports team under the guidance of Michael Wagstaff will have their hands full over the coming months. New and improved activities may include darts, cycling tours, table tennis, netball, a small golf driving net etc.
- It is intended to provide more general sports coaching activities, additional fitness coaches and possibly some new equipment and increased usage of the Multi-Purpose Sports Court as well as more weekend sports activities.
- Regarding our sports building, work on creating upgrades to this area is advancing. This will possibly include the provision of new back-to-back squash courts within the existing footprint. More news will follow .....
- On the events front there were many ideas to introduce new events such as local tours to historical places of interest, Thai and Chinese lessons, cooking lessons, more wine (and whisky) dinners and to broaden our film shows. So it looks like Jeremy will have his hands even fuller.... if that was ever possible.

**Families**

- The Club's General Committee is committed to improving the facilities and activities for our families and children. This year we will focus on the planning of upgrades to the family areas. Central to this will be a revamp of the Silom Sala which will probably include a special air-conditioned area and much-improved kids facilities as well as the continuation of a host of special events for children.

**House and Grounds**

- Our house and grounds are very precious to the British Club and a focal point for improvement. During this year the Back Lawn will receive a well needed makeover and more "colour" will be introduced to our landscaping throughout the grounds.
- The upstairs rooms of the main Clubhouse will also receive a major makeover to enhance the historical nature of the British Club whilst acknowledging the need to provide a much better level of services such as dedicated audio-visual systems in all of our function rooms.
- Work on the Suriwongse Room, which will see the exciting reinstatement of the balcony overlooking the back lawn, will start in August. This will be a fantastic addition to the main Clubhouse and the room itself.

**Safety and Security**

- Security is a major issue at the Club and we must implement procedures which are not too intrusive but which ensure protection for the Club and its Members.
- All those of you who travel to the British Club by your own vehicle: please ask Reception to make you a Club sticker for your windscreen. This will make it easier for our security guards to identify Members and the sticker is provided at no cost.
- Later this year we will be publishing a British Club Health and Safety booklet which will also identify all members of Staff who hold a First Aid certificate.

**Moving the Club forwards**

Following the review and analysis of the questionnaires, the General Committee has been able to fine-tune some of the upgrades, renovations and maintenance planned to occur up to mid-March 2014 and beyond. These include the kitchens, the Clubhouse, the Silom Sala, the Sports Building and the grounds. There will be more information in the next few months on these matters and the overall Master Plan.

These are exciting times for the British Club and I personally thank all our Members for their suggestions and support.

Above all, special thanks to Khun Prem and her team for providing all of us Members with fantastic support and service, and a special word must go to the Staff who really perform wonders at times in often the most difficult of circumstances. This is borne out by Khun Laak and her team who, without a main kitchen, have improvised and are still producing quality food whilst cooking under a makeshift cover. Truly an exceptional job.

With warm regards to you all,

**Phil Alexander**  
**Chairman, General Committee**



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# THE BRITISH CLUB 2013

## DRESS CODE

From 15th August 2013, our Club will have a revised dress code which primarily affects use of the Churchill Bar and The Verandah. The dress code was set by members at the June EGM.

In its simplest terms ... **BEFORE 6PM - Smart Casual** **AFTER 6PM - Smart**

In detail ...

### **Before 6pm: Smart Casual**

Members believe that during the daytime one should dress in the Clubhouse as one would to visit close friends – smart, casual, friendly and neat – suitable for the dining room not the bedroom or garden!

Thus for males a long/short sleeved shirt, polo shirt or round-neck T-shirts (with no wordings that may cause offence) is appropriate with trousers or smart jeans (i.e. not torn or frayed) or tailored shorts.



Footwear can be stylish open or closed toe shoes, sandals or trainers. The same attire applies for the Ladies but also with smart separates, a dress or business attire.

It would be expected that one would not wear running shorts, singlets, sleeveless shirts, swim wear, sporting attire, tracksuits, Capri shorts, flip flops/slippers, baseball caps, sports caps, bandanas or hats.

### **After 6pm: Smart**

During the evening, members believe that what you wear should be slightly less casual so there will be no shorts and for males no open-toe shoes or sandals. Of course for formal functions being held at the Club formal wear, business suits military uniforms, or national dress is also permitted.



### **Children**

For The Verandah, it is expected that children will be decently dressed and not wearing swim wear or be bare-footed.

### **TV Sports & the like**

The General Committee reserves the right to suspend the dress code for a specific Club event or major TV sporting events

### **Due Diligence**

The Duty Manager can advise on any dress code matter and they will handle issues with any member whose person, spouse, child or guest who may be in breach of the rules.

### **More Information**

The detailed code appears on our website [www.britishclubbangkok.org](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org).



# SPORTS CAMPS

By Mike Wagstaff



This month the sports team has taken on the challenging task of entertaining British Club children five days a week. They have proven to be a huge success and a lot of fun! We have had a host of children attend, with ages ranging between four and 12 put into two groups: 4-7 and 8-12. The older group played sports such as Football, Cricket, Tennis, Pétanque, Rugby, Netball, Badminton and Table Tennis, as well as participating in cooking, baking, swimming and treasure hunts. The younger group focused on fun and games using a variety of equipment to mimic that of the above sports, thus making it more suitable for children who have not yet developed the motor ability to participate in sports as such.

The children have had lots of fun on-site and have visited such places as the ice rink in Siam Discovery and the bowling alley at Siam Paragon. As I am writing this, the camps are not yet finished. Next week (commencing 22nd July) we hope to have another packed week of fun and activities with a trip to Siam Water Park on Wednesday.

Fridays have brought about a new experience for many children and also for the Club. Last Friday (12th July) seven children enjoyed a camping experience on our back lawn in preparation for our trip to Khao Yai at the end of the month. The evening started with the children pitching their own tents and progressed onto the children being taught how and when to make a fire, when to start collecting wood and what sort of wood to look for. The children learnt about survival techniques and played a survival game. They prepared their dinner and cooked it on an open fire before cooking chocolate bananas and marshmallows. They then ate copious amounts of candy and drank large amounts of soda before spending all night awake and playing on the trampoline at 3am and then again at 6am... yep you guessed it, no sleep for me, I only have myself to blame. The morning meal was bacon and egg sandwiches cooked outside on a camping stove enjoyed by all! The children cleaned, took down and folded their own tents and left them out in the sun to dry.

Parents arrived for collection, I worked until 3 and then slept for two days!

Hope you enjoyed the camps kids! Hope you enjoyed the freedom parents!

Take some time to look through some of the pictures taken over the last few weeks.

ENJOY!









# CANADA DAY 2013

## Celebrating Canada's 146th Birthday



Again this year, members of the local Canadian community and their friends gathered at the British Club on Saturday June 22nd to conduct an early celebration of Canada's 146th birthday. This was our 24th Canada Day celebration in Bangkok, which always offers a great opportunity to connect with old friends, express some national pride and enjoy great Canadian comfort food and drinks. Officially, Canada Day is celebrated on July 1st each year, but is held early in Bangkok to accommodate school breaks and to allow for more families to participate in the festivities.



While Canada Day has taken place at the British Club for a number of years, there was a new look and feel for 2013 as a majority of the event's activities were staged on the back lawn with enhanced tenting to address the needs of Bangkok's turbulent monsoon season.

In total, 315 adults and children shared in this year's festivities, a great turnout considering the weather. The front and rear lawns of the British Club were a hot bed of activity with Don Lavoie supervising volleyball and a water balloon toss on the back lawn while BNH Hospital did face painting and the Right To Play group organised a slew of children's games on the







front lawn. A clear winner with the kids was the British Club's massive Bouncy Castle.

The back lawn also featured sponsor displays by Bangkok Hospital, BNH Hospital, British Columbia International School, KIS International School and the Thai Fund Foundation, as well as a Lucky Draw, a 50/50 Draw, take-away photos by Rajawongse Clothier, live music, Molson beer and Canadian wine. One very high traffic area was the Bloody Caesar Bar, manned by John Stevens and Yves Gaboriault, who poured 50.8 litres of Clamato Caesars. A delicious buffet dinner was served by the British Club following the afternoon's activities.

H. E. Philip Calvert, Ambassador of Canada to Thailand, Laos and Cambodia, was on hand to welcome guests and to support the evening's Canada Day birthday cake cutting ceremony. However, it was British Columbia International School's Choir that stole everyone's hearts when they belted out their rendition of "O Canada".

We thank the British Club and its staff for playing host to a great 146th birthday party for Canada.



# BC CALENDAR - AUGUST 2013

## MONDAY



**BWG Mahjong**



10am - 1pm

# 5

**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Media**

7pm, Wordsworth Lounge  
Yes Minister & Spitting Image



**Mother's Day Buffet**

The Verandah, 11:30am - 3pm

# 12

**BWG Mahjong**



10am - 1pm

**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Media**

7pm, Wordsworth Lounge  
Life on Mars



**BWG Mahjong**



10am - 1pm

# 19

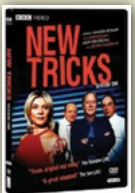
**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Media**

7pm, Wordsworth Lounge  
New Tricks



**BWG Mahjong**



10am - 1pm

# 26

**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Media**

7pm, Wordsworth Lounge  
Monty Python's "The Meaning of Life"



## TUESDAY

**Morning Mix-In**



8am - 11am

# 6

**Squash Mix-In**



5pm - 7pm

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**



8:30 pm

**Morning Mix-In**



8am - 11am

# 13

**Squash Mix-In**



5pm - 7pm

**Quiz Night**

The Verandah, 7:15pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**



8:30 pm

**Morning Mix-In**



8am - 11am

# 20

**Squash Mix-In**



5pm - 7pm

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**



8:30 pm

**Morning Mix-In**



8am - 11am

# 27

**Squash Mix-In**



5pm - 7pm

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**



8:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY

**Artists @ British Club**



9am - 1pm

# 7

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**



9am - 10:30am

**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

**Balut Shield Tournament 20**



7pm, Wordsworth Lounge

**Artists @ British Club**



9am - 1pm

# 14

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**



9am - 10:30am

**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

**Artists @ British Club**



9am - 1pm

# 21

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**



9am - 10:30am

**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

**Balut Shield Tournament 21**



7pm, Wordsworth Lounge

**Artists @ British Club**



9am - 1pm

# 28

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**



9am - 10:30am

**Tennis Mix-In**



6pm - 10pm

## THU

**Ladies Mix-In**

8 am



**Squash Mix-In**

5pm-7pm



**Ladies Mix-In**

8 am



**Squash Mix-In**

5pm-7pm



**Ladies Mix-In**

8 am



**Squash Mix-In**

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**Ladies Mix-In**

8 am



**Squash Mix-In**

5pm-7pm



**Ladies Mix-In**

8 am



**Squash Mix-In**

5pm-7pm





THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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FIRST EVER PERFORMANCES IN BANGKOK

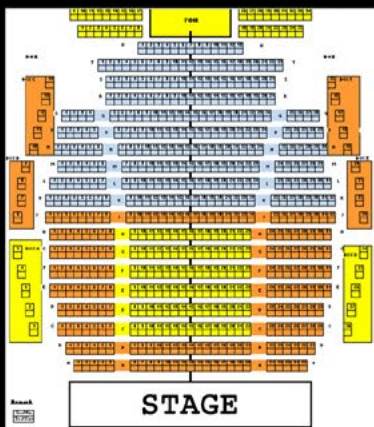
# THE AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MOUSETRAP

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Yes, the world's most famous "who dunit?" is coming to Thailand!  
**'THE MOUSETRAP' By Agatha Christie**

Eleven Live and SECRET SERVICE are proud to announce the Thailand premiere of the legendary stage play, 'THE MOUSETRAP' by Agatha Christie. This world-famous murder-mystery play opened in the West End of London in 1952 and has since enjoyed the longest, continuous run of any play in theatre history, with its 25,000th performance taking place on 18th November, 2012. It is especially famous for its twist in the plot, which audiences are traditionally asked not to reveal! The play - with a cast direct from London - opens at the Aksra Theatre, on Friday 27th September, 2013 - with four performances up to and including Sunday 29th September, 2013.  
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THE BRITISH CLUB  
BANGKOK



# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspicious Melioris Ævi*

By Paul Cheesman



We look at the history of our Club in 1989...

**1** The Club's lawyer reminded the Committee that we were legally required to register the Club's Constitution, translated into Thai, with the local authorities and pointed out that the version currently registered was dated 2490 (1947)! Furthermore, as we were not using that version as such it meant the Club was operating illegally. It was agreed thus to adopt a new Thai constitution at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held directly after the 1989 AGM.

**2** A bombshell then hit the Club ... not literally but it almost had the same effect: coincidental to our registering our new Thai constitution, the Revenue Department found out that we now allowed in guests and outside groups into the Club (in 1947 we did not allow in any non-Members), thus under Revenue Department ruling 70/2531 we were no longer exempt from business tax or income tax as we had been since 1951. We tried to invoke in defence that we operated like the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (who also allowed in guests) only to find that they too had been caught under this ruling.

Amidst fears that the taxes might be backdated decades, the committee met with the Revenue Department who agreed to back tax food & beverage only to January 1989 and coaching fees to January 1987 and to waiver the 200% fine for late payment. In all, the Club paid out 442,981.62 Baht in back taxes and commenced charging business tax (at 7.5%) and Income Tax (2%) on all F&B and coaching. In addition on 9th June we were legally registered for tax purposes but sadly our accounting system was unable to cope with such taxes by transaction so they had to be added as lump sums to each Member's bill at month-end ... very taxing.

**3** 1989 was a year of senior changes for the British Club and British Community. Firstly our General Manager, David Williamson, left for pastures new and was replaced by Mr Keith Bell - Keith remains a Club Member to this day. Secondly the British Ambassador, Derek Tonkin, was retiring after 37 years in H.M. diplomatic service so a formal dinner was held at the Club to say goodbye. Mr Tonkin was replaced by Michael Ramsay Melhuish CMG, who became an Honorary Member of the Club.

**4** Prior to adopting our new Thai constitution we took the opportunity to enact a raft of changes to the English constitution: The Club was banned from any form of political activity (to comply with Thai law); Committee members could now be drawn from Members of six months standing, not a year (reflecting difficulty in getting Members to stand); a fee was introduced for Temporary Members (who previously used the Club for free); and a new Category for Reciprocal Club members was recognised (as they were exempt from the new day fees for temporary Members) and finally guests of Members were now allowed to use the Club three times in any year (previously it had been only twice).

**5** All in all it was a good year – we survived the taxation – and got onto track with modernising the Club with extensions to the poolside and the Churchill Bar both being proposed. Membership soared to a record 723 and the number of Reciprocal Clubs on our books broke the 50-club barrier. Finally, we took our first step toward the future and put a ban on mobile phones being used in the Churchill Bar and the Lords Dining Room.

### Any Other Business

The Chairman read out a letter from a Member complaining about the use of mobile telephones - the Chariman proposed these items be banned from the Clubhouse. This was agreed.

*"Banning the future!"*

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

# FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

By Mike Wagstaff



On 29th June, the Club hosted a football tournament whereby eight teams competed against each other to enter either the cup or plate. Unique in that each team plays a maximum and minimum of three games and always has something to play for; first round, semi-finals, final/third place.

## First Round

The tournament was set to start at 13:00, and with no surprises at 12:55 it started to rain. However, we did get under way not long after 13:15. The first round saw our very own Squash Section take on the sponsors of the event FBT, going 1-0 up early on however conceding late into the game, taking the game into extra time, during which FBT scored once more to confirm their place in the cup semis, sending the Squash Section into the semi of the plate.

Next saw Narai Hotel take on the St George's Society in a very close fought game, St George's conceding late to send Narai Hotel into the semi of the cup alongside FBT and St George's into the Plate semi against the Squash Section. Next the BC Staff team took on Team Pun, winning 1-0, the only goal been scored from a late controversial penalty. This would come back to haunt the BC Staff team later in the competition.

Finally Bangkok Patana School took on a team from Big Chili magazine, losing 2-1 and joining Team Pun in the Plate semi and sending Big Chili through to the Cup Semi to face BC Staff.

## Plate Semis

The Squash Section would not make the same mistake again, staying tight at the back and blocking shots using a range of body parts including legs, backs and beer bellies. St George's had a few chances on goal however none which materialised into goals on the day! The Squash Section would take this one, leaving St George's to play for third place in the Plate and sending the Squash Section straight through to the Plate final!

So next was Team Pun vs. Bangkok Patana, both teams missing out narrowly for a place in the cup competition and now finding themselves against each other in the semi of the plate. Team Pun had failed up until this point to score a goal and Bangkok Patana had scored only one, so surely this would be a game of few goals. Well . . . Bangkok Patana bombarded Team Pun's goal-keeper scoring multiple goals and progressing into the Plate final to face the Squash Section, who had made their way past St George's to earn themselves a place in the Final.

## Cup Semis

FBT advanced past the Squash Section in the first round and found themselves faced with the epic challenge of beating Narai Hotel for a place in the final. Could this group of young lads have what it takes to beat a well-established and experienced team such as Narai Hotel? . . . No is the







answer. Missing out narrowly by conceding a goal early on and failing to convert chances into goals, FBT found themselves on the wrong end of a 1-0 result and on the fast track to the 3rd place playoff. Narai Hotel advanced into the Cup Final . . . but who would be their opposing finalist?

BC Staff were left to face Big Chili in the Cup Semi, the winner of which would face Narai Hotel in the final, leaving the loser to play for 3rd place against FBT. BC Staff were this time on the wrong end of a controversial penalty decision, sending them sinking into the 3rd place playoff with huge disappointment at losing the semi 1-0. Big Chili would now face Narai Hotel in the Cup Final, but would they manage to score past a team which had conceded zero goals all tournament?

### Plate Final

The Squash Section vs. Bangkok Patana. So far in the competition it was clear that Bangkok Patana could score goals, however the Squash Section's defence was tight, conceding only two goals against FBT in the first round and keeping a clean sheet against St George's in the Semi; were they ready to concede now against a team which thrashed their opponents in the Semi? . . . YES is the answer. The heat, exhaustion and beer caught up with the Squash Section who went on to lose 4-0 to a very strong performance from Bangkok Patana. After the first two goals had gone in it was clear that there was only ever going to be one winner, however the Squash Section did not give up, fighting valiantly until the final minutes of the game but failing to convert will-power into goal-scoring opportunities. Congratulations to Bangkok Patana for finishing triumphant in the Plate and thank you to all the teams who competed.

### Cup Final

The cup final brought about a huge challenge for Big Chili facing Narai Hotel, who had not conceded a single goal. Big Chili themselves conceded only one to the three which they had scored so far in this competition. Narai, having scored only two goals to earn their place in the Cup Final, also had their work cut out for them if they were to turn this game into victory over their opponents. The game was a close fought battle between two very strong sides, with only one goal scored in the allotted time. It was Big Chili's goalkeeper who watched as a powerful effort from outside of the box whistled past him and into the back of the net. Failing to convert numerous chances into anything that even looked like going in, Big Chili finished runner-up on the day leaving Narai Hotel to lift the Cup and take home with them a brand new kit which was donated by FBT, proud sponsors of the event! Congratulations to Narai Hotel and many thanks to all those who participated on the day.



# TENNIS

By Mike Wagstaff



## BC Ladies vs RBSC Ladies

This month many of you would have seen newspaper headlines such as "Murray, first Scotsman ever to win Wimbledon"; others may have seen headlines which read "Murray, first British man to win Wimbledon wearing shorts". It all just depends on the nationality of individuals who wrote it.

So ... let's all say a huge congratulations to ... "The first British Man to win Wimbledon wearing shorts". WELL DONE MURRAY!



... More importantly, The British Club Ladies drew with RBSC on June 27th. The reason some of you may not have heard about this already is because I wrote to all the major newspapers and TV channels and asked them to not publish the story, due to the fact some of the ladies feared becoming "more famous". Every single newspaper and TV channel told me not to worry and ensured me that they definitely will not be publishing anything of the sort. . . EVER!

Only joking ladies ... Well done! You may not have made world headlines but you did make Outpost!

As mentioned previously, on Thursday 27th June at 4pm, The British Club Bangkok Ladies played RBSC in the home leg of their fixture. Sorry, did I say 4pm? I meant 4:25pm.

The day started with a little catch up and finished with wine and a selection of food. . . "What's that I hear you ask?" . . . O yes, there was some tennis in-between. Twelve of The British Club's finest ladies played very well and took the first round three games to Two, with Raquel and Nisa, Orathai and Raquel, and Maleerat and Thip all winning their games. Yes, Raquel was part of two of the three winning parings, so a special thanks to Raquel for hogging the courts and winning in the process. The second round started swiftly . . . The BC ladies lost two games to three. Enough said about that! Second thoughts; Raquel and Thip drew their game 4-4; had they have won the BC ladies would have proved victorious on the day, so let's take back the special thanks given to Raquel previously.

Due to time restraints we were limited as to the amount of games which we could play in the deciding third and final round. We finished at 1-1, just before four courts worth eager tennis enthusiasts complained about the Sports and Recreation Manager who finds it appropriate to leave them waiting for their allocated court. I heard the words happy ending for everyone been bandied around between players . . . I quickly realised that they were talking about the tennis result with both teams winning one round each and the third round finishing at one game apiece.

Final Result: Draw (Teachers Assessment: B+ Please try harder next time ladies).



## Tennis Leagues



The tennis leagues for June proved very successful, and despite the rain most leagues managed to finish most games. We had a few drop outs due to unexpected travel and work commitments, however with five leagues of five this is expected.

In League One, four Members completed their matches, some games were very close and some not so close. The results of some games were predictable although there were a few surprises. The league was won by Patrick Dyche with K.Nut finishing a close second. Patrick beat K.Nut in their game, giving him the edge and topping the league.

League Two, potentially the closest of the leagues, finished in dramatic style. All games were completed, some taking longer than others; a two-set game between K.Nisa and Raquel took three hours and two minutes, with Raquel finishing on top 7-5, 7-5. I personally watched the close of the game and sympathised with both players, who were physically and mentally exhausted come the three hour mark. Well done ladies. Raquel won three of her four games in two sets and lost only to K.Orathai in three sets, giving her a total of 14 points. K.Orathai won all of her games, two in two sets and two in three sets, giving her a total of 14 points as well. Thus there was a tie, however as K. Orathai beat Raquel in the head-to-head she is the champion on this occasion, however this will be an exciting league to follow next time around.

League Three was another closely fought league. Nine of ten games were played and again there was a very close finish for the title. Duncan played three and won three, however he dropped one point and lost out on a potential four points to Denis, finishing the league with nine points and in third place instead of first place with 14 points. This shows us just how close this league really was. Jessada finished in first place completing all four games, winning three and losing only to Duncan in three sets. Well done Jessada!

League Four saw another tight finish, with a tie at the top and third place finishing just one point behind. This one is also one to follow during the next league. Glades the proud, confident champion was asking me for her 500 baht F&B voucher before the league had even finished. "Glades I will give it to you on the 27th of Never. . . How's that sound?" Glades beat all of her opponents and finished in first place with 13 points. Andrei came a close second with equal points but lost the head-to-head in three sets.

League Five was inconclusive.

Overall, a great six weeks of tennis, with over 40 matches played despite the weather, some in the rain and some in the blistering sun. Congratulations to all who played! I hope for another popular six weeks of tennis come August through to the middle of September. WELL DONE GUYS!

P.S. Glades tells me that drinks are on her, I'm taking orders now!





*"Free glass of sparkling wine and a chocolate for mothers having the buffet"*

*Monday 12 August  
The Verandah  
11:30am-3pm, 5pm-9pm*



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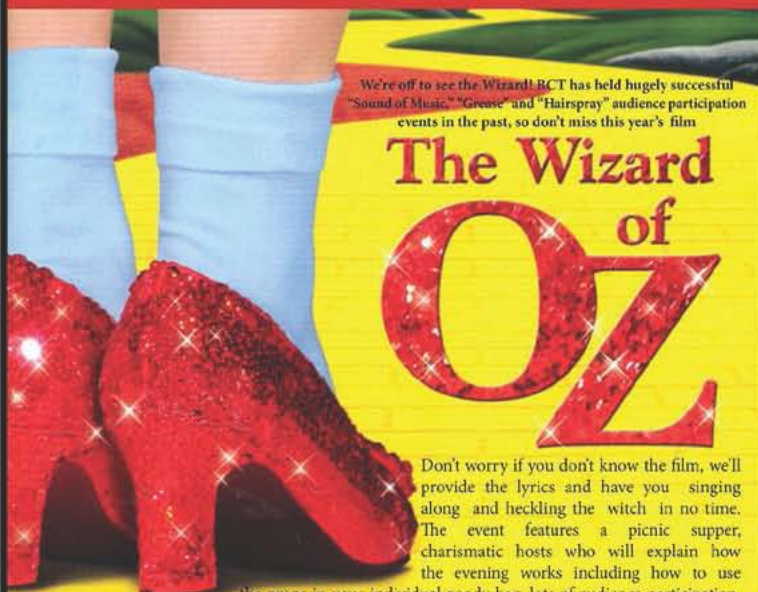
BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS

A Movie Musical Interactive Event

in the Suriwongse Room at The British Club  
Friday & Saturday, September 27 & 28, 2013

Two  
Nights  
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Tickets  
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## The Wizard of Oz

Don't worry if you don't know the film, we'll provide the lyrics and have you singing along and heckling the witch in no time. The event features a picnic supper, charismatic hosts who will explain how the evening works including how to use

the props in your individual goody bag, lots of audience participation, costume prizes, and more. Dress up as characters or trivia from the movie - let your imagination go wild: think Toto, Flying Monkeys, Witches good and bad, and Munchkins just to name a few. Grab your ruby slippers and click your heels three times to transport yourself to Oz this September!

B500 per person includes pre-show buffet supper and goody bag; cash bar also available. Pre-show supper from 6:30pm; movie from approximately 7:30pm. Please purchase tickets from the Club Reception or by email ([events@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:events@britishclubbangkok.org)) or through BCT at 087-517-2666 or email: [treasurer@bct-th.org](mailto:treasurer@bct-th.org). For more information, please visit [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org) or Facebook, email [bct@sala.net](mailto:bct@sala.net) or call 081-892-5052. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.



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Suriwongse Room, 7:30pm  
Friday 27 September 2013  
Saturday 28 September 2013

Pre-show supper from 6:30pm  
movie commences at approximately 7:30pm.

Bt 500 per person includes pre-show supper and goody bag.  
Costume prizes to be won; cash bar available.

From September 1st, tickets available from Reception  
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# THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

## *The Club Fantasy Football League*

By Mike Wagstaff

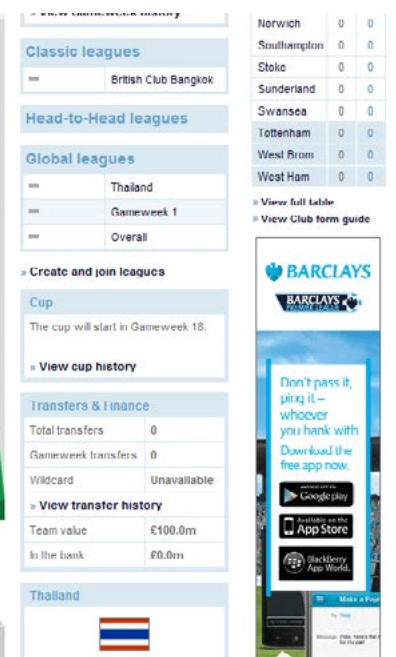


No, I'm not talking about David Moyes' plans of signing both Bale and C. Ronaldo for an estimated 3,500,000,000 baht EACH! Nor am I making reference to the fact that Stoke fans such as myself ever thought that we were in with a shot of signing Rafael Benitez as manager after Tony Pulis' swift departure. . . instead being landed with Mark Hughes.

If, like myself, you have strong opinions on football managers; if, like me, you have spent seasons stating that the England Squad picks itself; if, like me, you often look at the manager in charge of your beloved club and imagine yourself doing a better job, making changes in hindsight of the result on match day; then this is your opportunity to prove yourself! The reality is, teams don't pick themselves, matches aren't as predictable as they might first appear and unfortunately you are never going to be the manager of Manchester United, Liverpool, Chelsea or Stoke . . . well, maybe Stoke!

But this is not reality . . . this is fantasy, I'm inviting you to take part in a Fantasy Football Experience and prove to yourself and other Club Members that you do know what you're talking about when it comes to football.

To start with, you will need to select your team: you have 100m quid/dollars/whatever and need to purchase a squad of 15 players. Each week you will select a team of 11 who will then accumulate points for your team should they score, keep a clean sheet, create and assist, play 90 minutes, etc. They will lose points should they concede goals, get yellow or red carded, etc. There are many more ways to score and lose points all of which are clearly outlined on the Fantasy Football website.



The first thing you need to do is register your team by signing up on the Barclays Premier League Fantasy Football Website: [fantasy.premierleague.com](http://fantasy.premierleague.com) (no need for www).

Secondly, select your team and give it a funny name (this is the hardest part).

Thirdly, having created your team, click 'leagues' and then click 'join league'. You will need to enter the code 115235-33448 to register your team into The British Club Bangkok's League.

Finally, watch as the results come in and you start accumulating points. You can make changes to your squad throughout the season and changes to your team weekly.

There will be an opening party on Saturday 17th August (the first game of the season) in the Churchill Bar, where the trophy will be presented to Phil Alexander, champion of the league last season. It would be really great to get as many people registered into the league as possible, even numbskulls who know nothing about football! IT'S FREE . . . DEADLINE 17th AUGUST - JOIN NOW!!!

# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge

## You Old Man!



We'll get to him in a moment, but first we have to deal with this. And this is the this:

The finals of the Don Johnson and the Parra Handy Plate, which are the Squash Section's equivalent to the World Squash Championships. A Sunday afternoon it was and it was clear from the offset that these were going to be some squash matches. And they were.

First up was Rit against Ozzier in the Plate. Rit had got to the final by handing out heartless thrashings and beatings to the likes of Kitty, Pongy, Bobby, Brucey, Tommy, which is actually the white cat often found asleep at the Silom entrance, two noisy kids sitting on the lane lines, a Persian rug, and a particularly vicious hiding, on top of the one he gets most evenings from Comrade Michael Taylor (CMT), to poor, defenseless Mike Winkle's stuck, the new sports manager, and Rit's new boss. Disgraceful, yet typical, behavior there from Rit, and CMT. Rit's opponent was Ozzier playing in his first final at the BCB. Ozzier is a nice bloke who had not been at all naughty on his journey through the competition so was able to compete the Plate final with a clear conscience, unlike Rit, who effectively had blood on his hands. Well, Rit won the match 3-1 and karma will surely catch up with him at some point as it no doubt will CMT. Bad luck Ozzier, but take comfort in the fact that if there's a God in Heaven then you'll one day be sure to meet him.

The DJ final followed, and frankly it was a bit of a let-down. It featured Tom Kelly and Chris Mellor, both employed at a local school where Tom works full-time teaching home economics

to 10-12 year old girls, with Chris helping him out just part-time on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1 and 3pm while being unemployed the remainder of the week. Tom won this final last year, but he didn't win it this year because Chris did, and he won it very easily 3-0 and that is where the let-down came in. You see, we were expecting a fantastic battle between T and C as they are usually super fit and of a very similar standard which is pretty high. Not as high as Haroon's, but perhaps a bit higher than the next level down occupied by Wally Evans, Civil, Shazza, Peter Stringfellow, Jackie Chan, Ricky T, and JCS and Mason. JCS and Mason? However, Tom got a rather swift caning from his school buddy, Chris, because, and this ain't a joke or a pack of lies like 90% of this column usually is, he ain't as super fit as he was as he has been diagnosed by his doctor as having arthritis in both hips. Both of em! It's true. It really is. I wish it was just another load of crap, a product of Bits warped imagination, but it isn't. Tom really is struggling with his hips and so wasn't able to match Chris' in this year's DJ final and so he got hammered to the desperate disappointment of the three or four that had turned up to watch. Shame, but we have to congratulate Chris; we congratulate you Chris – BCB Squash Champion 2013. At the same time we should wish Tom well with his hips: we wish you well with your hips Tom. How does one treat arthritis in the hips – rest, diet, medication, replacement? Hip replacement? Poor bloke; he's only 40!

Now to The Old Man. He is Charles who has left us. And what a character he was: wildly enthusiastic, slightly eccentric, reliable, yet erratic, cheerful, loud and lovable. A fantastic Squash Section member over the past decade or so; 120 odd leagues and





Charles missed just two; he always mixed-in; entered virtually every competition; went on countless tours; and was usually the first to offer to referee a final. His comical match commentaries were legend as was his cry of, 'You Old Man' when he failed to reach a ball or gave up on a shot. He will be sorely missed. However, he's not dead, rather has moved to Cambod and to say farewell we held another splendid BCB Squash Section mix-in, followed by lashings of beer, the award of an inscribed plate and a couple of speeches. Charles had kind words for Marvyn, Neil, Ja, David Eastgate and many of the others he'd met on the squash courts at the BCB and followed those up with the this email from Phnom Penh.

"Dear Squash Players,

A quick note of appreciation for the many years of squash and kind words on my departure marked by the mix-in the other Saturday. I would especially like to acknowledge Peter's work and effort over the 13 years I have played my squash at the B.C., and more recently the contributions of Neil as team captain, Bob as league organiser and Bruce for his magazine articles and good humour. I am already adapting to a more relaxed lifestyle in a city where beer is cheaper than water and look forward to playing squash against anyone passing through Phnom Penh in the future or seeing some of you back in the Churchill Bar if I can match the new dress regulations when I visit Bangkok. All the very best,

Charles"

Farewell Charles, and until we organize a squash tour to Cambod. . . .



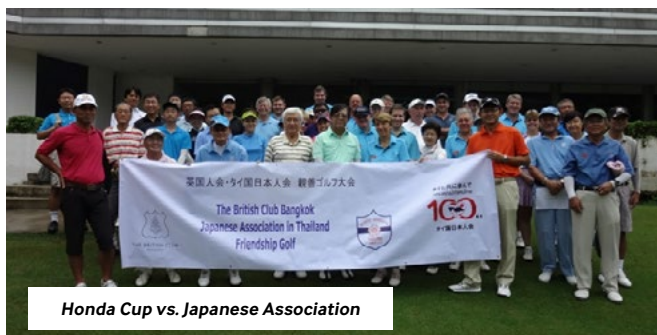


# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Peter Gale

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RELOCATIONS



Honda Cup vs. Japanese Association



Japanese Association

We had a busy four weeks of golf, with a number of events against other societies as well as the June Medal and July Stableford.

## Magpie Putter

This is our annual two-man scramble competition against the Wanderers. This year's event was held at President. In spite of an outstanding performance by Rod Macmillan and Ian Thornhill with a net 63, and a near clean sweep by John Carter in the technicals, we narrowly lost the Magpie Putter by three points.

## Honda Cup

Unfortunately, we were also unable to secure the Honda Cup. Twelve British Club pairs participated in the better ball match play competition, held against the Japanese Association of Thailand. In its 32nd year, the competition was held at Subhaprueck on 7th July, or Tanabata Day. This is the most romantic day in the Japanese calendar, when the two deities Vega and Altair, separated by the Milky Way, are allowed to meet for that one day only. After the match the victors invited us back to their Association Club and accordingly romanced us with delicious food washed down by sake. So we forgave them for our loss and look forward to them crossing the Milky Way (Silom Road) next year for our competition and dinner at the British Club.

## June Medal

Congratulations to Mike Staples and Peter Bond, respective winners of Flight A and B in the June Medal. Technical prizes went to Tracy, Mike Staples, Randall, Frank, David Humphreys and KC.

## July Stableford

This was held at Royal Lakeside on a beautiful sunny and blustery day. For those who have not been to Lakeside for a while, the clubhouse and course have been beautifully renovated. However, the new greens are characteristically similar to those at any US Open course; crowned and very fast. The ball lands on and quickly rolls off. Chris Fargus obviously mastered the back spin as he scored 41 Stableford points. New members Phil and Carol Hampshire also scored well and gathered a number of technical prizes. However, the bottle of wine went to Deborah Farrer, who won her first competition. Well done Deborah!

On the Queen's Birthday in August, we will be holding the Dunlop Cup. This is another pairs Stableford and matchplay competition, to be played over three days at Springfield Golf Course near Hua Hin.



Mike Staples – June Flight A Medal Winner



Ray's Designer Shoe



Tracy



Chris Fargus Loves His Greens



# HARD BALLS



It's the end of the season and with no games happening, the focus is on Nets. We started off well last season but then got on a losing spree. We have some good talent, but we fail to display it on the field due to lack of practice. Some enthusiasts from the team have taken it to heart and want to do Nets twice a week.

We have good attendance for Sunday Nets and are seeing some action Wednesday evenings as well.

Bryce has been bowling well and seems to have found the correct line and length. Rahul is happy with the feet movement and seem to be middling the ball more often. Adrian is striking the ball well. Anil is showing a lot of commitment and has been bowling marvellously. Shailesh seems to have found some magic potion from his trips to Hong Kong and is looking fit, moving well and bowling brilliantly.

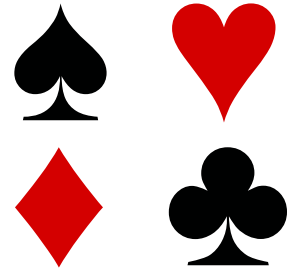
There is a lot of action from the morning group of cricketers who seem to be showing up for Wednesday nets. Manish, Dilip and Sunish have made a few appearances. It looks like we would have a good season this year and next if we continue with the same commitment.

Very soon we will have the indoor cricket started on Thursday evenings. With the beautiful indoor facility on hand, we look forward to getting started soon.



# BRIDGE

By Winlock Hsu



## **LONDON BRIDGE –14th July 2013**

The Bridge Section held its annual London Bridge tournament on Sunday 14th July, coinciding with Bastille Day. Yes, Bridge and the French Revolution... there are many similarities. Shouting and screaming, severed partnerships (instead of heads), and the post-mortems at the end of play. Such a genteel game.

Anyway, back to Bridge. Once again, the turnout was fantastic. We had a full house of 44 Bridge die-hards, including top ranked Norwegian players who were misled all the way from Pattaya to sample the British Club's delightful environs and charming personalities. Little did they suspect that they were walking into a vipers' nest. But, Happy Hour time was especially appreciated. Game play was delayed by 30 minutes due to a computer glitch, but everything was up and running by 2:30pm. To make up for lost time, our local commandant (and tournament director) Mike Sim mercilessly lashed all the slow players to keep pace with the set time. There was a short respite at 4pm for scones and a nice cuppa.

Competition game play finished at about 6:30pm and, without fanfare, Khun Somboon and his team expertly transformed the blood drenched arena into a tranquil dining room setting. The sumptuous buffet dinner was followed by the traditional prize-giving by our jolly chairman Jeremy and commandant Mike. Results and photos follows:

PRIZE CATEGORY	NAME (PAIR)
<b>GENERAL PRIZE</b>	
Top attendance for BCB Bridge (Jan – Jun 2013)	Prarop
	Martin Carter
	Geraldine Elliot
Bridge Ladder for Jan – Jun 2013	Michael Winckless (average 54.31%)
<b>LONDON BRIDGE RESULTS</b>	
Winner for E/W	Christian & Daniel (61.21%)
Winner for N/S (and trophy winner for highest %)	Khunying Chodchoy & Somchai (66.21%)



**Sumptuous Buffet**



**Happy Diners**



**Top Attendees****Bridge Ladder (wearing papal shoes)****Winner for E/W (Frenchmen in the middle)****Winner for N/S (Khun Sunisa on behalf of Khunying Chodchoy)****News & Updates** (a few words from our tournament director, Mike Sim)

If anyone is interested in learning or brushing up on bridge, please contact Mike Sim on [simbo@bridgeplayer.net](mailto:simbo@bridgeplayer.net), giving name and details of card playing experience (i.e. need brushing up on bidding/playing techniques - some card playing experience but new to bridge - absolute beginner)

If there is sufficient response I will arrange a short meeting sometime to discuss with people what they want.





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# BALUT

By Sausage

Since the last time we had a page in Outpost, there have been several developments which can now be put to paper for the coming second half of the year.



## JAMLESS

One of the BC Balut founders has left - this man, whom I first met when he was wearing a justice's wig, was better known as the Jam Man, Jamster, Jammy, or very occasionally, Roger. At his final Shield Tournament (it turned into his penultimate one) he shone, but got pipped

to the winning spot by a single point, by TC of course. The Balut Section gave Jammy a Balut set as a parting gift, which we hope he remembers to unpack so he can join us online for a game or three, and we wish him all the best in UK growing tomatoes and planning holidays in Bangkok.

## SINGAPORE PAIRS

The final weekend of August will see two teams from the British Club descending on the island state to compete in the Singapore Pairs tournament. We wish the Oranges and the TCs the very best of luck to go with the high levels of skill which they will be taking with them.

## 33rd STC INTERPORT

The British Club Bangkok will be hosting the 33rd STC Interport Tournament on 29 and 30 November and 1 December. When Manila pulled out of hosting it, the British Club Balut Section offered to host it here (which is wonderful as it means we can all take part without worrying about airfares and accommodation). The details we have so far:

Friday 29th November afternoon will be for registration followed by a welcome evening with canapés and drinks on the Front Lawn. Saturday 30th November will start with a midday buffet after which the eight rounds of Balut will be played. There will be a buffet dinner on Saturday evening and maybe even some dancing from those in particularly high spirits. Talking of spirits, entry to the 33rd STC Interport covers the game fees, the free-flow alcohol and food for the entire Interport. Sunday 1st December will be a relaxed affair, time for winding down and of course, saying goodbye to the Baluteers as they board their ships for the passage home.

We need a significant turnout for this tremendous event, so please start saving your pennies now, and block those dates off to come and give your very utmost to the 33rd STC Interport.

## BALUT SHIELD 2012/2013

The annual tournament is nearing its finish - there are only three more tournaments before the winner is announced, two in August and then one on the Shield Night itself.

**Shield Night is on Wednesday 4 September** and doubles as the evening when the Balut Section holds its AGM. The evening starts at 6pm with a buffet in the Suriwongse Room, followed by the AGM at 7pm which lasts about 15 minutes. The final tournament in the 2012/2013 Shield then kicks off, and when the results are known, the awards are made. We are hoping that this year there will be spot prizes throughout the evening as well. Please leave your diaries free for this exciting and possibly dramatic evening, as no winner is certain as yet and all the current leaders reckon that they'll be the winner!

Below is the top of the league to show just how close the final will be. Above that, there is a selection of prize winners from tournament evenings. As is always the case with Balut, there are the most surprising outcomes - one poor creature had 4 games of alarmingly low scores and then the last game gave a high score that won a prize. Last Wednesday, a table started off with everyone getting a Balut, and then moved downhill for all but one player, who then proceeded to win the evening's aggregate!



**BCB BALUT Shield 2012-2013 Best 6 Scores**  
Best Of Six Average Across The Year

Position	NickName	Player	Matches	Total	Average
1	Doctor	Mr Anil Bhandari	9	3,267	<b>108.90</b>
2	TC	Mr. Phil Alexander	17	3,245	<b>108.17</b>
3	Chicken wings	Mr. Tilak Karamala	11	3,154	<b>105.13</b>
4	Andrea	Ms. Andrea Baker	6	3,108	<b>103.60</b>
5	Sausage	Mr. Jeremy de Sausmarez	11	3,065	<b>102.17</b>
6	DQ	Mr. David Quine	12	3,063	<b>102.10</b>
7	KOS	Mr. Ryan Bebbington	11	3,051	<b>101.70</b>

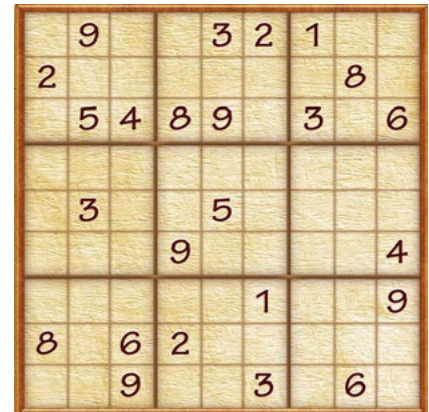
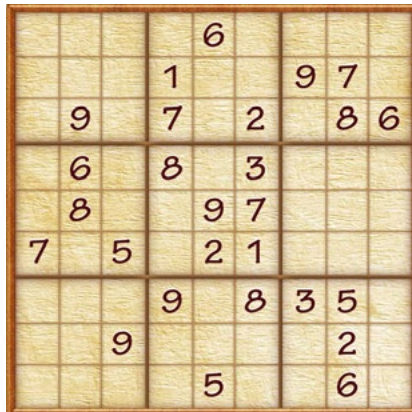
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# ET ALIA...

## A smattering of alter-data

### SUDOKU

This month we have three more Sudoku for your diversion. From left to right: Easy, Awkward, and Difficult. For reference, the Difficult one can be solved in less than 5 minutes. Good luck!



### LOGICAL REASONING

Look at this series: 8, 6, 9, 23, 87, ... What number should come next?

- A. 128                      B. 226                      C. 324                      D. 429

### LOCAL HISTORY

People living in Bangkok rather take it for granted that it was always a cheek-by-jowl cement metropolis without much view of the sky with quite a smattering of modern architecture. Below are a couple of old photos:



There's a free pint of beer for the first to correctly name the building in the left photo and when it was built, (email to Jeremy please), the antique tuk-tuk will give you a good hint! The photo on the right needs little explanation as it is clearly labelled, but deserves some attention as there are at least four significant constructions missing from what we pass and ignore nowadays.

### ENGLISH CAN BE DIFFICULT TO LEARN!

Continuing from last month's strange English, below are a number of sentences which are good illustrations of the difficulties faced by English students - they are even a problem for some native speakers!

1. The bandage was wound around the wound
2. The farm was used to produce produce
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse any more refuse
4. We must polish the Polish furniture
5. Before she left, he had the presence to present the present
6. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes





*A sampling of detection, crime, and comedy!*

We carry on this month by showing TV comedy on the first Monday, and by very popular demand, the last Friday will feature a movie suggested by the viewers.

**AUGUST: Mondays, 7pm, Wordsworth Lounge. Full F&B service available.**

**5th August**

### YES MINISTER

#### "The Economy Drive"

Hacker plans to slim down the civil service—but Sir Humphrey forces him to set a personal example

#### "Big Brother"

Sir Humphrey drags his feet over a new National Integrated Database.



### SPITTING IMAGE

The next episode(s) from this highly acclaimed and humorous rubber puppet show parodying well-known global public figures, originally broadcast in 1986.

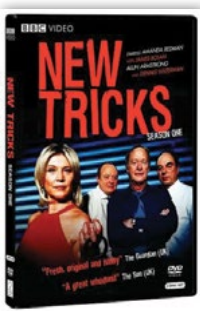


**19th August**

### NEW TRICKS

#### "Episode 2.5"

Probate assessor Elise Allen asks the team to find the rightful owner of a large uncut red diamond. It is discovered that the rare jewel, which is found to be worth around £15 million pounds, belonged to John Newman, a banker who died under suspicious circumstances in 1982.



#### "Episode 2.6"

When Gerry loses a poker game to bookie Michael Jacobs, he finds out that he owes him a sum of £10,000. However, Jacobs offers him a chance to clear his debt, by finding out who killed his father Joe, who was killed during a mugging outside Walthamstow Stadium in 1983.

**8th July**

### LIFE ON MARS

#### "Episode 2.1"

Despite eerie visions of 2006, DCI Sam Tyler remains in the 70s - where he encounters the young incarnation of a nasty villain Sam put away in 2006. He sees the chance every copper dreams about: stopping the killer before he kills.



#### "Episode 2.2"

- With his mentor presiding over an armed robbery investigation, DCI Gene Hunt is keen to show off his team. And with his own (future) mentor working with the team as a lowly DC, Sam too tries to be at his best.

**26th August**

### MONTY PYTHON'S "THE MEANING OF LIFE"

The Meaning of Life is one of the funniest of the Monty Python films but also the most tasteless. Why are we here, what's it all about: what is the meaning of life? A series of outrageous vignettes explore the various stages of life, from birth to death via stages of learning and growing, middle age and the autumn years. This collection of satirical and uninhibited sketches ranges from a frank sex education lesson to the world's most voracious glutton, who brings the art of vomiting to new heights before his spectacular demise, with live organ transplants and partial dismemberment. Including the tunes "Every sperm is sacred" and "Isn't it awfully nice to have a penis?", it ends in heaven where it's always Christmas.

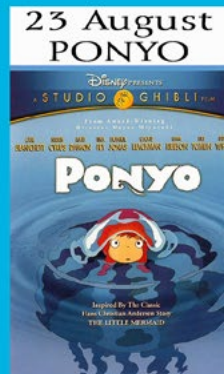
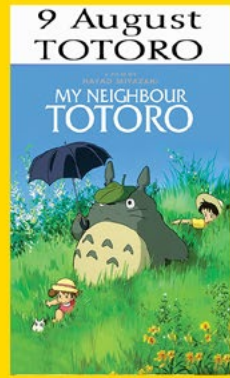


Be warned - though hilarious, it really is absolutely gross in parts.

Directed by Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam, starring them and John Cleese, Eric Idle, Michael Palin and Graham Chapman. 107 minutes, 1983. Charles Hawtrey. 88 minutes, 1969.

# KIDS MOVIES

Fridays in August  
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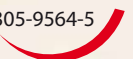
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