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**This Month's Pattaya Personality is Katerina Okisheva
- but you can call her Kate !**

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KATE FROM ALPHA TRADE INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD



This month our Pattaya Personality is Kate, or Katerina (she will answer to both) from Alpha Trade International Co., Ltd.

From the moment you meet Kate you know you are dealing with a professional business woman. She has after all, been working in the field of Pattaya real estate since 2008. Along with her business partner Kosta she has helped thousands of customers both buying and selling through All Pattaya Condos. – the first property agency for the company. In fact so expert are these two and so knowledgeable about local real estate they even play a game together. From time to time, to test their knowledge, one will show the inside of a condo for the other to guess what building it is housed in and because they have trodden many a mile around town visiting thousands of units they will of course guess right.

So how exactly do you find Kate and the team at All Pattaya Condos? Well you need to head along Soi 6 Pratumnak, past what is still affectionately known as “The Russian market”, until you are almost at the end of the soi and where you see a sign for “Heritage”. Here you turn left and go into the car park on the right hand side for the tall, elegant View Talay 3 buildings and you will see All Pattaya Condos office on the ground floor in the corner of the building.

Real estate is only one part of the company’s offer another is legal services headed by Aleksandra who had five years with the ABC Group before joining Kate and Kosta and prior to that was an experienced lawyer from the Ukraine making her the perfect choice to head their legal department.

Yet another area of expertise they can give is that of investment. An increasingly important service as the team can now suggest a wide range of ideas not just property investment. They can guide their clients through business setups, suggest how to get support from governments in fact run through the whole A to Z of preparing documentation from taxation through to business operations. Both legal and consulting departments give the birth to InvestEast consulting agency, which expanded to another real estate agency InvestEast Property.

When InvestEast set up their office in the current location the idea was to give it a year’s trial. Five years later they are still more than happy with their choice. It is extremely convenient for many of the Russian people coming to the area maybe initially just as short term tourists but then looking at the longer term opportunities available. There is plenty of parking, direct access to the beach and of course having an office within this View Talay 3 building means that the team are right in place to offer great prices and immediately available units within the condominium, in fact they often have a waiting list ready as soon as one specific unit type becomes available.

As a company All Pattaya Condos also take part in seminars and exhibitions, for example visiting Russia to show just what opportunities are available here in Pattaya, and in recent years have found that it isn’t all one way traffic from Russia to Thailand as many Thais now like to holiday in Russia to experience the snow, ice and many natural scenic wonders there. Also through her work in conjunction with The Russian Chamber of Commerce - Kate is an executive committee member - she sees plenty of opportunities between the two countries. The Chamber was formed almost 20 years ago and now hosts a directory of 60 registered companies





Of course in the past couple of years we all know about the slump in the Russian numbers visiting Pattaya but even during this period Kate tells me

“As one door closes another opens” for with the changes in the Ruble to Baht fortunes many buyers became sellers. Also not all Russian customers gave up on Thailand many looked at the long term options with tourist visas offered through, for example the Thailand Elite club and now there are even some sellers happy to accept payment in Cryptocurrency !.

Kate is a certified international property service broker and real estate agent having taken lots of qualifying exams. Through the company’s collaboration with the likes of New Nordic and the Habitat group she can offer her clients guaranteed investment returns. Also she believes by not putting “our eggs all in one basket” being known as an International company rather than one that just specialises in the Russian community has really helped grow the business. Although of late Chinese have been the predominant tourists into the area it is not time to discount the Russians as they really enjoy the opportunity to own their own property is a show of success rather than rent or stay in hotels.

Kate is extremely well travelled having been to 35 countries around the world many with strong expat communities but the comparison she can draw on from her travels is that Pattaya is unique in its opportunities and offerings. After ten years here she is still amazed by the diversity of what is available and affordable here. Kate and her husband enjoy taking part in many activities, such as playing billiards, squash, tennis, motorcycle riding and traveling. All these they find far more affordable and easier to reach right here in Pattaya than in Moscow. There is so much here for enthusiasts from chess playing to classical music and even local airfields.

Kate believes in the people and in the city of Pattaya. Many of her customers and clients have become dear friends. When asked where she sees herself in 5 years time she is happy to say still in Pattaya but hopefully seeing more young ambitious positive people coming into the region. She believes we are in a state of transition with Pattaya growing to be an urban city helped by the government’s plans to develop the EEC (Eastern economic corridor). Furthermore that this once sleepy seaside town will be able to develop as the entire Chon Buri area develops with improved industry, roads and financial investment from overseas. This development will see Pattaya ideally placed right in the centre of this area fulfilling the need for more schools, offices, entertainment sites and businesses and Kate sees herself here because of the growth and development of Pattaya. The unique potential business opportunities it will afford will not just be for the Russian community but internationally with Chinese, Japanese Korean and Europeans clients also and any nationality would be to be a client of Kate’s.

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Hi Everyone

Great to have Katerina on the cover of this month's Trader just one of many professional business people in Pattaya who are really feeling positive about the future here. If however your thoughts are concerned with the more immediate prospect of Songkran hitting us full in the face this month, then Kevin's article on page 10 should make for some interesting reading.

Or if you'd prefer to stay indoors with a nice bottle of something then Danny Davino has some good ideas on that score as he takes another trip for us along the Grape Trail. Wile John Borthwick gets farther afield in fact right to the shores of Queensland's Great Beach Drive in search of Chris Hemsworth.....aren't we all ?!

Our sports writers take a look at football, golf and fishing this month whilst our favourite photographer Rodney lets us know about the great work done for The Glory Hut through a joint venture between a UK and Thai Rotary club with the help of some rather enthusiastic Lady Boys.

If you've yet to take advantage of the 20% deal from Robin Hood the good news is that the offer has been extended for another month and they are now serving their excellent roast carvery every day of the week .So what are you waiting for get along there with your coupon or mention the Trader when you pop into the new Country Road 4 and they will also give you a discount. The Trader it's the gift that keeps giving !

Gloria
Assoc. Editor

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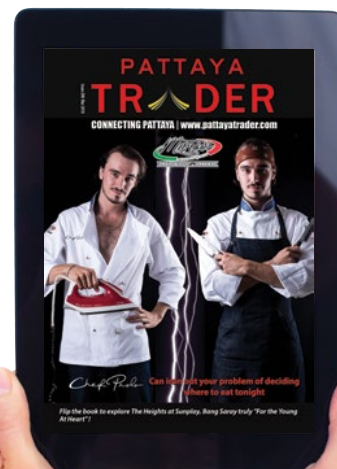
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Happy Orphans at the Thai Garden Resort



Every year over the Festive season, the Thai Garden Resort invites their guests to donate presents, in kind or monetary, for the orphans from the Tunklom Talman school in Pattaya. A list of the needs for each orphan was administered and items purchased for them. This year these included: shoes, socks, books, pens and backpacks. The items were wrapped for each individual child and presented to them.

Seen at the presentation are Rene Pisters, the General Manager, Khun Sanich the EAM of the hotel, Danilo Becker the Hotel Manager, Khun Malai the Front Office Manager and Khun Teerachon the hotel's Chief Engineer who all brought many happy smiles to the faces of the 26 children.



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Opening Ceremony of the new Glory Hut

7th March 2018

Welcome speeches were held by Mr. Mayai Chaiyan (Mayor of Nong Prue) and the Governor of Chonburi. Mr. Pakarathon Tienchai who spoke about the history of the Glory Hut. The head monk Alongkot Dikkapanyo of Wat Phra Bat Namphu Lopoburi and Governor of Chonburi, Mr. Pakarathon Tienchai were also there to officially open this new center a 11.5 million THB project. Also present were many VIPs with several members from Rotary Club including President Brian Songhurst and Local Community Projects Director IPP Rodney James Charman with several members of Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard and Bexhill Rotary Club. All there to attend the opening ceremony of the new Glory Hut rehabilitation facility for HIV/AIDS patients.

Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard has, in a joint project with RC Bexhill (UK), and along with the 200,000 THB raised at the Ladyboy Water Volleyball competition provided beds, mattresses, bedding, lockers and mosquito nets for the Glory Hut.

Pra Alongkot, head monk of Wat Phra Baht Nam Phu, a temple located in the hills of Lopburi has been providing care for HIV/AIDS patients since 1992. He presided over the blessing ceremonies and after the introduction speeches unveiled the signage of the building and planted a tree.



Photos By Rodney Charman





COMING TO THE SMALL SCREEN



April 13th Lost in Space (Season 1).

Do you remember the original Lost in Space? Robbie the robot saying "Danger Will Robinson" and the ever-campy Dr Smith? A very strange series from way back in the 1960's. Well now after many years we have a reboot, which I'm betting will be more realistic and less Psychedelic, hopefully just taking just the main premise as it's launching point. The show is basically the "Swiss family Robinson" set in outer space. But this time the Robinsons are Space Colonists who get knocked off course. I don't remember if the original cast ever made it back to Earth or settled anywhere, so this series may

eventually answer this. Starring Molly Parker (House of Cards), Toby Stephens (Die Another Day), Ignacio Serricchio, Taylor Russell, Mina Sundwall, Maxwell Jenkins and Parker Posey. They have made it look visually stunning, and Netflix have stated that you don't need to watch the original to understand the plot.

Chefs table: pastry

After last years series that toured France looking for the best restaurants and chefs, the longest running Netflix Original cooking series is back. This time focusing on the bakers and their wonderful Pastry creations. I don't know all of the locations but we have learned that Momofuku's Milkbar is one. This award-winning bakery is famous for its original desert creations and wedding cakes. As I have a sweet tooth and am trying to lose weight, this will be very difficult viewing.



Come Sunday (Movie)

I wasn't able to find another TV season this month, so have decided to pick a movie that was featured at the Sundance film festival. This original Netflix film is a true story of a Pentecostal bishop who loses both his flock and the backing of church leaders after he began to question one of the core beliefs of his religion — namely, the notion that souls must be "saved" in order to avoid eternal damnation. Starring Martin Sheen, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Lakeith Stanfield, Jason Segel and Danny Glover. By coincidence my recommended series this month also stars Martin Sheen.

Recommended Series :The West Wing.

Truly some of the best television you will ever watch, if you haven't seen this you are in for a treat.

Winner of three Golden Globes and 26 Emmy Awards, including award for outstanding drama series from 2000 to 2003. This is one at the top of the list for the best writing you will ever find in a television series. In fact, the Writers Guild of American ranked it 10th in its 101 Best-written TV series list.

The West Wing is an American serial political drama television series created by Aaron Sorkin. Set primarily in the West Wing of the White House, during the fictitious Democratic administration of Josiah Bartlet, played brilliantly by Martin Sheen. This truly is an insight into the day to day running of a Presidency. The portrayal of the staff and the workings of the various departments are so accurate and observed as to receive praise from both political science professors and former White House staffers. There are seven seasons, with 156 Episodes out there for you to enjoy.





Coming Soon to The Big Screen



TULLY – Comedy (20)

**Charlize Theron,
Mackenzie Davis,
Mark Duplass**

Marlo, a mother of three including a newborn, is gifted a night nanny by her brother. Hesitant to the extravagance at first, Marlo comes to form a bond with the thoughtful, surprising, and sometimes challenging nanny named Tully.



A QUIET PLACE

**Emily Blunt,
John Krasinski,
and Noah Jupe**

A family lives an isolated existence in utter silence, for fear of an unknown threat that follows and attacks at any sound.



RAMPAGE – Action (20)

**Dwayne Johnson,
Naomie Harris,
Malin Akerman**

Based on the classic 1980's video game featuring monsters destroying cities. It features a gentle ape that mutates after a rogue genetic experiment goes awry..



AVENGERS INFINITY WAR–Adventure

**Robert Downey Jr,
Chris Pratt, Chris Evans,
Chris Hemsworth**

The Avengers must unite once again to fight the Mad Titan Thanos as he attempts to locate the last of the Infinity Stones. Ten years in the making this film Marvel's Avengers: Infinity War is also known as Avengers 3



TRUTH OR DARE

**Lucy Hale, Tyler Posey,
Violett Beane,
Nolan Gerard Funk**

The story centers on a harmless game of 'Truth or Dare' among friends that turns deadly when someone, or something, begins to punish those who tell a lie or refuse the dare.



I FEEL PRETTY

**Emily Ratajkowski,
Michelle Williams, and
Amy Schumer**

A woman struggling with insecurity wakes from a fall believing she is the most beautiful and capable woman on the planet. Her new confidence empowers her to live fearlessly, but what happens when she realizes her appearance hasn't changed?



CHAPPAQUIDDICK– Drama

**Jason Clarke,
Kate Mara, Ed Helms,
Bruce Dern**

Ted Kennedy's life and political career become derailed in the aftermath of a fatal car accident in 1969 that claims the life of a young campaign strategist, Mary Jo Kopechne.



OVERBOARD – Rom Com

**Eugenio Derbez,
Anna Faris, Eva Longoria,
John Hannah**

Leonardo a selfish, spoiled, rich playboy from Mexico's richest family falls overboard when partying too hard. He wakes up on the Oregon coast with amnesia where Kate how used to clean his luxury yacht finds him.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MANY EVENTS ARE BEING CANCELLED IT IS BEST TO CHECK WITH ORGANISERS BEFORE ATTENDING

APRIL 1-2

EASTER SUNDAY AND EASTER MONDAY

Early this year just time to start hand painting those Easter Eggs.



FRI

APRIL 6

CHAKRI DAY

A day to commemorate the contribution of the kings of Chakri dynasty, who have been ruling Thailand since 1782.



SAT

APRIL 7

EARTH DAY

Celebrated all over the world with various green events – save the planet and think about the ways you can help.



APRIL 12-19

SONGKRAN FESTIVAL STARTS /THAI NEW YEAR

Perhaps not quite as delicate a celebration as our photo would suggest – especially on the 19th! Read our article about Songkran on page 10



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MANY EVENTS ARE BEING CANCELLED IT IS BEST TO CHECK WITH ORGANISERS BEFORE ATTENDING

MON

APRIL 23

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Certainly not as popular an event in Pattaya as last month's St Patrick's Day but a diary date for the Brits nevertheless



WED

APRIL 25

ANZAC DAY

A day of remembrance for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who have fought and died for their country marked annually on the anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign of the First World War.



APRIL 27 – MAY 1

TOP OF THE GULF REGATTA

The 14th Top of the Gulf Regatta will take place at Ocean Marina Yacht Club



MON

APRIL 30

BRUNO MARS IN BANGKOK

At the Impact Arena Muang Thong Thani – but good luck getting any tickets !





Sounding almost like a progressive rock band, Songkran and the Water Festival is almost upon us. There have been many articles in this publication with reference to Songkran but on this occasion we thought we would focus on how the world perceives Songkran, and the tourists that come to the kingdom to join in on the celebrations.

Songkran is of course a celebration for the lunar New Year and is a main event in the Buddhist calendar. The history of the festival originates with the ancient Thai tradition of visiting monks and providing food, in addition to prayers and blessings were to be given to the monks in the form of water being poured on their feet and daubed on their foreheads. The local people would then collect this holy water and bring it back home to family and friends and perform their own cleansing process. We all know today that the Water Festival has taken on a new dimension, and especially in tourist areas and big cities the gentle washing away of sins and bad luck has been replaced by a sort of slapstick aqua fight.

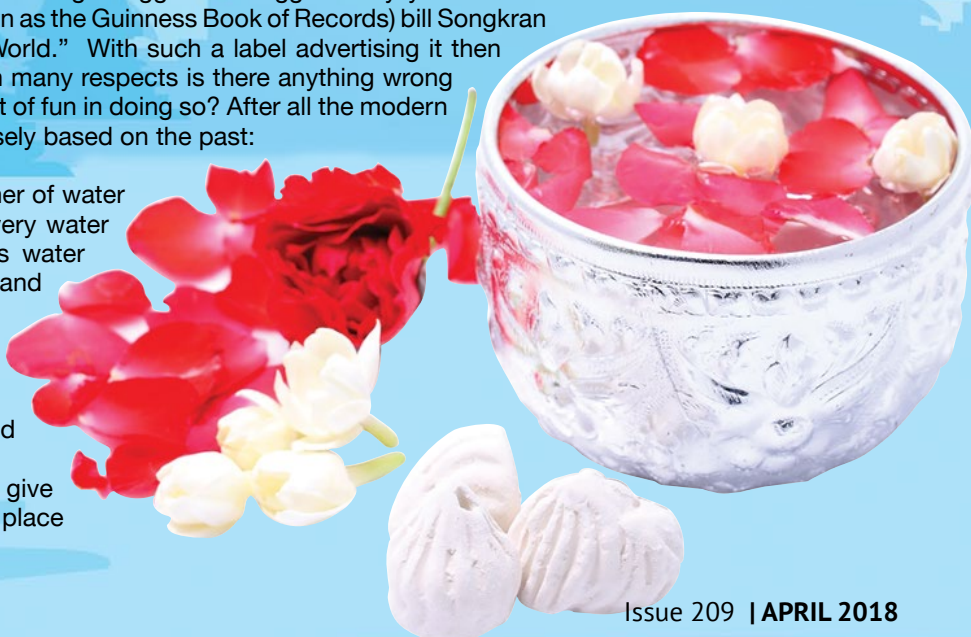
This new celebration has seen a whole new demographic of Songkran, as foreign tourists flock to Thailand's shores to join in on the wild celebrations they have seen on YouTube and TV. Their expectation of the event has nothing in the remotest to do with ancient traditions, it is to satisfy a bucket list of the wildest parties in the world. Are foreigners wrong in thinking this? After all it is a celebration of the New Year and typical New Year celebrations all over the globe tend to be raucous.

The popularity of modern Songkran has grown to almost epidemic proportions, with its own newer and brasher festival traditions attracting huge crowds that seem to get bigger and bigger every year. Even the revered Guinness World Records Authority (or what used to be known as the Guinness Book of Records) bill Songkran as "The Largest Water Gun Fight In The World." With such a label advertising it then what are foreigners meant to think? And in many respects is there anything wrong with splashing about and having a whole lot of fun in doing so? After all the modern interpretations of festival traditions are loosely based on the past:

Throwing water - the fun includes all manner of water guns, hoses, fire engines, buckets and every water carrying utensil that comes to hand. This water throwing roughly represents the collecting and pouring of sacred water

White chalk painting - chalk mixed with water to make a paste is liberally smeared over any exposed flesh and sticks like glue. Again monks use chalk marks to date and preserve blessings that have been made.

Food gifts - Thais still visit the temple and give food gifts to the monks, this normally takes place before the wild celebrations take place.





In a way the old traditions are being kept alive but in a new manner, this surely cannot be a bad thing? There are many old festivals and traditions around the world that fade and die and eventually are forgotten forever but Songkran has a new lease of life and is back with a vengeance, with the added dimension it now has world recognition. After all Thailand's economic and domestic problems have been well documented over the last two decades. And because of certain political events Thailand has seen a decline in tourist revenue, but Songkran bucks the trend.

Songkran and The Largest Water Gun Fight In The World is seen by the outside world as one big happy party. World press reports favorably about the Land of Smiles and shows images of throngs of people from all over the world in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket, Pattaya all coming together and having fun with the Thai people. The local economies of these areas are boosted by the influx of party goers coming from overseas, hotel bookings increase and restaurants, shops and tourist attractions all benefit. Yet there is still a collective moan from expats that the "silly season" is here again and the apocalypse is nigh. The response to such negative comments is simple, stay at home until the big bad wolf has gone away.

Yes, Pattaya's celebrations of Songkran seem to go on longer than other places in Thailand but in a way that is a good thing. It keeps tourists and visitors in the city and continue to spend their money. Expats that live in Pattaya who wish to remain in the city during Songkran just need to change their routine for a few days. This may mean doing their shopping and other errands a little earlier, then relaxing at home. Hardly a massive inconvenience for the celebration of a world famous event that brings happiness to so many.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET OUT
OF DODGE**

In real terms which ever way you want to look at it Songkran is a celebration, in many parts of the kingdom it is still observed as it has always been. But even then in rural villages and small communities the people have moved with the times, their water fun is a little more boisterous than it once was. The big cities of Thailand cater for non Thais in their celebrations and the party is tweaked to suit all, but still the festival is to celebrate the same thing. The Water Festival gives great pleasure to many visitors, a once-in-a-lifetime experience and something they will never forget. These satisfied pilgrims return home and relay favourable tales about Thailand to their friends and urge them to experience it too.

It also provides happiness to millions of Thais around the kingdom, brings families together for the holidays and keeps an old tradition very much alive and kicking. The Pattaya Trader wishes everybody a happy and safe elongated Songkran for 2018. Your options are open and entirely up to you, embrace the party, stay at home with the air con and watch the fun and frolics from a distance or simply "get out of dodge".

April Game Releases.



God of war 4 or ps4

The first God of War in this now lengthy franchise came out on the PS2 in 2005. The action is in third person where you can see and control your character. It was a hack and slash affair, with some platforming, puzzles solving and awesome boss battles. Reminded me of a "Cash of the Titan's" or "Sinbad" movie. Kratos our anti-hero is a spartan soldier seeking revenge against the God Ares who tricked him into killing his own family. Game after game Kratos dispatches most of the Greek Gods and demiGods, so many gory battles and revenge that GOW4 is really the 8th game.

Called 4 because it follows the plot line from GOW 3 (and looks cute being on the PS4). Anyway, the reason I'm harping on about the history of this game is that it was getting tired. So, after a three-year break GOW 4 was revealed at the 2016 Entertainment Expo. Now these games have always been known for their high production quality but this one raised the bar yet again. Not only were the graphics even better but the gameplay and lore showed us that this was a new era and direction for the tired franchise. Now we have moved from Greek mythology onto Norse, which has been popular in recent years with Skyrim and Senua's Sacrifice and maybe the Vikings Tv show. Therefore, all the enemies are now based from this lore, trolls, ogres and such.

The once unsympathetic Kratos now has a son travelling with him named Atreus who he has to protect and mentor, as well as dealing with his anger management issues. Also gone now are his signature double chained blades, replaced with a magical battle axe called the Leviathan. This can be charged up with different magic and even returns to your hand much like Thor's hammer. A shield is also available for some hand to hand combat.

So, what else have they changed? Or yes, the camera it's POV is over the shoulder rather than the old fixed cinematic from before. Role play elements have been added and some assistance with Atreus is included. So, some refreshing changes to this franchise, if it is a success they may consider moving onto ancient Egyptian mythology. Anyway, after having several years away from playing these, I wouldn't mind trying out that axe!

Pillars of eternity 2: deadfire mac RPG

Obsidian entertainment the people who made the popular Fallout New Vegas, released the first Pillars of Eternity, one of the highest rated crowdfunded games ever made. It shows just how great crowdfunding can be, allowing developers to make games like these where fans can get involved and support what they want. This RPG is the Spiritual successor to the Baldur's Gate and Icewind Dale. These types of games are like the traditional table top games of yesteryear. You control a party (maximum of 6) in some turn-based combat featuring real dungeons and dragons character classes.

The first game received some rave reviews and with the same team again, I would guess that this will also be excellent, building and improving on the last with around 70 hours of gameplay and plenty of characters existing in a highly featured world. In the first game only, some of the characters were voiced, whilst there was plenty of text reading for the others, be warned if you don't like to read in games. Looking at the trailer for 2 I can say that the Music is epic, the lighting effects, changing weather system, atmospheric effects, sound effects and level of detail awesome.

POE2 builds on the first game; the exploration of beautiful environments, the real time with pause tactical combat system and companions who react to the choices you make. In fact, the entire story will change in response to what you do. If you've played the first game and still have your save the decisions you made in pillars one will also affect the main story. Improvements are the use of more streaming for less loading. Also, improved opponents for a greater and more interesting challenge. Not sure how hard it's going to be, but I guess they will still have the "trial of Iron mode", where if you die it will delete the save from your computer, gulp! Imagine if you die after having played for 60 hours! But don't panic I'm sure there will be difficulty setting for everyone. So, as you get better you may want to replay the game on a harder setting.





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The PILC held their Annual General Meeting at The Holiday Inn Pattaya. Lunch was enjoyed by all and the new “Dream Team” to take the club forward into 2018 was chosen. Congratulations to all!



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The Grape Trail



Tutti Frutti

If you're old enough, those words might take you back to 1955 and the song of the same name, sung by one Richard Wayne Penniman, better known as Little Richard except perhaps to his mother. Tutti Frutti of course means "all fruits" in Italian and it was the singer's first major hit. And talking of fruit, you cannot fail to have noticed the enormous number of so-called fruit wines lined up on Thai supermarket shelves. They don't advertise themselves as such, but look at the back label and you'll see the words "fruit wine" in minuscule print. Until recently, fruit wines attracted a lower rate of duty which is why they are so cheap, mostly around the Bt 300 mark. In Thailand, fruit wines first emerged at Siam Winery when they introduced Mont Clair, that good old work-horse wine of all the bars and cheap capps in town. Several other similar products followed, among them Mar Y Sol, Peter Vella and Berri Estates to name but three.

There are cartloads of so-called fruit wines coming in from South Africa, Australia and even Vietnam. To qualify for the lower rate of duty, fruit wines are supposed to have a proportion of concentrated fruit juice added into the grape juice. But does every foreign winemaker really go to all this trouble, especially for the comparatively small Thai wine market? I'm not so sure. Some time ago I saw a bottle of ordinary cheap French wine on which a tiny sticker bearing the words "fruit wine" had been hastily slapped on the back. To my mind, that rather gave the game away.

Anyway, these so-called fruit wines won't be cheap for much longer. In September 2017, the Thai Excise Department revised the entire system for applying excise to wines and mostly eliminated the preferential rates applied to so-called fruit wines. The result is that most wines, whether they claim to be fruit wines or not, will be subject to duty and taxes that amount to a staggering 430 percent. When the present stocks are exhausted, the prices will soar. You may have noticed that Mont Clair has already taken a price hike. By the time you read this article, the prices shown here may be just a fond memory.

A few weeks ago I saw a bottle priced at about Bt 230. I knew it would be rubbish but in the pursuit of knowledge I was compelled to try it. And of course, it was awful; a horrid bitter thing that was quite undrinkable. Even the dogs turned it down. It might have been quite useful for cleaning out a tractor gearbox, but not much else. In contrast, here are two wines which are really splendid value and easily available.

Robertson Winery Chapel White, South Africa

(Bt. 299 @ Villa, Friendship)



This attractive gold-coloured wine is a light-bodied blend of Colombard and Chenin Blanc and made by Jacques Roux of Robertson Winery. Cheaper wines tend to have a one-dimensional quality to the aroma, but not this one. There's a refreshing lemony aroma with a touch of peaches and pomelo and a good bit of tropical fruit on the palate too, with hints of lemon and honeysuckle. As you might expect, it's a dry wine

and the Chenin Blanc brings a crisp bite of acidity. It comes at 12.5% ABV and there's a long and persistent finish, an unusual feature for a wine in this price bracket.



Winemaker Jacques Roux

If you find it a bit assertive to drink on its own, it would be ideal with food. Fish or chicken dishes spring to mind. It would enhance simple chicken dishes and it would certainly jazz up that British Friday night favourite, fish and chips.

Camden Park Smooth Reserve Red, Australia (Bt. 309 @ Tesco-Lotus and others)



This dark red wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Tempranillo and it has pleasing aromas of sweet, jammy, dark fruit with strawberry and plum. It's smooth to the taste with plenty of fruit and it's pleasantly light bodied too. At just 12.5% ABV it feels like those southern French reds and there's just a delicate touch of tannin which helps to give the wine a firm body. At this price, it's a terrific little wine. After it's had air contact for about fifteen minutes you'll notice that some secondary aromas start appearing including a faint minty smell which I'd guess comes from the Cabernet Sauvignon. This is why I always suggest sniffing the wine at regular intervals. But there again, I was a dog in a previous life so I probably appreciate smells more than most people.

Tasting this against a glass of Mont Clair, it really is streets ahead. If you enjoy light, dry reds this should be right up your soi. Stock up with a few bottles before the price goes sky high. But keep this snippet of advice to yourself. If all the wine has gone when I get back to the shop, I'll never speak to you again.

And by the way, can you recall the lyrics of Little Richard's song from over sixty years ago? They began, "Tutti frutti, aw rooty, Tutti frutti, aw rooty, Tutti frutti, aw rooty, A-wop-bop-a-loo-bop-a-wop-bam-boom". Roll over Milton, Shakespeare and Wordsworth. You know when you're beaten.



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After getting the most popular radio station in Pattaya back on track over the last few months, production and scheduling manager Barry Upton, has been recently updating the exciting playlist of 'Sunshine Hits' that bring back so many memories featuring alongside the best of the new releases.

The music library is now full of 'wow' tunes for all ages and ears with an upbeat feel to reflect the fun city that is Pattaya. Some additional complimentary Pop/Country songs are now airing as that genre of music is making a big comeback in popularity worldwide.

Many special guests have been visiting our studios and recording interviews for radio and TV with Pattaya People Media Group also welcoming sponsors old and new to come and get extra exposure for themselves and their products in a lighthearted and informal way.

Weekdays begin with the always fun 'Morning Glory' breakfast show airing between 8am to noon featuring Barry Upton's cohorts and other live reality radio happenings. If you'd like to join Barry on the show, maybe having an event to promote or an interesting subject to feature, contact him by e-mail: barry@pattayapeople.com.

The midday to 2pm show 'Let's Do Lunch' features DJ Johnny P who hails from Preston in the U.K. and is an 'in demand' Northern Soul specialist, a genre which is regularly featured on 96FM.

From 2pm to 4pm, our very lovely and charming D.J.- S.J. (Sarah Jayne) is providing a little 'Afternoon Delight' to accompany an occasional daytime cuppa with a nice slice of calorie packed pastry.....possibly.

Paul Rosenberg's 'Sundowner' show from 4pm to 6pm takes us from late afternoon into the night time zone as 'the sun goes down'. His 'cool' American smooth tones help guide you through to the sun setting.

A new feature is the regularly updated 'Events & Gig Guide' allowing listeners to be informed of whats happening around town together with Pattaya United updates on their progress in the Thai Premier League.

The online version of 96FM is now up and running as is the 'app' so that the message of 'come to Pattaya, the most fun city in the world' can be heard internationally.

The other radio stations, Kiss FM on 91.75 featuring dance style music aimed at a younger audience, and Russian Radio 90.75 also come under the Pattaya People Media Group wing and can be accessed on a daily basis. The future for radio in Pattaya is bright with a whole lotta 'Sunshine Hits' on Pattaya People Radio 96FM.





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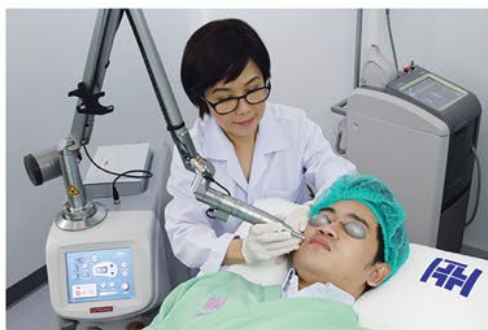
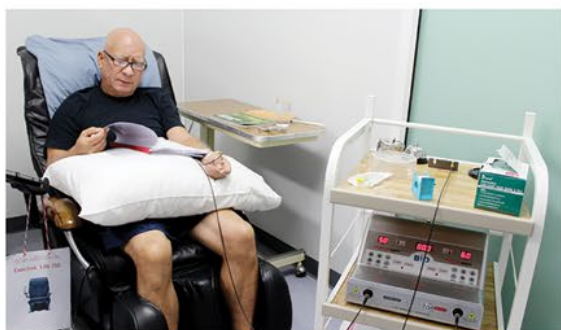
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Somewhere Under the Rainbow: Queensland's Great Beach Drive

Ochre cliffs, epic myths and catching crabs — Noosa's rainbow road to the far north is full of story.

"I emailed the whales to appear," jokes Jack the driver as we roll along the endless sands of Teewah Beach, north of Noosa, Queensland.

Dunes and cliffs rise to our left while the Pacific Ocean crashes to the right. But all eyes are turned offshore to where a humpback whale is doing joyous back-flips. "I guess my email arrived," says Jack as the whale does another wheel-stand.

We're on a jaunt called the Great Beach Drive, billed as "the most spectacular beach highway in Australia." It runs up Teewah Beach, aka the Coloured Sands, beyond Noosa in a 70-km stretch of rolling revelations: infinite horizons, ochre cliffs, mythology and 40,000 hectares of wilderness, all topped off with flaming sunsets.

On the beach, in four-wheel drive mode, we let it rip, but this is no autobahn with sunburn. The beach is actually an official Queensland road, with an 80 km/hr limit. At times we bounce in the tracks of earlier vehicles and at other times cruise on the firm sands beside the water.

We each take a turn at driving, navigating the different shoreline, mid-beach or dune-side routes. Sounds easy. It is until the unexpected opens up before you: washouts or sand ruts just that much deeper than your driving skills.

Along the base of the dunes I see encampments where fishing fans and long-stay holidayers have set up home with elaborate tents, caravans, loos and even solar-powered fridges. All this, plus the Pacific Ocean as your infinity pool, for just \$6 a night.

The story goes that, come holiday season, these old "sons of beaches" pull up their deckchairs and a beer to watch while first-time beach drivers bog themselves axel-deep in the sand. After the "entertainment" has gone on long enough, they pull out their





towing cables and serious four-wheel drives, and haul free the flummoxed newbies. Or so they say.

We reach Double Island Point where the headland is crowned by a classic, red-roofed, 1880s lighthouse. From here we have a 360-degree view across the Great Sandy Region biosphere reserve. There are more whales — 30,000 of them migrate along this Pacific highway annually — and on cue, a pod of dolphins skips across the swell below us.

The pioneer lighthouse keepers and their families who lived here endured decades of isolation and cyclones. Unlike us, they needed a horse-drawn sled to haul their supplies to the summit. A couple of my travelling companions, terminally phone-addicted, share the pain of those pioneers — they too have no phone signal.

The tide is rising and safe beach driving needs to be done within two hours on either side of low tide. We push on to Rainbow Beach village — permanent population 900, annual visitors 70,000. Which means backpackers and grey nomads galore, almost all who come to watch the sunset from a famous 120-metre high dune known as the Carlo Sand Blow.

Tonight's lightshow lives up to demand, setting the inland treetops aflame with light before dousing it all in darkness. We head to the pub, where I am disappointed to learn that its once-famous Wall of Shame has been temporarily removed. The display showed what happens to drivers who fail to check the tide before blasting up the beach, only to find their vehicle soon consumed by sand, shorebreaks and voided insurance.

Rainbow Beach, best known as the gateway to Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, is our turn-around point. Come morning we hit its little klatch of coffee shops and then resume our great beach adventure, heading back south, again running the gauntlet of soaring cliffs and the ocean blue. Brahminy kites circle above and pied oystercatchers mill along the shoreline.

We hop out at Red Canyon to explore the brilliant ochre escarpment and its eroded gullies. Once inside the canyon, all is eerily silent, with even the sea sounds disappearing. For the Kabi Aboriginal people this was a women's area, a place of retreat and healing.

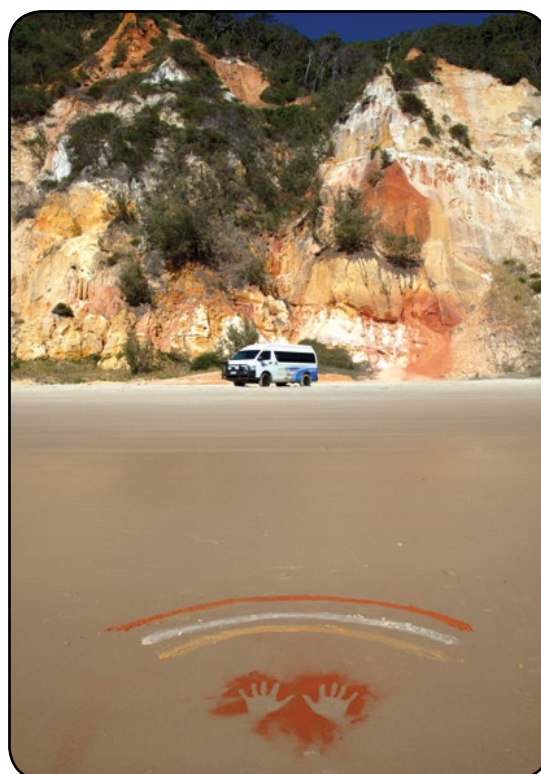
The celebrated cliff faces, over 40,000 years old, display 38 colours and 72 shades — yes, someone has counted them — formed by iron and other mineral oxides, and vegetable dyes. These compacted, ancient sands were mined for decades until extraction was banned in 1976.

There is an elaborate creation story to explain the colours and it is fittingly full of drama, desire and the good old infernal triangle. The bare-bones version tells that the earth colours here were formed when Yiningie, a spirit represented by the rainbow, plunged into the cliffs after battling an evil tribesman over a good woman — as one does.

Our last stop is at Honeymoon Bay, a curve of still-Dreamtime coastline framed by massive dunes. Scores of delicate, blue-shelled soldier crabs scuttle across the sand. Easy to catch and hold, they always attract visitors.

Our driver recounts being here last week and spotting a familiar-looking hunk of a guy who also was watching the scampering critters. "And then I recognised him — Chris Hemsworth, the actor," he tells us. One my women friends sighs and says, "Wish I'd been there. I wouldn't mind catching crabs any time with Chris Hemsworth."

INFORMATION: Great Beach Drive 4WD Tours pick up from Noosa and elsewhere on the Sunshine Coast. See www.gbd4wdtours.com
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Dining

By GLORIA JONES



How about lunch at Alibabas?

When I lived in the UK going for “An Indian” was usually given over to a late night slot, it was the “after the pub treat” and as such groups of us would usually head to our local restaurant around 10 or 11 pm. Here in Pattaya when sunset is generally between 6 or 7 pm an early evening meal at Alibaba can be a great start to the evening or can round off a visit to the cinema really nicely. However, have you ever thought of going there for lunch? We had and so went along to see what the restaurant’s charming manager Mr Manju would recommend for us.

As we’ve mentioned before you can do no wrong placing yourself in the hands of the experienced waiting staff at this restaurant they are hospitable and extremely experienced. Mr Manju for example has been at the restaurant 13 years so really does know the menu inside out and I have to say his selection was delicious.

We started with poppadoms accompanied by a great selection of chutneys and sauces and my favourite red onions. Then perfect vegetable samosas tasty, satisfying and perfectly cooked with a crunchy carrot, tomato and cucumber side plate to make us feel really healthy.

Vegetarians fare very well at Alibaba’s as was seen in some of the dishes in our next course. The spinach with paneer was my absolute favourite so delicious and creamy and the “Ladies fingers” spicy Okra came in a close second. With fluffy white rice, chapatis and a great chicken curry just the way I like it with thick, smooth sauce - this was turning out to be some lunch! All washed down with the perfect accompaniment of Cobra Indian beer

Alibaba is a picturesque restaurant displayed by everything from its surroundings, the waiters’ costumed attire right through to the pretty china and crockery presented with our ice cream and coffee. You really do feel that you are stepping into a fairy tale cave of treasures and they even have a private dining room available that can seat parties of up to 20.

For those of you who have yet to try this long established Pattaya institution you can find Alibaba in its enviable location on Central Pattaya Road, very close to Beach Road. Look for an exterior reminiscent of a stone cave invoking thoughts of the famous Ali Baba and the forty thieves legend and climb the stairs to the first floor dining area with its opulent gold ceilings. The restaurant can seat over 200 people but the seating layout with its comfortable booths really gives the impression of intimate dining.

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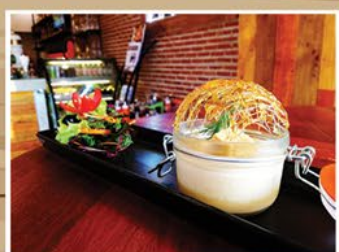
CHEF PAOLO AT MARCO'S RESTAURANT – PIZZERIA

Yes Chef Paolo can certainly iron out your problem of deciding where to eat tonight or in fact where to have lunch. Unsurprisingly Marco's restaurant in Thappraya road is attracting a great deal of attention from the "ladies who lunch". Open seven days a week from 12 PM until 12 AM. You can choose from the extensive menu of quality dishes or daily specials and if you want that something extra special you can even order directly from Paolo yourself.

Marco's Restaurant can even cater for large groups with their private dining area upstairs. In fact very recently Paolo provided a unique dinner party for a customer who's brief was to provide a sumptuous five course meat menu. Nothing is too much trouble for this award winning chef. Just give him 3-4 days notice in order to liaise with you about your bespoke menu and purchase the necessary ingredients - you will not be disappointed!

Regular readers of the Pattaya Trader will know that Chef Paolo won the popular television show the Iron Chef - you can read all about this online at www.pattayatrader.com. Click the online magazine and then select December 2017 to find the article all about his celebrity status.

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'Pattaya Stories' has returned with interesting people who live or regularly visit the area chatting about their lives and thoughts about this region of Thailand. If you have a suggestion for an interesting character to appear on this show, please let Pattaya People Media Group know.

'On air' at the moment are chats with Tilly Rutherford, a legend in the U.K. music business who signed Kylie Minogue, Rick Astley and Donna Summer amongst many others during his time at the 'Hit Factory' PWL label, plus John Collingbourne,

a long time auctioneer in Pattaya with a juicy story to tell alongside his gavel banging exploits..

Barry Upton's 'Behind the Music' informative retro music programmes are currently in production and soon to air. Meanwhile some popular repeats of shows already in the can are now showing including the ever popular 'Beatles' edition.

The 'Chaine des Rotisseurs Eastern Seaboard' events here in Pattaya are covered showing a kind of 'food porn' as the fine wine and diners of Pattaya meet regularly at the best restaurants in town.

Travelogue style features such as the highly popular 'Koh Chang' series are to feature more with handy travel tips around Thailand and S.E. Asia in general.

Pattaya Utd of the Thai Premiere Football League have now joined forces with Pattaya People Media Group who will provide information about upcoming home games plus the new Ex-Pat fan club and feature fan reactions to the games including highlights.

The regularly updated 'Events and Gig Guide' is not to be missed for a weekly round up of 'What's On' plus a 'heads up' for future happenings in Pattaya.



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THE HISTORY OF THE GLORY HUT



Back in June 2015 a showdown was looming between the residents of a Pattaya community in Nong Prue and an HIV/AIDS shelter. Locals were demanding infected patients move out whilst hospice executives vowed to stay. Glory Hut has been engaged in a battle with residents of the Lang Nern. In their campaign to evict the charity the community cited everything from the fear of children being infected with AIDS to ghosts. Residents of Lang Nern voted 131-30 to evict the Glory Hut and the foundation was given 6 months to find a new location. In the intervening months, Nong Prue Sub-district officials and even the National Human Rights Commission tried to reason with locals, all to no avail.

The sub-district suggested the hospice move to Tungkomtan-Man. However over 5 million baht was needed to acquire land, construct facilities and relocate operations. Almost one year later two temples helped Nong Prue sub-district raise more than 2.5 million baht to relocate an embattled AIDS hospice to a more-welcoming neighbourhood with a robes-offering ceremony on the 28th April 2016.

The ceremony for the Glory Hut Foundation, led by Udom Prachatorn of Phrabat Nam Phu Temple in Lopburi Province and Pailin Siriwatchano from Sangkatan Wangpai Temple in Nonthaburi, saw Buddhist believers congregate all day at the Nong Prue municipal building for prayers, chanting and the distribution of amulets. Abbot Udom of the Lopburi temple led a parade and travelled by foot to various locations to spread the word about pha pa activities taking place in Nong Prue. In all, 2.52 million baht was raised for the embattled shelter, leaving the charity only 800,000 baht short of its 5-million-baht goal to purchase a new plot of 2.2 rai of land on Soi 16 in Tungkomtan-Man Moo 7 village near Horseshoe Point.

The donations continued to roll in for an embattled Pattaya AIDS hospice, with charity organizations and individuals putting up cash to fund its relocation. The Red Cross of Banglamung, and the YWCA Bangkok-Pattaya Center with Tara Sauna added 234,000 baht for the Glory Hut Foundation. Then in June 2017 Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard met with the Glory Hut together with Tony Sale of LBWVB (Lady Boy Water Volley Ball) contest. The Glory Hut was further informed that Bexhill Rotary Club in the UK would like to help as their then president Paul Frostick had reported back after a visit to them in 2015. Rotary Club Bexhill, Sussex in the UK, therefore agreed to sponsor to the tune of 50,000 THB. Past president Rodney James Charman of RCES visited the Bexhill RC and collected a 50,000 THB cheque from President Brian Songhurst. The funds were used to sponsor the annual Lady Boy Water Volleyball Competition resulting in The Glory Hut receiving a final figure of about 200,000 THB with which to purchase beds, mattresses, pillows etc.



AIDS activist and monk Alongkot Dikkapanyo led alms-giving ceremonies to raise more funds for the relocation of an AIDS hospice evicted from its Pattaya neighbourhood by intolerant

neighbours. Luang Phu Alongkot, as he is known, is the abbot of Phra Baht Nam Phu Temple in Lopburi, which has been caring for AIDS patients since 1992 filling in the gap between government and private sectors, allowing HIV patients to die with dignity. Alongkot led monks in receiving donations during ceremonies at Nong Prue Health Park on Dec. 1 and 2. The first day he also led an alms procession from Mike Shopping Mall to Wat Chaimongkol Market, the Grand Hall Market and Big C South Pattaya.

In addition to receiving alms, Alongkot also preached Dec. 1 on a roadside near Theprasit Market.



Everyone who contributed to the cause got more than just satisfaction of helping the cause. Those who gave 1,000 baht or more received Phra Baht Nam Phu 25th anniversary coins. Donors of 500 baht received a smaller coin while 300-baht donors received a t-shirt.

The goal was to help Nong Prue collect the last 500,000 baht of the 2.4-million-baht budget to finally build Glory Hut's new home on two rai of land in the Nong Maikaew Community. The sub-district paid for one rai and the NGO for the other. The Mayor of Nong Prue declared on the 28th November that the facility was 90 percent complete with only interior decoration needing finished.

The main home being able to accommodate 40 patients in sections segregated by sex. A second two-story building housing the cafeteria, kitchen and staff accommodations.

On the 30th November 2017 Rodney, Kevin, Tony and Bell placed the order for new beds, mattress, side units, pillows plus for the new Glory Hut. The order for 10 Bunk beds at 4,800 each (48,000) 20 Single at 2,500 each (50,000) 40 Single mattress at 1,400 each (56,000) 10 four door side units with key and lock at 800 (8,000) and 40 Nuti Nai Pillows at 100 each (4,000) 40 single sets of bedding @ 275 each (111,000) **Total Cost 177,000 THB**

Fast forward to this year and on the 15th January 2018 John Copper from Bexhill Rotary Sussex UK arrived at the Glory Hut while on holiday in Thailand came to see the progress and was met by Khun Amy Nong Prue Social Services, Khun



Ponsawan Glory Hut Director, P P Rodney James Charman RCES and Kevin Maguire a friend of RC Bexhill John was very impressed with what he saw and returned to the UK with a glowing report on the project.

As a result Bexhill Rotary Club donated a further 44,000 THB to add to the 23,000 baht remaining from the beds and lockers purchase, with which to buy mosquito nets screens and a possible water pump.

On the 4th February 2018 the beds were delivered and the staff of Tommy Furniture assembled them just in time for the 40 mattresses that arrived from Bangkok that afternoon !

Ten days later the grounds were cleared , trees planted, water tanks installed and fencing put in place ready for the grand opening. Mosquito net screens and blinds were fitted **PAYING THE MOSQUITO NET MAN**

Opening Ceremony of the new Glory Hut

Welcome speeches were held by Mr. Mayai Chaiyan (Mayor of Nong Prue) and the Governor of Chonburi, Mr Pakarathon Tienchai who spoke about the history of the Glory Hut and how this 11.5 million THB project The head monk Alongkot Dikkapanyo of Wat Phra Bat Namphu Lopoburi and Governor of Chonburi, Mr Pakarathon Tienchai officially open the new center.

Many VIP including President Brian Songhurst and Local Community Projects Director IPP Rodney James Charman, with several members of Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard and a represented for Bexhill Rotary Club attended the opening ceremony of the new Glory Hut rehabilitation facility for HIV/AIDS patients. In the morning there were blessing ceremonies and after the introduction speeches the unveiling of the signage of the building. A tree was also planted to commemorate the occasion.



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SONGKRAN ON THE HOOK



So, you love fishing, or have never been when you are on holidays or are finding it hard to convince others just how awesome angling is or could be? Don't fear – we have five solid reasons why holidaymakers should fish during their break... And no better time to get acclimatised to water than on the Songkran break.

One of the not-so-evident benefits of fishing on Songkran is (Wait for it) that it is a great way to get some exercise. Of course, you aren't going to burn many calories sitting on the shore and drinking beer, but an active day spent wading in a Thai Lake or hiking to a remote one is a fantastic way to get a workout without going to a gym or a yoga class.

Consider that a person of average body mass and fitness level will burn about 250 calories in an hour of walking on a treadmill. Actively fishing can involve a number of activities,

such as wading against the current in a stream, hiking, repeatedly casting and reeling, and even climbing or boulder hopping in certain kinds of terrain. It is estimated that even light wade fishing burns over twice as many calories over a one-hour period. Spending time in the gym is great for short, high-intensity workouts, but it can be a hard habit to build for people who aren't used to lifting weights. Being active doesn't have to be a chore. During a morning or afternoon of fishing, you could burn from 500-1,500 calories without even realizing it.... So get out and trim your body while catching a health dinner

FIVE SONGKRAN FISHING REASONS

1. Connection

Put down the iPads and mobile phones and connect the good old-fashioned way - with conversation. Fishing is the type of activity that encourages chatter and, therefore, is a great way to spend time with friends. There's something about the tranquillity of a quiet fishing spot and being in a relaxed environment that brings out the best in casual conversation.

2. Family time

For families, it's tough to get everyone to agree on a holiday activity, especially as your children grow older. Yet fishing is the ideal family pursuit. This timeless activity can be enjoyed by all ages: you don't grow out of fishing – you grow into it. Better still, follow our articles or send an email to the editor as our fishing tips for beginners can help anyone to get started. If fishing with children, let them play a part in the process to better understand the art of landing a catch. Fishing teaches children useful skills and values such as the importance of preparation, patience, and persistence among many others. There is something particularly exhilarating about landing that first catch – and the excitement on your child's face is likely to be priceless.

3. Easy access

Fishing is such a versatile activity. It doesn't matter where you are in Thailand, Scotland, or Australia, it's so easy to find somewhere to dangle a line. Whether it's from the beach or rocks, on the banks of a river or lake, or in a boat, fishing can be enjoyed with ease. And where there's water, there is sure to be a fish

4. Relaxing

Holidays are all about relaxation, and fishing is a great way to keep entertained while taking it easy. Find a quiet spot to cast your fishing rod, perhaps even pack a picnic lunch, and enjoy a pleasant outing with family or friends. Communication during a family picnic and the participation of everyone fishing has always given me heartfelt memories that I cherish and will never forget.

5. Value for money

Sure, when you're just starting out fishing can put a bit of a dent in the wallet. Buying equipment for any hobby comes at a cost. However, once you've bought your gear, on-going costs are minimal. In fact, it can be argued that fishing offers the greatest value for money.

Now that you're armed with some perfectly good reasons why fishing and Songkran are a wonderful mix, start planning your first or next adventure.

TIGHT LINES EVERYONE and "Happy Songkran"



PINK POLO

Every so often Pattaya pulls out all the stops and the Pink Polo is such an occasion. A beautiful location and a truly wonderful event with the proceeds all going to Queen Sirikit's favourite charity The Breast Cancer Charity.



High Scores in All Flights



Barbro Borjesson - Ladies Winner

150 players, including 18 Ladies gathered at Phoenix Gold Golf course for the 2nd PAGS Tournament of 2018. Once again there were some fine scores turned in, along with some sparkling individual efforts for the technical prizes available on each hole. PAGS has been blessed of late with the weather and this day the conditions were perfect for golf. The course was in good condition, with fast running fairways, and the greens at a decent pace, and with numerous short tees, low scores were sure to be the order of the day.

The star on this day was hard to differentiate, with several outstanding stableford scores recorded in the tournament. Myles Knowlson with his 44 points & Barbro Borjesson in the Ladies with her 45 were the highest points scorers. There were prizes to be won on every hole as per normal for the PAGS events, but with such a large field of golfers you had to be very close to win.

As touched on previously the Ladies winner was Barbro Borjesson (35) with a spectacular 45 points with second place going to Liny Prom (43) with as strong 41 points. Several technical prizes went to a selection of Ladies also.

C Flight for 20+ handicappers was won by regular PAGS participant Pierre Zbinden (22) with a score of 42 Points, closely followed by William Vickers (20) with 41 points, while Lars Tornlind picked up 3rd spot with 40 points

In the B flight (13 – 19) it was Mikael Andersen (18) winning with 42 points in another closely contested flight, edging out Werner Schwarz (17) on countback 22/20. The bronze medal position went to Fred Mefritz (13) on 41 points, to go with his Long Drive on Lakes 9.

In the A flight (0 – 12) it was Myles Knowlson (11) who came out on top with a Men's best on the day of an outstanding 44 points, to go with his approach on Ocean 3. A countback was required to decide the minor placings, as Frode Brandt (11) & Jari Laakonen (12) both signed for 40 points. Frode secured the silver with his 20 points to Jari's 18.

Mike Allidi won the coveted Low Gross with 75, on countback over Myles & Christer. Several honorable mentions also go out to multiple technical prize winners, Jeeranan, Nattaporn, Kevin & Fynn.

Once again the catering crew, led by Dave, did their part, feeding the players and guests prior to the prize giving, and I am sure all were pleased with the array of food.

We will all look forward to the next event at Phoenix contact Shane on 0859459689, through Facebook, or birdie.in.th for your preferred time slot.



Myles Knowlson - A Flt Winner



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With Manchester United's exit at the last 16 stage of the Champions league, their millions of fans around the world must now be asking questions about the way forward for this great football club.

The two games against Sevilla in the Champions league were very poor. A "park the bus" performance in the away leg was heavily criticised at the time but all would have been forgiven if they had gone back to Old Trafford and qualified. However, another inept performance saw Sevilla go two goals up in the second half, and despite a late Lukaku goal United were unable to progress, producing another poor performance. This leaves United fighting for runner up spot in the Premier League because realistically Manchester City will be crowned champions very soon, possibly even in the derby game against Manchester United this month. And then the sixth round FA Cup tie at Brighton will be the only chance left to put silverware in the trophy cabinet.

What all the managers, but particularly Mourinho, that have managed Manchester United since Sir Alex Ferguson's departure have failed to realise is that it is not just what they win but how they win that matters. Back in Sir Alex's day it would be absolutely unheard of for Manchester United to go to any football club in the world and play defensively. When they were at their most successful, and with the inspired signing of the frenchman Eric Cantona as a catalyst, they produced an attacking brand of football, that whether you were a fan or not, was always good to watch. And regardless of players coming and going the commitment to the club inspired by the manager was unwavering.

It is strange to see now that United are being labelled as dinosaurs under Mourinho with the attacking football revolution at Manchester City, Liverpool and Tottenham moving all those clubs forward. Make no mistake, Manchester United can still go anywhere and get a result but perhaps Mourinho's time as one of the great football managers of recent times has come to an end.

If Manchester United retain their runner up spot in the Premier league and go on to win the F A Cup, a season which would be a huge success for most other clubs, Mourinho may be given another year. But given their style of football, their incredibly loyal and committed supporters may demand both a change of manager and style. By the way, if you doubt the commitment of Manchester United supporters check out the attendance figures at Old Trafford for midweek F A Cup or Premier League games of any kind. If 75,000 supporters at Old Trafford on a wet Monday night against Stoke City is not commitment I don't know what is!

Whatever happens United have now got some catching up to do and I feel they must join the football revolution and change to a more attacking style in the future - their fans deserve it.



5 Reasons To Race Top Of The Gulf Regatta 2018



*Good wind and warm weather make for idyllic sailing conditions at Top of the Gulf Regatta.
Photo by Guy Nowell.*

Now entering its 14th year, Top of the Gulf Regatta Presented by Ocean Marina has grown to become an award-winning multi-class regatta held annually in the Gulf of Thailand. Having morphed from its humble roots into one of the largest sailing events in Asia today it attracts sailors of all abilities and ages from more than 25 countries each year. Here are five reasons why you should be in Pattaya from 27th April to 1st May 2018, together with hundreds of other sailors and yachts, for the 14th Top of the Gulf Regatta.

1) Close And Competitive Racing

Top of the Gulf Regatta is known for its international standard race management and close and competitive racing across all classes. Separate race courses and on-water race officials for the Optimists, dinghy fleets, and keelboat and multihull fleets, ensures the best race experience for all competitors.

2) Inclusive Regatta – Racing For All

Top of the Gulf Regatta attracts a diverse range of boats across 12 classes, from Optimists, single-handed and double-handed dinghies to one-design Platus, cruisers, IRC yachts and multihulls. There's even a radio controlled class which this year will see more than 20 competitors. Sailors that take part are also varied ranging from youngsters to past Olympians and regional champions, sailing pros and weekend sailors. The event caters for all, both on and off the water, and offers fun and competitive racing in a warm and friendly environment.

3) The Après-Regatta Scene

Regattas in Thailand are famous for their onshore parties and Thai hospitality, and Top of the Gulf Regatta is no different. With a focus on the outdoors sailors gather each evening on the lawn, discuss the day's action, and enjoy the select free-flow drinks each night. With a comprehensive social programme that is all-inclusive in the entry fee, the regatta finishes with a sumptuous gala dinner under the stars right on the marina front hosted by Ocean Marina Yacht Club.

4) Make A Holiday Of It

Pattaya is easily accessible from Bangkok and just 15 minutes away from Ocean Marina Yacht Club is U-Tapao Rayong-Pattaya International Airport which services international flights from Air Asia, Qatar Airways, Thai Lion Air, Nok Air and more. For visiting yachts and crew, free transfers are offered from U-Tapao Rayong-Pattaya International Airport to Ocean Marina Yacht Club (see <https://goo.gl/kLSFuE>.) and for those interested to fly-in, charter and fly-out, a selection of yachts for charter are listed at <https://goo.gl/yhT2g1>.

Ocean Marina Yacht Club – free berthing for participants during the regatta and centre of the social scene.

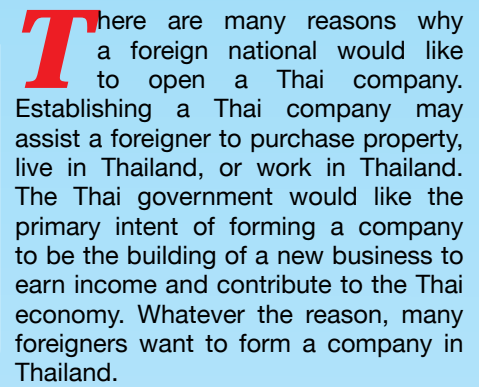
5) Safe And Secure Marina Home

At the heart of Top of the Gulf Regatta is it's home, Ocean Marina Yacht Club. All participating keelboats and multihulls are allocated a wet berth free of charge for the duration of the regatta. Within five minutes of boarding crews will be out of the marina and on their way to the start, and once the day's racing is finished crews can tie up to the dock and enjoy the onshore functions with peace of mind their yacht is safe and secure. The Notice of Race is can be viewed at <http://www.topofthegulfregatta.com/notice-of-race> and entries can be made online at <http://www.topofthegulfregatta.com/entry>.

Founded in 2005, and owned and organised by Ocean Property, the regatta is hosted by Ocean Marina Yacht Club with support from the Yacht Racing Association of Thailand, Royal Thai Navy, Royal Varuna Yacht Club and Pattaya City. It is the largest multi-class sailing event of its kind in Asia, incorporating the Coronation Cup and the Thailand National Optimist Championships, and is the only regatta in Thailand hosted at a marina.

Recent awards include: "Best Amateur Sports Event of the Year in Thailand" (Asian Sports Industry Awards 2016); "Asian Regatta of the Year" (Asian Marine & Boating Awards 2014); "Best Marina Development" in Asia (Christofle Yacht Style Awards 2018) for Ocean Marina Yacht Club; and "Best Marina in Thailand 2017" (Asian Lifestyle Tourism Awards) for Ocean Marina Yacht Club. For more information go to www.topofthegulfregatta.com. Facebook: www.facebook.com/topofthegulfregatta





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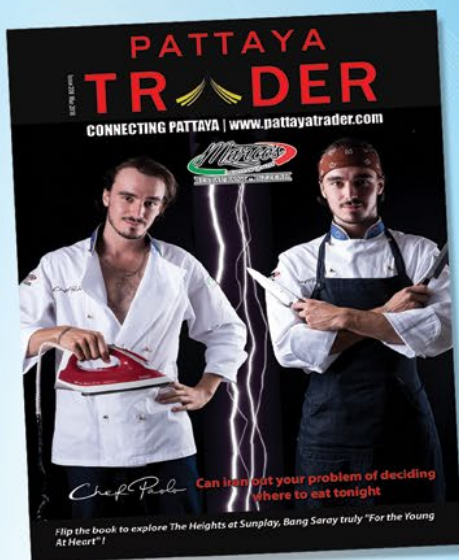




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In recent weeks there has been great deal of concern that the virtual-currency boom of the past year has papered over many problems. As digital tokens slid more than 50 percent in value from their peak in early January some of these problems have come to light. Such as: hackers draining funds from online exchanges and Ponzi schemes.

The government regulators have been unable to keep up with the rise of cryptocurrencies and two main regulatory agencies in the United States that oversee the technology, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, are to testify before the Senate about their attempts to police virtual currency markets.

The pro currency enthusiasts argue that the problems are no different from what has happened in other booms, like the internet bubble of the 1990s. However, regulating bodies are concerned that virtual currencies by cutting out middlemen and government authorities have made bad behaviour more prevalent.

“Cryptocurrencies are almost a perfect vehicle for scams,” said Kevin Werbach, a professor at University of Pennsylvania. “The combination of credulous buyers and low barriers for scammers were bound to lead to a high level of fraud, if and when the money involved got large. The fact that the money got huge almost overnight, before there were good regulatory or even self-regulatory models in place, made the problem acute.”

Government agencies in the United States have shut down a few notable frauds. Early last month, securities regulators in Texas and North Carolina issued cease-and-desist orders to BitConnect, an operation that had grown to be worth \$3 billion. But those moves only came after BitConnect had operated openly for months, collecting hundreds of millions of dollars from people around the world despite being labelled a Ponzi scheme by many prominent people in the virtual currency industry.

Another pyramid scheme, MMM, which was shut down in an earlier incarnation by the Russian government, has been revived thanks to the popularity of Bitcoin and is openly operating again and there are online groups openly trying to manipulate the prices of digital tokens in what are known as pump-and-dump schemes. Many have been able to expand quickly because they do not use bank accounts and therefore do not have to win approval from established institutions. Instead, they are able to use virtual currency “wallets” without any approvals. And virtual currency transactions cannot be reversed like normal bank or even PayPal transfers.

Facebook book announced last week that it would no longer allow advertisements for virtual currency projects and JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America said they would bar customers from using credit cards to purchase virtual currencies This follows the recent news that Coincheck, which had been one of the largest exchanges in Japan, announced that it had lost nearly half a billion dollars of a virtual currency in what appeared to be the largest hack to hit the industry.

However the biggest number of incidents have cropped up around initial coin offerings, in which entrepreneurs sell custom virtual currencies to investors to raise money for software they are building. About 890 projects raised over \$6 billion last year. Most of the new virtual currency projects borrow their basic design from Bitcoin using a network of computers to maintain records so that no central government or authority is needed. That design has allowed the virtual currencies to grow fast with no regard for international borders, attracting followers from Zimbabwe to South Korea.

“It is a perfect storm for the kind of scammy activity we are seeing, and it’s not obvious to me how that is easily removed,” said Fred Wilson, a partner at the venture capital firm Union Square Venture and one of the earliest advocates of Bitcoin in Silicon Valley. ***“Regulation, ideally prudent and informed regulation, can help. But we may also need to have a big correction to really clean things up.”***



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TAXATION CAN BE MOVING

It is amazing the lengths we will sometimes go to for our families and yet many of us don't do enough to protect their inheritance. What I mean specifically is that it is perfectly possible and of course legal, to arrange our affairs to minimise the impact of certain taxes. What I'm specifically talking about is the routine run of the mill planning and not the aggressive stuff that you can read about in the press sometimes. For example, we may have made pension contributions in the past and received tax relief – i.e. we didn't pay tax or national insurance on any payments going into the pension scheme. This fund could grow tax free and pay out a tax free lump sum at retirement.

Many of these plans are structured as trusts which allow the owner to nominate beneficiaries who can receive the benefits free of inheritance tax. This is pretty simple and straightforward, yet just last week I came across a chap who had nominated his estate as the beneficiary. In his case, the effect was to potentially hand over to the UK tax man some £300,000 which could go to his "nominated beneficiaries" tax free instead. He explained that his solicitor had told him to do this and that all the assets would be distributed by her firm as executor of his estate. He was flabbergasted when I explained the impact and how the pension could be kept completely outside his estate for tax purposes. It also meant the money would be paid out quicker as probate was not required.

Interestingly that was not the reason we had met up, it was instead to talk about moving the pension scheme out of the UK jurisdiction in advance of the Brexit date in March 2019. This has become even more important, now that the UK government has confirmed they will leave the customs union and single market. This chap Simon had previously been advised he could no longer transfer because of the 25% tax charge which most of consider is quite punitive. The UK government would argue that they are simply recovering the tax relief that was granted in the first instance. Either way, the important thing in his situation was that the 25% tax charge did not apply and there were other benefits too. Like many

expats in Thailand, Simon also has a property in the UK and another in Europe. He has recently accepted an offer on his UK property which will be sold before the end of the tax year. He intends to live between Europe and Thailand and expects he will not return to the UK.

From a tax point of view there are two considerations for UK expats, residency and domicile which are often confused. From the next tax year, Simon will not be a tax resident in the UK and he has notified the authorities in the UK. He will instead be tax resident in Europe and as such, when he moves his pension out of the UK he will not be subject to the 25% tax charge. Another benefit of this new tax residency that Simon has obtained is the tax treatment of his pension contributions. From the date he gets his residency certificate, Simon will pay no tax on his "qualifying income" for the foreseeable future. Two simple changes that will have a big impact on Simons' quality of life and ultimately that of his beneficiaries.

So what's the message? There are lots of unregulated, uninsured and unqualified advisers running around Thailand handing out advice on subjects they don't fully understand. For expats, advice is essential, yet it's difficult to get truly independent advice you can trust. Even in Simon's case, his UK solicitor had incorrectly advised him on his pension death benefits. If you need to review your financial affairs, remember, avoid advisers that are not regulated in a reputable jurisdiction (like the UK) and never ever invest in any unregulated financial products like recycling funds, green oil or plantations. Only invest in regulated funds with regulated institutions and if in doubt, don't invest.

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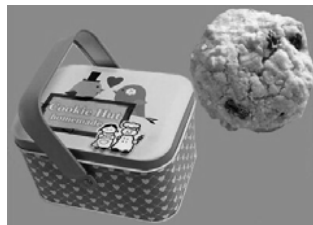
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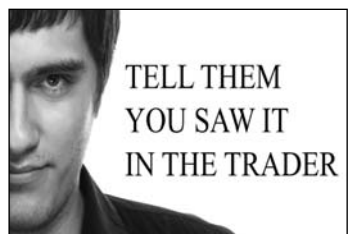
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Email: strollerslimited@gmail.com

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Email: axiles200502@gmail.com

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8,000 THB
Email: evdb53@hotmail.com

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500 THB
Email: mmaccracken@gmail.com

Furniture

Walker



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300 THB
Phone: 0890160950
Email: stcathjr@gmail.com

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 1,000 THB
 Email: robertfrancis767@gmail.com

Abc Nursery Pattaya



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 5,900 THB
 Email: thai_falang@yahoo.com

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SOCIAL CLUBS

Pattaya City Expats Club

meets every Sunday at the executive tower of the Holiday Inn, Pattaya Beach Road. Everyone is welcome you don't need to be a member to attend. For more information go to **www.pceclub.org**

Pattaya Sports Club

Promoting sports and supporting local charities. Clubhouse on Third Road, next to the Pattaya Driving Range. For club details call 038 361 167. Full details are posted on the club website: **www.pattayasports.org**

The Rayong-Pattaya Ladies Circle

RLC welcomes women from all nationalities living on the Eastern seaboard to meet socially for a program of social, cultural and welfare activities. They hold a very informal coffee morning once a month. For more info message their FB page **@RayongPattayaLadiesCircle** or email **rayongladiescircle@gmail.com**

Rotary Club of Eastern Seaboard

meets at 6pm every Thursday at The Siam Bayshore Resort, between Beach Road and Second Road in South Pattaya. The meetings on 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month will include guest speakers and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday there will be a presentation on club activities. Meetings are always followed by an informal a la carte dinner in the main dining room. Everybody is welcome to join us as guests; please check the website for important dates and information **www.rotary-es.org**



Travel Information

Please note, the following information is accurate as far as we are aware and is compiled from more than one source. If you find anything you believe is incorrect, please email us at: pattayatrader@pattayatrader.com

Train Travel in Thailand

Bookings: Tickets can be booked up to 60 days in advance in most cases.

1. On-line.

www.railway.co.th. Check the site to see what is available and ticket prices.

2. Travel Agents.

Usually a booking fee of up to 300 baht per person is levied.

3. At the station.

You can book at Pattaya train station 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Check your tickets after booking.

Cancellations: It is possible to obtain a refund from any station, although there is a cancellation fee.

- Buriram • Chiang Mai • Chiang Rai
- Mukdahan • Nakhon Ratchasima (Khorat)
- Nong Khai • Roi Et • Surin • Sisaket
- Ubon Ratchathani • Yasothon

1. Eastern side of Sukhumvit Road, just past the Pattaya Klang (Central) intersection heading south, is the Nakhonchai bus terminal. Buses usually leave afternoons and evenings and can be booked in advance.

2. Western side of Third Road about 80 metres to the north of the Pattaya Klang (Central) Road traffic lights with a booking office.

3. Western side of Sukhumvit Road, just before the Pattaya Klang (Central) junction, is a bus station for travel to parts of north-eastern Thailand.

4. Roong Reung company operate a Yellow Bus that leaves from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal for many places in the north-east. All buses depart initially from Rayong and call in at Pattaya on the way.

5. Take a Roong Reung coach from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal to Morchit in Bangkok and book a bus to Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai.

- Cha Am
- Hua Hin
- Koh Samui
- Petchburi
- Phuket
- Surat Thani

1. Second Road heading north just past traffic lights at Pattaya Klang (Central), next to Tops Supermarket minivans leave regularly via Bangkok or directly.

2. Pattaya Tai (South) at the corner of Soi 10 a private minivan travels to Hua Hin every day.

3. The Roong Reung company operate a Yellow Bus that leaves from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal and goes to Cha Am, Hua Hin, Koh Samui, Petchburi, Phang Nga, Phuket, and Surat Thani among other stops.

Pattaya to Bangkok

The Roong Reung Coach Company runs a regular bus service from the North Pattaya Bus Terminal on North Pattaya Road to the Eastern Bus Terminal at Ekkamai, Northern Bus Terminal at Morchit, and Southern Bus Terminal at Sai Tai Taling Chin.

Suvarnabhumi International Airport

From Pattaya

Thappraya Road, opposite Foodmart Supermarket. Buses depart every hour from 7am until 9pm every day.

From Suvarnabhumi International Airport

Booking counter on Level 1 near Gate 8. Buses to Pattaya depart every hour 7am until 10pm every day. Passengers can alight at the North Pattaya, Pattaya Klang (Central), Pattaya Tai (South) intersections and corner of Sukhumvit Road and Thepprasit Road.

TRAFFIC SIGN

For those of you who have seen the signs around town relating to Traffic Offenses here is a translation



10 Major Traffic Offenses In Pattaya

1. Ride on the sidewalk
2. No driving license
3. Cross the road illegally
4. Not wearing a seat belt
5. Driving carelessly
6. Drunk driving
7. Not wearing helmet
8. Sound pollution (loud noise, including Engine noise from machines, loud construction noise from the radio and television)
9. Parking in a no parking zone
10. Causing an obstruction to other drivers on the road

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Grab a partner, a rope and your copy of the *Trader* and go to **YouTube** to find out how to throw the best party in town!

www.youtube.com/PattayaTrader

Pattaya Expats Club Est. 2001

Now meet on a Friday (not Sunday) at the Hotel Mercure

Entry tickets are sold from 10 a.m.

Breakfast entry fee **220 B** After breakfast entry fee **100 B**

Also Pattaya Expats Club have a new venture Business Forum at the Hotel Baraquada

A meeting to appeal to working expats, start ups etc. First one to be Wednesday 14th February

<http://www.pattayaexpatsclub.info/>



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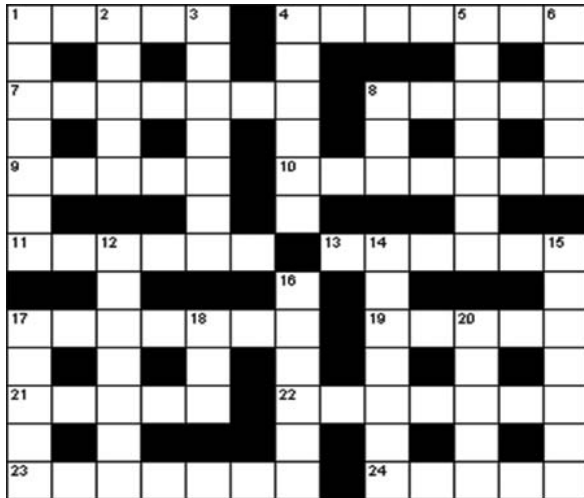
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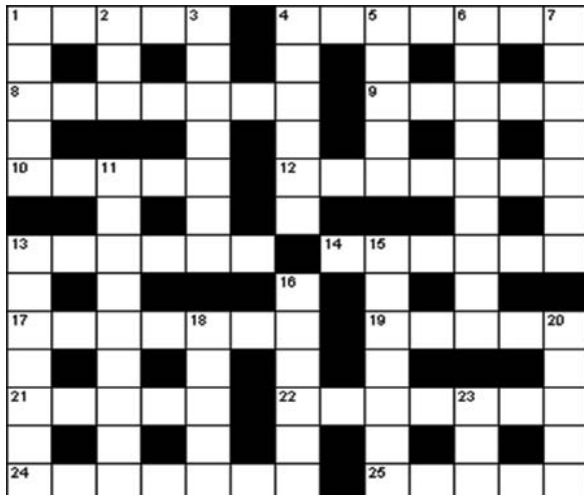


ACROSS

1. Garret (5)
4. Communicative interaction (7)
7. Hassle (7)
8. Smithy's block (5)
9. Tooth (5)
10. Reaches out (7)
11. Pact (6)
13. Strategy (6)
17. Time off (7)
19. Stroll (5)
21. Rough (5)
22. Eight-sided polygon (7)
23. Imagined (7)
24. Watercourse (5)

Down

1. Try (7)
2. Supernatural creature (5)
3. Floorshow (7)
4. Mentally quick and resourceful (6)
5. Go forward (7)
6. Stories (5)
8. Pertinent (3)
12. Gourmet (7)
14. Disorderly (7)
15. Everlasting (7)
16. Unit of time (6)
17. Perspicuous (5)
18. Employ (3)
20. Start (5)



ACROSS

1. Prank (5)
4. Small community (7)
8. Everlasting (7)
9. Accolade (5)
10. Wear away (5)
12. Voter (7)
13. Alter or regulate (6)
14. Refuge (6)
17. Repossess (7)
19. Travel lodge (5)
21. Mound of stones used as a marker (5)
22. Sincere (7)
24. Latticework (7)
25. Herd or flock of animals (5)

DOWN

1. Subject (5)
2. Frozen water (3)
3. Dog houses (7)
4. Smooth fabric (6)
5. Letting contract (5)
6. Flat (9)
7. Senior (7)
11. Target (9)
13. Fruit (7)
15. Stuck (7)
16. Hot fragments from a fire (6)
18. Declare invalid (5)
20. Supply (5)
23. Self (3)

Important Phone Numbers

Banglamung Police Station

Sukhumvit Rd, Banglamung

Tel: 038 222 100

Banglamung Post Office

Tel: 038 428 225

Chonburi Immigration Office

Soi 5, Jomtien Beach Road

Jomtien Post Office

Soi 5, Jomtien Beach Road

(to 4.30pm Mon-Fri)

Tel: 038 231 944

Naklua Fire Brigade

Sukhumvit Rd, Banglamung

Tel: 038 221 000

Pattaya City Helpline

Tel: 1337

Pattaya City Hall

North Pattaya Road

Tel: 038 253 100

Pattaya City Hospital

Soi Buakhaw

Tel: 038 420 562

Pattaya Electricity

Banglamung office

Tel: 038 221 007

Hotline: 1129

(for electricity failures)

Pattaya Fire Brigade

Third Road, South Pattaya

Tel: 038 424 678

Pattaya Health Department

Tel: 038 429 374

Pattaya Memorial Hospital

Tel: 038 429 422

Pattaya City Police Station

cnr Beach Rd & Soi 9

Tel: 038 429 325

Pattaya Post Office

Sukhumvit Rd (nr Na Jomtien)

Tel: 038 429 341

Pattaya Tourist Police

Pratamnak Road, nr Fitness Park

Tel: 1155

Tel: 038 429 371

Pattaya Water Works

Tel: 038 222 462

Sawang Boriboon Rescue Service

Hotline: 1669

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A WORD IN DEFENCE OF THE RETIRED FARANG



Everyone's heard them. The stories of farangs, usually older males, who come here to Thailand and especially Pattaya and lose their hearts and their bank balances to a good looking bar girl who will inevitably have numerous family members that come along with the deal.

First of all, let's get this straight. When girls in Pattaya or anywhere else in Thailand say they have to take care of their families, that is exactly what they mean. In other words, they have to feed them, clothe them and put food on the table for grandparents, parents and their own children who may be left behind in the village while they go to work. Therefore the money they send may literally be the difference between food and shelter for their families or not. The social safety net that we farangs all take for granted back at home doesn't exist here.

And now let's talk about the men who come here for various reasons. Not all the stories you hear will have unhappy endings but just as in the real world good news is no news and doesn't make for good gossip in a city like Pattaya.

I have several friends here who having worked all their lives in various countries, especially in the UK, and have decided to come to Thailand where things are much cheaper most importantly accommodation and some other essentials of life, and where the warm weather helps their creaking bones as they get older - myself included. They have met a Thai lady over here and some have spent many happy years taking care of each other as they get older, and I resent the fact and I do not feel that anyone has the right to tell these people how to live their lives. So I feel it is unfair to categorise all the farang men and of course it is equally unfair to categorise all the Thai women as being the same. Generalisation just doesn't help.

The branding of the older retired people living here on state pensions and limited budgets as "Cheap Charlies" is also unfair and the advice of certain people, especially people who haven't done their 40 or 50 years work in the UK is not only disrespectful but pretty damn stupid if you ask me.

So all in all let's have a bit more tolerance and understanding for the older generation, of which I am one. It's always better to be in Thailand with a good and loyal partner and the sun on your back with a limited budget, rather than sitting back in the UK in the winter deciding whether to eat or turn your heating up on any given day.

So good luck to all the retired guys in Pattaya. Here's hoping you all find a good woman and plenty of cheap beers !

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WHERE TO FIND!

LIVE MUSIC AND SHOWS



Alangkarn Theatre (variety show), Sukhumvit Road (at 155km marker), Na Jomtien. Open 6pm onwards Thursday-Tuesday.

Tel: 038 256 000 or 038 825 6007, www.alangkarnthailand.com

Alcazar Show (cabaret), Second Road, North Pattaya. Open 6pm onwards. Tel: 038 410 2247

Ankor Night Club & Lounge (nightclub), Walking Street Soi 16

Aqua Bar (nightclub), Mercure Hotel, Soi 16, behind The Avenue, South Pattaya

Bamboo Bar (live band), South Pattaya Road (20m to the left of Walking Street sign)

Blues Factory (live blues band), Soi Lucky Star, off Walking Street. Open 8.30pm. www.thebluesfactorypattaya.com

Colosseum Show Pattaya (cabaret), Theprasit Road. Open 6pm. Tel: 038 906 530, email: rsvn@ColosseumShowPattaya.com, www.ColosseumShowPattaya.com

Differ Pub (nightclub), North Pattaya. www.differ-pub.com

Dusit D2 Baraquadra Pattaya (live band), Second Road, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 769 999, email: d2pa@dusit.com

FLB (live band), Walking Street

Flexx Club (nightclub), behind McDonald's, southern end of Walking Street

Hopf House (house band & Italian tenor), Beach Road (cnr Soi 13/1)

Insomnia (nightclub), Walking Street. www.clubinsomniapattaya.com

Jazz Pit (jazz music), Soi 5, off Second Road, North Pattaya. www.pic-kitchen.com

Lima Lima (nightclub), Bali-Hai Pier end of Walking Street. Tel: 089 990 2447

Lucifer's Disko (live band), Walking Street

Malibu (cabaret), Second Road, cnr Soi 13/2 (Soi Post Office)

Mixx Discotheque (nightclub), Bali-Hai Pier end of Walking Street. www.mixx-discotheque.com

Garden Resort). Cross Colours Band starts 9pm. Tel: 038 370 616, email: reservation@thaigarden.com

Play Club (nightclub), Soi Lucky Star, Walking Street. Open 10pm-6am every day

Roijs Gentleman's Club (live music, soul), Theprasit Soi 7, South Pattaya

Rolling Stone 2 Bar (live rock n roll band), Walking Street, cnr Soi 16

The Pier (nightclub), Walking Street. Tel: 080 480 6661. Open

7:30pm to late

The Rendezvous Resort, Lake Mabprachan

Tiffany's Show (cabaret), Second Road, North Pattaya. Open 6pm onwards. Tel: 038 421 700, www.tiffany-show.co.th

Tony's Entertainment Complex (live band), Walking Street. Tel: 038 425 795, www.tonydisco.com

Utopia (live band), Soho Square, Walking Street

THE BIG GAME



I-Rovers, Soi LK Metro, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 489 494, www.i-rovers.com

Jameson's Irish Pub, Soi AR (Soi Sukrudee), Central Pattaya. Tel: 038 361 873, email: info@jamesons-pattaya.com, www.jamesons-pattaya.com

Kilkenny Bar, Soi LK Metro, South Pattaya. Email: info@kilkennypattaya.com, www.kilkennypattaya.com

Legends Pool & Sports Bar, Pattaya Klang (nr Third Road). www.legendspoolpattaya.com

The Players Lounge, East Pattaya. www.theplayerslounge.asia

Witherspoons, Soi Buakhow (nr Soi Lengkee), South Pattaya. Tel: 038 721 121, www.witherspoonspattaya.com

FOOD & DRINK



Access Inn, Third Road, nr Soi Lengkee, www.accessinnpattaya.com

Akvavit Grill & Bar, Jomtien Beach Road. Open 9:30pm to midnight. Tel: 038 233 672, www.akvavitjomtien.com

Brunos Restaurant & Lounge Bar, Thappraya Road, Pattaya. Tel: 038 364 600, www.brunos-pattaya.com

Dicey Reilly's, Second Road, next to Royal Garden Plaza

News Steaks & Grill, Thappraya Road, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 267 174, www.newssteaks.com

Robin's Nest Restaurant & Guesthouse, Soi Diana Inn. Tel: 038 720 194, www.robinsnestpattaya.com

Tavern by the Sea, Beach Rd, North Pattaya Tel: 038 418 418

Wine Cellar, Naklua Soi 12, North Pattaya Tel: 038 226 054 or 080 204 5551

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AT THE MOVIES



Big C Cinema, Big C Shopping Mall, Second Road, North Pattaya
Major Cineplex, The Avenue Mall, Second Road, South Pattaya.
www.majorcineplex.com

SF Cinema (6th Floor CentralFestival Shopping Mall), Central Pattaya. www.sfcinemacity.com

SOCIAL SCENE



Anchor Coworking Space, Chaipruek Road. Tel: 038 231 540, www.anchorcoworking.com

CouchSurfing, Triangle Bar, Soi Chaipruek, South Pattaya. www.couchsurfing.org

Havana Bar, Hilton Hotel, Beach Road, South Pattaya

Lions Club, Jomtien Branch, www.jomtienlions.org, email: jomtienlions@hotmail.com

Momento Beach Club, Theprasit Soi 8, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 422 114, www.momentobeach.com

Pattaya Expats Club, www.pattayaexpatsclub.info

Pattaya City Expats Club, www.pccclub.org

Rotary Club Eastern Seaboard, Siam Bayshore Hotel, South Pattaya. www.rotary-es.org

Rotary Club, Jomtien-Pattaya, Royal Cliff Beach Resort, Pratamnak Road. www.rotaryjomtienpattaya.org

Royal British Legion, Tropicalbar Thailand 39/132-133 Moo 10, Boonsumpan, Pattaya 20150. Meeting every Last Saturday of the month. Tel 089 807 2335 or 038 361 887

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Soi Diana Inn, South Pattaya. www.vfwpost9876.com

SPORTS & LEISURE



Archery Club, Pattaya - Shooting Park, Huay Yai. www.pattayaarcheryclub.com

Backgammon, B.G. House & Restaurant, Theprasit Road, South Pattaya. Tel: 081 664 9085, www.blotasia.com

Bira Circuit, www.bira.co.th

Bridge Club, Altos Restaurant, Thappraya Road (nr overpass)

Cheers Bar, Pattayaand Soi 2 (Soi 13/4), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com

Chess Club, Brauhaus Restaurant, Second Road between Soi 7 & 8

Cricket Club, Horseshoe Point. Email: pattayacricketclub@gmail.com

Darts, www.pattayadarts.com

Hash House Harriers, PH3 www.pattayah3.com

Hash House Harriers, PBH3 **Bush Hash House Harriers** www.pattayahash.com/pattayabush.html

Hash House Harriers, PJMH3 **Jungle Monkey Hash House Harriers** www.pattayahash.com/monkey.html

Hash House Harriers, PJH3 www.pattayajungle.com

Lawn Bowls (indoor; for school-age and college children), Coco

Club, behind Phoenix Golf, Baan Amphur. Sue: 087 1358357

Megabreak Pool, Soi Diana Inn, South Pattaya. Tel: 086 033 6617

Muay Thai, Pattaya Boxing World, Sukhumvit Road, North Pattaya. Tel: 038 726 203, www.pattayaboxingworld.com

Nervous Wreck Bar, Soi Yamato (Soi 13/1), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com

Ocean Marina Yacht Club, Sukhumvit Hwy (km 157), Jomtien. Tel: 038 237 310, www.oceanmarinayachtclub.com

Palmer's Bar, Pattayaand Soi 2 (Soi 13/4), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com

Petanque, email: petanque.Th@gmail.com

Planet Football, Soi Siam Country Club, Eastern Pattaya Tel: 038 248 212, www.pattayafootball.com

Pole Dancing Classes, Tony's Fitness Wong Amat Gym, Naklua Soi 16

Polo, Horseshoe Point, end of Soi Siam Country Club, East Pattaya. Tel: 081 835 2419, email: santithapoloclub@yahoo.com

Polo, Huay Yai. Tel: 02 663 045; 02 258 0194. www.poloescape.com

Pool www.pattaya-funtown.com/pattaya_pool_league

QueenVictorialInn, Soi6, CentralPattaya. www.queenvicpattaya.com. Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com

Rest Stop, Soi Chaipruek, South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com

Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pratamnak Rd, South Pattaya. Tel: 038 250 116, www.varuna.org

Rugby (Touch), Horseshoe Point, next to Siam Country Club. Email: picrouch@hotmail.com

Seafari Dive Center, Soi 12, South Pattaya. www.seafari.co.th

Shenanigans, Jomtien Complex, Thappraya Road, Jomtien. Open 11:00am until late every day. Tel: 038 303 490, www.shenanigansthailand.com

Softball, pickup games at Thai Polo Club. Email: scrabbleking@yahoo.com

Tennis, (for children and teenagers 10-16 only) Ambassador City Tennis Courts, Jomtien

The Londoner, Soi Post Office (soi 13/2), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League and Wednesday League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com

The Ranch, Third Road (opp. The Village), South Pattaya. Monday Quiz League, pattayaquizleague@hotmail.com

The Sportsman Pub, Beach Road Soi 13, South Pattaya. www.sportsmanpub.com. Tel: 038 710 609

Yoga, Balaji Studio, Soi South Pattaya 24. Tel: 089 748 6204, www.balajiyoga.com

Bear Gym and Supplements Jomtien - Airconditioned powerlifting and bodybuilding gym with nice EDM music

7:00 - 23:00 at Wanbun Kanjana main road, 700m towards Sukhumvit rd. www.bear-gym.com/en

Sport Nutrition Shops:

6 locations in Pattaya: BigC extra, Royal Garden, Mike Shopping Mall, Thappraya rd.13, Wanbun Kanjana, KaoTalo (near Ek)

Mongkhon rd.) maps: www.7LB.online

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