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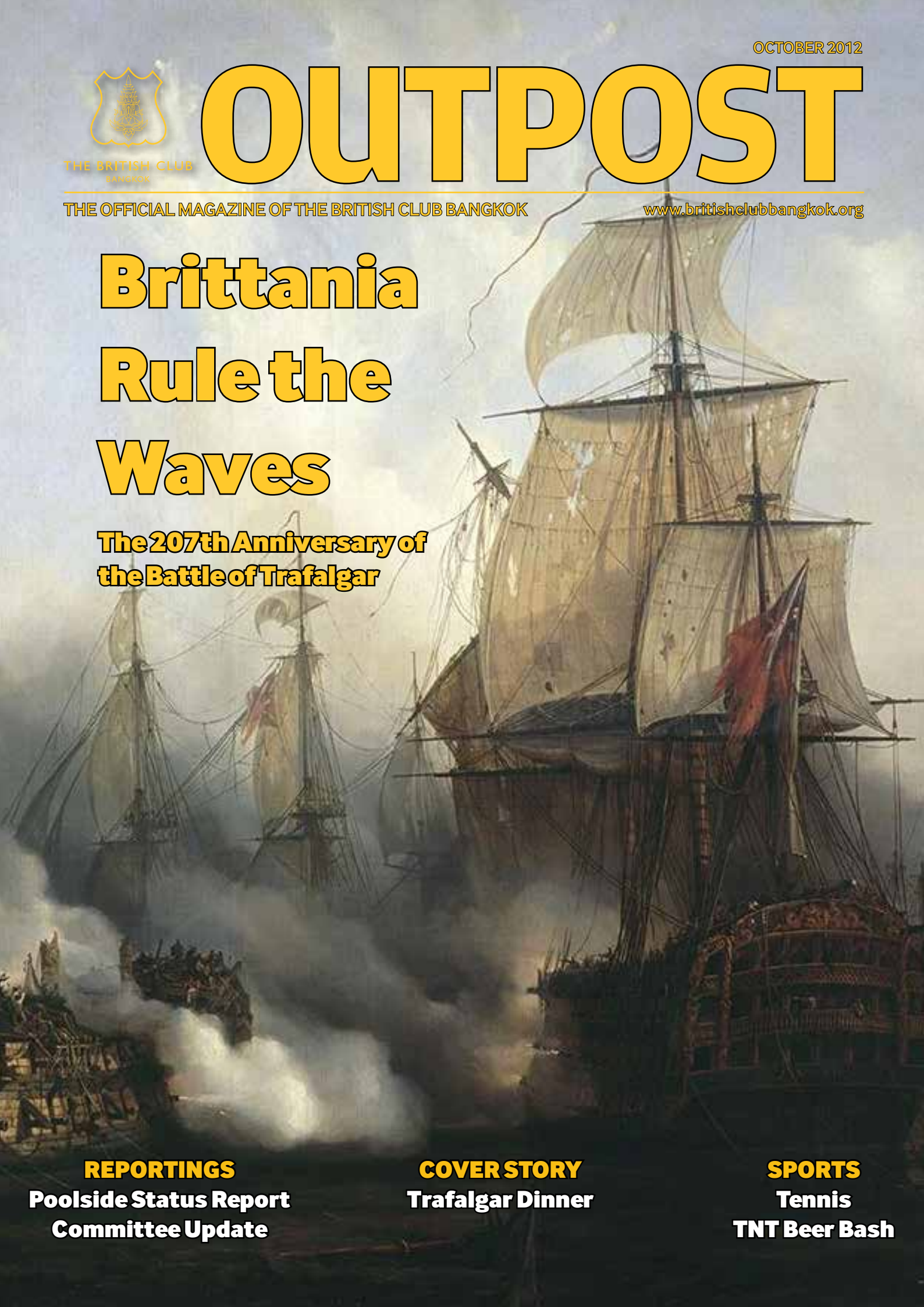
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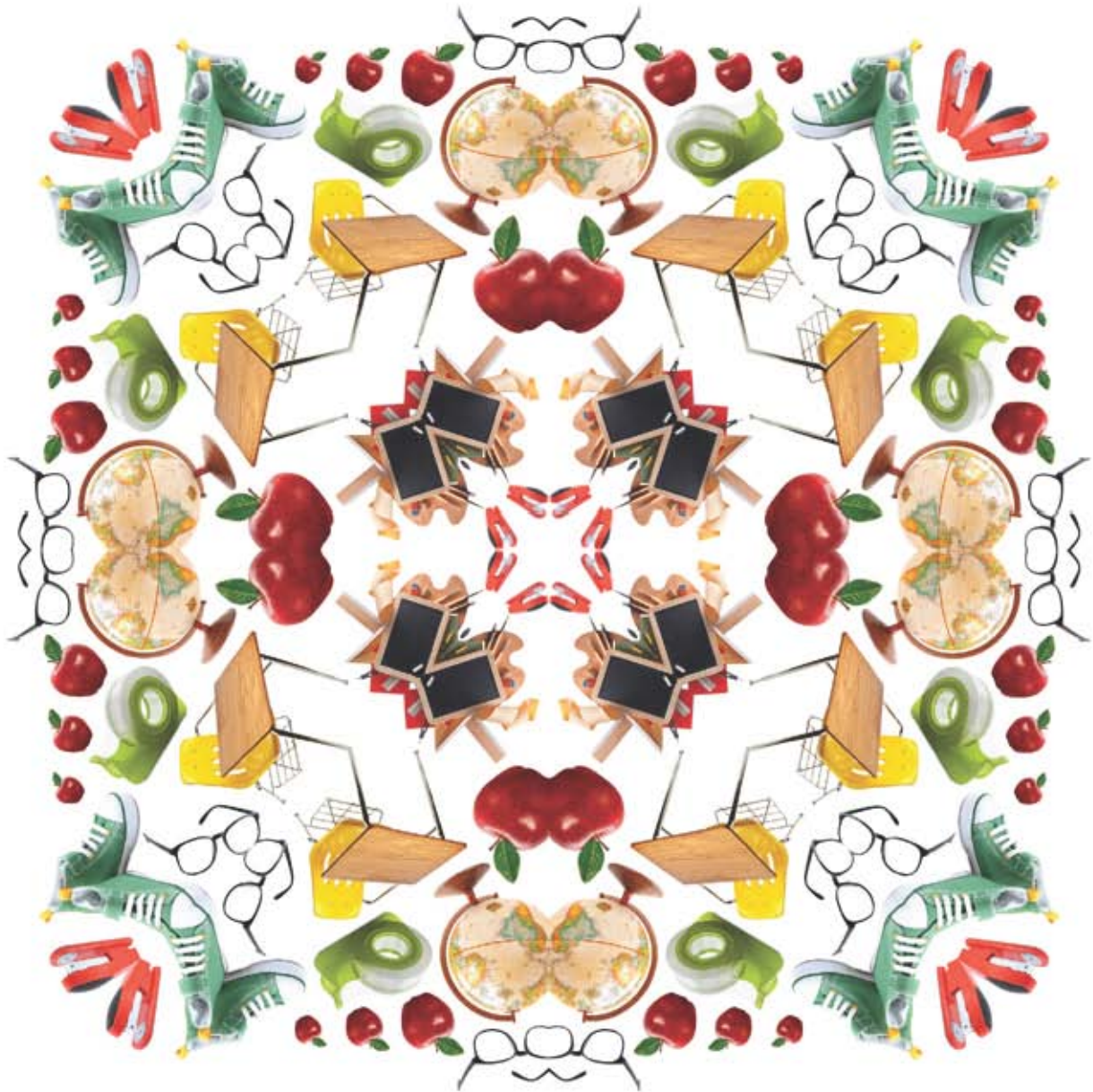
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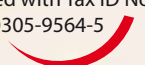



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# LETTER FROM THE GM



## Dear Members,

First of all let me express, again, my sincerest thanks to all of you for having such tremendous patience during our poolside upgrades. Many of you have shown interest in and concern regarding the renovation works, and many of you have offered advice and suggestions. A big thank you is owed to you all for that.

I can assure you that all works are being carried out with care and in the interests of the Club, its Members, and our staff.

F&B sales have dropped slightly over these months, but we were expecting that, and fortunately we have many functions booked for October and November to make up for the lower figures we have seen.

I would like to remind all Members that there are a couple of dress codes which must be observed: some events (like the monthly wine-tasting for example) do not allow singlets, shorts or slippers to be worn, and the same applies to The Churchill Bar; please refrain from coming in wearing singlets or sports clothes. It is in everyone's interest to obey these codes, and will save both Members and staff the embarrassment of confrontation if properly observed.

I am pleased that we now have a noticeboard specifically for the Club's Associated Groups; this was long overdue and I think it is only fair that we allow for space for our Associated Groups to advertise what is happening amongst them and what they're made of, and up to.

I hope all of you are enjoying and can appreciate the new Reception desk that was installed recently. This desk was designed to improve the appearance of the Clubhouse entrance, as well as offering a more efficient use of space and comfort for the staff. The membership's main contact point has also been placed in the Clubhouse entrance area, as opposed to the back office. I feel that this enhances the overall feel of the area and will increase service levels as well.

Membership numbers are slightly on the rise and I hope to have a nice and healthy figure by the end of the year. I would also hereby like to request all of you that are not receiving general Club emails, sports emails or birthday emails to inform Jeremy in Events/Marketing or Khun Piyawan in Membership respectively, and any Members who have recently changed their phone number or email address to inform Khun Piyawan so our system is up-to-date.

Keep an eye on this section for more info about our Club!

Warmest regards,

**Joost Pajmans**  
General Manager

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# HAPPENINGS



## Greetings -

The coming week is a busy one, with The Return of Sherlock Holmes this weekend, a Duo Recital for Violin and Viola mid next week, and then a historical selection of musical pieces popular in England nearly five hundred years ago. That's a broad selection of stimuli for the eyes and ears, and rounds off a month which has been largely devoted to getting the Festive Season sorted out, planned and scheduled. September has also seen us having an Olympic torch for several days plus a fantastic Quiz Night with enough teams to almost necessitate another screen, and also the introduction of the Monthly Jackpot, which nobody won, and thus rolls over to next month with an extra 500 baht in the pot on Tuesday 9th October.

October is looking busy - on October 4th the Artists at the British Club are jointly hosting the opening party for their exhibition at the Neilson Hays Library from 6pm to 8pm, and the Club will be providing canapés to complement the drinks as a welcome back to members who have been away for the summer. Monday 8th is the day for the Maroon 5 concert and coaches will be leaving the Club about 5pm for those lucky enough to have got tickets. The day after, there is the October Quiz Night, which I hope will be as much fun as the last - don't forget the monthly jackpot which has swollen! The day after that, for four days the Bangkok Community Theatre are performing their latest production, A Country Wife, which at the time of my writing this has almost sold out, so get the last of the tickets if you can! A great event is the Trafalgar Dinner on Saturday 20th October, a traditional occasion which is hosted by the Club. It is a formal evening with a great menu and delectable wines, and features a special speaker who is flying in from Malaysia to regale the diners while they pass the port. It celebrates the historic sea battle where Britain was challenged by the French and Spanish navies, when Admiral Horatio Nelson lead us to victory and our marine supremacy, which was a foundation of the successful growth of the Empire, was firmly cemented. In complete contrast, there is hardly time to digest that dinner before the following day's showing of three episodes from the new Dr Who TV series, fresh from the UK. Barely a week later, we have the wonderful Friday evening on the 26th when ghouls come out, and kids 'trick or treat' for the Halloween Party, which carries on in the Silom Sala whilst Mum and Dad are on the front lawn for a special wine-tasting in preparation for the voluminous quantities that will be imbibed over the very festive season. Phew!

We are putting the finishing touches to this year's Annual Ball which will take place on Saturday 8th December, two days after the Evening of Christmas Carols and three days after this year's Britstock, a day of music and multiple live bands. The Annual Ball is being rejigged this year - it is being catered by the Sheraton Grande and will include lots of canapés with wine at the pre-dinner reception on the front lawn. The traditional main meal under the stars sounds delicious, and there are three bottles of complimentary wine per table. We have booked that amazing band we first used at the Jubilee Fête who kept people dancing into the early morning hours, and we're finalising a couple of other aspects to ensure it is an amazing evening. Wear your finest and look your best, there will be a photographer snapping anything (and anyone) that approaches beauty!

I'm hoping to squeeze in another Wine Dinner in the last few days of October, and will email advice on that, but just after the end of October, there is the Guy Fawkes Party with its legendary display of pyrotechnics and a sizzling barbecue. There is also the David Foster concert for which we still have two tickets! But before both of those, we have the private screening of the new James Bond movie Skyfall in hyper-luxurious seats in SF Central World.

I have been asked by a student at Swansea University to request any British expats living in Bangkok to complete a questionnaire online for his thesis - anyone who can remember how difficult it was doing a thesis might like to assist by clicking on <http://tinyurl.com/8ju2n4f>

You will see elsewhere that we are requesting updated contact details. Please help us out to make the 2013 Directory accurate. We also want to redo the mailing lists, so that you can be mailed with what interests you. When that information is requested, please respond.

See you during the month, and fingers crossed the floods are held at bay outside Bangkok as well as inside!

**Jeremy de Sausmarez**  
**Events & Marketing Manager**

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**1st - 5th October 2012**

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Chef's Soup of the Day

**Main Courses – 140 baht**

Chicken Korma served with Boiled Egg and Yellow Rice

**or**  
Fish & Chips (Choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered) served with Garden Peas and Tartare sauce

**or**  
Pork Schnitzel served with Mixed Salad, Baked Potato and Apple sauce

**or**  
Tom Yam Goong  
( Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushroom )  
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Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Spicy Herbs served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potatoes

**or**  
Turkey Lasagne served with Garlic Bread

**or**  
Mini Steak Served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes

**or**  
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**or**  
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**or**  
Fillet of Pork Mushroom Sauce served with Green beans, Carrots and Garlic Roast Potatoes

**or**  
Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla  
( Fish Balls in Green Curry Sauce )  
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**or**  
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**or**  
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( A Refreshing Soup with Chicken, Coconut milk and Herbs )  
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( Deep-Fried Dory Fish Topped with Tamarind Sauce )  
Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy  
( Stir-Fried Kale with Oyster Sauce )

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# F&B MORSELS



## Dear Members,

September has been a quiet month for us, not only for me in the kitchen but around the entire Club. I have been thinking how to arrange my new, larger Poolside kitchen, and I have a good idea about how it will be. The new delivery counter has now been created and the builders will move the existing sliding window to be on the new counter. So, from the outside Members will see more or less the same, just nicer and newer, but from the inside the additional space created will help my team to provide a smoother food service.

I hope you are looking forward as much as I am to the opening of the new Poolside, and thank you all for your co-operation and patience during the renovation period. My team and I have tried to make sure that everyone has been served food warm and on-time!

If you have any favourite dishes that you would like to see on our menus, or if you have a special recipe for me to try out, please pass them on to me and I will see if we can add them to our menu. The first request is already in: Scotch Eggs!

Happy eating!

**Khun Laak**  
**Executive Chef**



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# DINING

## 1st - 15th October 2012

### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day

Bt 80

Pan-Cooked Asparagus and Mixed Seafood

Bt 200

### Main Courses

Crispy Glazed Duck Breast with Green Pepper Sauce served with red cabbage jam and croquette potatoes

Bt 300

Lamb Shank Braised with Red Wine and Herbs served with crushed new potatoes and green beans

Bt 400

Grilled Snow Fish with Capers, Olives and Butter Sauce served with asparagus, carrots and French beans

Bt 680

## 16th - 31st October 2012

### Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day

Bt 80

Prawn Cocktail

Bt 160

### Main Courses

Spaghetti with Spicy Lamb Sauce and Fresh Rosemary

Bt 265

Duo of Red Snapper and Sea Bass with a vegetable, noodle and scallop sauce

Bt 335

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sun-Dried Tomatoes and Feta Cheese served with crispy polenta, rocket salad and basil pesto

Bt 260

# TRAFALGAR DINNER

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# POOLSIDE WORKS STATUS

It is ten days since we mailed an update report from the Chairman of the GC, so below are notes on the situation as it was on 20th September with supporting photographs which illustrate the notes and give a general impression of how the area will look when all is completed.

We have asked the contractors to increase their manpower levels and start earlier in the morning as the current daily inclement weather means most works get halted in the afternoon.



## • Fitness Centre and Kitchen extensions

These works are proceeding with the new windows already installed. Painting works have begun to be completed prior to the installation of the mirrors and more electrical equipment. The walls and sliding window for the kitchen extension have been finished and floor tiling is now taking place. The new space is bright and airy, with good views inside over the pool and Sala.



## • Sala Roof and the Swimming Pool

The entire old roof has been removed and the trusses are almost completely in place. The bar is half complete. Our engineers have been running the electrical equipment and the plumbing will commence shortly.

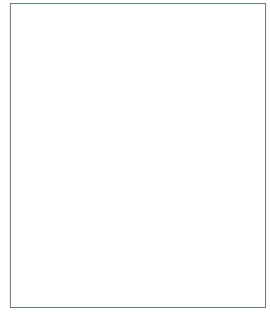
The repair of the cracks is still on-going but should be completed a week before this magazine is issued. Part of the problems encountered included hidden plastic tubing and very old/large plastic water proofing.

The contractor has started tiling around the walls which are now watertight, and has prepared half the pool's base with cement ridges so tiling the base can begin as soon as the cracks are finally sealed.



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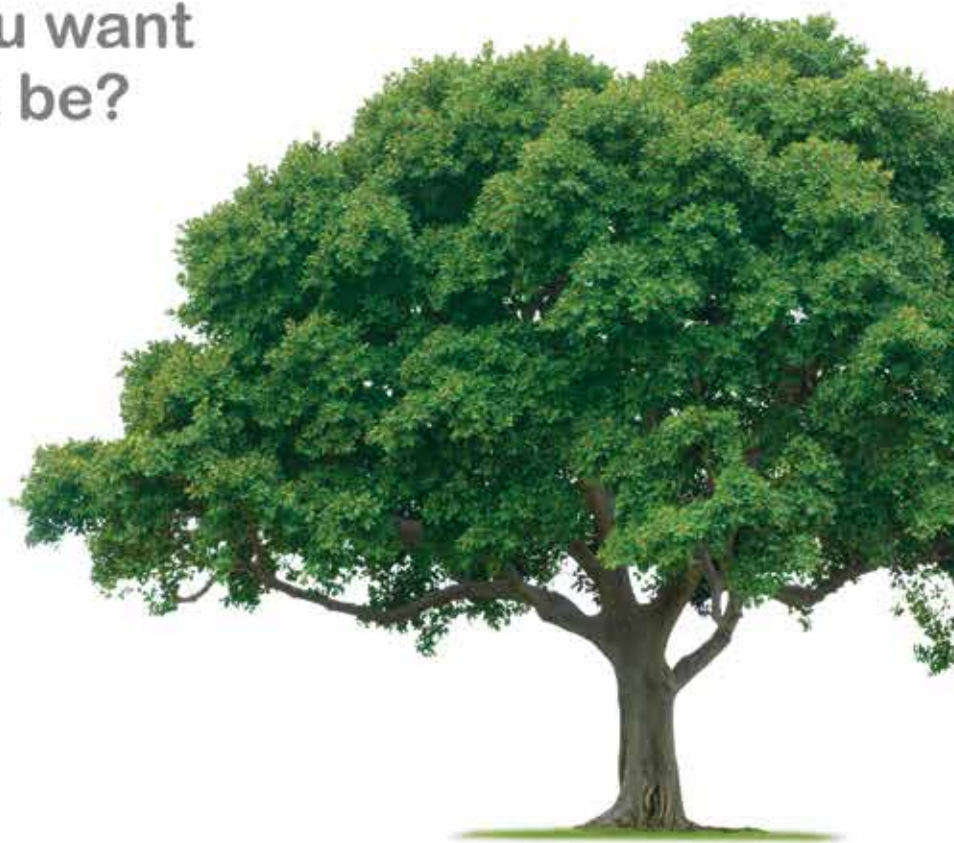


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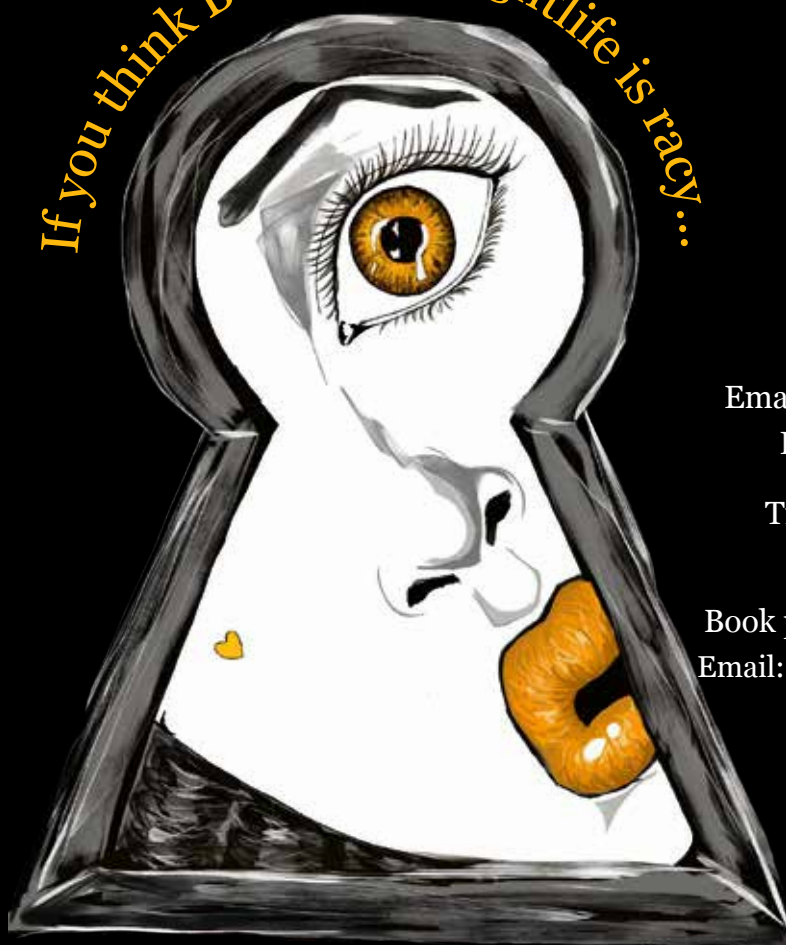
# THE COUNTRY WIFE

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The British Club is an oasis of peace and tranquillity in the heart of Bangkok. It echoes Britain of a bye-gone era when the British were renowned for good manners and gentlemanly behaviour in a green and pleasant land. But was it really so or is this a view through rose-tinted spectacles?

Judge for yourself between Wed 10th and Sat 13th October at 8pm in Surawongse Room, when Bangkok Community Theatre present their latest production, *The Country Wife* by William Wycherley, a hilariously bawdy, classic Restoration comedy where polite society is not nearly so polite once you examine it more closely. The play burst on the London scene in 1675, when the monarchy was restored after eighteen years of puritanical parliamentary rule which saw theatres close, being deemed little more than dens of debauchery.

William Wycherley was born near Shrewsbury, Shropshire and Shrewsbury International School has generously agreed to sponsor the show along with Global Investments (Far East) Ltd.

*The Country Wife* features an upper-class rake, Mr Horner, who pretends to be impotent. This leads foolish male aristocrats, such as Mr Pinchwife and Sir Jasper Fidget, to consider it safe to leave him with their wives. But while they are off attending to business, Homer is seducing their not so innocent and unwilling wives. When a naive young country girl, Margery Pinchwife, is introduced to London society, will she succumb to the sins of the city?

BCT newcomer James Laver plays the lovable rogue Horner. The cast includes new faces as well as some regular favourites such as Jonathan Truslow and Elise Meleisea. *The Country Wife* herself is played by the marvellous Nic Frances who almost stole the show in BCT's *Pygmalion*. It is directed by Severin Herbert, Head of Drama at Harrow International School.

*The Country Wife* is a riot of fun and typically British bawdy humour, full of double-entendres and the pricking of pomposity. If you think Benny Hill and the Carry On films rather than Shakespeare and Dryden, you might be nearer the mark!







# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspicious Melioris Ævi*

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at the history of our Club in 1980 ...

**1** The most notable achievement of this year was the launch in March of our new newsletter entitled 'Outpost' under the direction of General Committee member John S. Walker.

This was printed 'in-house' with a small off-set printing machine we purchased and housed in a 'hut' just outside the side doors of the clubhouse (where the fire escape is now). It was well received especially by one wife of a member who took serious umbrage with the previously mentioned Ladies Advisory Liaison Group (see last month) and wrote pages and pages in Outpost condemning it.

**2** For the past year the General Committee had been dogged with complaints about the poor quality and delivery of food from both kitchens. Management investigation revealed that the longer serving staff members were ignoring the advice and instructions from our relatively new Executive Chef Khun Pongsak (again, see last month's article). A bold step was thus taken to dismiss all six kitchen staff on 30th June and replace them all! We were taken to Labour Court over non-payment of a disputed final one month's salary – the Court subsequently awarded this to five of the six, as the sixth staff member was on 'her last warning'. Chairman Charles Stewart, who attended Court, was reported as saying to the GM "that's the fairest Thai court that I've ever experienced!"

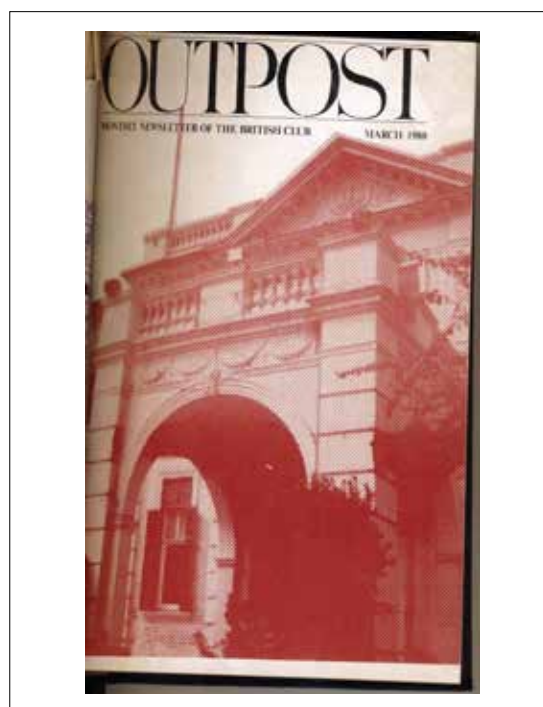
**3** Louis T. Leonowens company celebrated their 75th anniversary in this year by burying a time capsule monument at the Oriental Hotel – the Club, as requested, provided a copy of our Annual Report and Outpost and greeting and pictures from the General Committee. The Capsule was sealed in front of the Authors' Wing by guest of honour Colonel Dr. Thanat Khoman, deputy prime minister. One Club committee member present offered to buy drinks for those present when it is due to be opened on 5th June 2055!

**4** Our growing staff numbers created more disciplinary matters during the second part of the year with one Barman dismissed for falsifying chits and two gardeners given final

warnings for suspected theft. The General Committee thus appointed an Assistant Manager, Khun Adisak Asavakovit, previously of the International Social & Recreation Club in Soi Asoke, to help supervise our growing number of staff.

In an interesting tale in 'Outpost' was Khun Adisak playing the GM, Rupert Russell-Cobb, at tennis and winning the first game without the GM getting a point – a call was then heard across the net of "You're still on probation aren't you?" and Mr Cobb won the set 6-4!

**5** The addition of 10 Associate members, the expansion of core nationality to Australian, Canadian and New Zealand citizens plus a strong recruitment drive amongst the Embassies did its job with membership at the year-end rising to 447, an increase of 15% over the previous year. The Club thus ended the year one member short of its previous membership record of 448 in 1973.



"News, the whole news and nothing but the news"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

# BC CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2012

## MONDAY

**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*The Fisher King*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



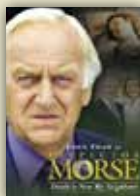
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**Maroon 5 Concert**  
4:30pm

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



**Monday Night Club**  
*Death Is Now My Neighbour*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*The Blue Geranium*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



22

**Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp**  
9:30am



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*Third Girl*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**BWG Mahjong**  
10am - 1pm



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



**Monday Night Club**  
*Fearful Symmetry*  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



## TUESDAY

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



2

**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Five-a-side Football**  
7pm - 9pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**  
8:30 pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



9

**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Five-a-side Football**  
7pm - 9pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**  
8:30 pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



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**Fitball**  
10:30am



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

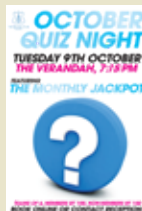


**Five-a-side Football**  
7pm - 9pm



**Quiz Night**  
7pm - 9:30pm

**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**  
8:30 pm



**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



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**Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp**  
9:30am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Five-a-side Football**  
7pm - 9pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8am



30

**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Five-a-side Football**  
7pm - 9pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers**  
8:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY

**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



3

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



10

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



**BCT: The Country Wife**  
Surawongse Room, 6pm

**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



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**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



**Balut Shield**  
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



24

**Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp**  
9:30am



**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



**Artists @ British Club**  
9am - 1pm



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**Ladies Tennis Coaching**  
10am - 11:30am



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



## THURSDAY

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**  
7pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**  
7pm

**BCT: The Country Wife**  
Surawongse Room, 6pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**  
7pm

**Ladies Mix-In**  
8 am



**Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp**  
9:30am



**Fitball**  
10:30am



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



**Cricket Thursday Night Trio**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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# HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman



## CHULA - LONGKORN DAY

October 23<sup>rd</sup>



"Phra Piya Maharat  
(The Great Beloved King)"

This day commemorates HM King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1910 and is regarded as one Siam's greatest monarchs. He was born on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1853 to HM King Mongkut (Rama IV) and HM Queen Debsirindra and educated within the Palace. Sadly at the age of 15 when accompanying his father on an expedition south of Hua Hin they both contracted malaria and HM King Rama IV died. The Prince was also unwell but was made King and crowned on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1868 under the regency of Chao Phraya Borom Maha Si Suriyawongse (after whom Suriwongse Road was named). The young King fully recovered from malaria and so at the age of 20, the age of maturity in Siam, he was crowned again on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1873.

HM King Chulalongkorn set upon many reforms of the Thai government by creating the Audit Office, the Council of State and the Privy Council and setting up seven Government departments. He developed local council administration with the establishment of monthons (regions), provinces, cities, amphoes, tambons, and villages. He also created the role of Crown Prince as successor to the Siamese

throne, set up the Royal Military Academy and was instrumental in establishment of the telegraph office, the telephone system, the post office, railways, newspapers, schools and banks as well as establishing the Ministry of the Capital to run Bangkok and bringing electricity to the Kingdom. King Chulalongkorn also abolished slavery in Siam. In 1897, and again in 1907, he visited the United Kingdom whilst on a tour of Europe and met with both Queen Victoria and Edward VII. He died on 23 October 1910 of kidney disease in Dusit Palace.

The Hindu festival of Dussehra or Vijayadashami is held to celebrate the victory of the Hindu God Lord Rama over Ravana, the ruler of Lanka who had abducted Rama's wife and it is normally celebrated only across South Asia. However the Hindu Temple in Silom Road, Wat Sri Maha Mariamma, on the corner of Pan Road also celebrates this on this day, so Silom Road southbound from Decho Road to the Holiday Inn and all of Surasak Road are closed to traffic – it is virtually only possible to access the Club from Suriwongse Road on this day.

## DUSSEHRA

October 24<sup>th</sup>

## PAVARANA DAY

October 30<sup>th</sup>

The period which is called Vassa, or Buddhist Lent, which started on Khao Pansa Day (August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year) officially ends on Pavarana Day. The word 'Pavarana' translates into 'inviting others to advise one' and comes from the practice started by Buddha at the end of the lent period, after hearing some monks had remained silent for three months, for them to speak out in open about what they liked or disliked about the monastic life so that improvements could be made within.



## 'RULES BRITANNIAE'

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

## GUESTS MAY NOT PLAY TENNIS



**DID YOU KNOW...** Guests of members may not play Tennis or Squash, or use the Fitness Centre, without express individual permission from management. Please get management permission ahead of booking your courts to avoid embarrassment or offence.

See Rule 65 (a) (ii) for details.

# TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

In partnership with



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Dear BCTS,

This time last year I was writing this segment wearing wellington boots, a life jacket and hoping the BC wasn't going to be inundated. Thankfully we weren't, and we were amongst the fortunate few. This year it's still pretty wet and the weather alongside renovation has still meant a reduction in the tennis being played.

By the time you are reading this I hope that we will have all four courts back in action and that the weather will have dried up.

## MIXED DOUBLES INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT:

On the weekend of September 8/9th the BCTS sent a team to the LTA of Thailand. The weather thankfully held out and the results were as follows;

In the round robin section the BCTS;

- beat the Japanese Tennis Club 4-1
- beat the LDD Team 4-1
- lost to the Armed Forces Team 4-1
- lost to the RBSC Blue Team 0-5

In the group final they also lost in a closely fought match with the RBSC Gold Team 2-3, to come in 6th place overall



## TENNIS IN OCTOBER:

This month we will host the Krung Thai Tennis Team as part of our monthly friendly match program. We are also hoping to have a visit from the Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club at the end of the month. Please keep an eye out for more details in the weekly tennis emails.

# SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members,

I'm struggling somewhat to fill these pages with interesting sports news seeing as there has been a definite lack of sports at the Club due to all the construction work. Nevertheless I shall do my best.

## TNT BEER BASH:

TNT (Thursday Night Trio), the increasingly popular 6s cricket league held on the back sports court finished its second season at the end of July. Seasons are finished off with a Beer Bash, a fun 6 over knockout tournament for all teams where batters have to scull a beer after each over.

Due to inclement weather and annual leave the Beer Bash had to be postponed and was rescheduled for August 23rd. On the night we had the BC, Siam Parrots, Southerners, St. Georges, Speedy Singh and visiting team the Richos all competing for the free beer I'd say, rather than the prestige of the small trophy.

In form inconsistent with the rest of the season the BC steadily progressed through the competition to the finals where they were to meet the visiting and decidedly much better and more serious Richos. While the result was perhaps a forgone conclusion, the BC however drank very well and didn't lose by too much.

TNT Season 3 is now well underway and I would encourage any cricket enthusiasts to come down and have a look, it's usually very easy to find a game or two.



## WAGS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:

On Sunday 2nd September the 3rd WAGS of the year was held bringing together the BCTS, BC Staff, BigChilli Magazine, St. Georges Soc. and newcomers The British Embassy.

Despite the early start the rains started early as well and we had to call the 2nd half of the tournament off. However, as all teams had played the same amount of matches we were able to work out who was in the lead and thus the winner for the day. Congratulations to BigChilli Magazine who won on goal difference.

Many thanks to all the teams who participated, to The British Embassy for joining and especially to the newly appointed British Ambassador, Mark Kent, who not only came to watch but also joined in and played as well.





**OLYMPIC TORCH:**

Pat Kerr, a member of the British Club and British National, was very kind to loan us her very own Olympic torch.

Pat was nominated by her local community to be a torch bearer as part of the torch relay around the UK. She carried the torch through Kidlington, which is on the outskirts of Oxford.

On her way back to Bangladesh, where she works within the community trying to engage women in sport, she stopped off in Bangkok and offered to loan the torch to us for a few days so members would have the opportunity to have a closer look.

The 800mm long gold coloured torch is made from hi-tech aluminum casing covered in a mesh of 8,000 holes – one for each runner and mile covered during the relay. The torch is triangular, reflecting the three times that London has hosted the Games (1908, 1948 and 2012) as well as representing the Olympic values of respect, excellence and friendship.

Pat is now back in Bangladesh and we hope the torch will be an added inspiration and encouragement to participate in sport for the women she works with.

**VOLLEYBALL:**

We will be having another fun volleyball competition on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

**KIDS KWICK CRICKET:**

Following on from the success of the last Kids Kwick Cricket Tournament there will be another one this month. More details will be in the weekly sports emails.

**SPORTS CAMP:**

There will be a Sports Camp and Mini Sports Camp from Monday 22nd till Friday 26th

**SCHEDULE TO BE CONFIRMED**

I look forward to seeing you enjoying the new and improved Club facilities.

Regards,

Paul

# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge



## Handicapped Marvyn!

Marvyn was 85 the other week and we celebrated this unlikely achievement with a Sunday morning mix-in, lunch and lashings of alcohol. (Have a look at the pics). Marv was surrounded by all his loving pals desperate to learn his secret of length and longevity. According to Marc Sayer, he claimed that it was beyond his comprehension. However, Marc wasn't clear on whether it was his comprehension or Marv's that whatever it was it was beyond...or something like that. It's all very unclear as Marc was stuffing his face at the time in preparation to play WAGS football. Anyway, I think we can all concur that reaching 60 in this cruel and heartless world is pretty normal. To get to 70 is more than normal, but Marv flew past the 80 mark and is heading for 90 and that is so abnormal it's downright nonstandard. Happy Birthday Marv!

A handicapped squash comp also occurred of late at the British Club Bangkok which is conveniently located in the heart of the city between Silom and Suriswong Roads.

Right, Den was in the handicap comp with the usual players like the two Tom Cats, Wally Evans, Bob, Ja, Shiraz, Dean, David Mason, Cornflakes, Bob, H, Marv, Bob, Civil, Shiraz, Cat Flap, Bob, Shiraz, Bob, Den, Gary Baine, Den, Neil, Simon, Frank, David Mason, Bob, Jack, Da, H, Civil, Chris Settle, DJ Crosscourt, Chris Ven, Bob, Me, Ignacio, Den, H and Bob. And Charles, and Nick White, Mark Smith, Bob, a couple Michael's, Marc Sayer and Rit. Colin also played as did Bob and Den with JD, JCS and JCB and Ken, and, of course, Bob.



Marv is 85!



Marc's diet is history!



Del Boy in the House!

An awesome line up of squash stars and retards who contributed to another awesome competition. And this is some of what happened: Allegedly, Chris Settle nearly beat Ja early on, but didn't so he carried on in the plate bit where he beat Den 3-1. Chris is over seven feet tall and weighs 150 kilos while Den is about 5' foot 5" and 53.3 ounces. Den didn't stand a chance. As for Ja, he lost to someone else after that, maybe Evans or Tom K. Can't remember. Tom Godfrey met Ken Grimshaw in his plate

semi and won. In the main draw, Gary played so wonderfully in a fascinating semi against Tom K that upon winning 15-14 in the fifth game he burst into tears. It was a startling performance and worthy of a damn good cry. Evans beat Kit in the other main bit semi so that left us with Tom Godfrey and his sister Dolly against the Hulk in the plate final and Peas against Cry Baby in the main final. What a feast awaiting the six or seven that turned up to watch which included the BCB Chairperson, HRH Derek Edward Trotter.

Plate final and God played masterfully against the potential green giant of Dr. David Banner. Careful not to make him angry. God used the same subtle skills he'd employed in creating the earth and mankind to out-manuever the Doc and keep him from bursting his vest, turning green and smashing the whole club up in an unnecessary rage that he would probably, in a quiet moment of reflection, regret the following day. God won 3-1 despite starting each game -5 against +8 or thereabouts. More experience won it, and when you consider that, depending on who you believe, God's been around for between a couple of a thousand and millions of years and the Hulk only came on the scene in about the late 70's, it was a fair result. Good work there, God, and an equally sterling effort from the Hulk.





Godfrey and Sister Dolly!



Relax!



More Tears!




The Hulk


In the other match, Tears for Fears, in his first final, met Frankie Goes to Hollywood, so called as he reckons, in his infinite wisdom, that they are the best ever band. And I'm not kidding. Just ask him, he reckons Relax is the best song of all time! Whatever. GB is a fit, young lad: tight, firm buttocks, flat stomach, lean and sinewy, youthful and full of spunk, and playing very well, but a little green re the calling of lets, despite improving greatly of late. DJ Peas displays the traits of his character in his approach to every competitive match: sensibility and steadiness blended with flashes of stupidity (look at his taste in music) and a lack of imagination (the music and his diet), yet he has plenty of experience and that is what the difference was in this encounter. Gary ran and ran, but Neil had a wider range of shots and knows when to call a let whereas GB lacks a short game and the phrase, "Let please?" Well done Neil while GB is a future winner . . . of something.

Super comp with excellent handicapping by Cornflakes. Plenty of interesting and close matches, two great finals, and trophies and Supersports vouchers handed out. Fab!


Until it floods again. . . . .




*You are invited to our  
Open Evening  
On Thursday 4 October  
From 6 to 8 pm*





**Artists at the British Club  
Exhibition  
"Continuation"**



From 2 to 28 October  
Neilson Hays Library  
195 Surawong Road  
Bangkok









# HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



It's been a pretty wet rainy season so far but a few hardy cricketers have been keeping their eye in whenever possible. The floodlit Thursday Night Trio (TNT) organised by Paul Ringer on behalf of the Club has been rained off almost as often as it has been played but is a great way to get into the cricket scene. No one takes it too seriously, the standard is completely open, everyone gets to bat and bowl and friends are made as lots of beer is downed. Section Members are informed of the schedule but if you are new contact Paul or just turn up at 7.00 pm.

The Back Lawn courts are potentially a superb venue for floodlit 6 or 8 a-side cricket and the General Committee have commenced phased improvements with an extension of the paved viewing area. Next phases will hopefully include realignment/completion of the fencing, improved lighting and a new surface. This would ensure regular all-year round cricket as well as enhancing facilities for hockey, 5 a-side football, etc.

There has also been a good turn-out for occasional nets organised by the Section some Sunday afternoons as demonstrated by the pictures this month. Weather permitting we'll get these going on a regular basis in October.

By the time you read this the Section will have held its AGM, elected officers and will be set for the new season which will open with a tour to **Phuket on 27/28th October**. Other dates already in the calendar are:

- Marshall Trophy vs RBSC at Polo Club, Saturday 3rd November
- RBSC T10 Tournament, 17/18 November
- Chiang Mai (26th / 27th January)

Other fixtures will include more matches in Bangkok, trips to Pattaya and Hua Hin with tours to Vientiane and, maybe, even Rangoon.

The General Committee is also reviewing the Bylaws regarding Sports Section activities. These haven't been changed much for decades and the idea is for these to be more encouraging for Sections who are keen to provide regular sports activities for members. Sections are being encouraged to be self-financing but with Committee support to make this viable. In the case of cricket the Club is responsible for maintaining the nets, paying for ground hire and maintaining the practice and match kits, the players pay subscriptions to pay for travel and the social side of things.



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Chitradeep could bat as well



Net practice



Chitradeep will be missed



Ishika will be inspiring Rahul this year



The busy end

Sponsorship is also encouraged and we are delighted that this season Yogi of Momai Diamonds has sponsored our new shirts for the 2012/13 season, taking over from Marc Sayer and the Landmark Hotel who sponsored these last two seasons. We promised Yogi a bit of publicity for his diamond business in appreciation for his generosity.



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We are losing one or two of last season's cricketers and we will certainly miss Chitradeep not only because of his Champaign sponsorship, but because he was just getting into his stride and was potentially our best bowler. Try to come back Chitradeep!

**New faces are always welcome. Information can be found on the Club Noticeboard and all you need do is role up for a net.**

**Contact Cricket Section Chairman Jack Dunford [jack@dunford.info](mailto:jack@dunford.info) or Captain Dale Lamb [daleinbkk@gmail.com](mailto:daleinbkk@gmail.com) for more information.**

**We play social cricket - all standards welcome.**

# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

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RELOCATIONS

## August Medal: The Royal Golf Club Sunday 26 August 2012

21 golfers turned out to compete in the August medal, which is divided into two flights based on handicaps. In the Flight A division (handicaps 0 – 16), Robert Gray, Mark "Rory" Evans and Jack O'Flynn took the top three spots respectively. In the deeper field of Flight B (17 – 36 handicappers), Brian Brook (who was also overall low net score for the day), Barry Ashman and Peter Gale placed first, second and third.



*"Let the good times roll at the '19th Hole' of the Monthly Medal"*



*"Brian Brook takes the August Medal Flight B with ease"*



*"In Flight A, we saw a fine display of golf by Robert Gray who captured the August Medal"*

## Volvo Cup : Thana City Golf Course Sunday 2 September 2012

The BCGS plays an annual match against a group of affable Scandinavians to contest the Volvo Cup. The Volvo Cup has been contested since 1975 and is a match play event comprising singles, better balls and scrambles with 20 players on each side. The Scandinavians certainly enjoy their post-match celebrations as much as their golf and both were on fine display at this year's match in early September at the popular Thana City Golf Course. The imposing Volvo Cup had rested proudly in the British Club's trophy cabinet for the last year but unfortunately we succumbed 8 games to 4 this year and now have reason to fight back next year.



*"Marcus did not accept defeat and refuses to let go of the Volvo Cup"*



*"Opposing Captain's pose in front of the Volvo Cup"*

## September Stableford : Subhaprueck Golf Course Sunday 9 September 2012

A determined Frank Fawkes who is leading the pack for the "golfer of the year" award turned in a fine card of 40 points to capture the September Stableford event. He bested an on form Brian Brook who posted a 35 and Mark Evans who is still in the chase for the golfer of the year award came in third with 33 points.





"What better way to start the day?!"



"Guests for the day - Reece and Peter (son of Ray B)"



"Some well-earned refreshments for a weary bunch."



"The Captain takes home the spoils"

Website: <http://www.bcgsthailand.org/>

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## St. David's Society Bangkok Traditional Christmas Buffet



**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
**Time:** 6.30 p.m. for drinks: 7.00 p.m. for dinner  
**Venue:** Suriwongse Room at The British Club  
 at 189 Soi 18, Silom Rd, Bangkok, 10500  
**Cost:** 800 baht for Society Members  
 1000 baht for non-Members  
 First drink included in price

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# BRIDGE



## Bridge Results for July & August 2011

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 15th July (13 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dr. Prasart & Prarop	60.83%
	Tied 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chalernpol & Watana	59.58%
	Tied 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kridsadayut & Wanchai	59.58%
Sunday 22nd July (5 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Winckless & Pedro	72.50%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jiemjai & Lalit	70.00%
Sunday 12th August (10 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	63.43%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chintana & Manthanee	58.65%
Sunday 19th August (13 pairs)	Tied 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kiatchai & Hiran	58.75%
	Tied 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Surawit & Watana	58.75%
Tuesday 28th August (7 pairs)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Supote & Somchai R.	62.50%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hanne & Charlene	55.56%

## Opening Leads & Interference (by Helmer Nissen)

Sometimes, it seems very difficult to find the correct lead, while at other times it seems so obvious what to do. I still get surprised when some players are leading away from an ace against a trump contract, or playing 4th highest holding KQ76. Let's try a look at a hand from a recent tourney at the British Club:

The bidding went

N	E	S	W
1♥	P	P	X
1♠	2♦	2♥	P
P	3♣	3♥	all pass

Now you have to lead from this hand:

♠ J964  
♥ J  
♦ AQ92  
♣ 10653

The reason for my reverse bidding in the minors was that I'd like to bid both suits if needed.

But now I was on lead instead, and usually it isn't a popular choice to lead a singleton trump, but on this hand I think it is mandatory. Why?

Many things indicate that dummy must be having a singleton ♠: Partner's take-out double usually shows a 4-card ♠-suit, and both declarer and I have 4 spades. Another clue should be that dummy suddenly could bid twice on a hand holding 0-5 points.

When seeing dummy's hand I really liked my lead. 3♥ went two off.

Dummy	Declarer
♠ 8	♠ A1075
♥ 543	♥ AQ1072
♦ 1076543	♦ K8
♣ Q87	♣ A4

I think many players would agree that the declarer made a mistake by bidding 1♠.

One day I was asked what to do when opponents interfere after an ace asking 4 NT. There are many conventions from which to choose, but here is my suggestion.

You have to think about what is the cheapest available bid at this high level. If the opponents interfere with a 5♥ bid, and exactly 5♥ was what you intended to bid, in this case I know many players who would double to show that "It was my bid". But what if your answer should be either 5♣ or 5♦?

### PODI and PORI

4 NT (5♥)

If opponents bid a suit, what is the cheapest bid available? **PASS!**

Pass shows the first step, as if there had been no interference from opponents, 0 aces.

Double is the next step, showing 1 ace, while 5♠ would show 2 aces.

If your opponents doubled your 4NT, then the first available bid is again PASS, showing 0 aces.

Re-double would show 1 ace, and 5♣ would now show 2 aces and so on.

**PODI - PO** = Pass 0 aces, **DI** = Double 1 ace

**PODI - PO** = Pass 0 aces, **RI** = Re-double 1 ace

To illustrate how this works, study the example below. You bid 4NT and opponent (a) does nothing; (b) interferes with 5♦; and (c) Doubles. How do you reply?

	No interference - normal answers			4 NT - opponents bid 5♦			4 NT - opponents Double		
	Blackwood	Blackwood Morrow	RKC	Blackwood	Blackwood Morrow	RKC	Blackwood	Blackwood Morrow	RKC
1 <sup>st</sup> step	5♣ 0 or 4	5♣ 0 or 4	5♣ 0 or 3	PASS 0 or 4	PASS 0 or 4	PASS 0 or 3	PASS 0 or 4	PASS 0 or 4	PASS 0 or 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> step	5♦ 1	5♦ 1 or 5	5♦ 1 or 4	Double 1	Double 1 or 5	Double 1 or 4	Re-double 1	Re-double 1 or 5	Re-double 1 or 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> step	5♥ 2	5♥ 2	5H 2 or 5 without trump Queen	5♥ 2	5♥ 2	5H 2 or 5 without trump Queen	5♣ 2	5♣ 2	5♣ 2 or 5 without trump Queen
4 <sup>th</sup> step	5♠ 3	5♠ 3	5S 2 or 5 with trump Queen	5♠ 3	5♠ 3	5S 2 or 5 with trump Queen	5♦ 3	5♦ 3	5♦ 2 or 5 with trump Queen

Why all this complicated bidding you may ask. To be able to double opponents when we don't have a slam, or to stay out of a slam when 2 aces are missing....

### News & Updates

From 1st October onwards, Sunday Bridge will commence at 2.00pm. This is in response to players' request that we finish by no later than 6.00pm so that they have time to attend functions and other social gatherings.





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# ONLY FOOLS RUSH IN .....

## *The final episodes of the 2012 Doctor Who mini-season*

SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER .....  
From 10.30am to 12.45pm

### **A Town Called Mercy \* The Power Of Three \* The Angels Take Manhattan**

This year's mini-series ends with a trio of episodes from the Wild West to the Big Apple. The Doctor with companions Amy and Rory discover the truth about the Gunslinger, what it means to be cubed and why fools rush in where Angels fears to tread.

However all is not merely a gaunt through life .... These three episodes lead to a fatal conclusion – only The Doctor and one companion can survive the Weeping Angels .... so who will die ... Amy or Rory?

This screening on the BIG SCREEN in the Suriwongse Room will be complete in time for lunch if your kids have stopping crying by then!

Doctor Who continues with a 2012 Christmas Special to be shown at the Club on Sunday 6th January at 11am and the BBC promises lots more new episodes for the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY in 2013.



"Three against one works"



"Three cubed is Nine"



"Three minus One is Two"



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## KIDS MOVIES - October Fridays, 6pm, Silom Sala



5 Oct  
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12 Oct  
ALADDIN



19 Oct  
RAPUNZEL



26 Oct  
UP!

# THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

**"When you find that people are not telling you the truth --- look out!"**

- Agatha Christie, 'The Moving Finger'

**OCTOBER**

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## THE MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

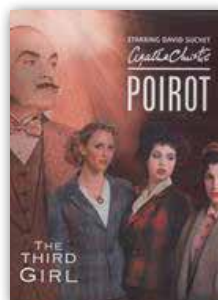


*"Through blood and water"*

### 1<sup>st</sup> The Fisher King

An ancient spear brings down a curse on those who open the barrow and thirty years later as 'The Fisher King' is struck as the dawn breaks Barnaby has to decide if this curse be passed on by blood or is it blood itself that is the curse?

This case stars John Nettles as DCI Barnaby with guest stars Nicholas Rowe, Lynda Bellingham and Jim Carter with John Hopkins as Detective Sergeant Dan Scott.

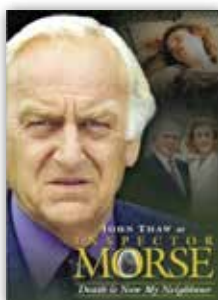


*"Rhyme or reason?"*

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Third Girl

When a young girl is convinced she has committed murder and a female body is found, it comes down to perhaps the third girl to find the real clue. Sadly the clue is stolen, and a whole fortune may be wasted if Poirot cannot tell fact from fiction, or in this case the real difference between first, second and third!

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Zoë Wanamaker, Peter Bowles, Jemima Rooper and Tom Mison.



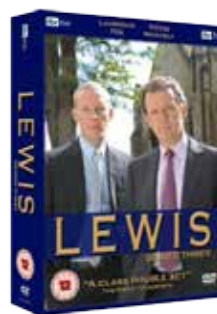
*"Is it better to be shot at 11 or after?"*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Death Is Now My Neighbour

Morse's final countdown ... t-3 ...

When death comes at breakfast, is the election of a new Master something that goes with bacon & eggs or should it have been muesli? Even a Quaker's love of James Cook cannot put off perhaps someone's

John Thaw is DCI Morse with a guest cast of Richard Briers, Maggie Steed and Mark McGann.



*"What dread hand?"*

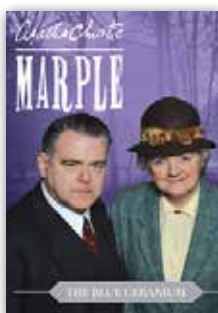
### 29<sup>th</sup> Fearful Symmetry

The penultimate episode of Lewis ...

No tigers in this forest but a hammer and chain are all part of the artwork as a murder ends up as a bondage photo-shoot! When a second victim is found, our team are wondering what immortal hand or eye would be needed to

crack this case — perhaps it is as loony as it seems? Watch out for the giraffes!

Kevin Whatley is Inspector Lewis with guest stars Ciarán McMenamin, Katrine De Candole and Gary Kemp with Laurence Fox as Sergeant Hathaway.



*"Find The Lady!"*

### 15<sup>th</sup> The Blue Geranium

Our extra Monday special is Miss Marple ....

In a village where a death threat is sent in flowers, and blue is the most deadly of colour, we find Jane Marple puzzling over one of the original Tuesday Club Murders! This adaptation adds something extra to the plot but is still worthy of Dame Agatha herself and the twist at the end is amazing.

Julia McKenzie is Jane Marple with guest stars Donald Sinden, Toby Stephens, Kevin McNally and Joanna Page.





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