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# Phew! What A Scorcher!

## Hua Hin sizzles in unrelenting heat

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

The golfers taking part in the Black Mountain Masters last weekend must have wondered whether they were in Thailand or Saudi Arabia as far as the temperatures went.

Temperatures have been soaring and AWOL is not one to miss a tabloid opportunity as the sun bakes the streets, gardens and golf courses of the area. Threatening clouds have appeared over the 'Black Mountains' on several afternoons, with the residents (particularly the gardeners, and we guess the golf course owners) willing them to drop rain, but as is the norm in one of the driest areas of Thailand, nothing comes of them.

*One way to cool down!*

The Thai community is well known for wanting to avoid the sun and the blacker skin that it brings, while many of the tourists in town revel, redden and regret getting exposed, as the sun is a truly powerful thing here. Many of the long term expats have learnt the lesson, and copy the Thais in avoiding the sun, and the competiton for parking spaces in the shade can be quite intense! Woe betide anyone who has vinyl seats in their car parked for 30 minutes or more in the sun.

With the Songkran festival less than two weeks away it will come as a blessed relief for once, and hopefully it will actually usher in the rainy season to break the dry spell. Keep your eyes on AWOL's weekly local weather forecast on page 4 , as well as keeping tabs on the weather in your country.

One man undaunted by the heat was Prayad Marksaeng (left), who hit a sizzling streak of his own when he scored a 64 in the final round at the Black Mountain Masters, finishing joint second behind Johan Edfors (see Khao Takiab pull out). This was enough for him to automatically qualify for the Masters in Augusta which starts on April 9th, the first time a Thai player has managed that; as a Hua Hin born Thai, we will all be cheering him on at the AWOL offices!

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## Molten tarmac stops traffic

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

If you were stuck in a traffic jam on Phetkasem Road last week, the chances are it was because of the road melting! Temperatures have been so high that parts of the highway started to melt and some lighter vehicles like bicycles, scooters and tuk tuks were getting their wheels stuck if they were stationary for any length of time! Local shopkeepers and office staff were constantly running out to both help stranded vehicles as well as throwing water on the road in a bizarre Songkran-like spectacle. The newly coated road running from the airport to the Dusit Resort is apparently a real sticky wicket so watch out you don't get stuck!

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Continuing the theme of how hot it has been in town lately, our roving photographer decided a visit to the beach was in order to catch a beautiful girl or two who had decided to cool off in the sea.

Fortunately for us he avoided the legions of fat Scandinavians or gross Germans and came across this lady, seemingly with an army fetish jusging by her camouflage bikini. However it also might be that she has some connection to the Observer magazine if you look closely at her tattoo - is there something we should know?

She certainly had all the male onlookers standing to attention as she froliced in the surf but alas, our man on the beach failed in his duty and didn't get her name, so we are just going to call her April, to celebrate out first issue this month.

April, whoever you are, come back soon and reveal the secret of your identity and your tattoo! We know Colin will be watching with interest...

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## Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

| Day | Conditions | Temp °C Low | High |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sat | A couple of showers | 27 | 32 |
| Sun | A thunderstorm or two | 27 | 33 |
| Mon | A stray afternoon shower | 26 | 32 |
| Tues | Partly sunny and pleasant | 26 | 33 |
| Wed | Mostly cloudy and humid | 27 | 33 |
| Thur | Partly sunny | 26 | 32 |
| Fri | Mainly cloudy, a little rain | 26 | 33 |

## World Weather

Forecast for Friday 3rd April 2009

| City | Min °C | Max | Conditions |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | 6 | 18 | Fine |
| Athens | 12 | 22 | Fine |
| Auckland | 11 | 20 | Fine |
| Beijing | 4 | 15 | Overcast |
| Berlin | 4 | 16 | Cloudy |
| Buenos Aires | 14 | 22 | Rain |
| Chicago | 2 | 8 | Rain |
| Copenhagen | -1 | 8 | Cloudy |
| Dubai | 19 | 25 | Rain |
| Dublin | 3 | 13 | Fine |
| Geneva | 4 | 16 | Fine |
| Helsinki | -1 | 5 | Rain |
| Ho Chi Minh | 24 | 34 | Thunderstorms |
| Hong Kong | 19 | 24 | Rain |
| Islamabad | 14 | 27 | Rain |
| Jakarta | 25 | 33 | Mist |
| Jerusalem | 13 | 21 | Cloudy |
| Johannesburg | 13 | 26 | Thunderstorms |
| Kuala Lumpur | 24 | 32 | Thunderstorms |
| London | 6 | 17 | Bright |
| Madrid | 2 | 17 | Cloudy |
| Manila | 22 | 32 | Thunderstorms |
| Mexico City | 8 | 30 | Cloudy |
| Moscow | -3 | 3 | Fine |
| New Delhi | 21 | 35 | Cloudy |
| New York | 7 | 18 | Cloudy |
| Oslo | 1 | 11 | Scattered Clouds |
| Paris | 6 | 19 | Cloudy |
| Perth | 18 | 28 | Clear |
| Phnom-Penh | 24 | 32 | Thunderstorms |
| Rio De Janeiro | 21 | 29 | Showers |
| Riyadh | 14 | 22 | Thunderstorms |
| Rome | 10 | 17 | Rain |
| San Francisco | 9 | 16 | Cloudy |
| Singapore | 25 | 33 | Thunderstorms |
| Stockholm | 2 | 12 | Scattered Clouds |
| Sydney | 20 | 25 | Showers |
| Tokyo | 7 | 17 | Fine |
| Vientiane | 22 | 34 | Clear |
| Yangon | 26 | 38 | Rain |
| Zurich | 4 | 16 | Fog |

## Currency Exchange Rates

At 2nd April 2009 (mid-market rates)

| Code | Currency | Value (Baht) |
|---|---|---|
| USD | United States Dollar | 35.3995 |
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| EUR | Euro | 47.0544 |
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| MYR | Malaysian Ringgit | 9.73501 |
| SGD | Singapore Dollar | 23.3503 |
| BND | Brunei Dollar | 23.3503 |
| CNY | Chinese Yuan | 5.19732 |
| IDR | Indonesian Rupiah | 0.00305707 |
| INR | Indian Rupee | 0.69551 |
| KRW | Korean Won | 0.0254062 |
| AUD | Australian Dollar | 24.4505 |
| NZD | New Zealand Dollar | 19.8787 |
| CHF | Swiss Franc | 31.1391 |
| DKK | Danish Krone | 6.31748 |
| NOK | Norwegian Krone | 5.29588 |
| SEK | Swedish Krona | 4.28245 |
| CAD | Canadian Dollar | 28.097 |
| AED | UAE Dirham | 9.6392 |
| BHD | Bahrain Dinar | 94.1531 |
| KWD | Kuwaiti Dinar | 121.877 |
| OMR | Omani Rial | 92.0641 |
| QAR | Qatar Riyal | 9.72526 |

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# Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

Finally, after seven years of last minute scrambling for information, we have been contacted by the organizers of the Hua Hin Jazz Festival with confirmed dates of June 12-14. The official signing ceremony of the 8th Hua Hin Jazz Festival took place on March 23 at Municipality office. No lineup details have been released yet but they did state that there will be two stage locations this year which will alleviate some of the overcrowding at previous festivals.

The jazz festival is always a spectacular event regardless of your tastes in music; you can't beat the carnival atmosphere on the beach and a cold beer (providing it is on sale). For those that can't wait until June there will be another music festival on the beach in Khao Takiab though it will attract the younger crowd from Bangkok. The Honda Summer Music Fest 2 kicks off at midday on Saturday May 2 and runs into the night, the lineup will feature a number of Thai ska and reggae bands including T-Bone. News updates and photos for both events can be found on the forum – don't forget to get online and book your accommodation early if you need somewhere to stay for either weekend, it will be jammed.

We would like to congratulate Johan Edfors on his win last weekend at the inaugural Black Mountain Masters, Hua Hin's first official Asian PGA golf tournament. The event, for those that attended, was very well organized and managed, kudos to Black Mountain Golf Course for hosting and sponsoring it – we hope to see similar events for Hua Hin in the future. Spectator reports and photos from the tournament can be seen on the forum.

Finally a bit of sense and some good news from the ivory towered bureaucrats in Bangkok – there will not be an alcohol ban this year for Songkran. Someone in the ministry of good ideas realised that banning drinking for three days would be damaging to tourism and the economy. Now all they need to do is get the police to do a bit of work by breathalyzing, fining and confiscating vehicles from inebriated drivers and we may see a drop in the death toll this year - not very likely to happen though so take care if you're on the road that weekend.

There have been more reports trickling in of muggings and bag snatches around town. The culprits seem to be opportunist teenagers on motorbikes whizzing down the streets of central Hua Hin and grabbing what they can. More police patrols later at night would be a deterrent but as we all know the plod spend most of their time during the day hiding in bushes near the railway station jumping out to nab riders with no helmet on! As the economy continues to shrink the level of street crime will inevitably increase though at the moment Hua Hin remains a far cry from the depths of social depravity found across the Gulf.

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...

**Hedge your bets**

This means to avoid committing oneself, or to leave a means of retreat open. Hedge has been used as a verb in English since at least the 16th century, with the meaning of 'equivocate; avoid commitment'. An example of this comes in Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor, 1598: "I, I, I myself sometimes, leaving the fear of God on the left hand and hiding mine honour in my necessity, am fain to shuffle, to hedge and to lurch ."

It began to be used in relation to financial transactions, in which a loan was secured by including it in a larger loan, in the early 17th century. Initially, the phrase associated with this form of hedging was 'hedging one's debts', for example, John Donne's Letters to Sir Henry Goodyere, circa 1620: "You think that you have Hedged in that Debt by a greater, by your Letter in Verse."

'Hedging one's bets' was coined later in that century. It referred to the laying off of a bet by taking out smaller bets with other lenders. The purpose of this was to avoid being unable to pay out on the original larger bet. The verb 'to hedge' derives from the noun hedge, i.e. a fence made from a row of bushes or trees. These hedges were normally made from the spiny Hawthorn, which makes an impenetrable hedge when laid. To hedge a piece of land was to limit it in terms of size and that this gave rise to the 'secure, limited risk' meaning. Hedge funds, much in the news nowadays, take their name from their method of limiting, i.e. hedging, their risk.

Curiously, the original examples of another financial device currently newsworthy i.e. stocks, were literally made from material that was taken from hedges. In the 17th century, the tally that recorded a payment to the English Exchequer was a rough stick of about an inch in diameter, split along its length. One half, the stock, was given as a receipt to the person making the payment; the other half, the counterfoil, was kept by the Exchequer. Ownership of payments that were made jointly by a group were shared among the members of so-called joint stock companies, hence stocks and shares.

If you hear a phrase or saying, or even find yourself using one and would like to know how it came about, send the phrase to us at awol@huahinmedia.com and we will do our best to print the answer, along with your name.

# 50,000 Red Shirts Gather For Reading of Thaksin SMS

■ UDON THANI, THAILAND

Approximately 50,000 supporters of the UDD gathered at an open-air plaza in Udon yesterday to rally against the current government and eagerly await the arrival of an SMS text message from deposed ex-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

The stage show featured a series of speakers and performers who denounced the Democrat-led government as illegitimate and against democratic principles, and demanded new elections and the arrest of PAD leaders for criminal acts against state security.

At approximately 9:45pm, UDD leader Veera Musigapong held up a HTC Touch Dual GSM phone in the air, announcing that he has received a text from Thaksin. The crowd cheered, and then Veera read the following message, later forwarded to journalists:

"Hey tx 4 da rally, u ppl are da best! Luv an xxx ThaxN."

The SMS was the 35th that has been sent by the fugitive politician since February when he stopped making phone calls to the rallies because of "excessive international calling rates." A spokesperson for Thaksin says that the money saved by not making phone calls will be used to help the poor once Thaksin is rightfully restored to power.

Despite rumors about reduced funding for the rallies since Thaksin's assets were seized, UDD leaders insisted that they still had all the resources to continue fighting for what they insist is "truth and justice for all Thais." The change from calls to SMS was simply a practical way for Thaksin to get his message out cost-efficiently, they said.

Meanwhile, next week's scheduled rally has been moved from Sanam Luang to Facebook.

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# Weird news round up

■ BRIGHTON, ENGLAND

**Toy parrot has a foul-mouth**

A mother has spoken of her anger after she bought a toy parrot for her 11-month-old daughter - and it spouted a series of foul-mouthed expletives.

Tina Banks, 44, picked out the cuddly, multi-coloured bird from the toy section of a 99p Store in Brighton, East Sussex, for her toddler Roxy.

But when she got outside and handed the stuffed toy to her excited daughter, it squawked: "Oi! What are you looking at a***hole."

■ OHIO, USA

**Drunk in charge...of a bar stool?**

Being drunk on a bar stool might not seem like a huge crime - but a man in America has been arrested and charged with drunken driving, after he crashed his motorised bar stool.

Police in Newark, Ohio, say that when they responded to a report of a crash with injuries on March 4, they found a man who had wrecked a bar stool powered by a deconstructed lawn mower. The driver of the bar-stool, 28-year-old Kile Wygle, was hospitalized with minor injuries. Police say he was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated after he told an officer at the hospital that he had drunk 15 beers.

Wygle, who has pleaded not guilty and requested a jury trial, told police his motorised bar stool can go up to 38 mph.

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

**Porn on expenses for Home Secretary**

Beleaguered British Home Secretary Jacqui Smith has hit the headlines again, this time over revelations that she claimed expenses for two porn movies that her husband watched.

While the home secretary was at work, her other half ordered two pay-per-view adult films to watch at their Worcestershire home. It's not illegal and it probably wouldn't even have come to light - except that a claim for the films was made on her parliamentary expenses, paid for by the taxpayers. She says it was a mistake and that she believed she was claiming for the cost of her internet access.

Her husband, Richard, has made a sheepish apology. He told reporters: "I am really sorry for any embarrassment I have caused Jacqui. I can fully understand why people might be angry and offended by this."

The £67 Virgin Media bill was submitted last June as part of Ms Smith's expenses – which are supposed to be "wholly, exclusively and necessarily to enable me to stay overnight away from my main home."

The bill included two 18-rated "additional features" at £5 each. They were viewed on April 1 and April 6 last year at 11.18pm and 11.19pm. Subscribers to the cable service can access various X-rated films, including titles such as Happy Husbands and Willing Wives, Dirty Debutantes and Sweaty Sex. The couple are paying the money back, but people close to the pair have described her as "livid" and "mortified" about the whole affair.

There have been calls for the home secretary to resign but Prime Minister Gordon Brown's still supporting her. "This is very much a personal matter for Jacqui," he said, adding: "Her husband has made it clear that he has apologised."

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ON THE ROOF

John had just won first prize at a cat show and had received a 10-day cruise to Puerto Rico. The catch was, though, pets weren't allowed on the cruise. So John decided to leave his cat with his best friend, Al.
Al agreed to come over to John's house and live with his mom for the duration of the cruise. John told Al, "Just feed the cat three meals a day, and take good care of him. He's my prize-winning cat!" And with that, he left. The next day, John phoned Al on his cell phone and asked, "How are things?" To which Al responded, "Things are fine."
"How's Mom?"
"Mom's fine."
"How's the cat?"
"The cat's fine." Satisfied, John hung up. Next day, John called Al again. "How are things?"
"Things are fine."
"How's Mom?"
"Mom's fine."
"How's the cat?"
"The cat's DEAD."
"WHAT?!?" John was quite distressed. "How could you let it die? It was my prize cat!"
"Well, John, I'm sorry, but I couldn't do anything, I didn't see it. But what I think happened was that the cat was on the roof, fell off, and broke his leg. Then, he hobbled out into the road, and got run over."
John was cooling down a bit now, and said, "Well, couldn't you have tried to break it to me over time? You could have said it bit by bit. For example, you could have first said 'The cat's on the roof', then the next day said 'The cat fell off the roof, and broke its leg', see what I'm saying."
"Yeah, yeah, I get it. See you later, John."
"Ok... bye." John hung up.
The next day, John phoned Al again. "How are things?"
"Things are fine."
"How's Mom?" "Umh," Al said, "Mom's on the roof."

FUSSY

A man enters his favourite ritzy restaurant, and while sitting at his regular table, he notices a gorgeous woman sitting at a table nearby all alone. He calls the waiter over and asks for their most expensive bottle of Merlot to be sent over to her, knowing that if she accepts it, she is his for the night.
The waiter gets the bottle and quickly sends it over to the woman saying this is from the gentleman at a nearby table. She looks at the man, then at the wine and decides to send a note over to the man. The note read: "For me to accept this bottle, you need to have a Mercedes in your garage, a million dollars in the bank, and 9 inches in your pants."
The man, after reading this note, sends another note to her. It read: "Just so you will know, I happen to have a Ferrari Testarosa, a BMW 850iL, and a Mercedes 560SEL in my garage; plus I have over twenty-million dollars in the bank. But, not even for a woman as beautiful as you, would I cut three inches off my dick, - just send the wine back."

THREE WISHES

An old man walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender notices the guy's head is the size of a cue ball. "I got to ask, sir," says the bartender. "What happened?"
The old guy sighs and tells him, "My ship was torpedoed by the Germans in WWII. A mermaid rescued me and promised to grant me three wishes. For my first wish, I asked to return to the States. My second wish was to have all the money I would ever need. Finally, my third wish was to have sex with the mermaid."
"That doesn't sound too bad," says the bartender. "Then what happened?" "Well," sighs the man, "mermaids can't have sex, so I asked her if I could just have a little head...."

# Your STARS
## with The Sage

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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'll soon bathe in the blood of your enemies, though not before a number of rather embarrassing hints from your friends.

**Aquarius**
**Jan 20 - Feb 18**
Avoid staring directly at the stars this week, as a rider in their contract forbids anyone from making eye contact with them.

**Pisces**
**Feb 19 - Mar 20**
You've spent years living in a fantasy world, which is rather unfortunate, as it's one dreamed up by that hack Robert Jordan.

**Aries**
**Mar 21 - Apr 19**
You'll be punished for playing God this week, which isn't surprising, considering the cockney accent, exaggerated limp, and thick head of curly blonde hair you gave Him.

**Taurus**
**Apr 20 - May 20**
NASA officials will once again select you for a very important mission. Though, to be fair, going out and getting them coffee isn't as exciting as it used to be.

**Gemini**
**May 21 - Jun 21**
All of your money problems will soon be solved, including how many more quarters Suzie has than Scott, and what, if any change, Michael should get back from Michelle.

**Cancer**
**Jun 22 - Jul 22**
After years of painstaking research and rigorous clinical trials, medical science still doesn't have an answer for why you're such a jerk.

**Leo**
**Jul 23 - Aug 22**
That bottle of whiskey might help you sleep, but then, there's probably an easier way than smashing it over your head every night.

**Virgo**
**Aug 23 - Sep 22**
You'll be praised for your contributions in the field of forensic science, though much of the credit should go to the barbed wire, the hydrofluoric acid, and the radial arm saw.

**Libra**
**Sep 23 - Oct 23**
Previously on Libra—"Is that…could it be…yes, it's the tall, dark stranger!" "Welcome to Sydney madam, I hope last night's journey over water was to your liking." "32, 8, 17, 24, 5."

**Scorpio**
**Oct 24 - Nov 21**
You'll soon discover three new planets, a dwarf star, and two orbiting satellites—an incredible achievement for someone just trying to peer in on his neighbour.

**Sagittarius**
**Nov 22 - Dec 21**
A mixture of dread, anxiety and utter disgust will be yours this week when the nation's housing blister finally bursts.

# 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.

# Seeing The Light

## Earth Day: just one way we can help the World.

■ KHAO TAKIAB, THAILAND

Last Saturday was the global turn off, or Earth Hour, where thousands of people around the world turned off non essential lights for one hour, in an effort to raise the awareness of our use of electricity. There are other efforts being made though to cut our power consumption, as David Green from Sun Generation Thai explains.

Light-emitting diodes, more commonly known as LEDs, were invented early in the 20th century, though it wasn't until the 1960's that the technology had matured enough to become practical and the patents started flying. Now, LEDs are poised to become a dominant source of our lighting in the future.

Why? Consider for a moment the problem of powering the world - and the problems caused by global warming from greenhouse gas emissions. About 20% of all electricity is used for lighting. To drive home the point, your laptop may use about a quarter the power of a 60 watt light bulb, when your laptop is on and the screen is lit.

Still listening? In the 1990's, several breakthroughs in LED (and OLED - organic LED) technology energized the field. Suddenly, bright red, green, and blue LEDs were available. Combine these colors in the right proportions and you get - that's right - white light. Therefore, LEDs can be used for conventional lighting.

Although a LED light costs more than a conventional incandescent light bulb to buy, the energy savings and longevity of LED lighting trounce incandescent and halogen lighting. It's expected that the manufacturing costs of "white" LED lights will fall substantially in the future, making the initial expense a moot point.

*An LED tree similar to the one to be installed at the Beach Hut Bar in Khao Takiab*

If LED lighting is aggressively adopted, then by the year 2020, electricity used for lighting could be cut by 50%. This would make for a 10% reduction in overall electricity usage, reducing the global carbon emissions by 28 million metric tons, according to a U.S. Department of Energy report.

LEDs have another hurdle to pass, however. Fluorescent lights are tough to beat, in terms of lumens per watt of power. There's a good chance that LEDs will be able to beat the efficiency of fluorescent lighting with a bit of R&D. Alternatively, LEDs could beat fluorescent lighting on the battlefield of public acceptance. Who really likes fluorescent lights, anyway?

LED Lights are the future and in two weeks time you will see the first LED palm tree in Khao Takiab, the Tree will be installed at the Beach Hut bar Khao Takiab.

**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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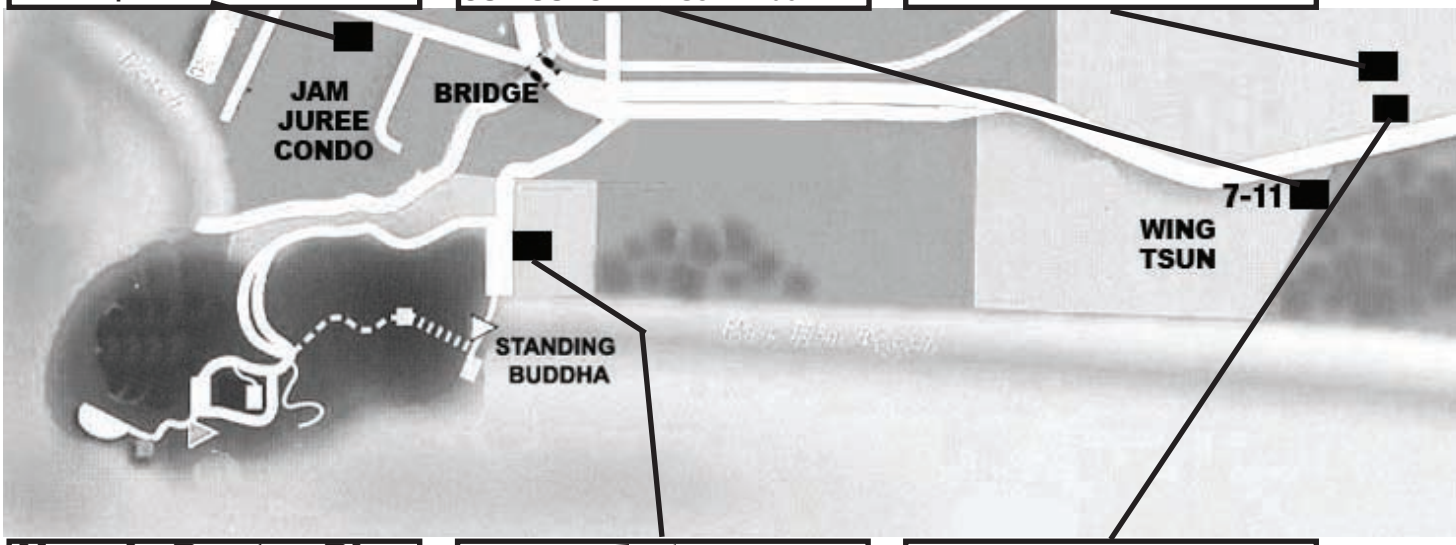


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## KT News & Events

■ CAMP PALAPON is the venue for a whole host of Health and Holistic Wellness activities brought to you by Klaus from Wing Tsun Kung Fu - please check the KT Events Calendar on page 14, and contact Wing Tsun by mobile: 086-8039085 or tel: 032-536239, or send an email to office@wt-thailand.com. They also have an extensive website covering their activities at http://www.wt-thailand.com/. Also listed on the Events Calendar are other classes and courses based at Sukkasart Institute of Healing Arts and the Kabantamor Resort.

■ EVERY THURSDAY at British Breakfast Foods get free Cheddar Cheese with orders over 500 baht.

■ LOST CAFE regularly shows live sports that are unavailable on either Thai TV or True Visions/UBC - coming soon are the Ashes cricket, British Lions in South Africa, FA cup semi's and final and the Hatton v Pacquiao boxing.(2nd May)

■ WOODY'S RESTAURANT AND BAR has now opened! Located conveniently near the beach, it is the first choice for food and drink on a hot day by the sea. Very near the famous Standing Buddha and just behind Supatra By The Sea, pop in and try them out!

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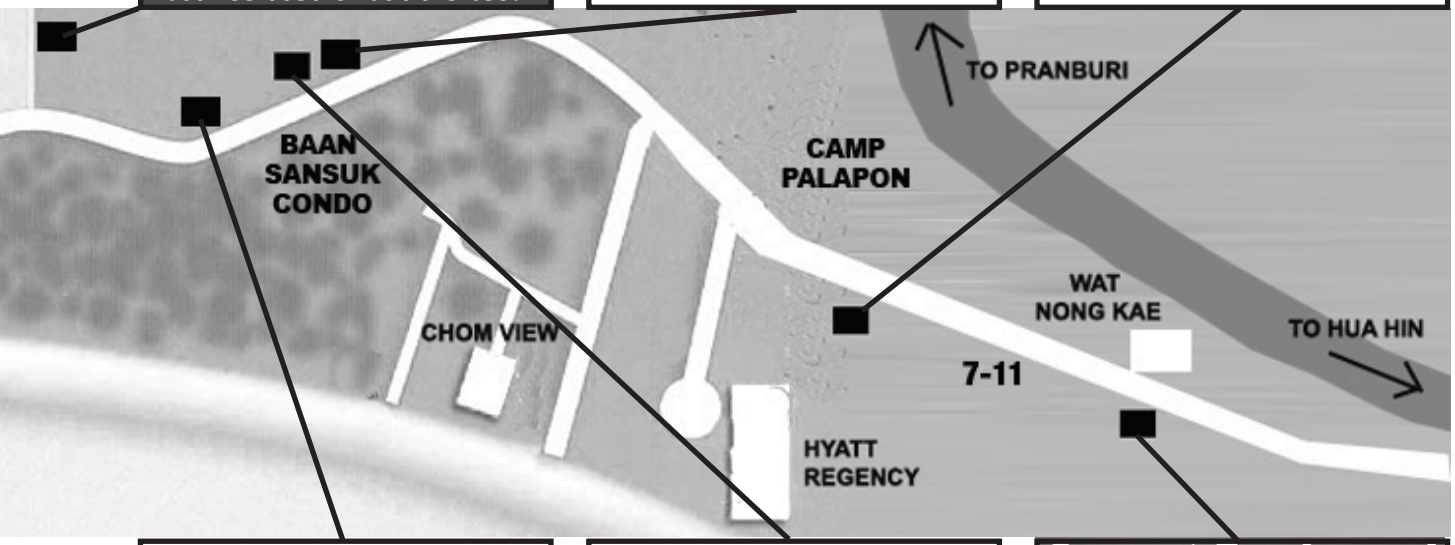


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Mike 084 376 9438
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## Khao Takiab Golf Society

The Khao Takiab Golf Society is pleased to announce that its newest member is none other than Johan Edfors, winner of the inaugural Black Mountain Masters last weekend. His membership was submitted and approved after a long, hard session with the committee at Bob and Noks Bar, and Johan has agreed to play in a round with the society when he reurns next year to defend his title.

The picture shows Nok from Bob and Noks welcoming Johan to the society officially, during one of his rounds at the weekend.

The Khao Takiab Golf Society is based out of Bob and Noks Bar (see map above) and if you are interested in joining such illustrious golfers as Mr Edfors, please contact them on 089 586 1700.

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# 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** |
| Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga | Sunset B'vard Dinner Club<br><br>Sukkasart - Qi Gong - Women | Camp Palapon - Kung Fu<br><br>Kabantamor - Meditation | Darts<br>Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu<br><br>Kabantamor - Meditation | Pool<br><br>Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga<br><br>Kabantamor - Reiki Sharing | British B'fast Foods offer<br>**KT Golf Soc. Away Day**<br>Camp Pal. - Kung Fu<br>**Kabantamor Meditation** | Oasis Karaoke<br>**KT Golf Soc. Away Day**<br>Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu<br>**Kum Koon - Live music** |
| **11** | **12** | **13** SONGKRAN | **14** SONGKRAN | **15** SONGKRAN | **16** | **17** |
| Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga | Sunset B'vard Dinner Club<br><br>Sukkasart - Qi Gong - Women | | Darts | Pool<br><br>Kabantamor - Reiki Sharing | British B'fast Foods offer<br><br>Kabantamor - Meditation | Oasis Karaoke<br><br>Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu |
| **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** |
| Lost Cafe FA Cup Semi Finals<br>Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga | Sunset B'vard Dinner Club<br><br>Lost Cafe FA Cup Semi Finals | **Sunset B'vard Quiz**<br>C. P. Kung Fu<br>**Kabantamor Meditation**<br>Sukkasart-ZeNa Tai | **Darts**<br>C. P. - Fitness/ Kung Fu<br>**Kabantamor Meditation**<br>Sukkasart-ZeNa Tai | **Pool**<br>Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga<br>**Kabantamor Reiki Level I**<br>Sukkasart-ZeNa Tai | **British B'fast Foods offer**<br>C. P. Kung Fu<br>**Kabantamor Reiki Level I**<br>Sukkasart-ZeNa Tai | Oasis Karaoke<br>**C. P. - Fit./ Kung Fu**<br><br>Kum Koon - Live music |
| **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** | **May 1** |
| Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga | Sunset B'vard Dinner Club<br><br>Sukkasart - Qi Gong - Women | Camp Palapon - Kung Fu<br><br>Kabantamor - Meditation | Darts<br>**Camp Pal. - Fitness/K Fu**<br>Kabantamor - Meditation & Reiki Level II | Pool<br>**Camp Pal. - Tai Chi/Yoga**<br>Kabantamor - Reiki Level II | British B'fast Foods offer<br><br>Camp Pal. - Kung Fu | Oasis Karaoke |
| **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
| | Sunset Boulevard Dinner Club | | Darts | Pool | British B'fast Foods offer | Oasis Karaoke<br>**Kum Koon - Live music** |

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8. Enthusiastic (5)
9. Approaching death (5)
10. Abominable snowman (4)
12. Compartment for safekeeping (6)
14. Lincolnshire town (6)
17. Make beer or ale (4)
21. Cured pig meat (5)
22. Excursions (5)
23. Area of South London (10)

Down
2. Illumination (5)
3. Remedy (4)
4. Cowboy display (5)
5. Young bird (5)
6. Pilsner (5)
7. Extremely (4)
11. Annoy (3)
13. Young bear (3)
14. Meat and vegetables on a skewer (5)
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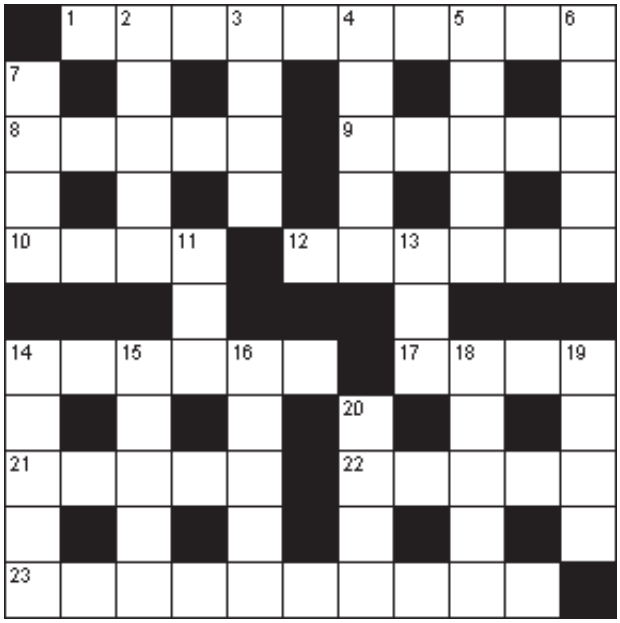

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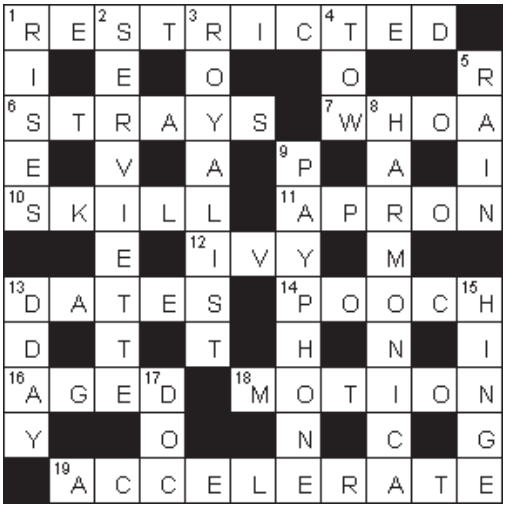



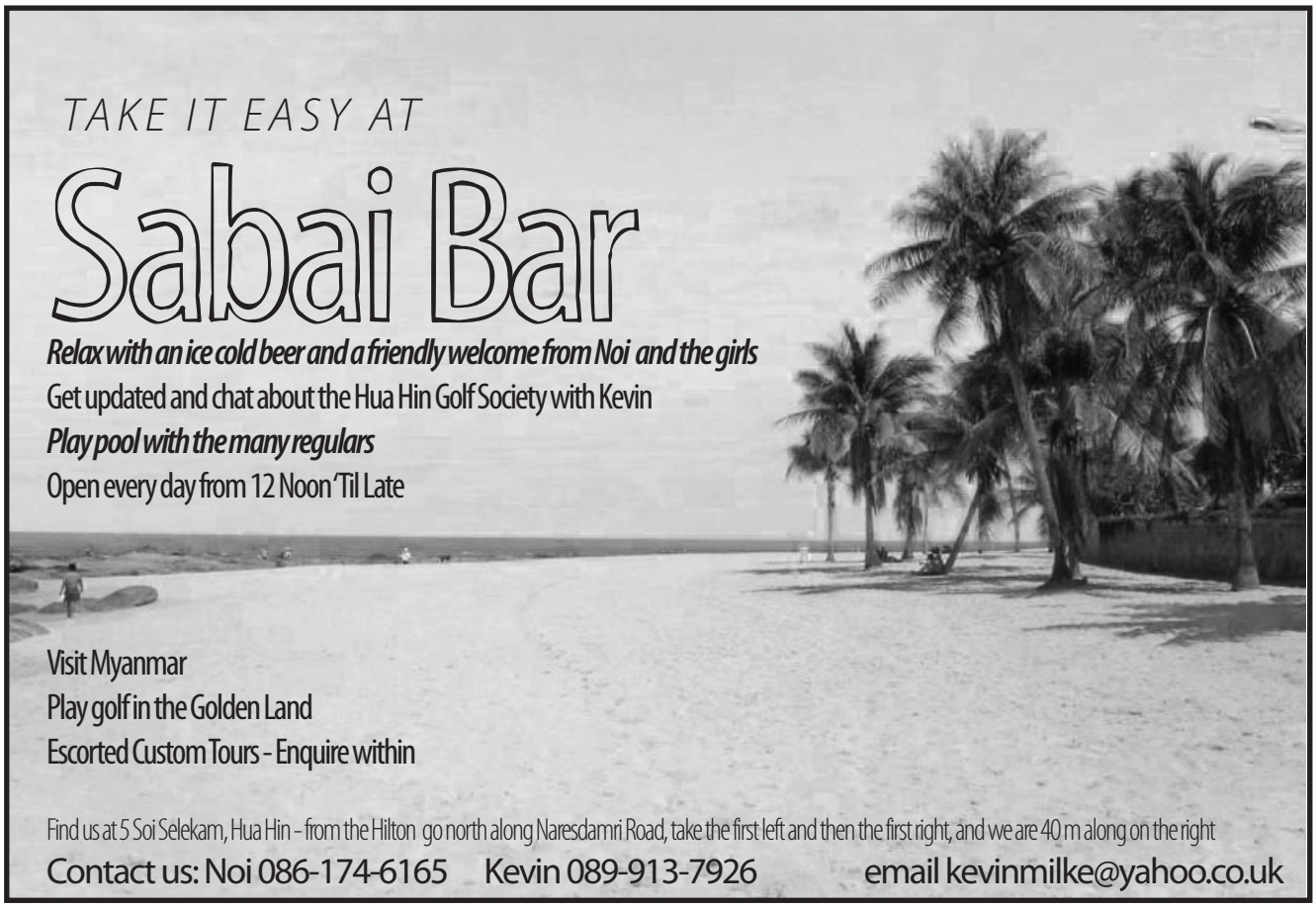

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■ DEAR MARY,
I am an 80 year old man and I moved to Thailand two years ago when I won the lottery. My previous wife died some ten years earlier and I vowed never to remarry. However I met a girl six months ago walking home from my weekly bridge night who has spun my head around! There was an instant chemistry between us and my previously defunct libido has come surging back to life, albeit with the help of some pills she gives me. She has now fallen pregnant and the only thing she talks about is getting married, and discussions have already begun about a thing called a 'sin sod' which all sounds a bit perverted to me. I am worried that I am being disrespectful to my late wife, as well as being taken for a ride by my 18 year old cutie, although that is only what my friends say, and I think they are just jealous.
Wrinkly, Hua Hin

Mary says:Dear Wrinkly,
This reminds me of the story of the old man who goes to the doctor to have his annual checkup. The doctor asked him how he was feeling. "Never better!" he boasted. "I've got an 18 year old bride who's pregnant and having my child! What do you think about that?" The doctor considered this, then said, "I knew a guy who was an avid hunter. He never missed a season. But one day he went out in a hurry and accidentally grabbed his umbrella instead of his gun. So he was in the woods and suddenly a grizzly bear appeared in front of him! He raised up his umbrella, pointed it at the bear and squeezed the handle." "And do you know what happened?" the doctor queried. Dumbfounded, the old man replied, "No." The doctor continued, "The bear dropped dead in front of him!" "That's impossible!" exclaimed the old man. "Someone else must have shot that bear!" I rest my case...

Dear Mary,
I am an 18 year old Thai girl and a few months ago chatted up this old bloke as he was walking home. Apparently he is loaded and has a heart condition, so I figured it would be worth playing along to see what I could get out of it. I popped some Viagra into his cocoa and made out that he was amazing in bed because that seemed to make him happy, and I've spent a lot of time with him now. It really is quite a trial staying with him because he has the most awful body odour and farts all the time but doesn't realise, but I know there is a pot of gold at the end of it as I have now seen his bank statement. I thought I had blown it a couple of weeks ago when I fell pregnant from one of my other boyfriends, but realised I could use it to my advantage. I am now bombarding him with marriage stuff and telling him that he will have to pay a lot because of my age but the only problem I can see is that despite being so old he doesn't show any signs of getting ill at all, and I'm worried I might have to spend more than a year with him. What can I do?
Cutie, Hua Hin

Mary says: Dear Cutie,
Somehow I get the feeling your concerns will be no more very soon, but just in case you do indeed have to spend some time with this old man, may I suggest that you have a ready supply of nasal inhalers to deal with the smell, and consider upping the dosage of Viagra. I am a little concerned that you don't mention your plans for the baby but I assume that you will follow the traditional path and dump it on your mother so you can continue to gad about luring rich OAPs. If you haven't already you should make sure that you take your old man to a poor Isaan village and introduce a poor family there as your own to ensure some extra wedge before the sin sod 'gusher'.

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# Kom Hom Sports Club

Komhom Sports & Social Club

Firstly on behalf of the "Kom Hom Sports and Social Club" I would like to congratulate the AWOL team for providing us all with the opportunity to air our views and keep everyone abreast of what's happening in our home town, well done guys.

Things are beginning to evolve steadily in the club, we have enjoyed many of our sports days on Sunday afternoon at Palm Hills Sports Centre, an event that will often stretch into the twilight hours. For those interested in joining the activity that includes Badminton, Tennis etc we start at around 1330 and generally leave around dusk.

On the 24th of March we enjoyed our second Chess event on this occasion the venue was Hua Hin Vine Yard, it was a great experience sipping some good quality wine at reasonable prices and playing chess in such a spectacular setting. I have to admit though the chess boards soon had to give way to platters of cheese and empty bottles of wine, but a sporting afternoon was had by all.

We are still hosting the usual dart and pool nights and our quiz night is still every second Thursday where the proceeds are donated to Petchaburi Special School, a big thank you to our loyal supporters. Last week Thursday 26th March we were lucky enough to have a visiting team of "gentlemen" from Pattaya who sportingly entered the quiz and provided a stiff challenge for the regulars. Everyone is welcome to the quiz and I can assure you the proceeds, as small as they are, are most gratefully received by the children and staff at the school.

Our next away day for the golf is Monday 27th April at Blue Sapphire one overnight stay and 36 holes of golf in fantastic surroundings, contact Brian for the details on 0870117080.

Finally I would say it's great to see the "Skipper" back in town, Steve Stroud the original captain and founder member of the Kom Hom Golf Society, welcome back mate.

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# Hua Hin Pool Leagues

**Hua Hin Pool Billiard League**
**Results Matchday 29 27th March 2009**

| Home | Racks | Pts | Away | Racks | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DB | 4 | 1 | LSA | 18 | 7 |
| OCT | 19 | 7 | LSL | 6 | 1 |
| CAP | 9 | 2 | JWR | 18 | 6 |
| LSS | 15 | 5 | DIA | 9 | 3 |
| JWB | 18 | 7 | DA | 4 | 1 |
| SUG | 11 | 3 | EAG | 14 | 5 |
| QUE | 19 | 7 | TW | 7 | 1 |
| no Game LSB | | | | | |

**Next Weeks Fixtures**
**Matchday 30 3/04/2009**
LSA v JW Red
Queens Flower v Captain's Inn
Thaiwaii v Eagle
JW Black v Sugar Cane
LSL v Dick's B
Diamond v LSB
Octopussy v LSS
Dick's A v no Game

**League Table**

| Team | P | W | D | L | Diff | Racks | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eagle Bar | 28 | 22 | 4 | 2 | 96 | 166 | 48 |
| Queens Flower Bar | 28 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 86 | 169 | 44 |
| Lucky Shot Student's | 28 | 18 | 6 | 4 | 45 | 94 | 42 |
| Johnie Walker Black | 28 | 18 | 4 | 6 | 44 | 108 | 40 |
| Lucky Shot A | 28 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 34 | 90 | 37 |
| Lucky Shot B | 28 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 24 | 36 | 33 |
| Octopussy Bar | 28 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 27 | 33 |
| Lucky Shot Ladies | 28 | 11 | 6 | 11 | -6 | -10 | 28 |
| Sugar Cane Bar | 28 | 11 | 4 | 13 | 11 | 19 | 26 |
| Johnie Walker Red | 28 | 9 | 6 | 13 | -24 | -70 | 24 |
| Silverrock Bar | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 0 | -5 | 18 |
| Dick's Office B | 28 | 7 | 3 | 18 | -44 | -86 | 17 |
| Thaiwaii | 28 | 6 | 3 | 19 | -36 | -67 | 15 |
| Captain's Inn | 28 | 5 | 4 | 19 | -66 | -119 | 14 |
| Diamond Bar | 28 | 4 | 5 | 19 | -68 | -142 | 13 |
| Dick's Office A | 29 | 1 | 2 | 26 | -110 | -210 | 4 |

**Hua Hin 8 Ball League**
**Results**
**Week 2 25th March 2009**
Butterfly Rock 5 - 7 Eagle Bar
DicksA 8 - 4 Sportcenter Students
MrDanB 9 - 3 DicksB
Papayita 8 - 4 MrDanA
Pla's Place 6 - 6 Komhom
SportCentre 8 - 4 LilleMan

**League Table**

| Team | P | W | D | L | +/- | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Papayita | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 4 |
| MrDanB | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 |
| DicksA | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Komhom | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 |
| Pla's Place | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| B'fly Rock | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Eagle Bar | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| SportCtre | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -4 | 2 |
| LilleMan | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -6 | 0 |
| MrDanA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -6 | 0 |
| SC Studnts | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -6 | 0 |
| DicksB | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -18 | 0 |

**Next Week's Fixtures**
**Week 3 8th April 2009**
Butterfly Rock v LilleMan
DicksA v Komhom
MrDanA v Eagle Bar
Papayita v Sportcenter Students
Pla's Place v DicksB
SportCentre v MrDanB

**Hua Hin 9 Ball League**
**Results**
**Week 3 30th March 2009**
Butterfly Rock 8 - 16 Papayita
Dicks B 11 - 15 Sportcenter Students
LilleMan 16 - 8 Dicks A
Mr Dan B 10 - 14 Plas Place
Sportcenter 15 - 10 Mr Dan A

**League Table**

| Team | P | W | D | L | +/- | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr Dan B | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| Papayita | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 |
| Plas Place | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| LilleMan | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| SportCnter | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 2 |
| Dicks A | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -2 | 1 |
| Mr Dan A | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -2 | 1 |
| B'fly Rock | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -2 | 1 |
| SC Stdnts | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -5 | 1 |
| Dicks B | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -9 | 0 |

**Next Week's Fixtures**
**Week 4 6th April 2009**
Dicks A v Butterfly Rock
Mr Dan A v LilleMan
Papayita v Dicks B
Plas Place v Sportcenter
Sportcenter Students v Mr Dan B

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# Hua Hin Pool Leagues

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**Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League**

**League Table**

| Team | P | W | D | L | +/- | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harleys | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 52 | 23 |
| Bob & Noks | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 54 | 21 |
| Free Time | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 52 | 21 |
| Oasis | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 46 | 21 |
| S'set B'vard | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 16 |
| Dizzy Dolp | 16 | 6 | 4 | 6 | -10 | 16 |
| Thaiwaii | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | -28 | 11 |
| Kun Koom | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | -34 | 7 |
| R'way Tav | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | -52 | 7 |
| Dara Bar | 15 | 1 | 1 | 13 | -86 | 3 |
| Deja Vu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eagle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Results**

**Wed 1st April 2009**

Dizzy Dolphin 11 - 7 Dara Bar
Free Time 7 - 11 Bob and Noks
Harleys 10 - 8 Sunset Boulevard
Oasis Bar 15 - 3 Railway Tavern

**Next Week's Fixtures**

**Wed 8th April 2009**

Bob and Noks v Harleys Bar
Kun Koom v Free Time Bar
Sunset Boulevard v Oasis Bar
Thaiwaii v Railway Tavern

**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 Bfly 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 Bfly Rock
Billy Babes v Lazy Daze
Week 26 Red Bar v JW Red
Billys v Limelight

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

# Hua Hin Darts Leagues

**Results - Week 6 & League Tables**

**Division 1**

Scandic Bar A v Dicks Office B 8-4
Lazy Daze v Oasis – Not Received
JW Red v JW Black 4-8
Paradise v CAT 3-9

| Team | P | W | D | L | PF-PA | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAT | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 43-17 | 9 |
| P'dise | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 46-14 | 8 |
| JW Blk | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 36-24 | 6 |
| Dicks B | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 30-30 | 6 |
| Scan A | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 29-31 | 6 |
| JW Red | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 23-37 | 2 |
| Oasis | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 16-32 | 1 |
| Lazy D | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5-43 | 0 |

**Division 2**

Lucky Shot v Butterfly Rock 8-4
Dicks Office A v Jaew 9-3
K H Ladies v Kom Hom 0-12
Railway Tav v Scandic B n/a

| Team | P | W | D | L | PF-PA | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lcky S | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 42-18 | 10 |
| Dicks A | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 46-14 | 8 |
| Scan B | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 26-34 | 6 |
| Kom H | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 36-24 | 5 |
| Jaew | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 27-33 | 4 |
| R'way | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 25-35 | 4 |
| B'fly Rk | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 30-30 | 3 |
| KH Ls | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6-54 | 0 |

**Next Week's Fixtures - Week 7 7/04/2009**

**Division 1**

Dicks Office B v CAT
JW Black v Paradise
Oasis v JW Red
Scandic Bar A v Lazy Daze

**Division 2**

Butterfly Rock v Scandic Bar B
Kom Hom v Railway Tavern
Jaew v Kom Hom Ladies
Lucky Shot v Dicks Office A

**Top 16**

**Top 10 -Div 1**

| Name | Bar | S Win | D Win | S2L | D2L | Tons | 140+ | 180s | Clse | C >100 | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stuart | P | 25 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 110 |
| Tao | Cat | 11 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 83 |
| Golf | SBA | 9 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 62 |
| Dicky | JWB | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 57 |
| Mark | O | 11 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 55 |
| Bon | Cat | 15 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 54 |
| Doug M | P | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 54 |
| Bon | DOB | 11 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 52 |
| Peter | JWB | 15 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 51 |
| Don | Cat | 15 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 49 |

**Top 6 - Div 2**

| Name | Bar | S Win | D Win | S2L | D2L | Tons | 140+ | 180s | Clse | C >100 | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jim | DOA | 16 | 30 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 101 |
| Danny | LS | 25 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 67 |
| Pekka | BR | 11 | 14 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 59 |
| Steve | BR | 1 | 19 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 54 |
| Cop | SBB | 9 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 53 |
| Paul | LS | 11 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 47 |

# 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).

**Sunday 5th April** - Dick's Office Pub Quiz

**Songkran Party 13th April** - Kum Koon in Khao Takiab - more details next week!

**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

- 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

We would like to congratulate members John & Barbara Anstee, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 4th April 2009 a remarkable achievement; they both have our good wishes.

A Hole in One for Roger Donaldson at Lake View on 31st March - Hole No. 4 Course A - Congratulations Roger.

**This week's results:**

**31st March - Lake View A&B 56 Entrants - The Waltz (4 ball team event)**

1st Ooi Pearson, Rod Gretton, Sainapa & Scott Kyle Little 120 points. 2nd Peter Tucker, Graeme Pearson, Alan Rawson & Steve Aristodemou 114 points. 3rd Sheila & Dickie Bird, Pailin & Mike Humphrey 110 points. 4th John Stuart, Mick Evans, Renu & Kurt 107 points. 5th Kari Matti, Pekka, Jari & Sappo 105 points. 6th Usko, Noi, Micki & Katri 105 points.

Nearest the Pin No. 8 Ooi Pearson, No.17 Mick Evans

**27th March - Dragon Hills 17 Entrants - Stableford**

1st Kari Matti 37 points 7 hcp. 2nd Russell Beard 35 points 6 hcp. 3rd Herta 35 points 35 hcp. 4th Jaar Aaltoren 31 points 8 hcp. 5th Micki 28 points 28 hcp. 6th Paul (g) 28 points 13 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 3 Paul (g), No.12 Usko

**Next week's fixtures:**

Tuesday 7th Majestic Creek - 1st Tee Time 10.00

Friday 10th Springfield - 1st Tee Time 11.04

# Butterfly Rock Golf

**This week's results:**

**No results available**

**Forthcoming Fixtures**

Monday 6th April Lake View

Friday 10th April Palm Hills

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# Scoreboard

**(EPL unless stated)**

**Saturday, 28 March 2009**

**FIFA World Cup**

**European Qualifying**

Albania 0-1 Hungary
Armenia 2-2 Estonia
Belgium 2-4 Bosnia-Hercegovina
Cyprus 2-1 Georgia
Germany 4-0 Liechtenstein
Netherlands 3-0 Scotland
Israel 1-1 Greece
Lithuania 0-1 France
Luxembourg 0-4 Latvia
Malta 0-3 Denmark
Moldova 0-2 Switzerland
Montenegro 0-2 Italy
Northern Ireland 3-2 Poland
Portugal 0-0 Sweden
Rep of Ireland 1-1 Bulgaria
Romania 2-3 Serbia
Russia 2-0 Azerbaijan
Slovenia 0-0 Czech Republic
Spain 1-0 Turkey
Wales 0-2 Finland

**International Match**

England 4-0 Slovakia
South Africa 2-1 Norway
South Korea 2-1 Iraq

**Wednesday, 1 April 2009**

**FIFA World Cup**

**European Qualifying**

Andorra 0-2 Croatia
Austria 2-1 Romania
Bosnia-Herzegovina 2-1 Belgium
Bulgaria 2-0 Cyprus
Czech Republic 1-2 Slovakia
Denmark 3-0 Albania
England 2-1 Ukraine
Estonia 1-0 Armenia
France 1-0 Lithuania
Georgia 0-0 Montenegro
Greece 2-1 Israel
Holland 4-0 FYR Macedonia
Hungary 3-0 Malta
Italy 1-1 Rep of Ireland
Kazakhstan 1-5 Belarus
Latvia 2-0 Luxembourg
Liechtenstein 0-1 Russia
Northern Ireland 1-0 Slovenia
Poland 10-0 San Marino
Scotland 2-1 Iceland
Switzerland 2-0 Moldova
Turkey 1-2 Spain
Wales 0-2 Germany

**International Match**

Norway 3-2 Finland
Serbia 2-0 Sweden

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## EPL Preview

**Saturday, 04 April 2009**

***Blackburn v Tottenham, 18:45***

It's always hard to predict matches after an international break due to the unknowns of injuries and tiredness; both these teams had several key players on duty so in theory the effect should balance out. We're plumping for a narrow and much needed home win.

***Arsenal v Man City, 21:00***

This should be highly entertaining with a few goals we feel. Neither defence is very mean and the attacking players should dominate. Arsenal have been showing some resurgence lately so a home win.

***Bolton v Middlesbrough, 21:00***

In contrast this could well be the worst game of the weekend! Boro in trouble and Bolton not safe, this will be nervy and full of errors. A win for Boro would still not get them out of the bottom three but we don't think they can manage it, so Bolton to scrape it.

***Hull v Portsmouth, 21:00***

A crucial game for both sides in determining their fate, and both have been a little inconsistent of late. Hull do not have a great home record, and Pompey are no great shakes away, and we suspect neither will be happy with the draw we are predicting.

***Newcastle v Chelsea, 21:00***

Not the game Newcastle would have wanted right now but a lot will depend on the attitude they take. We suspect damage limitation and a draw is what they will aim for but what they will get if so is a sound drubbing. Chelsea are in form but will be more affected by the midweek internationals; they still have too much though.

***West Brom v Stoke, 21:00***

A must win game for both sides - the Baggies can kiss goodbye to the PL if they lose, while Stoke will drop ever closer to the position most expected them to occupy at the start of the season. We think the home side will get the win and keep everyone on tenterhooks a bit longer.

## Barclays Premier League Table

| | | | Home | | | | | Away | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
| 1 | Man Utd | 29 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 9 | 31 | 65 |
| 2 | Liverpool | 30 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 27 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 27 | 13 | 33 | 64 |
| 3 | Chelsea | 30 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 24 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 9 | 32 | 61 |
| 4 | Arsenal | 30 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 26 | 16 | 21 | 55 |
| 5 | Aston Villa | 30 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 21 | 17 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 22 | 19 | 7 | 52 |
| 6 | Everton | 30 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 23 | 17 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 9 | 48 |
| 7 | Wigan | 30 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 16 | 2 | 41 |
| 8 | West Ham | 30 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 0 | 41 |
| 9 | Fulham | 30 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 4 | 40 |
| 10 | Man City | 30 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 31 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 25 | 9 | 38 |
| 11 | Tottenham | 30 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 20 | 25 | 2 | 38 |
| 12 | Bolton | 30 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 18 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 17 | 26 | -12 | 34 |
| 13 | Hull | 30 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 30 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 22 | -17 | 33 |
| 14 | Sunderland | 30 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 17 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 21 | -10 | 32 |
| 15 | Portsmouth | 29 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 23 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 23 | -14 | 32 |
| 16 | Stoke | 30 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 34 | -18 | 32 |
| 17 | Blackburn | 30 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 27 | -16 | 31 |
| 18 | Newcastle | 30 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 21 | 25 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 24 | -13 | 29 |
| 19 | M'brough | 30 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 26 | -21 | 27 |
| 20 | West Brom | 30 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 28 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 27 | -29 | 24 |

***West Ham v Sunderland, 21:00***

The Hammers will be sweating on Carlton Cole's fitness as without him they lack punch up front. Several ex-Hammers in the Sunderland squad who will have mixed feelings no doubt. With or without Cole we still predict a home win though.

***Fulham v Liverpool, 23:30***

Fulham shocked everyone with their dismantling of Man Utd in their last match, but can they do the same to Liverpool? We think not, as the Reds have been in impressive form and will be keen to grab top spot and put pressure on their rivals. Away win.

**Sunday, 05 April 2009**

***Everton v Wigan, 21:00***

Probably the trickiest game of the week to predict; although Everton have been in good form they are missing several players and over time this can begin to tell. Wigan seem to have regained some belief after losing key players in january, and will be a tough nut to crack. You can guess what prediction is coming from that - a draw.

***Man Utd v Aston Villa, 22:00***

Probably a game that neither manager is relishing at this point, with both teams coming off defeats that will have hurt. Two canny managers though and we wouldn't be surprised to see some selection surprises and tactical switches, bearing in mind how many of these players would have been involved in internationals midweek. This makes it even tougher to predict so once again we are going with a score draw.

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# Brawn GP Muscle In

## A Cinderella story of millionaires supported by billionaires

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THE Brawn racing team completed a Cinderella story last weekend after clinching the opening grand prix of the season with nothing more than millions and millions of pounds. The victory in Australia marked a stunning turnaround in fortunes for the humble, soot-covered team, created just months ago after a management buy-out involving fairy dust and money.

Like many of the characters in Cinderella, the senior members of the Brawn GP team live in large, comfortable houses and have domestic staff. They also attend lavish parties in expensive vehicles and own footwear made from a variety of exotic substances.

The team has also recently acquired a bearded fairy-godmother with her own fleet of Boeing 747s, a train company and an island in the Caribbean.

Meanwhile Jensen Button lives in a luxury apartment in Monte Carlo so he doesn't have to pay income tax on his multi-million pound salary, exactly like Cinderella.

A Brawn GP spokesman said: "We made this car with nothing more than lollipop sticks, elastic bands and an enormous amount of money.But we have had to tighten our belts which has meant using private jets, helicopters and five star hotels like some band of travelling gypsies."

He added: "It's a fairytale come true for a group of dedicated people whose lives were already a fairytale come true and have been for a number of years."

*No more cleaning fireplaces or fending off the ugly sisters for Button*

# Sour Grapes Epidemic In English Football

Harry Redknapp, cheeky cockney used car dealer and Spurs manager has announced that he is suffering from a nasty case of sour grapes. "I got the most 'orrible sour grapes, mate. And I really hate the Italians because they do not suffer from this. This Italian bloke wanted to borrow my King. But I really spat the dummy. Told 'im to fack off." Indeed, Redknapp was greatly angered by Fabio Capello's attempt to use King. Possibly Redknapp is still smarting from failing to land the England job. The FA shied away from the Cockney spiv wheeler-dealer style. Also suggestions of financial irregularity didn't help, but Redknapp denies any wrongdoing. "I ain't no crook. If anyone says I am then watch out coz I'll kneecap 'em."

Sour grapes are a particularly nasty football ailment that has blighted the game for years. Losers frequently show symptoms and other recent outbreaks have been seen from the former Sheffield United manager Neil Warnock, who has a permanently severe case, Kevin McCabe and Dave Whelan, chairmen of Sheffield United and Wigan respectively, Lawrie Sanchez former Fulham manager, Ken Bates, Leeds Chairman and an entire squad of players who can't accept that they were rubbish when Sheffield United were relegated two years ago. However the King of Sour Grapes has to be Arsene Wenger, who many blame for bringing it into the English game in the first place, along with the string of French players who are invariably described as 'moody' or 'sulking'. These are classic Sour Grapes symptoms, and it is rumoured that the football authorities are about to launch a campaign to stamp out bad losers, called 'Ground The Grapes'. The FA have declined to comment.

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