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the Battle of Trafalgar in
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Jonathan Truslow
Chairman - General
Committee 2009/2010

One of the great charms and, indeed, strengths of the British Club is its friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We hope to maintain this pleasant environment in two ways: firstly, by members understanding and respecting each other's preferences, and secondly, by avoiding overly detailed and onerous rules and by-laws. We aim to keep rules to a minimum and rely on members' own sense of responsibility and respect for each other to maintain harmony. In particular, the following aspects of Club life seem to lead to frequent minor incidents, which, with a little more observance of the rules and the exercise of mutual tolerance and understanding, could be avoided.

Children

The British Club is a family club, and we welcome children in all parts of the Club, with the exception of the Churchill Bar. The Club's grounds are a great place for children to play in safety and let off steam, but uncontrolled children can easily spoil other members' enjoyment of the facilities.

Parents, please be mindful of your children – be aware of where they are, what they are doing and whether they might be disturbing other members. It is one thing to be larking around in the pool, another to be running and shouting in the Verandah restaurant. In return, I would ask members without children to be tolerant of our younger members' antics. After all, we were all kids once!

The Guards

It is the Club's policy to require all members to show their membership cards every time they enter the Club. This is to ensure a basic level of access control to the Club, preventing unwanted and uninvited strangers coming into the Club facilities, and giving a proper measure of control over the arrival of guests. Admittedly, this policy has not always been applied consistently, but we have spent a considerable amount of time working with the guards to resolve this. So, please remember to take your card home with you when leaving the Club, and present it to the guards on arrival. Please do not berate the guards for doing their job by asking to see your card. If you do forget your card, the Club has procedures in place for validating members. I have asked Baz to explain these in his Banter this month.

Guests

Please make sure that you sign in any guests that you bring to the Club. Signing-in books are kept at the Suriwongse Sala and in the Clubhouse lobby. If guests are arriving at the Club separately from you, then you will also need to give their names to the guards. Actually, the signing in of guests has improved significantly with the introduction of the receptionist post in the Clubhouse lobby, so this is more of a gentle reminder.

Pool Etiquette

Unfortunately, we have had to speak to some of our members about spitting in the pool. This is completely unhygienic and unacceptable. Please do not do it.

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 (Tues. - Sun.)

Fitness Centre

6am - 10pm (Mon. - Fri.)

Churchill Bar

10am - 11pm

Fitness Centre

6am - 9pm (Sat. - Sun.)

Poolside Bar

7am - 10pm
Last food orders - 9.30pm

Thai Massage

9am - 5pm (Tues. - Sun.)

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd BC (The Movies)

G-Force 3D: Gadgets, Gizmos and Guinea Pigs! We are off once again to SF Cinema; this time to see the new Disney animation film in 3D. This excellent movie has been a number one hit in the U.S. and is suitable for all the family. The cost of tickets is 500 baht each and includes popcorn and a soft drink. Meet on the 8th Floor at SF Cinema CentralWorld at 5.30pm, and the movie begins at 6pm. For more information, contact Khun Apple or Barry. To book, send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at Clubhouse reception.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Tetley Smooth Flow Bar Quiz

The British Club Quiz will be held in the Verandah at 7.30pm. As usual, Bangkok's premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of nineteen questions (on a range of subjects from 'Asia' to 'Celebrities'), 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!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th

and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th British Club – Det 5 Balut Challenge

Det 5 Bar & Restaurant has challenged the Club's Balut Section to a Balut Tournament. The BCB-Det 5 Challenge Trophy competition will take place in two legs: Sunday, 11th October from 2pm to 4pm at



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Det 5 Bar & Restaurant, Sukhumvit Soi 8; and Sunday, 25th October from 2pm to 4pm in the Suriwongse Room (BCB). The winner will be the venue that has amassed the most points over the two legs. Those interested in playing in both legs, please contact the Balut Committee.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th

Halloween Party and Hogwarts Halloween Buffet

We will be celebrating Halloween *one day early*, with the Kids' Halloween party to be held in the Silom Sala from 6-9pm. The spooky fun will include a magic show, Susie's arts and crafts, games, a fancy dress competition and lots more ghoulish fun. A buffet supper is also included. We'll also have our Hogwarts Halloween buffet, where once again the Verandah will be decorated and the staff will be dressed as characters from the bewitched world of Harry Potter.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th

Halloween Wine Tasting

Join us in the Suriwongse Room for our regular monthly wine tasting, completely free of charge and featuring wines from all over the world. Five companies will be here to let members try unlimited samples of their wines. Members can also purchase wines at specially discounted prices, and the Club will create a range of canapés to compliment the wines.

FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

IN OCTOBER

Swimming Lessons

Fridays, 3-5.30pm (2nd, 9th, and 30th) and Saturdays (3rd, 10th, and 31st), 10am-2pm; children of all ages. 325 baht per lesson. Sign up in the fitness centre, or contact Reed for more information.

IMMIGRATION MOVES FROM SUAN PHLU!

Beginning in October 2009, the Immigration Bureau (Subdivision 1) will move to and operate at its new office at the Bangkok Government Center, Building B, Chaengwattana Road (close to the Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, Chaengwattana Road). Foreigners who would like to visit the Bangkok Immigration Bureau for services, including Residence Certificate, Visa, and Alien Registration can find more information from the website, www.immigration.go.th.



HOUSE & GROUNDS

The monthly report on Maintenance and Development

August was a busy month.

The contractor repairing and upgrading the electrical installations has made good progress, and the work is now 90% complete. Our electrical consultant will test all the installations in early September.

We have had two distribution boards made for use at our external functions on the lawns. Each board has six points for connection of cabling, such as sound equipment or lighting, and each is protected by a special circuit breaker that will trip the power supply if there is an electrical fault. The characteristics of outside events are potentially dangerous, often in a highly populated and confined area with cabling running across the ground and the possibility of rain. Small children are particularly at risk if the installations are not carried out with a view to safety. These distribution boards will provide everyone with the best protection against the possibility of an electrical accident.

The termite control work started at the end of July, and the initial treatments are now complete. More than 1,300 litres of termiticide has been applied in various locations around the Club. For your reassurance, this contractor only uses chemicals that are acceptable in the USA and Europe and are not harmful to humans. Termite bait stations were installed in mid-August and will enable inspection and monitoring of the termite activity, in order that the correct strategy can be adopted to control them. A full site inspection was conducted on 27 August, and no new activity was found in the areas already treated. There were also no signs of new activity in the external areas where the termite bait stations have been installed.

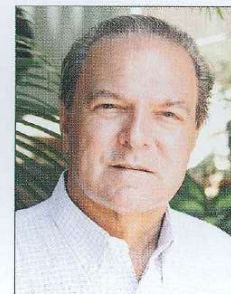
So far, therefore, the treatment has been a success, as it has not caused any major termite population shift, and the areas where there had previously been major termite activity seem to have been brought under temporary, at least, control. The chemicals used will remain active for three years, and after a positive start to the programme, the contractor is optimistic that very good results will be achieved in the long run. It has to be emphasized that this is a process rather than a one-off solution, and therefore, the inspections and follow-ups over the next few months will give a clearer indication of the initial success of the treatment carried out so far. They will also shape the future inspection and treatment process (if needed). The next site inspection will be held around the end of September.

I have to report that I still do not have a quotation for the Men's Changing Room that I can recommend to the General Committee. The recession does not appear to have encouraged contractors to lower their prices. By the time this magazine is published, I hope I can report that I have found a suitable contractor prepared to carry out the work for a reasonable price. Our objective is to follow the

Men's Changing Room with the Ladies' Changing Room and the Fitness Centre, consecutively.

The General Committee was recently provided with 25 samples of chairs from which to choose new ones for the Verandah. Before the last New Members' Night and after due consideration, a choice was made of five models of rattan chairs from one particular supplier. Over the weekend, the chairs were left at the Club so that members' feedback could be obtained. This was very positive. Therefore, after choosing colours for cushions, the order will be placed, and delivery should be inside two months. In that period, we intend to replace the termite-damaged wood floors with natural teak, replace the bar shelving (also damaged by termites), and replace the wall finish in the area parallel to the corridor (referred to by me as the 'dog-leg'). The floor level here will be lowered to the common level. The result should be to provide three distinct and different zones of the Verandah, each with chairs that complement the floor, wall finish and general décor in that zone.

Currently, there are numerous maintenance items under way – for example, repair of playground equipment, replacement or refurbishment of pool starter blocks, urgent roof repairs, and underwater repair of tiling in the deep end of the pool. The last few weeks have seen the cropping of the trees along Suriwongse Road, cropping of the tree that was growing through the roof of the Men's Changing Room, and repairs to the boilers, pipes and the A/C units in the changing rooms. The list is a long one.



Some improvements have just been completed on the multi-use court and the cricket nets. This will make both facilities safer for players' use. We are considering the provision of an outside towel station to be located between the fitness centre and the pool. When manned, this will also provide a staff member to observe pool activity. We are thinking of child safety here, as

well as member convenience. Another item under consideration is the site clearance of the area between the tennis courts and Suriwongse Road. This will provide a site for a properly equipped workshop and badly needed storage facilities.

Last month, I mentioned the tennis court surface. We have now given notice to the contractor that we feel we have no alternative but to invoke the terms of the 5-year warranty. We hope to see some effective action soon, after the Greenset manufacturer has inspected the courts later this month. The tennis courts' lights use a relatively high amount of electrical power, and there have been previous discussions with the General Committee on how this should be accounted for in the charges for use of the courts. In order to address this problem rationally, we are having a meter installed that will measure the actual kilowatt-hour usage. Charges can then be evaluated fairly.

All for now,
John Boisclair - Development & Facility Manager

BAZZA'S BANTER



Dear Members,

We have lots lined up to keep you entertained over the next month and beyond! On Friday, October 30th, we will be celebrating Halloween one day early with the Kids' Halloween party to be held in the Silom Sala from 6-9pm. The spooky fun will include a magic show, Susie's arts and crafts, games, a fancy dress competition and lots more ghoulish fun. A buffet supper is also included. Taking place on the same night and also from 6-9pm will be the monthly wine tasting. Finally, we'll have our Hogwarts Halloween buffet, where once again the Verandah will be decorated and the staff will be dressed as characters from the bewitched world of Harry Potter.

This month's bar quiz takes place on Tuesday, October 6th. And to celebrate Oktoberfest, we will be cooking up pork knuckles, sauerkraut and mash each Wednesday in all the Club outlets. We will also feature a German food promotion on October 16th. Last month, we started another special in the Club; this one was the idea of Club member Chris Poustie – curry of the week! So far, these have proved to be very popular. We recently bought Khun Laak a new Indian cookbook, and she has been busy sweating over her wok trying to perfect these recipes. Why not give our Curry of the Week a go the next time you are down at the Club?

Speaking of curry, Friday's buffets include the ever-popular curry buffet on the 2nd. Khun Laak's Greek menu was a new buffet launched last month and over 30 members partook of it; feedback was excellent, so on the 9th, we're recreating it for those of you that missed out last time. On Friday the 23rd, we will feature a Thai buffet to celebrate Chulalongkorn Day, with food from all 4 regions of the country. Wednesday, the 21st of October is Trafalgar Day, so we will create a British food buffet and have a promotion on Tetley's Bitter, Stowford Press cider and rum, available for lunch and dinner in the Verandah. We will also play the excellent BBC documentary DVD about the famous battle.

Guy Fawkes Day will take place on Sunday, 1st of November. All the activities will take place on the back lawn and fireworks

will be launched from the front lawn. Please note that there will be no parking allowed in the Club from 10pm on Saturday, October 31st until Sunday, November 1st, 10pm. The Club will close at 3.30pm and re-open at 4pm for holders of Guy Fawkes tickets only. The pool will be closed from 5pm.

Activities includes arts and crafts and Guy-making, the Club's bouncy castle, football games, darts games and lots more. Entertainment will include the Thungmahamek School Acrobats, who will perform acts to celebrate the Thai festival of Loy Krathong, which takes place on November 2nd.

Our outside catering team will be very busy on October 29th, as we have once again been asked to cater the 'Last Night Of The Proms' concert to be held at Shrewsbury International School. Come along and enjoy the performance, and we will see you there. Last year was great fun, and we are pleased to have won the catering contract again this year.

The year has flown by so fast, and it's already time to think about Christmas again! The Club's Christmas cards are now on sale at Clubhouse reception. We have limited stock of these cards. They cost only 35 baht each, and... buy one, get one free!

We are now taking bookings for Christmas Day lunch and dinner in the Churchill Bar, the Verandah or the back lawn (lunch only in the back lawn). To book your place, please contact reception or send a fax or email to the Club. Next month, we will also be sending out the Christmas order list to all Members. Please make sure you return your order to the Club in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are also on sale for the Club's Christmas Ball taking place on December 12th. The cost is 3000 baht per person; more information is on the Club's calendar on our website.

This year, we are planning our New Year's cruise once again. We have managed to keep the price down to the same as last year, but we need to guarantee 150 persons to secure the whole boat. Please see the ad on page 38 for more details.

ITEMS FOR SALE

The chairs and stools in the Verandah are for sale. If you would like to make a bid for some of the chairs, please contact Barry or Khun Prem (contact info for both is on page 1).



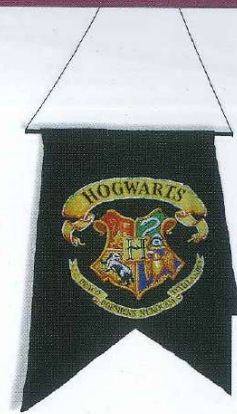
If you are thinking of planning a function for Christmas or New Year's, then please contact Khun Somboon now. The Club's catering services get very busy during the holidays, and it is definitely first-come, first-served. Our catering service is very flexible and can create a menu within your needs and budget.

We had a great month for membership in August, but we are still in need of new members. If you know of any potential new members, please contact Khun Vindu in the Membership Department or me. Remember, you may be entitled to F&B credit to your Club account for bringing in new members!

Members, please note that your member cards must be shown every time that you come to the Club. If you forget your card when you arrive, security will call Khun Prem, Reed, the Duty Manager or me. We will talk to you on the phone, and if we know you, we will ask that you meet us in the Reception Lobby, and then we will take you to the desired outlet for ordering food and beverages. If we do not know you, we will meet you at security and escort you into the Club. So if you wish quick entrance, definitely remember your cards!

If you have a guest meeting you at the Club and they will be arriving before you, then please let Club management know so that we can meet the guest at security and escort them to Reception, where they will need to wait for you.

Also, all members must show their cards before ordering food and beverages. Member cards are not to be left behind at the Club. Cards left behind will be returned to the Club office, and members can collect them during office hours.



If members wish for their drivers to come into the Club to pick them up, then those drivers must be registered with the Club in the Membership services department. Drivers' access cards will be made for access only; this card does not entitle drivers to use F&B facilities. Also, drivers should remain in the Drivers' Room while waiting for members.

We have also had incidents of drivers sitting in the cars in the car park and leaving engines running or playing the radio too loudly. This is also not allowed.

This month, we have included an update to your Membership details. Please return the update (corrected or otherwise) to the Club as soon as possible, as this information will be used to update the Members' Directory in next year's Membership report.

Well, that's about it for another month. I look forward to seeing you at the Club over the next few holiday months.

Regards,
Baz

PUMPKIN HIDE-AND-SEEK!

Five pumpkins decided to be tricky this month and hide themselves around this month's Outpost. The first five kids (under 14 and only one from a family) to correctly scare the pumpkins out of hiding win a place at the Halloween party! Contact Khun Apple by phone on 02 234 0247 or by email to anongluck.lim@britishclubbangkok.org and tell her the correct pages where the pumpkins are hiding. First come, first chance of winning!

BY THE WAY!

This isn't one of the **five** pumpkins!



WINEMAKER'S DINNER

By Warwick Newton (F&B Working Group)



On the 26th August, a near-capacity gathering of Club members and their guests gathered on the back lawn to enjoy pre-dinner drinks before the Winemaker's Dinner held in the Verandah. Once again, the splendid ambience of the back lawn was appreciated by an expectant gathering. Diners enjoyed glasses of Charles Steiner NV Brut sparkling wine and the Broken Hills Classic white and red wines, complemented by canapés provided by the indefatigable Khun Laak and her catering team.

Bangkok Fine Wines (Jonathon Glonek and his wife Pat) has been supplying wine to the British Club for nearly 15 years, and the Broken Hills Estate wines are made in South Australia. South Australia is the oldest and largest wine region in Australia, and wines have been produced there for the past 170 years.

It was the initiative of Bangkok Fine Wines (see contact details below) that saw the Winemaker's Dinner at our Club, and it afforded the opportunity for Mr Leigh Gilligan to introduce the wines chosen for each course and to explain the particular features making their choice so appropriate. Australian Leigh Gilligan has been working with Broken Hills Estate wines since the company's formation and has been a wine maker in his own right with his own label for over thirty years. Leigh's light-hearted informative style was well received by the diners, and as he moved amongst the tables answering questions and elaborating on the merits of the wines, the evening was enhanced even further.

Of course, the superb wines being enjoyed were only just a close match to the equally superb food from the Club's kitchen, under the expert eye of Khun Laak, the Executive Chef. There were four nouvelle cuisine "plus" courses ("plus" because we are the British Club after all!), followed by dessert and a comprehensive cheese board.

Some of the courses were on the Club's menus already (Avocado Angélique) and others made their debut: grilled snow fish wrapped in bacon, accompanied by Margaret's Bluff Chardonnay 2007; grilled rack of lamb served with a Portobello mushroom, and a beef tomato croûton, pesto mashed potato and red wine sauce, accompanied by Bundies Patch Shiraz 2007; roasted duck breast with red cabbage confit and crispy polenta with pepper sauce, accompanied by Gilligan Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre 2007. These are just some of the courses and wines from a truly great repast.

Bangkok Fine Wines may be contacted on: tel. 02 392 0735; fax 02 713 4449; or email bfwpary@loxinfo.co.th for their complete offering and advice.

JOIN THE F&B SECTION: For only 500 baht annual subscription (750 baht for a couple), join the other fifteen Club members that have signed up so far, and enjoy the programme formulated by the Section. Dinners will sometimes be in the Club, sometimes with a guest chef and at outside venues too; venues will vary in type of cuisine, price range, etc. For more details, contact Jeremy Watson at jeremyf.watson@hotmail.com or Warwick Newton at warwick_newton@hotmail.com.

WINE TASTING

The August wine tasting took place in the Suriwongse Room on August 28th and was attended by over 150 members and guests. We held a new members' night as well. The Club was packed in all the outlets and with functions in the meeting rooms.

Five companies – Royal Prestige Wine, Wine Dee Dee, Itaithai, Strategic Catering and Wine Connection – attended the event, and there were some great offers available to members. All companies did brisk business, with Prestige wines completely selling out of all their stock. Afterwards, over 60 members and their guests popped down to the Verandah Café and enjoyed Khun Laak's Spanish buffet.

The next wine tasting will take place on Friday, 30th October 2009.



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Leg's Eleven!

British Club members Angela Stafford and Claire Deacon also happen to be the activity ladies at the British Women's Group, and in August, they arranged a "Best of British Day" for BWG members at the British Club. On the menu: Bingo, fish and chips and Coronation Street! Not to mention the chance to eat crumble and custard or sticky toffee pudding for dessert....

The Club did the group proud on the day, with three large round tables laid out with crisp white tablecloths and lovely table decorations set in fresh coconut shells. Claire, dressed for the part in patriotic red, white and blue, was ready to call the bingo numbers while BWG chairman Louise explained to the uninitiated what bingo was all about. Being a novice at running a bingo event, Claire was busily reading off a saying for every number, not just the odd few like "Legs-11". Consequently, the first game took quite some time, but it also meant that the ladies that hadn't played for a while (or indeed, not at all) had the opportunity to get up to speed! Then the group was on a roll with a much-speeded-up version after Claire ditched the "not so nifty" bingo ball machine in favour of a good old-fashioned drawstring bag... and after she stopped using a saying for every number!

Bingo was followed by a glorious fish-and-chip lunch served in newspaper... The Sun, of course! Apparently this is no longer allowed in the UK, thanks to EU rules and regulations; there are so many advantages to living in Thailand! Barry and his team at the Club arranged an extra surprise – the lucky diner that got their fish-'n'-chips wrapped in Page 3 also won a bottle of wine, courtesy of the Club. The lucky winner was Sheila Dixon, a long-term BWG member who was up for the day from Hua Hin, where she now lives.

Sufficiently satiated with fish, chips, peas, bread and butter and wickedly scrumptious pudding – all delicious – the girls settled down to watch old, and not-so-old, episodes of Coronation Street. In true British style, four of the ladies took out their knitting to do while watching! We're all busy knitting squares for BNH's "Knit for the Needy" project being run by Angela and her team – just as well as girls can multitask!

The day was rounded off with the "Peckham Spring" classic edition of "Only Fools and Horses". It was a great day out, and the British Club was a fabulous and accommodating host, as always.





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A BEGINNING, A MIDDLE AND AN END

By Jenny Beattie

Do you want to write? Apparently, around eighty percent think we have a book in us, but two of the biggest hurdles people say they have are that they have nothing to write about or that they don't know how to start.

That's the beginning. That's how fourteen people came together at the Neilson Hays Library to take part in a workshop, 'Exploring Your Personal Odyssey', run by writer and Bangkok resident Paul Sochaczewski, whose several books and six-hundred-plus bylined articles make him more than qualified to encourage all participants. Writing about your life means that you've instantly got material and inspiration, and expats have great tales to tell, don't they? Still, it doesn't tell you how to start or what to do with the structure once you have begun writing.

And that's where the middle bit comes in....

An assortment of Bangkok residents showed up early one Monday morning in September at the Library's garden café, run by the British Club. Everyone had different amounts of writing experience. Some of us had been scribbling privately in journals, others had never written anything, and one or two had been writing a little more formally. None of that seemed to matter.

Paul is a charismatic, imaginative trainer whose skill at teaching all ability ranges (simultaneously) is impressive. We covered a lot of ground, learning about leads, structure, conflict, rhythm, style and voice. Paul used a variety of techniques to appeal to all types of learners. We listened to music to identify ways of beginning our stories, as well as thinking about conflict, and we reinforced what we'd learned with picture postcards. He read examples out to us and recommended films and books to seek out for further study.

By the close of the workshop, we had all begun (and shared) our personal essays. Naturally, the end of the course isn't the end, but the beginning. All of those in attendance intended it to become the start of their writing journeys.



MEMBERS' ROADSHOW

The British Club was out at the *Living In Bangkok* exhibition at Bumrungrad Hospital on September 12th. It was really a team event as Khun Vindu (or Mew), our new Membership Manager, and Khun Apple, also new to the Club, attended along with Khun Prem and Barry.

Although the exhibition was somewhat quieter than in previous years, the response to the Club's booth was very encouraging, with many people impressed with our facilities and events and expressing an interest in joining the Club.

Don't forget that the Club's "Member Get Member" programme is still on, and if you have any people wishing to join the Club, contact the Membership department and qualify for some F&B credit added to your Club account.

If members have any other ideas on where they think the Club should be advertising or events we should attend, please let us know!



OUTPOST REDUX



On Friday, 28 August, the Managing Director of Veritas Graphics, James Fowler, met with General Committee Chairman Jonathan Truslow and General Manager Barry Osborne to execute a four-year franchise agreement wherein Veritas was named as the Club's exclusive publisher.

Veritas was the Club's publisher from 2005 through 2008, but its services were interrupted briefly during the first half of this year. Veritas produced the July, August and September editions of Outpost, and Fowler said, "We are honored to be chosen by BCB, and we pledge to make the Club's publications better than ever before."

A new editor, Reid Nixon, has been recruited to replace Stuart Coghill, who recently retired from Veritas after overseeing three years of Outpost publications. A four-year resident of Bangkok, Reid comes from a film and television production background but moved into print publishing more than a year ago as the Creative Director of Bangkok Trader and Thailand Homes & Condos magazines. He is also the editor of the Swiss Thai Chamber of Commerce newsletter, also produced by Veritas.

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ST. GEORGE'S PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

By Gale Bailey

President, Bangkok St. George's Society, www.bangkokstgeorgesoc.org

5 SEPTEMBER 2009 - BRITISH CLUB

Gale Bailey, President of the Bangkok St. George's Society, greeted members and friends on the back lawn of the British Club for the Society's annual lunch, which was a great success as always. The rain held off, and it was a glorious afternoon to sit and chat with old and new friends and eat delicious food – tandoori chicken, kebabs, burgers, hot dogs – all true English fayre!! The accompanying salads and jacket potatoes with scrummy fillings, finished off with a helping of blackberry and apple crumble with custard, was just the job... and all washed down with ample supplies of beer and wine!

There was a bouncy castle, face painting and arts and crafts for the children who were well behaved (so, obviously, they were kept occupied and happy).

A raffle was held and the lucky first prize winner of an iPod was Laura Jayawardane, a new member, whose ticket was drawn by Edith Stewart M.B.E., who, even though Scottish through-and-through, is always an ardent supporter of St. George's Society. In fact, we are all chameleons in this huge metropolis.

Angela Stafford was there giving a plug to the BNH Knitting Project and was photographed with Edith, Gale and Paul Jackson, a DJ on Wave FM88, who quipped that we looked like we were on a seaside holiday at Brighton in July!

There was such a good atmosphere that five new members signed on to join our happy band, so all the effort was worthwhile; but with the continuous help and support of Barry and the staff at the British Club, the stress was kept to a minimum.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this afternoon (and evening, for some!) another memorable one.



PAST PARTICIPLE

Auspicium Melioris Ævi

By Paul Cheesman



An early HSBC Bank note.



One of the 1920s Bangkok trams that plied Silom.

We continue our series on historical trivia about our Club by looking at the 1920 to 1930 period.

1 The first recorded Chairman of the 1920s was Leonard Brewitt-Taylor, who served 1923-24 and again 1925-26. It would seem from the pattern over the next two decades that no one person could be Chairman two years in a row, so indeed a number of our prominent members were Chairmen in alternate years.

Leonard was born in Fuzhou, China and was the first son of Charles Henry Brewitt-Taylor, who later became the Commissioner to the Chinese Customs Service. His brother, Raymond, became a Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corp and was sadly killed in action in 1918. Leonard came to Bangkok in 1905 as a student interpreter but he soon quit to join the Bombay Burmah Trading Company. In 1919, he married Margaret McGee, daughter of a Californian lawyer. He died in Aldershot, Hampshire at the age of 48.

2 As mentioned last month, by 1920, the Club had acquired two pieces of land, both of which we mortgaged to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. In 1927, we redeemed these mortgages in full, then proceeded to mortgage them again, but this time to the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank.

It was very fortunate that we did mortgage the land deeds, as they were still with the bank when the Japanese took our Club over in 1941 and thus survived the trashing of our records that occurred during WWII.

3 The Bombay Burmah Trading Company was also the employer of our second known Chairman in the 1920s, E.J. Walton. Unfortunately, we know very little else about this Chairman other than he was an extremely good squash player (he and his partner won the Chiangmai Cup in 1917, 1921, 1922 and 1924) and a linguist, having translated Chandra Khonthasen's book, 'The Red Karens', for the Siam Society in 1923.

4 Transportation to the Club improved greatly in 1925 when Bangkok's extensive electric tramway system was extended along Windmill Road (now Silom Road) from the Windmill at New Road (Chareon Krung) to the red-roofed Paknam railway station at the junction with Rama IV (known as Sala Daeng) and onto the Water Gate (Pratunam) Pier at Khlong Saen Saep. Access to the Club from the tram was via the lane from our back gate (now our Silom Gate).

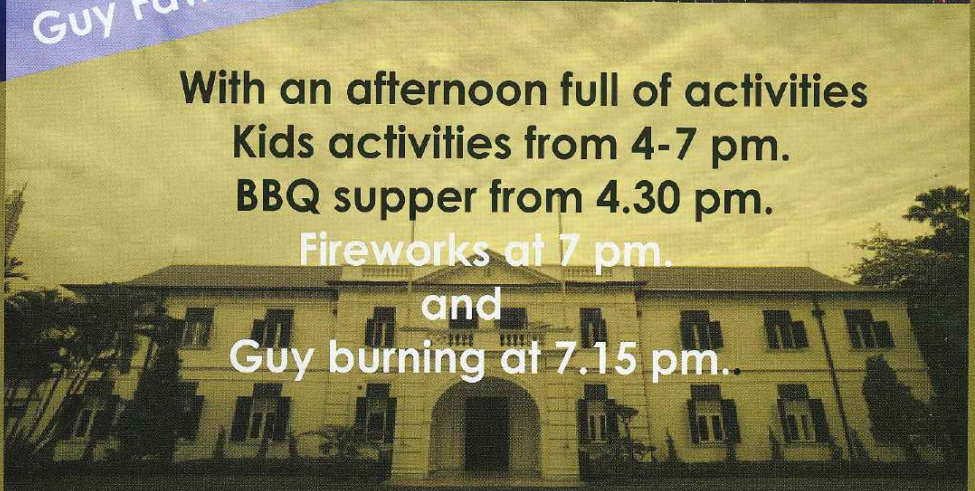
5 The most frequent of our Chairmen over this period was Marston F. Buszard, a lawyer who arrived in 1908 to work as an advisor to the Siamese Justice Ministry. He stayed here for some 24 years before retiring in 1933 and returning to England with his wife. Also a squash player (he won the Chiangmai Cup in 1910), he was Chairman 1926-27, 1928-29, 1930-31 and finally in 1932-33.



C.H. Brewitt, father to the Chairman.

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

A vibrant night scene of fireworks exploding in the sky. The fireworks are in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. A blue banner with white text is overlaid on the bottom right of the image. The text on the banner reads "Fawkes Night @ The British Club Bangkok". In the bottom right corner, there is a small copyright notice: "© 2004 British Club Bangkok".



Guy Fawkes

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The combined fleets of France and Spain a' leaving off we lay,
We cleared away for action like Britons stout and bold,
Resolving if we came up with them we would not be controuled.
The victory led the weather line with Lord Nelson stout and good,
The Boregon led the lee line with Admiral Collingwood,
Lord Nelson had the victory the victory by name,
Lord Nelson was the commander-in-chief and monarch on the main.

Early in the action Lord Nelson received a shot, which proved to be his death wound; in the quarter deck he dropped, Fight on fight on like Britons, said Lord Nelson he did say, Fight on my gallant heroes you are sure to gain the day, It is of this Demerara so boldly she did fight, Fight like both French and Spanish ships on her she soon put them to flight, Three times they strove to board her but it was all in vain, Though many a valiant hero won her deck was slain.

Old Captain Puff was killed belonging to the Mars,
Though badly he did fight and at his British tars,
The Neptune and the Conqueror they made their cannons roar,
They took the French commander-in-chief likewise the four-decker
The commander of this combined fleet was Admiral Valente,
Was taken by the conqueror commanded by captain Pelow,
In the middle of the action where balls so quick did fly,
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<p>4</p> <p>Sunday Carvery The Verandah Lunch only.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p> <p>The Monday Night Club <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> Wordsworth Lounge. 7pm.</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Tuesday Carvery The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> <p>Quiz Night Sponsored by Tetley's Smooth Flow The Verandah 7.30pm.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Crispy Pork Knuckle Promotion All outlets All day long.</p> <p>BCB Balut Shield Wordsworth Lounge 7.05pm.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Greek Buffet The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p>  <p>Swimming Lessons 3pm-5.30pm.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p> <p>Swimming Lessons 10am-2pm.</p> 
<p>11</p> <p>Sunday Carvery The Verandah Lunch only.</p> <p>British Club-Det 5 Balut Challenge Det 5 Bar & Restaurant 2-4pm.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p> <p>The Monday Night Club <i>The 4.50 from Paddington</i> Wordsworth Lounge. 7pm.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Tuesday Carvery The Verandah Lunch only.</p> <p>TWG Meeting Wordsworth Lounge 1pm.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Crispy Pork Knuckle Promotion All outlets All day long.</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>German Buffet The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p>  	<p>17</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Sunday Carvery The Verandah Lunch only.</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p> <p>The Monday Night Club <i>Death on the Nile</i> Wordsworth Lounge. 7pm.</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Tuesday Carvery The Verandah Lunch only.</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Crispy Pork Knuckle Promotion All outlets All day long.</p> <p>Trafalgar Day Buffet The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> <p>BCB Balut Shield Wordsworth Lounge 7.05pm.</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thai Buffet The Verandah Lunch and Dinner.</p> <p>The Dalek Invasion of Earth Suriwongse Room Starts at 10am and 1pm.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Sunday Carvery The Verandah Lunch only.</p> <p>British Club-Det 5 Balut Challenge Suriwongse Room 2-4pm.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p> <p>The Monday Night Club <i>The Final Problem/The Empty House</i> Wordsworth Lounge. 7pm.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tuesday Carvery The Verandah Lunch only.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Crispy Pork Knuckle Promotion All outlets All day long.</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Hogwarts Halloween Buffet The Verandah Lunch 11.30am-2pm. Dinner 5-9pm.</p> <p>Swim Lessons 3-5.30pm.</p> <p>Wine Tasting Suriwongse Room 6-9pm.</p> <p>Halloween Kids' Party Silom Sala 6-9pm.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New S.E.T. Specials All day.</p> <p>Swimming Lessons 10am-2pm.</p> 

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SPORTS & LEISURE

By Reed Passmore

Dear Members.

Welcome to another action-packed sports and recreation update. August and September were very busy around the Club with 31 children participating in the Sports Camp, numerous new children diving into swimming lessons and 30 children serving it up with Pierre in junior tennis lessons.

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

Upcoming activities and events:

Netball: We are having a Netball Open Day on 10th October, 4:30pm, on the back lawn. This will be a free fun day for children 7-14 years old. Come and try out netball, play some games and join in the fun. There will also be a demonstration match at 6pm. We will be starting up a junior programme for the remainder of the year.

Health and Fitness Promotion: Christmas is only a few months away, which means late nights, lots of food and drinks, no exercise and, for most of us, a few extra pounds. So, start training now to combat that Christmas Cheer.

Squash and Personal training: Sign up for 10 sessions and receive 2 sessions free (must sign up before the end of October and complete the sessions by Christmas).

Race Reed to Pattaya: Started September. Race me on the treadmill or bike to Pattaya. First person to reach the goal receives a great weekend away at Serene Sands Health Resort and runners-up will have a great bottle of red from Chris Flaherty. Check out the leader board in the fitness centre, and see who's wearing the yellow jersey!

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

Amazing Race: Saturday, 17th October, 10am start (must sign up before 10th October). Teams of two race around Bangkok finding clues, solving riddles, completing tasks and returning to the club for buffet and beer or soft drinks. Last year, we had Mums-and-Daughters vs Husbands-and-Sons, Friends vs Families and Embassy vs British Club. Create your own rivalry and race.

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: 21st November. It's on again - family football with family rules and family fun! This is a social afternoon of 4-a-side football for family and friends.

Fun Run: 22nd November. Come and join in the biggest fitness session ever seen by the British Club. Join the Standard Charter Fun Run, and return to the club for breakfast and a swim. Currently 40 members have signed up to run or walk in this great event. Whether you are a serious athlete or just want a family stroll with 5-km walks or run, 10-km run and 42-km run.

Fight Night, Round 2: November 27th. 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!



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GOLF

August Stableford competition – Sunday, 9 August, at the Lam Lukka Country Club course.

In lovely conditions of light winds and slightly overcast, we left the breakfast banter and random draw for partners to tackle this challenging course. To reinforce his leadership qualities, Frank Fawkes, the Club Captain, drove, chipped and putted to a net 39 points score, just edging out Jim Moroney's net 36, on his last showing for the Club before departing for KL (well, until the lure of Thai golf pulls him back again). In third place came revitalised Peter Bond on his return from the UK, with the scary experience of seeing his swing video analysed.

Frank's pose underlined his pleasure at winning the competition, whilst Jim was caught reminiscing with new boy Jack O'Flynn about his glory days with the British Club Golf Section.

Technicals – Jim Moroney, Jack O'Flynn and I achieved Near-pins. Superman John Carter hit the longest drive, and Dead-Eye Barry Ashman sank the longest putt on the 18th green.

Club Day – Sunday, 23 August, at the Ratchakram Golf Club.

Taking on the wide expanses of this relatively new course on a hot, sunny day, we held a relaxing and sociable Stableford competition. In a close finish, it culminated in a win for Yurachatr Brook with 38 points, followed by Steve Waddernmyer on 36 points and Gareth Sampson with 32 points.

Technical prizes were awarded for Near-pins to Karen Carter, Steve Waddernmyer and Brian Brook, with the Men's Long Drive going to Club Captain, Frank Fawkes.

Monthly Medal Competition – Sunday, 30 August, at the Royal Course, Lat Krabang.

In this keenly contested monthly event on the beautifully manicured Royal Course, all golfers enjoyed the lush conditions during this current period of heavy rain storms. It was a race to complete this event before a long-threatening downpour enveloped the course during our post-match get-together.

Enjoying their well earned food and drink more than most were Gordon Milne and Bob Randle. Gordon won the Flight A Medal with a very satisfying net score of 67, followed by Paul Rogers with 72 and Ray Harries on 73. A delighted Gordon received his Medal from Club Captain, Frank.

Bob headed the Flight B group with a net score of 69, with Brian Brook on 73, just shading Andrew McLean for second place after a count back, so Andrew had to be content with third place. Bob collected another Monthly Medal from Frank to add to his growing collection.

Technical prizes for Near-pins went to Barry Ashman, the aforementioned Gordon and me, whilst Peter Bond – to everyone's amazement – hit the Men's Long Drive, and Yurachatr Brook was the Ladies' Long Drive winner. Jack O'Flynn,



still recognised as a new boy to the group, sank the longest putt on the 18th green.

Match against the Scandinavians for the Volvo Cup – Sunday, 6 September, at the Royal Course, Lat Krabang.

Competition history – having won the Volvo Cup five times consecutively between 2002 and 2006, we lost in 2007, and the Scandinavians retained it when it was drawn in 2008. This year, we won by eight games to four; we were level in the four singles matches and in the four better-ball matches, however we won all four scramble events.

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

Email: bcs2002@yahoo.co.uk

Phone: Frank Fawkes, Captain at 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 also travel to other courses that offer good value. Contact me, Ray Bloom, at rbloom_364@yahoo.co.uk or at 087 051 3548.

SQUASHY BITS

By Bruce Madge



THAILAND KING'S CUP 2009
Semi-Final Round, RBSC 7-Aug-09
Chatchawin beat Haroon
3-0 (11-4, 11-3, 11-6)

Haroon (with Win). People call him H, but we don't know why.

Didn't get to the Club too often last month, as my Mum had grounded me for leaving the dinner table without permission. It's just as well, then, that I have a very helpful onsite correspondent in the form of 'Squash', who is one of the Club cats. For a handful of dried, fishy snacks every now and then, he's reporting to me what he sees and hears around the squash courts. He's very capable and well equipped with one of those new, high-tech phone/computer/camera/recorder gadgets that almost everyone seems to have these days; and recently, he was just in the right place at the right time to take down the following exchange between two BC members of staff.

Rit: "Hey Reed. What's up? You seen Haroon, yet?"

Reed: "What? How many? What colour? Where? Who? New movie, Rit? What are you talking about?"

Rit: "No... Haroon. The new squash player at the Club."

Reed: "Squash? Squash? What's that again?"

Rit: "Listen. I'm talking about Haroon... the new player. He's really good. He beat Ja, Chris, Neil, Shiraz, David, everyone. He's top of the league and ladder."

Reed: "Well, I can understand him beating Neil because Neil's not really as good as he thinks he is, is he? But Ja? Ja's Club Champion."

Rit: "Yeah, I know. But last time they played in the league, Ja won only one point."

Reed: "Only one point? Surely you mean only one game?"

Rit: "No, I mean just one point. Ja lost 9-0, 9-0, 9-1 to Haroon in the September league."

Reed: "Rit, have you been on the Beer Lao again?"

Rit: "No, I haven't. Not since the Chiang Mai trip last January when I got really hammered and made a complete fool of myself. Anyway, it's all true. H is amazing. He's an ex-county player from England. Used to play for Warwickshire."

Reed: "Who's H?"

Rit: "H is Haroon! Haroon Rashid. The new guy I'm talking about. People call him H."

Reed: "H? Why do people call him 'H'?"

Rit: "I really have no idea, Reed! Maybe that's something you should look into."

Reed: "Yeah, I think I will. Haroon? H? Mmm, strange one that, eh, Rit?"

Rit: "Yeah! Really strange! Now listen, his father is Abdul Rashid. Used to be ranked in the world's Top 20 in the days of Geoff Hunt and Jonah Barrington, so H started playing when he was about three."

Reed: "Playing? Playing what?"

Rit: "Playing SQUASH! Come on, man! Pay attention, will you?"

Reed: "Right, right. Sorry. So what's he doing in Bangkok?"

Rit: "Moved here to work... banking. Joined the Club a few months ago, but not quite in time for the Club Championships."

Reed: "Hey, that's lucky for Ja and the others that he didn't then, eh, Rit? As I think he might have won it if he had. 'Cos if he's as good as you say he is, then he probably would have won it, wouldn't he? And then he'd be the Club champ instead of Ja, wouldn't he, eh, Rit? Don't ya think?"

Rit: "Yes, Reed. I think he probably would be. Anyway, he played in the King's Cup at the RBSC in August and lost to Chatchawin in the semi-final (who, by the way, went on to beat Poowis, 3-2, in the final) mainly because he just didn't have the legs."

Reed: "WHAT?!?! He's got no legs? How the heck can he play squash if he's got no legs? What the...? You have been on the Lao, haven't you?"

Rit: "No! No! Listen! 'Didn't have the legs' means he wasn't fit enough. It means he couldn't move on the court too well as his legs were tired because he lacked fitness. It doesn't mean he hasn't got any legs at all, Reed. He's only been here awhile. He needs time to get used to the heat and the climate, time to get his fitness, time to get his legs. Understand?"

Reed: "Okay, okay. I think I got it. I mean, I was gonna say, Ya know. Playing squash with no legs. Ya know. Okay, so is he getting fit now?"

Rit: "Yes, H and Win are playing regularly, and last time they met, Win still beat him, but only 3-2, so H is looking good for this year's Rod Carter this October."

Reed: "Rod Carter... Rod Carter... Mmm, can't place him. Did he play in the King's Cup, too?"

Rit: "No, Reed. Rod Carter is an ex-player from the British Club, and the squash section hosts an open tournament in his name every October. Players from all over Thailand come to compete for the trophies and the prize money."

Reed: "Oh, Rod Carter! Yes, yes, I remember it from last year. Big open squash match. That's right. Best in Thailand. All the top players. Sponsorship, cups, prize money, buffet, beer. Yes, it's all coming clear to me now. So when's that on?"

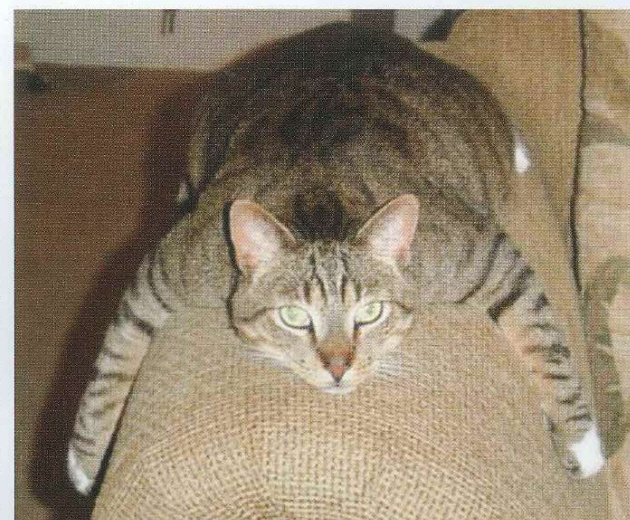
Rit: "It's every October, Reed."

Reed: "That's great. So what month is it now?"

Rit: "It's effectively October, Reed."

Reed: "Effectively October... Effectively... effectively. Er, can you give me a hand here? Does that mean it's been played already? And did H win?"

Rit: "No, no and no. Effectively October means it's almost October, which means that the competition has yet to take



Squash, a very able journalist, relaxing after a hard day's reporting.

place, which means that H can't possibly have won it yet, or anyone else for that matter."

Reed: "Right. I'm with you. So it's on this October, and that's almost here, right?"

Rit: "That's correct, Reed. So what are you going to do now?"

Reed: "Well, first and foremost, as I know it's gonna bug me for months if I don't, I'm going to find out why people call Haroon, 'H'; and then... then... then, I guess we'd better make sure all the squash facilities are in order for this Roy Castle squash match, hadn't we?"

Rit: "It's Rod Carter, not Roy Castle. And it's a tournament over two weeks. It's not just a match. And it starts here very soon."

Reed: "Yeah, yeah. Right, right. Okay, okay. I'm with ya, Rit."

Rit: "Well done, Reed."

Reed: "Hey Rit, look. What's that dog doing with that iPhone?"

Rit: "That's a cat, Reed."

If you'd like to see any of the King's Cup action, then visit www.thaisquash.ning.com.

If you want to enter the Rod Carter – or even sponsor it – then contact Peter Corney at peter@qacagroup.com.

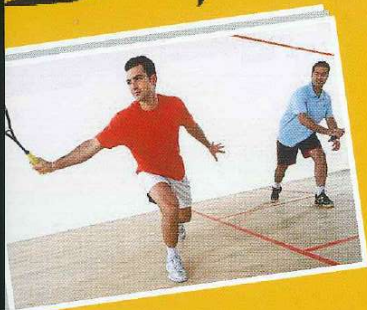
If you want to see some decent squash, be at the Club during October. Receive the Rod Carter schedule from Peter, as above.

If you're looking for decent conversation, approach Reed.

Until next time...



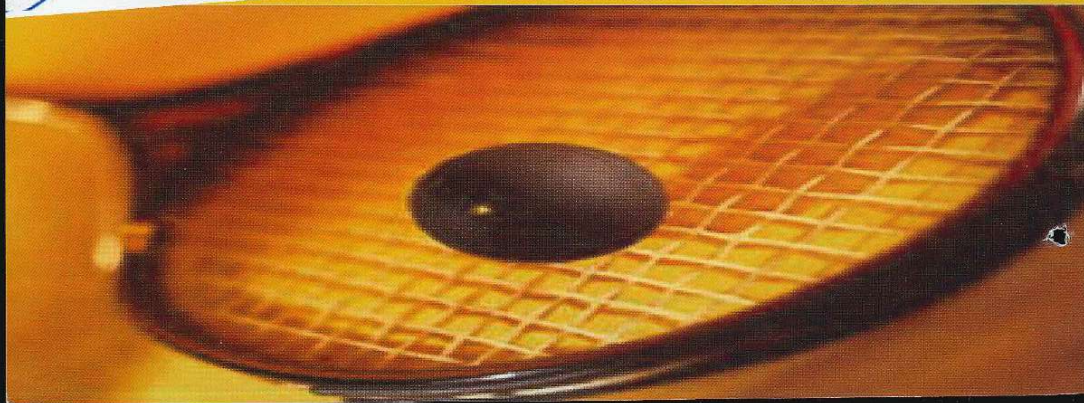
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MONDAY NIGHT CLUB

We continue our series of famous detectives TV movies every Monday throughout October.

This month, we continue to feature HERCULE POIROT, as played by David Suchet; SHERLOCK HOLMES, as immortalized by Jeremy Brett; and JANE MARPLE, as played by Joan Hickson.

OCTOBER

Each evening starts at 7pm in the Wordsworth Lounge with the full F&B menu available.

5th **The Hound of the Baskervilles**

Probably the most famous of all Sherlock Holmes stories – Lord Baskerville dies, or was it murder? Who is the man on the Tor? What is that eerie cry that screams out each evening? And why is an old boot worth more than a new one?

12th **The 4.50 from Paddington**

Two trains on time, a murder with no body, a twist of fur, a cheap compact and a peal of bells as the biggest clue – it has to be Miss Marple. Starring Maurice Denham as Luther Crackenthorpe and Jill Meager as Lucy Eyesbarrow, with Joan Hickson as Jane Marple.

19th **Death on the Nile**

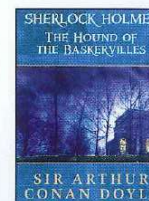
When a newly married couple are stalked by an ex, harassed by a lawyer, upstaged by a novelist, and hounded by a doctor, is it not surprising that someone dies? But as they say, "Whodunnit"?

26th **The Final Problem/The Empty House**

A sad, but final, double bill: Professor Moriarty chases Sherlock Holmes across London, then across Europe; and in the Swiss Alps, a trap is laid, and Holmes is killed. Three years later, Watson continues to use Holmes' methods to solve the mystery of a murder in a locked, first-floor room – with an amazing result!



No body, no murder.



Who let the dogs out?

DOCTOR WHO THE DALEK INVASION OF EARTH

Friday, 23rd October – Chulalongkorn Day

"Rebels of London, this is your last offer – our final warning. Leave your hiding places. Show yourselves in the open streets. You will be fed and watered. Work is needed from you; the Daleks offer you life.

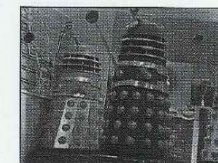
Rebel against us, and the Daleks will destroy London completely. You will all die – the males, the females, the descendants. Rebels of London, come out of your hiding places..."

Set in London in the year 2164, the Earth has been pounded for years by meteorites, and then the Daleks invade! Some of the survivors are turned into Robomen, others become slave workers – workers in a great mine designed to extract the Earth's core. There is no hope, no future for mankind; resistance is futile – that is, until The Doctor comes on the scene.

We travel back to November 1964 to the second-ever televised serial involving the Daleks, featuring William Hartnell as The Doctor. In the Suriwongse Room, we will show Episodes 1 to 3 from 10am; then after lunch, Episodes 4 to 6 from 1pm.



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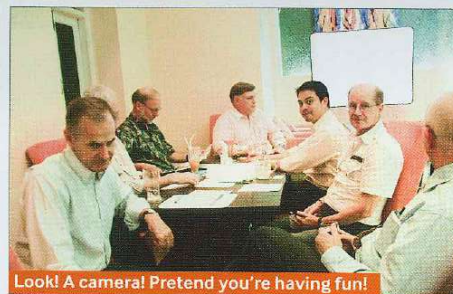
By Fingal O'Flahertie



For those who found the quiz too taxing, sweet relief could be found in a game of invisible dominoes.



Tell our enemies that they may take our lives, they may take our photos, but they'll never take our pints!



Look! A camera! Pretend you're having fun!

August saw a new team testing the waters of the Tetley Smooth Flow Quiz Night, the enigmatically titled 'Not Sure'. Closer examination revealed, however, that this was a new and accidental guise for the returning Beasts. They'd been away for so long that the team member who booked the table couldn't remember what they were called.

That minor confusion quickly resolved, Chairman Rodney provided us with a little more, forcing us to ponder the elegantly fluctuating gender identity of the humble shrimp (and turning one or two of the players off pad thai for life). Thereafter, it was the customary cacophony of the bleeding obvious ('Where is Beverly Hills?') and the frustratingly erudite ('What are the only two animals permitted in the British House of Commons?'). From sitcoms to Slovenia, Tom Jones to the Trans-Siberian Railway, tempers frayed and pencils snapped under the onslaught of the Bain Brain.

There were the usual grumbles: When exactly is Indonesian Independence Day? And is that piece of music most properly called 'The Nutcracker' or 'The Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy' or 'You Know, That One with the Tinkly Bits. Isn't It in an Advert or Something? But the Chairman hath spoken, and all must fall silent before him. Rumours that he's angling to take over the top job in North Korea when Kim Jong-il falls off his platform soles cannot be discounted.

Scoring was gloriously haphazard, with no one team establishing a convincing lead. An implosion by Under Par on the last round allowed The Beasts (aka Not Sure) to stumble over the line, almost by accident; Bangkok Gentleman Spoofers came in third, and Jim's Junkies were a cred table last.

Barely had we emptied our glasses and forgotten the Thompson Twins, when another quiz was upon us. September saw the best night of the month moved to its new – and ever-so-slightly controversial – slot, the first Tuesday.

Any risk of familiarity breeding ennui was demolished by another fine fusillade of questions. No katoey crustaceans this time, but Confucius, Bing Crosby, the Danube and forks all conspired to have the punters chewing their chairs in mental anguish.

Crown Southerners took an early lead, but Shrinky Binky Bang Bang pulled ahead in the high-scoring second round, and just managed to hold off their challengers for the rest of the quiz, edging out CS by a bare two points in the final stretch. Jim's Junkies were in far better form this month, and made it to third place; Norfolk & Chance brought up the rear, matron.

So what are you waiting for? Come along to the next Tetley's Smooth Flow Quiz Night on Tuesday, October 6, starting at 7.30pm, and expose your mind to a mauling. Just one thing – make sure you've thought of a good team name. 'Haven't The Foggies' is still available, apparently.

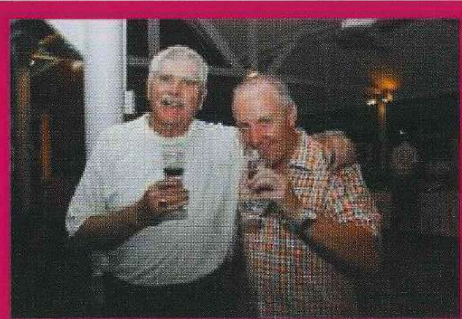
Six of the Bain Best

- The name of what Olympic sport derived from the Greek word for 'naked'?
- What is the capital of Montana?
- Which animal always gives birth to identical twins?
- What is the only African country that's not a member of the African Union?
- How high is a tennis net at the centre?
- If N comes before M, I comes before O, U before I and Z before X, what letter comes before B?



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BC BALUT

By Paul Cheesman

Det 5 Bar & Restaurant has challenged the Club's Balut Section to a Balut Tournament this October. The BCB-Det 5 Challenge Trophy competition will take place in two legs:

Sunday, 11th October, 2pm to 4pm, at Det 5 Bar & Restaurant, Sukhumvit Soi 8

Sunday, 25th October, 2pm to 4pm, in the Suriwongse Room (BCB).

The winner will be the venue that has amassed the most points over the two legs.

For those interested in playing in both legs, please contact the Balut Committee.



BRITISH CLUB SHIELD AWARDS NIGHT

The highlight of the year, the pinnacle of achievement, a night of high glamour, haute cuisine et les vins du premier cru – it was the second annual British Club Bangkok BALUT SHIELD AWARDS night. September 2nd saw the culmination of 21 tournaments with 33 players, spread over twelve months, to award the best of Balut players both in height and breadth.

The evening opened with a superb buffet prepared by the Club's Executive Chef, Khun Laak, and lubricated with beer sponsored by Carlos 'The Jackal' Romero and fine wines sponsored by Outrigger Hotels & Resorts. As the players arrived, they received the 2009 Balut Section Shirt, kindly sponsored by SynergyGPA.com and Det 5 Bar & Restaurant, and were, thus, fully equipped to roll dice.

Before anyone called out, "Alea iacta est!" (The die is cast!), 50% of the Section attended the Section AGM, which took four brave steps: (1) increased the number of Balut Shield tournaments to 24 a year, (2) appointed DQ (David Quine) as Tournament Director, (3) re-elected the past Committee of TC (Phil Alexander), Mr C (Paul Cheesman) and Bowling Ball (Bob van Es) and (4) carefully avoided answering a junior member's question on what a 'douchebag' is!

Then came the Final Tournament – a highly charged event with a Spot Prize on each round and the usual prizes for highest single score and highest aggregate score of the evening. Everyone was seeking to raise the bar and topple the leaders. With the necessary nicotine breaks taken and large quantities of booze consumed (and nearly a whole turkey devoured), the tournament came to a nail-biting conclusion.

The highest aggregate score of the evening went to Carlos 'The Jackal' Romero with 522, beating both Gorgeous (George Okrasa) and Oddsman (Jeremy Watson) by just one point! The prize for highest single score, however, went to a lone player, as Swampy (Steve Eaton) rolled 150 with no one even close to beating him. With the tournament over, all eyes were on the big screen as



The BCB Balut Shield final contenders!

score master DQ (David Quine) entered all the results into the Balut Shield League Table. Despite the greatness of these scores, and many others on the evening, they were not enough to unseat the Balut Shield leader, and so, the BCB Balut Shield for 2008-09 was duly awarded to the Section Chairman TC (Phil Alexander), whose average of 113.6 was nearly ten points higher than last year's 103.7, set by Swampy

(Steve Eaton) – an amazing achievement. The 2008-09 year set a new standard for Balut, with no less than eight players ending the year with an average higher than last year's Shield-winning score.

As well as rewarding the best overall player, the Section awards the BCB Balut Shield Cup for the highest single score across all 21 tournaments; and despite some last minute challenges, the winner for 2008-09 was Section Treasurer Mr C (Paul Cheesman) with a 155, set as far back as 18th February and four points higher than last year's joint winners, TC (Phil Alexander) and Arun Gupta.

As well as the Shield and Cup and winner's medals and a bottle of wine, the 2008-09 winners also received Mini-Break hotel vouchers presented by our sponsor, Outrigger Hotels & Resorts, for their Phuket properties. Our thanks go to all our sponsors.

Food eaten, booze drunk, Shields, Medals and Cups awarded, photos taken, the 2009 Balut Shield Awards Night came to a close and everyone went to the Churchill Bar to relax, unwind, and... play a few games of Balut, of course!

ALL SET TO ZERO!!

With the 2009 Balut Shield Award Night over for this year, the good news is that all scores reset to zero. So with 24 tournaments in this year's calendar, it is open to anyone to play and start the challenge for the 2010 Balut Shield Awards Night (1st September 2010, guys – put it in your diary).

To join the Balut Section, please contact any Balut Committee Member in the Churchill Bar most evenings!



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SUDOKU

We finally tempted some of you to send in your results from last month's puzzling endeavours, and we must say that we were impressed – chiefly in that we could get you to do it! No, really, we were amazed at your abilities (take that as you will), such as those demonstrated by Members Hamish MacPherson (M454) or Tom Callahan (C252) or the Champion of the Month®, Luddawan 'Da' Duanghai (D44). But what we really learned from poring over all of your pages was that we just aren't trying hard enough. So we've decided to punish you with two more challenges that are even more vexing than ever before.

Hey, don't blame us. It just takes a few eggheads to ruin it for the whole bunch. Send your solution times in by email, fax, or in person (see page 2 on how to do that). Maybe we'll find that we need to turn the difficulty down a notch!

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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KHUN LAAK'S ON THE MENU



Schnitzel with Watercress and Spiced Apple Sauce

Serves 2.

Apple Sauce: knob of butter • zest and juice of ½ an orange • 50g/1½ oz. sugar • ¼ tsp ground cinnamon • ¼ of a nutmeg, grated • ¼ tsp ground cloves • 2 good eating apples, peeled, cored and chopped into 2.5 cm/1 in. dice. **Schnitzel:** 2 x 150g/5½ oz pork escalopes, preferably free-range or organic • sea salt and freshly ground black pepper • flour • 1 large free-range or organic egg, beaten • 3 large handfuls of cornichon, drained and chopped into matchsticks • 2 handfuls of watercress, washed and dried • 1 lemon • extra virgin olive oil.

Apple Sauce: Gently melt the butter for a minute with the orange zest and juice, sugar, cinnamon, grated nutmeg and cloves. Stir until the butter foams, then stir in the apples. Place a lid on top and cook for 20 to 25 minutes on a medium to low heat until you have a soft, sludgy sauce. Taste and add a bit more sugar if you want. Keep the apple sauce warm, or put to one side, whichever you prefer.

Schnitzel: Put the escalopes on to a chopping board, put a piece of greaseproof paper on top and bat the meat with the bottom of a saucepan to flatten it a little—you want to get it to about 0.5 cm/¼ in. thick. To breadcrumb your meat, lay four large plates in a line. From left to right, place salt and pepper in one, flour in the second, beaten egg in the third and fine bread crumbs in the fourth. Season the pieces of meat and dip them into the flour, shaking off any excess, then put them into the egg, dripping off any excess, and into the bread crumbs, patting them over both sides and pressing down quite firmly. Gently shake off any excess and put the meat on a board or clean plate ready to be cooked.

Heat a heavy frying pan, add a couple of good glugs of olive oil and, when it's good and hot, put both pieces of pork into the pan. Cook for 2 minutes or so, then carefully start to shake and agitate the pan to cover them in the hot oil. Turn the pork over and continue to cook for a couple of minutes until both sides are crisp and golden brown. Remove to a tray lined with



kitchen paper and season with salt and pepper. Put a schnitzel on to each of your serving plates. Put a little pile of cornichon matchsticks and some watercress leaves on top and serve with a big lob of the apple sauce, a squeeze of lemon juice and drizzle of extra virgin olive oil.

German Pork Knuckles

2 meaty pork knuckles • 1 leek • 1 stalk celery • 1 carrot • 1 onion, chopped • salt • black peppercorns • 2 lards • 1 tsp of caraway seeds • 1 bottle of Dunkel

Slowly simmer the pork knuckles in water with the chopped onion, celery, leek, carrot and peppercorns for about 3 hours, until tender. Remove the pork knuckles and drain. Retain the vegetables and a ladle full of the cooking liquid.

Preheat a lidded casserole in the oven to 200°C with the lard in it. Put in the pork knuckle, veg and cooking liquid and bake for 30 minutes. Just before the meat is done, sprinkle with beer and caraway seed.

Sauerkraut

To prepare the cabbage, remove and discard the outer leaves. Wash and drain and then cut the cabbages into halves or quarters while removing the core in the process.

Shred cabbage (use a food processor for speed and ease). If you shred by hand, make sure the shreds are no thicker than a five-pence!

Mix, with wooden spoon or very clean hands, 5 pounds of shredded cabbage with 4 tablespoons of Kosher salt (pickling salt will do but changes the flavour a bit—do not use table salt) and toss and mix thoroughly until kosher salt dissolves! (You can make as much as you wish as long as you use the ratio of 5 lbs cabbage to 4 tbsp salt). NOTE: If you plan on refrigerating and not canning, use 3 tbsp of salt, not 4!

When juice starts to form on cabbage from tossing, pack the cabbage firmly and evenly into a clean crock, glass or enamel container. Press firmly to encourage juice formation. Fill the



utensil no closer than 5 inches from the top. Make sure juice covers the cabbage completely (this does not always happen unless the cabbage is fresh from the garden!). Prepare additional brine by putting 1½ tbsp of kosher salt into 1 quart of boiling water. Dissolve salt and cool brine to room temperature before adding to the pot of cabbage.

Once cabbage is immersed in brine water, place a large, food grade plastic bag filled with brine water and top of cabbage (suggestion: use two large bags, one inside the other—sometimes a 2-gal freezer bag—with a couple of quarts of cooled brine water inside; so, if the bag breaks, it will not water down the cabbage into a tasteless mess). The cabbage must be well sealed all around with the bag, so no air can get in and contaminate the sauerkraut with unwanted yeasts or molds!

Now cover the container with plastic wrap, then a heavy towel or cloth and tie securely into place. Do not remove this until fermenting is complete! Put into an area where the temperature will not be above 23°C. Fermentation will begin within a day, depending upon the room temperature. If room temperature is 23°C, allow 3 weeks for fermentation. If temperature is 21°C, allow 4 weeks. If temperature is 18°C, allow 5 weeks. If temperature is 15°C, allow six weeks. NOTE: If temperature is above 23°C, the sauerkraut may not ferment and could spoil!

Once fermented, taste to see if your required tartness exists. Tartness will weaken as you process, so make sure it is a wee bit more tart than you like! NOTE: If you refrigerate, rinse and toss with cold water to attain the tartness desired.

Suggestion: Mix in ½ tsp caraway seed into 4 cups of sauerkraut, enough for a couple of pints or 1 quart. This makes a tasty variation.

Black Forest Cherry Cake

Serves 12.

Cake: 200g/7oz plain chocolate, broken into squares • 115g/4oz/½ cup unsalted butter • 3 eggs, separated • 115g/4oz/½ cup brown sugar • 45ml/3 tbsp Kirsch • 75g/3oz/2½ cup self-raising flour, sifted • 50g/2oz/¼ cup ground almonds.

Filling and topping: 65g/2½oz plain chocolate • 65g/2½oz plain chocolate-flavoured cake frosting • 45ml/3 tbsp Kirsch • 425g/15oz can stoned black cherries, drained and juice reserved • 600ml/1 pint/2½ cups double cream, lightly whipped • 12 fresh cherries with stalks

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. Grease and base-line a deep 20cm/8in round cake tin with greased greaseproof

paper. Melt the plain chocolate and butter in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, stirring to mix. Remove from the heat and leave until barely warm.

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar in a bowl until very thick, then fold in the chocolate mixture and the Kirsch. Fold in the flour with the ground almonds. Whisk the egg whites in a grease-free bowl until stiff, then gently fold into the mixture. Pour the mixture into the prepared cake tin and bake in the oven for 40 minutes, or until firm to the touch.

Allow the sponge to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out and cool on a wire rack. Use a long serrated knife to cut the cake horizontally into 3 even layers. Meanwhile, make the chocolate curls. Melt the chocolate and chocolate cake frosting in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, as before. Cool for 5 minutes, then pour on to a board to set. Use a potato peeler to shave off thin curls.

Mix the Kirsch with 90ml/6 tbsp of the reserved cherry juice. Place the bottom layer of sponge on a serving plate and sprinkle with 45ml/3 tbsp of the Kirsch syrup. Spread one-third of the whipped cream over the sponge layer and scatter over half the cherries. Place the second layer of sponge on top and repeat with another third of the Kirsch syrup and cream and the remaining cherries. Place the final sponge layer on top and sprinkle the remaining Kirsch syrup over it.

Spread the remaining cream over the top of the cake. Sprinkle over the chocolate curls and top with the fresh cherries.

Coco-Pomegranate Juice

Serves 1.

4oz coconut juice • 2 oz. pomegranate juice • ¼ oz grenadine syrup

Shake all ingredients together. Pour into young coconut and serve.



Mixed-berry Sunset

Serves 1.

1 tbsp each of raspberry, blueberry, blackberry • 2 oz. orange juice • 1 oz. lime juice • 3 sprigs mint leaves

Blend all ingredients together until smooth. Pour into a glass and serve.

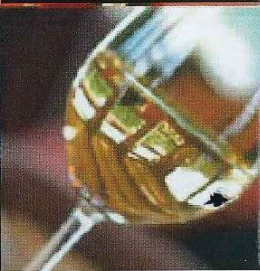
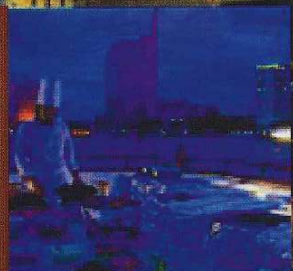
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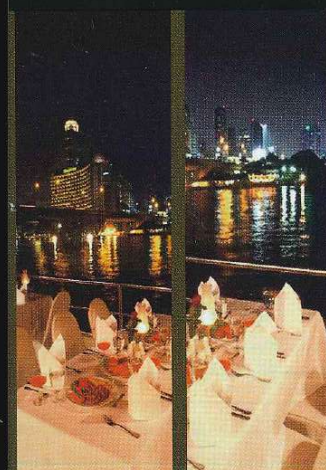
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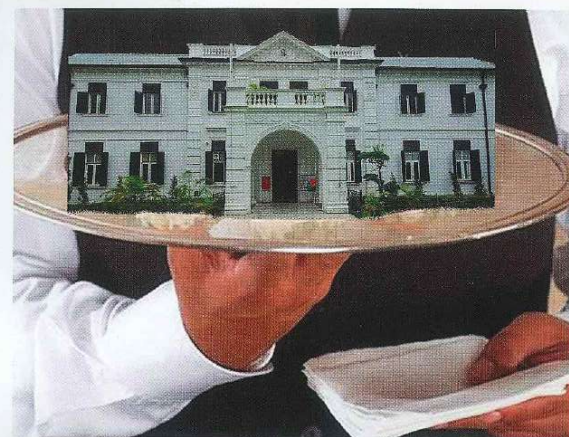


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Simply order direct from any outlet in person or by telephone.

For bulk orders, please contact Khun Somboon or Khun Barry in the Clubhouse office.

SUSIE'S Kids Korner



Frank's Monster Costume

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Plastic gallon jug
- Green acrylic paint
- Silver pipe cleaners
- A nail
- Masking tape
- 2 5/8-inch bolt/washer/nut combinations
- 1 yard of black plush
- Double-sided mounting tape
- Black elastic cord
- Old blue jeans
- Old sneakers
- Black T-shirt
- Green socks
- Old blazer
- Green plastic gloves
- Cotton batting
- Green face paint



1. To make the headpiece: Begin by cutting the spout and handle off the plastic jug. Paint the front and sides green. Once dry, add silver pipe cleaner stitches to his forehead. To do this, use a nail to poke holes in the jug, then thread silver pipe cleaners through the holes to resemble stitches. Fold the pipe cleaner ends flat against the inside and cover them with masking tape so they won't scratch your head.
2. Next, add the bolts to the monster's temples. Cut large holes in the plastic with the point of a pair of scissors (adults only). Thread each bolt from inside the jug to the outside, then slide on the washer and screw on the nut.
3. Cut the hairpiece out of plush fake fur (you can even buy this material at some malls). Attach to the front, sides and back of the jug head with double-sided mounting tape. Poke two small holes in the bottom of the headpiece and thread the elastic cord through for a chinstrap.
4. To decorate the clothes: Cut the cuffs off the old jeans, and then fringe the pant legs. To doctor the sneakers, unlace them and cut off the tongues and the toes, leaving the soles and sides intact. Relace the sneakers.
5. To assemble the costume: Have your child put on the T-shirt, jeans, blazer, jug headpiece and rubber gloves. Next, stuff the toes of the green socks with cotton batting and put on the socks. Put on the sneakers, apply face paint and your child will be ready to fill the big guy's shoes.

Little Miss Mouse Costume

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Sheet of pink felt, 12-by-9 inches
- Scissors
- Double-sided foam tape
- Gray hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants
- Fabric glue
- 2 pink felt circles, 5 inches in diameter
- 2 white or gray felt circles, 9 inches in diameter
- Duct tape
- Thick cotton cord
- Face paint (optional)

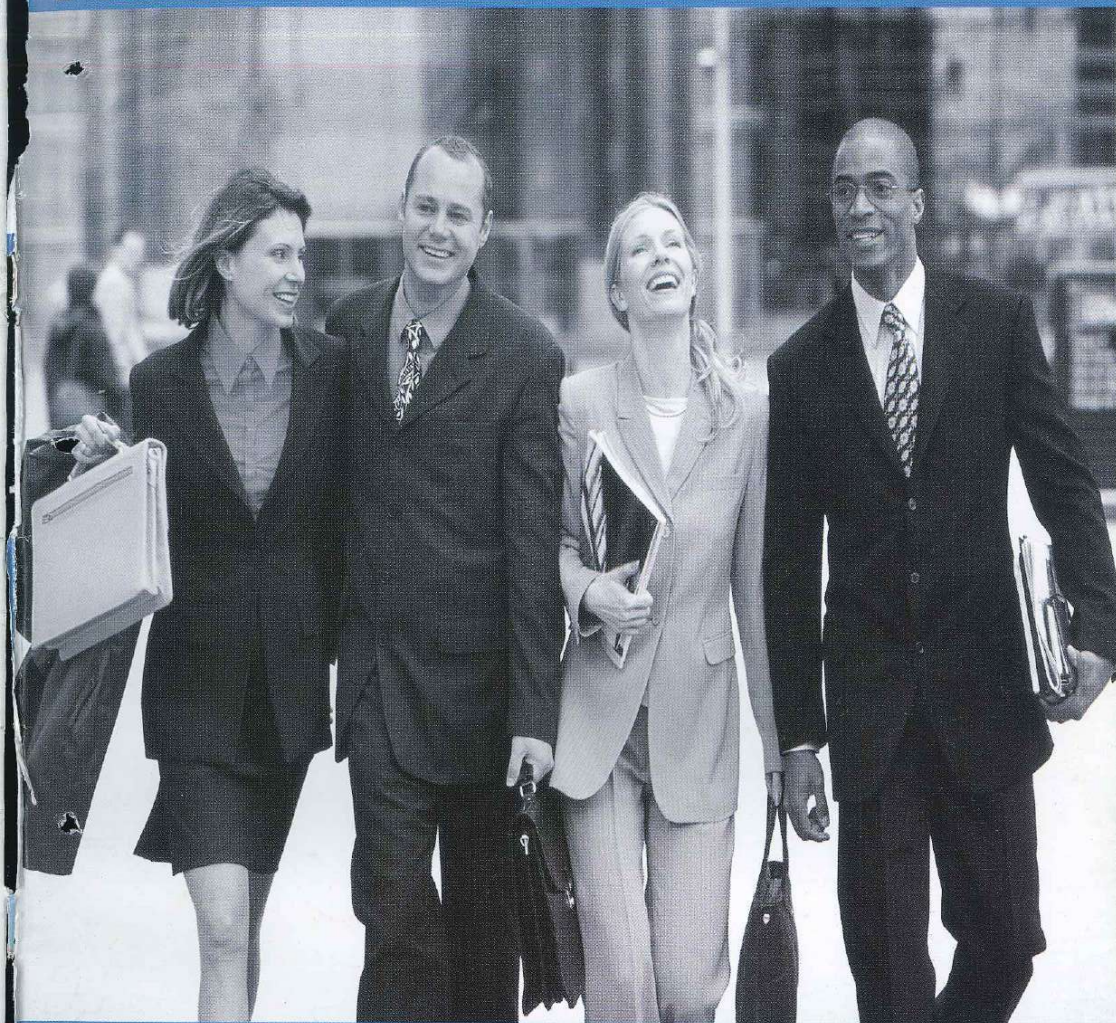


1. Trim the pink felt into a large oval, then stick it to the front of the sweatshirt with double-sided foam tape.
2. For ears, glue the pink felt circles to the centres of the white or gray felt circles. When dry, cut a pie-slice wedge from each ensemble. Then overlap and glue the cut edges together to create a conical ear. Attach the ears to the sweatshirt hood with double-sided foam tape.
3. For a tail, duct-tape a length of thick cotton cord to the back of the sweatpants and pull the hem of the sweatshirt over the taped portion.
4. Use face paint to add a mouse nose and whiskers, if desired.

DESIGN OUR COVER

We need your help making up a cover for our Christmas issue! Join Khun Susie on Sunday, October 18th or on Guy Fawkes Day and draw, colour, or whatever you can think up to make a nice picture of Christmas at the Club. If you make it at home, then we need it to fit a size of 192mm wide x 235mm high. Then just bring it into Susie on one of the above dates. We'll choose our favorite for the cover and show off some of the rest on the inside!

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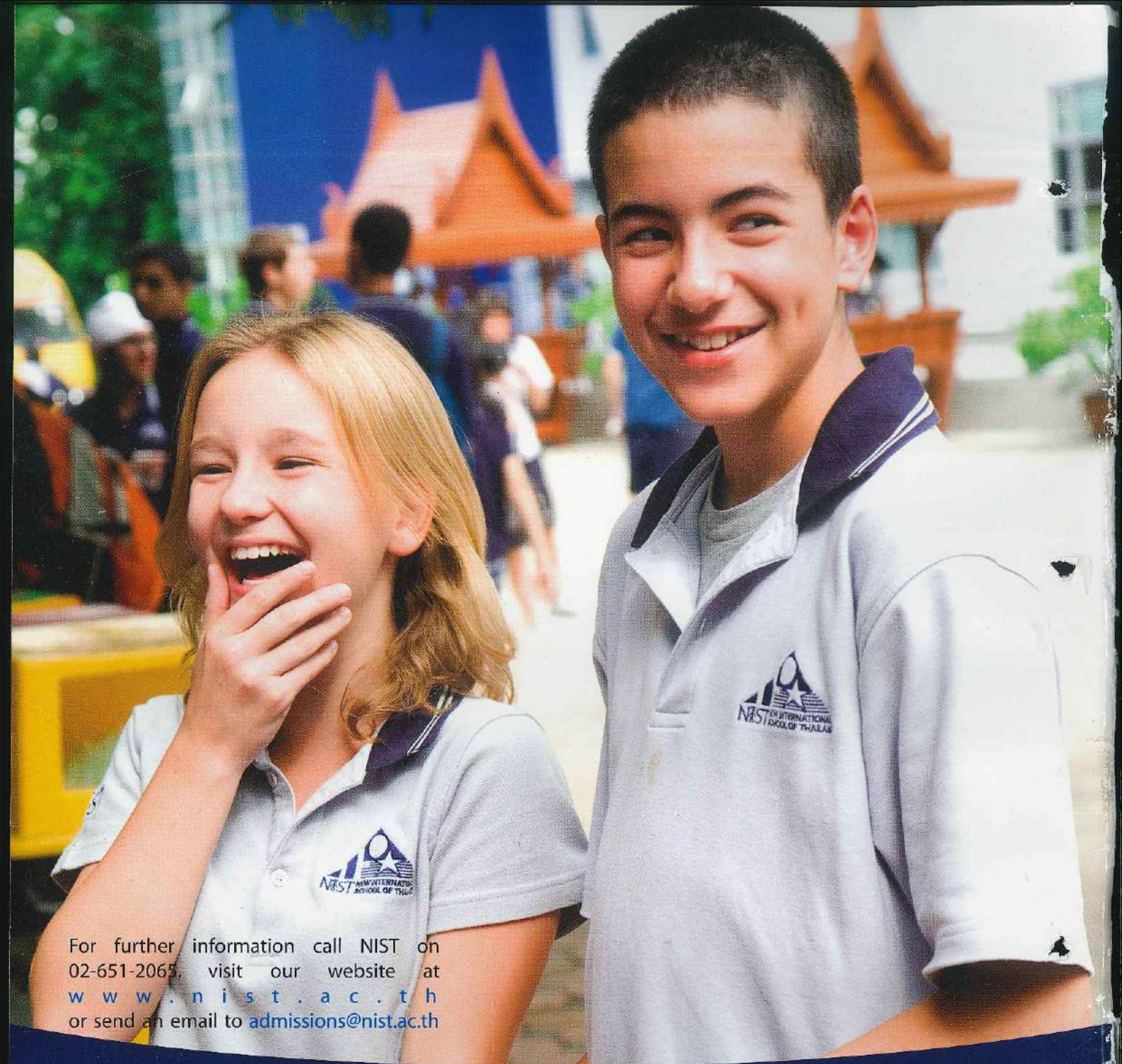


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