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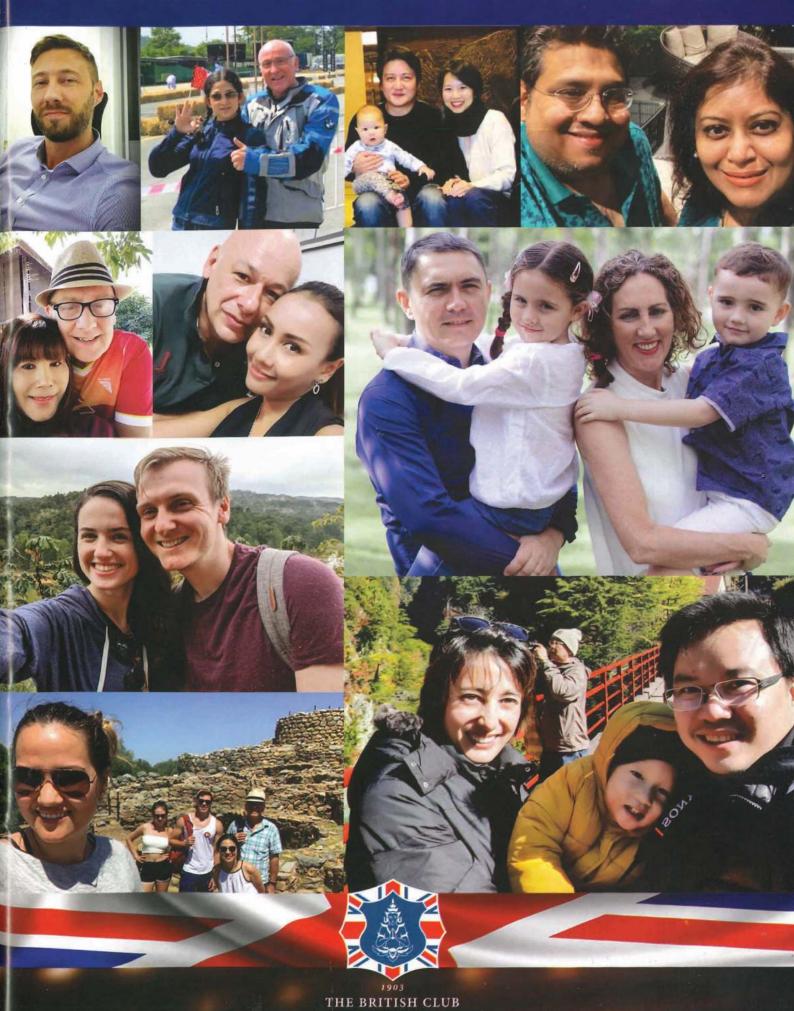
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#### **Front Cover**

Shows perspectives of the Poolside Redevelopment which has just been approval by the member to commence.

#### From the Editor

The year is off to a flying start... February already and as always there is plenty on at the Club.

Wine Tasting is back on again and a new fun event Log Master so check it out and in this edition we feature the Polar Swim and Christmas Day at the Club.

Cheers



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Phase 2: I am writing this the morning after the
Extraordinary General Meeting, which gave the General
Committee approval to proceed with Phase 2 of the
Poolside Redevelopment Project. The Votes were as

For: 157 (Present 47, Discretionary Proxies 9, Directed Proxies 101

Against: 49 (Present 22, Discretionary Proxies 5, Directed Proxies 22)

follows:



The meeting was lively with 70 Members present and was conducted in good spirit. The result was conclusive giving the General Committee a clear mandate to finish the poolside redevelopment.

This is a huge step forward for the Club. The GC's Vision is to bring all facilities up to 21st Century standards, developing the poolside as a modern, casual, family and sports hub complemented with more formal traditional drinking and dining, meeting and entertainment activities on the Club House side. Our priority since 2016 has been the poolside because the facilities there had become very shabby and dated at a time when expatriate accommodation and other leisure facilities were becoming more and more luxurious.

The project will take about a year to complete. The swimming pool, pool deck and the Silom Wing will all remain open throughout the project. Cover will be



provided over the pool deck to provide temporary seating whilst the Surawongse Sala is closed, the Fitness Centre will move to what we called the Interactive Room on the first floor at the Silom Wing and temporary male and female toilets, showers and changing rooms will be provided on the first floor of the Silom Wing over the Family Room.



There will of course be some inconvenience but we will do everything possible to minimise this.

Member Loan Scheme (MLS): A Members Loan Scheme (MLS) has been established so that the project can start now rather wait a few years until adequate cash is accumulated. The EGM agreed that the project could only start when 30 million baht has been deposited in the scheme and invitations for all Members to Subscribe are being sent out as I write. By the time you receive this the official subscription period will be closed. The early indications are that we can expect good support but it will be quite an administrative challenge to conclude loan agreements and secure the funds in the bank. Our target is to establish the 30 million baht fund by the 15th February. Thank you in advance to all Members who are investing in the scheme.

#### Reportings

Proxy Votes: The Motion at the EGM last night was carried by 66% of those present at the meeting and by a 76% majority overall including Proxy Votes. The result was conclusive whichever way you look at it but there continues to be controversy about the use of Proxy votes. Indeed, their use has been controversial throughout my 40+ years at the Club, debated at several General Meeting and tweaks occasionally made to the rules.

The last time the issue was raised was in 2018 when we overhauled the entire constitution. Members were asked to vote on three options: 1) To maintain the current system allowing Directed and Discretionary Proxies), 2) To allow Discretionary Proxies only and 3), To allow no Proxy Votes at all. The vote was overwhelmingly in favour of retaining the current system both in terms of total votes and by Members present at the Meeting.

No doubt this will be debated again but it is clear that in today's world, Members are busier and on the move more than ever before. A huge number of Members simply cannot attend General Meetings because they are traveling or otherwise committed. Proxy votes ensure much wider Member participation in decision-making at the Club. Last night total votes represented about 30% of the voting Members whilst those attending were only about 10% and biased of course towards those who are not so mobile.

The Swimming Pool/Pump Room: Concerns about the state of the swimming pool were raised at the November 7th EGM, some Members questioning whether it could withstand construction of Phase 2. The GC commissioned engineers Meinhardt (Thailand) Ltd to carry out a follow-up structural inspection of the one they carried out when the pool was last repaired in 2012. Their report is available in the Members section of the website.

The Report confirms no undue concern regarding the swimming pool integrity either imminently or as a result of the construction works that are proposed for Phase 2. However it is over 50 years old and we can

expect to have to replace it sometime this decade. This will be an opportunity to bring it up to modern standards including provision for elderly/ handicap access etc. Currently this is estimated to cost around 12-15 million baht and this will be provided for in longer-term CAPEX projections.

Meanwhile however, the Meinhardt report confirmed that the pump room needs urgent repair work. Earlier repairs in 2012 were not adequately executed and the problem has been exacerbated with the construction of the new BBQ/ Pizza station overhead. As a precaution, temporary props were installed before Christmas and the BBQ/ Pizza station temporarily closed. The GC has now contracted Hammersmith Construction to carry out re-strengthening work at a cost of about 500,000 baht. Work should be complete in February and will extend the life of the pump room for another 5-7 years.

Silom Wing Finishes: The Club retains funds from the Silom Wing contractors against defects. The contractor will commence work to address an agreed list of defects in January and these are scheduled for completion in March. The GC is also finalising designs with architects Chapman Taylor to address outstanding issues regarding airflow/shelter in the Silom Wing, maintenance of the vertical gardens and acoustic issues relating to the Family Room. Work on these will also commence shortly. Management will endeavour to ensure there is minimum disruption of activities whilst these mostly minor works are carried out.

Members Gathering: One of our most enjoyable annual events is the Members Gathering, which will be held on Thursday 6th February. All Members who have been Members for more than 20 years are invited to a Reception together with all new Members who joined in the last year. This is a great chance to meet up with old friends and new, and I do urge you to attend if invited.

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#### **SPEAKERS**

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Max White Director, Schroders Wealth Management

#### WHEN

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#### WHERE

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# TEE TALK WORDS FROM THE DGM

Tee Bale

olar Ice kicked off 2020 for us and we would like to thank all the kids and families that came down and enjoyed a super fresh chilled started to the year while swimming with ice-burgs, not forgetting our always happy Peter the Penguin that made his annual appearance.

Following Khun Prem's announcement that we will be creating many new events for you this year, Movies Under The Stars was our first new events and was a great success, we had three sell out nights enjoyed by everyone that attended, don't worry if you missed out this time, we will be hosting three more movie nights towards the end of the year.

February is heating up and what better way to cool down than to take part in our Log Master, this is a gladiator pool challenge where two people go head to head on the inflatable log and battle to knock each other off, every Sunday throughout February at 2.00pm make sure your up for the challenge.

For all you sporting members we will be showing all the live action from the Guinness Six Nations Rugby, many a promotion to enjoy in the Churchill Bar whist cheering on your favourite team. Staying on the rugby theme, we are very happy to be catering this years Rugby 10s competition hosted at Pattana, make sure you swing by over the weekend Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March to try our Bad Boy Burgers and other delicious food on offer.

Chinese New Year is soon to be upon us, it will be the year of the Rat, and as always we will have the best dim sum buffet in Bangkok ready for you in The Verandah, followed by the super exciting and daring tiger dance on the front lawn, make sure you don't miss it and bring your camera.

With the successful EGM that just took place we are already planning our new outlets and facilities to enhance your membership experience, watch this space for some exciting new developments in the coming months.







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For a large number of people I see – the injury they are seeking rehab for often has a history of previous injuries – often the same part of the body but not always. Re-injury, and/or successive other joint injury is common - so what is missing from the equation? Does this mean that after one major injury it is all downhill from there?

Lets use the example of knee surgery. Once the surgery is complete and the post surgery healing time has been adhered to, the orthopedic surgeon's job is done – the joint has renewed integrity. But that does not mean that your body has functional integrity. What does that mean?

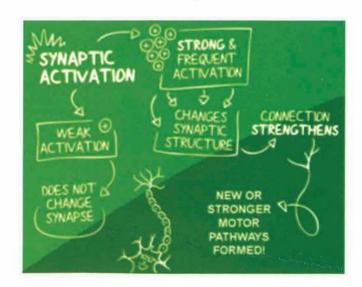


Our brains are very clever at protecting us – and part of that is the brains reaction to pain. When your leg is injured and/or in pain ie:from injury or post op trauma, your brain will encourage you to take weight off that limb putting more weight on the other leg. You limp. You move differently. A leg fracture for example, after 6 weeks in a cast will leave you definitely limping – the

cast comes off – and for some reason you just cannot stop limping – it seems you are incapable of walking normally. The problem is that after 6 weeks limping, your brain now perceives that motion as 'normal' so a few weeks later you think that you are finally walking 'normally' but in fact your limp has become your new normal. Your new 'normal' – being an unbalanced gait – leaves you with a higher probability of producing another injury unless you work at regaining functional integrity – regaining strength and balance not only in your injured leg, but the rest of the body that has compensated for the imbalance and restoring good movement patterns again.

The Sports Injury Bulletin recently published an article by Chris Mallac – a highly qualified Physiotherapist and Human Movement Educator with extensive experience in elite level sport, that discusses this. The following is from this article.

"Reinjury rates following return to sport are often quite high. In under-25 athletes for example, the incidence of another anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) rupture (or



ACL failure) run as high as 23%. The reasons for reinjury when returning to sport are multifactorial. One of the commonly identified factors is a failure to target and retrain motor control resulting in aberrant movement patterns in the recovering athlete. Despite attempts at best practice rehabilitation of athletes, the utilization of motor control principles – specifically the principles of neuroplasticity – is frequently neglected.

What is neuroplasticity?

The Polish neuroscientist Jerzy Konorski most likely coined the term neuroplasticity. In 1948, he described the adaptive cellular mechanisms of learning. He observed that learning occurred through a change in the quality of the connections between neurons in the brain. Those connections which were strengthened through frequent activation allowed encoded memories (see figure 1). Many additions and revisions of this concept transpired over the next few decades. Ultimately rehabilitation professionals harnessed the concept of plasticity, or the ability of the brain to change the wiring of neural networks, in the recovery of central nervous system disorders. Indeed, many of the current modern-day rehabilitation programs used for traumatic brain injury and cerebral vascular accidents (strokes and aneurysms) have their roots embedded in the original theories proposed by Konorski.

The application of the concept of neuroplasticity extends beyond the realm of purely neurological therapy. This model has a place in the rehabilitation of sports injuries as well. For instance, ACL tears, shoulder instability, broken long bones, or ankle fractures are time-dependent injuries. Part of the extensive rehabilitation of these injuries is the recovery of motor control, which is governed by the central nervous system." Ref:

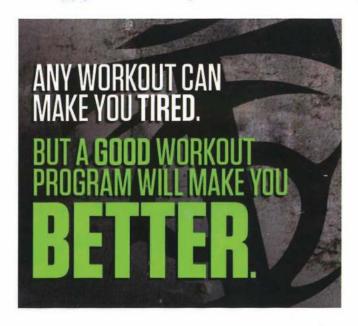
www.sportsinjurybulletin.com/neuroplasticity-insports-injury-rehabilitation/

#### MOTION IS LOTION! Intelligent Training

Use it or lose it is the lead principle in this process keeping in mind that the body is very clever and adapts well to what you give it so if you want to keep getting improvements your training needs to be specifically designed for those improvements – intensity, repetition, specificity and intelligent time frames for progression and correct movement patterns are important factors. Remember your muscles don't have a brain – training for improvement needs to be intelligent training. Your brain needs to be involved.

Intelligent training is the key to ongoing pain issues, injury prevention and rehabilitation and lifestyle management especially with conditions that may not be fixable – but are most definitely manageable. Have a look at some examples of people who have chosen intelligent training and had some great wins.

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We stayed one night in the club on our way back to Bangkok, and room that we got was very comfortable and reasonable value compared to hotel alternatives. It's guite an active club because on the day we arrived there were two events, namely a visit to an art gallery to see a new exhibition in the afternoon, and a Champagne tasting in the evening. Even though advance reservations were required for the Champagne tasting, the staff at reception were able to arrange for us to go at short notice. All the other club members who we met during our visit made us feel welcome. The club has a lot of facilities including 3 bars (one of which is a small whisky bar), 2 restaurants, a gym, a billiard room and multiple function rooms. The dress code is mostly business casual, but a lot of the men that we saw in the club were wearing jackets (without ties) even though jackets are not strictly required. However, men must wear both a jacket and a tie in the fine dining restaurant.

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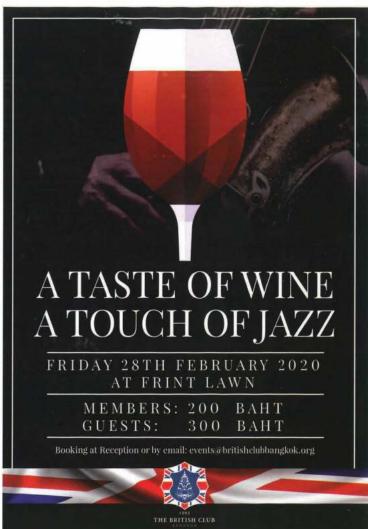












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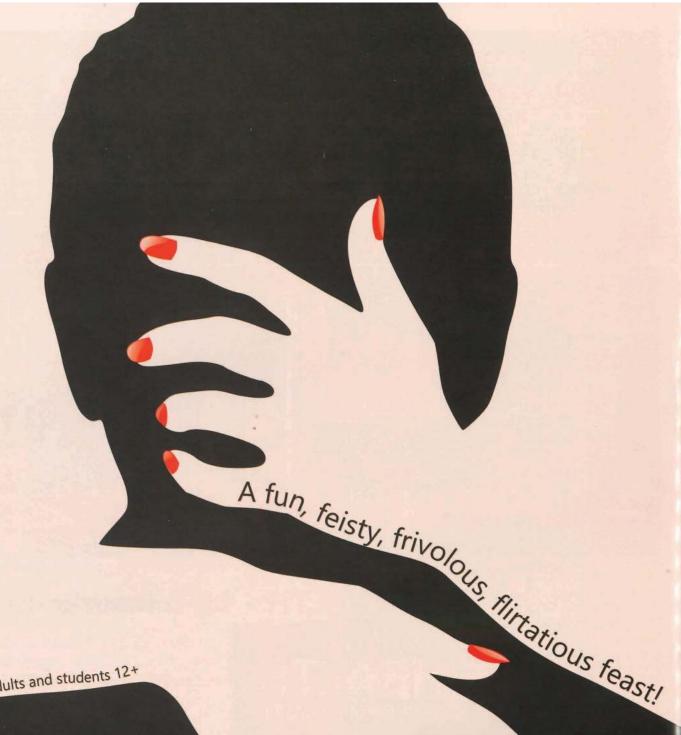
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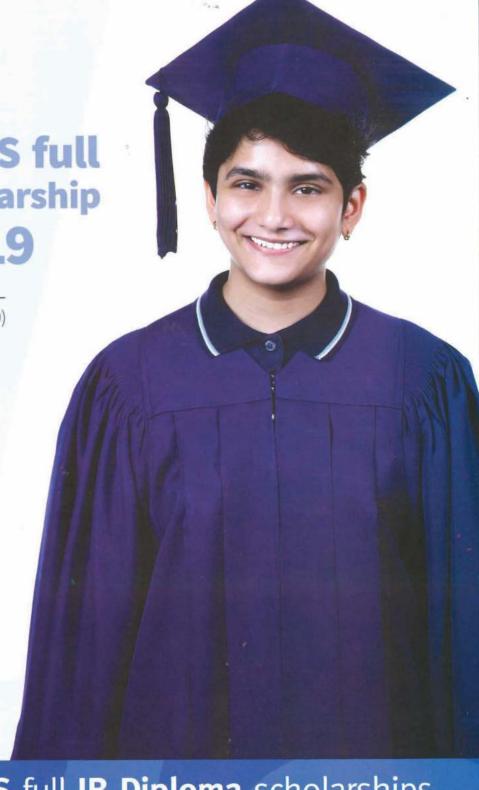
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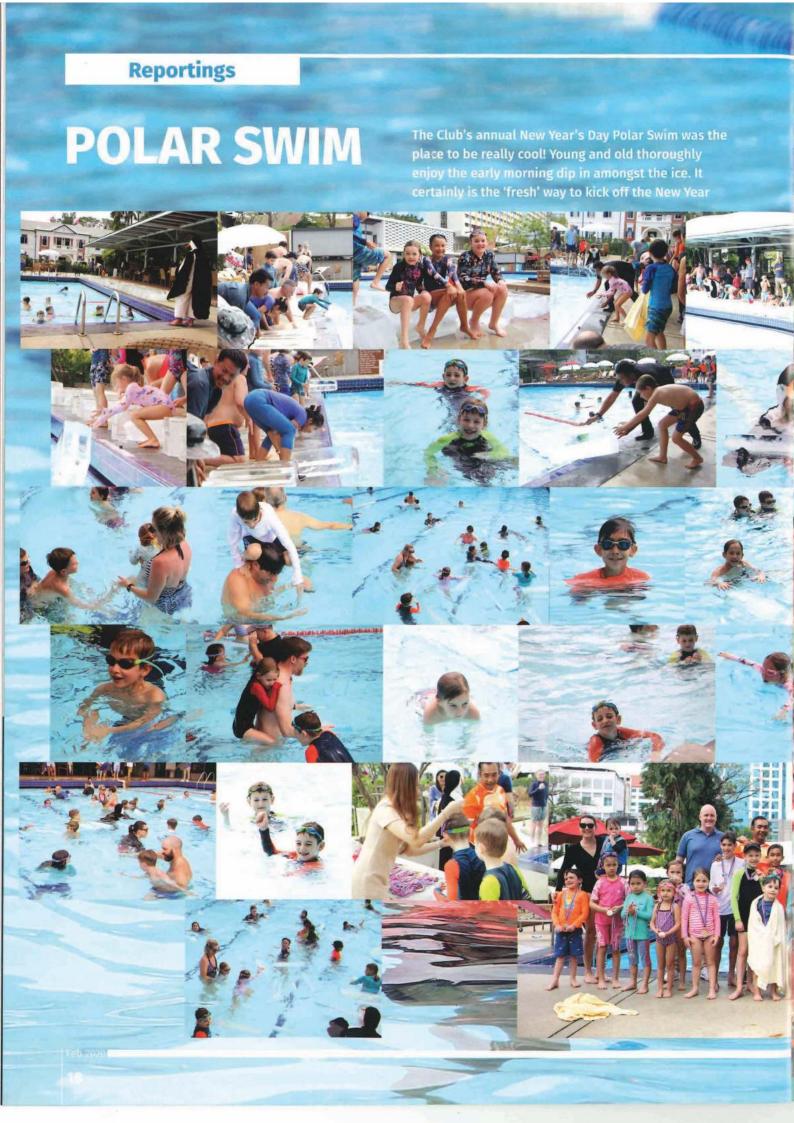
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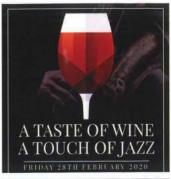
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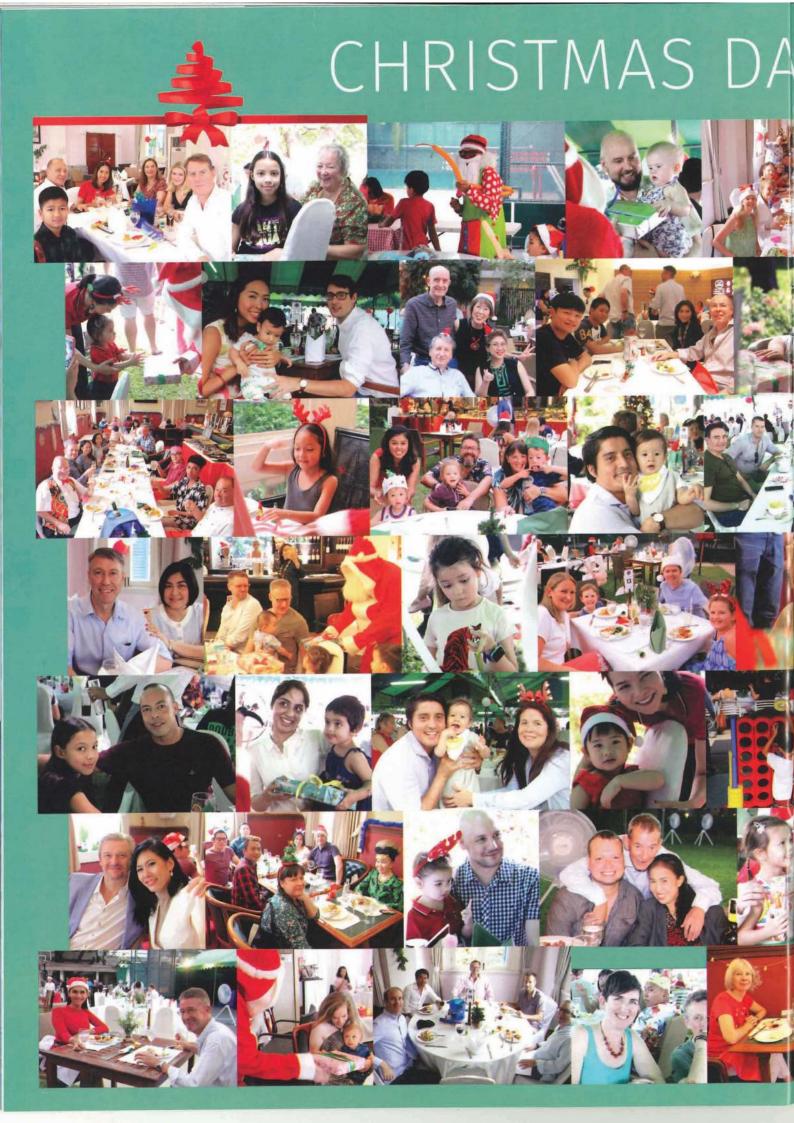
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ike most of you, I managed to drink my fair share of wine over the New Year and had a chance to try out some wines I didn't tried before.

One that I found to be a very nice drop was the Akarua Rua Pinot Noir 2018 from Bannockburn in Central Otago, New Zealand. Sitting by the during the day I tend to drink a white wine. But as I was offered a Pinot Noir I decided to try it and I was pleasantly surprised.

Watching this bright cherry coloured wine being poured into the glass I knew I was in for a treat and I wasn't wrong. It had the aroma or sweet ripe red berries with a savoury and touch of spice character. Tasting it reinforced the sweet ripe red berries. It was so soft and smooth on the palate with a long fruit finish to it. The winemakers say it has been deliberately made to drink as a young fresh red and I would totally agree with that.

Central Otago, as a viticultural region, arguably more than any other New Zealand wine growing region, has rapidly gained international market and media credibility for producing pinot noir. Scientific temperature data identified Bannockburn in particular as possessing seasonal temperatures and weather and with one of the finest elevated North facing sites in Bannockburn making it ideal for the continuing consistency and quality of pinot noir.

Now for the technical Info.

Region: Central Otago, New Zealand

Varieties: 100% Pinot Noir

Bottled: Dec 2017 Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.6 TA: 5.5

Residual Sugar: 1g/L

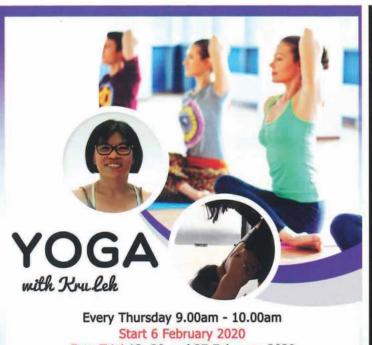
Serving temperature Between 16-18°C Food pairing: Enjoyable with dishes in source, lamb, game, red meat and cheese.

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Cheers





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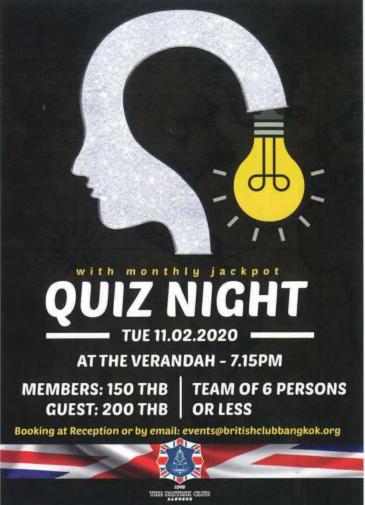
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## SQUASHY BITS ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT!



ast month's Bits centred on a visit by a female team from the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

However, the text was removed by the General Committee just prior to printing leaving just the photos. The following may explain this sudden and unprecedented censorship: (It's on the BCB Squashies FB page)

The knock came at 5am. Loud, violent, sudden. But somehow expected. A tired and pensive face peered out from within.



The orders were barked sharply from the semi-darkness: "Dress quickly! Come! Do not speak!" A weapon glinted menacingly in the half light.

The prisoner was led blindfolded at gunpoint to the

unmarked vehicle. Then the terrifying journey to the hidden location on the outskirts of nowhere.



Seated at the table in the dimly lit room were two individuals in Chinese military uniform.

Behind them hung faded portraits of past and present leaders. Kim Jong-phil. Carrie Lamb Shank.

The blindfold was removed, but not the wire binding the prisoner's wrists which had begun to draw blood.

"Prostrate yourself before Sir Lord General Donefor and Commander Cheese. Kneel!"

The General glared down in disgust. His words were slow and precise: "We represent the Great Council of the British Club Bangkok. You have been impertinent again."

The shaking prisoner looked up and made to speak.

"Bow your head! Do not look at us! Guard him Bale."

"Locked and loaded, Sir."

The ageing General continued gravely: "We have been very lenient with you in the past. We have been more than kind. But you have not appreciated our generosity. We have tolerated your impertinent utterings on many occasions. And now you have brought us much disgrace and danger."

Commander Cheese scorned the kneeling, quivering specimen: "Your Hong Kong nonsense represented evil lies and falsehoods. The potential damage was immense had the mainland authorities seen it. It was lucky for you the Great Council was wise and intervened at the last moment. But at great trouble. The island puppet protestors are fools and dogs much like you. Their cause is unjust and not worthy of glamour."



The General warned: "The Great Council is benevolent and affords the simple squashies many excellent facilities. But do not be foolish and abuse our kindness. You will face severe punishment for the shame and trouble you have brought us. And you will change your attitude."

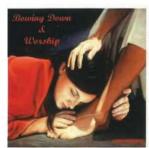
The corpulent Commander let out a frustrated sigh: "It is understood your membership will not be terminated at this time, however. Nor shall you receive any suspension. Rather you will endure hard labour."

The General begrudgingly conceded: "We need your money. Phase 2 is way over budget. The membership is

most displeased. Another EGM is looming. A termination or suspension now will not be in the Great Council's interests. You will clean my car. Inside and out. And then both squash courts. With your tongue."

"Let this punishment be a grave warning to scum like you. The Outpost is provided under the generous grace and guidance of the Great Council. So the Club's membership may learn of the many, joyful events offered by its superior facilities. Squashy Bits is not the place for your mindless rants or warped fiction. You will report the squash section's affairs truthfully. You will describe the squashies as happy, obedient, grateful. You will praise the Great Council in your writings always. AND YOU WILL DESIST in the use of foul and uncouth words to toy foolishly with issues

beyond your concern. We must not antagonise the locals or the mainland. They are watching. We do not expect to have to intervene again. We have saved you on this occasion. We are kind. Merciful. Just. But do not test us further."



"Kiss their feet to show your sincere repentance and gratitude to the General and Commander," growled Bale the Butcher.

The prisoner shuffled forward and meekly obeyed.

"Take him away!"

## XMAS EVENT

By the gracious grace and benign benevolence of the Great Council led so sagely by its Dear Leaders Sir Lord General Dunford and Commander Cheese, the humble servant Squashies were permitted to hold a Christmas Competition and Party. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE GREAT COUNCIL!

Squash Section Committee Member Marc Sayer was tasked with the marketing and organisation of this glorious event. Naturally, as just a meek and pathetic Squashy, such a responsibility was beyond his pitiful and limited abilities. The Great Council, in its infinite power and wisdom, was of course then instrumental in the guidance and management of this excellent function. They provided everything, did everything, handled everything. And for that we must express our sincere gratitude again and forever and ever. THANK YOU AGAIN AND FOREVER AND EVER!

From the sheer, unbridled joy and overwhelming thankfulness of being expressly and delightfully invited so dearly by Marc - The Great Council - to take part in this exotic and wondrous event, hoardes of Squashies scrambled, clamoured, fought, and even killed, to confirm their attendance. Thus, the turnout was even more than immense, as could only be expected when the Dear Leaders are involved.



Sadly - and let this be a stark and grave lesson to those impertinent rebels who casually dismissed this majestic event as not worthy of their 'precious' time or who were crass and foolish enough to be 'busy' on that day (HOW COULD THEY?) - not all the Squashies took part, as far-fetched and ridiculous as that may sound. However, we can all rejoice and delight in the wonderful knowledge that those disgusting fools who didn't have the grace to turn up have been banished, exiled, eliminated from the BCB and shall not be missed.

Two teams of 'Elves' and 'Santas'. When asked why not 'Generals' and 'Commanders', Marc, with tears in his eyes, humbly explained that the Dear Leaders had graciously given permission to use these fun team names with their express blessings. PRAISE THEM!



The competition featured a round-robin style format, two and three-man teams, players roughly matched according to ability, players swapping after seven points, all players involved in the refereeing, gallons of encouragement and banter, and wonderful fun. Just look at the photos! And the result? A draw. What else? Such a fair and just way to end the greatest Squashy event ever held. The Squashies were ecstatic and rushed to flood Marc with their gratitude and congratulations. "NO! STOP! Not me. I did nothing," he bellowed. The Squashies fell silent, forgetting themselves for a moment. "We must thank the Great Council." Naturally. Of course. Who else? At that moment, the simple and obedient Squashies turned as one towards the BCB Clubhouse, fell to their knees and chanted, "PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HUMBLE GRATITUDE GREAT COUNCIL AND DEAR LEADERS FOR THIS MEMORABLE DAY!"

Up to the fabulous air-conditioned Sports Bar in the Clubhouse for the party. But wait, we don't have an air-conditioned sports bar, do we? That's what Phase 2 is going to provide, isn't it? That's why we need to spend so much money. What? But we were in there, weren't we? We have photos. Oh, this is so confusing. Please, The Great Council, Dear Leaders, be our guide



in this. The humble membership is simple. Naive. Uneducated. Stupid. THANK YOU AGAIN!

A sumptuous buffet at just 350 baht/head (we would have gladly paid 3,500 if it helped to fund Phase 2), and Happy Hour beer prices all night. The Dear Leaders' generosity continued unabated.

Medals and gifts for all provided by the Squash Section under the warm patronage of the fatherly GC. We were blessed and blessed again. Many Squashies rushed forth to pour out tales of awe and inspiration: "I came today because the Lord General sent a messenger," sang Bernard Grogan.

Bruce Madge: "He sent me one too. With a machine gun!"

I played well because Commander Cheese came to me in a dream," claimed Peter Corney.

"I dare not miss this event because if I did my family would be murdered," warned Neil Evans.

"My wife's breast enlargement surgery was an idea from the Lord General," declared Marvyn Lewis.

And on and on the tales went cementing the stature and divinity of the Dear Leaders.

Amongst the warm wishes and praise, conversation soon took on a more serious note: the future of the BCB and Phase 2. "It's over budget. Some crooked imperialist contractors have taken advantage. We have been scammed. There is dissent among the membership. Some are calling for protests. Sedition. A coup. Traitors! Dogs! Banish them! The Tennis Tarts have skimmed the profits. How dare they? Punish them!"

It was clear the Great Council needed help and the Squashies were ready and willing, more than willing, eager, salivating, to repay the immense and unending kindness that had been so warmly bestowed upon them on this great day.

John Drew: "I have lent the Club all our savings. I don't care if they are never repaid. But don't tell Leslie."

Manit Narula: "My wife and I have just had our first child, but we have sold our house to help fund Phase 2. We can live in our old car."

Shiraz Poonevala: "I was going to send my daughters to university. One wants to be a lawyer, the other a doctor. I have been saving for years. However, as soon as I heard the GC needed cash for Phase 2, I gave them the lot. The girls can work as waitresses or something. I don't really care."

"I sold a kidney." Neil McArthur.

"I sold my wife!" Neil Evans.

And on and on the pledges went into the late evening, growing and growing as the beer flowed and flowed. Nothing was too much for the immensely indebted Squashies.

And so ended a wonderful Christmas event that will be remembered for its fantastic and spirited competition, great camaraderie and warm wishes, and a lovely social evening.

But mostly for the grace of the Great Council and the infinite wisdom and kindness of the Dear Leaders.

Until the next Phase 2 EGM ...



The concept is simple there will be two teams Bulldog Santa & Barbarian Elves

- · SANTA'S will wear Red and Elves Green
- Players will play each match, substituting every 7 points played (PLAYERS COME OFF COURT, OTHER PLAYER IN YOUR TEAM COMES ON).
- · Each two player team match is played to 21 points
- · Each three-player team match is played to 25 points
- No warm up's between each turn around. Playing continues until 21 or 25 points are reached.
- There are no sudden deaths
- Captains choice select one additional player to play with 3 player team.
- Team with highest total points declared the winner after 3 matches



### Bulldog Santa (BS) Team 1 1. Neil Evans (C)

2. Henry Woodley 3. John Vivian Team 2 4. Marc Sayer 5. Neil Mc

Team 3 6. Ricky T 7. Manit Team 4 8. Mark R 9. John Drew

10. Joe Drew Team 5 11. Marvyn 12. Bernard Grogan Team 6

13. Ronnie 14. Simon Davis

#### Barbarian Elves (BE)

Bruce Madge (C) Darren Burke Maria Woodley

Shiraz Peter Corney

Ja Dan Roberts

Nick Ghosh Ranjan Captains Choice

Luke T Nick R

Brad David Fisher





## **TENNIS GAME ON!** Club Championships Underway ... **Mixed Doubles**



any battles are fought on the BC courts throughout the year, but no event lights up the competitive fires like our annual Club Championships. This year's tournament took off on January 6th, with the returning champs looking to defend their titles and a few newcomers and new partnerships looking to get in their way. The tournament will culminate with our Finals Day on March 21st. Here's a look at the favorites.

#### Men's & Ladies Singles

A possible Men's Final between defending champ, Cheer, and 9-time champ, Pierre, may be the mostly highly anticipated match of the tournament. There is no easy road to the final, however, with high-level competitors like Andrei I, Taimur, Christian, and Faheem eager to upset the favorites. On the ladies' side, Mooky looks unstoppable in her quest for yet another Ladies Singles crown, but two newcomers -Maria & Aom - will certainly be looking to shake things up.

#### Men's & Ladies Doubles

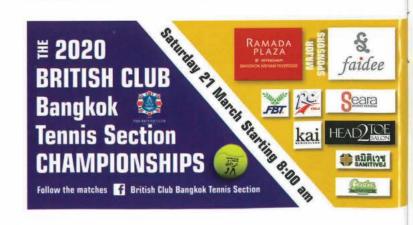
Last year Andrei K & Bam won over many fans in their exciting road to victory and will, no doubt, be among the favorites again. However, with new partnerships like Cheer & Nueng and Andrei I & Taimur, and the tried & tested team of Pierre & Frank G, it looks like anyone's game. Raquel is determined to continue her reign over the Ladies Doubles competition, and partnering with Mooky again, they'll be a tough team to beat. And while this year's Ladies draw seems somewhat incomplete without the pairs of Zahra & Rhea and Nisa & Becs, the new team of Maria & Pin is surely one to watch.

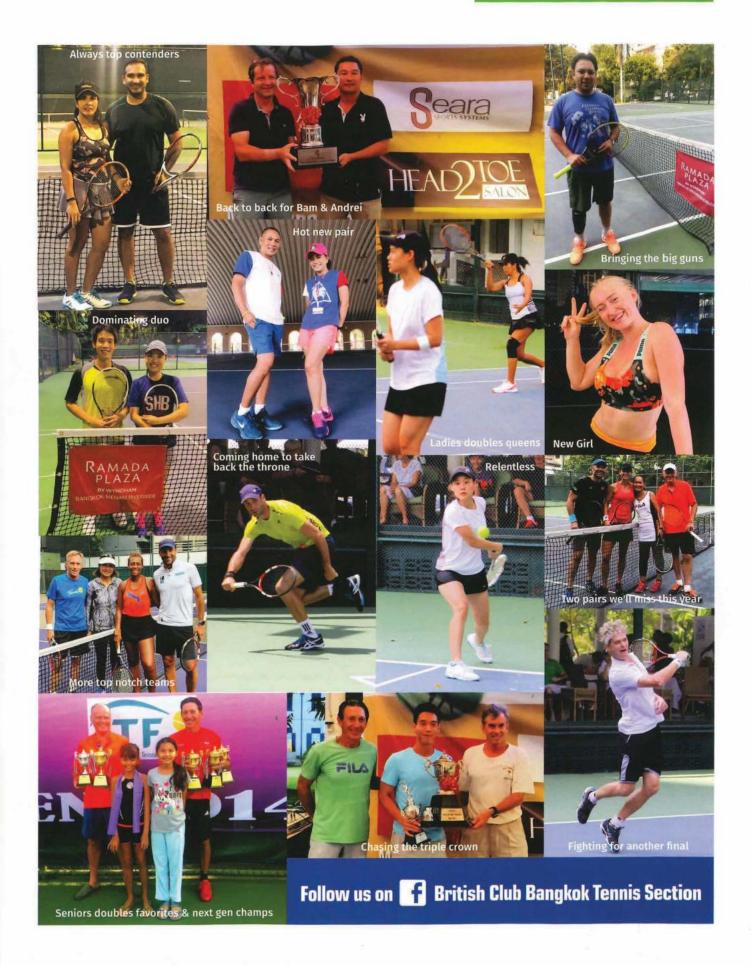
Never predictable and always entertaining, the Mixed Doubles draw is again filled with some interesting pairs. It may be safe to predict that defending champs Mooky & Cheer will secure a place in the final. But the draw sets the stage for some very exciting matchups, potential upsets, and surprise frontrunners. Who survives the first round? At this point, it's anyone's guess.

#### **NEW - Seniors Tournament!**

Due to popular demand, this year's Club Championships introduces a new 'Over 55' tournament. Club veterans and our more experienced competitors will have the opportunity to show off their finesse on the court. With exciting players like James, Harold, Phairoj, Todd, Frank G, Neng, Harry and more participating in the Men's Singles Senior and Men's Doubles Senior categories, some cracking matches are guaranteed. In the Mixed Doubles Senior draw, Harold & Noi and James & Nu look like the top contenders. Let's see who comes out on top!

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11:00-11:15	Snack		
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12:15-1:00	Lunch		
1:00-1:45	Cooking / Play time		
1:45-2:30	Water fun		

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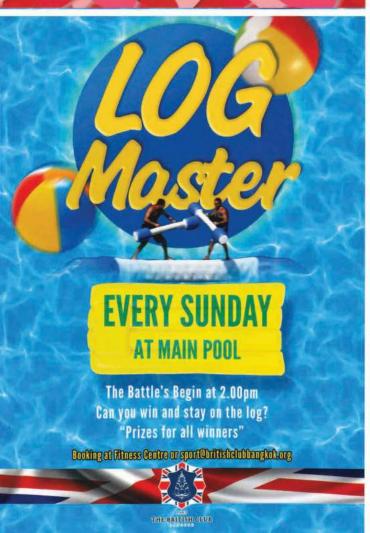
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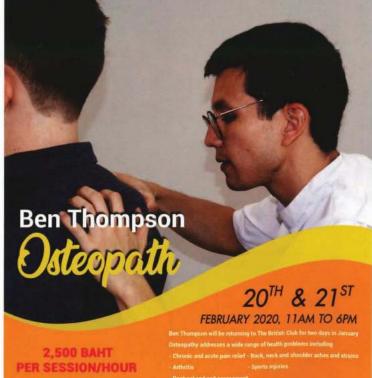
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11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL					
12:15-1:00	LUNCH								
1:00-2:30	BASKETBALL	SQUASH/ COOKING	Parring	BASKETBALI					
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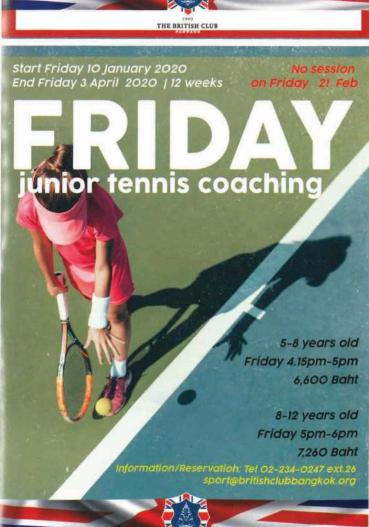
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# HARDBALLS 10 Years in Pattaya

Ben Eastwell

ith the holiday season over and the cricket section returning from wherever they'd spent their well-earned breaks, players were all too keen to get stuck into the first game back after the holiday season and start burning off the mince pies.



St Andrews school was the venue for the blockbuster fixture against Pattaya CC which marked a celebration of 10 years of the 2 sides coming together, almost exactly to the day. Fittingly, both instigators were present; Pattaya's chairman, Simon Philbrook



skipping his team from inside the rope, whilst BC's Jack Dunford was retired to the scorebook but promising a return after getting his bionic arm fitted. The 31st encounter between BC and Pattaya CC also included a sprinkling of players from the 2010 match which was originally played at Horseshoe Point. Once Sir Dilip (allegedly at the mistake of his codrivers) had eventually turned up at the correct ground 5 minutes before the agreed start time, Ben won the toss and elected to bowl BC's 25 overs first on the compact ground. The smiles of being back on the field were quickly wiped away when Pattaya's top order set to work, bringing up the 50 in a mere 4 overs and showing no sign of slowing down as the ball repeatedly sailed over the rope. Despite Pramodh's efforts to restrict the flow (5ov, 1-23) including a maiden first up, Pattaya had bludgeoned 160 by drinks (15 overs) with 3 players back in the shed after reaching the 50 retirement score, leaving BC a few questions to answer.

The second wicket finally fell in the 18th over which led to some good fortune and the host's runs dried up following a quick flurry of wickets from Patrick on his comeback from being blasted off the first over (5ov, 3-58). A strong last 10 contrasted the first passage of play as bowlers found their lengths and fielders held their catches (and the best batsmen were out of the way), leaving BC with a whisker of a chance.

12 runs per over was the asking rate to take away an unlikely win from the day, and BC set off on a steady start which didn't produce much flare from the top order. The game shifted when Pramodh capitalised on some low hanging fruit in the 11th over which added 27 to the tally to bring BC back on track and pave the

way for the middle order to provide some entertainment for the crowd before a quickfire 50 from Mak injected further belief in the comeback. Dilip jumped in on the action with a snappy 16, including 3 back-to-back 4's but even with an onslaught from Sarg in the 11th hour without wearing pads, 76 from the last 5 overs was a bit too much to ask as BC valiantly crept over 200 but finished 24 runs short.



The day was aptly rounded off by recounting the days play and others throughout the decade; enjoyed by families, players and supporters alike. The loss was soon forgotten and BC set their sights forward to the awards night, league games and the Chiang Mai tour which will feature next month.





## **BCGS GOLFING NEWS**

## 3 Clubs & A Putter Subhraprueck Golf Club Fewer Clubs Better Scoring?

ur first game of the new decade and fitting that this was a really fun format. Three clubs and a putter asks so many questions of our BCGS golfers - what 3 clubs should I take, what about the bunkers, do I sacrifice distance for consistency, will the driver behave, what's everyone else using (they don't look like my club selections)?

The format of the day is Stableford with points available on every hole according to handicap.

Impressive Clubhous!

The recorded scores once again prove that not all of us need 14 clubs in the bag to score well. 4th place went to Varghese Rose on 29 points while 3rd place was taken by Frank Fawkes on 30 points. Scoring 32 points and coming in 2nd was Eaw Angkana while 34 points secured 1st place and the win for Alan Ainsworth. Well played to all.

On the day we welcomed back our previous Captain, Maureen Gibson who was visiting from the UK and Simon Fisher our annual escapee from the UK winter.

Subhaprueck is one of those courses that has some surprising features - not least its selection of sculptures...



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## **MY TAKE...**

## Common Sense

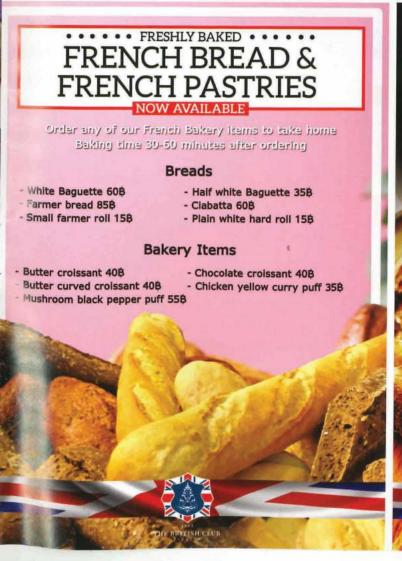
hy is it that we need to be told what to do? Can't we think for ourselves? What has happened to common sense? It would appear it does not exist, well not in so many of the younger generation. It seems they haven't been taught what is the right or sensible thing to do and now have to rely on others to tell them. Sadly, there's no smart phone app for common sense. Maybe the Al gurus haven't been able to string together the algorithms to write the code.

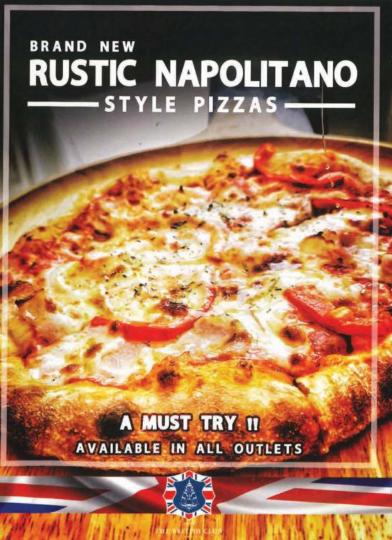
More and more it seems we are being told the obvious. On the BTS and MRT we are constantly reminded to give up our seat for those in need and to stand back and let others exit before we enter and to

mind the gap when we get off. I guess this is because nine out of ten people have their head in their smart phone.

Here at the Club it is no exception. We have numerous signs telling the members to do the obvious: return towels to the fitness center, no laundry in the showers, no playing in the lap lanes, and on and on.

Surely, this is a sad reflection on today's society when we need rely on the powers that be to tell us what to do and how to behave. Taken to extremes this can be exploited and used to manipulate society because a lot of us lack the ability to think for themselves. We shouldn't need to be told or have signs as most of it's common sense, but there is no university course in common sense and sadly so many of this generation seem to lack it.







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Interactive Room	10am - 10pm Mon-Thu, Fri-Sun and Public Holidays 6am - 11pm							
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Churchill Bar	10am - Midnight Mon-Wed & Thu-Sun to 2am* Fitness Centre 6am - 10pm Mon-Fri							
1910 Balcony	3pm - Midnight. Afternoon Tea 3pm - 5pm	Fitness Centre 6am - 9pm Sat-Sun						
1910 Sports Bar	5pm - 11pm Mon-Wed & Thu-Sun 5pm-2am	* Thai Massage 10am - 5pm Tue-Sun						
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# FIXTURES 2020

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Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		WALES	٧	ITALY		9.15 PM
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		IRELAND	٧	SCOTLAND		11.45 PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	1			ENGLAND	DAGLAND BELLAND	11.45 PM
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Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	1	FRANCE	٧	IRELAND		3.00 AM



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