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**Ladies Day** @ Rang Mahal Restaurant  
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## Rotarian Ravi Sehgal Cricket in Thailand



For a setting in which football, Muay Thai and golf have great visibility, it may be surprising to learn that cricket has been played recreationally in

Thailand since 1890 and with that Rtn Ravi brought us into the world of cricket he loves so dearly.

In Thailand, cricket became organized as a competitive sport with the formation of the Thailand Cricket League (TCL) in 1971 and now has six Bangkok teams and 13 teams in Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen, Hua Hin, the Eastern Seaboard and more recently, Phuket.

In the past twenty years, there have been two especially significant developments to raise the profile of cricket in Thailand.

One was a Thailand-based innovation now played widely elsewhere, the popular Cricket Sixes. Starting with RBSC Sixes in Bangkok and

Chiang Mai Sixes, Hua Hin and Phuket tournaments dot the calendar.

The other major development was the fielding of Thailand's first national team in 1990, leading to participation in 1996 at the inaugural ACC Trophy hosted in KL and in 1997 when they sent an Under 19 team to the inaugural Youth Asia Cup in Hong Kong.

The past ten years has seen the game expand at grass roots level. In Bangkok, there are a number of senior and junior youth teams playing regularly in structured competitions which Rtn Ravi takes great pride in helping with his support.

The women's cricket took a step forward with an all ethnic Thailand team participating in the first ACC Women's Cricket Tournament in Johor Bahru and are off to the Asian Games in China where Rtn Ravi expects they will win a medal.

Rtn Ravi also dealt with the issue of cricket and gambling in its early days and laws which limited stakes to £100, although that was still a fortune at the time, equal to about £12,000 today.

He added, that unlike in football, where you basically gamble on the final result, with cricket each and every ball bowled can lead to a gambling opportunity. This, he suggested, makes it particularly difficult to control gambling on the game, as it would be difficult to prove that someone had bowled a particular result at a set time during a one, three or even five-day match based on a pre-arranged plan known to a few punters.

He also went on to talk about cricket's long history overseas, including 258 years ago in Yokohama, America via the English colonies in the 17th century; West Indies by colonists and to India by British East India Company mariners in the first half of the century.



**Thai Women's Cricket Team**



▶ Khun Pooh, PP Eddie (never stumped about the right thing to say at the right time) and Rtn Douglas being blowed over by their combined charms...



◀ P Andrew and Rtn Ken, who has been known to drink a grasshopper or two...



◀ Rtn Ravi being teased by PP Martin about his upcoming talk...



Now that's not cricket...

▶ Rotarians Narinder and David discussing sports in Thailand, which of course includes cricket...





## Chris Thatcher RCBS Newest Member



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In 1998 was elected as President of the National Association of Headteachers - the largest such organization in the world with over 40,000 members.

Following that he was recruited to be the Director of Educational Development and Sales and Marketing for a commercial company.

In 2003 he was asked to come to Thailand to oversee a World Bank Education project and then stayed on to develop Education opportunities for Mott MacDonald as SE Asia Director.

In 2007 Chris became the Chairman of the Sutlet Group of companies and in 2010 was elected to the Board of the British Chamber of Commerce.

Chris has three (now grown up) children and will not tell anyone how many times he has been married!

Chris became a teacher after a foray into dentistry and went on to become a Head Teacher by the age of 35, which at the time, made him one of the UK's youngest.



### PDG Praphan's Question Answered...

*Why is the game called cricket and not grass hopper?*

A number of words are thought to be possible sources for the term "cricket". In the earliest known reference to the sport in 1598 (see below), it is called creckett.

The name may have been derived from the Middle Dutch krick(-e), meaning a stick; or the Old English cricc or cryce meaning a crutch or staff.

Another possible source is Middle Dutch word krickstoel, meaning a long low stool used for kneeling in church and which resembled the long low wicket with two stumps used in early cricket.

According to Heiner Gillmeister, a European language expert of Bonn University,

"cricket" derives from the Middle Dutch met de (krik ket)sen (i.e., "with the stick chase"), which also suggests a Dutch connection in the game's origin.

It is more likely cricket was based on words in use in south east England at the time and, given trade connections with the County of Flanders, especially in the 15th century when it belonged to the Duchy of Burgundy, many Middle Dutch words found their way into southern English dialects.

A mother was walking down the hall when she heard a humming sound coming from her daughter's bedroom. When she opened the door she found her daughter naked on the bed with a vibrator. "What are you doing?" She exclaimed.

The daughter replied, "I'm 35 and still living at home with my parents and this is the closest I'll ever get to a husband."

Later that week, the father was in the kitchen and heard a humming sound coming from the basement. When he went downstairs, he found his daughter naked on a sofa with her vibrator.

"What are you doing?" He exclaimed. The daughter replied, "I'm 35 and still living at home with my parents and this is the closest I'll ever get to a husband."

A couple of days later the mother

heard the humming sound again, this time coming from the den.

Upon entering the room, she found her husband watching television with the vibrator buzzing away beside him.

"What are you doing?" She asked. He replied, "Watching the game with my son-in-law."

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## Khun Prakai's Club Almanac

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### Happy Birthdays

David Armstrong      (25 November)

### Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Junior Shaw      (20 November)

PP Ole Madsen      (24 November)



Attendance for 12 November 2010: 61%  
Present 36, Make-up 14, Absent 27, Leave 5, Exemption 27,  
Total 109

### Visiting on 5 November 2010

Bangkok: PP. Mohan Utamchandani

From Abroad:

Roase Lee      (Las Vegas, USA.)

Invited guests      Introduced by

Simon Birkett      DGN Alex Mavro

Gerard Geraets      PP Maarten Worp

Lars Willi      Elmar Lins

Pantipa Phongsathorn      Alex Mavro

Arie Bloed      P Andrew MacPherson

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## Club Calendar

26 November 2010 (Friday Lunch)

India Ambassador

HE Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty

▶▶▶ Ladies Day ◀◀◀

Rang Mahal Restaurant

### Polio Plus Days

15 December 2010 (Wednesday)

19 January 2011 (Wednesday)

### 2010-2011 RCBS Delegation Visits

Thursday 24 February 2011 @ Noon

RC Bangkok

Grand Hyatt Erawan

Thursday 28 April 2011 @ 19.30

RC Sathorn

Holiday Inn Hotel, Silom Road

Tuesday 24 May 2011 @ Noon

RC Bangkapi

Grand Hyatt Erawan

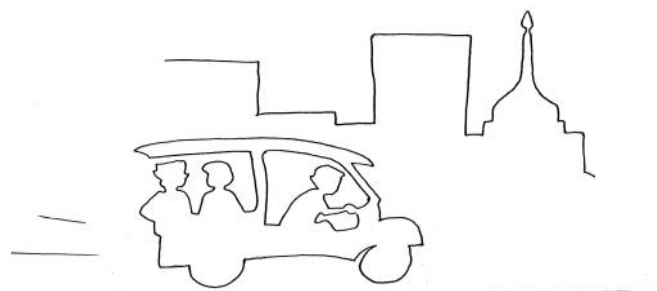
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After Rotary... scoot over to Cosmos Academy for an educational afternoon...