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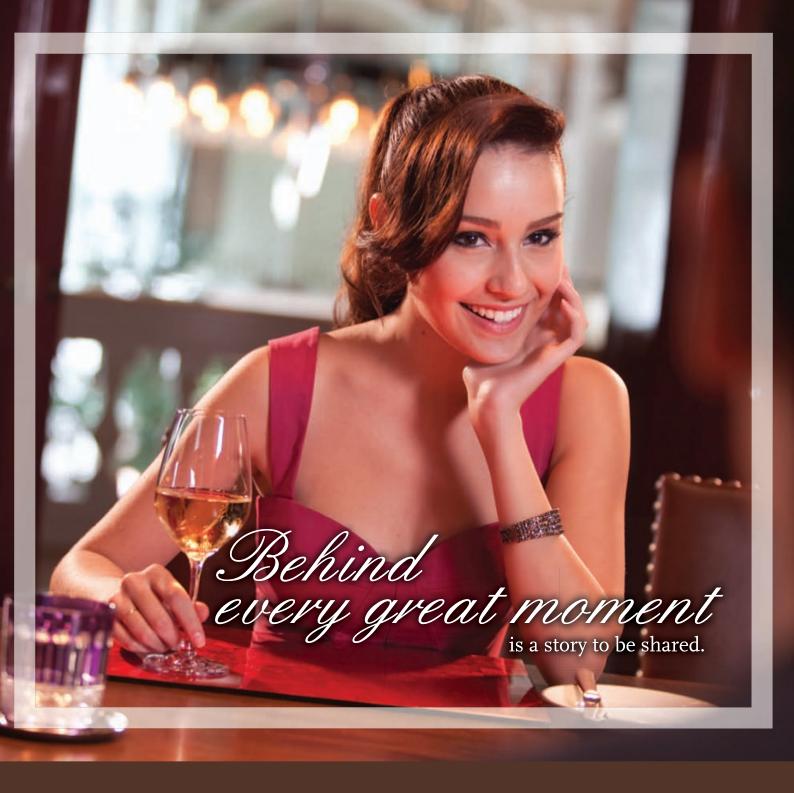
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# LETTER FROM THE GM

#### Dear Members,

With September on the way, the usual rain and thunderstorms passing our Club, the quieter time coming closer to being over, and some Members already returning from their summer holidays, I would like to welcome you all back and I hope you had a good time abroad, and if it was to the UK, that you did get some sunshine over there!



Let me update you on a few things that may have missed your attention.

#### Membership

Khun Piyawan is our newly recruited Membership Manager, please go and meet her next time you are around the Club. She will be, together with her team of course, your central point for all Membership enquiries and assistance. She will introduce herself a little further on in this Outpost issue.

As mentioned earlier, Khun Piyawan's main tasks for the coming months are to improve service to our existing Members, and make a good effort to attract new Members whom we always need. May I remind you that we do reward our existing Members for introducing new Members to us, by giving you a percentage of their joining fees as credit to your account? For more information please contact Khun Piyawan.

#### Food & Beverage

Our F&B team has been taking their annual leave as well, Khun Laak had a break, Khun Somchai our Sous-Chef had a break and our kitchen brigade is ready to serve you again over the next few months and Members can expect to see some different menu items, some different buffets and specials.

We will also invest time in staff training, service standards and wine training amongst others, to keep improving our Club's service levels to be able to compete with other hospitality outlets in Bangkok. As always, I welcome your comments should you have had an unpleasant experience, and of course, if you had a great experience! We usually only hear the bad news and we would like to recognise staff that have been doing a great job as well, so please pass positive comments on as well!

## **Poolside Upgrades**

Our Poolside Upgrades are well on the way and whilst I realise a lot of you have been affected by the interruptions in operations and the enjoyment of the Club, I would like to thank all of you for being very supportive and for understanding the need for these upgrades and improvements. Both the pool and the Sala are going according to schedule, and so far no major problems or setbacks have been reported. In addition to the pool retiling, we are also resurfacing the surroundings of the pool, with a nice new sand wash top. Extending the Fitness Centre has also started, when finished the Fitness Centre will have a newly laid floor, floor-to-ceiling windows, new mirrors and a new paint job. The counter will be placed in a different position, and we will create windows on the side of the tennis courts, so it is possible to view the courts from inside. Please also note the works status page further on in this issue.

That's all for September, the management and staff of the British Club are looking forward to having you around the Club as usual in these coming months running up to Christmas, and starting in October we will have a lot of things going on at the Club, and of course our Annual Ball on the 8th December, which we are finalising now. Don't forget to keep this date free in your calendar!

As always, see you around the Club.

## Joost Paijmans General Manager

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## **HAPPENINGS**



## Greetings to you all,

As the tropical blobs batter the window and bring cool fresh air outside, I find myself wondering what all the Members who have gone back to Europe for their holidays are experiencing meteorologically, and how it will be in the August Bank Holiday traffic jams heading down to Devon and Cornwall - look forward to welcoming you all back soon!

Since the last issue of Outpost, we have entered the quiet season for the Club - many people are away, and as we expected even more to stay away on account of the refurbishment works to the poolside area, it was not efficacious to try and organise many events. In addition, I had a few days off in lieu of Thai holidays, which connected with my days off gave me a week with my family, a much-needed therapeutic break.

We had as good a turnout for the second of Tom Waller's movies as we did for the first, even though the second was a Hollywood action thriller of a completely different genre to the first, and provided a very different set of faces! We had a fantastic replay of the Olympic Opening Ceremony on the big screen in The Verandah and both TVs in the Churchill. I think everyone agrees that Danny Boyle should be commended for his excellent production, and what an amazing ceremony it was. The Closing Ceremony was less of an affair which was only to be expected, but it was enjoyable too and rounded off a fantastic two weeks of exceptional sports and performances in which Britain did fantastically well and better than any of us expected. What a brilliant year HM the Queen is having for her Jubilee!

The Mother's Day Brunch was delicious but landed on a long weekend so not so many attended as I had hoped, but those who did got their free glass of bubbly and a complimentary packet of Ferrero-Rocher. The August Quiz Night was much better paced and almost as well attended as the previous month's, and the questions were catchy and easy and difficult and the answers often evasive, but all were startled by the winning team not least of all me! Please put your names down for the September Quiz Night on the 11th and let's make it a really busy and fun evening.

This coming weekend we're showing the first of two documentaries made about the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Not often shown, they are remarkable for their introduction of sports filming techniques, and whilst the first examines the national celebrations, the second examines the physical achievements both aesthetic and performing. Due to their links with the Third Reich, these films were never really promoted and the makers didn't get a chance to make anything else for decades thereafter.

On 22nd September, we welcome Performance Exchange from the UK for their presentation of "The Return of Sherlock Holmes", the story Conan Doyle wrote under the duress of public outcry to bring back Holmes after he had supposedly perished at the Reichenbach Falls. It's a terrific story, and will be starring Nigel Miles-Thomas as Holmes, whom some of you may remember was in Bangkok earlier this year for the show about Sinatra. We are putting on a special three course dinner menu with wine for a slightly higher priced ticket so you can come down and make an evening of it! More details further on in this issue.

Paul and I are trying out an idea of the Family Outing concept, and arranging for a day out at Suan Siam, now rebranded as Siam City Park which is the largest water park in SE Asia and is fantastic fun for parents and kids alike. There's lots to do for small kids as well as large kids, and this outing will include the coach there and back as well as entrance fee and a fixed lunch whilst there. Look out for details in emails from me and/or Paul.

At the end of September, there is an evening when members of the Bangkok Music Society will be providing a recital of pieces of music and singing from nearly 400 years ago in the 1500s and 1600s. With authentic instrumentation, it should be a fascinating look at the history of music, and will be explained historically as the show progresses.

I'll stop there - see you all as and when.

Best wishes,

Jeremy de Sausmarez Events & Marketing Manager



# **Business Luncheons**

## 3rd - 7th September 2012

## Starters - 55 baht

Carrots, Raisins and Apple Coleslaw

Chef's Soup of the Day

## **Main Courses - 140 baht**

Fish and Chips (choice of breadcrumbed or battered)

with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

Chicken Tikka Masala served with Yellow Rice

Pork Schnitzel with Apple Sauce

served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potato

Panaeng Gai (Chicken Stir-fried with Red Curry Sauce

topped with sliced Lime Leaves)

Kai Jiew Moo Sub (Thai-Style Omelette with Minced Pork)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

## Dessert of the Day -55 baht

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## 17th - 21st September 2012

## Starters - 55 baht

Mozzarrella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

Chef's Soup of the Day

## Main Courses - 140 baht

Grilled Chicken Breast

served with Roast Vegetable Couscous

Salmon Fishcakes

served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

Mixed Sausage served with Mashed Potato and Fried Onions

Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao

(Chinese Lettuce Soup with Minced Pork, Tofu and Vermicelli)

Pla Sam Ros (Deep-fried Dory Fish topped with Sweet and Sour Spiced Chili Sauce)

Phad Phak Ruam

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

## Dessert of The Day - 55 baht

or

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## **10th - 14th September 2012**

## Starters - 55 baht

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Chef's Soup of the Day

## Main Courses - 140 baht

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served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce

served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato

or

Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Risotto with

Parmesan, and Rocket Leaves dressed with Pesto

Tom Yam Goong

(Spicy Lemon Grass Flavoured Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)

Kaprao Gai (Stir-fried Minced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chili)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

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## **24th - 28th September 2012**

## Starters - 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad

or

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## <u> Main Courses – 140 baht</u>

Grilled Pork Loin Steak served with Apple and Fennel sauce

Pan-fried Dory with Mornay Sauce served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

Mini Steak served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Pota-

or

Tom Kha Gai

(A refreshing soup with Chicken, Coconut Milk and Herbs)

Phad Kaprao Moo Sab

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Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo (Stir-fried Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)

## Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

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# **F&B MORSELS**



Bt 80

Bt 160

Bt 265

Bt 335

Bt 260

#### Dear Members,

I have just come back from a week's holiday and also the rest of the kitchen brigade are having some time off.

It's nice to see that despite the ongoing construction at the poolside area, some of you are still enjoying sitting at the Silom Sala and in front of the tennis courts. We have and still will be trying to not let you notice much from the disruptions it has caused and is causing, but obviously the noise is something I cannot do much about!

I am happy that the poolside kitchen will be larger when it is done, so we can have some more storage space and possibly (hopefully) replace some of the older coolers and freezers that we have on that side. I will also organise a deep clean in the kitchen on that side, so we can start fresh and clean when we open our new service area.

There are some interesting dinners coming soon, one at Sherlock Holmes in September and then too at Trafalgar Dinner in October. Come and enjoy the special dishes!

I will also ensure our menu's get a new look, and while I am at it, may I point out that we have some great breakfast options available at poolside from early morning?

Enjoy your meals around the Club!

Khun Laak Executive Chef



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#### 16th - 30th September 2012 1st -15th September 2012 **Starters Starters** Chef's Soup of the Day Chef's Soup of the Day Bt 80 Homemade Perogies filled with cheese and Tuna and Scallop Carpaccio Bt 195 potato sautéed with bacon and onions with Rocket Salad and Shaved Parmesan **Main Courses Main Courses** Grilled Cod Steak with Pesto Australian Rib-Eye Steak with Pepper Sauce served with crispy mixed green salad served with grilled tomatoes, button mushrooms and home-fried potatoes Bt 575 Roast Herbs and Garlic Lamb Chops served with spinach risotto and onion confit red wine sauce Sast Salmon wrapped in Smoked Bacon Bt 300 with lemon tarragon mayonnaise Chicken Breast stuffed with Wild Mushroom in puff pastry with whole grain mustard and wine cream Lamb Kebab with vegetable couscous and sauce served with french beans, carrots and nint yoghurt Bt 335 home-fried potatoes



A formal black tie/dress uniform gourmet dinner on the 207th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. The dinner is open to ladies as well, and comprises four courses with a glass of fine wine per course plus after-dinner "Passing the Port". The guest speaker is Captain Kenneth Taylor RN, the non-resident Military Attaché to Bangkok.

Members and guests Bt1,950 Non-Members Bt2,250 Non-alcoholic menu Bt500 less

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# TRAFALGAR DINNER

## Saturday 20th October 2012



Capt. Kenneth Taylor RN

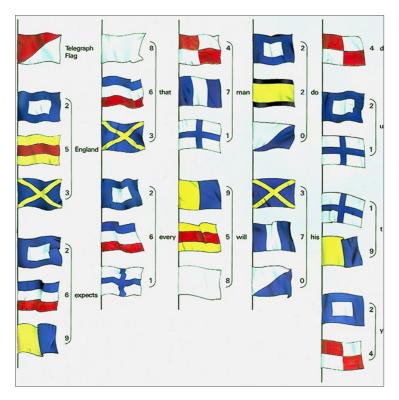
## "ENGLAND EXPECTS EVERY MAN TO DO HIS DUTY"

This October, the **British Club Bangkok** will hold once again a Bangkok tradition ... **The Trafalgar Dinner** .. This will be a black tie/uniform/national dress gourmet dinner with fine wines and a fabulous after-dinner speaker, and Gentlemen, your Ladies are invited.

The Club first celebrated this event on 21st October 1960, after which it became a tradition for many years under the auspices of the now defunct **Bangkok Naval Association**. It was revived in the 1990s and then passed over to the hands of the late Commander Ian Webb RN. In 2011 we again revived this tradition, but the widespread floods severely reduced attendance as only 33 of the 74 people booked could get out of their homes! A good time was still had by all as they say. This year we pray for better weather.

After cocktails our Executive Chef, Kornnisara Nongku (Khun Laak), will treat us to four fabulous courses accompanied by some exceptionally fine wines. Ahead of "Passing the Port" we will be entertained by one of the Royal Navy's most eloquent speakers .... Captain Kenneth Taylor RN, who was born in Dunfermline, Scotland in 1960 and joined the Royal Navy in 1978, obtaining an honours degree in Maritime Technology at UWIST, Cardiff in 1982. In a varied career, Captain Taylor has commanded 810 Naval Air Squadron, served as Commander (Air) on HMS Air Royal, been Director of NATO's Joint Electronic Warfare Core Staff, and is currently the UK non-resident Military Attaché to Bangkok, and Military Attaché to Kuala Lumpur. This evening he will be joined by his wife Chandra.

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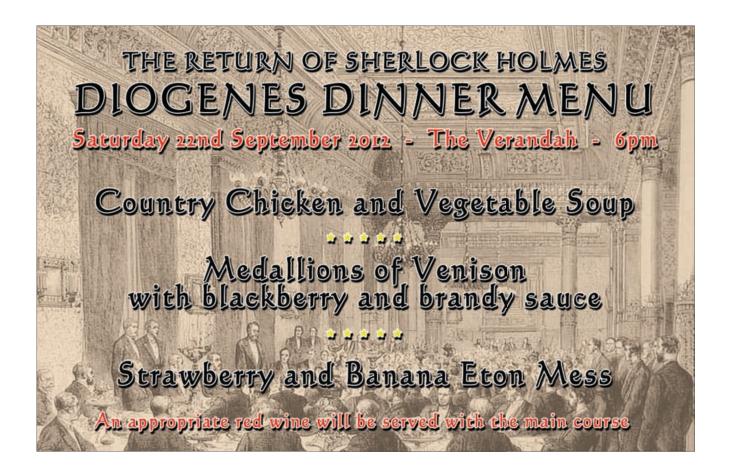
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Suriwongse Room 8 p.m.



Diogenes Dinner:
3 courses with wine
The Verandah
6 p.m.
(Speaking is allowed)





## THE RETURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

The Return of Sherlock Holmes, a fascinating and compelling theatrical event, charts the restoration of the great detective Sherlock Holmes to London. Holmes, thought dead after his titanic struggle with the evil Professor Moriarty at the Reichenbach Falls, slips back into London (in disguise) to combat the evil henchmen of the dreaded Moriarty. Reunited with his great friend and compatriot Dr. Watson, Holmes sets in motion a daring plan to foil the evil and detested criminals. Risking his own life to ensnare the culprits, Holmes proves yet again that he is the finest detective in the world. This engrossing tale, an interactive event, is super drama, beguiling theatre and tremendous fun.

**Nigel Miles-Thomas (Sherlock Holmes)** has produced, directed and acted in well over 100 stage productions. He has appeared in numerous classical and modern plays and has been associated with some of London's top theatre companies. Nigel has appeared in the West End at The Playhouse Theatre and the Young Vic, has been a regular on B.B.C.'s Grange Hill and has numerous film and television credits. Nigel has produced panto with Zza Zza Gabor, has worked with Harry Shearer of The Simpsons and the The Pyjama Men, and is at home with Shakespeare or Pinter.

**Daniel Foley (Dr. Watson)** trained for the stage at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and has worked extensively around the globe performing in 70 countries and has been involved with Performance Exchange as director for 30 years. He has toured with numerous solo performances (Shakespeare, Beckett, Mark Twain), and worked with Nigel Miles-Thomas on 18 productions and toured for the British Council and Performance Exchange to Germany, Hong Kong, Korea and Sri Lanka.

## **Performance Exchange**

Performance Exchange has performed in 36 countries around the globe presenting thought provoking and exciting theatre on every continent. The company has visited Hong Kong on 28 occasions (Aeschylus, Beckett, Chekov, Frayn, Hearn, Ionesco, Pinter, Shakespeare, Shaw, Shepard, Sophocles, Wilde etc.), has performed at The Hong Kong Fringe for 27 years, and has been associated with the British Council Hong Kong with tours including Julius Caesar, Dracula, Krapp's Last Tape and Endgame and Pier's Gray's The Dream of Puccini.



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# POOLSIDE WORKS STATUS







## **Swimming Pool**

The first two photos above show the tile removal in progress. Pooltech has now completed removing all the old tiles, 4 days ahead of schedule, and have started preparing the edges for the next stage. The third picture is the pool currently.



## Sala

These six photos above show the old roof removal which started on the 6th of August. Termite problem seems much larger then we initially thought.





## **Fitness Centre**

As can be seen from the two pictures above, the front wall of the Fitness Centre has been removed. So has the concrete plant barrier, and all the fittings from the Fitness Centre have been removed as well. The Fitness Centre equipment is safely stored in a locked container in the back car park.



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# **INTRODUCING**

# KHUN PIYAWAN MEMBERSHIP SALES MANAGER



Greeting to all Members -

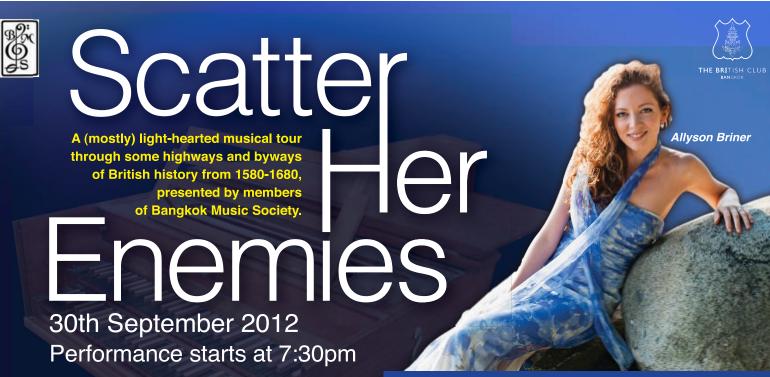
My name is Piyawan Withoorat, but just call me "Pook" for short. I joined the Club in August and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I recently moved from the ancient city of Ayutthaya, which was the first capital city of Thailand, about 74 kilometres north of Bangkok. I am a responsible daughter for my parents, a good sister to my younger brother and also the caring boss of four street dogs. I'm outgoing, flexible, and love to work with people. Some people say I'm funny and have a charming character as well..... ^ ^ I love travelling and reading books during my free time.

After graduating from Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin, I tried various types of work, starting with a footwear company as a secretary, then in marketing for a leather manufacturer for a few years. I also worked in an electronics company in customer services for nearly five years.

In addition, I have been a local tour-guide in my hometown for more than 7 years, which was enjoyable as I love history and like interacting with people from different countries and cultures. Now I am part of the British Club, and it is a wonderful opportunity to meet and liaise with people from all over the world.

Please come over and say hello any time around the Club and feel free to let me know if I can be of any assistance. Thank you all for extending me such a very warm welcome!



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Joseph Moore (organ, harpsichord)
and Alice Orton (flute)















# ABC

# Artists at the British Club

**Present their new** 

**Exhibition** 

# Continuation



From 2nd to 28th October 2012 **At the Neilson Hays Library** 195 Surawong Road

Open Tuesday to Sunday 9.30am to 5.00pm (closed on Mondays)

# CONTINUATION

## An exhibition by the **Artists at the British Club**



The Artists at the British Club, the ABC Group, is mounting a second exhibition at the Neilson Hays Library entitled 'Continuation' which will run from Tuesday 2nd October until Sunday 28th October.



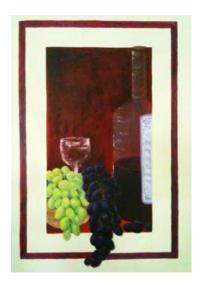
This group of six ladies, who all have differing experience and training in art, meet on a weekly basis in the Wordsworth Room at the British Club.





We work in a variety of media and in different styles, some painting in oil, some in watercolour and some in acrylic, the linking factor being that we all enjoy painting. We don't have a teacher but we learn from and help each other to develop in an atmosphere that is informal and relaxed but purposeful.

This year we are combining our exhibition with a "Welcome Back after the Summer" evening to be hosted by the British Club at the Neilson Hays Library in Surawong Road, which adjoins the Club's rear car park. You are welcome to come along, relax and meet up with your friends, and hopefully enjoy the paintings on show.

















# BC CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2012

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

**WEDNESDAY** 

Morning Mix-In

Thursday Night Trio

Morning Mix-In

Squash Mix-In

Thursday Night Trio

Fitball

Cricket

Fitball

BWG Mahjong 10am - 1pm



Squash Mix-In Five-a-side Football

Morning Mix-In 9am

Fitball



Morning Mix-In 9am Fitball 10:30am

Artists @ British Club Ladies Tennis Coaching 10am - 11:30am

Squash Mix-In BWG Mahjong 10am - 1pm Tennis Mix-In Five-a-side Football Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm **Quiz Night** QUIZ Monday Night Club The Verandah, 7:30pm



















## **FRIDAY**

## **SATURDAY**

## **SUNDAY**

## **RSDAY**

## **BC Golf Society**

Sep **Thana City** 9 Sep Subhaprueck GC 15 Sep Kiarti Thani **Club Championship** 22/3 Sep

TBA

30 Sep **The Royal GC**  French Buffet Lunch & Dinner

Kids Baking Classes 1pm - 3pm

WAGS Football Tournament



7pm



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Tennis Mix-In

Children's Friday Cinema

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6pm, Robots

Tennis Mix-In

pm - 10pm

6pm, WALL-E Wine Tasting Suriwongse Room

6pm - 9pm

6pm, Sinbad



































Tex-Mex Buffet Lunch & Dinner

7pm













Canadian Buffet Lunch & Dinner

Dinner Theatre The Return of Sherlock Holmes Surawongse Room, 6pm





Kids Baking Classes 1pm - 3pm







Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm

Junior British Club Verandah Brunch

Open Pairs Bridge

Surawongse Room

**Neekly Cinema** Olympia 2: The 1936

Olympic Games

2:30pm

Verandah Brunch

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm





Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm

Verandah Brunch

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room 2:30pm



**Family Outing** 9:30am



Verandah Brunch







Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm

Verandah Brunch



Scatter Her Enemies Surawongse Room, 7:30pm









What goes with Tuesday 11th, The Verandah, & 7:30pm?

# September September Answer: Quiz Night!



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# **HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS**

By Paul Cheesman



Although there are no official holidays or religious festivals celebrated in September, there are two Thai 'national days'.

## NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

September 20th

Thailand is one of sixteen countries which have a day dedicated to the youth of their nation and September 20th is chosen as it is an auspicious day being the birthdays of HM King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) and HM King Ananda Mahidol (Rama VIII), both of whom came to the throne of Siam whilst in their youth.



"Father of modern medicine and public health in Thailand"

This national day is to commemorate HRH Prince Mahidol Adulyadej, Prince of Songkla, who was the father of HM King Ananda Mahidol (Rama VIII) and Thailand's present monarch HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), who died on this day in 1929. Prince Mahidol was born on 1st January 1892, the 69th child of HM King Rama V and the seventh of HM Queen Savang Vadhana and is regarded as the father of modern medicine and public health in Thailand. He studied at Harrow, UK and at Potsdam, Germany and then at Harvard, USA where he read public health and later medicine. Both Mahidol University and Prince of Songkla University were named in his honour. He was posthumously given the title of the Prince Father (Somdej Phra Mahittalathibet Adulyadejvikrom Phra Borommarajachanok).

MAHIDOL DAY September 24<sup>th</sup>



## 'RULES BRITANNIAE'

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



## **DRIVER REGISTRATION**

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# **PAST PARTICIPLE**

## Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at the history of our Club in 1979 ...

The year started with a change of General Manager: Lt. Col. John Davies went on extended leave to the UK and in February resigned to take up the position of Controller at The Hurlingham Club in London. In the interregnum, Mr F.R. Devlin was appointed Honorary Secretary, and after one committee meeting lasted a marathon five hours and fifteen minutes he was subsequently titled as "Committee Member without Portfolio" to cover all the matters normally undertaken by the General Manger. In May Rupert Russell-Cobb was appointed as our new General Manager — a Club member from 1974 to 1986 and again from 2008, Rupert is one of five past General Managers who are still members of the Club today.

We continued to improve the functionality and service of the Club - in February we employed Khun Noi Lersinpakdi as Assistant to the General Manager and in the July we employed an Executive Chef in the person of Khun Pongsak Saichavee. Also we established the Ladies Advisory Liaison Group to provide assist on matters that related to ladies and family use of the Club – their job to feedback to the General Committee (who were all men) on the real issues of the day.

Also in this year the General Committee decided to invite H.E. Sunthorn Hongladarom to become an Honorary Member of the Club. In a long career Khun Sunthorn had been

Thai Ambassador to Malaya from 1957 to 1959, Minister of Economics 1959 to 1963 then again from 1965 to 1968 and Minister of Finance from 1963 to 1965, then Thai Ambassador to the Court of St. James (UK) from 1968 to 1969 then to the USA from 1969 to 1972, then General Secretary of SEATO (South East Asia Treaty Organization) and finally appointed Deputy Prime Minister from 1977 to 1978. He went on to chair Thai Petroleum Industries until his passing in 2005 aged

Diplomatic normalities once again allowed Royal Navy ships to visit Thailand and hence the Club, and we played host to HMS Monkton (P1055) and HMS Beachampton (P1007), which were Ton class minesweepers converted to Hong Kong Patrol craft.

The Long-Range Plan continued - in November an EGM was called by members to approve borrowing funds for a third squash court – this was agreed 38 votes to one against with eleven abstentions and the year ended with the 300,000 Baht refurbishment and re-opening of the Cinema Room (now the Suriwongse Room) now air-conditioned for the first time. The room's subsequent popularity for function bookings caused a surge in electricity costs, so a charge was introduced for air-conditioning of 300 Baht for up to three hours and 100 Baht an hour after that.



"Our first Associate member"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

# **SPORT & LEISURE**

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members.

I hope you had a good summer holiday and you haven't been too disrupted by the ongoing work here at the BC.

July and August turned out to be quite busy here at the Club, for the Sports Centre staff at least as we ran Sports Camps and Mini Sports Camps, Tennis & Squash Camps and Mini Tennis & Squash Camps, all of which proved popular.

Many thanks to all of you who supported the camps. Mini camps proved very popular and I will be looking at staffing levels for the next camps to allow us to accommodate more 4-6yr olds safely.











## WAGS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:

This month there will be the 3rd WAGS football tournament on Saturday 1st. This is turning out to be a popular and fun football event with around 6 teams entering. You don't have to be playing or even to like football to enjoy the fun atmosphere as WAGS = Wine and Gossip for the girls, beer and football for the boys.







## **FAMILY OUTING:**

The Sports and Events Managers would like to introduce a new concept for families at the BC - The Family Outing - where we will look to organise family orientated trips outside of the BC. Our first trip will be to Siam Park City which has Asia's biggest water park, the X-Zone theme park, Family World, Fantasy world and Small World.

The Family Outing will include transport to and from the BC, entrance to the Siam Park City and a buffet lunch.

More details will be forthcoming via Club emails.









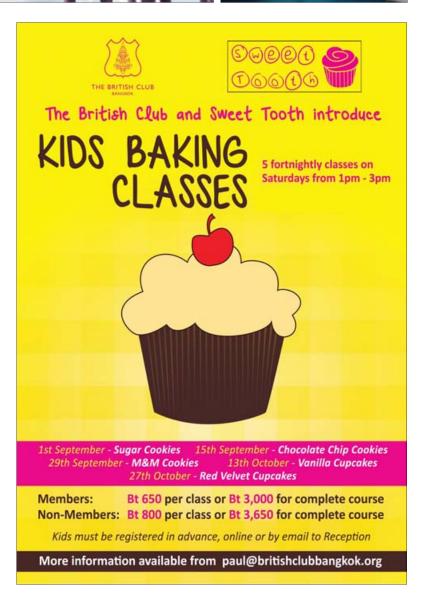
## **BAKING:**

In addition, we will also be starting a series of Kids Baking Classes. See right for more details.

That's all for now.

I hope to see you around the new and improved Club.

Regards, Paul



# **SQUASHY BITS**

By Bruce Madge



## No Squash!

Well, there was some. At the BC of late, two or four people like him, him, him and him won the leagues and got a cheap prize or a voucher or something equally meaningless. Ladder matches were played here and there with a him going up and a him going down and one him even going sideways. We also had a monthly committee meeting and decided that court two's air is still half broken, there's still too much dust on the floors, racket ball should be developed further, and that the other items on the agenda were too boring to discuss so we had a beer and then to KFC.





In other developments, or regressions, another team from Singapore came to visit early July for a Friday night team match. From the Bedrock Club, where the Flintstones lived, they were, which is just a condo block, they said, with a sole squash court played on by a group of eight or ten Stone Age humanoid and dinosaur cartoon characters who played with prehistoric

rackets made from rock. Anyway, they were a little older and we thrashed 'em 7-0. Nice blokes though. They gave us an engraved plaque thingy at the end of it. See the photo.

So that's all the BCB squash news in from London, which is the capital city of England, where Bits has been to watch the Olympic Games of 2012. A sumptuous and wondrous event save for one great lack. The lack of squash. Squash is still not considered an Olympic sport and still won't be in Rio 2016. Why? No reasonable answer to that except that there clearly



can't be room for it. Can't be that it's not a widely enough played sport or that it lacks any history so we can only surmise that there just simply isn't the space within the Olympic program for squash. And that seems reasonable when there are other far more popular, far more widely participated in, and far more historic sports included in its place such as BMX.

Now, that's not to knock BMX as it's great. In fact, the author rode BMX bikes when younger, even raced them, and was captain of a local, London BMX team and still enjoys watching the sport today. BMX is awesome. And handball. Handball





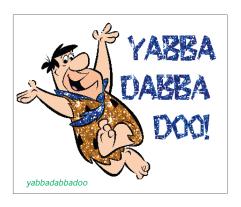






also great and needs the Olympics. So does the sport of trampoline bouncing and pistol shooting and large, inflatable, dinghy racing, and other minority sports like ping pong and windsurfing. They all deserve a place in the Olympics as they need the opportunity and the exposure. And so does squash, but it's not included and if mountain biking is then why the hell isn't squash? Criminal. The IOC, that is!

Squash is widely played in Bangkok and Pattaya, North America, Europe, Middle Eastern dictatorships, India, Pakistan, South East Asia, Australia and some place called NZ and dates back to around 1830 (not half past six!) when the game was invented, devised, created, made up at some English school, apparently. However, it can't be an Olympic sport as there ain't the room for it and other minor sports like tennis need the Olympics far more urgently. Yes, tennis desperately needs the Olympic stage to boost its flagging, world-wide popularity. And basketball, and soccer, and golf and rugby, as of Rio 2016. These sports have so little global exposure and so few recognized competitions and events that if they weren't part of the Olympic program they'd more than likely become extinct. And if the Olympics didn't have them, no one would be interested and, it too, would cease to be. And that would be even more criminal.



So, in brief, squash will never become an Olympic event, but skateboarding and American Football probably will! Now that's criminal!

Until the IOC wake up .......... Wake up to squash!

# **TENNIS**

By Paul Ringer

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## Dear BCTS,

As you have no doubt noticed there has been a lot of work going on at the Club, and whilst I'm sure that it will not all have been completed by the time you receive this edition of Outpost, I do hope it will be in the final stages of completion.

I apologise for the disruption that has been caused to your regular playing schedules. Initially we thought that Centre Court and Court 1 would only need to be closed briefly for the demolition works. However, after further discussion with the contractor the GC decided that the courts would remain closed until work was completed ensuring member safety and the integrity of the courts' playing surfaces.

These closures have meant a number of events have had to be postponed. The Japanese Association were due to visit on the 25th August; this friendly match will now be rescheduled to September. I was also hoping to schedule the Bruce Gordon Cup in late August, but this will again be postponed to a later date.

#### **BC V THAI LAWYERS:**

On July 14th we hosted the Thai Lawyers Association, the first in what will be (construction works aside) a set of monthly friendly fixtures with BKK teams. After an initial strong start the BC players started to flag but were fortunately saved by the rain. This meant dinner was brought forward an hour and everyone was huddled into the Sala as opposed to the awnings in the front lawn. After a short chaotic burst of drinks orders and meal orders from K. Laak's special set menu all players were able to relax and socialize and the disappointment about the rain soon gave way to friendly chit chat and mouth-watering delight as dinner was served.

All in all the Thai Lawyers won the most games, however that was beside the point, and whilst some people went to change, many were found to be venturing back out on to the courts as the rain had finally stopped.







#### **TENNIS IN SEPTEMBER:**

This month we hope to host the rescheduled friendly match with the Japanese Association. Please keep an eye out for emails with more information. We will also be hosting a visit from the Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday 29th. They will be arriving 3-4pm and will be bringing 30+ players. We will initially have competitive matches with a team of 8 from both sides. Once these matches are finished the courts will be open for all to play. Again please keep an eye out for more details in the weekly tennis emails.

## **CHANGES TO BC TENNIS:**

In the last issue I mentioned a number of changes the BCTS are planning to bring to the tennis played here at the BC. I would like to start these changes by rolling out CLUB NIGHT alongside the return of the Mix-In board **and importantly**, a set of rules to make sure both Club Nights and Mix-Ins run fairly for everyone.

**Club Night** - will be every Friday evening. This means courts cannot be booked from 6-9pm, however anybody is able to turn up and play with whomever they please. The general format is doubles play, 8 games, players to exit the court after games are finished to allow the next 4 players on.

Due to the continuing works Club Night will not roll out till the start of October when we should definitely have all 4 courts back in action. The Mix-In board will return as soon as a suitable board is sourced.

## **Club Night Rules:**

- Courts cannot be booked from 6-9pm.
- The format of play is doubles unless numbers of players and available courts allows singles play.
- 8 games only to be played.
- **You must leave** the court after 8 games and return to the Sala to allow waiting players to play. Should there be singles or doubles waiting it is only sporting and fair that you invite them to join you.
- It is the responsibility of all BCTS members to make visitors and new members welcome.
- We welcome any suggestions that help develop and evolve BCTS events for the tennis community of the BC

## Wednesday & Sunday Mix-In Rules:

- As a Social Mix-In you <u>are obliged</u> to play with any and all players regardless of their ability.
- 8 games only to be played.
- You must leave the court after 8 games and return to the Sala to Mix-In with waiting players.
- The format of play is doubles unless numbers of players and available courts allows singles play.
- If you are playing singles and a 3rd and/or 4th person comes to the court you <u>are obliged</u> to finish the game you are playing and welcome them to join you.
- It is the responsibility of all BCTS members to make visitors and new members welcome.
- If you want to play more "serious" tennis then please try Monday training nights or Friday Club nights. There are many other opportunities, so please respect these rules of engagement.
- We welcome any suggestions that help develop and evolve BCTS events for the tennis community of the BC.

These 2 sets of rules will be open to revision for a set period of time and any suggestions and comments are more than welcome. They will however eventually be made into a permanent sign which will be displayed during these tennis sessions.

#### **JULY LEAGUE WINNERS:**

Div 1 - James Young

Div 2 - Atilla Erda

Div 3 - Raymond Lewin

Div 4 - John Bleho

Div 5 - Jesada Tanking

Div 6 - Yubharet Visitsunthorn

Given that we only have 2 courts to play on the August league will become the August/September league.

# **HARD BALLS**

By Squire Legge



## That was the season that was

Hopes were that we might play as many as 20 matches in 2011/12 ... pretty ambitious for a social side with no ground! But that was before the Great Flood which took out Harrow School. Fixtures had to be arranged as and when possible and the fact that we managed 10 matches was largely due to our willingness to hire vans and travel to the seaside.

Played 10, Won 2, lost 7 doesn't sound great but all the matches were against strong opposition and one or two could easily have gone the other way. 29 players played for the Club, only 6 being non-members, filling in when we were short. Six players scored over 100 runs, five took 5 wickets or more:

	2011/12 Batting Averages				
Minimum 3 Com	imum 3 Completed Innings (except doctors)				
	Played	Innings	Runs	Not out	Average
Nick White	6	6	171	4	85.5
Rahul Gupte	10	11	275	6	55.0
Jem Chalk	7	6	106	2	26.5
Colin Hastings	9	9	113	4	22.6
Sailesh Damania	9	10	154	3	22.0
James Moss	4	5	82	1	20.5
Dale Lamb	9	9	137	1	17.1

		2011/12 Bowling Averages				
N	linimum 10	overs				
	Played	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Jack Dunford	10	26	0	181	11	16.5
Sailesh Damania	9	33	2	195	11	17.7
Nick White	6	26	0	143	8	17.9
Anthony Dupont	6	32	1	152	5	30.4
Rahul Gupte	10	48	2	318	7	45.4
Chitradeep	8	24	0	138	2	69.0

Our young Captain **Dale Lamb** took over seamlessly from the legendary **Vaughan McClear**. "We're gonna win em all" turned out be a trifle optimistic but his eternal optimism kept everyone motivated. He has the ability to turn matches himself and on one memorable trip to Pattaya did so, smashing a quick 30\*, grabbing the ball to knock over two wickets whist also taking an important catch on the boundary. He needs to do it all a bit more often and with his rookie season behind him, this could be the year!

A feature this season was a large contingent of Injuns in the team, mostly recruited by his Imperialness, **Sailesh**. Sailesh loves his cricket and would die for the BC. He struggled with a few health problems that got him bogged down at times, but at his best played majestically and was BC's most reliable bowler in most matches throughout the season.

**Rahul** has been serving exquisite Indian cuisine in New York rather than playing cricket this last 15 years, but looked handy from the start. Always at the nets he blossomed as the season progressed opening both the batting and the bowling. Easily the leading run scorer, sometimes unplayable as a bowler, although too wayward at times to make it really count.

**Chitradeep** was another who claims not to have played for a decade or more ... and in his case we believe him. A gentle giant, potentially the quickest bowler in the Club, but lack of exercise and a predilection for the odd fag or 6 restricted his contributions.

**Yogi** and **Tejas** completed the sub continental contingent but, playing only 3 matches each, have yet to set the field alight. Good team supporters though and Yogi's Momai Diamonds is the new BC new shirt sponsor for the 2012/13 season (more about that next month).

There's always a big turnover in BC cricket and we lost one of our two leading run scorers from last season in **Joss Dymock**, when he returned to Oz ... and almost the other, **Vaughan McClear**, whose Southeners duties restricted him to only 3 matches. We

also lost **Anthony Dupont** for the second half of the season, now departed for Phuket having been by far the most impressive bowler in the early games. **Phil Alexander** shocked everyone by announcing his retirement even though he can spin the ball almost as far as Shane Warne. Fortunately he seems to be changing his mind and we look forward to having him back next season.

Besides the Injuns, a couple of handy new recruits were **Jem Chalk** and **James Moss** who was persuaded out of retirement. Jem has a few alarm-clock problems but did enough to suggest he could be a key player in the batting line-up, capable of keeping runs ticking over even when the bowling is tight. Mossy, a big-hitting Kiwi is at his best when facing Ozzies and is a potential match winner if we can get him playing enough. Another debutant was **Paul Ringer**, BC's very own sports supremo trying his hand at something new. Potentially a very useful left arm bowler.

When BC cricket got re-started in 2009 it was largely with the support of the Squashies but this season Neil Evans, Marc Sayer, Bruce Madge, Haroon Rashid and James Crossley-Smith played a miserly 7 appearances between them, Bruce 3 of those. Bruce won the prestigious "Worst Cricketer of the Year" award last season which might account for the fact that he hasn't yet been asked to bat or bowl again ... but he's worth his place for his wholehearted fielding performances ... and of course his insane banter. Lawrence Fay is not a squashie but also deserves a mention here for willingly throwing his body around at great peril only to remember that no, actually he hadn't ever played cricket w ith a hard ball before in his life. In similar vein Bimal played one match and constantly had to put his fag out as the ball mercilessly followed him around the ground.

Three very handy cricketers who didn't play enough were **Andy Holman** who is a very useful bowler and potentially destructive batsman; **Richard Harvey** who seems more determined to score runs against us for PCC than for us; and his nephew **Matt Laino** who brings the average age of the team down by about 15 years and could be very handy once he realises that there will still be a few girls left over even if he gets to bed early occasionally before a match.

We had a couple of one-off star performances; to be expected from an Ozzie State cricketer **Glen Batticciotto**; less so from **David Dance**, leading BC all-rounder from the late 1980's rediscovering his old touch in Chiang Mai.

Which brings us finally to the triumvirate of OAPs ... **Corin Hastings, Nick White** and **Jack Dunford**, aged nearly 200 between them, all managing to defy gravity and get into the averages.

**Corin** finally realised that his talent was wasted at RBSC the last 30 years where he never got a bat or bowl. He attended all nets sessions and was unstoppable in the early part of the season. Suffered the yips though, but hopefully will be bowling again next season.

**Nick** averaged an amazing 85.5 with the bat passing 4,500 runs for the Club in 159 appearances. On medical advice he finally gave up the quick stuff and, after some experimentation, became a very effective slow medium bowler, homing in now on 200 wickets for the Club (192 so far)

And **Jack**? Suffice it so say that with another 11 going down, 260 batsmen have now got out to him in 230 appearances for the Club ... not one of them to a good ball!

Another happy season! The fielding could only improve after last year and we held more, but by no means all, of our catches. **Sailesh, Anthony** and **Dale** all caught 3, wicket keeper Dale also getting a couple of stumpings.

But we all know that we can play a lot better and we all know the solution ... the Club has beautiful practice facilities and nets are fun. Get down there lads ... let's make 2012/13 a season to remember.









# **BCGS GOLFING NEWS**

By Art Carlson





A busy month for the British Club Golfing Society with two trophies contested against rival golfing societies in Bangkok among our regular events. However, unlike Great Britain's Olympic success, the British sides were beaten and took home no gold.

## Magpie Putter: Royal Golf Club July 8, 2012

The annual Magpie Putter event against a very deep field from the Wanderers Golf Society was played in early July with the Wanderers easily taking the match and the coveted Magpie Putter trophy (where it now resides in the Ship Inn after being held for many years by British Club). Scores were added and averaged to determine the winner and the Wanderers won 5.5 under par to the BCGS's mere 3 under par. Special mention to Karen C, Mark E., Jack O. and Rod M. who posted our best scores.



"The venerable Magpie Putter being held and admired by team captains"



"Despite the loss, BCGS golfers enjoyed their day"

## July Stableford: Subhapruek GC July 15, 2012

John Carter played a fine round of golf at Subhapruek to win the monthly Stableford with 40 points. Tracy scored 38 points to come second, and Yurachat, lan T & Barry shared third place with 34 points each. Good scoring on a course that was both set up long, and played even longer.

## Hapag Lloyd Trophy: Kiarti Thani July 21, 2012

In July the BCGS had our annual better ball match play event against the Londoners Golf Society for the elusive Hapag Lloyd trophy. As ever, both the golf and the post-match entertainment at The Londoners Pub were excellent. The only disappointment was that in a match play format where all holes counted, our opponents won 3 more holes than us, and the Trophy has now relocated to The Londoners Pub.



"Two of our more competitive players were Jack and Randall"



"lan collecting prizes for his technical skills on the golf course"



"Andrew was proud of his success as well"



"Frank our Captain graciously hands over the second trophy of the month..."



"Brian and Yurachat enjoy the post-match party at the Londoner's Pub"

## July Medal: The Royal Golf Club July 29, 2012

In what many believe to be a first for the BCGS, the hot golfing duo of the year, the father & son pairing of Ed and Barry both won their individual Medal events at Royal this July. Barry won Flight B with the best overall score of 70, and Ed won Flight A with a 74. Well done to the Ashman's.



"Ed picks up yet more hardware this year at the July Medal"



"Barry collects his prize at the July Medal"

## August Stableford: Lam Lukka GC August 5, 2012

On a fine and clear day when nearly the entire field did not shoot anywhere close their handicaps, Frank brought home 39 points to win the August Stableford (and according to some accounts, by one of the largest margins recorded in the annals of BC golf) at the challenging Lam Lukka C-D course in August.



"Frank and the field recovering after a grueling day"

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By Winlock Hsu



## **LONDON BRIDGE - 8th July 2012**

The Bridge Section held its annual London Bridge tournament on Sunday 8th July. The turnout was beyond our expectation, and we had a full house of 52 hardcore Bridge addicts. We were joined by top ranking players from Indonesia & Norway, but alas, the much anticipated appearance of one of Norway's World Masters was spoilt by an inadvertent accident (probably just a meek excuse when he found out that our local guru & tournament director Mike was attending). Game play started as scheduled at 2.30pm, with a short snack break at 4.30pm to allow the partners to indiscreetly scream at each other.

Competition game play finished at about 6.00pm, and then Khun Somboon and his team put on a dazzlingly display of plate balancing and pot distributions to transform the blood drenched Surawongse Room into a tranquil dining room setting. The sumptuous buffet dinner was followed by the traditional prize giving by our jolly chairman Jeremy. Photos & results as below:





PRIZE CATEGORY	RANK	NAME (PAIR)
GENERAL PRIZE		
Top attendance for BCB Bridge (Jan – Jun 2012)		Manthanee
		Benjarong
Perfect Sunday attendance (Jan – Jun 2012)		Prarop
		Surawit
Bridge Ladder for Jan – Jun 2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hiran
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiatchai
	3rd	Julaporn
LONDON BRIDGE RESULTS		
Bobey		Jeremy & Michael Winckless
Average (50%)		Manthanee & Chakramon
Unmixed		Chalermpol & Piya
Mixed		Chalikon & Piya
Senior (each player is 60+ years)		Kiatchai & Hiran
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up		Vallapa & Asadang
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up		Surapon & Terje
Winner		Dr. Apithai & Wongsapol















**News & Updates** (a few words from our tournament director, Mike Sim)

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

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

# **BALUT**

By Sausage



We are coming to the end of the Balut year, as the Balut Shield reaches its climax on 5th September and then we all have a month off to try and acquire new skills and develop radical strategies for use in competing in, and ultimately winning, the new Shield.

## **BALUT SHIELD NIGHT**

The evening of 5th September kicks off in the Suriwongse Room with a complementary buffet at 6pm, with a sharp AGM scheduled for 6:50pm. At 7pm or as close to that magical hour as we ever are, the final tournament in the Shield 2010/2011 will commence. At the end, winners will be announced and prizes awarded. Do try and make it - the last evening of the Shield should be great fun, and with sponsored beer courtesy of The Jackal, it probably will be!

## **BALUT SHIELD RESULTS**

There have been five Wednesday tournaments since we last recorded the outcomes in Outpost. The two winners of each evening are shown below:























R.I.P. STEVE "Swampy" EATON

Most will already know that Swampy has passed on, but we remember him fondly for his contribution to the Balut Section. He was a mainstay of the Section, always ready for a game downstairs or up, and his streaks of luck were remarkable, most notably with getting a House on 6s and 3s which remains known as the Swampy House. We will miss him, and send sincere sympathies to his family.

The only point of note in these results was the chance at greatness in T21, when Douchebag was sitting on a score of 135 with only a Choice to throw. It looked like it was going to be a game for the wall downstairs, but sadly Douche didn't manage to throw past 19, so no wall, but at least he got a bottle of wine! This pic was snapped as he pondered his last throw:



## **DET-5 BALUT OPEN**

The traditional BCB vs DET-5 Challenge was postponed from

earlier in the year due to the difficulties of creating enough teams. It is unlikely this will be resolved, so DET-5 have organised an Open Tournament which will have its first exposure this coming Sunday - there will be a report in the next issue, but meanwhile anyone interested can contact Bowling Ball for info on future DET-5 Opens.



#### **2012 INTERPORT**

We are still hoping to be able to put together a single team to represent the British Club Bangkok at this year's Interport in East Malaysia. There is still time to book, and the British Club Balut Section will be bearing the entrance fees for those who are free to attend the event. If you feel you may be able to go, please contact The Jackal for further details.

# THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

# There's too much tendency to attribute to God the evils that man does of his own free will."

- Agatha Christie, 'The Moving Finger'

## **SEPTEMBER**

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

# THE MONDAY NIGHT GLUB



"Death before dishonour"

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Bad Tidings

Things that go squeak in the night may give you a clue to a number of weird deaths in Midsomer Mallow, add to that a new bagman who doesn't want to be there, a set of old friends who want you to go skinny dipping and a hand-made doll and you have ... real bad tidings!

This case stars John Nettles as DCI Barnaby with guest stars John Normington, Michael Simkins and Helen Linday and introducing John Hopkins as Detective Sergeant Dan Scott.



"A gem of a story"

# 17<sup>th</sup> Cat Among the Pigeons

There are no cats and for that matter there are no pigeons, but there is an angel! Poirot visits a crusty Girls School to help out an old friend to make a choice but soon finds himself trying to decide who is real, who is not and more importantly who is dangerous.

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Claire Skinner, Carol Macready, Georgie Glenn and Adam de Ville.



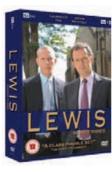
"Is this a dagger I see before me?"

## 10<sup>th</sup> The Daughters of Cain

Morse's final countdown continues ...

Oxford loses another Don to murder yet the murder weapon was not stolen until after the event? Time travel? Surely not in Oxford but perhaps this time it is a case of the egg before the chicken?

John Thaw is DCI Morse with a guest cast of Phyllis Logan, Jasper Jacob and Tony Haygarth.



"A snake in the grass?"

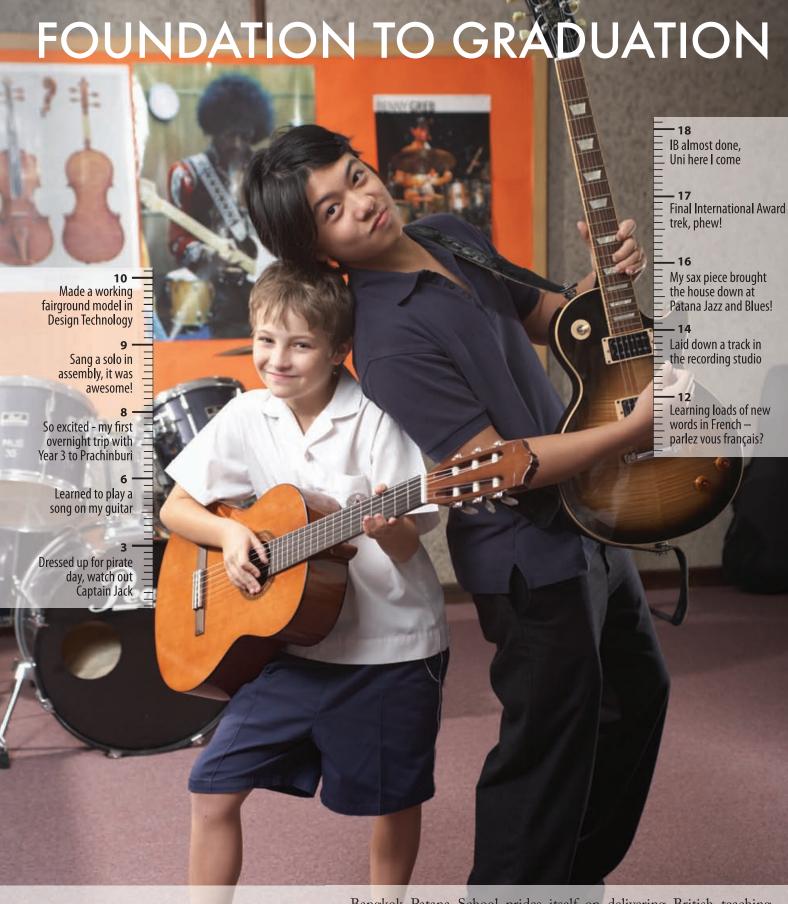
## **24<sup>th</sup>** Generation of Vipers

Whether it comes from Shakespeare or Saint Matthew, our dynamic duo find that a suicide is but the latest offspring of this cast of snakes — except Robby is sure it's not suicide and widening the field gives us the press, a dating agency and the gutter ... and a very impressive drugs bust!

Kevin Whately is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Julie Cox, Freddie Fox and Toby Stephens with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.









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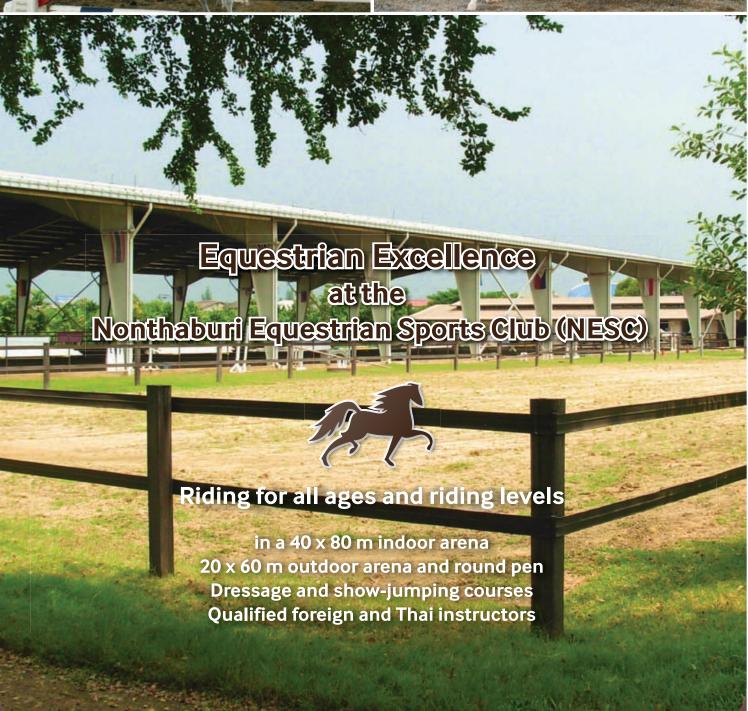
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