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its Members and Staff, would like to extend their congratulations
and warmest regards to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit
on the occasion of her birthday, and to express their hope for
happiness and prosperity in the coming year.”*



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FOOD PROMOTION

FOR THE TASTE OF HOME

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<p>BREAKFAST BURGER</p> <p>Beefburger with a fried egg and bacon on top</p>	<p>BACON CHEESE BURGER</p> <p>Beefburger with cheese and bacon</p>
<p>CHICKEN BURGER</p> <p>Chicken fillets minced shaped and served with garnishings</p>	<p>CHICKEN CHEESE BURGER</p> <p>Chickenburger with a slice of cheese</p>
<p>HAWAIIAN BURGER</p> <p>Beefburger with a slice of ham and pineapple pieces on top</p>	<p>CHILI CHEESE BURGER</p> <p>A spicy beefburger served with chili con carne and cheese on top</p>
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<p>MUSHROOM STILTON BURGER</p> <p>A burger topped with sliced mushroom and Stilton</p>	<p>VEGGIE BURGER</p> <p>Nutty vegetable and mash burger full of goodness</p>

Oysters with Sparkling Wine

French Fine de Claire or Australian Sydney Rock

Served with red vinegar, Shallots, Paprika, Tabasco, Lime, and brown bread

Half dozen + Sparkling Wine - Bt 1,200
One dozen + Sparkling Wine - Bt 1,600

OYSTER PROMOTION

AUG

FRESH

French Fine de Claire or Sydney Rock

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

COOKED

Oyster Rockefeller or Oyster Mornay

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**FRONT COVER**

How many times have you been asked, here in Thailand, which team you support? The English Premier League is a global event, and the supporters' passions are intense. Fantasy Football is a game for anyone who likes football. This month's cover story, take a look at pages 26 and 27.

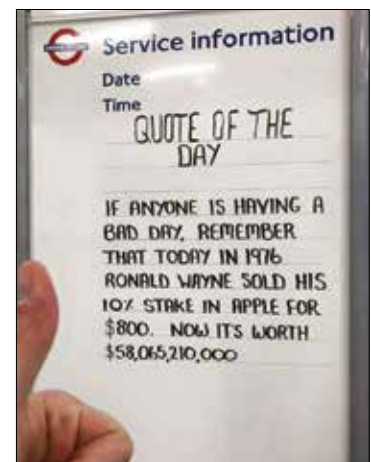
EDITOR'S GREETING

Dear Members,

This month you can check out the Waterloo Dinner pics, or find out how to join the Club's Fantasy Football league to try and win the trophy!

There's also lots of promotion going on for food with plenty to ponder about. This issue sees the penultimate of the Past Participle series which will be sorely missed until reissued in book form! Any ideas on a replacement?

Ed.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The main intention of this regular Outpost feature is to keep Members abreast of the activities of the Club in general and to provide a further insight into other operational aspects.

Some highlights from June to mid July

- Revenue from June meant the Club's operations produced a financial surplus before depreciation of some 400,000 baht. For the first three months of the new General Committee year this brings us to a surplus before depreciation of approximately 1,200,000 baht in total. These figures exclude membership joining fees.

- Actually the Club's Cash in Bank position at the end of June was higher than forecast at around 31.5 million baht. Unfortunately, and as I highlighted in the last issue of Outpost, the Club is faced with paying an additional tax bill which dates back to 2002 and covers a 10 year period. Discussions with the authorities have now come to an end and the Club has received a final payment demand of some 2,849,647.70 baht. The Club has discussed these matters with its legal & tax advisors and, based on their advice, we have appealed the amount of these additional monies set by the BMA. As part of the legal process, we still have to pay these monies in July and our appeal process, which has now started, could take up to a couple of years to finalise. Bearing the aforementioned in mind, we are therefore predicting a Cash in Bank position of around 29 million baht at the end of July.

- Next, on the Membership front we have again seen a decrease in overall numbers. That said we are still at some of the highest levels ever achieved. Our Membership stands now at 1105 down 6 overall since our last report. Whilst we are at that time of the year when some of our Membership typically go absent, we are also noticing that some Members, especially those on the Annual membership entrance level, are leaving the country to take up work elsewhere. Membership is always a key focus of Management and General Committee attention and it was agreed at the recent Committee meeting to step up recruitment activities and to monitor Membership flows and trends carefully, looking at taking corrective action where possible.

- Safety and hygiene are also key areas of Management attention. In July we instigated a new food hygiene programme for our kitchen and serving staff, run by industry professionals. The first day workshop went well with some 26 staff members taking part (see page 12). Also we have hired a professional firm to undertake a complete audit of our kitchen areas and food preparation procedures. This will take place in August with the report and recommendations being put to the General Committee for their consideration and follow up by Management.

General Club Improvements

Particular mention in last month's Outpost was made of some areas, outside of normal day-to-day general maintenance activities, that are in need of upgrading. Work in these areas have moved forwards:

- As to the review of upgrading and integrating the Club's POS, Membership and Accounting systems, our internal task force should be providing their findings and recommendations within the next couple of months for presentation to the General Committee;

- Regarding the new lighting proposals for the MPC and cricket nets, several firms are now finalising their proposals and cost plans which will be presented to the General Committee at their next meeting.

- Early in July, the General Committee unanimously approved the interior upgrading of our decrepit and inadequate Staff House, and following receipt of 3 tenders for the works, the Committee again unanimously awarded the works to 21 DECOR (a CMI company) for a tender sum of 1,051,900 baht. The works started on the 16th July and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, will be completed by the end of August. Hand-in-hand with these works, the Electricity Authorities have been involved in re-siting and re-routing our mains electricity board. These works are being undertaken for some 200,000 baht.

Work Groups

Now the Club has a number of monthly work group meetings, each under the Chairmanship of a current General Committee member. The main areas of focus are on Food and Beverage, Treasury and Finance, and also the proposed, and very overdue, Silom Integrated Scheme. These are important discussion (not decision-making) forums and are open to **ALL** Members, so if you are interested, please go along and take the opportunity to give your constructive input which will subsequently be presented to the General Committee. Advance notice of each work group's meeting is sent out by Jeremy in his regular mailings to Members.

Club performance can be enhanced by constructive Member input. These forums provide that opportunity for **ALL** Members. Please take the opportunity and make your positive contribution to improve our Club for all our Members.

Your input is always welcome, so if you have any questions or ideas on any areas or aspects of Club development, please feel free to send me an email.



Phil Alexander

**Chairman,
General Committee**



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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

We had two three specials in the F&B area during July: the Sparkling Wine Brunch and two monthly promotions, one for cooked and fresh oysters and the other for a dozen different burgers. The response was very good, the Brunch nearly full, we sold out of oysters two weekends running and burger sales averaged quite a few every day, so we will keep these two promotions running through August, with an extra promotion on oysters with sparkling wine, a good combination at a good price.

We will also have a promotion on English beef tenderloin and Welsh lamb which are very good quality although a bit more expensive than local meat. In August there will be a Mother's Day Buffet on Wednesday 12th August and a South-East Asian Buffet on Saturday 22nd August. See the posters in this issue.

The Sports and Mini Sports Camps in July were well attended and the kids had a really good time so we will be running them for a couple of weeks in August too. Details on pages 22 and 23. Please contact the Fitness Centre for booking or more information as well as for swimming lessons and fitness training.

In the middle of the month work started on the renovation of the staff house which is used by our 80+ staff. The Club was closed for a day whilst the mains electricity input and MDB were moved - I hope this did not cause any great inconvenience. Works

should be completed near the end of August so there may be some noise and dust at the Silom Sala end of poolside during the month. Until completion, the staff will be using the facilities on the back lawn and in the basketball court. The renovated house will have a new layout, more space, new furniture and a dining area.

Also in July there was a day course with Food Hygiene Asia for service and kitchen staff (see page 12) which will become a regular training event. We are also hiring a professional to audit the kitchens and will implement the recommendations in his follow-up report.

Please could I remind all Members that during the playing of the national anthem at 6pm it is considered courteous to stand and this will avoid the possibility of offence maybe being taken at somebody who does not.

A new member of staff, Khun Pae, has joined to help Khun Jeremy with events, website, magazine and other tasks. Please welcome her to the Club.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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

Quiz Night

The Verandah, 7:15 pm

**Tuesday
11th
August
2015**

**Members Bt 100
Guests Bt 150
Teams <6**



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HAPPENINGS

I was out of Thailand for the first ten days of July on a brief trip back to the UK. And I caught the elusive summer. Or so I thought until it failed to last longer than a week. But what a scorching week it was, with bright royal blue skies making the fields and woods so very very green. The mercury hit 34°C in Somerset on a day when it was only 31°C in Bangkok, and it was comfortable sitting outside eating dinner as day turned to night after 9pm. Simply wonderful, and unspeakably beautiful countryside. But then as often happens the weather turned, got much cooler, the rain started peppering the day, and I came back with a sigh of relief. So I missed a chunk of the month and it's the summer quarter when so many people are away that not so much is going on.

I got back in time for a cracking Quiz Night which saw all prizes being given out, including the Monthly Jackpot, and a surprising team in last place, although as I was one of the team contestants the less said the better. The quiz nights have been a bit fragmented of recent, due to holidays, so if you can come along in August just let me know and you'll be most welcome. I sadly missed the Harvard Krokodiloes acapella evening which went very well and was covered by The Nation in print and on TV, but I was also back in time for the Sparkling Wine Brunch. Those who attended were very pleased with the excellent range of foods on offer, especially the oysters which have been so popular throughout the month on promotion, much like the dozen burger dishes which are also on promotion (for August too) - my favourite is the chiliburger with cheese - absolutely yummy even without the bun (yes, I'm trying to cut out those carbs...)

In August we will be having two buffets, one on Mother's Day which is also Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's birthday when we all traditionally take the chance of reaffirming our appreciation of those who brought us into the world. Later in the month on Saturday 22nd there will be a buffet featuring dishes from South East Asia which will be both topical geographically and rewarding to the taste buds. In combination with the other food promotions running at the moment, August promises to be a difficult month for anyone with a tight belt as there is huge choice of special tastes on offer. Look through the magazine carefully and you will see nearly all of them advertised.

August sees the return of Monday Night Movies, a weekly look back to the absolute classics which provided the foundation for so many of the blockbusters we see today. Be it the script, the lighting, the scenes, the effects, or just the acting, early 19th Century movies set the standards in so many ways. The Monday night titles are selected and presented by Mike Smith, a keen and avid collector of celluloid gems which he is kind enough to share with us.



Jeremy de Sausmarez

**Events & Marketing
Manager**

Outpost this month has two special articles - a brief written review of the marvellous Waterloo Dinner which we had last month with some great photos of merriment, and a cover story about the Fantasy Football competition which gets going as the English Premier League gets underway, with the trophy of which being featured on this month's cover. There's so much interest in football amongst Members, and the British Club league was a close race to the finish last year so get online and sign up, join in the forums and evenings, and display your prowess.

While I was in the UK, the second Maroon 5 concert went on sale to the public. The first concert's announcement didn't produce much response, but we did end up getting some tickets for those who had responded in time. The second concert was expected to prove easier, and we had been assured we would get the tickets we required which had risen considerably since the first show sold out. I say we were assured - we were, again and again, but the promised confirmation never came through until after the tickets had gone on sale to the public, which again sold unbelievably fast, so we've been left with a lot of rather disappointed teenagers, a real shame. We miss you Melvin!

I hate to harp on about email addresses again, but there are still over a hundred people who have never advised the Club of their change of email address, or that they never hear from us (because it's on the system with an error). In the case of Maroon 5 tickets, this email address error resulted in an eager father never hearing about the lack of tickets, or the suggestion of getting tickets direct. So if you change any of your details, especially email addresses, please let us know. And if you don't get mailings or any other emails from the Club, please contact me so I can check. That way we can best stay in touch and you will receive information which may be of use to you. And read Outpost - twice this week we had to update Members' information about the Club which could have been read!

Keep enjoying the holidays, and come in and enjoy the wonderful F&B on offer this month!

Business Luncheons

3rd August - 7th August 2015

Starter : 65 baht

Potato Salad with Egg and Lemon Dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 baht

Lamp, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread

or

Chicken kive with peas and chips Served with Broccoli, Carrots and Roast Potatoes

or

Pan-fried Sea Bass with Pernod and Dill Sauce

or

Tom Yam Goong (Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)

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

Kraprao Kal (Stir-fried Miniced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chilli)

10th August - 14th August 2015

Starters : 65 baht

Grilled Chicken, Mango, Beetroot Salad Served with Balsamic Dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 baht

Fish and Chips Served with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Turkey Lasagne Served with Mixed salad and Garlic Bread

or

Pork Schnitzel Served with Apple Salad

or

Panaeng Gai (Chicken Stir-fried with Red curry Sauce Topped with Sliced Lime Leaves)

Kal Jiew Moo Sub (Thai Style Omelette with Miniced Pork)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

17th August - 21st August 2015

Starters : 65 baht

Waldolf Ham Salad or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 baht

Mini Steak Served with Mixed Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes and Gravy Sauce

or

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

or

Creamy Chicken Penne and Peas Served with French Beans, Carrots and Sauteed Potatoes

or

Tom Kha Gai (A Refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)

Phad Kraprao Moo Sab (Stir-fried Miniced Pork with Hot Basil and Chilli)

Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo (Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Curd and Oysters Sauce)

24th August - 28th August 2015

Starters - 65 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 160 baht

Salmon Fish Cake Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Chicken Stew in Red Wine Sauce, French Onion, Peas, Carrots and Mashed Potato

or

Fillet of Pork In a Light Curry Sauce Served with Grilled Zucchini and Coriander Rice

or

Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao (Chinese Lettuce Soup with Minced Pork, Tofu and Vermicelli)

Pla Som Ros (Deep-fried Dory Fish Topped with Sweet and Sour Spiced Sauce)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

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



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F&B MORSELS

There are lots of promotions this month which we hope you will like. The oyster and burger promotions from July have been continued into August as so many people are choosing them. An extra oyster with sparkling wine promotion is new for August as they were so popular at the Sparkling Wine Brunch which itself went very well and gave me good feedback. Also we have a special on English beef tenderloin, as well as Welsh lamb chops. Everyone who has tried these says they're very good flavour and the beef so tender, so you can now try them too, look on the Khun Laak recommends boards. I will also start the Wednesday Paella promotion again as we haven't done those for a while.

I will be looking for some special dishes for the South East Asian Buffet which will be new to me so I hope you will come and taste them. Another buffet is on Wednesday 12th, Mother's Day, which is also the



Khun Laak

Executive Chef

Queen of Thailand's birthday and I hope to have some special dishes for you then too.

We will be reprinting the menus in the middle of the month with 15 dishes removed to make way for 15 new specials that have proved popular. The menus will also show, by icon, which dishes are wheat-free as I've been asked to show this information to help people with allergies. And you'll be pleased to hear that the strawberry and mango promotions will continue as the fruits are still ripe and delicious.

Happy Eating!

Cocktail of the Month
August

Tom Collins



Only Bt. 100

*Don't forget Afternoon Tea
is available from 3 pm!*



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KEEPING IT CLEAN

A Food Hygiene training course was carried out in early July for 26 members of the service and kitchen staff. The course included 2 sessions of theory and practice, and ended up with a test. The results turned out to be quite impressive - all the staff passed with one getting the highest score of 100%!

The training modules included:

- Introduction to food safety
- Microbiological hazards
- Food poisoning and its controls
- Contamination and its controls
- Food pests and controls
- Thawing food
- Personal hygiene
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) System
- Storage and Waste disposal
- Cleaning and disinfection



Kamon Sributkhote

It was a useful day, and we believe this will give members of staff a greater awareness in their work to maintain higher standards of hygiene with the food & beverages supplied to Members.





Mother's day Buffet

AUGUST **12** 2015

The Verandah 11:30am - 3pm, 5pm - 9pm

Adults Bt 595, Children Bt 310

"Free glass of white or red wine and
a chocolate for mothers
having the buffet"

Sign up in Reception or email: events@britishclubbangkok.org

WATERLOO

Napoleon's final stand



On 20th June, we celebrated the bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo with a fine dinner. Co-hosted by the British Embassy, the evening started out with cocktails on the 1910 Balcony and then repaired to the Surawongse Room. Just about 60 people attended and tucked into a topical four course menu which started out with a Belgian soup (where the battle was fought) and included Beef Wellington (in honour of the Duke) and Eton Mess (as it's delicious), complemented with crisp New Zealand and French wines.



After the dessert, the port arrived on each table to accompany the evening's guest speaker, Col Chris Luckham, currently Defence Attaché at the British Embassy. His talk was entrancing, detailing the battle with its many strategies and manoeuvres - his audience was spellbound, with one diner commenting "how could I ever have found history boring". The stage backdrop was a huge print of the battleground, and there was haunting background audio of battle scenes, and when the five members of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards Drum Corps marched through the room to the stage playing, the mood was invigorating. The climax of the battle was reached in near darkness, the drummers playing with stroboscopically UV illuminated luminous drumsticks, surprised by the forlorn and melancholy figure of a defeated Napoleon wandering through the dining tables. The Battle of Waterloo was won, and everybody was jubilant.



A tremendous evening, a fantastic dinner, and a vivid experience. Huge thanks to all involved with its preparation, execution, and attendance. And of course to Mr Bonaparte for making the mistake of thinking he could conquer the forces gathered against him and bring Europe under his control.



BC Calendar August 15



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

PUNCTUATION IS POWERFUL

An English professor wrote the words...
"a woman without her man is nothing"
...on the whiteboard and asked his students to
punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote:
"A woman, without her man, is nothing."

All the females in the class wrote:
"A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Punctuation is powerful.

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BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

Monday Night Movie

7:30 PM, The Verandah
'THE HUNCHBACK
of NOTRE DAME'



4

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen
Spoofers** 8:30pm



5

**Ladies Tennis
Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



10

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

Monday Night Movie

7:30 PM, The Verandah
'MYSTERY of the
WAX MUSEUM'



11

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen
Spoofers** 8:30pm



Quiz Night

7:15pm, The Verandah

12

**Ladies Tennis
Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

Mother's Day Buffet

11.30am - 3pm, 5 - 9pm
The Verandah



17

BWG Mahjong

10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

Monday Night Movie

7:30 PM, The Verandah
'HELLS ANGELS'



18

Treasury Work Group
2pm, Silom Room

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen
Spoofers** 8:30pm



19

**Ladies Tennis
Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm

Balut Shield Night

7pm



24

Monday Night Movie

7:30 PM, The Verandah
'The CAT and
the CANARY'



25

Squash Mix-In

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen
Spoofers** 8:30pm



26

**Ladies Tennis
Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



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Monday Night Movie

7:30 PM, The Verandah
'The HOUND of the
BASKERVILLES'



Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

	<p>Under pressure</p> <p>SIR – I was assisting my 16-year-old daughter with her homework when she received a text from Mum, which read: "What do you want from life?"</p> <p>This was an unexpected and profound question for an exam-sitting teenager. We debated various answers – wealth, fulfilment, love, all three.</p> <p>Five minutes later, she received a second message, blaming predictive text for correcting the word <i>Lidl</i>.</p> <p>David Lavelle Coneythorpe, North Yorkshire</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p>  <p>Swimming Lessons 9:30am - 10:30am</p>  <p>Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 3pm Verandah</p>  <p>Open Pairs Bridge 2pm Silom Room</p> 
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<p>13</p> <p>Squash Mix-In 5:15pm - 9:45pm</p>  <p>F & B Work Group 3pm, The Alcove</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm</p>  <p>Junior Tennis Coaching 4pm - 6pm</p>  <p>Kids' Movie 6.30pm, Silom Sala 'SHAUN THE SHEEP'</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p> 	<p>16 Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p>  <p>Swimming Lessons 9:30am - 10:30am</p>  <p>Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 3pm Verandah</p>  <p>Open Pairs Bridge 2pm Silom Room</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>Squash Mix-In 5:15pm - 9:45pm</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm</p>  <p>Junior Tennis Coaching 4pm - 6pm</p>  <p>Kids' Movie 6.30pm, Silom Sala 'HORTON HEARS A WHO!'</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p>  <p>Southeast Asian's Dinner 11.30am - 3pm, 5 - 9pm The Verandah</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p>  <p>Swimming Lessons 9:30am - 10:30am</p>  <p>Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 3pm Verandah</p>  <p>Open Pairs Bridge 2pm Silom Room</p> 
<p>27</p> <p>Squash Mix-In 5:15pm - 9:45pm</p> 	<p>28 Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm</p>  <p>Junior Tennis Coaching 4pm - 6pm</p>  <p>Wine Tasting 6pm - 9pm Surawongse Room</p> <p>Kids' Movie 6.30pm, Silom Sala 'THE IRON GIANT'</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am</p>  <p>Swimming Lessons 9:30am - 10:30am</p>  <p>Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 3pm Verandah</p>  <p>Open Pairs Bridge 2pm Silom Room</p> 

THE 2015 CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

"Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis"

As we move towards a Draft Report being issued by the Constitutional Review Sub-Committee, it is important for Members to understand the Modus Operandi of the whole review ... and for those of you who dislike Latin (prima facie the written language of English statutes 1066 to 1730): this is the way it will work ...

By Subject not by Rule

The Constitutional Review is not seeking merely to change Rule X and amend Rule Y but to look at groups of Rules which fall under the same section heading and look at which policies may need updating, input members' views and then draft an entirely new section for approval by policy. The section headings are:

1. The Foundation Rules: existing rules 1-6
2. General Committee: existing rules 7-19
3. Rules & Bylaws: existing rules 20-22
4. General Meetings: existing rules 23-29
5. Membership: existing rules 30-59
6. Fees: existing rules 60-64
7. Non-Members: existing rules 65-69
8. Behaviour & Miscellaneous: existing rules 70-77

Full Consultation

Constitutional Review is aiming that a Draft Report will be put to the General Committee in August for adoption ('agreement in principle') that the Review is going in the right direction. After adoption, the Draft Report will be available to Members for comment.

After further Member feedback a Final Report will be put to the General Committee for approval ('agreement in detail'). No time scale has been set as it depends entirely on General Committee and members' feedback. After approval, the Final Report will again be available to Members for comment.

The next Task of the Constitutional Review will be to draft Motions to an Extraordinary General Meeting or Meetings.

It is proposed to pre-circulate the EGM motions to Members ahead of calling the EGM(s) so that Members have an opportunity to place amendments to the EGM motions and that said amendments can be then circulated and added to the Proxy Form. As such no amendments will be allowed then at the EGM(s).

Once approved by members, the Constitutional Review has 14 days to translate the new Constitution into Thai and present it for approval to the Ministry of the Interior. It will come into force upon Ministry approval.

Paul Cheesman

Honorary Secretary, The British Club Bangkok
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PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

We look back to the history of our Club in 2013 ...

1 With the success of the previous year's enhancements fresh in everyone's mind (the new Swimming Pool, new Surawong Sala and enlarged Fitness Centre) the Future Development Work Group was founded on 13th January 2013 to create plans for the Silom Sala, Children's Pool & Play area and the Squash Courts.

As it was envisaged this would take a few months to develop, two smaller 'enhancements' were instigated for the first six months of the year

- In May we opened the new Pétanque Court on the front lawn
- Also in May a totally resurfaced Multiple Purpose Court, with a coated base, replaced the All-Weather tiled court opened in 2008.

2 April 23rd was the Club's 110th anniversary and so a big Family Fun Day plus was organised with 25 tables from Loyal Societies, and Community Groups for adults, a Balloon shaper, Piñatas, Sketch Artist with Sam & His Amazing Friends for the kids along with the Trampoline and Bouncy Castle. Music was provided by the NIST Marimba student band and our Executive Chef, Khun Laak, laid on a Spit roast and BBQ plus a Clubhouse shaped birthday cake.

The Guest of Honour was H.E. Mark Kent, the British Ambassador, who in addition to the Royal and Loyal Toasts, read out a letter of congratulations to the Club from H.M. Queen Elizabeth II [see insert]. This letter adorns the Churchill Bar wall.

3 After an indecisive AGM in March an Extraordinary General Meeting was called in late June to discuss the Dress Code. The subject had been a matter of concern for many years. By tradition the dress code for the various Club outlets had been set by the General Committee as a bylaw and thus set by only ten of the Club's thousand plus members and open to be reset by the next ten persons elected. In fact we had had eight different dress codes in operation over the previous twelve years alone. This time it was decided to make it a members' decision so that it could only be changed by members and this was adopted by 43 votes to 34 votes against.

4 Sadly by the July, it was very evident that the Silom Poolside project was going nowhere fast – different sections of the Club had greatly differing views on use of monies to create facilities – from an air-conditioned glass enclosed Silom Sala to three glass squash courts – all ideas well outside the



Paul Cheesman

'enhancement budget' of 5 Million Baht. It was thus decided to create a 'Poolside Master Plan' to merge all the ideas together and see how much it would cost to do everything and how long it would take to undertake and pay for it all. The Club's prudent financial policy requiring us to spend only what we generate in cash ... no dipping into reserves.

Again as this work was envisaged not to be ready until October, three more 'enhancement' projects were undertaken ...

- In August we opened a fully refitted Main Kitchen, the first full refit done for over twenty years
- In September we had the Metropolitan Electricity Authority move our Clubhouse main sub-distribution board into an outhouse on the back lawn to free up the balcony.
- In October we completed the refurbishment of the Silom and Surawong Rooms, opened the Wordsworth Members Lounge and restored the back of Clubhouse balcony to its former glory as ... The 1910 Balcony Bar.

5 Lots of other things happened in 2013: Temporary membership to the Club was made open to all nationalities; the guest fee for tennis and squash players was made permanent; the BCB iPhone and Android Apps were launched; a full review of our Reciprocal Club Network showed that 29 clubs had closed but the review gained 69 new Clubs over the year; the Annual Ball was brought back 'in-house' and membership soared to 1,051 but, of course, the major thing that did not happen in 2013 was the Silom Poolside enhancement ... so you'll have to wait until next month to see how this developed, or not as the case may be.



"110 not out!"



VS



THE NAME "THE **ASHES**" ORIGINATED IN A SATIRICAL OBITUARY PUBLISHED IN A BRITISH NEWSPAPER, 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.



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

WATCH THE GAMES IN THE CHURCHILL BAR!
ALL MATCHES START AT 5PM (THAILAND)

FIRST TEST	8 - 12 JULY
SECOND TEST	16 - 20 JULY
THIRD TEST	29 JULY - 2 AUGUST
FOURTH TEST	6 - 10 AUGUST
FIFTH TEST	20 - 24 AUGUST

SWALEC STADIUM, CARDIFF
LORD'S, LONDON
EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM
TRENT BRIDGE, NOTTINGHAM
THE OVAL, LONDON

AS WE WERE



Jack Dunford



There were only 3 International School in Bangkok in the 70s and 80s and none of them had swimming pools. The Club has one of the best pools in town and monthly Swimming Galas were hugely popular. These pictures from about 1980 show an occasion when we invited other schools to compete. Besides the action the pictures also variously include the spring board mentioned in an earlier article, the original wooden Suriwongse Sala and the pre-AIA building skyline





THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

Mini Sports Camps

Week 1 10 August, 13 August, 14 August
Week 2 17 August, 19 August, 21 August



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

Bt 650 / day

- 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%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activity camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or offside or travel to or from the Club.

SPORTS CAMPS

Week 1.

DATE TIME	Monday 10 th August	Tuesday 11 th August	Thursday 13 th August	Friday 14 th August
	Bt 950	Bt 1200	Bt 950	Bt 950
9:30 - 10:00	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	TENNIS	Ice Skating	TENNIS	TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK		SNACK	SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	SQUASH	Bowling	Cooking	SQUASH
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING	SWIMMING



Week 2.

DATE TIME	Monday 17 th August	Tuesday 18 th August	Wednesday 19 th August	Thursday 20 th August	Friday 21 st August
	Bt 950	Bt 1200	Bt 950	Bt 1200	Bt 950
9:30 - 10:00	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	TENNIS	Ice Skating	TENNIS	Ice Skating	TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK		SNACK		SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	SQUASH	Bowling	Cooking	Bowling	SQUASH
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING		SWIMMING

- Children should be 7+.
- This is not an elitist camp, the emphasis is on joining in, trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.
- A five child minimum is required to run each day so please sign up.
- As travel arrangements need to be made for Tuesday & Thursday activities please sign up 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.

Book at The Fitness Centre 02-234-0247 Ext. 26
or by email: sports@britishclubbangkok.org

TENNIS



Tony Moore



Thai Tennis Friendship Association - Senior Tennis Friendship 2015

On 6th and 7th June at Mueng ThongThani, Khun Chalathip one of the British Club's most supportive members introduced a new format of play for a friendly tennis match amongst Bangkok's senior players. With over 190 players participating in a round robin system amongst the players in each group up to the semi-final stage and the final, ensured that all the players were able to play more than 1 match! The event proved to be a great success. Congratulations and many thanks to Khun Chalathip for her successful tournament and excellent organisation. She is pictured below awarding prizes to some well known players.

Tennis Leagues

The new tennis leagues for July – August are now well underway – an extended period due to the holiday season. Thank you to all the participants, new and old. We now have 4 leagues running so please try to play your matches on time as this will help to keep everyone motivated to play and participate in the next league for those large F&B prizes.

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.

Mens Inter-club – 13- 14 June 2015

In June the mens inter-club was held at Mueng Thong Thani and we had a good turnout from the BC with over 12 players making the trip and the BC came 4th with some excellent play . Our highly talented, respected and mostly photogenic players are pictured below after a tough day out at the office.



Everything You Should Know About Playing Tennis

by Harold Mollin

The Mental Side

“Choke less with Visualisation”

Everybody gets nervous!! Everybody struggles on pressure points!!

From the local club player, right through to Grand Slam Champions, everyone will find themselves in situations that make them so nervous and anxious that they cannot perform at the same levels they have during practice, or even during their prior matches.

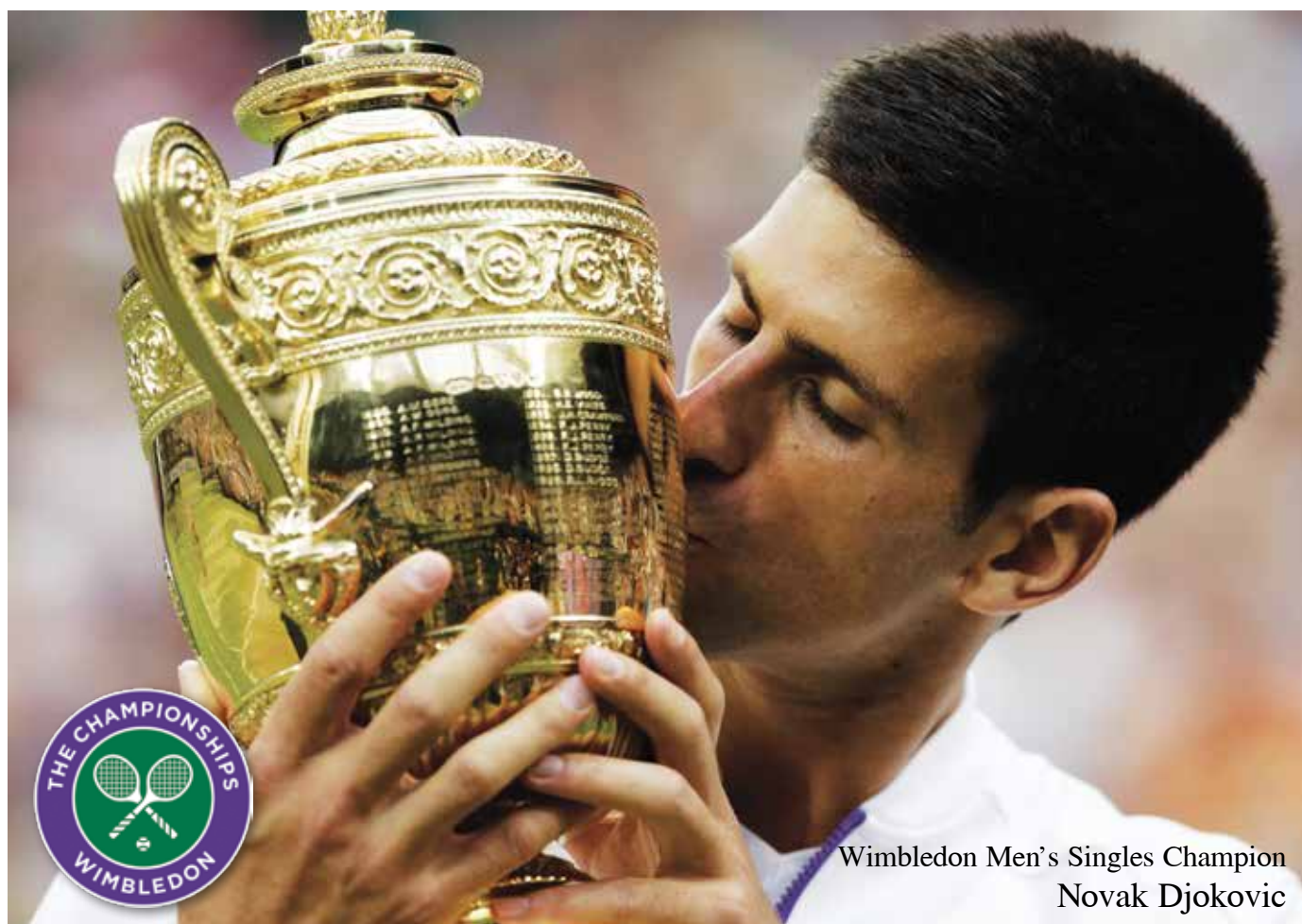
So what should you do? One solution, and there are many, is VISUALISATION!

Instead of thinking you are serving for the match against an opponent you have never beaten, visualise/think in your mind that you are “serving against your normal practice partner”.

Forget the “match” - just see yourself on your home court knowing that if you serve/return to your practice partner, you will then hit the next ball to the open court. If you can do this the points will come your way!

If you can do these few simple “mental” exercises, you are guaranteed to play better matches and win more! Remember - LET YOUR MIND HELP YOUR BODY!

Harold Mollin – World Tennis Coach.



Wimbledon Men's Singles Champion
Novak Djokovic

BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL



Bruce Madge

2015/16. Please register your name, BCB membership number, and intended manager and team names at fantasyfootball1903@britishclubbangkok.org deadline for registration is September 30th!

As for the game, the web link is <http://fantasy.premierleague.com>

Following on from last season's triumphs and tragedies the BCB is again running its Fantasy Football League starting Saturday August 8th with the first encounter at 18.45 between Manchester United and Spurs. Who will win that one or any of the other nine fixtures of week one? Who will be crowned EPL Champions next May? Chelsea again? Arsenal? Liverpool? Man City? Man Utd? Sunderland? Unlikely! How will the three newly promoted teams of Bournemouth, Norwich and Watford fare? Straight back down? Probably! Who knows?

And who really cares as it's the fantasy side of the game we are most interested in at the moment. Carlos Romero and his Spanish Armada was/were last season's BCB FF League Champion/s from a league of over 30 managers. Season four's BCB FF Champ? Well, it could be you if you join up to play.

If you are a BCB member and have played Fantasy Premier League before, you know what to do and are welcome to join the BCB Fantasy Football League for season 2015/16

which is open to all BCB members (but Club members ONLY please) and is called BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK 1903 sponsored by iCheck Inn Hotels and Resorts.

Registration for this season's league is required to receive the pass code for the BCB FF league season



Click the link, create a profile/account (It's completely free!) and with your budget of £100 million pick a squad of 15 current EPL players - two goalkeepers, five defenders, five midfield players and three strikers with no more than three players from any one EPL club. Give your team a name, design a team strip and enter your team. As well as being a Fantasy Premier League manager in the BCB league, your team will automatically be entered into the overall Fantasy Football League and you may join any other Fantasy Football leagues if you wish.



The FPL system takes care of all the calculations of points and other technical stuff. All you have to do is to manage your squad, select your team before the deadline each week, and hope that your players perform well in the real EPL and score you sufficient points to make you competitive in the Fantasy Premier League.

How are the points scored? They are based on player performances in the real EPL matches each week. Here are some examples:

Play for 90 minutes - 2 points
(up to 60 minutes - 1 point)

Clean Sheet (defenders) - 4 points
(midfielders - 1 point).

Goals - strikers/midfielders/defenders (incl goalie) - 4/5/6 points.

Goal assists - 3 points.

Goalies - every three saves - 3 points

Penalty save - 5 points

Bonuses for best players - 1 to 3 points

Yellow card - minus 1 point

Red card - minus 3 points

Penalty miss - minus 2 points

Every 2 goals conceded
by goalkeeper/defender – minus 2 points

Own goal - minus 2 points

Player selected as captain (regardless of whether
a captain in the real EPL) - all points scored are
doubled.

There are other rules regarding transfers, injuries,
suspension, etc., but it is all explained in very simple
terms on the website. The main thing is that you
enter the BCB Fantasy Premier League for this coming

season and that you help make it bigger, better and
more exciting than last season.

And there are new features this season involving
captains, substitutes and others.

CHECK IT OUT!

What are you waiting for?



1	Arsenal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Qualification to Champions League group stage
2	Aston Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4	Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Qualification to Champions League group stage
5	Crystal Palace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Qualification to Europa League group stage
6	Everton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7	Leicester City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8	Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9	Manchester City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10	Manchester United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
11	Newcastle United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
12	Norwich City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13	Southampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
14	Stoke City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15	Sunderland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	Swansea City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	Tottenham Hotspur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	Watford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Relegation to Football League Championship
19	West Bromwich Albion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20	West Ham United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

HARD BALLS

Super 8s Pattaya

BC Cricket has been eerily quiet at the Club this past month, what with the close of the record-breaking season and the coach's trip back to England. A stopover at the victorious ground in Pattaya took place at the beginning of the month; host to the second series of the 'Super 8's' tournament; 8 teams, 8 players per side, 7 overs each team on a full size pitch.



Ben Eastwell

Before the weekend report there are a few housekeeping issues to address. Whilst I am flattered team members are actually reading the article - not everyone can be the 'star player' in my write up, not even if you phone me up to remind me, or buying me drinks (offers still accepted). We are a team and our success should not be based on individual performances. Secondly, with threat of withdrawal from duties, credit must be given to Jack Dunford for unfailingly providing magazine photographs amongst a million other things, always managing to snap the blunders on the field, there are enough of them!

13-14 June Super 8s Pattaya

An early start was scheduled for BC, starring in the opening game of the tournament against the hosts at 9am. At 8:15am the sun was shining, BC were completing their fifth warm-up lap and the opening pair were getting their eye in with a few throw downs. "Wake up Dale, we start in ten minutes; Ben and Dilip are still not here, the field is soggy than a duck's picnic but play is still going ahead"... "What time does the bar open?" he replied. Despite leaving at 7pm the night before Dilip trundled into the ground with 5 minutes to spare, armed with an arsenal of excuses which had already been accurately predicted by the rest of the team - the main culprit was adjusting the race setup in his wife's car it seemed. The tardy arrival forced BC in to bat on a very wet pitch, but with some angry cloud rolling in it didn't look as if conditions would change in 8 overs.

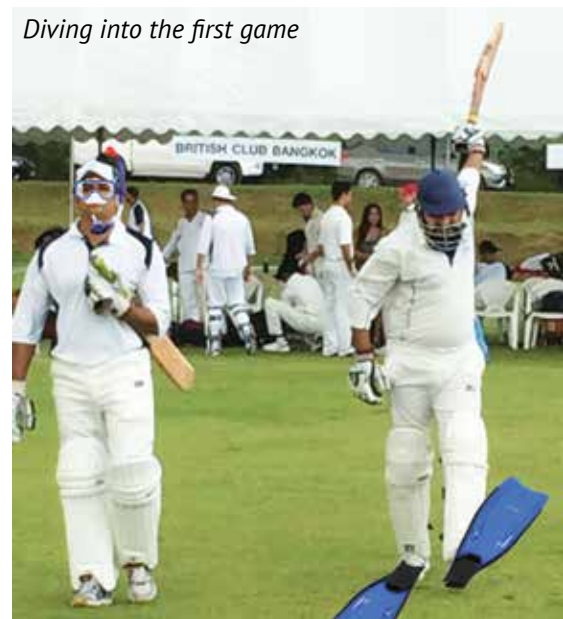


Dilip arriving in style

Captain Dale managed to stay away from the ducks in the small pond that had formed in the middle of the square to salvage the highest BC score (15). H (7), Rahul (6), Adrian (3), and Ben (7) also splashed some runs towards a below par total of 44. This was chased down comfortably by the Pattaya opening pair within 4 overs, not helped by Mr. Extras posting a high score

of 14. Some lessons were to be learned from the first game, given plenty of time to discuss with a 4 hour break until the next game.

Diving into the first game



An 8 beer limit was set between games by the ever-responsible captain. Although it did help to endure the mid-game 'entertainment' reciting of entire unpunctuated email threads. The mind games had begun. BC were fielding first in their second game VS Pakistan CC, on a slightly less moist pitch as rain had held off for the whole day against all the odds. Dilip was the only wicket taker, to make up for the 4 wides he bowled in 2 overs. Another two wickets came from some tidy fielding to force 2 run outs, leaving the opposition closing comfortably on 86 for 3. BC only managed 7 runs an over compared to the 12 required; despite noble contributions of a steady 16 not out

from the chef, a trademark four over cow corner from the captain, lucky 7 for H and Sarg polished his season average with 5 not out. Oh and Ben got a duck.



Who ate the last cookie!



Down on one knee



Woops

After a customary slammers session the team retreated and refuelled with a hard-earned seafood feast by the coastline before some of the more senior team members led others astray, dignities were largely maintained and it must be noted the evening entertainment was squeaky clean (apparently). Early bedtimes were in order ahead of another early start scheduled.

Speddo made a welcomed appearance on Sunday morning to complete the team. Chiang Mai were the opposition to face in the last group game and an encouraging start was on display from BC who were fielding first on a significantly dryer outfield than the previous day. Rahul took 1 wicket for only 5 runs, sharing a tight 12 run expense with Sarg. Dilip and another run out from the field helped to dismiss



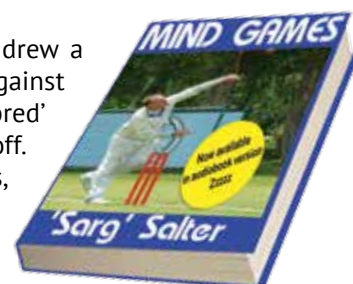
Dilip on the pull



Textbook

two more batsmen. 57 runs were on the board when Speddo was handed duties of the last over - he fed 6 balls to an on-form batsman who sent most deliveries back over his head and beyond trees at the boundary rope. 26 off the last over flew Chiang Mai into a considerably stronger position. The target was chased slowly and never turned into a threatening score; after 7 overs BC only managed 38 runs, not helped by a fantastic maiden over faced by Speddo armed with his fresh piece of willow.

The tactical run of results drew a more level opposition against Pattaya's second 'thoroughbred' side for the spoon playoff. Rahul struck two wickets, assisted by Dilip to keep the opposition down to 55 runs – a much more manageable total for the BC batting attack. This was held strong by a tough performance and 22 not out from Patrick, 13 from Dale, and 7 from Rahul to secure a win with a few balls to spare and assist BC to a well-deserved victory to take the spoon. Full



All the signs of a bestseller



#Selfie



Spooooooon

of excitement from the victory, the coach fell into a fabulous confrontation in a game he was not playing in. The mind games led to an unsavoury altercation between an upset player and smug coach, almost breaking the streak of an otherwise non-violent weekend. Not on the concrete!

Net sessions are continuing in abundance weekly, preparing a hungry squad for an even more successful run next year. With a lack of games to report, next month's feature will take a look back over the season whilst everyone gets fired up for the birth of the Koh Chang beach cricket tour.

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

June saw the lunatics out of the asylum on separate 3 occasions again, must be good behaviour! The weather has cooled quite a bit, making our golf seem a little less of an endurance sport.

Early in the month we held our regular Stableford event, this time playing at the beautiful course of Lam Lukka. Well done to winner, Tony Moore and second placed Graham Johnson who won with 39 and 37 points respectively. Then came The Magpie Putter - our annual competition against The Bangkok Wanderers - aka. good golfers!

This year it was the Wanderers turn to host so the match was played at Vintage, one of my favourite courses. BCGS have lost this match for the last four years but this time we fought our way to victory, by just one stroke - must have been the new club shirts that inspired us all. The trophy can now be seen in the Churchill Bar - as you can see, its too big to fit in the golf trophy cabinet!!



Deb Farrar

Last but definitely not least in the month came our Monthly Medal at The Royal. Lovely weather but sad for Peter Thompson as this was his last BCGS match - we wish Peter all the best with his move back to cold Canada. Your golfing partner, Marc, will be lost without you.

Congratulations to medal winners - Flight A - Chris Mondial, who won on count back from Chris Farrar. Flight B - Tony Moore - 2 pictures this month Tony, well done. Thanks to Karen for filling in as Captain while Pete & Brian are away - we won't let you escape from the job completely.



Don't we look surprised - the Magpie Putter winners



Graham Johnson



Tony Moore



Don't we look smart
- modelling the new BCGS team shirts



Steve Monical



Tony Moore again



Marc, Peter & Karen

SQUASHY BITS

Brief!



Bruce Madge

Bits this month is terse!

Why?

Because the author has a broken arm and can't type.

How? Where? When?

In a skateboard accident in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon.

So what?

This is what:

Tom Kelly and John Vivian won.
Shiraz and Bruce didn't.

Won what?

Didn't win what?

Wait until next month to find out.

Until then.
(Enjoy the pics!)



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KIDS MOVIES

August



Fridays, Silom Sala, 6 pm

7th August



Treasure Planet

14th August



Shaun the Sheep
Movie

21st August



Horton
Hears a who!

28th August



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Selected and presented by
Mike Smith

August

Mondays, 7:30 pm, Wordsworth Lounge

3rd | THE HUNCHBACK of NOTRE DAME ****

1939 (117 mins)

Directed by: Woman In Gold

Starring: Charles Laughton, Maureen O'Hara, Cedric Hardwicke

In 15th century France, a gypsy girl is framed for murder by the infatuated Chief Justice, and only the deformed bellringer of Notre Dame Cathedral can save her.



10th | MYSTERY of the WAX MUSEUM ****

1939 (77 mins)



Directed by: Michael Curtiz

Starring: Lionel Atwill, Fay Wray, Glenda Farrell

The disappearance of people and corpses leads a reporter to a wax museum and a sinister sculptor.

17th | HELLS ANGELS ****

1930 (127 mins)



Directed by:

Howard Hughes

Starring: Ben Lyon, James Hall, Jean Harlow

Brothers Monte and Ray leave Oxford to join the Royal Flying Corps. Ray loves Helen who enjoys an affair with Monte; before

they leave for Germany they find her in still another man's arms.

24th | The CAT and the CANARY ***

1939 (72 mins)



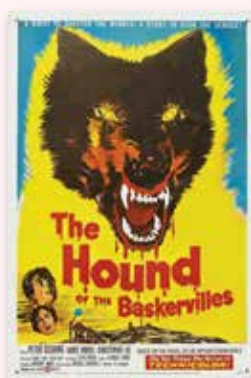
Directed by: Elliott Nugent

Starring: Bob Hope, Paulette Goddard, John Beal

When an eccentric family meets in their uncle's remote, decaying mansion on the tenth anniversary of his death for the reading of his will, murder and madness follow.

31st | The HOUND of the BASKERVILLES *

1959 (87 mins)



Directed by: Terence Fisher

Starring: Peter Cushing, André Morell, Christopher Lee

When a nobleman is threatened by a family curse on his newly inherited estate, detective Sherlock Holmes is hired to investigate.

17th annual

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