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**"A cucumber should be well sliced, and
dressed with pepper and vinegar, and
then thrown out, as good for nothing."**

- Samuel Johnson

FOUNDATION TO GRADUATION

11
Chosen as a member
of the winning
FOBISSEA Maths team

9
Drew my own
superhero on the
computer – cool!

7
Gave a speech
about my country
to the class

5
Starred in the school
play, mum and dad
took loads of photos!

3
I learned a song
about the hungry
caterpillar

18
IB almost done,
Uni here I come

17
Played the lead in
the school production,
it was brilliant!

16
Helped organise the
Green charity day at
school, we raised loads!

15
Fired my first
sculpture in pottery

13
Sang a solo in the
Christmas Concert



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MESSAGE FROM THE GM



Jesper Doepping

The Club finally has 4 functioning tennis courts, and the consequence is that in the first 2 weeks of October the usage of and subsequent revenue from the Salas has increased. Management expects (touch wood) that there will be no need for resurfacing before 2015. Furthermore, we are confident of even better usage of the Salas once Members discover that there are 4 courts not 2. The completion of this project means that for the first time in some years we should have all our outlets working in the whole budget year of 2010/2011. This should increase our F&B revenue and also the Members' use of the Club.

We still need to make better use of the Club and the Club area, so we plan to create a 'beer garden' on the back lawn with occasional live music during the week. This should also be capable of servicing Members and groups using the multi-court in the evening, as well as creating an outside space with music where people can enjoy a beer tree, or jug, together with friends and colleagues. We are confident that many Members will enjoy beautiful cool nights on the back lawn.

The Club has just entered the busiest period of the year which includes many traditional events, some of which will be adapted slightly. The Christmas Ball will keep its traditions, but will reflect some small changes. We will have more live music on the night, but as before Paul Jackson will be the event's DJ. The location on the back lawn will be amended to ensure that ladies can wear high-heels at the ball without "sinking" into the lawn. In doing this, we can also provide a real dance-floor later in the evening. There are very differing opinions on the quality and pricing of the beverages at the Christmas Ball. Consequently we have introduced different options of wine menus, though Members can bring their own wine with no corkage charge during the dinner, and for those who do not want wine we will be serving the Club's usual drinks at Happy Hour prices. So get your table booked for the annual Ball!

Another event that will change slightly is the Children's Christmas Ball; please remember that this is a ball where parents are not allowed! Suzie and the management team believe that the majority of children are not that interested in a 4 course sit-down dinner. The fun of the Children's Christmas Ball is the games, dance contest, and disco part of the evening. Therefore we have decided to reduce the menu and orient it more for children, but still ensure it is a real ball. By doing this it becomes possible to reduce the price by 30%.

We expect to continuously improve our events by adapting them slowly to the changing times in Bangkok. Another example is that we are trying to set up activities for children that are not only focused on sports. In collaboration with Suzie and "the fantastic friends", we are developing a dance and drama programme for children. We intend to launch it at the beginning of next year, with signing-up through November and December.

Last month the Club saw increased collaboration with Chambers of Commerce. We have already held events for the Canadian, British, Italian, Swiss and Danish Chambers of Commerce, and in December, the Club will host the "Sundowner Event" for the Australian Chamber. We are also trying to create or improve relationships with different women's and professional groups in Bangkok. The British Women's Group has, for a long time, collaborated with the British Club to mutual benefit. However, we need to expand this collaboration to all the other special interest groups (music, theatre etc.), and to chambers, women's and professionals groups, so as to make the Club known as a central part of the life of Bangkok's international community. In doing so, we expect to be able to recruit more new Members, which in turn will lead to greater involvement and more events for our Members' enjoyment.

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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

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HOUSE & GROUNDS

The monthly report on maintenance and development



To my relief, we had a few days of dry weather which allowed completion of the resurfacing of the Centre Court and Court 1 by 23 September, without the need to erect the awning that had been delivered. After a 4 day hardening period for the acrylic surface, tennis players were able to use the courts again on 28 September. There are some defects that will need attention by the contractor over the next few months, including the crack repairs on courts 2 & 3 and the replacement of the net post sockets on all 4 courts. The deep trenches created at the fenceline, by the raising of the playing surface with asphalt, will be filled in by the contractor when we have found a method that everyone is happy with.

After a great deal of research by myself and our electrical consultant, a proposal was submitted to the General Committee to supply all of our low voltage electricity from our own transformer, which is located by the Silom entrance.



The transformer is currently significantly under-utilized, and we can therefore save on our electricity bills by using it to transform the power required for the poolside facilities. At the moment, the poolside facilities are supplied by the MEA transformer, located opposite the Narai Hotel car park entrance. Our own transformer provides low voltage power to only the Clubhouse side of the property. The General Committee have approved the proposal which should return the capital expenditure in less than 12 months and then save the Club a useful amount of money.

We are slowly but progressively replacing old equipment and will also be replacing lights with LED fittings where practical. 10 A/C units have been replaced in the last 11 months. All the refrigerator seals have been replaced and we are looking for other potential methods of saving energy. Jesper and I recently met with the Business Development Manager of a British company, M&C Energy Group, to see if they could find ways we could save energy that we were not already implementing, or planning to do in the near future. We await their response.

We continue to replace worn out equipment. Over the last month, a chest freezer for the poolside kitchen and an A/C unit for the Fitness Centre. Much of the equipment is at least 10 years old and is therefore not efficient, frequently breaks down, and adds to our energy costs.

The repair of the parquet flooring in the Clubhouse has currently stalled due to the need to review the prices we are paying to ensure that we are not being overcharged. Sometimes it is necessary to invite alternative contractors to submit quotations. This is the case in this instance. We are also negotiating with an interior contractor to have some furniture and directories made. A new stair carpet will be installed in the near future.

The design for the refurbishment of the Fitness Centre will now be completed and a cost estimate prepared, so the project can be considered by the General Committee. The proposed design increases the floor area by moving the windows out to the other side of the corridor and replanning the area between the Fitness Centre and the swimming pool. We are currently seeking advice from gym specialists on layout and equipment. When we carry out this work, the toilets will also be refurbished.

In the Ladies' Changing Room, there are some minor defects which the contractor will be putting right in the next few days. These include 3 lockers with broken locks, 1 broken toilet cubicle lock and a poorly draining shower. The latter problem is due to a pipe that cannot be increased in fall due to the obstruction of the ceiling below. A kerb will be built across the doorway to prevent flooding into the floor area outside. There have been numerous complaints about the smell of the drains, particularly in the morning. There is an extract system which is designed to evacuate gases from the sewerage system but it needs switching on manually. Switching on first thing in the morning may be the solution. If this still works efficiently, we will fit an automatic switch to activate the fan twice daily. I have not yet managed to find 3 suitable tables or benches for the changing cubicles. I have therefore suggested that the small tables from the temporary changing room are placed in the cubicles until something suitable is found.

All for now

John Boisclair
Development & Facility Manager



EXPRESS LUNCHEONS

November

1st - 5th November

Starters 50 baht

Char-Grilled Courgette and Chicken Salad
Served with Mixed Salad Leaves, Mustard and Tarragon Dressing
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Grilled Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce
Served with Broccoli and Boiled Potatoes
or
Chicken, Eggplant, Tomato and Green Pepper Kebabs
Served with Grilled Mushroom and Tanziki Salad
or
Chicken Karma
Served with Yellow Rice and Naan Bread
or
Tom Kha Gai
(Spicy Chicken Soup with Coconut Milk)
Khai Jeaw
(Thai Style Omelette)
Phad Pak Boong Fai Dang
(Stir-Fried Morning Glory with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or
Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

15th - 19th November

Starters 50 baht

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

Main Course 130 baht

Salmon Fish Cakes
Served with Chips, Mixed Garden Salad and Tartare Sauce
or
Mini Steak with Pepper Sauce
Served with Mixed Vegetable and Garlic Roast Potatoes
or
Chicken Breast Stuffed with Pesto
Served with Garlic Potatoes and Crispy Polenta
or
Gaeng Keow Wan Look-Chin Pla
(Fish Ball and Egg Plant in Green Curry Sauce)
Phad Tua Ngok
(Stir-Fried Bean Sprouts with Bean Yellow Cake)
Moo Phad Prik Khing
(Stir-Fried Pork Sliced with Long Beans in Red Curry)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

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8th - 12th November

Starters 50 baht

Oriental Chicken and Papaya Salad
with Lemongrass and Ginger Dressing
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Turkey and Ham Lasagna
Served with Garlic Bread
or
Marinated Fish with Herb
Served with French Beans, Carrots, Garlic Mashed Potato and Lemon Butter Sauce
or
Meat Ball in Cream Sauce
Served with Zucchini, Carrots and Parsley Potatoes
or
Tom Yam Pla
(Spicy Lemongrass Flavoured Soup with Dory Fish and Mushroom)
Gai Phad Khing
(Stir-Fried Chicken with Fresh Ginger)
Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy
(Stir-Fried Baby Kale with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

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22nd - 26th November

Starters 50 baht

Mango, Avocado and Grilled Chicken Salad
or
Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses 130 baht

Fish and Chips
Your Choice of Bread Crumb or Batter
Served with Peas and Tartare Sauce
or
Minced Beef & Onion Pie
Served with Sautéed Cabbage and Bacon Home-Fried Potatoes
or
Grilled Loin of pork with Mushroom Sauce
Served with Carrots, Roast and Baked Potato
or
Gai Rad Sauce Ma-Kham
(Fried Chicken Breast Topped with Tamarind Sauce)
Tom Yam Hed Raum
(Spicy Lemongrass Flavoured Soup with Mushroom)
Moo Tod Kratiem
(Stir-Fried Pork with Garlic and Pepper Sauce)

Dessert of the Day 50 baht

or
Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

F&B MORSELS



At this time of the year the kitchen really starts getting busy, as it has been for the last few weeks. Over the last month, I have been very happy with the positive feedback from Members. I will continue to come around as I really value hearing comments, suggestions and recommendations.

Last month saw the finalisation of the new Thai Menu for all outlets, while ensuring the quality and price meet Members' expectations. Making a menu is a big exercise that actually involves the whole kitchen and also the finance department. Of course we start by selecting dishes we would like to have on the menu, but then we also need to calculate the actual prices of the dishes, based on the cost of the ingredients. We in the kitchen admit that we prefer using high quality and fresh ingredients, and we like to make a dish the way we believe is correct.

A typical dilemma is Tom Yum Gung. There are places in Bangkok which sell Tom Yum Gung very cheaply, and while the herbs are there, the prawns prove hard to find in the bowl. In the end, the price depends on which ingredients are used and the quantity. We have therefore decided to have two Tom Yum Gung dishes on our menu, one with river prawns, the other with shrimps. The difference per dish is almost 100 baht. We believe that both dishes are very good quality, but they are not the same!

As I wrote last time, we want to be more seasonal in our specials. We have therefore developed a 3 course set-menu for 390 baht. We hope that you will enjoy this addition to our Menu.

Finally, I hope to see as many Members as possible to the gourmet dinner on the 5th November; this time we are presenting a 6 course menu, including wine, for only 1,800 baht. It promises to be a fine evening!

The British Club is introducing Set Menus Change every week

November 2010 Set Dinner 399 Baht

1st ~ 7th November

Starters

Beetroot, Feta and Asparagus Salad

OR

Soup of the day

Main Courses

**Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sun-dried Tomato and Feta Cheese
Served with Sauté Spinach, Deep-Fried Polenta and Pesto**

OR

**Aust Strip Loin Served with Grilled Button Mushroom,
Tomatoes and Home-Fried Potatoes and Pepper Sauce**

Dessert

Raspberry Cream Brulee

NUGGETS

“Welsh Rabbit or Welsh Rarebit”

It is difficult to see why *rarebit* should be accorded stronger explanatory force than *rabbit*. The lamented Robert Burchfield noted in his edition of *Fowler's Modern English Usage*: ‘This dish of cheese on toast emerged, with rabbit so spelt, in 1725.’

It is also *rabbit* in Hannah Glasse's *The Art of Cookery, By a Lady*. Here is her recipe: ‘Toast the Bread on both Sides, then toast the Cheese on one Side, and lay it on the Toast, and with a hot Iron brown the other Side.’ On the same page she gives similar recipes for Scotch rabbit and English rabbit. (Actually, Mrs Glasse uses the word *receipt* for ‘recipe’. I now find that the *Oxford English Dictionary* includes the following, from a newspaper in 1993: ‘Jennifer Paterson prefers *receipt* to

recipe. It was current in her youth, she says, “in the days before the war, when people spoke English”.’ Perhaps so, but I knew Jennifer Paterson well, and it is far more likely that she picked up the word from Mrs Glasse than from her amah in China before the war.)

Alarming, *rarebit* appears much more frequently than *rabbit* in the press. A.A. Gill in the *Sunday Times* characterises pizzas as ‘essentially gay welsh rabbit’. A couple of weeks ago, the *Sunday Times* had Louis de Bernières saying: ‘Lunch might be eggs or welsh rarebit.’ Of course, the spelling is supplied by the paper. Mr de Bernières might prefer *rabbit*, as does Christopher Hirst, who, in a piece in the *Independent*, writes: ‘Yes, *rabbit*, not *rarebit*, which is an 18th-Century

genteelism’. I don't know about genteelism. In its earliest attestation (1785), *Welsh rarebit* figures in Francis Grose's *Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue*, which includes the filthiest slang. *Rarebit* is less respectable historically than *sparrow grass* for ‘asparagus’ (as Addison wrote in *The Spectator*), and not many people say that today.

It seems obvious that *Welsh rabbit* was a little joke, like *Norfolk capon* (a red herring) or *Scotch woodcock* (chopped hard-boiled eggs and anchovy sauce on toast). Perhaps such jokes are no longer allowed by the BBC Trust.

(With many thanks to Warwick Newton for providing this article, and also to *The Spectator* for its publication.)

Caught the Travel Bug? Don't worry, BNH Hospital can help



Dr. Rekha Hanvesakul

Did you know that the International Travel Medicine Clinic (ITMC) at BNH Hospital on Convent Road was the first clinic of its kind in Thailand? For over 15 years now, Thais, expatriates and visitors to the kingdom have been tapping into the expertise of the medical staff at ITMC to ensure that when they travel for business or pleasure they have peace of mind where their health is concerned.

“A large part of what we do is immunization,” explains ITMC's Dr. Rekha Hanvesakul. “However, the process of ensuring a traveller's health begins with education. At BNH we provide a comprehensive consultancy service to give medical advice based on an individual's health needs and travel itinerary. We look at the destinations you plan to visit and based on our local knowledge and experience and our link with the World Health Organization, which keeps us up to date on new viruses and infections as they appear, we are able to advise you on the preventive medicines you may need to take for your trip. Equally we are well qualified to diagnose and treat illnesses you may have picked up on your travels.”

In recent years international travel, particularly in the Asian region, has been impacted by new virus strains such as H1N1, Swine flu and SARS but as Dr. Rekha points out, medical professionals now have a much better understanding of these viruses and how they work. “We want to give travellers peace of mind and as any doctor will tell you, prevention is the best cure. So we take time to explain the medical implications of your visit to a particular destination – yes, if you plan to visit the remote jungles of Laos you would be wise to take anti-malarial drugs with you but you don't need them when visiting Johannesburg, for example. We provide up-to-the-minute information on epidemiology, public health regulations and preventive measures for virtually the entire world.”

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EGM NOTES

NON-MEMBER GROUP REVIEW

Since at least 1948, and most likely before WWII, 'Non-Member Groups' have been allowed to use our Club for meeting purposes, the earliest recorded group being the St. John's Lodge. For the most part we have encouraged only groups which conform to a "British Raj" image – British or Colonial with a local touch. In all 18 groups use us from the Bangkok Community Theatre through to the Loyal Societies, to The Society of Professional Engineers in Thailand.

In 2005 we codified the arrangements by which we give permission to such groups and to regulate their activity within our walls. We enacted special rules for the Loyal Societies and another set of rules for what we collectively called Associated Groups.

However 2010 is not 2005 and some groups no longer use the Club premises other than as a store room or for display purposes, while other groups are now using the Club that are not registered or, indeed, do not fit our existing rule structure. We are keen to maximise the use of the Club as a venue for Non-Member groups, but this must be balanced with the priority interests of Members. The General Committee is thus holding a review of the whole 'Non-Member Groups' issue to see where the Club should go from here.

It is obvious to us that there is an appeal for some 'Non-Member Groups' to be located here, our having far superior premises, facilities and F&B than alternative venues but we seek to understand why we can attract one Group and not another in a similar market. We will also need to review our present 'British Raj' policy – why should we not let Swedish or Indian or Swahili Groups meet here and equally why do we give special rules to a small number of groups and not all of them?

We aim to conduct this review during November and December with a view to having our new policy and practice ready for 1st January 2011, but deferring any rules changes (if any are necessary) to the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Members can feed in their views directly to the Honorary Secretary.

AN EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

At exactly the wrong time the heavens opened and Silom and the Club flooded and traffic ground to a halt, so it was not surprising that with 15 minutes to go only 21 of the required 30 Members were present for the 28th September EGM. However such was the determination of 'the few' that Members 30 and 31 entered the Suriwongse Room at 7.06pm and the EGM began.

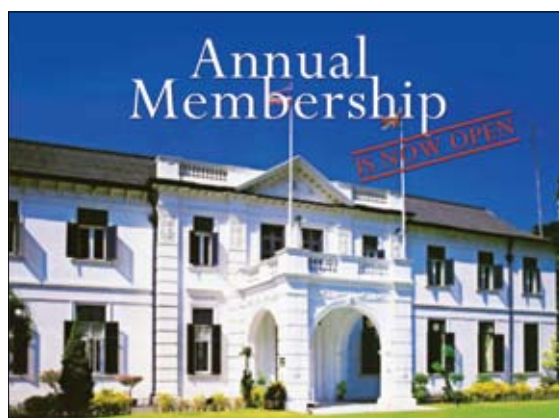
The motion to correct several errors in our Thai Constitution was passed 'Nemine Contradicente' so we speedily moved onto the two main motions – Annual Membership and Disciplinary Code.

The Annual Membership was broadly supported by several speakers although questioned by a few. An amendment to reduce the period before an Annual Membership renews into a Full Membership was lost and so the Annual Membership rules were enacted by 47 votes to six.

As outlined in August's Outpost, this means that an applicant for Club Membership can join for a one year period for a fee of 15,000 baht plus subscriptions, or 7,500 baht if under 30. This is designed for those on fixed or short term contracts where joining at the full rate is unattractive. The Annual Membership can be renewed as a Member's own work contract is renewed until year 6 when it becomes a Full Membership.

The third motion to codify our Disciplinary Procedure was equally debated and passed by 51 votes to 6. These will now form part of our Bylaws which are available on the Club's website.

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary
BCB Committee 2010-2011





THE BRITISH CLUB
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Christmas Day Luncheon

Saturday December 25th 2010
The Verandah Restaurant & Churchill Bar
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BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS

Germaine Greer & Phil Wilmott's hilarious adaptation of

Lysistrata

The Sex Strike!



Thursday - Saturday, November 25, 26 & 27, 2010
at 8pm at the British Club, Silom soi 18

Tickets (show only) at B500 are available from November 1st at The Neilson Hays Library Cafe on Suriwongse Road from 9am-6pm, every day except Monday. Tickets and more information available at lysistrata.bet@gmail.com or 089-524-6105.

British Club Members may also sign for tickets at the club.

Pre-show greek buffet (B450) available nightly from 6:30pm. For dinner reservations please email info@britishclubbangkok.org or call 02-234-0247; a-la-carte menu and cash bar also available.

Open to the general public; recommended for adults and students 15+
For more details please visit www.bet-th.org

BCT'S LYSISTRATA

No Peace, No Sex!

Pratfalls, sexual innuendo, insolent actors and raucous belly laughs are the key elements of BCT's November comedy offering, "Lysistrata" aka "The Sex Strike" at the British Club.

Written by Aristophanes in 411 BC, and brought up to date by Germaine Greer in the mid 1970's, "Lysistrata" is a fantastical debate on sex, gender, war and peace. The ordinary women of Athens and Sparta, led by Lysistrata (whose name means "disbander of armies") unite in a radical revolt taking over the Acropolis and other male dominated institutions including a bath-house, which provides the setting of the play. From here the women lay down their ultimatum to end the Peloponnesian war, 'no peace, no sex', a neat twist on the 60s' cry for an end to hostilities in Vietnam, 'make love, not war'.

Deprived of sex, the men become so incapacitated by their ever-stiffening manhood that indeed they cannot fight. However, the women find it equally difficult to keep up with their ultimatum, especially when their men come home from the wars. The play also echoes the absurd relationships and games played between husbands and wives in their own bedrooms.

The comedy is set during the 1960's and simultaneously pays homage to both the feminist and peace movements of the time and also salutes the cheeky capers of the Carry On movies whose influence can be seen in Greer's writing. Old duffers are turned into maids, SAS men reduced to school boys, beautiful women are enticing sirens and young soldiers carry a different kind of weapon!

The show features a score of BCT regulars (many of whom are also BC members such as Stephanie Wallis, Belinda Skinner, Louise Truslow, Bonnie Zellerbach and Ray Stafford) and many talented newcomers as well. "Lysistrata" will be performed in the Suriwongse Room for three nights only (November 25th, 26th and 27th) with the curtain rising at 8pm.

And to get you in the mood before the show, Head Chef Khun Laak and her team are putting together a fabulous pre-show Greek-inspired Buffet and a range of tasty à la carte snacks which will be available nightly from 6:30pm. To help



us with catering, please book a table in advance by email info@britishclubbangkok.org or by calling 02-234-0247.

Fast, raunchy, broad, and at times even profound, "Lysistrata" is a play not to be missed.

Seating is limited so be sure to book your tickets in person or by email (฿500 for show-only) as soon as they go on sale at reception on November 1st. Please note that the General Public may also purchase tickets either through 089-524-6105, by emailing lysistrata.bct@gmail.com or by visiting the Neilson Hays Library Café between 9am and 6pm any day except Monday. For more information on the play or Bangkok Community Theatre, please visit www.bct-th.org.

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Saturday 6th November 2010

with an afternoon full of activities
Kid activities from 4:00pm - 7:00pm

BBQ from 4:30pm

Fireworks at 7:00pm

Guy Burning at 7:15pm



150 baht for Children under 3 years

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Please sign up at The Reception or membership office

IT ALL ENDS HERE 1ST SHOW IN BANGKOK



Date: Thursday 18th November 2010

Place: SF Cinema At Central World

Ticket Cost : 500 Baht

Includes SF Happiness World Screen,
Mini cake, Mini pizza, Soft Drink and Popcorn

Meet and Greet at 5 PM

Movie starts at 6 PM

Sing up at the Reception or Membership Office

PLOENCHIT FAIR BY THE RIVER



**Shrewsbury International School, Charoen Krung Road
All the Fun of the Fair from 10.00 am – 8.00 pm**

The British Community's annual fund-raising blockbuster event for Thai charities will be held again this year on Saturday 27th November.

Ploenchit Fair is arguably the biggest Fair in Asia and is a traditional day for all the family and has been one of the biggest events of the social calendar in Bangkok since it was first held in the British Embassy in 1956. Everybody comes to Ploenchit Fair – you will be guaranteed to meet all your old friends and make new, buy everything and anything you need, enjoy fine international cuisine, totally exhaust your children with the variety of attractions on offer, enjoy our varied entertainment programme on the big stage throughout the day and taking us into the evening, sip Champagne and Pimms, win many of the thousands of prizes and go home rich in the knowledge that every baht you spend will go towards those less fortunate than yourselves.

For Kids – Once again we will have the all-time favourites the HSBC Ferris Wheel, Carousel, Transpo's Giant Wave Slide, Shooting Gallery, JVK's Hoopla, Go-Karts and the Bungy. Many other games stalls, the Colouring Competition, Clown Eckie the Ploenchit Clown and the Bumrungrad's Father Christmas will be paying an early visit to the Fair for our younger members.

For Dads – All the usual old favourites are confirmed – Coconut Shy, Darts, Standard Chartered Bank's Water Splash, Football Shoot, Mini Golf and British Airways' Tin Can Alley to name but a few and not to mention whisky galore to be won on our Bottle Boys stall. Nestlé Pirate's Treasure Island will be full of great prizes and Castrol games for all the family. The British Chamber will be manning their stall, the Grand Raffle, which this year will have 80 top prizes to be won including tickets to London!!!

For Mums – The Petticoat Lane bazaar, some 50 shopping outlets along with our usual Charity Stalls selling their wares offering a vast array of different products for all your Christmas gifts and needs, handicrafts and 'bits of nonsense'. Boots, our favourite High Street chemists have a range of tempting toiletries and cosmetics and Granny's Attic will be full of someone's special treasures needing a new home. When exhaustion overtakes, you can relax in the breezy green spaces of this scenic riverside location – have a cream tea, a foot massage and even have your fortune told.

Our Cuisine - This year we have a variety of tempting foods - Witch's British Fish & Chips, the Pie Factory, Coyote's Mexican, Flavours of India and Masala Art will be joined by Fried Chicken and Hickory Ribs and Bistro 33 will ensure a range of foods to sate your appetite – hot dogs, hamburgers, pizzas and steak sandwiches grilled to your taste. Our own British Club's Tea Garden will have speciality cream teas in a haven of peace amid the Fair.

Our "Refreshments" – Fluids Asia will provide you with premium beers and ciders, Paulaner has ice-cold lager, Tenderloin's Wine Bar will cater for the connoisseurs, Chang Beer, Thailand's own will be pulling the pints and Frosty Margaritas from Coyote, Ice Cream Cocktails from Amaltery and the Pimm's special envoy will be manning his pump!

**BCTFN has raised over 50 million baht at the Ploenchit Fair since 2000.
Please see www.ploenchitfair.org**

**British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy
Tel: 02 204 1587 email: bctfn@loxinfo.co.th**

PLOENCHIT FAIR BY THE RIVER

AT SHREWSBURY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2010

วันเสาร์ที่ 27 พฤศจิกายน 2553

เริ่มงาน 10.00 น. – 20.00 น.

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PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We continue our peek into the Club's past with a look at events of 1957 ...

1 We had two naval visits in 1957 and the first in February was our first ever visit by a submarine, HMS Aurochs (P426). This was an Amphion-class submarine of the Royal Navy, built by Vickers Armstrong. A year after her visit to us, she became only the second British Submarine to circumnavigate the world.

Late in December we entertained the HMAS Anzac (D59) a Battle Class destroyer. Her plaque is still in the Churchill Bar (next to the last one I featured).

2 February 1957 saw the birth of the Ploenchit Fair, when for the first time the annual British Women's Community charity fundraiser was moved to the British Embassy grounds in Ploenchit. In 1948 and 1949 the event was held at The British Club, then became a YWCA jointly organised event but in 1957 operated solely by the British Community and this time the men also took part! Sir Berkeley Gage, the then Ambassador and Lady Gage loaned the Embassy - the Fair opened at 3 p.m. and closed at 1 a.m., and raised 78,000 Ticals.



Our first Submarine visit

3 In August, we agreed for the first time to invite the Australian Ambassador to become an Honorary Member, a tradition which has endured since although not all Ambassadors have accepted. In this case Mr John Keith Waller did accept. By coincidence the British Ambassador also changed in this month so we invited Mr Richard Whittington to become the second British Ambassador to become an Honorary Member.

4 The Swimming Pool saga took another turn in October when the Club was duly presented with a bill for professional fees from a Contractor for the design of the Pool. The work being requested by a Club Member. The General Committee unanimously declined to pay stating "this was of no concern to the British Club".

5 The Minutes of 1957 spend a lot of time discussing Gin, in this case Sandeman's Gin, and the fact that we had 95 bottles in stock due to an ordering error. In April it was agreed that we should sell it off to Members at 75 Ticals a bottle and have it available at 'special prices' in the Bar ... a Pink Gin and Gin with Lime (Gimlet) for only 4 Ticals and with other mixers at 4.50 Ticals. By August it was decided to try to auction off this excess stock (which failed) and by October the Committee were debating a recipe to create Pimms No.1 from the stock!

Sadly the Committee singularly failed to register both the fact that the world entered the space age on 4th October and that the author was born in Woking, Surrey in that June. Perhaps gin was really more important!

The author is currently Honorary Secretary of the Club.

BC CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2010

MONDAY

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Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



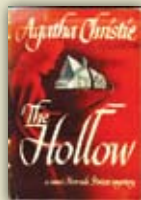
Monday Night Club
Strangler's Wood
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
The Hollow
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



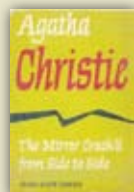
Monday Night Club
SHERLOCK - "The Great Game"
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
Ghost in the Machine
Wordsworth Lounge 7pm



TUESDAY

2

Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



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



Ladies Mix-In Margaritas
9am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



Fitball
10:30am



St. Andrew's Buffet
Lunch and Dinner



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm



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WEDNESDAY

3

Paella & Sangria Special
All day

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7.05pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Paella & Sangria Special
All day



Tennis: Patana Teachers Invite
6pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Paella & Sangria Special
All day

BCB Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7.05pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Paella & Sangria Special
All day



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



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THURSDAY

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



BC @ The Movies
Meet and Greet 5pm
Movie starts 6pm

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Theatre Buffet Night
Lysistrata
6pm-10pm



1



WEDNESDAY

4



2

FRIDAY

5

Curry Buffet
The Verandah
Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Gourmet Dinner
Drinks and Canapés 7pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Tex-Mex Buffet
The Verandah
Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Christmas Wine Tasting
Front Lawn 6pm-9pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Middle Eastern Buffet
The Verandah
Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



**30th STC Interport
Balut Competition**
6pm-10pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Greek Buffet
The Verandah Lunch and Dinner

Junior Swimming
3pm-5pm



Music At Dusk
Poolside 7.30pm

Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



**Theatre Buffet Night:
Lysistrata**
6pm-10pm

Fight Night
7pm



3

SATURDAY

6

Junior Tennis



Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Guy Fawkes Party
4pm onwards

Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Curry Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

Rugby Event
9.30pm



Junior Tennis



Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Junior Football



Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Tex-Mex Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

**30th STC Interport
Balut Competition**
10am-10pm

Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Middle Eastern Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

Junior Tennis



Junior Swimming



Brunch
11am-3pm

Junior Cricket
4pm-6pm



Greek Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

**Theatre Buffet Night:
Lysistrata**
6pm-10pm



SUNDAY

7

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Bridge
Surawongse Room
2:30pm



Yoga
3 pm



Curry Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Bridge
Surawongse Room
2:30pm



Yoga
3 pm



Tex-Mex Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

Abu Dhabi Grand Prix
8pm - 10pm



Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

Bridge
Surawongse Room
2:30pm



**BC Live Show:
Walking with Dinosaurs**
Meet and Greet 5pm
Show starts 7.30pm



Loy Krathong Cruise
6.30pm - 11pm

Middle Eastern Buffet Dinner
The Verandah

Brunch & Carvery
The Verandah 11am-3pm

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**Tennis Graded
Championship FINAL**
All day



Yoga
3 pm



Greek Buffet Dinner
The Verandah



5

The Verandah Brunch

Saturday & Sunday

11.00am - 3.00pm

All you can eat @ Baht 450

Plus free flow wine & beer @ Baht 765

Children's Brunch @ Baht 250



Weekend Brunch Menu Highlights

Appetisers

Canapes Corner

Breakfast Selection

Live Station with Carvery

Pasta Station

Main Entrees

Dessert and Fruits



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| Beer Lao Dark Bottle | 90 THB |
| Gin, Whisky and Vodka Glass | 45 THB |
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November 12th, 2010 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

British Club Bangkok, Suriwongse Room

100 Baht a person



SPORT & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore



Bangkok Patana School

*The British International School in Thailand
Established 1957*



Dear Members,

November's here which means only 8 weeks till Christmas, and we all know that this is the time of year where we "balloon" slightly due to staff parties, Christmas parties, balls and more, so start now and **Fight the Festive Flab**. Get active; swim, gym or play a sport.

Did you know that 1 hour of tennis or 50 minutes of squash burns around 650 Calories? That equals 100g of shepherd's pie or ½ a large pizza with the works. Did you know that a policeman burns around 175 Calories per hour directing traffic and 1 large doughnut equals 300 calories? So we all need to understand what we are putting into our bodies and what we are currently burning. Don't forget: **you are what you eat**.

September and October proved busy with many small and large events from junior cricket, AFL grand final, badminton, children's parties and much more.

Junior Football: The season starts in January. This is run by Brazilian Soccer Schools, professional coaching for ages 4-12 years (times vary depending on children's age groups). Please sign up in advance as numbers are limited.

Fight Night: Get your tickets soon, as the last 2 events were sold out! Ring side seat (Q Bt 2,600 includes 3 course dinner, beer and wine. Or Grandstand seating (Q Bt 800 with F&B for sale.

B.C. Vets Football: COMING SOON: British Club players and guests forming teams of 4/5 players to play a round-robin event. A fun afternoon of football with BBQ and beer. Must sign up in advance. Register your interest, talk to Reed.

Junior Netball: We now have some coaches for Junior Netball, but due to many events coming up, we will run only 4 sessions before Christmas and look at a full term starting in January.

AFL Grand Final – times 2: The AFL grand final kicked off at 11:30am on 25 September and the result wasn't known until 2pm on 2 October. For this was the 3rd time ever that the games ended in a draw and had to be replayed a week later.

After a great first game where both teams threw everything at each other, the replay was a little one-sided. The favourite "Magpies" showed why there were the Minor Premiers with a convincing win against the supports favourites "St Kilda".

The Verandah lounge rarely sees such action, is rarely subjected to such screams, never shown such an event nor had so many Australians cheer, clap and shout. The Club put on a great Aussie feast and numerous Members from the Australian Embassy came and saw the Club in full swing.

So with millions watching worldwide, over 200,000 at the game and many Members enjoying the game twice ... the AFL Grand Final will now be a regular fixture at the British Club.



TENNIS

By Reed Passmore

Ace: We now have 4 hard courts up and running so enjoy the increase in activity, events and Mix-Ins.

Top spin: Tennis league will start again in November. Please sign up in the Fitness Centre.

Volley: Patana Invite to Mix In - 10 November. Pattana teachers are coming to play in our Mix In. This is a social Mix In so let's make them feel welcome. I will run the Mix In on the night so come along and enjoy another great night at the Club.

Slice: Graded Championship - Finals 27/28 November. This event is set up for players of all levels. All players will be placed in similar groups. After the knockout stages on Saturday we will have a great evening in the Sala with a buffet dinner, drinks and watching the Barclays ATP Tour from London Live.

Smash: British Club vs Le Smash Club - November

Tweener: Inter Club Invitational Mixed Doubles Tournament - 13 November. Khun Pharioj is the Captain for this historical



Shrewsbury International School and the British Club—an ace tennis partnership

event, so please contact him (generally courtside) to be considered for this event.

Backhand: Ladies Mix In. On 28 September, we ran our first Ladies Mix In with a few extras (Sangria, Spanish Omelettes, cheese and snacks). A great turnout for the first event and we will be running one every month. October's Mix In was cancelled due to Sports Camps and other events so 16 November looks set for the next social morning of Margaritas.



Drop shot: The Tennis 80's party. Numerous Members enjoyed this extravaganza with an 80's theme. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side and we were forced to drink and dance in the Sala as the courts were wet! It was great to see Members dressing up and having fun, and it was a fantastic evening. It seems like our French friends love to dress up as both Marc and Thierry were "the best dressed" (evidence below)





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SQUASHY BITS

by Bruce Madge <b_madge@hotmail.com>

Wot Mellor? He's Alright I Spose; he's Mellor, in'he? Dunno, you'll have to ask him!



Cheerio Nick

Well you can't because he's gone; gone to Indonesia, or Malaysia, or Chad, or the Falklands to join Ross, who went last year, and John Vivian, who went before that, and Dean, who left last month for Singapore, along with Walter, who had also defected to the Playground of the Rich. What's going on with all these departures? Something I said? Something I wrote? Can't imagine it's that. More than likely, they all got caught red-handed 'playing away' with a local lady, while they were supposedly 'working late at the office.' As a result, their respective WAGS have hurried them away from the abundance of iniquities and temptations that Bangkok has to offer a man to 'safer', 'less lively' destinations where there may still be the odd 'distraction,' but where they are harder to come by, and certainly less obvious. So that's that, and we must wish them well, and thank them for their service to the Section, and The Club, and pray they get bored, or better still divorced, and return in haste.



Overwhelmed with Ugliness

By the way, we had a mix-in to say farewell to Nick, but too many people turned-up meaning it carried on for nearly four days. Naturally, some people had to pull out early as they had planes to catch to Indonesia, or Malaysia, or Chad, or the Falklands, while others thought it would be amusing to disrupt the whole event, and cheat by writing fictional scores on the board. Pathetic! In the end we chucked it all in, and flopped



down in the Sala for a few pints, where Nick found himself surrounded by his BCB pals all clamoring to say cheerio, and cadge a free beer. Later, a few of us retired to the Churchill Bar to imbibe further, and to present Nick with a few bits and bobs-plate and home-made card to express our love for him. He was so overwhelmed he fell over and had to be rushed to BNH with a suspected fracture of the ear. Latest reports suggest he's still there.



Following this, our usual September Handicap Regatta took place. Last year's winner, H, was banned from entering so that meant a new Disabled Champion would be crowned, then tried for treason and burnt at the stake. Lovely. But first, let's introduce some new characters, shall we? Come in Den So and Kittisuk.

Den So is a young, local lad, but educated in England, in Romford and Slough, and drives a newish BMW 320i (graduation pressie from Granny!). He's also a pilot. He's a bit weedy and slightly nerdy, but very pleasant with it, and in general a fairly nice chap, and dead keen on the game, mainly because he's rubbish at it. To that end, he's been having lessons with Anantana (Nan), probably because he fancies her since his last girlfriend gave him the red card for spending too much time down the squash club, and no doubt because Nan is a pretty good player, and Den so desperately wants to be a good player! He's also been receiving instruction from Lord Gandhi, with whom he is equally as besotted. (Gandhi's not having any of it, though!) Thus, his game's improved, but at some expense. You see, Den has become so obsessed with the sport of squash he is unable to concentrate on anything else for fear of losing his focus on his game and, consequently, impairing



Den: Obsessed with Squash or Nan?



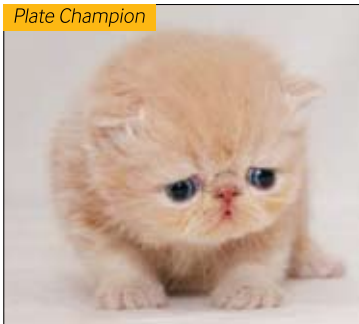
Den's Old Car

his progress. This is not healthy, and has resulted in Den being fired from his job for consistently poor performance as his mind is a mess of black balls! Now Den will have to sell his new BMW as he can't afford to run the thing, and let me tell you, Den, Nan does not travel by bus, so that, along with the fact you're jobless, is probably the end of any potential romance with her! As for Den's involvement in the Handicap, it was rather brief as he got knocked out in the quarter finals of the Plate by Varrapong, who is older, heavier, less fit, and smokes! Why? How? Simple. Varrapong plays only for fun, and is thus relaxed and in control, whereas Den, due to his desperate obsession with becoming a decent squashie so he can impress Nan, is unable to focus on the actual playing and in turn play well, as he is continually over-analysing every shot, angle, move and technique in order to play well! A very complex situation indeed for young Den, and one he is going to have to address lest his life becomes further ruined than it already is, all for the sake of a flaming hobby.



Nan: likes to travel in style

Plate Champion



What about Kitty then? He, too, is dead keen on the game, and has also been receiving professional instruction, yet Kitty is older, wiser, and more experienced so can keep a cool head, which he did so throughout the whole tournament to make it to the final of the Plate

where he beat the very game Duncan, who is himself a chilled and gentle soul, to claim his first trophy and a 2000 baht voucher from our kind sponsors, Supersport. Very well done Kitty, though maybe not too healthy a return on your investment of 50,000 baht in coaching from Poowis and his father! (No idea how much Den has wasted, sorry, spent so far.)



Handicap Champion

In the main competition, a few participants got walked over, some literally, but the main matches were the final, and a fantastic semi-final between

Charles and Graeme Harlow, which was just about clinched by Charlie 15-11 in the fifth. Charles went on to meet Fire Exit

(David Eastgate) in the final, who had dumped out Neil 3-0 in the semi. Charlie v Cat Flap then, and the encounter went all the way to five games. David deservedly won in the end, but one must say that you would be unlikely to meet two better and more committed Club players of more mature years anywhere. Both of these old and very experienced hands still have the ability to move smoothly, hit the ball extremely accurately, and compete and focus for an entire match. They are a credit to squash and to our Club. (See, I can write a paragraph without insulting anyone.) Charles, always gracious in defeat, also received a voucher from Supersport of indeterminable value, and Trap Door got one for 5K! 5K? Be able to get a racket and a pair of shoes with that! Supersport sponsorship kindly supplied, as a leaving gift, by Dean Thompson. Thanks Dean, and well done David, Charles, Kitty, Duncan, and all who took part, helped to organize, and to run this year's successful Handicap. (Sorry, but had to improvise with the photos again as the ones we took on the finals night are just awful. Everyone's fault as none of us had brought a decent camera or one with any batteries.)



Then the Japanese arrived. Team of 6 from the Osakiaka Club of Yokohama. On a Sunday it was. About 2pm. One of their lot is from Thailand. Used to be a Member of the BCB. None could speak English very well. Couldn't play squash very well, either. Lost 6-0. Only won one game from

a potential 18. Nice folks, though. Presented each opponent with a bag of Jap trinkets - scarf, lucky charm, grainy photo of WAG, etc. Barely hung around when play was over. Showered and shot off. Invited us for a return match back in Yippon next year. How expensive is Japan?

Until next year.....



Osakiaka Players

HARD BALLS

By Cort N Bold

The British Club's latest Bylaws define two kinds of Club Section: a "new" category, those "managed" by the Club; and the traditional category, those "supported" by the Club. So what... you might well ask? Well, according to the General Committee, the new Bylaws reflect "a desire by the GC to have a more professional approach to management of Sports and Games". The more cynical might argue that what it really means is that Sections who can't get their act together to run their own affairs can sit back and let the Club organise everything for them, whilst the Club can sit back and enjoy letting those willing to organise their own fun get on with it.

Whatever! The re-formed "Supported" Cricket Section has no complaints about the excellent encouragement given by the GC and held its AGM at the Club on 15th September to plan for the 2010/11 season ... all in accordance, of course, with the new Bylaws. The committee was mostly re-elected, the only change being the able replacement of the much-missed Nick Mellor by Anthony DuPont as Secretary.

CRICKET COMMITTEE 2010/11

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Chairman: | Jack Dunford |
| Captain: | Vaughan McClear |
| Vice-captain: | Andrew Spedding |
| Treasurer: | Dale Lamb |
| Secretary: | Anthony Dupont |
| Fines Master: | Nick White |
| Statistician: | Neil Evans |
| Media/ Talent Scout: | Colin Hastings |

As reported last month, the highlights of the inaugural 2009/10 season were two great wins away against the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club and the British Club Singapore. Over 20 players turned out during the season, some not having played since their school days, and by the end of the season confidence was growing and the 2010/11 season is eagerly awaited.

2010/11 fixtures

The key to getting cricket going again at the Club has been the popularity of





weekend family tours embracing both the squash and tennis sections. Over 40 Club Members travelled to Chiang Mai and more than 30 to both Singapore and Pattaya. These will be repeated in 2010/11 and we're looking even further afield with possibilities including Kanchanaburi, Hua Hin, Phuket, the Philippines, Vietnam and Kuala Lumpur. Now that's ambitious!

There will also be matches at Harrow School and, hopefully, at the RBSC/ Polo Club. Fixture details will be listed in Outpost and on the Section Notice Board in the Club House.

More Cricketers Wanted

Having too many players becomes a problem when selections have to be made and some wannabes get left out. But we haven't reached that stage yet and with a lot of the squad having heavy travel schedules, more fixtures will be a challenge and we need more cricketers. Anyone interested in playing for the BC should contact Jack Dunford, Vaughan McClear or any of the above committee members whose contact details can again be found on the Section Notice Board.

All standards are welcome and don't worry if you haven't picked up a bat or ball for a decade or two! It's like riding a bike!

Practice sessions

The best way to get involved is to come along to the Club practice sections on the Back Lawn. We have excellent nets and a full practice kit. We'll be getting going in November and will normally practice at weekends on Saturdays and Sundays at 2.00pm with some Wednesday evening sessions from 5.30pm. Details will again be posted on the Notice Board and all Section Members will get regular email updates.

End/beginning of Season BBQ and awards

To kick off the season, we are planning to have an end/beginning of season BBQ and awards presentation on the Back Lawn after a Saturday/Sunday afternoon net at the beginning of the season. Watch out for details.

Photo credits:

All the pictures accompanying this article except one were taken in Chiang Mai and Pattaya by Chris Watt. Great work Chris!

**Cricketers wanted for 2010/11 Season
Contact Jack Dunford or Vaughan McClear
Nets start November
Watch the Club Notice Board**

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn

Monthly Stableford, The Royal GC: Sunday 05 September 2010

This month's Stableford competition took us back to the Royal GC, our usual stomping ground. The course, after suffering the effects of consistently heavy rains as well as the annual maintenance programme, is gradually returning to something like its usual shape. This was reflected in stiffer competition and some good scores being returned.

Four groups of determined golfers, including our guest Razi Latif (all the way from Kenya) set out to do battle for a bottle of California's finest red. Prior to the start, Bob W was seen fine tuning his game (1) – not entirely sure how successful that strategy was!



We also welcomed back Ray and Jenny Harries after their long and interesting trek through various hidden corners of Europe. Looking suitably refreshed, they quickly got into the swing of things; Jenny on the course, and Ray displaying his prize for hitting the longest drive (2 + 3).



Other minor prizes went to Mark Evans, JC, Tracy and Marcus Prior for near pins and to David H for the longest putt. In the main event, five players tied for 3rd place, David Humphreys scored 36 points to finish as runner-up, but the star prize went to Marcus Prior with a commendable 39 points (4).



Hapag Lloyd Trophy, Thana City GC: Saturday 11 September 2010

The venue for this year's competition between the BCGS and the Londoners GS was an inspired choice. Despite the seemingly never-ending rains, the course at Thana City proved to be in excellent shape.



Eager for the fray, some met up early to discuss tactics (!) and engage in some good-natured banter with the opposition (5 + 6). The Londoners, being hosts this year,

opted for a Stableford points format, with a complicated final accounting process. Seven teams from each Society set out to do battle, with the BCGS eager to regain the trophy which was narrowly lost last year.

The presentation which took place later in the evening at the Londoner's pub was a well-attended and thoroughly enjoyable affair with plenty of good food and fine wine on offer. Replete from lashings of roast beef, apple pie etc, everyone sat back and awaited the results. First the minor prizes were handed out by the respective captains. On the BCGS side, the individual Stableford prize went to Varghese, who returned an excellent 39 points (7).



After much suspense and careful calculations, the result of the main event was announced and to our great disappointment the Londoners once more came out on top with a score of 494 points to 490. To conclude the ceremony, Peter G presented the trophy to the Londoners captain David Jeffers (8) and thanked them for their excellent organisation and hospitality. Wins now stand at 11 to 7 in favour of the BCGS.

A special word of thanks should go to Peter Gale who acted as stand-in Captain and Treasurer, and whose efforts were much appreciated.

Bad-Bet Scramble, Vintage GC: Sunday 19 September 2010

The fifth round of the Bad-Bet Scramble took place at Vintage, a venue which generally met with the approval of most for its excellent condition and layout.

The current leader of this fun competition is co-sponsor Peter B with Captain Frank in close pursuit. Much would depend on the day's results.

After the draw in the Clubhouse, six teams set out in an attempt to improve their positions in the overall standings. The draw brought together some strong teams and a close result was on the cards.

Tension was evident(!) at the gathering afterwards as the Captain went to work on the details (9). Results were duly announced and as expected there were some very

good scores with only a few shots separating all the teams. However, there can only be one winner and in this instance first place deservedly went to the team of Ray Harries and

Robert Gray who recorded an excellent gross 67 (net 58). Well done! Two shots behind in second place were Frank and Val. The overall leader appeared to have had an off-day and as a result may no longer be in that position! He did however, take time as co-sponsor with Bob Randle to present the winning team with their bottles of wine (10).



September Medal, The Royal GC: Sunday 26 September 2010

Twenty-three golfers including a new Member, Gareth Ellis, turned out for this month's medal competition. Although the numbers were slightly down for this event, competition for prizes was no less intense. For whatever reasons: overtired, overheated or perhaps over-indulgence, four sick notes were handed in during the course of the round (no names mentioned!).

Conditions may have been made more difficult by the heat but it did not prevent some very good individual achievements. Although he did not figure in the final reckoning, Mike Staples accomplished a rare feat with two consecutive 2s (on the par 4/12th and the par 3/13th). Others making a name for themselves were Ray H, Gordon M and Peter G for near pins, Varghese and Tracy C for longest drives, and to Gordon (again) for the longest putt.

The Flight "B" winner, now a household name, was Varghese who easily outscored the field with a net 67. Andrew McLean, with a creditable net 70, finished in second place.

The in-form golfer in Flight "A" with a near pin award, the longest putt and top prize was undoubtedly Gordon Milne. His net score (70) was just enough to edge out Tracy C who finished with a net 72. Well done to all who took part.

Useful contacts:

Website: <http://www.bcgolfsociety.com/>

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Phone: Golf Society Captain, Frank Fawkes - 08 9165 1953

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BRITISH CLUB BALUT

By Mr C



>> NOT A GREAT START TO THE NEW BALUT YEAR!!!

THE 3rd BCB DET 5 CHALLENGE

We met at Det 5 Bar & Restaurant in Sukhumvit Soi 8 intending to regain the Challenge trophy that we so narrowly lost last June but we did even worse!!!

The guys (and girls) from Det 5 were on fire for Leg 1 and totally hammered the BCB who could not even win one round of the five played! The scores after Leg 1 were:

British Club Bangkok: 3,754

Det 5 Bar & Restaurant: 3,941

The second Leg is on Sunday 17th October so we hope to pull it back!

BALUT SHIELD 2010-11

Only 11 players turned up to christen the first round (of 23) of the British Club Balut Shield 2010-11, one of our worst turn-outs ever!

Play was moderate but as always fun and even Mr C. resolved how to score into the Balut Internet Scoring System using his iPhone – quite a marvel for him.

The winners of Tournament 1 were:

HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE: Mrs Orange 546

HIGHEST SINGLE SCORE: Dark Horse 128

Our thanks to OUTRIGGER HOTELS & RESORTS for supply of the prizes and to YES TECHNOLOGIES for the Balut Internet Scoring System.

The Balut Shield league (after one tournament):

| POSITION | NAME | PLAYER | POINTS | AVERAGE |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Leader | Mrs Orange | Mrs. Muntana Merrigan | 546 | 109.2 |
| 2 | Dark Horse | Mr. Clive Butcher | 528 | 105.6 |
| 3 | Tom | Mr. Tomjakraphan Merrigan | 503 | 100.6 |
| 4 | Jammy | Mr. Roger Willbourn | 496 | 99.2 |
| 5 | M | Mr. Burin Adulwattana | 476 | 95.2 |
| 6 | Mr C | Mr. Paul Cheesman | 468 | 93.6 |
| 7 | Oddsman | Mr. Jeremy Watson | 460 | 92.0 |
| 8 | Swampy | Mr. Steve Eaton | 459 | 91.8 |
| 9 | DQ | Mr. David Quine | 443 | 88.6 |
| 10 | Slowpoke | Mr. Tony Rodriguez | 425 | 85.0 |
| 11 | Mrs Jammy | Mrs. Caroline Willbourn | 403 | 80.6 |

The Balut Shield Cup leader is Dark Horse (Clive Butcher) on 128.

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DATES FOR NOVEMBER

| DAY | DATE | EVENT | TIME | VENUE |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| Wednesday | 3rd November | Balut Shield | 7pm | Wordsworth Lounge |
| Wednesday | 17th November | Balut Shield | 7pm | Wordsworth Lounge |
| Thursday | 18th November | Interport Social | 7pm | Churchill Bar |
| Friday | 19th November | Interport Golf | 8am | Meet at Reception |
| Friday | 19th November | Interport Reception | 7pm | Front Lawn |
| Saturday | 20th November | Interport Day | 10am | Back Lawn |

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

THE BRIDGE BUNCH

By Martin Carter

On Sunday afternoons, the Bridge Bunch continue to bludgeon and bamboozle one another with killer leads and cryptic discards: no money changes hands, however prestige and humiliation are the stakes. The emergence of some outstanding young players, particularly Charles and Thot, has rattled the ranks into refining their skills. While juvenile exuberance and hard work can win, it will never defeat **old age and treachery**.

Bridge Results

19th SEPTEMBER (8 PAIRS)

| | |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 1st | Dr. Prasart & Prasert |
| 2nd | Kiatchai & Paisal |
| 3rd | Mike & Leo |

3rd OCTOBER (12 PAIRS)

| | |
|-----|-------------------|
| 1st | Chalernpol & Piya |
| 2nd | Mike & Prarop |
| 3rd | Kiatchai & Paisal |



"Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid (without their makeup)"

Advanced Treachery

That Bridge lends itself to treachery is evidenced by the cascade of books on the subject from all points of the Compass.

Card Play Technique: Nico Gardner and Victor Mollo - England

First Published in 1955 by George Newnes, Card Play Technique also exists in paperback published in 1971 by Faber and Faber. Card Play Technique is recommended by Sally Watson in her book and teaching aid "Basic Bridge Systems and Beyond".

Victor Mollo was a Master Rubber Bridge Player and made a substantial living out of writing about Bridge and gambling at the Bridge table. The English is brilliant and ranks as a work of literature. I was so impressed by Card Play Technique that I purchased the revised edition and continue to read and re-read the specialist Chapters. While no book for the slouch, the amusing and engaging use of the English language keeps the reader's enthusiasm and concentration. The Book formed the basis for the London School of Bridge Correspondence Course. While bidding systems wax and wane in popularity, correct card play technique can never be eclipsed.

The Principles of Card Play: Paul Marston - Australia

Published by Grandslam Books www.australianbridge.com

A professional Bridge teacher and publisher, Paul Marsden is the only Australian to win an open World Bridge Championship Medal. All together he has more than 30 national and international titles to his credit and runs the Grand Slam Bridge Centre in Double Bay Sydney. The Principles of Card Play is written in an easy, clear style with practice hands. The quiz questions at the end of each chapter are fun and a terrific learning aid. If you fail to get all the questions answered correctly then just re-read the chapter! Paul Marsden's books are available by direct sale over the internet: my copy arrived within 8 days from Australia.

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Visit the Bridge Section Notice Board for contact details and www.bridgebase.com

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from 6.00 - 9.30 PM



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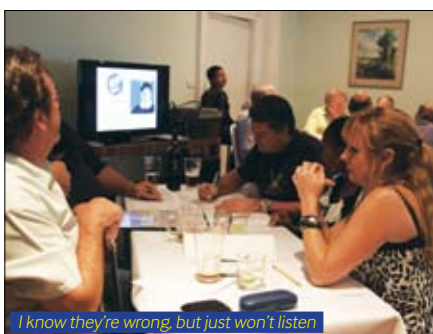
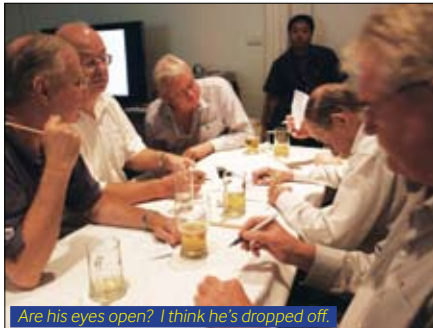
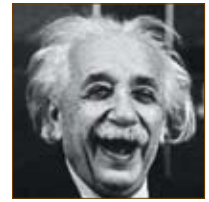
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QUIZ NIGHT

by Guy Hague



It's been quite a while since the Quiz Night has not been in The Verandah, so it was a bit of a surprise when we were directed up the Club's venerable staircase to the second floor. The setting for the October Tetley's Smooth Flow Quiz Night was the Silom Room, next to the Suriwongse Room (how did they come up with those names?), as five teams assembled for Quiz Master Tim Footman's second go-round.

After a couple of technical glitches, Round One kicked off with two sports questions followed by questions about music, language, history, literature, geography, science, history and TV. The rest of Round One continued with this diverse range of questions with three of the five teams scoring in the 30's. Joker's Wild took the early lead, followed by Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers and Under Par. Jim's Junkies and Another Team brought up the rear. The quote of the night also came in the first round with Quiz Master Tim's response to a query about a construction equipment answer - "any diggy-thingy will do."

Round Two was characterised by a combination of the old (What was the main instrument of bandleader Glenn Miller? Who was the British PM when President Kennedy was shot?) and the new (In what year was the first iPod sold? Troy Polomalu of the Pittsburgh Steelers has insured what for \$1 million?). There was even a Fawltz Towers question thrown in for good measure. A thirty point showing gave the Spoofers a tie for the lead with Joker's Wild, while the rest of the teams struggled in the 20's.

Round Three ventured into technology (What does the filename extension "PDF" stand for?), and movies (What recent successful movie takes its title from the Sanskrit for "descent"?), but the main talking point came with the "Odd One Out" question at the end of the round. Identifying the four actresses (Jamie Lee Curtis, Jane Fonda, Melanie Griffith, and Isabella Rossellini) was not too much of a problem for most teams. The reason that Jane Fonda was the "odd one out" was a bit of a surprise to many - her mother didn't play a victim in an Alfred Hitchcock movie.

Round Four was a tight affair with all five teams scoring in the 20's, after questions about French politics, Asian history, Russian literature and local Brazilian politics, amongst others. The final three music questions spanned a number of eras and genres - Beach Boys, Amy Winehouse and Peggy Lee - and in the end, it was a comfortable win for Joker's Wild over Spoofers and Under Par.

As usual, the November Quiz will kick off at 19:30 on Tuesday 2 November, so gather your clever friends together and join us for a night of head-scratching. "I should have known that..." fun.

↓ Answers to last month's questions:

1. False
2. Russell Brand
3. C. Portuguese
4. K
5. Martin Scorsese
6. Hamlet

Tim's Teasers

1. Vaduz is the capital of which European country?
2. Apart from Bermuda, what are the other two points of the Bermuda Triangle?
3. What adjective describes a triangle where all the sides are of different lengths?
4. What is the second longest river in Africa?
5. What crime author has written several books under the name Barbara Vine?



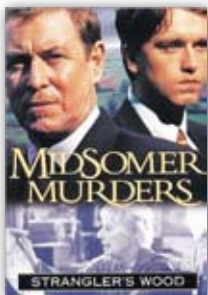
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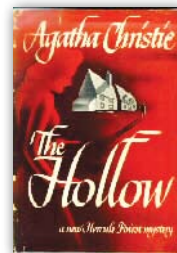


"She's a little tie-ed up!"

1st Strangler's Wood

A serial killer returns to Midsomer – but why was he away and why did he return? All is not well for Midsomer CID.

John Nettles is DCI Barnaby with guest stars Frank Windsor, Peter Erye and Kathleen Byron.



"Let's get shot of the evidence"

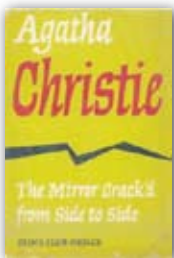
8th The Hollow

A murder at the poolside eh? Don't drop the gun in the water! Ooops!

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Edward Hardwicke, Edward Fox and Sarah Miles.

TV Movies on the BIG SCREEN

"The Real Madonna"



22nd The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side

'Out flew the web and floated wide - The mirror crack'd from side to side;
'The curse is come upon me,' cried The Lady of Shalott.'

Joan Hickson is Jane Marple with guest stars Claire Bloom, Barry Newman and Judy Cornwall.

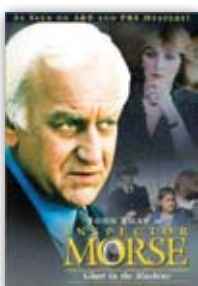
15th SHERLOCK - "The Great Game"

The final episode of the 2010 series - a series of challenges to solve a 21 year-old case or real people die. But what in heaven's name is the final clue?

Benedict Cumberbatch is Sherlock with guest stars Andrew Scott, John Lebar and Martin Freeman as Dr John Watson.



"This was not elementary my dear Watson!"



29th Ghost in the Machine

Two Oxford Dons, an au-pair, some naughty pictures and the Butler didn't do it!

John Thaw is DCI Morse with guest stars Patricia Hodge, Bernard Lloyd and Clifford Rose.

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BONFIRE CRAFTS FOR GUY FAWKES DAY

Tin-Can Lantern



This project takes some planning, but the result is well worth it – especially for Bonfire Night at Guy Fawkes Day celebration!

Materials

- Large tin can, label removed
- Markers
- Towel
- Hammer
- Nails of different sizes
- Small screw-in hook
- 20-inch wood dowel
- Coat hanger
- Votive candle
- Dried spaghetti noodle

Instructions

1. On the outside of the clean, empty can, draw a pattern for the lantern holes.
2. Fill the can with water and freeze it for two days. (The ice keeps the sides from collapsing when you hammer them.) When the water in the can is frozen solid, place the can on its side on top of a towel and use the nail tips to hammer in holes of various sizes according to the design. Be sure to make two holes near the top, on opposite sides, for stringing a handle.
3. Remove any chunks of ice from inside the tin can (a parent's job, since the hammered-in holes will have sharp edges).
4. Screw the hook into one end of the wood dowel, then string the length of wire through the hook. Wind the ends of the wire through the hanging holes on the can a few times until they are secure.
5. Use a small bit of melted wax or modeling clay to affix the votive candle to the bottom of the can.

Tips:

The dried spaghetti noodle is a handy way to light the lantern; it burns steadily and lessens the likelihood of scorching fingers.



Jokes for Kids

SCARY BOOKS

Robbers who got away with it
- *Hugh Durnit*

Mysterious Murders - *Ivor Clue*

Keeping snake pets - *Sir Pent*

The Omen - *B. Warned*

Chased by a werewolf - *Claude Bottom*

The bad tempered werewolf
- *Claudia Armoff*

The Vampire's victim - *E. Drew Blood*

Never make a witch angry - *Sheila Tack*

Ghost stories - *I.M. Scared*

Going on a witch hunt - *Count Miout*

I saw a witch in the mirror
- *Douglas Cracked*

The greediest monster in the world
- *Buster Gutt*

The vampire hanging on the cliff
- *Alf Hall*

The hungry yeti - *Aida Lott*

When a wizard knocks at your door
- *Wade Aminit*

Don't go near a vampire - *Al Scream*

Tracking monsters - *Woody Hurt*

I met the Abominable Snowman
- *Anne Tarctic*

Monsters I have known
- *O. Penjaw*

My best friend, the Witch
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