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Hua Hin beach sold to wealthy Arab

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Residents of the beautiful seaside resort were shocked today to hear that the 'jewel in the crown' of the city, the beach, may have been sold to the immensely wealthy Arabian prince, Abdullah al Hazapeindabed. The amount paid for the beach has not been disclosed but is thought to be in the region of 5 billion baht.

The owner of the beach is thought to be the Hua Hin Municipality, and it seems that the sale has been forced by the global recession which has hit the town hard with tourist numbers down, but also due to the high cost of running the large screen outside the local government offices, opposite the soon to be redeveloped Satukarn Square.

It is reported that the final details of the sale have still to be finalised, but that it is hoped that it will go through in the coming weeks, followed by the wholesale removal of the beach and transport to Saudi Arabia on a specially constructed barge, which is currently being built near Pak Nam Pran. The transport of the beach is expected to take two years to complete, with the Hua Hin coastline being replicated near the Prince's palace. Apparently the Prince fell in love with the beach from the moment he first came to Hua Hin, and would walk along it every morning when he was here.

Idyllic Hua Hin Beach

One expat resident, Kieran, who claimed to see him and even spoke to him said, 'At first I thought he was just another tourist walking home drunk from the Night Bazaar, because he used to weave about all over the sand, but when I spoke to him to make sure he was feeling alright, he wasn't drunk and just kept on and on about the beach. I wasn't expecting him to buy it though, especially given the land laws here!'

The area involved stretches from the Hilton all the way down to the Khao Takiab border, and also includes palm trees, the horses and riders, hawkers and masseurs.

Sources close to the Prince have revealed that as part of the deal, the sand that will be displaced in Saudi Arabia by the arrival of the

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Hua Hin Beach sold!

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beach will be shipped in the opposite direction.

Local environmentalists are up in arms at the news, and are particularly concerned that the local sand crabs that will travel with the beach will not be able to survive in Saudi Arabia. Green activist Duyuwana Tuchmy said, 'This is appalling! It will totally upset the local environmental balance and I am shocked that this is being allowed to proceed.'

She added, 'It seems that we now live in a world where money is the only currency; I mean, last week Cristiano Ronaldo and now this!'

The tourist industry is equally shocked and urgent meetings are being arranged with the local authority. No official announcement has been made as yet, but a source from the Municipality revealed that the people behind the sale were hoping that everyone affected would be appeased by a planned distribution of some of the money from the sale, with that sum expected to be about 100 million baht. In addition to this the planned replacement of the beach with high quality Arabian sand is expected to smooth things over. Another source speculated that Hua Hin would get the better end of the deal because of the nature of the contract drawn up by local law firm Dewey, Cheatem & Howe, which apparently does not specify either the depth of the beach being removed, nor which tide the beach is determined at. Anyone present at the last few Jazz Festivals will know that the beach almost completely disappears at high tide, for example.

Many observers believe the deal will fail because of the contract in fact, leaving another potential buyer frustrated at the legal services available in Hua Hin.

The map above shows the huge swathe of beach purchased and due to be transported to Saudi Arabia.

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■ CALGARY, CANADA

Elisha Ann Cuthbert (born November 30, 1982) is a Canadian actress. Cuthbert is known as the former co-host of the Canadian children's television series Popular Mechanics for Kids. She had her first lead role in the 2003 feature film Old School and starred the following year in The Girl Next Door. She has also had starring roles in the 2005 House of Wax film and the 2007 horror film Captivity. Her most prominent role is as Kim Bauer in the American action-thriller television series 24.

Cuthbert regularly secures a place in FHM and Maxim's annual "hottest women" lists. Her highest ranking was #4 in the 2008 UK Edition of FHM's 100 Sexiest Women in the World list. We certainly wouldn't argue with that!

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Local Weather

Hua Hin weather forecast next 7 days

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Sat	Clouds and sun	26	35
Sun	Sun and clouds	26	34
Mon	Rather cloudy with a t-storm	26	33
Tues	Clouds and sun, a t-storm	26	33
Wed	Turning cloudy with a shower	26	32
Thur	A morning shower	26	32
Fri	A shower in the a.m.; cloudy	25	33

World Weather

Forecast for Friday 19th June 2009

City	Min °C	Max	Conditions
Amsterdam	14	21	Showers
Athens	22	34	Fine
Auckland	2	12	Cloudy
Beijing	18	28	Thunderstorms
Berlin	12	23	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	8	18	Cloudy
Chicago	14	26	Cloudy
Copenhagen	12	17	Showers
Dubai	27	41	Scattered Clouds
Dublin	8	15	Showers
Geneva	13	30	Thunderstorms
Helsinki	8	17	Chance of Rain
Ho Chi Minh	25	34	Thunderstorms
Hong Kong	25	32	Chance of T-storms
Islamabad	23	36	Clear
Jakarta	24	32	Rain
Jerusalem	19	28	Fine
Johannesburg	7	16	Showers
Karachi	29	36	Fine
Kuala Lumpur	24	35	Fine
London	12	20	Cloudy
Madrid	20	34	Cloudy
Manila	25	29	Thunderstorms
Mexico City	12	29	Rain
Moscow	8	18	Fine
New Delhi	28	41	Fine
New York	15	19	Showers
Oslo	7	16	Chance of T-storms
Paris	17	24	Rain
Perth	9	18	Rain
Phnom-Penh	23	33	Thunderstorms
Rio De Janeiro	14	28	Mist
Riyadh	31	43	Clear
Rome	15	27	Cloudy
San Francisco	15	26	Cloudy
Singapore	26	33	Cloudy
Stockholm	9	13	Chance of Rain
Sydney	12	17	Showers
Tokyo	19	25	Cloudy
Vientiane	23	33	Chance of T-storms
Yangon	21	30	Thunderstorms
Zurich	12	29	Thunderstorms

Currency Exchange Rates

At 18th June 2009 (mid-market rates)

Code	Currency	Value (Baht)
USD	United States Dollar	34.1565
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EUR	Euro	47.2724
JPY	Japanese Yen	0.354131
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit	9.67455
SGD	Singapore Dollar	23.4187
BND	Brunei Dollar	23.4187
CNY	Chinese Yuan	4.99795
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah	0.00333229
INR	Indian Rupee	0.712919
KRW	Korean Won	0.0269773
AUD	Australian Dollar	27.1503
NZD	New Zealand Dollar	21.4671
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NOK	Norwegian Krone	5.30077
SEK	Swedish Krona	4.38037
CAD	Canadian Dollar	30.1187
AED	UAE Dirham	9.30042
BHD	Bahrain Dinar	90.843
KWD	Kuwaiti Dinar	118.54
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Hua Hin's Hot Topics from HHAD

A mixed bag of reports came in on the weekend's Jazz Festival though most that went enjoyed it. Improvements over last year included the two venues but getting onto the beach and finding a spot was still a crush as the night went on. Security was heightened this year with areas being cordoned off and bag checks taking place, maybe they were expecting something. A lack of seating at the park stage meant bums on cold concrete and a general shortage of good food stalls at the Park and along Damnoen Kasem Road was quite bizarre considering the enthusiasm for food in Thailand. The music, as always, made up for these minor shortfalls with top performances from Shakatak and Koh Saxman. We did miss our favourites Prode and T-Bone though and hope they'll return next year. Photos from the event can be found on the forum and at www.jazzfestivalhuahin.com.

A new online photo gallery for Hua Hin has also been launched; it offers images from around town, the general area, Hua Hin events and other locations in Thailand. Readers are welcome to submit their own images to the gallery which will, over time, grow into an impressive pictorial resource. Check it out online at www.huahinpictures.com.

Schooling in Hua Hin always generates a heated debate from parents and teachers alike. The two main schools in town, Somtawin and Yamsaard, are constantly being compared, neither is at true international standard but they are the only choice for Hua Hin resident parents. Many parents cannot justify the hefty fees for kindergarten that these two are charging and home schooling options have been discussed.

There has also been a lot of discussion on teaching styles, school politics, and curriculums with the general consensus being that Hua Hin is in dire need of a professionally managed international school. Education in Thailand is unlikely to improve soon as political bickering seems to take precedence so parents are constantly seeking the best options for their children. The downside is that it costs a fortune.

A topic on budget eateries generated a healthy response as many expats are seeking alternatives to the high priced tourist restaurants in the centre of town. The good news is that there are hundreds of them just outside of the metropolis, the best spots being along the canal road, further north and south on Petchkasem, Sois 88 and 94, and along the railway road. It's true; you can get a good feed for two and a couple of beers for less than a grand!

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English corner

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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...

As dead as a door-nail

Dead - devoid of life (when applied to people, plants or animals). Finished with - unusable (when applied to inanimate objects).

This is old - at least 14th century. There's a reference to it in print in 1350:

"For but ich haue bote of mi bale I am ded as dorenail."

Shakespeare used it in King Henry VI, 1590:

CADE:

Brave thee! ay, by the best blood that ever was
broached, and beard thee too. Look on me well: I
have eat no meat these five days; yet, come thou and
thy five men, and if I do not leave you all as dead
as a doornail, I pray God I may never eat grass more.

As 'X' as 'Y' similes refer to some property and then give an example of something well-known as exhibiting that property, e.g. 'as white as snow'.

Why door-nails are cited as a particular example of deadness isn't clear. Door-nails are the large-headed studs that were used in earlier times for strength and more recently as decoration. The practice was to hammer the nail through and then bend over the protruding end to secure it. This process, similar to riveting, was called clenching. This may be the source of the 'deadness', as such a nail would be unusable afterwards.

Have you heard or found yourself using a phrase or saying and wondered where it came from? The origin of words is called etymology, so while you will normally know the meaning, the history can be fascinating. Send your suggestions to us at awol@huahinmedia.com and we will do our best to find the origin of them.

Spain's 3.6m unemployed weep with joy at £80m Ronaldo signing

Spain's 3.6 million unemployed today took to the streets in celebration of Real Madrid's capture of Cristiano Ronaldo for £80m of what is, ultimately, their money.

As auditions began in Manchester for a replacement capable of replacing Ronaldo's exquisite theatrics and sublime stroppyness, the mood in Madrid was very different indeed.

"This is just what we needed!" said 39 year-old unemployed car-worker Juan Sanchez.

"Putting food on the table is a struggle at the moment, yes."

"But what better way to lift the spirits of the nation than to see our Government subsidise a club that will spunk over £200m on Ronaldo in the next five years?"

"I've had suicidal thoughts recently, what with me having no job, no money, and watching a defence that includes Gabriel Heinze."

"But this makes up for everything. My stomach feels full again!"

"Well it doesn't really, why would it? But I did sort of forget about it for a couple of seconds when I heard the news."

"I, and my fellow unemployed would happily forgo an existence above the poverty line just to see Ronaldo earn more than £500k a week by rolling around on the pitches of Real Madrid."

"This truly is a day I will tell my grand-children about."

"Assuming my own kids overcome their current malnutrition issues of course."

Cristiano Ronaldo (above) shows his dedication by practising for the move to Real Madrid even while on holiday

British Navy Attacks Brussels

Sprout-hating captain bans 'the Devil's vegetable' from his ship

Sailors aboard a Navy warship are crammed into extremely confined living quarters. Which may explain why one captain has decided to ban a potentially anti-social foodstuff from the ship's menu.

The Brussels sprout is so despised by Commanding Officer Wayne Keble that he refers to it as 'the devil's vegetable' which is not welcome aboard the HMS Bulwark.

Currently deployed in the Mediterranean and Far East, Captain Keeble was explaining his approach to maintaining his 390-strong crew's fitness when he launched the broadside against the winter vegetable.

He said: 'The only thing I have banned on board is Brussels sprouts.

'They are the devil's vegetable and the only thing I do not like, and the only thing I hate. Brussels sprouts are absolutely banned on board HMS Bulwark. I do not eat them so I do not know what the after-effects are.'

Capt Keble said he was keen to ensure the crew of the ship, based in Plymouth, Devon, keep up a high level of fitness through a healthy diet. He said: 'Healthy eating is something I promote. I also promote adventure training and try to eat healthily. One of my roles as Commanding Officer is to ensure that we are fit and healthy and that we have a healthy lifestyle, moderate our alcohol intake and make sure we are not overweight.'

A spokesman for the Royal Navy and the MoD today claimed he had only banned the sprouts from the captain's table. She said: 'Captain Keble has banned them from his plate.

'He does not like them but the crew can have them. He has not banned sprouts from them.'

But a source on board HMS Bulwark said he was 'very serious' about banning Brussels sprouts which are not allowed to be served. He said: 'This ban is no joke. The captain has made it very clear that Brussels sprouts are not allowed on board. For some reason he just hates them. The MoD can say what they like but Capt Keble runs the ship and he has categorically said that sprouts are banned.'

The warship is currently playing host to military chiefs in its role as the Commander Amphibious Task Group's Flagship for the Taurus 09 deployment to the Mediterranean and Far East. Seven Devonport based warships and submarines and more than 3,300 personnel are taking part in the six month long exercise which is due to return in August - on a prevailing wind.

Brussels sprouts were first cultivated in Belgium during the 16th century for its small leafy green buds, which resemble miniature cabbages. The unpleasant smell associated with them is caused by sulphur compounds released when cooked.

Weird news round up

■ MASSACHUSETTS, USA

Teacher fired for 'violent' doodle

A science teacher was escorted from school by police after a 'violent' doodle was snatched off his desk by a student.

Max Yarmolinsky, 25, has been charged with being disorderly after the piece of paper was shown to the student's parents and the headteacher.

Deputy Police Chief John Suurhans said the words were "violent in nature" but not threatening.

He said there was "was nothing threatening towards students or the school" in Norwell, Massachusetts, the Patriot Ledger newspaper reported.

Suurhams told the paper: "A student grabbed the note and brought it home to show to his parents.

"The parents became disturbed by what was on the note and brought it to the attention of the principal."

Yarmolinsky, who taught physics to secondary school students, was warned he would be trespassing if he returned to school property.

■ NEW YORK, USA

Children shown porn movie at primary school

Schoolchildren as young a five who were looking forward to a Jonas Brothers film were shown a hard-core porn movie instead.

The children were subjected to 45 seconds of the X-rate filth before a horrified teacher frantically ripped out the DVD player's plug.

The headteacher of the New York City school pledged to find whoever was responsible for the "despicable" act.

Parents initially heard the DVD player had been locked in his office before the film was shown- but it later emerged it had been in an open area where anyone could have tampered with it.

Mum Rona Easton told the New York Post: "My son told his friend he saw a naked lady at school."

She added: "I thought he was just being silly. It's appalling."

Five classes had been taken into an auditorium to watch "Camp Rock," a Disney Channel movie starring the Jonas Brothers according to headteacher Robert Marchi. But he wrote to parents that a "very explicit pornographic video came on the screen."

He said: "This was extremely upsetting to the students and staff members in attendance . . . I am deeply sorry that this episode took place at PS 17. I know that we will make every effort to find out who was responsible for this despicable act."

■ ALASKA, USA

Rat Island becomes rat-free, now just an island

In a development that might necessitate a name change, Alaska's Rat Island appears to have lost its rats, more than 200 years after they first scurried off a rodent-infested Japanese ship.

Helicopters dropped rat poison on the island last year in hopes of returning many bird species to the uninhabited island in the Aleutian Chain.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says two weeks of intensive monitoring shows no sign of invasive rats. It also shows that several bird species, including peregrine falcons and black oystercatchers, were nesting on the island.

Scientists did find numerous carcasses of two types of birds: glaucous-winged gulls and bald eagles. The federal agency is conducting tests to try to determine why they died.

A shipwreck in 1780 brought rats to the island, which is located some 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers) from Anchorage.

Two survivors of the shipwreck

■ GLASTONBURY, ENGLAND

Scarecrow slows speeding drivers

Safety-conscious family members have deployed two scarecrows in their village to slow speeding motorists.

The Hallett family, in Meare, Glastonbury, crafted the pair from chicken wire and straw, dressed them in fluorescent green vests and placed 'speed cameras' made from water bottles in their hands.

The creations were originally designed for a competition at the village school fete, but after placing the scarecrows on the wall outside their home, the family noticed a significant difference in the speed of cars passing through the village - with most now sticking to the 30mph limit.

Area 555

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THE PERFECT FIT

"I'd like to buy some gloves for my wife," the young man said, eyeing the attractive salesgirl, "but I don't know her size."
"Will this help?" she asked sweetly, placing her hand in his.
"Oh, yes," he answered. "Her hands are just slightly smaller than yours."
"Will there be anything else?" the salesgirl queried as she wrapped the gloves.
"Now that you mention it," he replied," she also needs some tampons."

HIEROGLYPHICS

There were a group of archeologists who dug up a line of hieroglyphics that were, from left to right: a dog, a donkey, a shovel, a fish, and a Star of David.
After years of study they came up with an explanation. They believed that this was a very wise group of people. First, they knew man had to have company, hence the dog. Next, they knew that they needed animals to help with work, so the donkey. The shovel was there because of their advanced knowledge of tools. Next, they knew that they had to eat, and that fish were the best source of food. Finally, they were a religious group and knew man had to have religion.
After the explanation, a man jumped up and said, "You fools, Hebrew is read from right to left! It says, 'Holy mackerel, dig the ass on that bitch!'"

AFRICAN GOLF

A businessman was attending a Conference in Africa. He had a free day and wanted to play a round of Golf. He asked whether there was any course in the vicinity and was directed to one in the jungle.
After a short journey, he arrived at the Course and advised the Pro that he wanted to play 18 holes.
"Sure," said the Pro, "What's your Handicap?"
"Well, it's 16," said the Businessman, "But I don't see the relevance since I shall be playing alone."
"No, it's very important for us to know," said the Pro.
The Pro then called a Caddy.
"Go out with this Gentleman," said the Pro, "his handicap is 16."
The businessman was very surprised at this constant reference to his handicap. However, he paid it no more attention. The Caddy picked up the businessman's bag and a large Rifle which he slung over his shoulder. Again the businessman was surprised but decided to ask no questions.
They arrived on the 1st Hole, a Par 4.
"Please avoid those trees on the left," said the Caddy.
Needless to say, the businessman duck hooked his ball into the trees. He found his ball and was about to punch it out when he heard the loud crack of the rifle and a large snake fell dead from a tree above his head. The caddy stood next to him with the rifle smoking in his hand.
"That's the most poisonous snake in all Africa," said the caddy, "you're lucky I was here with you."
After taking a bogey on the hole, they moved to the 2nd, a Par 5. "Avoid those bushes on the right," says the caddy.
Of course, the businessman's ball went slicing away into the bushes. As he went to pick up his ball, he heard the loud crack of the caddy's rifle once more and a huge lion fell dead at his feet. "I've saved your life again," said the caddy.
The 3rd hole was a Par 3 with a lake in front of the Green. The businessman's ball came up just short of the green and rolled back to the edge of the water. He had a shot. However, he had to place one foot into the lake to be able to play. As he was about to chip the ball on to the green, a large crocodile emerged from the water and bit off his right leg. As he fell to the ground, he saw the caddy with the rifle propped at his side looking on unconcernedly.
"Why didn't you shoot it?" writhed the man in pain.
"I'm sorry, Sir," said the caddy, "this is Stroke Hole 17, you don't get a shot here."

PUTTING

The schoolteacher was taking her first golfing lesson. "Is the word spelt p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor. "P-u-t-t is correct," he replied. "Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

Your STARS

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with The Sage Monkey

The Sage has got the hump (well that's what we think he said, the phone line was pretty bad) so we continue with his understudy this week. His owner, Ben (blog at http://my.opera.com/bentrein), is threatening to withdraw his services because of the innuendoes we have been publishing, so we would like to retract those and assure all our readers that Ben and his monkey are just very good friends. Honestly.

Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19
Walk slowly, inhale deeply, exhale fully, and soon enough you'll realize that you should've listened to your partner; this house really is too close to the fish market.

Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
Success and true love are coming for you. Your bland personality, however, makes it very hard for them to find you, so it's not likely to happen this week.

Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20
This is your time, this is your era, this is your age. It's your turn to shine, and stand out in the crowd, and get people to queue for your signature. Too bad AWOL comes out too late for you to hear this news.

Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
When you want to do something, you do it. When you want something, you get it. These are character traits that will get you into trouble when the liquor store has a silent alarm.

Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
Avoid all food with rice in it. Not that this will help you this week, but I just like making the life difficult for my true followers in Thailand.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun 21
Steer clear from your computer this week, and in the future. Multitasking is your strength, but operating systems from the 80s can't do it. Perhaps it's time to buy a new computer.

Cancer
Jun 22 - Jul 22
For weeks you've been bugging your husband to have a family day at home some time. To your great surprise, he has arranged one for Sunday, but it won't turn out as expected...

Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
To give in to your wife's demand of a family day at home, you've invited all your male relatives to for a BBQ, beer and basketball evening at your place. You'll have a great night on Sunday, but the headache you'll have the rest of the week is not alcohol induced.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sep 22
When your high-school girlfriend still doesn't feel the lunar power in her lower abdomen at age 21, you find out that she wasn't born a woman.

Libra
Sep 23 - Oct 23
Spilling some honey on your trousers at breakfast on Tuesday, will put you in an awkward situation when you later attend the opening of a bee farm, and the bees are out for revenge.

Scorpio
Oct 24 - Nov 21
After you crash your boyfriend's Benz when reverse parking, you can blame him: what he showed you last night, surely wasn't 10 inches!

Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
Best birthday wishes to your friend go together with a handshake, a hug, or a peck on the cheek. A ten second French kiss in front of partner and gathered friends is really inappropriate. Don't do that again.

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Waterboarding to be star attraction at new Thai water park

■ PATTAYA, THAILAND

Odyssey, the 88 rai water park and leisure complex being built in Jomtien near Pattaya, has added waterboarding to its list of family-focused leisure activities.

Managers say waterboarding is just as much fun as mountain biking or owl spotting, except you are held down with a wet towel over your face as gallon after gallon of water is poured up your nose.

A spokesman said: "There's no better way for parents and kids to bond than in a situation of sustained psychological terror and disorientation. The magic is, you're totally convinced you're going to die, but you don't! However it can make you scared of rain."

Holidaymaker Don Rose, from Stafford, gave it the thumbs up after trying it in a market research test: "It made a refreshing change from the falconry and rope slides and it's definitely made me want to try other state-sanctioned coercion techniques. On the down side, since returning from our mini-break I do tend to wake up in the middle of the night screaming like a girl."

However not all customers are convinced. Sue Glenn, of Ipswich, said: "We expected something more like a slide or a shute. Instead two men in khaki led us into something called the 'Z-Ray Family Detention Hut', put sacks over our heads and spun us round until we were nauseous while angry dogs snapped at our groins. They asked us why we hated freedom and when my husband said we didn't they kicked him in the stomach. That's when the kids really started to cry."

She added: "The actual waterboarding itself was very unpleasant, although perhaps less so than the Thunder Looper at Alton Towers. Overall, I'd say it was different but we probably wouldn't do it again."

A leaflet handed to customers explaining what they are about to experience

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Khao Takiab - Kool Town

Learn all about life in the friendly village

Welcome to our centre spread 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.

The Village and the Internet

Where to look and chat about Khao Takiab

■ KHAO TAKIAB, THAILAND

As more people become interested in Village living, more people are looking for information on their various options. Two sites are the obvious starting places; www.khaotakiab.com and the South of Hua Hin sub forum on the leading internet forum for the area, Hua Hin After Dark, which can be found at www.huahinafterdark.com/forum/. The former has information on Khao Takiab hotels, resorts and guesthouses with online booking along with apartments for rent and holiday villas or guesthouses. Restaurants, bars and nightlife, beaches, temples, markets, attractions and activities are all also covered. There is a useful map as well as features on some of the beach areas near Khao Takiab.

The forum features discussions between people already living in the Village, those who are planning to move or holiday there and those who just want to experience what KT has to offer from time to time. All other areas south of Hua Hin are catered for there and it is well worth a browse, and new input from residents and visitors is more than welcome.

There are other websites that pop up when you carry out a search on the internet, but they are pale imitations of what we have listed above, which were the first internet resources available for the area. Most results you will find to be purely portals for online travel and accommodation booking and only give minimal information about Khao Takiab.

Where is Khao Takiab?

For those of you unfamiliar with KT, just take the road south from Hua Hin for about 6 km until you reach a junction where the main road bends right up and over the railway, with a U-turn underneath, and the leftmost lane before that will take you into the centre of Khao Takiab. As the map above shows, most of the venues to visit in the village are either on the main road that runs through it, or just off it. In the very centre of Khao Takiab, just left of centre of the map where the 7-11 is marked, the road does get quite narrow, so it is advisable if visiting by car to park either just before, where there is plenty of space, or after. At busy times this can be a bottleneck, although fortunately the roads are not that busy that often!

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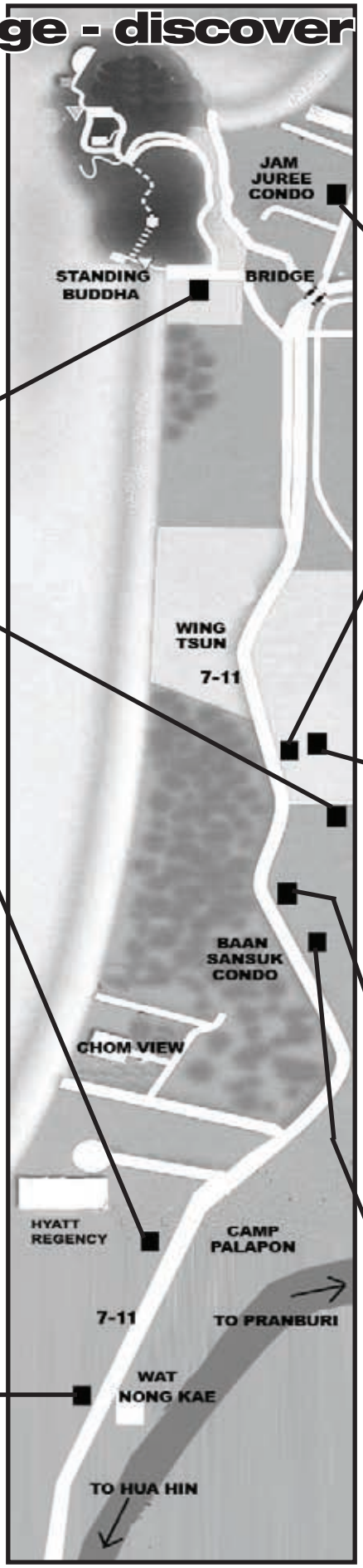

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After a number of requests from regular readers, we are now introducing a regular Sudoku page to keep your booze sodden brains occupied while you wait for your next drink!

For those of you who have never tried it before, the idea is that every line in both horizontal and vertical directions, as well as every one of the nine boxes, contains all of the numbers one to nine, without (obviously) any number being repeated in one line or box.

We are starting you off with a couple of reasonably easy ones, but some weeks will be harder than others.

Solutions as always will be next week alongside two new puzzles.

Only one more thing to say is that Sudoku lovers do it with a pen!

Sudoku Hints For Beginners

Look for the obvious.

Is there a row, column, or region that has one cell unsolved? If there is you can quickly find the solution.

Count from 1 to 9 locating each number in that row, column, or region. The missing number is the solution for that empty cell.

Where do you start?

Many people just pick a spot at random to start. It is better to have a systematic approach to solving Sudoku. A good way to start is by first looking for a number that has the most "givens". The more the merrier.

Look for the only possible choice.

Sometimes you will encounter the situation where there is only one place a number can possibly go. This is discovered by working systematically through each line and box in turn.

Good luck!

Puzzle 2

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Quick XWord

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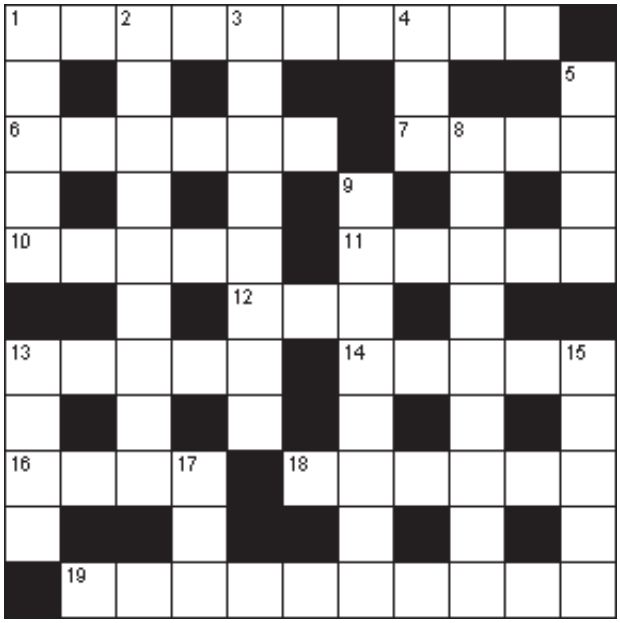
Across

1. Beyond what is human
6. Lighted by the sun
7. Part of skeleton
10. Give up
11. Behaved
12. Narrow beam of light
13. Village near Peebles
14. Finely ground meal of grain
16. Performs
18. Little job
19. Investigator

Down

1. Effeminate boy
2. Christian festival
3. Drop of rain
4. Crowd
5. Undesirable plant
8. Practitioner of osteopathy
9. Traveller
13. Obstacle
15. Radio location
17. Distress signal



Last week's solution right

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Y	■	■	■	S	■	L	■	R	■	R
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15 N	O	D	■	16 O	P	E	N	17 A	I	R
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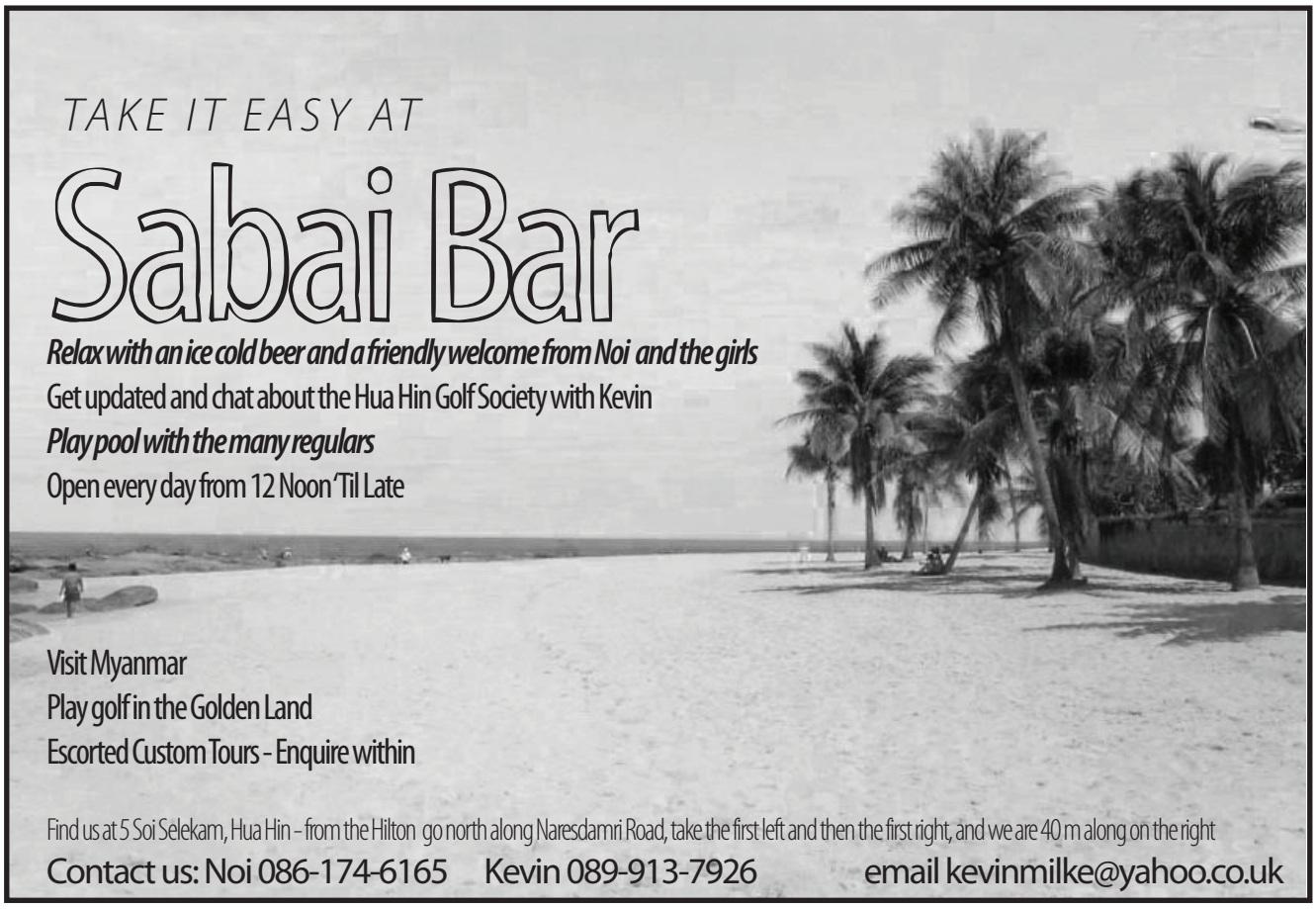

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■ DEAR MARY,
I am an avid traveller and have visited many far flung places in my time. One piece of advice I was given long ago by my grandfather about travelling to foreign countries was to watch and learn from the local people, and do things as they do. This has certainly been great advice and has helped me a lot, but I recently came to Thailand for an extended stay and am having some problems using that advice here. Firstly I need transport while I am here, so I started watching what the majority of the locals do, and from this I gleaned that I must either buy a delapidated old motorbike and preferably one with a kind of flatbed sidecar attached to it that will only go about 20 km per hour, or a brand new scooter type of bike that has about a dozen headlights which must never be switched on, particularly at night. So my first question is, which should I choose?
Secondly, I have also been watching the locals driving habits so that once again I can blend in; now I was under the impression that in Thailand the traffic always drives on the left, but in my observations this does not appear to be the case, and in fact it seems to be that there is no rule. Also I thought that various international road rules applied, such as showing the direction you are going by use of flashing indicators, giving way to traffic if you are on a side road wanting to turn on to a main road, and using your rear view mirrors before executing a manouvre to ensure you are not going to cause other vehicles to brake sharply or take avoiding action. All of these do not seem to apply in Thailand, so my second question is where can I get hold of a copy of the Thai driving code to ensure I can learn how to drive properly here?
Finally, I am also confused about the enforcement of laws relating to driving here; I have been told that on most major roads the speed limit is between 90 and 120 km per hour and in towns 50 to 60 km per hour, but this does not seem to be enforced and in fact more often seems to be reversed! Another puzzle is whether there is a legal limit on the number of passengers that may be carried on a motorbike, as the average seems to be about five and I have never seen the police stop anyone with more than that. When I do see them stop people it appears that there is a system of 'on the spot' fines in operation here, but I can find no mention of that in any websites or tourist information, and in fact they all state that fines must be paid at the police station. Can you clarify this?
Safe Driver, Cha Am.

Mary says:Dear Safe Driver,
I have spotted a couple of things that you have missed in your observations that I feel duty bound to inform you of. Firstly, when you buy a motorbike it is vitally important that you have a basket on the front to carry essential items like a crash helmet when you are driving; it is also important that said basket is located so that when there is something in the basket, like the aforementioned helmet, or a small dog or baby, that this completely obscures the headlight were it ever to be turned on. Secondly, the handy proximity of your crash helmet in the basket is to ensure that should you spot a policeman you can quickly put the helmet on to avoid a fine, and be able to safely remove and store it after you have passed him. Thirdly, the mirrors on most vehicles, but particularly motorbikes, are not to be used to observe the actions of traffic behind you, but to check your hair, make up and whether you still have some chicken stuck in your teeth. Finally, when parking your motorbike, it must be touching the bumpers of both cars you are parking between, and when you are leaving your parking spot you must always back out without looking. Good luck!

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Golf Swing Theory ...

All of the basic movements of a perfectly executed golf swing can be easily duplicated by using a forceful turning motion of your body to toss a bag full of clubs into a pond

Any swing drill or shotmaking tip that you just couldn't get the hang of during a one-hour lesson will be immediately mastered by the first player you describe it to

Anyone can groove a good, solid, repeatable practice swing

Few golfers are born with a natural talent for hitting the ball, but every player is blessed with the God-given ability to roll the ball over, kick it, knock it back in bounds, or throw it into the middle of the fairway

If you managed to keep your head steady, it's probably because you locked your knees, lifted your shoulder, loosened your grip, and let your elbow fly

It doesn't count as a swing thought if it's phrased as a prayer

It's a waste of time to videotape your swing—what you need is duct tape

Never try to keep more than thirty separate thoughts in your mind during your swing

The more memorable the swing thought, the more useless the information it conveys

The most likely effect of a lesson is to instantly eliminate the one key flaw in your grip or stance that allowed you to somehow compensate for all the other faults in your swing

The only thing you can learn from your mistakes is to stop paying the pro a hundred and fifty bucks to point them out to you

There are three essentials to a great golf swing:
1. *Keep your head still*
2. *Keep your stupid head still*
3. *Keep your goddamn stupid head still*

There is no movement in the golf swing so difficult that it cannot be made even more difficult by careful study and diligent practice

When the wind is in your face, you swing too hard to try to compensate for it; when the wind is at your back, you swing too hard to try to take advantage of it

When you hit a horrible shot because you looked up, you will always look down again just at the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again

When you play in a mixed foursome, there will always be at least one hole where you have to hit your second shot before the ladies tee off

You're never going to get anywhere in golf until you convert that nasty slice into a wicked hook

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League Results
Matchday 8 12th June 2009

Home	Rks	Pts	Away	Rks	Pts
SB	14	4	LSA	12	4
JWB	16	5	RTB	8	3
EAG	10	3	OCT	15	5
DB	9	2	QUE	17	6
LST	15	4	JWR	14	4
PAT	4	1	LSS	18	7
LSB	15	4	TW	13	4
SUG	15	6	DA	8	2

Next Week's Fixtures
Matchday 9 19th June 2009
Lucky Shot A v Return Bar
Octopussy v Sunset B'vard
Dick's Office B v JW Black
Lucky Shot Th v Eagle
Queens Flower v Lucky S Stdts
JW Red v Lucky Shot B
Pat's Point v Dick's Office A
Thaiwaii v Sugar Cane

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Queens Flower Bar	8	7	0	1	28	55	14
Thaiwaii	8	5	3	0	14	26	13
Lucky Shot Student's	8	5	2	1	18	37	12
Eagle Bar	8	5	1	2	18	31	11
Sunset Boulevard	8	4	3	1	8	23	11
Lucky Shot A	8	3	4	1	12	23	10
Octopussy Bar	8	4	1	3	8	11	9
Return Bar	8	4	1	3	8	8	9
Lucky Shot B	8	3	2	3	2	0	8
Johnie Walker Black	8	3	2	3	0	2	8
Lucky Shot Thai	8	3	1	4	-8	-7	7
Sugar Cane Bar	8	2	2	4	0	-10	6
Johnie Walker Red	8	2	2	4	-16	-13	6
Dick's Office B	8	1	0	7	-28	-57	2
Pats Point	8	1	0	7	-28	-59	2
Dick's Office A	8	0	0	8	-36	-70	0

Hua Hin 8 Ball League Results
Week 13 10th June 2009
Butterfly Rock 8 - 4 SC Students
DicksA 4 - 8 MrDanA
SportCentre 4 - 8 Komhom
Pla's Place v Eagle Bar n/a

Week 14 results next week

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
DicksA	8	6	1	1	12	13
Eagle Bar	8	5	1	2	24	11
Komhom	8	4	3	1	20	11
MrDanA	11	5	1	5	6	11
B'fly Rock	9	4	1	4	8	9
SportCntre	7	3	1	3	-8	7
LilleMan	10	3	1	6	-14	7
Pla's Place	8	2	2	4	-16	6
DicksB	7	2	1	4	-22	5
SC Stdents	8	2	0	6	-10	4

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 15 24th June 2009
Butterfly Rock v Komhom
DicksA v Eagle Bar
MrDanA v Sportcenter Students
Pla's Place v LilleMan
SportCentre v DicksB

Please note: Sportcenter Students team have changed location to Curls's bar on the Petchkasem Road beside the 7/11 near Soi 80.

Hua Hin 9 Ball League Results
Week 14 15th June 2009
Butterfly Rock 13 - 13 Dicks A
LilleMan 11 - 14 Mr Dan A
Sportcenter 14 - 12 Plas Place
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Sportcnter	10	8	0	2	26	16
Plas Place	10	7	0	3	24	14
Mr Dan A	11	6	1	4	6	13
LilleMan	10	5	0	5	-8	10
B'fly Rock	9	4	2	3	6	10
SC Stdents	10	4	1	5	-8	9
Dicks B	9	2	0	7	-22	4
Dicks A	11	1	2	8	-24	4

Please note: Sportcenter Students team have changed location to Curls's bar on the Petchkasem Road beside the 7/11 near Soi 80.

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 15 22nd June 2009
Dicks A v Dicks B
Mr Dan A v Butterfly Rock
Plas Place v Sportcenter Students
Sportcenter v LilleMan

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Hua Hin and Khao Takiab Pool League 2009
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Harleys	5	5	0	0	32	10
Free Time	5	4	0	1	20	8
Bob/ Noks	5	3	0	2	2	6
Oasis Bar	5	2	1	2	2	5
Thaiwaii	5	2	1	2	0	5
S'st B'vard	5	2	1	2	-2	5
Dara Bar	5	2	1	2	-8	5
Chp Chrlie	5	2	0	3	-8	4
R'way Tav	5	1	0	4	-20	2
Dizzy Dolp	5	0	0	5	-18	0

Results
Wed 17th June 2009
Dizzy Dolphin 7 - 9 Dara Bar
Free Time 7 - 9 Cheap Charlies
Harleys Bar 11 - 5 Bob and Noks
Oasis Bar 8 - 8 Sunset Boulevard
Railway Tavern 6 - 10 Thaiwaii

Next Week's Fixtures
Wed 24th June 2009
Bob and Noks vOasis Bar
Cheap Charlies v Harleys Bar
Dara Bar v Free Time Bar
Sunset B'vard v Railway Tavern
Thaiwaii v Dizzy Dolphin

Hua Hin Social Pool League Results
Week 5 – 17th June 2009
Jungle Juice A v No Game
Sabai v Billys 8-11
PP v JW Black 10-9
Red Bar v Headrock 9-10
Lazy Daze v Limelight – n/a
JW Red v U Turn 11-8
Billys Babes v J Juice B 9-10

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
J Juice B	5	4	1	55-40	8
PP	5	4	1	50-45	8
U Turn	5	3	2	51-44	6
Sabai	5	3	2	48-47	6
J Juice A	4	3	1	43-33	6
JW Red	4	3	1	42-34	6
Headrock	5	2	3	46-50	4
Billys Bbes	4	2	2	39-37	4
Billys	4	2	2	37-39	4
JW Black	4	1	3	36-40	2
Limelight	4	1	3	35-41	2
Lazy Daze	4	1	3	30-46	2
Red Bar	5	0	5	39-56	0

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 6 – 24th June 2009
No Game v Jungle Juice B
U Turn v Billys Babes
Limelight v JW Red
Headrock v Lazy Daze
JW Black v Red Bar
Billys v PP
Jungle Juice A v Sabai

Hua Hin Darts Leagues

Results - Week 17 16/06/2009

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

Division 1 League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT	13	11	2	0	111-45	24
P'dise	13	8	4	1	117-39	20
JW Blk	13	6	2	5	89-67	14
Scan A	11	7	0	4	81-51	14
Dicks B	12	5	2	5	73-71	12
Oasis	13	3	3	7	69-87	9
JW Red	13	2	1	10	54-102	5
Lazy D	12	1	0	11	22-122	2

Division 2
Butterfly Rock 6 - 6 Dicks Office A
Lucky Shot v K Hom Ladies n/a
Jaew v Railway Tavern n/a
Kom Hom v Scandic Bar B n/a

Division 2 League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Lcky S	13	12	0	1	108-48	24
Jaew	13	9	0	4	95-61	18
Dicks A	14	8	1	5	93-75	17
Scan B	12	7	1	4	82-62	15
B'fly Rk	12	4	3	6	78-78	12
Kom H	12	4	1	7	76-68	9
R'way	12	3	0	9	52-92	6
K H Ls	13	1	0	12	28-128	2

Next Week's Fixtures
Season is over - next fixtures are Cup Final, play offs and Individual competition. More details next week.

Updated league and individual tables will be available next week also.

Top 16:
Top 10 -Div 1

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Stuart	P	55	37	18	10	74	20	1	51	1	268
Tao	Cat	27	39	10	7	45	11	1	39	1	181
Doug M	P	31	37	10	7	40	4	0	39	0	169
Mark	O	38	14	10	3	56	8	0	38	0	167
Golf	SBA	22	27	6	10	55	5	0	36	0	161
Joe	O	19	23	8	7	45	2	0	42	0	145
Peter	JWB	36	14	10	3	43	6	1	33	0	145
Bon	DOB	18	34	8	8	36	3	1	29	0	137
Bon	Cat	26	34	8	5	30	4	0	25	0	131
Don	Cat	32	20	12	7	27	1	0	28	0	127

Top 6 - Div 2

Name	Bar	S Win	D Win	S2L	D2L	Tons	140+	180s	Clse	C >100	Pts
Danny	LS	50	26	14	12	32	3	0	39	0	176
Cop	SBB	37	24	10	8	23	0	0	38	0	140
Jim	DOA	18	39	4	10	24	2	0	28	0	125
Eero	BR	22	24	8	6	20	1	1	34	0	116
Paul	LS	31	12	10	7	21	2	0	24	0	107
Brian	KH	18	18	6	6	15	1	0	32	0	96

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).

Wednesday 24th June - Quiz night and Tapas evening at Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern; 200 baht fee for both. 19 different dishes on offer. Booking essential - info@buffalobillshuahin.com or tel-text; 0866035335 or 0852918685 or 0852910200

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

Every Friday and Sunday at TNT Bar, Soi Sarakam (runs between Binthabaht and Selakam), live Filipino band from 8.30

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

Hua Hin Golf Society

This week's results:

16th June - Springfield A & C 38 Entrants Stableford

Group 'A' - 0-14 hcp 19 entrants

1st Wij 38 points 11 hcp. 2nd Mike Staples 37 points 8 hcp. 3rd Lawrence Garrett 34 points 4 hcp. 4th Chuan Walker 33 points 9 hcp. 5th Jill Moore 32 points 13 hcp. 6th Boom Schroeder 32 points 13 hcp.

Group 'B' - 15-36 hcp 19 entrants

1st Sheila Bird 36 points 21 hcp. 2nd Peter Oosterbaan 35 points 19 hcp. 3rd Lynn Blasdale 32 points 21 hcp. 4th Sheila Dixon (g) 32 points 32 hcp. 5th Steve Aristodemou 31 points 15 hcp. 6th Mario Ariello 31 points 16 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 6A Barry Moore, No. 7C Kari Matti

12th June - Majestic Creek 22 Entrants - Stableford

1st Nitha 42 points 14 hcp. 2nd Berny Morgan 42 points 21 hcp. 3rd Neil Henderson 40 points 8 hcp. 4th Chuan Walker 38 points 10 hcp. 5th Dickie Bird 36 points 10 hcp. 6th Richard Heath 35 points 20 hcp.

Nearest the Pin No. 6 Richard Heath, No. 17 Adrian Legget

Next week's fixtures:

Tuesday 23rd Lake View - Summer Pairs League plus Stableford

Friday 26th Banyan - 1st Tee Time 09.30 - Stableford

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:

Monday 15th June Lake View C & D - stableford 19 players

1st - Paul Williams (3) - 36pts

2nd - Bob Welsh (9) - 34pts

3rd - Craig Miller (6) - 34pts

Friday 12th June Palm Hills - stableford format 14 players

Front 9 - Debs Rawlings - 20pts

Back 9 - David Spring (Guest) - 22pts

Overall - Debs Rawlings - 39pts

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday 22nd June Lake View

Wednesday 24th June - The Rhino Trophy. Singles Bogey format played at Lake View BC from 10am. Donated by Founder member Steve Ross

Friday 26th June Palm Hills

Transfer Rumours and Done Deals

Done deals:

Ajax's Thomas Vermaelen to Arsenal (pending medical)

Inter Milan's Mancini and Luis Jimenez to West Ham

Rumours:

Samuel Eto'o, Roque Santa Cruz and Jermaine Pennant to Man City

Javier Mascherano to Barcelona

Robin van Persie to Man Utd

ArjenRobben,Klass-JanHuntelaar (Real Madrid), Ashley Young and Nigel Reo-Coker (Villa) to Spurs

Spurs' David Bentley, Jermaine Jenas and Tom Huddlestone to Aston Villa

Lee Bowyer to Bolton or Birmingham

Liverpool's Pepe Reina to Barcelona

Ivan de la Pena to Blackburn

Felipe Melo to Arsenal

Man City's Jo and Spurs' Jamie O'Hara to Fulham

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Cricket

ICC World Twenty20
19th June: Second semi-final, The Oval
21st June: Final, Lord's (below)

Golf

US Open
18th - 21st June, Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale, New York

Bethpage Black course, venue for the US Open Golf Championship

Football

Fifa Confederations Cup
Group A: South Africa, Iraq, New Zealand, Spain
Group B: USA, Italy, Brazil, Egypt
20th June
Iraq v New Zealand, Gp A
Spain v South Africa, Gp A
21st June
Egypt v USA, Gp B
Italy v Brazil, Gp B
24th June
Winner Gp A v Winner Gp B, Semi Final
25th June
Winner Gp B v Runner-up Gp A, Semi Final

Rugby

British and Irish Lions Tour of South Africa
20th June: South Africa v Lions (first Test) ABSA Park, Durban
23rd June: Emerging Springboks v Lions Newlands, Cape Town

Sir Alex conned in Ronaldo deal

Manchester Utd manager Sir Alec Ferguson was fuming today when he found out that the transfer fee paid for Christiano Ronaldo (right) was not 80 milion pounds as originally thought but was actually 80 million pesetas.
Although pesetas are no longer legal currency in Spain, it is universally recognised that Real Madrid are a traditional club that adhere to the old values (thought to be 168 pesetas to the pound).
On hearing the news Fergie said, 'Stone me, that's less than £500K - looks like we'll have to buy Jermaine Beckford.'
The Real Madrid chairman said, 'this is an incredible deal for the club, after building 'The Galacticos, I am now building the **T**eam of **W**orld **A**rtistic **T**alents of **S**occer.'
Ronaldo was unavailable for comment, after spending a night in the Paris Hilton, he was now taking a diving holiday before the start of next season. (see page 7)

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Starting Over

EPL fixtures for 2009/10 released

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

For football fans last Wednesday was one of the most exciting days of the year as the new fixtures were announced for the coming season. While we don't have room to print them all here we are picking out some highlights from the forthcoming season. Manchester United start the defence of their Premier League title (above right) at home to newly promoted Birmingham.

Carlo Ancelotti's first game in charge at Chelsea will be against Hull at Stamford Bridge, while Liverpool open at Tottenham and Arsenal are away at Everton.

Manchester United have to wait until the end of the month before they play one of the top four clubs as they take on Arsenal at Old Trafford on 29 August, with the return fixture at the Emirates on 30 January.

Sir Alex Ferguson's side play Liverpool on 24 October and the reverse fixture is on 20 March. Chelsea are the last of the other top four sides to face United when they play the champions at Stamford Bridge on 7 November, with the return fixture on 3 April.

Liverpool visit Stamford Bridge on October 3, while Chelsea travel to Anfield on 1 May.

Once the season kicks off AWOL will provide the usual previews

and predictions for you to discuss (and probably dismiss!).

So, here is the opening round of fixtures, to be played on the weekend of 15th August:

Aston Villa v Wigan
Blackburn v Man City
Bolton v Sunderland
Chelsea v Hull
Everton v Arsenal
Man Utd v Birmingham
Portsmouth v Fulham
Stoke v Burnley
Tottenham v Liverpool
Wolverhampton v West Ham

The last game of the season will be played on Sunday, 9 May 2010, as follows:

Arsenal v Fulham
Aston Villa v Blackburn
Bolton v Birmingham
Burnley v Tottenham
Chelsea v Wigan
Everton v Portsmouth
Hull v Liverpool
Man Utd v Stoke
West Ham v Man City
Wolverhampton v Sunderland

The Christmas period is always fascinating, and those fixtures are:

Saturday, 19 December 2009
Arsenal v Hull
Aston Villa v Stoke
Blackburn v Tottenham
Everton v Birmingham
Fulham v Man Utd
Man City v Sunderland
Portsmouth v Liverpool
West Ham v Chelsea
Wigan v Bolton
Wolverhampton v Burnley

Saturday, 26 December 2009
Arsenal v Aston Villa
Birmingham v Chelsea
Burnley v Bolton
Fulham v Tottenham
Hull v Man Utd
Liverpool v Wolverhampton
Man City v Stoke
Sunderland v Everton
West Ham v Portsmouth
Wigan v Blackburn

Monday, 28 December 2009
Aston Villa v Liverpool
Blackburn v Sunderland
Bolton v Hull
Chelsea v Fulham
Everton v Burnley
Man Utd v Wigan
Portsmouth v Arsenal
Stoke v Birmingham
Tottenham v West Ham
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