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LETTER FROM THE GM



Dear Members,

I have now completed my first full month (August) and what a wet one it was. There are still a few hiccups to iron out but overall August was a very promising month, which I will build on to take our wonderful Club forward.

The rugby is in full swing, with all areas of the Club being used.

Employee of the Month has started along with Team of the Month. Teams will lose points for bad service and gain points for good service. This encourages teams to perform better, create competitiveness and of course, no team wants to be last. You can help me improve this by letting me know if there is any shortfall in our service, and also when we get things right.

I would like to welcome Ashley Boca to our management team. Ashley is Canadian and will be our Events Manager. She will create a bright new events page next month, watch out for it.

There are a lot of events coming up. The Trafalgar Dinner is nearly full already, Bonfire Night and all the Christmas festivities are well into planning, plus Halloween and our very own Beer Festival.

We are currently having a new and improved website built, which will be fully functional by 1st November, with easy-touse pages and online booking for events. If there is anything extra you would like to see there, do let me know.

Thank you to those Members who have offered help, we need more, so if you want to be involved, please let me know.

More hot news! Now that most of the drinks bottles have been identified in the Churchill Bar cabinet. I have introduced discounts on bottles of spirits. Simply purchase a bottle, drink what you want, and store it in the cupboard for next time.

Finally, we have the makings now of a great team here; with hard work and focus, we will get there.

See you at the Club soon.

Martin Fells
General Manager

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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

AD

HOUSE & GROUNDS

The monthly report on maintenance and development



The last 4 weeks have been even quieter than I reported in the September edition of "Outpost". The current financial constraints have made it impossible to carry out any refurbishment or upgrading works and we are now only repairing and replacing equipment that has broken down. A recent example was the extractor fan for the bakery oven. The glass has now been replaced again in the tennis court light.

I am now working with Marvyn Lewis and the contractor to find a solution to the defects that have developed since the squash courts were repaired in April. Marvyn has provided a useful history of the various repairs that have been carried out over the last 20 years or so, and we will be taking this information into account before deciding on the next stage, starting with Court 1. We will make every effort to complete the repairs to Courts 1 and 2 before the tournament in the second half of October. Court 3 has the worst problems and may require substantial repairs to the walls themselves, followed by a complete replastering.

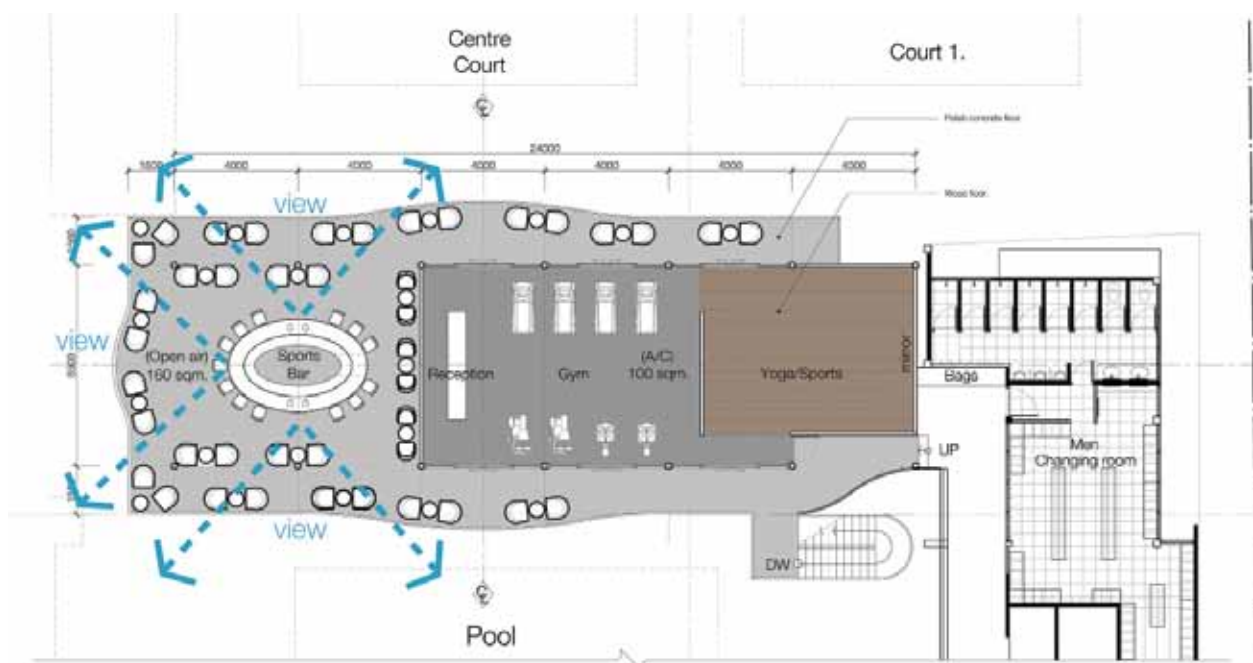
On 16th August, Harper Design presented their proposals for the new Sports Pavilion to the General Committee. The design of the building was accepted with some enthusiasm, but the use of the upper floor was opened to discussion and Peter Harper was asked to prepare alternatives, including an upper floor layout with a fitness centre and sports bar. See this proposal below. Moving the fitness centre to the new building would free up space that could be developed to an alternative use, eg. health/massage. The General Committee will discuss the alternative proposals at their October meeting.

Our maintenance staff consists of a manager, electrician, carpenter and a painter. Their time is divided between minor repair works and the setting up and taking down of furniture, stagings, scenery and equipment for Club functions. They are kept busy, even at the present time, and are often called upon to deal with urgent problems when our hard-worked, and often old, equipment breaks down in the middle of a function. The new manager, Jack, has now settled in since his start at the Club in July.

I now have a relatively long list of work that I personally consider to be important and have recommended that it should be carried out as soon as the funds are available. The priority would be to carry out repair and refurbishment to facilities that relate to the health and safety of our staff and Members. I therefore look forward to an improvement in the financial well-being of the Club. My career has always been involved with the spending of money, sometimes very large amounts, on construction projects. The creation of profitable enterprises is something that has always been done by others, sometimes colleagues in the same organisation who have the appropriate commercial skills. In this respect, I wish my colleagues at the Club the best of luck in finding ways to improve our revenue, so we can carry out some of these much needed projects.

All for now

John Boisclair
Development & Facility Manager



BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

3rd - 7th October 2011

Starters - 50 Baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Mini Steak Served with Mixed Vegetable,
Chips and Gravy Sauce

or

Chicken Korma Served with Yellow Rice

or

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

or

Tom Yum Goong (Coconut Milk Soup with Prawns and Herbs)

Gai Phad Khing (Stir-Fried Chicken with Fresh Ginger,
Onion and Black Fungus Mushrooms)

Phad Woon Sen Sai Kai (Stir-Fried Vermicelli with Egg
and Vegetables)

Dessert of the Day - 50 Baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

10th - 14th October 2011

Starters - 50 Baht

Chicken, Mango, Avocado and Beetroot Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Mixed Sausages and Bacon with Mashed Potatoes

or

Turkey and Ham Pie Served with Cauliflower
and Broccoli Cheese and Pumpkin Mash

or

Fish and Chips (Breadcrumbed or Batter)
with Mixed Salad and Tartare Sauce

or

Gaeng Kiew Wan Gai (Chicken Green Curry)

Kai Jiew Moo Sab

(Thai Omelette with Minced Pork)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-Fried Mix Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day - 50 Baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

17th - 21st October

Starters - 50 Baht

Waldorf Ham Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Pork Schnitzel with Apple Salad

or

Chicken Breast Wrapped in Sticky Bacon
Served with French Beans and Minted Potatoes

or

Pan-Fried Dory Mornay Sauce
Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potato

or

Tom Yam Hed Ruam

(Spicy Lemongrass Flavoured Soup with Mushrooms)

Gai Rad Sauce Makham

(Fried Chicken Breast Topped with Tamarind Sauce)

Moo Tod Kratiam (Stir-Fried Pork with Garlic and Pepper)

Dessert of the Day - 50 Baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

24th - 28th October

Starters - 50 Baht

Coronation Salad

Potatoes, Spring Onion, Boiled Egg, Cucumber and Lettuce Leaves

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Minced Beef and Onion Pie

Served with Mixed Vegetables and Home-Fried Potatoes

or

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka Served with Garlic Bread

or

Pan-Fried Dory Fish Served with Apple Scented Mashed
Potato, Broccoli and Carrots with White Wine Cream Sauce

or

Panaeng Moo

(Pork Dried in Red Curry Topped with Sliced Lime Leaves)

Phad Preaw Wan Gai

(Stir-Fried Chicken with Sweet and Sour Sauce)

Phad Phak Boong Fai Daeng

(Stir-Fried Morning Glory with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day - 50 Baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off



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F&B MORSELS



On writing this article, we've just had executive chef Jonny Goodall here, giving us hints and tips on how to improve our offerings.

And good news, Jonny showed us how to make crusty sour dough bread, so we do not need a special oven after all. Plus new ideas for some yummy cakes and pastries, look out for them. Thank you Jonny.

We are stepping up our preparations for the big events in November and December, with menu planning and preparing all types of Christmas goodies for you to buy. These will be on sale soon so look out for them.

We will shortly be planning new menus for the New Year, so if you have any favourites which are not on our current menu, please let me know.

And don't forget, we would love to cater for your special events in or outside the Club. My team are great and will always do their best for you.

That's it for this month, thank you for reading.

Khun Laak
Executive Chef

AD



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Royal Barge Procession

Saturday 22nd October 2011

Come and join us to watch this amazingly beautiful event to celebrate the giving of the Buddhist monks robes.

We have booked an air conditioned room, right on the river, the view will be fantastic.

Members 1,500 Bht. per/person
Non - Members 1,800 Bht. per/person

Price includes, lunch, soft drinks and transport from the club to and from the site.

Wine and beers available at BC prices.

Meet at the club at 11.30am, we take you to the Royal Navy club for lunch, then a short stroll to the viewing location, where drinks are served while you enjoy the procession. These beautiful and ornately crafted vessels only come out every few years, so don't miss it.



INTRODUCING

Ashley Boca **Events Manager**



A Canadian expat and a new arrival to Bangkok, Ashley has spent the last two years travelling through Asia. She is originally from Toronto, Ontario, where she managed events for Blackstar Productions, assisting with venue organisation as well as recruiting concert talent.

During her time at Ryerson University, Ashley gained excellent experience arranging promotional marketing events for Sony Playstation while they were promoting the game "Gran Turismo 5", and also for Microsoft when they released the Zune MP3 player. She has a long history in the F&B and customer service industries, with emphasis on managing and planning events.

As your new Events Manager, Ashley hopes to bring some fresh new ideas from her experience, along with bringing back some revitalized classics.

"The bee's knees"

This phrase was first recorded in the late 18th century, when it was used to mean 'something very small and insignificant'. Its current meaning dates from the 1920s, at which time a whole collection of American slang expressions were coined with the meaning 'an outstanding person or thing'.

Examples included the *flea's eyebrows*, the *canary's tusks*, and one that still survives - the *cat's whiskers*. The switch in meaning for the *bee's knees* probably emerged because it was so similar in structure and pattern to these other phrases.

Courtesy of the OED



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Bangkok

The British Embassy Bangkok and
The British Club Bangkok proudly invite you to the



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TRAFALGAR DINNER



Friday 21st October 2011

The British Embassy Bangkok and the British Club Bangkok are pleased to hold once again a formal Black Tie/Dress Uniform gourmet dinner on the occasion of the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

The guest speaker will be Commander Jason Reid RN. As well as being renowned as an excellent after dinner speaker, Commander Reid holds the distinction of having fired the first UK submarine-launched Tomahawk missile in 1998 aboard HMS Splendid.

A four course gourmet dinner with a glass of fine wine during each course plus the after-dinner 'Passing The Port' costs only 1,900 Baht per person (Embassy staff, Club Members, and their guests), and 2,200 Baht for all others.

A non-alcoholic dinner is available at 1,300 Baht.

THE PISAMAI FUND

The British Club Bangkok Fund for the Education of Staff Children

Nearly twenty years ago, the Club established a fund in the name of Khun Pisamai, who had worked at the Club for a substantial number of years and had died of cancer. It was to provide "for the education of Pisamai's granddaughter and other worthy cases of children of staff". The fund received donations from Club Members and Members' groups such as the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers.

As of this year, the fund has completed its primary purpose in that Khun Pisamai's granddaughter, Khun Pakvipa Kaewraksa, has completed the education that she wishes to undertake, thus the fund now reverts to its secondary purpose – "for the education of other worthy cases of children of staff". The General Committee has thus redrafted the Fund's Charter as such and set out the criteria for such Grants to be made.

The revised preamble sets out that **"The British Club Bangkok believes that the future prosperity of people comes from the education of their children and that to this end it will seek to give grants to assist worthy cases of children of staff in Mathayom grade and higher education."**

In practice, grants of 2,000 Baht to 4,000 Baht per child per



semester at Mathayom Grade, and up to 10,000 Baht per child per semester at higher education, shall be given for educational purchases (books, fees, uniform etc) and be verified by the production of receipts.

There are a number of conditions:

- (a) The staff member shall have at least one year's service at the time of application.
- (b) The family income shall not exceed 20,000 Baht per month, before any service charge or bonuses, or 25,000 Baht for a family with two or more eligible children.
- (c) The child has achieved at least a Grade Point Average (GPA) in the previous year of 2.0. Children with a GPA of below 2.0 may be given one initial grant to encourage them to push over 2.0.
- (d) A higher grant shall be given to those pupils with a GPA of 3.0 or more.
- (e) These criteria shall be reviewed annually to be in keeping with rising costs.

It is hoped to keep this fund going funded by gifts from Members and from Club Sections and from part of the Annual Ball charity raffle. Members are asked to direct donations to the General Manager.

Trafalgar Dinner

Friday 21st October 2011, The Verandah



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"Victory" Chicken

Chicken stuffed with mixed mushrooms, wrapped in bacon, served with a jus reduction, honey and cream sauce

Wine: Borambola, Chardonnay 2009, Australian.

"Kiss Me Hardy" Broth

A real hearty broth of ham, vegetables and barley

Wine: Bin 2000, Shiraz 2009, Australian.

Iced Lemon Sorbet

To cleanse the palate

"The Captain's" Beef in ale

Prime beef cooked for 3 hours in a rich onion, mushroom and beer sauce until it melts in your mouth.

Potato hot pot

Cauliflower cheese

Roasted root vegetables

Green beans

Wine: Maipo Valley, Cabernet Sauvignon 2007, Chilean.

Lemon Meringue Pie Or

Arctic Roll

Wine: Hunter Valley, Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2009, Australian.

*Passing of the port with
stilton and crusty bread*

*Coffee, served with a
cinnamon biscuit*

BRITISH CLUB BALUT

By Sausage



Balut Shield 2010/11 Awards Night

There was an air of tempered joviality as the first Baluters arrived on 7 September, understandably, as an exciting evening was anticipated. The leaders of the Shield had changed in the preceding weeks, and high scores had been recorded in the bar. And the BCB Section has had a good year: 46 members, competitive tournaments twice a month, incredibly close scores, and always so much fun.



The evening kicked off at 6pm with a delicious complimentary buffet washed down with free wine and beer (all evening). At 7pm, the Fifth Balut AGM was brought to order, only to conclude 25 minutes later despite some occasional heckling from the floor which failed to jammy the smooth and unanimous approval and acceptance of all points on the agenda.



The committee members and officers were re-elected and thanked for their travails, gave particular recognition to Mr C (Paul Cheesman) for being the Section's hard-working driving force, and grateful appreciation was extended to Orange (Bob Merrigan) of Outrigger Hotels and Resorts for their sponsorship of the Balut Section annual prizes, to Kweenie (David Quine) of Yes Technologies for use of the Balut Online Scoring System (BOSS), and to Baz (Barry Osborne) of Kimberly Holdings for the Awards Night's wines.

The Club wishes to acknowledge substantial support provided by the following:



There were 26 players for the final tournament. Frenzied playing was punctuated by shrieks of delight and shouts of amazement, with deafening roars each game for one of the spot prizes or for throwing a Balut itself. It was a terrific couple of hours, culminating in 7 players scoring a total over 500, and a tie for both the highest single score and the lowest score of the night's play. The winners for the evening were:

Highest Aggregate Score: Oddsman (Jeremy Watson) with 551
Highest Single Score: Shanghai (Paul Williams) with 144



And finally the awards for the **Winners of the Balut Shield 2010/11**, which to much surprise (and great pleasure I must say) were:

Balut Shield: Mrs Orange (Muntana Merrigan) with 107.37
Balut Shield Cup: Sausage (Jeremy de Sausmarez) with 155 Full



Full Leader Boards can be found at: <http://www.teambalut.com/asp/report.asp?ReportID1=5&ReportID2=6>

Many thanks to all the BCB Section members, both present and absent, for making this such a fantastically enjoyable year, and keep throwing those dice! The more players we can recruit, the more exciting it'll be and the more fun we'll all have!

Forthcoming dates:

Balut Shield 2011/12 begins on 5th October in the Wordsworth Lounge, continuing on 19th October.
BCB Det5 Challenge 1st tournament is on 25th September at the Club, the 2nd tournament on 2nd October at Det5 Bar & Restaurant.
The 31st Interport Competition is being held in Singapore on 18th to 20th November.

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

TAKE-AWAY



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Did you know that most items on all the Club's menus are available for take away?

Simply order direct from any outlet in person or by telephone.

For bulk orders, please contact khun Somboon in Clubhouse.
02 234-0247



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Modern
European

DINING

1st- 15th October 2011

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day

75.-

Lettuce, Iceberg, Red Onion, Tomatoes and Boiled Egg Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing

185.-

Main Courses

Spaghetti Marinara Mixed Seafood and Tomato Sauce Topped with a Gratinated Oyster

220.-

Australian Tenderloin of Beef Topped with Pan-Fried Goose Liver Served with Gorgonzola Polenta and Onion Confit with Red Wine Sauce

650.-

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sun-Dried Tomato and Feta Cheese with Crispy Polenta, Rocket and Pesto

280.-

Dessert

Rhubarb and Apple Crumble with Warm Custard

85.-

Dessert of the Day

16th - 31st October 2011

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day

75.-

Rocket Salad with Shaved Parmesan and Roasted Roma Tomatoes

185.-

Main Courses

Crispy Glazed Duck Breast with Green Pepper Sauce Served with Red Cabbage Jam and Croquette Potatoes

320.-

Baked Whole Rainbow Trout Stuffed with Capers and Olives, Whisky and Oatmeal Sauce Served with Carrots, Broccoli and Garlic Mashed Potatoes

350.-

Tagliolini with Spring Onion Served on a Warm Carpaccio of Salmon

250.-

Dessert

Lemon Meringue Pie

85.-

Dessert of the Day

Salsa Bangkok

Fiesta 2011



Friday 4th Nov - Sunday 6th Nov *Opening Party @ The British Club:*

- ◆ Free line dance class led by the Australian Salsa and Bachata champions Nestor & Katrina.
- ◆ Performances by international artists from over 15 countries.
- ◆ Three international Salsa DJs led by the No.1 Salsa DJ in the world, Mr. Henry Knowles from New York.
- ◆ Expected turnout – 400+ local and international dance enthusiasts.

Confirmed artists for this year are Inaki Fernandez from Spain, Sharon Pakir from Melbourne, Zouk Champion Amit Arora from Sydney and the Asian champion Reyno from Jakarta. Vineet and Sahiba from Mumbai, Lion Gak from Korea, Gupson from Singapore.

The Salsa Bangkok Fiesta also hosts dance lessons from some of the most sought after dance instructors in the world, Salsa Bangkok Fiesta organizers have made sure that even beginners can learn from the best instructors.

Prices range from THB 640 for the Friday night party and show to THB 8,400 for 3 nights of shows, social dancing and 10 Salsa Classes during the whole weekend.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by credit card or paypal on the Salsa Festival website at www.salsabangkok.com/fiesta2011 or at the event.

British club members and their relatives get a discount for the Friday evening ticket of 20% per person – so the ticket price is 640 THB/ per person.

You do not have to be a dancer to enjoy the great atmosphere, music and performances. We look forward to seeing you and many members of the British Club at this unique event.



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End of year events

Here are some great events that are coming, so put them in your diary

November

4th Salsa fiesta,
biggest in Thailand

5th Bonfire night
Great fireworks, great
food and drink, plus
a fun carnival atmo-
sphere will special
acts, and side shows.

13th Fun water day -
games and activities
for kids, in and
around the pool.

19th British club sports
day - Adults and kids.

25th Wine tasting festival

December

10th British Club
Christmas Ball

25th Christmas day party

17th Children's
Christmas ball

26th Boxing day
extravaganza

31st British club, best new
year party ever.

PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Aevi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1968 ...

1

There were a number of changes to staff and HR policies this year. The first decision of the year was the appointment of a new General Manager, Mr H.A. Traugott, being the third inside a year. Mr Traugott was, however, to stay for seven years and is still holds the record of being our longest serving General Manager at the Club.

Secondly, due to the high turnover of staff in 1967 as indicated last month, it was agreed that the annual Staff Bonus, paid at Chinese New Year, would be given pro rata to the half of the staff who had been with us less than a year.

Then Khun Sumeth Sumethrataniya, our Butler, resigned in May after six months of being off due to an accident, and it was agreed not to replace him but instead have the role of 'Head Bar Boy' which was given to Boy No.2, and finally a change of tennis fees policy in September lead us to employ four uniformed Deks as Ball Boys at the rate of 5 Baht a match per boy payable by players not the Club!

2

In February we took the change of Ambassador at the New Zealand Embassy as an occasion to invite the new post-holder to become an Honorary Member. H.E. Ian Stewart accepted the invitation and thus the tradition of offering such preferment on all four core nationality Ambassadors was duly started. There has, to the author's knowledge, only ever been one refusal but readers will have to wait until July 2012 or even July 2014 to read all about it!

3

The Entertainments Sub-committee of 1968 boasted a Dramatic Section and it put on three very successful productions during the year. In March "The Boyfriend" took 28,000 Baht in income and with costs as low as 8,000 Baht, it was a financial success as well. In October the play "The Duet For Two Hands" was produced over two nights and in December a one night production of "The Drunkard" was attended by 200 people.

4

1968 was a year for Naval visits with nine ships and two submarines visiting us over the period – these were the destroyer HMS Defender (Daring class), Frigates HMNZS Waikato (Leander class), HMNZS Otago (Rothesay class Type 12), HMS Puma (Leopard class Type 41), minelayer HMS Manxman (Abdiel class), the three ton class minesweepers HMS Houghton, HMS Dartington and HMS Maxton, and submarines HMS Onslaught (Oberon class) and HMS Cachalot (Porpoise class). The plaques of the Onslaught, Manxman, Waikato and the Otago are still on display in the Churchill Bar.

5

Buoyed by the opening of the swimming pool, the General Committee set up a Development Committee to work on (in order of priority): a second Squash Court; an airconditioned restaurant; hard tennis courts; floodlights for tennis; and an air-conditioned bar. This committee was made up of eight Members in high standing being past serving officers of the Club.



"Stabit quoconque jeceris"
(*"It will stand, however it is thrown"*)

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

Come to The British Club beer festival
29th and 30th October 2011

Beer Festival

Many guest beers, great food and music,
all in our very own beer garden.

Relax and enjoy all day
or just come after work.





RULES BRITANNIAE!

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



PERSONAL NOTICES

DID YOU KNOW..... that you can place personal ads to buy or sell on the Clubhouse noticeboards (the two at the far end of the Clubhouse corridor)? Ideal if you want sell your car, or hire a maid.

Some conditions apply so see Bylaw 13 for details.

NUGGETS

There is an old hotel/pub in Marble Arch, London, which used to have gallows adjacent. Prisoners were taken to the gallows to be hanged (after a fair trial, of course).

The horse drawn dray, carting the prisoner was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like "ONE LAST DRINK".

If he said YES it was referred to as "ONE FOR THE ROAD";
If he declined, the prisoner was "ON THE WAGON".

Wednesday Night Dancing Lessons at The British Club

Due to the Club having organized many functions and events during this period, all the functions rooms are quite busy for dancing classes in September. However, we have arranged Salsa dancing classes with Paul Ringer, our qualified instructor in the Wordsworth Lounge for the following dates:



5th October 2011
19th October 2011
26th October 2011

The lessons start from 7pm
at the Suriwongse Room.

Members
Single 150 Bht
Couple 300 Bht

Non - Members
Single 300 Bht
Couple 500 Bht



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BC CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2011

MONDAY

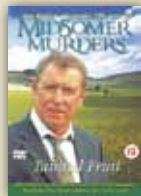


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10am - 1pm

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Tennis Mix-In
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Monday Night Club
Tainted Fruit
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



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10am - 1pm

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Tennis Mix-In
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Monday Night Club
Greeks Bearing Gifts
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



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Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Monday Night Club
Nemesis
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



BWG Mahjong 東
10am - 1pm

24/31

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm

Monday Night Club
(24) *How Does Your Garden Grow?* /
The Million Dollar Bond Robbery
(31) *The Point Of Vanishing*
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



TUESDAY

BC Golf Society

Sunday October 2
Sunday October 9
Weekend October 22-24
Weekend October 29-30

Thana City
The Royal GC
Hua Hin
Kanchanaburi
(Nichigo GC)

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Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Open Pairs Bridge
1pm

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Senior Football
7pm-9pm

Scottish Dancing
7pm



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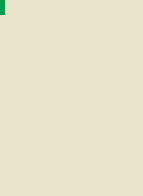
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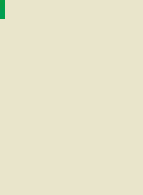
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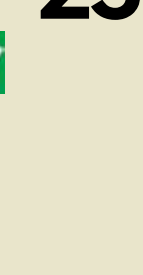
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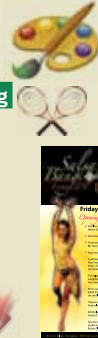
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Salsa Dancing
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Balut Shield
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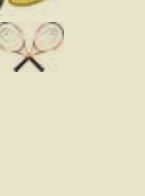
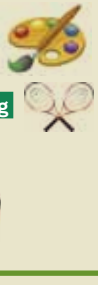
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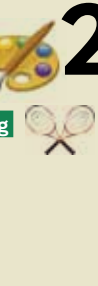
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Salon Bangkok
Friday 4th Nov - Sunday 6th Nov
Opening Party @ The British Club

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FRIDAY

7

Children's Cinema
Avatar, 6pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm

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Children's Cinema
Marmaduke, 6pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm

21

Children's Cinema
Gulliver's Travels, 6pm

Rugby World Cup
3rd Place Playoff

Trafalgar Dinner
The Verandah, 7pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm

28

Children's Cinema
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, 6pm

Wine Tasting
6pm-9pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm

Halloween Party
Silom Sala, 6pm-9pm

SATURDAY

1

Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Rugby World Cup

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm

CAR BOOT SALE
Saturday 1st October 2011
3pm - 8pm

8

Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Rugby World Cup
Quarter-Finals

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm

15

Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Rugby World Cup
Semi-Finals

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm

22

Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Disney Live!
Meet at 10:15am, Show starts at 11am

MICKEY'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm

29

Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Beer Festival
29th and 30th October 2011

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm

SUNDAY

2

Junior British Club
10:30am - 1.30pm

Verandah Brunch
11:30am-3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
Surawongse Room, 2:30pm

Yoga
2:30pm

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Rugby World Cup
Quarter-Finals

Open Pairs Bridge
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Yoga
2:30pm

Japanese Grand Prix

16

Junior British Club
10:30am - 1.30pm

Doctor Who
The God Complex / Closing Time / The Wedding of River Song
11am - 1:30pm

Rugby World Cup
Semi-Finals

Verandah Brunch
11:30am-3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
Surawongse Room, 2:30pm

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Junior British Club
10:30am - 1.30pm

Rugby World Cup
Final

Verandah Brunch
11:30am-3pm

Yoga
2:30pm

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Junior British Club
10:30am - 1.30pm

Verandah Brunch
11:30am-3pm

Beer Festival
29th and 30th October 2011

Yoga
2:30pm



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SATURDAY OCT 1ST:

10:30 Australia vs. Russia
13:00 France vs. Tonga
15:30 England vs. Scotland

SUNDAY OCT 2ND:

08:00 Argentina vs. Georgia
10:30 New Zealand vs. Canada
13:00 Wales vs. Fiji
15:30 Ireland vs. Italy

SATURDAY OCT 8TH:

13:30 Quarter-final 1
15:30 Quarter-final 2

SUNDAY OCT 9TH:

13:00 Quarter-final 3
15:30 Quarter-final 4

SATURDAY OCT 15TH:

16:00 Semi-final 1

SUNDAY OCT 16TH:

16:00 Semi-final 2

FRIDAY OCT 21ST:

15:30 BRONZE FINAL

SUNDAY OCT 23RD:

16:00 FINAL

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011



SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members,

Since Reed has left, it's been a heady mix of new faces, names, tasks, challenges and games. I thank you all for your support and continued patience. I look forward to the day when this all becomes secondhand and I can start, with your advice, help and guidance, to develop the British Club's sports activities and Sections for the benefit of all the sports enthusiasts and the Club in general.

I was shadowing Reed from the 24th August until the 4th September, however due to a taxi-related incident, I was thrown in at the deep end and had to oversee the annual Vincaro Rugby Vets competition and a Bangkok vs Singapore football match at Bangkok Patana International School. Thankfully, due to Reed's organisation, everybody knew what they were supposed to be doing and things ran smoothly. More details of the rugby and football to follow.

September saw the start of Junior Tennis coaching with Pierre, and classes will continue to run throughout October. Having had a good chat with Pierre, I hope with time and his assistance to develop the junior tennis so that we can have a lot more competitions, fun and more seriously, with other junior tennis players throughout Bangkok, and perhaps one day internationally.

I have introduced a new style and format for swimming lessons which were relaunched on 16th September. It has been a lot of fun meeting the younger Members of the Club and their families. I would appreciate any feedback you may have about the classes.

We also had netball coaching recommence with the help of Kirsty Allen. Kirsty has done a great job in what I believe was the setting up and running of the Junior Netball at BCB. Started primarily because Kirsty wanted a place where her daughters could play, netball has become very popular amongst the young female BCB Members and it will be a great shame when Kirsty and her family leave Thailand at the end of this year. If anyone knows any keen netballer, or would be interested in helping with Junior Netball, then I would very much appreciate hearing from them.

Continuing through October:

- Junior Swimming lessons and Junior Tennis.
- I will also be running my first Junior Sports Camp from Monday 17th till Friday 21st. I am very excited about this and hope that as well as the regular sporting activities, I will be able to introduce one or two more activities to provide greater variety.

Coming up in October:

Sports Camp: Date: 17th - 21st October Price: THB 950 per child per day Age: 5+ Times: 9:30 – 14:30	Activities: Tennis, Squash, Swimming, Rock Climbing and many more fun activities.
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Squash: Rod Carter Open and Plate : Wednesday 19th October.

TENNIS

Tennis was a touch rained-out last month, but hopefully October will see better weather. I understand there have been some problems as regards the Tri-Leagues tournament. By the time you read this I hope to have got my head firmly around the rules and format, and will have taken a lead in reviving this event as well as other tennis associated activities.

I believe the **TENNIS EXTRAVAGANZA** as a format is **dead**. Long live **A BIG BALLS UP!!!** More details to follow.

Pierre continues his excellent coaching for ladies on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10:30am, with Junior Tennis on Friday from 4pm to 6pm and Saturday 10am to 11:30am.

Some of you have hopefully noticed the new clock - I hope this helps all those hard of sight.



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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

During the Season, matches will be shown in the Club every weekend. Exact times will be emailed in advanced.

Come and support your favorite teams, Man Utd, Liverpool, Arsenal, whoever!

FOOTBALL

A British Club Bangkok vs Singapore British Club match was played on Saturday 27th September. To make allowances for the climate in Bkk, the match was played over three 30 minute periods. As it turned out, this was probably unnecessary as the dark foreboding clouds delivered their promise and torrential rain poured for a good 40 minutes.

This left the pitch in such a state that the players were sometimes playing football and sometimes playing water polo! Nevertheless, the game continued in good spirits and everyone had a lot of fun.

Apparently the last time the two teams played was in 2005 when the BCB football team won 7-1. This time, however, things were drastically reversed and Singapore avenged their crushing defeat with a similar scoreline of 7-1. Anyway, it's not the playing or even the scoring that matters, but the beer, and thanks to Carlsberg there was plenty of that post match both in celebration and consolation before everyone headed out for a night of mischief and misadventure.

There was talk of a rematch on more neutral ground, Phuket being an obvious venue, and I shall do my best to see if we can get that arranged.





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Saturday 1st October 2011
3pm - 8pm

Is your attic or cellar full of things you don't use?

Is your apartment or condo bursting at the seams with excess items?

Do you want to get rid of these items and make money?

Then come to the car boot sale, and sell your unwanted items.

Or just come and bag a bargain or two.

Entry is free but you absolutely must book a spot as space is limited.

Don't have a car? Just ask for a table.

Don't delay, do it today.



Dandia Raas

8th October, Saturday 2011
British Club 7.30 onwards

entry by invitation only
250 couple guests only
vegetarian food
bar / Live band (Indian)
best couple / dressed awards
dress code : Indian traditional /ethnic

event

A night of non-stop dancing, electrifying energy, bright colors, captivating beats, and, of course, the rhythmic clatter of dandiya sticks.

Dandiya Raas is an ancient, traditional dance form of India performed during Navratri, a nine-day celebration of music and dance to observe the triumph of good over evil. Come celebrate Navratri in a big way with DJ and blasting light and sound. The night will end with an all-out dance party.

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SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge



Happy Birthday!

Cornio and Bob reached the combined age of 139 last month so we threw a party one drab, rainy afternoon.



Reed Ambushed

But first: H pulled out of the King's Cup with trauma. Trauma after Reed was mauled by the Club's cats (he'd been mean to them from the start). The cats ambushed Weed as he left the bogs. The fat ginger one leapt up, got him around the throat as a lion would a buffalo and didn't let go. Then the whole pride piled in. H saw it all. Petrified, rooted, he peed his pants. Dozens in the fray tearing Weed apart. A Persian gouged out his eyes while the ginger leader crushed his windpipe. A tabby tore his chin off. Still others piled in. Males, females, kittens and all. Fearless, vengeful. Weed, flailing, thrashing, as if on fire, went down under the weight of numbers as the rabid horde slashed

Reed after A&E



and cut with teeth and claws until he was a bloody mess. Strips of flesh hanging from all limbs. Then the pride fled. Weed left for dead, but not quite. H, in tears, reeking of urine, sped him to the A&E. Stitches, bandages head to foot. Michelin Man. How's that for a goodbye? H says he deserved it. Well, he's gone now and we have Paul. A warning Paul: LEAVE THE CATS ALONE!

Now the birthday party. A farcical, shower of ridiculousness it was if only it hadn't been so much fun. A Sunday. Full house. Bucketing down. Tennis courts deluged. Players glum, restless. Salas full, kids everywhere. All equally agitated by the dampness. Did we care? Not a bit. We were off to the squash courts for a birthday mix-in. Then the bombshell. Court 1 flooded. A foot deep. Floor ruined. Court 2



All Day

walls full of holes. Unplayable. Court 3 also flooded, full of soap powder. Total mess. New courts vandalized, trashed, ruined. How? Sabotage. Who? Tennis Section. No other answer. Why? Envy. Bitterness that we can still play when it rains. Pathetic. Like children. If they can't play, well others shouldn't either. Shock, sadness, anger. Cornflakes in tears. Bob the Giraffe took a blade to his neck. Den snapped his ten-quid racket over Rit's head so JCS knocked Den out. H kicked one of the cats so hard it flew over the Sala and landed in Silom Road. (He's in trouble next time he goes to the bogs!)

Into the kids' pool as the kids weren't in it; staying warm and dry; glued to cartoons, computer games, iPads, etc. We took over. Plenty of beers. Getting smashed with Corn Crunch, Bobby the Camel, and Many Happy Returns.



Savoury Mortars

Drowning away the Tennis Section Sabotage Shocker. Still raining hard. Then the hilarity. Snacks ordered. Mini pizzas, samosas, plates of chips, sausage rolls, onion rings. Healthy fare. More beers. Yasser tried drowning Den with a foot on the head. Brilliant. Den barely survived. Then JCS, coming over with the mini-pizzas, slipped and landed on his backside. Oh, how we howled at that. The mini-pizzas sky high. Tumbling down like savoury mortars. We were under attack. Peter, feet dangling, telling Rit he had a nice body, got one on each cheek. Laughter all round. Funniest thing all day, till the plate landed on Neil's head. Crying and crying we were. Neil not so amused. More beers. Still raining. Then the samosas. Pongy tried to



Heineken Manoeuvre

swallow one whole. Got stuck. Wetting ourselves as he was choking. He couldn't breathe. We'd never seen anything so funny. Looked like he might die, but us helpless with laughter. Bob tried the Heimlich Manoeuvre. Pongy repeatedly launched into the air by Bob, but no success. Samosa lodged tight. Bob began punching him hard on the back, slapping him with both hands. Still no joy. Pongy turning blue when Civil rushed in, grabbed Pongy's pint of Heineken and tipped the whole lot straight down his throat. The samosa went down

Tiny Turbans



with it, Pongy breathed again, and the Heineken Manoeuvre was born. Rain not letting up. More beers. Cornio still with the mini-pizzas stuck to his face, quietly put a samosa on Den's head. Like a tiny turban. Den oblivious. Looked a right pillock. More laughter. Uncontrollable. Chips, sausage rolls, onion rings next. Tons of the stuff. Dean and John Drew stripped down

Ear Rings



to their Monkey Pants and hung the onion rings from their ears. Superb. Jack arrived. Asked if we'd heard about the new smoking room. No? It's on fire, he said! Awesome! Oh, that was better than when JCS went A over T! Tears and tears! Pongy wet himself in the kids' pool. Bob stuck a chip up each nostril then sniffed them down and they came out his mouth! He put them back on the plate and Den ate them! Still oblivious, still with the samosa on his head. Wally! Marc turned up looking fit, slim. Lost tons of weight. Rehab, strict diet, yet he saw the beer and sausage rolls, and relapse! Grabbed a plate of them and a pint and wolfed the lot down. Cheers all round. More beer. Still chucking it down. Evans got up for a wazz. Star Wars put

Marc's drug of choice



a plate of chips covered in mayo and tommy ketch on his seat. Evans back and sat on the lot. Chips, mayo, ketchup all stuck to his ar....Arsenal got hammered 8-2 by Man U screamed Marc through mouthfuls of sausage. More laughter. Evans slung the chips at JCS, missed and hit Rit! Food fight! Back and forth flew the savoury snacks. Carnage. Chaos. Fire Exit came over. Got a mini-pizza right in the chops. H turned up. Got bombarded with samosas. Chips flew everywhere. Pongy got Bob in a new type of Heineken manoeuvre; a bottle down the throat! Civil then choke slammed Bob into the kids'

Stuck to Neil's Ar...



Choke Slam



pool. Cracked his head open. Blood everywhere. Awesome. John and Dean now naked. Smearing their bodies with mayo. Yasser finally drowned Den, properly. Dead! Peter put a whole plate of chips in Neil's face then slipped off with Rit. JCS ate a pint glass. Mason came over, got slung in the big pool and pelted with food. Funniest thing all day! Even funnier than the smoking room joke.

And on it went for hours and hours. Late into the night, into the morning. More and more beers. More and more food. What a birthday party. Best of the year.

More Beers



And a hard rain fell.....

HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



The Cricket Section's second overseas tour of the modern era was timed to celebrate my 65th on 12th August. So firstly, briefly removing my usual cloak of anonymity, huge thanks goes to all of the 30+ cricketers, squashies and tennis players who travelled to Kuala Lumpur and wholeheartedly entered into the spirit of this slightly eccentric but very social sporting weekend. I can think of no happier way to have spent a major birthday, enriched by a slightly obscene Jock Strap birthday cake designed by Jayne Mellor and rather irreverent special edition Racquets birthday cards, surely collectors' pieces one day! You were all brilliant.

Hangovers were quickly forgotten the next morning at the moustache fixing ceremony where greying appendages were stained black and false hairpieces attached to the hormonally disadvantaged. It was a happy bunch that assembled at the prestigious Royal Selangor Club to take on their Saturday social side. The resulting team photo commissioned from Wibbles White is a masterpiece and although it was previewed last month is here repeated again.

Somehow the RSC managed to score 200 for 9 off their 25 overs but the main reason they achieved this was that our fielding was woeful. Perhaps we have to live with dropped catches but some of our ground fielding would embarrass an over-75s team. Yes, we'd had an odd drink the night before ... but really! Joss bowled well (2 for 21), so too did Nick White (1 for 31) and there was a wicket each for Ray (his first in 37 years!), and Haroon (1 for 37) ... but perhaps it was ordained that birthday boy Jack would pick up 3 for 16 off 5 overs. One more catch held and RSG wouldn't have made even 150.

200 was tall order and looked even taller when openers Dr. White airing his brand new bat and leading BC scorer Joss were both back in the pavilion at 27 for 2. But after that we lost no more wickets. Both Sailesh and Dale retired with sprightly 30 not outs off 25 balls each and Skipper Vaughan (16*) and Haroon (6*) were going nicely when half way through the 16th over the umpires brought the team off at 112 for 2. A somewhat incredulous BC team was informed that there was a danger of lightning.



A more likely danger, we felt, was that BC might win ... a suspicion strengthened when tennis courts were laid on the outfield and the BC tennis match carried on. Then, well into our second consoling beer there was an Almighty flash and thunderbolt. We all peered nervously out of the pavilion fearing dead bodies strewn all over the place but, miraculously only a tree had been hit and the tennis players were able to scamper to safety. The moral? ... NEVER question an umpire's decision!

An honourable draw was celebrated in style. The BCB and RSG are Reciprocal Clubs and although we have proud histories of over 100 years, this was the first BC visit to KL. RSG were generous in their hospitality, the beer flowed, speeches made, dodgy plaques and mementoes exchanged and a happy day made even happier by England thrashing India yet again to officially become the #1 cricket nation.

Sunday we faced the Kelawar Cricket Club and this time we batted first. And we batted OK. Although the good Doctor's expensive new bat again let him down, Joss scored 29, Vaughan retired on 30 with two sweet late cuts Ian Bell would be proud of, Colin, playing the innings of his life, was run out on 30 and Nick Mellor scored 10 not out. The problem was that the run-rate never really got above 6 an over, and 153 for 9 was never really likely to be enough. Kelawar had been warned that we might be a little worse-for-wear with a large proportion of mellowing cricketers ... but on the whole they looked decidedly fitter and younger.

And so it turned out. Sailesh (1 for 18) and Nick White opened brilliantly holding the Kelawar boys to 45 off the first 10 overs, but Sailesh's was the only wicket to fall. As Kelawar then started to accelerate the BC fielding again degenerated to pure comedy and they romped home to win by 9 wickets with three overs to spare.

Kelawar, we are reliably told, means Fruit Bat and even if they were slightly smug about beating an ageing and k...acked BCB, they entered into the spirit of batty fines and slammers with happy gusto. After more speeches, which after a couple of litres of vodka seemed much more erudite than usual, more exchanges of dodgy plaques, generous hand-outs of shirts and hats, it all sort of foggily degenerated as many of the happy revellers headed off to the airport. Not sure how anyone made it. The Skipper and Chairman were left to finish it off and birthday boy Jack separately lost his mobile phone, watch and glasses.

A splendid weekend! Many thanks to Nick and Jayne Mellor for organising the venues. We certainly made a lot of friends in KL and hope to see both of these teams in Bangkok someday ... and hopefully back in Malaysia too.



Well played chaps



Thanks Jayne!



And all we got was



Dale dances



Vaughan adjusts



Happy birthday!



Dr. Who



Sid



Thanks The Racquets!



Pretigious Royal Selangor



Errr... what now



Oops



Mellor swipes

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn



Monthly Stableford, Lam Lukka GC Sunday 7 August 2011

The beautiful, undulating contours of the Lam Lukka fairways, as always in great condition, welcomed our beautiful golfers, some with more undulating contours than others, but all in superb condition. Judge for yourself as these fine specimens were captured on camera by our recently promoted young photographer of the year, Frank F (1 & 2).



Four groups set out to compete for this month's Stableford prize in cloudy but clearing conditions, with newcomers Chris and Vicky Brader leading nervously from the front.



In a surprisingly low-scoring event, partly explained away by the soft fairways plus other more spurious excuses, the fair lady Anneke beat us all with a score of 34 points, just edging past Brian on 33 points and Cap'n Ray in 3rd place with 32 (3).

For others, the golf course may have offered up its fair share of frustration and disappointment, but the offerings in the Clubhouse afterwards appear to have more than compensated (4).



August Club Day, Krung Kavee GC Sunday 14 August 2011

In the absence of an official competition, a small but enthusiastic group of golfers, including guest John Griffiths, gathered at the rarely frequented Krung Kavee GC to take part in a fun event. The 'ever-popular' bisque bogey format was the Captain's choice, designated no doubt to ensure that everyone was fully awake and thinking clearly. And if that didn't do the trick, a convoluted method for deciding the technical prize winners was added to the mix!!

The competition began on a more serious note however, when the pairing of Khun Yurachatr and Peter Bond (is that



a serious look?) (5) embarked on their Matchplay semi-final match. Khun Yurachatr, playing steady golf as she has throughout this competition, managed to gain the upper hand and held on to win by a reportedly 'slender' margin!!

Her reward is a place in the final, where her opponent will be the winner of next week's match between Art C and the Captain.

Although the main event was deemed a 'fun' day, there was a serious prize to play for - a valuable food and beverage voucher for use at the British Club. Having given it their all in pursuit of this significant reward, the weary groups gathered in the Clubhouse afterwards to discover who would be dining out in style. A few minor hiccups ensued while the Captain came to grips with the complexities of



working out the various awards, (6) but eventually the official announcements were made. Minor prizes went to John G, Jack O, Khun Yurachatr, Rod Mc and John B. The main event was a closely-fought affair with three players ending up on the same score. In spite of having to contend with a late arrival and an unfamiliar format, guest John Griffiths took the honours, edging out John B and Jack O on countback (7).



August Medal, The Royal GC Sunday 28 August 2011

Just as well it was only driving, heavy rain at the start of yesterday's Medal round at Royal and not heavy driving rain, otherwise we would have retraced our steps to the Clubhouse restaurant. However, defiance and optimism paid off, as weak sunshine gave way to less weak sunshine, which

allowed us to finish the round and start planning our laundry strategy.

Undeterred by 'soft' fairways, new boy Laurence Romeo did rather well with his nett 74 to take the Flight A trophy, with Frank Fawkes in 2nd place after a countback, followed by Robert Gray in 3rd place (insert 8).

Flight B golfers showed their potential with lower nett scores.



It was good to see Varghese return to winning ways as he led the way home with nett 71, followed by Pete Bond on nett 72, with Cap'n Ray trailing in 3rd place (9).

Gaew and Mike Staples showed how to play precision golf by taking most of the technical prizes (could this be the same Mike Staples spotted going through his warm-up routine prior to tee-off? (10)

We state 'most' of the technical prizes, but not all – on a soggy day with many of the big hitters in the field, sheer power, skill and precision saw the bold Andrew Mc proudly take top honours in the long drive contest!

Also of particular note, considering the conditions, was the round played by Cap'n Ray's son, Peter, who recorded 14 pars and a birdie for a gross score of 77.



MATCHPLAY COMPETITION UPDATE: Capt. Ray's sure and steady progress in this event continued as he got the better of the formidable Art C in the second semi-final. The final between the Capt. and Khun Yurachatr will now be played at Subhapruek GC on 24 September. As expected, demand for tickets is at fever pitch as this is surely one not to be missed!!

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BRIDGE

Bridge Results for August 2011

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Tuesday 2nd August (7 pairs)	1st	Somchai R. & Manthanee	65.28%
	2nd	Jeremy & Narin	56.94%
Sunday 7th August (16 pairs)	1st	Winlock & Helmer	65.91%
	2nd	Surawit & Dr. Worrawat	63.10%
Tuesday 9th August (6 pairs)	1st	Narin & Benjarong	61.00%
	2nd	Jeremy & Robert Menzies	57.00%
Sunday 14th August (11 pairs)	1st	Prasert & Dr. Prasart	60.00%
	2nd	Prarop & Mr. Ho	57.50%
Tuesday 16th August (5 pairs)	1st	Narin & Benjarong	65.79%
	2nd	Charlene & Somchai R.	60.00%
Sunday 21st August (15 pairs)	1st	Prarop & Mr. Ho	67.05%
	2nd	Kiatchai & Dr. Prasart	62.50%
Tuesday 23rd August (6 pairs)	1st	Kiatchai & Hiran	64.00%
	2nd	Chintana & Monita	57.00%
Tuesday 30th August (7 pairs)	1st	Supote & Hsin-i Struck	68.06%
	2nd	Jeremy & Maud	62.50%



**Inaugural Tuesday afternoon Bridge
(with Aussie visitors on a Bridge holiday !!)**

Bridge Play Techniques (by Helmer Nissen)

Let's look at Board #5 from 5th June. As you can see, there was a wide range of results:

Board 5 N/S Vul - Dealer North								
Pairs		Contract			Scores		MPs	
NS	EW	Bid	By	Ld	NS	EW	NS	EW
2	12	3C	E			110	2	12
1	19	4S-2	E		100		9	5
8	15	4S-2	E		100		9	5
7	13	3N-2	E		100		9	5
6	11	2H-3	N			300	0	14
5	18	3N-1	E		50		4	10
4	16	4S-3	E		150		14	0
3	14	3N-2	E		100		9	5

What is the correct contract?
The contract should be 3 NT,
but in West's hand.

Board #5: N/NS

North

♠ JT52
♥ KJ
♦ KT73
♣ AJ6

West

♠ Q96
♥ AQ963
♦ Q5
♣ KQ2

East

♠ AK87
♥ 5
♦ A96
♣ T9843

South

♠ 43
♥ T8742
♦ J842
♣ 75

At my table, the bidding went all wrong. I should explain, as there are many things to learn from this hand. My partner in North opened 1♦, and then for unknown reasons East found his take-out double.

General rules for a take-out double are:

- That you can play in any of the other 3 suits (some say for sure the 2 majors)
- If you can't, it is because you have a strong NT hand (18+), or you have strong one (or two) suited hand (app. 17+).

The above East hand doesn't represent either of these rules. Therefore, pass is a very good option. Well, well.... East doubled, and South passed. So what is West to bid? If you make the cheapest possible suit bid, it means you hold something like 0 – 8 (9) points. Yes, even zero points, you are forced to bid!! If you make a jump-bid you show roughly (8) 9 – 11 (12) points. With hands that are stronger than this you must overcall in the opening suit, in this case 2♦, or simply jump to a game.

Back to our table, West bids 2♥. This shows less than opening

hand (and so the bidding errors continue). East now re-bids 2♠ (which actually requires a 17+ points hand). Somehow West didn't really trust his partner as he himself got 15 HCP, so he stopped in 4♠. I (South) lead a ♦. IF declarer plays low, North plays the 10. Playing this contract should be a bit easier than the way East did it. E/W holds 26 points, N/S around 12-14. So based on the opening lead that went over the Queen to the King that held trick, my partner returns a small ♦. I am already marked with ♦ Jack, and I can't really have much more than that. Anyway, declarer went 3 down, after 2 finesses in ♣, and being end-played in dummy to lead from ♥ AQ.

How about 3NT? IF the contract is being played by East it seems quite impossible to win, unless your opponent is one of those players who always lead highest in partner's suit. Let's therefore look at 3NT played by West – but how do we get West to play it?

After 1♦ – pass – pass – 1♥ – pass, East will now make an over-call in opponent's suit, 2♦.....why? First of all because East does have points, a ♦-stopper, and a possible ♠ fit as well, but not very likely as West didn't make a take-out double. Another reason is to ask West whether the 1♥ overcall was strong, medium or weak, and to ask West if he has a co-stopper in ♦. West should rebid 3NT, based on the co-stopper in ♦, and maximum points.

In West's hand the contract seems easy to play, firstly because North has to lead! No matter what North does, he is helping his opponents. Where to start with the gifts, and where to end. Every time North gets in, he is forced to give another gift, maybe except in ♦. Once started in ♦, the best thing is for North to continue with it. If North leads a ♦, and West gets the trick on the ♦Q, West will most likely play the ♣ King. Once it is known where the Ace is, a finesse for the ♣ Jack is a reasonable next step. This way declarer gets 9 tricks without trying the

guaranteed unlucky finesse in ♥. Declarer makes 3 ♠ tricks, a ♥, 2 ♦, and 3 ♣ tricks.

A general rule before you plan your play as declarer is to count your total points in your hand and dummy's, add the points which the opponents have shown, and you'll get a clue about what to play and what not to play.

News & Updates

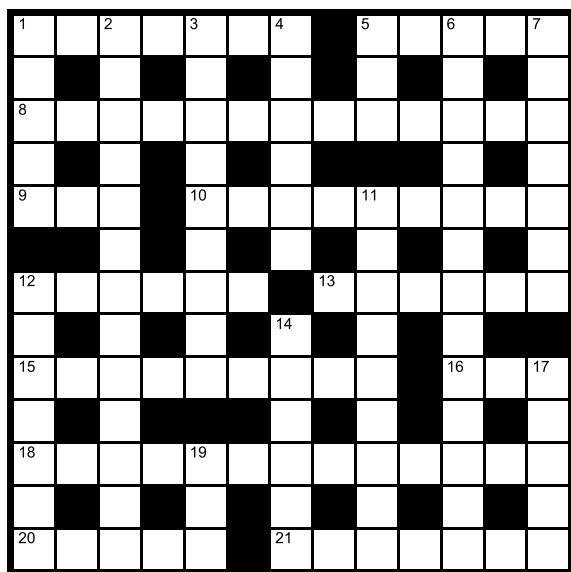
(a few words from our tournament director, Mike Sim)

Bridge at the Club continues to be popular, with 9½ tables on September 4th. This was unfortunately a day when we had been kicked out of the Suriwong Room by the BCT, and it was impractical to try to move into the Suriwong Room after they had finished (by 3.30pm). We had to split ourselves between the Wordsworth room and the Silom room, with boards and players wearing a path in the carpet. Because even the Wordsworth Room was to be commandeered on 11th September, Bridge that Sunday had to be cancelled.

Tuesday Bridge has now become established, and is a low-key but enjoyable event usually comprising about 3 tables, starting at 1pm and finishing by 4pm. It would be wonderful if we could get a regular 4 tables, enabling us to play a 21 board movement, ideal for the afternoon.

As late arrivals are causing the start of play on Sundays to be delayed, could players without partners please note that we expect you to arrive by 2.20pm. If you arrive after that time, we cannot guarantee you a game. It is helpful to everyone if we can start promptly at 2.30pm on Sunday, and common courtesy requires that if you are delayed, you should contact the Club before 2.20pm. Once a movement is started in the electronic system it is not always possible to rearrange it.

DUDLEY'S GRID No 2



DUDLEY'S GRID SEPTEMBER ANSWERS

Across: 1 British 5 Adder 8 Rocking horses 9 Nan 10 Mainlines
12 Sheath 13 Access 15 Churchill 16 Err 18 Bangkok Hilton
20 Glean 21 Lie idle
Down: 1 Byron 2 In consequence 3 Idiomatic 4 Haggis 5 Ado
6 Disinterested 7 Resists 11 Local time 12 Sick bag 14 Nickel
17 Rinse 19 Ken

Across

- 1 Tourist spot in street, boy to the south (2,5)
- 5 Like a writer in Colorado? (5)
- 8 After dig, Trots cede mixture useful if you have bangers (4-9)
- 9 Easy as ...? A bit complex, initially (3)
- 10 Carl hated confusion in 1 across (9)
- 12 Happen to gamble your papers and some drugs (6)
- 13 Joking, losing leader and describing vision (6)
- 15 Scratched and shy (9)
- 16 Rodent turns round to get sailor (3)
- 18 I'm wry, torso raw, knocked about and seen in interrogation rooms (3-3,7)
- 20 Dog sounds hoarse (5)
- 21 Awful writer watched tool (7)

Down

- 1 Man gets nothing, then one finally, in Polynesian islands (5)
- 2 Jitters by Silom and Queen Sirikit announces state of emergency (13)
- 3 Duncie died mixed up, not knowing what to do (9)
- 4 Confused, he's TT, but ends up with a litre in Jewish village (6)
- 5 A right cockney, initially, in Bow! (3)
- 6 Skint aunt and uncle to be looked down upon? (4,9)
- 7 He likes cosying up in snug home, the French king (7)
- 11 Man swallows a hundred, then another in France. Crazy! (9)
- 12 Turn round the internet with longing to get entrance (7)
- 14 Quite hot on the day, creating enthusiasm (6)
- 17 Soldiers' stitch up? Do it again! (5)
- 19 Some? Or a lot, minus a thousand? (3)

Saturday 5th November 2011

with an afternoon full of activities

Kid activities from 4:00 pm - Late

BBQ from 4:30 pm ♦ Fireworks at 7:00 pm ♦ Guy Burning at 7:15 pm



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

150 Baht for Children under 3 years ♦ 550 Baht for Children under 12 years ♦ 800 Baht for Adult

Please sign up at Reception or membership office

THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

**Your weekly chance to sit back and relax
The murder's on us.**

OCTOBER

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

THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

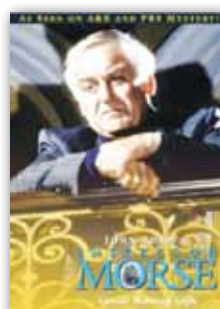


"Poison is a woman's weapon!"

3rd Tainted Fruit

An accidental death leads to murder, then another and then, well it is not called Midsomer Murders for nothing although in this case murder was not the object of the exercise.

This misleading murder trail casts John Nettles as DCI Barnaby with guest stars Pamela Miles, Terence Harvey and Charles Collingwood.



"People in glass houses ..."

10th Greeks Bearing Gifts

A murder, a missing baby and a Greek gift - not a Trojan Horse but the Trireme – a Greek warship which won the Persian War in 180BC – but why would it lead to murder and kidnapping in 1988?

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars James Hazeldine, James Faulkner and Martin Jarvis.



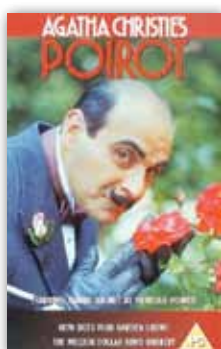
"The clue is in the name"

17th Nemesis

Our "extra Monday" in October brings us another Miss Marple ...

A Mystery Coach Tour gives clues to a World War II romance, but when someone realises their secret may come out, murder becomes the only defence. A remake of the traditional story by Agatha Christie but still giving adequate clues for budding detectives to fathom the answer – if the red herrings do not sidetrack you first. I'll give you a clue: not everyone is who they are cut up to be!

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Graeme Greene, Richard E. Grant, George Cole and Adrian Rawlins.



"With cockle shells and silver bells!"

24th How Does Your Garden Grow? / The Million Dollar Bond Robbery

Another Poirot double bill ...

In which a trip to the Chelsea Flower Show leads to a murder where the only clue is paying in cash and where a robbery lacks anything stolen but is solved in time! A chance this Monday to see the Queen Mary as visualised in the opening credits of the series.

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Anne Stallybrass, Marjorie Mason, Paul Young and Oliver Parker.



"Don't believe everything you are told!"

31st The Point Of Vanishing

When the past catches up with you, two wrongs don't make a right especially if one of them is left! A murder, a suicide, another murder, an attempted suicide and an attempted murder – Oxford is less safe than Midsomer in this episode!

Kevin Whateley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Julian Wadham, Ben Aldridge and Jenny Seagrove with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.




CHILDREN'S

HALLOWEEN PARTY

from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
in The Silom Sala

Tuesday 28th October 2017

wine tasting same evening.



390 baht for Children 2-12 years
100 baht for Children under 2 years
100 baht for Adults

Please sign up at Reception.



DOCTOR WHO

Sunday 16th October The 2011 Doctor Who finale

When the 'Oldest Question in the Universe' is asked ...

SILENCE WILL FALL!

Do not worry if the past year of Doctor Who has confused you – these last three episodes will answer all your questions, except perhaps what is the 'Oldest Question in the Universe'?

River Song (aka Melody Pond) and The Doctor are travelling in different directions in time – Her past is always The Doctor's future and Her future is always The Doctor's past! We have seen River's birth in 2011 and her death in 2008. We know she is a 'child of the Tardis' born to Amy & Rory but is she the Impossible Astronaut who will kill The Doctor in 2011?

The final three episodes will give us the answer ...

THE GOD COMPLEX

CLOSING TIME

THE WEDDING OF RIVER SONG



Executive Producer and lead writer Steven Moffat, who has just won the 2011 Hugo Award for last year's Doctor Who finale, has given us a final clue to this year's finale ...

A terrible trap, centuries in the making, is closing around The Doctor, and this time he's not going to escape it!

Seating is limited so **BOOK NOW** – 11am on Sunday 16th October.



>>>> DOCTOR WHO 2011 Grand Finale on Sunday 16th October <<<<<
Remember "SILENCE WILL FALL!"

Join us for an exciting new Children's Cinema format with free popcorn



**7th October
Avatar**



**21st October
Gulliver's Travels**



**14th October
Marmaduke**



**28th October
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**



**at the Silom Sala starting from 6 pm.
or maybe The Wordsworth Lounge if it's available.**

Susie's Kids Korner



RAINY DAY FUN!

RAINY DAY UMBRELLA

Brighten up a rainy day with this decorate-your-own umbrella project.

Materials

- Solid-coloured umbrella
- Fabric pens
- Acrylic paint and brushes



Instructions

1. Cover a large area of the floor with newspaper. Open the umbrella and decorate each section with fabric paints and/or pens.
2. Let the finished umbrella dry for about one day before closing (or taking out into the rain).

BOOT FUN

Design your own rubber boots for having fun in the rain!

Materials

- Rubber boots
- Acrylic or waterproof paints
- Brushes

Some Sample Designs:



WEATHER JOKES

What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?

Thunderwear!

What did the lightning bolt say to the other lightning bolt?

You're shocking!

Whatever happened to the cow that was lifted into the air by the tornado?

Udder disaster!

What did one raindrop say to the other raindrop?

My plop is bigger than your plop.

What's the difference between weather and climate?

You can't weather a tree, but you can climate.

What happens when it rains cats and dogs?

You have to be careful not to step in a poodle.

What do you call it when it rains chickens and ducks?

Foul (fowl) weather.

What did the hurricane say to the other hurricane?

I have my eye on you.

How do you find out the weather when you're on vacation?

Go outside and look up.

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