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The Waiting Game

What does the high season have in store?

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

The last year has been a bad one for many Hua Hin businesses, as they have been faced with events and circumstances out of their control heavily impacting on their customers.

The global recession sparked by the greedy and incompetent bankers, an unreasonably strong baht making Thailand a more expensive destination, the political protests and airport shutdown caused by the controversial Thaksin Shinawatra, who is ominously back in the spotlight again now, and unhelpful media coverage focusing on corruption and scams that directly affect international tourists have all had a part to play. The question now is whether the impending high season will sweep away all the negativity in a flood of late booking tourists, or whether the worst fears of another bad season will be realised.

The Association of Thai Travel Agents (ATTA) projects international tourist arrivals to Thailand through its members will decrease by 38% to 1.5 million this year due to the persistence of global economic problems and local political instability.

Will Soi Bintabaht be heaving or hopeless this high season?

Surapol Sritrakul, the association's president, said advance bookings for the high season had been meagre. ATTA expects the number of tourists the last two months of the year will be lower than in 2007, which totalled 470,000.

In the first 10 months of this year, ATTA reported tourist arrivals through its members dropped by 30% year-on-year to 1.257 million. The lowest point was October with only 89,388, and November in Hua Hin so far has disappointed many business owners AWOL has spoken to.

However, tourism across Asia actually increased in August compared to 2008, and the baht appears to be weakening, while there are some bargain airfares to be had compared to last year, so there are some glimmers of hope; many experts believe that as the economic news in Europe and the USA has been improving, this will encourage people to book last minute holidays; the question then is, will Hua Hin be ready for the rush?

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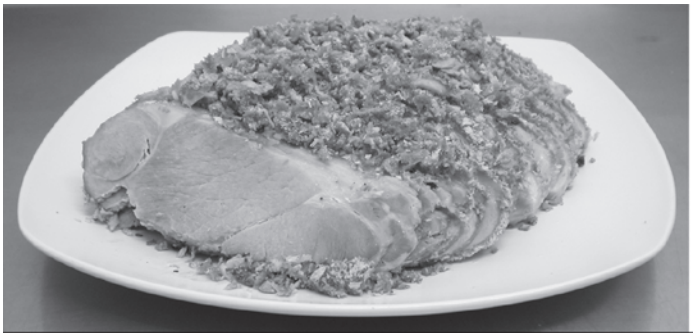

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The Bar Hokey Cokey

AWOL COMMENT

■ HUA HIN, THAILAND

Over the last few months AWOL has run a couple of stories concerning the nightlife and entertainment in Hua Hin; one concerned the price of drinks in the centre of town, and another was about the availability of live music, as well as the clampdown by the authorities on pirate CDs. The latter is still ongoing, and still heavy handed and seemingly unfair, as claims by bar owners that the discs being seized are genuine are ignored and excessive on the spot fines imposed. We can only hope that this blitz will not be repeated in the same manner and that the bar owners can get on with providing tourists and locals with enjoyable venues.

However, the good news is that the bar owners are doing their utmost to improve what is on offer to the customers; a number of them are now running extensive Happy Hours, such as Harley's Bar, Buffalo Tavern, Bobby's Bar and Headrock Bar (see the relevant adverts and Balloon Chasers on p 18 for details), while live music seems to be springing up all over the place. New places are opening all the time, particularly in the run up to Christmas, with several having opened in the last couple of months and more on the way. Recent additions have been Tuk Tuk Bar (corner of Poolsuk and Selekam Roads), Heaven (Soi Bintabaht where the old J. Gene Pub was and features a live band every night), Pink Panther (Soi Bintabaht where Rose Bar was) and Ting's (Naresdamri Road near to Sam Sam and Mai Tai). Ting's is one of a clutch of club type bars that are springing up with closed fronts and air conditioning, and another new one about to open on Soi Selekam is Cheeky Monkey's, diagonally across from El Murphys. These all offer more choice and more variety for the town, and they deserve to reap the rewards from their investments.

Khao Takiab has also seen a whole host of new places, many being bar/guesthouse combinations, such as The Beer O'Clock Club and Carrick's Inn, while some that have been open a little longer are constantly trying to improve, such as Lost Cafe. There are many more out of town watering holes now too, such as Dizzy Dolphin (see opposite page) that are all adding to the mix.

There are at any time quite a few bars for sale as well (just check the Classifieds on pages 13 and 14) but these are normally the result of either someone looking to make a quick profit or who has tired of the business rather than a lack of customers. Many have changed hands this year and annual visitors to the town will be surprised at the number of new names and faces, too many to list here. Standards are definitely on the up though, with these new owners making the places smarter with better facilities in most cases.

This week's front page story reflects the uncertain mood a lot of Hua Hin's business owners have about the imminent high season, but all the establishments listed above, and several more besides are investing serious money into their businesses, which is a pretty good indication that plenty of people have confidence in how things are going to be here in the forseeable future.

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Weather, Money, Information

Local Forecast

Day	Conditions	Temp °C Low	High
Saturday	Partly sunny and delightful	21	28
Sunday	Mostly sunny and pleasant	20	28
Monday	Partly sunny and nice	21	29
Tuesday	Partly sunny and pleasant	22	31
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Berlin	9	13	Cloudy
Buenos Aires	16	24	T-storms
Chicago	5	9	Drizzle
Copenhagen	6	8	Showers
Dubai	22	31	Sctd Clds
Dublin	6	14	Rain
Geneva	5	14	Fog
Helsinki	6	7	? Rain
Ho Chi Minh	22	32	Fine
Hong Kong	10	19	Clear
Islamabad	7	22	Clear
Jakarta	24	29	Showers
Jerusalem	11	17	Fine
Jo'burg	12	16	T-storms
Karachi	13	32	Fine
Kuala L'pur	24	32	T-storms
London	12	15	Bright
Madrid	9	20	Fine
Manila	24	30	Fine
Mexico City	8	23	Cloudy
Moscow	0	2	Snow
New Delhi	11	26	Fog
New York	8	14	Rain
Oslo	4	11	? Rain
Paris	7	14	Fine
Perth	8	22	Sctd Clds
Phnom-Penh	22	31	?T-storms
Rio	20	27	T-storms
Riyadh	15	25	Sctd Clds
Rome	12	23	Cloudy
San F'cisco	9	16	Fine
Singapore	23	32	T-storms
Stockholm	5	10	Ptly Cldy
Sydney	21	33	T-storms
Tokyo	8	11	Cloudy
Vientiane	12	29	Clear
Yangon	19	34	Sctd Clds
Zurich	4	11	Fog

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Currency	Value (Baht)
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Swiss Franc	32.25
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Hot Topics from HHAD

An annual meet up for HHAD forum members was announced this week. These informal gatherings provide a great opportunity to put names to faces and meet new people in the area. Previous years have seen events and parties on local beaches and in local bars and restaurants, this year it will be held at the Hua Hin Fishing Lodge, just 10km west of town center. Saturday December 12 has been the democratically elected date most convenient for the majority. Families are also welcome to the afternoon gathering which will consist of a good 'chin-wag' and a couple of cold brews with fishing optional. All are welcome so see you there.

The American holiday of Thanksgiving was also mentioned by a number looking to find the best meal for the occasion in Hua Hin. The day will be celebrated by Americans across the world on November 26 this year and it symbolizes gratitude for the harvest in days gone by, it is generally a time for close friends and families to get together. The Marriott came up a number of times as a suggestion to get a traditional Thanksgiving roast.

Book shops and book swaps are always popular topics between expats and there is no shortage of decent reading material around town for those that don't spend all day on the internet! Many bars are now offering book swaps for their customers; it is a great way to get new books without paying new prices. Board members often arrange their own book swaps at Dick's Office down Soi 80; these have increased in popularity over the years so check the forum for details of the next one if you're looking for new reads.

Prospective news of new regulations and price hikes for work permits also made it onto the forums. As usual things are not going to get easier; a new secret list of prohibited jobs has been drafted and prices are set to increase by a whopping 600% from the current 3,000 baht renewal to around 20,000 baht. The idea is probably to stop people working illegally and reduce the number of foreigners working in Thailand. The reality is that there will be fewer teachers so English literacy is likely to fall and more foreigners on lower incomes simply won't bother with work permits at all.

For all of these hot topics and plenty more get online at ***www.huahinafterdark.com/forum/*** - Hua Hin's only active web community.

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Weird News

■ CAPE ROYDS, ANTARCTICA

Booze prospectors set to drill for Scotch whisky in the Antarctic

A team is set to drill through Antarctica's ice sheets in search of precious, valuable liquids. But it's not oil they're searching for - it's a lost cache of vintage Scotch whisky that has been on the rocks since a century ago.

The drillers will be trying to reach two crates of McKinlay and Co. whisky that were shipped to the Antarctic by British polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton as part of his abandoned 1909 expedition.

Workers from New Zealand's Antarctic Heritage Trust will use special drills to reach the crates, frozen in Antarctic ice under the Nimrod Expedition hut near Cape Royds.

Only some bottles will be rescued in the drilling expedition - under Antarctic conservation guidelines, the rest must stay put.

Whyte & Mackay, the drinks group that now owns McKinlay and Co., has asked for a sample of the 100-year-old Scotch for a series of tests that could decide whether to relaunch the now-defunct Scotch.

But Al Fastier, who will lead the expedition in January, said he did not want to sample the contents. 'It's better to imagine it than to taste it,' he said. 'That way it keeps its mystery.'

Richard Paterson, Whyte & Mackay's master blender, said the Shackleton expedition's whisky could still be drinkable and taste exactly as it did 100 years ago.

If he can get a sample, he intends to replicate the old Scotch and put McKinlay whisky back on sale.

'I really hope we can get some back here. It's been laying there lonely and neglected. It should come back to Scotland where it was born.

'Even if most of the bottles have to remain in Antarctica for historic reasons, it would be good if we could get a couple,' Paterson said.

■ TEXAS, USA

Bugatti supercar owner: 'Low-flying pelican made me crash'

Police say a low-flying pelican distracted a Bugatti supercar owner in Texas, causing him to veer off a road and drive his million-dollar car into a salt marsh.

La Marque police Lt. Greg Gilchrist says the man claimed he lost concentration while driving his French-built Bugatti Veyron on Wednesday because the bird swooped into sight.

Gilchrist says the driver dropped his phone, reached down to pick it up and strayed into the brackish water in La Marque, about 35 miles southeast of Houston.

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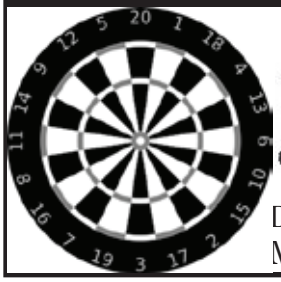

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Spitting feathers

Many people, especially those under 50 years of age, are clear what 'spitting feathers' means to them, that is, 'angry, or agitated'. Some also attempt to explain the derivation of that meaning as arising from the imagery of someone foaming at the mouth when angry, or even of losing feathers like an agitated bird in a cockfight.
Others, predominantly from the older generation, are just as clear in their understanding that 'spitting feathers' means 'extremely thirsty'. The imagery there is a little more intuitive and matches the American expression 'having a mouthful of feathers' and 'spitting cotton', and the Australian 'spitting chips' (of wood), which all mean extremely thirsty. That interpretation seems to be especially commonplace in the northern English counties, although it isn't limited to there. In more recent years it has crept south and, in 1997, it cropped up in the BBC comedy series that was undoubtedly southern, The Fast Show: "All joking aside, love, I'm spitting feathers here, let's have a nice cuppa."
How then do there come to be two meanings, with no apparent connection between them, for the same phrase? The 'thirsty' meaning has certainly had the longer life. 'Spitting feathers' appears to derive from the earlier term 'spitting white' (to eject frothy-white sputum from a dry mouth). Shakespeare uses the latter in Henry IV, Part 2: Falstaff: ... I brandish any thing but a bottle, I would I might never spit white again.
The invaluable Notes and Queries (A Medium of Inter-communication for Literary Men and General Readers), for January 1865, makes a link between the two terms: "Surely Falstaff's spitting white is what, in Lancashire low life, is called 'spitting feathers'. A man, who has been drinking is feverish, his mouth is dry, and his saliva white."
The 'angry' meaning of the term doesn't make an appearance until the 1970s. For example, this piece from Davidyne Mayleas's novel Rewedded Bliss, 1977: "Sometimes I could spit feathers. Tom and I have been married three years and he will still sometimes call me Tina. That's the name of his former wife."
The 'angry' interpretation of 'spitting feathers' is likely to have originated from another expression for angry - 'spitting blood'. Anyone who knew the latter term and heard 'spitting feathers' for the first time might very well assume that the two expressions meant the same thing.

AWOL Sudoku

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Each week we will present you with two Sudoku puzzles; an easy one and a hard one. Just fill in the empty squares so that each horizontal and vertical line has all the numbers 1 to 9, as well as each section.

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9				6	7	1		

Puzzle 2 (Hard)

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Last week's solutions

Puzzle 1

5	9	2	6	7	3	8	1	4
6	8	4	5	9	1	3	7	2
7	3	1	8	4	2	9	5	6
8	4	5	2	3	9	1	6	7
9	6	7	1	5	4	2	8	3
1	2	3	7	6	8	4	9	5
2	7	9	3	8	6	5	4	1
3	5	8	4	1	7	6	2	9
4	1	6	9	2	5	7	3	8

Puzzle 2

1	5	3	7	6	2	4	9	8
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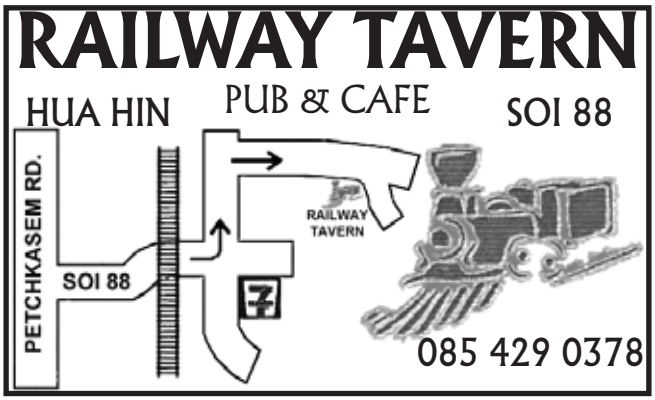

A WITTY, WRY, STEREOTYPICAL VIEW OF WORLD REACTION TO TERROR ALERTS

(Something to offend everyone! No nationality spared. Well, no important ones anyway.)

(Many thanks to Jeston for this one, so blame him if you are offended!)

The British are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." Brits have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies all but ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to a "Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was during the great plague of 1666.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

It's not only the French who are on a heightened level of alert. Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout loudly and excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing". Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The Germans also increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs". They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual, and the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Americans meanwhile are carrying out pre-emptive strikes, on all of their allies, just in case. New Zealand has also raised its security levels from "baaa" to "BAAAA!". Due to continuing defence cutbacks [the air force being a squadron of spotty teenagers flying paper aeroplanes and the navy some toy boats in the Prime Minister's bath], New Zealand only has one more level of escalation, which is 'Croikey, I hope Australia will come end riscue us.' In the event of invasion, New Zealanders will be asked to gather together in a strategic defensive position called "Bondi". Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be right, mate." Three more escalation levels remain, "Crikey!"; "I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend" and "The barbie is cancelled." There has never been a situation that has warranted the use of the final escalation level.

Officials in Thailand would only reveal the threat level here on payment of 5000 baht in a plain envelope, but did reveal that the assessment is determined by which colour shirts the terrorists wear.

Your STARS with The Sage Monkey

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19: Some 3500 years ago, a guy held up a rock, and called it a stone in the local dialect. This is of absolutely no consequence to your life whatsoever; you don't speak archaic languages.

Aquarius Jan 20 – Feb 18: If you've just started a new job, you're out of luck. Many new career opportunities will appear in the next twenty years, so grab them while you can!

Pisces Feb 19 – Mar 20: 5 centimetres is a rather short willy, but there are few men who have more while bathing in ice. And just in case, you could always go into the girls bathroom.

Aries Mar 21 – Mar 20: In Thailand, it is recommended that when at a job interview, you offer the interviewer to perform oral sex right there, provided you get the job. I hear Lolitas is hiring.

Taurus Apr 20 – May 20: It's Spanky the Monkey's sincere wish for you to live a happy and fulfilled life, and that you may become rich and have as many children as you wish. Too bad your such a lazy slug.

Gemini May 21 – June 21: Don't worry about your boss. He's even more incompetent than you are. Worry about your position though, as your co-workers will blab on you when you reset all the server settings so nothing works as it should.

Cancer Jun 22 – Jul 22: You shouldn't go home late this week. In fact, you should attempt to leave work early, and arrive home extra early. Or you could just take those over-time hours.

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22: It's highly recommended that this week you refuse to talk to Americans. If you are an American yourself however, insist on only talking to your fellow 'Merkins.

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22: There's no reason for you to worry about rain, be it thunderstorms or drizzle. For one, it's the dry season in Thailand now, and you're not made of sugar.

Libra Sep 23 – Oct 23: Fast food isn't an option this week for you. Having had so many dinners at Mickey D's and other American imperialists, you're too blubbery to catch up with any kind of fast food.

Scorpio Oct 24 – Nov 21: You certainly didn't mean that, did you? I usually enjoy getting fan-mail, but your letter to me felt like a knife in the back. Oh wait, that's what scorpions do...

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21: The sky is high, the grass is low, upon you I bestow... Man, changing clichés always gets me stuck. Love is in the air this week, but if it gets you remains to be seen.

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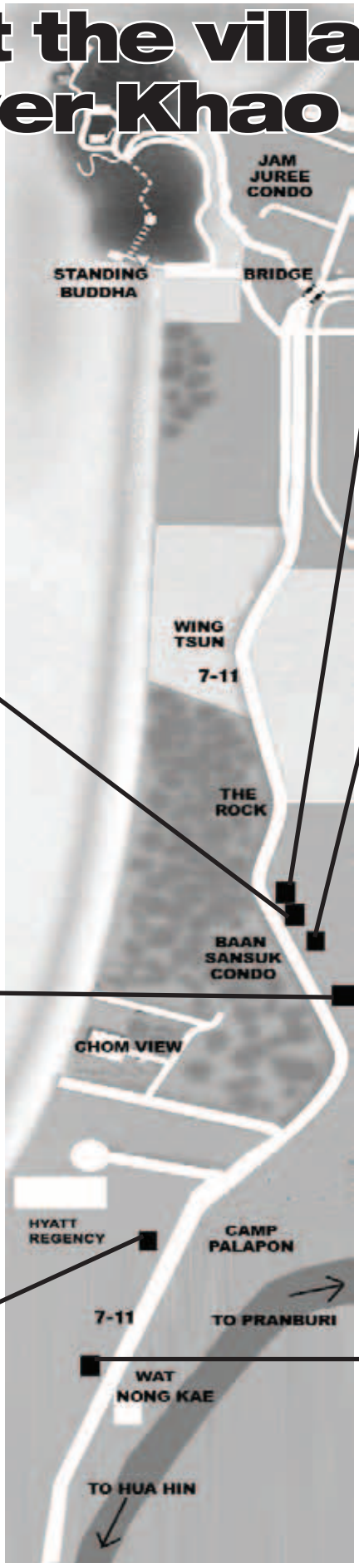

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DEAR MARY,
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Nervous Norvus, Cha Am

Dear Nervous,
Yes you should. This tale is not an urban myth but a widespread practice, and you should make sure all the kitchen knives are razor sharp so it is a clean cut. I would suggest though that you invest in a male chastity belt both to prevent the temptation being followed through, as well as extra protection. They are all the rage now you know.

DEAR MARY,
I was recently having a drink at Bob and Nok's Bar in Khao Takiab when the sign pictured was put up nearby, outside what I thought were condominiums. My girlfriend recently got a job there and I am now a bit worried that it is in fact a 'house of ill repute' and that her sales job may not be what I thought it was. What should I do?
Troubled, Khao Takiab

Dear Troubled,
A tricky one. My best suggestion is that you park yourself in Bob and Nok's and observe the 'comings and goings' at this 'condominium' block. If you see lots of men entering the building, who then emerge an hour later looking relaxed and happy, then I think you will have your answer.

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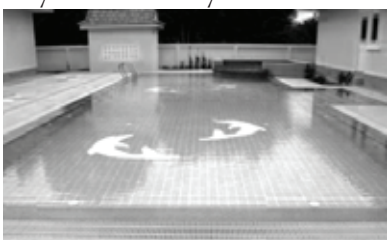

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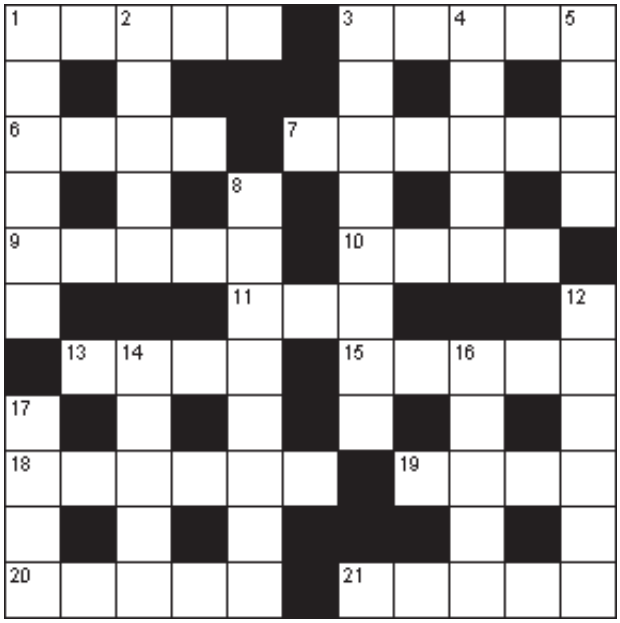

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Hua Hin Pool Leagues

Hua Hin Social Pool League Results
Week 26 – 11th November 2009
No Game v Lazy Daze
Red Bar v JW Red 8-11
PP v Billys Babes Not Received
Sabai v Jungle Juice B 7-12
Jungle Juice A v U Turn 5-14
Billys v Limelight 7-14
JW Black v Headrock 7-12

Next Week's Fixtures
The season is finished!
Congratulations to Jungle Juice B on winning the league.
Details will be available soon about the season end presentation and start of new season.

League Table

Team	P	W	L	F-A	Pts
J Juice B	24	20	4	263-193	40
JW Red	24	20	4	243-213	40
PP	22	17	5	227-191	34
J Juice A	24	13	11	244-212	26
Sabai	24	13	11	233-223	26
H'drock	24	11	13	236-220	22
U Turn	23	11	12	224-232	22
Blys Bbs	22	10	12	204-214	20
L'light	24	9	15	228-230	18
Lazy Dz	23	9	14	210-227	18
JW Blk	22	8	14	186-230	16
Red Bar	24	5	19	202-254	10
Billys	22	5	17	172-246	10

Hua Hin Pool Billiard League Results
Matchday 30 13th Nov 2009

Home	Rks	Pts	Away	Rks	Pts
LSA	16	6	JWR	8	2
QUE	20	8	PAT	6	0
TW	12	4	EAG	14	4
JWB	12	3	SUG	13	5
DA	12	3	SB	14	5
RTB	11	3	LSB	14	5
OCT	18	6	LSS	8	2
LST	17	6	DB	8	2

Next Week's Fixtures
The 4th Season is over!
Congratulations to the Queens Flower Team.
Next 2 weekends are the individual tournaments - please contact Andy at Lucky Shot for details.
Season 5 will start on 08 January 2010

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	Diff.	Rks	Pts
Queens Flower Bar	30	23	5	2	100	205	51
Eagle Bar	30	22	4	4	94	175	48
Lucky Shot A	30	18	7	4	70	136	45
Thaiwaii	30	17	9	4	44	76	43
Sunset Boulevard	30	17	6	7	40	80	40
Lucky Shot Student's	30	16	6	8	44	81	38
Octopussy Bar	30	17	4	9	32	46	38
Johnie Walker Black	30	13	5	11	2	14	31
Lucky Shot B	30	11	6	13	-6	-19	28
Lucky Shot Thai	30	12	2	16	-22	-34	26
Return Bar	30	10	4	16	-18	-48	24
Pats Point	30	10	4	16	-46	-98	24
Sugar Cane Bar	30	7	5	18	-34	-71	19
Johnie Walker Red	30	6	6	18	-54	-89	18
Dick's Office B	30	1	4	25	-122	-231	6
Dick's Office A	30	0	1	29	-124	-223	1

Hua Hin 9 Ball League Results
Week 11 16/11/2009
Curly's Bar B 7 - 18 Mr Dan A
Dicks B 10 - 17 Plas Place
Eagle Bar 13 - 13 Dicks A
LilleMan 11 - 13 Curly's Bar A

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 12 23/11/2009
Curly's Bar A v Curly's Bar B
Dicks A v LilleMan
Mr Dan A v Dicks B
Plas Place v Eagle Bar

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Eagle Bar	11	9	1	1	77	19
Mr Dan A	10	9	0	1	53	18
Curly's A	11	7	0	4	6	14
Curly's B	11	4	0	7	-16	8
Plas Place	11	4	0	7	-26	8
Dicks A	11	3	2	6	-35	8
LilleMan	10	3	0	7	-36	6
Dicks B	11	2	1	8	-23	5

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Darts Leagues

Results - Week 17 17/11/2009
Cup Semi Finals
Thai Waii v Lazy Daze played at JW's
Not yet played
Division 1
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
CAT A	14	11	1	2	170-82	23
JW Bk	14	10	1	3	168-84	21
Scan A	13	10	0	3	161-73	20
Oasis	13	8	2	3	133-91	18
Lzy Dz	13	6	2	5	122-102	14
P'dise	12	7	0	5	109-107	14
ThWai	14	4	0	10	90-162	8
JW Rd	13	3	0	10	77-157	6
Lky Sh	14	2	1	11	90-160	5
Dick B	12	1	1	9	56-160	3

Scandic A v JW Red played at Lucky Shot
Not yet played
Division 2
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	PF-PA	Pts
Cat B	13	10	2	1	172-64	22
Jaew	13	9	2	2	138-96	20
Scan B	12	9	0	3	148-68	18
Kom H	12	8	1	3	137-79	17
J Juice	13	6	1	6	119-115	13
KH Ls	13	7	0	6	106-128	14
Scan C	13	4	1	8	97-137	9
Pat Pt	13	3	0	10	67-167	6
R'way	13	2	1	10	84-152	5
Dick A	13	2	0	11	86-148	4

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 18 24/11/2009
Division 1
Lazy Daze v Dicks Office B
CAT A v ThaiWaii 12-6
(played early)
JW Black v Oasis
Scandic Bar A v JW Red
Paradise v Lucky Shot

Division 2
Jaew v Railway Tavern
Jungle Juice v Kom Hom
Scandic Bar B v Pat Point
Kom Hom Ladies v Scandic Bar C
Dicks Office A v Cat B

Pool Leagues brought to you by Lucky Shot Bar

Hua Hin & Khao Takiab League 2009
League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Harley's	5	5	0	0	34	10
Free Time	6	3	3	0	20	9
Oasis	6	4	0	2	22	8
Thaiwaii	6	3	2	1	20	8
Dizzy Dolp	6	3	2	1	14	8
Garden 2	6	4	0	2	10	8
Sunset B'd	6	3	1	2	2	7
Bob/ Noks	5	2	1	2	10	5
Dara	6	1	1	4	-22	3
Sports Bar	6	1	1	4	-34	3
Railway T	6	0	1	5	-32	1
Bobby's	6	0	0	6	-44	0

Results
Week 6 18th November
Bob and Noks v Harley's n/a
Bobby's 7 - 11 Garden Bar 2
Dara 6 - 12 Free Time
Sports Bar 11 - 7 Railway Tavern
Sunset Boulevard 8 - 10 Oasis
Thaiwaii 9 - 9 Dizzy Dolphin

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 7 25th November
Free Time v Dizzy Dolphin
Garden Bar 2 v Dara
Harley's v Bobby's
Oasis v Bob and Noks
Railway Tavern v Sunset Boulevard
Sports Bar v Thaiwaii

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Hua Hin 8 Ball League
Results Week 11 18/11/2009
Curly's Bar A 4 - 8 Komhom
DicksB 6 - 6 MrDanA
LilleMan 3 - 9 Eagle Bar
Pla's Place 4 - 8 DicksA
Purple Pig 4 - 8 Curly's Bar B

League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
MrDanA	10	8	2	0	48	18
Eagle Bar	10	9	0	1	44	18
Komhom	8	6	0	2	32	12
DicksA	11	6	0	5	4	12
Curly's A	11	6	0	5	-8	12
Curly's B	11	4	2	5	-10	10
Pla's Place	10	3	2	5	-14	8
LilleMan	10	2	1	7	-30	5
Purple Pig	11	1	3	7	-32	5
DicksB	10	0	2	8	-34	2

Next Week's Fixtures
Week 12 25/11/2009
Curly's Bar B v LilleMan
DicksA v Curly's Bar A
Eagle Bar v DicksB
Komhom v Purple Pig
MrDanA v Pla's Place

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Friday 27th - Harley's Bar New Owners Welcome Party from 6pm. Free buffet, all welcome. (see ad p3)
Saturday 28th -Grand Stadium, Rock 'n' Roll with Peter Driscoll & The Cruisers. 200 baht. (see ad p9)
Christmas Day Friday 25th December - Ye Olde Buffalo Tavern Christmas Dinner from 2pm (see ad p 6)
Regular Events
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Fridays - Dizzy Dolphin Karaoke/ Live music alternate Fridays (ad p 3)
- Dick's Office open darts night from 7.30pm (ad p 20)
Saturdays - Beach Hut Bar (ad p 11) live band every week
Sundays - British style Sunday Roasts available at:
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Hua Hin Golf Society

This week's results:
17th November - Black Mountain 43 Entrants
Group 'A' - 0-15 hcp 21 entrants Stableford Competition
1st Michael (g) 37 pts 10 hcp. 2nd Nitha 35 pts 13 hcp. 3rd Kari (g) 32 pts 10 hcp. 4th Kari Matti 32 pts 8 hcp. 5th Billy Porter 32 pts 12 hcp. 6th Cornelius 31 pts 15 hcp..
Group 'B' - 16-36 hcp 22 entrants Stableford Competition
1st Peter Wyler 31 pts 18 hcp. 2nd Ben Amelsvoort 28 pts 20 hcp. 3rd Peter Oosterbaan 28 pts 20 hcp. 4th Paul Sandal 28 pts 17 hcp. 5th Sheila Bird 27 pts 22 hcp. 6th Michael Sherlock 27 pts 17 hcp.
Nearest the Pin No. 3 Michael Sherlock, No. 11 Mike Zimmerman
13th November - Majestic Creek B & C - Yellow Ball Competition. 32 Entrants - 8 Teams of 4
1st Usko Riovas, Pekka Hogman, Kari Matti & Kari (g) 107 pts. 2nd James & Vivienne Barber, Michael & Marjorie 97 pts. 3rd Simon Rouse, Trevor Firth, Paul Sandel & David Baird 87 pts. 4th Rene Benard, Jill Moore, Dickie Bird & Bob Hilling 84 pts. 5th Claus, Wij, David Buchun & Michael (g) 84 pts. 6th Bjorn Byman, Jens Kruse, Renu & Kurt 82 pts.
Nearest the Pin No. 20C Wij, No. 17B David Baird
Next week's fixtures:
Monday 23rd Lake View 10.30 - Finals of the Singles MatchPlay - Come and give your support.
Tuesday 24th Palm Hills - Nassau Competition
Friday 27th Lake View - 1st Tee Time 11.00 - 1st round of the Annual Stroke and Scratch play Competitions

Butterfly Rock Golf

This week's results:
18th November Alan Mercer Trophy Lake View C & D - 2 man Texas scramble 18 Teams
1st Kevin Dwyer & Paknarin Soontornmanee 55 Nett, 2nd Mike Lord & Barbara Anstee 59 Nett, 3rd Bryan McLeod & Geoff. Yarrow 60 Nett
16th November Lake View A & B - stableford 23 players
Division 1 - 1-13 handicap - 11 players: 1st Mike Lord (13) 37pts, 2nd Reto Vorburger (9) 35pts, 3rd Bryan McLeod (8)33pts
Division 2 - 14 - 36 handicap - 12 players: 1st David Leaver (17) 40pts, 2nd John Anstee (22) 35pts, 3rd Jim Lynch (21) 32pts
13th November Palm Hills - stableford format 15 players
Front 9 - 21 pts - Craig Miller (5), Back 9 - 19 pts - Chris Woollams (Guest), Overall - 34 pts - Brian Humphries (Guest). Gary Marshall (10) Craig Miller
Forthcoming Fixtures
Monday 23rd Nov - Lake View AB; Stablefordfrom 10am
Weds 25th Nov - Medal played at Palm Hills from 10am
Friday 27th Nov - Palm Hills

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Premier League

(all times Thai)

Saturday, 21 November 2009

Liverpool v Man City, 19:45

An unprecedented set of results and misfortunes have befallen Liverpool recently but they now need to show if they have what it takes to bounce back. City are one of a clutch of teams looking to replace them in the top 4 and this will be hotly contested. Draw.

Birmingham v Fulham, 22:00

Not the easiest fixture to predict as Fulham are still a little scatty on their travels, while Birmingham also blow hot and cold. We stuck a pin in and came up with away win.

Burnley v Aston Villa, 22:00

We get the feeling that Burnley's defence will let them down regularly this season, and Villa are a team with the weapons to exploit that. Away win.

Chelsea v Wolves, 22:00

This really should be a no contest but Wolves will make this difficult; however they lack the ability to resist ultimately. Home win.

Hull v West Ham, 22:00

A crucial game for both sides and both will be hoping key players are fit; if they are we think West Ham have enough about them to get the three points.

Sunderland v Arsenal, 22:00

How much will van Persie's injury affect the Gunners? It does seem to make them a bit lightweight in attack and this will be close. We'll take a risk and go for a home win.

Sunday, 22 November 2009

Man Utd v Everton, 00:30

Everton are not a pretty side but they are effective, and Saha is in good form and will be keen to do well against United. We think this will be a gritty narrow away win.

Bolton v Blackburn, 20:30

A Lancashire derby that is likely to be fiery. Both teams need the win but neither are in great form; we think a draw is likely.

Tottenham v Wigan, 22:00

This should be an open, attacking, entertaining game with lots of goals but another one it is hard to pick a winner from, so we won't. Draw.

Stoke v Portsmouth, 23:00

Stoke will look to continue their good home form against bottom club Pompey, but this won't be a stroll in the park, and we think the away team can match Stoke physically and snatch a win here.

Thursday, 26 November 2009

Hull v Everton, 02:45

Probably one of the games to avoid this week as we can't imagine it being entertaining. A dull, soulless away win.

Fulham v Blackburn, 03:00

Another game we don't recommend staying up for, although it will be better than the other one today. Can't see many goals in this but the home team to come out on top.

Premier League Table

	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Chelsea	12	21	30
2	Arsenal	11	22	25
3	Man Utd	12	11	25
4	Tottenham	12	6	22
5	Aston Villa	12	8	21
6	Man City	11	7	20
7	Liverpool	12	9	19
8	Sunderland	12	1	17
9	Stoke	12	-3	16
10	Burnley	12	-10	16
11	Fulham	11	0	15
12	Everton	11	-2	15
13	Wigan	12	-9	14
14	Blackburn	11	-11	13
15	Birmingham	12	-4	12
16	Bolton	11	-9	11
17	Hull	12	-15	11
18	West Ham	12	-4	10
19	Wolves	12	-10	10
20	Portsmouth	12	-8	7

AWOL-HHAD Challenge Fantasy League

The current top ten are:

#	Team	GW	TOT
1	simply red	72	696
2	Sassy Thai	45	658
3	Mr ChaAming	56	646
4	Sorco United	27	639
5	Jobless Army	43	628
6	Wanderlust United	35	620
7	Gusto Creative	44	616
8	Thailand Lover	63	614
9	I am...Sasha Fierce	26	603
10	Huahindick	48	600

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FERGUSON TO WRITE OFFENSIVE LETTERS TO REFEREES

■ MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

SIR Alex Ferguson has been handed a four-match touchline ban, forcing him to abuse referees by post. The Manchester United manager has vowed to send his incoherent diatribes made from cut-up newspaper print by courier to avoid the postal ban, ensuring his scorn arrives intact.

Members of the reserve team may also be employed to deliver the hate-filled messages to their targets in a bid for first-team football.

Ferguson said: "If needs be I'll hire a sky-writer to fly over the Referee's Association headquarters and spell out the word 'Prickjobs' in smoke."

He added: "In the past I've trained a kestrel with the word 'shitehound' painted on its wings to hover outside of Steve Bennett's window and I once hired out every billboard around Mike Riley's house with messages about what I'd done to his wife while he was away refereeing."

Meanwhile the FA's £20,000 fine - equivalent to two month's wages - means the renowned socialist has had to postpone plans to buy silk underpants for his racehorses.

But Alan Leighton, head of the Referee's Association, said: "When a referee makes a gross error of judgement like sending somebody off for coughing or awarding a penalty to a corner flag, the punishment is often being demoted to officiating lower league games.

"I feel the FA must adopt a similar policy and force Mr Ferguson to manage Accrington Stanley for three months. Just please, for Christ's sake don't tell him I said that, would you?"

He added: "The last time I spoke out against him he secretly planted flower bulbs in my garden that, come spring, drew out a picture of me giving oral to Jeff Stelling."

"Look, you should have gone before the match started - you'll just have to wet your pants"

England to uninvent cricket after one day loss

■ LONDON, ENGLAND

ENGLISH cricket's governing body last night unveiled radical plans to uninvent the game. As England's one day side crashed to an 84-run defeat to South Africa, ECB officials said cricket in its current form had reached a 'natural conclusion' and it was now time to try something different. Such was the gulf in ability that confused spectators in Pretoria were forced to check their tickets, while the hosts were able to field fictional players with spoof names such as Chesty Ringsplit and Loots Bosman.

An ECB spokesman said: "Even a cursory glance at the rules will reveal that cricket was never meant to be played by people who are very, very good at it. Therefore, as an interim measure, we are requesting that all bails, stumps, balls and bats are returned to Lord's by the end of the week."

The ECB said cricket will cease to exist from 21 November for at least five years so that everyone has a chance to forget how to hit, catch and throw the ball until they reach the same standard as Luke Wright. The ban will only be lifted if all foreigners agree to play left-handed while left-handed foreigners will be forced to compete on a pogo-stick after swallowing a fistful of codeine.

Meanwhile England football coach Fabio Capello wants to adopt a similar handicapping system for Brazil, but added: "In order to have a level playing field we'd have to reach into the Brazilian's DNA and start hacking away with a microscopic set of gardens shears. And stop picking Wes Brown as well, obviously."

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