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## Up in the Air

Danish gymnasts  
on a flying visit



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# MESSAGE FROM THE GM



**Jesper Doepping**  
General Manager

## Dear Members,

July was not a good month financially for the Club. In June, business had started picking up after the unrest in Bangkok, and the first 2 weeks of July looked promising, but after that the number of Members coming down to the Club dropped significantly. However, there were of course some very positive things happening in the Club as well. This year, Reed changed the concept of the sports camps, which initially appeared to be the right decision. We therefore repeated the sports camp in August, and again it has proved to be very successful, because we had somewhere between 20-25 participants daily. July's final Friday saw our first 'Music at the Pool' evening and was very well received. This will become a regular fixture and will also be combined with New Members night in future. For the management team this shows that we need more activities and events that attract Members down to the Club, even though many of their friends are away on holiday.

We are therefore currently working on producing a schedule which will show what events and activities are planned for the coming quarter, as it is our ultimate goal to have a 6 month planning horizon so our Members will know what is going on in the Club well in advance. We have changed some of our traditions a bit already; the wine-tasting will now take place on every 3rd Friday of the month, and our new regular "Music at Dusk" will feature on the 4th Friday of the month. In future we will create events both during the week and at the weekends, but any suggestions for, or contacts with, performers would be greatly appreciated.

In the close future we will be hosting both Chamber of Commerce meetings and teacher/professional nights. It is important to note that even though these events are primarily held to recruit new Members to

the Club, they are for our Members social enjoyment as well. The hosting of such events carries the intention of making your Club a central part of what is happening in Bangkok as it used to be for most of our existing Members. Seen from the perspective of recruiting new Members, one of the unique selling points is the culture of the Club, which is created by the Members themselves. One of the best ways to "sell" the Club is to bring friends and colleagues down to experience the Club or one of its events.

The service staff have now been trained in English for 6 weeks. We have deliberately chosen not to give the staff training in providing service. The reason behind this is that we believe that all our staff actually do know how to provide very high levels of service already. Furthermore, the service staff do agree that the Members do not get the service they deserve. However, in order to give the best standards of service in all our outlets, it is always assumed that you can speak the language. However most of our staff do not feel confident in speaking English and as a result many are too shy to go up and actually talk to a Member. All Members can actually experience and see this in our outlets. It becomes visible because those Members who speak in Thai get a different level of service. All our service staff are very committed to changing this, and also to changing the service levels significantly, but we need our Members' help to ensure that all our service staff become increasingly confident in speaking English so as to give better service.

We will therefore ask our Members to speak English to our staff and yes, in the next couple of months, please be patient regarding accent and pronunciation. The service staff and I promise that your patience will be rewarded with much improved service.

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

<b>The Verandah</b>	11am - 10pm		
<b>Neilson Hays Coffee Shop</b>	9am - 6pm (Tues.-Sun.)	<b>Fitness Centre</b>	6am - 10pm (Mon.-Fri.)
<b>Churchill Bar</b>	10am - 11pm	<b>Fitness Centre</b>	6am - 9pm (Sat.-Sun.)
<b>Poolside Bar</b>	6:15am - 11pm Last food orders 10pm	<b>Thai Massage</b>	9am - 5pm (Tues.-Sun.)



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# HOUSE & GROUNDS

## The monthly report on maintenance and development



The long drawn-out saga of the tennis court resurfacing continues. The asphalt was completed satisfactorily by the last week of July, and the date of 2nd August was agreed for starting the acrylic work. When 2nd August arrived it was accompanied by heavy rain. Acrylic cannot be installed in wet conditions so no start was made. On 7th August, the contractor turned up after lunch to install the black acrylic base. This was not good timing as it started raining in the late afternoon and work had to be adjourned.

After a few problems, the lights and brass plaques were added to the new noticeboards in the Clubhouse corridor and reception area. We hope the boards meet with Members approval in both aesthetic and functional aspects. The useable area of each board is twice that of the ones we have replaced. In order to complete the improvements in this part of the Clubhouse, we plan to replace the parquet flooring in the reception area where it was cut out to form a recess for the carpet. We are also looking for a company that can design and manufacture directories and small pieces of furniture which can be used for displaying information to the Members without reducing the lobby to an untidy and tacky area.



The Ladies' Changing Room is progressing on schedule and, failing unforeseen problems, should be finished earlier than the contractual completion date of 28th August. The new layout should provide a more comfortable environment. The higher entrance door will also be installed in the Men's Changing Room, once the ladies are back in their own facilities. Extraction fans have been installed in the changing areas.

We are still very busy with repair and maintenance work. The A/C in the outer Verandah is still not working properly and we now need to repair the fan coil unit. Unfortunately it is almost impossible to gain access without removing some of the ceiling. The design & build contractor obviously

didn't recognize the need to allow access to equipment. One of the A/C units in the Fitness Centre needs replacing. These two items are typical of the constant reminders that a large proportion of the equipment is already far beyond its useful life. We still have 14 old A/C units which should be replaced over the next 18 months, if we can afford to do so. Not only do they inflate our electricity bills, they also break down frequently.

Unfortunately, our aspirations to improve the front areas of the Club will have to wait. This year has not been a good one in terms of the recruitment of new Members and the revenue

we need to carry out our small development projects. For the time being, only essential repair and maintenance work will be carried out, wherever possible using our own staff. We will therefore have to live with the 'down at heel appearance' until at least next year.

There are some major issues which will need dealing with once more funds become available. The exterior of the Clubhouse is due for repainting next year;

the Suriwongse Sala roof needs replacing; the swimming pool is overdue a complete refurbishment; both of the kitchens and the Fitness Centre also need major work done, and the landscaping could do with a makeover in many areas, particularly the front lawn and the pond. The badly needed new workshop and storage facility will have to be put on the back burner for the time being so the old files occupying our office floors will have to remain there.

All of this means that we will have to keep going with the facilities we have, however old and tired they might be. It looks like we need to get out and recruit some new Members and find ways to help increase our Club's revenue.

All for now

**John Boisclair**  
Development & Facility Manager

✦ 6th September - 10th September ✦

Starters - 50 baht

Waldorf Salad

*Apples, celery, raisins and toasted walnuts tossed in mayonnaise.  
Served on a bed of lettuce OR Chef's Soup of the Day*

Main Course - 130 baht

Oatmeal Crushed Chicken Breast

*Served with pumpkin mashed, vegetables and black pepper sauce*

OR

Swedish Meatballs

*Spaghetti tossed with homemade meatballs in rich tomato sauce*

OR

Som Tum Thai

*Green Papaya Salad with roasted peanuts, tomato and spring onion*

Khai Jeaw

*Traditional Thai style omelette*

Moo Pad Prik Khing

*Stir fried sliced pork in red curry sauce*

Dessert of the Day - 50 baht

OR Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

✦ 13th September - 17th September ✦

Starters - 50 baht

Zesty Sweet Potato Mesclun Salad

*tossed with honey balsamic vinaigrette OR Chef's Soup of the Day*

Main Course - 130 baht

Trio of Mushroom and Chicken Penne

*in rich cream sauce with sautéed chicken and mushrooms  
sprinkled with cheese*

OR

Yorkshire Pork Cutlet

*Crispy breaded pork loin cutlet served with BBQ sauce*

OR

Pad Park Ruam

*Fried mixed vegetables with superior oyster sauce*

Pla Sam Rod

*Deep fried dory fish with spicy sweet sour sauce*

Massaman Gai

*Chicken in massaman curry with potato and peanuts*

Dessert of the Day - 50 baht

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# THE VERANDAH EXPRESS LUNCHEONS

# SEPTEMBER 2010

✦ 20th September - 24th September ✦

Starters - 50 baht

Greek Salad

OR

*Chef's Soup of the Day*

Main Course - 130 baht

Grilled Fish Fillet

*Fillet of Pacific dory served with vegetables, fries and tartar sauce*

OR

Minute Steak

*Grilled to perfection served with garlic mashed potatoes,  
vegetables and light brown sauce*

OR

Tom Saeb Gai Yang

*Issan-style spicy soup with roasted chicken*

Moo Pad Khing Sod

*Fried sliced pork with fresh ginger and spring onion*

Pad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo

*Stir fried bean sprout with beancurd*

Dessert of the Day - 50 baht

OR Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

✦ 27th September - 1st October ✦

Starters - 50 baht

Mushroom and Asparagus Salad

*Grilled juicy mushrooms and asparagus with olive oil  
and fresh herbs OR Chef's Soup of the Day*

Main Course - 130 baht

Chicken Parmigiana

*Thinly pounded crumbed chicken  
topped with Neapolitan sauce and cheese*

OR

Pineapple Seafood Baked Rice

*A succulent mix of seafood and pineapple chunks  
in cream sauce baked over savory rice with cheese*

OR

Gaeng Aom Nua

*Northeastern style spicy beef soup*

Si-Krong Moo Tod Gratiam

*Deep fried pork spare ribs with garlic*

Pad Woon Sen

*Stir fried glass noodles with egg*

Dessert of the Day - 50 baht

OR Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off



# F&B MORSELS



**William Ong**

## Dear Members,

"All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast" said John Gunther. Many Members have already found out that the new breakfast menu has finally been launched after a long wait. With a whole new range of breakfast dishes, you have every reason to wake up early. The rest of the menus are still in the pipeline but rest assured they will be out soon.

I have received feedback from Members that the standard of the food in the Clubhouse has shown consistent improvement over the last couple of months. I would like to thank those who contribute their feedback to me as we are dedicated to maintaining the Club's quest to be the premiere city location that it is today, providing not only

top-notch facilities for our Members, but warmth and hospitality as well.

We have had a number of celebrations this year for the Club's Centennial, and we are looking forward to more events and activities. One such event worth mentioning at this early stage is the Christmas Ball Dinner on the 11th December. Tickets for the Christmas Ball are already on sale from Reception, so pick up your tickets next time you visit, and mark it in your diary. With a host of other activities lined up, you and your family will be busy in the coming months!

I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Bon Appetit!

## Fine Dining at the Club

### September 2010



#### SET A (1st-15th September)

##### STARTERS

<b>Chef's Soup of the Day</b>	75 -
<b>Pan-Seared Watermelon</b> <i>with Wild Rocket Salad</i>	135 -
<b>Medley of Marinated Seafood</b> <i>drizzled with balsamic dressing</i>	185 -

##### MAIN COURSES

<b>Oven-Roasted Ocean Rainbow Trout</b> <i>on a bed of grilled vegetables and boiled potatoes, topped with lemon butter sauce</i>	285 -
<b>Rack of Lamb</b> <i>Pan Roasted Lamb Racks with thyme and rosemary, served with sautéed potatoes and vegetable of the day</i>	495 -
<b>Surf and Turf</b> <i>Grilled beef tenderloin steak and prawn with pan-fried potatoes and rocket salad</i>	595 -

<b>DESSERT of the Day</b>	95 -
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#### SET B (16th-30th September)

##### STARTERS

<b>Chef's Soup of the Day</b>	75 -
<b>Classic Insalata Caprese</b> <i>Roma tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella, and wild rocket salad, all drizzled with pesto dressing</i>	135 -
<b>Beef Carpaccio</b> <i>served with Mesclun Salad</i>	185 -

##### MAIN COURSES

<b>Seafood Spaghetti Aglio Olio</b> <i>freshly cooked prawns, mussels and squid, with al dente spaghetti sautéed with garlic, extra virgin olive oil and chilli padi</i>	285 -
<b>Pan-Seared Chicken Roulade</b> <i>fillet of chicken breast stuffed with bacon, shallots and mushrooms, accompanied by mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables</i>	495 -
<b>Grain-fed Tenderloin of Beef</b> <i>charcoal-grilled tenderloin of beef with confit of red onions, roast potatoes, and natural jus</i>	595 -

<b>DESSERT of the Day</b>	95 -
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# AN EGM FOR GROWTH

## Extra-ordinary General Meeting

On Tuesday 28th September 2010 the General Committee is calling an Extra-ordinary General Meeting of Ordinary and Country Members to discuss a number of matters to help the Club grow over the next decade. This article will highlight two of those areas – **Annual Membership** and **Disciplinary Procedure**.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

#### Preamble

The time of senior business men and women coming to Bangkok with full Expat packages (including a Club membership) is gone and today's average farang working in Thailand is likely to be on a one or two year contract with possible renewal, but that renewal not being known until the end of year two. Gone also are the days when joining a Club was 'the done thing', and now our Club must compete head on with an extensive bar and restaurant scene and condominium fitness centres!

In an average month we lose 15 Members who leave the country with work needs or retire home, and we need to replace them. So over the years various General Committees have come forward with a number of ideas to increase membership - last year we introduced the six year payment plan - but none of these options have made any serious inroads into addressing our losses. We think, therefore, that a radical change is required if this Club is to grow or indeed survive through this Century .... **Annual Membership**.

#### Annual Membership

We will offer, subject to Members' agreement at the EGM, a new type of membership that is exactly what it says ... an 'Annual Membership' – a single person or a family can join for a one year fixed fee, paying monthly subscriptions, and enjoy a year at our Club. This will immediately appeal to those on a one or two year contract and those who are perhaps unsure of joining a Club and want to 'give it a try'. It will also appeal, we believe, to those on local contracts where the main 66,000 Baht joining fee is seen as a hurdle, and those who are retiring here who see it as a barrier. Many Clubs in Asia now operate this type of membership.

The membership will be open to all nationalities (subject to the usual rules on quotas) and all ages (over 21 years of age of course). This will be a non-voting type of membership with no rights to vote, propose new Members, attend General Meetings, stand for General Committee or go absent as enjoyed by full Members.

#### Renewal & Limits

Part of this new 'Annual Membership' is the ability to renew the membership if their contract is renewed, and we have also added in a clause that if they are to stay more permanently in Thailand than originally thought they can pay to convert to a full membership, and if they stay for six years it will automatically convert to a full membership. As the Annual Membership is already subject to our quota system, any conversion to full membership will not upset

the balance. Those on the current 6-year plan will be given an opportunity to convert to this new scheme.

Although it will be priced more than the pro-rata standard joining fee with the usual 50% discount for those under 30 years of age, the General Committee is, of course, aware that this could become too popular and thus a numerical limit will be set for those who can hold Annual Membership at any one time.

#### Rule Changes

At the EGM we will need to amend rules 42, 42 and 48 – details will be sent out in the Calling Notice.

#### Exciting challenge

The core of our Club will always be the long term Member, in fact we have over 120 Members with 20 years of membership under their belt and hundreds over 10 years, but we live in a changing world and we must rise to the challenge of keeping the Club prospering in this new environment, and what an exciting challenge this will be!

### DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

#### Preamble

Although quite rare, there are occasions when behaviour of Members and/or staff can be inconducive to the well-being of the Club, yet the Club has no working procedure on how to deal with these matters. This has lead to each General Committee dealing with different cases in different ways and matters not receiving what others have perceived as equal or fair or transparent treatment. In the past, one case of a bar prank saw a Member suspended whilst another case of violence on site (which lead to the police being called) received not even a warning. This new procedure seeks to address such inconsistencies.

A Working Group set out last year to introduce a uniform, transparent, and fair code of practice, and this year we have concluded this work and are bringing it to Members at an EGM.

#### Disciplinary Code

The new procedure sets out a reporting protocol, an investigative protocol and the allocation of offences, if proven, into five categories with an appropriate level of punishment.

# AN EGM FOR GROWTH

Under the reporting protocol, any Member may register a complaint about another Member to either the Duty Manager, the General Manager or formally to the Chairman of the General Committee, and similarly any staff member may register a complaint about a Member with any member of the Management team.

All Complaints shall be registered in a log, the Chairman of the General Committee informed, and an investigation of the circumstances instigated by the General Manager. If the case warrants it, a Disciplinary Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, or any other officer, and two other members of the General Committee shall be formed to review the case and put a report to the General Committee.

Cases will be matched against five new levels of offence: 'Actual physical violence' and 'threatened physical violence' which will both warrant dismissal or suspension; 'Verbal abuse' which will warrant a written warning, and 'Inconsiderate behaviour disturbing other Members' and 'Infringement of bylaws' both of which will also warrant a written or verbal warning.

If a Member believes they have been unfairly treated, we have also set up an appeals procedure. The General Committee also reserves the right to call an EGM to expel a Member (see 'Past Participle' in July's Outpost for an example).

There is also a new procedure laid down for complaints against staff and against management in order to comply with the Labour Protection Acts of 2541 and 2551.

The General Committee feels that this sets out a level playing field for all subsequent General Committees to manage disciplinary matters against Members and staff. It is also our hope that now the boundaries have been set in writing, Members will give a second thought ahead of creating any conflict.

## Rule Changes

At the EGM we will need to amend rule 69 and introduce a new set of bylaws – details will be sent out in the Calling Notice.

## Exciting challenge

People may ask what has a disciplinary procedure to do with growth? Well, just as you need fertilisers for your roses, you also need weedkiller! Incidents of bad behaviour in the past have reduced other Members' enjoyment of our Club, but as I said at the start of this article, thankfully these incidents are rare.

**Paul Cheesman**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**The British Club Bangkok**

## Just for the Ladies

No one knows better than a woman herself just how her body changes as she makes her way through the different stages of life – puberty, young adulthood, childbirth, menopause and the maturity of old age. At the Women's Health Centre at BNH Hospital Dr. Wiboon Kamolpornwijit and his team understand that their patients, who range in age from little miss to great grandma, need expert advice and holistic care for the whole range of female healthcare issues.



"We have a philosophy of 'whole life care' at BNH in which we seek to guide women through all the developments and healthcare changes they will face. We practice a multi-disciplinary approach that provides our patients with comprehensive consultation by a team of specialists who can identify problems in the early stages when treatment is simpler and more effective. At BNH you can be sure you have a life partner to ensure your good health" says Dr. Wiboon, Director of the Women's Health Centre.

Peace of mind goes a long way in the maintenance of good health and many generations of grandmothers, mothers and grand-daughters have benefited from the comprehensive care available at BNH. Whether planning to have children, preparing for childbirth, adapting to conditions such as osteoporosis and hot flashes as menopause approaches, or seeking advice on conditions such as urinary infections and cancers which may develop in later life, BNH has the expert knowledge and experience to help.

Based around the EndoLITE Centre and the Menses Care Clinic and with sub-speciality fields including fetal health, menopause, bone health, urinary care and cancer care & prevention, the BNH Women's Health Centre utilizes state-of-the-art equipment and the latest in medical techniques and procedures. "If a patient is diagnosed with an abdominal problem for example, we will run through all the possibilities with the input of colleagues such as gastroenterologists, oncologists and urologists. If surgery is considered necessary we can first take a look through endoscopic diagnosis by performing Laparoscopy, a procedure in which a lighted scope is inserted through a tiny

incision in the abdomen to examine and retrieve tissue samples for biopsy. Many follow-up procedures can then be performed by keyhole surgery" explains Dr. Wiboon.

Such surgical techniques are minimally invasive meaning that patients suffer less pain and stress. The recovery time from such procedures is also very quick, patients are often up-and-about just days after surgery and there is no longer the need for prolonged hospitalisation. In such cases BNH's team of experts will include 3 doctors – a gynaecologist, a gastro-intestinal specialist and a general surgeon, meaning that patients receive the best possible care and attention.

"Our Women's Health Centre is one of the leading women's health care providers in Asia," says Dr. Wiboon. "We form long term relationships with our patients and pride ourselves in knowing their medical history so that we can guide them through life with the minimum of fuss."

From initial consultation, through diagnosis and treatment and on to post-operative care, the concept of the family doctor is still highly valued at BNH and nowhere is that more apparent than at the hospital's Women's Health Centre.

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# PI GYMNASTICS VISIT TO THE BRITISH CLUB

Sarah and Ged Allan had organised that the Danish Rhythm Gymnastics & Tumbling team would give a show and a workshop at the British Club. The tradition of Danish Rhythm & Tumbling Gymnastics goes back more than 100 years. The founders of the Danish Gymnastics tradition emphasised the social framework and the way they taught and created workshops are based on very strong democratic principles. However, the Danish gymnastic club social aspect also very quickly made them the place where many Danes found their future spouse.

Among Danish gymnasts there is an 80 year long tradition for travelling out into the world and presenting Danish gymnastics and culture. The idea behind the travels had very clear goals. It was always intended as travel that should both broaden the horizon and develop the individual gymnast, but at the same time to promote training ideals based on an inclusive, non competitive, and democratic way of exercising.

As the pictures show the British Club members and the children both saw the result and had the possibility to participate in training and workshop sessions, which many really enjoyed.





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# *Christmas Day Luncheon*

*Saturday December 25th 2010*

*The Verandah Restaurant & Churchill Bar*

*Buffet 950 baht/person 450 baht/children under 12 years*

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*Please sign up at Reception*

# Open Night

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# MUSIC AT DUSK, NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

We are reintroducing the New Members Night on every 4th Friday of the month, backed with Music At Dusk. The stage and the band will be in the garden or at the poolside, depending on the season and the day's weather, and the evening will start from 6:30pm. The musicians and style of music will be changed from time to time, so keep an eye open for this therapeutic way of ending a tough week's work.

Our first evening in July was a more jazz orientated session, and the second evening most recently was pure soul, with cover versions of Marvin Gaye, Otis Redding, the Rolling Stones, James Brown, Wilson Pickett and Tom Jones amongst others. In the near future we will have both Brit-pop and Rock evenings.

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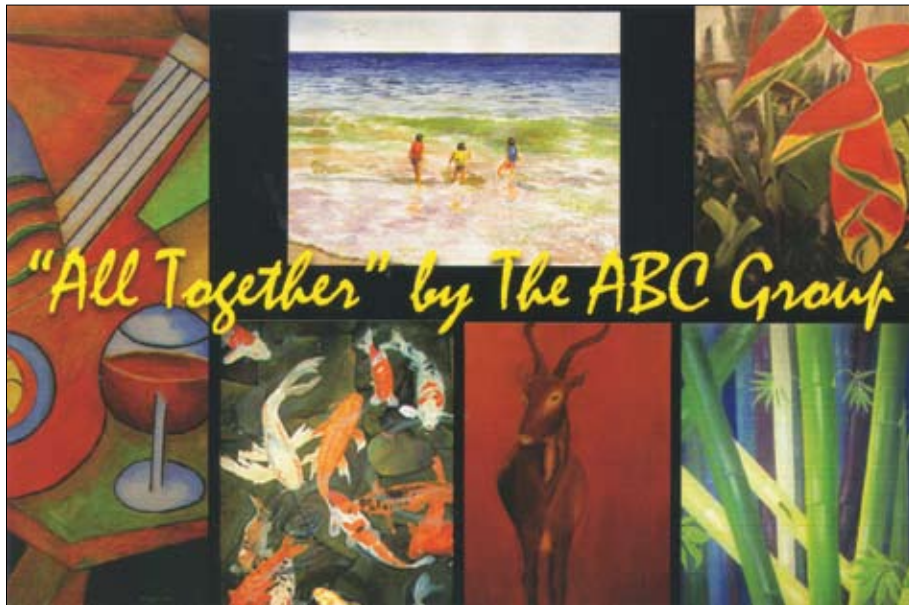
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*A monthly peek into our rulebook for things you probably did not know!*



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# THE BRIDGE BUNCH

## Who's Who, Who does What, and Who gets on with Whom

By Martin Carter

**Jeremy:** Bridge Section President and Member of the British Club General Committee, Jeremy is an accountant by profession, and the master exponent of creating a double entry into Dummy. His deep finesses and trump leads continue to astound. Brought up on point counts and percentages he has developed a technique of outguessing his opponents which, to be a success, assumes rationality on their part. His losses, he complains, are due to his opponents' poor bidding or insanity. As the Master of the Negative Inference, Jeremy disappears at weekends so as to further confuse the Computer Rankings.

**Winlock:** Bridge Treasurer and Tipstaff, Outstanding Personality and Computer Guru, Winlock collects our dues, keeps the score, and assigns stray players into new partnerships. Finding a partner for a new player, no matter how hopeless she or he may be, keeps Winlock amused. Having missed out on a Military Career, he yearns for a new recruit to admonish.

**Martin:** Bridge Secretary. Rarely knowing what he is doing or why, Martin regularly comes at the bottom of the Tournament Rankings with whomsoever he may be paired. His explanation is that he is new to the Game; an excuse he thinks he can get away with for about ten years in a City the size of Bangkok. He seems intelligent for a lawyer.

**Charlene:** Fashion Icon. Coming from a mathematics background, Charlene is known for her exceptional intellectual capacity, her fluency in languages including English, Thai and Mandarin, and her sense of style!



Jeremy giving prizes to Mixed Pairs

Having thrown away her crystal ball, Charlene maintains a running count of the values of Court Cards played by the defenders, which she deducts in her head from the values indicated by the bidding, thereby instantly placing missing cards. Having a familiarity with all major conventions, she isn't bamboozled by swanky bidding. Much sought-after as a Bridge Partner or as a companion on shopping trips to Shanghai.

**Mike:** Tournament Director. Having the distinction of speaking with a melodious voice, Mike encourages fair play without accusing those caught actually cheating. His rulings are generally considered diplomatic but too lenient by Winlock, who would love to bring back the lash. Mike's view is that anyone who plays bridge is a jolly fine fellow. When he isn't recruiting new members for his Secret Society, he is planning his next international golfing holiday.

**Maud:** Our Charming Lady from the Netherlands has been playing Bridge for yonks. She is a long time Bangkok resident, having lived here since 1947. Her language skills are extensive, speaking German, French, English, Thai, Indonesian and her native Dutch. If you enjoy Bridge and speak French, or for that matter anything else, then Maud would be happy to play Bridge with you.

**Leo:** An affable and gentlemanly type of fellow with a sense of humour much liked by the ladies, Leo idles away the daylight hours playing Bridge at most Bangkok venues. His Bridge would improve if he ceased memorizing operatic scores during tournaments and noted the esoteric messages in Mike's discarded Court Cards.

**Geraldine:** Our stately Great Grand Mother with an Irish lilt is a regular attendee at the Sunday afternoon Bridge sessions. Now in her vintage years, Geraldine maintains a high level of card concentration and seems to know what everyone else will do, except for Martin who does something else. Having made a career out of cruising the world's oceans, playing Bridge and nursing the seasick and hung-over, her medical training can prove invaluable.

**Geoff:** Has been considering taking up Bridge at least since his undergraduate days at Balliol but has never found the time. Although forbidden to do so by Jeremy, Geoff has been secretly reading Bridge Books and formulating a Bridge algorithm. His computer program, when written, should calculate all probabilities taking into account both bidding and card play, by being a fully integrated and automated system. If he should ever start playing Bridge, you will recognise him sitting opposite a Robot.



Young & Old

**London Bridge Tournament Results.**

The BCB Bridge Section hosted the Annual London Bridge Tournament on 4th July with the following results:

**LONDON BRIDGE  
4th July 2010**

Awards	Names
Bobey	Sally & Niels
Average (50%)	Piya & Ariya
Women	Rochelle & Farida
Mixed	Manthane & Toht
Senior (combined age 120 yrs)	Dr. Prasart & Prasert
2nd runner up	Kiatchai & Hiran
1st runner up	Surawit & Montri
Winner	Charles & Supote



Look at me when I'm talking to you....we're coming last!



Prize giving to Senior Pairs

**General Prizes,  
4th July 2010**

Category	Names
A) Top Attendance January - June 2010	1) Prarop (17 times)
B) Bridge Ladder July - December, 2009 (at least 50% attendance)	3) Prasert (55.17%) 2) Hanne (56.34%) 1st) Dr. Apithai (57.0%)



Winners of London Bridge 2010



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# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspicium Melioris Ævi*

By Paul Cheesman



We continue our peek into the Club's past with a look at events of 1955 ...

**1** Our Club's links with the Royal Navy have been well documented in this series, but 1955 was a bumper year with three ships visiting in March, followed by visits from the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal New Zealand Navy in June, the Colombian Navy (being hosted by the British embassy) in July and the Pakistan Navy in November – a grand total of 1,000 officers and ratings were entertained to Tiffin.

The Royal Navy ships were our old favourites HMS Alert (K647), a Bay Class frigate, together with HMS Modeste (F42) and HMS Opossum (F33) both originally Black Swan class sloops now redefined as frigates. The plaque presented to the Club by the Captain of HMS Opossum still graces the Churchill Bar wall (hint – it is above the car park corner window).

**2** Early in 1955, Changwat Krungthep (the provincial authority) decided to upgrade Suriwongse Road into a more durable roadway. The work took months as they heightened the road and built a new bridge over Khlong Chong Nonsi. As a result the Club's Suriwongse Gate was out of use for many months with Members having to enter and leave by the Silom Gate only. The end result was an awkward 'bump' to exit onto the 'new' Suriwongse Road!

**3** April 1955 was due to have seen the retirement of our Permanent Assistant Secretary, Mr Mottet, after five years service but sadly he died just before his retirement presentation was due. The Club financed his funeral and gave his retirement gifts and funds to his widow.

Sadly the Club also lost its first Honorary Member in November 1955 when Brigadier Victor Jacques died. An account of his service to the Club can be found in the December 2009 edition of Past Participle.

**4** The evening of 27th May witnessed an event of great excitement amongst Club Members as a 'receiving set' (radio) was borrowed and installed in the Bar in order that Members could listen to the UK General Election results as they came in. A special Steak & Kidney supper was laid on and "many Members" stayed long into the night.

The event was deemed a success so the Club purchased its own radio set and it was placed in the Rotunda Room (Wordsworth Lounge as is now) so that Members could tune in as and when they wished.



***Our longest serving plaque!***

**5** In mid November 1955, in fact at the General Committee meeting of 11th of that month, a young man from the Borneo Company became a Member of the Club, his name was Dacre F A Raikes. Dacre is still a Club Member some 55 years later – our third longest serving Member!

The author is currently Honorary Secretary of the Club.

# BC CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2010

## MONDAY



30

On this day in 1835, Melbourne was founded.

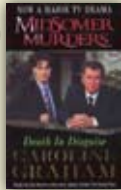
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**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**

*Death in Disguise*  
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



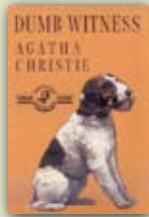
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**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**

*Dumb Witness*  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



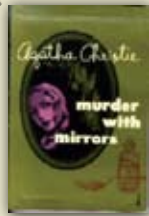
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**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**

*They do it with Mirrors*  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



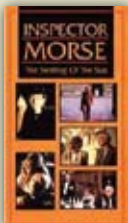
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**Tennis Mix-In**  
6pm-10pm



**Monday Night Club**

*The Settling of the Sun*  
Wordsworth Lounge  
7pm



## TUESDAY



31

Globally acclaimed singer song-writer Van Morrison was born in 1945.

7

**Ladies Mix-In**  
9 am



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



**Quiz Night**

Sponsored by  
Tetleys Smooth Flow  
The Verandah 7:30pm



14

**Ladies Mix-In**  
9 am



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



**Football Mix-In**  
7pm



21

**Ladies Mix-In**  
9 am



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



**Football Mix-In**  
7pm



28

**Ladies Mix-In**  
9 am



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



**Football Mix-In**  
7pm



## WEDNESDAY

**Paella & Sangria Special**

All day

1

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



**BCB Balut Shield Awards Night**

6pm-10pm



**Gourmet Dinner**

The Verandah 7pm

8

**Paella & Sangria Special**

All day



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



15

**Paella & Sangria Special**

All day

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



22

**Paella & Sangria Special**

All day



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



29

**Paella & Sangria Special**

All day

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



## THURSDAY

**Ladies Mix-In**  
9 am

**"All Together Now"**  
Artists at the British Columbia  
Neilson Hays Library  
6pm Launch

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

**Ladies Mix-In**  
9 am

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

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5pm-7pm


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

**THURSDAY**

**2**

**" Exhibition**  
Club




**9**




**16**



**23**



**30**




**FRIDAY**

**3**


**Curry Buffet**  
The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

**Junior Tennis**

**Rugby Vets**  
Back Lawn  
Meet & Greet 6pm




**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm-10pm



**10**


**Jamie Oliver Buffet**  
The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

**Junior Swimming**



**Open Night**  
Back Lawn 6pm


**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm-10pm




**17**

**South East Asian Buffet**  
The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

**Junior Swimming**



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



**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm-10pm



**24**

**Italian Buffet with Live Pasta Station**  
The Verandah  
Lunch and Dinner

**Junior Swimming**



**Tennis Mix-In**  
7pm-10pm




**Music At Dusk**  
Poolside 6.30pm




**SATURDAY**

**4**


**Junior Tennis**




**Rugby Vets Day**  
Bangkok Patana School  
11am



**Junior Netball**  
3pm



**Rugby**  
South Africa vs Australia  
Bloemfontein 10pm



**11**

**Junior Swimming**



**Junior Netball**  
3pm



**Rugby**  
Australia vs New Zealand  
Sydney 3pm



**Junior Cricket**  
4pm-6pm



**18**

**Junior Swimming**



**Junior Netball**  
3pm



**Tennis**  
BC vs Le Smash  
3pm



**Junior Cricket**  
4pm-6pm



**25**

**Junior Swimming**



**A.F.L.**  
Grand Final  
11am



**Junior Netball**  
3pm



**Junior Cricket**  
4pm-6pm




**SUNDAY**


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**Sunday Carvery**  
The Verandah Lunch only


**Bridge**  
Surawongse Room  
2:30pm



**Yoga**  
3 pm




**Junior Cricket**  
4pm-6pm




**12**

**Sunday Carvery**  
The Verandah Lunch only


**Bridge**  
Surawongse Room  
2:30pm



**Yoga**  
3 pm




**Junior Cricket**  
4pm-6pm




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**Sunday Carvery**  
The Verandah  
Lunch only


**Bridge**  
Surawongse Room 2:30pm



**Yoga**  
3 pm




**Football**  
Family 4-a-side 3pm




**26**

**Sunday Carvery**  
The Verandah Lunch only

**Yoga**  
3 pm



**Junior Cricket**  
4pm-6pm



**MISSING !!**

**Folders containing copies of Outpost for 1997, 2004 and 2005 are currently missing from the Club Archive - if anyone knows of their whereabouts, please contact the GM.**

# HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge

They said it couldn't be done. That the Club could not put out field sports teams because its Members are too old! But at an AGM in September, a committee was elected to establish "a 100% BC Members Cricket Section, to play social cricket as gentlemen". Young Jack Dunford is Chairman, Vaughan McClear Captain, Andrew Spedding Vice-Captain, Nick Mellor Secretary, and Dale Lamb Treasurer.

And done it we did! Regular practices were held throughout the season in the Club's beautiful refurbished nets, match and practice kits were carried in by Vaughan from India, newly designed Club hats and shirts were donned and 6 matches were played (so far) with 23 players turning out. Two new Members joined the Club just to play cricket, with another pending. The section was generously encouraged and supported by the General Committee and the Landmark Hotel who sponsored the shirts.

And here's a rundown on the season so far, based on score sheets where available and fuzzy memories where not:

## Southern Swans, 22nd January:

Feeling like naughty schoolboys playing truant, first up was a Friday afternoon T20 match against the visiting Southern Swans, BCB's first ever match on the pleasant Harrow School fields, made even more pleasurable by sneaking out of work on a Friday afternoon. Batting in the dark we pushed close but fell short of the Swans' 123 for 9 by 15 runs, finishing on 108 for 5. Nick White (1 for 9), Patrick Sanoon (2-30), George (2- 9), Jack Dunford (1-28) and Dale Lamb (2-19) all got wickets and both Joss Dimock and Dale Lamb retired after quick-fire 25's. Speddo (14) and Haroon (13\*) contributed double figures, but some rusty running and far too many extras let the side down in a match that should have been won.

**Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club, 30/31st January:** These tours date back to 1982 and after a break in the 90's this was the 10th consecutive visit

in pursuit of the Dick Wood Cup. This was a popular family weekend and this year 40 cricketers, squash and tennis players made the trip. Squash beat CMGC for the second year running and tennis ... err ... had a good time.

With a large squad we invited CMGC to provide half a dozen players to make up numbers to play a practice cricket match on the Saturday, and as usual this was a very entertaining affair. The surprise stars were Chris Clifford beefing 30 retired, and Reed Passmore, claiming to be playing his first ever cricket match, taking a wicket with his first ball, two in the over, and then standing baseball fashion, statuesque and helmeted, fearlessly bashing the ball all over the place for a rapid 30 without once moving his feet ... other than an extraordinary 10 yard backward sprint when the bowler bowled one at his legs. I've no idea who won but everyone enjoyed a great barbecue and beer that evening under the famous tree, the tennis ladies this year excelling at fuzzy duck and fizz-buzz.

Selection that night for the DWC, never easy, proved so difficult that some Members weren't even aware they had been picked until roused from their beds after the toss on Sunday morning. We had a strong team and for once "Plan A" worked. Our three star batsmen, Nick White (40\*), Vaughan (41\*) and Speddo (45\*) all retired after scoring their 40 not outs and, being able to return if the others got out, almost guaranteed a big total. As it turned out they weren't even needed as everyone else also chipped in, Chris



Spot the bat



Speddo cuts loose



Duncan misses



Marc attack





continuing his imperious form with yet another thumping 37, George with 16 and Colin 14\*. 217-3 off 35 overs was a handy total.

Nick White (1-24) and Patrick (1-13) both took early wickets to put CMGC under pressure, but young Tong took advantage of some erratic bowling and they were rattling along at 82-2 after just 10 overs. But then Marc (2-26), Duncan (impressive 2-9 off 6) and David (amazing, bending the ball like the proverbial banana, 3-8 off 4) bowled miserly spells. Only 13 runs came off the next 10 overs with 4 wickets falling including a steepling catch taken by Speddo which the bookies fancied at about 20/1 against. George (1-10) chipped in and CMGC collapsed to 120 all out. This was a great victory, the only one of the season as it turned out, and there were many cameo performances. Colin Hastings attracted most derision by somehow persuading the skipper to field him permanently in the shade whilst everyone else burnt in the sun. The vodka slammers were particularly sweet this year.

#### **Horseshoe Point, 20th/21st February**

: Yet another first ... not only BCB's first visit to Horseshoe Point but the first ever cricket match played at this equestrian oasis in Pattaya. It was another terrific family weekend with about 25 Members and families tagging along. The squashes pulled off another impressive victory and the tennis players ... err... played with themselves which they seem very good at.

The cricket team was missing a few stars but, batting first in a T20 game on the Saturday, made a reasonable hash of it, scoring about 110, mainly thanks to skipper Dale blasting several 6's, retiring, and coming back for more when everyone else was out. At drinks, HSP were struggling at 50 something for 6, Jack Dunford having inspired a mini-collapse with a couple of donkey droppers, with Chris Clifford scooping a couple of great running catches and contributing a sharp run out from the deep, Phil Alexander bamboozling everyone with some genuine leg-breaks, but it was all in vain. Skipper Simon Philbrook of Lancashire CC fame had kept himself back and in the end HSP had little problem knocking off the runs.

The whole gang stayed at HSP and enjoyed festivities around the pool until late, strengthened in the morning by Vaughan and Joss arriving from Bangkok. HSP had put up a trophy... the "Simon and Jack HSP trophy" ... to be played for over thirty five overs ... and hopefully for many years. No,

**Well batted son**



**Reed connects**



**Ours again**



**Simon & Jack Trophy**



**HSP first**





Squash anyone



Chris whacks it



Shameless in the shade



James throws up



The gallery



Skipper leads the charge

I don't have the score sheet and whilst Joss had a decent knock of 20+, none of our stars was able to get near the 40 retirement figure. There were some pretty awful shots from the middle order who fell like nine-pins and we ended up with a wholly inadequate 130 or so, the only memorable shot being a massive 6 over the tents when Haroon connected with one of his two ball innings.

HSP lost a few wickets, Joss and Chris, again, took great catches, Patrick bowled his heart out and Phil broke a rib ... but they romped home with about 5 wickets and ten overs to spare to get their names first on the trophy. HSP is a great venue, they looked after us well, drew in a crowd, and this will surely be a regular fixture, maybe even twice a year.

**British Club Singapore, 6th March:** Just about everyone was available for this 30 over match at Harrow School, and we put out a pretty strong team, even loaning Jack and Alex to the visitors. Batting first Joss (37) and Nick (36) got BC off to a great start and both Speddo (22) and Sailesh (26\*) chipped in, with contrasting styles ... fast and furious ... stylish and sedate. But the rest somehow lost the plot, skipper Vaughan leading the way with a bizarre "I'll wait here while you take the bails off" run out, Colin and Neil both getting stumped for no reason at all, leaving BC on a respectable but slightly disappointing 142 for 8.

BCS were slow getting going, with Speddo (1-9 off 6) bowling brilliantly and Anthony taking 2 for 18 at the other end. But gradually they got on top, assisted by some fairly spectacular dropped catches, running out winners by 4 wickets with 7 balls to spare. This was another game that could have been won, but everyone enjoyed Khun Laak's curry back at the Club

and enough had been done to get invited back to Singapore later this year.

**Marshall Trophy vs RBSC:** This trophy has been played for back to 1962, and after a gap of many years we arranged to play for it again on no less than three occasions, only to be cancelled each time. The hope is to play this as a season opener in November.

We will be playing two matches in Singapore during another family weekend at the end of August, but our record of played 6, lost 5 is harsh judgment on this first season. However, enough has been done to whet the appetite and there will be a Cricket Section AGM at the Club on Tuesday 14th September to plan for the 2010/11 season.

### Cricket Section AGM, Wednesday 15th September 7.00pm at BC

This season section membership was by word of mouth, but next season we hope to play more matches with tours again to Chiang Mai, Pattaya and Singapore ... with new possibilities in Phuket, Hua Hin and Kanchanaburi.

**We need more cricketers ... especially people who want to have fun playing social cricket ... and all Club Members are invited to attend.**



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# SPORT & LEISURE



Dear Members,

What a great summer break! The Sports Camps were the busiest ever, and I had the best holiday ever. You can't ask for more than that!

**Sports Camps:** Over the summer break we ran 2 sports camps with over 30 children on the first camp and 20 plus on the second. Well done to all the staff, and thank you to all the great children for making these days fun and active. Everyone was busy, from cooking, tennis, swimming, water polo and many other activities. We will be running a sports camp over the next mid-term school break.

**Junior Netball:** The Thailand Tigers will be running the junior programme in September and October, with some of the best coaches (and players) in Asia.

Saturday afternoons at 3pm. Sign up in the Fitness Centre.

**Junior Cricket:** Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 4pm - Meet at the cricket nets.

**Junior Swimming Lessons:** Swimming lessons start again on the last weekend of August and carry on until December.

**Junior Activities:** Just a reminder that every Friday we show children's movies on the big screen in the Silom Sala. These movie nights are supervised by B.C Staff. Great for a Friday wind down.

## Events:

**Family Football Day:** 19th Sept. 3pm start. Family football rules.

**Amazing Race Bangkok:** 23rd Oct: 10am You have seen the TV show, now try it for real! A one-day event. Children can participate with adult supervision. This is a fun day out, and you also get to see and perform some activities in beautiful Bangkok. Travel by boat, Tuk-Tuk, foot and car to complete numerous tasks ... I can't tell you anymore, but it's really good!

**Fight Night III:** 26th Nov - 7pm. The first 2 events were sold out with many people arriving on the night being turned away. So purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Ringside tickets and Grandstand tickets are available, and make the event far more exciting.



# TENNIS



Dear Members,

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed some time off over June and July for summer holidays or winter break.

Over the next 3 months we will have a lot of tennis activities for Juniors, Ladies and all the Tennis Section. It is important that you sign up for the events as many will have a maximum limit and it would be sad if you came to play and the event was full, so sign up now and be on time!

**US Open Final Extravaganza:** 12th Sept: 4-7pm.  
Handicap doubles event.

**British Club vs Le Smash:** 18th Sept: 3pm.  
The Home match of our home and away competition. We won the Away match by one point, so this should be another great day of tennis. With Buffet and drinks.

**Ladies Mix-In:** 28th Sept: 9-11am.  
This is a social event for all the ladies. Wine, Cheese and a trophy.

**Thai Open:** 3rd Oct:  
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# SQUASHY BITS

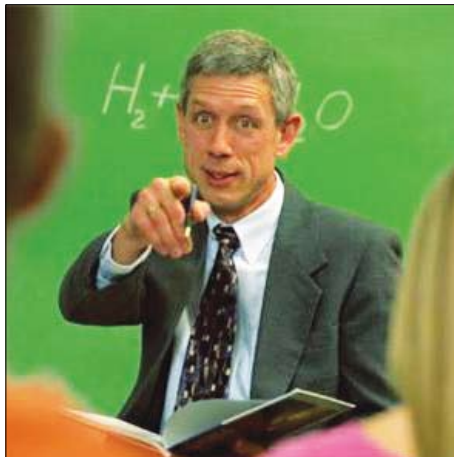
By Bruce Madge [b\\_madge@hotmail.com](mailto:b_madge@hotmail.com)



## I FIND THIS ASTONISHING! YOU'RE AMAZING! THIS IS ASTOUNDING!

Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Anyway, a little while ago some outsiders entered the Club so we played some games of squash with them.

First were the teachers from the Bangkok Pattana School.



Now, Captain 'Smelly Evans' thought it'd be a wonderful idea to have them over for a return team-match halfway through our Club Championships. Why? 'Cos he's a bit dim. They are welcome anytime we're free, but Neil bizarrely arranges the match for the Monday before the quarter-finals, that is to say, on a day when none of us are really interested in playing. But play we had to.

Having now dragged us into this ill-timed fixture, Captain Marvel spent about four days agonising and agonising over the team selection to the extent he drove me and H to label him the 'Worst Person in the World'. He even bored his 6 year old son, Ryan, to death with his constant changes and fretting. In the end, I was brought in to simplify things and assist him in finalising his line-up, and this is what I advised him via SMS: "Drop Haroon and play Chris at no.1, and yourself at 2. Put Dean at 3, but if Marc arrives before him, move Dean to 5, Chris to 2 and yourself to 1, with Marc moving to 3. But if Marc and Dean arrive at the same time, keep Chris at 1, slide Dean to 4 and Marc to 5, and bring J.Lo up to 3 with Rit moving from sub to 2, and yourself to 7 behind Shiraz at 8. Now then, to further simplify things, drop Shiraz and bring in Bob at 2 with everyone else sliding down the order accordingly. And to confuse the opposition while

keeping things nice and easy for the BCB, make Bob play covered in brown boot polish and wearing an 'All-Summer's-Bin-Largeing-It' mask so the Pattana teachers believe it's still Shiraz. Finally, to round things off, keep all the courts locked with the lights off and have our players hide in the bogs so the Pattana teachers think they've turned up on the wrong day!"



Did he heed any of this sage advice? Of course not, as he's too dim. It mattered not one wit though, as we beat the teachers 6-2 with just the unfortunate J.Lo being bullied 3-1 by traitor Charles, and Captain Calamity getting, not surprisingly, totally spanked 3-0 by Pattana's Andy. Serves him right! Usual excellent curry buffet and beers afterwards with Neil offering a thank-you speech that included the word 'good' about eleven times. More appropriate would have been his resignation!



Anyway, the teachers had been here on a few previous occasions so this time it was their turn to pay for the dinner. To that end, they handed me, as Section Treasurer, 5K, which I stuffed in my wallet and spent later that night in PatPong on beer and entertainment.





Next up were the Banana, or Pineapple, or Coconut Club from Phuket. Might even be the Tropicana Club. No one can be sure. And yes, you guessed it, Neilly, in his infinite wisdom, had arranged for them to come on another ridiculously inconvenient day, being the very day after the Club Championship finals. What's he on? Can't be anything good! Luckily, however, we managed to persuade him to put the date back to the following Saturday. So the following Saturday came and six of us turned out to play and triumphed 4 matches to 2 with only Rit narrowly losing by a game, yet with 'Good-Heavens-It's-Evans' once again on the end of another deserved thrashing. As with the Pattana mob, these Southern Fruits had enjoyed our phenomenal hospitality previously, so were obliged to come up with some dosh to help cover the lager, chips and gravy bill. This they did very generously, and without complaint, by handing me, as Section Treasurer, 3K, which I stuffed in my wallet and spent later that night in Soi Cowboy on beer and entertainment.



Moving along to the return of Ross from KL. He brought along a few players he'd picked up in a Malaysian adult contact magazine; he meets all

his new friends via that medium. Well, there were only three, plus himself, with one of them unable to play. Not much of a match there so just a mix-in was organised. Nothing to report on that as it was a rather dull affair on a cloudy, drizzly afternoon. Finally, as these chaps had never been to the Club before, we couldn't really ask them to pay for any of the massive amounts of grub and beer they wolfed down so we put it all on Ross' bill! That evening I had to spend my own money in Soi Nana on beer and entertainment.

Photos: Well, you've seen the teachers and Phuket players before; most of you know how ugly Ross was, or still is, and the other KL lads weren't anything to shout about so I've improvised once again.

Next month's pack of lies and half-truths will include a report from the Handicap Trophy/Shield/Cup/Plate/Bowl/Saucer/Ashtray/Beer Mat/Pepper Pot, maybe a summary of a Singapore Soirée, tales of Gandhi's King's Cup triumph, and post-11pm quotes from Swampy.

Until the end of the World.....



P.S. With immediate effect, Neil Evans has been sacked as the Squash Section Captain. If you think you could do a better job (wouldn't be difficult, would it?) apply to Corn Flour at the usual address. Cheers.

*Ordinary and Country Members are reminded that there is an*

## **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

*On Tuesday 28th September 2010 at 7pm in the Suriwongse Room*

The EGM has been called for Members to approve three sets of constitutional changes: one of which is required by the Thai authorities, and two others from the General Committee on a proposed Disciplinary Procedure and on a new scheme for Annual Membership.

**Your support for this meeting is sought.**

# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn

## Stableford Competition, President Country Club : Sunday 4th July 2010



It was a small, but nonetheless cheerful group of golfers who turned out for this month's Stableford event at President GC. This is a course we seldom play, but it has some delightful scenery and interesting holes, the last being especially easy on the eye (1).

Our guests included Matt Chevis and Peter and Meena Reilly. Our late start was rewarded with a nearly empty course and relatively cool weather, especially on the back nine holes. The rain thoughtfully stayed away for a change!

Scoring proved to be slightly difficult, given that we were required to play the Blue yardage – a bit of an ordeal for those of us who are not up there with the big hitters. Due to the low numbers involved, two separate competitions were held; an 'all in' and another for the BCGS members. With all rounds completed, our small band of players gathered in the clubhouse to enjoy a well earned rest, some cool refreshments and for the presentation of awards (2).



With the grand total of 30 points (I said scoring was difficult), the 'all in' winner was Matt Chevis. Matt was particularly successful on the day as he also achieved the longest putt and near pin prizes. Perhaps he should turn out more often!

Our own David Lamb came out on top in the BCGS group scoring 29 points. Unfortunately his reward, a choice 'Chardonnay', went astray somewhere en route and David was left to celebrate his victory with the nearest thing that came to hand. He looks cheerful enough though!! (3).



## Magpie Putter, Bangkok Golf Club : Sunday 11th July 2010

The 'Magpie Putter' is an annual event contested between the BCGS and the Wanderers GS. This competition has been running for at least 20 years and in that time honours have been fairly even. Presently the trophy is held by the BCGS. The format for this year's competition was the always enjoyable pairs matchplay/scramble. Turnout was better than expected with each side fielding 10 teams.

Leading us off on the first tee in fine conditions was the Captain and Steve W (4), who eventually ran out winners of their match to record the first point for the holders. This trend continued throughout, and in the end the BCGS



recorded a comfortable win by 7 matches to 3.

As always the matches were competitive but friendly and



afterwards everyone gathered for much needed refreshments and the usual good natured banter (5).

The highlight of the show was the presentation of the "Putter" by



the Wanderers GS Captain David O'Callaghan to the victorious BCGS Captain, in whose hands it will remain for at least another year (6).

## "Bad Bet" Scramble, Ratchakram Golf Club : Sunday 18th July 2010

The fourth round of the "Bad Bet Scramble" was played at Ratchakram

GC. Four teams turned out to accumulate more 'Scramble' points in this on-going competition, and enjoyed a fine day's golf on a course in excellent condition.

Teams for the day were chosen at



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random by the competition sponsors over a leisurely breakfast (7). The draw brought together the solid teams of the Captain and Peter B. as well as Gareth Sampson and guest Bruce Williams.

Although the 'scramble' is generally a more relaxed format, there was strong competition for all the various prizes on offer. In the long drive contest, Peter B. is seen looking very pleased (celebrating even?) after his mighty strike !(8). Unfortunately his celebrations proved to be a little



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premature as Gareth, playing in the following group, managed an even mightier one.

Other minor prizes went to Paul Rogers, Simon Fisher and Gareth (again). In the main competition, Paul Rogers and Simon Fisher recorded an excellent gross 74 (net 61), but they had to settle for second place behind Gareth and Bruce, who came in with a net 60.

Another enjoyable day finished with the presentation of prizes to the winning team by the competition sponsors (9).

### July Medal, The Royal GC, Lat Krabang : Sunday 25th July 2010

The monthly medal proved yet again to be our most popular event with 31 competitors, included our guest Bruno Grimbart. Also taking part after his UK holiday was the ever popular Ray Bloom (10). Ray managed to take in two days at the 'Open' at St. Andrew, no doubt hoping to pick up a few tips. Sadly on the day, these "kicked in too late in the round" (his own words) – but hopefully they will remain in the memory bank for another day.



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The course was less crowded than usual and with almost ideal playing conditions, making it a most enjoyable day. 'Technical' prizes went to Jack, John B, P. Skinner and Anton Bontje for near pins. The longest drives were recorded by Karen C and Peter Skinner, while R. Gray made the longest putt.

It was encouraging to see a good turn out by the ladies in the Society (11) and fortunately the first prize in Flight 'B' went to one of our new members, Eileen Bontje, who recorded a very creditable net 72. Andrew Mc. put in a spirited performance to finish in second place one shot in arrears.

Robert Gray, again playing very consistently, came home with a gross 80 (net 65) for a runaway win in Flight 'A'.



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At the awards ceremony, Eileen and Robert both look delighted as they receive their prizes from Captain Frank. (12/13).



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# BRITISH CLUB BALUT

By Mr C



## >> IT WILL ALL BE OVER!

By the time you read this Outpost (unless it is very early) the Balut Awards Night for 2010 will have passed and the Shield and the Shield Cup will have been awarded so any news now will be out of date – so read our website – [www.teambalut.com](http://www.teambalut.com) !

As of 5th August the Shield stands at:

POSITION	NAME	PLAYER	POINTS	AVERAGE
<b>Leader</b>	<b>TC</b>	<b>Mr. Phil Alexander</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>108.80</b>
2	Gorgeous	Mr. George Okrasa	3,170	105.67
3	Swampy	Mr. Steve Eaton	3,149	104.97
4	Bowling Ball	Mr. Bob van Es	3,144	104.80
5	Mrs Orange	Mrs. Muntana Merrigan	3,137	104.57
6	Mrs Jammy	Mrs. Caroline Willbourn	3,113	103.77
7	Jammy	Mr. Roger Willbourn	3,045	101.50
8	The Jackal	Sr. Carlos Romero	3,035	101.17
9	Lyla	Ms. Lyla van Es	3,022	100.73
10	DQ	Mr. David Quine	3,021	100.70
11	Slowpoke	Mr. Tony Rodriguez	3,020	100.67
12	The Chieftain	Mr. Ranald Macdonald	3,018	100.60
13	Tom	Mr. Tomjakraphan Merrigan	3,015	100.50
14	Dark Horse	Mr. Clive Butcher	2,998	99.93
15	Mr C	Mr. Paul Cheesman	2,966	98.87
16	JLo	Mr. Jonathan Loney	2,952	98.40
17	H	Mr. Haroon Rashid	2,918	97.27
18	Iain	Mr. Iain Hackett	2,887	96.23
19	Sleepwalker	Sr. Carlos Romero Jnr.	2,818	93.93
20	Mac	Mr. Andrew McLean	2,806	93.53
21	Septic	Mr. Arnold Troeger	2,694	89.80
22	Oddsman	Mr. Jeremy Watson	2,692	89.73

Balut is also planning to take a rest from tournaments in September in order to give everyone a break and start afresh in October. The schedule of events for the rest of 2010 are:

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Sunday	3rd October	BCB Det 5 Challenge	2pm	Det 5 Bar & Restaurant
Wednesday	6th October	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Sunday	17th October	BCB Det 5 Challenge	2pm	Suriwongse Room
Wednesday	20th October	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	3rd November	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	17th November	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Friday	19th November	30th STC Interport	6pm	Front Lawn
Saturday	20th November	30th STC Interport	11am	Back Lawn
Wednesday	1st December	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge
Wednesday	15th December	Balut Shield	7pm	Wordsworth Lounge

Full details of Balut can be found at <http://www.teambalut.com>

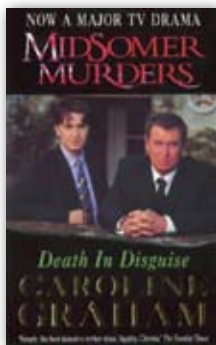
# THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

ESCAPE THE TRAFFIC, HAVE A REST, EAT A GOOD MEAL AND HAVE A DRINK. THE MURDER'S ON US.

In September we continue with our four favourite detectives...Barnaby, Poirot, Marple and Morse...

**SEPTEMBER**

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



## 6th Death in Disguise

A Mystic in a Lodge and a Knife in a Body – it has to be Midsomer and it has to be Murder!

John Nettles is DCI Barnaby with guest stars Judy Cornwell, Miles Anderson, Charles Kay and Geoffrey Beevers.

*"Is this a knife I don't see before me?"*



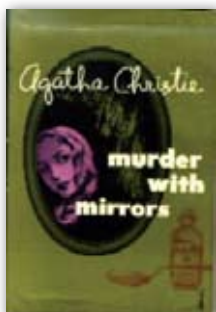
## 13th Dumb Witness

Grasping relatives, a faithful companion (or perhaps two), and an accident are the only clues to this; well was it really murder?

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Ann Morrish, Patrick Ryecart and Kate Buffery.

*"Anything you say will be taken down and used in evidence"*

## TV Movies on the BIG SCREEN

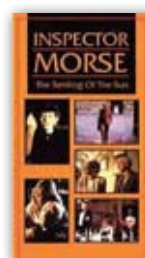


## 20th They Do It With Mirrors

A woman is being poisoned and her stepson is murdered before he can warn anyone, so when Chief Inspector Slack arrives it all seems quite simple - unfortunately Jane Marple thinks otherwise!

Joan Hickson is Miss Marple with guest stars Jean Simmons, Joss Ackland and Faith Brook.

*"Now you see it, now you don't!"*



## 27th The Settling of the Sun

A Japanese student is murdered and all suspicion falls on a drug cartel until a second body is found - but will the Drug Squad let go?

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Anna Calder-Marshall, Robert Stephens and Derek Fowlds.

*"We will remember them"*

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# THE MONTH THAT WAS!

By Dickie Whitworth

## 1666

Fire breaks out in London's Pudding Lane on 2 September and rages through the city for five days killing only 9 people and destroying the remains of the plague.



## 1997

On 5 September, Mother Teresa died after devoting her life to helping the sick and poor. Beatified by Pope John Paul II, her charities operate in 123 countries.



## 1758

Born on 29 September, Horatio Nelson was famous for his naval service, losing an eye and an arm but winning the Battle of Trafalgar though mortally wounded.



## 1939

On 3 September, Britain and France declared war on Germany, two days after they'd invaded Poland (with whom they'd had a non-aggression pact since 1934).



## 1066

When Duke William of Normandy landed in Sussex on 28 September, the Norman Conquest of Britain had begun, as can be seen from the Bayeux Tapestry.



## 1818

On 25 September, the first transfusion of human blood was successfully performed by Dr James Blundell at Guy's Hospital in London, for a haemorrhage.



## 1812

Napoleon Bonaparte entered Moscow on 14 September but, unable to survive the harsh winter, hastened a retreat. Only 20,000 of his 500,000 soldiers survived.



## 1829

The Metropolitan Police Force was created by Parliament on 29 September at the request of Home Secretary Sir Robert Peel, so policemen were nicknamed "bobbies".



## 1962

On 4 September, a little known pop-group from Liverpool called The Beatles went into EMI's Abbey Road studios to begin their first legendary recording sessions.



## 1976

A week after a serious heart attack, the PRC's Chairman, Mao Zedong, died on 9 September. Known for his little red book, he moulded China into a world power.



## 1848

On 23 September, chewing gum was produced commercially for the first time by John B Curtis in New England, made from the sap of spruce trees.



## 1940

On 7 September, the German Luftwaffe began their blitz-bombing campaign throughout Britain, focussing initially on London for 76 consecutive nights.



# KHUN LAAK'S ON THE MENU



## Mushroom Risotto (Serves 2)

### Main Ingredients

- 1½ cups chicken stock
- ½ pinch saffron
- 1 tbsp butter
- ½ tsp olive oil
- ¼ lb mushrooms, sliced
- ½ cup Arborio rice
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
- parmesan cheese freshly grated, to taste

### Method

1. In a medium size saucepan, place the chicken broth and saffron.
2. Bring to a boil, remove from heat and set aside.
3. In another saucepan, melt the butter with the olive oil and sauté the mushrooms for 5 minutes.
4. Add the rice, cook and stir until golden.
5. Add the heated stock 1 cup at a time, simmering and stirring occasionally until each cup is absorbed.
6. After last cup of stock has been added, cover the saucepan and allow to simmer stirring frequently until rice is creamy and stock has been absorbed.
7. Adjust the seasoning to suit your personal taste, add parsley and stir well.
8. Top with grated cheese and serve.



## Fillet of Sea bass with a Rustic Ratatouille (Serves 4)

### Main Ingredients

- 4 small sea bass about 250g each, or 2 large ones about 500g each filleted
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Sea salt and pepper

### Rustic ratatouille

- 2 beef tomatoes
- ½ red pepper, deseeded
- ½ yellow pepper, deseeded
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 2 courgettes, chopped
- 1 aubergine, chopped
- Handful of basil leaves, roughly chopped
- Dash of balsamic vinegar

### Method

#### For the ratatouille

Halve and deseed the tomatoes, then finely chop the flesh. Cut the peppers into 1cm dice. Heat the olive oil in a saucepan and cook the garlic and onion gently for 2 minutes to soften. Add the courgettes, aubergine and tomatoes, stir and cook for about 5 minutes to soften. Add the basil, balsamic vinegar and seasoning to taste. Take off the heat and keep warm.

#### To cook the sea bass

Heat the olive oil in a heavy-based frying pan, then add the sea bass fillets, skin-side down, and cook for about 3 minutes until the skin is really crispy. Turn and cook for a further 30 seconds to 1 minute, depending on the thickness of the fish. Remove from the heat, season with salt and pepper and leave to rest for a few minutes.

**Spoon the ratatouille** on to warm plates or a large platter. Top with the sea bass fillets and serve.





## The Real Mushroom Soup

(Serves 6)

### Main Ingredients

- A small handful of dried porcini olive oil
- 600g/1lb 6oz mixed fresh wild mushrooms (chanterelles, girolles, trompettes de mort, shitake, and oyster), cleaned and sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and finely sliced
- 1 red onion, peeled and finely chopped
- A knob of butter
- A handful of fresh thyme leaves
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 litre/ 1¾ pints chicken or vegetable stock
- A handful of fresh flat-leaf parsley, leaves picked and roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons mascarpone cheese
- 1 lemon
- Optional: truffle oil

### Method

Place the porcini in a small dish, add boiling water just to cover, and leave to soak. Get a large casserole-type pan nice and hot, then add a good couple of lugs of olive oil and the fresh mushrooms. Stir around very quickly for a minute, then add your garlic, onion, butter and thyme and a small amount of seasoning. After about a minute you'll probably notice moisture cooking out of the mushrooms and at this point add half of your porcini, chopped up, and the rest left whole. Strain the soaking liquid to remove any grit, and add it to the pan. Carry on cooking for about 20 minutes until most of the moisture disappears.

Season to taste, and add your stock. Bring to the boil and simmer for around 20 minutes. Remove half the soup from the pan and whiz it up to a puree at this point, then pour it back in, adding the parsley and mascarpone, and seasoning carefully to taste.

You can serve this soup as you like, but there are a few things to remember when finishing it off. Mix together a pinch of salt and pepper with the zest of one lemon and the juice of half of it, then spoon a little of this into the middle of the soup. When you go to eat it, stir it in and it gives a wonderful flavour. Other things you can consider are little slices of grilled crostini put into the bottom of the bowls before the soup is poured in. Or you could even quickly fry some nice-looking mushrooms like girolles, chanterelles or oysters, and sprinkle these on top of the soup.



## September Drinks



### Banana Chocolate Milkshake

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup skimmed milk
- 2 tbsp cocoa
- 1 tsp vanilla ice cream
- 1 medium ripe banana, sliced
- 8 large ice cubes

#### Directions

Pour milk and cocoa into blender. Cover, blend on low speed until well mixed. Add sugar substitute, followed by vanilla and banana. Then blend until smooth. Add ice cubes, one at a time, blending until thick and serve immediately. Make two 12 ounce servings.

### California Smoothie

#### Ingredients

- 7 large strawberries
- 8 oz yoghurt
- 1/3 cup orange juice

#### Directions

In a blender, combine frozen strawberries, yoghurt and orange juice. Blend until smooth and pour into a glass ready to serve.



### Kiwi Papaya Smoothie

#### Ingredients

- 3 kiwis
- ½ papaya, seeded and sliced

#### Directions

In a blender, combine everything into a blender and liquefy.

### Papaya Surprise Smoothie

#### Ingredients

- 1 peeled papaya, seeded and diced
- 1 banana, sliced
- ½ cup fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1/3 cup milk
- ¼ cup sugar
- 15 ice cubes

#### Directions

In a blender, blend the papaya, banana, strawberries, milk, sugar, and ice cubes until smooth.



# SUSIE'S Kids Korner

## BUST THE BOREDOME!



### PAPER PUPPETS

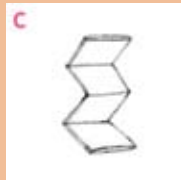
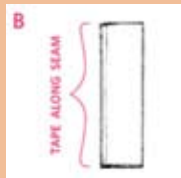
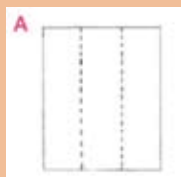
All you need for the basic version of these puppets is a sheet of paper, tape, and a marker, making it a great boredom-buster when you're on the go. We dressed up ours with additional cut-paper features.

#### Materials

- Letter-size sheet of paper
- Coloured paper (optional)
- Tape
- Scissors (optional)
- Markers
- Tacky glue (optional)

#### Instructions

1. Fold a letter-size sheet of paper in thirds lengthwise (A).
2. Tape the seam closed (B).
3. Fold the paper in half. Fold the ends in half, in the opposite direction, so that the paper ends up accordion-folded into four equal sections (C).
4. Create a face with markers and, if you like, coloured paper pieces attached with tacky glue. Slip your thumb and fingers into the two ends of the folded paper to bring your puppet to life.



### PAINT A BATCH OF BEETLES

Decorate a colony of brightly coloured beetles. Try to spread out your bug-making over two afternoons - one to mould the beetles and one to paint them.

#### Materials

- 1 packet Plaster of Paris
- Disposable plastic spoons
- Acrylic or tempera paints
- Insect book (optional)
- Magnets (optional)



#### Instructions

Mix a cup of plaster of Paris according to the directions on the package. Pour the mix bit by bit into disposable plastic spoons and let them dry overnight (you can make 20 to 40 at a time and save some for later). The next day, pop the bugs out of the spoons and paint them with acrylic or tempera paints. An insect guide, book or magazine can offer some fun inspiration for colors and designs. Painting the bugs can take up the better part of a rainy afternoon, but you can also extend this project in other ways. For example, make your beetles more functional by gluing them onto magnets. Or challenge yourself to create an interesting beetle cage from any supplies around your house (toothpicks are a good jumping-off point).

### ANIMAL JOKES FOR KIDS

There were these two snakes wriggling along in the jungle. One of the snakes said to the other. "Are we poisonous?" The second snake replied "Why?" The first snake said "Because I just bit my lip!!"

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What do you get if you cross a fish with an elephant?  
*Swimming trunks!*

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Why do elephants never forget?  
*Because nobody ever tells them anything!*

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What animal has more lives than the cat?  
*A frog, he croaks every night.*

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What is a crocodile's favourite game?  
*Snap!*

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What happens when a frog's car breaks down?  
*He gets 'toad' away.*

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What do you get when you cross a parrot with a pig?  
*A bird who hogs the conversation!*

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What did one flea say to the other flea?  
*Shall we walk or take the dog?*

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What's the difference between an injured lion and a wet day?  
*One pours with rain, the other roars with pain!*

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What is the strongest animal?  
*A snail. He carries his house on his back!*

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What is the difference between a flea and a wolf?  
*One prowls on the hairy and the other howls on the prairie!*

# THIS IS MY CLASSROOM.

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## St. Andrews International Schools SUKHUMVIT 107 CAMPUS

Joining a St. Andrews School is like becoming part of an extended family united by common goals. We share a commitment to excel and achieve something very special. Every child is given the opportunity to pursue his or her interests, both inside and outside the classroom.

These principles of teaching and learning provide the necessary framework to inspire independent, confident lifelong learners.



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Our qualified and experienced Early Years teachers inspire confidence as they nurture children's natural curiosity, develop their skills and promote independence in a caring, creative and open-minded kindergarten environment, with a strong emphasis on individual learning styles.

Through the combination of the International Baccalaureate programmes and our special blend of Knowledge, Inspiration and Spirit, we provide Early Years students with a global playground to become active, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

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