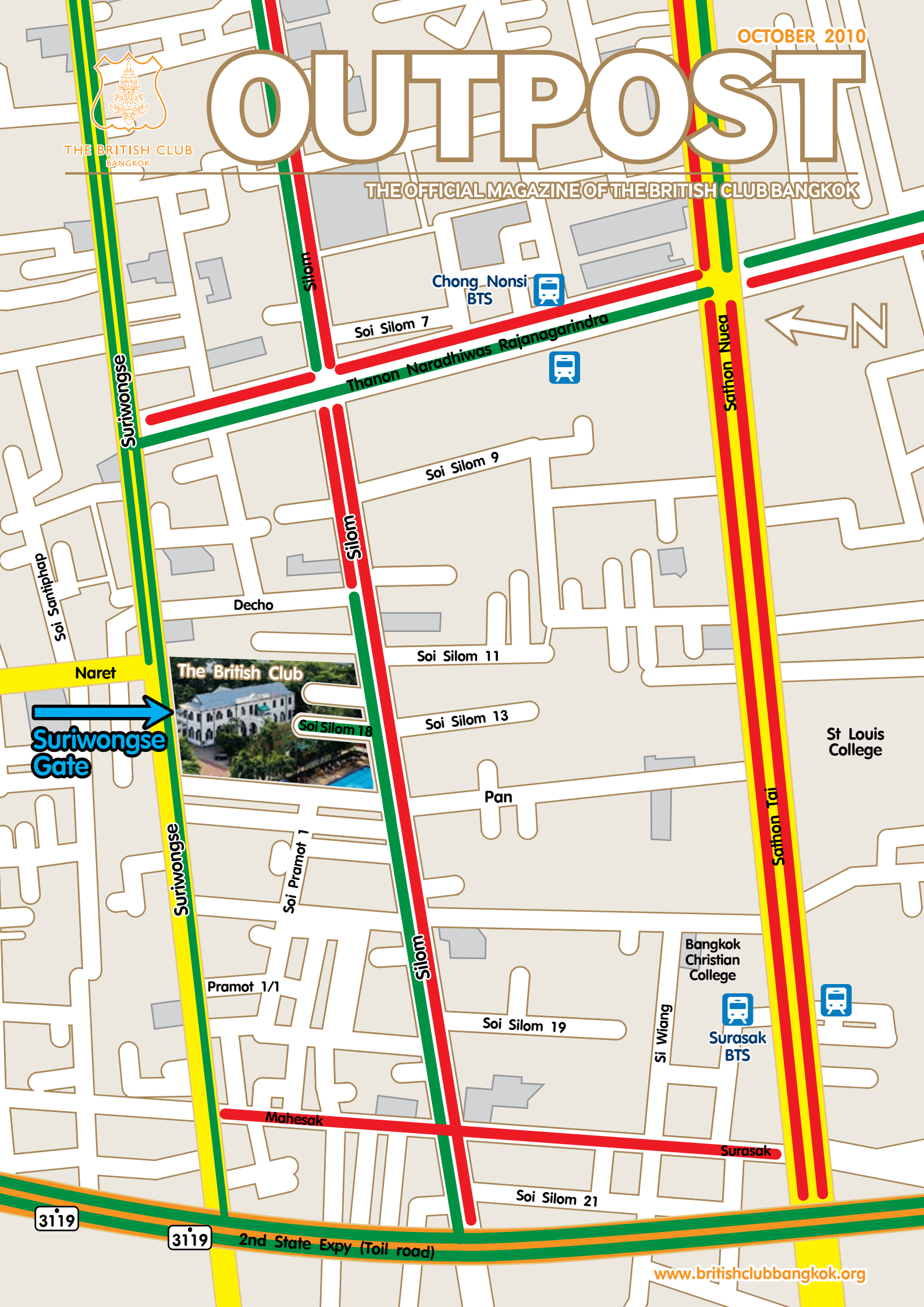




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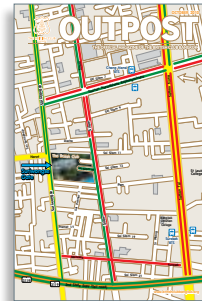
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MESSAGE FROM THE GM



Both our levels of business and our Members' visits have begun to recover recently, since so many members went on holiday at the end of July or beginning of August. We were still 12% short of our F&B budget in August, though that was exactly the same amount as we are short for our budgeted membership subscriptions. Despite our lack of membership, now in mid-September we are exactly on target for our F&B revenue budget.

We have stabilised the development in membership so that the gap between budgeted and actual subscriptions does not increase. However, as I previously noted, it is vital that we increase our total membership to approximately 1040 before the end of the year. Our new Membership Manager, Khun Lin, has started off very well in the last month, strongly assisted by some of our existing Members recruiting other new Members. To continue this development, we need both a new marketing strategy and also a collateral strategy derived from it, and these are currently being prepared. This change in strategy will also affect the way we offer sponsorships. In the past, the Club has sponsored Chambers, Societies and other groups by providing F&B at outside functions. We will continue to sponsor events like this, provided that such events take place at the British Club. Our reasoning is that the Club itself is our strongest asset, and by actually getting people down here we can maximise the chance of recruiting new Members. With this objective, in September we hosted an Open Night targetted primarily towards teachers and other professionals who have just arrived in Bangkok, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce had a networking meeting at the Club, and the British Chamber of Commerce will be holding their evening at the Club in October. To the same end, we intend to bring along the Australian Chamber and any other Chambers which we believe may potentially contribute new Members.

Of course we must advertise in a 'normal' way as well, and we expect that much of this will appear on the Internet and in lifestyle publications. For this reason, we are embarking on a trial association with the magazine Acclimate. I am aware that some Members may be surprised to receive a female-oriented magazine, even though it may be intended for their better half! On the other hand, it has been shown that many lifestyle 'products' for men are advertised through women's magazines, because, even though few males would admit to it, a large quantity of women's magazines are read daily by spouses and even single males. Given these statistics, we are working with Acclimate on distribution and other possibilities.

For marketing purposes and to provide additional experiences for Club Members, we will be co-organising events in association with the British Chamber, the first of which was on 21st September. Such events and activities will be generated from and based on our marketing strategy.

Bringing in more Members does not in itself necessarily increase the F&B revenue, and the 12% shortfall on budget reflects varying performances between our different outlets. Over the last few months we have increased the Verandah's revenue significantly such that it is now riding 9% ahead of budget, with both the Express Luncheons and Weekend Brunches contributing to this surplus. However, the Salas are consistently 20% under budget, and during the weekdays it is obviously due to our missing two tennis courts. At the weekends, if there are no sports activities such as swimming, swimming galas, tennis training, junior football, netball or cricket with which to occupy our Members' children, then the Salas' revenue suffers dramatically. With regard to the tennis courts, John Boisclair is exerting tremendous pressure on the contractors to have them finished completely by the time you read this. To maximise usage of the Club at weekends, Reed Passmore is starting off by setting up netball and cricket training, the latter being an obvious choice as most International Schools ignore this great and traditional British/Commonwealth sport.

Since William Ong's resignation, Khun Laak and Khun Somboon have jointly assumed the usual duties of the F&B Manager. Khun Somboon is now responsible for all service, functions and outside catering, and he will continue to be the driving force behind the improvements in all our customer services. Khun Laak will be responsible for not only the kitchens and the quality and selection of the food, but also for the continued development of the new menus, which were promised more than 2 months ago. Khun Laak has already been the catalyst behind changes like the breakfast menu, so we expect that when you read this, you will also be able to read and select new dishes from the new menus! These will be adapted to the characteristics of the outlets, and replace the long menus of old. All outlets will, however, see an increase in seasonal offerings as well as Khun Laak's specials, the goal being to provide each outlet with its own character and taste.

To enable Khun Laak to continue renewing herself as she has done before, we will arrange periodic external coaching from executive chefs, and in addition provide the opportunity to see and specifically taste what is going on around Bangkok. The next Gourmet Dinner has deliberately been scheduled for a Friday (5 Nov) to enable as many Members as possible to experience what Khun Laak can create when she is given the time to prepare exceptional cuisine - excellence, good value, and satisfaction for Club Members.

Jesper Doepping
General Manager

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 10pm		
Neilson Hays Coffee Shop	9am - 6pm (Tues.-Sun.)	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon.-Fri.)
Churchill Bar	10am - 11pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat.-Sun.)
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The monthly report on maintenance and development



At the time of writing this on 15th September, the resurfacing of the centre court and court 1 is still not finished. The contract completion date of 15th May has long gone.

Heavy rainfall, almost daily in the last 2 weeks, has caused many problems in carrying out the repair of the defects left behind by the previous subcontractor, who appeared to have abandoned ship. Initially, there were numerous difficulties in the course of carrying out the resurfacing of Courts 2 & 3.

The delays then pushed the work on the Centre Court and Court 1 into the rainy season. This resulted in many additional problems and delays which have frustrated everyone, as they sat in the Suriwongse Sala watching helplessly. I have suggested to the contractor that it could be worthwhile for them to erect awnings over the working areas. The contractor and the Club are currently losing money as the rain falls persistently on the unfinished courts. By the time you receive this edition of "Outpost" I sincerely hope that the work will be finished.

The Ladies' Changing Room was re-opened on 19th August, 10 days earlier than the contractor's completion date. The door into the Men's Changing Room was then replaced with one of 2.4 metres in height to match the one just installed in the Ladies' Changing Room. These doors should be able to accommodate even our tallest members. The male members, who had chivalrously been using the temporary changing area were then able to reclaim their changing room later that same day.

Thanks are due to Khun Prawat's company, Sawaeng for a very well planned and executed design & build project. We should also thank Peter Harper whose conceptual design for the Men's Changing Room was used again and has resulted in a functional and attractive facility. Of course, that is my opinion. As always, I am interested in the comments of the Member's. I took Peter to see the finished project and I am pleased to report that he seemed reasonably happy with our execution of his "simple minimal white concept" (his term, not mine).

The parquet flooring in the reception area has just been replaced, albeit with some difficulties in getting the lacquered finish right. The effect is that the area now appears more spacious. We are still looking for a company that can design and manufacture directories and small pieces of furniture to complete the decor.

We continue to be very busy with repair and maintenance work. In the last month we have replaced 1 pump in the pool filtration room, the pump which circulates the water in the turtle pond and the water heater for the Ladies' Changing Room. Our maintenance team are being kept very busy on routine repair and maintenance work.

As required by the Motion approved at the 2008 AGM, we are now keeping detailed records of all expenditure, whether it is on projects such as the changing rooms or routine repair & maintenance work. Due to the age and condition of our buildings, the costs are significant, and the records will enable future realistic budgeting on an annual basis without the temptation to delude ourselves that the facilities can be kept going on a shoestring. The records are available in my office for inspection by any Member who wishes to do so.

All for now

John Boisclair

Development & Facility Manager



Testing the Fire Pump

EXPRESS LUNCHEONS



October

4th - 8th October

Starters 50 baht

Carrot, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Chicken Maryland

with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet corn, Tomato and Bacon

Served with Home Fried Potatoes

or

Pan-Fried Dory with Dill and Pernod Sauce

Served with Carrots, Asparagus, Zucchini and Garlic Mashed Potato

or

Lamb and Beef Moussaka

Served with Garlic Bread

or

Tod Mun Pla

(Deep Fried Curried Fish Cake)

Tom Yum Gai

(Spicy Lemongrass flavoured Soup with Chicken and Mushroom)

Pad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-Fried Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

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18th - 22nd October

Starters 50 baht

Chicken, Mango, Avocado and Beetroot Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Course 130 baht

Salmon Fish Cakes

Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Grilled Fillet of Pork in a light Curry Sauce

Served with Zucchini and Coriander Rice

or

Turkey and Ham Pie

Served with Leek Cheese Sauce and Home Fried Potatoes

or

Tom Kha Gai

(Chicken in Coconut Milk and Tangy Soup with Lemongrass and Lime Leaves)

Pla Sam Rot

(Deep Fried Fish Topped with Sweet and Sour Sauce)

Pad Woon Sen Sai Kai

(Stir Fried Glass Noodles with Egg)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

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11th - 15th October

Starters 50 baht

Chicken, Pumpkin, and Cranberry Salad

with Coriander Dressing

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Mince Beef and Onion Pie

Served with Sautéed Cabbage, Bacon and Croquette Potatoes

or

Pan-Fried Dory Mornay Sauce

Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

or

Chicken Korma

Served with yellow Rice and Naan Bread

or

Gaeng Som Pak Ruam Goong Sod

(Prawn with Vegetable in Spicy and Tangy Herbs Soup)

Kai Jiew Moo Sab

(Thai Omelette with Minced Pork)

Panaeng Gai

(Stir Fried Chicken in Red Curry Sauce)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

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25th - 29th October

Starters 50 baht

Nicoise Salad

(Potatoes, French Beans, Black Olive and Egg)

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Beef Madras

Served with Yellow Rice and Naan Bread

or

Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Risotto

with Parmesan and Rocket Leaves Dressed in Pesto

or

Fish and Chips

Your choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered with Mixed Salad

or

Gai Rad Sauce Kratiam

(Stir-Fried Chicken with Garlic Sauce)

Yam Ma Khuer Yoo

(Spicy Salad of Grilled Eggplant with Minced Pork and Boiled Egg)

Gaeng Liang Goong Sod

(Spicy Herbs and Vegetable with Prawn)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

F&B MORSELS



In the last month we have started making some small changes to the menus, specials and buffets. During this process, it is important for me to receive feedback from Members so that we know that we are on the right track.

The most recent change is that we are now making a Saturday and Sunday Brunch. We want this new Brunch to be like those you can get at 5 star hotels, but maintaining

our Club's favourable prices! Even though what we are doing is inspired by what is happening around us, we will continue to have some British Club/Commonwealth Specials (like the Carvery) at our Brunch. But it is also important that Members tell me what they really like and what, if anything, they want changed. Only by getting feedback can we become better. By the time you read this, we will have a Mimosa cocktail (champagne and orange juice) included in all Brunches, and we expect to have a "Sparkling Wine Menu" added to the Brunch also.

We have also cancelled the Tuesday Carvery. The reason is very simple: it did not sell enough and we therefore ended up with more wasted food than we like, and too much waste makes it impossible to keep our prices low. However, we will expand our Friday buffets, each week having a different theme. The first week in October starts with the usual curry buffet, the second week we have a German

buffet with respect to the traditional German Oktoberfest. You know that we started the Oktoberfest on 17th September, like in Germany, but we will continue to celebrate the festival in October as well. The third week's buffet has a Mediterranean theme, the fourth week a Canadian theme and the last week of October there will be a Spanish theme like more traditional Tapas.

Our last Gourmet Dinner was not as well attended as we hoped; some claim because it fell on a Wednesday! So to maximise the possibility of all attending, the next Gourmet Dinner is scheduled for Friday 5th November starting at 7pm with canapés and wine on the back lawn. This time the menu will be 6 courses with wine, all for 1800 baht. We will experiment a little and will try and show how good some of the local fish and meat is – even when it is prepared in an international mode. I really hope that you will come and enjoy this next evening, where we will show you the best of the kitchen! Remember remember the 5th November, ok!

Finally regarding the Menus which are supposed to be coming out. They need changing quite a bit. In future we will have a smaller amount of dishes on the permanent menu, although all outlets will have more dishes that follow the different seasons here in Thailand and abroad. Each outlet will have some different items, but of course, Members can always ask to get the menu from another outlet. The only menu that will be shared is the Thai menu. Khun Somchai, the GM, Khun Prem and I have checked out many different Thai menus in Bangkok and we do believe that our Thai, British and International menus should include the best food in Bangkok, and we really want our Members to experience that.

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It was not until 1988 that Andy, whilst on holiday in Bangkok, was offered a position with the developer of the new expressway system. Over the next 20 years and more, Andy worked on this and other Expressway and Skytrain projects. He shared a flat in Bangkok for 14 years before deciding to buy his own condo unit.

Despite excelling in his profession as a Materials and Quality Specialist, Andy decided that he would retire at the early age of 48 to further pursue his interests in golf and tennis, and thus the British Club's Tennis Section became an important part of his life. Dragged briefly out of retirement for a short project in Cambodia, he quickly won the respect of local engineers who obviously appreciated his easy-going, polite and helpful manner. Andy was always quick to treat everyone with equal respect.

It is not difficult to describe Andy Robertson as the perfect gentleman. Reticent to raise his voice, he was a modest man right up to his far too early and sudden death on a cool tennis court whilst on holiday in Scotland. Despite living overseas for most of his working life, he never forgot his roots and his hometown, Gatehouse of Fleet. He leaves behind many friends there, in addition to his partner and friends here in Bangkok, all of whom will miss him greatly.

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Starters	
Chef's Soup of the Day	75.-
Rocket Salad	185.-
with Shaved Parmesan and Roasted Roma Tomatoes	
Main Courses	
Braised New Zealand Lamb Shank	350.-
with Rosemary and Thyme Sauce	
Served with French Beans and New Potatoes	
Crispy Glazed Duck Breast	350.-
with Green Pepper Sauce	
Served with Cabbage Jam and Croquette Potatoes	
Baked Whole Rainbow Trout Stuffed	350.-
with Caper and Olives, Whisky and Oatmeal Sauce	
Served with Carrots, Broccoli and Garlic Mashed Potato	
Dessert	
Dessert of the Day	95.-

October 2010 Modern European Dining Set B 16th – 31st October

Starters	
Chef's Soup of the Day	75.-
Garden Salad of Mixed Leaves	185.-
with Pan - Fried Shrimp, Balsamic Dressing	
New Zealand Mussels in Spicy Tomato Sauce	255.-
Served with Garlic Bread	
Main Courses	
Chicken Breast Stuffed	350.-
with Sun Dried Tomatoes and Feta Cheese	
with Crispy Polenta and Pesto	
Roast Pink Salmon	295.-
with Organic Pumpkin Mashed, Asparagus, Zucchini, Carrots, Dill and Pernod Sauce	
Aust Tenderloin of Beef with Risotto Ball	650.-
Serve with Roasted Vegetable Red Wine Jus	
Dessert	
Dessert of the Day	95.-

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OPEN NIGHT

Singing and dancing in the rain

On Friday 10th September, the Club hosted an Open Night for Members and non-Members alike. As usual, Khun Laak had made an enticing selection of different canapés and supplemented them with British Club classics including the kitchen's home made pies. Khun Somboon had guessed how the weather would turn out, so we made sure that we had a big awning above the seating area for both existing and prospective Members. Trusting in Khun Somboon's predictions meant there would also be an awning over the Bangkok Soul Revue, who were the band playing for the evening, and most important of all, a reserve awning ready to put out over the Bar! The reserve awning was definitely necessary in order to protect everyone (as this was where they all gathered) from being soaked by the torrential rains.

The only thing which could not be covered was the dance floor. However, in the second part of the Band's show, the lead singer and many of the prospective Members took matters in their own hands and started singing and dancing together in the rain. It made a great spectacle!

We are sure that both Members and prospective Members had a really enjoyable night, as for quite a few the fun continued until close to midnight.



COVER NOTES:

Getting to the Club smoothly



A quick glance at the cover of this month's Outpost will be enough for many Members to recognise the basic layout of Google Maps for the area surrounding the Club, but to others it might have evoked no recognition at all, except possibly a piece of unconvincing and mildly pretentious alternative art from the seventies underground.

Nobody who has spent more than a few weeks on wheels traversing Bangkok's streets at varying times of the day would ever pretend to have a solution, but it may not always be as laborious as it appears.

During the peak hours in the morning and evening, it is a slow battle going anywhere, and at these times the maps shows how close either of two Skytrain stations are! The hours in between can be relatively smooth. But there are roads which are more often than not difficult to negotiate, and vice versa.

Sathorn is an artery with few sections which remain fluid. Best avoided. The upper half of Silom doesn't get clogged as often as the lower half, which is generally due to Sathorn too.

Suriwongse is used far less than Silom or Sathorn, and the bottom is one-way with an exit onto the Expressway, so it remains relatively clear, even when Silom is blocked (going down towards the Club).

The Club's Suriwongse Gate is usually a better access route than the Silom Soi 18 Gate, and getting to Suriwongse to use that gate is easier than getting round to approach from the bottom of Silom.

The Club's Silom Soi 18 Gate is usually fine, especially when exiting from the Expressway, unless there is any delay in the lower half, when it is best to slip over to Suriwongse.

Online traffic advice can be accessed either via maps.google.com and its 'Traffic' button, or via www.traffy.in.th/traffy, whence the basic cover was obtained. Good luck!

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Most people tend to downplay their back pain and avoid seeking professional attention. Often analgesic drugs and some rest are the preferred choice to make the pain bearable. But not having the correct treatment can worsen the situation to the point of immobility. In modern medicine surgery time is shortened, the incision minimal and rehabilitation faster.

Associate Professor Doctor Wicharn Yingsakmongkol, BNH's leading Spine Specialist, comments:

New methods of surgery ... Interspinous Spacer

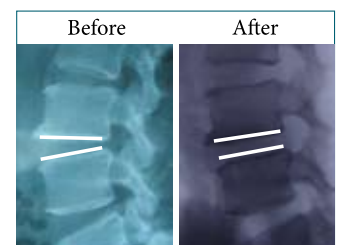
The conventional treatment of herniated discs is to remove the problematic disc. After removal the patient might be indeed pain free, but after a couple of years the vertebral body degenerates and it might not withstand normal demands, which causes, in the long run, elevated pain. In contrast modern treatment prefers the "Interspinous Spacer" where only

a small incision is used which is about one centimeter long and requires only two stitches (it could be done percutaneously). The recovery time is significantly reduced and this state-of-the-art treatment shows excellent results. In some cases the surgery takes just a couple of minutes and does not require an overnight stay in the hospital.

While modern technology can protect you from illnesses to a large extent, it is still advisable to take good care of your health and avoid situations that can be detrimental for your back. Prevention is better than cure.

The foundations for successful treatment are the

- **Right Diagnosis** - Finding the fundamental cause for the symptoms enables the doctor to determine the correct cause of action.
- **Right Time** - Regardless if it is mild or severe pain, the origin of the pain should be detected. Avoidance can only worsen the situation and an early consultation can help elucidate the symptoms in order to determine the therapy needed. Most importantly, early treatment allows the bones to heal in a more normal way as nerve damage is less advanced.
- **Right Treatment** - There are many types of treatments available. Each treatment is suitable for different symptoms and there is not only one applicable to all. It is important for the patient to understand the details of the different options to achieve the most satisfactory result.
- **Right Doctor** - Experience and expertise play a vital role in the treatment. Treatment by a specialist lessens the risk of erroneous diagnosis and needless treatments. Hence the treatment by a specialist enhances the chance of success.



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BBQ from 4:30pm

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Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We continue our peek into the Club's past with a look at events of 1956 ...

1 Our Club had a number of 'Sports & Games' Sections – Tennis, Darts, Bowls, Bridge and Billiards to which in 1956 we added Table Tennis. We spent 4,400 Ticals (about £70) buying a table tennis table with equipment, and instigated two cups for all Members to play competitively as well as being "just for fun".

The Gentlemen's and Ladies' Cups were played until November when Mr D.S. Smith beat Mr T.G. Lightfoot in the Men's final and Miss T.D. McKeen beat Miss P.N. Tadman in the Ladies final.

2 Our staff have always been our most important asset as a Club so when living costs began rising very steeply in mid 1956 we gave our staff huge pay rises. Our Butler received a 20% increase to 1,200 Ticals per month although his wife only received an extra 25 Ticals as Wash Amah! The No.1 Boy ("Head Waiter") got a 25% increase to 1,000 Ticals per month, No.2 and No.3 Boys saw their wages rise the same to 950 Ticals per month and our Coolies wages rose to 500 Ticals.

Thailand's trade was also suffering so they pegged their currency to the U.S. Dollar at an exchange rate of 20.8 Ticals to 1 Dollar.

3 Following the sad passing of Mr. Mottet, our Permanent Assistant Secretary ("General Manager") in 1955, we appointed Mrs J.A. Pegg to that role. In July 1956 she left Thailand so we appointed Mrs F. Martin - unfortunately her husband was posted to British North Borneo (now known as Sabah) in October so we had to appoint a third Permanent Assistant Secretary in just over one year, namely Mrs T.A. Madar.

Thankfully Mrs Madar was here for the 'long haul' and served for ten years becoming our longest serving Permanent Assistant Secretary or even General Manager since WWII.

4 Although it did not materialise for nearly ten years, 1956 was the first year that there is any minuted record that the Club should build the horror of all horrors in a Gentlemen's Club ... a swimming pool! At this stage it was only one of two suggestions in the Members' Suggestion Book and was quickly dismissed. The other idea was for a barber's shop ... now that should have been followed through!

5 1956 ended on a high as far as Club events went. Over 387 Members and friends attending the Christmas Ball and 100 children of Members and friends attending the Children's Christmas party. We were also host to the Oxford & Cambridge Dinner.

(a) The results of the Table Tennis Tournament were recorded as:-

GENTLEMENS' SINGLES	Winner: Mr. T. G. Lightfoot,
	Runner-up: Mr. D. W. Smith.
LADIES' SINGLES.....	Winner: Miss D. McKeen.
	Runner-up: Miss P. M. Tadman.

"The Minutes were nearly right!"

The author is currently Honorary Secretary of the Club.

THE BRIDGE BUNCH

By Martin Carter

The Bridge Bunch continue to meet and compete at 2.30 pm on Sundays, upstairs at the British Club. During the week there are duplicate Bridge competitions at The Polo Club on Friday morning and at the Sports Club on Monday and Thursday night; for the sleepless or obsessed, there is 24 hour Bridge on the Internet at Bridgebase.com. Like the opening sequence in the Sam Peckinpah movie "The Wild Bunch", Duplicate Bridge can be wild, brutal and possibly fatal; a newspaper in the UK reported recently a husband standing trial accused of the murder of his wife after a row regarding her supposed lack of Bridge expertise. Provocation was not raised as a defence!

Young Guns join the Bunch

As the Oldies mulch down a band of juvenile Bridge players has joined the Bunch.

Charles (aged 13) - Wunderkind and Winner of the 2010 London Bridge Open Tournament

Modest and respectful to his adult inferiors, Charles plays Bridge like a machine. Fluent in English and Thai, his prospects of gaining a place on the Thai National Team would seem outstanding, particularly as there is no-one of his generation who comes within a country kilometre. Having been well-schooled by his mentor Manthanee, he has been known to open '4 spades' in fourth position merely to shut out his younger brother.

Tricks for beginners:

Defending at Bridge against the declarer has the advantage that one or other of the defence team leads the first card. As on average you will be defending twice as often as playing as the declarer, it is important to learn to make the correct opening lead.

The object of the Bridge defence is, of course, to break the declarer's heart. There are many ways of destroying the declarer, but the best way is with the killer lead. All too often the declarer's heart remains unbroken - just because West starts off on the wrong foot. Sometimes, when there is an R in the month, your partner bids so then you should lead your partner's suit; you will rarely be scolded for doing so. With two cards in his suit, lead the highest card. With three, always lead the highest unless you have one of the top four honours and then lead the lowest. It is particularly important to lead low from King or Queen. There is no reason to let the declarer make two tricks with AJ. He will do, if you open with your honour. Even with Jack, it is best to lead the lowest card. Leading in Bridge can be practiced alone using practice hands or a computer programme. Like practising a tennis serve, you don't need a partner to return the ball.

Where the declarer arrives in a three No Trump Contract over partners major suit opening or a minor suit overcall, you can fairly assume that the declarer has stops in partner's bid suit unless partner doubles, in which case your partner

is commanding you to lead his suit. If partner does not double, then he is unlikely to have that much. Then with a singleton or worthless doubleton, there is a perfectly good temptation not to take partner too seriously. Can you think of something better? No trump contracts are, without doubt, best attacked when the lead is a King from a KQJ sequence, and with a couple of outside entries. However, such hands are like those exotic South American Beauty-Queens who marry older men only for love: you may wait a lifetime to meet one and while you are waiting you have to find something to do!

The Trump Lead

In leading against a suit contract, an all important clue is the bidding. When the bidding indicates that the declarer hopes to ruff something in dummy, then in the absence of a bid from partner, a low trump from a sequence of nothing may deprive the declarer of essential ruffing power which he was counting on. If the declarer ends up playing in a suit other than his opening major suit choice, then it is because dummy has two or less of that major suit. Accordingly if left alone, the shortage in Dummy can be used to ruff losers in the first choice major suit: one or more low trump leads may take out Dummy's trumping power and defeat the contract.

New players very welcome

Next time you are at the Club on a Sunday afternoon, why not introduce yourself to Winlock or Martin? If you wish, sit in and "Kibitz" on a few hands. You don't need to have a Maths brain to play Bridge or even have reached year 10 at High School. Young or old, good or bad, beautiful or ugly, all are welcome at the British Club Bridge Section.

See the Bridge Club Notice Board for contact details.



Charles (right), and younger brother Toht (left, aged 11)

CORRECTION

In September's edition of Outpost, in the article "The Bridge Bunch" there was mention made of 'Geraldine' as one of the Bridge Players. Furthermore, the article incorrectly stated that she had made a career "out of cruising the world's oceans". This humorous assertion had no factual basis whatsoever, and both the article's author and the magazine's editor apologise for its inclusion. Any embarrassment suffered by Geraldine, her family or friends is deeply regretted.

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Saturday 20th November 2010

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5 pm Free time

7 pm TOURNAMENT AWARDS DINNER with the sounds of CELTIC COLOURS

NOTES

1. Teams must consist of four players – we will try to accommodate pairs.
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BC CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2010

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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HOGWARTS HALLOWEEN BUFFET

KIDS AND ADULT VARIETIES
FRIDAY - SUNDAY, 29 - 31 OCTOBER
THE VERANDAH



4

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Monday Night Club
Death's Shadow
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



11

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Monday Night Club
Five Little Pigs
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



Sports Camp

18

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Monday Night Club
SHERLOCK - "The Blind Banker"
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



25

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Monday Night Club
Last Bus to Woodstock
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



5

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Senior Football
7pm

Quiz Night
Sponsored by Tetleys Smooth Flow
The Verandah 7:30pm



12

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Senior Football
7pm

Sports Camp

19

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Senior Football
7pm

26

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Senior Football
7pm

6

Paella & Sangria Special
All day

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7.05pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Paella & Sangria Special
All day

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Sports Camp

13

Paella & Sangria Special
All day

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7.05pm

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Paella & Sangria Special
All day

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

20

27

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Ladies Mix-In
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Fitball
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Sports Camp

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WEDNESDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1

Curry Buffet
The Verandah
Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



8

German Buffet
The Verandah
Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



15

Mediterranean Buffet
The Verandah
Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Sports Camp



22

Canadian Buffet
The Verandah
Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Music At Dusk
Poolside 6.30pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



29

Spanish Buffet
The Verandah Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Wine Tasting
Suriwongse Room 6pm-9pm



Halloween Party
6pm-9.30pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Hogwarts Halloween Buffet
The Verandah



2

Junior Tennis
Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Junior Football



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Curry Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

9

Junior Tennis
Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Fancy Dress Tennis
4pm - 80's theme



Junior Football



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



German Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

16

Junior Tennis
Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Junior Football



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Mediterranean Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

23

Junior Tennis
Junior Swimming



Amazing Race Bkk
11am

Brunch
11am-3pm

Junior Football



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Canadian Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

30

Junior Tennis
Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Rugby
Australian vs New Zealand 3pm



Junior Football



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Hogwarts Halloween Buffet
The Verandah



3

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Bridge
Suriwongse Room
2:30pm



Yoga
3 pm



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Curry Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

10

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Bridge
Suriwongse Room
2:30pm



Yoga
3 pm



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



German Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

17

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Bridge
Suriwongse Room
2:30pm



Yoga
3 pm



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Mediterranean Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

24

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Yoga
3 pm



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Canadian Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

31

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Yoga
3 pm



Br Club vs Br Embassy
4pm



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Hogwarts Halloween Buffet
The Verandah





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SPORT & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore



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Dear Members,

It's October already! Time really flies when you are having fun!

September was another great month for sports and activities. Junior activities such as swimming, tennis, cricket, football, arts and crafts, movie nights are all back on track and senior activities like veterans rugby, squash handicap, tennis competitions and social football. The club is booming with sports and it's great to see it that way.

Badminton: Anyone interested in this fast-paced racquet sport? If so, the British Club Members play near the B.C. every Sunday and return for a late breakfast - contact Khun Rit in the Fitness Centre for more information.



Fitball is back!

Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 10:30am. Fitball combines low weights with an uneven platform (the ball) to create a great core and full body workout. Great for all levels!

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Rugby Event: 30th Oct:

Come and watch the Wallabies vs New Zealand Saturday 3pm. Wear your B.C rugby apparel and receive happy hour prices. Can the Wallabies finally get a win over the All Blacks?



We also have some B.C rugby jerseys left for sale - contact me to secure yours.

Upcoming Events:

Sports Camp: 11th - 15th October

We will be running another sports camp in October - As the last 2 camps were full, please sign up in advance - half and full day camps available (tennis, swimming, cooking, squash, football, netball and more).

Half Day Bt.450

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Swimming Gala: 28th November

Ages 3-10yrs. All welcome to join in - medals for all children participating.

THAI LESSONS @ THE CLUB

Weekday and weekend lessons starting in October

contact Reed for more info

BRITISH CLUB RUGBY

By Reed Passmore

The Vinarco International Rugby Tens was a first-ever event run by the British Club. This event attracted players from Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Pattaya, Phuket and Bangkok. Friday the 3rd September started with a memorable night. At 6pm the senior players/Members held an AGM to resurrect the British Club Rugby team. This was a great step forward and will ensure that rugby continues to grow and be developed at the Club. Numerous teams joined us on the back lawn for cooling beverages and to watch a replay of the 2003 World Cup on the big screen (I have selective memory so I think Australia narrowly won!).

4th – Game Day – The British Club team donned their pink jerseys which were decorated like military veterans with sponsor badges, thanks to many of our gracious Members. B.C. Ole Boys played both the Southerners & Japanese in pool matches and narrowly lost the Plate to the Saigon Geckos.

The British Club Team was made up of 32 players/supports and 4 Non-Members.

The day was highlighted by some fantastic rugby, drinking games and 2 big nights out. The Bangkok Bangers (also made up of numerous B.C. Members) won the event against the Southerners.

This was a fantastic day, and could not have happened without the support of our great sponsors: Vinarco, ACH Management, Synovate, Bumrungrad, Coca-Cola, Tiger Beer, Pattana International nor without the help of:

Bob Merrigan, Trevor Day, Jon Pritchard and David Viccars.

Thank you to all of you – you made a great day come together.





SQUASHY BITS

by Bruce Madge <b_madge@hotmail.com>

Stop Crying Or I'll Give You Something To Cry About!

Now then, some have complained that I was a little harsh on Neil in last month's Bits concerning his performance as Captain, and having him fired by Donald Trump was way over the top. A few suggested I should apologize in this month's column. And yes, I would like to apologize to Neil for cruelly criticizing him so often, and for the heaps of abuse I have piled upon him through my Bits articles, and to his face, and behind his back, and via SMS and email. However, I'm not going to, so he'll just have to live with it and remain ridiculed, abused, and fired as Captain of the Squash Section. Never mind. He'll get over it.



Wealthiest Animal on the Planet!

Right, that's out of the way. Last month, or was it this month? Might have been last year, actually. Let's put it this way: in the past, a team of BCB squash players joined teams of BCB clickiters and teennissers for a tour to the British Club in Singapore. I didn't go as: a) I had to work, and b) I wasn't invited, and c) I couldn't afford it. Singapore is the most expensive country in the world; a pint of beer costs 145 dollars! 145! Imagine how much two pints cost! Anyway, 145 dollars is



Barely enough for a pint!



500 bucks a throw

about five thousand baht. That's 97 English Pounds. 100 quid for a pint! 100 quid! And food in Singapore is even more expensive. A bag of Walker's Crisps is 299 bucks! 300 dollars for just a small bag! How much is a family pack? What's the price of a Kit-Kat? Well, these exorbitant prices are the reason why Singaporeans are some of the slimmest people in the world, as they just can't afford to eat. So there was no way I as going to afford this trip on my meager-low-life-haven't-got-a-proper-job-yet-and-only work-part-time-anyway-teaching-English wages. However, lots of our other Members are so affluent it makes me sick, so they all went instead. Briefly, they all had a wonderful time drinking champagne, cocktails and 145 dollar beer while munching on 300 dollar



Playground of the Rich!

crisps, and throwing all their millions of baht down the drain gambling on horse racing. The Playground of the Rich!

As for the sport, the clickit boys won (see Hard Balls), but the tennis players lost as their pockets were weighed down far too heavily with wads and wads of cash, thus restricting their movements, and the squash boys were also



Useless!



defeated 4 matches to 5 as they claim they were all too fatigued from playing cricket that day. Even those that didn't play said they were tired from the cricket. The details are sketchy and none of those that took part seemed very willing to say much probably due to embarrassment. In contrast, Haroon was rather less coy and revealed he'd lost 3-1 to a 49-year old female player who'd only taken the game up six months previously, was playing with one of those tiny, old



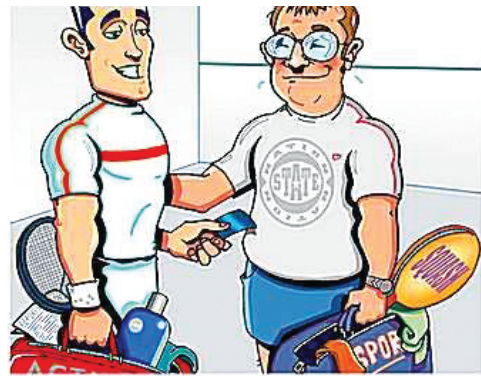
Gandhi? Never heard of him!

wooden rackets with a broken string, and had a glass eye and a gammy hand! Unreal. Actually, Gandhi claims he couldn't play well as he was sore all over from being attacked by a swarm of wasps after their nest fell off a tree and straight on to his head! A highly unlikely tale, and one which really has no place in a column such as this, which always strives to report the hard truth backed up by credible evidence and honest, no-nonsense reporting [*I just love this - Ed*]. Any regular reader can tell you that Bits has a solid reputation for reliable news from worthy sources.



Tooth decay, Sir?

Be that as it may, the Tourists seemed to enjoy their weekend and were hosted very well by the British Club, who treated them to lots of beer and Walker's Crisps, and in return ex-Captain Neil, presented them with some tooth decay (see photo), a rather unusual gift, which was surprisingly well-received. So overall a pleasant trip, albeit a bit steep at twenty two thousand pounds per head, yet as most of those who went are making more than that per day on interest alone, I doubt they're too concerned.



See you next Thursday mate

Finally, due to lack of numbers and the resulting complaints since there's no-one around to play, it's time to re-launch the Thursday Mix-In. Many many years ago, it used to be such a wonderful squash evening: delightful, friendly, joyful, happy, inspiring and motivating, while

at the same time, being challenging and competitive, yet overall a very gay evening. Attended and enjoyed by oh so many players. However, now it's just boring, insipid, and plain dull as hardly anyone bothers! Thus, it's the right time to say, "Hey you, squash player, what are you doing on Thursday evenings?" Err, think I'm going shopping at Big C with the Mrs." "On no you're not! You're going to the British Club to play in The New Thursday Mix-In, and the wife can go shopping alone or with her bit on the side. Got it?" "Err, yeah, whatever you say boss." "Right, and don't forget." "Sure. Sure. I'll be there." And that's all there is to it. Easy, isn't it? You've just got to put your foot down. So that's all sorted then. In your diary, every Thursday, squash mix-in at the Club. Bring a fellow squash player. Bring someone you like. Bring someone you don't like. Just get down there, will ya!



Not here on a thurs with the Mrs



But here playing squash!

Until then.....



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TENNIS

By Reed Passmore



Dear Members,

Welcome to a hard hitting edition of B.C. tennis.

Now we have 4 courts available we will playing, competing, training and having loads of fun.

Ladies Mix In

Once a month we will run the ladies morning Mix In and introduce a little wine and snacks (I am not endorsing wine and tennis but once a month is ok surely??) This will be a controlled mix in with individual scores – winner takes all.

Junior Tennis

Pierre has picked up where he left off last term with 35 juniors in his ever-growing squad. The British Club is lucky to have a man of his skills.

British Club Tour Singapore:

The Tennis team joined forces with cricket and squash to head 1500km south to party in Singapore. I have been on tour with these Members (Chiang Mai 2010) so I know how much fun would have been had. Great work Chris Watt for organizing the tennis members (10 ladies and 4 men) and to Jack Dunford for setting the weekend up.



Upcoming Events:

Fancy Dress Tennis Extravaganza: Saturday 9th October:

Dress like it's the 1980's - Prizes and vouchers for best dressed. Starts 4pm.
Social doubles matches with a little twist: 80's music, 80's dress and 80's fun.



Junior Tennis Event: Sunday 10th October

Junior event for children 5-13years old. Please sign up in advance so we can set up the program. This will be from 3-5pm

British Club vs British Embassy: Sunday 31st October

We have been challenged to a social tennis event against our good friends at the British Embassy. 31st October at 3pm. Pizza and Pasta Dinner.



HARD BALLS

By Deepesh Middon

The regurgitated BC Cricket Team rounded off the 2010/11 season with a tour to Singapore in August, not very ably assisted by a motley bunch of squashies and tennis players, to take on the might of the British Club Singapore.

A friendly BCS welcome reception awaited us at the Kranji Turf Club on the Friday night where we enjoyed panoramic views of the race course in the luxurious, movie-like setting of the Grand Stand. We should have been a bit more suspicious of the form-guides generously handed out on arrival however, for the combined brainpower of the mighty Cricket syndicate managed to win just \$8 all night and even blew that on the last race. But it was good fun, we only lost a few hundred dollars, had plenty of Tiger in our tanks and would have gone home happy enough ... except for finding out that skipper Vaughan took a sneaky individual \$5 bet on a rank outsider in that very same last race to win \$450.

BCS is beautifully located with the clubhouse, swimming pool and tennis/squash courts terraced on a thickly wooded hillside. The cricket team enjoyed a pleasant leisurely Saturday morning at the poolside having locked Vaughan in the children's room where he belongs. He wouldn't tell us who won the toss but we soon found



ourselves fielding under a sultry hot mid-day sun.

The younger, but not as good looking, Dunford has been sent to Australia for cricket lessons and was allowed to open the bowling. The investment seems to paying off as he (6 overs, 1 for 18) and the also better-looking Speddo (6-1-34) pinned BCS back for only 15 in first 6 overs. The fielding was sharp and BC looked good in their LandMARC Hotel sponsored shirts.

Marc himself (an impressive 5-2-6) hid his advancing years well and, in

spite of dropping a sitter off his own bowling first ball, was soon in the groove, upping the pressure and taking wickets. This allowed Vaughan the luxury of introducing the eminent Dr. White for probably the most expensive spell of his 28 seasons with the BC (5-2-47). Struggling uphill over the carpet corner, the good doctor sprayed the ball around and entertained the lads with a spectacular exhibition at mid-on the other end off the unfortunate Satish (5-1-36), calling "mine" to a catch skied towards him, but closer to Joss at mid-off, the ball falling 10 feet way with the good doctor spread-eagled on ground muttering about rings around the sun etc, etc.

BCS were now beginning to get into the swing of things, a few more catches went down and, in another bit of inspired captaincy, Haroon was introduced to the attack to bowl leg breaks. Now most players take years to develop this most challenging of all of cricketing skills, but Haroon decided he was ready after bowling just 5 balls in the nets last week!. One over of juicy full tosses was smashed for 19 runs and BCS's 185 for 7 off 30 overs looked a pretty good score.

It looked even better when Dr White rounded off a great match with his first duck in 15 years and Joss struggled to



get going. Skipper Vaughan (13) hampered by an ankle injury deservedly inflicted by one of the syndicate, tried to get them in boundaries but things didn't look too clever after 10 overs with the score on 40 for 3. But, "cometh the hour" ... Dale had arrived at the crease in imperious form clouting the ball all over the place. Although he blocked a couple of random balls to look like a proper batsman, when he retired on 50 (two 6's) off 36 balls it was 'game on' ... although there was still quite a bit to do. Neil (12) boringly held up an end whilst Speddo continued the attack with a furious 37 off 20 balls, also hitting two 6's, one out of the ground. George hasn't done the batting bit of his course yet and didn't hang around long, but the momentum was never lost. Satish (19*) and Marc (13*) saw us home following a brilliant cameo of 28 off 10 balls from Haroon including three 6's which he hopes will make us forget his leg breaks. Marc's winning 6 was one of the shots of the match and BCB were home with 23 balls to spare.

Back at BCS the squashies then changed weapons whilst the rest of us got stuck into the beer. BCS were gracious hosts and we wallowed in one of BCB's finest victories as the sun set on this beautiful corner of the empire. The barbecue was terrific, the exchange of plaques and shirts sealed brotherly British Club bonds and in spite of Marc's protestations, Dale was awarded a thoroughly deserved man of the match award.

Next up were the Singapore Spirits and an early morning start, a good idea when planning the tour that somehow didn't seem quite so smart at breakfast when battle-field injuries were assessed. The skipper, serves him right, was hobbled, reserve keeper Dale had two fingers strapped together, the better looking Dunford's business finger looked like one of those pictures on cigarette packets, Dr. White needed help to put his boots on, and Speddo? ... well, we never found out.

But, "cometh the hour" ... the heavens had opened! On arrival at the ground huge puddles were forming on the outfield and after an obligatory wicket inspection and photo opportunity we all agreed to abandon play without a ball being bowled. It was back to BCS for some healing coffee and early departures ... a rather damp ending to a great weekend. Although they were pretty useless, the squashes and tennis players also seemed to enjoy themselves and all 30 Members who travelled are likely to be queuing up for a return trip next year.

We are all looking forward to the 2010/11 cricket season. This win in Singapore brought the season tally to an unflattering played 6, won 2, but we were better than that and these were big wins. We'll be all set to go again by the time the next Outpost pops on your doormat.



Well bowled Dr



LandMARC



nearing victory



damp ending



Is It?

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn

Honda Cup, The Royal GC, Lat Krabang : Sunday 1st August 2010

The Honda Cup is a well-established event on our golfing calendar, having been initially contested by the BCGS and the Japanese Association of Thailand in 1985. Before today's match the JAT led by 14 matches to 11 and in recent years we have not had too much cause to celebrate. Could this be the year? Hoping for an inspired



outing, Captain Frank tries his best to rally the troops at the pre-match get-together (1).

As ever, the match was played in a friendly manner; scoring in general was of a high standard and many matches were closely contested, but not all! As they came off the course, Karen C and Khun Gaew looked stunned having been subjected to a barrage of birdies and eagles! Nonetheless, they quickly regained their composure and seemed pleased enough with their performance (2).



Overall the JAT team proved too strong yet again and went on to win by 7.5 matches to 4.5.

Matches, scores, good shots and bad a distant memory, we met up afterwards at the British Club to enjoy a very pleasant evening, wining and dining with our Japanese friends (3).



Mr. Ohashi, Chairman of the JAT, was invited to present the prizes to the various winners and finally the Honda Cup to the winning captain (4).



The Japanese Association's very generous contribution of wine and top class golf balls towards the prizes was very much appreciated.

A special word of thanks should go to Frank for all the work he put in to make this day an unqualified success.

And of course, there's always next year!!

Club Day, Riverdale GC, Pathum Thani : Sunday 8th August 2010

A small but select group of golfers took on Riverdale Golf Course in a club event, played in bogey format. The course is new, and unusually for a location close to Bangkok, is hilly and offers many uneven lies (5).



The challenging layout was made no easier by a stiff breeze, and only the wily veteran, Brian Brook, was able to beat the course. Big hitting John Carter earned the runner-up spot by equalling his handicap, whilst a relatively new member, Art Carlson, was two shots further away in third place.

Monthly Stableford, Subhapruek GC : Sunday 15th August 2010

The continuous rainfall over the preceding few days clearly had an effect on the turn-out for this usually popular event. Nevertheless, we did manage four groups, including a quarter-final match in the knock-out competition.

As expected, the going was difficult on a very damp course and in my own case it wasn't made any easier, having been on the receiving end of a frenzied attack by a swarm of very angry hornets. Just trying to find someone else's ball in the rough!!



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Despite these setbacks, the golfing continued. In the matchplay competition, Karen C and Brian Brook slogged their way through the water and mud as far as the 16th hole where Brian failed with his birdie putt and with it went the match. Congratulations to Karen

on reaching the semi-final of the knockout competition. From Brian as well (6)

In the main competition scoring was surprisingly good, especially from James Fielder who finished with 38 points comfortably taking first place. Some way behind were Peter Bond and John C with 33 and 32 points respectively.

Confusion reigns at the presentation when some of the near-pin markers went missing. Many serious claims and some not so serious, but Frank seems in no mood to let things get out of hand. The threatening fork obviously did the trick and the awards eventually went to the correct recipients (7). James' commendable efforts earned him a fine bottle of wine (8).



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March Medal, The Royal GC, Lat Krabang : Sunday 29 August 2010



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Most members are usually up for the monthly medal competition and this one was no exception. Gareth, laid back as always, Karen, fresh from her excellent victory last week and our

guest Andrew Bentley were among the 33 competitors who took part (9).



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Playing conditions and scoring were again affected by the state of the course. However, we can't hold the course responsible in all instances when we get into difficulties. Wouldn't it be nice to be left handed sometimes! (10).

Flight 'B' was fairly closely contested but in the end Peter Gale, in a rich vein of form, triumphed with a net 69 closely followed by George O and Brian Brook in second and third places respectively. This result won't do Peter's eclectic score any harm either!



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In Flight 'A' the long hitters were to the fore with John Bell and Peter Clark finishing tied for equal second place, but a very respectable net 70 saw the top prize go to Captain Frank.

In the clubhouse afterwards, the Captain presented the Flight 'B' medal to Peter (11) and then in turn accepted his prize as Flight 'A' winner from the vice-captain (12).



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Congratulations to the winners and well done to all who took part.

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BRITISH CLUB BALUT

By Mr C



>> AND THE WINNERS ARE

After 23 tournaments, 115 games played by a collective 321 players, the winners are:

**BALUT SHIELD 2009-10:
TC (Phil Alexander) 108.60**

**BALUT SHIELD CUP 2009-10:
Mrs Orange (Muntana Merrigan) 149**

These were awarded at the Balut Shield Awards Night on 1st September which was attended by 28 Section members. The Fourth Balut AGM took an agonising 20 minutes to complete but we were well stocked up on sponsored wine and beers as well as a lovely buffet prepared by the Club's Executive Chef Khun Laak.

Then we started the 24th tournament (No.18 was cancelled due to the Red Shirts Street Party) - Play was competitive and, of course, being the Awards Night there were spot prizes but it was easier to give them to Mac (Andrew McLean) ahead of play as he seemed to win most of them!

The winners on the evening were:

**HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE:
Kelly Alexander 530**

**HIGHEST SINGLE SCORE:
TC (Phil Alexander) 147**

And a mini bottle was awarded to Gorgeous (George Okrasa) for his magnificent 342 – George having a similar bottle from last year aims to collect the set next year.

In addition to Kelly (aged 9) winning on the evening, we awarded all the other junior players present [Katie Alexander (Kelly's twin), Sleepwalker (Carlos Romero Junior, aged 11) and Tom (Tomjakraphan Merrigan, aged 14)] with a B2S voucher to encourage them to read books in between playing Balut! Well done guys – we look forward to their playing at the Interport.

Our thanks to OUTRIGGER HOTELS & RESORTS for supply of the wine and CARLOS THE JACKAL for sponsoring the beer and to YES TECHNOLOGIES

The Final Shield league:

POSITION	NAME	PLAYER	POINTS	AVERAGE
Winner	TC	Mr. Phil Alexander	3,267	108.90
2	Bowling Ball	Mr. Bob van Es	3,187	106.23
3	Mrs Orange	Mrs. Muntana Merrigan	3,176	105.87
4	Swampy	Mr. Steve Eaton	3,172	105.73
5	Gorgeous	Mr. George Okrasa	3,170	105.67
6	Mrs Jammy	Mrs. Caroline Willbourn	3,113	103.77
7	The Jackal	Sr. Carlos Romero	3,079	102.63
8	Tom	Mr. Tomjakraphan Merrigan	3,052	101.73
9	Jammy	Mr. Roger Willbourn	3,045	101.50
10	Slowpoke	Mr. Tony Rodriguez	3,034	101.13
11	Mr C	Mr. Paul Cheesman	3,027	100.90
12	Lyla	Ms. Lyla van Es	3,022	100.73
13	DQ	Mr. David Quine	3,021	100.70
14	The Chieftain	Mr. Ranald Macdonald	3,018	100.60
15	H	Mr. Haroon Rashid	3,002	100.07
16	Dark Horse	Mr. Clive Butcher	2,998	99.93
17	JLo	Mr. Jonathan Loney	2,974	99.13
18	Sleepwalker	Sr. Carlos Romero Jnr.	2,939	97.97
19	Iain	Mr. Iain Hackett	2,911	97.03
20	Jane	Mrs. Jane Hackett	2,890	96.33
21	Mac	Mr. Andrew McLean	2,820	94.00
22	Oddsman	Mr. Jeremy Watson	2,805	93.50
23	Septic	Mr. Arnold Troeger	2,694	89.80



TC accepts the Balut Shield for the second year running



Mrs Orange takes the Balut Shield Cup



BCB Balut's future!

DATES FOR OCTOBER

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

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

QUIZ NIGHT

by Guy Hague

After a two month hiatus due to the illness of our quizmaster, Rodney Bain, the Tetley Smooth Flow Quiz Night resumed on September 7th with a stand-in quizmaster, Tim Footman, formerly of "The Beasts", serving up a rather tasty range of questions.

Four teams answered the call to challenge for the September Quiz crown: Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers, Jim's Junkies, Jokers Wild and Under Par. Whether it was the long summer break, the difficulty of Mr. Footman's questions, or just an off night for the players, scores were lower than usual with only one team (Jim's Junkies) venturing into the 30's, and that was only in the final round.

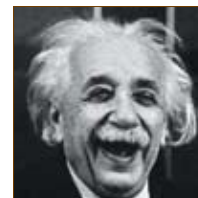
Round One began with a flurry of "British" questions: the name of the London Tube station that contains six consecutive consonants (Knightsbridge); which of the two English classics are for fillies only (1000 Guineas and The Oaks); and which rock band was fronted by Farrokh Bulsara (Queen). Our quizmaster helpfully offered the nugget that "fillies" were female horses, although the clarification didn't seem to help some teams find the answer.



A bit of a consolation from our sponsor?

The round culminated with a new type of 5 part question, in place of the usual "common denominator" question. Photos of four famous people were shown and teams had to identify each celebrity and then determine the "odd one out" and the reason. The four personages at the end of round one were: TE Lawrence, David Lloyd George, Julia Gillard and Tommy Cooper. The odd one out in this case was David Lloyd George because he was not born in Wales, despite being the UK's first and only Welsh Prime Minister. Round One finished with Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers on top, with Under Par and Jokers Wild following closely behind, and Jim's Junkies bringing up the rear.

Round Two started and ended with movie questions and included questions on jazz, politics, a question about some character called "Bagpuss" and a particularly tricky geography question that almost resulted in a lynching at the Jim's Junkies table (the answer is Paraguay!). Scores in Round Two were almost identical to the Round One scores, with Spoofers in the lead, followed by Jokers Wild.



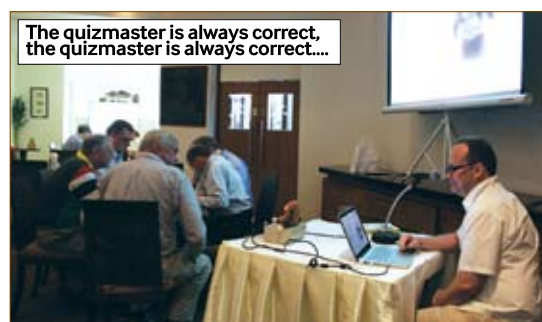
In professional golf, Round Three is called "Moving Day" by the players, as it is usually the round when the leaderboard changes significantly. Not the case here as the Spoofers continued to lead and the other teams recorded identical scores of 23. Questions ranged from sport (what sport was known in the 19th century as wiff waff?) to linguistics (Dhivedhi is the official language of which Asian country?) to astronomy (The asteroid belt lies between which two planets?).



Enjoy your spoils, Spoofers! October is coming...

Despite the late, heroic charge of Jim's Junkies in Round 4 (35 points!), Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers held on to win with a total score of 106. Jokers Wild were second at 103.5, while Jim's Junkies and Under Par rounded out the field. Overall, an auspicious debut for our stand-in Quizmaster, but a low turnout of teams restricted the prizes to 1st and 2nd only.

If you fancy a challenging and enjoyable night out and reckon you and your friends can dethrone the reigning champion Spoofers, come along to the next Tetley Smooth Flow Quiz on Tuesday October 5th at 19:30. Quizmaster Tim has promised to ask easier questions for his sophomore effort, although we don't quite believe him. Easier for whom?



The quizmaster is always correct, the quizmaster is always correct....

Finicky Footman's Fox 'em!

1. Thomas Crapper (1836-1910) invented the flush lavatory. True or false? 2. The singer Katy Perry is engaged to which British comedian? 3. What is the second most common language on Twitter after English? A: Chinese; B: Japanese; C: Portuguese D: Spanish 4. What is the chemical symbol for potassium? 5. Boxcar Bertha (1972) was an early film by which American director? 6. Which of Shakespeare's plays begins with the line "Who's there?"

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"An accidental development?"

4th Death's Shadow

The developer is decapitated and the builder gets burnt – surely this is taking Town Planning too far – not in Midsomer!

John Nettles is DCI Barnaby with guest stars Richard Briers, Judy Parfitt and Julian Wadham.



"and this little piggy went ... all the way home!"

11th Five Little Pigs

Another Nursery Rhyme – This little piggy could have done it and this little piggy could have done it and this ... well you get the idea ... a piggy did it!

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Toby Stephens, Julie Cox and Marc Warren.

TV Movies on the BIG SCREEN



"Who's the fairest of them all?"

18th SHERLOCK - "The Blind Banker"

Two people die in different rooms both locked on the inside but seemed to be linked to a mysterious message on a wall - a message written so fast the CCTV did not catch the writer!

Benedict Cumberbatch is Sherlock with guest stars Howard Coggins, Zoe Telford and Martin Freeman as Dr John Watson.



"Hold very tight please, ding ding!"

25th Last Bus to Woodstock

When catching a lift may not be as safe as the bus, when drinking a pint may not be as safe as half and when cheating at Snooker is very unwise!

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Anthony Bate, Terrance Hardiman and Jill Baker.

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KHUN LAAK'S ON THE MENU



Asian infused tuna

Try to buy firm, deep red tuna. The idea is for it to be eaten raw – just like sushi – but, in actual fact, the acidity of the lime juice starts to cook the fish.

Serves 6-8



Main Ingredients

- 455g/1lb tuna, bluefin if possible
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled and diced
- Juice of 4-5 limes to taste
- 1-2 fresh chilies, deseeded and finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons sesame seed oil
- 4 tablespoons coconut milk
- 1 good handful of fresh coriander, finely chopped
- 2 heaped tablespoons sesame seeds
- A little fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- Soy sauce, to taste

Method

Finely dice your tuna and place in a bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients, stir and add soy sauce to season. This fantastically flavoured tuna is great on thinly sliced toasted bread.

Mixed Leaf Salad with Mozzarella, Mint, Mango and Prosciutto

If I make this for my lunch, I use a nice, ripe mango, a ball of mozzarella and a couple of slices of prosciutto. Pinch the skin and peel from the bottom to the top then quarter them. Rip the mozzarella into small pieces and place on a plate with the mango. Lightly season. Lay a couple of slices of prosciutto over the top. Dress your drinks with mixed salad leaves and torn-up mint with a little of the olive oil and *lemon juice dressing**. Throw the leaves on top of the plate.

Olive and lemon juice dressing

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste



Banana Orange Lassi

Main Ingredients

- 1 peeled banana
- 4 oz orange juice
- ½ cup yoghurt
- 1 ½ tbsp honey

Method

Mix all ingredients in a blender until smooth.



Apple Citrus Refresher

Main Ingredients

- 4 oz apple juice
- 4 oz orange juice
- 2 oz lime juice
- 4 oz ginger
- 1 scoop ice cubes

Method

Mix Apple juice, orange juice and lime juice. Just before serving, pour in ginger Ale, Serve over ice cubes.

THE MONTH THAT WAS!

By Dickie Whitworth

1984

At the Conservative Party Conference being held in Brighton's Grand Hotel, an IRA bomb exploded on 12 October killing five people, but missing its main target UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.



1967

An Argentinian intellectual, a guerilla leader and major figure in the Cuban Revolution, Che Guevara was captured and executed by CIA-assisted Bolivian forces on 9 October.



1968

Redwood National Park was founded in California on 2 October to preserve and display these massive and majestic trees which can grow to 400 ft and live 2000 yrs.



1968

On 20 October Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, the former US First Lady, and wealthy Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis were married on his private island of Skorpios in the Ionian Sea.



1981

At an annual victory parade in Cairo on 6 October, Egypt's 3rd President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Anwar al Sadat was assassinated by fundamentalists upset by his treaty with Israel.



1917

The exotic dancer Mata Hari, suspected of spying for Germany and causing the deaths of 50,000 soldiers, was tried, found guilty and executed by firing squad in France on 15 October.



54

On 13 October, the Roman Emperor Claudius died from eating poisonous mushrooms, which are widely believed to have been given to him by his wife Agrippina, to consolidate her power.



1908

The Model T Ford first went on sale on 1 October. Available in any colour as long as it was black, it was the first mass-produced production-line car, making it reliable and affordable to most people.



1925

The first transmission by television of a moving image was made on 2 October by John Logie Baird, a Scottish inventor who later invented the colour television tube.



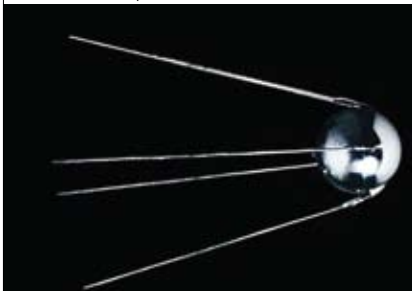
1781

On 19 October at Yorktown in Virginia, General Cornwallis surrendered his forces to George Washington, effectively heralding the end of the American War of Independence.



1957

On 4 October, the Soviet Union launched the first Earth-orbiting artificial satellite called Sputnik 1. The success of its 3 month mission prompted the Cold War Space Race with the US.



1854

On 25 October during the Crimean War, Lord Cardigan led over 650 cavalymen into the "Valley of Death" against Russian forces. Less than 200 riders survived the disaster.



SUSIE'S Kids Korner



Ghostwriter



Materials

- Disposable ballpoint pen
- Modelling clay – the kind that dries without baking
- Toothpick
- Craft glue
- Plastic fingernail (you can find these from the cosmetics sections of stores and malls)
- Nail polish

Instructions

1. For each one, cover a disposable ballpoint pen (cap removed) with a 1/4-inch layer of the modelling material, leaving the tip of the pen exposed.
2. Sculpt the clay into a finger shape, forming thick bumps on one side for knuckles. Mark wrinkles and creases around the knuckles with a toothpick.
3. Next, use craft glue to attach a plastic fingernail near the pen's tip, leaving room enough for the pen to write. (If you like, trim the nail with scissors beforehand for a jagged effect). Use the toothpick to create lines around the cuticle area and coat the nail with nail polish in a frightful hue.
4. Allow the clay and the polish to dry completely before using the pen.

MUMMY HEADS

You Will Need

- 1 round plastic ball of any size or even a smaller ball or ping pong ball.
- Black duct tape or black electrical tape.
- Cheesecloth, cut into 2-inch wide strips. You can also use very thin medical gauze.
- Fabric stiffener or spray starch for ironing.
- Googly eyes
- Glue

What to Do

1. Cut a 3" piece of tape and place it on the form as the background for the eyes. (Most of the tape will be covered up.)
2. Pour the fabric stiffener into a bowl. Dip one strip of cheesecloth into the liquid.

Using your fingers, wrap the wet cheesecloth around the form, keeping some of the wrinkles and folds because they add character to the mummies.

3. Repeat this process until the mummy's head is covered except for the eye area. Have cheesecloth between the eyes (this defines the space for the eye sockets and gives the mummies personality). Build up the surface of the brow by adding smaller, folded pieces of cheesecloth.
4. Add eyes by applying a couple dots of glue to the back of each googly eye.



HALLOWEEN RIDDLES FOR KIDS

Why do witches ride their brooms?

They're afraid of flying off the handle

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

No body

Where do baby ghosts go during the day?

Dayscare centres

What do witches put on their hair?

Scare spray

What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost?

Bamboo

What kind of mistakes do spooks make?

Boo boos

What has webbed feet, feathers, fangs and goes quack-quack?

Count Duckula

Where do spooks water ski?

On Lake Erie

Where do mummies go for a swim?

To the Dead Sea

LAST MINUTE COSTUME IDEAS

Pumpkin Face

NOTE : You'll need parental help for this!

Materials

- Face paints
- Sponge
- Floral wire
- Pipe cleaners
- Green tissue paper
- White glue
- Green ribbon

Instructions

1. Begin by brushing your hair back from your face.
2. Next, use a damp sponge to cover your eyebrows with white face paint.
3. Once that has dried, use a make-up brush and yellow face paint to create triangular eyes, a nose, and a toothy jack-o'-lantern smile over your lips.
4. Now sponge orange face paint onto your entire face, surrounding the yellow features.
5. After the orange paint dries, use a makeup brush to outline yellow eyes, nose and mouth with green face paint.
6. Top off your disguise with handmade pumpkin leaves and vines. For each leaf, twist short pieces of floral wire around the top of a pipe cleaner.
7. Next, cut two large matching leaf shapes from green tissue paper. Lightly paint the surface of one leaf with a white glue solution (3 parts glue, 1 part water), lay the floral-wire frame on the glued surface and then cover with the matching leaf. Wind the stems of the finished leaves around your hair or pin them with some hair pins.
8. For pumpkin vines, just tie on lengths of curled green gift ribbon.



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With so many changes to legislation (the Pre-Budget Announcements, The Budget, Emergency Budgets!) planning is made very difficult so that, what you knew yesterday may not necessarily apply tomorrow!

Do you really know where you stand?

Well, fear not, on Tuesday 19th October 2010 (7pm) at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel (Bangkok), Gary Wright, a UK tax specialist of The Fry Group will be looking at relevant UK Tax issues such as:

- The changes in July's Emergency UK Budget and the impact you need to know
- Staying tax efficiently out of the Revenues reach whilst abroad
- Domicile & Inheritance tax - the benefits & pitfalls
- Tax Efficient Retirement Income (UK/Thailand Issues)

A Q&A session will follow the seminar and attendees will also have an opportunity to discuss specific issues with Gary (and Martin Wright from Fry's Financial Planning company) afterwards over drinks and a Buffet Dinner.

Gary (and Martin) will also be available for individual meetings in Bangkok from Monday 18th October 2010 to Wednesday 20th October 2010.



Gary Wright – Tax Specialist, The Fry Group, UK

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