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Meetings:
Friday
12.15 pm.

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Dr Kantathi Suphamonkhon Preah Vihear Dispute, or What's it all about?

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Edwin Wiek Protecting Thailand's Wildlife

Edwin Wiek arrived without much fanfare to Friday's meeting, but left an impression on the club that hopefully will see him return again to talk more about The Wildlife Rescue Centre he founded to take care of neglected wildlife that was in captivity due to the illegal wildlife trade.



Founded nearly 12 years ago, Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand (WFFT) runs an amazing array of projects, anyone of which would be a fascinating project to learn more about:

- Wildlife Rescue Centre, caring for 450+ animals including 200 primates
- Elephant Refuge and Education Centre, caring for five elephants
- Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre and Release Programme
- Bear Sanctuary sponsored by Free the Bears, caring for over 25 bears
- Tiger Sanctuary sponsored by Care for the Wild International (CWI)
- Loris Rehabilitation Centre and Release Programme sponsored by CWI
- Wildlife Hospital sponsored by WSPA

- Mobile Wildlife Clinic sponsored by CWI
- Tree Nursery and Forest Restoration Project
- Marine Research and Rescue Unit (MRRU) in Southern Thailand

With the mission to rescue, rehabilitate and care for wildlife exploited by people or otherwise come into

human contact and to raise awareness and concern for wildlife and its habitat in Thailand and Southeast Asia, The Foundation gets investment from grants, sponsorships and donations, but the project running costs are usually sustained with a volunteer scheme.

The Foundation rescues animals who have suffered at the hands of humans, rehabilitating and releasing where possible and caring for those unable to return to the wild. The aim is to provide the best standard of living and a life as close to wild as possible for these animals.

In addition, they work to educate people, particularly children, to stop cruelty to

animals; campaign against the illegal trade in wild animals for the pet industry; and discourage the use of animals for entertainment in performing animal shows.

They also work to prevent hunting and promote conservation of all natural resources, fauna and flora, which includes educating local people, tourists and the international community to appreciate, understand and protect wild animals and their rainforest habitat. He also added that they cooperate with and assist the Royal Forestry Department and other organizations with the rescue and conservation of wild animals.

With so much to share, it is hard to know where to start, but one thing not mentioned on Friday was how to donate funds; however, for those interested, here are their two bank accounts listed on their website: www.wfft.org

Wildlife Friends Foundation, Siam Commercial Bank, Thayang Branch, account: 708-208086-6.

Wildlife Friends International (registered foundation in The Netherlands) Wildlife Friends International ING Bank / account: 7243182, Haarlemmerdijk 97, 1013 KD Amsterdam, The Netherlands.



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South Wind Flashback...



Rtn Jim Fowler and his guest Taggart Murphy share a private joke.



VP Narain and PP Mark with a few tips...



Visiting Rtn Chance Horiuchi from RC Denver, Colorado and Brett Chaponot from RC Smokey Hill, USA.



Cosmos for Charity saw a different table win this week with the bottle being generously donated to the golf tournament.



PP Don, PP Mark, Edwin Wiek and VP Narain pose for a commemorative photograph.



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Pattaya Orphanage Vocational Project Update

The Pattaya Orphanage Vocational project is moving along fine according to the latest reports and photos received.

The Hydroponic Cultivation project had its first harvest December 2012, and a second harvest in January. Both the junior and more senior children have shown a great deal of enthusiasm for this project watching the growth and helping in any small way they can.

The Catfish Farm had been started by digging out the old pond but was halted due to a change when

the person in charge left.

The orphanage added that they expect to have a new teacher taking care of the project starting in January and expect to make good progress.

With a few outstanding small requests, the orphanage is keen for us to come out for a visit which is perhaps something some of us could do when we are in Pattaya for Kids Day Out.



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Happy Birthdays

Krit Wongsangarunsri (February 8)
Billy Popham (February 12)

Attendance for 1 February 2013: 58%

Present 37, Make-up 8, Absent 32,
Exemption 27, Total 104

Visiting on 1 February 2013

From Local Club
RC Bangkok PP Prasas Tangmatitam

From Abroad

Akile Ifeanyi RC Amuwo, Nigeria
Brett Chaponot RC Smokey Hill, USA
Chance Horiuchi RC Denver, Colorado, USA
John Chirgwin RC Martha's Vineyard, USA
Kirk Alliman RC Louisville, Kentucky, USA
Kurt Odeby RC Enebokk RK, Norway
Per Henriksen RC Ostensjo, Norway

Invited Guests

Kirk Albrow
Taggart Murphy
Vijay Kishnani

Introduced by

PP Ole Madsen
Jim Fowler
Doug Riach

Make-up Credits

Golf, 18/01/13: Doug Riach, Gerard Geraets, John Casella,
Juergen Bernhold, Mark Shaw, PE Michael Schulz, PP Ole
Madsen, Stuart Lucani

Golf, 25/01/13: Dana Caron, Doug Riach, Chip Bowness,
Ian Morris, Juergen Bernhold, Mark Shaw, PE Michael
Schulz, PP Ole Madsen, Stuart Lucani

Angthong Water Trip, 29/01/13: PP John Quarmby

Golf Promotion at RC BKK, 31/01/13: Doug Riach, Stuart
Lucani

Golf, 1/02/13: Doug Riach, Gerard Geraets, Ian Morris,
Juergen Bernhold, Mark Shaw, PP Ole Madsen, Stuart Lu-
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Club Calendar

Friday, 15 February 2013
Rotary Peace Fellows

Friday, 22 February 2013
Dr Somjate
Dawei Port Development

Friday, 1 March 2013
James Pitchon
Thailand's Property Markets

- where are we now Boom or Bubble

For Bangkok South Events

[rotarybangkoksouth.org/
calendar-of-events](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events)

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, 21 February 2013
Paul Harris Dinner

Thursday, 28 February 2013
Club Golf Tournament



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