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FRONT COVER

The dedicated fireworks display for Guy Fawkes Night is one of the highlights of the Club year. Falling on 7th Nov this year, it starts the two month holiday season which culminates on New Year's Eve with a sparkling fireworks display overhead our Dinner Cruise on the Chaopraya.

EDITOR'S GREETING

This month we take an interesting look at custom designed and crafted cakes, and there's a review of a couple of Irish Reciprocal Clubs as well as the fine 2015 Trafalgar Dinner.

The popular series "As We Were" is running out of old photos of the Club and we would welcome contributions from anyone who has some stashed away which could be dug out for sharing with the readership. Please let me know if you have any.

Ed.



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Dinner cruise

Candle - light international buffet on the Chaopraya and a fantastic view of the fireworks display Coach leaves the Club at 6:30pm and brings you back around 11pm

Adults Bt 3,250 Kids 5 - 12 yrs Bt 2,100

Tickets include transport, dinner, soft drinks and a Krathong

Loy Krathong Wed 25th Nov 2015

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At the Club

A chance to partake in this beautiful festival with traditional Krathong - making. Festival buffet from 7pm. Floating your Krathong in the pool when you're ready!

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The main intention of this regular Outpost feature is to keep Members abreast of the performance of the Club in general and to provide a further insight into other operational aspects. In this respect, I am pleased to note that despite the onset of the rainy season, the Club has once again produced good results for the period under review. In particular The Verandah has increased its revenues by over 30% during September.

Some highlights from September to mid-October

- **R**evenue from September meant the Club's operations produced a financial surplus before depreciation of some 258,569 Baht. For the first six months of the new General Committee year this brings us to a surplus before depreciation of approximately 1,900,000 Baht in total. These figures exclude membership joining fees.
- Actually the Club's Total Cash in Bank position at the end of September was 30.7 million Baht. We are now predicting a Total cash in Bank position of approximately 31.5 million Baht for the end of October. As both the Treasurer and I have mentioned on previous occasions, around 10.5 million Baht of the Total Cash in Bank position is considered as a Club buffer and is set aside in a fixed, annual and rolling savings account. With regards to any past and future developments, this and past General Committees where I have served as Chairman have always adopted a prudent financial policy where the financial buffer cannot be used.
- **N**ext, on the Membership front we have again seen a slight decrease in overall numbers. That said we are still at some of the highest levels ever achieved. Our Membership stands now at 1111. Membership is always a key focus of Management and General Committee attention and it was agreed at the recent Committee meeting to step up recruitment activities and to monitor Membership flows and trends carefully, looking at taking corrective action where necessary.
- **S**afety and hygiene recommendations as outlined in the external audit report of our Club kitchens and our food storage and food processing areas are now being implemented by both Management and staff.

General Club Improvements

Particular mention in last month's Outpost was made of some areas, outside of normal day-to-day general maintenance activities, that are in need of upgrading. Work in a number of areas is ongoing.

• As to the review of upgrading and integrating the Club's POS, Membership and Accounting systems, our internal task force has now identified the specific requirements for our Club and met with 3 integrated system suppliers as well as having discussions with other Private Member Clubs who are facing similar challenges. It is expected that it will be another few months before the task force will be in a position to make its recommendations to the General Committee.



Chairman, General Committee

- **R**egarding the new lighting proposals for the Multi-Purpose Court, several electrical companies have provided detailed proposals aimed at improving the overall lighting levels both in intensity and in uniformity. This small project has now been awarded to Rexel for the amount of 62,220 Baht. There will be some time needed for the contractor to order the materials so we expect the works to be completed within November.
- **E**arlier this year, in an edition of Outpost magazine, I mentioned the deplorable and dangerous state of our Childrens' play area. A decision has now been made by the General Committee to make immediate improvements to this area. Quotations were sought from four Contractors and each contractor was requested to price for 2 new pieces of equipment as well as laying a new play area floor, all of which could be relocated at little cost should the need arise. The contractor recommended by Management, Happy City, has now been awarded the works for the sum of 200,000 Baht. In addition a separate small works supplier will replace the torn and damaged roof for the sum of 42,000 Baht. Works will start as soon as possible and will be dependent on the weather.

General Committee

Next to the normal business activities on the agenda for the recent General Committee meeting, the Committee spent a lot of time discussing some of the key issues facing the Club as we enter the second half of the GC year.

Club performance continues on an upward trend and over the next few months we will have a very busy period for functions and we anticipate a further growth in our revenues. Our staffing levels still show a number of vacancies which still prove difficult to fill which in turn adds more stress on our existing organisation. There are also a number of outstanding maintenance tasks that are awaiting better weather before they can be tackled. Within the General Committee, work on outlining a positive and constructive road map for the proposed new development areas has progressed in advance of an upcoming EGM.

Your input is always welcome, so if you have any questions or ideas on any areas or aspects of Club development, please feel free to send me an email.

The British Club cordially invites you to attend Bangkok's Original Exclusive Outdoor Event

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL

Sat 19th December 2015 From 6 pm until late

1.5 hour cocktail reception on the Front Lawn with drinks and deluxe canapés.

- Traditional turkey dinner.
- Tickets include half a bottle of wine.
- Live music, dance-floor.
- Special bar and wine menu.
- Raffle draw with great prizes!

Tickets Bt 2,500 per person Tables of 10 at Bt 22,500. Non-member supplement Bt 250.

Book with Reception or by email : events@britishclubbangkok.org

LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

You will have noticed that we had heavy rains several times in October and some days our Club was flooded after just a few hours. So we've installed an additional pump for each of our entry gates, but it still took half an hour to an hour to reduce the water in the car parks which may have caused you inconvenience when you arrive or leave, but it's faster than before!

In October, we repaired the cricket nets as per the Cricket Section's request. We will also improve the lighting on the MultiPurpose Court by adding six new lights and changing the old bulbs to the same wattage and brand, which will bring our court up to the standard of a sports field and give even coverage and colour.

Quite a few Members have asked me about the Children's Playground which is in such a bad condition; we will start repairing bits and installing a new floor, roof and some new equipment after the rainy season has finished. Our staff will start doing some work at the beginning of November and we will avoid disturbing our Members as much as we can. We hope family Members and their children will enjoy the new facilities once they are in place.

Next week our Children's Halloween Party and the monthly Wine Tasting will be on the same day, and there is a function in the Surawongse Room as well which will make the Club very busy so there will be a Mini Buffet to ease pressure on the kitchen.

On 7th November we have Guy Fawkes Night, which it is one of the Club's most special days. Last year we had more than 500 people for the event, and some Members just showed up on the day without booking and had to wait for a table. So this year please book in advance to avoid any disappointment.



General Manager

Because of setting up the fireworks, the car parks will be closed from Friday 6th November at mid-night until 7th November at 8.00pm. For Club operations, we will close the Clubhouse at 3pm and re-open for the Guy Fawkes Night at 4pm. All the sport activities and poolside will be closed from 3pm including tennis, squash, massage and the swimming pool. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

On 25th November is Loy Krathong, and on 27th November we will have Christmas wine tasting. December starts off with Christmas Carols Night on 2nd December, and our Annual Ball is on Sat-urday 19th December. For our Christmas Lunch and Dinner on 25th December, we have a lot of bookings for lunch, so please check all our events on the website.

We reviewed our Western Menu in September and now Khun Laak, our Executive Chef, has re-viewed the Thai Menu as well which we plan to put out in November in all outlets. We will also add a few desserts to the Kids Menu.

There will be football tournaments in November which will take place every Tuesday evening on the MPC. The Squash Section will have the Rod Carter Open, and the Tennis Section will have the Bruce Gordon Cup. For more details please check with our Fitness Centre.

See you all around the Club!

OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

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

CHRISTMAS DAY Luncheon & Dinner Friday 25th December 2015

· Full seasonal buffet & desserts, suitable for vegetarians

· Crackers and trinkets, magic, and Santa at 1:30pm

Enjoy the warmth and goodness of Christmas In the comfort of The Verandah, the Churchill, the Suriwongse Room, or the Back Lawn, especially good for Christmas dinner



Bt 1,100 for Members Bt 1,250 for Guests Bt 600 for Children under 12 yrs



Seating is limited ! Please sign up in Reception, or book via email to events@britishclubbangkok.org

HAPPENINGS

Being British and preoccupied with the weather as so many are, I forecasted a dry spell for the Car Boot Sale earlier this month, and it was but only after the preceding 3 days had thoroughly waterlogged the front lawn. Despite the softness underfoot, the thirty plus tables were bedecked with bric-a-brac and there was a good turnout of buyers from all areas of the Club. It's still not enough to do the tables justice, so next time (in Febru-ary 2016) we aim to open the event up to a wider range of peo-ple.

The Trafalgar Dinner was a great success with 54 diners enjoy-ing the evening with a great ambience and a mix of laughter and serious thought evoked by the guest speaker Capt Stuart Borland. Now we are getting ready for the end of month Chil-dren's Halloween Party which will build on last year's success-ful format and add a couple of extra games devised by Sam who seems to know just what makes kids enjoy the party, and a couple of prizes for the most ghoulish or outrageously spooky costumes.

Barely a week later, we have Guy Fawkes Night, one of the best evenings of the year at the Club as the afternoon is fun for the kids and culminates in the overhead fireworks display, all set off from the front lawn. Please note the Clubhouse closes at 3pm on Sat 7th, and the car parks will be closed from the night before until late Sat evening. Fireworks are a safety risk, after all.

Later in the month there's Loy Krathong, unquestionably one of the most beautiful of Thai festivals. We offer two options for this special day: either come and celebrate it here at the Club where you can float a krathong in the pool and make your wishes after sampling the Thai Buffet on offer, or you can book for a trip up the river Chaopraya with a candle light dinner and a krathong too. We've had great feedback from Members about both these choices, so you can sign up accordingly in Recep-tion.

November sees a couple of other special buffets: there's the Curry Buffet on Sat 21st and then we will again have a Thanks-giving Buffet on Thurs 26th as this has proved very popular in the past couple of years. The specials boards in the Churchill and Verandah get regular updates and replacements from Khun Laak so keep an eye out when you feel like a change of meal.

And don't miss the Christmas Wine-Tasting on Friday 27th - it's the last before Christmas and we'll have extra companies bring-ing their bottles for sampling, so you can stock up!



Events & Marketing Manager

It's also the month for Bangkok's largest (and probably oldest) British style fair which takes place on Sat 28th. The Ploenchit Fair, which used to be held here at the Club until it grew too large, is an amazing day of fun and a huge amount of funds are raised for Thai charities. With great food, music, games, stalls and frivolity galore, it's well worth a visit.

Last month in Outpost there was a double page from the British Embassy about document registration. In next month's issue we will have an interview with H.M. Consul covering this and other aspects of her work here.

This month's article "As We Were" is nearing the last as there aren't any more old pictures of the Club so if anyone has any they could share then we can continue the series.

In just over a month, we will be entering the festive season, so most of the adult and child events for December are featured somewhere in this issue. Sign up sheets for all of them are available in Reception, or if it's easier please register for any of them by email to me or to events@britishclubbangkok.org and await confirmation. As mentioned last month, there's a serious shortage of turkeys around Bangkok for Christmas this year, but Khun Laak has enough for the Annual Ball on 19th Dec and Christmas Day on 25th. So if you want Bangkok's finest plate of turkey with traditional vegetables and crunkly yummy roast po-tatoes and gravy, you had better sign up soon. The Annual Ball tickets have half a bottle of wine included plus a chance to win amazing raffle prizes, so make sure you don't miss out.

New Year's Eve is a long way off, but I'm pleased to say we have booked a huge boat for our cruise up the river - it's easy to board, it's got great access upstairs, the entire roof slides open, the buffet area is protected and upstairs too, it's got modern loos, there's an aircon room downstairs for chilling, it's going to be even better than the last years trips to welcome in 2016 so put that (and the next day's revitalising Polar Swim) in your diaries too! Let's see the last two months of 2015 out with great gusto!

BUSINESŠ

2nd November - 6th November 2015

Starters : 65 Baht Chicken and Papaya Salad (Grilled chicken, lemongrass, spring onion and lime dressing)

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht Mixed Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Fried Oinons or

Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes

> Grilled Seabass Served with Spinach Risotto

Tom Yam Gong (Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms) Gai Phad Khing (Stir-fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion and Fungus Mushrooms) Tod Mun Pla (Depp-fried Fishcakes)

16th November - 20th November 2015

Starters : 65 Baht Tuna Salad Tuna, Tomatoes, Lemongrass, lime and spicy Dressing

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht Turkey Chilli Con Carne Served with Rice

Fillet of Pork in Mushroom Sauce Served with Mixed Vegetables and Lyonnaise Potatoes

> Pan-fried Dory Fish in Spicy Herbs Served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potato

Gaeng Som Goong Phak Ruam (Sour Soup with Mixed Vegetables and Prawns) Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai (Stir-fried Pork Fillet with Garlic and Pepper) Tod Man Pla (Deep-fried Fishcakes)

9th November - 13th November 2015

Starters : 65 Baht Chicken and Cranberry Salad with Balsamic Dressing

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht Beef and Mushroom Stroganoff Served with Yellow Rice

B.B.Q Ham Served with Sautéed Cabbage, Bacon, Potatoes Salad and Parsley Cream Sauce

Baked Chicken Breast in Tomatoes and Cheese Sauce Served with Roast Vegetables

Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla (Fish Balls in Green Curry Sauce) Kai Jiew Moo Sub (Thai Stlye Minced Pork Omelette) Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)

23rd November - 27th November 2015

Starter : 65 baht Potato Salad with Egg and Lemon Dressing

or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses : 160 baht Lamp, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka

Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread or Chicken kive with peas and chips

Served with Broccoli, Carrots and Roast Potatoes

Pan-fried Sea Bass with Pernod and Dill Sauce

Tom Yam Goong (Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms) Pad Khana Nam Man Hoy (Stir-fried Kale with Oyster Sauce) Kraprao Kai (Stir-fried Miniced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chilli)



THE BRITISH CLUB

Reportings

F&B MORSELS

We are getting ready for Halloween, Wine Tasting, a Mini Buffet and a big function at the end of October, and not long afterwards is Guy Fawkes Night which is a busy evening! Then in November we have many weddings and functions, so the kitchen will be busy!



Two special buffets in November - on Sat 21st will be our popular Curry Buffet, and then on 26th the Thanksgiving Buffet as well. We will continue doing Paella from every outlet on Wednesdays, and the promotions on Salmon Fishcakes, Burgers, and UK Beers will all continue as will the fresh strawberry dishes.



Executive Chef

We have started baking our own French Baguettes and our Morning Rolls as well. Please give us half an hour to bake them for you. If you want a baguette first thing in the morning, it would help if you let us know the evening before, so it will be fresh and crisp for you.

I plan to put revised Thai menus into the outlets in November, and some special canapés ready for the Christmas Wine Tasting at the end of the month.

Happy Eating!



Don't forget Afternoon Tea is available from 3pm!

BECOMING A LEGEND *The 2015 Trafalgar Dinner*

The evening started with cocktails on the 1910 Balcony and in the Wordsworth Lounge, a suitable setting for the 54 elegant attendees of the 2015 Trafalgar Dinner, a celebratory commemoration of Nelson's glorious victory 210 years ago. The 4 course dinner took place in the Surawongse Room, set against a striking backdrop of the gun deck of HMS Victory, with a young Nelson levelling a commanding view into the room.

The welcome covered the game of Battleships and presumptuous facetious oiks, then the British Ambassador H.E. Mark Kent led the royal and loyal toasts, and the meal was underway, complemented with crisp Chilean and tantalising South African wines. And then there was the rich and mature port which was passed (with the occasional mention of the Bishop of Norwich) during the humourous and inspiring talk about Nelson and his battle strategies, which was delivered by Captain Stuart Borland RN, the Naval & Air Advisor from the British High Commission in Delhi, who we were honoured to welcome for the evening. It was a jovial and highly enjoyable evening of good company and special moments.







Reportings



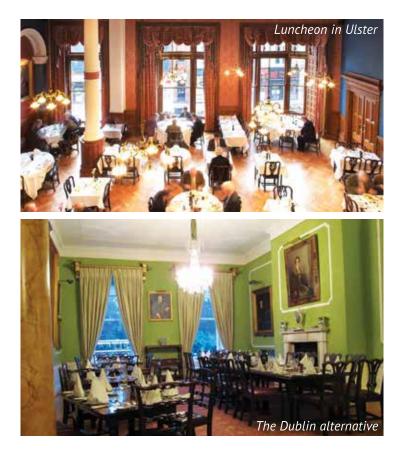
THE TALE OF TWO DINING ROOMS OUR IRISH CONNECTION



I took off to the Emerald Isle for my summer holidays and took the opportunity to visit two of our reciprocal Clubs ... the Ulster Reform Club in Belfast and the Kildare Street & University Club in Dublin. Both are tall, city centre buildings in the centre of their respective cities, both give a warm Irish welcome and both require a strict dress code of jacket and tie for men! In addition both clubs have ornate dining rooms, eloquent but small members' bars, snooker rooms and small fitness centres. In fact it is quite easy to forget which club one is actually visiting as they also both have elegant entrances with a porter to greet you upon entry with a grand staircase leading to the bar and the same 'feel' of old fashioned Gentlemen's Clubs all adorned with pictures and memorabilia throughout.

Ulster Reform Club

Adjacent to the Castle Court Shopping Centre, the Ulster Reform Club was formed in 1885 and is still



serving members continuously since then. The club is open weekdays only from 8.30am to 5pm but members may book facilities at the weekends for functions.

After being met by the Chief Executive Officer, a preluncheon drink was in order at their bar. No draft beers on offer but a fine selection of bottled beers and 14 types of gin! Luncheon was in the club's dining room which would easily cater for 100 but only ten people were present. There is a set weekly menu with choices for each course and portions are large. The club also offers quarter bottles of wine for those who just fancy 'more than a glass' at lunch. The room was squareshaped and double height with the walls adorned with portraits, a 'real' fire with three enormous windows giving a fantastic view into Belfast. Certainly set the tone of the club.

Kildare Street & University Club

Across from St Stephens Green, a gift to Dublin from

Arthur Guinness, this long established club has been in the same building since 1851 and the name reflects its creation from the merger of the 1782 founded Kildare Street Club with the 1850 founded Dublin University Club.

After a drink in the very quiet Members' Bar with their committee member in charge of reciprocation, which has two draught beers and a wide range of bottled beers and whiskeys, one again took luncheon in the dining room which with some thirty members present was about one third full. This time it was a long room, nearly double height and again adorned with portraits. The dining room opens for breakfast, luncheon and dinner and has a different menu for each sitting. As usual payment was by credit card upon leaving, at any outlet.

However, what make this club unique between these two Irish clubs is that the Kildare Street and University Club has fifteen bedrooms, comprised of nine double rooms, five twin rooms and one single room, all at competitive rates available to British Club Members. The British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN) proudly presents the

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BC Calendar November 15





Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	6	7	1/8
Squash Mix-In 5:15pm - 9:45pm	Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm Junior Tennis Coaching 4pm - 6pm Kids' Movie 6.30pm, Silom Sala 'SPIRITED AWAY'	Kids Cricket Book first! 8am - 11am Swimming Lessons 9am - 12noon Guy Fawkes Night 4pm onwards Back Lawn	Kids Cricket Image: Constraint of the second se
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		Sea State	





A SWEET RETREAT FOR BANGKOK?

Where in Bangkok can you find a cake that is 100% edible, but fashioned to look like a woman's size 4 shoe; or a ball of wool suspended over a luxury cushion with playful kittens; or a wedding cake that looks as if it has been brought straight from Sleeping Beauty's parlour? Sweet Retreat Cakes in Bangkok was recently launched and offers its clients a "luxurious customdesigned cake experience", fully edible with irresistible flavours and fillings.

'Sweet Retreat' has its origins in 'The Baking Project' - a training programme with a passion to empower Thai women who have the opportunity to leave behind situations in which they were vulnerable and at risk. Through the baking and sugar-crafting programme, they learn essential skills and vocational training enabling them to rediscover their dignity, value and give them a renewed hope for the future.

Strictly observing the highest Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety standards and accredited by the British City & Guilds and Food Hygiene Asia, successful students are taught the art of baking and sugar artistry, and once graduated are employed at 'Sweet Retreat' where they are paid a fair and generous wage.

The team at Sweet Retreat are fast becoming known for their amazing creativity and artistry, and their exceptional sugarcrafting is international quality! All cakes are made from scratch with the freshest and finest ingredients.

To see more of their cakes, or place an order, visit the Sweet Retreat website www.sweetretreatcakes.com, or on Facebook as Sweet Retreat BKK and The Baking Project BKK .







NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER CRUISE

THE BRITISH CLUB

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR IN COMFORT, AWAY FROM CROWDS, CRUISING ALONG THE CHAOPRAYA RIVER UNDER THE STARSI

Thurs 31st December 2015

Eat, drink, and be merry while viewing the sights and celebrations along the river banks, including Wat Arun, ending with the fireworks display overhead!

Members Bt 3,250/Children under 12 years Bt 2,250 Guests/Non-Members Supplement Bt 250 Limited seats available, BOOK NOWI events@britishclubbangkok.org discount on sparkling wine or Wine of the Month if booked in advance

15%

Leave Saphan Taksin pier at 8:30pm. Enjoy canapés before the buffet dinner on deck under the stars. Full bar available, and a free glass of sparkling wine at midnight!

AS WE WERE







A lot of people have told me they have enjoyed my pictures over the last few months but now I am running out.

This month the pictures are of the redevelopment of the Back Lawn in 2008. Not much attention had ever been given to this area. The cricket nets were in one corner but there was no landscaping other than the lovely old trees. The area was used only occasionally for the Christmas Ball, Guy Fawkes and a few other big days.

2008 saw the laying of the Multi-Purpose Court which allowed the astroturf tennis courts which had also been used for rugby/soccer training, to be handed back exclusively for tennis, with the cricket nets being relocated to their current location. Since then the toilet/changing room block has been added and both the MPC and cricket nets upgraded.

Does anyone else have any old BC pictures they could share to keep 'As We Were' going?







How to benefit most from your appointment



Before visiting a doctor, we usually have a lot of questions running through our heads. But when we sit in front of the doctor, sometimes we have difficulty recalling those questions, especially when we are busy trying to comprehend what the doctor is telling us.

In order to make the most out of your consultation, we suggest writing down any questions you have in advance. The following are some examples and considerations you can use to prompt your own questions.

Questions you may wish to ask your doctor

- What is my condition called?
- How is my condition likely to develop?
- Can it be adequately treated and controlled?
- Are there any alternatives to the suggested treatment?
- What are the potential risks of the treatment?
- · How will the condition affect/restrict my lifestyle?
- What can be done to minimise these effects?
- When will I be able to return to work?
- What is the estimated cost of treatment, including medication? (Your doctor may not be able to answer this question, but one of the clinic nurses can obtain this information for you)
- In case of any problem, who can I contact?

Surgery or investigation

If your doctor recommends surgery or an investigation, he/she will explain the procedure to you. Don't hesitate to ask more questions if you are unsure or concerned.

On the day of surgery, confirm that your surgeon will perform the same procedure your doctor originally explained to you.

The nurse will give you a consent form to sign. This form is the hospital's proof that you have received all the information you need before surgery. If you are still not sure about anything, please say so.

Some questions to ask before surgery

- Could you explain the procedure of the surgery to me?
- · How long do I need to fast before the surgery?



- Will I experience any pain after the surgery? If yes, can I receive painkillers?
- When will I receive the results of the investigation?
- Do I need a follow-up appointment?
- When can I go back home and/or back to work?
- · What activities should I do to help my recovery?
- Are there any activities I should avoid?
- Will I need physiotherapy?

Please note that these are just suggestions; feel free to ask the doctor anything that you feel is important.

It is essential to inform your doctor about any allergies, as well treatments for either your condition or anything related. For women, please tell the doctor if you are pregnant or lactating. Don't hesitate to repeat this information to the nurses and pharmacists.

Asking the right questions helps you take charge of your health and make informed decisions. It can also give you peace of mind.





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Bruce Gordon Cup – Event Rescheduled

Due to, on the one hand, poor weather and on the other a slow signup, this event will now be held on Saturday 21 November. To reiterate this event allows all participating doubles teams, no matter what their level a fair chance to win the event due to the handicapping system. We set out the revised details below so please sign up as soon as possible.

Doubles Handicap Event:-

Event Date:	Saturday November 21st, 2015
Entry Fee:	1,000 baht per person
Where:	Individual sign up at the
	BC Sports Desk
Format:	Doubles with a Calcutta handicapping
	system playing in a Round Robin
Entry Deadline:	October 31st 2015

This event will be set up like the Bruce Gordon event last year with the important change that we will have mini-leagues and play a Round Robin to ensure that depending on the number of entries each doubles pair will play at least 3 matches during the day. Winners of the leagues will then contest semifinals and finals.

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

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

Scoring and Format: The handicap doubles event will feature a random doubles draw with leagues of 4 or 5 doubles pairs. Each match will consist of a 7 game proset with a tie-breaker played at 6-6.

Handicapping System: Each doubles team will be handicapped according to their ability whereby the weaker team will receive free points (known as bisques and represented by balloons) to utilize at any time during the play. The handicapping of teams will be conducted by the tennis committee to assure an equitable and fair process.

How does the handicapping system work? A weaker team may be assigned, for example, a +3 handicap





allowing them to use their 3 points (aka bisques) at any time during their 7 game pro-set. For example, if the weaker team goes up 40 - 15 against their opponents serve they may cash in a bisque (point) and win the game.

*Additionally, if a team would like to purchase one additional bisque (point) they can do so at a price of 5000 baht that will benefit the charity

To find out more how the bisque handicapping system

works please read Harold Mollin's interesting article about the World's "unofficial" prize money doubles competition.

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

-**Charity:** Proceeds from the event will go to the Pisamai Fund. This is a charity set up by the British Club to help support the education of staff children at the club through school or university. It helps pay for uniforms, books, etc. with modest grants to staff children. It has been going since 1993 and needs about 100,000 Baht per year to survive.

Prizes:

Prizes will consist of:

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

We expect/hope spots to fill up quickly so please sign up individually at the Sports Desk!



HARD BALLS Back to business

Wiggos Brian Wiggin





Brian Wiggins farewell

The Bangkok cricket community was saddened by news of the passing of Brian Wiggins in September. He was a long-standing contributor to cricket in Thailand, and a good mate to many. 'Wiggos', amongst many of his other developments, was dedicated in the running of junior cricket coaching camps and could be found at the British Club nets almost every weekend. As a farewell to Brian, a cricketer's afternoon was held on the BC back lawn to honour his last innings; a well-attended hit in the nets was cut short by a downpour but guests only had to dive a few yards for cover under the marquees. Drinks and nibbles were complimented by some moving speeches from Speddo, Vaughan, and Shiv – one of Brian's junior cricketers who jovially spoke of his 'colourful' personality. Despite the miserable weather it was a heartfelt event, and gave a real sense of the sincerity of the cricket fraternity in Thailand.



BC vs Siam Parrots Saturday 12th September After a short break from games, BC returned to the field to partake in the Giles Cullingford T20 trophy; a short league which would mark the official end to a busy season. Siam Parrots were the first opponents to face - last time the two teams met in the T20 it was a

closely fought contest and only narrowly won by the Parrots, so it was all to play for. The game was played at Harrow School on a fortunate Saturday where the

rain had decided to take some time off.

Backswing king

Dale lost the toss and BC were put into field first donning fresh new playing shirts and hats. A sharper and more polished field was evident from the outset, spurred on by an unforgiving opening spell between Patrick (2-32) and Dilip. Freshly and aptly nicknamed 'the train', Patrick managed to find the time to squeeze two wickets into his second over between some bodyline bowling Mitchell Johnson would be envious of. Dilip (0-16) on the other hand kept the coach happy

by holding the line and keeping his runs-per-ball below the magic 1.0. Nobody knows how many catches were put down during Dilip's spell but if you take the number he claims and divide by 4 you will usually be somewhere close to the real answer. One recorded mishap came from the captain himself who decided to assume the emergency landing brace position after

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losing site of the ball in the sun. When he wasn't dropping catches, Dale (1-20) bowled a tidy few overs and somehow managed to bowl a wicket maiden; either a result of regularly attending the nets or sorcery, I'll let you decide. Manesh (1-18) and Shiv (1-24), also took a wicket each to help keep the Parrots down to 156 runs.

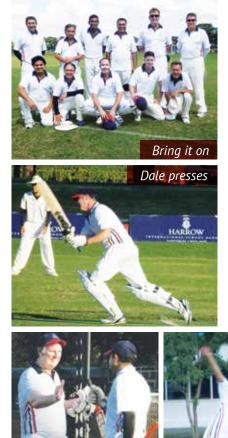
Ben and Matt (standing in from the Southerners) opened the batting to begin chasing the 8-perover target which wasn't quite met - by the halfway point 66 was up on the board after losing one wicket and Dale sportingly retiring the ringer. Needless to say, the captain stepped in at number 4 to accelerate the run-rate with a brutal innings scoring 42 from 16 balls. Dale was dismissed with

the BC score at 121, the ball after Ben's steady innings (36) also came to an end after nicking one behind so faint only the keeper heard. 37 runs were required from the last 6 overs but despite a 100% strike rate contribution from Dilip (17) and valiant lastditch efforts against refreshed opening bowlers from the rest of the team, the target was not met and BC disappointingly fell 4 runs short of the target. The game may have been lost but it didn't quell the positivity ringing around the team tent.



Brace for the catch





Go get 'em

Manish in the mix

BC vs YTSA 26th September

BC put forward a strong team against the newly formed YTSA, which turned out to be a strong breakout team from RBSC. Dale went against the grain, called tails, to continue his losing streak as chief tosser. Against the preferred outcome, BC were put out to field first again. Patrick (0-26) and Dilip (0-19) threatened once again during their opening spell to keep the opening pair quiet, but it wasn't until Manish (1-16) was brought into the attack that the first wicket fell; a diving catch on the boundary from Ben stopped Shakti in his tracks who was beginning to get settled. The run rate fell from here but was still creeping around 8-9 whilst the wicket-keeper role was being shared around like a bottle of water in the Sahara desert. A second wicket fell when Dale took a confident and model catch at cow corner from Speddo (1-25). YTSA closed their innings on 174, 20 runs more than BC managed in their game the previous week. A tough ask but with capable batting deep into the BC bottom order, it wasn't impossible.

Vaughan started proceedings well, and kept the scoreboard ticking over well into the 9th over before being run out for 41, even with a courageous dive to the crease. Mossy (40) and Dale (37) then found some traction around the halfway point and pumped out a 67 partnership in 36 balls to

> bring BC back to shape. It was an integral part of the innings and great to see the captain continue his form. Speddo and Ed were left to the last and unfortunately couldn't squeeze the last runs out of some tight bowling. Needless to say, BC wound up on 166, to make it two closely fought matches in succession, and surely signs of a rewarding season to come.

Quick summary of the AGM:

- 20 people in attendance
- Dale maintained his captaincy; Rahul elected as vice-captain
- Patrick assigned fireball captain role; Sunish vice-captain
- Loads of fixtures. Watch this space.
- Whiskey sour



Tomorrow morning we held the yearly Tom Annas Handicap Cup and Plate comp last month featuring some squash players who live in Bangkok and are members of the British Club. Read on, if you still are, as this tale of embellished nonsense comes from a dull, chilly and grey UK, where the most commonly heard phrases are: "Ooh, it looks like rain" and "D'ya wanna cup of tea?" and "I can't believe I fled war-torn Syria for this crap!", and focuses on the finals of this thrilling event and will follow with a tale of another equally exciting event featuring another Tom! Hardly believable really, and surely just more of the standard Squashy Bits tripe; line after line of pure drivel made up out of thin air simply to fill two pages of the Outpost to rival the other pages of tripe. And it is, yet some say they enjoy it, and after reading the golf and tennis pages, anything, even a flooded car park, might bring a smile to one's face.



And on the subject of tennis, those in that section have foolishly challenged the Squashies to another day of competition between our two disciplines, and a few others like cricket, as they obviously enjoy being beaten like when we completely thrashed them the first time we tried this a few years back and when we soundly beat them last year. We accept the challenge and look forward to winning again. Squashies can adapt to tennis quite easily and many of them play cricket, yet the tennis bods have a real hard time with our game. They just can't get it.

Anyway, back to the first Tom. The final of the Tom Annas Handicap Plate involved Cornflakes against

a fairly new BCB Squashy in Neil McArthur. Both from Australia and that's where the similarities end as Neil is a lovely chap, yet Cornflakes, in this encounter, at least, was a tyrant. He won this very narrowly 3-2 because he had a bent referee on his side and spent almost the entire match verbally and physically insulting, bullying, intimidating and threatening his opponent. Basically, he was going to do anything to win. It was a shameful display of gamesmanship and embarrassing to watch. And from the chairman of the section, as well. Disgraceful.

His antics included repeatedly pushing Neil over and then claiming lets for himself; on every occasion, bending to tie his shoe laces when Neil was about to serve; shouting Kangaroo S&\$%@#r! insults during the rallies; throwing his racket at his opponent; deliberately whacking him with it; running into him; tripping him up; childishly locking the door so Neil couldn't get onto the court, and challenging every one of Neil's winners claiming he had carried the ball, hit it after the



second bounce or impeded Cornflakes in some way. It was pathetic really and you may wonder how the referee (me) allowed it, yet as Cornflakes had so kindly paid for his flight to the UK there was very little he could do, was there? Anyway, Neil took it all in his stride and didn't rise to any of it and was happy to be the runner-up while Cornflakes has to live with his conscience, if he has one!

To the Tom Annas Handicap Cup final and this was a delightful affair featuring John Vivian and Kevin Raw, another new Squashy. This match went Kevin's way 3-0 and was the epitome of fairness, politeness, lioness, humility, dignity, bred in captivity, sportsmanship, comradeship, and sent on a ship, back to the wild. What?!!! Anyway, it was a stark contrast to the testy Plate final so dreadfully poisoned by Cornflakes immature antics and a corrupt official.

Very well done Kevin - Champion Handicapper 2015; John - hard luck; Neil - your tolerance is an asset; Cornflakes - grow up; Madge - what a coup - saved you 30K!

The second Tom is Mr. Godfrey who has returned to live and work in the UK (why? must be mad!) after many years in Thailand. Tom was a great lad, always up for a game, played FAIRLY and liked a beer and a laugh. He will be remembered as someone who won something sometime, was always cheerful and he'll be sorely missed (he's not dead!). We held a mix-in and

had a few beers to say farewell and that was that. Good luck Tom and thanks for being a great Squashy!

Until Cornflakes sods off back to Tasmania.....



Raw Champion Handicapper!





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▲ 3	The Rooney Tunes	Jamorn Hoonsiri	85	390
▼ 4	FULLY LOADED	Rahul Kothari	49	387
▲ 5	Athletico Ulster	graham johnston	84	385
▲ 6	Spanish Armada	carlos the jackal	85	384
▲ 7	originals	jem chalk	73	372
▲ 8	Bangkok Dinosaurs	Peter Gale	104	368
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BCGS GOLFING NEWS

What a wet month we golfers have had. Only two competitions to paddle through, although the courses are being kept in good condition considering the rain they have had.

September's Stableford - well done to 1st place - Graham (on a roll) Johnson, 2nd place - Marc, 3rd place - Frank.

A special mention must also go to Fiona who won three of our mini competitions - two nearest the pins and the ladies longest drive.

September Medal winners were - Flight A, Frank Fawkes and Flight B, Chris Brader. Congratulations to both.



Medal Flight A winner - Frank with Captain Pete - friends who wear matching shoes



Fiona Weber - winner of 3 balls!



October and November will be busy with the usual monthly competitions plus two away fixtures - the three day Dunlop Cup at Royal Hills in Nakorn Nayok and the two day Club Championships at Springfield in Hua HIn.

Let's hope we don't need umbrellas for those ones!

Medal Flight A winner - Frank Fawkes



Medal Flight B winner - Chris Brader



Stableford - 1st place - its Graham Johnson again!



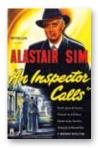
Stableford 2nd place - Marc - a very happy bunny





Selected and presented by Mike Smith

November Mondays, 7:30 pm, Wordsworth Lounge



2nd | AN INSPECTOR CALLS (1954) - 80 mins

Directed by: Guy Hamilton

Starring: Alastair Sim, Arthur Young, Olga Lindo

When a young girl is found dead an inspector finds that each member of the suspected family has a guilty secret - each one is partly responsible for her death.

9th I D.O.A. (1950) - 83 mins



Directed by: Rudolph Maté

Starring: Edmond O'Brien, Pamela Britton, Luther Adler

Frank Bigelow, told he's

been poisoned and has only a few days to live, tries to find out who killed him and why.

23rd | THE BAND WAGON (1953) - 112 mins



Directed by: Vincente Minnelli

Starring: Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, Oscar Levant

A pretentiously artistic director is hired for a new

Broadway musical and changes it beyond recognition.

16th JOURNEY INTO FEAR (1943) - 68 mins



Directed by: Norman Foster

Starring: Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten, Dolores del Rio

An American ballistics expert in Turkey, targeted by Nazi agents is heading home, but discovers that his pursuers are also on board.

30th I PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (1925) - 93 mins



Directed by: Rupert Julian

Starring: Lon Chaney, Mary Philbin, Norman Kerry

A mad, disfigured composer falls in love with a lovely young opera singer.





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