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Holiday weekend causes gridlock

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

The May Day holiday last weekend once again inflicted traffic misery on the residents of Hua Hin and Khao Takiab, as greater numbers than ever flooded into the town.

The main reason for the extra visitors appears to have been the concert held in Khao Takiab on Saturday, the Honda Summer Fest, where it was estimated that more than 100,000 were in attendance.

The traffic problems were evident from the afternoon of last Friday however, as both concert goers and weekend visitors from Bangkok began jamming the roads. While it is a weekly occurrence for traffic levels to escalate, the peculiar traffic management system employed by the police when it is an extended weekend were once again in force. These consist of turning off the devices designed to control traffic flow (traffic lights) and blocking the two main intersections in the town with cones, thus not allowing anyone on the east side of Phetkasem Road to easily get to the west side and vice versa. This resulted in many motorists being forced to drive in the opposite direction to which they wanted, and then naturally making a u-turn as soon as possible; however due to the weight of traffic in both directions, this then resulted in the outside lane in each direction being blocked, narrowing an already busy road.

This was exacerbated by car and coach drivers double and sometimes

Bangkok gridlock (above) now in Hua Hin

triple parking as there was no space to stop available without doing so. It is evident that this problem is getting worse, and it is high time that measures were adopted to deal with the situation. AWOL previously ran a humourous story on this issue but neither residents or businesses are seeing the funny side now, as customers are unable to reach their intended destinations, or face massive delays in both the drive and the finding of a parking space.

People have to be persuaded by a combination of improved public transport and integrated out of town parking, and hefty charges in the form of parking meters, fines and wheel clamps for illegal town centre parking. There have been some discussions between officials at the municipality about traffic and parking problems, but as yet nothing concrete appears to have transpired from those meetings.

If the powers that be would go the whole hog and pedestrianise large sections of the centre as well, people will be amazed at how much more pleasant Hua Hin centre becomes. While it would require some rethinking by hotels and guesthouses to deal with customers with cars, and some leeway for them as well, something must be done soon, or events like the annual Hua Hin Jazz Festival will be a curse for businesses, and not the boost to the town they should be.

One of the main reasons people live and visit here has been its 'Far From Worries' feel; lets try and keep it that way.

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Local cinema ignores foreigners

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Do you like to watch new movies on the big screen? Do you live in the Hua Hin area? Then don't bother going to our only local cinema, the Major Cineplex at Market Village - original soundtrack English language movies are as rare as hen's teeth, and despite hundreds of foreigners contacting the cinema, the management there steadfastly refuse to change what they offer, and do not even have the courtesy to respond to emails on the issue. Cinemas all over Thailand screen movies in English because many Thais prefer the original soundtrack, and in a tourist town like Hua Hin you would think at least one showing a day could be accommodated, but no. AWOL says it is about time for a rethink on their strategy to fill all those empty seats...

■ MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

For you soap opera lovers out there, Nicky Whelan will be well known to you, but for the other 95% of people reading this, she would be a good reason to start watching Neighbours reruns!

Early in 2007, Whelan appeared on The Show Biz Show with David Spade on Comedy Central in the U.S.A. Since then, Whelan and Spade have become very good friends, and they are reportedly 'romantically linked' now.

Whelan has recently finished filming the movie Hollywood and Wine in Los Angeles, in which she plays the lead actress alongside David Spade. This is her first acting work following her departure from Neighbours in 2007. Also currently in post production is The Outside, and her next slated project is Fight Or Flight, due to start filming this year as well. Recent reports have also linked Whelan to major projects including the next James Bond film.

Here at AWOL we like to call a spade a spade, and Nicky Whelan is definitely looking a bit cheeky and worthy of our page 3 slot; Mr Spade certainly has a good eye. It can only be hoped that everyone in Hua Hin gets the chance to see her movies when released, maybe even with their original soundtrack at the local cinema!

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
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Sun	An afternoon t-storm or two	27	34
Mon	An afternoon t-storm or two	27	33
Tues	A thunderstorm or two	27	32
Wed	Humid and rainy	27	30
Thur	Humid with rain	26	30
Fri	Clouds and breaks of sun	25	31

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 8th May 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	10	17	Cloudy
Athens	12	24	Fine
Auckland	11	17	Showers
Beijing	19	30	Fine
Berlin	7	20	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	9	21	Cloudy
Chicago	12	22	Cloudy
Copenhagen	5	13	Showers
Dubai	27	39	Clear
Dublin	7	14	Showers
Geneva	8	24	Fine
Helsinki	5	15	Clear
Ho Chi Minh	24	33	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	20	27	Clear
Islamabad	20	36	Rain
Jakarta	24	33	Rain
Jerusalem	11	18	Fine
Johannesburg	10	23	Thunderstorms
Kuala Lumpur	24	34	Fine
London	8	18	Rain
Madrid	13	29	Cloudy
Manila	25	30	Showers
Mexico City	10	31	Cloudy
Moscow	10	17	Rain
New Delhi	24	38	Fine
New York	14	22	Showers
Oslo	1	14	Rain
Paris	9	22	Thunderstorms
Perth	10	25	Clear
Phnom-Penh	24	36	Thunderstorms
Rio De Janeiro	17	29	Fine
Riyadh	25	41	Clear
Rome	9	21	Cloudy
San Francisco	11	21	Windy
Singapore	25	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	7	15	Clear
Sydney	13	20	Fine
Tokyo	15	22	Cloudy
Vientiane	24	35	Thunderstorms
Yangon	22	37	Rain
Zurich	5	24	Fine

Currency Exchange Rates

At 6th May 2009 (mid-market rates)

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BND	Brunei Dollar	23.8084
CNY	Chinese Yuan	5.1614
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00335242
INR	Indian Rupee	0.71146
KRW	Korean Won	0.02763
AUD	Australian Dollar	25.976
NZD	New Zealand Dollar	20.4082
CHF	Swiss Franc	31.08
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NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.37109
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.4049
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Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

Serenity descended on Hua Hin once more following last weekend's Bangkok teenage party at the Honda Summer Music Fest on the beach in Khao Takiab. As expected organisation was shocking and the roads in and out of Hua Hin were gridlocked, there were reports of journeys of a couple of kilometers taking as many hours, even on a bike!

Takiab beach the following day looked like the Lebanon and the sad fact is that a lot of the plastic discarded by revellers the night before will end up washed out to sea. Thai fishermen are bad enough with their polystyrene contributions to marine habitats, and teenagers with plastic bottles just compound a problem that nobody seems to care about.
One thing that can be said is that it doesn't seem like the Thai youth are suffering too much from the global financial slowdown, some of the cars they were driving were worth more than most people's houses.

Hua Hin in general doesn't seem to be that affected on the surface but then the town is unique; a large number of local Thai business people, property owners and old time Hua-Hinians are affluent enough to ride out any financial storm anyway. It has always been the town for the elite and the aspiring.
Just look at the boutique hotels that are popping up along Naebkehardt road like mushrooms after the rain. With fewer tourists than ever before many of these places are perpetually empty, aside from the odd long weekend when the wide boulevard-like road is lined with Benzes bearing Bangkok plates. The owners don't seem to mind though; it's just something else to spend money on.

The property pot started to bubble again as articles from the UK media stated that buyers have lost money following investments into property around Black Mountain Golf Course. The cause, they claim, is Joe Cole who endorsed a condominium complex and encouraged people to invest. Well good ol' Joe got his pad for free and the company responsible for the development has now gone bust according to the Mirror tabloid.
Not sure what is more astounding, the premise that people will buy into something they can't fully own in a foreign country they have never been to without seeing the finished product just because the pictures looked pretty on the website or that they'll buy it because a football player has one.

Caveat emptor is a phrase we often hear when dealing with real estate in Thailand - it should be written in bold and capitals when referring to real estate in Hua Hin.

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...

Laughing-stock

Most people know that this means a figure or object of ridicule and laughter. However most also assume that this phrase originates from an old method of punishment, when this is not the case. Laughing-stock is now usually written as a single hyphenated word, but it was previously the two-word phrase, 'laughing stock'.

It's moderately old and there are at least two citations of it dating back to the 16th century. John Frith's, An other boke against Rastel, 1533: "Albeit ... I be reputed a laughing stock in this world."

and Sir Philip Sidney's, An apologie for poetrie, 1533: "Poetry ... is fallen to be the laughing stocke of children."

The age of the phrase may be the reason that it is often linked with the practice of putting people into stocks as a punishment. The stocks were a means of punishment in use at the time the phrase was coined, by which people were tortured or ridiculed. Victims were held by having their ankles, and occasionally the wrists too, trapped in holes between two sliding boards. The punishment, although not as harsh as the pillory, in which people were confined by the neck, was severe and certainly not intended to be humorous.

Stocks and pillories are no longer used a means of punishment. More recently, it's become commonplace at school fairs and charity events to put volunteers into stocks and pillories and throw wet sponges at them. This is for humorous effect of course and has no doubt added to the idea that 'laughing-stock' originated this way.

The stock in question isn't that though. It refers to the meaning of stock as 'something solid that things can be fixed to', i.e. a butt or stump. So, 'laughing-stock' is just the same as 'the butt of the joke'.

It may be that the association between 'laughing-stock' and the practise of ridiculing people in the stocks grew over time. There's no reference to that in any of the early citations of the phrase though, and it seems clear that isn't the way the phrase originated.

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.

Hua Hin Jazz Festival 2009

Details of concert line up and schedule announced

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

The annual 'Jazz On The Beach' festival that has become an essential part of the town's image is due to take place from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June this year.

Details have now been released of the acts performing, with perhaps the best known, and slightly surprising one being the UK act Shakatak, who headline the Beach Stage on the Saturday. There will also be a Jazz Royale Stage, located in Phonkingphet Public Park, which is opposite the TOT offices on Damnoernkasem Road which leads up to the railway station.

AWOL will feature more information on the festival as we receive it.

The full line up and schedule is as follows:

Beach Stage
Friday 12 June 2009
16:30 DJ: Opening Ceremony
17:50 The Infinity (Thai)
19:10 Noon (Japan)
20:30 Koh: Mr Saxman + Hank (Thai)
22:20 POPSANOVA (Brazil)
Saturday 13 June 2009
16:30 ESTRELLA (Malaysia)
17:50 The Bangkok International Big Band (Thai)
19:10 DOOBADOO+ LULA (Thai)
21:00 MOCCA (Indonesia)
22:20 SHAKATAK (UK)
Sunday 14 June 2009
16:30 Mellow Motif (Thai)
17:35 The BRASS MUNKEYS (Phil)
18:55 Bangkok Connection (Thai)
20:00 MALENE Mortensen (Denmark)
21:20 Ford & The Band + วิยะดา (Thai)

Jazz Royale Stage
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19:10 GAS GIANT (Thai)
20:30 MOCCA (Indonesia)
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17:35 ESTRELLA (Malaysia)
18:40 นุ้ย วิริยาภา (Thai)
20:00 DOOBADOO (Thai)
21:05 Zao Za-Dung Band (Thai)

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Weird news round up

■ WASHINGTON STATE, USA

Plummeting plane saved by toilets

A pilot walked away unhurt after his plane dropped out of the sky - because its landing was cushioned when it fell on a group of portable toilets.

Gary Mayor of the Federal Aviation Administration says the Cessna 182 crashed on Friday afternoon in Washington state, after taking off from Thun Field, an airfield southeast of Tacoma.

Sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer says the plane was about 150 feet in the air when the engine gave up the ghost.

Troyer told The News Tribune that the pilot tried to turn around to land but didn't quite make it.

The plane hit a fence, flipped over and landed upside down on top of the portable toilets standing in a storage yard.

Authorities didn't reveal the pilot's identity.

■ ALABAMA, USA

Man who slept with gun shoots self

A man who slept with his gun may have to rethink that particular life strategy, after he shot himself while sleeping.

The 24-year man, of Northport, Alabama, told police that he must have accidentally let off the .40-caliber pistol by knocking it with his hand.

The gun discharged, hitting the man in the shoulder.

The injury was not life-threatening, said Captain Loyd Baker of the Tuscaloosa County Metro Homicide Unit, who did not have a homicide to investigate.

■ FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND

Condom in a McDonald's Happy Meal

Swiss police say they are investigating a 7-year-old girl's discovery of a condom in her McDonald's Happy Meal.

Fribourg state police say the mother called them after the girl discovered the condom among her French fries.

Police said they were investigating where the condom came from and how it got into the Happy Meal.

■ COUNTY DURHAM, ENGLAND

Firefighters free 22-stone woman from bath

Firefighters were called out to free a 22-stone woman who was stuck in her bath for five hours.

Rosemarie Batey, 49, promised to lose weight after the embarrassing incident at her home near Tantobie, Co Durham, which ended with her needing hospital treatment for cuts.

The grandmother of three was taking a midnight shower when the bath cracked open, causing her to slip and get wedged in.

Her 23-year-old son Stuart was asleep in bed and did not hear her cries for help until the morning, when he finally dialled 999.

A fire engine was sent from Consett fire station and firefighters used a six-inch electronic saw to cut away the bath, while all the time the stricken woman only had a shower curtain to spare her blushes.

■ WORCESTER, ENGLAND

World's largest rabbit dies before TV appearance

Annette Edwards with the world's largest rabbit

Amy the Continental Rabbit, who was nearly four feet long and weighed three stone, is understood to have died of a heart attack after travelling from its home in Worcester to Milan.

It was due to appear on the Italian version of Record Breakers, but the excitement proved too much and it died in a hotel room shortly before the television debut.

Last year, the giant rabbit usurped its mate Roberto's Guinness World Records crown as the world's biggest rabbit.

Having had more than 30 babies, Amy was so big it had to sleep in a dog kennel and cost £10 to feed a daily diet of two apples, a pile of carrots, half a cabbage, fresh hay and a dog bowl of rabbit mix.

Its owner Annette Edwards, 56, told the Sun of her pet's demise: "It is a mystery. She was healthy, not that old for a rabbit and the vet had deemed her fit to fly."

But Mrs Edwards is now hoping that Amy's offspring Alice will keep the largest rabbit title in the family. "We think Alice is two inches longer," she said.

A Guinness World Records spokesman said: "We are sad to hear of Amy's death."

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GOLF SIGN

Here is an actual sign posted at a golf club in Scottsdale, Arizona:
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3. KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN! .
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5. STAY OUT OF THE WATER.
6. TRY NOT TO HIT ANYONE.
7. IF YOU ARE TAKING TOO LONG, PLEASE LET OTHERS GO AHEAD OF YOU.
8. DON'T STAND DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF OTHERS.
9. QUIET PLEASE...WHILE OTHERS ARE PREPARING TO GO.
10. DON'T TAKE EXTRA STROKES.

WELL DONE - NOW FLUSH THE URINAL, GO OUTSIDE, AND TEE OFF.

GOLF STORY

A man staggers into an emergency room with a concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes and a five iron wrapped tightly around his throat.
Naturally, the doctor asks him what happened.
"Well," said the man, "I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when on a difficult hole, we both sliced our balls into a cow pasture. While we were looking for our balls, I noticed one of the cows had something in its rear end. I walked over and lifted the tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it—stuck right in the middle of the cow's butt. That's when I made my big mistake."
"What did you do?" asks the doctor.
"Well, I was lifting the cow's tail and yelled to my wife, Hey, this looks like yours!"
"I don't remember much after that"!

I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO SINK THIS

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes.
The golfer says to himself, "I'd give anything to sink this next putt."
A stranger walks up to him and whispers, "Would you give up a third of your sex life?"
The golfer thinks the man is crazy and that his answer will be meaningless, but also that perhaps this is a good omen, so he says, "Okay," and sinks the putt.
Two holes later he mumbles to himself, "Boy, if I could only get an eagle on this hole."
The same stranger moves to his side and says, "Would it be worth another third of your sex life?"
The golfer shrugs and says, "Sure." He makes an eagle.
On the final hole, the golfer needs yet another eagle to win. Though he says nothing, the stranger moves to his side and says, "Would you be willing to give up the rest of your sex life to win this match?"
The golfer says, "Certainly!" He makes the eagle.
As the golfer walks to the club house, the stranger walks alongside and says, "You know, I've really not been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the devil, and from now on you will have no sex life."
"Nice to meet you," says the golfer.
"My name's Father O'Malley."

Your STARS
with The Sage

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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
You'll finally find yourself in a relationship that may not end with you asking the other person if they'd like a bag for that.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
Though your birthday falls into the correct range of dates, the stars say you are not actually an Aquarius. In fact, they are pretty sure you're an asshole.

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20
You thought your new sports car could do everything but love you, so its declaration of devotion will come as quite a shock.

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
The stars foretell of a mad prophet rising in the East in the moon's next cycle. They hope this somehow helps you with your life.

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
No one will be able to describe your death without using a lot of violent hand gestures, making whooping sounds, and generally doing his or her best "angry chimp" imitation.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 21
You have failed in your life's goal, but don't feel too bad: Of all the people who dream of working at a fast-food restaurant, only 98 percent actually make it.

Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 22
Don't waste time developing a healthy body image, as your body will look a hell of a lot different starting Thursday.

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
Turns out your nightmarish descent into alcoholism and drug abuse will be a lot more fun than expected.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22
The events of next week will closely mirror all the other events in your life up to that point.

Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 23
Your natural resourcefulness allows you to enjoy father-daughter day at the zoo, though you are neither a father nor a daughter, and you can't stand animals.

Scorpio
Oct 24 - Nov 21
Do not believe those who tell you they can see your future. They are merely preying upon your ignorant, fearful, superstitious nature.

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
Your decision to take up bicycling will cause many in your area to rethink their call for increased bicycle safety.

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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.

Joe blows hot!

Oasis star claims pool trophy

■ KHAO TAKIAB, THAILAND

The Hua Hin and Khao Takiab pool league reached it's climax on Monday at Dara Bar. The singles competition finals took place in front of a bumper crowd! Mike of Sunset Boulevard faced off against Nok of Bob and Nok's Bar in the third place match followed by the final between Joe of Oasis Bar and Bob of Bob and Nok's. The finalists were notably all from Khao Takiab proving that the village is emerging as a true contender to the Hua Hin pretenders!

In a nail biting race to 5, Nok levelled at 4-4 before Mike potted the final black to claim the third place trophy. In the final, the match went head to head until it reached 4-4 before Joe put together 4 straight frames to win 8-4. Bob was unlucky in the final frame when he potted the black only to see the white trickle into the corner pocket.

The Hua Hin and Khao Takiab pool league features a mixture of teams from Hua Hin and Khao Takiab and has it's own web site at http://hhktplautumn.leaguerepublic.com; the fourth season starts soon.

(Photo from left Joe (Oasis Bar), Bob (Bob and Nok's), Mike (Sunset Boulevard) and Nok (Bob and Nok's)

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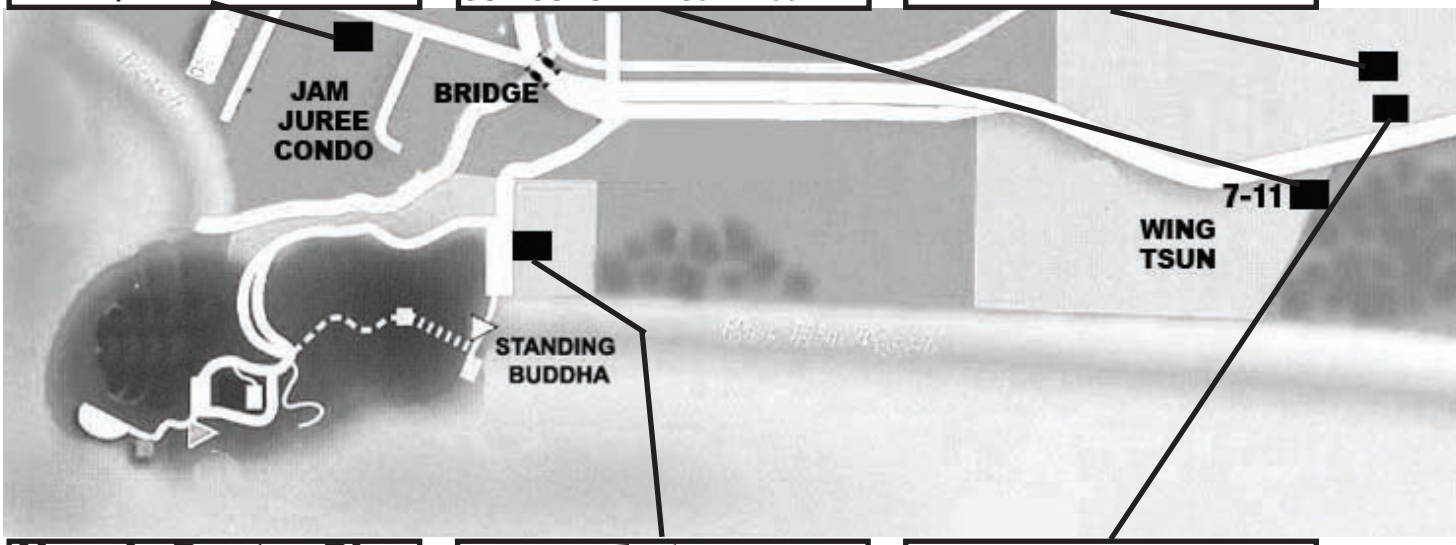

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■ WOODY'S RESTAURANT AND BAR has now opened! Located conveniently near the beach, it is the first choice for food and drink on a hot day by the sea. Very near the famous Standing Buddha and just behind Supatra By The Sea, pop in and try them out!

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

■ THE KHAO TAKIAB GOLF SOCIETY was recently established by Bob at Bob and Nok's Bar, and if you saw our article a few 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)

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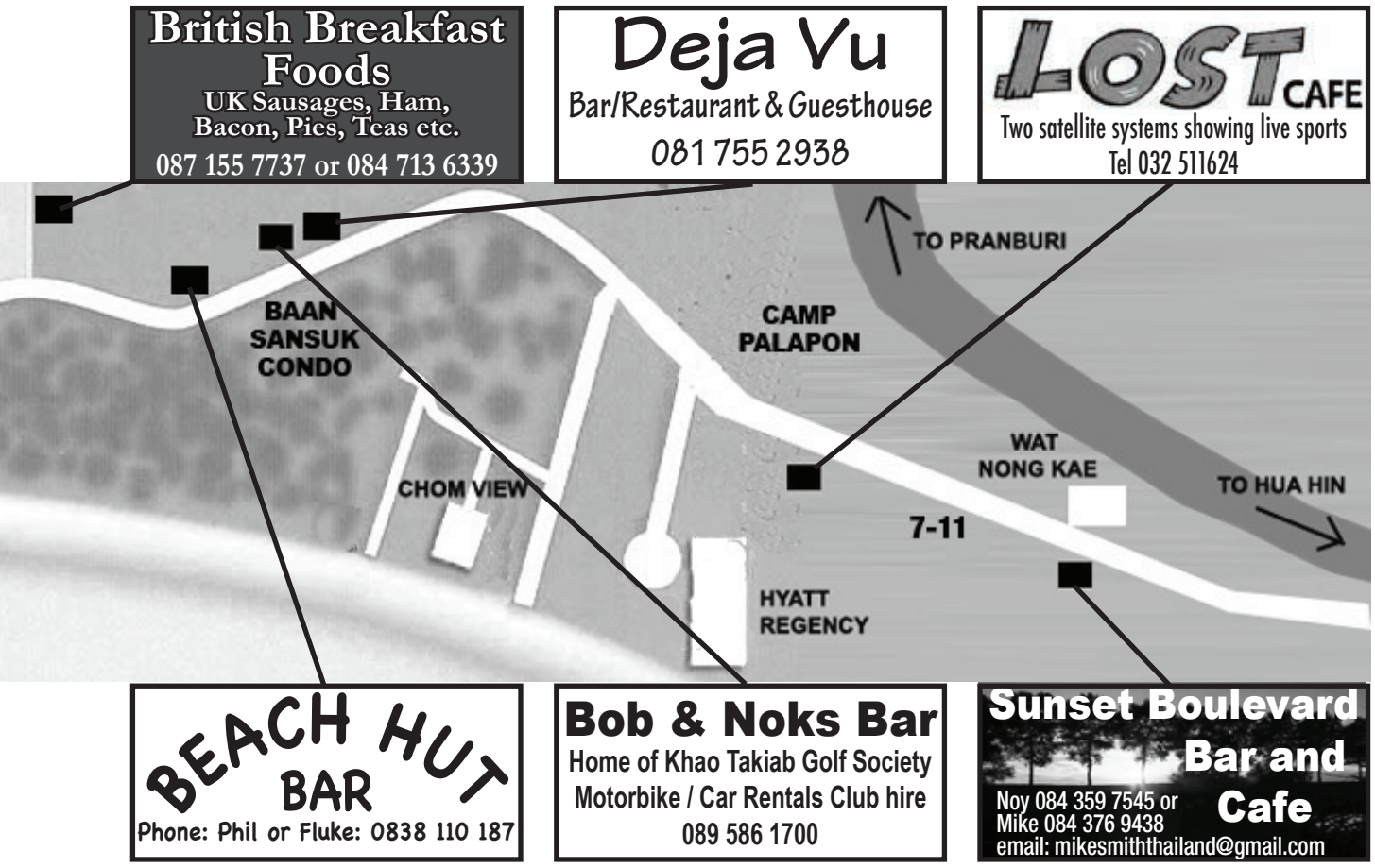

Sunset Boulevard Quiz answers

Those of you that saw the questions to the Entertainment round of the last Sunset Boulevard Quiz,might be curious as to the answers.
Here they are!

1. Which two characters have been portrayed the most times in films?
A: Dracula and Sherlock Holmes. (Third place is Napoleon).
2. What was John Wayne's last movie and in what year was it released?
A: The Shootist (1976).
3. Name any two of the FOUR original hosts of Game for A Laugh?
A:Jeremy Beadle, Matthew Kelly, Henry Kelly, Sarah Kennedy.
4. Which two people have hosted the BBC's Masterchef?
A: Lloyd Grossman & Gary Rhodes
5. 'Friends like these' was hosted by which former pop duo?
A: Ant and Dec (Ant McPartlin, Declan Donnelly)
6. What are the names of the creators of Scooby Doo?
A: William Hanna and Joseph Barbera
7. Name two of the five James Bond films with a one-word title?
A: Goldfinger, Thunderball, Moonraker, Octopussy and Goldeneye
8. How are the following two singers better known Georgios Panayiotou, Roberta Joan Anderson?
A: George Michael, Joni Mitchell
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"?
A: Paranoid (Black Sabbath).
10. John Grisham is a famous US lawyer turned author, name any two of his seven books which have also been made into movies?
A: A Time to Kill, The Client, The Chamber, The Firm, The Pelican Brief, The Runaway Jury, The Rainmaker

The next quiz is on Monday and bookings are recommended to reserve your teams place. Call Mike on 084 376 9438.

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
9	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**
Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga **Lost Cafe 5pm Cricket 1st Test**	**S'set B'vard Dinner Club** Camp Palapon - Kids Kung Fu **Lost Cafe 5pm Cricket**	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 **Lost Cafe 5pm Cricket 2nd Test**	Oasis Karaoke Camp Palapon - Fitness/ Kung Fu **Lost Cafe 5pm Cricket 2nd Test**
16	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**
Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga **Lost Cafe 5pm Cricket 2nd Test**	Sunset B'vard Dinner Club Camp Palapon - Kids Kung Fu **Lost Cafe Cricket**	Camp Palapon - Kung Fu **Lost Cafe 5pm Cricket 2nd Test**	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
23	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**
Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga **Lost Cafe Rugby Heineken Cup final + Super 14 s-f**	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
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Camp Palapon - Tai Chi/Yoga **Lost Cafe Football FA Cup Final Rugby Super 14 final**	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
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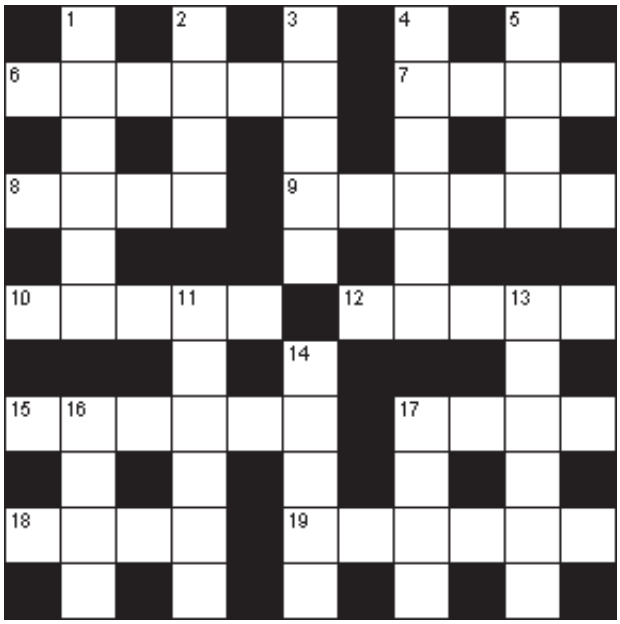
Across

6. Ramble (6)
7. Letters (4)
8. Of moderate temperature (4)
9. Nothing (6)
10. Evade work (5)
12. Blackboard crayon (5)
15. Line on a weather map (6)
17. Cushions (4)
18. Tartan skirt (4)
19. Depression between hills (6)

Down

1. Join (6)
2. Move rapidly (4)
3. Long flat piece of timber (5)
4. Surprise attack (6)
5. Aquatic vertebrate (4)
11. Automatons (6)
13. One who lives in rented rooms (6)
14. Courageous (5)
16. Stated (4)
17. Friends (4)



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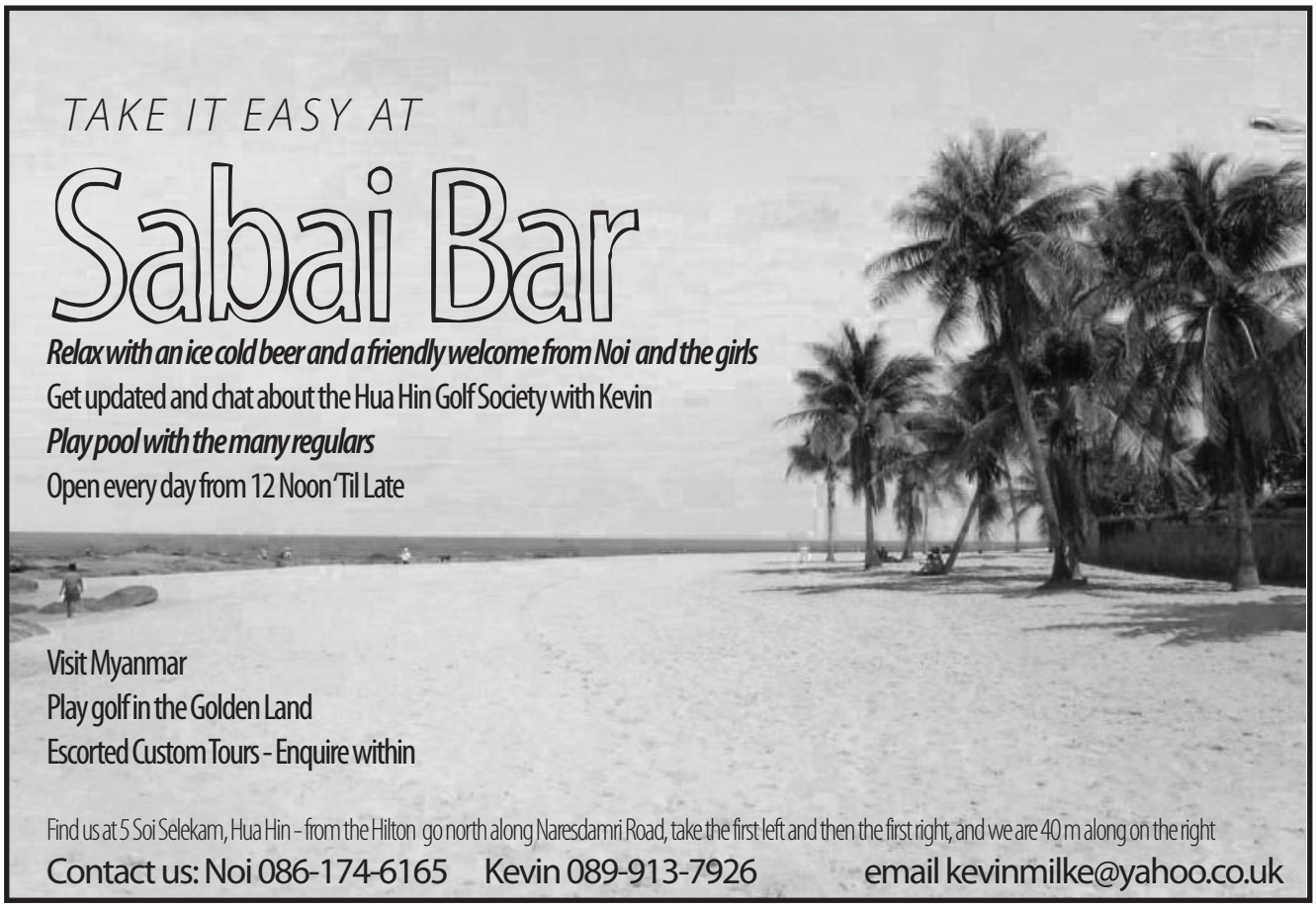

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■ DEAR MARY,
I am a great fan of pub quizzes and attend any that I can. At the moment now I am living in Hua Hin I attend Sunset Boulevard every third Monday, Dick's Office every other Sunday, Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern about once a month and any others I can find. I attend with a regular team, and when there is not a quiz on we will meet up to discuss tactics and buff up on our knowledge, and decide which topics to play our joker on and such like. Unfortunately my wife cannot stand quizzes, so we have an agreement where she will go on a girls night out when I am quizzing or preparing. I have noticed recently though that she has been a little distant and a couple of times has returned home the next day from her nights out. This has also coincided with our team having a bit of a losing streak. She frequently disappears with her phone to talk to a friend, and I am getting very worried about her and our relationship.
Do you think it is possible that she is consorting with another quizzer and revealing our tactics and planned jokers?
Mr Quizzer, Hua Hin

Mary says: Dear Mr Quizzer,
While it is admirable for you to think so innocently about your wife's behaviour, I think if you look in one of your reference books for the definition of 'naive', you may well find your name there. I would suggest that your wife is definitely 'consorting' but that your damn quizzes are the last thing on her mind, and to be honest I can't blame her! I am sure that if you secretly followed her when you were meant to be at a quiz, you will find that she has been doing some 'buffing' of her own, no question! My advice is to put your joker on entertainment by the way...

Dear Mary,
My husband has been an avid golfer for years, and all that time he has said that I should take the game up as well, as I 'don't know what you're missing'. Recently I decided to take him up on his advice, but in secret; I booked some lessons and borrowed some clubs to try it out.
The professional who gave me the lessons (quite dishy) said that my husband was right to have encouraged me and that I have a natural ability he has never seen before, and has now started giving me free daily tutoring, often dealing with the mental side of the game which we cover at his apartment rather than the golf course. I now have my own set of clubs and play regularly, most often with the pro, and he says that we could be looking at a 69 very soon.
I know my husband would never be able to get a 69, so my question for you is how do I handle this situation? I don't want to upset him, but a 69 with the pro would be so thrilling, I would have to open my mouth, or do you think I should just swallow it?
Birdie, Pranburi

Mary says: Dear Birdie,
As you probably know, most men would give their right arm for a 69, so your problem is a hard one to lick. I think your husband would take it much better if you were to do it with him rather than the pro, but at the same time he will still be pretty miffed because of the practice you have been getting in. I guess the question you have to ask yourself is whether you are capable of the 69 with your husband rather than the pro? Who would it taste better with? Who would react best if you choked? Maybe the answer would be to do it with both of them at the same time, as I am sure your husband could pick up some useful tips as well.

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Do you have anything to say on Hua Hin issues?

Any burning topics you would like AWOL to investigate?

Contact us via email on awol@huahinmedia.com to have your say

Cheap Charlie Says 'How Much?!!!'

■ SOI 80, HUA HIN, THAILAND

The newest addition to the Hua Hin bar/restaurant scene opened for business last Saturday as Cheap Charlie had a good turnout to sample their offerings, as can be seen from the pictures below. As the name suggests the emphasis is on good value, which applies to both the food and drinks menu. We think that new customers will be pleasantly surprised when they receive their bills, and will be echoing the catchphrase that inspired the name of the place - 'How Much?!!!' For a warm welcome, friendly atmosphere, good food and drinks at unbeatable prices, you can't go wrong by trying out Cheap Charlie.

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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
LSA	11	4	LSB	12	4
LSS	17	5	DA	10	3
SUG	11	3	LST	17	5
DB	12	3	TW	15	5
PAT	9	1	OCT	19	7
RTB	20	8	JWR	12	0
QUE	17	7	SB	6	1
JWB	15	4	EAG	13	4

Next Week's Fixtures
Matchday 3 8th May 2009
Dick's Office A v Lucky Shot A
Lucky Shot B v Sugar Cane
Thaiwaii v Lucky Shot Stdts
Lucky Shot Th v Pat's Point
JW Red v Dick's Office B
Octopussy v Queens Flower
Eagle v Return Bar
Sunset B'vard v JW Black

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Octopussy Bar	2	2	0	0	8	13	4
Lucky Shot Student's	2	2	0	0	4	14	4
Lucky Shot Thai	2	2	0	0	4	11	4
Thaiwaii	2	2	0	0	4	5	4
Johnie Walker Black	2	1	1	0	4	4	3
Eagle Bar	2	1	1	0	2	2	3
Return Bar	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
Dick's Office B	2	1	0	1	4	9	2
Queens Flower Bar	2	1	0	1	4	7	2
Sunset Boulevard	2	1	0	1	-2	-3	2
Lucky Shot B	2	0	1	1	-2	-4	1
Lucky Shot A	2	0	1	1	-2	-8	1
Sugar Cane Bar	2	0	0	2	-4	-9	0
Dick's Office A	2	0	0	2	-8	-19	0
Pats Point	2	0	0	2	-10	-18	0
Johnie Walker Red	2	0	0	2	-12	-10	0

Hua Hin 8 Ball League Results
Week 7 29th April 2009
DicksB 3 - 9 MrDanA
Komhom 6 - 6 Eagle Bar
LilleMan 7 - 5 SC Students

Week 8 results next week

League Table

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

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 9 13th May 2009
DicksB v Eagle Bar
LilleMan v Komhom
Pla's Place v DicksA
SportCentre v MrDanA

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 8 4th May 2009
LilleMan 14 - 11 Dicks B
Mr Dan A 15 - 8 SC Students
Plas Place 13 - 9 Butterfly Rock

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 9 11th May 2009
Dicks B v Butterfly Rock
Plas Place v Dicks A
SC Students v Sportcenter

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Sportcnter	6	5	0	1	15	10
LilleMan	7	5	0	2	13	10
Plas Place	5	4	0	1	13	8
B'fly Rock	5	2	1	2	1	5
Mr Dan A	7	2	1	4	-4	5
SC Studnts	6	2	1	3	-11	5
Dicks B	5	1	0	4	-10	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.

Hua Hin Pool Leagues

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Hua Hin Social Pool League

The end of season presentation will be held next Wednesday 13th May at Headrock Bar. Look forward to seeing you all there.

The new season starts on Wednesday 20th May. Fixtures for the first few weeks are below, and will be shown along with results and table every week in AWOL.

Week 1- 20th May 2009
JW Black v No Game
Billys v Headrock
Jungle Juice A v Limelight
Sabai v U Turn
PP v Jungle Juice B
Red Bar v Billys Babes
Lazy Daze v JW Red

Week 2 – 27th May 2009
No Game v JW Red
Billys Babes v Lazy Daze
Jungle Juice B v Red Bar
U Turn v PP
Limelight v Sabai
Headrock v Jungle Juice A
JW Black v Billys

Week 3 – 3rd June 2009
Billys v No Game
Jungle Juice A v JW Black
Sabai v Headrock
PP v Limelight
Red Bar v U Turn
Lazy Daze v Jungle Juice B
JW Red v Billys Babes

Week 4 – 10th June 2009
No Game v Billys Babes
Jungle Juice B v JW Red
U Turn v Lazy Daze
Limelight v Red Bar
Headrock v PP
JW Black v Sabai
Billys v Jungle Juice A

Week 5 – 17th June 2009
Jungle Juice A v No Game
Sabai v Billys
PP v JW Black
Red Bar v Headrock
Lazy Daze v Limelight
JW Red v U Turn
Billys Babes v Jungle Juice B

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results
Week 11 05/05/2009

Division 1
Lazy Daze v Paradise 0-12
Scandic Bar A v CAT 5-7
JW Red v Dicks Office B 6-6
Oasis v JW Black 6-6

Division 2
Dicks A v Railway Tavern 11-1
Lucky Shot v Scandic Bar B 9-3
K H Ladies v B'fly Rock – n/a
Jaew v Kom Hom – not received

Division 1 League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT	9	8	1	0	79-29	17
P'dise	9	6	2	1	87-21	14
Scan A	8	4	0	4	57-39	8
JW Blk	8	3	2	3	51-45	8
Oasis	9	2	3	4	46-62	7
Dicks B	7	3	1	3	38-46	7
JW Red	8	2	1	5	43-53	5
Lazy D	8	0	0	8	11-85	0

Division 2 League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Lcky S	9	9	0	0	80-28	18
Dicks A	8	6	0	2	69-27	12
Jaew	8	5	0	3	56-40	10
Kom H	7	3	1	3	48-36	7
Scan B	8	3	1	4	40-56	7
B'fly Rk	7	2	2	3	43-41	6
R'way	9	2	0	7	36-72	4
K H Ls	8	0	0	8	12-84	0

Next Week's Fixtures - Week 12 12/05/2009

Division 1
Dicks Office B v Oasis
JW Black v Scandic Bar A
CAT v Lazy Daze
Paradise v JW Red

Division 2
Butterfly Rock v Jaew
Kom Hom v Lucky Shot
Scandic Bar B v Dicks Office A
Railway Tav v Kom Hom Ladies

Top 16:
Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Stuart	P	45	33	14	7	54	14	1	35	0	203
Tao	Cat	18	32	6	4	37	8	1	30	1	137
Doug M	P	27	20	8	3	28	3	0	29	0	118
Mark	O	20	14	6	2	43	6	0	25	0	116
Peter	JWB	21	16	6	3	30	4	1	25	0	106
Golf	SBA	16	12	2	7	40	2	0	24	0	103
Don	Cat	26	16	8	6	19	1	0	22	0	98
Joe	O	9	20	2	5	32	1	0	27	0	96
Bon	Cat	20	20	6	3	17	4	0	18	0	88
Bon	DOB	13	12	6	4	22	3	1	16	0	78

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Danny	LS	36	21	10	11	21	3	0	27	0	129
Jim	DOA	18	39	4	10	24	2	0	28	0	125
Paul	LS	31	12	10	7	21	2	0	24	0	107
Cop	SBB	23	10	6	3	18	0	0	26	0	85
Steve	BR	3	26	4	7	16	2	0	15	0	73
Steve	DOA	13	21	6	4	10	1	0	14	0	70

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

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).

<u>Regular Events</u>

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:
Results from the Chiang Mai trip are still not available.
Tuesday 5th Lake View
Results not available.
Next week's fixtures:
Tuesday 12th Banyan
Friday 15th Majestic Creek

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:
Wednesday 6th May
Majestic Creek
Whippet Trophy Better Ball
19 pairs entered
1st David Rawlings & Doug Miller 47pts,
2nd Paul Williams & Rod Gretton 43pts,
3rd Alan Rawson & Andy Bayes 41pts
Monday 4th May
Lake View AB - stableford format
Any Tee Start 17 players entered
1st Jan Fridberg - 43pts white,
2nd Paul Williams - 39pts yellow,
3rd Craig Miller - 38pts yellow
Friday 1st May
Palm Hills - Stableford format
9 players entered
Front 9 - 19 pts - Craig Miller,
Back 9 - 19 pts - Pak Heath / Craig Miller.
Overall - 38 pts - Craig Miller
Forthcoming Fixtures
Monday 11th May Lake View
Wednesday May 13th - 3 man scramble at Lake View AB from 10am
Friday 15th May Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)
Saturday, 02 May 2009
Chelsea 3-1 Fulham
Man City 3-1 Blackburn
Middlesbrough 0-2 Man Utd
Portsmouth 0-3 Arsenal
Stoke 0-1 West Ham
Tottenham 1-0 West Brom
Wigan 0-0 Bolton
Sunday, 03 May 2009
Liverpool 3-0 Newcastle
Sunderland 0-2 Everton
Monday, 04 May 2009
Aston Villa 1-0 Hull
Tuesday, 05 May 2009
UEFA Champions League
Arsenal 1-3 Man Utd (agg 1-4)
Wednesday, 06 May 2009
UEFA Champions League
Chelsea 1-1 Barcelona (agg 1-1)
(Barcelona win on away goals)

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EPL Preview

(all times Thailand)

Saturday, 9 May 2009

Blackburn v Portsmouth, 21:00

Both of these teams may already have enough points to survive, being 6 and 7 points respectively above the relegation zone, but would still like a couple more points. Both were well beaten last week and we think this will be a draw.

Bolton v Sunderland, 21:00

Bolton must surely feel safe now but Sunderland are not. Tough game for the Black Cats which will be muscular and full of cards we feel. Sunderland's worries will not be eased as Bolton get a home win.

Everton v Tottenham, 21:00

The Toffees were surprisingly robust last week as players must be dreading injury before the Cup Final. They are in a scrap for 5th place, as Spurs are for 7th, so this will be hotly contested. Spurs concede a lot of goals away and were not convincing against bottom side WBA, so we think Everton will win this one.

Fulham v Aston Villa, 21:00

Another two teams battling for positions in the top seven and this will be intriguing as the home form of Fulham and away form of Villa are impressive. This leads us to think this could well be another draw.

Hull v Stoke, 21:00

Massive game for Hull following their defeat on Monday but they have the comfort of both knowing their destiny is in their own hands and that Stoke are effectively safe, as well as being poor away. Nervy win for the home side.

West Brom v Wigan, 21:00

The Baggies now need a miracle, six points adrift of safety and only 9 points left to win. We think today will confirm their relegation one way or another, and most likely by only getting a draw here.

West Ham v Liverpool, 23:30

Liverpool could have hit double figures last week against a poor Newcastle, but this will be a different test altogether. We doubt there will be many goals but any that do come are likely to be from the away side. Narrow away win.

Sunday, 10 May 2009

Man Utd v Man City, 19:30

The City fans will be praying that they can be the ones to deny United the title with a win here, and this will certainly have some atmosphere. However the City players have failed to perform on the road all season, and we think this will be a solid win for United.

Arsenal v Chelsea, 22:00

Six points back with three games left should mean the title is out of the question for Chelsea, but second place is still very much a possibility. They haven't done too well in London derbies this season and we imagine Wenger would take great joy in denting Chelsea's ambitions. There is no pressure on the Gunners either and we think they will win this one.

Tuesday, 12 May 2009

Newcastle v M'brough, 02:00

If Carlsberg made derby matches then this would be it; while neither side can achieve safety from a win, it would surely consign the other to the drop, so millions are riding on this. Both have been poor all season and we expect lots of mistakes, and goals. Home win.

Thursday, 14 May 2009

Wigan v Man Utd, 02:00

United's 'missing' game and with Wigan safe with nothing to play for we expect United to batter them and virtually secure the title. The fact that an 'old boy' manages Wigan will have nothing to do with it...

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	34	15	1	1	41	13	10	4	3	22	10	40	80
2	Liverpool	35	11	7	0	38	12	11	4	2	31	14	43	77
3	Chelsea	35	10	6	2	31	12	12	2	3	28	9	38	74
4	Arsenal	35	10	5	2	26	11	9	6	3	37	21	31	68
5	Aston Villa	35	6	9	3	26	21	10	1	6	25	23	7	58
6	Everton	35	7	5	5	28	19	8	6	4	22	17	14	56
7	West Ham	35	8	2	7	21	18	5	7	6	18	20	1	48
8	Man City	35	12	0	6	39	18	2	5	10	17	28	10	47
9	Fulham	35	10	3	4	25	13	2	8	8	10	18	4	47
10	Tottenham	35	9	5	4	19	9	4	3	10	23	32	1	47
11	Wigan	34	7	5	5	15	16	4	4	9	16	22	-7	42
12	Bolton	35	7	3	7	20	20	4	3	11	20	31	-11	39
13	Stoke	35	9	5	4	20	15	1	4	12	13	35	-17	39
14	Portsmouth	35	7	3	8	23	28	2	8	7	12	25	-18	38
15	Blackburn	35	5	6	6	20	23	4	4	10	18	35	-20	37
16	Sunderland	35	6	3	9	19	22	3	5	9	12	26	-17	35
17	Hull	35	3	5	9	17	33	5	5	8	20	27	-23	34
18	Newcastle	35	4	7	6	21	27	2	6	10	16	29	-19	31
19	M'brough	35	5	8	5	16	19	2	2	13	9	32	-26	31
20	West Brom	35	6	3	8	23	30	1	4	13	10	34	-31	28

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Sweeping changes

The ECB Put The 'Jolly' Back Into County Cricket

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

In an effort to make the "gentleman's game" a bit more manly, the England and Wales Cricket Board have voted in favour of major alterations to the way the game is played.

Following consultation with players and officials alike, the most radical of all the changes is the requirement for all players to finish the game with a breathalyser score greater than 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood. Only the umpire is permitted to stay sober. Should a player register a lower reading, he will be punished by having to walk home rather than travel on the team bus.

Other changes include:

- The decision to replace Tea with Closing Time. Cheese and cucumber sandwiches will also have the crusts left on and players will be required to change into their slippers before entering the pavilion
- Play will no longer be stopped because of rain or streaking. In the case of rain, the bowler is required to deliver yorkers; in the case of streaking, the ball is to be delivered at full toss
- Scoring remains more or less the same, however, with the only alteration being the award of eight runs should the ball knock a pint out of someone's hand in the crowd. Play will then be required to temporarily stop in order for the batsman to buy the fan another drink out of his own pocket. Should a batsman be caught in the crowd, they shall be deemed as out by the umpire.

Fans and players alike appear to have welcomed the move towards a more eventful game. England ace Freddie Flintoff is reported to have said that the proposals will "make an already great day on the lash even better". Commentators have also lent their support. Michael Holding has said that "it will make a traditionally boring game quite interesting". Some journalist have suggested the rule changes be applied to international cricket but one England fan thinks they would have little effect: "it won't make an ounce of difference to the way England have played recently; they might as well be drunk anyway."

Ricky Hatton retires; announces move into politics

■ MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

Ricky Hatton has announced his retirement from the world of boxing following his Las Vegas defeat by Manny Pacquiao.

In a full and frank interview, Hatton described how his training had been limited because of his concerns around the state of the Labour Party.

Following the defeat, it appears that Hatton will now be putting all of his efforts into preparing to run for a position as a Member of Parliament in next year's general election.

It appears that Hatton intends to challenge the incumbent Labour MP Ann Coffey for the constituency of Stockport.

It is believed that the contest between Hatton and Coffey may be closer than Hatton may think, Coffey is known for having a strong jab, and ability to move around the ring more quickly than would be suited to Hatton's style.

Hatton (below); aiming to give the Tories a bloody nose

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