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Hope for Tourism?

15 billion baht government initiatives

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

A package of measures aimed at helping the tourism sector in Thailand was announced on Tuesday, and businesses in Hua Hin will be hoping this is the start of a better period for them. While no accurate figures are available it is clear that tourist numbers are down after a series of events both globally and domestically.

Finance Minister Korn Chatikavanij said the measures were: Bt200 million in insurance coverage for tourists visiting Thailand from May to October; a Bt5-billion loan extension from the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank (SME Bank); and a loan guarantee from the Small Business Credit Guarantee Corp (SBCG) to finance tourism operators' corporate tax payments.

Tourism Council of Thailand president Kongkrit Hiranyakit said despite the welcome measures, the industry's outlook was dependent on global conditions, including the economic crisis and the swine-flu outbreak, which has now spread to South Korea.

"The flu is a worrisome factor, though it has not yet reached Thailand. If it hits Thailand, the impact will be huge. In the past 20 years, the tourism industry has contracted twice: during the Sars outbreak, and then [the double hit of] the spread of bird flu and the tsunami," he said.

Korn said he expected the borrowing for tax payments to total about Bt10 billion, which would be fully guaranteed by the SBCG.

The classic Thai image tourists want

The loans will charge 4 per cent in annual interest, and the borrowers will be offered a three-month grace period. Corporate taxes for 2008 are due next month.

The insurance measure will cover about 5 million tourists and assures them of coverage should they be negatively affected by political conflicts. Any tourists visiting the Kingdom during the six-month period and affected by such events will each be entitled to maximum compensation of US$10,000 (Bt355,000).

The measure was approved following a sharp downward revision of the estimate for tourist arrivals this year, from 14 million to 11 million.

"The measure should ensure no further drop in tourist arrivals. The Finance Ministry will discuss this issue with Thai insurance companies soon," Korn said.

The Cabinet also approved the SME Bank's provision of low-interest loans to affected tourism operators. Under the Bt5-billion fund, the loan will attract interest 3 percentage points below the minimum lending rate, or 4 per cent per annum. Each borrower is entitled to no more than Bt5 million.

While efforts to offset the problems faced by the tourism sector must be welcomed, other factors are working against this, such as the recent change where foreign card ATM withdrawals attract a 150 baht fee, and the continuing political unrest. The mystifying and continuing strength of the baht is probably a major factor as well which will see tourists choose other destinations.

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■ LAS VEGAS, USA

Dita Von Teese was born Heather Sweet on September 28, 1972 in Rochester, Michigan, while her look is pure retro and her act is like her name - a teasing burlesque style.

Von Teese is well known for her fascination with 1940s cinema and classic retro style. This began at a young age and was fostered by her mother, who would buy clothes for her daughter to dress up in. Her mother was a fan of old, Golden-era Hollywood films, and it was from her that Von Teese developed a fascination with the actresses of that day, especially Betty Grable, an actress that she frequently cites as her favourite.

She takes her clothes off for a living and is now recreating her unique look for the masses. Wonderbra hired Dita to create her own line of lingerie (examples shown!) since she knows what men and women like. The pieces include a mixture of suspenders, thongs and bras. Dita admits she has her detractors because she removes most of her clothes on stage and "a lot of people think that what I do is anti-feminist. But most of my fans are women and my whole thing has been about finding sexual power rather than abusing it." Unfortunately, most people don't look as good as she does in underwear or wearing nothing. But the beautiful underwear sure helps!

'Farang United FC' - can you kick it?

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Like a phoenix from the flames, a new football team of expats and locals has arisen from the long cold ashes of Hinchester United, the first stab that the expat community had at the beautiful game. Now meeting twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays from 5pm at a pitch off the Pala-U Road, Farang United are hoping to arrange some proper matches to go along with the enjoyable training sessions. To get involved or keep up to date contact George at the Red Bar (redbarhuahin@gmail.com) or Lee (leephillips_1@hotmail.com).

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Sun	Periods of rain	27	32
Mon	A couple of showers	25	33
Tues	Partly sunny	25	34
Wed	A shower in the morning	26	33
Thur	Mostly cloudy, a little rain	27	32
Fri	An afternoon shower	27	32

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 1st May 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	5	18	Cloudy
Athens	11	23	Cloudy
Auckland	10	18	Showers
Beijing	12	28	Fine
Berlin	10	25	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	15	22	Cloudy
Chicago	10	21	Thunderstorms
Copenhagen	8	20	Fine
Dubai	27	39	Clear
Dublin	4	13	Rain
Geneva	4	17	Cloudy
Helsinki	-2	12	Clear
Ho Chi Minh	25	33	Thunderstorms
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Kuala Lumpur	24	34	Rain
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Manila	26	32	Cloudy
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Moscow	11	17	Fine
New Delhi	25	43	Fine
New York	7	18	Cloudy
Oslo	2	18	Scattered Clouds
Paris	8	18	Overcast
Perth	13	27	Clear
Phnom-Penh	24	33	Thunderstorms
Rio De Janeiro	16	29	Fine
Riyadh	25	39	Clear
Rome	8	16	Rain
San Francisco	8	20	Cloudy
Singapore	25	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	0	12	Clear
Sydney	10	21	Fine
Tokyo	12	22	Fine
Vientiane	23	35	Thunderstorms
Yangon	22	37	Partly Cloudy
Zurich	4	15	Showers

Currency Exchange Rates

At 30th April 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	35.4862
GBP	Pound Sterling	52.4274
EUR	Euro	47.0765
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.37219
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Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

The annual Red Cross Fair has been going on down Naebkehardt road in central Hua Hin this week. The gathering of hundreds of local stalls and attractions selling all manner of commodities occurs every April however it doesn't feel like it was there that long ago. This is because there was one in November last year also. Live music, thumping speakers and raucous fairgrounds are a great attraction to anyone that doesn't live within a 2 kilometer radius of the event but for those that live and operate businesses down Naebkehardt road it has been a week of misery.
Local residents have raised petitions signed by over 700 people requesting that the fair is moved to a more suitable location such as the 19 rai park, just a couple of kilometers north. The park often holds similar such events including the Hua Hin Food Festival and Loy Krathong celebrations. The petition fell on deaf ears ... it seems the powers that be have been spending too much time with their heads up against those monolithic bass speakers!

More raucous noise is expected this Saturday (May 2nd) as the second Honda Summer Music Fest kicks off on the beach in Khao Takiab. The Thai beach version of Woodstock primarily features reggae, ska and funk bands from around the country and largely attracts hordes of teenagers from Bangkok. If you live in the area and like your music loud it is worth a look, if you don't then give it a miss as Takiab town will be turned into one huge car park on Saturday night. Accommodation in the village is already jammed to the rafters.

The Hua Hin Fishing Lodge held a fishing competition for local kids from the Mercy House Orphanage in Pranburi last week. A great day was had by all and a variety of fish found their way out and back into the lakes to the delight of the children. Photos from the day can be found on the forum, similar events are to be planned in the future so if you have a bit of spare time and want to get involved with good causes locally get online for more details and updates.

The golfers have been out and about seeking packages and bargains that are becoming more and more elusive in Hua Hin. It seems that you need to travel to another province to find a reasonably priced round of golf, Hua Hin courses are still price targeting those rapidly dwindling tourists and largely ignoring the expat market. Just under two hours in the car will take you to Dragon Hills in Ratchaburi province where you can play 18 holes, stay in the course hotel, have breakfast, and play another round the following day all for 1,400 baht per person – its even cheaper if you go during the week – bargain!

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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...

At loggerheads

As you are probably aware, this means in dispute with. The phrase is of UK origin. The singular 'loggerhead' occurs as a name in several contexts - as a species of turtle, a bird and as a place name. Originally, a loggerhead was none of these but was first used with the meaning of 'a stupid person - a blockhead'. Shakespeare used it that way in Love's Labours Lost, 1588: "Ah you whoreson logger-head, you were borne to doe me shame."

A 'logger-head' was literally a 'block-head'. A logger was a thick block of timber which was fastened to a horse's leg to prevent it from running away. In the 17th century, a loggerhead was also recorded as 'an iron instrument with a long handle used for melting pitch and for heating liquids'. It is likely that the use of these tools as weapons was what was being referred to when rivals were first said to be 'at loggerheads'.

The first known use of the phrase in print is in Francis Kirkman's, The English Rogue, 1680: "They frequently quarrell'd about their Sicilian wenches, and indeed... they seem... to be worth the going to Logger-heads for."

The next year saw the printing of The Arraignment, Trial, and Condemnation of Stephen Colledge. In that text, the author makes a clear link between loggerheads and fighting: "So we went to loggerheads together, I think that was the word, or Fisty-cuffs."

Loggerheads is also the name of three small towns in the UK - in Staffordshire, in Lancashire and in Mold, North Wales. As is 'de rigueur' when a town might have some reason to claim to be associated with some phrase or another, each town's residents claim that 'at loggerheads' originated in their home-town. Alas, despite the early citations referring to 'going to' loggerheads, this isn't the case. The towns were named after the term, not the other way about. Nevertheless, the use of 'loggerheads' as a place name has been a boon to stand-up comedians of the 'take my wife...' fraternity. They have been trotting out this classic for years:

'I'm going on holiday - a fortnight at Loggerheads with the wife'.

If you hear a phrase or saying, or 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.

Nonthaburi Police Detain Liverpool Supporters

Gathering of "agitated" Red Shirts threatening to residents

■ NONTHABURI, THAILAND

In an apparent case of mistaken identity, police on Wednesday morning raided a sports pub on Chaeng Wattana Road and detained 34 people who were dressed in red shirts and yelling what police believed to be anti-government slogans.

The incident began when concerned residents living near the Pitch Perfect Pub, a sports bar near the Chaeng Wattana pier, notified district police around 1:45 a.m. of a gathering of Red Shirts. According to police, the residents were frightened that the Red Shirts appeared to be drinking heavily and in an agitated state.

Under the current state of emergency in Bangkok, gatherings of more than five people are illegal. Pol Cpt Maneerapon Danggurat raided the pub with a squadron of 40 heavily armed officers in riot gear. "I felt that I had no choice but to prepare for the worst," Maneerapon explained. "We had been told that the Red Shirts had been shouting about 'holding arsenal.' We assumed they had weapons."

According to witnesses inside the pub, the police knocked down the door at about 3:00 AM and stormed the crowd inside. Despite protests that they were only watching a football game, the patrons were detained. Maneerapon admitted that the gathering appeared, on closer inspection, to be non-political. However, the fact that supporters of both teams were dressed in red shirts aroused his suspicions. "Normally a football game should have people in two colors, like blue and green," he said. "All red doesn't look right to me."

The only bar patron not dressed in red was Prapas Ruengthip, who was wearing the yellow Arsenal away kit. He was released immediately through the back door.

All others were held until their IDs could be recorded. Police also requested a full translation of the song "You'll Never Walk Alone" to make sure it contained no subversive lyrics.

At around 3:35 a.m. the police left, but not before shutting down the bar in accordance with alcohol-sales laws. Most patrons stayed to watch the remainder of the match, which ended Liverpool 4 – 4 Arsenal.

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Weird news round up

■ OREGON, USA

Dreadful smell catches 'money laundering' man

A man facing charges of money laundering was caught because he didn't launder himself very well, authorities say - they were first tipped off after bank staff and customers complained about how terribly he smelled.

The man, from Eugene, Oregon, had such an unbearable stench that the bank said it 'made one of their tellers vomit and also caused customers to complain.'

His smell is thought to have been a fertiliser-related odour. An investigation that was started after he drew attention to himself with his pungent fragrance revealed a suspected drug-growing operation involving high-strength marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms.

While the man, Michael James Walsh, isn't charged with any drug offences, he is accused of laundering nearly $500,000 in cash over the course of eight months in 2007 and 2008, at several banks in 12 states.

■ NOVI PAZAR, SERBIA

Angry worker eats his own finger

A Serbian union official has been explaining why he chopped off his finger and ate it in a protest over unpaid wages.

Zoran Bulatovic said he staged the grisly stunt to highlight the desperation of himself and colleagues, some of whom who have not been paid earnings dating back several years.

He said: "We, the workers have nothing to eat. We had to seek some sort of alternative food and I gave them an example. It hurt like hell."

Bulatovic, a union leader at the Raska Holding textile factory in Novi Pazar in south-west Serbia, used a hacksaw to cut off most of the little finger on his left hand.

He decided to act after his deputy, "a single mother of three, was the first to say she would cut off her finger". "I could not allow her to do that," he added.

State-owned Raska Holding was a major textile producer in the late 1980s with a workforce of 4,000. It suffered during the collapse of the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s and a loss of markets and mismanagement during a decade of wars and sanctions led to massive job cuts, leaving the company with only 100 workers.

Some employees have not been paid for years, only collecting social benefits such as free medical care.

About two dozen workers went on a 19-day hunger strike last year.

Bulatovic said his comrades will not back down from their demands, but they will postpone planned self-mutilations at least until talks with government officials in Belgrade scheduled for tomorrow.

■ SUNDERLAND, ENGLAND

Wife faces trial over 'noisy sex'

A woman accused of tormenting her neighbours with her noisy love-making has appeared in court.

Caroline Cartwright, 48, was remanded in custody until May 5 charged with three breaches of her Asbo in ten days.

Magistrates in Sunderland slapped her with a four-year order on April 17, banning her from "making excessive noise" anywhere in England.

But Houghton le Spring Magistrates' Court heard that police arrested her on April 18, April 22 and April 26 after neighbours complained she was flouting the ban with the help of husband Steve.

Prosecutor Claire Ward said there were complaints of early morning shouting, moaning, groaning and the sound of a bed banging against the wall. Cartwright was arrested on Sunday and charged with three counts of breaching her Asbo.

Cartwright, of Hall Road, Concord, Washington, Tyne and Wear, whose husband sat in the public gallery, elected trial by jury and her case will be transferred to Newcastle Crown Court.

A bail application from defence solicitor Peter Lothian was refused.

Cartwright was remanded in custody and ordered to appear via video link before Sunderland Magistrates' Court on May 5.

On April 17, she was convicted for five breaches of an abatement notice and fined a total of £515.

Magistrates also imposed the Asbo, banning her from making excessive noise, knocking, shouting, screaming or vocalisation that can be heard in neighbouring properties or outside the house, and playing loud music.

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Just before his son's sixth birthday, the baron took him to one side and said, "Son, I am very proud of you. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like to have my own airplane." Not wanting to do anything by halves, his father bought him United Airlines.

Just before his son's seventh birthday, the baron took him to one side. "Son, you are my pride and joy. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like a boat." Not wanting to do anything halfway, his father bought him The Princess Cruise Lines.

Just before his son's eighth birthday, the baron took him to one side. "Son, you bring so much happiness into my life. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like to be able to watch cartoons." Not wanting to look a cheapskate, his father bought him Disney Studios and their theatres, where he watched all his favourite cartoons.

Just before his son's ninth birthday, the baron took him to one side. "Son, you are an inspiration to us all. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son, who was by now really into the Disney cartoons, replied, "Daddy, I would like a Mickey Mouse outfit." Not wanting to appear to be tight, his father bought him Chelsea Football club.

CASTAWAY...

One day a man, who had been stranded on a desert island for over ten years sees an unusual speck on the horizon. "It's certainly not a ship", he thinks to himself. As the speck gets closer and closer he begins to rule out the possibilities of a small boat, then even a raft. Suddenly, emerging from the surf, comes a drop dead gorgeous blonde woman wearing a wet suit and scuba gear.

She approaches the stunned guy and says to him, "Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

"Ten years," replies the stunned man.

With that she reaches over and unzips a waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!!"

"And how long has it been since you've had a sip of bourbon?" she asks him.

Trembling the castaway replies, "Ten years."

She reaches over, unzips her right sleeve, pulls out a flask and hands it to him. He opens the flask, takes a long swig and says, "WOW, that's absolutely fantastic!"

At this point she starts slowly unzipping the long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit, looks at the man seductively and asks, "And how long has it been since you've played around?"

With tears in his eyes, the guy falls to his knees and sobs, "Oh good Lord! Don't tell me you've got golf clubs in there too?"

A COMPLIMENT...

A woman, standing nude, looks in the bedroom mirror and says to her husband, "I feel horrible, I look fat and ugly. Pay me a compliment". The husband replies, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect".

Your STARS
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Our previous astrologer, Destiny Dan, is now out of hospital, well on the way to recovering from his physical wounds, but the psychiatrist has said his mental torment following his ordeal is likely to carry on for some considerable time, rendering him unable to even predict when the sun will rise..
Continuing in his absence is The Sage, an experienced and well travelled mystic man, with his much more concise predictions...

Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19
Your frequent boasts of being a real lady-killer will finally gain some credence when an FBI forensics team digs up your backyard.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
You're no Mother Teresa, much to the utter shock and dismay of all those blind orphans in India.

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20
Try as they might, the stars can't see the point in telling you about next week. You'll just do whatever you damn well please, anyway.

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
The interesting thing about your future isn't its extreme brevity, but how many angry, drunken Cossacks it holds.

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
Your quest for abs of steel ends tragically this week when you cut yourself in half with a welding torch.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 21
Sometimes it is best to simply let events unfold. However, doing so for the last 25 years was probably a mistake.

Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 22
The kind of pressure you'll deal with this week would kill a lesser man, which, unfortunately, is exactly what you are.

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
You've got a pair of gams that just won't quit, making things quite awkward when management is forced to let them go.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22
A wonderful romantic experience looms ahead for Taurus, which really sucks, as you're a Virgo.

Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 23
Something deep inside of you will re-awaken this week. Plan to spend most of Thursday sitting in your bathroom.

Scorpio
Oct 24 - Nov 21
You'll soon come to regret catching fist-size chunks of jagged hail on your tongue.

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
Any well-read person will notice several parallels between the story of Beowulf and your disastrous housewarming party this week.

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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.

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.

Good Vibrations!

Beach Hut Boys team to beat!

■ KHAO TAKIAB, THAILAND

Sunset Pub Quiz 20th April

THE Beach Hut Boys retained their champion status in the last Sunset Boulevard Quiz with an outstanding 71.5%. Led by skipper, Magnus Hughson and supported by the two Steve's and Gordon, the Beach Hut Boys won their third in a row and their fourth in total.

The new wild card was introduced and the Boys cleverly chose their best category of Entertainment which earned them 24 points.

See the advert below for full details of their fun quiz.

How would you have got on? (2 Points per question)

1. Which two characters have been portrayed the most times in films?
2. What was John Wayne's last movie and in what year was it released?
3. Name any two of the FOUR original hosts of Game for A Laugh?
4. Which two people have hosted the BBC's Masterchef?
5. 'Friends like these' was hosted by which former pop duo?
6. What are the names of the creators of Scooby Doo?
7. Name two of the five James Bond films with a one-word title?
8. How are the following two singers better known Georgios Panayiotou, Roberta Joan Anderson?
9. The following words are the first words to which famous song: "Finished with my woman cause she couldn't help me with my mind. People think I'm insane because I am frowning all the time"?
10. John Grisham is a famous US lawyer turned author; name any two of his seven books which have also been made into movies?

The next quiz will be on Monday 11th May and if you are interested call Mike on 084 376 9438 to be sure of getting your team in

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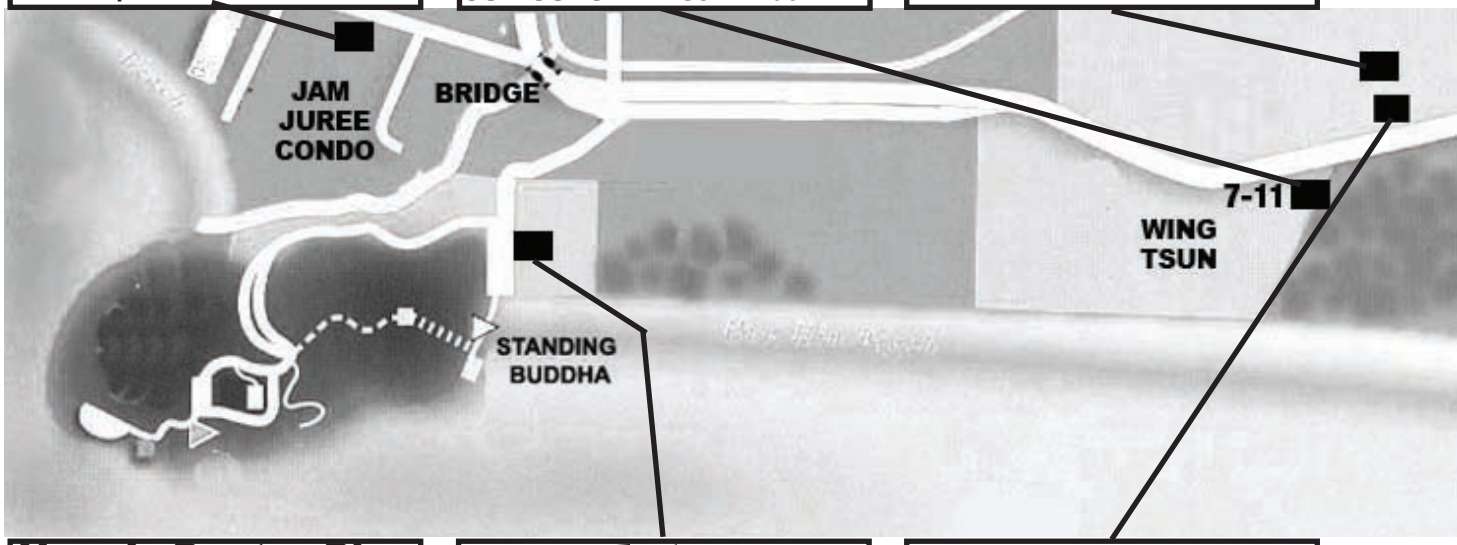

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KT News & Events

■ 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/.

■ THE KHAO TAKIAB GOLF SOCIETY was recently established by Bob at Bob and Nok's Bar, and if you saw our article a couple of week's ago you will know that it can boast of a famous member, none other than Johan Edfors who won the inaugural Black Mountain Masters a couple of weeks ago. If you want to rub shoulders with such luminaries why not give Bob a call on 089 586 1700, or go and have a drink with him at Bob and Noks Bar (see map above)

■ IF YOU WANT to promote your Khao Takiab based business, or have an event, party or happening tell AWOL about it and we will tell everyone else! For a mention in this section or for advertising please email us on awol@huahinmedia.com/

■ 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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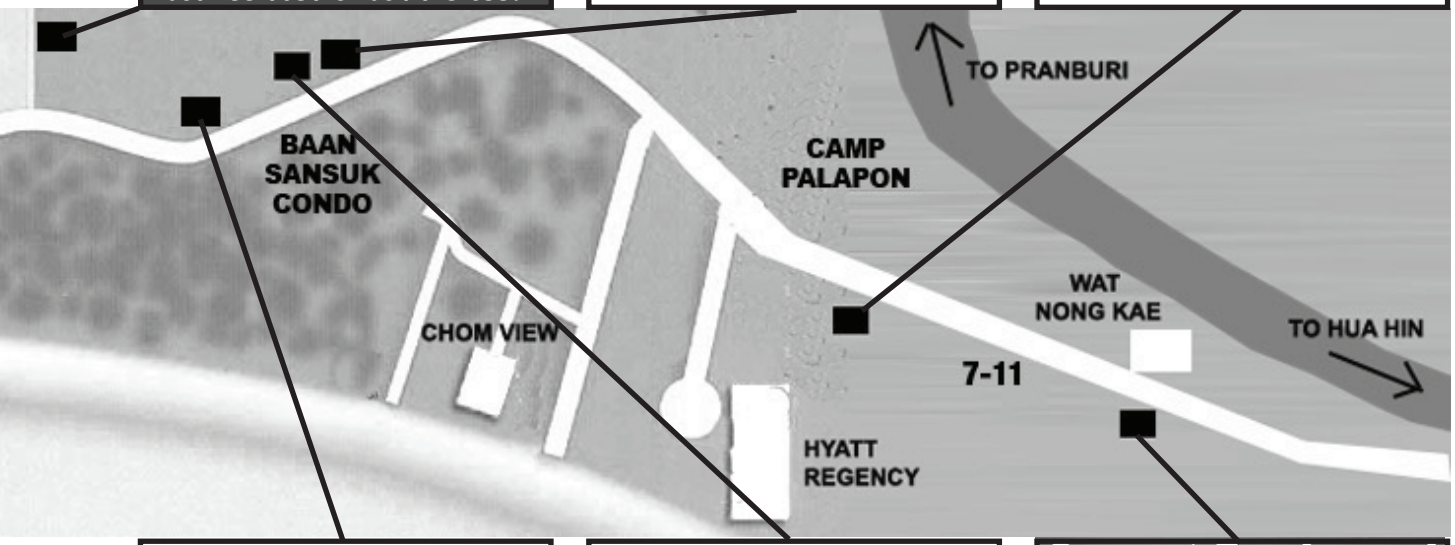

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Honda Summer Fest 2

As previously informed via these august pages, the second Honda Summer Music Festival will take place this Saturday, 2nd May on Khao Takiab beach. The action starts at midday and is slated to continue until 2am, so get there and get with it (or if you are not emamoured of the offerings make sure you avoid the area completely!).

There will be more than 20 bands both Thai and Foreign. These include Groove Riders, Joey Boy (pictured right), Scrub, Lipta, Poe Yokee Playboy, Som Amara, Mild, Creshendo, Teddy Ska Band, Sri Racha Rocker, Madagascar, Joe-Fax, Kai-Joe Brother, Tmon, Okey Mocca, Superglasses Ska Ensemble and Nossa Alma Canta from Italy.

For more information please contact Honda 24 Hours Hotline at Tel: 02-341-7777

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.

MAY/ JUNE

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED'SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**
Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga Honda Summer Fest	Sunset B'vard Dinner Club Camp Palapon - Kids Kung Fu	Camp Palapon - Kung Fu	Darts Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu	Pool Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga	British B'fast Foods offer Camp Palapon - Kung Fu	Oasis Karaoke Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu
9	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**
Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga	Sunset B'vard Dinner Club Camp Palapon - Kids Kung Fu	Sunset B'vard Quiz Camp Palapon - Kung Fu	Darts Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu	Pool Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga	British B'fast Foods offer Camp Palapon - Kung Fu	Oasis Karaoke Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu
16	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**
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23	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**
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30	**31**	**1 June**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
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Across
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6. Vanquish (7)
8. Suitcases (7)
9. Racket (3)
10. Applies friction to (4)
12. Back part of the foot (4)
15. Annoy by persistent faultfinding (3)
16. Graceful in form (7)
18. Break into pieces (7)
19. Precipitous (5)

Down
1. Female ballet dancers (10)
2. Long, laborious work (4)
3. Fragment (5)
4. Beginning (5)
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7. Rickety vehicle (10)
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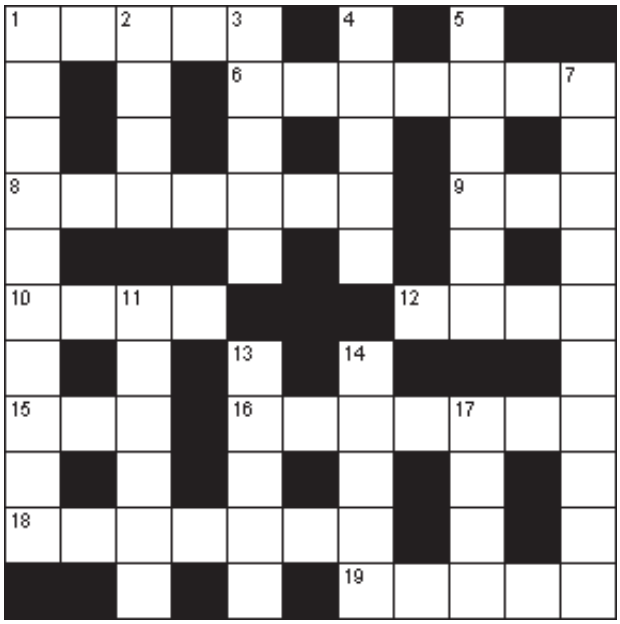

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■ DEAR MARY,
I have recently returned from a holiday in Mexico, where I must say I had a very enjoyable time. However the end of my holiday was marred by two things; firstly, while I was there I was having a holiday fling with a sexy senorita I met in a bar, but as the end of my time there got nearer she started introducing me to her family, which other than her mother and father includes six sisters and five brothers, as well as countless cousins, uncles and aunts. Now I am quite used to that scenario having lived in Thailand, but the big difference here was that now I am home and have seen the news about the swine flu outbreak, it occurs to me that all of them seemed to have colds and fevers when I met them. The fact that they all work on the family pig farm has increased my worries. On the plane home I was distinctly uncomfortable with an itching sensation around my posterior, and now I am home I have discovered that I am growing a little curly tail! Now I was quite prepared for the dose of clap I invariably catch on these foreign trips, but this is something else! What can I do?
Grunt, Pattaya

Mary says:Dear Grunt,
I would not worry too much over this; it is quite a common complaint for men such as yourselves who use women as their personal plaything without any thought about their feelings to start actually taking on the appearance of a pig to go with their personality. I am sure the next stage of this will be the snout and trotters, so while your concerns about the pandemic are understandable, you have not caught the deadly H1N1 swine flu, but the P1G1 GN0 RANT strain that just leaves permanent disfigurement. Strangely this does only affect men in their 30's and 40's with tiny penises.

Dear Mary,
I am writing to you on behalf of both myself and a good friend; we are both professional footballers playing for a well known Russian mafia owned club in West London. We both have afflictions which are causing problems for us; I cry like a girl whenever something goes wrong for me, and my friend cannot stop baiting the fans at his former club whenever he is interviewed. He also has an annoying habit of pointing at the sky whenever he scores a goal. These afflictions have led to us receiving extreme abuse from opposing fans, and despite our attempts to placate them, it just seems to be getting worse.
Please help us.
Blue Boys, London.

Mary says: Dear Blue Boys,
I am glad you have written to me as it gives me a chance to put a few things straight. Let us compare and contrast; you two earn more in a week than most of the fans earn in five years; the fans shell out their hard earned money to buy tickets and travel to games; they see pampered footballers making a mess of their personal lives and acting horribly towards other people, for example being a violent thug and letting someone else take the blame, or leaving the club that has nurtured them and then immediately slagging off the place and fans at every opportunity since. They read in the tabloids all these stories which strongly suggest that these footballers are arrogant yobs with terrible attitudes, and basically are not nice people, and then these footballers go crying to the same tabloids when they get abuse hurled at them.
The only advice I can give you is to apologise publically and make good with all the people you have hurt, and become nicer people. And stop blubbing.

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HHAD Photo Competition

From time to time Hua Hin After Dark runs a photo competition for its forum members, and another one, the seventh, has just got underway. Eleven photos covering a variety of topics ahve been entered this time, most of which are Thailand related. Voting on these, as yet, uncredited shots is underway on the forum now (go to http://www.huahinafterdark.com/forum/hhad-photo-competition-vii-t12102.html to view and vote) and the winner will be announced on 15th May.

If you are a budding photographer, or have just taken a photo that you like, why not join the forum and enter your attempt in the next competition? Also coming soon is a Photo Gallery, www.huahinpictures.com which collects together photos that have been taken for and submitted to HHAD in the past.

Below are a selection of the pictures in this month's competition.

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League Results
Matchday 1 24th April 2009

Home	Rks	Pts	Away	Rks	Pts
LSS	16	5	LSA	9	3
LST	14	5	LSB	9	3
DA	0	0	DB	0	0
OCT	14	5	SUG	11	3
TW	14	5	RTB	12	3
SB	18	6	PAT	10	2
JWR	13	2	JWB	15	6
EAG	15	5	QUE	11	3

Next Week's Fixtures
Matchday 2 1st May 2009
Lucky Shot A v Lucky Shot B
Lucky Shot Stdts v Dick's Office A
Sugar Cane v Lucky Shot Th
Dick's Office B v Thaiwaii
Pat's Point v Octopussy
Return Bar v JW Red
Queens Flower v Sunset B'vard
JW Black v Eagle

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Sunset Boulevard	1	1	0	0	4	8	2
Johnie Walker Black	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Lucky Shot Student's	1	1	0	0	2	7	2
Lucky Shot Thai	1	1	0	0	2	5	2
Eagle Bar	1	1	0	0	2	4	2
Octopussy Bar	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Thaiwaii	1	1	0	0	2	2	2
Dick's Office A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dick's Office B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Return Bar	1	0	0	1	-2	-2	0
Sugar Cane Bar	1	0	0	1	-2	-3	0
Queens Flower Bar	1	0	0	1	-2	-4	0
Lucky Shot B	1	0	0	1	-2	-5	0
Lucky Shot A	1	0	0	1	-2	-7	0
Johnie Walker Red	1	0	0	1	-4	-2	0
Pats Point	1	0	0	1	-4	-8	0

Hua Hin 8 Ball League Results
Week 6 22nd April 2009
MrDanA 8 - 4 LilleMan
SC Students 7 - 5 Komhom
DicksA v DicksB n/a
Pla's Place v SportCentre n/a

Week 7 results next week

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
DicksA	4	3	1	0	8	7
Komhom	5	2	2	1	12	6
Eagle Bar	4	3	0	1	4	6
B'fly Rock	4	2	1	1	10	5
MrDanA	5	2	0	3	-2	4
DicksB	3	1	1	1	-2	3
LilleMan	5	1	1	3	-4	3
SportCtre	3	1	1	1	-4	3
Pla's Place	4	1	1	2	-12	3
SC Studnts	5	1	0	4	-10	2

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 8 6th May 2009
Butterfly Rock v Pla's Place
DicksA v SportCentre
Eagle Bar v LilleMan
Sportcenter Students v DicksB

Please note: Papayita and Mr Dan B have now dropped out of the league - all results from their games have been removed.

Hua Hin 9 Ball League Results
Week 7 27th April 2009
Butterfly Rock 17 - 7 LilleMan
Dicks B 11 - 13 Sportcenter
SC Students 15 - 10 Dicks A

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 8 4th May 2009
LilleMan v Dicks B
Mr Dan A v Sportcenter Students
Plas Place v Butterfly Rock

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Sportcnter	6	5	0	1	15	10
LilleMan	6	4	0	2	10	8
Plas Place	4	3	0	1	9	6
B'fly Rock	4	2	1	1	5	5
SC Studnts	5	2	1	2	-4	5
Mr Dan A	6	1	1	4	-11	3
Dicks B	4	1	0	3	-7	2
Dicks A	5	0	1	4	-17	1

Please note: Papayita and Mr Dan B have now dropped out of the league - all results from their games have been removed.

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Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Harleys	18	14	1	3	74	29
Oasis Bar	18	14	1	3	64	29
Free Time	18	11	3	4	62	25
Bob & Noks	18	12	1	5	50	25
S'set B'vard	18	7	4	7	6	18
Dizzy Dolp	18	7	4	7	-16	18
Thaiwaii	18	7	1	10	-24	15
Kun Koom	18	3	3	12	-42	9
R'way Tav	18	3	1	14	-78	7
Dara Bar	18	2	1	15	-96	5
Deja Vu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eagle Bar	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results
Wed 29th April 2009
Free Time 13 - 5 Dizzy Dolphin
Oasis Bar 12 - 6 Dara Bar
Railway Tavern 5 - 13 Kun Koom
Sunset B'vard 8 - 10 Bob & Noks
Oasis Bar 12 - 6 Bob and Noks
(Played 26th April)

Next Week's Fixtures
The season is over!

Harley's Bar retained the title last week without even playing a stroke! Runner up Oasis needed an 18-0 victory to pip them, but only managed a 12-6 win over wooden spooners Dara Bar. Free Time finished third on points difference over Bob and Nok's thanks to a 13-5 victory over Dizzy Dolphin.
The singles finals will be held at Dara Bar on Monday 4th May with Mike (Sunset Boulevard) playing Nok (Bob and Nok's for the third place trophy followed by Joe (Oasis) versus Bob (Bob asd Nok's).

The new season will start following a few weeks break.

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results - Week 10 28/04/2009 & League Tables

Division 1
Dicks Office B v JW Black
CAT v Oasis
Paradise v Scandic Bar A
JW Red v Lazy Daze
Results not received

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT	6	5	1	0	53-19	11
P'dise	6	4	1	1	51-19	9
JW Blk	6	3	1	2	42-30	7
Dicks B	6	3	0	3	32-40	6
Scan A	5	3	0	2	29-31	6
Oasis	5	1	1	3	24-36	3
JW Red	6	1	0	5	27-45	2
Lazy D	4	0	0	4	5-43	0

Division 2
Butterfly Rock v Kom Hom
Scandic Bar B v Jaew
Railway Tavern v Lucky Shot
Kom Hom Ladies v Dicks Office A
Results not received

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Lcky S	6	6	0	0	52-20	12
Dicks A	6	4	0	2	48-24	8
Scan B	6	3	1	2	31-39	7
Kom H	5	2	1	2	36-24	5
Jaew	6	3	0	3	38-34	6
R'way	5	2	0	3	25-35	4
B'fly Rk	6	1	2	3	36-36	4
KH Ls	6	0	0	6	7-65	0

Top 16: Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Stuart	P	30	20	8	6	31	7	1	23	0	126
Tao	Cat	11	24	2	3	29	6	1	21	1	99
Peter	JWB	20	14	6	3	16	2	1	16	0	78
Bon	Cat	20	17	6	3	12	2	0	14	0	74
Mark	O	16	8	4	1	25	2	0	16	0	72
Dicky	JWB	13	6	4	4	20	4	0	16	0	68
Golf	SBA	9	8	2	4	24	1	0	14	0	62
Doug M	P	13	9	4	2	12	2	0	17	0	59
Bon	DOB	9	8	4	3	16	3	1	12	0	56
Don	Cat	11	11	4	5	10	1	0	12	0	54

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Jim	DOA	13	36	2	9	22	2	0	26	0	110
Steve	BR	4	25	4	7	14	2	0	14	0	70
Danny	LS	30	7	6	5	16	2	0	1	0	67
Mojo	KH	16	8	6	4	10	1	0	18	0	63
Paul	LS	16	5	6	3	14	2	0	15	0	61
Cop	SBB	13	7	4	3	15	0	0	18	0	60

Please contact Barry or Jill at JWs if you spot any mistakes in the above tables, or email barrypm@hotmail.com

Next Week's Fixtures - Week 11 05/05/2009
Division 1
Lazy Daze v Paradise
Scandic Bar A v CAT
JW Red v Dicks Office B
Oasis v JW Black

Division 2
Dicks Office A v Railway Tavern
Lucky Shot v Scandic Bar B
Kom Hom Ladies v Eero
Jaew v Kom Hom

Please note: Darts League and player tables not updated as no information received from the organisers before AWOL went to press.

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 1st May - Red Bar Beach Party, including a hot tub and all your favourite summer music, games and discounted drinks.

Saturday 2nd May - Cheap Charlie opening night from 6pm; new bar in Soi 80 offering great prices - see advert p 9 for more information.

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 089 894 4310 (Mack) 3 hrs before to book transport

Mondays and Thursdays from 5pm - no balloons but a lot of balls for football training and practice at a pitch off the Pala U Road. You will need help to find it so contact George at Red Bar or email redbarhuahin@gmail.com for more details.

Hua Hin Golf Society

This week's results:

24th April - Black Mountain

Group 'A'

1st John Rouhiala 40 points 12 hcp. 2nd Kari Matti 36 points 7 hcp. 3rd Paul Moran 36 points 16 hcp. 4th Neil Henderson 35 points 7 hcp. 5th Dickie Bird 35 points 9 hcp. 6th Mike Humprey 34 points 13 hcp.

Group 'B'

1st Arnold Ruijs 38 points 18 hcp. 2nd Jim Dale 33 points 18 hcp. 3rd Oon Heath 32 points 20 hcp. 4th Rolf Johansson 31 points 32 hcp. 5th Rolf Reitz 30 points 21 hcp. 6th Jaap Lokhoist 29 points 34 hcp.

Results from the Chiang Mai trip will be published next week.

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 5th Lake View - 1st Tee Time 9.30 - Stableford Competition

Friday 8th Black Mountain - Stableford Competition

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Wednesday 29th April Sawang - 3 man scramble format 4 teams picked on the day

1st - C Miller / H Lewis / P Simons - 61.45, 2nd - P Williams / G Williams / J Barber - 64.50, 3rd - B McLoud / G Bach / F Kroll - 66.05, 4th - A Rawson / B Reeve / D Bach - 71.05

Monday 27th April Lake View AB - Stableford format 22 players entered

1st Jim Lynch - 42pts, 2nd Barbara Anstee - 36pts, 3rd John Callaghan - 36pts

Friday 24th April Palm Hills - Stableford format

Front 9 - 18 pts - Nid Byrne, Ken Thomson. Back 9 - 20 pts - Robin Heath. Overall - 35 pts - Barbara Anstee

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 4th May Lake View

Wednesday 6th May - The Whippet Trophy at Majestic Creek

Friday 8th May Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)

Saturday, 25 April 2009

Bolton 1-1 Aston Villa

Everton 1-2 Man City

Fulham 1-0 Stoke

Hull 1-3 Liverpool

Man Utd 5-2 Tottenham

West Brom 3-0 Sunderland

West Ham 0-1 Chelsea

Sunday, 26 April 2009

Arsenal 2-0 Middlesbrough

Blackburn 2-0 Wigan

Monday, 27 April 2009

Newcastle 0-0 Portsmouth

Tuesday, 28 April 2009

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Barcelona 0-0 Chelsea

Wednesday, 29 April 2009

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Man Utd 1-0 Arsenal

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EPL Preview

(all times Thailand)

Saturday, 02 May 2009

M'brough v Man Utd, 18:45

While Boro are deep in the doodoo and United look favourites for the title, there have been some strange results between these two sides in the past; and the home side have often beaten the top sides. We are predicting they will do the same again in a huge shock result.

Chelsea v Fulham, 21:00

A West London derby to savour as both these sides are in good form. The home side have been stealthily making up the previous lost ground on the top two, while Fulham are now another unlikely European contender. An entertaining game that will see a close win for the Blues.

Man City v Blackburn, 21:00

Rovers took a huge step towards Premiership survival last week, and they will be looking to finalise that here. City took advantage of a lacklustre Everton last week but we doubt they will be given the same freedom here. Expect City's yoyo season to continue here with a narrow away win for Blackburn.

Portsmouth v Arsenal, 21:00

Probably not the game Pompey would have wanted to follow their relegation battle with Newcastle as Arsenal have rediscovered their sparkling form. However the Gunners have their only chance of silverware looming in the 2nd leg Champions League clash, and we think this gives Portsmouth an opportunity, so are predicting a narrow home win.

Stoke v West Ham, 21:00

It would have to be a very pessimistic Stoke fan to feel that they are not now safe, although mathematically all the current bottom three can catch them. West Ham are still striving to finish seventh and are a good match for most teams. We fancy the Hammers to get a narrow win here.

Tottenham v West Brom, 21:00

West Brom are, as often happens, showing life once it appears their hope of survival has gone, but six points adrift of safety with only four matches left is a bit of a stretch. Spurs may still be entertaining hopes of a European spot and they need to win this for that to happen. Can't see past a home win here.

Wigan v Bolton, 21:00

Bolton are another team who are pretty much safe now, while Wigan have been suffering a loss of form recently. A hard fought draw is likely.

Sunday, 03 May 2009

Liverpool v Newcastle, 19:30

A big game for both teams and depending on other results could see either team get a morale boosting change of positions. Newcastle simply haven't performed as their squad suggests and they will do well to get anything out of this game. Home win.

Sunderland v Everton, 22:00

As we predicted last week, Everton only have eyes for the Cup Final, and we wouldn't be surprised if Moyes drops a few regulars to try and shake them up a bit. Either way this will help the home side and we think they will get a much needed win here.

Tuesday, 05 May 2009

Aston Villa v Hull, 02:00

Villa should finish in either 5th or 6th now and while Martin O'Neill will look to get the best out of his squad they are inevitably going to be off the pace slightly. Hull on the other hand are now in a desperate scrap and fear will be their motivation, but also the cause of mistakes. We think another draw is on the cards to give Villa double figures at home this season.

Barclays Premier League Table *before 22nd April matches*

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	33	15	1	1	41	13	9	4	3	20	10	38	77
2	Liverpool	34	10	7	0	35	12	11	4	2	31	14	40	74
3	Chelsea	34	9	6	2	28	11	12	2	3	28	9	36	71
4	Arsenal	34	10	5	2	26	11	8	6	3	34	21	28	65
5	Aston Villa	34	5	9	3	25	21	10	1	6	25	23	6	55
6	Everton	34	7	5	5	28	19	7	6	4	20	17	12	53
7	Fulham	34	10	3	4	25	13	2	8	7	9	15	6	47
8	West Ham	34	8	2	7	21	18	4	7	6	17	20	0	45
9	Man City	34	11	0	6	36	17	2	5	10	17	28	8	44
10	Tottenham	34	8	5	4	18	9	4	3	10	23	32	0	44
11	Wigan	33	7	4	5	15	16	4	4	9	16	22	-7	41
12	Stoke	34	9	5	3	20	14	1	4	12	13	35	-16	39
13	Bolton	34	7	3	7	20	20	4	2	11	20	31	-11	38
14	Portsmouth	34	7	3	7	23	25	2	8	7	12	25	-15	38
15	Blackburn	34	5	6	6	20	23	4	4	9	17	32	-18	37
16	Sunderland	34	6	3	8	19	20	3	5	9	12	26	-15	35
17	Hull	34	3	5	9	17	33	5	5	7	20	26	-22	34
18	Newcastle	34	4	7	6	21	27	2	6	9	16	26	-16	31
19	M'brough	34	5	8	4	16	17	2	2	13	9	32	-24	31
20	West Brom	34	6	3	8	23	30	1	4	12	10	33	-30	28

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John Terry in fan abuse shock

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

Chelsea and England captain John 'Mr Chelsea' Terry yesterday relived the moment that he was abused by a West Ham fan during last weekend's match.

"I was about to take a throw-in when, out the corner of my eye, I saw a kid put his thumbs in his ears and waggle his fingers." The stunned Terry went on to say "Not only did he make that obscene gesture, he was also blowing a raspberry at the same time."

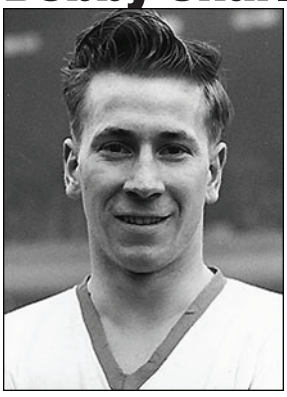
Terry said it was about time that he and his fellow players were given some respect by fans. "We are professionals, just like nurses, and accordingly we should be treated like the angels we are."

Frank 'Lampsy' Lampard, who was also subject of the same abuse, was unavailable for comment due to it being the 379th day anniversary of his mother's death.

Gordon 'Dickhead' Taylor, chief executive of the players organisation the PFA, said, "We think this sort of abuse to players is disgusting, and we plan to push the football authorities to turn a blind eye when, as will inevitably happen at some point, one of our members reaches breaking point and reacts at the time. No one wants to see grown men crying after all."

Right: 'Lampsy' and 'Mr Chelsea' sticking together through thick and thin.

Bobby Charlton wins 'Young Player of the Year' Award



■ LONDON, ENGLAND

Bobby Charlton yesterday picked up his PFA 'Young Player of the Year' award and dedicated the honour to Sir Alex Ferguson.

"Sir Alex has nurtured me through my career and without him I don't think that I would still be a professional footballer. I think that I can still mature as a player and look forward to winning dubious refereeing decisions with Manchester United for a long time to come."

PFA Chairman Robbie Savage said "It was a close run vote, but we found out at the last moment that Billy Bremner and George Best were both dead, so Sir Bobby was the obvious choice." He added "Obviously it's important that we stay right up Sir Alex's arse, and this seemed an appropriate way of doing just that."

Sir Bobby Charlton (pictured left) is 21.

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