

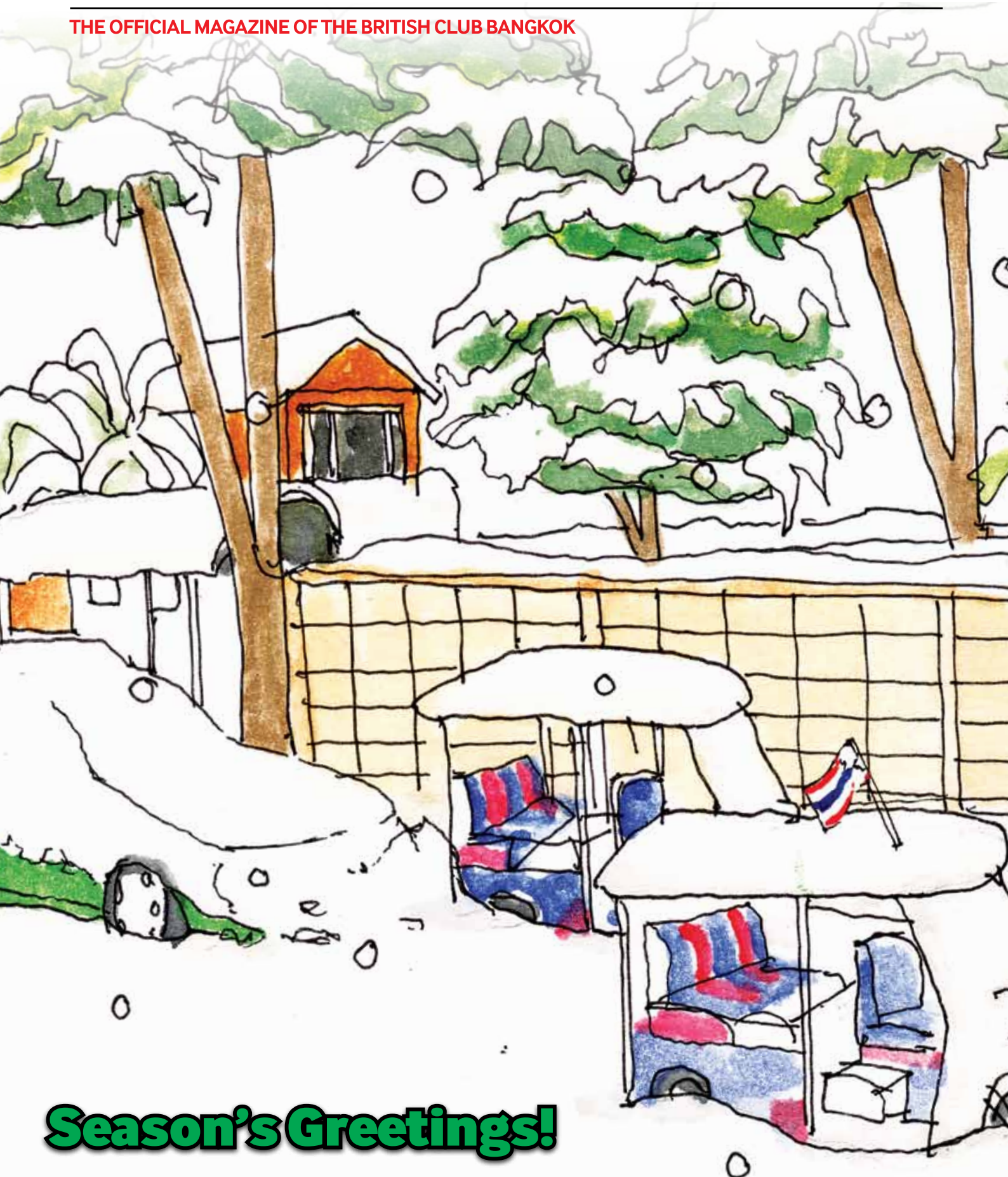
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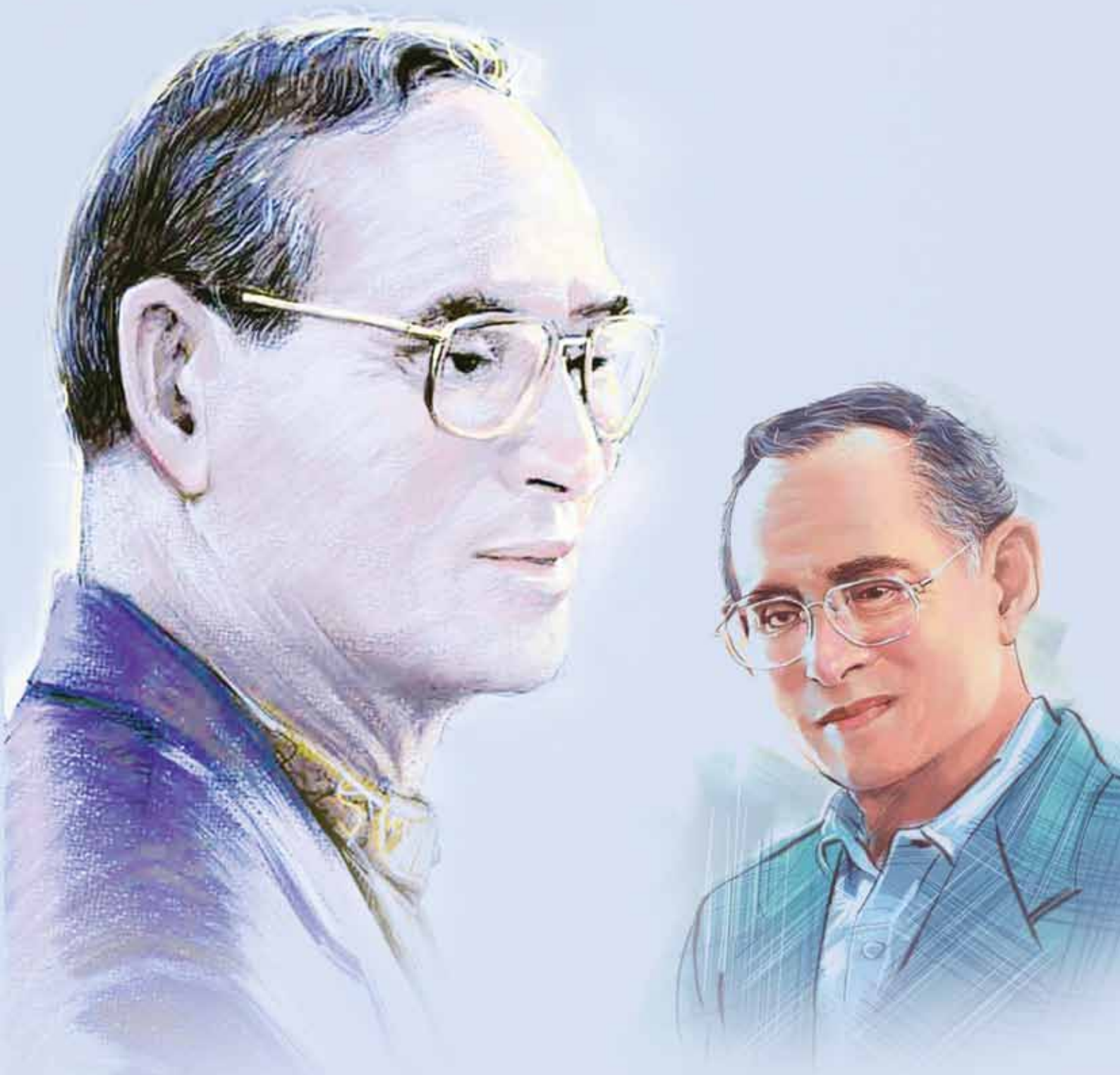
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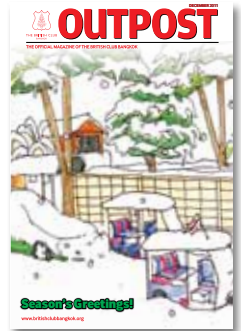
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LETTER FROM THE ACTING GM



Dear Members,

It has been a difficult and confusing month for most of us as we try to understand the changing nature of the flood threats and deal with the impact to our homes and work places. Some locations are still dry and some a metre or more underwater, but everyone has been affected in some way, through school closures, food shortages, cancellations or business losses, over and above the actual flooding of property and roads.

The GC and I feel strongly that in such times the Club should strive to remain open and continue to provide an oasis in the centre of Bangkok, with a full programme of activities as a relaxation from the strains of dealing with these problems. Our staff have been magnificent. Many of them (including myself) have had to leave flooded homes but have chosen to relocate close to the Club and carry on working as normal. We are doing all we can to take care of them. Staff have been allowed to sleep at the Club where necessary (this is normally not allowed) and we have provided meals for them.

We have launched an appeal for flood relief and Members have responded generously, raising over 50,000 baht so far. Some of this will be paid out in immediate assistance to evacuees, and some retained to pay for damage to flooded houses. Please continue to express your support for our hard working staff by contributing to the fund.

Please also support the Club by joining our events or just coming for a drink in the Beer Garden one evening. We are working hard to keep the Club open on a normal footing, and the staff and I take satisfaction in seeing the Club full and Members enjoying themselves.

I would also like to apologize to Members for any problems you may have experienced with our emails. The Club email system has not worked properly for more than a year, and we have employed an ever more complex series of workarounds to try to get mail to you. With the help of Members who are IT professionals, we are now implementing a completely new system, but the legacy of the workarounds is making this difficult. Please bear with us.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of wishing all Members and their families Season's Greetings, and a very happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Please stay safe and dry.

Premrudee Thanyaluck
Acting General Manager

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OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah

11am - 2pm (Mon. - Thurs.)
5pm - 10pm (Mon. - Thurs.)
11am - 10pm (Fri. - Sun. and Public Holidays)

Neilson Hays Coffee Shop

9am - 6pm

Fitness Centre

6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)

Churchill Bar

10am - 11pm

Fitness Centre

6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)

Poolside Bar

6:15am - 11pm
Last food orders 9:30pm

Thai Massage

9am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)

BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

5th - 9th December 2011

Starters - 50 Baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Grilled Chicken Breast
Served with Roast Vegetable Couscous
or

Salmon Fish Cakes Served with Chips,
Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce
or

Mixed Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Fried Onion
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 Chilli Sauce)

Phad Phak Ruam

(Stir-Fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day- 50 Baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

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19th - 23rd December

Starters - 50 Baht

Grilled Chicken, Mango, Avocado,
Beetroot Salad Balsamic and Honey Dressing
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Chicken Korma Served with Boiled Egg and Yellow Rice
or

Fish and Chips

Your Choice of Bread Crumbed or Battered
with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce
or

Pork Schnitzel Served with Apple Salad
or

Tom Yam Goong

(Spicy Lemongrass Soup with Prawns and Mushroom)

Gai Phad Khing

(Stir-Fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion and Fungus Mushroom)

Tod Mun Pla (Deep-Fried Fish Cakes)

Dessert of the Day- 50 Baht

or

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12th - 16th December

Starters - 50 Baht

Waldorf Ham Salad
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Grilled Pork Loin Steak with Apple and Fennel Slow
or

Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce
Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potato
or

Mini Steak Served with Mixed Vegetables
and Roast Potatoes
or

Tom Kha Gai

(A Refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)

Phad Kaprao 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- 50 Baht

or

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26th - 30th December

Starters - 50 Baht

Warm Bread Salad of Crispy Bacon,
Parmesan and Poached Egg
or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 130 Baht

Turkey and Leek Pie Served with Mixed Vegetables
and Home-Fried Potatoes
or

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka
Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread
or

Fillet of Pork Mushroom Sauce
Served with Green Beans, Carrots and Garlic Roast Potatoes
or

Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla

(Fish Balls in Green Curry Sauce)

Kai Jiew Moo Sub (Thai Style Minced Pork Omelette)

Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-Fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)

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MONTHLY ROUNDUP



It's the most wonderful time of the year. Due to the flooding situation November was not the busiest time for events. But that wonderful Christmas season is upon us and we have:

Dec 7th - Christmas Carols performed by the St. Andrews Choir

Dec 9th - Kids Christmas Ball, a chance for the kids to get dressed up and in the holiday spirit, also K. Susie would like to prepare kids and parents alike that she will be introducing British Club's Got Talent, the Kids Ball Talent Show.

Dec 10th - The Annual Christmas Ball. Put on your finest and prepare for a feast. Get ready for the musical stylings of the Supabad band and DJ Paul Jackson.

Dec 17th - Kids Christmas Party. Get down here and introduce the little ones to Santa, I wonder who it will be this year.

Dec 25th - Christmas Day, one of my most favourite days of the year. Come enjoy a Christmas morn' here at the British Club. There will be a special Luncheon and Dinner menu.

Dec 31st - NEW YEARS EVE @ THE BRITISH CLUB

From 7:00pm - 1:30pm Buffet Dinner available @ 7:00pm

Open Bar 8:00 - 12:00 with complimentary champagne at 12:00am

* open bar includes House Wine, Tiger Draft, Spirits: Gin, Whisky, Rum, Vodka and soft drinks
1,600 baht per ticket

There's always more to come so be sure to check your British Club email newsletters.

Ashley Boca
Events & Sales Manager



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DINING

1st - 15th December 2011

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	75 Baht
Crab Meat and Pomelo Salad with Thousand Dressing	185 Baht

Main Courses

Baked Whole Rainbow Trout Stuffed with Caper Meuniere Sauce served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato	295 Baht
Crispy Roast Duck Breast with Rhubarb Ginger served with Roast Vegetable and New Potatoes	285 Baht
Fillet of Pork Roll with Wild Mushroom Wrapped in Parma Ham Honey Mustard Sauce served with Sauteed Spinach and Garlic Roast Potatoes	255 Baht

Dessert

Rhubarb and Apple Crumble with Custard Sauce	85 Baht
Dessert of the Day	

16th - 30th December 2011

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day	75 Baht
Pear Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing and Walnut	185 Baht

Main Courses

Crispy Red Snapper Fillet with Roast Vegetable and Mashed Potato Parsley Cream Sauce	255 Baht
Chicken Breast Stuffed with Sun-Dried Tomatoes and Feta Cheese with Crispy Polenta and Pesto	280 Baht
Penne Pasta with Spanish Chorizo, Black Olives in Spicy Tomato Sauce	185 Baht

Dessert

Lemon Meringue Pie	85 Baht
Dessert of the Day	



Finding The Right Financial Adviser

Unfortunately, the time you will find out is at a time like this – when markets are at their most volatile, and it is hard to tell what is going to happen next. The last minute deal between

President Obama and Republicans to prevent the USA defaulting by extending its borrowing limits to eye-watering levels has helped to keep the world economy from falling into an abyss.

But a downgrading in the US credit rating, coupled with fears about the economies of Italy and Spain following a second Greece bail out, and major falls in world stock markets means there is plenty of fear in the financial markets at present. Gold, a traditional safe haven when other investments are troubled, has reached a record high of \$1,900 per troy ounce.

Investors are scared, and it is no wonder given the levels of market falls. The MSCI World Index fell more than 5 per cent in a single day on August 8. People are tempted to make snap decisions, to 'sell everything' before they lose it all.

But that would be the wrong thing to do for most people – if you can afford to hold onto your investments, then you will do better to hold your nerve. Selling now would crystallise your losses, but brave investors could improve their lot when the upturn comes by buying more shares

when the markets have fallen. You need to have a strong stomach for this strategy.

So, the person you would need to rely on to give you the right information, to help you make the right decisions – which could be to sit tight and do nothing – is your financial adviser. One thing that is for sure, at times like these, you need to know you can trust their judgement.

'Gold, a traditional safe haven when other investments are troubled, has reached a record high of \$1,900 per troy ounce.'

Finding a good adviser, particularly offshore, is not as easy as it might seem. Yes, you could trawl the internet and find a company that 'tells' you how good it is. But remember, many of these people are salesmen first, advisers second – and what better product to sell than yourself, right?

Not everyone will be lucky enough to get a recommendation for a good adviser, but ideally you should look to use an adviser that is recommended if you can. Ask around, speak to people you work with, those you socialise with at the golf club, the theatre, the gym, or even at your children's school. If that search is fruitless, do your own research, but always com-

pare one adviser with another.

No matter how you find your adviser, you need to make sure you are comfortable with him or her. That means spending some time getting to know them, and asking the right kind of questions. Let me tell you something, there is no such thing as a stupid question, and if the adviser you are talking to makes you think that is not the case, they are not going to be the one for you.



Remember, you need to interview your adviser, after all you are going to be paying him or her to do a job. You need to make sure they are up to it. Find out what you want to know, how long have they been doing this job, are they regulated, and if so who by? What areas are they specialists in? Are they independent, or can they only tell you about the products from a particular company? Also, what happens if you decide you are unhappy with the advice you are given? What processes are in place to deal with any problems? How often will you be contacted to review your affairs?

'Finding a good adviser, particularly offshore, is not as easy as it might seem.'

If you do not get the answers you want to these questions – and any-

thing else you want to know – then move on to another candidate. You need to 'get on' with your adviser too, so even if you get all the right answers, if you are still not happy, then don't put up with second best. Sometimes, it is simply a gut feeling that makes you feel uncomfortable. If you have that, I would go with it. If something feels wrong, then it probably is.

I can't tell you who is the right adviser for you, all I know is that if you take a bit of time to do your research properly, you will find the right adviser, and it will be someone you can trust to help you through volatile times like these.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT!

HALLOWEEN AT THE CLUB

As always at the end of October, strange little people appear in stranger disguises, and the evening becomes a time of mischief and mystery, visited by skeletons, owls, skulls and other bizarre imaginings.

The kids had a wonderful time - the pictures speak for themselves.



FLOOD UPDATE NOVEMBER 2011



The SCAD Foundation is working with numerous animal welfare groups including A Call, Chulalongkorn University Small Animal Clinic, Soi Dog Foundation, TREAT Bangkok, Pic-A-Pet4Home and the Kinship Circle, to rescue hundreds of abandoned and homeless dogs and cats which are in need of urgent assistance, and the only way we can provide help is with your **donation**.

Our Dog Centre was evacuated during October in preparation from the floods, so all the adoptable dogs are in foster homes, the Cat Centre remains operational and in 48 hours we admitted 50 flood rescue cats. There are still many more to come.

Regular monthly donations are absolutely vital to secure SCAD's ability to keep helping Bangkok's street cats and dogs. We rely entirely on donations for a small paid staff plus a dedicated volunteer base.

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ENGLAND EXPECTED ...

A SHORT REVIEW OF THE TRAFALGAR DINNER RELAUNCH

Dateline 21st October ... The winds blew, the waves soared, there was rain in the air – there was nothing but water in sight engulfing all that could be seen. The famous signal was cast for all to read "England expects every man to do his duty" No, it was not the Battle of Trafalgar, but the first revival of the Trafalgar Dinner!

Trafalgar was about fighting against the odds in a tempestuous sea, but sadly the odds won on the revival of the Trafalgar Dinner – 76 had booked but by the time we sat down to a fantastic meal by Khun Laak, nearly 40 had deserted their positions due to flooding in outer parts of the ship, sorry, Bangkok and so the faithful few gathered to wine and dine and hear an interesting and colourful speech by the guest of honour, Commander Jason Reid RN.

It was, however, a victory and it will be repeated in future years (when flooding can be avoided) and in Nelson's last words ... thank God we have done our duty!



Admiral Nelson's famous signal



Defence Attaché Colonel Jacque Lemay, Donald Daniels MBE, Jeremy Watson



Defence Attaché Colonel Jacque Lemay and his wife Elizabeth



Toasting HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej and HM Queen Elizabeth II



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PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicious Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1970 ...

1 The saga of the second Squash Court took epic proportions in 1970. The year started with an agreed quotation of 131,000 Baht. By March no work had started and the contractor said he now wanted 200,000 Baht. By May they then decided they did not want the work but would sell us the drawing for 12,000 Baht! This was rejected and the whole process of finding a contractor restarted.

In the mean time, to fund the increased costs it was suggested that Squash players be charged a fee to use the Courts of 10 Baht per half hour. By June a new design was ready – in August a tender of 145,000 Baht was accepted with a completion date in October. October came and went, as did November and by 31st December, we still had only the one Squash Court and thus the Squash Section rejected the fees idea.

2 The Committee suspected all was not well in the Staff House (by the Neilson Hays library) as guests were staying later than 11pm. Regular patrols were undertaken but it was not always easy to realise who was staff so a system of identity discs was issued for ease of reference. I wonder if they were numbered '1', '2', '3' etc ?

3 1970 was the year of "musical rooms" in that first of all we moved the Billiards tables upstairs from the Billiards Room (now the Churchill Bar) to the Rest Room (Silom Room, before the offices took most of the space). We then moved the 'sleeping chairs' from the Rest Room to the Cinema Room (Suriwongse Room) and finally we turned the old Office

(The Verandah's dogleg) into an alcove of the 'Main Bar' and added air-conditioning to this section (the main part being done in late 1969) and sealed off the office's door to the corridor.

4 In July we bade farewell to our then longest-serving member of staff being Gardener No.1 – he had started work just ahead of the Japanese entry into the war in 1940, returned after the war and had served us ever since. Members gave him an ex-gratia payment of 20,000 Baht on top of his statutory payment.

5 In November an Extraordinary General Meeting was held to push through a mass of constitutional changes – four of the most interesting changes were:

- All Members would now have to provide a 500 Baht deposit as unpaid monthly accounts had hit over 100,000 Baht several times during the year.
- The age of when children must take membership was increased from 18 to 21 providing the said child was still in education.
- Guests, resident in Thailand and of British descent, were only permitted to use the Club a maximum of twice in any year.
- The Absent Fee (first introduced in 1947) was changed from a payment upon return to an advance payment.

The only item not passed was one to introduce an Associate Membership – this was respectfully deferred!

(g) The general accommodation problem was discussed at length. Mr. Traugott was asked to post a notice in Thai stating that all visitors to the servants quarters must leave the club premises by 11 p.m. each evening. Mr. Traugott

Messrs Mauritzen and Brownlow to carry out spot check to see that this instruction is being carried out. Also to give consideration to the suggestion that all club staff wear identification discs and to come forward with recommendations by next meeting. Messrs Brownlow & Mauritzen

"The mind boggles!"

The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club

GUY FAWKES DAY

It was a fitting celebration of that rascal's attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament - great food, Bouncy Castle and activities for the kids, gasp-worthy physical and oral strength, and of course splendid fireworks followed by the bonfire. A real fun evening!





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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2011
6pm to 9:30pm

An Evening of Christmas Carols

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Wednesday Night **Dancing Lessons** at The British Club

Due to the Club having organized many functions and events during this period, all the functions rooms are quite busy for dancing classes in December. However, we have arranged Salsa dancing classes with Paul Ringer, our qualified instructor in the Wordsworth Lounge for the following dates:



21st December 2011
28th December 2011

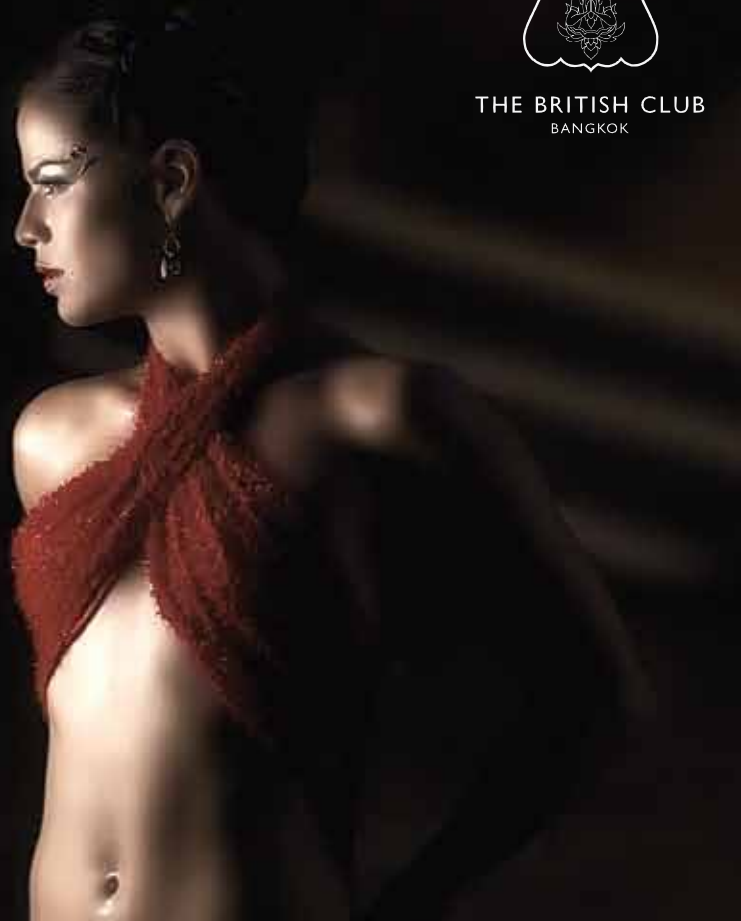
At the Suriwongse Room starting from 7 pm
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BC CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2011

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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Ladies Mix-In
8 am

Fitball
10:30am

Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

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Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm

BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



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Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
A Worm in the Bud
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



12

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
Dead on Time
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



19

Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
The Tragedy at Marsdon Manor/The Double Clue
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



BWG Mahjong
10am - 1pm



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Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Monday Night Club
The Dead of Winter
Wordsworth Lounge, 7pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



6

Fitball
10:30am



Open Pairs Bridge
1pm



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm-9pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



13

Fitball
10:30am



Open Pairs Bridge
1pm



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm-9pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



20

Fitball
10:30am



Open Pairs Bridge
1pm



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm-9pm



Ladies Mix-In
8 am



27

Fitball
10:30am



Open Pairs Bridge
1pm



Squash Mix-In
5pm-7pm



Senior Football
7pm-9pm



Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



7

Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Christmas Carols
6pm - 9:30pm



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



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Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



21

Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Balut Shield
Wordsworth Lounge
7pm



Salsa Dancing
7pm



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Artists @ British Club
9am-1pm



28

Ladies Tennis Coaching
10am-11:30am



Tennis Mix-In
6pm-10pm



Salsa Dancing
7pm



WEDNESDAY

1



8



15



22



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FRIDAY

2

Children's Cinema
Night at the Museum, 6pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Children's Cinema
Alice in Wonderland, 6pm

Kid's Xmas Ball
7pm - 10pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Children's Cinema
Horton Hears a Who!, 6pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Children's Cinema
UP, 6pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



Children's Cinema
Fantasia, 6pm



Tennis Mix-In
7pm-10pm



SATURDAY

3

Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm



Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Annual Christmas Ball
7pm till late



Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Watercolour Workshop



Kids Xmas Party
2pm - 6pm



Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm



Curry Buffet Lunch & Dinner
All day

Junior Netball
Back lawn, 3pm-4pm



New Year's Eve
7pm - 1:30am



SUNDAY

4

Junior British Club
10:30am - 1:30pm

Verandah Brunch
11:30am-3pm

Open Pairs Bridge
Surawongse Room
2:30pm



Yoga
2:30pm



Junior British Club
10:30am - 1:30pm

Verandah Brunch
11:30am-3pm

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Junior British Club
10:30am - 1:30pm

Christmas Lunch
11am - 3pm

Yoga
2:30pm



Christmas Dinner
7pm till late



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SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members,

Not a huge amount of sporting goings-on this month as we're all recovering from the floods, preparing to go home for Christmas and/or gorging ourselves on seasonal foodstuffs so that we can resolve to give something up in the New Year.

SWIMMING:

This month will see the end of the first series of our new swim-look classes with Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th December being the last of the 12 week course. The remainder of the month will be dedicated to make-up classes and swimming awards. Swimming courses will restart in mid to late January.

Many thanks to all the children and parents who have joined the course. I look forward to continuing the classes and helping your children develop into great little swimmers. There are more course certificates to gain and a new set of distance and swimming competence certificates have been produced.

CRICKET:

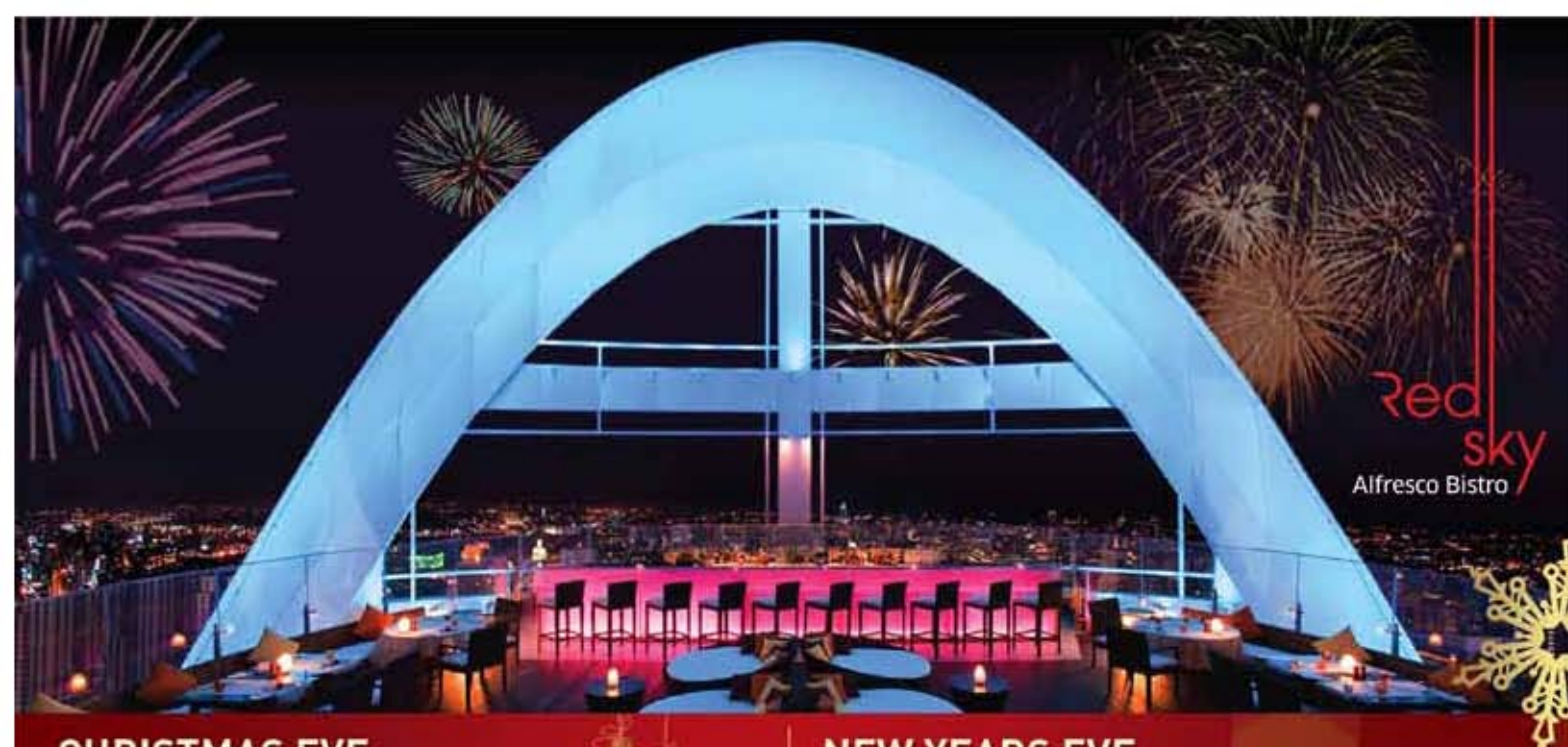
We had our first ever mini cricket tournament on the multi-purpose court with 8-man teams from the BC Seniors, BC Juniors and Siam CC. It was an entertaining afternoon with all players having a lot of fun. The overall winners were the BC Juniors, as I predicted, who hammered the Siam CC boys 64 runs to 3. However there were lots of good performances with some top batting, bowling and fielding.

Such was the success of the mini tournament I am looking to make it a regular fixture in the BC Sports Calendar, and have penciled in similar tournaments every other month for 2012.



Finally I would like to say thank you to everyone I have met in my first four months as Sports and Recreation Manager; everyone has been very friendly and I feel at home here now amongst the towels and weights machines. The job has become a lot more routine, meaning I now have a much better handle on the daily/weekly comings and goings which means I am able to focus more time on tweaking things and developing different areas of sport here at the Club.

I'm looking forward to 2012 as it represents a chance to start a fresh new year of sports and activities at the BC, building on the strong foundation Reed left behind, and developing current and new activities for the benefit of Members, their families, and the wider expat and BKK sporting community.



CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday 24th December 2011

The World & Ginger Level 24 (Dinner) 18.00 hrs
Deluxe Christmas Fare Buffet B 1,590++ per person.

55 Restaurant Level 54 (Dinner) 18.30 hrs
A semi buffet 'Surf in the City' style. Chilled seafood gourmet selection, hot food items from the kitchen B 2,555++ per person, one bottle of selected wine per couple.

RedSky Restaurant Level 55 18.00 hrs
A La Carte menu -- Christmas special daily Chefs menu.

Globe Bar Level 23
Globe Bar is available for private functions.

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 25th December 2011

The World & Ginger Level 24 11.30 - 15.00 hrs
Christmas Deluxe Themed Brunch Buffet
Baht 1,290++ Buffet only
Baht 1,590++ includes free flow of Christmas wines, soft drinks and Prosecco.

55 Restaurant Level 54 11.30 - 14.30 hrs
Christmas Theme Champagne Brunch
Baht 2,955++ per person
Includes free flow of Lombard Champagne.

RedSky Restaurant Level 55 18.00 hrs
A La Carte menu -- Christmas special daily Chefs menu.

Globe Bar Level 23
Globe Bar is available for private functions.

NEW YEARS EVE Saturday 31st December 2011

The World & Ginger Level 24 18.30 - 23.00 hrs
Grand Deluxe Dinner Buffet B 2,012++ per person
Includes free flow Prosecco and selected wines.

55 Restaurant Level 54 (Dinner) 19.00 hrs - Midnight
A semi buffet as new 'Surf in the City'
B 6,555++ per person includes complimentary entry to RedSky Bar 56th to view the fireworks and free flow Bruno Paillard Champagne and selected wines, party favours.

RedSky Restaurant Level 55 18.30 - 3.00 hrs
Live Band and DJ
6 Courses Degustation Menu B 10,955++ per person
Includes a bottle of Perrier Jouët Champagne per couple and party favours

RedSky Bar 56th Level 56 17.00 hrs - late
B 2,000 net per person, Live Band and DJ
Includes glass of Champagne and party favours
this is a standing / dancing party venue.

Globe Bar Level 23
Globe Bar is available for private functions.

NEW YEARS DAY Sunday 1st January 2012

The World & Ginger Level 24 11.30 - 15.00 hrs
Sunday Brunch Buffet
B 1,290++ Buffet only
B 1,590++ includes Beer, wine and juice
Clown Entertainer and buffet for the kids.

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TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

The Singles Graded Championship was held on the last weekend of October. We were able to play a round robin for both contests meaning all players played each other and everyone played the same amount of games.

Well done to Khun Orathai who won the Ladies, and to Camille who came second in a closely fought battle, and congratulations to Philip who also had a long final game with Erich to decide the winner and 2nd place of the men's contest



In the future I would like all competitions and tournaments to end with some type of sit-down meal/buffet/social drink so that all entrants can relax, chat and socialise after the match. After all, this is a social club and the social side of all sports is something I, the BC and each Member should be actively involved in.

This would naturally mean charging more for entry to competitions and a tighter match schedule needing to be followed. However, as the cost would be offset by the food and drinks you receive, I think it would work out to most people's benefit.

If you're ever short of a player, please feel free to ask me to join, I'm not all that good, but I do know which end of the racquet to hold. I'm usually hidden behind a pile of towels in the Fitness Centre reading flood report updates.

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SPORTS CAMP

By Paul Ringer

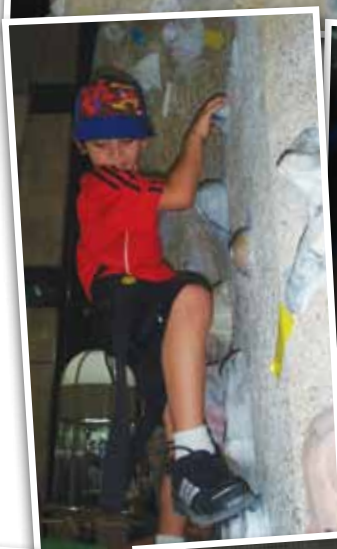
My first ever Sports Camp was held during late October and I was very happy with the turnout and the enthusiasm all the children showed.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday we had Tennis, Football, Squash and Swimming at the British Club. On Tuesday and Thursday we went indoor rock climbing, bouldering, ice-skating and bowling at Imperial Mall Ladprao.

Climbing as you can see in the photos was done on a tower approximately 8m high. All climbers wear a climbing harness which is tied to a climbing rope. The rope goes from the climber all the way to a secure anchor at the top of the climb and then all the way back down to the belayer. The belayer is the person who makes sure the climber is safe and the rope is kept tight.

Bouldering is a type of rock climbing which does not require a rope. It is usually climbing sideways or up a short way and is more focused on a climbing problem. That is to say how to get from A to B by only using certain holds for your hands and feet.

I anticipate holding a similar Sports Camp over the Christmas/New Year period and whilst the first Sports Camp was about the kids having fun and giving rock climbing a go, for the second sports camp I'd like to add some focus on how to climb safely and on climbing technique. I also have plans for a climbing and bouldering competition.



SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge



Open! Wide Open! Open To All And Every!

Talk about that later. First, Bits has to explain the golden retriever pic from last month. It was labelled Civil as in Civil War, which means David Warr. Someone forgot to write why. Well, it's because he is a very good retriever, especially at the back of the court. Picks up everything, he does. Dead insects, bits of dust, even the ball. You think you've played a winner, it's in the nick (join between wall and floor), you know it's dead, the point is yours, then out of nowhere, out of this world, out of sight, out of mind, out of his mind on gallons of Heineken,



Civil

he slings it back covered in flattened mozzies and grey fluff while you're outside lighting up! Star Wars: A phenomenal retriever. A golden retriever. Bet if you chucked a stick in the pool, he'd dive in after it, and fetch it right back. And we love him.

Yeah, yeah, yeah. Now on to the latest league winners and ladder voucher, t-shirt, teapot awards or whatever rubbish we dish out. Neil, Ja, Marcus, and one of the Club's cooks all won league 1, while Tom Godference, Bobby, David Mason and Den didn't win league 2. It was won by Noot and Wannakit from the Churchill Bar. Gary Baine won league 3 even though he played only one match. League 4 (the new league 4) was topped by Paul Cheesman, 5 by Chris Watt, 6, 7 and 8 weren't contested because there were too many players, and 9 to 12 were cancelled owing to not enough players! Swampy won Leagues 13 and 15, while Kasem and Susan triumphed in league 14. League 15 was cancelled halfway through because court three exploded killing all nine players of that league, while leagues 16 and 17 were won by that new bird in the Verandah Bar, the one that looks like John Merrick. Finally, leagues 18 to 20 were simply forgotten. Meanwhile Charles Darwin and Yasser Arafat climbed the BCB ladders to rescue a pair of crippled ants! Brilliant work by all.



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Their prizes: vouchers to either Den's new business venture, an escort service for discerning gentlemen called DenzBoyz, or free trips to Emmanuelle Spa, Massage, and Gentleman's Knocking Shop on Rama 9 next to the offices of ACA Pacific, which is Corney's firm, and which sponsored this year's Rod Carter Squash Open.

So now we can discuss the OPEN. The Rod Carter Open. An annual open squash competition hosted by the British Club Bangkok. Open to all and sponsored this year by ACA Pacific, a leading Australian specialist IT distributor, of which Cornflakes is the boss in Thailand. So he handed over millions of baht to sponsor the RC and he opened it up to all. To all and every through a massive, ACA Pacific, worldwide, email campaign, generating a huge response, resulting in a record number of entrants - 1,059. He then sodded off to Oz leaving poor old Rit, Amnart, Paul Ringer-Gringer-Grincher-Grinch-The Grinch, Bob, Madge, Evans, and H to deal with all these ridiculous competitors Corn Oil had invited to the play in the Rod Carter Open 2011.

First night, first rounds of play. In they came. From BCB, RSBC, RSPCA, RAC, RAF, IRA, PLO, ELO, ETA, WTA, WWF, WWE, WHO, NATO, UN, UNICEF and the Polo Club of Bangkok, and the Rolo Club, and the Volvo Club, Home Pro and Office Depot. Fifty thousand useless, hopeless entrants. Less than 1% had ever seen a squash court before. Peter's international bulk mail promising billions had made a mockery



of the whole thing. First match of round one. On court one, Bobby ready to do the marking. New clipboard, freshly printed score sheets, brand new Bic. H there, camera ready to capture the first players of this year's tournament when in came a vet and a box of paper clips! What the hell was all this? These weren't squash players. What the heck did they think they were doing here? Surely a stupid joke? Peter wetting himself while sitting in first class on a Qantas 777 on his way to Tasmaniac! Who/what next then? On court two Rit and Neil ready to officiate were met with a breakdown mechanic and a garden hose! Come on! This was madness. How did these people/things get past security and into the Club? All

Peter on way to OZ. Hope it crashes!



Not a genuine squashie.

speechless. Stumped. Stupefied. To court three where The Grinch was waiting with a brand new squash ball still in its box. But waiting for what? A Harrier Jump-Jet and a gorilla? Almost as bizarre because in came Gerry Adams and Ban Ki-moon wearing suits and carrying briefcases. Beyond words! Why did we bother? Waste of our flaming time. Us Squash Section Committee members giving up our evening to deal with this nonsense Cornflakes had put together. Well, we couldn't go

**Not a real player.**

on like this. We had to sort it out, didn't we? We had to get rid of these 'aliens' so the 'real' players could play. So we had a clear-out. All non-squash players out! And out they went. We refunded their 300 baht playing fees and had Security show them the door. And what a sad sorry bunch they were as they all trumped away in gloomy silence knowing their dream of grabbing some of the ACA trillions was over. So off went the hordes of suicide bombers, the Undertaker and the Miz, the Big Show and Mark Henry, the world's strongest man, loads of screaming kids, a pack of A4 paper and a box of galvanised nails. And did we feel sorry for them? Not one bit!

**Rit and H. Real RC players.****More genuine RC players.**

Now the real matches could begin. 59 genuine squashers remaining though some failed to arrive as they'd drowned.

Before even that Thai top players and previous RC Open winners Poowis and Win were out. Poowis was flying Peter to Oz and Win was involved in a nasty car accident that broke his shoulder and other parts. Heal yourself quickly and return

**Yet more RC genuine heros.**

please Win. Adam from Pattaya - another potential winner - also had to withdraw as he was due to return to England and couldn't extend his stay any longer as the comp had already been delayed by a week to wait for Win and Poowis to become available and in the end they weren't, and then after Round One was played on that crazy evening when all the bogus players arrived the comp was postponed for another two weeks for fear of the deluge. As a result/consequently/hence/so/therefore/thus/to that end/you'll have to read all about what really happened during the Rod Carter Open in next month's Bits.

**Wally Evans and Annoying Eric in the RC.**

However, if you're really that desperate check out the BCB Squash Section Facebook page in the meantime.

Until then.....

HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



Unlike Mr. Madge who avoids writing anything about squash in Squashy Bits, the Squire gets very frustrated when there is no cricket to write about for Hard Balls. BC's big bang opening match against RBSC on Bonfire Night turned out to be a damp squib and has been twice postponed due to floodwaters encroaching on the Great Bathtub. The first match of the season will now be against the Thoroughbreds in Pattaya which apparently is dry in the biblical sense but has also unfortunately run out of beer because everyone in Bangkok has been down there drinking it.

We could talk about how the Aussies were 21 for 9 in South Africa the other day and almost didn't beat the lowest score ever made in over 1,000 Test matches, but there was actually some cricket of sorts for BC in the 23rd October fun tournament organised by BC's Sports Supremo Paul Ringer together with wizened Brian Wiggins, BC's popular junior coach. This took place on the Back Lawn all-weather court as a warm-up for the Rugby World Cup where nobody wanted to support the Froggies but we all ended up cheering for them.

The tournament was 8 a-side indoor cricket played with a soft ball and everyone getting into the action. Rules included scoring off the side nets and being out for hitting the ball out of the court. Most of the BC squad had never played this stuff before and our formidable opponents were Brian's mainly under 14 year old BC Juniors and the Siam Parrots for whom the early start meant it was difficult for them to get their blood alcohol up to optimum performance levels.

Hopefully the scores have been lost, because it all happened a bit too quickly for the BC lads. The Siam Parrots racked up about a thousand off their 8 overs before we realised field placing and actually stopping the ball were important. Our 50-something in response was hopelessly inadequate and when we made about the same against the Juniors we knew we were in trouble. These kids ... sorry, cricketers ... play this all the time. They had some seriously good bowlers and were like a swarm of bees on the field ... all 8 competing to cut off every BC attempt at scoring. Then, of course, they knocked the runs off with ease with BC's fielders only just beginning to get the hang of it.



Skipper looks in good nick



Cricketers all help Richard celebrate



This left the Juniors and Parrots to fight for the honours and we were richly entertained as one of the Parrots ran out every single one of his partners for a total score of about 6. It was over in a twinkling with a richly deserved victory for Brian's boys and a good day out for all involved. BC was proud to wear their bronze "I've got no balls" medals and it was agreed that this must become a regular event. One minor problem was some irresponsible batsmen smashing the ball out of the Club losing balls at \$10 a whack. We are hoping that we can get some kind of netting over the top and make some other adjustments to the foliage which makes fielding somewhat hazardous ... because this could be a very popular format.

Other than that it has been a frustrating case of organising teams for matches that never happened. The encouraging thing is that like Fantasy Cricket, we have had some great teams on paper including several new Members who look

promising in the nets and we can't wait to see displaying their talents in the middle.

Compensation was being invited to BC Cricket Section Music Maestro Richard Harvey's third wedding in the space of 6 months ... all to the same lovely Jiep. This was a splendid affair in beautiful surroundings in Pattaya with lashings of champagne and jazz by the fantastic Dutch Swing College Band. Richard and Jiep left for their third baby-making holiday immediately afterwards and we were somewhat relieved to hear that he has chosen to donate his body to the Thoroughbreds and not us for the Pattaya fixture.

Meanwhile back at the Club we are privileged to have one of the most picturesque practice facilities in town. As the pictures show, on the eve of this edition of Hard Balls going to press the boys were hard at it getting ready for that first match in Pattaya. Don't miss Hard Balls for the full story next month!



BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn



October Medal, The Royal GC Sunday 9 October 2011

The unappealing weather of late was most likely foremost in the minds of many of our regular medal competitors, resulting in a rather smaller field than usual. Nonetheless, four determined groups managed to shake off the Sunday morning lethargy to turn out for the competition and hopefully, to improve their position in the now exciting eclectic competitions. With the heavy air and difficult conditions, it was always going to be beyond the reach of most to achieve either of these goals! Differing approaches to preparation were clear from the start. (1 & 2) Randall looked particularly pleased after hearing that he



was soon to be re-united with his "missing" golf clubs and Mike, looking quietly confident, fine tuned their games on the practice putting green. (3)

Getting some reward for their efforts were Mike S, Khun Yurachatr, Marcus P and Art C in the near-pin category and unsurprisingly, the big and powerful Peter B walked away with the longest drive prize!!

In spite of the difficult conditions, scores were very respectable with Art C taking the top prize in Flight 'B' with a net 71 (incidentally, consolidating his position at the top

of the Flight B Eclectic table) (4). Brian B finished in 2nd place with a commendable 73.



For longer than he cared to remember and for some strange reason, Mike Staples had missed out in this particular competition. However, perseverance eventually paid off and today was to be his day. Following some very steady play, his net 72 score earned him the October Flight 'A' medal, edging out Marcus P on countback (5).



Well done to the winners and to all who made the effort to turn out.

Dunlop Cup/Plate, Black Mountain GC, Hua Hin 22/23/24 October 2011

What a great weekend at Hua Hin - sumptuous golf, wonderful company and no floods at the Black Mountain course during the course of the Dunlop Cup and Plate competitions. Played over 3 days and employing a variety of formats, this particular event combines both the serious and fun sides of golf. Essentially the Cup is a matchplay event while the Plate is awarded to the pair with the highest cumulative Stableford points.

In the clubhouse at the end of Day 3, we acclaimed the 2011 Dunlop Cup winners, Karen and Frank, who narrowly beat Art and Pete in a closely contested matchplay final. Pete and Mark took 3rd place, with commiserations to Andrew and Barry who finished in 4th spot.

The Dunlop Plate was again won by Brian and Khun Yurachatr, who played consistently good golf over the weekend.

In splendid attire, the entire field gave all, until they retired at the end of 3 gorgeous days. Well done everyone for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend's golf.

Club Championships, Nichigo C C, Kanchanaburi 29/30 October 2011

Unfortunately the present circumstances in and around Bangkok have played havoc with our golfing itinerary to the extent that our flagship event, the Club Championships, has had to be postponed. It is hoped to reschedule this event as and when the current situation improves.

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BRIDGE

Bridge Results for October 2011

EVENT	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday 2nd October (17 pairs)	N/S winner	Supote & Julaporn	61.64%
	E/W winner	Prarop & Chalernpol	63.10%
Tuesday 4th October (8 pairs)	1st	Jeremy & Somchai R.	71.43%
	2nd	Noelle & Patrice	54.76%
Sunday 9th October (11 pairs)	Tied 1st	Prarop & Chalernpol	68.13%
	Tied 1st	Chakramon & Somchai R.	68.13%
Tuesday 11th October (7 pairs)	1st	Chintana E. & Rochana	65.28%
	2nd	Benjarong & Narin	62.50%
Tuesday 18th October (8 pairs)	1st	Kiatchai & Hiran	67.46%
	2nd	Benjarong & Narin	59.52%
Sunday 23rd October (7 pairs)	1st	Manthanee & Narin	68.75%
	2nd	Prarop & Watana	58.33%
Tuesday 29th October (8 pairs)	1st	Kiatchai & Hiran	66.67%
	2nd	Charlene & Supote	59.52%



Bidding Convention: XY-NT (by Helmer Nissen) Part 1

This convention has been described by Denmark's national player, Lars Blakset, as one of the best improvements to the basic New Minor Forcing – and in my opinion, an incredible aid to your bidding system.

Though the name of this convention might scare you, we are actually talking about a very common situation:

North	East	South	West	E.g.	North	East	South	West
1X	pass	1Y	pass		1♣	pass	1♠	pass
1NT					1NT			

Opener has shown 12-14 HCP and a quite balanced hand. What should South do with a good 5-card ♠ and at least invitational strength? What should South bid with a strong minor support for North?

The elegant solution is to make the following bids artificial:

- 2♣ Game invitational (about 12hp) - (or to play 2♦)
- 2♦ Game forcing (about 13+)
- 2♣ is a relay to 2♦, and opener must make the relay bid 2♦.

Note that both bids are artificial bids, and must be alerted. Hereafter unshown majors can be bid or three card supports, etc. You bid as cheap as possible.

Example 1

♠ AQXXX ♥ KXX ♦ XX ♣ KXX

North	South
1♣	1♠
1NT	2♣ (relay to 2♦)
2♦ (relay)	2♠ (5-card ♠, invitational)

The opener will now bid: Pass, 2NT, 3NT, 3♠ or 4♠.

With a 5-card ♠ and a 4-card ♥ and invitational strength, the bidding would be the same as above, but of course bidding 2♥, instead of 2♠.

Example 2

♠ KQxxx ♥ KQxx ♦ xx ♣ Kx

North	South
1♣	1♠
1NT	2♦ (GF)
2♥	4♥

This hand most players would also get to game in, without this convention, but I have on many occasions seen players not sure if a rebid 2♥ would be game-forcing or not, therefore bidding 3♥ to be sure that it is, and partner assuming that it shows a 5-card suit because of the jump.

This convention should only be used upon the rebid 1NT (not 2NT), but can easily be used if opponents should interfere with a bid or a take-out-double.

Example 3

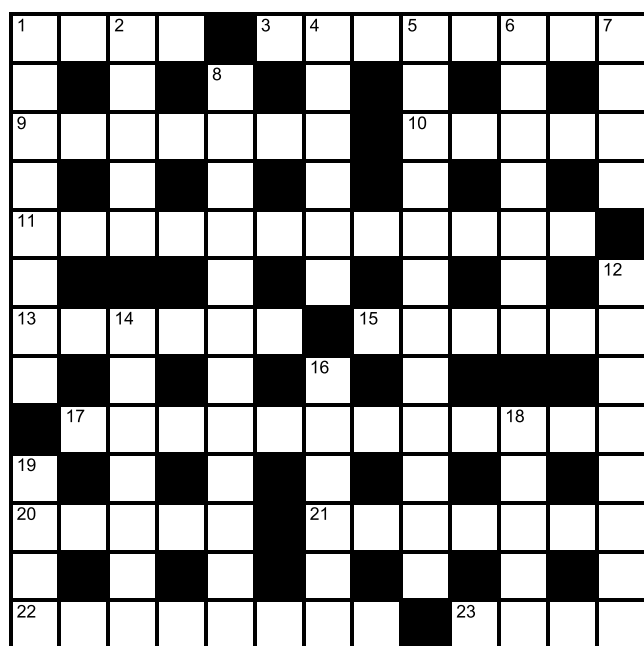
North	East	South	West
1♦	Double	1♠	pass
1NT	pass	2♣/2♦	

Example 4

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♦	1♥	pass
1NT	pass	2♣/2♦	

{end of Part 1. The 2nd and final part will be in the January 2012 issue of Outpost}

DUDLEY'S GRID No 3



Dudley's Grid No 2 October Answers

Across: 1 St Paul's, 5 Aspen, 8 Mine-detectors, 9 ABC, 10 Cathedral, 12 Betide, 13 Ocular, 15 Withdrawn, 16 Tar, 18 Two-way mirrors, 20 Husky, 21 Hacksaw.

Down: 1 Samoa, 2 Panicstations, 3 Undecided, 4 Shtetl, 5 Arc, 6 Poor relations, 7 Nestler, 11 Eccentric, 12 Bewitch, 14 Warmth, 17 Resew, 19 Any.

Across

- 1 Part of Stones song? Stone, anyway. (4)
- 3 Southeast, in the cupboard, not much room to move (5-3)
- 9 Confused Ben, worn, finds baby (7)
- 10 Code for detective? (5)
- 11 A language? For Mutt and Jeff, maybe! (7,5)
- 13 Endlessly astound - or not, initially - female warrior (6)
- 15 Little devil close to death -- about to happen (6)
- 17 Blaze before dark: there'll be fireworks! (7,5)
- 20 Aperitif for the lady (5)
- 21 A & E misplaced in the country: explosive (7)
- 22 Not overweight but sounds unwell: it's the beer (5,3)
- 23 Lots of lions lose their spokesman in the middle of the month (4)

Down

- 1 Phone singer Stewart about a way round town (4,4)
- 2 Small version of 1, near path (5)
- 4 Silver inside endless material, as paid for by 12 down (6)
- 5 Mentally challenged Den misled PM and I in mix-up (6-6)
- 6 Yes, grin! Rejigged, this will clear things! (7)
- 7 Endless social medium is rather quaint (4)
- 8 Fats' impact? Falling one after another (6,6)
- 12 Oriental top cop with long hair? A top journalist? (8)
- 14 Loving a bit of a fuss, phone (7)
- 16 Loud little boy takes in mat, being careful with money (6)
- 18 Organ found in country that's lost its East and North (5)
- 19 Sounds like music for the lonely! (4)

BRITISH CLUB BALUT

By Sausage



BALUT SHIELD 2011-2012

There have been three tournaments since the last issue of Outpost.

T2 welcomed 20 players defy the threat of floods on the evening when pair rotation was tried out. No extra time was used and the variety of players was welcomed. The prizes went to Shanghai (Paul Williams) for an aggregate of 592 (avg 118.4!) and he also won the highest score of 148 but couldn't take two prizes so Lindy stood in for her 141.



T3 saw a slightly lower turnout which maintained the player rotation system and witnessed a magnificent game in which Mrs Orange (Khun Muntana Merrigan) scored a lofty 166, only 3 off the World Record! Another great score of the evening was Balut Junior's Ms Kelly Alexander achieving an aggregate of 538; prizes were awarded accordingly.



T4 started with 19 but ended with 22 players, and enjoyed a suspenseful lack of TV to make a nail-biting ending! Once again pairs rotated and a splendid aggregate of 596 won TC (Phil Alexander) a prize with the highest score prize for 139 being tied but after play-off going to Ni (Mrs Wanida McLean Sornmanapong) when she beat Balut Junior Andy Williams.



31st STC Chivas Regal Interport COMPETITION

As I write, four intrepid BCB Section players are winging their way to Singapore for this annual competition, which the Club won two years ago and narrowly missed retaining last year. Our players competing at the Singapore Indian Association this year are Jammy (Roger Willbourn), The Jackal (Carlos Romero), Tilak (Tilak Karamala) and Dark Horse (Clive Butcher) who will present a formidable team indeed. We wish them a fearsome amount of good luck and hope that whatever the scores, they have a great weekend with the Merlion!

DATES FOR DECEMBER

The Balut Shield evenings for this festive month are:

Wed 7th December & Wed 21st December

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Since the completion of Tournament 4, the top of the League Table stands as follows:

	Nickname	Player	Average
1	Scouserboy	Ryan Bebbington	106.13
2	Oddsman	Jeremy Watson	104.60
3	Shanghai	Paul Williams	103.25
4	Lindy	Sulindy Collacott	102.67
5	LF	Lawrence Fay	102.40
6	Ali	Ali Adam	102.20
7	Mr RM	Rod Murchison	101.60
8	CH	Craig Hoy	100.80
9	TC	Phil Alexander	99.35
10	Noi	Khun Penpitchaya	98.45

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5th A Worm in the Bud

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"Is this a clue I see before me?"

19th The Tragedy at Marsdon Manor/The Double Clue

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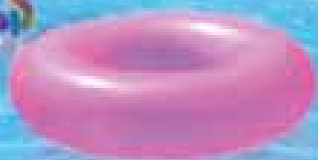
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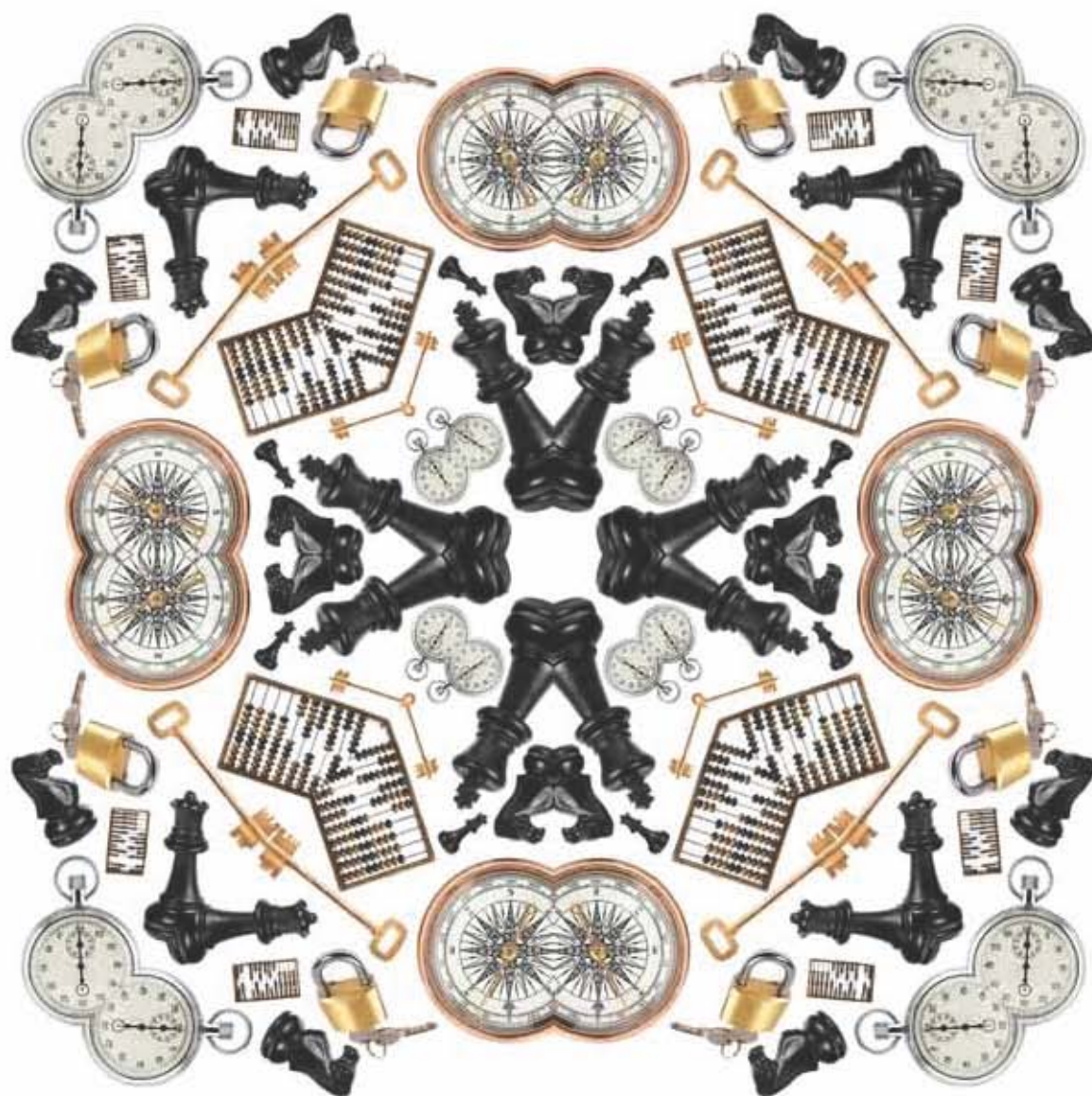
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