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The memory of Guido Fawkes may be forgotten by many but the annual day of fun with the firework display is one of the Club's best events and must not be missed! Many joke about blowing up the Houses of Parliament but few of them get to our Party, so come kick off the festive season with us!

**EDITOR'S GREETING**

Dear Members,

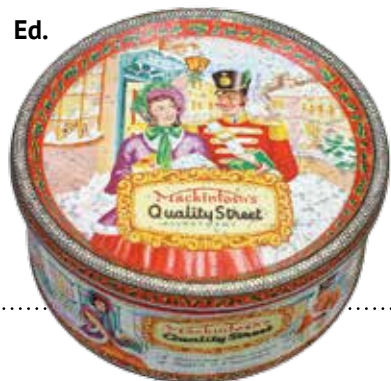
This month there are several reviews of very differing events, and quite a few posters of the events that fill the next two festive months. Look through and make sure they're all in your diaries as appropriate.

An important guide on how to use the poolside without causing friction begins the sports pages, and this issue includes a form for ordering your Christmas foods for take-away or delivery.

Season's Greetings to you all.

Pip pip!

Ed.



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- Raffle prize draw
- Special bar and wine menu
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**Tickets Bt 2,500 per person. Tables of 10 at Bt 22,500.**  
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Please R.S.V.P. to Reception, or book online: [events@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:events@britishclubbangkok.org)

## LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

The high season for the Club has started. In October we had the Trafalgar Dinner which was very successful. We are grateful to the British Ambassador HE Mark Kent and his wife Martine Delogne for attending, and also to the after-dinner speaker Colonel Chris Luckham OBE. We also expect the Halloween Party to be busy - it will be held on the Back Lawn for more atmosphere.

This month begins with our annual Guy Fawkes Party on 8th November which is one of the Club's most special days. Please note the Front Lawn will be out of bounds and the Club's car parks will be closed from 10pm on Friday 7th November until 8pm on Saturday 8th November, with parking for Members at the Narai Hotel car park in Soi 18. The Club will close at 3.30pm and reopen at 4.00pm only for ticket holders of the Guy Fawkes event. Don't forget the Annual Wine Tasting on 28th November with 10 or more wine suppliers so you get what you want at the best price.

Also in November we will have several wedding parties during the month, so our function rooms will be very busy.

In December the Annual Christmas Ball will be catered in-house, with a great selection of raffle prizes topped by two return tickets to London kindly sponsored by Etihad Airlines. Another airline is sponsoring us for our Christmas Day festivities, with a special raffle prize of two business class return tickets to London. Please come and enjoy yourselves at both these events and take your chance on winning!

As always, we have our Christmas Orders for take-away food. An order form is included with this issue of Outpost. Please place your order in Reception or send it by email to [reception@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:reception@britishclubbangkok.org). This year we are holding to the same prices as last year.

I am pleased to report that a new electronic scoreboard has been obtained and put up on the multi-purpose court on the Back Lawn after a number of requests from the Sports Sections. The remote for operating this scoreboard is stored in Reception and can be signed out for those using the court.

We have also carried out some repairs on the main entrance to the Clubhouse, and plans are currently being looked at for installing a lift in the Clubhouse for Members who cannot access the first floor easily.

Thank you all who completed and returned the survey form for the redevelopment project in the Silom Sala. They will be reviewed and finalised by the General Committee for producing the final plan to be proposed at the next EGM in January.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon enjoying the festive season at our Club.

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

<b>The Verandah</b>	11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10pm (Mon-Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun and Public Holidays)		
<b>1910 Balcony</b>	3pm - 11pm (Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm)		
<b>Accounts Office</b>	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), Closed (Sat-Sun)		
<b>Neilson Hays Coffee Shop</b>	9am - 6pm	<b>Fitness Centre</b>	6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)
<b>Churchill Bar</b>	10am - 12midnight	<b>Fitness Centre</b>	6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)
<b>Poolside Bar</b>	6:15am - 11pm Last food orders 9:30pm	<b>Thai Massage</b>	10am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)





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# CHRISTMAS DAY

## LUNCHEON & DINNER

THURSDAY 25 DEC 2014



*Special Christmas Raffle  
2 Business Class tickets  
on British Airways, BKK-LHR-BKK.  
Tickets available on Xmas Day  
from Reception.*

*Enjoy the warmth and goodness of  
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The Churchill Bar, The Suriwongse Room  
and specially for dinner on the Back Lawn.*

*Bt 995 per person  
Bt 550 kids under 12 years*



*Seating is limited, so please register at Reception or [events@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:events@britishclubbangkok.org)*

# HAPPENINGS

A great deal of preparation went into the Trafalgar Dinner, and it really paid off. We had more than 60 people with many distinguished guests, and after nearly an hour of cocktails specially devised for the evening by Khun Kasem, the mood was excellent as the first dishes arrived. I am not aware of the evening's dishes ever being available at the Club before, but from the taste one would think the kitchen team had been turning them out regularly. Perfect consistency, balanced flavours, and cooked to a t with lovely wines to complement. Khun Laak was thanked on the evening for such marvellous gastronomy, as was Khun Somboon and his colleagues for their impeccable service with Khun Prem lending a hand too! It was a marvellous evening and the feedback has been terrific.

All is set for the dedicated fireworks show, the bonfire and the afternoon of kids activities which comprise the 8th November's Guy Fawkes Night, and it really is worth coming along to witness the splendour of being umbrellad overhead by a sky full of lights stars and flashes during the 9 minute display which heads skywards from the front lawn. Last year's was disrupted by the street protests so make up for a lost year and come along this year! November also sees a Thanksgiving Buffet on the last Thursday of the month, which we're doing again this year as in 2013 the turnout was fantastic, so come and give thanks .... and again the night after for the Christmas Wine Tasting which is the last chance to stock up with what you will definitely feel like imbibing over the festive weeks.

Looking ahead to December, it's a great month for kids with the Christmas excitement, and the Kids Christmas Party is always a big hit as Santa comes along with gifts. We also have lots of families on Christmas Day for both lunch and, although fewer, for dinner. Christmas Day is a lovely time for adults too, as is the Annual Ball which is again being catered in-house this year, after the resounding success and barrage of compliments last year. But both these events are booking up so please don't leave it too long before writing down your names. The biggest plus is the raffles - the Annual Ball has loads of raffle prizes, the best of them all being two return tickets to London on Etihad. In contrast, our Christmas Day prize is two return business class tickets to London sponsored by British Airways, the world's favourite



**Jeremy de Sausmarez**

**Events & Marketing  
Manager**

airline. At a retail value of between 105 thousand and 160 thousand baht, it's worth buying several handfuls of tickets as the return on investment is staggering, and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Pisamai Fund, which you may recall is the Club's fund which is used to assist members of staff with their children's education costs!

Early in December there is also the evening with Christmas Carols, when we are lucky enough to have the St Andrews International School choir coming to sing through the carols we remember best and give us that evening feeling we remember from our early years. At the end of the month is New Year's Eve, and we are close to announcing what we will be doing for that, so keep your eyes on the mailings.

A couple of points computer-wise. I have been alerted by several Members that they have become unsubscribed from the mailing list without actually wishing to, and this seems to happen due to our server's self-empowerment principle. If you stop getting mailings and wonder why, please email me for a resolution. Staff email addresses are all listed on the contents page of this magazine.

The website has been rather a nightmare. The software which makes it work needed upgrading, and that then meant we needed to upgrade the software on which it is run, and that then resulted in the layout and design not being compatible so we had to try and convert all the website pages into a new format and layout, with much of it (including all the calendar information) needing to be reinput. That's reaching its final stage and I hope we will be on the new website as of the beginning of November. There may still be oddities, but bear with me, we're almost there!

The cool season is almost here, so come down and enjoy the 1910 Balcony - it's so tranquil and cool, you'll see why they built the Club like they did!



# Business Lunches

**3rd November - 7th November 2014**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Grilled Chicken, Mango, Beetroot Salad**

Served with Balsamic Dressing

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Fish and Chips**

Served with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

**Turkey Lasagne**

Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread

or

**Pork Schnitzel**

Served with Apple Salad

or

**Panaeng Gai**

(Chicken Stir-fried with Red Curry Sauce

Topped with Sliced Lime Leaves)

**Kai Jiew Moo Sub**

(Thai Style Omelette with Minced Pork)

**Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy**

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

**10th November - 14th November 2014**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Waldorf Ham Salad**

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Mini Steak**

Served with Mixed Vegetables, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Sauce

or

**Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce**

Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

**Grilled -Chicken Breast Tarragon Creame Sauce**

Served with French Beans, Carrot and Sautéed Potatoes

or

**Tom Kha Gai**

(A Refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)

**Phad Kraprao Moo Sab**

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

**Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo**

(Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)

**17th November - 21st November 2014**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad**

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Salmon Fish Cakes**

Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

**Chicken Stew in Red Wine Sauce**

French Onion, Peas, Carrot and Mashed Potato

or

**Fillet of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce**

Served with Grilled Zucchini and Coriander Rice

or

**Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao**

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

**Pla Sam Ros**

(Deep-fried Dory Fish Topped with Sweet and Sour Spiced Sauce)

**Pad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy**

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

**24th November - 28th November 2014**

**Starters - 55 baht**

**Carrot, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw**

or

**Chef's Soup of the Day**

**Main Courses - 140 baht**

**Chicken Maryland with Pineapple, Banana, Sweet Corn, Bacon and Home-fried Potatoes**

or

**Pan-fried Dory Fish in Orange and Butter Sauce**

Served with French Beans, Carrot and Mashed Potatoes

or

**B.B.Q. Pork Neck**

Served with Mixed Salad and Baked Potatoes

or

**Tom Kha Gai**

(A refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)

**Phad Kraprao Moo Sab**

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

**Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo**

(Stir-fried Bean Sprouts with Bean Curd and Oyster Sauce)

**Dessert of the Day - 55 baht**

or

**Choose from our à la carte Dessert with 10% off**



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## F&B MORSELS

It's been a good month with the highlight of this year's Trafalgar Dinner when we tried some new dishes like lobster mousse and homemade shortbread with lemon curd. I got so many compliments and am pleased that my staff and I made it taste so good! We are also looking forward to doing canapés for the New Members Night and then the children's food on Halloween night.

November sees the big day of Guy Fawkes Night which we expect to be very popular. Later in the month there is Loy Krathong when we will do Thai buffet and at the end of the month a Thanksgiving Buffet too.



**Khun Laak**

**Executive Chef**



This month we have two very big wedding parties at weekends when The Verandah will be closed, so there are only two Saturday Buffets as listed in the calendar. It's disappointing that we cannot do your buffets, but

very flattering that we are chosen to do the food at weddings, the most important days in people's lives. Watch the weekly mailings for details.

This Outpost has an order form for Christmas food, at the same prices as last year. Please fill it in and leave it with Reception or send by email. I will be changing the specials listed on the blackboards soon, and as strawberries are so popular we will keep the selection going. This month there are two cocktails of the month and also a snack of the month, Nachos, at a lower price. I think this will be extra good for the cool weather on the 1910 Balcony!

Happy Eating!



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**Snack**  
of the month



**Nachos**  
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# GUY FAWKES NIGHT

SAT 8TH NOVEMBER 2014

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER !

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- BBQ FROM 4:30 PM
- FIREWORKS AT 7:15 PM
- GUY BURNING AT 7:30 PM

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# A CITY BIKE TOUR



Dino Landucci



When I read about the Bike tour of Bangkok, the early morning wake-up call was not part of my plan, but the pictures on the poster looked enticing! I threatened to cancel several times, but managed to arrive at the British Club in time on the appointed morning.

We were shuttled to River City mall where we joined a tour organized by Co Van Kessel. Still adjusting to the early morning start, I went through the motions of getting a bike and heading off in the direction of Chinatown. To my delight, we cycled through some scenic alleyways, and unique markets, which during the 8 years of living in Bangkok, I have never seen. In the early morning the markets were alive and the temples bustling with activity.

I was then surprised, that on arriving at a ferry pier, we were put onboard and taken across the Chao Praya River to Thonburi. The tour took us along spectacular elevated path that meandered along the river all the way to Wat Arun.

After cycling along for about 20 minutes, the tour group arrived at a canal where a long tail boat was waiting to take us through the back canals. I have always been intrigued by the Thai ingenuity and ability to organize “take-away”, and here the bikes were loaded onto racks at the back of the boat.

It has been several years since I toured the canals and I fell in love with the quaint stilted houses, along with the unique life style all over again. The boat trip took us to the green belt of Thonburi, where we got back on the bikes. We cycled along another elevated walkway, through farms and orchards, which were picturesque, and also unexpected, being so close the metropolis of Bangkok.

The Bike tour brought us to a temple complex next to a canal where there was a local floating market,



not one designed to attract tourists. After a refreshing drink break, we continued along the canal, stopping at an open restaurant, where an extensive lunch of salads, chicken, and curries had been provided for us.

Back on the bike, I became a bit nervous, thinking that we were so far from Bangkok, but after a comfortable ride, we once again joined the long tail boat which to my relief took us quickly back to our point of departure on the river.

It was an amazing tour, well worth the early start. It was extremely well organized, and safe. I can highly recommend this outing as it gives the tourist a glimpse into a unique relatively unchanged lifestyle in the middle of a busy city.



# Fulfilling Academic Potential at Bangkok Patana School

*Congratulations to all our 2014 IB and (I)GCSE students on their results*



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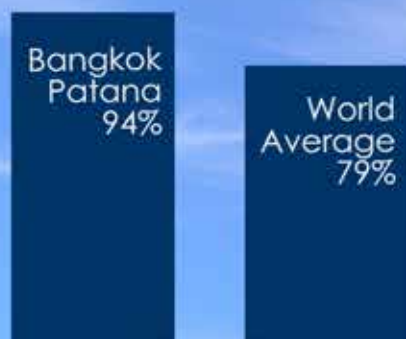
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sat the IB  
Diploma

**1** student passed  
with a perfect  
score of 45  
points out of 45

**12%**

of students passed with  
a score of 40 points or  
more, compared to a  
World Average of 6%

## Percentage Pass Rate



World Averages taken from IBO data

## Average Diploma Score

**34** Bangkok Patana School  
**30** World Average

## Average Grade Per Subject\*



\* Out of a possible seven

## In June 2014 198 students sat (I)GCSE examinations

### A\* to A Grades Awarded



World Averages taken from CIE data

### A\* to B Grades Awarded

Bangkok Patana 80.5%

World Average 63.2%

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## Bangkok Patana School

*Awarded The Design Mark*



Bangkok Patana School is the first school in Thailand to have been awarded The Design Mark in recognition of its excellence in teaching design. This quality standards framework has been developed by the UK Government's Department for Education, The Design Council and the Design & Technology Association. As a Design Mark holder the school joins an elite list of only 51 other schools in the world, and just two outside of the UK, who are delivering the very best design education to their students.

Richard Smith, Head of the Design and Technology Faculty explains more. "The inspiration behind the school's application came from attending the first International Design and Technology Conference in South East Asia in 2012. I immediately recognised that the work we do at Bangkok Patana was worthy of this aspirational recognition and status. The process has spanned just over 18 months and has involved the members of the faculty evaluating our provision for, and practice in, design education in order to meet the criteria of the quality standards framework."

The school's application was scrutinised by two independent moderators, one of whom commented "I think it is the best application I have seen. You should be really proud of the work you and your team are producing, simply outstanding."

The attainment of The Design Mark reflects the strong design ethos embedded throughout the school, where design has been skilfully used on create an atmosphere that promotes learning. It also recognises the innovative practice undertaken by the faculty, such as working with industry leaders to make potential design scenarios real and its commitment to sharing good practice locally within Thailand and throughout the region. The excellence in design teaching is also reflected through the outstanding 2014 (I)GCSE results for Design & Technology, with 50% of Bangkok Patana candidates receiving an A\*, and a further 29% achieving an A grade.

# Traditional Christmas Buffet

on Tuesday 2nd December

St. David's Society Bangkok

Take part in our own unique "Secret Santa"



## Time

6.30 p.m. for drinks  
7.00 p.m. for dinner

## Cost

800 baht for Society Members  
1,000 baht for non Members

For reservations & menu details contact:  
**Heather Powell** **0832932169**  
Email : [heather.wyn@gmail.com](mailto:heather.wyn@gmail.com)

Venue: The British Club, 189 Suriwongse Road, Bangrak, Bangkok, 10500



# FLEET OF FAME

## *The 2014 Trafalgar Dinner*

Widely acknowledged as one of the greatest naval victories of all time, the legend of Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson leading the British fleet into a staggering conquest of the combined French and Spanish navies in 1805 is well-known to British children and many others worldwide.

64 Club Members, their other halves and guests attended this year's commemorative dinner in the Suriwongse Room on Saturday 18th October. The evening started out with complimentary cocktails in the Wordsworth Lounge and on the 1910 Balcony. The cocktails were aptly chosen and included the Navy Blue and the Thai Trafalgar. Distinguished guests included British Ambassador HE Mark Kent and his wife Martine Delogne, the speaker for the evening Defence Attaché Colonel Chris Luckham OBE, and members of the US, Canadian and German embassies. After a light introduction from MC Jeremy followed by a warm welcome from GC Treasurer Bill Wilcox, the Royal and Loyal toasts were conducted by the Ambassador and everyone settled down for their repast amid. The menu covered lobster mousse, butternut and apple soup, Tilapia in Alfredo sauce, beef tenderloin in mushroom port sauce, and homemade shortbread with a lashing of homemade lemon curd. Each course before the dessert was accompanied by splendid wine, including Mouton-Cadet claret and Broken Hills Amanda's Brook.

Once the meal was devoured, the port arrived, and the speaker started. His knowledge about the battle and the vice-admiral were astonishing, and everyone was engrossed in his account of the famous event. His speech reached its conclusion with a call to sing, which was novel if slightly inaudible.

It was a terrific evening, and hats off to Khun Prem, Khun Laak, Khun Somboon and their respective teams for organising it so well and to such a high standard.









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# ASIA BEER FEST

Well now that OctoberFest has been and gone we need to wait another year before the NextFest or do we .....

British Club Hat (B.C.Hat) was challenged to search Thailand and the surrounding countries to see what local beers were on offer.

After a quick trip to Pattaya-sur-plage where old favourites like Singha, Leo and Chang are still strong contenders it was passport in hand and airport bound.

The Indonesian island of Bali is a haven in it's own right but with a refreshing bottle of Bintang beer it is heaven. Visas on arrival at this destination make it an easy escape from the heat of Bangkok. Unless you are sitting poolside at the Club enjoying a cool Singha.

Sure you don't need to travel to Laos to get a Beerlao as this brew is readily available here at the Club but the lure of a Unesco World Heritage site at Luang Prabang and the thought of sitting riverside Mekong with BeerLao in hand was too much for B.C.Hat.

Again like Indonesia visas for Laos can be obtained on arrival. A visit to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China here in Bangkok had B.C.Hat visa ready within a day. Hainan, an island at the southern tip of China is more a local Chinese holiday destination and hence little or no English is spoken but as B.C.Hat was here on a beer mission there was little problem to point at beer bottles and nodding!

So our last trip takes us to Myanmar and again like China B.C.Hat had to collect a visa from the local Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with little paper work involved. Yangon is currently an enormous building site like Bangkok, roads, office blocks, condos, malls but fortunately several of the old buildings are under preservation. A walking tour of downtown is not advised as the pavements are a little nondescript to say the least so B.C.Hat embarked on a three hour circular train trip around the city This railway system like all of Myanmar is narrow gauge which rattles and shakes like nobody's business. Once back at the terminus the cool refreshing local Myanmar beer was a welcome relief.

Await for B.C.Hat's next exploits till then pick up a beer and count the days till OctoberFest 2015.



Rab Thomas



# BC Calendar November 14



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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3

**BWG Mahjong**

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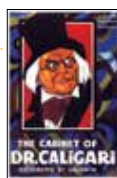
**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Movie** 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'THE CABINET OF DR CALIGARI'



4

**Squash Mix-In**

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm



5

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm



10

**BWG Mahjong**

10am - 1pm



**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Movie** 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'THE UNDYING MONSTER'



11

**Squash Mix-In**

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm



12

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm



17

**BWG Mahjong**

10am - 1pm



**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Movie** 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'VAMPYR'



18

**Squash Mix-In**

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm



19

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm



**Balut Shield Night**

6pm



24

**BWG Mahjong**

10am - 1pm



**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm

**Monday Night Movie** 7:30pm

Wordsworth Lounge

'THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL'



25

**Squash Mix-In**

5:15pm - 7:30pm



**Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers** 8:30pm



26

**Ladies Tennis Coaching**

9am - 10:30am



**Tennis Mix-In**

6pm - 10pm





# Thursday

# Friday

# Saturday

# Sunday



1

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am

**Poolside BBQ**  
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala

**Special Tex - Mex Lunch & Dinner**  
11:30am - 3pm  
5pm - 9pm  
The Verandah



2

**Swimming Lessons**  
9:30am - 10:30am

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am



**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



6

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



**Loy Kratong**  
6:30pm



7

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



**Junior Tennis Coaching**  
4pm - 6pm

**Children's Cinema**  
6.30pm, Silom Sala  
'THE JUNGLE BOOK'



8

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am

**Guy Fawkes Night**  
Starts at 4pm

**Poolside BBQ**  
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



9

**Swimming Lessons**  
9:30am - 10:30am

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am



**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



13

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



**Quiz Night**  
7:15pm  
The Verandah



14

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



**Junior Tennis Coaching**  
4pm - 6pm

**Children's Cinema**  
6.30pm, Silom Sala  
'MEGAMIND'



15

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am

**Poolside BBQ**  
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala

**Special French Lunch & Dinner**  
11:30am - 3pm  
5pm - 9pm  
The Verandah



16

**Swimming Lessons**  
9:30am - 10:30am

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am



**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



20

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



21

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



**Junior Tennis Coaching**  
4pm - 6pm

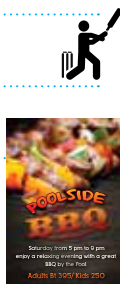
**Children's Cinema**  
6.30pm, Silom Sala  
'LILO AND STITCH'



22

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am

**Poolside BBQ**  
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



23

**Swimming Lessons**  
9:30am - 10:30am

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am



**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room



27

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



28

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

**Junior Tennis Coaching**  
4pm - 6pm

**Christmas Wine Tasting**  
6pm - 9pm  
Surawongse Room

**Children's Cinema**  
6.30pm, Silom Sala  
'101 DALMATIANS'



29

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am

**Poolside BBQ**  
5pm - 9pm Silom Sala



30

**Swimming Lessons**  
9:30am - 10:30am

**Kids Cricket**  
Book first! 8am - 11am



**Sunday Brunch**  
11:30 - 3pm

**Open Pairs Bridge**  
2pm Silom Room





Thurs 6th Nov 2014

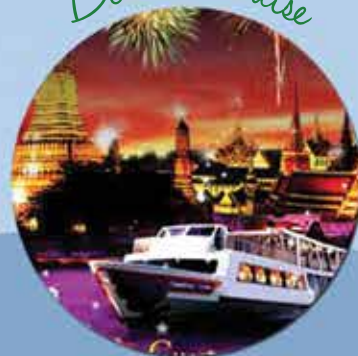
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# PAST PARTICIPLE

## *Auspicious Melioris AEvi*

We look back to the history of our Club in 2004 ...

**1** Unfortunately the year itself did not start off too well ... whilst the Poolside building was having its roof repaired a huge storm hit late at night and basically wrecked it – severe damage was done to the changing rooms, leaking though into the Fitness Centre, Squash Courts and Thai Kitchen. Thankfully quick thinking security staff moved the Fitness Centre equipment out of the building to a place of safety so that was mainly saved. Months of negotiations with insurers finally paid out a six figure sum so repairs could be completed but it had an initial negative effect on recruitment and was a serious inconvenience to members.

**2** The major task of the year for the General Committee was to find a new General Manager. Willem had left after four years, and the General Committee's first action was to appoint Barry Osborne (Operations Manager) as acting General Manager. Over 100 applications were received by the Club, and it took until the March to screen these down to a 12-person shortlist, and in May we arrived at the 'perfect' candidate. A long series of discussions took place on salary package but just as it looked like he would sign up, he took a different job! The General Committee then took the most popular of decisions, as Barry Osborne had been acting the role for so long, in July he was appointed General Manager, a role he stayed in until March 2010.

**3** A General Manager leaving occasionally leaves you finding hidden bombshells. It was soon found that the Minute Book had not been kept up to date for most of the past year, that various committee documents, mainly Policies & Procedures, were not to hand and work on Thai version of our Constitution (it not being in keeping with the Thai Civil & Commercial Code as required by the Commerce Ministry) had not been completed (see below). It was also found that the Associate Member quota had been breached, so no new Associate members could join for the first four months of the year.

As well as losing a General Manager, our Financial Controller left the Club for better prospects and sadly her replacement resigned within weeks and it was several months before a second replacement was found. This elongated interregnum allowed members



Paul Cheesman

who were habitual late payers to go unchecked so at one point club members were some 1.3 Million Baht overdue (that is accounts unpaid at least two months). Serious work was undertaken on this and a 500 Baht late payment fee started to be charged on those who did not pay the month the account is due (i.e. pay in November for October chits).

**4** The AGM in March did not fare too well either as it was found out too late that the proxy forms mailed out with Calling Notice had missed off two-thirds of the agenda items (see insert). These had to be deferred to an Extraordinary General Meeting promised by end of June.

Thus on 29th June, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held to deal with the matters postponed from the Annual General Meeting as well as the constitutional matters arising from last year (see above). At the EGM itself: A motion attempting to re-organise the entire Club committee structure was defeated and all related motions on constitutional changes fell; a series of motions to align the Thai and English constitutions were passed; and finally a new rule was brought in to limit the number of terms served by a member of the General Committee to five. The latter rule was abolished earlier this year.

**5** The Club year was not all doom and gloom. Membership ended at its highest ever figure of 1,110 after a late surge and the financial year showed a cash surplus (helped a lot by an insurance pay-out!) but nothing was going to prepare the Club for 2005 ... the male bastion of the Club was to be hit the first of two mortal blows.

Sadly the year in Asia did end in doom and gloom, and we must put on record the tragedy of 26th December when a Tsunami struck throughout the Indian Ocean region and 227,898 people died: more next month on the magnificent efforts of the British community and the Club to help those in Thailand hit by this near global catastrophe.

pointed out an error in the directed Proxy forms sent to members, in that only Agenda items 1 – 6 had been included. This meant that members unable to attend the meeting did not have the opportunity to vote on issues 7-18.

*"Wot No Proxies!"*

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

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Selected and presented by **Mike Smith**

**November:** Mondays, 7:30 pm, Wordsworth Lounge



#### **3rd** | THE CABINET OF DR CALIGARI (67 mins)

**Directed by:** Robert Wiene

**Starring:** Werner Krauss, Conrad Veidt

At an annual fair in Holstenwall, the mysterious Dr Caligari shows of the somnambulist Cesare, who makes fatal predictions which come true. Cesare escapes after trying to murder Jane, and when police investigate the Doctor's caravan, myths hypnosis and duplicity run wild.



#### **10th** | THE UNDYING MONSTER (63 mins)

**Directed by:** John Brahm

**Starring:** James Ellison, Heather Angel, John Howard

A legendary prowls around at night but only kills certain members of one Welsh family. It seems like just a coincidence but the investigating Inspector soon finds out that this tradition has gone on for generations. Trying to find a link leads to a frightening conclusion.



#### **17th** | VAMPYR (75 mins)

**Directed by:** Carl Dreyer

**Starring:** Julian West, Maurice Schutz, Rena Mandel

Allan Grey, a young traveller obsessed with the supernatural, arrives at a remote castle and starts seeing weird, inexplicable sights. Things come to a head when one of the daughters of the lord of the castle succumbs to anaemia - or is it something more sinister?



#### **24th** | THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (92 mins)

**Directed by:** Robert Wise

**Starring:** Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal, Hugh Marlowe

Klaatu, an alien, with his mighty robot Gort land their spacecraft on Cold War-era Earth soon after WWII. They bring an important message to the people of Earth which has become a danger to other planets. As communication is difficult, Klaatu decides on an alternative approach.



# POOLSIDE ETIQUETTE

## *The basic courtesies of sharing a space*

A number of Members have commented on how general behaviour and courtesy at the poolside area has degenerated over the last few years. This may be due to the Club being busier, a change in type of Member, or just coincidental incidents. But it's not satisfactory.

At busy times, the poolside area can accommodate well over 100 Members, guests and family members. They are not all swimming, some may be playing tennis or squash, some may be eating, some may be relaxing or exercising. Their differing objectives bring differing expectations, and clashes will occur if people do not make the effort to compromise on behaviour in order to ensure everyone can have a nice time and enjoy their visit. Being courteous and considerate will minimise other people's dissatisfaction, and exercising a bit of personal or parental control will make sure nobody goes away feeling their visit has been ruined unnecessarily.

Being aware of basic etiquette below and ensuring that guests, children and their friends are familiar with it, will go a long way to ensuring a pleasurable time and coexistence. There is no lifeguard at the Club nor staff dedicated to police behaviour throughout the

day so it is up to everyone to keep an eye on what's going on for the benefit of all.

- Do not help yourself to more towels than allowed, nor save chairs or tables for friends who have not yet arrived unless truly imminent. If you've read a newspaper, return it for others to enjoy. Use the litter bins provided.
- Wear a bathing suit that will not cause offence and is in line with international standards, but respectful of other Members' age and nationality.
- Shower before using the pool, enough to clean off sweat, dust, and sunscreen which has not been rubbed in properly. Make sure plasters are waterproof or well adhered. Remember all of poolside is a no smoking area.
- Do not leave children unattended, or if you feel confident enough to do so, then check on them often and make sure their behaviour is not likely to disturb others. Kids aren't angels! If they are impolite or cause upset, be adult and nice enough to apologise. People will understand and respect you for it, just part of being a good parent.
- Do not urinate in the pool, and instruct children likewise.

Everybody says they never have, but most kids do. Do not spit, hawk, blow your nose or break wind in or around the pool. Less pollution means less chlorine.

- Keep noise and basic language under control. Many people want time to quietly relax, and are disturbed by screaming shouting and coarse language. What you think is ok for you may not be for another - and vice versa!
- There's no diving, and if jumping in, don't dive-bomb or cannonball near others in or out of the pool. Children should be taught to look before they jump in, and see who is around when playing in a group so as not to disturb. Splashing, playing, climbing on each others shoulders, can cause offence or difficulties for others who don't swim so well, so stay away from them! Running around the pool can be dangerous so don't overdo it when having fun.
- Leave the areas designated as lanes for serious swimmers, do not sit bounce or play with the lane dividers, and if you need a rest, swim to a quiet corner or at the edge away from others, so you can re-energise properly. Don't play in the lanes where people are swimming, and don't swim through or in front of groups of adults or children.
- If there's a problem, try and politely sort it out by approaching others and talking to them. Keep tempers in check, despite the heat and irritation, as aggression is not a solution and will only lead to disciplinary situations.

Enjoy the poolside area, and please alert a member of staff or one of the Managers to any incidents if necessary.





# TENNIS

The British Club Tennis Committee has planned several events for the remainder of 2014. The **Bruce Gordon Cup** promises to be a one-of-a-kind doubles event that features a handicapping system allowing each competitor an equal chance of winning! As of late October there are several spots left in the draw so please check with the fitness centre to find out if there are any openings left. On November 5th the draw will be announced during the Wednesday evening Mix-In followed by a November 22nd auction party where spectators and players can bid on their favorite team to win. Money raised from the Bruce Gordon Cup will benefit the Pisamai Fund, a charity that provides educational assistance to the children of British Club staff.

The **British Club Junior Club Championship** will take place on November 22nd. As of press time there are only a few junior entrants signed up. Please sign your children up for the event with Khun Amnat in the fitness centre as soon as possible.

## The November and December BC Tennis Calendar of Events:

- October 26th ▶ Tennis friendly with Royal Lake Club Kuala Lumpur
- November 22nd ▶ British Club Junior Club Championships
- November 22nd ▶ Bruce Gordon Cup Auction Party
- November 29th ▶ Bruce Gordon Cup
- December 10th ▶ Mixed Interclub at Patana International School

## Thailand Lawyers Association Tennis Friendly

I'm happy to report that the tennis friendly between the Thailand Lawyers Association and British Club was a success void of rainfall. This event took place on September 27th and was organized by our tennis event guru...Khun Phairoj! Thank you to all that participated and, of course, Khun Phairoj who made certain that everyone experienced both competitive and friendly tennis.

## British Club Tennis League Results

Many competitive league matches were played during the month of September! Below is a list of winners:



**John Cork**  
**BC Tennis Committee Chair**

Division	Winner
1	Phairoj
2	Prasit
3	Andrei K
4	Denis S
5	Tony Moore
6	Ryan Evans

Each winner will receive a 500 baht food and beverage voucher. Thank you to all players who completed their matches. October leagues have already started so please get out there and play your matches!

## Thursday Ladies Mix – In

A reminder that every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. there is a Ladies Mix-In open to all female British Club members. The weekly event features players of all abilities and is a great way to improve your tennis and make some new friends! Please contact the fitness centre staff for more information.

## A Fond Farewell to John Bleho

In the "Ladies Mix-In" photo you may notice a handsome gentleman standing in the centre. That gentleman is Mr. John Bleho and the BC Ladies were bidding him a fond farewell. John and his wife, Cherie Hart, departed Bangkok recently for an assignment in Turkey. John has been an essential part of the tennis committee and in the words of Tony Moore, "His pragmatic advice and Canadian diplomacy will be sorely missed." John has kept his British Club membership active and promises to return on November 25th for a visit.



# BCB 1910 FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Corruption!

What the hell are you talking about? It's only a silly computer game. Corruption in Fantasy Football? Yes, we are in Thailand, but FF is surely immune to that particular local custom. So how then is it possible to find any sort of impropriety in FF? The entire Fantasy Football game is computer managed. How then can any single FF manager rig the team selections or scoring systems? Come on! They cannot. It is as simple as that. They are not able to add points to their total or subtract some from others'. Impossible. Where, then, can one find such corruption in Fantasy Football? Surely this is one huge whopper thought up by the author simply to fill this page? A fallacy; a figment of his ridiculous and warped imagination? It must be; there can be no other explanation for this shocking allegation, can there?

Oh, but there is. For it is not a lie at all. It is a stark truth, and a very harsh reality. Some have gone even as far as to label it an evil curse. For the corruption is to be found in the sick and shallow and twisted minds of many Fantasy Football managers. Oh yes! Read on and you shall learn of this sick cancer running through the Fantasy Football League.

And here is how it manifests itself and how so many have thus been afflicted by its seductive power. It is the corruption of foolishly misplacing your FF team's interests above those of your real Premier League club's. That is to say, the EPL team you have supported religiously since your dear father first, and oh so lovingly, took his golden boy, or girl, to watch those local heroes play at their sacred, home ground on a wet and windy Saturday afternoon when you were just a young, innocent, simple child. Since that hallowed and memorable day you have cherished that club passionately like an elder brother, nay a dear lover, and have stood by it through thick and thin, defended it against criticism, railed at its failures, rejoiced in its triumphs, yet remained a loyal, hardened supporter until bloody Fantasy Football came along!

And now, because of bloody Fantasy Football, you sometimes wish that your real, and very dear, EPL



Bruce Madge

team would get thrashed and not even get on the score sheet because in that particular real EPL fixture you have none of your real EPL team's players in your FF team, yet of the opposing real EPL team you have their main striker as your FF team captain, and maybe one of their defenders and their goalie in your FF team. As a result, even if your real EPL team gets a good hiding in this fixture, your FF team will do very well, and, therefore, you'll be happy. And that is sick, and it's immoral.

Let's take this weekend's fixtures as a prime example. And let's use Ali Adam as our example manager as he's the only Spurs fan we can immediately think of and Spurs got hammered 4-1 by Man City on the Saturday. However, Ali is over the moon with that result as

Man City's Agüero scored their four goals and, despite missing a penalty which cost him two points, he amassed 19 of them which were doubled to 38 for being selected as the captain in Ali's FF team. And that means in FF terms, Ali has had a great weekend even though his dear Spurs got a good thrashing. In fact, he even wishes Spurs hadn't scored that single goal and that their rout and humiliation had been complete as he also had Man City's keeper, Hart, in his FF team and by conceding that one Spurs' goal Ali missed out on an extra four points for a clean sheet for Hart. Now, it's just an example, and we're not suggesting that Ali is in any way, sick, immoral,

corrupt, vile, evil, although, of course, he might well be, but what we're simply highlighting is a very common and classic case of a FF manager placing more priority in his FF team than in the real EPL club he has supported all his life. And that is plain wrong. It's corrupt. It is the corruption that is running through Fantasy Football.

And long may it continue.



Ali - Glad he got four against my Spurs!





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WHAT?

# SQUASHY BITS

## A SQUASH REPORT

### Tom Annas Handicap Challenge

14 players entered with one match not being played because of last minute travel plans. Those keen enough to watch the finals on Friday evening (about four people!) were treated to two great matches.

In the plate final Neil, at -38 handicap, played Ruengrit, at -33. The first two games went to 14-14 and Neil won them both. Rit then fought back to win the third game 15-11, but Neil hit good form and won the fourth game. Neil won the match 15-14, 15-14, 11-15, 15-11. Neil was 11-1 down in the second and came back to 12-7 then fought back to 12-14, for Rit to get the next 2 points, but Neil won the last point to go 2-0 up. It was exciting to watch with some great rallies mixed with occasional unforced errors. Rit had his chances but finds it difficult to finish games off. The handicapping proved to be excellent cos I did it!

In the main event Shiraz, on -38, played Tom Kelly on -45. Shiraz started off slowly losing the first 8 rallies, but then matched Tom to get to 14-14 with Tom winning the final point. In the second game Shiraz started slowly again, but then hit form with his drop shots and won 15-10. The third game went to 14-14 again, but Shiraz took the final point to be 2-1 up. In the fourth game Shiraz rested himself, losing 11-15, but came back strongly in the fifth winning 15-8. There were some amazing rallies and great touch shots, but Tom had to work too hard to make up the 7 point difference and towards the end of the match was making a few uncharacteristic errors. Shiraz proved to be a great finisher and prevailed to win 3-2:14-15, 15-10, 15-14, 11-15, 15-8. Once again great handicapping by me!

Shiraz won the double this year with the Club Championships and the Handicap Championships, a feat rarely achieved.

Well done to all players and thank you to the two or three spectators who came along to watch. Thank you to Haroon for his superb marking and racket



Peter Corney

vandalism. I think Tom Annas would have been happy with these matches played in his memory.

Until Christmas .....





# HARD BALLS

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

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

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

**Nets/ Coaching:** We have beautiful nets set amidst landscaped lawns at the Club and can move on to the multi-purpose court for Indoor Rules practice. We have full practice kit and our very own qualified coach



**Jack Dunford**

**Adrian 'Sarg' Salter.** All you need is sports shoes and suitable underwear to slip a box in and to just turn up. It doesn't matter if you are rusty. It seems most BC players haven't played for years when they first join the Club, but it soon comes back ... and we're a friendly bunch.

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

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

Lots to look forward to!!!!



**Batsman**



**Bowler**



**Show Off**

# BCGS GOLFING NEWS September 2014

BCGS events in September were relatively lightly attended. At the best of times, it is low season, but this year it seemed that a significant contingent of players decamped to Gleneagles to provide the European Ryder Cup team with the support necessary to again fend off the American challenge. Their enthusiasm was duly rewarded by the golf, the result and the weather conditions.



*Albany wins 2 near pins*



*Carol Hampshire and Vicky Brader at the Stableford*



*Chris Maclarty surrounded by friendly American supporters at the Ryder Cup*

Meanwhile, in the steam sauna of Bangkok, just nine players contested the monthly stableford at Kiarti Thani. Evergreen Chris Brader was unperturbed by the strength – sapping conditions and won with a fine 40 points, which included two birdies. Long-time society stalwart Carol Ann Eastgate made a welcome return from extended wanderings to take second place, with Carol Hampshire a single point behind in third place.



*Chris Brader with his Stableford prize*



*Phil Hampshire adds to his Medal collection*



*Sharon Moore receives her Monthly Medal*

The Monthly Medal at Royal golf attracted a larger field of fourteen. Flight A turned into a two horse race. It was no surprise to see the recently much improved Phil Hampshire fight it out with perennial gritty medal competitor Robert Gray; both returned net 73s, with Phil winning the count-back. The rest of Flight A does not merit mention.

In Flight B Sharon Moore continued her very fine run of form to win with a net 70. Chris Farrar, whose presence in Flight B raised the odd eye-brow, was three shots adrift in second place, with Tony Moore taking the last podium place.

At this stage of the season, attention is turned to the fight for the most prestigious Player of the Year Trophy (better known as the POTY). Throughout the year, POTY points are awarded for attendance, scores within handicap buffer zone, podium finishes and victory in

BCGS events. Major competitions carry suitably higher weightings. With the Club Championship, Dunlop Cup and the last two rounds of the Matchplay still to come, there is much to play for. But the leader board, before the October Medal, is;

Randall Coleman	56
Pete Gale	47
Phil Hampshire	44
Frank Fawkes	43
Tony Moore	39
Carol Hampshire	37

Randall's lead looks comfortable, but he will not be winning any Matchplay points. However, if he retains the Club Championship, and continues to score at medal events, that may be enough for him to take a most enviable Championship/POTY double.

Meanwhile, if you are interested in joining this group, please let us know by email to [bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk)



# BRIDGE

## RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 7th September (13 pairs)	N/S Winner	Manthanee & Chris	56.43%
	E/W Winner	Prarop & Watana	64.58%
Sunday 14th September (8 pairs)	1st	Dr. Prasart & Prasert	61.90%
	2nd	Supote & Kittiya	57.74%
Sunday 21st September (10 pairs)	1st	Narin & Chalernpol	63.43%
	2nd	Prarop & Benjarong	58.33%
Sunday 28th September (5 pairs)	1st	Judy & Daksha	72.50%
	2nd	Bradley & Dan	55.00%



*Looking for a Bridge partner*

Fridays

Silom Sala

6.30 pm

### KIDS MOVIES NOV

7th Nov



The Jungle Book

14th Nov



Megamind

21st Nov



Lilo & Stitch

28th Nov



101 Dalmatians





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