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In the month when we host the annual Trafalgar Dinner, it is curious that there is an art display in London's Trafalgar Square, one piece of which is a model of Nelson's ship Victory in a glass bottle, placed atop a cement plinth and pointing towards the landmark Nelson's column. England still expects every man to do his duty!

EDITOR'S GREETING

Dear Members,

This month we are a couple of days behind schedule, but almost on time, due to delays in getting copy in on time.

There are pages devoted to the memory of Tom Annas, a long-time Member and great sportsman. We also have an examination of the often little understood affliction of dyslexia, and a brief summary of last month's E.G.M.

Check out the ads for Club events in 2014's last quarter.

Pip pip!

Ed.



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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

Welcome back to all those Members and their families who have been away for their holidays. We are glad to see you again, and since the beginning of September the weekends have been really busy, setting the highest record for F&B since records at the Club began. Every Sunday we have kids activities in the Silom Sala organised by Sam and his Amazing Friends, but that isn't enough so there is also the small Bouncy Castle and the Trampoline on the front lawn. The good weather has made our swimming pool popular with kids and adults too.

For membership, we have reached 1,100 Members this September, which is a record of the highest number in the last 7 years. Thank you to our Membership Manager Khun Prang and her team.

As mentioned in my mailing, we had install 4 new air conditioning units in the Churchill Bar as the old ones were beyond repair. In addition we have fixed the bar stools and the padded bumper around the bar, and also installed new curtains. We have painted areas of the Bar and The Verandah, in preparation for the coming months.

As we have a few new staff in the Clubhouse and also Poolside who will need time getting to know even the regular Members, please show your membership cards on every visit before ordering so as to avoid any

wrong charges on your bills. Also please remember that any Member who brings guests should sign them in using the Members' Guests Book; there is one in the Clubhouse Reception and one in the Surawongse Sala. If you cannot find them, please ask the staff for assistance.

From October there will be a number of events in the Club such as the Halloween Party, Guy Fawkes, Carols Night, Annual Ball, and Christmas Day Lunch and Dinner. The sign-up sheets will be in Reception very soon, so please sign up or make reservation by email to avoid any disappointment.

For sports in October we will have swimming lessons, Sports Camps and another bike tour. Please check the noticeboards or the website and sign up in the Fitness Centre.

As the busy months approach, the staff will continue to give their best efforts to help you enjoy your visits and the events which are planned.

I hope to see you around your Club soon.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays)		
1910 Balcony	3pm - 11pm (Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm)		
Accounts Office	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Closed (Sat-Sun)		
Neilson Hays Coffee Shop	9am - 6pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)
Churchill Bar	10am - 12midnight	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)
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- ★ Join us on the Back Lawn. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available.
- ★ Sign up online, with Reception, or by email: events@britishclubbangkok.org

HAPPENINGS

We are only a week away from the final quarter of 2014, and the booking forms are now in place in Reception for Guy Fawkes, the Annual Ball, Xmas Day and so on. If it's easier for you, bookings can be made by email to events@britishclubbangkok.org and will be transcribed to the sign-up sheet, so feel free to adopt that approach if it suits you better.

We've had quite a busy month, with a major autumn car boot sale booked by over 35 tables with some great stuff to pick up, and of course the Scottish Referendum results which proved to be a great morning. Two Members decided to start off with champagne at 8am, justifying it as a celebration whichever way the vote went - I liked that rationale! We had got a new internet TV service so as to show Scottish TV, but due to the broken internet pipe between HK and Thailand, that didn't happen and we watched the BBC coverage. There were sighs of relief that the Union Jack didn't need redesigning, and single malt can still flow over the border.

The Gourmet Dinner was cancelled due to lack of bookings, but there's Alcove in The Verandah which has an excellent special menu available at all times, and we are now seeking Members' suggestions on specials (see Khun Laak's page) which can be tried out and if popular, added to the ever-growing collection of special dishes in the regular menu, so please write in with your favourites.

The weekends are busy around the pool and Sam has a new location for his table for kids crafts colouring and art in the Silom Sala. October sees the reintroduction of the Saturday Poolside BBQ after 5pm to take some pressure off the kitchen, and after a swim or other exercise it's great to eat a hot BBQ platter.

Also in October, we are looking forward to the Trafalgar Dinner on Saturday 18th with a fabulous menu, wine and port. The guest speaker this year is the Defence Attaché who must have some stories up his sleeve. At the end of the month, there's the kids Halloween Party in the Silom Sala on the same evening as the October Wine Tasting, which every year has proved symbiotic to both kids and parents have a good evening in pursuit of their own liking. Only a week after that is the Club's Guy Fawkes Night with the dedicated firework show which fills the entire sky overhead and is really special with a bonfire too,



Jeremy de Sausmarez

**Events & Marketing
Manager**

so don't miss out on that great evening. It's worth reminding everyone that the Car Parks will be closed that day with free parking in the Narai Car Park at the mouth of Soi 18.

Looking a bit further ahead, the Christmas events are all scheduled, and on page 4 of this issue there's a composite poster of the 4 main events. Further details can be seen on the appropriate calendar page on the website.

The website software had not been upgraded for the last few years, and being open source code there have been many improvements and a number of security holes in the old software, so I am currently trying to get that sorted out (which is actually proving a bit of a headache) so that hopefully by the end of the month it may be complete and working a bit better.

Last month I mentioned the low points of poolside behaviour and I'm glad to report that this month things have improved, although there is still a fearsome amount of screeching which some Members have grumbled about - of course, a few decades ago screaming was reserved for moments of alarm, danger, pain or distress; after all, what other point would there have been for stories like Mathilda, Struwpeter or the Boy who cried Wolf? Out of consideration to other Members who are by the pool relaxing or reading, can we keep the screeching to a minimum please?

On the subject of poolside, please could all who use the pool remember that the plastic whirly-gig lane dividers are not there for sitting or bouncing on. As they age, the plastic becomes brittle and increasingly fragile, and they cost about 25,000 baht to replace, which nobody wants to see unexpectedly on their account!

Have a good month and keep your feedback coming.

Business Luncheons

6th October - 10th October 2014

Starters - 55 baht

Smoked Fish Salad with Lime and Chilli dressing
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Mixed Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Fried Onion
or
Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes.
or
Grilled Sea Bass
Served with Spinach Risotto
or
Tom Yam Goong
(Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)
Gai Phad Khing
(Stir-fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion and Fungus Mushrooms)
Tod Mun Pla
(Deep-fried Fishcakes)

20th October - 24th October 2014

Starter - 55 baht

Tuna Salad
Tuna, Tomatoes, Lemon grass, lime and spicy dressing
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Turkey Chilli Con Carne
Served with Rice
or
Fillet of Pork in Pepper Sauce
Served with Mixed Vegetables and Lyonnaise Potatoes
or
Pan-fried Dory Fish in Spicy Herbs
Served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potatoes
or
Gaeng Som Goong Phak Ruam
(Sour Soup with Mixed Vegetables and Prawns)
Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai
(Stir-fried Pork Fillet with Garlic and Pepper)
Tod Mun Pla
(Deep-fried Fishcakes)

13th October - 17th October 2014

Starter - 55 baht

Chicken Cranberry Salad with Balsamic Dressing
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce
Served with Broccoli, Carrot and Garlic Mashed Potatoes
or
B.B.Q. Ham
In Parsley Cream Sauce,
Served with Sautéed Cabbage+Bacon and Potatoes Salad
or
Baked Chicken Breast in Tomatoes and Cheese Sauce
Served with Roast Vegetables
or
Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla
(Fish Balls in Green Curry Sauce)
Kai Jiew Moo Sub
(Thai Style Minced Pork Omelette)
Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy
(Stir-fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)

27th October - 31st October 2014

Starters - 55 baht

Warm Bread Salad of Crispy Bacon, Parmesan and Poached Egg
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka
Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread
or
Grilled Chicken Breast with Chasseur Sauce
Served with Broccoli, Carrot and Roast Potatoes
or
Pan-fried Sea Bass with Pernod and Dill Sauce
or
Tom Yam Goong
(Spicy Lemon grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)
Pad Khana Nam Man Hoy
(Stir-fried Kale Oyster Sauce)
Kraprao Kai
(Stir-fried Minced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chilli)

Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

or

Choose from our à la carte Dessert with 10% off



F&B MORSELS

The Alcove dining area is proving quite popular and I have had good feedback about the menu. The décor will be changed soon to make it cosier, so come along and try this new area.

The new Western food menus will be issued at the beginning of October - there are some new dishes and some have been discontinued, and the most popular specials from the board have been added to the main course listing.

In October, we are starting the Saturday Poolside BBQ Buffet in the Suriwongse Sala from 5pm to 9pm to make it easier for you to get dinner when you most want it. And on Saturday 18th October we will be having the annual celebration of Britain's finest hour at sea, the Trafalgar Dinner. I've got a delicious menu lined up too.

As the cool season approaches and the evenings are often cooled with rain, the 1910 Balcony is proving a great place to sit and chill. For October we will have 2 cocktails of the month at a special price so you can

best enjoy being on the 1910 Balcony. In November we will have a specially priced snack there too. Some Members enjoy have a snack dinner on the balcony outside The Verandah - try it!

The F&B Working Group are encouraging Members to send in their suggestions for the Specials Board, so if there is anything you particularly would like to see listed there, please send your suggestions, and maybe recipes, to menu@britishclubbangkok.org and I will do my best, but remember there are some foods you cannot get in Bangkok so don't ask the impossible.

Happy Eating!



Khun Laak

Executive Chef



Cocktails of the month October



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SILOM SALA AREAS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Way Forward

On Monday 25th August an Extraordinary General Meeting was held to discuss two topics: firstly, the increasing of membership joining fees; and secondly, the Silom Sala Areas Development proposals.

The first item was approved very quickly and thereafter a long debate took place and concluded with an amended motion which was approved and read as follows:

“That this Extraordinary General Meeting approves in principle the Silom Integrated Scheme as defined below with a budget of 24 million baht (excluding contingency) to be spread across three financial years, paid for entirely by cash surpluses whilst maintaining a financial buffer of 10 million baht at all times, with a proposed start during the month after Members’ approval at an EGM and completion to be scheduled two years thereafter. The General Committee shall carry out a transparent consultation with all interested Members including non-voting categories to solicit feedback on the concept before commissioning a developed design to be presented to a future EGM within 3 to 6 months.”

SILOM INTEGRATED SCHEME

The scheme will deal with the next part of our Club to be fully renovated and covers the whole area of the Silom Sala, Silom Guardhouse, Children’s Swimming Pool & Playground, the Staff House, the Basketball Court, the Massage Rooms, the Squash Courts and the upstairs Gents and Ladies Changing Rooms. Some of these areas date back to 1966 and many others are well over thirty years old and they are in urgent need of attention. The Members’ questionnaire has highlighted that current functions of some of these areas do not reflect modern day Member requirements and Members have requested new activity elements to be introduced. It should be noted that the Thai Kitchen and Fitness Centre remain as they are since they were enlarged and refitted in 2012 and did not form part of the original AGM Motion.

The Scheme will deliver:

- **SILOM SALA** – an improved efficient Sala with additional landscaping, a relaxation zone, and a link to the new air-conditioned Family Room at pool level
- **FAMILY ROOM** – an air-conditioned room for families to eat or relax, adjoining a ...
- **KIDS CORNER** – a safe environment for kids to paint, craft and play near their parents
- **CHILDREN’S POOL & PLAYGROUND** – same shape, but completely refurbished with all new equipment, surfaces and sunshades
- **SQUASH COURTS** - two World Squash Federation sized glass-backed squash courts with two-level viewing galleries
- **MULTIPLE-PURPOSE ROOM** - fit for yoga, pilates, aerobics, dancing, musical activity, kids sports etc
- **TEEN ZONE** – a ‘chill out’ area especially for our teenagers’ comfort and enjoyment
- **CHANGING & STEAM ROOMS** – extended Gents and Ladies changing rooms on the upper floor with more lockers and a steam room in each, new toilets, and Parent-Child facilities close to the Silom Sala
- **MASSAGE & TREATMENT** – improved Thai massage facilities with separate massage rooms in a more relaxed and ambient environment



- **GARDEN ECO-FINISH** – the whole development will include a vertical garden with a water feature to connect with the main poolside, providing a natural and therapeutic environs in keeping with the rest of the Club's grounds
- **STAFF HOUSE** – greatly enhanced male and female facilities for our staff members

All Member Involvement - The Way Forward

Under the guidance of Bob Merrigan who holds the GC portfolio for the Silom Sala Areas Development, the following steps are now being implemented to involve more of the membership's participation in the review of the proposed plan for the integrated development of the Silom Sala Areas.

- Firstly there will be a focused feedback form on the proposed redevelopment which will be sent out to all Members with their October Club statements.
- Secondly we will be holding information (Town Hall) evenings in October with key focus groups who are directly involved with the redevelopment proposals. These meetings are open to all Club Members.
 1. Focus group on Families by Craig Hoy and Sulindy Collacott
 2. Focus group on Tennis by Chris Watt and Warwick Newton
 3. Focus group on Squash by Hugh Davies and Phil Alexander
 4. Focus group other Sports by John Stevens and Bill Wilcox

Finally for those of you interested in further detail, the development proposals can be viewed and downloaded from the British Club website. Simply go to the front page and click on the button on the left hand side entitled "EGM 2014"



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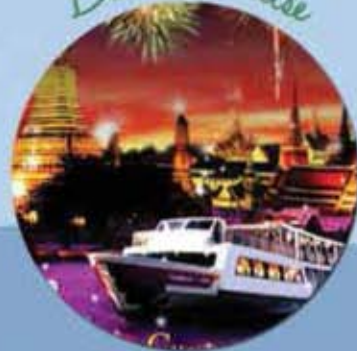
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Thailand's Answer to Dyslexia - New Hope

Students with dyslexia or a language based difference are among the bravest people in the world. Every day, they face challenges at school - challenges most teachers and students could never comprehend - but they return day after day. If you know a student who has dyslexia or a language based difference, they deserve your utmost respect and support. People that brave have the potential to be the leaders of tomorrow.



Dyslexia in Thailand was founded by a mother whose daughter was diagnosed with dyslexia in May 2013. Unfortunately due to a lack of understanding this common learning difference, many schools were not able to offer a solution. Therefore, she was focused to leave Thailand for 7 months on a mission to find the correct education for her daughter in the top dyslexia schools in the world. She has now made it her mission to bring this education to Bangkok. She is the founder of Dyslexia in Thailand and has the only 2 Orton Gillingham fellows mentoring a school outside of the US.



Dyslexia in Thailand mission is to empower dyslexic students to reach their academic potential and to equip them for future success. We set out to reach that mission by providing an intensive program that builds skills in reading, writing, and spelling, a structured environment in which each student is encouraged to take responsibility for his or her learning, and a program and community that fosters self-esteem.

The program is set up is unique and revolves around daily one-to-one tutoring for each student. The tutor is responsible for devising a sequential learning programme in language skills in accordance with Dr. Samuel T. Orton's principles, and with his belief that "... such disorders should respond to specific training if we become sufficiently keen in our diagnosis, and if we prove ourselves clear enough to devise the proper training methods to meet the needs of each particular case." Tailoring a curriculum to fit the dyslexic student's unique brain structure can be accomplished, with optimum speed and efficiency in a tutorial setting. The tutor is further responsible for inculcating orderly study habits, and the student must accept the responsibility to work toward becoming an independent using multi-sensory teaching.

What is Dyslexia?

Dyslexia may be defined as a learning disability that can interfere with a person's ability to read, write, spell and even do math. Dyslexia is a relatively common learning disability and persists throughout life. The severity of the dyslexia may vary from mild to severe and despite the fact that the earlier the problem is addressed the better the outcome it can be addressed later in life.



Dyslexia and intelligence are NOT connected. Many dyslexic individuals are very intelligent and creative who will accomplish amazing things as adults. A significant percentage of the population has reading and spelling difficulties that range from mild to profound. For example, this percentage in the United States is between 15% and 20%. The most common of these learning disabilities is dyslexia. Today professionals with extensive training can accurately



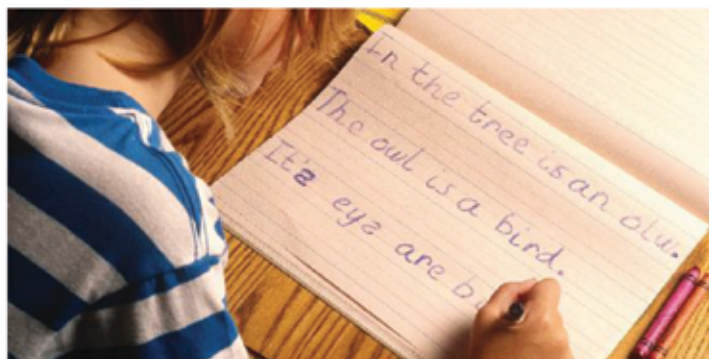
diagnose dyslexia as early as age 5. The sooner a diagnosis is made, the quicker your child can get help, and the more likely you are to prevent secondary blows to their self-esteem. Parents need to be aware of the warning signs of a risk for dyslexia before 3rd grade. It should be noted that the combination of a family history of dyslexia and symptoms of difficulties in spoken language can help identify avulnerable child even before he /she begins formal schooling. People with dyslexia are able to read even if it is at a basic level and they do not see things backwards. Spelling is one of the classic red flags alerting parents and teachers of a serious underlying problem. The children are unable to understand the basic code of the English language and cannot break down or reconstruct (with spelling) words using codes (letters).

Backwards writing and reversals of letters and words are common in the early stages of writing development among dyslexic non-dyslexic children alike. Dyslexic children have problems in naming letters (i.e., remembering and quickly accessing the letter names), but not necessarily in copying them. Because many people erroneously believe that letter reversals define dyslexia, the children who do not make letter reversals often go diagnosed.



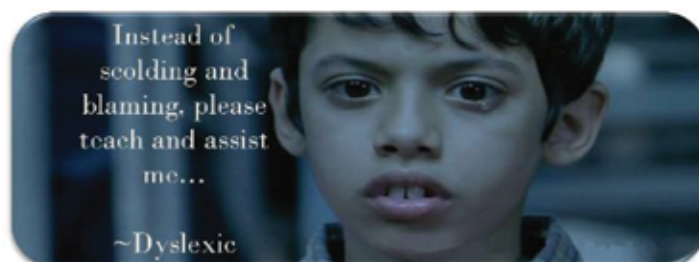
All children with dyslexia will face problems learning to read have difficulty in learning to read with

traditional instruction. Thus in order to facilitate a better outcome for dyslexics, Dyslexia in Thailand was created as the result of one mother's efforts to change education for the better. Dyslexia in Thailand in association with Berkley International School have created the first dyslexic only school program.



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Dyslexia in Thailand in partnership with Berkeley International School - Orton Gillingham Program (first in Asia -Pacfic region)



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Breast Cancer

How You Can Help

“How can we help?
What should we do?”

These are typical responses of partners, friends and relatives when a loved one is diagnosed with a major disease. It can be shattering for patients, but for friends and relatives, too. The way we react is often key to how the patient responds, whether to treatment or recovery. And with breast cancer it can be particularly difficult.



“Breast cancer is in a special category of its own, because breasts are so strongly linked to a sense of body image,” says Dr. Kris Chatamra, honorary consultant at the BNH Breast Health Centre, and Founder and Director of Queen Sirikit Centre for Breast Cancer.



Dr. Kris Chatamra

“With breasts it’s not that straight forward. Much of the problem with overcoming breast cancer is psychological. And this is where relatives and friends can have a particularly strong impact.”

Dr Kris specialises in breast conservation. “Science confirms that we no longer have to remove breasts to treat breast cancer,” he says. “Too often friends and relatives believe the internet scare stories and try to persuade the patient out of their choice of treatment. One of the most important things they can do early on is to support the patient’s decision on what form of treatment to take. Because, after all, it is their body.”

We need to keep the patient positive. “Breast cancer is not the worst thing that can happen,” says Dr Kris. “With breast cancer there is over 90 percent chance of a cure, if detected early.”

During recovery, while patients will occasionally have down periods, the doctor is strongly of the opinion that there is no need to be over protective. “Surgery is the least of their worries,” he says. “But during chemotherapy and radiology the patient will need support to get through it, because they will feel unwell and irritable. We have a good support group at BNH Hospital, the Bangkok Breast Cancer Support Group, which offers regular meetings, and I often send patients to see them.”

“Patients often worry more about relatives than they do about themselves. If they feel they can be free to act naturally it is a big load off their minds. Return to normal life as soon as you can,” he says. Following surgery, Dr Kris prefers to get the patient away from the artificial hospital environment and back home early. Whether the result of surgery is breast conservation or mastectomy, he says there’s no need to mother them. “The patient should eat what they like, drink what they like, go shopping, go out to dinner.”

“The patient and I have worked very hard to get to the recovery stage. They can wear what they want. Even with a mastectomy we can make it so that it doesn’t show, even with a low cut blouse. We can keep all the muscle and have a low scar with no outside stitching. They should not have any inferiority complex. To the contrary, show off!”

LIVING IN BANGKOK

Living in Bangkok is an event that the British Club joins every year, in an attempt to help and bring together expats and their families in Thailand. Our main purpose was to promote the British Club as the go-to place for new and existing expats looking for information, as well as networks, in order to enhance their experience as foreigners in Thailand.

This year was another success, with over 100 organisations coming together, and a surprisingly large number of visitors attending from all around the world. Some of the demographics included, but were not limited to, United Kingdom, USA, Japan, Brazil, among many others. It was great to see some of our existing members bringing their friends and colleagues along, to make this event more worthwhile and meaningful for everyone. Membership staffs of The British Club, Bangkok, always do their best to accommodate to their guests, and this year's Living in Bangkok event also featured a membership booth for Q&A's, sign-up's, and club tour arrangements. All attendees were given membership information booklets, our monthly Outpost Magazine and deliciously baked cookies – fresh from our very own bakery. There were many shows on the main stage of the event venue, where students from Bangkok's prestigious International Schools gave entertaining musical performances – mainly of dancing and singing.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did. We are very satisfied with this year's Living in Bangkok, and our growth and development into year 2015 is looking very positive.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and please openly approach us if you have any suggestions for improvement.



BC Calendar October 14

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



MINI SPORTS CAMP
OCTOBER 20 - 24, 2014

DATE	20 Oct 14 Fri 6:30am	21 Oct 14 Sat 6:30am	22 Oct 14 Sun 6:30am
8:30am - 10:00am	Admin	Admin	Admin
10:00am - 11:00am	Games	Games	Games
11:00am - 12:00pm	Snack	Snack	Snack
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Mini Tennis	Mini Tennis	Mini Tennis
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Cooking / Play Time	Cooking / Play Time	Cooking / Play Time
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Water Fun	Water Fun	Water Fun



SPORTS CAMP
OCTOBER 20-22, 24, 2014

DATE	20 Oct 14 Fri 9:30am	21 Oct 14 Sat 12:00pm	22 Oct 14 Sun 9:30am	24 Oct 14 Tue 9:30am
9:30-10:00	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	TENNIS	SNACK	TENNIS	TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK	Ice Skating	SNACK	SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	SQUASH	Cooking	SQUASH	SQUASH
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING	Bowling	SWIMMING	SWIMMING

1

Ladies Tennis Coaching
9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



6

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Movie 7:30pm
Wordsworth Lounge
'The Swimmer'

7

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



8

Ladies Tennis Coaching
9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



13

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Movie 7:30pm
Wordsworth Lounge
'Harakiri'

14

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 7:30pm



Quiz Night 7:15pm The Verandah



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm

15

Ladies Tennis Coaching
9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Balut Shield Night
6pm

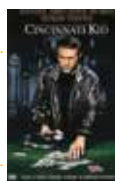


20

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Movie 7:30pm
Wordsworth Lounge
'Cincinnati Kid'

21

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



22

Ladies Tennis Coaching
9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



27

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Monday Night Movie 7:30pm
Wordsworth Lounge
'The Naked Prey'

28

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 7:30pm



Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30pm



29

Ladies Tennis Coaching
9am - 10:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

2

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



3

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Children's Cinema
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'Howl's Moving Castle'



4

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm
Silom Sala

Special Spanish Buffet Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah



5

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



9

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



10

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Children's Cinema
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'Tinkle Bell'



11

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm
Silom Sala

Special Italian Buffet Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah



12

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



16

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



17

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Children's Cinema
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'Epic'



18

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Special American Buffet Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah

Trafalgar Dinner
7.30pm
Surawongse Room



19

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



23

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



24

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm



Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Children's Cinema
6.30pm, Silom Sala
'How to Train Your Dragon 2'



25

Kids Cricket
Book first!
8am - 11am

Poolside BBQ
5pm - 9pm
Silom Sala

Special Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
11:30am - 3pm
5pm - 9pm
The Verandah



26

Swimming Lessons
9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Cricket

Book first! 8am - 11am



Sunday Brunch
11:30 - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
2pm Silom Room



30

Squash Mix-In
5:15pm - 9:45pm



31

Tennis Mix-In
6pm - 10pm

Junior Tennis Coaching
4pm - 6pm

Halloween Party
6pm - 9pm
Silom Sala

Wine Tasting
6pm - 9pm
Surawongse Room



EVERY SATURDAY
5pm - 9pm
Suriwongse Sala

TOM ANNAS

Tom Annas, the only Honorary Life Member of the Squash Section, died peacefully in his sleep on 28th August, just short of his 89th birthday. He had still been playing squash until a couple of years ago and was much loved by his fellow players, members and staff.

It was my privilege to sit down with him and his wife Khun Rumphai just before Christmas in 2005 to get his life story over a few pots of Earl Grey. My write-up appeared in Squashy Bits in February 2006 and the original article can be found at <http://www.britishclubbangkok.org/index.php/Sports/sports-squash.html>

Themistocles Thomas Annas was born in Manhattan on 3rd October 1925. His parents and ancestors were Greek, his father arriving in the USA as a young man, his mother just 9 months old. His Dad was drafted into the army, served in WW1, and then worked with his brother as a woodwork contractor fitting out stores in Manhattan. Tom attended High School on the Bronx where he developed a passion for American football, and played baseball and basketball.

After graduating from High School Tom joined the Marine Corps in 1943 and was sent off on active service in the South Atlantic. At the end of WW2 he was on the security guard team that took charge of German prisoners captured from the last submarine allegedly carrying high-ranking Nazis to Argentina.

He was discharged in February 1946, studied evenings, worked with his Dad and got married in 1947. The marriage didn't work out, but they had three kids, two of whom have done exceptionally well professionally whilst the other served in Vietnam.



Tom, Vietnam, 1968

In 1951 Tom was still "young enough to be patriotic" and after graduating from college enlisted again with the Marines where he now devoted his life and served with distinction until 1970. He rose in the ranks from 2nd Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel.



Jack Dunford

Details of Tom's illustrious military career are chronicled in the original Squashy Bits article but his first overseas service was in Korea from December 1953. There was an armistice, with US troops eyeballing the North Koreans "to make sure they didn't do anything naughty". Tom's company had the task of "wiring all the bridges in case they started moving" ("No, the Koreans, not the bridges!"). It was bitterly cold and Tom enjoyed telling the story of one of his "closest escapes" when zipped up over his head in his sleeping bag, he suddenly woke up in the middle of the night to find himself covered in soot and his tent on fire. Whilst a sentry doused the fire, the blackened Tom fled in his long johns to shower under a running mountain water pipe ... at minus 17 degrees.

After Korea he was sent to "Parris Island", South Carolina, surrounded by sharks "just in case anyone felt like leaving". This was one of those boot camps we are all familiar with in the movies, a "gruelling experience" during which recruits occasionally died during extreme tests of their stamina.

In 1960 Tom was sent to Okinawa, Japan and made his first visit to Thailand whilst covering operations in Laos. Here he met his new wife to be, Khun Rumphai who was working in a gold shop. "Did Tom know much about jewellery Khun Rumphai", I asked ... "No, but I knew about people who worked in Jewellery shops" Tom, interrupted.

He returned to Thailand in 1962 with an expeditionary unit at the request of the Thai Government, concerned about a possible incursion from Laos, coordinating logistics between Bangkok and Udorn Thani.

After another spell in USA Tom was transferred to the Fleet Marine Forces HQ in Hawaii, responsible for all military construction and facilities in the Pacific. He spent most of his time travelling to Vietnam and sometimes to Thailand. "Bangkok was an oasis in those days". It was "like a village and people were not materialistic. Taxi drivers would sometimes take passengers for free".

Tom was sent to Vietnam in 1968, commander of an engineering battalion. I really couldn't get him to say too much but he was obviously in the thick of the action spending most of his time "trying to keep my ass nailed on". His battalion took many losses but Tom was proud of the fact that they tried to help civilians by building small dams, schools and brick making facilities. His battalion's job was to build military bridges and sweep roads for landmines. "If you didn't find them with your minesweepers you would find them with your vehicles!"

Sport was always important to Tom. He played American Football until 1958 and was a member of the 10th Naval District Championship softball team. He also played handball in the all-Marine and the Washington area championships where he came up against national ranked players.



After Vietnam Tom was "thinking more about life" and "re-examining his priorities" and decided to retire from the Marines. He came to Thailand in August 1970 aged 45 to "start something".

"The first 5 years were very difficult" trying to establish himself. An investment company didn't work out and he had another shot at market research. I don't seem to have recorded when Tom and Khun Rumphai got married but they raised two children Constantine and Vanida. Tom was to have one or two more jobs but when a teaching position was cut short by the economic collapse in 1997 he decided to retire permanently.

Tom joined the British Club in July 1980. There were only 50 Associate Member slots in those days and these were at a premium as they rarely turned over. Tom was introduced to Chairman Charles Stewart and Arthur Phillips by David Frost ... and a shady deal was done!



I first met Tom in 1981, when at the age of 56 he decided to join the squash league. I was the coordinator and this was serious business. Ignorant of Tom's illustrious past and in spite of claims to being Thailand's number one racquetball player, there was no room for sentimentality. Tom had to start in Division 18 (yes, 18!) ... the bottom ... where he was consigned with the lady beginners! To be fair he never complained (well not more than 10 times a day) and diligently worked his way up, Division by Division, to Division 4. "Who was your greatest victim Tom?" I asked. "Guess I whipped everyone!" was the typical Tom reply!

Most BC squashes will remember Tom in his later years playing at the back of the court with his knees heavily strapped, a saga which began with surgery on the left in 1968, the right in 1983 and finally full replacements in 2005. No words were ever spoken, but it was a given that drop shots were not allowed and all returns should be hit back as close to him

as possible. Then he was good! It wasn't fun to lose to him because he would crow over his victims for hours, but winning according to the 'rules' was one of the best workouts imaginable, requiring great discipline and stamina as he unapologetically ran his opponents into the ground.

Tom must have been formidable in his prime, a great soldier and a great sportsman. "Tough but fair" someone apparently once described him and I'm sure he was. But the Tom we knew was gentle, sincere, a deep thinker and as nice a guy as you could ever meet ... well, off the courts anyway!



We'll miss you Tom and our kindest thoughts are with Khun Rumphai, Constantine and Vanida.

THE BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK proudly invites you to

TRAFALGAR DINNER 2014

Saturday 18th October, Suriwongse Room, 7:30 pm

A formal black tie or dress uniform gourmet dinner on the 209th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

The dinner is open to ladies as well, and comprises four courses accompanied by a glass of fine wine per course, plus after-dinner "Passing the Port".

Welcoming guest speaker Colonel Chris Luckham OBE,
currently UK Defence Attaché at the British Embassy in Bangkok.

Members, Guests	Bt 2,250
Non-Members	Bt 2,500
No alcohol	Bt 500 less

Book at Reception or email:
events@britishclubbangkok.org



PAST PARTICIPLE

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We look back to the history of our Club in 2003 ...

1 After the 'year of Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs)' which failed to move forward the New Wing on the back lawn, a compromise was put to the General Committee in early January – converting the rear storage area aside the kitchen to be the new Sports Bar and changing rooms ... nicknamed Option 6, highlighting the number of previous options to the New Wing which had been considered.

This Option 6 attracted as much controversy as the initial 'New Wing' and was subjected to yet two more EGM calls: one to reject the New Wing and relocate to clubhouse stores (surprising similar to said Option 6) and a second to dismiss the General Committee for failing to go ahead with the New Wing. The first EGM was withdrawn after the members who countersigned realised that the GC was now going ahead with Option 6 which was, as noted, surprising similar. As indicated last month the second EGM was blocked by the Annual General Meeting ... the EGM call was made in February (thus the meeting should have been early March) but the General Committee advanced the 2003 AGM date and thus it fell.

The AGM was the battleground to cease the New Wing – the Narai Hotel Ballroom was hired to cater for the 179 people who turned up. The AGM was a very heated, acrimonious event at which the New Wing was formally declared dead! After a lot of posturing a slightly changed General Committee was elected. This GC then set a new precedent in electing as their Chairman someone who had not served on the GC before – a precedent exercised twice since then.

2 Whilst neither the New Wing or Option 6 ever came about, the Clubhouse ground floor toilets refit was completed at the beginning of the year. This reversed the toilets and removed the changing room aspects so essentially the female toilet & showers became the male toilet, the male toilet became the disabled toilet/parent & child room and the male changing room became the female toilet. Even 11 years later some elder members still get confused!

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

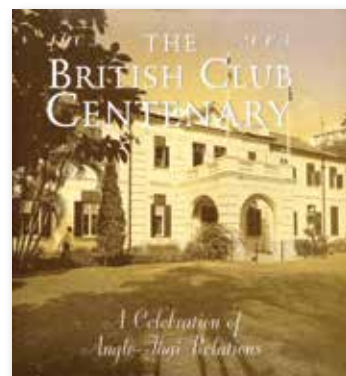


Paul Cheesman

3 The highlight of the year was, of course, the Club's centenary ... one hundred years of our existence was celebrated with a garden party on 23rd April with one hundred minutes of free drinks and a speech by the British Ambassador Lloyd Barnaby Smith. This was followed on 1st July by the launch of the Club's Centenary Book (see insert) which was given free to all those in membership on 23.04.14. The book was graced by letters of congratulation from H.M. King Bhumiphol Adulyadej and H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. The author, John Hoskins, and the photographer, Mark Stanton, were present to autograph copies for members at the launch. A few copies are still available for sale at reception.

4 A smaller problem for the General Committee was notification to the Club that the Thai version of our Constitution was not in keeping with the Thai Civil & Commercial Code, and our English translation was not in keeping with the Thai version! A local law firm was contracted and series of changes made.

5 Other matters occurred in 2003 – the Club was equipped for the first time with WiFi, the reinforced Security Barrier was installed at the Silom Gate and membership shot up to 1,105. Finally our General Manager of some four years, Willem Pentermann tendered his resignation and left on 31st December ... leaving the General Committee with a hard act to follow.



"Celebrating 100 years"



SPORTS CAMP

OCTOBER 20 - 24 , 2014

DATE TIME	20 Oct 14 B 650	22 Oct 14 B 650	24 Oct 14 B650
10:00 - 10:15	Admin	Admin	Admin
10:15 - 11:00	Games	Games	Games
11:00 - 11:15	Snack	Snack	Snack
11:15 - 12:15	Mini Tennis	Mini Tennis	Mini Tennis
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45	Cooking /Play time	Cooking /Play time	Cooking /Play time
1:45 - 2:30	Water Fun	Water Fun	Water Fun

- Children must be between the ages of 4 and 6 yrs.
- The children must be capable of feeding themselves, changing their clothes and using the bathroom unsupervised.
- In the interests of safety and quality for your children there is a maximum number of 8 children per day so please sign up to avoid disappointment. A three child minimum is required to run each day.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount. Cancellations up to 24 hrs before will be charged 50%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activity camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or offside or travel to or from the Club.

SPORTS CAMP

OCTOBER 20-22, 24, 2014



DATE TIME	20 Oct 14 Bt 950	21 Oct 14 Bt 1200	22 Oct 14 Bt 950	24 Oct 14 Bt 950
9:30-10:00	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN	ADMIN
10:00-11:00	TENNIS	Ice Skating	TENNIS	TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK		SNACK	SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30	SQUASH	Bowling	Cooking	SQUASH
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING	SWIMMING

- Children should be 7+.
- This is not an elitist camp, the emphasis is on joining in, trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.
- A five child minimum is required to run each day so please sign up.
- As travel arrangements need to be made for Tuesday & Thursday activities please sign up 48hrs in advance.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount. Cancellations up to 27hrs before will be charged 50%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activities camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or offsite or travel to or from the Club.

TENNIS



The BC Tennis Section Committee is happy to announce several exciting tennis events happening between now and the end of the year. In the coming months you'll find a tennis event on offer for every age and level of player!

Here are a few of the events on the horizon:

Junior Club Championships

Date: 22nd November 2014

Entry Deadline: 1st November 2014

Entry Fee: Free

We think it is about time that British Club junior players have their own Club Championship! The one-day event will take place on Saturday 22nd November. The format has yet to be decided as it will depend on the number of entries. We encourage parents to sign their children up as soon as possible so we may prepare the event. Khun Amnat will run the event with the help of several umpires to make play fair and rewarding. Prizes and trophies will be awarded. Don't miss out on this fun event!

Bruce Gordon Cup

Event Date: **Saturday 29th November 2014**

Entrants: 32 people

Entry Fee: 1000 baht per person

Where: Individual sign up at the BC Sports Desk

Format: Doubles / 16 Team Draw with a Calcutta handicapping system

Entry Deadline: **1st November 2014**



The Bruce Gordon Cup will feature a "Calcutta" handicapping system that will assure an equal opportunity for any doubles team to win the event. The tournament will also feature the opportunity for spectators to bid in an auction to own their favourite team. Proceeds will benefit the British Club's

Pisamai Fund. We think this competition will be the tennis event of the year with fun and excitement for all!

-Scoring and Format: The Bruce Gordon cup will feature a 16 team random doubles draw and play will consist of an 8 game pro-set with a tie-breaker played at 7-7.

-Handicapping System: Each team will be handicapped according to their ability whereby the weaker team will receive free points (known as bisques) to utilise



John Cork
BC Tennis Committee Chair

at any time during the play. The handicapping of each doubles team will be conducted by the Tennis Committee to assure an equitable and fair process.

How does the handicapping system work? A weaker team may be assigned, for example, a +3 handicap allowing them to use their 3 points (aka bisques) at any time during their 8 game pro-set. For example, if the weaker team goes up 40 – 15 against their opponents serve they may cash in a bisque (point) and win the game. **Additionally, if a team would like to purchase one additional bisque (point) they can do so at a price of 5000 baht that will benefit the charity*

To find out more how the bisque handicapping system works please read Harold Mollin's interesting article about the World's "unofficial" prize money doubles competition.

-Draw and Auction Party: A draw will take place during a mix-in evening (date to be announced) whereby the Tennis Committee will assign doubles pairs and a random draw will occur for all to observe. Shortly thereafter handicapping points will be assessed and assigned. An auction party will then be announced and will feature libations and fun! At the auction party both spectators and players can bid to own their favourite teams. The total auction proceeds will be divided 50% to the prize fund and 50% to the Pisamai Fund.

-Charity: Proceeds from the event will go to the Pisamai Fund. This is a charity set up by the British Club to help support the education of Club staff's children through school or university. It helps pay for uniforms, books, etc. with modest grants to staff's children. It has been going since 1993 and needs about 100,000 baht per year to survive. It is currently in danger of running out of funds by November of this year.

Prizes:

Prizes will consist of:

- Bruce Gordon Cup to the winning double pair
- Runner up trophy
- Cash prize for the owners of the winning team, runner up and third place.

We expect spots to fill up quickly so please sign up individually at the Sports Desk.



ITF Asian Championships

The Thailand ITF Senior Open will take place from 10th November to 16th November at the Rama Gardens Hotel near Don Muang Airport. This tournament features ranked ladies and gentlemen senior players from around the World. Several players will represent the British Club in this international competition. Please come out and support BC players!

Lawyers Association Friendly

The Lawyers Association will host a friendly with the British Club on Saturday 27th September. Matches will take place at the British Club from 3-7 pm with a dinner taking place after. Please see Khun Phairoj for more information.

Annual Inter Club Mixed Doubles Competition

The annual Mixed Doubles Inter Club will take place at Bangkok Patana on 22nd November 2014. Local clubs from around Bangkok will send their best mixed doubles teams to play for the title. Each team will field mixed doubles teams with combined ages of 70, 80, 90, 100 and 110 and over.



You Bet!

That's Tennis Among the Elite, And Not So Elite

By Harold Mollin

You thought that tennis matches were all a bit "cut and dried" that, unlike golf, there really isn't a good handicapping system – or a way to place a "friendly" wager between two opponents with different "skill levels".

Well, think again!!

In fact, about 18 years ago I started the world's largest "prize money" doubles tournament, but no one really knew about this "unofficial" warm-up for the U.S. Open. It was the best kept secret on the professional tennis tour.

We had millions of dollars wagered each year, the most amount of money for the winning team paid (even more than Wimbledon), and yet it was all held in the backyard tennis courts belonging to some of my friends.

This "Invitational Doubles" tournament, over the years, included players such as Pat Rafter, Vijay & Anand Amritraj, John McEnroe, Pat Cash, Andrew Kratzman, Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Sandon Stolle and his father Fred Stolle, Rick Leach, Jimmy Pugh, Pancho Segura, Pancho Gonzales (before he died) and many other current and past Grand Slam champions.

These players, both current and past greats, were teamed up with other former pros, along with some "wealthy amateurs (the Billionaires and Millionaires of Long Island's exclusive Hamptons) of "club playing" abilities.

All these teams would compete –but were handicapped by "bisques".

"What is a bisque", you might ask?

It is a "free point" taken at any time in a match. Therefore, if team "A" is significantly better than team "B" – team "B" would be given 5 bisques per set (or other amounts depending on the tournament committee's judgments).

This means that any time that team "B" had the score of "deuce" – they could take 2 bisques to win the game. Or, if they had "break point", they would take 1 bisque and win that game as well.

Believe me 5 points per set may not sound like much, but being able to be use them at "any time" makes the "greats of the game" quiver. They understand that if they miss "one volley" – the opposite team can just take a "free point" and win the match.

I have seen the "best" choke like a weekend amateur.....time and again under this pressure. When these "top Professionals" have to hit a second serve to the opposing team knowing that if he "hangs it a bit" the Pro on the other side will hit a "screaming return" at the amateur creates some interesting drama, and some "huge" arguments between the partners that are very amusing to hear.

Especially when it is the "club player" telling his partner who is a current "Wimbledon champion" that "if he doesn't get his first serve in to the opposing pro" he's going to kick him out of his house after the match, bribe his girlfriend to disappear, and have his bodyguards make sure he doesn't play for a while due to a "new injury" that he might develop shortly!!

Now, that's pressure!!

BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

		Team	Manager	GW	TOT
▼	23	Norfolk "N" Good	Ricky Thompson	36	161
▲	24	FMGAN	Monkey Madge	41	156
▼	25	iCheck inn	Marc Sayer	33	154
▼	26	Mighty FC	jeremy quin	31	149
►	27	Pattaya Panthers	James Howard	43	149
▲	28	DC United	Darrell Curtis	46	146
▼	29	Khlong Toey FC	Ali Adam	24	146
►	30	Red Maple FC	Tee Mah	43	139
►	31	Oligarch's Blues	Dale Lamb	47	137
▼	32	C.C. United	Rumi Sutton	37	131



Bruce Madge



HOTELS & RESORTS



Risky!

Wild Card Calamity

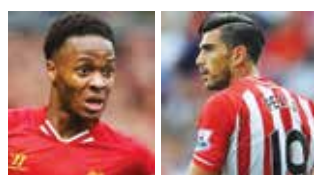
The bottom of the BCB 1910 Fantasy Football league looks like this - dismal! And there are some keen and very knowledgeable football fans down there: Ricky, Madge, Marc, Ali, Dale and the other guys of whom we, at this stage, know very little. Why then are they doing so poorly? Well, Outpost's FF caught up with one of them for some analysis into his team selections and overall management strategy.

FF: Hi, who are you?

MS: I'm, Marc Sayer and my team is iCheck inn.

FF: Right. What is iCheck inn? The name of a pet? A former girlfriend?

MS: No, it's the name of one of my many business ventures. It's an online hotel booking service or something like that. I can't actually remember.



And not me!

Still playing!

FF: Right. (Not that bright, are you?) So let's talk Fantasy Football. How do you think your season is going after the first four weeks?

MS: Not good. I'm way off the pace. Had a terrible week four. Really messed up.

FF: Yes, you did. You messed up terribly. How come?

MS: I played my wild card.

FF: You did WHAT!

MS: I played my wild card in week four.

FF: Err, you played your wild card in week four? Any particular reason for this rather rash, and may we say, dumb move?

MS: Well, I thought long and hard about it and

reasoned that since many of my team were injured or just crap I'd play the WC and bring in some new talent.

FF: Okay. And did any of this new talent that you brought in under your WC in week four of a 38-week season prove effective?

MS: Not really. Well, Di Maria got me 14 points, but many of my other new players did very poorly. In fact, several of them didn't even play in that week. I think I just got unlucky.

FF: Unlucky? (More like stupid!) Why didn't you select some in-form strikers like Southampton's Pellè or Chelsea's Diego Costa?

MS: Pele? Didn't he retire years ago?

FF: No, not Pele. Pellé. He's an Italian forward and last year was voted best strik... oh, never mind. How about Costa? He had scored four times prior to week four. Didn't you think to bring him? Make him your captain?

MS: Well, I did. However, he was flagged up as injured with a 75% chance of playing. I didn't want to risk it. I brought in Sterling as my captain. But he played only 30 minutes.



Retired!

Should have picked me!

FF: Oh dear. And you scored a total of just 33 points. One less that Costa got if played as captain. Do you make these sorts of decisions in your professional life?

MS: Sometimes. I don't think I like Fantasy Football. It's too difficult.

FF: For some it is. We've run out of space now. Good luck for the remainder of the season Marc. It looks like you'll definitely need it.

MS: Thanks.

SQUASHY BITS

A SQUASH REPORT

R.I.P Tom

Our dear friend Tom passed away recently at the grand age of 88. We paid our last respects to him with a farewell mix-in before many of us attended his cremation. Following that we held a wake for him back at the Club on the 1910 balcony where we shared our stories and experiences of his amazing life.

Tom was a great squash player even up to the age of 85! More than that, though, he was forever cheerful and a wonderful friend. He rarely had a bad word to say to, or about, anyone and was always interested in how you were and how your life was going.

We shall miss him very much - on the squash court, and sitting in his favourite chair by the pool doing his spectacularly difficult crosswords and drinking his coffee served with his privileged three biscuits!

Rest in Peace Tom Annas

We Loved You



Bruce Madge



TOM ANNAS MEMORIAL MIX-IN

	H	J	N	J	P	B	R
H		11	11	11	11	11	15
John	0		2	8	10	11	4
Nail	8	11		11	11	11	9
John T	8	11	8		11	10	8
Peter	0	11	10	6		11	4
Bruce	8	9	5	11	9		6
MARY							
Ricky	11	11	11	11	11	11	



QUIZ NIGHT

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HARD BALLS



Jack Dunford

Rainy season optimism: There is absolutely no cricket to report this month ... other than we are having promising turnouts for rainy season nets. We have a couple of enthusiastic newcomers and optimism abounds. Surely THIS is the season when we are going to turn things round!

Phuket Tour: The season starts with our 3rd annual tour to Phuket where we play at the impressive Alan Cooke ground the weekend 25/26th October ... almost the 2nd anniversary of our last 11-a-side victory, 24 consecutive defeats ago! We have plenty of fun when we lose, but imagine the celebrations if ... sorry, when ... we win!!! Not to be missed ... people will talk of this for years to come ... and we still have 2 or 3 slots at the time of writing. Sign up now!

Sign Up Indeed: This is the time of year when we check the membership and email lists to find out who is new and who is till keen for the season ahead. Over 40 members played for the Club at least once last season but we are always looking for new blood, welcoming all standards. For contacts and other details, the cricket section has its own website www.Britishclubcricket.com and the Notice Board is kept reasonably up to date, conveniently located next to the Gents toilets.

Nets/ Coaching: We have beautiful nets set amidst landscaped lawns at the Club and can move on to the multi-purpose court for Indoor Rules practice. We have full practice kit and our very own qualified coach Adrian 'Sarg' Salter. All you need is sports shoes and suitable underwear to slip a box in and to just turn up. It doesn't matter if you are rusty. It seems most BC players haven't played for years when they first join the Club, but it soon comes back ... and we're a friendly bunch.

AGM: We have to hold an AGM to comply with Club Rules, elect a committee, present accounts etc. But AGMs are fun and we need these to share ideas and agree our plans for the year. This season we hope to play in a new social League as well as our traditional matches in Bangkok, Chiang Mai (tour fixed for 31st January/ 1st February) and Pattaya. The AGM will be held on **Wednesday 8th October at 7.00pm at the Club**. And just as an incentive, the beer will be on the house! All cricketers welcome.

Fixtures: After the AGM we should be able to start tying down the fixtures list for the season. As well as all the above, we will be hosting our very own Series 4 Indoor Rules League at the Club and entering the RBSC T10s (probably November), Southerners 6s (January) and Pattaya Super 8s (May).

Lots to look forward to!!!!



Alan Cooke Ground, Phuket

BRIDGE RESULTS FOR AUGUST 2014

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 3rd August (6 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	59.50 IMP
	2nd	Helmer & Winlock	31.00 IMP
Sunday 17th August (8 pairs)	1st	Narumol & Daksha	63.10%
	2nd	Helmer & Michael Winckless	57.74%
Sunday 24th August (7 pairs)	Tied 1st	Winlock & Michael Winckless	61.46%
	Tied 1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	61.46%
Sunday 31st August (6 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	78.00%
	2nd	Khiri & Sujinda	55.00%



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BCGS GOLFING NEWS August 2014

August saw another active month for the Golf Society with the Trepax Cup contested with the Londoners as well as our regular Stableford and Medal events.

The Trepax Cup, this year hosted by The Londoners at Muang Kaew Golf Course, was a two man scramble matchplay. After a tightly contested day The Londoners were victorious by 1 point (5 1/2 to 4 1/2) Congratulations to our winning pairs - Carol & Phil Hampshire, Randall Coleman & Jack O'Flynn, Tracy Carter & Chris Maclarty, David Lamb & Tony Moore with Frank & Captain Karen squaring their match. Near the pins went to Jeremy Watson & Tony Moore. A lively dinner followed at Zaks Wine Bar in Soi 11, where the beer & wine flowed and talk of the near missed puts went into the night. Our thanks to The Londoners Captain, Paul Wyatt, for organising a great day and to the Sponsor, Paul Greenhalgh and his company Trepax.

This months Stableford competition was played at Chuen Chuen. A well-attended competition where

once again the great swing of Gaew achieved her a winning 39 points. Closely behind in 2nd place was Tony Moore with 36 points.

Last weekend of the month saw our Medal at its regular location, The Royal Golf & Country Club. Conditions were good and the weather fantastic - until Carol 'Rainmaker' Hampshire spoke the immortal words - "we haven't had much rain this year when playing golf" - and the heavens opened on queue. She was also heard to say after 8 holes "this round has been very quick so far" Thus ensuring that there were 3 groups waiting by the 10th tee. Cheers Carol!!

Randall Coleman won Flight A with a net 72 (gross 78), runner up was Phil Hampshire with a net 76 and in 3rd place with net 77 was Peter Clark who had travelled all the way from Saudi Arabia. Peter Gale won Flight B with a net 72, Rainmaker Carol was runner up with a net 73 and Varghese Rose was 3rd with a net 75.

More practice required by all, as not a single player got on the green on the Par 3 7th hole. Until next time....



David Lamb Near pin



Handing over the Trepax Cup



Randall Flight A Medal



Pete Gale Flight B Winner



Gaew Stableford Winner



Selected and presented by **Mike Smith**

OCTOBER

MONDAYS, 7:30 PM, WORDSWORTH LOUNGE



6th | THE SWIMMER - 1968 (95min)

Directed by: Frank Perry

Starring: Burt Lancaster, Janet Landgard, Janice Rule

Neddy Merrill has been away for most of the Summer when he reappears at a friend's pool. As his neighbours all have pools, he decides to jog from pool to pool and swim the whole valley, and every time he stops and talks, his interactions tell more of his life story.



20th | THE CINCINNATI KID

- 1965 (102min)

Directed by: Norman Jewison

Starring: Steve McQueen, Ann Margret, Edward G Robinson

In 1930s New Orleans, a young stud poker player who travels from one big game to the next, stopping along the way with various girls, is pitted against a legendary champion in a high-stakes poker game.



13th | HARAKIRI - 1962 (133min)

Directed by: Masaki Kobayashi

Starring: Tatsuya Nakadai, Akira Ishihama, Shima Awashita

An elder ronin samurai arrives at a feudal lord's home and requests an honorable place to commit suicide. But when the ronin inquires about a younger samurai who arrived before him, things take an unexpected turn.



27th | THE NAKED PREY

- 1965 (96min)

Directed by: Cornel Wilde

Starring: Cornel Wilde, Gert van den Bergh, Ken Gampu

A group of men on safari offend a tribe they encounter who kills all but one of them. The last member is given "The Lion's Chance" to be hunted down by a party of tribal warriors, naked and weaponless through wild Africa.

KIDS MOVIES OCT

GAS STATION



10th Oct
Tinker Bell



17th Oct Epic



3rd Oct

Howl's moving castle



24th Oct

How to train your dragon 2

DELICATESSEN

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