

Weekend Traffic Chaos To End?

Traffic experts from Europe offer advice

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Most residents and visitors to Hua Hin are by now used to the weekend congestion that begins on Fridays and runs through most weekends (with the recent ASEAN summit weekend an honourable exception!). The main road is clogged, parking spaces are as rare as hens teeth and walking seems to be the only option.

Now a Traffic Consultancy company from Ireland has been visiting the area for several weeks preparing a report which they are prepared to present to local officials at no charge. I P Green and Associates shared some of their findings with AWOL over a drink this week, and here is what they had to suggest to ease Hua Hin's traffic woes...

Toll booths on all major roads into the town; these would only be operational from Friday to Sunday and only charge non residents. A toll of 50 baht is suggested and 100 baht for those from Cha Am. People who can prove residence to be given a window sticker, all vehicles with less than 3 wheels exempt.

More Taxi ranks; to free up street parking for all.

Pedestrianised zones; Sois Poolsuk, Selekam, Saracam, Naresdamri (from the Hilton section round to Buffalo Tavern) and Binhabaht along with the interconnecting sois to be cleared



Above, one of the rejected ideas...

of all traffic, and deliveries to be made only at certain times, pick ups and drop offs for hotels in the area excepted. Motorbikes banned from these areas as well.

Car Parks; at least two large car parks need to be built near the centre and an inexpensive regular shuttle service to the centre of town provided from them.

Bus service; regular well marked and signposted buses and routes running to all areas, possibly similar to the services run in Pattaya.

Apparently one original idea that was rejected after the visit was that of roundabouts, as the team felt they would cause more chaos than they would solve.

AWOL questioned some of these ideas and asked if the team thought

it likely they would be adopted, at which point they looked down at their pints of Guinness and mumbled something about 'pie in the sky'. Mr Green then had the final word when he said, 'In Ireland we say, if it isn't broken, don't fix it, but it seems that in some places they also say if it is broken don't fix it either'.

We all live in hope...

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To the non-bikers amongst you, very likely you will never have heard of Sturgis, which is in the state of South Dakota, and hosts an annual motorcycle rally in August, supposedly one of the largest in the world, attracting up to half a million visitors (and their bikes) every year.

It is a Mecca for most American

bikers, some of who air freight their beloved machines thousands of miles to attend (if they don't have the time to ride there).

Many beautiful sights can be seen in South Dakota, including the Badlands, Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills, and if you are lucky you might catch a glimpse of a beautiful biker girl as shown below. While she is a bit cheeky,

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we didn't manage to get her name before she rode off, so if you see her when visiting Sturgis, get her number for us please?

A stunning model with a soft but gripping rear end...and the girl doesn't look too shabby either!



Stop Press! Immigration office

AWOL was informed just as we were going to print that following last week's news of efforts to find a new location in Hua Hin for the immigration office, one has been found, although this has not been completely confirmed as yet. Apparently the new location will probably be in Soi 23, not far from the Index Living Mall. This has apparently been found, and paid for out of the department's existing budget.

If this does indeed come to pass, it is good news for everyone who uses and work in the immigration department, and the rumoured new location should be more easily accessible to more foreigners. However, as with any unconfirmed report, we will have to wait and hope.

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Is Your Wife Potty? - see p 6

Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C	
		Low	High
Sat	Mostly sunny	23	33
Sun	Mostly cloudy	24	31
Mon	Cloudy	24	32
Tues	Cloudy	24	33
Wed	Remaining cloudy	25	33
Thur	Times of clouds and sun	25	33
Fri	Partly sunny	25	33

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 13th March 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	3	11	Rain
Athens	8	15	Thunderstorms
Auckland	15	22	Showers
Beijing	2	9	Rain
Berlin	1	7	Rain
Buenos Aires	20	24	Rain
Chicago	-8	-3	Cloudy
Copenhagen	-1	6	Fine
Dubai	19	30	Clear
Dublin	7	11	Fine
Geneva	-1	8	Cloudy
Helsinki	-4	1	Cloudy
Ho Chi Minh	25	34	Bright
Hong Kong	8	22	Rain
Islamabad	14	32	Clear
Jakarta	23	31	Rain
Jerusalem	10	18	Fine
Johannesburg	13	22	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	32	Thunderstorms
London	5	13	Cloudy
Madrid	5	22	Fine
Manila	24	34	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	9	25	Rain
Moscow	-1	1	Snow
New Delhi	14	31	Fine
New York	1	6	Fine
Oslo	-12	2	Snow
Paris	6	12	Drizzle
Perth	14	27	Clear
Phnom-Penh	25	39	Rain
Rio De Janeiro	22	35	Showers
Riyadh	17	31	Clear
Rome	3	12	Cloudy
San Francisco	6	16	Fine
Singapore	24	33	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	0	4	Snow
Sydney	20	25	Showers
Tokyo	4	12	Fine
Vientiane	18	41	Clear
Yangon	22	37	Clear
Zurich	-2	7	Cloudy

Currency Exchange Rates

At 12th March 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	36.062
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MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.76629
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.4274
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.4274
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.27632
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00304577
INR	Indian Rupee	0.700044
KRW	Korean Won	0.0235777
AUD	Australian Dollar	23.1444
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CHF	Swiss Franc	31.1575
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NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.22062
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.07594
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 Cha-Am Police Station 032 471 321
 Hua Hin Hospital 032 511 743
 San Paulo Hospital 032 532 576 to 585
 Hua Hin Red Cross 032 512 567

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 Hua Hin Immigration Office 032 513 574
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 Tourist Information Centre 032 512 120
 Hua Hin Electricity 032 512 215
 Hua Hin Water 032 511 677
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 TT&T 032 532 018
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 Ketteringham 032 533685 or 086 7933461 e-mail
 on steve@ketteringham.com

Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

Talk of a new theme park for the Hua Hin/Cha-am area has been heating up again as a story in the Bangkok Post last week stated that the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT) and TCC Property Development of Thai Beverage tycoon Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi have agreed to launch a mega tourism project in Phetchaburi province.

The ten year project covering 13,335 rai and costing over 60 billion baht is expected to get underway this month following the signing of an agreement between the two investors. Critics of the proposed amusement park voiced concerns over giant rats and six foot ducks wandering around the complex as the area turns into Cha-America. Supporters praised the plan claiming that it would boost the local economy and give parents somewhere to drop off their kids for the day (or week).

Renting property is also a common hot topic as it is never short of trials and tribulations. Most foreign residents of Hua Hin have had experience renting properties here and most agree that a returned deposit is about as rare as rocking horse crap. Inflated prices and greedy landlords that would rather leave their house empty for months on end than reduce the price to a reasonable level and have it occupied are also very common around Hua Hin. Although there are legal obligations and contracts that can be drawn up to protect the tenant they are very rarely acknowledged by local landlords. It can be a minefield out there but we have all found somewhere to live so finding a decent rental is not beyond the realms of impossibility. There is a good guide to finding

your own place to rent on expathuahin.com; cruising the sois, noting the numbers and most importantly getting a Thai to do the negotiations for you are the first steps. Avoiding sois teeming with feral mutts or bass busting karaoke bars is another challenge, and for those living in one of the many farang ghettos scattered around Hua Hin watch out for your security guards, they may just pinch your underwear!

Golf fans are getting energized by the up coming Asian PGA Tour visit at the Black Mountain Masters at the end of the month. All the big names on the Asian Tour will be playing along with a number of International golfers; organisers are also asking for volunteers to help with the scoring and marshaling so if you're interested get down to Bernie's Bar or the U-turn bar to register. The tournament will be from March 26 to 29; we'll bring you more on it next week, or check the forum for updates.

The immigration saga continues as the deadline of March 20 approaches and the departmental move to Prachuab is looking more likely. Rental problems (as just mentioned) seem to be the biggest barriers to keeping the office in Hua Hin and despite the good will of many expats shown on the forum a suitable premises cannot be found. The legal firms are already rubbing their hands together with glee and drafting up their "90 day report run" services, it looks like its about to cost an extra 4,000 baht per year to stay here which ever way you do it!

For all of these hot topics and plenty more get online at www.huahinafterdark.com/forum/ - Hua Hin's only active web community.

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Have you ever wondered where a certain phrase comes from, or what it really means? Every week we will expand your knowledge of English and its etymology with a different word or saying. This week it is...

Make no bones about

Nowadays this phrase isn't heard much, but it means to state a fact in a way that allows no doubt, or more often, to have no objection to. It is another of those ancient phrases that we accept with our mother's milk as an idiom but which seem quite strange when we later give it some thought. When we are trying to convey that we acknowledge or have no objection to something, why bring bones into it?

It has been suggested that the bones were dice, which were previously made from bone and are still called bones in gambling circles. That explanation doesn't stand up to scrutiny - 'to make no dice about it' makes little sense. Also, in a 1542 translation of Erasmus's Paraphrase of Luke he discussed the command given to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and wrote that 'he made no bones about it but went to offer up his son.' Erasmus wasn't noted for his visits to the gaming tables and would hardly have used betting terminology to discuss a biblical text.

The actual source of this phrase is closer to home and hearth. In 15th century England, if someone wanted to express their dissatisfaction with something, they didn't 'make bones about it', they used the original form of the phrase and 'found bones in it'. This is a reference to the unwelcome discovery of bones in soup - bones = bad, no bones = good. If you found 'no bones' in your meal you were able to swallow it without any difficulty or objection.

The earliest citation of the phrase in print comes from the Paston Letters, which include a collection of texts from 1459 relating to a dispute between Paston and the family of the Norfolk soldier Sir John Fastolf (Fastolf was, incidentally, the source of the character Sir John Falstaff in Shakespeare's Henry IV).

'Make no bones about it' is now rather archaic and heard less often than before. It did return briefly during the 1980s, as an example of the 'waiter, I'll have a crocodile sandwich, and make it snappy' form of joke. 'Waiter, I'll have tomato soup and make no bones about it' linked neatly back to the phrase's culinary origin.

My Wife Went Potty In Soi 94 - see p 10



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PUBLISHING

The Observer magazine first appeared in Hua Hin 17 years ago as an eight page black and white free paper, distributed to the expat community and tourists. We now print 6,000 copies of the glossy magazine each month, Distributed in and around the area, plus Bangkok. The town has grown and so has the number of services the Observer team can offer:

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TOWN COUNCILS: Reduce litter problems by issuing blind folk with pointy sticks.

WHEN visiting a motorway service station for a cup of tea and a slice of cake, make sure you arrange your bank loan or second mortgage before you get to the tills, saving time and embarrassment.

CYCLISTS: Avoid getting a sore behind by simply placing a naan bread over your saddle. This will comfort your ride and when you return home, hey presto! A warm snack.

FOOTBALLERS: Remember there is plenty of time to get drunk after your playing career has ended.

HORSE whisperers: Speak louder. The animals will hear you more clearly, thus speeding up training times.

FEMALE shop assistants: When a garage mechanic comes to your till, add on a selection of random items they didn't know they needed and charge them £50 labour costs for the transaction.

Don't discard used banana skins... They make ideal sun hats for starfish.

Leprechauns. Protect your finances by investing in gilts or a tracker fund, rather than relying on an ailing currency and leaving a 300 foot technicolour arrow in the sky pointing to where you've hidden it.

TENNIS LOVERS. Want to look like Rafa Nadal on court? Simply buy a pair of shorts three sizes too small to enable you to accurately mimic the Spaniard.

THAI MOTORBIKE RIDERS. Don't worry about using the little flashing orange lights on either side of the bike when you are turning left or right - it is a well known fact that all road users are psychic and don't need you to tell anyone where you are going.



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Our previous astrologer, Destiny Dan, has had to take an enforced leave of absence, due to an unforeseen accident involving a dwarf, a fridge and a large pineapple. All of the staff at AWOL wish him a speedy recovery, and hope that no charges will be brought against him.

Stepping into the breach is The Sage, an experienced and well travelled mystic man, with his much more concise predictions...

Capricorn

Dec 22 - Jan 19

You can learn a lot by putting yourself in another person's shoes. Go the extra mile and put yourself in their clothes, their delicate hosiery, and their intoxicating undergarments.

Aquarius

Jan 20 - Feb 18

Giving birth is a life-changing experience, especially when it shoots straight out of your sternum like that.

Pisces

Feb 19 - Mar 20

Saturn in your sign this week is cause for concern, as Pisces has had a restraining order against the planet for years.

Aries

Mar 21 - Apr 19

You'll have no choice but to eat the other passengers after your plane crashes into an Armor Hot Dog Processing Plant this week.

Taurus

Apr 20 - May 20

Remember: When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Then, when life least expects it, throw the lemonade right in its spiteful face.

Gemini

May 21 - Jun 21

Everyone laughed when you said mankind wouldn't last another 100 years, but that's because you did it in a funny Mexican accent.

Cancer

Jun 22 - Jul 22

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Leo

Jul 23 - Aug 22

Mosquitoes are usually attracted to body heat and perspiration, though in your case, it's the giant mosquito costume.

Virgo

Aug 23 - Sep 22

The cosmic sands of time will sweep through your sign this week, filling your shorts with eons of frustration.

Libra

Sep 23 - Oct 23

You're about to go through a real messy divorce, thanks in large part to the Bintaburger with bacon and cheese you'll refuse to put down.

Scorpio

Oct 24 - Nov 21

A magic carpet ride awaits Scorpio this week. Prepare to travel from the trunk of an old Mercedes, down the Rama 9 Bridge, and into the Chao Phraya River.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 - Dec 21

No one likes to hear that they're going to be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of their life. Teach your cockatiel something else to say.



Your Wife Will Go Potty In Soi 94 - see p 17

Khao Takiab - Kool Town

Learn all about life in the friendly village

Welcome to our expanded 4 page pull out focusing on Hua Hin's nearest neighbourhood and undiscovered gem, Khao Takiab. Every week we will feature news, views, attractions and special offers from the unsung village that is a reminder of what Hua Hin used to be. And there is plenty going on to bely the sleepy fishing village impression, with a host of bars, restaurants, hotels and condominiums, as well as top quality golf courses and pristine beaches.

Promoting Khao Takiab Business owners meet to form community group

■ KHAO TAKIAB, THAILAND

A productive meeting was held last Friday 6th March at the Sunset Boulevard Bar and Restaurant which discussed ways to promote Khao Takiab as an alternative day and night time destination to Hua Hin for those living and visiting the area. The meeting was attended by about a dozen of the expats who have businesses in Khao Takiab.

As this was the first meeting, the discussion began with establishing how such a group should be set up and what sort of mandate it should have, and quickly moved on to a free flowing discussion on ways to promote KT as a destination. A number of very good ideas were put forward, including the organisation of a summer event of some kind and attempting to organise a more regular and later running bus service.

Part of the discussion also centred on the request to AWOL to provide what you are looking at now - the 4 page pul out dedicated to the village, and ideas as to what could be included in the supplement.

It was overwhelmingly agreed that any group formed, and any events organised should be done

in conjunction with the local community, to ensure that the effort was perceived as benefiting everyone and not just the expat foreigners; to this end another meeting was proposed where at least one leading Thai local would be invited to attend and become a crucial member of any organising group. This specifically relates to any events that are held, so that both Thais and foreigners can mix together, improving relations further while businesses can hopefully get some much needed extra custom in these difficult economic times. A number of suggestions were bandied about as to large and small events that could be organised, ranging from sports days, beach days, treasure hunts, reward schemes for customers and more. Everyone agreed that where possible events should be made family friendly, and in particular should have plenty for children to take part in. One example of this was the suggestion of a 5-a-side football competition, which would have a juniors and an adults section.

There was some debate on where the promotion of any events and

general KT awareness should be aimed, and the general consensus was that initially the efforts should focus on those living in the area, but to try and foster a kind of friendly rivalry with those living and working in Hua Hin, particularly when any sports were involved, which would add a bit of fun to the proceedings.

Another suggestion was that the Tourist Authority should be contacted, as they might be willing and able to help in any promotional activities, whether that came in the form of assisting with contacts or in actual manpower and helping to pay for anything.

Overall it was a very positive and constructive meeting, which should be followed by another today (13th March) if the invited Thai people are able to come. If anyone is interested in participating in this process, please contact Mike at Sunset Boulevard on 084 376 9438. Your input and ideas will be warmly welcomed!

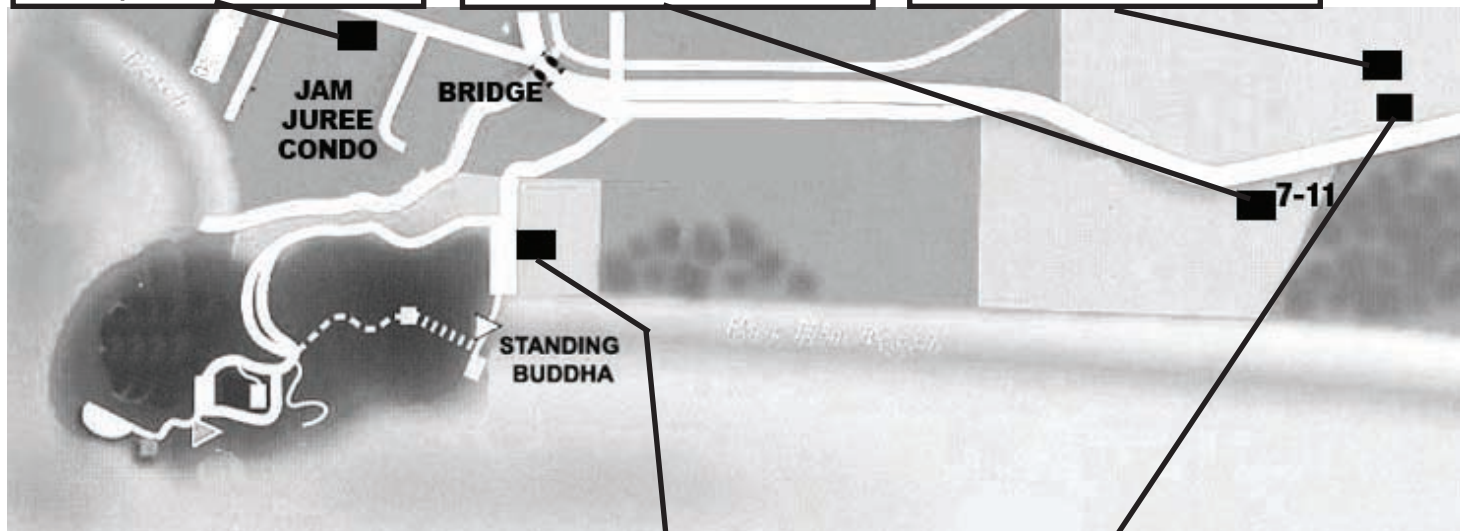
Where is Khao Takiab? For those of you unfamiliar with KT, just take the road south from Hua Hin for about 6 km until you reach a junction where the main road bends right up and over the railway, with a U-turn underneath, and the leftmost lane before that will take you into the centre of Khao Takiab.

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KT News & Events

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The menus include all day breakfasts, Thai and European food, cold beer, spirits and cocktails. They also cater for private parties for any occasion.



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It is situated in Khao Takiab village on the right hand side, next to Bob & Noks and Club Cafe, and coming from Hua Hin town towards Khao Takiab beach they are opposite Baan Sansuk condo project. Opening Times 9.00am- Midnight every day. Website:

www.propertyinhuahin.com/beachhutbar.html

Picture from the opening party (left)

■ **DO YOU HAVE** any useful bits of information for people staying in or visiting Khao Takiab? Doctors, clinics, taxis, gardeners, handymen etc; send the information to awol@huahinmedia.com and we will put it in this section.

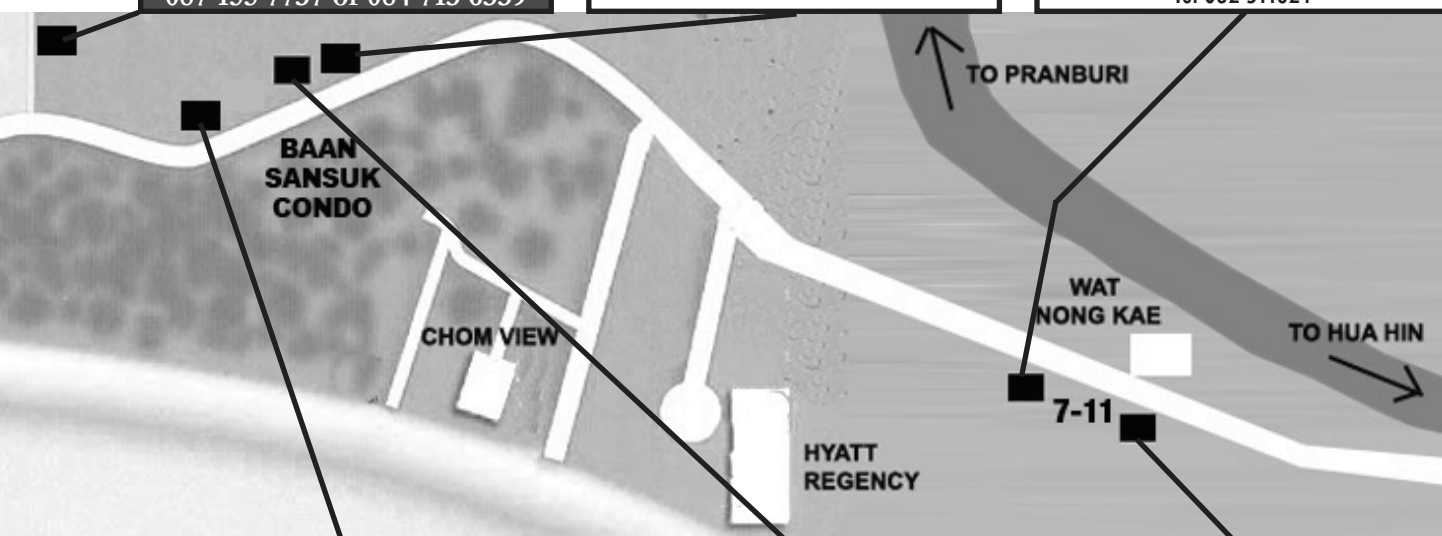
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Monday's
quiz with
quizmaster
Mike at the
mike (right)*



The KT Events Calendar

Find out what's going on, when it's happening and where it will be in our exclusive Khao Takiab events calendar. If you want to add your event to our month ahead guide, which is updated weekly, just contact us on awol@huahinmedia.com, and we will add your event to the calendar.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED'SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Sunset Boulevard Dinner Club		Darts	Pool		Oasis Bar and Restaurant Karaoke night
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	April 1	2	3
	Sunset Boulevard Dinner Club	Sunset Boulevard Quiz	Darts	Pool		Oasis Bar and Restaurant Karaoke night
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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11	12	13 SONGKRAN	14 SONGKRAN	15 SONGKRAN	16	17
	Sunset Boulevard Dinner Club		Darts	Pool		Oasis Bar and Restaurant Karaoke night



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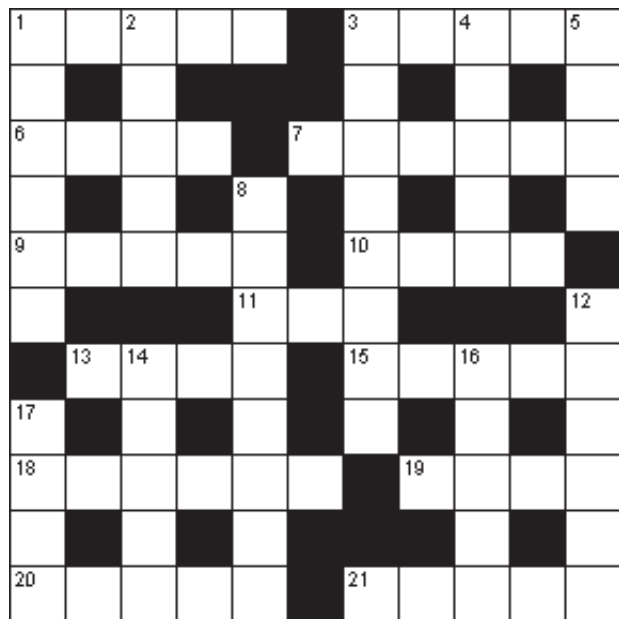
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Across

1. Soaked (5)
3. Rascal (5)
6. Corrosion (4)
7. Person who robs (6)
9. Pilot (5)
10. Overdue (4)

11. Advanced in years (3)

13. Smack (4)
15. Cinder (5)
18. Thin layer of wood (6)
19. Rubber overshoe (4)
20. Motor truck (5)
21. Destitute (5)



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Down

1. Back of the neck (6)
2. Blowing in gusts (5)
3. Burn without flame (8)
4. Superior of a monastery (5)
5. Republic in W South America (4)
8. Prediction (8)
12. Attractive (6)
14. Person who prefers to be alone (5)
16. Alcoholic drink (5)
17. Wicked (4)

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PLAYGROUP IN HUA Hin or Cha-am Hi, I have a two year old girl and would like to join a playgroup in either Hua Hin or Cha-am area. I stay near Holiday Inn (cha-am) and am very happy to host the playgroup. If any mothers are interested to form and join the playgroup, please call Yui at 085-159 0926 or Email: yuikhonkaen@yahoo.com Thanks

It's Potty Time!

As you might have noticed over the last 4 editions of AWOL there were some jokey headlines with a POTTY theme, leading to an advertisement for a new business "LETS GO POTTY" that has just opened in Soi 94.



The business owner is Ghan Beecham, 25, who has been married to her husband Grahame for nearly 3 years and has been living in Hua Hin for the last 5 years. Some of you might remember Ghan from her day's working at the Grand Sport Stadium and as the happy face selling the tickets on the Thai boxing nights.



Ghan told me that the idea for the business in Hua Hin came from when she and her husband travelled back to visit Ghan's family in the far east of Thailand near the Cambodian border. She came across many small family business's producing hand made pots and statuettes from local materials, these pots and statuettes really are unique and nothing like anything they had seen in Hua Hin; they are more like having pieces of art in your home and Ghan worked on the theory that hopefully the people in Hua Hin would love them as much as she did.

Ghan opened the shop in Soi 94 as it is in a good location being so near to the Market Village Shopping Centre and the overheads are low "we want to keep all of our large pots under 3,000 Baht, medium pots under 2,000 baht and small pots under 1000 Baht and I am sure when people visit my shop and see the quality and the price, they will agree that it really is fantastic value" said Ghan. They are also stocking some large and very unique items that will make fantastic garden centrepieces.

If Ghan isn't busy enough setting up her new business, she really is a glutton for punishment as she is 7 months pregnant with twin boys "the babies are due at the beginning of May but I have been told by the Hospital to expect an early birth, maybe Songkran babies!!" AWOL would like to wish Grahame and Ghan all the best for the future.

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■ DEAR MARY,

I have farang boyfriend who I love long time since one week, but now he tell me go home to England. Before he tell me he want stay Thailand many year and take care me, so I leave job in bar to stay with him. I try please him all time, and I think he pleased because he never complain when I talk telephone many hour with friend from Germany, Holland and Sweden who I love long time too. They all send money every month but still not enough for sick parents, new toilet, extra buffalo, new Honda Wave each for brother and sisters, UBC for all family and rice. My question is if he give me 40,000 baht I ask (plus 10,000 every month) should I get new iPhone 3G, or separate telephone, iPod and camera, and how much would I have left over for gold?

Pondering, Hua Hin

Mary says: Dear Pondering,

While gold is always a good investment the price in Thailand is quite high now, but still a wise move. If the tightwad comes up with the cash then you should wait for him to leave, assuring him that it is for something vital like a new irrigation system on the farm rather than baubles and bangles or high tech gadgets just to impress your friends. I would advise against the long phone calls with other men - they are strange creatures these males and can get quite aggressive and upset at the thought of some other hoe ploughing a furrow, despite the obvious and common hypocrisy of that. One vital thing - you must make sure he is aware of how upset you are that he is leaving above all else, and if absolutely necessary tell him that you don't want the money if it is causing a problem. And when he calls you from the UK, only answer one in five times, but make sure you call him sometimes - he will be back in no time with lots more cash!

Dear Mary,

I have been suffering for many years with extreme flatulence, and have made untold visits to doctors and clinics, but nothing they give me or advise me to do helps. Everything I eat results in a rip snorter of foul smelling gas to erupt from my posterior, and it is making my life a misery, and not exactly pleasant for the few friends I have left, namely 'Stinky' Smith and 'Noseless' John, and even they have gone back to live on the streets rather than stay with me in my apartment. It is such a problem that if I go out to a pub or restaurant I get thrown out as soon as they spot me, because the place will empty soon after my first trouser trumpet wafts around. My neighbours have employed a lawyer to see if they can have me kicked out for pollution, and I am going through underpants and trousers like there's no tomorrow. Please help! Pungent, Cha Am.

Mary says: Dear Pungent,

I really wish you had sent this in by email rather than hand delivering it - we have had to have the offices fumigated three times but there is still a whiff of cabbages about the place. You do indeed have a major problem, to which I originally was going to give a glib "get a dog" reply to, but the dog would run away. Incidentally I hope none of you or your neighbours smoke because I fear a major explosion if they light up. I have two suggestions for you on how to cope with this problem; one is to go and live in the middle of a desert somewhere, possibly Saudi Arabia, as at least you will be popular with your after dinner offerings there, which are taken as extreme compliments; or I can put you in touch with an environmental inventor who has been looking for a source of natural gas - it will involve being strapped into an unwieldy contraption constantly but what have you got to lose?

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The Hash Report by Cannonballs

CHA AM HASH HOUSE HARRIERS: RUN NO.94 HELD OFF THE HUPKAPONG ROAD NORTH OF CHA AM ON SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2009 FOLLOWED BY AGM. HARES: Mickey Mouse and Cannonballs

The bright sun shone down fiercely on this Hash, held amid flat bush land and surrounded by a perimeter of undulating green/brown hills which were silhouetted sharply against a blue sky. Hashers turned out in good numbers and in good heart, anticipating the challenge before them and indulging in the usual informalities of greetings and the exchange of small talk and banter, whilst casually sporting the latest improbable and in some cases outrageous Hash outfit and attempting, with some bravado, to limber up, more in hope than expectation, for the exertions ahead. Taipan was particularly conspicuous in this respect with his remarkable knee-high anti-leech gaiters which were worthy of Stanley Holloway as Alfred Doolittle. One had to admit, though, that they kept away the leeches!

Mickey Mou's unmistakable Jersey brogue announced, with a mixture of eloquence and eccentricity, the mysterious methods employed by the Hares on the trail which today included the use of sticks, ribbon, flour and chalk in bewildering combinations. There would be a blue shoe on the trail, for which the finder would claim a reward and there would be a statuesque but silent Thai lady to whom no one should speak but Hashers would be asked to identify correctly her attire. After Mickey's undoubted eloquence the Hash stuttered boldly into life, heading, it knew not where.

Dusty pathways and the occasional furrowed tracks led through light bush country past the occasional tree plantation and small homestead and on to where the walkers and runners divided, numerous checks keeping the front-runners well occupied and the walkers and runners together. The runners circled in an extended loop which included a length of tarmaced road, rejoining their less swift of foot colleagues. Meanwhile the walkers made excellent progress through flat bush land, meandering in a manner designed to confuse the unwary but heading ever onward past the blue shoe and the silent Thai lady through a patch of trees and a deep dried up river bed and on to the ultimate destination. So well did the walkers devour the trail that front walkers arrived home 5 minutes before the front runners and eagerly imbibed the amber nectar which flowed in some quantity. The rest followed and after refreshment and chatter GM Hollowlegs called the Circle for the AGM of Cha Am Hash.

CHA AM HASH AGM 2009

1. The GM made introductory remarks and took a straw poll on the desirability of merging the two Hashes into one Hash. There was overwhelming support among Hashers for a merger of Cha Am and Hua Hin Hashes.
2. The outgoing GM then called for nominations for a new GM for Cha Am Hash and it was established that Dave the Rave, Cannonballs and Cathusalem were nominated, after which a secret ballot was taken with the following results:

Dave the Rave	17 votes
Cannonballs	15 votes
Cathusalem	9 votes

Result: Dave the Rave elected as the new GM for Cha Am Hash. It was agreed that the new GM would arrange for the appointment of other Hash positions.

There were congratulations all round and the new GM called in Ballbanger and Cannonballs to make nostalgic presentations, making several complimentary remarks and a couple of unworthy but Hash-like jibes at the outgoing GM in which vociferous members of the Circle joined. After a short entertainment the Hash adjourned to the Chicken Coop where food and drink were heartily imbibed and free T shirts issued.

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League

Results Matchday 26 6th March 2009

Home	Racks	Pts	Away	Racks	Pts
LSA	5	0	EAG	20	8
QUE	14	4	JWB	12	4
LSS	12	4	LSB	14	4
CAP	11	2	DIA	16	6
OCT	15	6	TW	11	2
SUG	13	5	DB	13	3
DA	9	1	LSL	19	7
no Game JW Red					

Next Weeks Fixtures

Matchday 27 13/03/2009

JW Black v LSA

LSB v Dick's Office A

Queens Flower v Diamond

Octopussy v JW Red

Dick's B v Captain's Inn

LSL v Thaiwail

Sugar Cane v LSS

no Game v Eagle

To all participants in the Hua Hin 8 Ball and 9 Ball Leagues

The proposed date for the
new season in both leagues
has been put back to Monday
23rd and Wednesday 25th
March respectively.

Many apologies for the delay but
the team roster has still not been
finalised, and without this the
fixtures cannot be generated.
Hopefully fixtures and schedule
will be available next week
and printed here as before.

Please contact Dan at Mr
Dans for the latest information
and to confirm and pay for
your place in the leagues.

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff	Racks	Pts
Eagle Bar	26	20	4	2	90	155	44
Queens Flower Bar	25	15	8	2	70	137	38
Johnie Walker Black	25	17	3	5	42	105	37
Lucky Shot Student's	25	16	5	4	42	78	37
Lucky Shot A	25	13	7	5	28	73	33
Lucky Shot B	26	12	7	7	22	33	31
Octopussy Bar	25	13	4	8	10	19	30
Lucky Shot Ladies	26	10	6	10	-2	-1	26
Sugar Cane Bar	25	11	3	11	12	22	25
Silverrock Bar	15	7	4	4	0	-5	18
Johnie Walker Red	26	6	6	13	-32	-82	18
Dick's Office B	25	7	2	16	-36	-70	16
Thaiwail	25	5	3	17	-30	-55	13
Captain's Inn	25	4	4	17	-62	-112	12
Diamond Bar	25	4	4	17	-62	-125	12
Dick's Office A	26	1	2	23	-92	-172	4

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Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Free Time	14	10	2	2	48	22
Bob & Noks	13	9	1	3	42	19
Harleys	14	9	1	4	36	19
Eagle	14	7	4	3	36	18
Oasis	13	8	2	3	36	18
S'set B'vard	13	6	3	4	2	15
Dizzy Dolp	14	3	4	7	-26	10
Thaiwairi	14	4	2	8	-28	10
Kun Koom	14	2	4	8	-32	8
R'way Tav	13	3	1	9	-34	7
Dara Bar	14	1	2	11	-80	4
Deja Vu	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hua Hin Social Pool League

The season has ended, but can bars please try to arrange these matches over the next couple of weeks.

Outstanding Fixtures

Please arrange ASAP

Week 2 Butterfly Rock v JW Red

Week 5 JW Red v U Turn

Week 10 Jungle Juice A v JW Red

Week 11 Red Bar v B'fly Rock

Week 12 B'fly Rock v Headrock
Billys v U Turn

Week 13 Sabai v Butterfly Rock
U Turn v Jungle Juice A

Week 14 B'fly Rock v JW Black

Week 15 JW Red v Butterfly Rock

Week 16 Billys Babes v JW Red

Week 22 Lazy Daze v Red Bar

Week 24 B'fly Rock v Red Bar

Week 25 Headrock v B'fly Rock
Billy Babes v Lazy Daze

Week 26 Red Bar v JW Red

Billys v Limelight

Please contact Barry at JW's for information about the next season, or to register your interest.

Results

Wed 11th March 2009

Kun Koom 9 - 9 Dara Bar

Oasis Bar 6 - 12 Free Time Bar

Railway Tavern 8 - 10 Eagle Bar

Sunset B'vard 11 - 7 Dizzy Dolp

Thaiwairi 8 - 10 Harleys Bar

Next Week's Fixtures

Wed 18th March 2009

Dara Bar v Thaiwairi

Dizzy Dolphin v Bob and Noks

Eagle Bar v Sunset Boulevard

Free Time Bar v Railway Tavern

Harleys Bar v Oasis Bar

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results & League Tables - Week 3 10th March

Division 1

Oasis v Dicks Office B - n/a

Scandic Bar A v JW Black 7-5

Lazy Daze v CAT 1-11

JW Red v Paradise 2-10

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
P'dise	3	3	0	0	32-4	6
CAT	3	2	1	0	24-12	5
Dicks B	2	2	0	0	18-6	4
JW Red	3	1	0	2	17-19	2
JW Blk	3	1	0	2	18-18	2
Scan A	3	1	0	2	13-23	2
Oasis	2	0	1	1	7-17	1
Lazy D	3	0	0	3	3-33	0

Division 2

Jaew v Eero - not received

Lucky Shot v Kom Hom 7-5

Dicks A v Scandic Bar B - n/a

Kom Hom Ladies v R'way Tav - n/a

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Lcky S	3	3	0	0	26-20	6
Dicks A	2	2	0	0	22-4	4
Kom H	3	1	1	1	22-14	3
B'fly Rk	2	1	1	0	17-7	3
Jaew	2	1	0	1	13-11	2
Scan B	2	0	0	2	5-19	0
R'way	2	0	0	2	2-22	0
K H Ls	2	0	0	2	1-23	0

Next Week's Fixtures - Week 4 17/03/2009

Division 1

Dicks Office B v Paradise

CAT v JW Red

JW Black v Lazy Daze

Oasis v Scandic Bar A

Top 16

Top 10 - Div 1

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Stuart	P	15	18	4	4	11	3	1	11	0	67
Doug M	P	15	8	2	2	6	0	0	12	0	45
Bon	DOB	10	12	2	3	9	1	0	8	0	45
Tao	Cat	3	10	0	1	17	3	0	10	0	43
Golf	SBA	2	8	0	3	11	1	0	8	0	33
Don	Cat	10	4	2	2	5	0	0	7	0	30
Supee	JWR	15	1	2	1	3	0	0	8	0	30
Pim	P	7	8	2	2	0	0	0	9	0	28
Ben	DOB	3	12	0	1	4	1	0	7	0	28
Ian	JWB	10	2	0	1	7	1	0	6	0	27

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Jim	DOA	10	12	0	3	11	2	0	12	0	50
Danny	LS	15	5	0	3	6	1	0	9	0	39
Mojo	KH	7	5	2	2	4	1	0	12	0	32
Steve	DOA	10	9	4	2	3	0	0	4	0	32
Howard	KH	7	8	2	1	6	1	0	7	0	32
Steve	BR	3	9	2	2	5	0	0	5	0	26

Balloon Chasers Guide

Welcome to the most vital guide around! All the parties, celebrations and balloons you could want (along with some booze and food of course!) Tell us about it by the Thursday before and we will include it here...send some photos and we will do our utmost to publish them; email awol@huahinmedia.com or contact Noi at Sabai Bar (Tel: 086 174 6165).

Friday 13th March - Kum Koon in Khao Takiab has a live Filipino band playing, with the hope that this can become a regular event. See the Khao Takiab centre spread for a location guide to Khao Takiab.

Regular Events

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Pool Leagues

Tuesdays - Darts League (see p 21 for venues, free food for players)

Fridays - Dick's Office open darts night from 7.30pm (cancelled this week)

- Bar-B-Q party every week at Le Velo Rouge, Khao Takiab

Sundays - Scandic Bar, Cha Am, open darts evening from 7.30pm . FREE return transport from Dick's Office departs 7pm - please call 089 745 3992 (Anne) or 189 894 4310 (Mack) at least 3 hrs before to book transport

Hua Hin Golf Society

This week's results:

10th March - Lake View A&B 58 Entrants - 29 teams of 2 - Best Ball Stableford 3/4 handicap.

1st Dickie & Sheila Bird 43 points. 2nd Graeme Pearson & Peter Tucker 42 points. 3rd Ooi & Lek 41 points. 4th Lek Hawthorne & Barry Moore 41 points. 5th Usko & Miki 39 points. 6th Karri Matti & John Rouhiala 38 points.

Nearest the Pin No. 8 Adrian Byrne, No. 17 Jan Lyngdam

6th March - Black Mountain 36 Entrants

Group 'A' - 0-18 hcp - Stableford 21 players

1st Pekka Hogman 39 points 9 hcp. 2nd Timo Ripatti 38 points 7 hcp. 3rd Kjell Herbertson 37 points 13 hcp. 4th Paul Moran 37 points 17 hcp. 5th Wij 37 points 10 hcp. 6th Colin Devonshire 37 points 10 hcp.

Group 'B' - 19-36 hcp - Stableford 15 Players

1st Brian Brook 41 points 19 hcp. 2nd Micke (g) 34 points 28 hcp. 3rd Jore (g) 33 points 22 hcp. 4th Winfried 30 points 33 hcp. 5th Rod Gretton 30 points 22 hcp. 6th Roger Perrin 29 points 23 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 3 Sam Sherriff, No. 11 Conelius

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 17th Springfield - 1st Tee Time 11.04 - Stableford

Friday 20th Banyan - 1st Tee Time 10.00 - Blind Partners Competition

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

March 6th 2009 Palm Hills Stableford 16 Players

Front 9 - Robin Heath - 23 points, Back 9 - Phil Simons - 19 points. Overall - Robin Heath - 37 points

March 9th 2009 Lake View A&B Stableford 25 Players

1st Alan Rawson 41 Points, 2nd David Leaver 38 Points, 3rd Alan Mercer 37 Points, 4th Brent O'Bell 37 Points

March 11th - results not available at press time

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 16th March Lake View

Friday 20th March Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 07 March 2009

Sunderland 1-1 Tottenham

FA Cup 6th round

Coventry 0-2 Chelsea

Fulham 0-4 Man Utd

Sunday, 08 March 2009

FA Cup 5th round

Arsenal 3-0 Burnley

FA Cup 6th round

Everton 2-1 Middlesbrough

Tuesday, 10 March 2009

UEFA Champions League

B Munich 7-1 S Lisbon (agg 12-1)

Juventus 2-2 Chelsea (agg 2-3)

Liverpool 4-0 R Madrid (agg 5-0)

P'naikos 1-2 Villarreal (agg 2-3)

Wednesday, 11 March 2009

Fulham 1-2 Blackburn (this result not included in table opposite)

UEFA Champions League

Barcelona 5-2 Lyon (agg 6-3)

FC Porto 0-0 A Madrid (agg 2-2)

Man Utd 2-0 Inter Milan (agg 2-0)

Roma 1-0 Arsenal (agg 1-1)

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EPL Fixtures Preview

(All times Thailand; EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 14 March 2009

Man Utd v Liverpool, 19:45

The 'Red War' as the Thais like to call it may not be a title decider but it could determine Liverpool's fate, and United will know that. This will be pulsating but both teams will be tired after their Champions League matches. Draw.

Arsenal v Blackburn, 22:00

The Gunners really are hard to predict this season and this could go any way, especially after a European match. On paper a home win, gut instinct says a draw, so we will go with an away win!

Bolton v Fulham, 22:00

Fulham are starting to look wobbly after a decent run, while Bolton are becoming hard to beat again. Home win.

Everton v Stoke, 22:00

Everton can get within a point of Arsenal and 5th place if results go their way, and this will be the incentive for a romp against Stoke. Easy home win.

Hull v Newcastle, 22:00

Both teams need the win here as bum twitching time arrives. Not much in it so a nervy draw.

M'brough v Portsmouth, 22:00

And this is a genuine six-pointer! 'Boro seemed to be getting over their poor form, but are just not scoring enough goals, while Pompey are inconsistent. Sorry to say, another draw.

Sunderland v Wigan, 22:00

Wigan seem to be heading for a

Barclays Premier League Table

	Team	P	Home					Away					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Man Utd	27	12	1	0	30	5	8	4	2	18	7	36	65
2	Chelsea	28	7	5	2	23	8	10	2	2	25	8	32	58
3	Liverpool	28	8	6	0	22	8	8	4	2	23	12	25	58
4	Aston Villa	28	5	7	2	20	15	10	0	4	22	14	13	52
5	Arsenal	28	7	5	2	18	11	6	5	3	23	15	15	49
6	Everton	28	5	5	4	20	16	7	4	3	16	12	8	45
7	West Ham	28	7	1	6	19	17	4	5	5	15	17	0	39
8	Man City	28	9	0	5	30	12	1	5	8	15	24	9	35
9	Wigan	28	6	4	4	13	12	3	4	7	14	15	0	35
10	Fulham	27	8	3	2	21	10	0	7	7	3	13	1	34
11	Bolton	28	6	2	6	14	15	4	1	9	16	25	-10	33
12	Tottenham	28	5	5	4	15	9	3	3	8	18	24	0	32
13	Sunderland	28	5	3	6	16	16	3	5	6	12	20	-8	32
14	Hull	28	3	3	8	15	29	5	5	4	19	21	-16	32
15	Stoke	28	7	4	3	17	13	0	4	10	10	31	-17	29
16	Newcastle	28	4	6	4	20	22	2	4	8	14	23	-11	28
17	Portsmouth	27	5	2	7	18	22	2	5	6	11	22	-15	28
18	Blackburn	27	3	5	6	15	21	3	4	6	15	22	-13	27
19	M'brough	28	4	6	4	12	15	2	2	10	8	25	-20	26
20	West Brom	28	5	2	7	19	27	1	2	11	6	27	-29	22

safe mid table finish after some early promise while a win for Sunderland puts them on the same points. A tight physical game and a narrow home win.

Sunday, 15 March 2009

Chelsea v Man City, 20:30

City are just plain awful away from home, and Chelsea will be in no mood to give up on the title - home win.

Aston Villa v Tottenham, 23:00

20 points separates these teams and with Spurs probably safe, Villa will be the hungrier to hold on to 4th spot. Home win.

Tuesday, 17 March 2009

West Ham v West Brom, 03:00

These sorts of games are the type that the Hammers often seem to mess up, but Zola seems to have changed the mindset. Time is running out for WBA, and despite missing key players we predict a home win.

Wednesday, 18 March 2009

FA Cup 6th round

Arsenal v Hull, 02:45

Arsenal finally catch up with everyone, and we predict that they will progress to the next stage.

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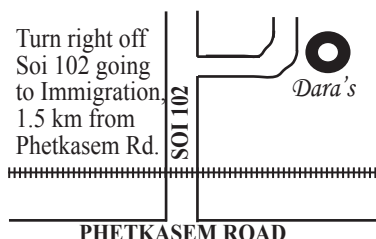
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Brainy Chelsea hopeful of trophy

Blues enter footballer's quiz show to make sure

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

Following the leak of recent IQ test results at Chelsea FC, the BBC is to launch a new footballer's version of "University Challenge". "The aim of the show is to prove that footballers are not just overpaid, thick b*****s and the public are getting very bored of the likes of Gill Tramble anyway" said BBC head of quizzes.

Guus Hiddink is very excited about the prospect of Chelsea actually winning a cup this season. "This is probably the best chance Chelsea have of winning something this year". Bridge brainbox, Frank Lampard, will be made captain for the quiz show. The west London club has withdrawn from the Champions League in order to prepare. They will instead take part in the Bull and Bush pub quiz in Knightsbridge on Tuesday nights to sharpen their general knowledge. An Encyclopedia Britannica sales man was seen at the club's training ground on Friday.

In a bid to achieve Manchester United's quest of winning every cup going this year, Sir Alex Ferguson wrote to the BBC to ensure that the quiz started after the Botswana challenge cup had finished in June. The Manchester United team is unlikely to include Wayne Rooney, a club spokesman declared.



Frank practices his maths

FA hire Pakistani police for Cup Final

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

The Football Association today announced they were hiring Pakistanis to police this year's Cup Final.

Chief executive George Worst said: 'We were so impressed with Pakistan's handling of a recent crisis involving a cricket team that we've decided to hire them for May's showpiece match. And even if the final is between two teams with traditionally violent and rival fans, such as Chelsea and Millwall, we have every confidence they will deal with the situation in a calm and organised way.'

Chief of police in Lahore, Mohammed Turna Blindi, said: 'If fans behave they have nothing to be concerned about. But if any trouble breaks out, we will use our experience and put our traditional crowd policing plan into action. Firstly we will turn our backs on the crowd and pretend we can't see what is happening, even if we receive advance warnings of problems from the FA.'

'Then after a few minutes we will leave the stadium, and climb into any parked vans that happen to be

nearby. This will allow the crowd to inflict plenty of wounds on one another, but of course it won't be our fault if they do. Finally, we will say nothing about any problems, and just hope no-one will notice that we've actually secretly trained all the hooligans to fight each other. Yep, everything will go very nicely.'

But some football players weren't quite so happy about the Pakistanis policing the game, and one - England striker Peter Karach - said: 'Sounds a bit iffy to me, I mean shouldn't the Pakistani police do a bit more for the players' and the crowd's safety? Like, you know, actually trying to stop any trouble, making arrests, and taking people into custody?'

But Mr Blindi disagreed, saying 'Please do not try and teach your grandfather to suck cobra eggs. Since breaking away from India, Pakistan has had a long and peaceful history. It is nothing to do with our police if thousands of terrorists have learnt how to be invisible, and to build invisible training sites. Let's just hope that any troublemakers at the Cup Final aren't also invisible - for your sakes.'

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