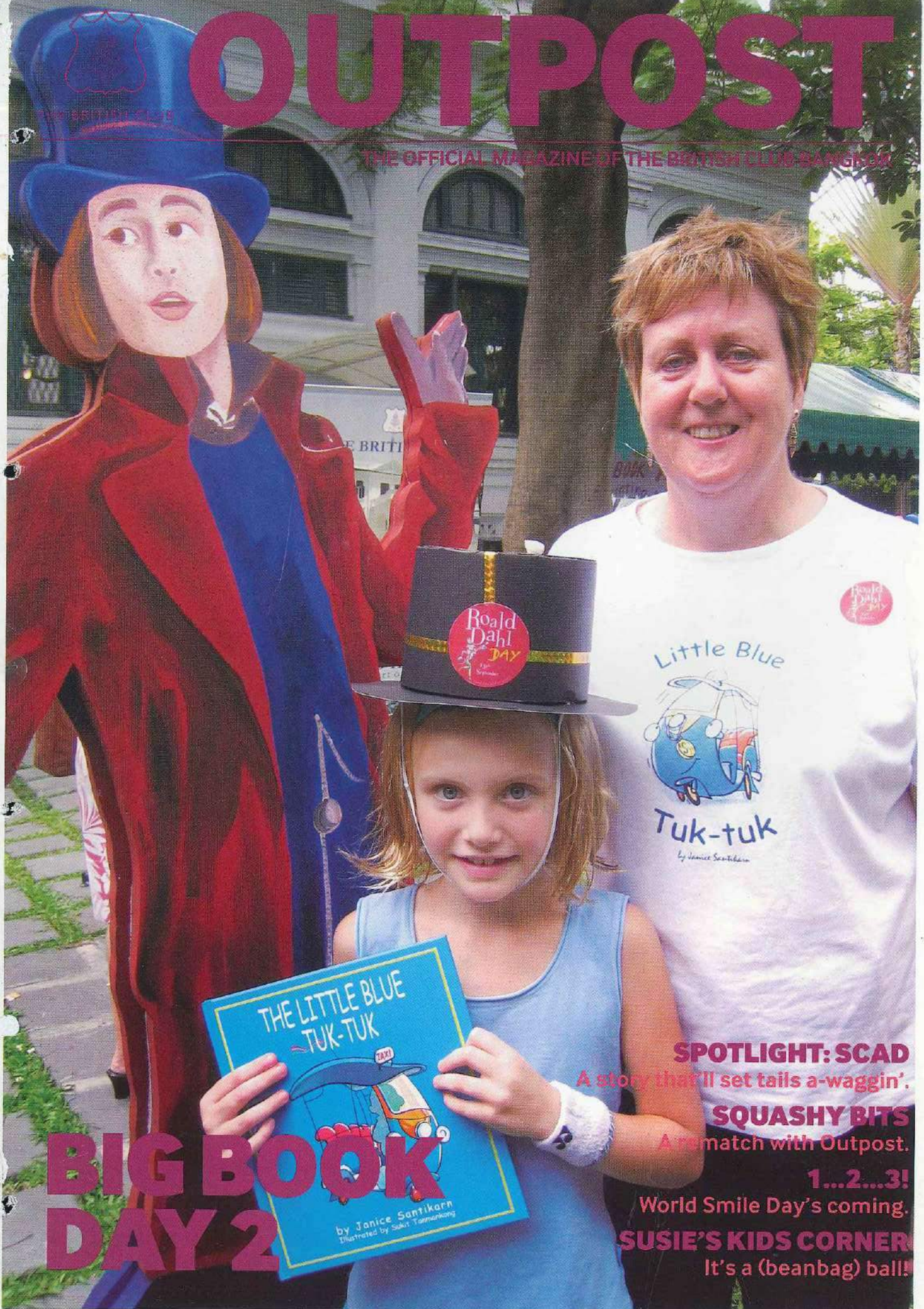
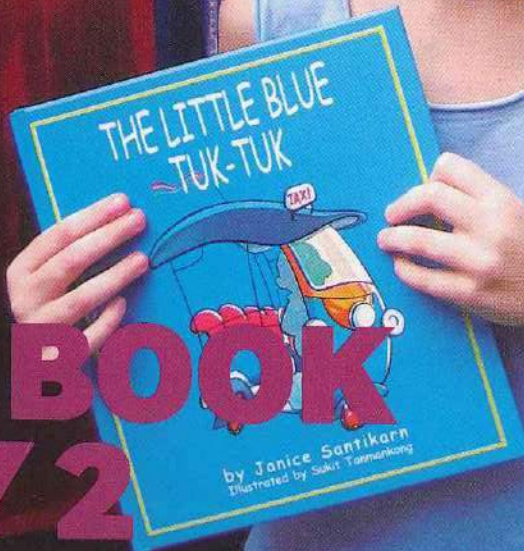


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party's all about "Animals  
Big and Small," from  
caterpillars to elephants.



# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Jonathan Truslow  
Chairman - General  
Committee 2009/2010

By the time you read this, the GC will be about halfway through its year – a good point at which to review what has been achieved and what remains to be done.

After being appointed Chairman, my first Outpost article (written for the April edition) mentioned several priority issues arising from the AGM, including staff and management bonuses, the tennis section, production of Outpost and changes to associate member fees.

All these have been addressed. I discussed the situation with respect to staff and management bonuses in a letter to members earlier in the year. However, there is still some significant difference of feelings over this issue, and we will probably need to bring the matter to a vote at the next AGM in order to settle the point. The tennis section has been re-formed, and we are working with the section chairman to see how the Club's management can best support our largest member section. Production of Outpost has been contracted out to Veritas, and we are pleased with the results so far. Associate member fees were the focus of the EGM in June.

In that article, I also wrote, "Given the economic situation, it is likely that 2009 will be a difficult year, financially, for the Club, and we may have to temper our more ambitious development plans in order to maintain a prudent level of liquidity." So, for most of this year, we have been performing a delicate balancing act, with little money to spend but much needing to be done to maintain facilities and make them attractive to current and prospective members. With the Club looking less than its best, it is hard to retain existing members or attract new ones, especially at a time when everyone is cutting back, and so a vicious cycle starts.

However, the approval at the June EGM of the new five-year instalment payment plan for joining the Club, and the relaxation of the associate membership quota from 33% to 48% of total membership, has given management the tools they need to bring new member recruitment back on track. This will give the Club more funds to spend on development and, so, turn a vicious circle into a virtuous one. With John Boisclair joining the management team in June, things are now beginning to move. You can read John's first report on development and maintenance projects in this edition of Outpost.

With all of this in mind, the GC has felt confident to spend a little more money on Club development now, so as to achieve a good standard of finish, rather than spending the bare minimum on maintenance and having to spend again in a few short years' time. We will not be profligate, but we do have a little more flexibility in our budget than we enjoyed at the start of the year.

In the Poolside area, perhaps the most neglected part of the Club's facilities, we had originally planned just to do a minimal cleanup of the men's changing room and the gym. We have now expanded the specifications for work in this area to include the ladies' changing rooms and to bring all of these facilities to the standard of the bathrooms in the Clubhouse. This will, of course, slow down the work, but we believe the delay to be worthwhile.

A final quotation from the April article reads, "And, of course, we will need to find a new CEO." The GC deferred hiring a new CEO until we were able to understand the sort of person we need and the management structure they would head. In July, I chaired a joint meeting of the GC and nine past GC chairmen to address these questions and other strategic issues. Having so much experience of the Club collected under one roof was extremely helpful in putting many of the challenges facing the Club into perspective. We agreed that the biggest challenge is identifying, motivating and retaining someone who can lead the Club through the changes ahead of us. Several of the past chairmen offered to join a search committee to review the CEO job description and to identify and screen candidates. I hope to bring you more news on this shortly.

Nine past chairmen and myself  
after the meeting on 2nd July

# HOUSE & GROUNDS

## The monthly report on Maintenance and Development



My personal involvement with development and maintenance issues at the Club began in 2005 when, as a previously silent member since 1993, I became active in advocating that the way in which we were engaging consultants and contractors could be very much improved to the substantial benefit of the Club. I served on the General Committee from 2005 to 2007 and then chaired the Development Special Interest Group from 2007 to 2008. In the latter period, the DSIG initiated and managed the development of the back lawn area and the upgrading of the tennis courts.

I have written articles in Outpost and the Announcer stressing the need to manage our affairs more professionally and to make maintenance a priority issue. I have frequently pointed out that the Club facilities were suffering from many years of deterioration and an absence of any replacement or refurbishment policy. In fact, I probably became very boring on the topic. However, as someone with a professional construction background, I was determined to get the General Committee and the members to acknowledge some of the problems, so that funds could be allocated to deal with them effectively.

In 2008, Andrew Roberts suggested that I would be more useful to the Club if I came out of retirement to work in a management position to oversee development and facilities. He suggested that my experience of over forty years in construction and property development could be put to better use by helping the Club as an employee. After the new General Committee was appointed in March this year, I continued the conversation with Jonathan Truslow, and the result is that I have now been put in a position to carry out some of the measures that I have been banging on about for the last four years.

The first priority has been to appoint a contractor to repair and upgrade the electrical installations to bring them up to an acceptable standard. A detailed report by Electrical Safety Consultants indicated that many of the circuits were defective and a large number had no grounding or effective protection. The second priority was the necessity to deal with a very serious termite infestation. Members will have seen evidence of the serious damage in various areas of the Club. We have now appointed specialist contractors for both types of work needed, and they have started on site. Before spending money on other improvements, it is essential to deal effectively with these two major problems.

Because of the poor condition of the Clubhouse and other buildings and facilities, and the regular destruction of infrastructure and building fabric by termites, rats and other pests, there is a constant demand on our small maintenance team to deal with minor repairs. In fact, it is a question of constantly trying to stay ahead of the growing need to patch up the continually deteriorating buildings and equipment so they can fulfil a minimum function. We will soon be establishing a simple maintenance regime, which will include a structured programme for preventative maintenance to ensure that this is carried out regularly to reduce the time spent on repairs and breakdowns. Much of the equipment, including the A/C units and pumps, is beyond its efficient working life and is the main cause for the very high electricity bills.

Apart from the increasing importance of repair and maintenance, it is planned to refurbish some of the most neglected areas to bring them to a reasonable standard. The Fitness Centre and the Men's and Women's Changing Rooms, which are badly in need of modernisation, are first on the list. Work on the Men's Changing Room should have started on 20 July, but the chosen contractor decided he had a problem with labour resources and pulled out. We are currently having the work priced by another contractor. It is intended to make some minor changes in the Verandah, including replacement of the orange chairs, which everyone dislikes, and the wood flooring, which has been irreparably damaged by termites.

Most of the work that was carried out last year on the back lawn and the tennis courts is still in the defects liability period and/or covered by a warranty. There are one or two minor issues being dealt with on the back lawn, but the most worrying problem is the performance of the Greenset Acrylic tennis court surface, which is detaching from the concrete in several areas. We are putting pressure on the contractor to identify the reason for this and present us with a positive course of action.

After two months in this position at the Club, I can safely say that there is enough work here to keep me very busy indeed. Members can feel free to contact me directly if they wish to discuss any issues that they are particularly worried about. I will be very pleased to hear and consider any constructive suggestions.

**John Boisclair**  
Development & Facility Manager



# BAZZA'S BANTER



Dear Members,

Welcome back to Thailand and the Club after your long summer holidays.

Even though we were in the quiet period over the last few weeks, there have been lots of events taking place. We had "Liverpool vs. Thailand", where we took forty members to see the football match at Ratchamangala Stadium and got drenched getting back to the coach! We also ran "Slumdog Millionaire Night" – twenty members enjoyed this great movie with a fish 'n' chips curry sauce supper.

Last month, we also held our first wine dinner in the Verandah Café. The evening was sold out, with fifty members enjoying a range of wines from Broken Hills Estate and listening to a description of each of the wines from winemaker Leigh Gilligan. Khun Laak and her team did a great job with the food. In fact, many of the items are featured in Khun Laak's "On The Menu" pages and are amongst the new items on the "Khun Laak Recommends" board or on the full menu. This month, we also have a wine dinner to be held outside of the Club at Il Tartufo Restaurant. For more details, check out the Club's calendar on our website. And rounding out the culinary wonders, Friday's themed buffets this month are Greek, Spanish, Curry and, our most popular, the Jamie Oliver buffet.

Expect to be spellbound this month with A Night of Hypnosis with Bruce Quinby – we'll make sure to take photos so you can remember what you did that night! Paul Cheesman's Monday Night Club continues throughout September in the Wordsworth Lounge. Last month's showings of *Torchwood* make an encore appearance at the Club on Sunday, 20th September. Quiz Nights have now changed to every first Tuesday of each month and are still held in The Verandah.

We'll be having our monthly wine tasting on the Friday, 25th September, from 6-9pm. On the 26th of September, we have two events. We are off to see "Cinderella on Ice" at the Thailand Cultural Centre; this event features over twenty world-class Olympic skaters in a show with a musical score recorded by the Moscow State Cinematic Orchestra. The event is part of the programme of the 11th Bangkok International Festival of Music and Dance. Tickets are limited, so please book now.

The other event is held in conjunction with our friends at the Neilson Hays Library. We are celebrating Big Book Day Two! With over two hundred in attendance, last year's event was a

rousing success. The event is to celebrate National Children's Book Week; and while we also celebrated Roald Dahl's Birthday last year, this time 'round we are featuring the books of Eric Carle. We will have a "Hungry Caterpillar" buffet, and a book reading by Janice Santrakam to launch her new book, "Narwin Saves the Elephants". Susie will be along with lots of arts and crafts, and SCAD will be here also. There will be the Club's bouncy castle and lots more. The event is free, but we ask members to please put a donation in the Donation Boxes, and we also ask members to please sign up, as this helps us judge our expected attendance. The event runs from 10am until 3pm on the Neilson Hays Library grounds.

Looking further ahead, we have our kids' Halloween party on Friday, 30th of October. Next month, we will hide five pumpkins throughout Outpost, and the first five kids with the correct answer will receive a free entrance to the party (limited to one kid, aged under 14, per family). We've also planned a repeat of our well-received Hogwarts Buffet in the Verandah; and for the adults, we'll be holding the monthly wine tasting upstairs at the same time!

The annual fireworks night takes place on Sunday, 1st November. Please note that the car park will be closed for safety reasons from 10pm onwards on Saturday, 31st October until 10pm on Sunday, 1st November. The event will be held on the back lawn, and fireworks launched from the front lawn. Please also note that the Club will close at 3.30pm on Sunday and reopen at 4pm only for members with Guy Fawkes tickets. The Club's pool will close at 5pm.

Tickets for the Club's annual Christmas Ball are on sale now at 3,000 baht each. Tables are for groups of 10 or for sharing. The sign-up sheet is downstairs at Clubhouse reception. The Ball will be held on Saturday, December 12th, and will start off with a cocktail reception on the front lawn.

On August 30, the Club's staff from all departments and some security staff received annual medical training from the staff at Lerdsin Hospital. Staff receive medical and fire training every year.

Well, that's about it for another month. I look forward to seeing you at your Club very soon!

Regards,  
**Baz**  
gm@britishclubbangkok.org



## "Livingstone, I presume?"

We've heard some interesting tales around the Club of members' recent holidays and thought, "Why not share those great stories and photos with everyone?" So, if you have the itch to write up some of your thrilling adventures, please send them our way by email to gm@britishclubbangkok.org, along with some snapshots, and they may well appear in a future issue!

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Mr. Quinby's entrancing entertainment is fun for everybody, and at the end of the night you'll be amazed - and happy - with what you saw, or perhaps what you did!

Suitable for Ages 14 and up

Saturday 19th September @ 8 pm  
Surawongse Room  
Cost 400 THB/Person

For more information contact K. Barry

## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> BALUT SHIELD AWARDS & AGM

The 2008-09 Balut Shield comes to its finale tonight after a record twenty qualifying events. Tonight's Balut Shield Awards is open to section members only. The Schedule is: 7.00pm - the 2009 section Annual General Meeting; 7.30pm - the final tournament of the 2008-09 Balut Shield; 9.30pm - the award of the 2008-09 Balut Shield prizes.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> A Night Of Hypnosis With Bruce Quinby

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> September Wine Tasting

Join us for our monthly wine tasting this Friday, 25th of September. Four wine companies will be here to present their wines, and members will be able to purchase the wines at discounted prices. Fill up on Khun Lask's tasty canapés. And afterwards, why not go to The Verandah and enjoy our Spanish food promotion? What a great way to start your weekend!

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> The Big Book Party 2

Last year's event was a great success, with over 200 people attending. The party opens at 10am at the Neilson Hays Library and continues on until 3pm. The event is to celebrate World Literacy Day. Celebrate "Animals Big & Small" with the 40th anniversary of Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", along with the release of Janice Santikarn's "Nawin Saves The Elephants" and lots of activities, including crafts with Khun

Suzy, the British Club's bouncy castle, clay modelling, Sol Cats and Dogs and a special Hungry Caterpillar menu created by Khun Lask and her team at the British Club. There is no entry fee, however, we would request a 100 baht donation per child. If you wish to come along to the event, please register at Clubhouse reception, or send a fax or email to the Club; this will help us judge expected numbers.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> Cinderella On Ice

We have booked tickets for the upcoming performance of "Cinderella on Ice", staged at The Thailand Cultural Center and part of the Bangkok's International Festival of Music and Dance. The show has a cast of twenty Olympic, World and European championship skaters. The score is played by the Moscow State Cinematic Orchestra, and the 3-D scenery is designed by Eamon Darcy, responsible for the opening ceremony at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Tickets cost 3,000 or 2,500 baht each and include transport from/to the Club. Transport leaves the Club at 12.30pm, and the show begins at 2.30pm. To book, send a fax or email to the Club, or sign up at Clubhouse reception.

### FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS IN SEPTEMBER Swimming Lessons

Fridays, 3pm-5.30pm; Saturdays, 10am-2pm, children of all ages. 325 baht per lesson. Sign up in the fitness centre, or contact Reed for more information.

### NOW EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH Tetley Smooth Bar Quiz

The British Club Quiz will be held in the Verandah at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1st September 2009. As usual, Bangkok's premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of nineteen questions (on a range of subjects from 'Asia' to 'Famous People'), each ending in the dreaded "Common Denominator". Prizes go to First, Second, Third and 'Second-to-Last'. There are also three 'between-round' questions, sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations, where your team has the chance to win drinks. So get a team of friends (up to six with at least one Club member per team) to come along and join in the fun, or just pop along to see if we can fit you in!

## OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

<b>The Verandah</b>	11am - 2pm (Mon. - Thurs) 5pm - 10pm (Mon. - Thurs) 11am - 10pm (Fri. - Sun. and Public Holidays)	
<b>Neilson Hays Coffee Shop</b>	9am - 6pm (Tues.-Sun.)	<b>Fitness Centre</b> 6am - 10pm (Mon.-Fri.)
<b>Churchill Bar</b>	10am - 11pm	<b>Fitness Centre</b> 6am - 9pm (Sat.-Sun.)
<b>Poolside Bar</b>	7am - 10pm Last food orders - 9.30pm	<b>Thai Massage</b> 9am - 5pm (Tues.-Sun.)

# MAMMA MIA

## What a Mother's Day!

WOW! What a Mother's Day we had at the Club. This was by far our busiest Mother's Day ever, and the Club was packed with lots of activities. Paul Cheesman and his loyal followers were once again aboard the *Tardis* with Dr Who, Tom Baker taking charge this time for more episodes of this classic British TV series. Khun Reed and his gang had their hands full with over twenty kids for the Sports Camp. We fed over sixty people with Khun Leak's Mother's Day buffet, which featured roast beef, lamb, baked ham, roast chicken, gravolax, Cumberland sausage rolls, prawn cocktails, delicious rhubarb and ginger crumble, and a chocolate fountain with tropical fruit kebabs. The Verandah was packed all day!



The salas also had a good day of Mum-fun with members enjoying a lazy afternoon by the pool or the more energetic working off the calories in the gym or on the squash or tennis courts. In the evening, a small function took place in the Suriwongse Room and Wordsworth Lounge, with the former transformed from the *Tardis* into a Masonic temple. Then just as things were quieting down, sixty members, two coaches, and motorbike police riders in tow turned up for our trip to Muang Thai Ratchadalai Theatre to watch the brilliant hit musical *Mamma Mia*. There were drinks served onboard with

Abba music playing along to get us all in the spirit. The theatre was packed, and the Club's members were – *by far!* – the most active in the packed house.

We arrived back at 10.30pm, and the Club was *still* busy – in fact, we ended up closing at 3am! So, the first guests arrived at 6.30am, and the Club closed 21 hours later. "Well done!" to all the staff for all their hard work and enthusiasm. And also a big "Thank you!" to our members for supporting their Club and making this Mother's Day one to remember forever.

# September 28th

Fine Dining and Wine Dinner at il Tartufo Restaurant  
and Wines from GDS Co.,Ltd

Enjoy a 10 course meal and a range of 10 wines

## Menu

1. Pan seared smoked Italy scamorza with roasted Australia tomato  
in basil mousse

Canevel : Prosecco Di Valdobbiadene Superiore Di Cartizze DOC NV

2. Lobster bisque with organic carrot foam

Leone De Castris : Donna Lisa Bianco DOC 2007 Chardonnay

3. Dover sole in lemon crispy capers sauce

Inama : Vulcaia Fume IGT 2005 Sauvignon (Barrique)

Cost Baht 2,500 per person

Meet at restaurant @ 7 pm

Start menu @ 7.30 pm

For a copy of full menu and wine list, contact the Club Reception

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## Fair Play Ploenchit Fair is back on!



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**PLOENCHIT FAIR BY THE RIVER**  
SHREWSBURY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2009 - 10.00am - 8.00pm

Due to administrative problems this year, BCTFN previously had to cancel the Ploenchit Fair. However, the Rotary Club of Bangkok South very kindly have stepped in with generous support and I am delighted to tell you that the Ploenchit Fair will now take place at the above venue, for the third year, and be run as a joint venture between BCTFN and RCBS. All proceeds will, as usual, be for the benefit of Thai charities.

For those unfamiliar with the Fair, it is a traditional fun day for all that will be celebrating its 52nd birthday this year and has been one of the biggest events of the social calendar in Bangkok since it was first held in 1957. Proceeds from the Fair are administered by the BCTFN and distributed to charitable organizations throughout the country. Since the year 2000 over 45 million baht has been raised and distributed.

Ploenchit Fair 2009 will feature an enormous array of outdoor attractions and entertainment with 50 market stalls in the Petticoat Lane bazaar, stimulating activities for kids and adults including Go-Karts, Euro Bungy, Giant Wave Slide and 20 or so stalls with games of skill and chance. Thai, British and International cuisine and refreshments are available throughout the grounds and there is a full afternoon schedule of live entertainment on the breezy riverside stage. We are hoping to arrange for some special celebrity guests to be on hand to welcome the fun-loving crowd of Thai and international families who are expected to spend the whole day at this delightful event to have fun, meet friends, savour the unique fairground atmosphere and help an excellent cause.

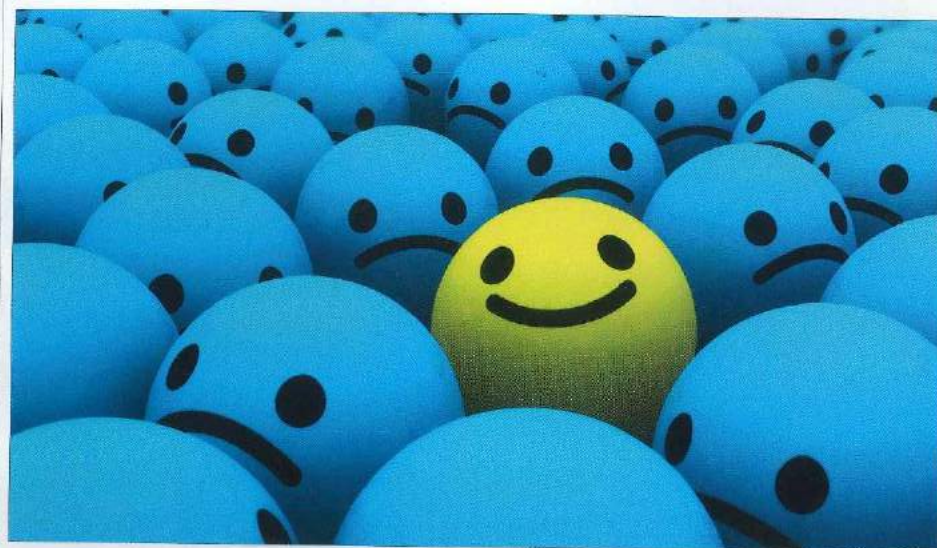
Further details of both the Ploenchit Fair and the charities that benefit from it can be found on the official web site at: [www.ploenchitfair.com](http://www.ploenchitfair.com) or [www.bctfn.org](http://www.bctfn.org) and there will be further details available in the coming months.

Carolyn Tarout,  
President - BCTFN

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# SAY CHEESE

World Smile Day is coming to the Club!



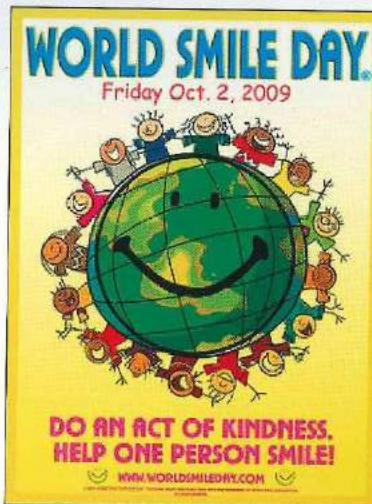
This year, on October 2 and 3, 2009, we celebrate the 11th World Smile Day. The theme for the day is "Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile." And, as ever, the image that leads the way on this day is the smiley face.

As is well known throughout the world by now, Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts, created the smiley face in 1963. That image went on to become the most recognizable symbol of goodwill and good cheer on the planet.

As the years passed, Harvey Ball became concerned about the over-commercialisation of his symbol, and how its original meaning and intent had become lost in the constant repetition of the marketplace. Out of that concern came his idea for World Smile Day. He thought that we, all of us, should devote one day each year to smiles and kind acts throughout the world. The smiley face knows no politics, no geography and no religion. Harvey's idea was that for at least one day each year, neither should we. He declared that the first Friday in October of each year would henceforth be World Smile Day. Ever since that first World Smile Day held in 1999, it has continued every year in Smiley's hometown of Worcester, MA, and around the world.

After Harvey died in 2001, the Harvey Ball World Smile Foundation was created to honour his name and memory. The Foundation continues as the official sponsor of World Smile Day each year.

To celebrate here in the Land of Smiles, the Club will be all smiles on Friday, 2nd October and Saturday, 3rd October. Expect to see all manners of grinning, beaming, twinkling, and just plain of smiling all around – in food, on the grounds, in the pool, you never where. So put on your best, brightest and toothiest faces and just feel great for two whole days. It's a good kind of contagious!



The Neilson Hays Library and The British Club  
present the 2nd Annual

# BIG BOOK PARTY FOR KIDS

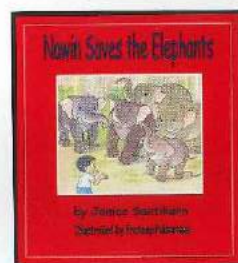
at the Neilson Hays Library, Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm

Celebrate "Animals Big & Small" ...with



the 40th Anniversary of Eric Carle's  
"The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

&



the new release of Janice Santikarn's  
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Storytelling    Bouncy Castle    Clay Modelling    Face Painting  
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# SPOTLIGHT: SCAD SOI CATS AND DOGS

## A caring approach to stray animals in Thailand



Som, before.



Som, after.

My name is SOM and this is my story.

Once upon a time, I was a stray. I watched the people visiting the temple where I lived and begged them to notice me. "Please help me", I pleaded, but with my hideous skin and crusty eyes, I knew I was untouchable — an unsightly sore that marred the beauty of the temple.

My overwhelming memory of that time is hunger. Day after day, I sought to fill the emptiness in my tummy and my heart. I had only been born awhile and already death was reaching out for me.

Then one day, strangers came.

They picked me up, and I nearly died of fright. They whispered kind words and treated me with such gentleness that I knew then that I must be in heaven already.

It is hard to recall all the moments of happiness I have felt since then, but I'm told my tail never stopped wagging. My fur grew back a beautiful colour and is the reason I'm called Som — in Thai, it means orange. I felt happy and well, then one day more strangers came...

I'm living a new life now. Those strangers are my very best friends. They adopted me from SCAD's Rehoming Centre, and now I never need to wonder where my next meal is coming from. I wish all the dogs at that temple could live as I do now.

Please support SCAD, so they can help others like me — and my tail will wag specially for you!

xoxo, Som

Som was adopted by British Club members, Claire and Roger Deacon, who have also adopted three other soi dogs and two soi cats through SCAD.

### About SCAD

SCAD is working towards a day when there are no more unwanted litters born on the streets of Thailand and no more abandoned pets. Cats and dogs are sentient beings and we believe they deserve to be free of pain and suffering and able to lead healthy and happy lives in harmony with their human caregivers.

### Working In The Community

With support from animal caregivers in the community, SCAD helps to facilitate the sterilisation of stray cats and dogs and coordinate their safe return. Every cat and dog passing through our programme is vaccinated against rabies. Disease, infection and malnutrition are treated before we release an animal back into the community.

A few of these animals come into the SCAD "Muttkeeter" sponsorship scheme. Why not join? Some, like Som, also enter SCAD's adoption programme. Find out more by emailing: [sponsorship@scadbangkok.org](mailto:sponsorship@scadbangkok.org).

### Adoption

Don't buy from a pet shop — opt to adopt! Our team works with potential adopters to ensure the best possible match and provides information on diet, exercise and healthcare to ensure a great new life together.

Email [adoptions@scadbangkok.org](mailto:adoptions@scadbangkok.org) for more information.



### Education

Education is key to reducing the stray animal population. Through liaison within the community, volunteer opportunities at our Rehoming Centre and discussion in schools, we aim to reduce pet abandonment, foster compassion for stray animals and share information about animal welfare.

### How You Can Help

There are so many ways to help:

- Donate cash.
- Become a Muttkeeter sponsor.
- Sponsor a cat 'station' or a dog kennel run.
- Donate cat or dog food or supplies.
- Volunteer your time for one or more days a week.
- Run a pub quiz, bake stall, sponsored run, games night or other event to raise funds to help SCAD run its programmes.
- Become a foster home for cats or dogs.
- Travel often to the US or Europe? Contact SCAD to see if you can help by travelling with one of our adoptable dogs.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please email: [volunteer@scadbangkok.org](mailto:volunteer@scadbangkok.org).

SCAD's office and Rehoming Centre is located on Sukhumvit Soi 71. To make an appointment to visit, please call: 02 713 3354. Office hours are Tues. — Sat, 9am — 5pm.

For more information about SCAD and to contact us, please visit our website: [www.scadbangkok.org](http://www.scadbangkok.org).

\*SCAD is an acronym for Soi Cats and Dogs. SCAD was formerly known as Soi Dog Rescue.



The British Club Bangkok  
cordially invites you to our

# Annual Christmas Ball 2009

December 12th @ 7 pm to early hours in the morning

Front Lawn for 1 hour cocktail reception

Back Lawn for Dinner

4 courses Christmas Dinner

Half bottle of wine per person

Door prizes

Please R.S.V.P. or sign up at Reception or  
Contact Barry at [info@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:info@britishclubbangkok.org)

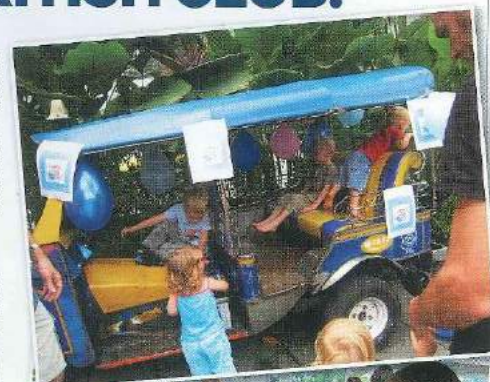
Call 02 234 0247

Tickets 3,000 Baht/Person

## WORM INFESTATION EXPECTED AT BRITISH CLUB!

We apologize in advance, but the Club is expecting an infestation of worms on Saturday, 26 September... bookworms, that is. Last year, with our friends at the Neilson Hays Library, we threw the Big Book Party. It was so fantastically fun for the over-200 people in attendance that we decided we simply had to have a Big Book Party 2! The event is thrown in honour of World Literacy Day and is a great way to have some fun with your kids while celebrating the written word with a lot to do, a lot to eat and drink, and a lot to read!

This being the 40th anniversary of Eric Carle's children's classic, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," we decided that this year's theme should "Celebrate Animals Big and Small." Last year, we were proud to host the release of Janice Santikarn's "Little Blue Tuk-Tuk to the Rescue." This year, Janice returns to the party with the release of her new book that fits perfectly with the party's theme - "Nawin Saves the Elephants." To accompany her book's release, we'll have a special video presentation throughout the day by the Elephant Nature Park in Chiangmai.



There'll be so many other things to do and see as well, including storytellings through the day, crafts with Khun Susie, face painting, clay modelling to the British Club's bouncy castle, visiting with the Soi Cats and Dogs folks (and friends!) and dropping by the Scholastic Books table to pick up some children's books. That's definitely enough to make a bookworm hungry, so we'll satisfy that hunger with a special "Hungry Caterpillar" menu created by Khun Laak and her team at the British Club.

There's no entry fee, but we would request a 100 baht donation per child. If you wish to come along to the event, please register at Clubhouse reception or send a fax or email to the Club. This will help us judge expected numbers. We hope to see a lot of worms out there!

# PAST PARTICIPLE

## Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



I continue my series on historical trivia about our Club by looking into the 1910 to 1920 period...

**1** In 1908, members were complaining that our accommodations were too cramped, and thus a new Clubhouse was planned and constructed over the following eighteen months, and was formally opened on 23rd April 1910.

This Clubhouse (our present building, more or less) was a major step forward for our 100 or so members at the time. I say 'more or less' as the back extension to what is now The Verandah wooden floor area is an addition, as is the covering of the corridor aside the Suriwongse Room that used to be a balcony (you can still see the balustrade in the exterior brickwork) and, of course, the kitchen block was not added until some sixty years later.

**2** We know the names of only two Club Chairmen in the 1910 to 1920 period – the first is W.E. Adam, who was on the Founding Committee back in 1903, and is the first Chairman recognised on the board on display in the foyer, being listed for 1912-1913. Of course he may have been Chairman since 1903, but we have no records to show one way or the other. We do know, however, that in 1918, he became Chieftain of the Bangkok St. Andrew's Society. His successor as Club Chairman in 1913 was John Bailey, a diplomat, who was moved to Chiangmai in 1916 for a three-month tour as acting Vice-Counsel. The Chairman board is blank from 1914 to 1923.

**3** The land deed, for the Clubhouse site, was issued in 1913 as entrusted land on a public roadway and gave ownership of the Suriwongse end of 'Soi 18'. In 1914, a full deed was issued to Messrs. Crosby and Nunn, trustees of The British Club. In early 1915, the deed had its ownership transferred to The British Club, with the cost on record as 'free' (a donation from the original owner, reputed to be the Privy Purse Bureau – a forerunner of the Crown Property Bureau). Interestingly, the first thing we did upon acquiring the land was to mortgage it to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

**4** Another prominent member of the Club in this period was (Sir) Walter James Franklin Williamson, who co-authored a number of books on Natural History and Philately between 1910 and 1920. Originally based in India as the British officer to the Ministry of Finance, he came to Siam in 1900 to help establish Siam's paper currency. In 1903, he co-founded our Club, and the following year, he was a founder member of the Siam Society.

**5** The Siam Electricity Company was founded in 1893 by a group of Danish businessmen, who over the course of the next twenty years, not only built Bangkok's extensive electric tramway system, but also its own Tennis Club, adjacent the original British Club on Suriwongse Road. In January 1919, this Club and its land were transferred from ownership of the Electricity Company to the British Club (who promptly mortgaged it!). The footprint of this Tennis Club is our entire poolside area, with a khlong (canal) running along the back border – even now, on a bad day, some members still think they can smell it!

The Author was Vice-Chairman of the Club from 2001 to 2003 and Honorary Secretary from 2000 to 2003 and in 2006 and 2007.

# RECIPROCAL CLUBS

As an active British Club Member, you are entitled to enjoy the full use of other associated Club facilities around the world. This month we feature The Royal Society of Medicine, a new reciprocal club in London.

## The Royal Society Of Medicine

1 Wimpole Street  
London W1G 0AE  
Tel: +44 (0) 20 7290 2900  
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E-mail: membership@rsm.ac.uk  
Website: www.rsm.ac.uk

The origins of the Royal Society of Medicine date back to the 18th century when medical societies began to be founded throughout Europe with the objective of bringing together physicians and surgeons, in order to further scientific, professional and social communication.

### Facilities:

#### World Class Library

Easy access to over half a million volumes dating back to the 15th Century and over 12,000 journal titles. The RSM is committed to acquiring new titles and providing open access to the majority of the titles, so you don't have to wait around. When visiting, you can use the 22 PCs, five private study rooms and access the out-of-hours study centre.

#### Exclusive Central London Accommodation

58 bedrooms (twin or double rooms with continental breakfast) for when you need to stay over in London.

#### Lounge, Bar and Restaurant

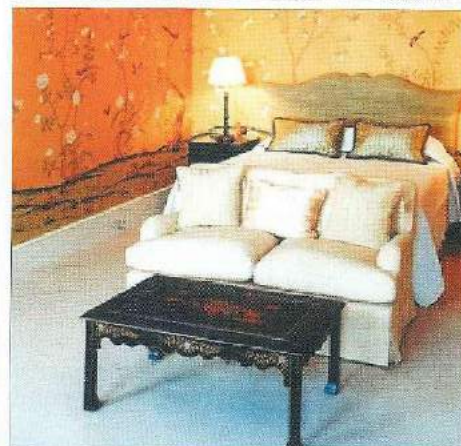
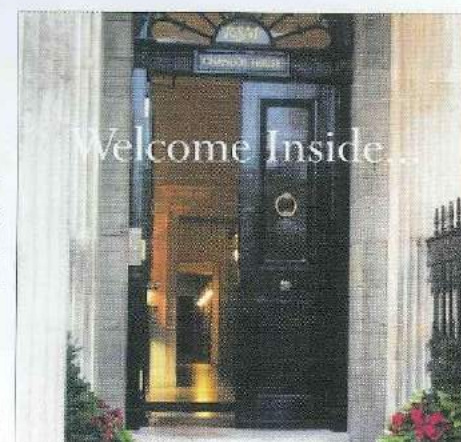
From breakfast or a mid-morning coffee chatting with friends to a brasserie-style or informal lunch and on to drinks and dinner in the bar. The restaurant is open Monday to Friday, and the bar and buttry are also open during weekends. All with Wi-Fi.

#### Event and Celebrations at the Chandos House

The RSM's second home, Chandos House is a beautifully restored Georgian townhouse nestled in the heart of central London. With grand rooms and a beautiful terrace, the house is a fine example of revived Palladian architecture. The property is adorned with ceiling paintings by Antonio Zucchi.

### Note:

Please contact Membership Services for an introduction letter. Tel. 02 234 0247. Email: membership@britishclubbangkok.org



# BC CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> <b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.	<b>31</b> <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.	<b>1</b> <b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner. <b>Quiz Night</b> Sponsored by Terley's Smooth Flow The Verandah 7:30pm. 	<b>2</b> <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All outlets Lunch and Dinner. <b>BCB Balut Shield &amp; AGM</b> Sunwongse Room 7pm. 	<b>3</b> <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.	<b>4</b> <b>Greek Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.  <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 3pm-5:30pm.	<b>5</b> <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 10am-2pm.  <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.
<b>6</b> <b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only. 	<b>7</b> <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day. <b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>The Murder of Roger Ackroyd</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. 	<b>8</b> <b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner. <b>F&amp;B Working Group Meeting</b> The Verandah 12:30pm. 	<b>9</b> <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All outlets Lunch and Dinner. 	<b>10</b> <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day. <b>TWG Meeting</b> 1pm.	<b>11</b> <b>Jamie Oliver Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.  <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 3pm-5:30pm.	<b>12</b> <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 10am-2pm.  <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.
<b>13</b> <b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only. 	<b>14</b> <b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>Silver Blaze</i> <i>The Dancing Men</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. 	<b>15</b> <b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.	<b>16</b> <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All outlets Lunch and Dinner. 	<b>17</b> <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.	<b>18</b> <b>Curry Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner. <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 3pm-5:30pm. 	<b>19</b> <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 10am-2pm. <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day. <b>A Night of Hypnosis with Bruce Quinby</b> Sunwongse Room Doors open at 7:30pm. Show begins at 8pm. 
<b>20</b> <b>Torchwood: Children Of Earth</b> 10am-5pm. <b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only.	<b>21</b> <b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>A Murder Is Announced</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. 	<b>22</b> <b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner. 	<b>23</b> <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All outlets Lunch and Dinner.	<b>24</b> <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.	<b>25</b> <b>Spanish Buffet</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner. <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 3pm-5:30pm. <b>Wine Tasting</b> Sunwongse Room 6pm-9pm. 	<b>26</b> <b>Swimming Lessons</b> 10am-2pm. <b>Big Book Day 2</b> Nelson Hays Library 10am-3pm.  <b>Cinderella on Ice</b> Transport leaves Club at 12:30pm. <b>New S.E.T. Specials</b> All day.
<b>27</b> <b>Sunday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch only. 	<b>28</b> <b>The Monday Night Club</b> <i>One, Two, Buckle My Shoe</i> Wordsworth Lounge 7pm. <b>Wine Dinner</b> Il Tartufo Restaurant 7pm. 	<b>29</b> <b>Tuesday Carvery</b> The Verandah Lunch and Dinner. 	<b>30</b> <b>Paella &amp; Sangria Specials</b> All outlets Lunch and Dinner. 	<div>  <p>English Line: 069-699-3222  <a href="http://www.TA-TOM.com/english">www.TA-TOM.com/english</a>                      (* 4 Box minimum purchase price)</p> <p>                         ACUVUE 825                          DAILIES 515                          ACUVUE 600                          DAILIES 500                     </p> <p>                         Name brand contact lenses at <b>DISCOUNT PRICES</b>  <i>Delivered Free</i> to your home or office!                     </p> <p> <b>TA-TOM</b>  <small>contact lenses vision solutions</small> </p> </div>		

# SPORTS & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore



## Upcoming activities and events:

### Race Reed to Pattaya:

Monday, 6th September. You might have seen this in the last Outpost. Race me on the treadmill or bike to Pattaya. Winner receives a great weekend away at Serene Sands Health Resort, and runners-up will have a great bottle of red from Chris Flaherty.

### Scuba Diving:

Saturday 12th September. PADI Master instructor Huw Cuckson, with 20 years of diving experience in Thailand, will be offering members free diving tryouts in the pool. Open for children and adults. Diving courses are also available on request. Discover SCUBA!



## Dear Members.

I hope you all had a fun and safe summer holidays. Some of our lucky members have returned home to a warm British summer, while others have headed south and skied in the Australian/New Zealand winter. For those members who stayed in Bangkok, you would have noticed a quieter period at the Club. This is a great time to relax by the pool, to get fit or for the kiddies to join in the popular sports camps run during all school holidays. September should see most of our members back, and we look forward to seeing you use your Club, participate in Club events and family days, or relax and enjoy the great food and drinks at the Club.

On a healthy note, it's great seeing so many active members at the Club, including marathon runners, tri-athletes, bikers, swimmers, regular sporty folk like tennis and squash players, boxing enthusiasts, footballers, cricketers, adventure racers, bush walkers and many other active folks. If you are interested in training or starting a sporting group, please contact me, and we can set something up.

The remaining months in 2009 will be very busy at the Club, with many events, activities, camps, competitions, day trips, bike rides and more.

### Backyard Cricket:

Sunday, 4th October, 3pm start. Family event for all ages. So put on your zinc cream, wear a floppy hat and have a stubby cooler at the ready. Sign your family up at the fitness centre - Teams of 4/5 players. Prizes and cakes for all.



### Water Polo at poolside:

Sunday, 13th September, 3pm start. This will be for all members at the Club on the day. No need to sign up.



**Amazing Race:** Saturday, 17th Oct, 10am start. Teams of two race around Bangkok finding clues, solving riddles, completing tasks and returning to the Club for buffet and beer/soft drinks for the kiddies. Last year, we had different rivalries on the race, like Murmurs-and-Daughters vs. Husbands-and-Sons, Friends vs. Families and Embassy vs. British Club. Must sign up before 10th October.

**Sports Camp:** October 19th-23rd, 10am-1pm. Mini sports camp: 1.5 hours tennis and 1 hour swimming. 350 baht per child with snacks included.

**Camping Trip:** Mid-November. Ever wanted a weekend away in beautiful bush country surrounding a lake? Well now you can. Wakeboarding, bike rides, fishing, flying fox, roping course, swimming activities, cheese and wine, BBQ, campfire and much, much more. This will be a weekend to remember. Open for children and adults.

**4-A-Side Family Football:** Saturday, 21st November. It's on against Family football with family rules and family fun. This is a social afternoon of 4-a-side football for family and friends.

**Fight Night, Round 2:** Friday, 27th November. 8 fights + 3-course dinner = 1 great night. Tables of 8 to 10, start signing up now, as tables are limited. The last fight night was sold out!



NEW ACTIVITY AT THE BRITISH CLUB...

# NEW TENNIS SCHOOL

STARTING 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

fun tennis for everyone!



Supervised by Pierre Séguier

- ❖ Certified by the French tennis federation
- ❖ Major Degree in sport's science
- ❖ Former coach at ISP tennis academy (International high level academy)

Please contact the gym for more information and booking



## DISCOVER SCUBA!

Saturday, 12th September

PADI Master instructor Huw Cuckson, with 20 years diving experience in Thailand, will be offering members free diving tryouts in the Club pool. Open for children and adults.

Diving courses are also available on request.



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# TENNIS

By Reed Passmore, reed@britishclubbangkok.org

## NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER

### Monday evenings

6-9pm, Team practice.

Open to all and mentored by the Captain and senior players, members will be encouraged to form partnerships, try new partners and challenge more established pairs in an informal but competitive environment.

9-11pm, Regular tennis bookings.

### Tuesday & Thursday mornings

8-11am, Ladies' tennis.

### Wednesday mornings

8am-9.30am, Ladies' coaching.

### Wednesday evenings

6-9pm, Mix-in.

Open to all. Managed by the Club, players will be required to play as they register with the event coordinator for the first hour, i.e. until 7.00pm. Thereafter, members can make up their own games from those present. No court bookings permitted. You have to turn up to play.

9-11pm, Regular tennis bookings.

### Friday afternoons

3-6pm, Junior coaching with Pierre.

### Friday evenings

6-9pm, Mix-In.

Open to all. Managed by the Club, players will be required to

play as they register with the event coordinator for the first hour, i.e. until 7.00pm. Thereafter, members can make up their own games from those present. No court bookings permitted. You have to turn up to play.

9-11pm, Regular tennis bookings.

### Saturday mornings

9am-12pm, Junior coaching with Pierre.

### Sunday afternoons

4-7pm, Mix-In.

Open to all, members can make up their own games from those present. No court bookings permitted. You have to turn up to play.

7-11pm, Regular tennis bookings.

### Monthly

Competitive match.

Held on the 2nd Saturday of the month, home and away, targeting six Clubs for home and away annual fixtures.

Social match.

Held on the last Friday of the month (to coincide with the wine tasting) in place of the Mix-In; viewed as a social occasion at the Mix-In level.

Coaching clinic with Pierre.

Tennis League.

Extravaganza.

This may be run every second month. A social tournament run in different formats involving everyone.



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# SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge



## Good evening!

No Squashy Bits in last month's Outpost, which may have come as a surprise — nay, tragic — disappointment to many, if not all, especially me, as I do remember writing something and sending it in for publication. However, upon investigation, I realized that I had actually sent my copy to the Prime Minister of Kenya, which is pretty amazing to say the least as, a) I didn't know that I had his email address, and, b) that he was interested in squash. How bizarre, eh?

Now then, much has been happening in the squash section over the last month, and this 'much', whoever he, she or it is, has created a heck of a lot of excitement, and it's my responsibility to bring you some of the highlights, and here they are:

First of all, Squash Section Chairman, Cornflakes, bought a new car. Yes, a white one, from a local dealer. And two weeks ago, during a friendly squash match against an unnamed opponent, Dean Thompson inadvertently dropped his squash racket mid-rally. Allegedly, a let was called. He was then apparently allowed to pick up his dropped squash racket and, again, apparently, permitted to continue playing this friendly game of squash against this unnamed opponent.

In other news, recently it rained two days in a row, and Neil Evans sent one of his squash rackets to the gym to be restrung. Furthermore, one of the cats was found fast asleep outside squash court two, and Tom played squash with Mark Smith and Mark won. However, in a return squash match, Tom won. Unprecedented: and what's more, it's never happened before! In addition, or subtraction, whichever way you go, Bob Van Es played some more games of squash making him slightly more experienced at the game of squash than he was previously. Finally, the British Club Squash Championships, known as the Don Johnson Cup and Parra Hardy Plate, took place, and I won the lot, including best player of the tournament and most competent marker! Cheers. Until next time....

Not really. I didn't win anything. In fact, I was out of the Cup in the first round to Shiraz, winning less than five points, and went out in the first round of the Plate to Duncan Ramsey, 3-0, thus confirming that I'm quite useless. Never mind. It's okay to be useless. I like it.

## Now for the finalists:

Well, a D.J. Cup third place play-off was decided between Club Captain David and Neil. David, back to some of his best squash after lots of time away from the top leagues injured, won the



Plate Winner, Charles. Cool, clever and so classically good-looking.



Plate Runner-up, Rit. Every dog has his day.

first game 9-7, but Neil came back 9-3 to level, then David took the third 9-5. Back and forth it went, with game four going Neil's way, 9-3. Neil is a fit lad, who often wears all-matching Adidas kit, including shoes and sweatbands. But David, who is far more down-to-earth and far less vain, was making some fantastic shots, and those watching honestly thought he was going to win a very tight final game, as he seemed to be playing the better squash. However, the match swung at 8-7 when Neil was allowed a let by referee Peter that David certainly didn't concur with, leaving Neil still with the serve and able to level at 8-8, much to David's annoyance and frustration. Neil then took the tiebreak, 10-8, and the match. Well done, Neil; yet cruel for David, as he'd played some brilliant squash. I blame Peter!

Plate final: Charles v Rit. Charles: a wily old campaigner, cunning, sly, crafty and artful; a fox — furtive and stealth-like, experienced and shrewd, expectant of victory. Rit: more youthful and agile, swift and spry; a whippet — short-legged, low centre-of-gravity, dances left and right, back and forth, hugs the floor, looking for scraps, able to retrieve at will, never tiring, difficult to defeat. So it was then, Fox versus Whippet for the Plate. Shades of Tortoise and Hare. First game: Nothing between them. Whippet by a nose, 10-9, and so one game up. Yet, games two and three go to the Fox, 9-3, 9-0. Easy. Character, dexterity, adroitness in abundance. But he tires, drops his guard and has to howl in frustration as he loses game four with barely three points on the board. Into the fifth, with the Plate to play for. Fox up 6-2 and looking to win a second year in a row. Whippet, looking for an upset, pegs back at 7-5. Tension. However, soon it's 8-5, then 9, and Fox is Plate Champion, once again! A fine display of middle-order squash from both. Congratulations, Charles. Well played, Rit.

The main event featured 2008 Club Champion, Ja, up against frequent Division One winner, Mr. Vervell. Brunette versus blonde. Chris is tall, fast, sharp, yet lost game one by an inch, 10-9. Game two also to Ja, 9-6, and looking to maintain his status



Club Champion, Ja: A mighty opponent, a hard man. Runner-up, Chris: Lots of power behind his shot.

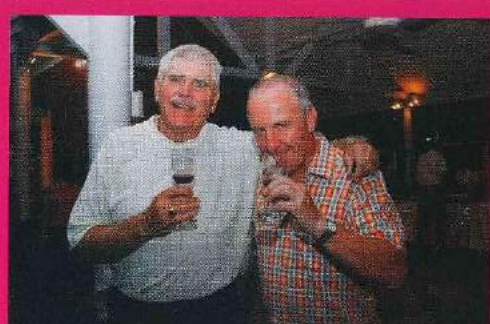
as the best in the section. Ja plays a slow, considered game — incredibly accurate and largely error-free. He is humility and calmness personified, accepting every lost point with either a compliment for his opponent or a wry smile to himself. Never questioning a decision, he is a marker's dream. However Chris, equally as fair, perhaps, still had a say in this contest and took the third, 9-7. His style is remarkably different — full of power and aggression, with irretrievable cross-court kills, provided they don't catch the tin, and there's the rub. Chris hits the ball phenomenally hard and so very low, and when he gets it right, it's beautiful. Yet, it's risky and prone to errors, and it's these mistakes that eventually contributed to his downfall, as Ja stormed ahead to a 6-2 lead in the fourth game. Chris had to rally, quite literally, to draw back to 6-5. However, Ja had been there before and kept a steady hand and head to take the game 9-5, and the match, 3-1. Tough luck for Chris, as he's a very worthy opponent and a great sport, yet there's no shame at all in losing to Ja, Club Champion 2008 and 2009. Fantastically well done.

Until next time....



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# GOLFING NEWS

By Ray Bloom

## Monthly Stableford – Kiarti Thane – Sunday, 11 July

This month's Stableford event was contested at the beautiful Kiarti Thane course, down Bangna-Trat. In the main competition, Barry Ashman came in 3rd with 35 points, Paul Rogers followed with 38 points, but the winner with 44 points was the straight-driving Bob Randle, who was 'handed' his prize at the presentation gathering by Club Captain, Frank Fawkes.



As an indication of Bob Randle's improved form, he also won two Near-Pin prizes, but was gracious enough to allow Paul Rogers and guest Marcus Prior to also get closest to two of the pins. Peter Clark hit the longest drive on the allocated hole, and Paul Rogers sank the longest putt on the 18th.

## July Medal competition – Sunday, 26 July at the Royal course, Lat Krabang.

This monthly event saw some good scoring on this beautiful course.

### Winners –

**Flight A:** Jason Triggs, with a net score of 69, followed by Peter Skinner with net 70 and Karen Carter on net 72. Well done, Jason!

**Flight B:** Andrew McLean easily won this flight, with net 65, then Yurachai Brook with net 71 and Len Clover on net 74. Well done, Andrew!

### 'Technical' –

**Near-pins:** Barry Ashman, Karen Carter, Noo Clover and Andy Flynn.

**Men's Long Drive:** Pat Dean. **Ladies Long Drive:** Tracy Birchall. **Long Putt:** Peter Skinner.

## Monthly Scramble competition at Subhapruek Golf Club – Sunday, 2 August.

In this month's friendly scramble competition, the teams comprised three groups of three golfers and two groups of pairs, chosen at random in the restaurant before the commencement of play.

It became obvious that the format suited the 3-ball groups. Finishing with a net score of 60, fast-improving Bob Randle, club captain Frank Fawkes and long-hitting Jim Moroney took 1st place and received their prizes at the post-match gathering. The other



3-ball group of Steve Waddemeyer, new boy Jack O'Flynn and myself, finished close behind.

Jason Triggs took the technical honours, winning two Near-Pins and the Men's Long Drive, with guest Gary also picking up a Near-Pin prize. Peter Gale completed the technical prizewinners list, making the longest putt on the 18th green.

This new competition is becoming popular as a real team effort. Players have to continually discuss the best ball to take, generating team spirit right from the start.

Guests and new members are welcome at all our events. Either email or phone for more information, and to sign up for the next games.

Website: [www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety](http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety)  
Email: [bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk)  
Phone: Club Captain Frank Fawkes - 089 165 1953

For the fortunate golfers who can and want to play a midweek round, there is friendly golf on offer every Wednesday morning with the Midweekers group. We play most weeks at Bangkok Golf Club, Pathum Thani, where we take advantage of preferential green fees, but travel to other courses that also offer good value. Contact me, Ray Bloom, on [rbloom\\_364@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rbloom_364@yahoo.co.uk) or 087 051 3548.

# MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

We continue our series of famous detectives TV movies every Monday in September.

This month we shall again be featuring HERCULE POIROT, as played by David Suchet; SHERLOCK HOLMES, as immortalized by Jeremy Brett; but for our JANE MARPLE, we shall revert to the Joan Hickson productions, being more faithful to the original books.

## SEPTEMBER

Each evening starts at 7pm in the Wordsworth Lounge. Full F&B Menu available.

### 7th **The Murder of Roger Ackroyd** Starring David Suchet as Hercule Poirot

A mysterious murderer, and he wasn't the Cook, the Thief, his Wife or her Lover — so who was it? Guest starring Oliver Ford Davies and Malcolm Terris, with David Suchet as Hercule Poirot and Philip Jackson as Inspector Jaap.

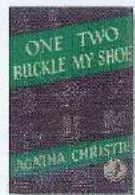
### 14th **Silver Blaze/The Dancing Men** Starring Jeremy Brett as Sherlock Holmes

A double bill of Jeremy Brett as Sherlock Holmes

- A case of a missing racehorse, where a dog solves the mystery. Starring Peter Barkworth, with Edward Hardwicke as Dr. Watson.
- A case of dancing men, and it is not even 'Diversity'. Starring Tenniel Evans, with David Burke as Dr. Watson.

### 21st **A Murder Is Announced** Starring Joan Hickson as Jane Marple

"A murder is announced and will take place on Friday, October 29th, at Little Paddocks, at 6.30 p.m. Friends accept this, the only intimation," so reads a personal ad in Chipping Cleghorn's local newspaper — so who advertises a murder, one wonders? Guest starring John Castle, Ursula Howells, Samantha Bond, Sylvia Syms and Joan Sims, with Joan Hickson as Jane Marple.



When a buckle slips from a lady's shoe, Poirot knows the game's afoot!

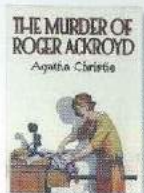
### 28th **One, Two, Buckle My Shoe** Starring David Suchet as Hercule Poirot

When a visit to the dentist leads to a series of corpses, one cannot help but wonder if Poirot can extract the truth! Guest starring Peter Blythe and Christopher Eccleston, with David Suchet as Hercule Poirot and Philip Jackson as Inspector Jaap.

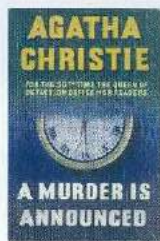


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# MONDAY NIGHT CLUB



Dead Bodies don't talk!



Cocktails at 6.30pm,  
death at 7pm!

# BY POPULAR DEMAND.... TORCHWOOD: Children of Earth

**Sunday, 20th September 2009, 10am to 5pm**  
(including lunch break).

As a number of members were on annual leave when we brought to you the dramatic Series 3 miniseries of *Torchwood*, we are showing it again!

*"I am recording this in case anyone ever finds it, so you can see how the world ended."* —Torchwood Files

An ordinary day becomes one of terror, as every single child in the world stops. A message is sent to all the governments of Earth: "We are coming". But, as a trap closes around Captain Jack, the sins of the past are returning, and long-forgotten events from 1965 threaten to reveal an awful truth.

Torchwood is forced underground as the government takes swift and brutal action. As members of the team are hunted down, Britain risks becoming a rogue state. Meanwhile, the mysterious and powerful enemy draws ever closer.

*Torchwood* is back — a five-part mini-series launched in the UK and US in mid-July... and now at the *British Club Bangkok*! John Barrowman plays Captain Jack Harkness, Eve Myles plays Gwen Cooper, and Gareth David-Lloyd plays Ianto Jones. *Torchwood* also stars Kai Owen, Peter Capaldi, Paul Copley, Liz May Brice, Lucy Cohu, Nicholas Farrell, Susan Brown and Cush Jumbo.

Episodes 1 and 2 will be shown at 10am, lunch is at noon then Episodes 3 to 5 will start at 1pm.

Please note *Torchwood* is deemed by the BBC as **NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 15**. You have been warned!



# YES, WE HAVE NO 'DOCTOR WHO'!

We are not showing any *Doctor Who* during September. However, over the next four months, we have five totally new episodes, plus a golden oldie for fans to enjoy.



Do not adjust your Outpost — this really is in B&W!

## OCTOBER 23rd

45 years after its original transmission, we will show the legendary **'DALEK INVASION OF EARTH'** — William Hartnell's second story involving those Pepper pots from Skaro!

## NOVEMBER

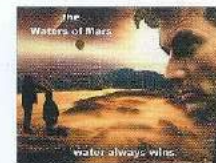
We will show **'THE WEDDING OF SARAH-JANE SMITH'**, a special two-part serial from this year's series of 'Adventures of Sarah-Jane' co-starring the Tenth Doctor. Dates to be confirmed.

## DECEMBER

We will show **'THE WATERS OF MARS'**, the penultimate adventure for the Tenth Doctor — Did it return? Did he knock four times? Dates to be confirmed.

## JANUARY 17th

We will show **'THE END OF TIME'** — the final adventure for the Tenth Doctor — "It is said that in the final days of planet Earth, everyone had bad dreams" — yours will start today!



Water always wins!



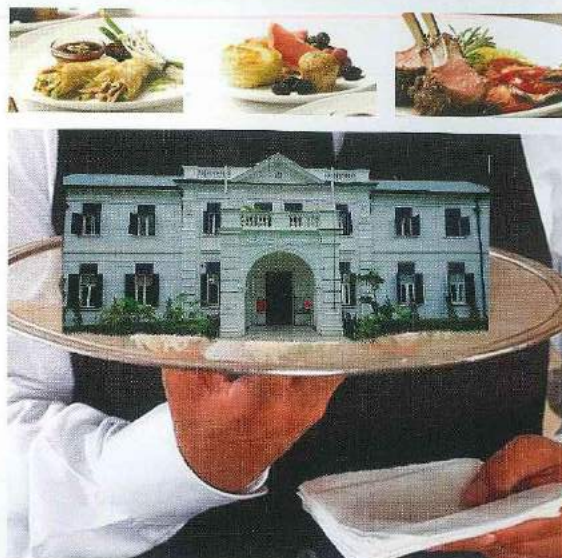
The End of Time...  
Timothy Dalton guest stars — as *Wiro*?

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## TAKE AWAY



Did you know that most items on all the Club's menus are available for take away?  
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For bulk orders, please contact Khun Somboon or Khun Barry in the Clubhouse office.

# BC BALUT

By Paul Cheesman



The grand finale, if you like, of the BCB Balut Shield tournament will be played out at the Balut Shield Awards Night on September 2nd.

Late July's Tournament produced a decisive win for Gorgeous (George Okrasa), with a 546 and a 135, with Bowling Ball (Bob van Es) coming second with his 534 and 134, whilst in the first August tournament, T.C. (Phil Alexander) triumphed with 525 and 129, followed by Mrs Jammy (Caroline Willbourn) on 518 and 128 – high scores all!

As we go to press, the BCB Balut Shield league (as at 06.08.09) now reads:

Rank	Player	Tournaments Played	Best 6 Average
1	Phil Alexander	15	112.57
2	Steve Eaton	17	104.73
3	Putthibong Merrigan	10	104.00
4	Carlos Romero	12	103.20
5	Bob van Es	11	101.83
6	Roger Willbourn	10	100.63
7	Tomjakraphan Merrigan	10	99.70
8	John Boisclair	11	99.33
9	Steve Mallon	8	99.00
10	Muntana Merrigan	10	98.93
11	George Okrasa	9	98.63
12	Caroline Willbourn	9	98.50
13	Paul Cheesman	16	98.40
14	Tony Rodriguez	6	98.10
15	Jeremy Watson	6	95.27
16	Ronald Macdonald	6	94.73
17	Nick Pelly	6	94.23
18	Daw Kiki Maw	6	93.83

### BALUT SECTION SUBSCRIPTIONS

Section members are reminded that Balut Section subscriptions are due on 1st September 2009. The current fee is 300 baht per playing member. All Club members are eligible to join, as are spouses and families of Club members paying Club fees at the Family rate or Country rate.

### BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK BALUT SHIELD AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, 2nd September 2009

6.30pm Free beer and wine with finger buffet\* in Suriwongse Room (section members only)  
7pm Balut Section AGM\*\* (section members only)  
7.30pm BCB Shield 21st Tournament  
9.30pm BCB Balut Shield 2008-09 Awards

\* The beer is sponsored by 'Outrigger Hotels & Resorts', and the wine comes from Carlos the Jackal, courtesy of his Prestige Wine Accumulator win!

\*\* AGM papers and accounts to be circulated by email.



### 29TH STC INTERPORT COMPETITION

The Balut Section is putting together our contingent for the 29th STC Interport Balut Competition, to be held this year in Sabah, Malaysia. As last year's hosts, we were able to field seven teams and came in a variety of positions from second to last! This year, we hope to send three or four teams to the hosting Sabah Golf & Country Club. If you wish to represent our Club, please email our Interport Coordinator, Bob van Es, on [bob@det-5.com](mailto:bob@det-5.com).

### WANT TO LEARN BALUT? BALUT TRAINING NIGHT & FIRST TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, 16th September 2009

6pm There will be a short outline on how to play Balut together with a demonstration game.  
7pm-9pm New players will be invited to play in the opening BALUT SHIELD tournament of the year, FREE OF CHARGE, playing with a personal tutor.

Please email [pauc@truemail.co.th](mailto:pauc@truemail.co.th) to book your place!



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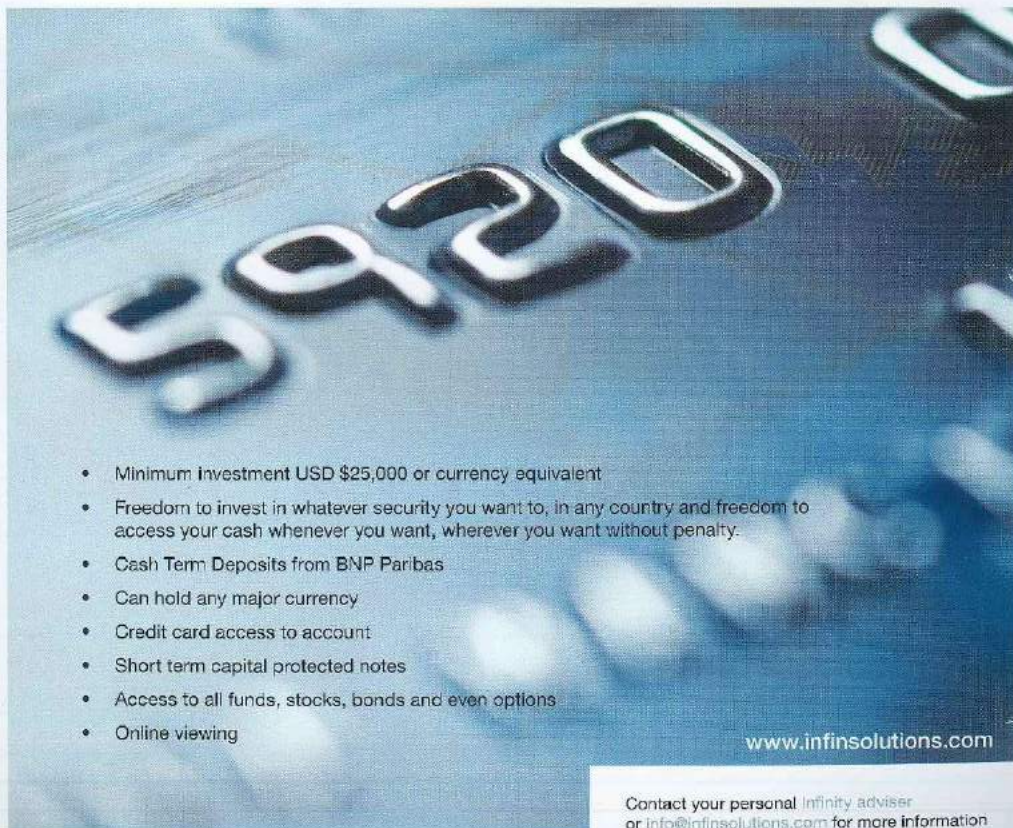


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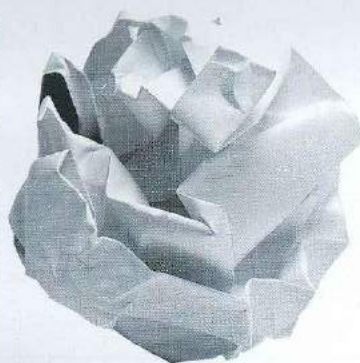
# SUDOKU

Even we had some time puzzling over last month's Sudokus, but we're certain we beat your times (after all, we are the ones presenting these brainbusters to you!). Ah well, two more minimal 'Diabolically Difficult' Sudokus to taunt your neurons into attempting the impossible (again, not for us!).

Please do send in your solution times by fax, email, or in person (see page 2 for those particular details), and tell us how long it took to complete each puzzle so that we may chuckle at your attempts to impress! Who knows? You may find your results posted here next issue.

## Instructions:

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.



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**Rating:** 'Diabolically Difficult'

**Solution time:** You tell us! Write down your time next to your completed puzzle(s) – be truthful now!

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	3			9				
4							5	
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**Rating:** 'Diabolically Difficult'

**Solution time:** You tell us! Write down your time next to your completed puzzle(s) – be truthful now!

# KHUN LAAK'S ON THE MENU

All of these dishes were created by Khun Laak for last month's Broken Hills wine tasting. But if you missed the wine dinner (we'll feature this event in a "Looking Back" piece in October's *Outpost*), and you can't be bothered to recreate these delicious menus at home, then you are in luck as these dishes are featured on this month's "Khun Laak Recommends" menu at the Club. As well, the avocado dish is on the Club's main menus.

If you wish to attend the next wine dinner, then you won't have too long to wait! It will take place on Monday, 28th of September. Please see the poster elsewhere in this month's *Outpost* for all the details.

## Roasted snow fish wrapped in smoked bacon

Serves 4.



4 x 200 g/7 oz snow fish fillet, cut 2.5 cm/1 inch thick, skinned and pin boned • 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary leaves picked and very finely chopped • zest and juice of 2 lemons • freshly ground black pepper • 16 rashers of thinly sliced, smoked streaky bacon or pancetta • olive oil • 4 tablespoons mayonnaise • 2 large bunches of asparagus, trimmed

Preheat your oven to 200°C/400°F/gas 6. Season your beautiful fish fillets with the rosemary, finely grated lemon zest (no bitter white pith, please) and pepper – you don't need to use salt because we're going to wrap the fish in the lovely salty smoked bacon. Lay your rashers of bacon or pancetta on a board, and, one by one, run the flat of a knife along them to thin them and widen them out. Lay four rashers together, slightly overlapping, put a fish fillet on top and wrap the rashers around it.

Lightly heat a large ovenproof frying pan, add a splash of olive oil and lay your fish, pretties side facing up, in the pan. Fry for a minute, then place the pan in your preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish, until the bacon is crisp and golden.

While the fish is cooking, you can make your simple lemon mayonnaise with a nice amount of lemon juice and pepper. Or, if you'd rather sit down for five minutes with a glass of wine,

use some ready-made mayo instead! You want to add enough lemon juice to make the flavour slightly too zingy. This is because, when you eat it with the asparagus and the fish, it will lessen slightly in intensity. And don't worry if the mayo looks a little thinner than usual when you've added the lemon juice; think of it as more delicate.

The asparagus is a great accompaniment because, like the fish, it also loves bacon. You can either boil or steam it; either way it's light and a nice contrast to the meatiness of the fish. When cooked, toss it in the juices that come out of the fish. Simply serve the fish next to a nice pile of asparagus, drizzled with the lemon-spiked mayonnaise. And if you're feeling very hungry, serve with some steaming-hot new potatoes.

## Grilled herb-crusted rack of lamb

Serves 1.



300g rack of lamb • olives • mixed herbs • salt and pepper • 80g Portobello mushrooms • 100g beef tomatoes • 180g mashed potatoes • 40g pesto

Coat rack of lamb with olives, herbs, salt and pepper and leave about 10 minutes. Prepare mushrooms and beef tomatoes and grill until cooked. Grill rack of lamb to taste (rare, medium, etc.). Mix mashed potatoes and pesto together. Place all ingredients onto plate and serve.



## Avocado Angellique

Serves 2.

Avocado • lettuce greens • smoked salmon • prawns • diced fruits • salt and black pepper • lemon juice • Marie Rose sauce (see below) • paprika • lemon • buttered brown bread



Cut avocado pear in half, and remove stone. Cut a small piece off the bottom of the avocado slices. This will level out the bottom and stop the avocado from sliding on plate. Place avocado on a bed of lettuce greens. Line the centre of the avocado with smoked salmon. In a bowl, mix shelled prawns and diced fruits Macedonia of your choice. Season with salt, black pepper and a little lemon juice. Place the fruits in centre of avocado on top of the smoked salmon. Cover the fruits with as much Marie Rose sauce as you like. Add peeled prawns on top of the sauce, and sprinkle with paprika. Decorate with lemon slices of buttered brown bread and more smoked salmon.

## Marie Rose Sauce

Serves 2.

½ cup mayonnaise • 2 tbsp Heinz ketchup • 1 tsp lemon juice • Lea And Perrins (this is the best – and only!) – Worcester sauce, believe me! • Tabasco sauce • brandy

Mix it all up, and add as much Tabasco and brandy as you like.

## Eton mess

Serves 8.

1 basic meringue • 565ml/1 pint double cream • 14 vanilla pods, scored lengthways and seeds removed • 2 heaped tablespoons caster sugar • 250g/9oz strawberries, hulled and sliced • 250g/9oz raspberries • 1 teaspoon good-quality balsamic vinegar • Optional: a handful of flaked almonds, toasted



First of all, make your basic meringue recipe; you should end up with 6 to 8 meringues. Whip the double cream with the vanilla seeds and 1 tablespoon of your sugar until you have soft peaks. Don't over-whip it, or the cream will go

thick and cloddy; you want it to stay light and delicate. Take half the strawberries and half the raspberries and put them into a bowl with the rest of the sugar and the balsamic vinegar. Mash up with a fork. Put your flavoured cream and the mashed-up fruit into the fridge until your meringues are ready and have cooled down.

You can serve Eton mess on a large platter or in individual glasses. To assemble, break up your meringues into a bowl; you can crush some of the bits into powder, leaving other bits chunky. Fold the vanilla cream and mashed-up fruit together till well mixed, then sprinkle in the rest of the fruit and fold again. Layer your crushed meringues and fruity cream into your serving dish or glasses, then sprinkle with the toasted almonds (if using) just before serving. Put everything together right at the last minute so the meringue won't go all soft.

## Scottish shortbread

Makes about 2 dozen shortbreads.

1 cup butter • 1 cup granulated sugar • 3 cups all-purpose flour

Thoroughly cream sugar and butter. Add 2½ cups of the flour, and mix thoroughly. Turn out onto a surface floured with remaining 1/2 cup of flour. Knead dough until it cracks on surface. Roll out ¼ inch thick, and cut out with cutters. Prick cookies with fork tines and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 275°F for about 45 to 55 minutes or until lightly browned.

## At Poolside: Guava, orange and apple squeeze

Serves 1

1 part guava juice • 1 part fresh orange juice • 1 part apple juice

Mixed all ingredients together and serve.



## Blueberry float

Serves 1

1 tablespoon blueberry • 2 oz. blueberry juice • 1 scoop vanilla ice cream • cracked ice

Blend all ingredients (except ice cream) well. Pour into float glass, add vanilla ice cream and serve.



# Cinderella On Ice

Thailand Cultural Center, Saturday 26th September 2009



We have booked tickets for the upcoming performance of Cinderella on Ice, which is part of the Bangkok's International Festival Of Music and Dance, staged at The Thailand Cultural Center.

The show has a cast of 20 Olympic, World and European championship skaters. The score is played by The Moscow State Cinematic Orchestra and the 3d scenery designed by Eamon Darcy responsible for the opening ceremony at the 2000 Sydney Olympic games.

Tickets cost Baht 3,000 or Baht 2,500 each and includes transport from / to the Club. Transport leaves the Club at 12.30pm and the show begins at 2.30pm.

To book send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Club House Reception. For further information contact Barry.

## SUSIE'S Kids Korner



### Beanbag Balls

These totally tossable, squishable balls are lightweight and easy to grip, making them perfect for novice jugglers, beanbag games or a good old game of catch.

#### Craft Materials:

- 9 (11-inch) balloons (for 3 balls)
- Funnel
- 2 1/4 cups of dried lentils
- Scissors



1. Stretch the first balloon by inflating it halfway, holding it closed for about 30 seconds, and deflating it.



2. Place a funnel in the balloon's neck and gradually pour in 3/4 cup of lentils, pushing them in as you go. The balloon should be firm but squeezable.



3. Snip off the balloon's thick rubber lip. Cut the neck off a second balloon and gently stretch the opening.

4. Ease the second balloon over the filled balloon, tucking in the neck as you go.



5. Cut the neck off the third balloon, stretch the opening, and ease it over the other two. Repeat this process to make a set of three balls, or however many you'd like.

### SPORTS JOKES FOR KIDS

A man went to the doctor one day and said: "I've just been playing rugby, and when I got back, I found that when I touched my legs, my arms, my head, my tummy and everywhere else, it really hurt."  
So the doctor said, "You've broken your finger."

What tea do footballers drink?  
— Penaltéa!

What is black and white, and black and white, and black and white?  
— A Newcastle fan rolling down a hill!

What lights up a football stadium?  
— A football match!

Manager: I thought I told you to lose weight. What happened to your three-week diet?  
— Player: I finished it in three days!

Which football team loves ice cream?  
— Aston Vanilla!

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