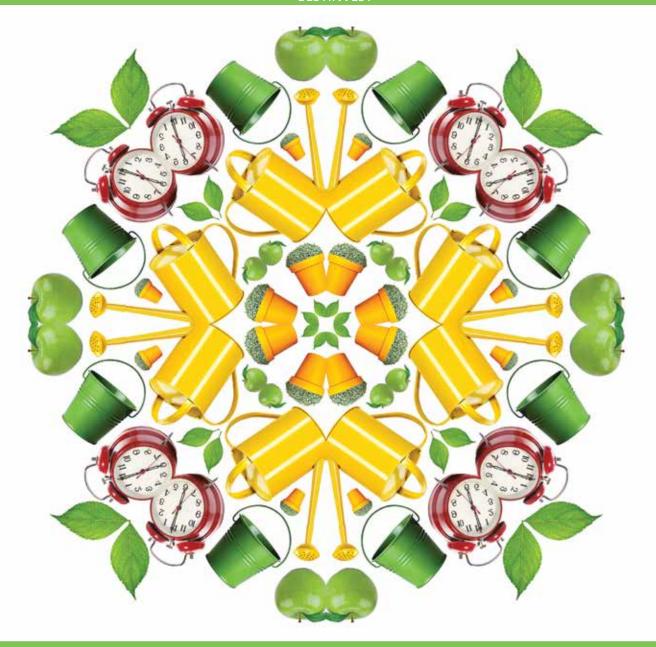


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LETTER FROM THE GM



Dear Members.

First of all I would like to welcome Michael Taylor to the staff as Duty Manager. Michael has been a member of the Club for a number of years and most recently was a member of the General Committee, so he is very familiar with the workings of the Club. He will be on duty after 6pm until the Club closes during which time he will supervise the outlets and staff, undertake security checks, follow up on repairs, and be on hand to deal with Members' enquiries or any other matters arising which need attention.

There have been other staff changes so you may see new faces around the Club. I'm working on an updated organisation plan which should be completed soon.

Later in the magazine is a Poolside Update and by the time Outpost is printed, we should be close to the end of this project. Again I must thank you all for your patience and support. We plan a soft opening of the facilities very soon. There will also be an official reopening celebration later in the month which will be notified to you all.

We are still suffering a reduction in F&B as a result of the works which was to be expected, but there's a great range of events coming up in the next two months so we intend to get back up to budget without delay.

November sees the Christmas Wine-Tasting which usually attracts many people. May I again remind you that there is a dress code for this monthly event. There are still complaints about some people's attire - this just shouldn't happen. Please cooperate and dress accordingly.

My thanks to all those Members who have already returned the updated information sheet and photo for next year's Directory. Those outstanding should send the information before the end of November or we will proceed on last year's data which may be wrong.

We are all looking forward to the Annual Ball. We have some terrific prizes for the raffle, we have three bottles of complimentary wine per table of ten people, there's going to be that great band we had at the Jubilee Fête, the cocktails on the Front Lawn before the dinner will be accompanied by five different types of canapé, it's going to be a terrific evening so I look forward to welcoming you at your glamourous best!

Finally, I would like to trim our electricity bills by tightening up on lights, fans, aircons, etc., which are left switched on unnecessarily. This applies to everything from the Clubhouse to the tennis court lighting, so please help out and switch off what isn't needed, or tell someone!

See you at Guy Fawkes or around the Club!

Warmest regards,

Joost Paijmans General Manager

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES The Verandah 11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays) **Accounts Office** 9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Closed (Sat-Sun) **Neilson Hays Coffee Shop Fitness Centre** 6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri) 9am - 6pm **Churchill Bar** 10am - 11pm **Fitness Centre** 6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun) **Poolside Bar** 6:15am - 11pm **Thai Massage** 9am - 5pm (Tues-Sun) Last food orders 9:30pm





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HAPPENINGS



Greetings -

This month's Outpost doesn't have very much writing in it, almost all posters! My apologies to those for whom this makes boring reading, but there is so much planned for the next two months, space must be given for conveying the event information to readers. Many of the posters are really good to look at, which makes their preponderance less oppressive.

We rounded off the month of September with three great evenings: dinner theatre for The Return of Sherlock Holmes which featured the first venison I have tasted in the Club avidly consumed, then an evening of violin and viola which filled the Suriwongse Room with glorious sound, and a musical tour of historic Britain 450 years ago performed by members of the Bangkok Music Society with remarkable content and variety. They were all well-attended and evoked extremely good reviews, and as I have said before, if people enjoy themselves at the Club then it is very motivating and rewarding for me.

October has been fun so far, with 6 nights of the Bangkok Community Theatre's presentation of "The Country Wife" which was sold out most nights and brought forth rapturous comments. The October Quiz Night was the most fun so far, also very well attended, and the Monthly Jackpot has still not been won, so it goes up another Bt500 for November! Most recently, we had the Trafalgar Dinner which welcomed the British Ambassador and his wife. The guest-speaker was the UK Defence Attaché to Thailand attending with his wife, as well as five tables of smartly-attired members and guests. It was a fantastic evening with great food, wine, an excellent entertaining speech, and much merriment before and after the port was passed!

I am pleased to welcome Khun Chanin, aka Khun Jack, who joins us in a couple of days as my assistant whose work, like mine, will span events, the website, the magazine, and other marketing duties as well as customer service and member support where applicable. I hope this will ease some of the delays I am experiencing in attending to matters and emails.

Friday sees the Children's Halloween Party with prizes for kids costumes and lots of fun - after that, it's only a week until Guy Fawkes Day which is perennially fantastic with an amazing display of fireworks, a great barbecue, lots of kids activities for preparing guys, and of course the final guy-burning on the bonfire.

In November we are taking some committed fans to a private cinema to see the new James Bond movie 'Skyfall' the day after it opens in Bangkok, there is great hope that we will be having a lunch buffet on the 6th for the Melbourne Cup if it is televised here, there is the traditional and amazingly beautiful Royal Barge Procession on the 9th, and then later in the month there is the Ploenchit fair, which is the largest British fair in South-East Asia raising millions of baht for Thai charities, and soon after comes my favourite Thai festival, Loy Krathong, which I always spend with my family, and which Club Members can either celebrate as a dinner cruise or at the Poolside with a Thai buffet and homemade krathongs floating in the swimming pool.

December, of course, is the highlight of the season and there is more going on than I have room to mention. We will be having a day of music on the 5th as Britstock 2012 takes over the back Lawn. There is the Annual Ball on the 8th which is a must for your diaries, Christmas Carols on the 6th, the Kids Christmas Party and the Kids Christmas Ball, and of course the culinary crescendo reaches its peak on Christmas Day with a traditional luncheon and dinner available around the Clubhouse outlets.

The latest bonus for December is the Elton John concert on the 13th for which we still have tickets - it's sold really well so far so it'll be a tremendous outing - book before it's too late!

The website front page has been laid out afresh so that you can see all the events coming up at a glance, with titles and dates. Have a look when your diaries are open, and you will be able to fit everything in and avoid disappointment!

That's it for this issue - it's November, so season's greetings to you all!

Best wishes.

Jeremy de Sausmarez Events & Marketing Manager

5th - 9th November 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Oriental Chicken, Papaya and Ginger Dressing

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka

served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce

served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlie Mashed Potato

Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Risotto with

Parmesan, and Rocket Leaves dressed with Pesto

Tom Yam Goong

(Spicy Lemon Grass Flavoured Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms) Pla Sam Ros (Deep-fried Dory Fish topped with Sweet

Kaprao Gai (Stir-fried Minced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chili)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of The Day - 55 baht

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10 % off

19th - 23rd November 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Grilled Pork Loin Steak served with Apple and Fennel sauce

Pan-fried Dory with Mornay Sauce served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

Mini Steak served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes

Tom Kha Gai

(A refreshing soup with Chicken, Coconut Milk and Herbs)

Phad Kaprao Moo Sab

(Stir-fried Minced Pork with Hot Basil and Chili)

Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo (Stir-fried Bean Curd and Oyster

Sauce)

Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

12th - 16th November 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Mozzarrella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Grilled Chicken Breast

served with Roast Vegetable Couscous

Salmon Fishcakes

served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

Mixed Sausage served with Mashed Potato and Fried Onions

Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao

(Chinese Lettuce Soup with Minced Pork, Tofu and Vermicelli)

and Sour Spiced Chili Sauce)

Phad Phak Ruam

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of The Day - 55 baht

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10 % off

26th - 30th November 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Grilled Chicken, Mango/ Avocado, Beetroot Salad with

Balsamic and Honey Dressing

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Chicken Korma Served with Boiled Egg and Yellow Rice

Fish &Chips (Choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered)

Served with Garden Peas and Tartar Sauce

Pork Schnitzel

Served with Mixed Salad, Baked Potato and Apple Sauce

Tom Yam Goong

(Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushroom)

Gai Phad Khing

(Stir- fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion, and Fungus mushroom)

Tod Mun Pla

(Deep-fried Fishcakes)

Dessert of the Day/-55 baht

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

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F&B MORSELS



Dear Members.

Although this month has been quiet as the Poolside works have been going on, the Clubhouse was very busy during the BCT shows as there were buffets before each show, and there have been quite a few functions and parties. We have also just done the Trafalgar Dinner which was an unusual menu and the first time I cooked Treacle Tart! Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal so I was very pleased!

We have now got a new barbecue which can be moved around and will be an enormous help for functions on the Back Lawn. It runs on gas and seems to prepare some good food. As there are many functions coming up over the Christmas period, I'm sure it will turn out to be very useful.

The Poolside kitchen seems much bigger since the renovation works and my staff are looking forward to using it to its fullest! Thank you all for being so patient with the kitchen and waiting staff while the works have been going on, as it has been difficult for everyone.

I'm still hoping members will send in their favourite dishes for me to try out before the new menus get prepared, but don't expect any changes too quickly because we're all going to be very busy over the next two months! Please also keep on giving me your feedback on our food and service. That is the best way of learning and helps us move forward!

Please note the Saturday Curry Buffet in November is on the third Saturday (17th) not the fourth Saturday as usual!

Happy eating!

Khun Laak Executive Chef



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POOLSIDE WORKS STATUS

Since the last update went out from the Chairman of the General Committee, there has been an enormous push by all our contractors to finalise all the works quickly following the delays caused by the complexity of repairing the cracks . At the time of going to press a quick summary:

FITNESS CENTRE AND KITCHEN EXTENSION

The final touches are being applied to the interiors of the Fitness Centre and the Thai kitchen. Only the furniture and some fixtures are left to position, and the original contents currently stored elsewhere. It looks really smart and a great improvement.





SALA ROOF AND SWIMMING POOL

There were some small problems with the roof which have been sorted out, and the interior of the Sala is now gleaming! The roof is marvelous insulation, keeping the Sala noticeably cooler during the day. The bar area is being finished off, and the electrical fixtures and furniture will be installed next week.

The swimming pool contractor really got going the day after the Sunday concrete pour, and the tiling of the pool base was finished over four nights with the grouting being finalized during the day. It looks terrific! The sand wash surround to the pool is well underway already.









So that brings us up-to-date, as the magazine is about to go to print. Below is a panorama photo which shows all areas as they currently appear. (The discrepancy in the tiles is due to the joining of the photos, nothing else).





- Kids activities from 4 pm
 BBQ from 4:30 pm
- Fireworks at 7:30 pm
 Guy Burning at 7:45 pm

Adults Bt 800

Kids 12 and below Bt 550

Kids under 3 Bt 50





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HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS

By Paul Cheesman



There are no Public Holidays in November but there is a Thai national day and a religious festival.

FATHER OF ROYAL RAINMAKING DAY

November 23rd

It was on 14th November 2948 (1955) that the present Thai King, HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), first instigated the Royal Rainmaking Project which over the many decades has successfully helped Thai farmers to create rain in areas that have clouds but no precipitation. In recognition of this project, 14th November 2002 was declared as the first 'Father of Royal Rainmaking Day' and the work continues to this day in the Bureau of Royal Rainmaking & Agricultural Aviation within the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

LOY KRATHONG

November 28th

Loy Krathong is a traditional Thai festival, rumoured to come from the Sukhothai era (1238-1438) but possibly more modern, that on the full moon of the twelfth (lunar) month after you have completed the rice harvest, you thank the river goddess for her blessing. Traditionally you build a small float or raft (krathong) with lotus leaves and add a candle to also venerate Buddha, and place in it, symbolically, all your bad luck, anger and troubles and then place them in a river (pond, swimming pool) and let them float (loy) away. This year the Club will be booking seats on a dinner cruise to see the fireworks display, as well as having a buffet with a krathong-making session at Poolside followed by the floating of the krathongs in the pool.



'RULES BRITANNIAE'

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



SECONDARY CARERS



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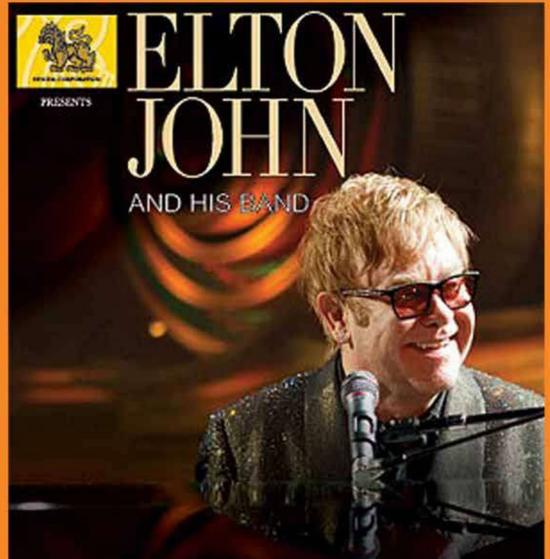
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Thursday 6th December 2012 6pm to 9:30pm



St Andrews International School Choir will perform between 7pm and 8pm.

A time of goodwill and seasonal greetings, this event is free to all Members.

Join us on the Back Lawn. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available.

Sign up online, with Reception, or by email.





PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman

We look back at the history of our Club in 1981 ...

Saint Valentine's Day was chosen as the 'official opening day' of the newly constructed Silom Sala with H.E. Peter Tripp, the British Ambassador, doing the honours followed by a free barbecue for all. Despite many concerns that the tiles were two different shades and the roof was noisy in the rain, it was met very much with members' approval, and subsequent numerous requests that the Pool Bar (now the Surawong Sala) be recreated in similar format.

A major step, initiated by an Extraordinary General Meeting in February, followed by the AGM in March was to again change the rules on membership. Firstly, to generate more younger members, those under 28 years of age could pay in annual instalments instead of one lump sum or monthly; Secondly, the requirement to reside in Thailand was removed; and finally the New Members Night system of meeting the committee ahead of being elected to committee, first introduced in 1965, was replaced by a three month probation period whereby an applicant (now called a candidate) had three months to collect all committee members' signatures and then their membership came up for election (or not).

The third Squash Court was due to open in February with the Sala but much to players' dismay it appeared to have been constructed in 'the wrong dimensions'! Last minute works instigated by the committee enabled it to be re-sized within the built walls and concurred that it was not too far off the right shape. It was eventually opened in April. What makes

this tale newsworthy, however, is that it is virtually identical to the building of Squash Court 1 in 1966 which was itself built "two feet too narrow" (see the August 2011 Outpost).

The 'perennial' Financial crisis hit the Club again in 1981 as staff costs had gone up 62% over a two year period and consumables, electricity and water had jumped by 98% over the same period, giving a predicted deficit of 197,000 Baht for 1981. Whilst there were a number of excuses tabled (an additional Sala and Squash Court which generated no new revenue, that we had too many managers, that sections got more monies than they brought into the Club) the same remedy was applied as in 1972 ... raise subscriptions! An EGM on 21st September raised joining fees and subscriptions by 25% and for the first time added a differential so that those paying over a year (non-voting members) paid more to join than those just paying cash; Deposits were raised to 3,000 Baht; the Absent Fee rose to 1,000 Baht.

A crack-down was also made on members who were late or failed to pay with what was minuted as fatal results for one member (see insert)!

The year ended with our Manager being whistled away by the Shell Company of Thailand to do some writings and a new Manager sought. In October Major Ken C. Ywin was appointed as our fourth General Manager and whilst his tenure of office was not the shortest ever, it was not to be too long ... but you will have to wait until next month to find out why!

of his outstanding account of \$980. His deposit is \$500, and the balance will be written off.

"Pay up or you will be dismembered!"

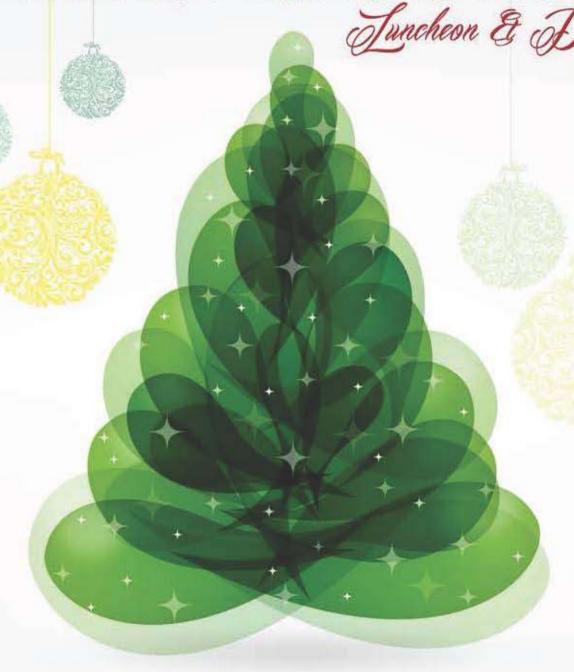
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BC CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2012

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



THU

Fitball

Squash Mix-In

Cricket Thursday Night Trio

















Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm

Tennis Mix-In

Balut Shield





Fitball

Squash Mix-In

Cricket Thursday Night Trio

Tennis Mix-In

Monday Night Club Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



Melbourne Cup 12:00 Noon

St Andrew's Society **Scottish Dancing** 7pm, Silom Room

Five-a-side Football

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers







Ladies Mix-In

Fitball 10:30am

Squash Mix-In

Thursday Night Trio





Squash Mix-In

10:30am

5pm - 7pm

<mark>Quiz Night</mark> 7pm - 9:30pm



Five-a-side Football



Tennis Mix-In



Tennis Mix-In





Bangkok Gentlemen 8:30 pm



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Artists @ British Club 9am - 1pm



Tennis Mix-In

Monday Night Club

Appointment with Death Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm

BWG Mahjong 10am - 1pm





Fitball 10:30am







Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers



Balut Shield Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm

Tennis Mix-In

Ladies Tennis Coaching 10am - 11:30am



Cricket

Thursday Night Trio

Ladies Mix-In

Fitball



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Ladies Mix-In



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Ladies Tennis Coaching 10am - 11:30am

Artists @ British Club 9am - 1pm



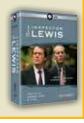
Squash Mix-In

Thursday Night Trio

Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm







Fitball

Squash Mix-In















FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY RSDAY Tex-Mex Buffet Lunch & Dinner Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm Children's Friday Cinema All day 6pm, Bambi Verandah Brunch James Bond 007 - Skyfall Private Screening SF Central World, 7:45pm Open Pairs Bridge Open Pairs B **Guy Fawkes Night** Tennis Mix-In Bombi Yoga 2:30pm Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Qualifying Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 8pm 8 Children's Friday Cinema 6pm, Atlantis Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm Royal Barge Procession 12:00 Noon Verandah Brunch **Italian Buffet Lunch & Dinner** All day Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room Tennis Mix-In 7pm - 10pm 2pm Yoga 2:30pm AUDITIONS **BCT Auditions** Blithe Spirit 1 pm Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm Children's Friday Cinema 6pm, The Little Mermaid Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner Verandah Brunch 11:30am - 3pm Tennis Mix-In 7pm - 10pm Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room **WAGS Football Tournament** Yoga 1am (Sun) 2am (Mon) Junior British Club 10:30am - 1:30pm Canadian Buffet Lunch **Christmas Wine Tasting** Suriwongse Room & Dinner Verandah Brunch 11:30am - 3pm Children's Friday Cinema Ploenchit Fair 10am 6pm, Shrek Yoga 2:30pm Tennis Mix-In 'pm - 10pm zilian Grand Prix 11pm **29** Children's Friday Cinema 6pm, Beauty and The Beast HER **BC Golf Society** Tennis Mix-In

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Dear BCTS.

I keep starting these segments with "by the time you're reading this" and hopes that you will be or nearly will be using all four tennis courts. This time I think all four courts will definitely be back in use, and I'm not crossing my fingers behind my back as I write this.

MATCHES:

At the very end of September we hosted the Hong Kong Football Club. In a rare occurrence and despite all information and news to the contrary, the evening was beautifully dry and a great set of matches were played.

The HKFC Ladies were very impressed with the standard of the BCTS Ladies, who won most matches.

Despite a few losses, the BCTS won overall with matches stretching on past 8 in the evening.

On the 1st of the month we will host a challenge match with the Bangkok Patana School Ladies in the first in what I hope will be a growing trend of morning ladies matches. Good luck girls!!

TENNIS IN NOVEMBER:

With all courts back in action and the dry, "cooler" weather set to stay, the BCTS committee can start to further implement its restructured tennis program which will hopefully provide a wider variety of tennis for all BCTS and BC members as well as raising the overall standard of tennis played. The tennis friendlies and visiting teams, a part of this program, have already proved very popular and are gathering momentum now that a suitable format has been found.

The first changes will be the introduction of Club Night, on Fridays, and tighter regulation of the running of Wednesday and Friday Mix-Ins.

Club Night means courts cannot be booked from 6-9pm, however anybody is able to turn up and play with whomever they please. The general format is doubles play, 8 games, players to exit the court after games are finished to allow the next 4 players on.

Wednesday & Sunday Mix-In Rules:

- The Mix-In is run on a sign-up basis and courts are allotted as per the sign-up sheet. If you have not signed-up then you will not be entered into the Mix-In.
- As a Social Mix-In you <u>are obliged</u> to play with any and all players regardless of their ability.
- 8 games only to be played.
- You must leave the court after 8 games and return to the Sala to Mix-In with waiting players.
- The format of play is doubles unless numbers of players and available courts allows singles play.
- If you are playing singles and a 3rd and/or 4th person comes to the court you **are obliged** to finish the game you are playing and welcome them to join you.
- It is the responsibility of all BCTS members to make visitors and new members welcome.

BRITISH CLUB BY-LAWS:

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Yours in all 4 courts.

Paul

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SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members.

All going well we should all be splashing happily around the refurbished pool and enjoying the new Sala whilst watching some tennis on Centre Court & Court 1.

The other good news is the weather seems to have turned a corner and it has been very dry and sunny for more days in a row than I can remember.

You should also have noticed the big new windows of the "fitness fishbowl" which are part of the gym extension and renovation, and are not only meant to bring the gym on to the brink of being, dare I say it, modern, but also to provide greater light at the end of that there fitness tunnel.

Contrary to rumors I have heard, a newer larger gym does not unfortunately = lots of brand spanking new equipment. Whilst I would like to and am researching options for re-equipping the gym, I unfortunately do not have the final say in these matters.



WAGS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:

There will be one final WAGS tournament for this year on Sunday 18th. We already have 8 teams entered so it looks like it will be a very big turn out and a lot of fun.

GUEST USE OF SPORTS FACILITIES:

The General Committee has asked the Club management to monitor guest use of the Clubs sports facilities. As a member of the British Club you have agreed to the following British Club By-Laws;

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- (a) On ordinary weekdays, a member, or spouse, may bring guests into the Club to use the Swimming pools, the Salas or the Massage facility.
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Many thanks and I look forward to seeing you enjoying the new and improved Club facilities.

Regards,

Paul

By Bruce Madge



Wotcha!

First there's this and then there's gonna be that.

Here's the this: Haroon is unexpectedly back in Bangkok; permanently, he reckons as he didn't like Hong Kong: "Too many bleedin' noodles, too much f#Q%\$&! fried duck, too bloody expensive, too many c#Q%\$&! and unreliable f#Q%\$&! ferries." (Rashid. H, [Friday, October 12th, 2012, 1.45am] Badabing Go-Go Bar, Patpong, Bangkok). And, while we're glad he's returned, he owes us the cost of the commemorative plaque the Section presented him as a going away/thank you gift at his 'farewell' party barely a few months back and the two or three grand we spent on F&B. Add on a few thousand for mucking us about and being an arse and we'll call it an even 10K which needs to be produced in used notes and reimbursed immediately to the Section via the Squash Section Treasurer, which is me.



Now on to the that: Rod Carter also made a recent return, but, unlike H, we knew he was coming as, despite no longer being alive, he always manages a visit once a year and usually when it's pissing down. So the fabulous 2012 Rod Carter Squash Open hosted by the British Club Bangkok 'an oasis in the heart of the city' produced the very willing and usual 50-odd local/foreigner troop from Bangkok's best squash outlets made up of all types of kids and adults, men and women, crap players, average ones and some pretty decent ones with one brilliant one - Win. Amongst that lot were loads of mincers, one or two diesel dykes, three or four bi-curious semi-straights and heaps of in between hotel/motels. Most, no all, of those described in the previous sentence were, and still are, the BCB players of Nanny (Anuntana), Civil, Rat, Me, Kitty, Peas, the Hulk, Hulk





Hogan (Charles), one of the Toms, Dirty Den and Cry Baby who was once on Jim'll Fix It - that explains a bit about him, don't it?'

Anyway, briefly, none of those BCB weirdo's mentioned above won a thing save for Peas who grabbed the 5K lucky draw cash on finals' evening and since I have just one page this month as that slimy Events Manager bloke has self-centeredly pinched the other one, here are the Rod Carter winners for the year of our Lord 2012: Win beat Kittirak 3-0 in the main final and Suphan beat Uthain 3-1 in the plate - very well done to all. And that's it. ACA Pacific, Supersports and Food by Phone wonderfully sponsored it all while Cornflakes did the brilliant organisation, the Grinch and BCB staff gladly helped out as did a couple of others who have no names. As for the photos, someone kindly took a few of the winners and runnerupperers and they are beautiful, but I was unable to download them so I'll have to describe the finalists and improvise the rest. Win and Kittirak, Suphan and Uthain are all Thai males and so are short, with dark hair, dark eyes and dark skin and they speak Thai. Perm any Thai male and you've got the four of them right there. Cheers.

Until Squashy Bits gets its second page returned













HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



Getting ready for a new season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







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

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

Contact Cricket Section Chairman Jack Dunford <u>jack@dunford.info</u> or Captain Dale Lamb <u>daleinbkk@gmail.com</u> for more information.

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BCGS GOLFING NEWS





September Medal: The Royal Golf Club Sunday 30 September 2012

The wet weather did not put off 13 determined golfers who were undoubtedly being inspired by a European come-back over the Americans at the Ryder Cup being held the same weekend outside of Chicago. Back in Bangkok, leading the charge in Flight B was Karen Carter, who finally broke a multiple year drought in Medal winnings with a Net 73. She was followed by the emergent Flight B threats of John Underwood and Ian Thornhill. Over in Flight A, Robert Gray posted a very fine Net 68 to take the honours, while Marcus Prior and Jack O'Flynn took the final podium spots.



"KC clearly excited about taking home some new hardware"



"Robert outclassed the entire field with an impressive and handicap busting net 68"

October Stableford: Lamlukka Golf Course Sunday 14 October 2012

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



"Art will probably enjoy getting to know his new trophy"

Annual Match Play Competition

The annual Match Play event is unfolding interestingly. In the top half of the draw ever-gritty Andrew Mclean has disposed of Frank and KC to book a semi-final showdown against wily Roy Barrett. In the other half of the draw, David Lamb has underlined his claim to be the World's Greatest Putter with victories against Marcus, Gordon and Mike. The final will be worth watching!

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Bridge Results for September 2012

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
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Sunday 2 nd September (14 pairs)	2 nd	Hanne & Noelle	61.22%
	1 st	Julaporn & Supote	63.19%
Sunday 9 th September (15 pairs)	Tied 1st	Pedro & Michael Winckless	58.73%
	Tied 2 nd	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	58.73%
Sunday 16 th September (9 pairs)	1 st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	65.28%
Suriday 10 September (9 pails)	2 nd	Khiri & Wannawit	56.25%
Sunday 22rd Santamber (O pairs)	1 st	Kiatchai & Hiran	63.19%
Sunday 23 rd September (9 pairs)	2 nd	Watana & Nakako	59.72%

CBLT Thailand Club Teams Competition (by Winlock Hsu)

On 6th-7th October 2012, the BCB Bridge Section hosted the annual CBLT Thailand Club Teams tournament at the British Club. The two day event was organised with the Contract Bridge League of Thailand (CBLT), and a total of 13 Club Teams participated. The Surawongse & Wordsworth room was packed to capacity. It was a huge success, and all the participants complimented the Club's efficient service, friendly staff and charming environment.

The British Club was represented by two teams (British Club Team, and Chintana Team). As for the final outcome, the less said the better. The Chintana Team and British Club Team came in at 2nd & 3rd place, respectively (from the bottom!) But most important of all, everyone had fun. So it's onto 2013!















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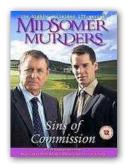
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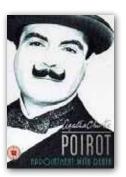


"The Love that dare not..."

5th Sins of Commission

The Midsomer annual village literary awards seems the most likely place to die of boredom but in this case the authors are not bored — they are just dying! Add to the growing number of bodies a few pranksters and a geriatric teenager then you might find that you are missing a clue as to not only the identity of the killer but also of the award winner!

This case stars John Nettles as DCI Barnaby with guest stars Tom Mannion, Donald Sumpter and Margot Leicester and with John Hopkins as Detective Sergeant Dan Scott.



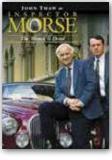
"Too much sun kills"

19th Appointment with

An archaeologist, his sons, the skull of Saint John The Baptist, a nun, a monstrously wealthy American woman, a nanny, a doctor and our Belgium hero are thrown together at a dig in the Syrian Republic of the late thirties. All goes well for Poirot (except for the heat, the sand, the

food, the wine and the sleeping arrangements) until one of the company dies from sunburn and then suddenly everyone is more than they first appear to be and someone is far less than they are.

David Suchet is Hercule Poirot with guest stars Tim Curry, Tony Riley, Cheryl Campbell and Zoe Boyle.



"Die? That's the last thing I shall do"

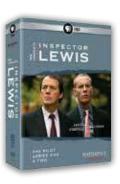
12th The Wench is Dead

Morse's penultimate story ...

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Morse is conducting a full Cold Case enquiry on a case that has been solved to the best of Victorian justice. However, with no witnesses still alive, and no reliable Scene of Crime evidence, Morse starts off with only one fact ... the wench is dead!

John Thaw is DCI Morse with a guest cast of Lisa Eichhorn, David Keyes and Judy Loe.



"Dangerousness is dangerous!"

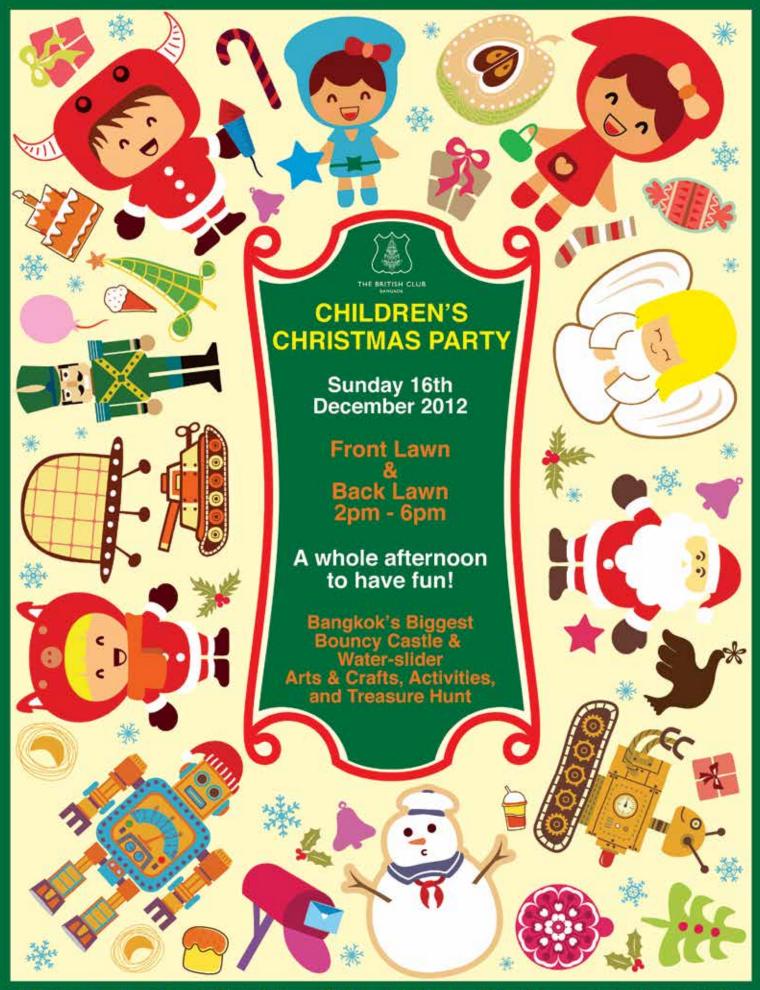
<mark>26th</mark> The Indelible Stain

Our journey with Inspector Lewis comes to its end as we share the twenty-third and final story ...

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whole hornet's nest of crime and corruption, Lewis gets sidetracked with a rotten tooth and leaves the boy wonder to alone ensure there is no stain on their record.

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