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Be Careful Out There

Con artists, scammers, thieves and ne'er-do-wells on the increase

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Whether it is an inevitable consequence of recession, or just opportunism, there has been increasing reports of a variety of crimes on the increase in recent months in the Hua Hin area.

Houses being broken into, violent crimes including murder, bag snatching, con tricks, motorbikes being pinched or just simple things like bill padding in bars, AWOL has been hearing of more and more of all of them.

While this doesn't make Hua Hin unsafe as compared to other places, it should put everyone on their guard to take normal precautions when out and about or dealing with unfamiliar people. Simple things like not openly displaying expensive jewellery or other valuables, keeping purses, wallets and handbags well protected, parking in well lit public areas or behind locked gates, trying to avoid unfamiliar or lonely areas particularly at night, particularly so for women, locking car doors when inside the car as well as when you park it, making sure your personal details such as PIN for ATM cards are kept secret and changed regularly, and all the other things you are routinely advised to do in your home country.

While many expats believe that reporting to the police is a waste of time, as we have said before, even if the crime against you does not get solved, it may eventually help to catch the perpetrator and avoid it happening to someone else. As far as burglaries and break ins go, while it is unpleasant to have to think about these things some inexpensive security measures may help avoid the actual event, with deterrence being the by word. There are plenty of companies now offering a variety of security options, from bars on windows to better locks to full blown alarm systems - the increase of these is indication that a demand has been created by recent events.

We all hope the bad guys get caught before they get to us

A recent scam that has been brought to our attention is one involving renewing work permits and visas for foreigners in Hua Hin; while we have not been able to completely verify the information given to us, nor the exact nature of the scam, it is of sufficient concern that we want to warn our readers to be on the lookout, and to be very careful in handing over money and valuable documents like a passport to anyone not well known to you other than government or police officials.

Just to reiterate - be careful out there.

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Luciana Salazar (left) and Macarena Lemos (above) - 'The Messi-ah' obviously likes big hooters

■ BARCELONA, SPAIN

Lionel Messi is known for his sublime skill rather than his rugged good looks, but that hasn't stopped him becoming a ladies magnet. In addition to a 'cyber romance' with top-heavy Argentinean Playboy model Luciana Salazar, the Barcelona star has been romantically linked to Catalan model Macarena Lemos, who may or may not be named after that incredibly annoying song. Lemos apparently met Messi through her father while Messi was recuperating from an injury in Spain.

Macarena looks a little young, but you can wipe the sweat from your brow - she was a thoroughly legal 16 when she met Messi, and that was well over a year ago. Clearly, they don't waste any time starting lingerie modelling careers in Spain.

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Sat	A couple of morning showers	26	33
Sun	Clouds and sun with a shower	26	33
Mon	Spotty showers	27	33
Tues	A couple of morning showers	27	32
Wed	Partly sunny with a t-storm	27	33
Thur	Cloudy, a t-storm in the p.m.	27	31
Fri	Cloudy	27	32

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 15th May 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	9	20	Showers
Athens	15	33	Fine
Auckland	12	17	Showers
Beijing	15	25	Cloudy
Berlin	6	19	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	7	14	Rain
Chicago	12	19	Fine
Copenhagen	6	12	Cloudy
Dubai	27	38	Clear
Dublin	6	12	Rain
Geneva	11	20	Showers
Helsinki	3	13	Clear
Ho Chi Minh	25	34	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	23	30	Clear
Islamabad	21	38	Clear
Jakarta	24	32	Rain
Jerusalem	15	26	Cloudy
Johannesburg	6	20	Cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	24	33	Thunderstorms
London	12	19	Showers
Madrid	10	22	Fine
Manila	25	33	Cloudy
Mexico City	12	22	Rain
Moscow	6	10	Rain
New Delhi	26	40	Fine
New York	13	20	Showers
Oslo	5	16	Clear
Paris	13	19	Thunderstorms
Perth	9	26	Clear
Phnom-Penh	24	31	Thunderstorms
Rio De Janeiro	17	33	Mist
Riyadh	26	38	Clear
Rome	12	23	Rain
San Francisco	12	21	Cloudy
Singapore	25	32	Thunderstorms
Stockholm	5	13	Scattered Clouds
Sydney	11	22	Fine
Tokyo	13	20	Cloudy
Vientiane	23	28	Thunderstorms
Yangon	23	36	Thunderstorms
Zurich	12	21	Thunderstorms

Currency Exchange Rates

At 14th May 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	34.6717
GBP	Pound Sterling	52.263
EUR	Euro	47.1298
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.36305
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.85474
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.7931
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.7931
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INR	Indian Rupee	0.701157
KRW	Korean Won	0.0277917
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NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.33131
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Tourist Service Centre 1155
Missing Persons Bureau 02 282 1815
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Cha-Am Police Station 032 471 321
Hua Hin Hospital 032 511 743
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Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

The annual Hua Hin Jazz Festival is back and this year promises to be even better with three days of music at two separate venues in town. The dates of June 12 to 14 should be penciled into the diaries of anyone that enjoys good music and the ambiance of a beach festival. The lineup includes international artists Shakatak from the UK, Malene Mortensen from Denmark and Popsanova from Brazil. Also in attendance will be performers from Japan, the Philippines and Malaysia alongside fifteen local Thai bands and musicians.

Hua Hin is expected to be jam packed over the festival weekend so it pays to book your accommodation early to avoid disappointment. Previous years have seen overcrowding problems as an incoming tide reduced the beach venue size; this year will be much better as the organisers have reverted back to a two stage event. The main stage is likely to be on the beach at the Sofitel with the second 'Jazz Royale' stage at the red cross park just down from Hua Hin railway station. For more information, lineups, schedules and images from previous years check out www.jazzfestivalhuahin.com.

The forums have seen a lot of activity and good will from members wanting to aid the Mercy House Orphanage in Pranburi. Charity events have been planned, donations are being raised, and there was even an idea to build computers for the school from old parts donated from Hua Hin's expats. If you want to get involved and put a bit of effort into local good causes get online and find out who is doing what and how you can help.

A new section has been added to the forum which covers Khao Takiab, Khao Tao, Pranburi, Paknampran, Khao Kalok, Dolphin Bay, Sam Roi Yod and Prachuabkirikhan. As Hua Hin gets busier more expats will be looking to relocate to these areas, not everyone wants shopping malls, Italian restaurants and traffic jams! Many of these areas though are already becoming dotted with housing developments so it won't be too long before it all becomes one big suburb of Hua Hin.

Property prices in Pranburi and Paknam are already going through the roof which is quite bizarre for somewhere that doesn't have much of a beach to speak of and is a good 30 kilometers away from Hua Hin. When the developers move in the perceived value of the surrounding land seems to increase so it won't be long before we're seeing 20 million baht plots of land barely big enough to build a shed on down there!

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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...

GOLF - Gentlemen only, ladies forbidden

Ah, Golf. The game that Hua Hin is famed for. The phrase 'Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden' is often cited as being the origin of the name of the sport. It seems hardly worth mentioning but, of course, the word golf wasn't coined as an acronym formed from those words, and it is one of those nonsense stories that circulate on the Internet and this may help cut down on the number of times it gets repeated.

Golf is a very ancient game and the name is first used in print as early as 1457:

"And at e fut bal ande e golf be vtterly cryt downe and nocht vsyt."

This was part of a proclamation by James II of Scotland aimed at reducing the time that the populace spent playing golf and football , which were keeping his subjects away from archery practice. The edict was repeated later by James III and James IV, who called golf and football 'vnproffitable sportis'.

There were many spellings of the word prior to the acceptance of the current spelling - goff, gowf, golf, goif, gof to name just a few. The unsupported idea that the word was formed from an acronym hardly explains how all the alternative spellings came into being. Acronyms are in fact a 20th century innovation and more than half a millennium too late to be the source of the name golf.

The real derivation of 'golf' is obscure and the subject of considerable dispute.

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.

‘Swird Flu pandemic imminent’

Thailand Under Quarantine After Official Spots Pig with Chicken

■ SINGBURI, THAILAND

The World Health Organization (WHO) has banned tourists from traveling into or out of Thailand after an official surveying the country saw a chicken hanging out with a pig.

The precautionary measure was based on speculation that a pig with swine flu spending time with a chicken with bird flu could lead to the outbreak of a new flu virus he called “swird flu”.

“Swird flu,” the official said, would be more devastating than either bird flu or swine flu because it “just would be”.

The official said the current WHO pandemic rating level for “swird flu” would be 5 until the existence of “swird flu” had been proven, at which point it would be raised to 6.

The official, who was here to brief Thai health officials on swine flu and survey provincial farms during last week’s Swine Flu meeting, came across the chicken and pig at the first farm he visited. “It was shocking. The first farm I go to and bang! – a chicken and a pig walking around together like there was nothing wrong with it. I just have to wonder how many farms in Thailand are allowing pigs and chickens to socialize like this.”

The farmer, who only gave the name “Daeng”, said he had no idea there was anything wrong with it. “That pig loves that chicken. They are inseparable”

Asked if he had heard of swine flu, he said no. “My wife mentioned something to me about a Mexican flu but we don’t see many Mexicans in these parts.”

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said the government would find a silver-lining in the latest setback to its reputation by hosting a “Swird Flu Prevention” summit next month. “By the way,” he added, “in Thailand, we will call swird flu ‘Chicken to Pig to Human Flu’ so Thai people don’t get confused.”

“And to protect the lucrative swird industry,” he added.

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■ LOS ANGELES, USA

Baggage sucked into plane engine

A packed jumbo jet was grounded when a metal baggage container was sucked into its engine. It happened as the Boeing 747 was leaving a terminal gate at Los Angeles Airport. No one was injured.

It happened as Japan Airlines Flight 61 to Narita, Japan, was pushing back from the terminal gate yesterday afternoon, said Marshall Lowe, an airport spokesman.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said a baggage cart was being towed by at the same time and the engine ingested one of its containers.

The big metal container became lodged in the outer left-side engine of the four-engine jet. The 245 passengers were taken back to the terminal.

Federal investigators were examining the jet, Gregor said.

■ ARE, SWEDEN

Couple fight to name their son Q

A Swedish couple are appealing a ruling that barred them from naming their son "Q" to the country's Supreme Administrative Court.

Judges ruled in the couple's first appeal in January that Q was not an appropriate name for a child, arguing that Swedish law forbade names consisting of just one letter, reports AFP.

In a written appeal to Sweden's Supreme Court, parents Rickard Rehnberg and Thitathorn Sukjit called on judges to reverse the original ruling.

According to UPI.com, the couple, who live in the city of Are in northern Sweden, have used the name "Q" since the boy's birth. AFP reports that, in an earlier judgement in September 2008, Rehnberg and Sukjit told the court they had named the boy Q after the eccentric inventor from the James Bond films, a claim they have not since repeated.

The Swedish Supreme Court is expected to give its verdict within the coming months.

This isn't the first time Swedish authorities have had to intervene over a bizarre baby name. In June 2008, Swedish tax authorities informed a Stockholm couple they must change the name of their 5-month-old baby girl Elvis. Another Swedish family recently won a protracted battle to ensure their daughter was allowed to keep the name Metallica.

The trend for crazy baby monikers has also extended to the southern hemisphere. In July 2008, a patriotic couple named their child Zealand-New while, in August 2007, Pat and Sheena Wheaton were told by government officials that they couldn't name their baby 4Real as it contained a digit. The couple simply reconsidered and re-named their child Superman.

■ GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND

Police in appeal over bling wearers

A police force are encouraging members of the public to report people wearing too much 'bling' during the recession.

Gloucestershire Constabulary has launched a campaign to urge people to shop anyone who wears too much jewellery, drives flash cars or buys expensive items from ill-gotten gains during the credit crunch.

Chief constable Dr Timothy Brain said the 'Too Much Bling' campaign, run with Crimestoppers, wants people to report their suspicions of anyone they believe is living a lavish lifestyle on the profits of crime.

■ ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Orangutan's ingenious zoo escape

A zoo in Australia was evacuated after an "ingenious" orangutan short-circuited an electric fence and hopped a wall surrounding her enclosure.

The ape, a 27-year-old female named Karta, jammed a stick into wires connected to the fence and then piled up debris to climb a concrete and glass wall at the Adelaide Zoo.

Zoo curator Peter Whitehead told reporters Karta sat on top of the fence for about 30 minutes before apparently changing her mind about the escape and climbing back into the enclosure.

"I think when she actually got out and realised where she was ... she's realised she shouldn't be there so then she's actually hung onto the wall and dropped back into the exhibit," Whitehead said.

Karta came within a few metres of visitors, who were the first to notice the animal's escape bid.

Whitehead said the animal was not aggressive, but the zoo was cleared as a precaution, and veterinarians stood by with tranquilizer guns in case of trouble.

"You're talking about an animal that's highly intelligent," Whitehead said. "We've had issues with her before in normal day-to-day operations where she tries to outsmart the keepers. She's an ingenious animal."

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WHY I FIRED MY SECRETARY

Last week was my birthday and I didn't feel very well waking up on that morning.
I went downstairs for breakfast hoping my wife would be pleasant and say, "Happy Birthday!", and possibly have a small present for me
As it turned out, she barely said good morning, let alone "Happy Birthday."
I thought... Well, that's marriage for you, but the kids.... They will remember.
My kids came bounding down stairs to breakfast and didn't say a word. So when I left for the office, I felt pretty low and somewhat despondent.
As I walked into my office, my secretary Jane said, "Good Morning Boss, and by the way Happy Birthday! " It felt a little better that at least someone had remembered. I worked until one o'clock , when Jane knocked on my door and said, "You know, It's such a beautiful day outside, and it is your Birthday, what do you say we go out to lunch, just you and me." I said, "Thanks, Jane, that's the greatest thing I've heard all day. Let's go!"
We went to lunch. But we didn't go where we normally would go. She chose instead a quiet bistro with a private table. We had two martinis each and I enjoyed the meal tremendously. On the way back to the office, Jane said, "You know, It's such a beautiful day... We don't need to go straight back to the office, Do We?"
I responded, "I guess not. What do you have in mind?" She said, "Let's drop by my apartment, it's just around the corner."
After arriving at her apartment, Jane turned to me and said, "Boss, if you don't mind, I'm going to step into the bedroom for just a moment. I'll be right back." "Ok," I nervously replied.
She went into the bedroom and, after a couple of minutes, she came out carrying a huge birthday cake . Followed by my wife, my kids, and dozens of my friends and co-workers, all singing "Happy Birthday."
And I just sat there...
On the couch...
Naked!

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TAXI DRIVER

Guy in a taxi wanted to speak to the driver so he leaned forward and tapped him on the shoulder.
The driver screamed, jumped up in the air and yanked the wheel over. The car mounted the curb, demolished a lamppost and came to a stop inches from a shop window.
The startled passenger said "I didn't mean to frighten you, just wanted to ask you something."
Taxi driver says "Not your fault Sir. It's my first day as a cab driver, I've been driving a hearse for the past 25 years".

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ROOSTER

A farmer goes out one day and buys a brand new stud rooster for his chicken coop. The new rooster struts over to the old rooster and says, "OK old fart, time for you to retire."
The old rooster replies, "Come on, surely you cannot handle ALL of these chickens. Look what it has done to me. Can't you just let me have the two old hens over in the corner?"
The young rooster says, "Beat it: You are washed up and I am taking over." The old rooster says, "I tell you what, young stud. I will race you around the farmhouse. Whoever wins gets the exclusive domain over the entire chicken coop." The young rooster laughs. "You know you don't stand a chance old man. So, just to be fair I will give you a head start."
The old rooster takes off running. 15 seconds later the young rooster takes off running after him. They round the front porch of the farmhouse and the young rooster has closed the gap! He is only a couple feet behind the old rooster and gaining fast.
The farmer, meanwhile, is sitting in his usual spot on the front porch when he sees the roosters running by. He grabs his shotgun and - BOOM blows the young rooster to bits. The farmer sadly shakes his head and says, "Dammit... third gay rooster I bought this month."

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
Journey to the past this week by realizing that things are pretty much the same miserable way they've always been.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
You're about to give birth to one of life's greatest miracles. Unfortunately for you, it's the one with the multiplying loaves and fishes.

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20
The old public-speaking trick of imagining the audience naked has served you well in the past, but that was before you had to give a talk to a room full of burn survivors.

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
All of your questions will soon be answered, including what's that noise, who turned off all the lights, and why—why won't it stop feeding on us.

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
You always knew your girlfriend was going to be high-maintenance. Still, never did you imagine you'd be replacing the internal combustion engine by yourself.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 21
They say you love money more than anything else in the world, but then, they've never seen you around a stack of pancakes.

Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 22
Be sure to choose your words carefully this week as you've only got about seven of them left.

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
When you were born they threw away the mould. Also, they threw away the glass womb, the intravenous feeding tubes, the contaminated Petri dishes, and most of the funding.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22
The thought of an invisible man who lives above the clouds and judges all of mankind might seem silly to you, but, hey, that's Greg.

Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 23
You'll soon see yourself in a whole new light, which is too bad, as it's the kind police investigators use to check for semen stains.

Scorpio
Oct 24 - Nov 21
The stars indicate professional success in the days to come, though it's quite difficult for them to keep a straight face during it.

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
It might not be today, and it might not be tomorrow, but you'll soon come to regret staging a pie-eating contest to select a new wife.

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.

Peace and Quiet!

Takiab returns to normal

■ KHAO TAKIAB, THAILAND

After two hectic holiday weekends in a row, one with well in excess of 100,000 visitors for the Honda Summer Fest music concert, Khao Takiab has resumed life as the peaceful haven for those wishing to escape the hubbub and traffic of Hua Hin and Bangkok.

The beaches have become the serene places locals have become accustomed to, the bars and restaurants are easily accessible with parking right outside, and the roads have become unclogged from the hordes from Bangkok who descended for those two mad weekends.

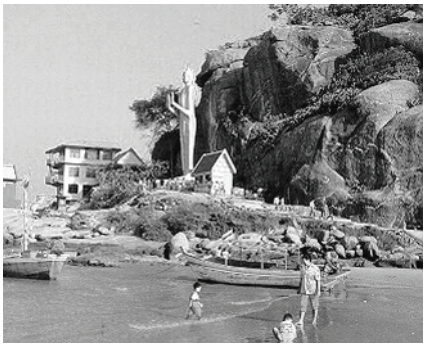
Now is the perfect time to discover what Takiab has to offer, with a wide range of eating establishments, bars, guest houses, hotels, places of interest and shops. The village has a much more Thai feel to it than neighbouring Hua Hin, and you are close to a delightful array of small bays with great beaches in addition to the main beaches either side of 'Chopstick Hill'. Of course there is also the temple located on the hill, where you will meet monks and monkeys!

More and more people are discovering Khao Takiab, and more and more is on offer there as each week goes by. If you are looking for food, why not try Kum Koon in the heart of the village? Or if you fancy a night of karaoke check out Oasis on a Friday night, where you can also enjoy a game of pool or darts and a good selection of food. If pub quizzes are your game, Sunset Boulevard holds one every three weeks, and if you want to study beforehand, pick up some newspapers and reference books from Megabooks. If you like to cook at home, why not sample one of Nong's Pantry Pies, and get some supplies from British Breakfast Foods, or if you are a daytime beach bum, pop by Woodys for a cool drink and a snack, just turn right before the Standing Buddha.

Lost Cafe has to be found if you are into live sports - with their two satellite systems and multiple screens they've got it covered. As they also offer good food and international beers and spirits in a convivial atmosphere you'll enjoy getting lost!

Golfers have a variety of courses to choose from, and for advice you can't go far wrong in visiting Bob and Nok's, the home of the local golf society. Just along the road is the Beach Hut Bar where there seems to be a party every night, an atmosphere aided by the solar powered artificial palm tree outside, supplied by your environmental specialists Solar Energy Asia.

Check the map overleaf to see where all these are located and give them a try - it is a very nice change from the busy neighbour Hua Hin!



Above: Standing Buddha and route up to Chopstick Hill

Visit the village - dis

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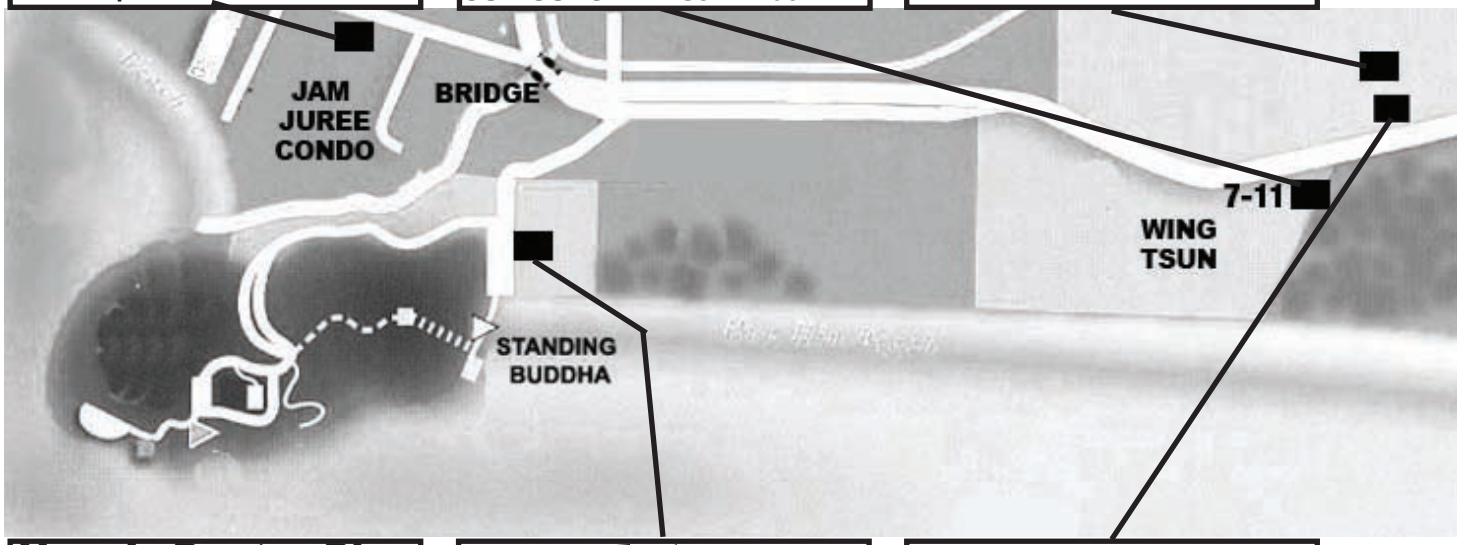

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KT News & Events

■ 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!

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

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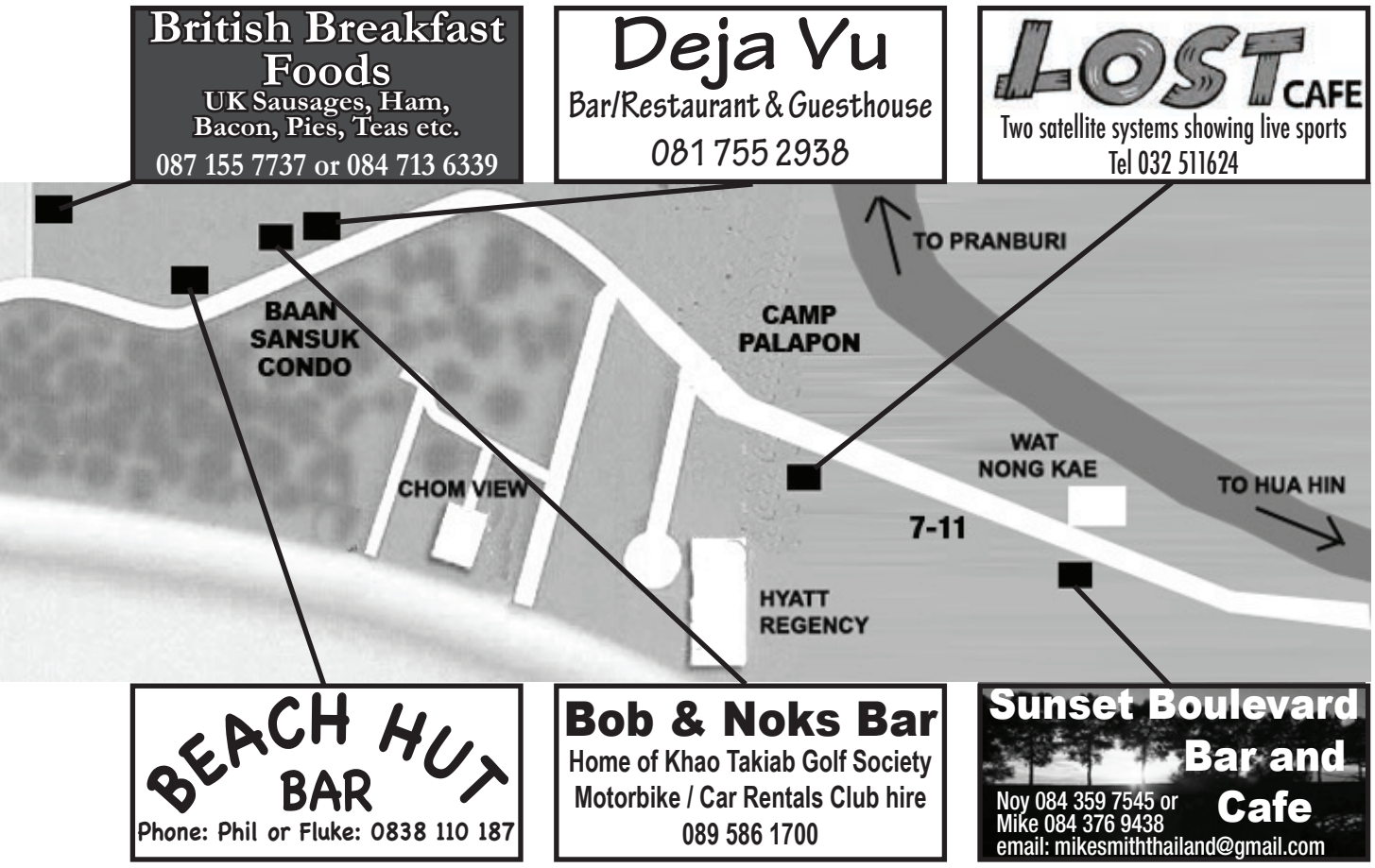

Megabooks - book store and more!

Many of you will be familiar with the Megabooks store in the centre of Hua Hin, and will know it as a useful place to not only pick up your desired reading material, but also greeting cards and postcards for those back home.

Now there is a new Megabooks in Khao Takiab, which offers all the above and much more! In addition to the best range of books, magazines and newspapers outside of Bangkok, you can settle down with your new purchase and have a coffee, snack or ice cream, and you can also find an internet cafe, and on the second floor a full range of children's books and toys. If all this wasn't enough, you can also buy, sell or exchange used books at the Khao Takiab store.

For those of you unable to visit the stores, you can also buy books online at http://megabooksthailand.com/ See the map above for the location, and of course, you can get the latest edition of AWOL there and in the Hua Hin branch every week.

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
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
30	**31**	**1 June**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
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
6	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
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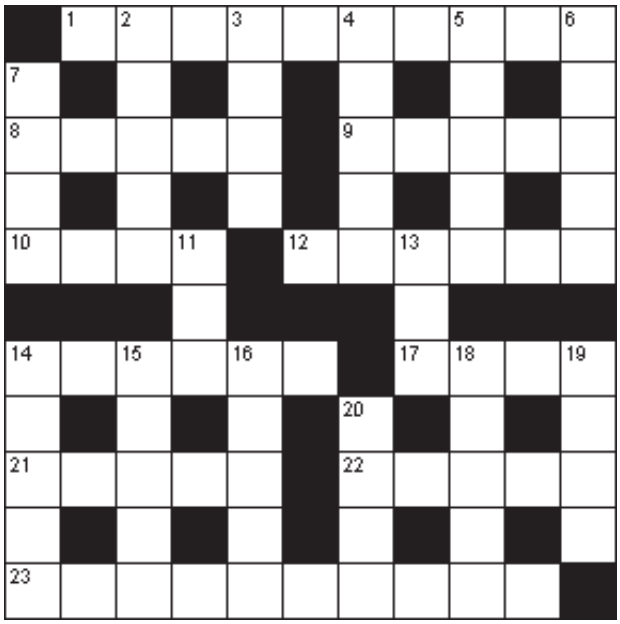

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SHOP ASSISTANT WANTED We are a newly opened computer store in Hua Hin. We are looking for a Thai woman who speaks English (and Thai of course). The job consists of partly assisting our two managers with various business work and partly with being in the shop working. If you are interested please do send an email to thomas@skyum-dk.com

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GENERAL

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RENTALS

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

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■ DEAR MARY,
I have two young children, and they are huge fans of the Teletubbies, and want to watch them whenever they get the chance. I am not keen on using the TV as a substitute parent but I do allow them to watch the show. I sit and watch with them, pointing out things to them and hopefully making it educational as well as fun. However, I have recently noticed that I am becoming fixated with Tinky Winky, and find myself saying things like 'Oh he's such a handsome Teletubby' and 'He should give that bitch LaLa the boot - he's too good for her'. I have also noticed that he never gets as much Tubby Custard as the others, which is grossly unfair for a strapping young children's TV character such as him. I have written to the BBC to complain about the treatment of Tinky Winky, and have also requested his phone number, as I wish to start a Tinky Winky fan club. Do you think I have any chance of a date with Tinky Winky?
Soppy, Tubbyland.

Mary says:Dear Soppy,
I have printed your letter to highlight two things to my readers; firstly, that the trials of motherhood do sometimes send women completely insane, and secondly, that the Teletubbies are an evil force that need exterminating. These are alien beings that have invaded Earth, you only have to look at them with the ariels on their heads, the brightly coloured spacesuits and their ability to show television on their stomachs. They are obviously evil, and while they try to hide it, even the rabbits run away from them on their show. Mark my words, Soppy, if you met the real Tinky Winky he'd have an anal probe up you before you could say Dipsy. Stop watching these evil beings before it is too late!

Dear Mary,
I am a great dog lover and currently have three dogs; a male, Barry, and two bitches, Lampsy and Stevie. Barry and Stevie get along very well, and seem to be on the same wavelength, but Lampsy doesn't play well with them at all. Recently I have been having more trouble with Lampsy, as she has become fixated on me and won't leave me alone. I have been to several vets and dog experts to get their opinion, and they all say the same thing; Lampsy is in love with me!
When I asked the same experts how I could deal with this, they offered just one solution, which was much like a human solution in the same position. They said that I must let Lampsy see me shagging another dog, so that she learns that I am not hers. I am not at all sure about this solution, but am prepared to give it a go. So my question for you is, how do I contact Wayne Rooney's girlfriend Coleen McLoughlin, and would she be up for it?
Fabio, London..

Mary says: Dear Fabio,
This is indeed a tricky problem and the vets solution sounds a bit drastic to me. I think you need to sell Lampsy so she doesn't pester you any more, preferably to someone in another country. You didn't say what breed she is, but I am guessing a Pointer. Would I also be right in saying that she recently lost her mother? I think maybe that would mean that you are now a parental figure rather than love interest, so another possible solution would be to introduce another dog into the group and see how she plays with him.
The direct answers to your questions though are that I wouldn't advise it, and undoubtedly!

Key coral reefs 'could disappear'
World Ocean Conference in Indonesia

■ MANADO, INDONESIA

The world's most important coral region is in danger of being wiped out by the end of this century unless fast action is taken, says a new report.

The international conservation group WWF warns that 40% of reefs in the Coral Triangle have already been lost.

The area is shared between Indonesia and five other South East Asian nations and is thought to contain 75% of the world's coral species. It is likened to the Amazon rainforest in terms of its biodiversity.

The WWF report paints a bleak picture. If the world's richest coral reef is destroyed, the fish that people rely on for food could be gone.

By the end of the century, 100 million people across South East Asia could be on the march, looking for something to eat. Communities might be breaking down and economies destroyed.

It's billed as a worst-case scenario, but the report's chief author, Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, says it is not as bad as the future we're currently headed towards.

"Up until now we haven't realized how quickly this system is changing," says Professor Hoegh-Guldberg.

Reefs such as this one in the Andaman Sea near Phuket are at risk

"In the last 40 years in the Coral Triangle, we've lost 40% of coral reefs and mangroves - and that's probably an underestimate. We've fundamentally changed the way the planet works in terms of currents and this is only with a 0.7 degree change in terms of temperature.

"What's going to happen when we exceed two or four or six?"

Avoiding a worst-case scenario would need significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and better controls on fishing and coastal areas, says the report.

The Coral Triangle covers 1% of the earth's surface but contains a third of all the world's coral, and three-quarters of its coral reef species.

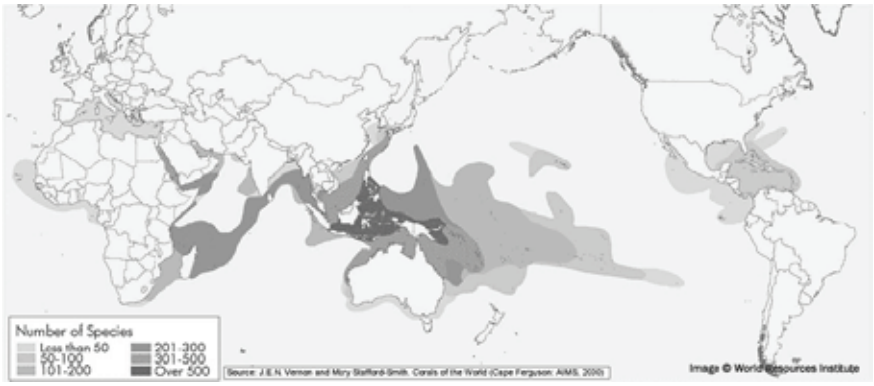
If it goes, an entire eco-system goes with it - and that, says Prof Hoegh-Gudberg, has serious consequences for its ability to tackle climate change.

"Pollution, the inappropriate use of coastal areas, these are destroying the productivity of ocean which is plummeting right now. That is the system that traps CO2 - 40% of CO2 goes into the ocean.

"Now if we interrupt that, the problems on planet earth become even greater," says Prof Hoegh-Gudberg.

Indonesia is hosting the World Ocean Conference this week because, it says, oceans have been neglected so far in global discussions on climate change.

It wants the issue to have a bigger profile at UN climate talks later this year.



This map shows how the biodiverse reefs are centred on the South East Asian area

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Danny	LS	41	23	12	12	24	3	0	32	0	146
Jim	DOA	18	39	4	10	24	2	0	28	0	125
Cop	SBB	32	19	8	7	22	0	0	33	0	121

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Hua Hin Pool Billiard League Results
Matchday 3 8th May 2009

Home	Rks	Pts	Away	Rks	Pts
DA			LSA		
LSB	17	6	SUG	7	2
TW	16	4	LSS	14	4
LST	9	1	PAT	17	7
JWR			DB		
OCT	8	1	QUE	18	7
EAG	17	6	RTB	8	2
SB	18	6	JWB	10	2

Next Week's Fixtures
Matchday 4 15th May 2009
Lucky Shot A v Sugar Cane
Thaiwaii v Dick's Office A
Pat's Point v Lucky Shot B
Lucky Shot Stdts v JW Red
Queens Flower v Lucky Shot Th
Dick's Office B v Eagle
JW Black v Octopussy
Return Bar v Sunset B'vard

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Eagle Bar	3	2	1	0	6	11	5
Lucky Shot Student's	3	2	1	0	4	12	5
Thaiwaii	3	2	1	0	4	7	5
Queens Flower Bar	3	2	0	1	10	17	4
Sunset Boulevard	3	2	0	1	2	5	4
Octopussy Bar	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Lucky Shot Thai	3	2	0	1	-2	3	4
Lucky Shot B	3	1	1	1	2	6	3
Johnie Walker Black	3	1	1	1	0	-4	3
Dick's Office B	2	1	0	1	4	9	2
Return Bar	3	1	0	2	2	-3	2
Pats Point	3	1	0	2	-4	-10	2
Lucky Shot A	2	0	1	1	-2	-8	1
Sugar Cane Bar	3	0	0	3	-8	-19	0
Dick's Office A	2	0	0	2	-8	-19	0
Johnie Walker Red	2	0	0	2	-12	-10	0

Hua Hin 8 Ball League Results
Week 8 6th May 2009
Butterfly Rock 4 - 8 Pla's Place
DicksA 8 - 4 SportCentre
Eagle Bar 11 - 1 LilleMan

Week 9 results next week

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Eagle Bar	6	4	1	1	14	9
DicksA	5	4	1	0	12	9
Komhom	6	2	3	1	12	7
MrDanA	6	3	0	3	4	6
B'fly Rock	5	2	1	2	6	5
Pla's Place	5	2	1	2	-8	5
LilleMan	7	2	1	4	-12	5
DicksB	4	1	1	2	-8	3
SportCntre	4	1	1	2	-8	3
SC Studnts	6	1	0	5	-12	2

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 10 20th May 2009
DicksA v Butterfly Rock
Komhom v DicksB
MrDanA v Pla's Place
SC Students v SportCentre

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 9 11th May 2009
Dicks B 14 - 11 Butterfly Rock
Plas Place 14 - 10 Dicks A
SC Students v Sportcenter n/a

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 10 18th May 2009
Butterfly Rock v Dicks B
Dicks A v Plas Place
Sportcenter v SC Students

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Plas Place	6	5	0	1	17	10
Sportcnter	6	5	0	1	15	10
LilleMan	7	5	0	2	13	10
B'fly Rock	6	2	1	3	-2	5
Mr Dan A	7	2	1	4	-4	5
SC Studnts	6	2	1	3	-11	5
Dicks B	6	2	0	4	-7	4
Dicks A	6	0	1	5	-21	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 new season starts next 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

Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League 2009

The new season starts on 20th May and the new web site is as follows:
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As always the scores will be updated on the Wednesday night following matches.

Next Week's Fixtures
Wed 20th May 2009

Cheap Charlies v Bob and Noks
Dara Bar v Sunset Boulevard
Dizzy Dolphin v Railway Tavern
Free Time Bar v Oasis Bar
Harleys Bar v Thaiwaii

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results
Week 12 12/05/2009

Division 1

Dicks Office B v Oasis 9-3
JW Black v Scandic Bar A 5-7
CAT v Lazy Daze 9-3
Paradise v JW Red 8-4

Division 2

Butterfly Rock v Jaew – n/a
Kom Hom v Lucky Shot 3-9
Scandic Bar B v Dicks A 11-1
Railway Tav v KH Ladies – n/a

Division 1 League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT	10	9	1	0	88-32	19
P'dise	10	7	2	1	95-25	16
Scan A	9	5	0	4	64-44	10
Dicks B	8	4	1	3	47-49	9
JW Blk	9	3	2	4	56-52	8
Oasis	10	2	3	5	49-71	7
JW Red	9	2	1	6	47-61	5
Lazy D	9	0	0	9	14-94	0

Division 2 League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Lcky S	10	10	0	0	89-31	20
Dicks A	9	6	0	3	70-38	12
Jaew	8	5	0	3	56-40	10
Scan B	10	4	1	5	59-61	9
B'fly Rk	8	3	2	3	52-44	8
Kom H	9	3	1	5	55-53	7
R'way	9	2	0	7	36-72	4
K H Ls	9	0	0	9	15-93	0

Next Week's Fixtures - Week 13 19/05/2009

Division 1

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

Division 2

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

Top 16:
Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Stuart	P	50	38	16	8	59	15	1	40	0	227
Tao	Cat	18	33	6	5	38	9	1	32	1	143
Doug M	P	25	25	8	4	31	3	0	31	0	127
Mark	O	25	12	8	2	46	6	0	28	0	127
Golf	SBA	20	17	4	8	46	2	0	29	0	126
Peter	JWB	26	14	8	3	34	5	1	27	0	117
Don	Cat	31	19	10	7	22	1	0	24	0	114
Joe	O	8	22	2	6	33	1	0	30	0	102
Bon	DOB	11	17	6	5	28	3	1	19	0	91
Bon	Cat	16	23	6	4	19	4	0	18	0	90

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Danny	LS	41	23	12	12	24	3	0	32	0	146
Jim	DOA	18	39	4	10	24	2	0	28	0	125
Cop	SBB	32	19	8	7	22	0	0	33	0	121
Paul	LS	31	12	10	7	21	2	0	24	0	107
Eero	BR	16	20	8	5	13	1	1	23	0	87
Brian	KH	16	12	6	4	11	1	0	24	0	74

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).

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:
Aggregate Results Chiang Mai Trip Stableford - Competitions
1st John Walker 102 points 4 hcp. 2nd Mario Biccai 101 points 22 hcp. 3rd Robert Laminit 100 points 9 hcp. & Jill Moore 100 points 12 hcp. 5th Terry Chard (g) 98 points 17 hcp. 6th Vladimir Borogoy 97 points 9 hcp. & Mike Humphrey 97 points 13 hcp. 8th Les Parker (g) 96 points 24 hcp. 9th John Rouhiala 95 points 12 hcp. 10th Ann Buasri 93 points 29 hcp. & Barry Moore 93 points 7 hcp. & Neung Chueanil 93 points 11 hcp.
Best Guest Stableford - Competitions
1st Terry Chard 98 points 17 hcp. 2nd Vladimir Borogoy 97 points 9 hcp. 3rd Les Parker 96 points 24 hcp. 4th Mario Aiello 92 points 16 hcp.
Booby Prize
Peter Oosterbaan
Space does not allow the full results - please go to http://www.huahingolfsociety.com to see full details.
Next week's fixtures:
Tuesday 12th Banyan - Monthly Medal / Stableford Competition
Friday 15th Majestic Creek - Stableford Competition

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:
Wednesday 13th May Lake View AB - Team Stableford format
8 teams of 3 entered - reduced to 16 holes for weather
1st - D Lindsey, A Rawson, J Lynch - 68pts, 2nd - J Barber, B McLeod, M Casey - 66pts, 3rd - P Tucker, F Kroll, P East - 64pts
Monday 11th May Lake View AB - Stableford format
16 players entered
1st - Doug East - 39 pts, 2nd - Khun Wiwat - 38 pts, 3rd - Steve O'Brien - 36 pts
Friday 8th May Palm Hills - Stableford format
7 players entered
Front 9 - 18 pts - Robin Heath, Back 9 - 15 pts - Ian Byrne, Colin Thomson (G), Overall - 31 pts - Debs. Rawlings
Forthcoming Fixtures
Monday 18th May Lake View
Wednesday 20th May - Stableford at Black Mountain from 10am
Friday 22nd May Palm Hills

Scoreboard

(EPL unless stated)
Saturday, 09 May 2009
Blackburn 2-0 Portsmouth
Bolton 0-0 Sunderland
Everton 0-0 Tottenham
Fulham 3-1 Aston Villa
Hull 1-2 Stoke
West Brom 3-1 Wigan
West Ham 0-3 Liverpool
Sunday, 10 May 2009
Arsenal 1-4 Chelsea
Man Utd 2-0 Man City
Monday, 11 May 2009
Newcastle 3-1 Middlesbrough
Wednesday, 13 May 2009
Wigan 1-2 Man Utd
(this result was too late to be included in the league table opposite)

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EPL Preview

(all times Thailand)

Saturday, 16 May 2009

Man Utd v Arsenal, 18:45

Difficult to know how Arsenal fans would see this; would they want to try and deprive United of the title so that Liverpool can grab it? It is probably academic anyway given Arsenal's collapse against Chelsea last week, and we expect United to clinch the title here. Home win.

Bolton v Hull, 21:00

The biggest game of Hull's season as the early season 'surprise package' find themselves where most expected at the start. Former Bolton boy Brown will be hoping for some favours here, and we think he might get them. Away win.

Everton v West Ham, 21:00

Tough game for the Hammers which they need to win to keep any hope of a seventh place finish alive. Zola will hope to have a couple more of his injured players back, while Everton are drifting slightly, safe in 6th and with a Cup Final to come. Expect a reaction to last week's defeat by the away side, and a win.

M'brough v Aston Villa, 21:00

Probably the best time for Boro to be playing Villa, who are guaranteed a top six finish and Europe, but they need a miracle to survive now. Given the way this season has panned out, they will probably win and take the relegation issue to the last day of the season, but this is now out of their hands. Narrow home win.

Newcastle v Fulham, 21:00

The Barcodes were ecstatic after last week's derby win which has given them the lifeline and belief they needed. Fulham are the ones in pole position for 7th place and Europe, but have a terrible away record. A revitalised home team to get the win they crave.

Stoke v Wigan, 21:00

Stoke sealed their place in the PL last week, although it was only a remote possibility that they wouldn't. Both these sides have little to play for but form suggests that the home side will be triumphant.

Tottenham v Man City, 21:00

Two sides desperately battling to try and reach 7th as well, and we think they are pretty evenly matched. However City have been pretty porous away from home and will need to address this if they are to get anything out of the game. We think they will frustrate Spurs and that a draw is on the cards.

Sunday, 17 May 2009

West Brom v Liverpool, 19:30

Last gasp saloon for West Brom as it is likely that defeat today will confirm their relegation. However Liverpool could be either deflated or rampant depending on Man Utd's result the previous day. Tough one to predict then, but even a sorry Liverpool should be able to win this.

Chelsea v Blackburn, 22:00

We doubt that this will be much of a treat for any neutrals, or even partisan fans, as the efficient Chelsea machine faces the grinders of Blackburn. The home side will still be hoping for 2nd spot while Rovers are safe. Boring home win.

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

Portsmouth v Sun'land, 02:00

Both these teams could still go down if results go against them, but a win for either here would make them safe and the other nervous. Pretty evenly matched sides, so that makes us think the most likely outcome is a draw.

Barclays Premier League Table

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	35	16	1	1	43	13	10	4	3	22	10	42	83
2	Liverpool	36	11	7	0	38	12	12	4	2	34	14	46	80
3	Chelsea	36	10	6	2	31	12	13	2	3	32	10	41	77
4	Arsenal	36	10	5	3	27	15	9	6	3	37	21	28	68
5	Aston Villa	36	6	9	3	26	21	10	1	7	26	26	5	58
6	Everton	36	7	6	5	28	19	8	6	4	22	17	14	57
7	Fulham	36	11	3	4	28	14	2	8	8	10	18	6	50
8	Tottenham	36	9	5	4	19	9	4	4	10	23	32	1	48
9	West Ham	36	8	2	8	21	21	5	7	6	18	20	-2	48
10	Man City	36	12	0	6	39	18	2	5	11	17	30	8	47
11	Wigan	35	7	5	5	15	16	4	4	10	17	25	-9	42
12	Stoke	36	9	5	4	20	15	2	4	12	15	36	-16	42
13	Bolton	36	7	4	7	20	20	4	3	11	20	31	-11	40
14	Blackburn	36	6	6	6	22	23	4	4	10	18	35	-18	40
15	Portsmouth	36	7	3	8	23	28	2	8	8	12	27	-20	38
16	Sunderland	36	6	3	9	19	22	3	6	9	12	26	-17	36
17	Newcastle	36	5	7	6	24	28	2	6	10	16	29	-17	34
18	Hull	36	3	5	10	18	35	5	5	8	20	27	-24	34
19	M'brough	36	5	8	5	16	19	2	2	14	10	35	-28	31
20	West Brom	36	7	3	8	26	31	1	4	13	10	34	-29	31

Table does not include the result of the Man Utd/Wigan match

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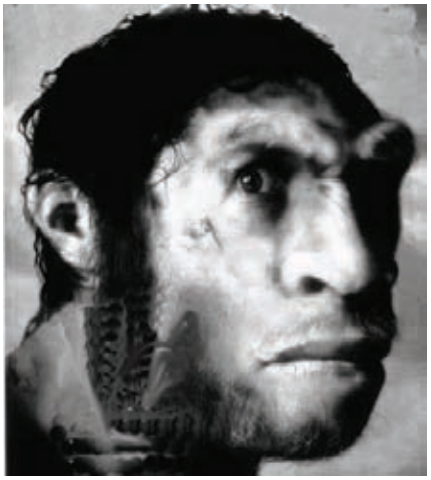
London clubs quarantined
Fears over 'Night Fever' epidemic spreading

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

As reports of the behaviour and detention of Ledley King were made public this week, football bosses acted quickly to try and contain the outbreak of 'Night Fever' that has sprread through the capital's football players. Scientists have named the virus the T055ER strain, with symptoms including arrogance, heavy drinking, crying at the slightest thing and racist outbursts.



The origin of the species, Martin Keown

There has been a recent history of London based footballers, in particular central defenders, of succumbing to the virus, and experts are theorising that they are particularly vulnerable 'due to having their heads so far up their own arses'. The problem

Ledley King in a previous 'isolated' incident

seems to have originated with Sol 'I'm Not Gay' Campbell, during his acrimonious move from Spurs to arch rivals Arsenal, but many fans are pointing the finger at Martin 'Monkey Head' Keown, who displayed these tendencies long before. Also believed to be afflicted are John 'Cry Baby' Terry, William 'I'm Not Gay Either' Gallas, Jonathan 'Two Short Planks' Woodgate, and recently seems to have spread to the younger generation as well, notably Niklas 'Pants' Bendtner.

Spurs manager Harry 'Bungpuss' Redknapp applauded the quarantine, after announcing a new 'booze ban' at the club replacing the old one imposed by his predecessor Juande Ramos. He said, 'Well, you know, we only had two points when I arrived here but I really sorted them aht. Its all dahn to me, you know, not these overpaid ****ers. My granny could play better than them you know.'

Of course, Redknapp and his contemporaries were known to be the perfect examples of clean living, sticking to a strong code of no booze or gambling. Or so we were told.

Below: Bendtner gets his knickers in a twist

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