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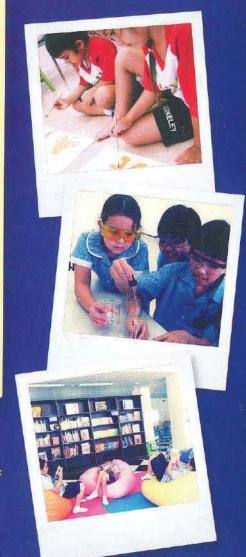
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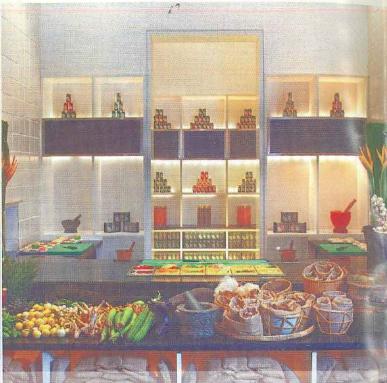
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LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER



By the time you read this Letter our new General Manager, Joost Paijmans, will be in position and i will have returned to the peace and quiet of my office without having to deal with TV's that do not work, water that tastes funny or rain that will not stop! I have enjoyed my term as Acting General Manager and I wish to thank all the members who helped in supporting me during the past five months.

Also as you read this we should have completed the repainting of our Clubhouse — it is truly a beautiful building and wears well for its 102 years. Other works around the Club are progressing as we seek to complete necessary repairs ahead of the Monsoon. Unfortunately weather does not stick to seasons and so the wet days in January and February did not help progress matters.

March is upon us which means the Annual General Meeting, this year on a Thursday (March 8th). Please do attend as it is important that our members do have their say in the running of our Club.

Once again thank you for your support and I wish us all a good 2012!!

Premrudee Tanyaluck Deputy General Manager

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)



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BUSINESS LLUNGHEONS

5th - 9th March 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Nicoise Salad with French Beans, Egg, Black Olives, Potatoes and Anchovy

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Pan-Fried Dory Fish with Spicy Herbs served with Mixed Salad and Boiled Potatoes

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Turkey Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread

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Mini Steak

Served with Mixed Vegetables and Roast Potatoes

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Gaeng Som Goong Phak Ruam

(Sour-Soup with Mixed Vegetabls and Prawns)

Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai

(Stir-Fried Pork Fillet with Garlic and Pepper)

Tod Man Pla (Deep-Fried Fish Cake)

Dessert of the Day- 55 baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert 10% off

19th - 23rd March 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Carrot Raisin and Apple Coleslaw

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

Fish and Chips (Your choice of Breadcrumbed or Battered)
Served with Garden Peas and Tartare Sauce

or

Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Yellow Rice

or

Pork Schnitzel

Served with Mixed Salad, Baked Potato and Apple Sauce

or

Panaeng Gai

(Chicken Stir-Fried with Red Curry Sauce Topped with Sliced Lime Leaf)

Khai Jiew Moo Sub (Thai Style Omelette with Minced Pork)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-Fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day- 55 baht

or

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12nd - 16th March 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Mozzarella, Mango, Tomato and Rocket Salad

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

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

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Pan-Fried Dory Mornay Sauce Served with Broccoli and Mashed Potatoes

or

Fillet Of Pork in a Light Curry Sauce Served with Grilled Zucchini and Corainder Rice

or

Tom Kha Gai

(A Refreshing Soup with Chicken, Coconut Milk and Herbs)

Pla Dory Rad Sauce Makham

(Deep Fried Dory Fish Topped with Tamarind Sauce) **Phad Kana Nam Man Hoy** (Stir-Fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day- 55 baht

or

Choose from our à la Carte Dessert with 10% off

26th - 27th March 2012

Starters - 55 baht

Oriental Chicken, Papaya and Ginger Salad with Soya and Lemon Grass Dressing

or

Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses - 140 baht

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

or

Pan Fried Dory Fish with Caper Butter Sauce Served with Broccoli, Carrots and Garlic Mashed Potato

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Grilled Chicken Breast and Spinach Risotto with Parmesan, Rocket Leaves Dressed with Pesto

or

Tom Yum Goong

(Spicy Lemon Grass Flavoured Soup with Prawns & Mushrooms)

Pad Kapro Gai (Stir-Fried Minced Chicken with Hot Basil and Chili)

Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

(Stir-Fried Mixed Vegetables with Oyster Sauce)

Dessert of the Day- 55 baht

Or

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THE BRITISH CLUB

F&B MORSELS



It was so nice to see that a lot of the members missed my suggestions when the "Khun Laak Recommends" blackboards were taken. No, they are not disappearing! I decided to reduce the number and change them more frequently: rather than to have eight to ten items each few months I have decided to five items on the board, one salad, a soup and three main courses and rotate them every two weeks or so. I will add special desserts (like fresh strawberries) when in season.

Also at the January Menu review when I withdrew some of the items, it was always my intention to re-introduce these as weekly specials as my recommendations on the blackboards. As yet I have not done this but I can assure you they will be coming along with other dishes for you all to try.

The "Khun Laak Recommends" specials help provide me the way to gauge what the members like and if these are very popular we can then look to include them into the menu in the future.

Happy eating!

Khun Laak Executive Chef



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1st - 15th March 2012

Starters

Chef's Soup of the Day

Tuna and Scallop Carpaccio with Rocket Salad and Shave Parmesan

75 Baht
185 Baht

Main Courses

Australian Rib Eye Steak
served with Grilled Tomatoes, Button Mushroom
and Home-Fried Potatoes Pepper Sauce

Delicious Roast Salmon Wrapped in Smoked Bacon
with Lemon Tarragon Mayonnaise
seved with Asparagus, Carrots and Boiled Potato

Lamb Kebab with Vegetable Couscous and Mint Yoghurt

Dessert

Strawberry Tiramisu

Dessert of the Day

16th- 31st March 2012

Starters

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Chef's Soup of the Day

75 Baht

Home Made Perogies Filled with Cheese
and Potato Sautéed with Bacon and Onion

155 Baht

Main Courses

Grilled Cod Steak with Pesto served with Crispy Mixed Green Salad 320 Baht

Roast Herbs and Garlic Lamb Chops served with Spinach Risotto and Onion Confit Red Wine Sauce

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Wild Mushroom in a Puff Pastry Whole Grain Mustard and Wine Cream Sauce Served with French Beans, Carrots and Home-Fried Potatoes

Dessert

320 Baht

85 Baht

Strawberry Eton Mess Fresh Strawberry Meringue and Cream

Dessert of the Day

95 Baht

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The ancient Brits had their Witenagemot, medieval Brits had their Curia Regis even Harry Potter's realm had its Wizengamot! We have our ... Annual General Meeting.

By the time you read Outpost all Ordinary and Country members will have received their Calling Notice and either decided to attend or will have sent in their proxy forms already.

I would like to stress how important this meeting is - as well as legally enabling us to exist for another year (approving annual accounts and all that) it is the annual opportunity for the members to voice their opinions on the Club and stand for the General Committee. I say 'and' as one should not "talk the talk" if you are not prepared to "walk the walk"!

To many, if not most, it is not the most exciting evening of the year but it is, for the Club, one of the most essential. We are at the start of a NEW CLUB YEAR with a NEW GENERAL MANAGER and most likely a quite NEW GENERAL COMMITTEE so it is essential that these are given the full backing of the members to develop and enhance our Club for the next year.

I urge all Ordinary and Country members to attend this year's AGM.

Paul Cheesman Honorary Secretary General Committee 2011/12



DISCOUNTS FOR KIDS!



With the pending increase of Membership joining fees in early March, may we remind members with children of 21 years of age (or under 25 years but abroad in education) that three is no better time for your child to join than now!

Members (of over five years membership) get a **75% discount** off Full Joining Fees for their children — so enrol them before 9th March and get the **added bonus** of their joining at the present membership rates!

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PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



We look back at events of 1973 ...

The year was a very quiet one if the Minute Books are to be believed and devoid of any real excitement or misadventures. The highlight of the year seemed to be the posting and subsequent removal from membership of a number of members who simply had not paid their bills – one member because he objected to Whiskey being priced at 17 baht in The Bar but only 16 Baht at Poolside - he refused to pay the 1 baht "surcharge for air-conditioning". Needless to say he was kicked out!

The Swimming Pool was still causing some concern: constant complaints about the purity of the water, its being monopolised by a particular group of members and of lots of complaints about parent's behaviour: a new bylaw was thus enacted "forbidding the changing of infants diapers by the poolside". One piece of good timing was the training in March of senior staff in first aid and use of resuscitation equipment — in April their training was put to good use when a child injured themselves incorrectly diving from the high board.

The Minutes of the meeting of 12th June 1973 were of great interest, being the first in many years to itemise our membership: on this date we had 447 members, being 393 Ordinary, 17 Non-Voting (paying by instalments), 11 Up-country (as Country membership was then called) and we had 26 Ladies with Privileges (single British ladies allowed use of the Club). By year end our member had risen to 461, being 401 Ordinary, 14 Non-Voting, 16 Up-country and 30 Ladies Privileges.

Over several years the Club had been in dispute first with the Neilson Hays Library, then with the owners of a house on Soi Pradit then latterly with the Narai Hotel over our land boundaries. In 1972 the Land Registry kindly renewed all the boundary markers, so in 1973 at a cost of over 105,000 Baht a two metre high wall was erected from the Silom Guard box around the poolside to the Suriwongse gate and to be even friendlier with our neighbours, we had barbed wire placed above it!

Nautical relief in 1973 came with the arrival of HMAS Yarra, a modified Type 12 Frigate which docked in early November on her way from Hong Kong to Sydney. Officers and crew wee given free use of the Club for their two day stop-over.

The proposed new Bylaws were examined and amendments discussed. It was moved and seconded that the Bylaws be adopted as tabled. An amendment that children under eighteen months of age not be permitted in the main swimming pool was moved and seconded. This amendment was defeated. An amendment that a clause be inserted forbidding the changing of infant's diapers on tables by the poolside was moved and second. This amendment was adopted. The Bylaws were then adopted.

"The Perils of Parenthood"



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Christmas Outing

On 29th January 2012, The British Club organized a Christmas Outing to Siam Park for the orphan children at Thungmahamek Home for Boys: all in all 22 children with three teachers and three Club staff took part.



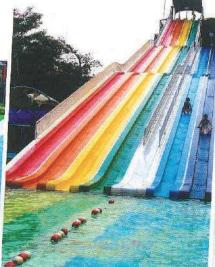




The event started with swimming in the big water park, then having lunch, going on all the rides park with many games and activities, and finished with nice ice creams. On behalf of them, we would also like to thank the British Women's Group, who were helping us to made a dream of these children come true.











Staff Party

This year's staff party was held at Yok Yor restaurant beside the Chay Phao River. Unlike other years, the staff decided to go local rather than tripping out of Bangkok for the day. Many of the staff had been affected and stressed out by the flooding at the end of last year. So this gave them the perfect opportunity to just relax during the day with many of them visiting temples or just going to the movies.

The evening kicked off around 7:30pm with Khun Rit as MC who did a fabulous job at running the evenings. It was amazing to see the staff out of their usual club uniforms and to see their true personalities shine through. Not long into the evening Jonathan Truslow the Club's Chairman was called upon to give to say a few words which he did in fluent Thai and even did an impromptu song to the delight of the staff. Following on from that, the party got into full swing with karaoke being the order of the evening with some dancing thrown in for good measure. It was amazing to see all their talent and to see them thoroughly enjoying themselves as can be seen by the photographs!

Vice Chairman, Chris Watt and the new General Manager, Joost, also attended, with Chris doing the lucky draws for the staff prizes and Joost spending most of the evening chatting in Thai with all the staff.

























































WHEN THE FIVE RED LIGHTS GO OUT!

March 18th sees the start of the 63rd season of Formula One motor racing with the Australian Grand Prix being given the starting honour, racing again from Albert Park, Melbourne ... 1pm Thai time!

Whilst the 62^{nd} Season was heralded as the largest ever, this year remains the same size -20 races, 26 drivers - but with a lot of chops and changes!

OUT goes the Turkish Grand Prix and BACK comes the US Grand Prix but this time from a new circuit in Austin, Texas unpretentiously called 'Circuit of the Americas'; OUT go Rubens Barrichello, Jaime Alguersuari, Vitaly Petrov and Adrian Sutil and BACK come Kimi Räikkönen, Pedro de la Rosa and Romain Grosjean and this year's newcomers are Frenchmen Jean-Éric Vergne (Formula Renault 3.5 series) and Charles Pic (GP2 series).

DATE	RACE	BRITISH CLUB TIME
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18 - Mar	Australian GP	1300
25 - Mar	Malaysian GP	1500
15 - Apr	Chinese GP	1300
22 - Apr	Bahrain GP	1900
13 - May	Spanish GP	1900
27 - May	Monaco GP	1900
10 - Jun	Canadian GP	2300
24 - Jun	European GP	1900
lut - 8	British GP	1900
22 - Jul	German GP	1900
29 - Jul	Hungarian GP	1900
2 - Sep	Belgian GP	1900
9 - Sep	Italian GP	1900
23 - Sep	Singapore GP	1900
7 - Oct	Japanese GP	1300
14 - Oct	Korean GP	1200
28 - Oct	Indian GP	1730
4 - Nov	Abu Dhabi GP	2000
18 - Nov	US GP	2400
25 - Nov	Brazilian GP	2300

AUSTRALIAN GP 18th March TV 12.30 pm RACE 1 pm







Although there are no actual 'new' teams yet again this year there are some changes of ownership and rebranding to give a slightly different line-up: 'Marussian Virgin F1' is now just 'Marussian F1' as Russian car manufacturer Marussian increased its ownership to 80%; The two Lotus teams scenario of 2011 has ceased with Team Lotus' being now 'Caterham F1' whilst 'Lotus Renault GP' is now just 'Lotus F1'; and finally a change of ownership means 'Force India F1' is now 'Sahara Force India F1'

All in all, 2012 is set to be a fantastic year in F1 so fill in your diary, and wait for those five red lights to go out!







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University Fees Rise, And So Do Parenting Costs

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bitter-sweet moment,
we are glad to see them
growing up and setting out into the world
on their own, but we
are nervous about their
future wellbeing, and
more than anything,
that they can afford to
live.

Once you have left them behind at their Fresher's Fair, you have to accept there is little you can do about the first of your concerns, but with good planning, you should be able to help with the latter. Getting a university education does not come cheap, no matter where your children plan to study. For example, undergraduates in Australia can expect to pay between A\$14,000 and A\$35,500 a year in both tuition fees and living expenses, according to Graduateshotline.com.

In the USA, Infozee.com highlights that university tuition fees alone range from US\$10,000 a year at a low-cost, State-supported university, to as much as US\$25,000 a year or more at a high cost private university. In some cases, the fees can be double this depending on where you are studying.

Education has got a lot more expensive in the UK too this year, thanks to new legislation that now allow

universities to charge as much as £9,000 a year in tuition fees.

The result is that The Push university guide says that UK graduates are expecting to leave university with around £53,000 of debt now, with average tuition fees rising to £8,600 for 2012.

Even though your child must be earning more than £21,000 before the student loan would have to start being paid back, having it hanging over their child will not sit well with many parents.

Student grants, which many of us would have benefited from when we went to university, are now a thing of the past unless your household income is below £42,600 a year. For those who do not qualify, maintenance fees would need to be borrowed alongside tuition fees, and if your child is living and studying in London, they can borrow up to £7,675 a year for their course.

On a three-year degree in London, this could leave your child owing a wallet-busting £50,025 just to the Student Loan Company. Even knowing that this does not have to be repaid before they earn £21,000 a year, the debt will still be hanging over them for the next 30 years, which is a very unappealing prospect.

'If you include the cost of living, a four-year course could easily cost between £100,000 and £110,000'

But that is only for a basic degree if you want to study longer and get more than a BA or a BSc, you are looking at even higher fees. Many students will continue studying to differentiate themselves from the crowd by getting additional qualifications, such as an MA, MSc, MBA or even a PhD.

So, if you are a parent who is able to save, putting the money aside to help your child keep any debts to a minimum will be one of the best gifts you can give them. The important thing to remember is that to create a fund that will help sufficiently, you need to start planning early, and make regular payments.

As with so many long-term savings goals, the sooner you start to save, the easier it is to reach the target you have. If you start as soon as your child is born, you will have at least 18 years to build up a fund that will meet their needs when they reach adulthood. Remember too, even if you start the fund for university fees when they are born, you may find they use it to help buy their first home, or to fund a first car. No matter what the ultimate use of that money, it will provide them with a stable start.

Let's assume you are going to continue putting money away for fees even while your child is at university — that gives you 22 years to save if they are doing a four-year course if your child was born today.

If you include the cost of living, a four-year course could easily cost between £100,000 and £110,000. With a growth rate assumed at 7% a year on average for the payments you are making into your child's education fund, you would need to save £190 a month to meet these costs effectively.

If your child has already reached five years of age, meaning you only have 17 years left to save, then you have already raised that monthly figure to £290 a month to meet the fees. Delay any longer, and if your child reaches 10 before you start putting money away for their education,

you are looking at having to find a £500 a month to keep your child out of debt before they graduate. The cost of delay is significant, and could make the difference between you being able to cover the costs of your child's education right the way through, and not offering them all the help they need.

Having debts to pay off when they graduate, especially if your child is taking out loans or debts on credit cards to get by, will mean they could be delayed in getting on the property ladder, or even trying to build up a deposit, let alone getting a mortgage.

'As with any portfolio, you need to choose which funds to invest in carefully to get the best returns you can. But you must do this at a level of risk you are happy with. This is where getting a good financial adviser can make all the difference.'

So putting something aside to help cover these costs is one of the best ways you can help your child start their adult life. But do not think that you have to do all of this alone - remember, the money going into the fund does not only have to come from you. Gifts from friends and family and regular gifts from, perhaps, grandparents will all help to boost the total amount being added. It could even be a way of them helping to reduce their inheritance tax liabilities.

As with any portfolio, you need to choose which funds to invest in carefully to get the best returns you can. But you must do this at a level of risk you are happy with. This is where getting a good financial adviser can make all the difference.

Helping you to make the right decisions at the right time is a key part of the service you should expect from your adviser, and you need to be confident you can trust the information you are receiving is independent advice. This is something that can be hard to come by as an expat.

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BC CALENDAR - MARCH 2012

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

BWG Mahjong 10am - 1pm





Open Pairs Bridge

Squash Mix-In

Senior Football 7pm - 9pm







Artists @ British Club 9am - 1pm



Balut Shield Wordsworth Lounge





BWG Mahjong 10am - 1pm

Tennis Mix-In 6pm - 10pm

Monday Night Club Absolute Conviction, /pm

Tennis Mix-In



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Fitball 10:30am



Squash Mix-In 5pm - 7pm

Senior Football 7pm - 9pm

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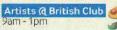
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Ladies Tennis Coaching 10am - 11:30am



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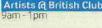
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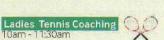


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SPORT & LEISURE

By Paul Ringer



Dear Members.

Whilst we do have a flurry of tennis activity this month culminating in the Kids Championships tournament and the adults Cup and Plate Championships on 24th, the main non-tennis event to look forward to is "The Prelympics".

As 2012 is an Olympic year and Great Britain will indeed be hosting the games, it seems only right we should make an effort to get all sporty.

"The Prelympics" will be a fun family team event, each team consisting of a minimum of 3 people including ${\bf 1}$ adult.

There are 9 disciplines, walking, cycling, swimming, cricket, football, netball, tennis, frisbee and pentangue, and each family team will compete to collect points for the team.

For walking, cycling and swimming there will be a set time limit. Team members must rotate and points will be awarded for distances covered.

The remainder of the disciplines will involve skill based games which teams will also collect points for.

Paul



Anyone for Cricket!?

SCAD Foundation (Soi Cats and Dogs) has brilliant news for all you cricket lovers out there!

On **Saturday March 24th** SCAD will hold it's second Charity Cricket Tournament from 8.30 am onwards.

At the stunning Shrewsbury International Schools riverside location, eight teams of sixes will compete in a relaxed tournament while enjoying a day out for a good cause, cheered on by friends and family. There will be fun activities for the little ones, and stalls providing good food, wine and beer, not to forget the cricket tea.

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Team application -SCAD Charity Cricket Tournament 2012

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- 1. Team name and team captain
- 2 List of 6 players complete with names, e-mails, phone numbers and t-shirt sizes

Application Donation

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Team spots will be secured once payment has been received.

We hope to see you on the 24th!



TENNIS

By Paul Ringer

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After a slow start The British Club Tennis Championships have stepped up a gear with March seeing the completion of the quarter finals on the 11th, the semi-finals on the 22nd and the actual finals being held on the 24th March in the afternoon. Preceding the championship finals will be the Children's Championship Tournament.

A big thank you to all our sponsors once again:



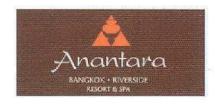
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With all this competition going on and the resultant "seeding" of all our keenest tennis players it should hopefully be very easy to set up a tennis league with groupings of similarly skilled players. Please watch this space.

We will also hopefully, very soon, in the not too distant future be in receipt of a whole new batch of BCTS T-shirts, kindly sponsored by St. Andrews International School Sathorn. The shirts will be not too dissimilar from the designs below, we have however opted not to go for the unisex design, and all shirts will also carry the St. Andrews International School Sathorn logo.



SQUASH NEWS AND OTHER TRIPE

By Bruce Madge II



Here's the news:

Yasser Arafat has left for the Middle-East to protest in Egypt he is strapped to his inactive post and then to take over his and to join the uprising in Syria. Good luck to him. Emile Heskey has also gone; gone to England to manage the national football team and to racially abuse all the players and fans, and the FA. Good luck to him too. New guy Chris Childs is in; he's just turned four. Happy birthday.

Next; we lost our first TSRA Wednesday League team match league team Wednesday match league match match Wednesday 2-1 to the TJ Old Dogs from Nana Hotel. Civil was missing as he was giving birth, Sayer was absent as he was being fired, Tom Kelly was in detention, and all our other halfdecent players had passed away dead so Rungrat was brought in alongside H and Captain Sensible, Evans. Rat and Evans lost, but we're still in the finals coming up after the next military coup, and just before the next floods.



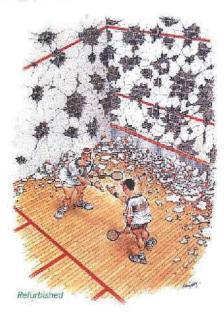
After that we went to Chiang Mai with the Tennis and Cricket Sections for our usual January tour as it was January. This year we'd got a trophy to play for, 'The Cornflakes Chiang Mai Squash Challenge. Not a lot happened save that we lost the trophy at the first attempt. Evans posted one photo and a lengthy report on our facebook page that said "BCB v Gymkhana 2012, lost 2-1". Evans has since been charged the cost of the trophy and moved to an inactive post.

Later will be the Harold Mercer Team Competition, but nobody seems interested so the Section Treasurer is just gonna charge those that played in it last year another 300 baht each and spend the money on a night out with David Mason at the new Old Boys Underpants Disco on Silom Soi 2.

Even later is the Squash Section AGM which will involve a team match type of team arrangement match featuring two sets of players captained by Den and Da. The prize for the winning captain is for the right to boot Evans in the goolies while captaincy.



Meanwhile, we've had the courts rerererefurbished for the 75th time and they're already cracking up. Earthquakes are to blame and so are the weather, and the floods and God and others. So we've got more holes in the walls and the floors are coming up due to moles, rats, tree roots and the fact that the British Club was built on a pet cemetery and all the animal corpses are rebelling and digging themselves out of their graves. Perhaps we should bulldoze the lot and turn it into another shopping mall. Then again, perhaps we should just flatten the squash courts and build a massage parlour.



So that's the Squash Section news and there's not much of it as little has taken place so let's talk about the leagues and ladders.

This is how the ladder works. If you are a member of the section you can join the ladder for 100 dollars a month. Your name in black goes on a little, white, plastic thing which goes on the ladder. To climb the ladder you need to play a so and so above you

l-te won a set of plastic cutlery

and beat this so and so and then your name will sit above this so and so's name and this so and so's name will sit below yours. If you lose it won't. If you get to the top it means you are the best and that you can retire. You can challenge any so and so above you on the ladder to a ladder match which means you will only play ladder matches against those so and so's above you on the ladder unless, of course, some so and so who is above you on the ladder challenges you to a ladder match then this so and so will be playing a ladder match against a so and so who is below him/her/it.

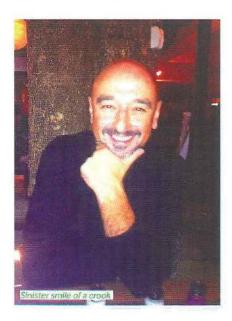
You write your ladder match results on the ladder match results sheet pinned to the notice board by court one just above the new bag rack/cat bed.

The following month Bob, who's in charge of this ladder mess collates all the ladder match results and we do a draw during our monthly committee meeting to decide who gets the ladder first and second prizes. The prizes are plastic cutlery sets. The more ladder matches a so and so plays determines how many times this so and so's name goes into the draw. Last month a so and so called Desmond Tutu won the first prize and a so and so named Robert Mugabe took the second after a play-off with a so and so known as The Pope.



Now to the leagues which are also administered by Bobby. To play in them you need to lay out 150 dollars a month. We have four leagues, but sometimes more. The Premier League is for the worst players, while League One is for the best. League Two is for those who are too good for the Premier League, but not quite good enough for League Three which is for players who never play their matches. If you win your league you stay in it or get promoted to the league below. If you come last in your league, you will be relegated to the top of the top league which is league four which doesn't exist. Is that clear? Prizes are given for those who come first and last in all leagues except for the Premier as it's contested by rich snobs who have everything they need so don't require a dirty t-shirt, a plastic trophy, a 10 baht voucher or some old black balls. Last month Marc Sayer, Den, Kitty, Chris Childs, Bob, Gary Baine, Yasser, Emile, and Kim Jung Umil all lost. That's the BCB Squash Leagues and they are mired in cheating, match fixing, gambling, infighting, politics and corruption and Bobby's behind the shameful lot.

Until he also gets transferred to an inactive post.....





HARD BALLS

By Squire Legge



One might think that a season in which only two matches were won out 13 played against grown men would not be much to celebrate, yet one would be under-estimating the short memories of BC's cricketers and their ability to find any excuse to have a good time. And so it was that the BC cricketers Second Annual BBQ and Awards Celebration was held at the Club on 14th January.

The frivolities started early afternoon with family fun cricket of the sort that reduces everyone ... dads, mums and kids to the same level. Daniel Dupont and Evans were the undoubted star but Raquel and Fiona provided the glamour and showed where the real cricket talent lays in the Evans and Sayer families. Everyone agree that the BBQ that followed was the tastiest on the planet, a tribute to the cricketers' very own Master Chef Rahul Gupte who took over the BC kitchens, was up all night marinating, and served up an exotic menu of Indian delicacies. Yum!

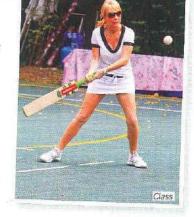
There were about 50 in attendance and we knew all was going well when it was announced the first barrel of beer had run out before the speeches. The advantage of that of course is that when everyone is well-oiled, even the worst jokes suddenly seem hilarious and the crowd was richly entertained as the contributions of all in attendance was honoured by a few anecdotal witticisms and an invitation to partake of the time-honoured vodka slammers ... the partaking thereof rapidly accelerating the silliness of the whole occasion. Champagne and rum sponsored by Chitradeep all helped ensure a most enjoyable and very happy family occasion.











There was a more serious bit early on when the playing awards were made for the 2010/11 season, the honours going to:

Cricketer of the Year: Sailesh Damania Batsman of the Year: Vaughan McClear Bowler if the Year: Jack Dunford Well done everyone.



BC's flood ravished 2011/12 season continues in ad hoc fashion the latest match being against the Southeners at the Polo Club on 22nd January. Skipper Dale stood down to see if ex-skipper Vaughan could turn things around with a much—needed win after defeats to RBSC.

Vaughan got off to a good start by winning the won the toss, inserted the Southeners and BC bowled well. Anthony (1 for 28 off 6 overs) and Rahul 0 for 18 off 5) kept things tight at the beginning and at 36 for 2 after 10 overs things looked good. Chitradeep (2 for 49 off 6) had a few problems with his radar but picked up a couple of wickets, but when BC's bowler of the Year 1989 was introduced, the Southeners batsmen were suddenly thrown in confusion (3 for 30 off 6), not knowing whether they were supposed to play it seriously or just whack it out of the ground. He he! Sailesh also chipped in with a couple of late wickets and a score of 169 for 8 off 30 overs looked like a good effort and quite gettable.









We needed a good start and although Sailesh (10) managed to avoid getting out Ibw, none of the top order got runs and at 35 for 4 off 10 overs it was not going to be easy. But James Moss with affine, hard-hitting 43* off about 30 balls kept hopes alive while Nick White 40* played an anchor role at the other end. But we were never quite up to the run rate. Anthony (11) and Tejas (15) made late contributions but it was never going to be enough and BC closed out on 144 for 6, defeat by 25 runs. Once again BC had bowled and fielded well, but collectively the batting had not been good enough, the result maybe even a bit flattering when taking into account the fact that the Southerners gave all 11 fielders a bowl!

This is good team and one of these days we are going to play like one. Watch these pages! Next month we'll report on the Chiang Mai 30th Anniversary



BCGS GOLFING NEWS

By Jack O'Flynn



December Medal: The Royal GC: Lat Krabang Sunday 8 January 2012



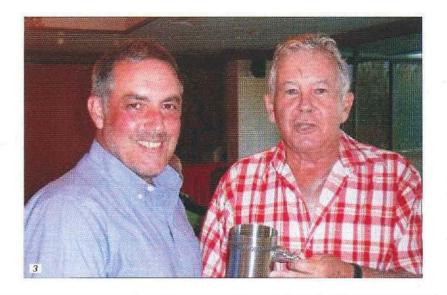
Our topsy-turvy season continued as we ushered in the year 2012 by competing for the December 2011 Monthly Medal! In excellent golfing conditions, seven groups set out in their final quest for glory in both the Medal and in the Eclectic competitions. The latter competition which runs concurrently with the monthly medals has generated considerable interest of late, with only the slightest of margins separating the top positions.

Art Carlson, the leader in Flight 'B' and absent on the day, left the door wide open for those just behind him but strangely no one was able to take advantage. Having led the field for most of the season Art C, without swinging a club, took the top prize.

Flight 'A' started to liven up early on when Varghese (1) improved his score by 2 shots, putting him very much in contention. Jack O, leader before the final round, had a mediocre day and made no improvement to his score. John Carter however, was not to be deterred. A birdie on the 8th hole improved his overall score to seemingly secure the win. However, escaping everyone's attention, John Bell quietly went about his business, posting two birdies in his round to overtake the favourites and earn a dramatic win. Well done to both John B and Art.

Peter Bond had a day of mixed fortunes: a very consistent round of golf (net 73) was not quite enough to catch the leader in the Eclectic standings but it did take him to the top in the Flight 'B' category. He was followed closely by lanThornhill in 2nd place.

In Flight 'A', Marcus P (2) appeared to be the early favourite, having played an extremely good first 9 holes to record a gross 38. Unfortunately a couple of slip ups on the way home saw him eventually lose out to Phil North on countback, both finishing with net 72s.



January Medal: The Royal GC Saturday 4 February 2012

Early morning rains threatened to play havoc with the first monthly medal competition of 2012 but failed to dampen the spirits of the good number of participants on show. It was all up for grabs on this, the new golfing season, brand new-look medal prizes and the opportunity to make an early mark in the eclectic competitions. If the previous ones were anything to go by, we are hopefully in for some exciting times over the coming months.

Because of the fairly damp conditions the course played a little longer than usual, but seemingly undeterred, many showed good form and scoring in general was of a high standard. Perhaps it was the thought of getting their hands on one of the attractive new medal prizes!

After we had battled our way around against the course and the elements, a cool drink and a chance for recovery awaited us in the clubhouse (5).



No, that is not garnish for the meal (6); it is in fact, David Humphrey's rewards for his consistent accuracy on the par 3s. David Lamb also looked similarly pleased and keen to display his prize for having holed a massive putt on the 18th hole (and making birdie in the process) (7). All a bit too late for David!!



A very profitable return indeed for Phil as he took home the long drive, 2 near pins and the Flight 'A' medal prizes (3). The remaining technical prizes went to Tracy C, Jack O and Peter S.

And to conclude the day's proceedings the Captain's mystery prizes were awarded to John B for having made a startling recovery on the back 9 holes to lend some degree of respectability to his round and to David H (4), but for very different reasons. It is reported that David would like the basis for his award to remain a mystery!!



January Stableford Subhapruek GC Sunday 15 January 2012

Last Sunday at Subhapruek, was Day 1 of the new Stableford Eclectic competition, when the man-of-the-moment, John Bell, ran off with the IOU (inside joke) first prize with 36 points. Jim Moroney scored a creditable 34 points to finish in 2nd place and Mike Staples with 33 points in 3rd.



To complete the technical prizes, the long drive awards went to Gaew Gale and Phil North.

As it turned out, those awards were also a prelude to the main competitions: Gaew achieved a personal best to take the Flight 'B' medal with a terrific net 66 (8). Trailing well in her wake were Andrew Mc and Captain Ray.

An in-form Phil North continued as such to finish with a net 68 and win the Flight 'A' prize for the second consecutive month (9). Commendable rounds but unfortunately not quite good enough on the day, saw Tracy C (net 69) and Mark E (net 71) complete the podium places.

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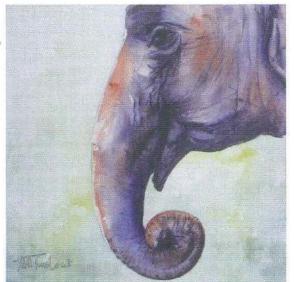
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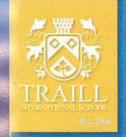
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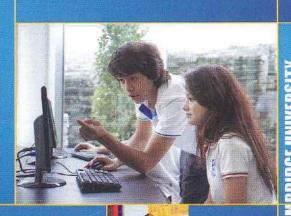
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BRIDGE

By Mike Sim



Bridge Results for January 2012

EVENT.	RANK	NAME (PAIR)	SCORE%
Sunday Olly January (1.4 najas)	1 st	Mike Sim & Michael Winckless	64.42%
Sunday 8 th January (14 pairs)	2 nd	Dr. Apithai & Hanne	62.18%
C	7 51	Prarop & Watana	57.50%
Sunday 15 th January (11 pairs)	⁴ 2nd	Chintana E. & Hasim	56.25%
Sunday 22 nd January (13 pairs)	1 st	Manthanee & Supote	60.00%
Suriday 22 January (13 pairs)	2 ^{rxd}	Wako & Benjarong	59.58%
Tuesday 24 th January (8 pairs):	1 st	Hanne & Hiran	62.70%
WBF Charity Pairs	2 nd	Manthanee & Khiri	52.38%

News & Updates (a few words from our tournament director, Mike Sim)

ETHICS IN BRIDGE

Bridge is a very ethical game. There are many legal ways to advise your partner on which cards you have, but these have to be disclosed on a 'Convention Card'. In the UK every player is required to have a convention card, but he may not refer to it during the bidding, although his opponents can (a card is for you to remember and your opponents to discover). When playing the cards, however, there are strict rules. When a declarer has led a card towards dummy the player in the second seat should play in tempo. It is extremely unethical to hesitate when there is no reason.

Two examples:-

O Declarer leads a card towards dummy and you have a singleton in that suit. If you hesitate the inference is that you have an alternative card to play. If, subsequently you ruff

(trump) that suit declarer can call the director and point out your hesitation as unethical and the director may well impose a penalty.

B When declarer leads a card towards a suit in which dummy holds e.g. Ace and Queen, it is not ethical for you to hesitate in second seat, thus implying that you have the King and are not sure whether to play it. If he then plays the Queen and the person in fourth seat plays the King he can similarly call the director and allege impropriety.

Most bridge players are, however, very ethical, as the following story indicates. One of bridge's top players was playing with a scratch partner, and declarer led towards an Ace, Queen holding. The second player hesitated before playing a small card, the declarer inserted the Queen and the fourth player (the expert) played low, At the conclusion of the hand his partner saw that the expert held the King. Why didn't you take it, his exasperated partner exploded. I'm sorry partner, said the expert, I thought, you had it!

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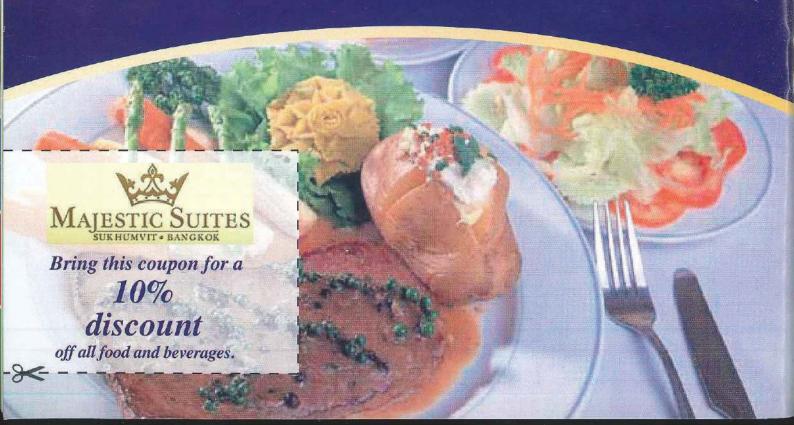
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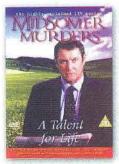
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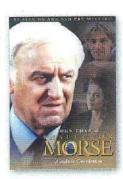


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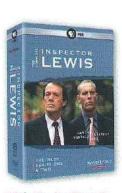
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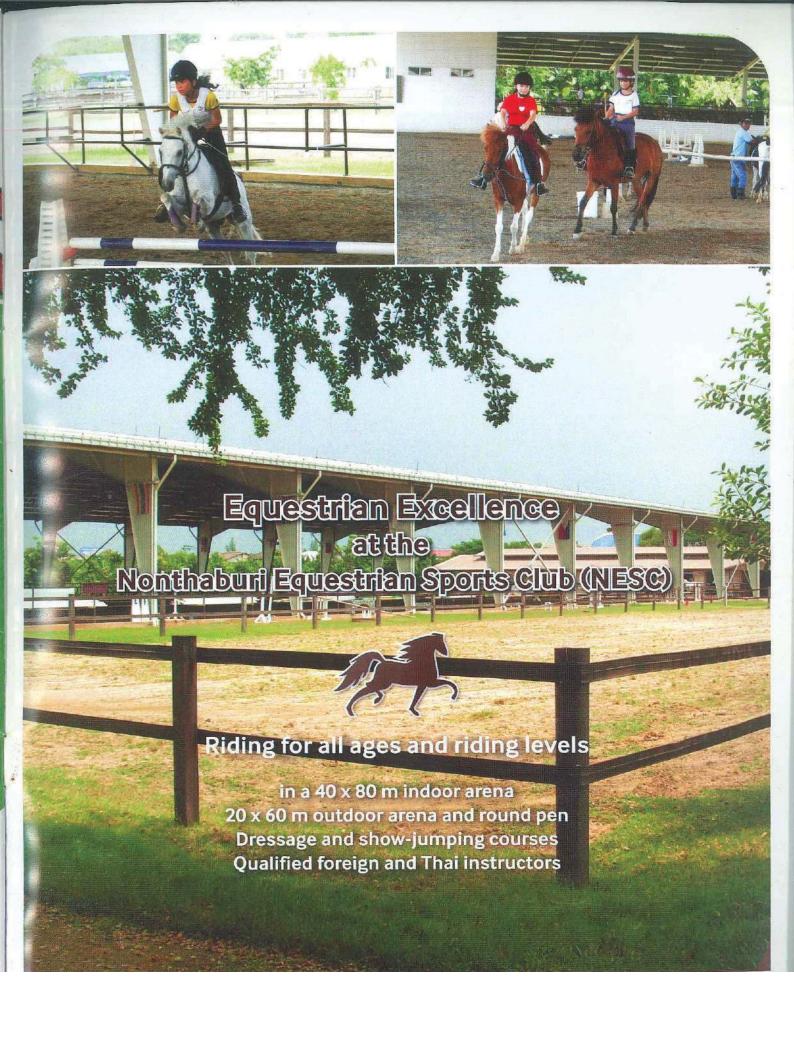
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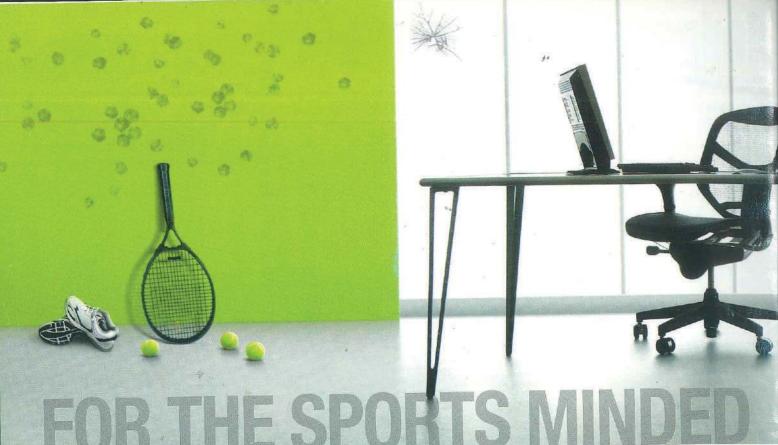
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