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Photo courtesy of Paddy Dixon, with thanks

#### FRONT COVER

As deliberation over the Silom Wing Development continues, our cover looks back at the beginning of Poolside, a bold step back in the mid-sixties. No doubt there was plenty of disagreement back then, but it was a decision which has served the Club well over the 50+ years since. Come to the EGM!

#### EDITOR'S GREETING

There are many F&B promotions going at the Club this month so browse through this issue at what's on offer. The Mother's Day Thai Buffet will be of extra interest with special dishes for Her Majesty's birthday.

The cover photo was chosen from a selection of snaps taken in 1965 - hopefully there will be a couple more pages in a forthcoming issue, though their colour has not aged well.

Rejoice that you don't have to plan going away for the UK Bank Holiday weekend - traffic!

Ed



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## MESSAGE FROM the Chairman

This is the time of year when many Members take leave during the western summer and international school holidays. I have just arrived back from a break that took me to Rome, London, the Yorkshire Dales, Scotland and Somerset seeking out family, friends and memories. Before I get to Club affairs I will share just one happy little story from my trip.

**Railway Children:** The Somerset and Dorset Railway ran through my village in Somerset but was sadly axed by Beaching in 1963. Many happy hours were spent as a boy playing by 'the tunnel' and waving as steam trains emerged billowing smoke, puffing up ... and hurtling down one of the steepest and longest gradients in the country. Another little boy in the village Richard Moon's Dad was a train driver, which was most boys' dream in those days. Wally Moon was a hero to us all and would wave back as his 'banker' pushed heavy trains of growling coal trucks up the slope just as in 'Thomas the Tank Engine'. One day when he was making a solo run, 'off duty', he stopped and picked me and my friend Graham up by the tunnel and allowed us to shovel coal in the furnace and blow the whistle as we climbed up to the summit and back. No Health and Safety in those days! I still remember, the shaking, the smoke, the heat and the throbbing noise of this magnificent machine ... surely one of the most exciting days of my childhood!

'The Tunnel'



Back in Somerset last week I attended the funeral of the local butcher of my childhood and was unexpectedly reunited with Richard, who I hadn't seen for almost 60 years. I was recalling this story when he told me 'Dad is here!' And sure enough, there was Wally, now 92, diminished in size, but as sharp as a knife. He was soon regaling not only about his life as a train driver but his exploits as a signaller in WW2 when he was the man who informed all the ships in the navy by semaphore that the war has ended. Magic! I hope everyone else enjoys their breaks as much and return refreshed.



Jack Dunford

Chairman

**General Committee:** It has been fun catching up on the news with Ali and Khun Prem. Much has been happening at the Club whilst I was away even though some of the subcommittees have not been very active

With Richard and Wally



with workloads and travel disrupting routines. We have had to replace Andrew Spedding on the GC who has returned to Oz, a big loss on the House & Grounds and Human Resource Subcommittees. We are happy however that Jason Morris has agreed to take his place.

**Deputy General Manager:** Sadly our recruitment earlier this year of a Deputy General Manager did not work out but we are now re-advertising the position. Once again we are receiving lots of applications and look to be making an appointment in the coming weeks. As before, s/he will be able to help put in place a strengthened management structure, take a lot of the day-to-day responsibilities off Khun Prem, creating capacity to improve operating standards and efficiency and develop new initiatives.

**Marketing Manager:** We have also just recruited a part-time, professional Marketing Manager who will be developing a marketing strategy and actively leading a membership recruitment campaign. Since most new Members currently find us just by chance or by word of mouth, we believe that by upgrading our promotional materials and actively working with our contacts at

the embassies, schools, chambers of commerce and moving companies, we can expect to see results within a few months, both in terms of membership levels and in terms of events and attendance.

**Silom Wing Preparations:** Work on refurbishing the Pavilion Café as the new staff house and reinstating the Surawongse Road wall will be complete by the time you receive this and we are ready to install the temporary family facilities on the Front Lawn. After tenders for the project are opened on 22nd July these will take a week or so to process and we will then finally be in a position to award contracts and get started.

**EGM 10th August:** On arriving back however, my first task has been to help send out a Calling Notice for an EGM on 10th August requested by 20 members who want to postpone construction of the Silom Wing because they believe the Club can no longer afford it, pointing to a short-fall in revenue this year compared with budget. We will now await the result of this EGM before awarding any contracts.

Although this has undoubtedly been a difficult year with a downturn in activities following the death of H.M. the King, Bhumibol Adulyadej, the biggest impact was in December and January when most functions and all weddings were cancelled. Since then although usage has been sluggish, activity has been picking up to the extent that in June operating income was ahead of both last year and the budget for the first time this year.

July is already looking good and prospects for the remainder of the year look healthy. We should be able to hold our very popular Guy Fawkes Day and the Trafalgar Dinner, which were cancelled last year and, with bookings still coming in, we are already ahead of budget for income from functions for the period through November. Beyond that, six months in advance, we already have three weddings booked for December compared with none last year due to cancellations.

More good news is that whilst revenues have been down, so too have expenses, by as much as 11%. This means that our cash balances are only slightly down (less than THB 1 million) from what we projected for the end of June when the Slim Wing was approved in January.

All in all therefore, the club is in good shape. The financial situation has not changed significantly since the EGM in January. With prospects already looking good for the second half of the year and the new momentum we expect as

our Marketing Manager starts work and is joined by a Deputy General Manager, we remain confident that the Club can still afford the Silom Wing and that this a good investment for the future.

It is a vital first step towards bringing the Club facilities up to the standards of the 21st Century which we believe will attract new Members as well as provide much improved facilities for existing young families and sport/ health enthusiasts.

**Nothing has changed since Members voted overwhelmingly to move ahead with the Silom Wing in January and the GC is asking Ordinary and Country Members to vote NO to the EGM motion to postpone the start of the project.**

Some Members have expressed concern about the vulnerability of Staff Retirement funds even though we have often stated and can again confirm that we do not plan to access these for the project. They are effectively 'ring-fenced' already and the GC is looking at the best way of investing them securely to optimise the benefit to the staff. We will inform Members when this has been done.

It is no bad thing to have an opportunity for everyone to study the facts and we will be able to send out more detailed accounts as well as the results of the construction tenders in advance of the EGM so that everyone is fully informed. We will have accurate cost estimates for the project and revised cash/flow projections

**As many previous Club Chairs have pointed out, EGMs are good for bar takings! I urge all eligible Ordinary and Country Members to attend the EGM on 10th August. I trust that once again we will have the necessary support to get started at last on this long overdue and much needed project.**

New staff house



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## FRIDAYS

### BEER NIGHT

**HAPPY HOUR  
ALL NIGHT**





# LETTER FROM the General Manager

The conversion of the Pavilion Café into the new Staff House has been completed, and we will soon prepare the parking area for their motorcycles adjacent to the Surawongse Gate. The building looks good, clean and offering new facilities, and the staff are happy with it. It goes with the new uniforms which were issued in July, presenting a smart but comfortable look.



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager



The Club's Sports Camps are always popular with as many as 25 kids joining up, so Khun Amnat has prepared them running through to the middle of August, with new activities being prepared to keep the kids extra happy. We also have Tennis Coaching with Khun Nung. Details of all these and booking can be found in the Fitness Centre.

August sees an E.G.M. in the evening of Thursday 10th about the Silom Wing Development. We expect quite a large number of Members to attend, so there will be a Mini Buffet in The Verandah from 4:30pm to make sure food service is brisk. In addition, there will be the new registration system for those attending the E.G.M. so it should be a smooth evening, so please come along, discuss, and cast your vote on this project.



Thai Mother's Day falls on 12th, the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, and we will be providing a Mother's Day Buffet with delicious Thai foods. See details in this magazine. Throughout the month there is the Oyster Fest, a great selection of raw or cooked oysters just how you like them! Later in the month on 24th we will host the BCCT & BC Net Working Night in the Surawongse Room and the Sports Bar - reservations can be made through the BCCT.

Lastly I must end on a sad note about the loss of Dan Paterson. Friendly and chatty, always full of laughter too, he joined as a Member twice, most recently last November. Everyone was shocked to learn the sudden news, and we feel for his friends and family. Dan will be missed.

See you around the Club soon.

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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



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# BUSINESS LUNCH

Available at The Verandah & Poolside

## 31th July - 4th Aug

**Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)**

Carrots, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw  
Chef's Soup of The Day.

**Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)**

Chicken Chasseur.  
Grilled Seabass with Spinach Risotto  
Mini Steak with Gravy Sauce..  
Pla Sam Rod Phad Prik Khing Moo Krob Kai Jiew

## 7th Aug - 11th Aug

**Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)**

Pasta, Chicken and Pesto Salad.  
Chef's Soup of The Day.

**Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)**

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Mozzarella & Pesto .  
BBQ Pork Spare Ribs.  
Mushroom Stroganoff with Tagliatelle.  
Gaeng Pa Gai, Kai Jiew Moo Sub, Phad Khana Nam Man Hoy.

## 14th Aug - 18th Aug

**Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)**

Chicken, Apple Salad.  
Chef's Soup of The Day.

**Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)**

Cajun Chicken.  
Fillet of Pork the Light Curry Sauce.  
Macaroni with White Wine Creamy and Cheese Baked.  
Panaeng Moo Gai Phad Khing Sod Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy.

## 21st Aug - 25th Aug

**Starters: 65 Baht (2 Options)**

Mixed Salad, Smoked Chicken Breast, Beetroots and Mango.  
Chef's Soup of The Day.

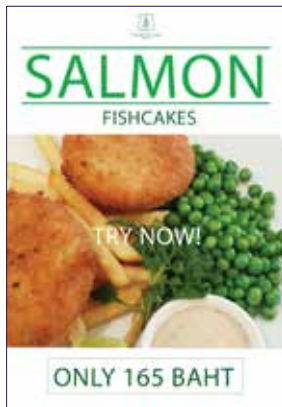
**Main Courses: 160 Baht (4 Options)**

Chicken Stew in Red Wine.  
Dory Fish with Mangos Salsa.  
Roast Pork Neck.  
Tom Yum Gai Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo Pla Som Ros.

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

## F&B MORSELS

Although many Members are away on holiday these months, we have been quite busy at the Club. The highlight in August is the Thai Buffet we will offer on Saturday 12th August, Mother's Day, in honour of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. Come along and enjoy that special day.



Our strawberry promotion has been very popular so we will continue with it throughout August. I particularly recommend Strawberry Eton Mess, it's very tasty! Other promotions this month include our Oyster Fest, Salmon Fishcakes, and Paella for Wednesday dinners.

Business Luncheons have been a successful feature in the Clubhouse for quite a few years, so we will now be offering them Poolside as well. They offer a choice



Khun Laak

Executive Chef

of three main courses (one being a Thai set), with a starter and a discount for dessert too. They run for a week at a time, rotating over two month periods. Try them out in your favourite location!

We had a great menu planned for Trafalgar Dinner last year, but it was cancelled so I'm pleased to be offering it for this year's grand event. It's an interesting combination of dishes and I hope it will add to the excellent evening that we expect later this year in October. The menu is in the signing up sheet in Reception or can be emailed.

Happy Eating!



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*"August"*

*Tom Collins*

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TUES  
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THE  
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# OYSTERS Fest



## Fresh

French Fine De Claire  
or Sydney Rock  
Half dozen for 450 THB



## Half dozen

French Fine De Claire  
or Sydney Rock + Tiara Brut  
one Bottle 1,150 THB

## Cooked

Oyster Rockefeller  
or Oyster Mornay  
5 pieces for 400 THB

## One dozen

French Fine De Claire  
or Sydney Rock + Tiara Brut  
one Bottle 1,550 THB

## Served with

Red Vinegar Shallots, Paprika, Tabasco  
Lime and Brown bread

# DAN PATERSON

## 1973–2017



*Dan at "home"!*

Daniel John Paterson, always known as Dan, was born on May 10th 1973 in Watford and grew up in Hemel Hempstead with his mother and sister, Rachel. He disliked his schooling but loved drama classes and out of school he sung in the local Church choir, being confirmed there, thus the Christmas service became an annual event of his life.

In his teen years Dan had ambitions of going to RADA (The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art) but this was not to be and he instead went to work in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Upon his return he moved to London and worked for Hodder & Stoughton, then did financing with CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities) and finally became a consultant. It was during this time he met Guu Sinmoo, they moved in together and eventually became civil partners. In 2009, Guu was offered a great job opportunity in his native Bangkok, so they moved to set up home first in Don Mueang then Chaengwatthana and Dan even remained in a house next door when they separated a few years ago.

Rachel wrote "Dan was so full of life. He made a huge number of friends (which Dan referred to as his 'chums') through an active social life and through the British Club. He loved to entertain, and bring people together, and especially loved to cook ... although Guu would point out that any cooking left their kitchen looking like a bomb had exploded!"

"Dan enjoyed many things" Rachel added, "He loved a debate, quizzes, politics and most things Science Fiction with an emphasis on Star Wars and Doctor Who ... Dan always said that the best Doctor was Tom Baker and who knows what he would think now the next Doctor is a woman!"

Guu reminisced "I had the pleasure of sharing my life with him for nearly 17 years in London and in Thailand. I hold many good memories about our life together and I will treasure them forever. Although we decided to separate, we remained very good friends to each other ... not many people would want to live literally next door to their 'ex'"

In late June 2017, Dan visited Penang but came home complaining of feeling unwell. This, mainly stomach problems, continued until Wednesday 12th July when Guu found that Dan has passed away on the sofa at home. A Christmas-Doctor Who themed funeral was held in Christ Church, followed by a cremation at Wat Kaeo Chaem Fa and a big party to celebrate his life at the British Club.

Dan's friends will remember his wit, humour, cooking, laughter and charm.

Goodbye Dan ... **May the Force be with you!**



*Dan & Guu*



*Dan with Rachel and Gary, her husband*

## THE BORING BITS ...

[This article is recommended for Outpost readers with insomnia]

### General Committee members – elected for life?

The Constitutional Review Sub-Committee is tackling all the more contentious questions about the Constitution first ... Should we abolish Proxy voting? Should a General Committee be 'sacked' if many of its members resign at once? Should we remove Thai residency from being a membership criterion? Should the General Committee be enlarged or even have two year terms? Should we more clearly define the roles of Sub-Committees? Should some membership categories have a limitation on usage?

By the end of July it is hoped to have reviewed one third of our current Constitution.

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### Did you know that over 500 non-members were using the Club on just one day this past June?

As mentioned a few months ago the Membership Sub-Committee (MSC) is looking closely at the appropriateness of Club membership categories and monitoring other regular Club users, to check that the amount of member use and non-member use is balanced.

We are thus currently collecting data on:

- Associated Group use of the Club, including the Loyal Societies
- Non-Member and guest usage, especially of Sports Facilities
- Ascertaining the true worth of our Reciprocal Club Network
- Whether Temporary membership is sufficiently marketed
- Whether some membership categories are obsolete

The MSC does not deal with Membership Recruitment as this is the role of the wonderfully styled Markitcom (Marketing, IT & Communications) Sub-Committee.

## TOO HARD TO HANDLE!

The General Committee is pleased to announce that it has awarded an honorary membership to **Mike Watkins** a former Welsh rugby union Captain who won four caps for Wales as a hooker.



@2 hard to handle

### Mike "Spikey" Watkins

Mike, or Spikey as he is known, was born in Abercarn, a then small mining town and urban district in the county of Monmouthshire. As a youngster Mike played for a number of youth rugby teams including Cwmcarn Youth, Gwent Schools and South Monmouthshire Schools and then at the age of 21 joined Crumlin RFC. Two years later he moved into first class rugby by joining Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd (Cardiff RFC) where he stayed for a number of years until he moved to Newport RFC. In 1984 Spikey was capped for Wales in the Five Nations Championship where he was almost promoted to Captain. Spikey captained Wales for three further matches before retiring from first class rugby.

His full career and the fascinating details of his 'life after rugby' are contained in his autobiography **"Spikey: 2 hard to handle"** [ISBN 9781902719405] which was published in 2014 and is available from Amazon or by special order from the eCommerce Team of Asia Books. Mike, and his wife Yaowarat, now reside in Bangkok.

We welcome Mike & Yaowarat to the Club.



"It says it all!"

# WHAT A DAY!

## 150th Canada Day celebrations



**Khun Aof**  
**Duty Manager**

On Saturday 17th June around 500 people including many Club Members had fun and celebrated the 150th Canada Day presented by Cancham Thailand. There was a diverse range of festivities especially a food stall marketplace with culinary excellence! A variety of local food vendors served up international dishes at the back side of the Club. Many families with kids enjoyed the facilities on both the front and back lawns with booths of kid's games, a magician, the Club's giant bouncy castle, portrait drawing and sports activities like ball hockey and volleyball. Thank you to Cancham Thailand and their sponsors and partners for organising this great festival, and to everyone who came along and made it such a success.







# BC Calendar August 2017

## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday



**Advice from a tree**

- Stand tall and proud
- Go out on a limb
- Remember your roots
- Drink plenty of water
- Be content with your natural beauty
- Enjoy the view

**7 Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm

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

**Mini Sports Camp**  
10am - 2:30pm

**1 Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

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

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm

**Football**  
7pm - 9pm

**8 Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

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

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm

**Football**  
7pm - 9pm

**2 Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

**Mini Sports Camp**  
10am - 2:30pm

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

**Paella**  
Dinner only!

**9 Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

**Mini Sports Camp**  
10am - 2:30pm

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

**Paella**  
Dinner only!

**14**

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm

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

**15 Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

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

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm

**Football**  
7pm - 9pm

**16 Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

**Mini Sports Camp**  
10am - 2:30pm

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

**Paella**  
Dinner only!

**21**

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm

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

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

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm

**Quiz Night**  
7:15pm The Verandah

**Football**  
7pm - 9pm

**23**

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

**Paella**  
Dinner only!

**28**

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm

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

**29**

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

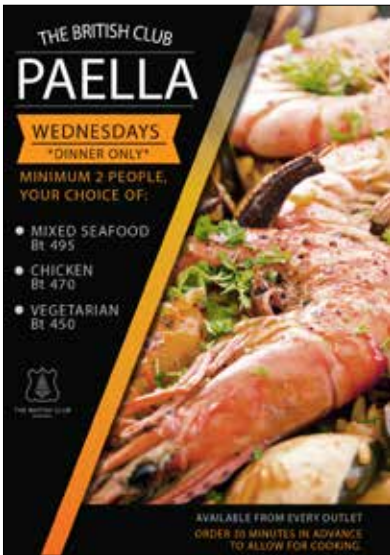
**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm

**Football**  
7pm - 9pm

**30**

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

**Paella**  
Dinner only!



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WEDNESDAYS  
"DINNER ONLY"  
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- CHICKEN Bt. 470
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# Thursday

# Friday

# Saturday

# Sunday

## 3

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



**Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm



## 4

**Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm



**Mini Sports Camp**  
10am - 2:30pm



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



## 5

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Saturday Storytime**  
10:30am Silom Sala



## 6

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



## 10

**Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm



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



**EGM**  
7pm Surawongse Room



## 11

**Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm



**Mini Sports Camp**  
10am - 2:30pm



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

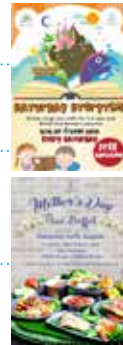


## 12

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Mother's Day Thai Buffet**  
11:30am - 3pm, 5 - 9pm Verandah

**Saturday Storytime**  
10:30am Silom Sala



## 13

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



## 17

**Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm



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



## 18

**Sports Camp**  
9:30am - 3:30pm



**Mini Sports Camp**  
10am - 2:30pm



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



## 19

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Saturday Storytime**  
10:30am Silom Sala



## 20

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



## 24

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



## 25

**Junior Tennis**  
4pm - 6pm

**Wine Tasting**  
6pm - 9pm  
Surawongse Room



## 26

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Saturday Storytime**  
10:30am Silom Sala



## 27

**Swimming Lessons**  
9am - 10:30am

**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm Verandah

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



## 31

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



# EARLY WARNING ...

## ENGLAND EXPECTS

October 21st, Trafalgar Day itself, sees the rebirth of  
our annual TRAFALGAR DINNER



### *Our Guest Speaker ... Colonel Roger Lewis*

Commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst into the Royal Engineers in 1984, Roger undertook Regimental Duty in Germany, the UK, New Zealand and Norway and was deployed operationally to Bosnia with UNPROFOR and again as Manager of the UN Mines Action Centre in Mostar.

After Staff College he was deployed to Kosovo as Deputy Chief Of Staff, 19 Mechanized Brigade and again as Officer Commanding 3 Armoured Engineer Squadron. He also commanded the squadron on Operation FRESCO in Leeds and Operation TELIC in Iraq. As a Lieutenant Colonel, Roger was appointed Military Assistant to the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, in Virginia USA and then took command of 38 Engineer Regiment in North Yorkshire. He led the regiment in Northern Ireland and on Operation HERRICK 10 in Afghanistan,



where he also commanded the Joint Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal Force and High Risk Search teams. After a stint as Assistant Director Force Development within Army Headquarters, Roger subsequently returned to the USA as the British Liaison Officer to United States Northern Command & North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD).

Roger is currently the British Defence Attaché, Bangkok, a student at the Thai National Defence College and an Assistant Commissioner in the Scout Association of Thailand.

#### **Open to all**

The Trafalgar Dinner is open to all British Club members, spouses and guests, Embassy staff and guests, members of the Royal British Legion (Chonburi branch) and members of the Military Attaché Group of Bangkok. As in immediate past Dinners, females are invited.

Full details will appear in September Outpost but please mark this date in your diary!

The British Club Bangkok proudly invites you to

# TRAFALGAR

## DINNER 2017

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
OCTOBER  
7PM ONWARDS



British Embassy  
Bangkok



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Cocktails on the 1910 Balcony from 7pm,  
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A Black Tie, or dress uniform, with medals  
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of the Battle of Trafalgar.

The dinner is open to all British Club members,  
spouses and guests (females are welcome),  
Embassy staff and guests,  
members of the Royal British Legion  
(Chonburi branch) and members of the  
Military Attaché Group of Bangkok

Welcoming guest speaker  
Colonel Roger Lewis OBE,  
currently UK Defence Attache  
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# AS IT HAPPENED



Closing Ceremony March 1993



Jack Dunford

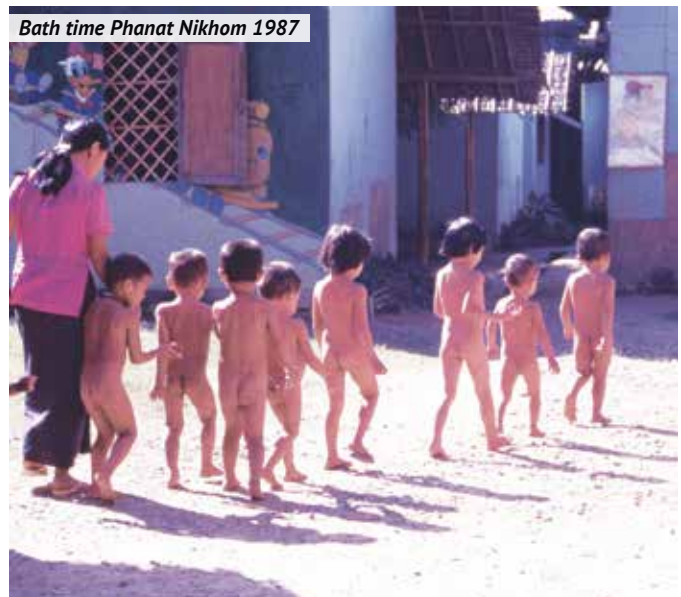
Between 1975 and 1993 around one and a half million Indochinese refugees fled to Thailand or to the Cambodian border. Thailand accepted them as 'displaced persons' only on condition that all had to be sent to 'third' countries or return home. Over half were given new homes in the 'west', about 70 % to USA, 12% to France and 7% each to Australia and Canada. They were given rudimentary skills and cultural orientation before leaving, mostly at Phanat Nikhom camp. After peace negotiations in Cambodia about 400,000 were sent back to start new lives after a closing ceremony at Site 2 in March 1993 presided over by Mrs Ogata, the then UN's High Commissioner for Refugees. All of the camps were closed in the early 1990's.



Going Home 1993



Cooking class Phanat Nikhom 1987



Bath time Phanat Nikhom 1987

*Cambodians go back 1993*



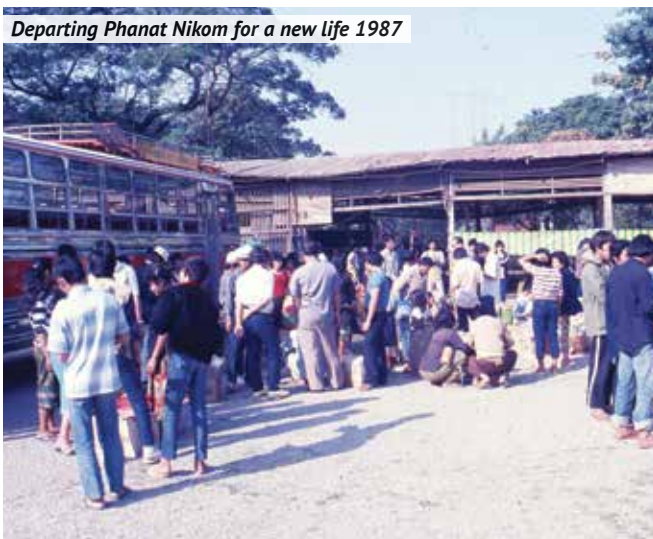
*Learning where their new homes will be PN 1987*



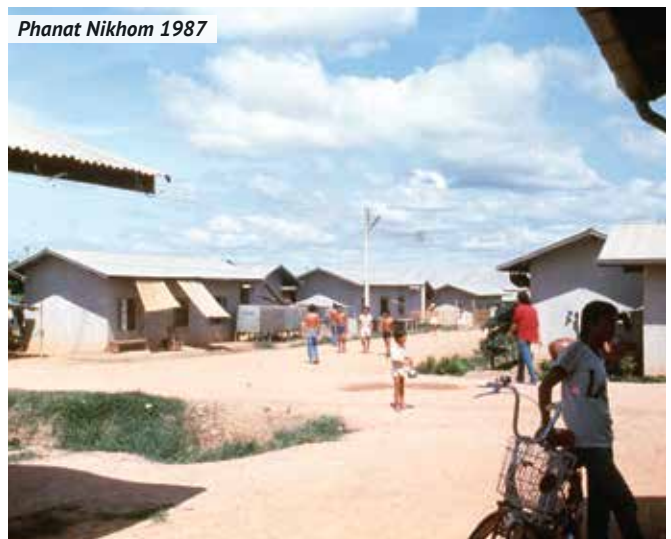
*Waiting to be chosen 1987*



*Departing Phanat Nikom for a new life 1987*



*Phanat Nikhom 1987*



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	Cooking / Play time
1:45 - 2:30	Water Fun

**Bt 650 per day**

# Mini Sports Camp

**2,4,7,9,  
11,16,18  
August**

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

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# SPORTS CAMP

1-4 Aug, 7-11 Aug, 15-18 Aug



Date Time	Monday Bt 950	Tuesday Bt 1200	wednesday Bt 950	Thursday Bt 1200	Friday Bt 950
9:30 - 10:00	Admin	Admin	Admin	Admin	Admin
10:00 - 11:00	Tennis	Tennis	Tennis	Tennis	Tennis
11:00 - 11:15	snack	snack	snack	snack	snack
11:15 - 12:15	Football	Lunch	Football	Lunch	Football
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	squash	BOWLING 	COOKING	BOWLING 	squash
2:30 - 3:30	swimming	swimming	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 some activities, please sign up 48hrs in advance.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount. Cancellations up to 24hrs before will be charged 50%.
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# TENNIS

Come July all tennis fans turn their attention to the grass courts of Wimbledon and to the hardcourts of **Series 3 of the British Club Tennis League**

By the end of week one at SW19 it looked like a men's and women's British Champion double was a distinct possibility as Andy Murray and Joanna Konta swept their way through the early rounds. Conversely, by the end of week 1 in the British Club Tennis League, the division 1 players had yet to arrange a match! Then, in the interlude between Andy's hip giving way and Jo's serve doing likewise, Dawa and Luc stepped out



on Court 1 at the British Club to play their match. Luc may have wished he had stayed at home as Dawa served him up a double bagel ... AOWCH! Division 2 is the 'group of death' where anyone can beat anyone



**Graham Johnston**

**Section Chairperson**

and close matches and 3rd set super tie-breaks are the norm. Dmitry took his time to dish out my defeat before taking the match on his 5th match-point while Andrei sent me home empty handed a little bit quicker in two close sets.

The good people of Division 3 have been taking their time to get started in Series 3 while Division 4 has been the Nick Lyon show thus far. Controversially relegated by the league committee after series 2, Nick responded in fine style edging out Nat in a marathon two set/ two hour battle. Nat was gracious as always in defeat and refused to blame her pre-match warm up of a three course Spanish meal and a few glasses of sangria! It is unknown if Jacques was similarly hampered when he also lost in two sets to Nick a few nights later ... Well played Nick! Keep (or start) arranging those matches!

**Venus 37**



### Doubles Clinic

The past month also saw the tennis section run our first 'Fundraiser Doubles Clinic' hosted by the irrepressible Harold Mollin and helped with much enthusiasm by Frank Sutherland. Despite a couple of late call-offs (sorry Harold!) a fun and rewarding evening was enjoyed by all participants and 5,000 THB was donated to the Pisami fund. Feedback from participants has been very positive and we hope to run another clinic in the near future. Thanks Harold

**Martina 36**



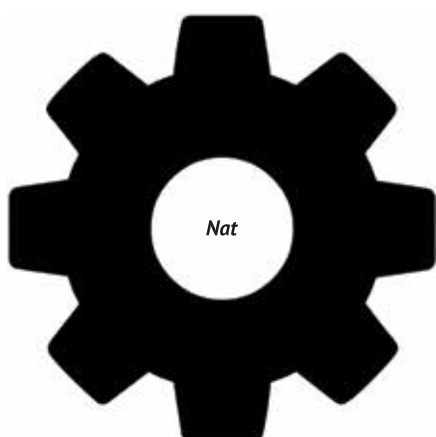
**Roger 35**



### Celebrate

Finally, another highlight of the month was the birthday of one of the vital cogs in the tennis section engine in Nut / Nat / Natty / Nattaya. A number of friends gathered 'post-mix-in' for eats, drinks and celebrations and photo of those deemed good-looking enough (none of the gentlemen attendees) was captured for posterity. Happy Birthday Nat ... if you are worried about all those candles please let Roger (35), Venus (37) and Martina (36) be your inspirations!!!

That's it for this month. Enjoy your tennis



*Nick Lyon - taking Div by storm*



*Nat question mark*



### **British Club Tennis Section Chairperson**

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 For information on playing in the tennis leagues please contact [bcts.league.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:bcts.league.tennis@gmail.com)



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# HARD BALLS

## Kuala Lumpur Tour June 2017 - Overs Overseas

Early June, Ian Brewis embarked on his first serious assignment as tour coordinator this year, after ambitiously (read stupidly) taking on the prospect of a mighty Malaysia tour, leaving Jack, the usual front runner to thankfully sit back and pick holes in everything like everyone else. The first official decision agreed for the special occasion was that the usual novelty tour dress would be substituted with

a proper tour blazer - as subtly outrageous as we could find. As Jack can often be heard mumbling about, even a Thailand tour is not easy to organise, but Ian managed to orchestrate a stress free weekend from airport to airport, breakfast to dinner and bar to bar. Now, compliments aside, this report is not nearly long enough to list the organiser's mistakes in full and the tour complaints book is thicker than the old testament, but next year can we have a few beers on the bus?

By Friday afternoon most had arrived at the ritzy accommodation we would call home for the weekend, which was way out of BC's league - the rooms even had private showers and clean sheets! Once everyone had got over the life beyond an 800 baht hostel and recovered from the jetlag, there was nothing left to do than enjoy a few cold ones whilst the sun set downtown over Malaysia's capital; just a stone's throw away from the iconic Petronas Towers. This naturally invited the opportunity for a photoshoot before those freshly pressed new blazers got ruined in the mayhem.

Once Sarg had finished shopping and the bar had been depleted, the team adjourned to a Chinese restaurant in town. Fortunately Denzyl was with us, because without his fluency in Mandarin we probably would have gone hungry. Following dinner, the camera stopped rolling and BC slipped into the night - happy in the knowledge that an afternoon game had been suitably arranged the following day.



Ben Eastwell



Calm before the storm



No caption required



### Saturday 15th V RSC @ RSC

After a slap up breakfast, a dip in the pool and getting lost in the excessively large rooms again - the vans were headed to the Royal Selangor Club in town for the first match of the weekend. A terrific ground awaited us; equipped with a traditional scoreboard, grass wicket, biased umpire, and drinks cart, making for a proper game of cricket - despite the grey skies ahead.

A 25 over game was agreed to be played under the overcast conditions on a slow turning wicket, and after thorough pitch inspections and tactical discussions were complete BC set out challenge the Malaysian side by



batting first. Goti was quickly replaced at the crease by Denzyl (27) who helped Dash on his way to a retirement score (30) at the top of the order before opening up the shoulders with a few maximums. Ben (14) failed in trying to follow suit and set the wickets tumbling after being caught at long off; the catalyst to one of Selangor's personal best figures - wrapping up with 6-for something

and grinning like a Cheshire cat the rest of the afternoon. Double figured contributions from Ian and Captain Sarg just about helped us through until the end but towards what was felt to be a below par total at 147 - 9.

Denzyl's disagreement with his LBW dismissal didn't play into his favour when it came to asking the same question during his over and Pat bowled a hatful of wides to start things off, but BC kept in the match up until the home side reached 151 - 6 in the 23rd over, unfortunately proving correct the low score prediction. Ian, Chan and Ben picked up a couple each in their spell and some sharp catches in the field from Ben, Paul and Goti were not quite enough to keep RSC out. Perhaps if Jack had come on as planned instead of chatting up the RSC scorer, it might have been a different result.

After a quick shower at the club, a few snacks, and a short presentation ceremony, we were invited along to dinner and drinks at 'The Sticky Wicket' by our Sunday opponents where they became suspiciously attentive when it came to making sure our glasses remained full. The pub itself was a perfect spot to wind down after the day, a cosy atmosphere with multiple big screens airing the England V Australia match, and an impressive collection of

Drinks cart



Thanks RSC



Royal Selangor Club



Pitch inspection





VRSC



Never took them off

memorabilia plastered all over the walls. The Pangolin boys extended their hospitality further by bringing out the guitar and encouraging a live jam in the whiskey vault which kept most entertained until late, except for Jack who was not seen for the rest of the night once he had discovered that the gents toilet was armed with an endless feed of classic cricket commentary (it actually was). Little can be recounted from the rest of the night but one mystery presented itself above all in the morning; why were H's hands so clean?

### Sunday 16th V Pangolin @ Epsom College

Some time on Sunday morning, Ian had eventually ushered all team members and luggage on to the luxury tour bus for the penultimate trip/nap of the weekend. The game was played down towards the airport at Epsom College to make the getaway easier versus Pangolin who we had beaten on the last 4 encounters.

Treated to another grass wicket, BC were challenged with the bat again first up in the 30 over bout on a narrow field. A well measured start saw off a good opening attack and eventually a solid partnership formed between Dash and Denzyl, who both rightfully crafted a half-century – retiring with a majestic reverse sweep and huge six respectively. Ben (29) and Dash (39) retained the run rate after drinks before Goti and Sarg stopped a middle order bleed and helped BC topple over the 200 mark.

After Goti had finished showing the ground what he had for dinner, BC got to work in taking a win away from KL. The hosts only managed just over half of the runs required in the end – falling victim to a versatile bowling attack with Dash taking 3-2 in 3 overs, Denzyl 1-10 in 4, Dilip a healthy 2-18 in 3, Pat 1-16 in 4, and last but not least – Jackers took 1-15 after stealing Ben's thunder and bowling Pangolin out. Early drinks were well received and the weekend was reminisced over slammers and dinner before it was time to head back to Bangkok. Bring on next year. Shamoane.



Quick nap



Slammers with Pangolin



Dash and Denzyl on their way to 50



# BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL



Bruce Madge

## BCB Fantasy Football League



For football fans and those who love lashings of frustration and anguish mixed with the odd moments of limited joy, the BCB is again running its Fantasy Premier League starting Friday, August 11th with the first encounter at 19.45 (GMT) between Arsenal and Leicester City.

A very adroit and crafty BCB FF manager won our league last season, but his/her name has been mislaid. Was it Peter something? Can't remember, but when we do we shall honour him greatly with a free pint and a pork pie. However, he may not get his hands on the trophy as the 2015/16 champ, Jess Grimshaw, was never presented with it by 2014/15 champion Carlos Jackal Fandango as he had never received it himself! Why? Dunno. Maybe it had been nicked and melted down to make an ashtray for the new Sports Bar or employed to bail out the turtle pond when it needed relining. Who knows? Who cares? It's not important as, apparently it wasn't even made of real metal; some

polyester/plastic/cotton blend sat atop some fake wood. Who wants that, really? Nobody; not a sausage. The overwhelming pride at winning such a tough and competitive league should be sufficiently and amply adequate enough. So shut up!

Last season's BCB league featured around 30 fools/suckers/victims/heroes and was so ridiculously competitive requiring such fervent focus that some managers took their own life halfway through when things didn't go their way. Tragic really, but perfectly understandable when you select Costa as your triple captain and he gets sent off after ten minutes! Enough to make anyone reach for the Xanax and vodka/tequila.



My players are crap!

If you are a BCB member and have played Fantasy Football before, you know what to do. Our league is open to all BCB members and family members and is called **British Club Bangkok 1910**. The web link is <http://fantasy.premierleague.com/>

All previous managers should automatically be reentered into the new league (even if they don't want to be – once you join once you're in for life!) as soon as their team is selected. However, if you are new to this kind of torture and need the code for the league please email [bamfmngan@gmail.com](mailto:bamfmngan@gmail.com)

Click the link, create a profile/account (It's completely free although it may cost you your life!!) and with your budget of £100 million pick a squad of 15 current EPL



*Fit for a champ!*

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 you are in.

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 in the real EPL and score you sufficient points to make you competitive in the BCB Fantasy Football League.

*FF is worse than this!**Not worth having!*

How are the points scored? They are based on how your players perform in the real EPL matches each week. Here are some examples:

Plays 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.

For 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

For every 2 goals conceded by goalkeeper/defender - minus 2 points

Own goal - minus 2 points

*Goes well with Xanax!**Triple Captain Tossler!*

Player selected as captain (regardless of whether a captain in the real EPL) - all points scored are doubled (one 'triple' captain available per season).

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 don't kill yourself when you have crap week and all your players score nuffink!

*Lovely with a drop of Vodka or Tequila!*

Enjoy!



# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

## June 2017



### The Magpie Putter

The annual match versus the Wanderers was held at the Vintage Golf Club. This was a four ball better ball format. In spite of Graham Johnston making 8 birdies, he and his partner Varghese lost their match. The overall result was a win for the Wanderers but as you can see from the photos a good time was had by all.



Birdmen



Oiling the Swing



Orchestrating The Win



Khalid and Pete – A Winning Combination



Carole Ann and James

## Medal

Staying on form Terry Davies won Flight A with a gross 75, net 67. Runner up was Gaew with a net 71.



*Terry Adding to his Medal Collection*



*On his first outing with the British Club Khalid Khan pipped James Lawden by one shot to win Flight B with a gross 93, net 70.*



*Ian Brewis – Near Pin Winner*



*Carole Ann – Ladies Long Drive Winner*

## Winning at Golf

In case you want to be as good as Terry and Khalid here is some sound advice from Thomas Kincaid in 1687:

“I found that the only way of playing at the Golfe is to stand as you do at fencing with the small sword bending your legs a little and holding the muscles of your legs and back and armes exceeding bent or fixt or stiffe and not at all slackning them in the time you are bringing down the stroak (which you readily doe)”

What could possible go wrong?



If you would like to join the golf society, we welcome players of all standards. We normally play on a Sunday and also have away weekends. For more information please contact us at [bcs.bangkok@gmail.com](mailto:bcs.bangkok@gmail.com)

# EGM

**Extraordinary General Meeting**



**Ordinary & Country Members are urged to attend.  
Mini Buffet at the Verandah from 5pm**



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**THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST 2017  
SURAWONGSE ROOM, 7PM**