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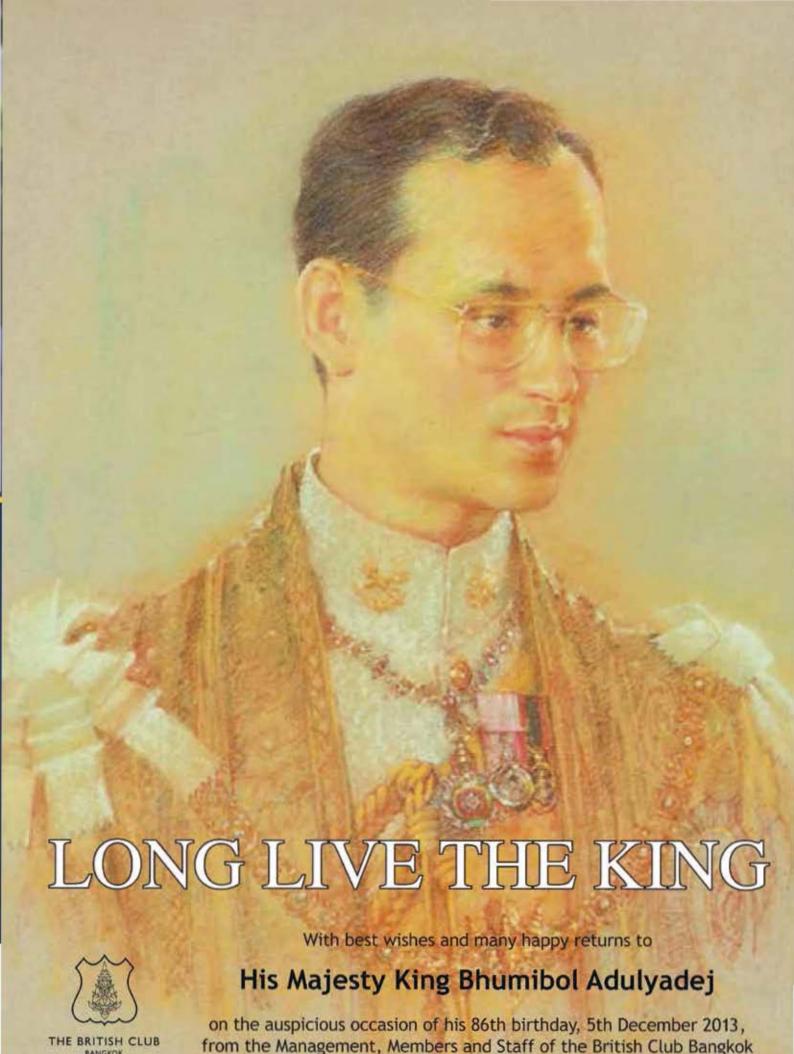








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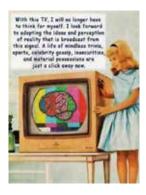
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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



#### Dear Members.

How time flies! This is now my fourth year on the General Committee, the first two challenging years after the political problems of 2008 and 2010 as Treasurer and the last 20 months as Chairman.

During this period the various General Committees have all focussed on implementing prudent financial policies, cost reductions and strict financial controls. The foundation stones were laid, the financial position of our Club has improved considerably, and we have been able to make significant and essential improvements to the Club and Grounds. In turn our nett Membership continues to grow, our activities for the children have improved, the use of our sports facilities are growing, our Reciprocal Club Programme has increased in popularity and many of our Sections are thriving.

#### THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

This financial year, which ends on the 30th November 2013, has been excellent for the Club and the facts speak for themselves!

	2010	2011	2012	Projected 2013
Cash	12,683,329	14,699,760	16,818,508	21,000,000
Capex	6,277,009	1,638,964	6,569,779	5,348,910
Operating Income	(64,029)	792,854	4,851,077	5,800,000
Net Profit (Loss)	(3,809,181)	(1,845,789)	3,247,925	6,500,000
No. of Members	985	1.011	1.001	1.038

The British Club - Financial Year ends 30th November 2013

Our staff under the expert guidance of Khun Prem, who first as Director of Finance and now as General Manager, have made this happen and deserve a huge vote of thanks from us, the Members.

### **MORE CHALLENGES AHEAD**

The General Committee and our Management Team fully understand that, going forwards, we must continually look to make more improvements in ALL areas of the Club's operations. In this respect the feedback from the Member's Questionnaires has proved invaluable.

With four months to go for this General Committee, we will continue to work with our Management Team to assist them in implementing more improvements to our Club. These will include focusing on improving our service levels, increasing nett Membership, improving the look of the downstairs of the Clubhouse, increasing storage facilities and a host of other areas which need speedy attention.

But we are not working and focussing only on the short term as we must plan ahead. We are conscious that more structural improvements are needed in the area around the Silom Sala, Children's area, squash courts. Also we have to look to improve the Management and Staff offices and tackle the issues around the urgent need to increase and improve our toilet facilities. In due course we will feed back our ideas to the Membership on these matters.

## THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND STAFF

As we are fast approaching the festive season, may I take this opportunity of thanking all Members and Staff for the support you have given the General Committee. Wishing you - our Members and Staff - and your families all the very best for the Festive Season and a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Warm regards,

## Phil Alexander

Chairman of the British Club Bangkok General Committee



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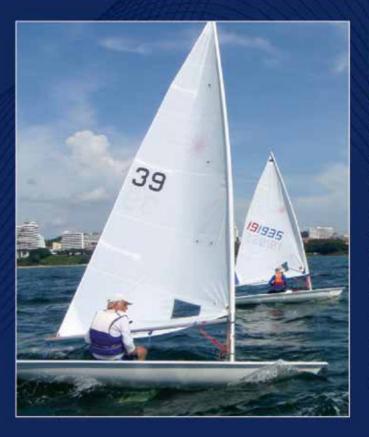




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## **LETTER FROM THE GM**



#### Dear Members.

Christmas is nearly here again, and we can look back on a very busy year for the Club, especially in the development areas, as well as Club activities and the new F&B Menus. We have completely refurbished the Reception area, the 3 function rooms upstairs and restored the 1910 Balcony. We have also completed a multi-purpose sports court and landscaped the Back Lawn area. On the other side of the premises, two of the tennis courts have been resurfaced under warranty and the other two are almost complete. We are enlarging the Turtle pond, expanding the waterfall system with new lighting. This should be completed by Christmas and will make the Pétanque area an even more pleasant place for Members and their families.

As the festive season approaches, we have plenty of events at the Club for all Members to enjoy, including an Evening with Christmas Carols, the Annual Christmas Ball, the Kids Christmas Party and the Christmas Luncheon & Dinner, and a special New Year's Eve Dinner Cruise. Dates and details are on the website. Our Annual Polar Swim on 1st January 2014 sees blocks of ice floating in the pool, great fun for kids and very refreshing for all!

Now that the rain seems to have finally stopped, we'll be using the Front and Back Lawns for volleyball and other games, and the football tournament and tennis leagues will be able to go ahead without interruption. This month we'll again be holding our popular Sports Camps and there will lots of other activities to keep Members occupied.

We have held back from changing prices as a result of the new tax rates on alcohol, but now that virtually all suppliers have increased their prices and are stocks are low, we have no choice but to increase prices as of 1st December. This means that prices of regular beer will go up by about 5 baht a glass and premium beer by about 15 baht. We've kept the increase to a minimum.

Finally, as we approach the end of my first year as General Manager, I'd like to thank the General Committee and all you Members for your guidance and support. I'd also like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful festive season and look forward to seeing you down at the Club. If you're travelling abroad, please don't forget to take advantage of our reciprocal arrangements with over 300 clubs worldwide. Introduction letters are available from our Membership Department.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Best regards,

Premrudee Tanyaluck General Manager

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# **HAPPENINGS**



#### **Dear Members**

It's been a good month with BCT Fringe Night drama, the monthly and a private wine-tasting, and a really good quiz night, culminating with a lovely weekend which saw the Operation Smile Children's Day celebration on the Back Lawn with a great Loy Krathong evening the following day. Guy Fawkes Night was postponed and is now a little more than a week away - can't wait for the fireworks! We'll be having a Thanksgiving Day Buffet before the end of the month, and the last two days sees the arrival of over 100 members of SE Asian clubs for a couple of days playing the annual Interport Balut competition, hosted this year by the Club who are entering 4 teams in a valiant bid to regain the trophy.

As always the weather is indicative of the time of year, and as evening temperatures have dropped below 30°C and the rains have become intermittent, it must be December. Snow may not have been forecasted, but the Christmas decorations will be going up nevertheless, and earplugs will become the order of the day for shopping in downtown Bangkok department stores. I suspect you are all battling to squeeze room into your diaries, so make sure you get our main events in there too:

- on **Wednesday 4th** we have the **Evening with Christmas Carols** when 80+ kids from St Andrews International School will fill the Back Lawn area with tremulous and resonant harmonies. Entry is free, and there will be mince pies and mulled wine to maximise aural pleasure -
- on **Tuesday 10th** is the **Christmas Quiz Night**, which for festive reasons will include an extra round and an extra prize, and as the jackpot hasn't been won for a few months, it may be necessary to bring Santa's bag to carry home all the rewards for excelling at trivia and minutiae -
- on **Saturday 14th** is the **Annual Christmas Ball**, starting with a marvellous sparkling wine reception on the front lawn followed by a delicious traditional dinner under the stars with half a bottle of wine free for every person. There are lots of great raffle prizes, many worth more than the dinner and ticket cost combined, and after dinner the Boss Band, a hot combo well-liked in Bangkok, will be playing us into the early hours, so come and let your hair down, or up, and help us have a really good evening -
- On **Sunday 22nd** we have the **Children's Christmas Party (aka Kids Xmas Party)** on the front and back lawns with fun and games galore, Sam and his Fantastic Friends flat out, and lots of food and drink peaking with a visit from Santa himself. This has been very well attended in the past, as it is a great afternoon for parents to chill out and catch up on a few lost hours of napping while the kids go wild, so please put your names down soon or turn up not too late on the day -
- on **Wednesday 25th** we celebrate **Christmas Day** with all those we know near and far around the globe, a day of love, goodwill and happiness. Khun Laak puts on an extraordinary amount of unbelievably good food for both luncheon and dinner, it's without doubt the best Crimbo nosh in town. Sign up soon, we are well over half full already -
- on **Tuesday 31st** we bid farewell to 2013 by setting off up the river on our **New Year's Eve Dinner Cruise**. Some people like to go and get crushed and deafened so our event caters for those who want to revel in the moment and smile retrospectively in lovely surroundings. we have hired a converted riverboat with dinner tables on the top and an air-conditioned lounge below. We'll set off downriver for cocktails followed by a yummy dinner we are catering ourselves, as we cruise upriver past the beautiful and spotlit sights around the Grand Palace and beyond. About turning at a precise moment will bring us back down to the area where fireworks will explode at midnight, ushering in the New Year, more overhead fireworks of which we never tire, and then back to the pier. Brilliant way to celebrate, bargain price, don't miss out if it suits you -
- on **1st January 2014**, the day we fight our resolutions and hit the alka-seltzoid drinks, nothing is more refreshing than our **Polar Swim**, icy icebergs of ice afloat in the swimming pool -

Details of all these will be on the website before you can say reindeer, and for the other days we will do our best to make you feel at home and feel festively fantastic, so pop in to the Club!

Have a very Happy Christmas with your families and friends, and I hope 2014 brings all your dreams to fruition with many unexpected extras!

Best wishes

Jeremy de Sausmarez Events & Marketing Manager



Starters - 55 baht

Warm Bread Salad of Crispy Bacon, Parmesan and Poached Eggs

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Lamb, Beef and Eggplant Moussaka

Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread

Grilled Chicken Breast with Chasseur Sauce

Served with Broccoli, Carrot and Roast Potatoes

Pan-fried Sea Bass with Pernod and Dill Sauce

Tom Yam Goong

(Spicy Lemongrass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms)

Pad Khana Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Kale Oyster Sauce)

Kraprao Kai

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

## 16th December - 20th December 2013

Starters - 55 baht

Waldorf Ham Salad

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

#### Mini Steak

Served with Mixed Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes and Gravy Sauce

Pan-fried Dory Fish with Mornay Sauce

Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

Grilled -Chicken Breast Tarragon Creame Sauce

Served with French Beans, Carrot and Sautéed Potatoes

Tom Kha Gai

(A Refreshing Coconut Milk Soup with Chicken and Herbs)

Phad Kraprao Moo Sab

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

Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo

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

## 9th December - 13th December 2013

Starters - 55 baht

Grilled Chicken, Mango, Beetroot Salad

Served with Balsamic Dressing

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Fish and Chips

Served with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

Turkey Lasagne

Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread

Pork Schnitzel

Served with Apple Salad

Panaeng Gai

(Chicken Stir-fried with Red Curry Sauce

Topped with Slice Lime Leaves)

Kai Jiew Moo Sub

(Thai Style Omelette with Minced Pork)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

## 23rd December - 27th December 2013

Starters - 55 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Salmon Fish Cake

Served with Chips, Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

Chicken Stew in Red Wine Sauce

French Onion, Peas, Carrot and Mashed Potato

Fillet of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce

Served with Drilled Zucchini and Ciriander Rice

Gaeng Jued Phak Gard Khao

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

Pla Sam Ros

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

Pad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day - 55 baht

Choose from or à la carte Dessert 10% off







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# **F&B MORSELS**



#### Dear Members,

We have got to Christmas month once again, and it's getting busier by the week. You must be looking forward to this happy and festive time with your families and friends, and I hope we can make your meals really good too! The Healthy Menus this month have taken a while to get going, but hey will be back to normal in December and I hope you enjoy the selection.

This year we are doing the catering for the Annual Ball, so come along and have a delicious evening under the stars, there's half a bottle of wine free for each person. Then we will be doing the same huge buffet for Christmas Day which is a fantastic celebration. Also in December we have Christmas meals available throughout the month, as set meals and as menu items also. There will be no Saturday themed buffets during December, although the Sunday brunches will continue as usual.

With Outpost last month we sent out the order forms for Christmas Food which you can collect at a day and date to suit you. The forms must be returned to us before 15 December please, and if they come back a few days before that it makes it much easier for us. If you need a form, please send Khun Jeremy an email.

Hoping all our Members have a wonderful month, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us here in the kitchens.

Happy Eating!

Khun Laak Executive Chef

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## Sunday - 15th December

6.30 pm

Readings & Carols by Candlelight (A service for adults)

## Sunday - 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Normal Sunday Services

## Tuesday - 24th December

6.00 pm

A Candlelight Children's 'Christingle' & Nativity Service

11.00 pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion

## Wednesday - 25th December

10.00 am

Christmas Day, All-Age Family Communion



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# **TRICK OR TREAT!**

## Halloween Party 2013

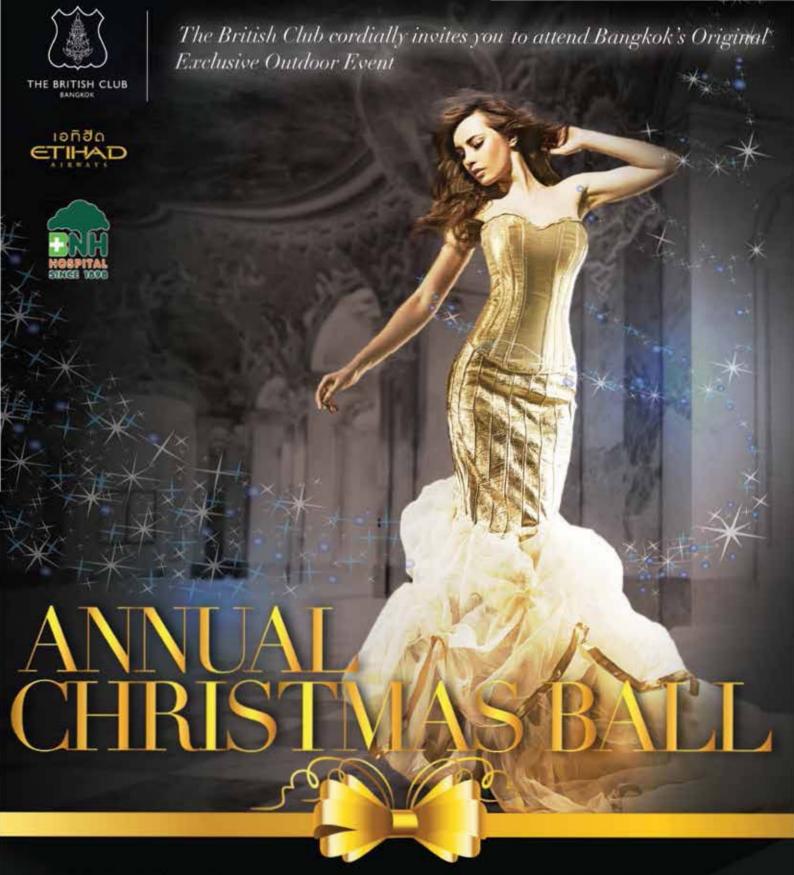


The Silom Sala was decked out with black drapes and eerie drawings. The mood was zingy as darkness fell on 25th October. Mums and Dads were arriving for the Wine-Tasting and from their cars appeared strange looking creatures who delved into the Sllom Sala and blended in with the other bizarre costume wearers.

Sam tweaked make-up and costumes, and there were games and then a costume parade with kids choosing the winners. Magic, food and doughnuts on a string, toffee apples, and of the cake. Music and a Piñata with small kids having a bash at it before the bigger kids, and when it split, lots of sweets for everyone.

It was great fun and the evening had disappeared like a witch on a broomstick......





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# **POPPY SUNDAY...**

On Sunday 10th November the pipe band gathered at the British Embassy as usual for the annual Remembrance Day parade at the kind invitation of the embassy's new security officer, Mo Morrison. At 0940 hours on the dot we marched off at a comfortable pace to Scotland the Brave on Pipe Major Keith Walker's command past the formed up Ghurka guards to get into position on the other side of the war memorial. Then came the difficult bit – listening out for the Ghurka sergeant major's word of command and getting the tempo right to play a march for them to get into position. Drum majors and pipe majors learn the technique of giving the word of command in a rhythm that gives the exact tempo of the tune to the band but this is not the case with infantry NCOs. The drummers have get the right tempo by themselves with the risk that, if they set it too slow, the Ghurkhas will trip over as they are used to marching at break neck speed. Suddenly something like "Ik.... aargh" resounded lethargically over the parade ground and miraculously the drummers somehow managed to get started at the Ghurkas' regulation 120 paces a minute that is exactly 50% faster than the band's normal marching tempo, meaning that the music has to be rephrased to fit it in. Having got through that without a hitch Keith gave the command to advance three paces to



get the band out of the blazing sun into the shade. Unfortunately this left the back rank of drummers still standing in the sun. I've never understood why we have to stand at the back.

Before the service began Mo had briefed us to start playing Flowers of the Forest after the last wreath had been laid but we had no idea who would lay the wreath. "Watch out for the short, fat geezer in the red beret," said Mo, who had donned a red beret for the occasion. While the wreaths were being laid Keith seemed to be looking intently at another sturdy man in a red beret, who seemed to me to be an American military officer. I thought we might get a false cue and cut off the wreath laying in mid stream but luckily the American officer didn't move. Suddenly Mo appeared behind us with his own red beret and gave us the heads up. After the lament we marched off at the double with the Ghurkas again.

Many thanks to our guest players: lain Mowatt and Eric Mitchell who flew in from Hong Kong and Australia respectively; and Martin Hodgson who rejoined us to play the bass drum.

Playing on this day in the photo below left to right: Iain Mowatt Sakditouch Suksamosorn, Keith Walker, Martin Hodgson, Eric Mitchell, George Morgan.





## PAST PARTICIPLE

## Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman

We look at the history of our Club in 1993 ...

Khun Pisamai Raksa first joined the Club in 1968 and was the 'supervisor' of Lords Dining Room, the Salas and she also had a special role running the 'Flicks for Kids' movie nights. She was much loved by Members and their children and thus all were devastated when on 17th February 1993 she died after a short battle with cancer. In her honour, and to help with the long term education of her granddaughter Khun Pakvipa Kaewraksa, the Chairman Brian Baldwin inaugurated The Pisamai Fund "for the education of Pisamai's granddaughter and other worthy cases of children of staff". The fund was well supported initially by Members and has been added to over the years by donations from Members and groups, like the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers.

In 2005 Khun Pakvipa ceased her education and the fund became dormant. In 2011 the Fund was reconstituted under its second criteria and subtitled as "the British Club Bangkok Fund for the Education of Staff Children". The Pisamai Fund is still in operation today and makes grants each school semester to children of members of staff who are passing with good grades each year.

The major highlight of the year was the visit 'for tea' by the Baroness Thatcher LG OM PC FRS, previously the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP PC, the first female prime minister of the UK. Lady Thatcher arrived on the afternoon of Sunday 6th September, and had tea in the Lords Dining Room (the location now of the Churchill Bar) and presented the Snooker Section with a cup. A picture and a copy of the letter of thanks from Lady Thatcher still decorate the Churchill Bar wall but the cup has sadly long disappeared.

The early nineties had seen great development in the Club with lots of new facilities (Fitness Centre, Children's Pool) and enhancements (kitchen refit, extension to the original Churchill Bar) but that had come at a price – most of the development was done on borrowed money and now the Club was suffering. For the first time in nearly a decade membership was falling and operations were making monthly losses not profits. Was the writing on the wall for the Club? You'll have to



September 7th saw one EGM with two different agendas! In August seven good Members and true petitioned the General Committee to call an EGM to debate six constitutional motions and to bring in a motion to control the type of non-members allowed to play in the field sports teams (cricket, golf, rugby and soccer). However, the GC called their own EGM to debate a modified version of the six constitutional motions plus an entirely new motion. The net result was that the EGM threw out the GC's EGM agenda and debated the agenda put forward by the seven good Members and true.

After debate and lots of amendments to motions (and amendments to amendments), the three main achievements of the night were firstly to extend the period of payment of Non-Voting payments from 12 to 24 months (to hopefully encourage more Members); secondly to agree to ensure non-members who played for the field sports sections were limited to 'persons ineligible for membership'; and finally to agree a 75% discount for Member's children wishing to join the Club when they attained the age of 21.

Keith Bell decided to resign as General Manager, having been in the position four years. One "last achievement" that Keith was able to record was that a new telephone line that he had requested from the Telephone Organisation of Thailand for use as a dedicated facsimile line back in 1989 was finally installed in 1993!! In November we greeted David Viccars as his replacement: David was a 20-year Army veteran, who had achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and was now returning to civilian life. Both David and Keith remain Members of the Club to this day.



The author is Honorary Secretary of the Club







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## YOU'RE A WHAT?

By A.G. (Del) Smith, Thailand Philatelic Society Committee

"You're a what?" My host's question reverberated around the room; the other guests turned to look at me. Summoning up inner strength, I repeated in what I hoped was a confident voice, "I'm a stamp collector." Some of the guests gave me a look best described as 'pitying', but a few had a remembering look that told me they were either collectors or had been collectors at some point.



These notes are written not only for the collectors in that room but as well for some of those guests who are not aware of the pleasures of arranging little pieces of paper in a satisfying manner.

Stamp collecting hasn't the following it once had. I won't deny this. Other pastimes — usually cyber-related — are appealing to young people; adults have increasing demands on their time and to squeeze in another activity seems almost impossible. There is, however, still a sizable body of people who enjoy getting together with their fellow collectors to talk about postage stamps, enjoy sharing information, enjoy showing off their treasures to other collectors, enjoy working together on a philatelic project and enjoy the challenge of tracking down scarce items needed to complete a page. I'm told that stamp collecting remains the world's largest hobby.

There are three stamp societies that focus on Thai philately. The largest is the Thailand-based Philatelic Association of Thailand. There is also an American society known as the Society for Thai Philately. The oldest is the Thailand Philatelic Society based in the U.K., which is in its 54th year. All three produce English-language journals, two have stamp auctions, one has an extensive library of Thai philatelic books and articles. All three societies are active and, while there is always discussion about the decline in numbers, Thai philately remains secure.



The Thailand Philatelic Society has about 130 members worldwide, about 35 of whom are resident in Thailand. Annually – usually in January – there is a meeting, which on average attracts 15 members. Meetings are normally held at SASA International House on the campus of Chulalongkorn University. The next will be the Society's tenth consecutive meeting. To celebrate this milestone, the meeting will be held at the British Club on 26 January 2014. Starting with lunch at 12.00 (though people attending have to pay for their own food - the Society pays for the room hire) the meeting will begin at about 1 p.m. and last until about 3 p.m. Representing the Thailand Philatelic Society, we would like to invite interested British Club Members to join us.

What goes on at a typical meeting? First of all, there is no rigid agenda: some members bring pages from their collections to examine and discuss, often on a particular theme or from a certain period. Others bring a single stamp or perhaps a cover (a used envelope with a stamp or stamps affixed) to talk about. Members, doing research on a certain stamp issue or a particular reign, talk about their work, ask for help or show the draft of an article on which they are working. In addition to postage stamps, there is postal history, postal stationery, revenue labels, Cinderella items (labels that look like stamps but have no postage use), postcards. There is always a lively question-and-answer period. We could go on, but suffice it to say there is something for every collecting interest.

The Thailand Philatelic Society invites people who are already committed to stamp collecting, people who once collected stamps and have been meaning to get back into the hobby, and people looking for a new interest, (in short to everybody), to come along to the January meeting, If more information is needed, please contact Del Smith at agdelsmith@hotmail.com.



# **BC CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2013**

## **MONDAY**

## **TUESDAY**

## WEDNESDAY

## THU



Morning Mix-In 8am - 11am Squash Mix-In







Artists @ British Club 9am-1pm

Squash Mix-In

**Ladies Mix-In** 8 am

Monday Night Media 7pm, Silom Room Yes Minister &





Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8:30 pm

Scottish Dancing 7pm, Silom Sala



**Evening of Christmas Carols** Back Lawn





5pm - 7pm







Monday Night Media Life on Mars



Quiz Night The Verandah, 7:15pm

Bangkok Gentle Spoofers 8:30 pm



Ladies Tennis Coaching 9am - 10:30am

Tennis Mix-In



BWG Mahjong





Squash Mix-In



Artists @ British Club

Squash Mix-In

Ladies Mix-In

Monday Night Media 7pm, Silom Room New Tricks



**Bangkok Gentlemen** 







Tennis Mix-In

Ladies Tennis Coaching 9am - 10:30am



BWG Mahjong 10am - 1pm





Squash Mix-In



Ladies Tennis Coaching





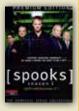
6pm-10pm



Squash Mix-In

Ladies Mix-In

Monday Night Media Spooks



**Bangkok Gentlemen** Spoofers 8:30 pm

Christmas Day unch and Dinner The Verandah Suriwongse Room Churchill Bar Back Lawn



BWG Mahjong 10am - 1pm



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Monday Night Media Comedy Classic



Dinner Cruise, 8pm





## **SUNDAY**

## **RSDAY**

## **SATURDAY**



Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm



**FRIDAY** 

Kids Cricket 8am - 11am



Swimming Lessons \_\_\_\_ 9:30am - 10:30am Kids Cricket 8am - 11am

4pm

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Children's Cinema 6pm, Silom Sala Peter Pan



Christmas Set Menu

Barbecue Buffet

Available Every Day From All Outlets



Sunday Brunch 11:30am - 3pm

Tennis Mix-In

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room



Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm



Kids Cricket 8am - 11am



Swimming Lessons 9:30am - 10:30am



Children's Cinema 6pm, Silom Sala

Ice Age



Barbecue Buffet

Annual Christmas Ball Front & Back Lawns



Sunday Brunch 11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room



Tennis Mix-In



Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm

Children's Cinema 6pm, Silom Sala

Christmas Carol



Kids Cricket 8am - 11am

Barbecue Buffet 5pm

From All Outlets

Christmas Set Menu Available Every Day



9:30am - 10:30am Kids Cricket 8am - 11am

Swimming Lessons

Sunday Brunch 11:30am - 3pm

Open Pairs Bridge Surawongse Room

2pm

2:30pm - 3:30pm



Wine Tasting Surawongse Room 6pm - 9pm



Kids Cricket 8am - 11am







Swimming Lessons 9:30am - 10:30am

Kids Christmas Party Front and Back Lawn



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Kids Cricket 8am - 11am

Sunday Brunch 11:30am - 3pm

2pm - 6pm







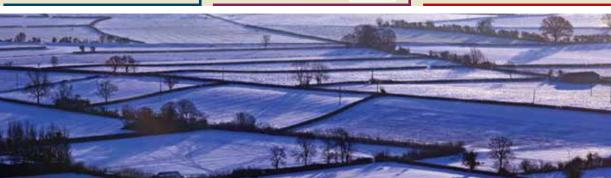


Children's Cinema 6pm, Silom Sala Frozen



Christmas Set Menu Available Every Day From All Outlets

Barbecue Buffet





# **HEALTH & WELL-BEING**

By Mike Wagstaff

## The Sedentary Epidemic



The amount of overweight kids has more than doubled over the past 30 years. Obviously there are many factors which have contributed towards this rise, however the fact that kids are simply more sedentary than they used to be is up there as one of the major causes. In other words kids are sitting around much more than they used to.

Kaiser Family Foundation recently published the results of a study which showed that 8-18 year olds watch on average 4.5 hours of television a day and on average children within this age range spend 7 hours a day on screen media, which includes, TV's, Video Games and hand-held devices. It's astonishing that parents are allowing for this to happen. So clearly one of the best ways to get kids to be less sedentary is to limit the amount of time they can spend staring at a screen. The AAP recommends that children under the age of 2 watch no TV whatsoever and children over the ages of 2 are limited to just 1-2 hours a day.

So if kids aren't watching TV, what should they be doing? Well, exercising, playing, exploring, learning and discovering their capabilities. They don't have to be in a gym lifting weights in order to exercise. Kids exercise in PE, during break time, dance class, football practice, bike rides or simply playing tag with friends. Whilst some kids will benefit from structured resistance training, this should only be done under the supervision of a trained professional.

So why is it so important that kid's get enough exercise, what benefits will it give them? The importance of physical activity for children is both a physiological and psychological one. Physically children will develop stronger bones, increased muscle strength and flexibility as well as maintaining a healthy energy balance. Also physical inactivity is linked with many chronic diseases, most of which start in early childhood. Obesity, Type 2 Diabetes, Metabolic Syndrome and CVD just to name a few. Psychologically physical activity is linked with good self-esteem, social interaction, self-confidence and good mental health. On the contrary obesity is closely linked with bullying, which can be absolutely detrimental to a young person's life.

In order to achieve healthy levels of physical activity, current recommendations state that children should participate in a minimum of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity (MVPA) each day, and at least twice each week they should take part in activities that improve bone health, muscle strength and flexibility.

We all know that as children grow older, they stop chasing each other around the playground and spend more time trying to impress each other with the latest gadgets. So how can you as a parent encourage your children to partake in physical activity when they come home from school? Well every family's situation is different, so there is no right answer however it's not rocket science. Once you realise that your children aren't doing enough of the right things, cut down on the wrong things and encourage more physical activity, as mentioned previously it's not exercise as we adults know it, it's more about play and discovery than it is about running for an hour a day on a treadmill.

This is probably a good time to introduce DECEMBER SPORTS CAMPS here at The British Club! As always, packed with fun activities, sports and coaching as well as cooking lessons and excursions to some of Bangkok's top places for kids to be kids! Cheap, fun and proving a huge success, don't let your kids miss out! Members and non-members welcome! Starting from just 950 baht a day all in!

Remember inactivity leads to obesity and obesity leads to inactivity . . . . . you can see where this is going!



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# FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPING

By Mike Wagstaff



This month, 14 children participated in Friday night camping which was another huge success. The children arrived between 4pm and 5.30pm and immediately started to pitch their tents recognising the fact that it would soon be dark. This didn't stop us grouping together and pitching the final few tents in the dark. The children then went off to collect fire wood, bringing to me lots of perfect dead wood, some almost dead wood and some wood that still had leaves on it. After a small lecture on how not to rip branches off trees they did extremely well and their hard work paid off. We built a fire so big that I was a little concerned that the tree overhanging us might be in danger of catching alight. That was until of course I was reminded by a 10 year old "I thought you said wood with leaves on it won't burn" . . . yep they got me on that one! We enjoyed chicken and pork kebabs, cooked marshmallows and told some not so scary ghost stories one of which was a contender for the least scary ghost story EVER, thank you Zoë for that one!









The kids then went off to play on the trampoline whilst I was a good scout and made sure the fire was completely out before getting some well-deserved sleep... yeh right, like that was ever going to happen. At about midnight I told the children that play time was over and that they must now sleep, 45 minutes later the children all got into bed and were silent, for about 30 seconds, before asking questions such as, can I go the toilet x 100, can we go for a walk, can we swap tents x 25. I would be lying if I said I had no sleep all night, I did sleep, for about 5 minutes at about 6am before being woken up to the following question "What's for breakfast". Anyway it was all worth it. The kids had a fantastic time and I'm sure they learnt a lot from the experience, as well as making some new friends along the way.

On this page are some of the pictures that were taken on the night.



# **JUNGLE BIKE RIDE**

By Mike Wagstaf





Just across the Chao Phraya River, a short hop from busy Bangkok, is an extraordinary place known to the locals as Bang Krajao. This amazing wilderness in Bangkok can best be reached by boat and incredibly it has been left untouched by developers.

Crossing the river was like taking a journey back in time. We discovered a peaceful place with lush vegetation, a maze of waterways, small villages, temples and real tropical jungle. If it wasn't for Bangkok's skyline, we would never have known we were so close to the city.

We rode through the local communities passing villages, schools and temples (there are over 30 temples in this area). One particular temple was built in the Ayutthaya period and is more than 250 years old with a unique teak wood roof.

In total we rode about 33km. Below are some of the pictures that were captured along the way.



# **FANTASY FOOTBALL**

By Mike Wagstaff

You've found it, finally, The Fantasy Football Page. Relax, put your feet up and enjoy the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth as we explore the decisions which left some of us flying high enjoying the view at the top of the table and others holding on for dear life as they plummet further and further down the table.

We will start with an apology: You may remember from last month my prediction that Olletram Dragons would be lying around midtable by the time November's issue of Outpost was released. A series of lucky events left them in fact doing rather well by the time the issue was released for which I apologise (legal reasons only). Manager of Olletram Dragons, Top Cat, did however go back on his word to leave RVP in his squad for the remainder of the season. I can safely say he will not be a part of my squad for as long as I shall live never mind the remainder of the season.

In other news, Marc Sayer is quoted to have said "I am really trying, that's the worst bit about it, I'm trying so hard and I'm still 31st" smashing rumours that he had in fact stopped playing. Similarly and equally as terrible, Bangkok Titans, when questioned on how she feels about her team's performance so far this season, Andrea replied, "I don't know what's happened, I thought I had a good team". Well Andrea I went away and looked at your team and it's safe to say "you don't, you have an awful team ... pull your wild card before it's too late!"

The top of the table sees The British Club's resident Monkey doing rather well which surprises most. What does that say for the rest of us? Pete Gale's Wanchai Warriors are absolutely running away with it however can Monkey catch up and take the top spot over the next few weeks?

Suarez and Aguero pretty much between them determined most people's positions in the league this month, if you didn't have them ... you're buggered, if you have 1 ... you're not doing so bad, if you have both ... you're laughing, and if like me you are a genius and selected the right one as captain each week ... you're as good as me ... now that's an achievement!

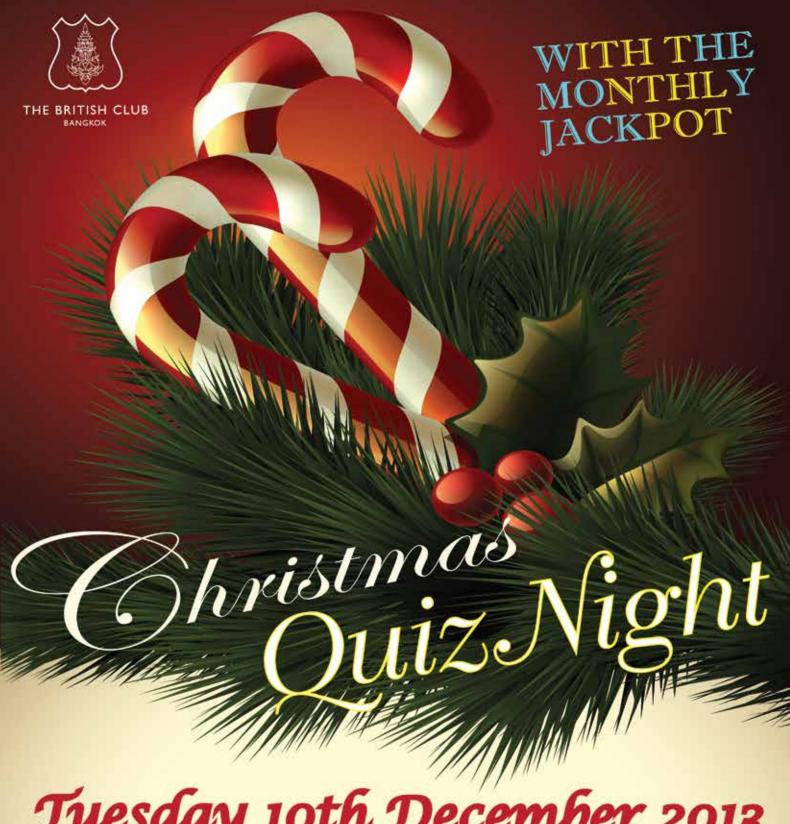
Game week 8 played witness to Aguero scoring 2 and assisting 1, totalling 16 points, 32 as captain. Week 9 saw Suarez bag a hatrick giving him a massive 17 points, totalling 34 as captain. Consistent with the past fortnight week 10 saw Aguero score 1 and get 3 assists giving him a huge 18 points, 36 as captain and week 11 saw Suarez score 2 and assist 1 giving him 16 points, 32 as captain. The right combination of selected players, captaincies and game weeks would have led to a huge score. In case you haven't noticed I am currently sitting 16th in the table and clearly didn't have the right combination, however 2 out of 4 weeks I did, which is probably the only thing stopping me from dropping into the bottom half of the table with those of you who have either stopped playing or are delirious as to the strength of your squad. I'm a tactical genius, so how can this possibly happen to me?

That's all I have time for this week, I need to spend more time studying my own team for this weekend and less time taking the micky out of everyone else's, not before long it might be me on the receiving end of some of these comments.

Good Luck... but not too much (I wish you a tiny little milligram of luck!)



#	TEAM	MANAGER	GW	тот
1	Wanchai Warriors	Peter Gale	66	639
2	FMGAN!	Monkey Madge	71	616
3	suckingflow	David Brennan	64	609
4	Bangkok Celts	RAYMOND MAGUIRE	29	605
5	O'Reillys Manager	Lawrence Fay	72	604
6	Norfolk"N"Good Ricky Thompson		47	599
7	Klongtoey United	Ali Adam	49	588
8	Thai darkevaders	bob and james darke	46	587
9	Bangkok Flyers	paul cantwell	58	585
10	Olletram Dragons	top cat	56	584
11	Real One	Tim Real	70	577
12	Team Hell No!	Neil&Ryan Evans	57	573
13	Mahjong United	Sharon Moore	55	567
14	Artois5.2	haroon Rashid	63	564
15	The Comrades	michael taylor	64	562
16	Stroke Titty	Michael Wagstaff	42	561
17	PUP	Kevin Carden	55	552
18	BKKALLSTARTS	Dale Lamb	31	538
19	El Salvador Thistle	Paul Williams	40	535
20	Spanish Armada	carlos the jackal	66	535
21	Gingerdevils	Dave Mills	42	534
22	PimmelKoffFC	Debra Thompson	30	530
23	Baht'at	James Crossley-Smith	35	527
24	Pattaya Panthers	James Howard	33	520
25	Boing	Gareth Sampson	49	520
26	FC Thorny	lan Thornhill	37	502
27	Scunny Warrios	Neil Robertson	21	497
28	Team Aloha	Clause Petersen	44	495
29	Time to move up	Graham Murrell	32	495
30	Bangkok Titans	Andrea Omar	37	491
31	IcheckInn	Marc Sayer	39	480
32	Real Deal	Jonathon Real	46	408
33	Daggers	Ryan Oosthuysen	24	359



Tuesday 10th December 2013

THE VERANDAH, 7:15 pm

This month with a special extra round. And of course, an extra prize!

 $Teams \leq 6$ Members Bt 100 Guests Bt 150

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# CHILDREN'S SWIMMING GALA

By Mike Wagstaff





More than 20 children signed up for races in this month's Swimming Gala. The races varied in seriousness from a bit of fun pretending to ride a horse in the swimming pool, bombing and getting your face covered in flour, to serious 25m sprints across 3 disciplines and a relay. All in all lending to a great varied day that can be enjoyed by all.

Some races operated as a straight final, whilst others had heats with the top 3 going through to a final. I think it's safe to say that the children and spectating parents had lots of fun. Please take some time to browse through the pictures below. Next time there is such an event come on down and join in the fun. It's not necessary to be the best swimmer in the world, you just need to be a good sport.



















# **SQUASHY BITS**

By Bruce Madge

## Tom's Birthday and H's Sins



### Birthday first, please. Thank you.

Tom Annas was the squash section birthday boy and he was 88 last month, or thereabouts. Eighty flamin' eight, eh? Jeez! That's nearly as ancient as Marvyn, who is over 100, according to his gynecologist. Anyway, Tom has no need for a gynecologist as he is a genuine man and he is now 88 and down the Club he came to share a cake, and even a glass of wine, with some of his squashy pals and a couple of his sprogs. Ordinarily, Bits would now go on to reveal an embarrassing tale about the individual in question, such as getting caught by one's mother heading for a short-time room with a bloke dressed as a Doris or peeing one's pants in one's corridor while struggling to get one's keys in one's front door cos one was too drunk to control one's bladder, and one's keys, and having one's front door suddenly open and one's girlfriend peer out to witness one standing there in a puddle of pee as happened to the author recently – no, not the short-time room incident as that took place last year when my mum came to visit and I took her to PatPong for the evening, but the peeing debacle which happened yesterday. However, Tom is a very nice man and Bits isn't going to take the Mickey out of him as it wouldn't be fair.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOM! We love you!

Now on to H who is Haroon, or Gandhi, or even Al Shabab. Recently, Al dressed as a maid in the Suriwong Sala and he looked a right pillock! But he has got some talents and one of them is squash; he's the best player our Club has, and perhaps has ever, had. His old man Abdul Rashid was a professional who reached #16 in the world yonks ago and Gandhi started playing when he was just 3 months old. That's why he is just so fab and this fabness enabled him to reach the final of the Rod Carter Open which is gonna be lied about next month and was brilliantly sponsored by Cornflakes' firm, ACA Pacific, and Dean Thompson's Boots. Yes, that's Boots the Chemist. Hurrah! Now then, since Al is a better player than even God and since last month's Outback featured an amazingly informative Health & Well-Being article concerning 'Exercise Sins!' plagiarised from the Internet by Mike Wigstyle, Bits and H got together to design some similar 'Squash Sins'.

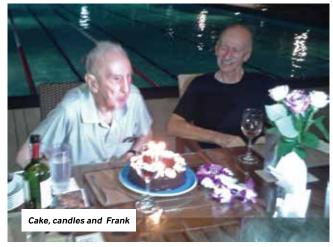
## Here they are:

Too Much, Too Soon - this means trying to play squash before you arrive at the Club. This will be awkward. Trying to play squash before you arrive at the Club is silly because it means you will be playing squash while still driving to the Club or while in a taxi or on the bus or even while walking down the street. Clearly, playing squash in any of these situations is impractical and could endanger others. Don't do this, says H. Please wait until you get on the squash court.













Boots. Hurrah!







2 Exercising Cold – Haroon doesn't understand how this sin can ever be committed in this climate. What the hell was Wigstaff on about? Moron!

Not Enough Sleep - again, Al can't see how this could ever be possible. Play squash, eat, drink some beer and you will sleep.

Starving Yourself – this is quite simply suicide, and we're not talking about terrorism here. Who would do this? There's enough food around so get some down you. I mean, the Club has two kitchens and plenty of menu items. Try the Lamb Rogan Josh, just like my mum makes, says Haroon. And eat every day. Play squash then eat, advises Al. Or try eating three times a day. This style of eating is called breakfast, lunch then dinner. Most people follow this style. You should.

Relying on Gravity — if you think the squash ball is going to come down after you hit it upwards, you are correct. However, be careful as it could hit you in the face or your eye. Make sure you wear goggles like Captain Evans does, warns Shabab. You may look a complete nerd, but at least you won't go blind!

6 Not Understanding – if you don't understand why you're playing squash then you should take up another activity, such as rabbit breeding, or political activism, like I did, advises Gandhi. The latter may make you famous, or cost you your life.

Stuck With Rit – this is plain madness, according to H. Find someone else to play squash with. Rit isn't the only player in the Club. If you find yourself continually stuck with Rit, you

need to start making some friends and meeting other players. Stuck with Rit? How ridiculous. Say hello to Mason; he's always looking for a game. However, don't get stuck with him or you may find yourself committing Sin # 4 as a means of escape, warns Al.

Swinging — what this has to do with squash, Haroon isn't sure. What you get up to in your private life is your business and if you feel the need to watch your Mrs with another fella while you do likewise with his wife, that's up to you, concurs Al. However, according to Al's religion, this type of sin may incur a Fatwa

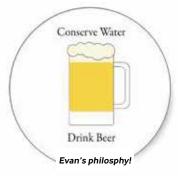
Dehydration – another no brainer, reckons Gandhi. Look, all sports facilities at the Club have water fountains/outlets/dispensers and if they ain't enough, get one of the staff to pour you a glass. There's no excuse. If you wanna starve yourself, fine, save it for Ramadan, says Al, but don't skip on the water. Or the beer, chirped in a drunk, alcoholic Neil Evans. I've had 12 already!

10 All or Nothing – don't do nothing, yet not doing all is wrong. All is bad, but nothing can never be everything. This all or nothing is not here nor here. I like all, but I always have nothing. Is it a sin? Probably. What does sin mean? Can I have another three beers? (#10 was written by Neil Evans.)

Well, except for the last one, those are my Squash Sins and I hope they prove more usual than Wigstaff's Health and Well-Being nonsense you read about last year. Lots of love from H, Haroon, Gandhi, Al Shabab.

Until Evans sobers up .....











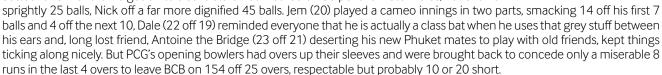
Get some down ya

# **HARD BALLS**

## By Jack Dunford

Horror of horrors, last month the editors mistook me for Bruce Madge and chopped my article. But hopefully all is well this month as we have some real cricket to report as BC started the season with a weekend tour to Phuket.

**Phuket Tour:** Well rested after a few welcome drinks in Bagla the night before, the eleven finest of Bangkok awoke on Saturday 26th October to sullen skies and heavy rain. The outfield was more paddy field. Dale won the toss and elected to bat and considering neither Nick or Rahul had batted for 6 months we got off to a solid start. Both retired on 30 per the match rules, Rahul off a



And so it proved. Several younger members, well Matt and Dale, dramatically dived around the paddy competing for the 2013 aquaplaning world championships whilst older gentleman in the team had to concentrate on staying upright. PCG made steady

progress with BC bowlers tending to be a bit wayward bowling the now customary 20 wides. Nick (1 for 22 off 5 overs) and Jem (3 for 36 off 5) had the best spells and with Rahul (1 for 16), Anthony (1 for 18) Matt (1 for 4) and Dale (1 for 7) also chipping in with wickets, PCG by no means had it all their own way. They won the match with a comfortable 3 overs to spare but 8 wickets down ... another one that might have been. The lads of course soon put disappointment behind them and, after a few beers at the ground, moved on to enthusiastically help Dale celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary that evening.

And so a slightly worse for wear team emerged on Sunday to yet another grey and wet morning and the odds against a comeback victory further lengthened with news that PCG were fielding a stronger team today. Rahul deputised for Dale now on compassionate leave, but PCG's captain who had top scored with 31 off 14 balls the day before sportingly agreed to balance things up a bit by playing for us.

It probably wasn't a great idea playing 30 overs and PCG rollicked along to 212 for 4 with BC's bowlers this time contributing a handy 28 wides. Nick (2 for 30 off 6) bowled even better than the day before and Anthony took 2 for 30 off 4 overs but none else was able to control the scoring spree. 212 for 4 was going to take some great batting to overtake.





Nick defeats hotspot













Lots of batsmen got starts. Nick (22) and Richard (12) both hit 6's, but together with James (15), PCG Captain Simon (out for a disappointing 10) Rahul (18), Bryce (15) they couldn't go on to make it count. Adrian top scored 30 not out but used up about half of the overs. 153 all out meant defeat by 59 runs and another excuse to drown our sorrows. The Alan Cooke Ground is a great place to play cricket, the Phuket Boys a great bunch of lads and we had a great weekend. We'll be back!

RBSC at the Polo Club. Next up was a friendly 25 over match against RBSC on 2nd November with two debutants taking the field; Biren and Aseem. Captaincy reverted to Vaughan of happy seasons past who lost the toss as of old. Now the BCB goes to great lengths to only play Club Members, whilst RBSC likes to give trials to ... errr ... potential members. This can result in a bit of a missmatch and on this occasion their batting line up was awesome.

Three of their of batsmen smacked 30+ retired out off less than 20 balls with 6s clearing the ropes by miles. Their number 11 was 20 not out off about 10 balls at 20 overs when RBSC mercifully agreed to call it a day with the score 214 for 6. The BC boys never actually gave up and the fielding was good by recent standards. Biren took for 4 for 24 on debut and would have had a 5-fer but for a dropped catch. Dilip (1 for 24) bowled well as stand-in opener, and Aseem (1 for 31) took the other wicket. But they were really up against something special.

Well, to cut a short story short, Jem (29 off 16 balls) and Speddo (22 of 15 balls) both sparkled, but no-one else managed double figures. All out for 93 in the last over meant a whipping by 119 runs. Thanks for a great lunch RBSC!

Lots more to come: So, that's played 3 lost 3 and a run now of 10 consecutive defeats for the BC team, an all time record! Are we proud of it? Of course not! Are we depressed? Of course not! Are we ever going to win some? Of curse we are!

The Section is actually thriving with 33 signed up players, two having joined the Club just to play cricket. Teams are already recruited for the RBSC T10 competition, the next match in Pattaya and even for the Chiang Mai Tour next February. And the season will be given a huge boost when we host a trial floodlit 8-a-side League on the Back Lawn court before Christmas.

We welcome cricketers of all standards. We have regular nets on Wednesday evenings and at weekends when we are not playing. Just show up or contact me or one of the Committee. Details can be found on our new Cricket Section website:







# **BCGS GOLFING NEWS**

By Peter Gale





This month the golf section played three competitions, our usual monthly Stableford and Medal plus the highlight of our golfing year, the club championships.

### Monthly Medal – 27th October

The October medal had a good turnout with 22 golfers testing their swing ready for the following week's big event. Flight A turned out be a very competitive competition with Randall Coleman just edging out Frank by 1 shot and John Carter by 2 with a very good score of net 70.

Flight B was not quite so competitive with Captain Karen producing yet another excellent round of Gross 86/Net 68 to win by 11 shots from Brian Brook. The rest of Flight B had a very tough day, which was in hindsight very good preparation for what lay ahead...

## Club Championships – 7th/8th November

This year's Annual Club Championship was held in Hua Hin and was played over two different courses, Black Mountain on Day 1 and Banyan on Day 2. This was the first time we have used two courses for the tournament and it proved to be a great success. Both courses were to say the least playing tough, with some describing the championship as the 'Massacre at Hua Hin'. With 25 players taking part over the two days and 50 rounds of golf played no one managed to play to their handicap, in fact only one round was played within 3 shots of the handicap — a net 73 by Tracy Carter.

On day 1 at Black Mountain there was a very strong wind coming in off the sea, slick greens and tricky pin positions, all of which managed to defeat the majority of golfers. After the first round the leader for the Men was Randall Coleman with a Gross 82 followed by John Carter with an 87. In the Ladies section Tracy's 83 was enough to establish a commanding 8 shot lead over Kirsty Mitchell and in prime position to retain her title.

It was with some relief that we all headed to Banyan rather than Black Mountain early on Sunday morning. For many that relief was short lived as we found the wind remained challenging and again some very tricky pin positions.

Banyan is renowned for having tough greens with many of them being multi-tiered, so when the pin is put in the 'wrong' place it can be nigh on impossible to stop a ball near the hole when putting from some directions. This was the case on hole no.2 where most golfers found themselves off the green again after playing their first putt...

Despite these challenges we all had a great day's golf and enjoyed the course, which was in excellent condition. As the cards were handed in at the end of the round the results started to look very similar to the first day with most people struggling to score well.

For the main competition the Gross Championship the Club Champion for the men was Randall Coleman who followed up his Day 1 score with an 83 for a total score of 165. This gave him the title by 7 shots from John Carter followed by Tim Mitchell in 3rd. John's consolation came in picking up the trophy for Net Champion.

For the ladies Tracy Carter continued her dominance of the last few years to win by 10 shots from Kirsty Mitchell who also had the consolation prize of being the Net Champion. Yuratchatr Brook rounded out the podium finishers, coming 3rd overall.

It was an excellent weekend with a good turnout of golfers having a lot of fun and playing two majestic courses. Well done to our champions, Tracy and Randall.

### Monthly Stableford – 17th November

November's Stableford was played at Krung Kavee on a very pleasant Sunday afternoon with the temperature starting to indicate that the cool season is heading our way! Despite the condition of the course, the nice weather and everything being set up for good scoring, the course again won the day. This is starting to become a theme for the BCGS golfing year... David Humphrey came out on top with 29 Stableford points; to make David's day even better he also won two Near Pin prizes and the Longest Putt. He just managed to beat out Gordon Milne and Pete Gale who both scored 28 points.

For anyone interested in joining us for a very friendly and slightly competitive golf please send an email to: bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk



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## A sampling of detection, crime, and comedy!

DECEMBER: Mondays, 7pm, Silom Room. Full F&B service available.

#### 2nd December

## YES MINISTER & SPITTING IMAGE

### Yes Minister: "The Greasy Pole"

Plans for a new chemical factory hinge on the outcome of a so-called "independent" report.

#### Yes Minister: "The Devil You Know"

A Cabinet reshuffle coincides with a vacancy in Brussels. Hacker wonders whom the PM has in mind to fill it.

### **Spitting Image**

The next episode from this highly acclaimed and humourous rubber puppet show parodying well-known global public figures, originally broadcast in 1986.



# Simple Mage

## 9th December

## **LIFE ON MARS**

## "Episode 2.3"

The team investigates the abduction of the wife and daughter of a school teacher. At the same time, Sam thinks he has accidentally been given an overdose. Sam collapses into a deeper coma, leaving his colleagues to tackle the mystery on their own.



### "Episode 2.4"

TAs heroin hits the streets of Manchester for the first time, DCI Hunt wants culprits. Annie is kidnapped by the smugglers. As Sam tries to get to the source of this deadly drug, he finds himself intractably drawn to a beautiful young woman who was witness to a heroin-related shooting...

## 16th December

**NEW TRICKS** 

## "Episode 3.1"

The car driven by a teacher who died in a crash is returned to the victim's husband, Stephen Murray. Sandra, who worked on the original case, is certain the husband is the guilty culprit.....

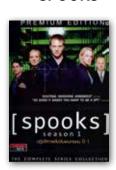
## "Episode 3.2"

Joe Walsh's body was found in the Thames in 1975. Walsh was General Secretary of the Crane Driver's Union, suspected of financial improprieties at the time of his death.

## 25th December

### **SPOOKS**

A British television series originally shown in 2002 which has run to 10 series, and follows the work of a group of MI5 officers in their highly secure suite of offices in London. It is a fast-paced spy intrigue action series with high production values and good use of many popular guest actors.



## The Rose Bed Memoirs

Tom and his team set out to retrieve disgraced former MP Hampton Wilder's memoirs, which could bring down the government. But details are leaked to the press, leaving MI5 to question who is really pulling the strings.

#### The Lesser of Two Evils

Irish paramilitary leader Patrick McCann promises to give Tom information on a planned attack by terrorists - but not without a catch. In return, MI5 must allow McCann's group to go unwatched for 30 hours...

**30th December** Comedy Classic

As there is an extra Monday this month, we will be showing a comedy classic which will be announced in a mailing during December. And it will be worth it!

## **BALUT**

There is a frenetic frenzy filtering from the Balut Section, as the 33rd STC Interport's Organising Committee commit to organising the last few fragments of the schedule for this weekend's annual ongoing Interport. We are ready to receive 112 players from SE Asian clubs, and a re hoping that our 4 teams may be able to reclaim the Cup for the British Club. More news in next month's Outpost.





Meanwhile, on a fortnightly basis the Balut Shield 2013/2014 has come to the end of its second month with T4, with the results to date showing that nothing is certain and we may have a new winner and holder of the highest score by the end of next September. Some of the winning platers are shown here - does it look like there's a pattern brewing, or can we safely assume that skill does play a part in this game of strategically calculated probability?

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

November Quiz Night saw more teams crushed into The Verandah than we've had in the last eighteen months, and a couple of them were new teams. The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers have been on a roll for a couple of months, but their luck (or should I say knowledge) has not extended as far as the Monthly Jackpot which remains unwon for several months.





Christmas Quiz Night, on Tuesday 10th December at 7:15pm, will have an EXTRA ROUND of questions which can be pondered on during the middle three rounds. I have no more details than that, except that there will be an EXTRA PRIZE for it. So book before all the tables are gone!

# **WE'RE OFF TO** SEE THE ...

## Wizard of Oz Singalong

Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore!

No, we certainly weren't in Kansas, and it didn't feel like we were at The British Club either! On Friday & Saturday, September 27th & 28th the Suriwongse Room was definitely transformed to the land of Oz for Bangkok Community Theatre's movie musical interactive event: The Wizard of Oz!

Most audience members didn't know exactly what to expect from an interactive movie event - but they were in for a rare treat. Delicious Ozian treats like "Toto's Hot Dogs", "Sandwitches", "Brew-schetta", "Scarecrow Diploma Wraps" and "Emerald City Salad were served up by Chef Laak and her team to start the evening off and then later followed by a beautiful array of rainbow themed desserts at Intermission. And the food was only the beginning. Wonderful thematic decorations filled the room including an enormous balloon rainbow and everyone received a goody bag full of fun toys to use during the movie including fairy wands, spears, soap bubbles and snow confetti just to name a few!













# POLAR SWIM

The pool water gets pretty chilly, and is invigorating for those who swim amongst the ice.

THE BRITISH CLW

Huge blocks of ice will be dropped in the pool, like icebergs floating in the Arctic waters.





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# Sunday 19th January 2014. Gar Boot Sale.

# 2pm - 6pm, Back Lawn

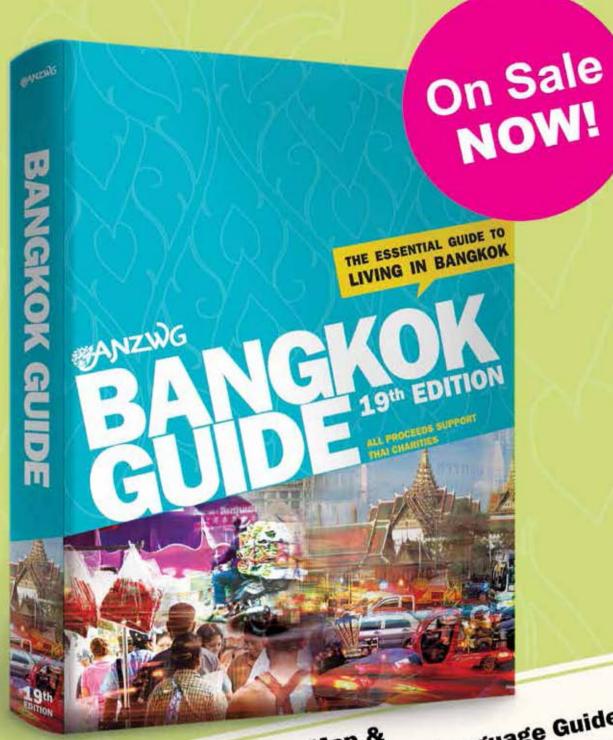
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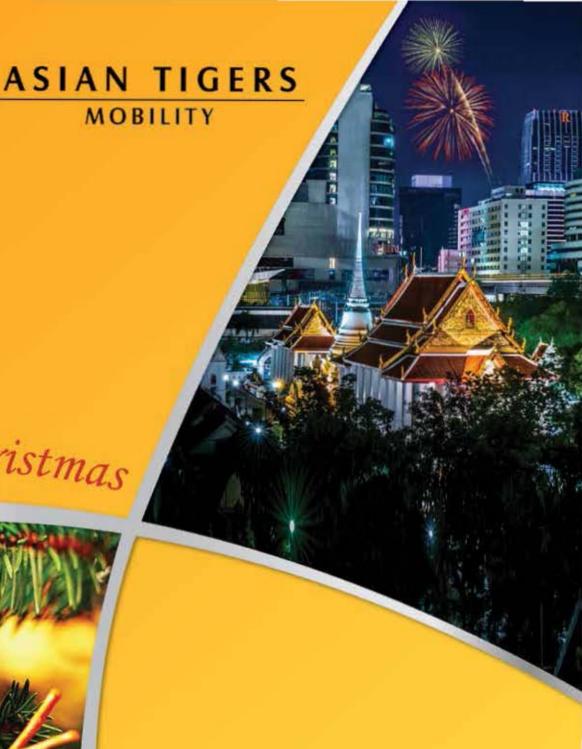
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