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## PATTAYA PANTHERS RFC MESSAGE

**JIM HOWARD**



**CHAIRMAN, PATTAYA PANTHERS RFC**

**There is light at the end of the tunnel and at this very moment it is shining brightly!!!**

I am absolutely delighted to say that after a more than 2 year hiatus due to the Covid 19 pandemic life seems to be returning to some kind of normality and the danger has receded. RUGBY IS COMING BACK!!! The famous Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament returns on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This will fittingly be the 20<sup>th</sup> time that the tournament will have been played in the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Bali Bombing. As a club I am pleased to say that despite all the restrictions imposed during the epidemic and through the lockdowns the club has remained strong and indeed has enjoyed a newfound fever (possibly because during lockdown there has been little else to do!). Our numbers are stronger than they have ever been, and it is now usual to get upwards of 20 people at the weekly training sessions including an increasing number of the fairer sex!! Thursday evenings have become a regular weekly must attend event and beer consumption following a hectic workout; at Joes pick up bar has become a major source of club funds!!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all players, officials, sponsors, rugby fans and other participants to this year's tournament the 20<sup>th</sup> staging of the tournament, After the long layoff we are actually experiencing a real rebirth as we have found a new home and all games will now be played a little way out of town at the prestigious Pattana Sport Resort. The facilities at our new home are second to none and I am sure that everybody that plays there will be thrilled with the quality of the facilities. You can get some idea of the scope and quality of the facilities at the Pattana website [www.pattana.co.th](http://www.pattana.co.th)

With all of the restrictions that were imposed during the past two years the Thailand economy has suffered badly, costs have escalated and revenues have dwindled. Despite these problems we have managed to retain many of our old sponsors and there is no doubt that without their support there would not be any tournament!!! We hope to continue our relationships with our loyal supporters and are also seeking to grow our presence in the community by developing new links with local sponsors as we become a major attraction for Pattaya residents and their families,

Despite the problems associated with the lockdowns etc. the time has passed by so quickly that it is difficult to detail the various highs and lows that have been experienced. There has been the usual comings and goings with more goings than comings! There have been some notable exits with two long term members returning to their home countries. Damian (Damo) McCoy returned to Perth in Australia and left behind lots of great memories of a great clubman. Our biggest loss has been that of club stalwart Chris Mander, who has returned to his home in California but cannot wean himself off the Panthers WhatsApp chats. Chris was here for around seven years and from the shy individual that arrived, became the main man who was almost solely responsible for keeping the Panthers alive during all the Covid problems. He was also responsible for growing the Panthers relationships with the main teams in Bangkok, especially with the Bangkok Japanese and the Bangkok Bangers. I feel sure that we will see more of Chris as he has unfinished business in Thailand! The club has continued to prosper with the growth of our touch introduction at training and an influx of ladies and more teachers. We also now have a growing number of young South Africans, so we expect the standard of rugby to improve.

Unfortunately, due to the remaining restrictions on international travel we will not have any of our regular overseas teams coming to participate. However, I am sure that the local teams will be very competitive everybody is anxious to play competitive rugby again after such a long wait. We will have teams from the provinces of Thailand, the Phuket Vagabonds are former champions, and the newly formed Chiang Mai Cobras will present a stiff challenge. The champions of the past two tournaments the Southerners will certainly be trying to make it 3 in a row and some dreamers think that finally the Panthers could stand a good chance of winning some silverware!! It is never wise to dismiss the Bangkok Bangers so all in all I forecast another great weekend of rugby good times and great craic in the best facilities in the country.

Yours in Rugby,

*Jim Howard*

**Chairman Pattaya Panthers RFC**





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## THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING.....

Marcus Large (2017 - 2022)

**Dearest players, supporters, family and friends,**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the **Chris Kays tournament** will be back in full swing this year. It is extremely exciting for the club to have a new host, **Pattana Sports Complex**. This wonderful facility will be the Panthers' coliseum for upcoming battles. Many thanks to **Joe Edama** who has worked tirelessly to create the partnership between the club and organisation.

Over the past couple of months, it has been fantastic to see an influx of new players joining in on the fun. Each has brought a diverse set of skills and abilities that have aided in the growth of the club. With the large number of female participants, the return of the **Pattaya Panties** looks to be most promising! Kudos to you, ladies!

The Panther's last contact rugby game was against the **Southerners**, Thailand's infamous rivals on the pitch. With a little help from the **Bangkok Bangers**, the Panther's came out with a 27-26 nail biting victory. With only a few training sessions remaining, I am confident that after a couple of beers from Joe's truck, some hard work on skills and drills, the Panther's will be firing on all cylinders and ready for game day.

**I wish all those both playing and supporting a safe journey to the tournament. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.**

Yours in pink,

*Marcus Large*





# Mander's Musing

**To whoever is sober enough to read this,**

Vientiane, Bangkok, RBSC, Khon Kaen, Saigon, Phuket, Phnom Penh, Chiang Mai, Surin, Ubon Ratchathani - I had the privilege of participating in these 10's tournaments regularly over the years since moving to Thailand in 2014. Although I don't remember most of them, I can definitely say that for each of these rugby festivals:

**1. The cliché of "Rugby is the winner" always holds true**

**2. Relationships and memories with your teammates are all that matter in the end**

**3. Pictures help you remember the night before**

For myself, with the majority of these principles in mind, the epitome of a social rugby tournament has, year after year, been encapsulated by the Pattaya "Chris Kays Memorial" 10's.

Rewinding back to May of 2019 - I couldn't have imagined that would be my last year to participate in the CK 10's. From someone who not only participated in, but also helped coordinate & organize the event since 2015, I am truly gutted that I have missed it by just a few months. Life moves on - but that being the case, I am absolutely delighted to know that it's finally back up and running (and bigger than ever I hear!).

As long as I have known the club, the Panthers have not had any annual fixtures "at home" that we had the opportunity to look forward to, except for this one. Perhaps it was the 40+ degree May heat, the dwindling-by-the-hour Panther count until the host team needs to borrow players, or the tour guiding of visiting teams late into the Pattaya night; thinking back on my 7+ years in Thailand, these are amongst not only my most precious memories in Thailand but also my 15 years abroad.

A decade from now, nobody will remember which team placed where, but you'll probably remember the craic that was associated with it. That said, I hope each of you, the participants that help make the CK 10's into what it is, enjoy the weekend to the fullest both on and off the pitch.

Lastly, It goes without saying that there's a lot of planning behind-the-scenes required to make it the successful event that it is, so if at any point during the tournament you have a moment of sobriety, or perhaps if you find a moment in between the boat-races-in-between-matches, please thank our Chairman Jimmy or our Captain Joe (or both!) for their thankless effort. Or even better: skull a beer with them, just before kickoff. They'll love that.

**Good luck to everyone, and please, if there is one thing that you remember from the weekend, I hope that it's the Tourist Police Emergency Number is 1155.**

All the best,

*Christopher Mander*

**Ex Pattaya Panthers Captain & Other Various  
Ambiguous Roles 2014-2021**



# The Panthers - A year in Review

by Joe Mark Edama

It's been 73, 969, 200 seconds since COVID-19 has hit the world. You can just imagine how long it's been. From the discovery in China, to spreading like wildfire all over the world. We were lucky to have the Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan just before the world became crazier. Since then, a lot of cancelled events around the world and in Thailand. That included the Chris Kays 2020, which was suppose to be the 20<sup>th</sup> celebration 2 years ago. I must admit, it's weird to say, Welcome to Chris Kays 10s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary! "The Panthers Year/s in review". I think that's what Jimmy wants me to do. Anyhow, here are the summary of what has happened through the year since the last time we made something:

**TOURS** – Vientiane 10s is a tournament like Windmill, the Panthers are a regular. The parade of pink robes is an "apple of the eye" to players and spectators alike. Not as many as it would normally be as Panthers struggled to find enough numbers for this tour so we joined the Bangkok Warriors instead. A piece of advice, never provoke a lady boy in Laos as they can sprint like a gazelle.

In nearly as forever, Panther finally got to join the Bangkok 10s tournament. Started with a lot of players, to a struggling team on the Sunday (too much drinking the night before), we were lucky to have been joined by some players all over the world. I think one of them was a teacher from China (hmmm, China). As all of you know, Panthers take pride in winning a rugby match but not as much as being the most social team in the whole tournament.

Most provinces were on the direction of closing its borders to travelers and Thailand was on the verge of lockdown. Khon Kaen 10s decided to cancel their tournament but that didn't stop the Panthers and some Bangers brothers to come. With help of Scotty's brother (only appears on tour), we were able to play some rugby against some University Teams. Panthers enjoyed the undefeated title against 4 collegiate clubs and of course, flying in pink shirt, hopping from club to club.

First lockdown came, Thailand was able to handle the COVID cases well. After some time, restrictions were lifted and then some tournaments opened up. Lucky for us, just before the second lockdown, the Panthers, together with our Bangers brothers, soared with pink robes and onesies in a 35 degrees day. It was then that the "Banthers" was born in Ubon Rachantani. Missing Panthers both mascots and players alike is not new to the club. It's just that both happened in Ubon. I'll spare you the details as what happened in Ubon, stays in Ubon. For the record, we still don't know what happened or where is our American Tom until to this day.

**PANTHER'S CUP** – I can't even remember how many times we had our Panther's Golf Tournament this past 2 years. I also can't remember what happened to all that I attended. All I remember the last one we had was the first 3 holes, then flashbacks for me getting sick, we give a trophy and a skirt or something and I was on bed. Anyways, this is a regular thing. Rumor has it that there will be another tournament coming but a Disc Golf. Have you heard of Disc Golf? No? Go ahead and ask Paddy McKenna.

**PANTIES REVIVED** – The return of the Panthers Panties, our lady counterpart, is well worth mentioning. Most of them are new to the game but they sure can drink, sing and dance (her name is Adie and she likes vodka). These skills have been proven true during the house parties hosted by Dan Ciccocioppo. I was told this parties will be a quarterly event. If you ever meet Dan, he's the handsome Aussie, maybe ask about these parties. Kidding aside, the club is so proud of these Panties, improving every training session, attending all the parties, and slaying the battles of colours, pink, the most important few ethos of the club being practiced to its highest form. You go, girls!

**JOE'S PICK-UP BAR OPEN** – Closed doors often leads to new ones. When clubs and restaurants were close, we opened Joe's Pick-up Bar. Unlike other places, Joe's Pick-up Bar only opens on Thursday, from 8.45pm-onwards. I will let the others describe the detail of this place but if you want a "once in a lifetime" experience, come to training. Every Thursday, from 7.15-8.45pm at FC Planet Stadium. You might as well play with some clubs like Rayong RFC team that joined us a few months back. Contact us in one of our social media sites for more details.

**AGM 2020 HAPPENED** – Finally, after so many cancellations and postponement, the long-awaited Panther's AGM has taken place in Jan. The first time before COVID. One part of or AGM is the awards. Please help me congratulate the winners of Panthers AGM 2020(2022). Alily Marie Villahermosa as the "Most Improved Panthers/Panties". Myself being the "Most Reliable Panther". Emma Darrington as our "Pinkiest Pantie" and Chris Mander "Pinkiest Panther". One of the awards that we give is the SSMUCOTYA or the "Spike Strang Most Useless Cunt of the Year Award" and help me congratulate our winner for this year, Animal. Congratulations, winners.

**CHRIS MANDER LEFT US** – That motherfucker. I still can't fathom of a better reason why he would leave Thailand. What is it in Mexico that Thailand can't give him? Bastard. I think most of you readers, know who Mander was. Chris Mander was a huge part of the club and him leaving was a big loss. I'm sure we all made sure that his leaving party/s was him remembering every single vomiting moment. He'll be reading this. We missed you, Chris. Goodluck on your endeavors in Mexico.

In behalf of the Panthers committee, again, I welcome you all to our Chris Kays Rugby Tournament 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let's not forget why we have this tournament, to get people of all sizes, all levels, all genders and all ages together to have a pint or two, remembering Chris Kays and show the world the spirit of Rugby.

Yours in Rugby,

**Joe Mark Edama**

Co-Captain

Pattaya Panthers RFC



## Tournament Teams

### Bangkok Bangers Colts



The feeling of coming back to Pattaya with our Bangkok Bangers brothers and taking part in the Pattaya 10s is immeasurable. We've had successful tours in Phuket and Chiang Mai, and we've set our sights on the silverware on offer in Pattaya. We've been blessed with great numbers at our trainings and our players have been committed to constantly improving the way we deliver on the pitch. I can confidently say that our performances on the pitch shall equal our legendary boat racing skills.

### Kacha Rangers



We are Kacha Rangers! We formed in 2021 as a group of Surin rugby players with the goal of developing rugby in Surin province and meeting our members on the field.

### French Asian Barbarians RC



The French Asian Barbarians are essentially, emphatically... French. They speak English with the accent francais, eat the unbeatable French baguette, delicious cheeses, pâté and foie gras, drink Ricard, Absinthe and wines from Bourgogne and Languedoc. They are playing rugby with this unpredictable flair that made them win the Cup here few years ago and sadly lost the final in 2019. They come from Saigon, Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Jakarta, Singapore, Tokyo, Hangzhou, Hong Kong, and even from France and are always accompanied by our mascot the Coq Français (rooster) which this year is called "Antoine". They also accept Scottish as part of the Auld Alliance! They are remarkably organized: "who do we play?", "who is playing?", "did someone bring a ball?", "is that a 15 a side or a 10 a side tournament?", "what's your name again?", "where is the fucking pitch bordel de merde?" One thing for sure they always win the third "mi-temps" in walking street where they have recruited long time ago the best cheerleaders in all Asia. Here they come again, the mighty FABs...

### Bangkok Bangers F Troop



It has been many years since we were able to muster a Bangers support team and this year is no different! But after COVID we thought why not. Our Bangers F Troop is here to put the F in FUN both on the pitch and in the wonderful coastal haven of Pattaya. We may need some friends to join us during the weekend so please be ready to answer the call from the F Troop! Watch out, watch out the Bangers are out!

### Phuket Vagabonds



The Phuket Vagabonds have seen a resurgence in recent years. The COVID period and its many lockdowns have provided the club an opportunity to strengthen their ranks with long term expats and some home grown Thai National talent. The club has been keeping busy over the past two years with invitational games of 10's and 15's against some of Thailand's more established teams as well as participating in local 10's and 7's tournaments in an effort to gain game time. The introduction of a Junior Academy and efforts to establish a women's team are all great initiatives to further develop the club. The Vagabonds are eager to get out and test themselves against a full tournament contingent at the upcoming Pattaya 10s and are always up for some tour shenanigans! See you there!

### Southerners Black & Gold



The Southerners Rugby club is happy to welcome the Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament's return after a two-year hiatus. The competition has become a staple of 10's rugby in Thailand and the team is excited to enter its title defence for a second consecutive edition. As with other aspects of life, the pandemic made it a difficult time for the sport in Thailand. Following multiple cancellations and postponements, this event represents the resurgence of inter-provincial rugby tournaments in the country. This 20th iteration of the Chris Kays Memorial marks a milestone for amateur rugby in Thailand. Our involvements these first two decades have always yielded precious moments and fond memories, both on and off the pitch. As we enter the third one, we look forward to more fun, silverware, stories and competitiveness.

### Bangkok Japanese RFC



Following the holding of a very successful Rugby World Cup in Japan 2019, there has been a big increase in the game in Japan and the country is now considered to be one of the most developed in World Rugby and many star players from Europe, South Africa and the Southern hemisphere now play for club sides in Japan. The Bangkok Japanese Rugby Football Club (BJRFC) is a historic club founded in 1964. With the motto "Enjoy life through rugby", we aim to be a club that can be enjoyed not only by the players who participate in the game, but also by their wives, children and alumni. We also hold a rugby class (BJ Kids). Boys and girls aged 5 to 15 are enjoying rugby to develop a healthy body and etiquette through rugby. The Japanese players compensate for their smaller stature by playing a very high intensity game and they have upset many of the leading sides in the world.

### Bangkok University



Bangkok University Rugby Club is one of the leading rugby teams at the university level in Thailand, having previously won many trophies in domestic competitions, including 7s and 15s rugby, as well as being the Champions of Thailand's University Games. Many times ago with players from King's College and Vajiravudh College mainly (main rugby academy of Thailand). Players this year have good speed and excellence fitness, although their experience in international competitions may be less, but if you lose in the heat of Thailand weather. May have to run after the ass of this young Thai team, it is possible!!

### Chiang Mai Cobras



The Chiang Mai Cobras are a young club, still finding itself, in the murky world of rugby touring. With a squad of youthful exuberance, older, experienced campaigners & the odd degenerate, it's a pretty balanced bunch. Whatever the performance is on the pitch, it will no doubt be followed with some extra time performances off it, that will go down in the young clubs history! Thank you to Jimmy Howard and the Pattaya Panthers for having us. Here's to a successful tournament.



### British Club Bangkok Legends



The legendary rugby team of rugby in Thailand, that is loved by the fans and Rugby lovers in Thailand and in South East Asia. The British Club Bangkok has always been an entertaining team that makes every tournaments fun. Including wearing a unique bright pink rugby jersey. which is the birthday of the Thai King V, including the use of Thai numbers on the shirt.

In the past, British Club Bangkok has been the Club 1 XV Division Champion in Thailand and has also won 7s and 10s rugby trophies in several Southeast Asia competitions. This year, the club has brought together some of its former Thai rugby players together with some new players joining us for this competition so that all rugby fans will continue to remember the legendary British Club Bangkok's great successes.

### Pattaya Panthers



COVID 19: You b\*\*\*\*\*d. Just as the Panthers were beginning to gel; just as some of the youngsters\* were ready to be bloodied in the 1st 15; just when so many of the team were in their prime\*\* - along you came. Like a Semi Radrada crash ball off the back of a smoothly carried out set piece, you smashed through our fixture list. What's more, you put paid to our own tournament. But since 2021, the flags have gone back in the ground, the white lines have been repainted, the posts have gone back up. A few friendly matches, plus a joint tour with the Bangers, and things started to feel like they were getting back to normal. And now, in 2022, we are

thrilled to be able to play at our home tournament once again. So what to expect of the Pattaya Panthers Men's side at this event? Well, we're all 3 years older than the last outing, and I'd say we've aged as rugby players like a fine wine\*\*\* You'll recognise some familiar faces: Aidy will be making his 40th Pattaya Tens appearance; a momentous occasion. Paddy hasn't had the privilege of engaging in conversation with referees for a while, so expect plenty of that. Joe works at our venue, which is handy and he is busy laying traps and tripwires as I write. Some new faces will be joining us, as well as plenty of other handsome, bearded faces\*\*\*\*

One player who sadly won't be here, is Chris Mander. Don't worry! He's fine! He just headed off to California is all. I did tell him that the gold rush ended years ago, but he wouldn't listen. He will of course be missed at this tournament. The role of demanding every Panther shows up at the Friday night welcome event and drinks until they cannot consume any more, and then also the role of reminding the same players the following morning that they must now exert themselves as well as possible on the field of play; that will have to be carried out by another Panther this year, sadly. We are primed (again, see asterisk\*\*) and ready. Expect the usual warm welcome both on and off the pitch\*\*\*\*\* Welcome back, from the Pattaya Panthers!

\*players in their mid 30s

\*\* does not relate in any way to rugby or in fact in any sporting sense

\*\*\* that Mont Clare boxed stuff from 7/11

\*\*\*\* Tom Edwards

\*\*\*\*\* we usually allow teams a 2 try head-start, especially in early games, and I struggle to see that changing this year

## Touch Tournament Teams

### Panthers Panties



The Panthers Panties Mixed Touch team was born from the weekly Thursday night training sessions that brought together the hard core rugby players from all parts of the world ranging from the Philippines, South Africa, U.K., Singapore, Thailand and Japan, the new to an oval ball players, the young the old and those just looking to enjoy a cracking team sport. What will be their first competitive hit out for a few years, the team will be looking to showcase not only their musical and alcohol drinking talents off the field (one of their proven strengths), but also their dynamic on field moves honed and perfected nearly every week over the last year.

The combination of the Panthers and Panties playing together as a Touch team, is one of the most exciting post pandemic developments not only for this amazing tournament but with plans for competing and touring in many future events. Women playing sports is not a new thing. In fact, almost all sports have a women's division. Same goes for Rugby. Playing and training touch rugby with the men, in equal footing, is a great opportunity for the women. This highlights that women can do so much as men can. We've never seen a more inclusive era than this. The Panthers Team is a very welcoming bunch of enthusiastic and social individuals and we're always on the look out for additional team members regardless of gender and age.

Whether it's the secret strategy room at Joe's pick-up bar, the un-matched enthusiasm, or the diversity of players, this Touch team is destined for success and the Touch team everyone wants to be part of.

### Bangkok Belles



The Bangkok Belles are a strong and determined team who usually play contact, but we love to play rugby at any opportunity we can and so, we have entered the touch tournament and are looking forward to developing our touch rugby skills further. Not only do we enjoy the joys of rugby on the pitch, but we are passionate about showing up off the pitch, too. We will definitely be looking forward to enjoying the socials after the games are done! We have a lot of growing talent and we can't wait to be a part of Pattaya 10s this year. See you on the field and in the bar :D

### Bangkok Bangers Barbarians



We are so lucky to be entering a team this year with a wide range of players from all over the world. We are barbarians and we really enjoy playing rugby together. This will be our first run out and it is a great opportunity for us to get this chance to play at Pattaya 10s. Watch out for our speed and our enthusiasm and watch out for our social skills off the field, too! Some of us have been known to even enjoy a race off the pitch!

### Southerners



Playing Touch Rugby in Bangkok is a great way to meet people and stay fit, both men and women play mixed Touch Rugby and all skill levels are welcome. Touch Rugby is open to Southerners members and non-members, men and women, all ages!

The sport's presence in Bangkok started about 15 years ago when a group of women associated with the Southerners set up the Southerners Touch Rugby section. Regular training was held alongside the rugby team and the Touch Rugby section soon evolved to include men. Since then, other teams have come and gone, but the Southerners have been a constant factor in the Bangkok Touch Rugby scene.

Currently the Southerners are the only full-time Touch Rugby team in Bangkok (apart from international school teams). We run two Touch Rugby sessions a week, compete in regional tournaments such as Cambodia, Shanghai or Singapore, and organise our own competitions here in Bangkok. The Southerners Touch Rugby section holds a special role within the club, as our team includes dedicated members, as well as players from the other sections: rugby, netball, cricket and social members. So it is no surprise that Touch Rugby is one of the best introductions to the club, and an excellent way to establish a social network in Bangkok!

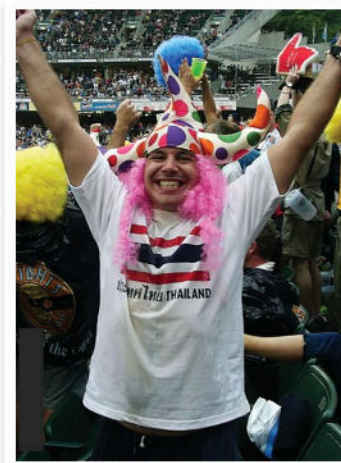


# Chris Kays

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## 2022

IN MEMORIAM



**It does not seem possible that it is 20 years since that dreadful day in October 2002 when the world was shocked by the Bali Bombing.** However despite the years that has passed the memories of those that perished lives on!! Many events are staged worldwide to commemorate the victims of this tragedy, which struck directly at the heart of rugby tourists everywhere. I have just returned from Hong Kong where I attended the Bali Memorial Game at the Hong Kong Football Club, the memory of all those that lost their lives in that terrorist attack was celebrated. Many people lost their lives on that day and among them was Chris Kays, a former Pattaya Panther's Captain who was in Bali to play in the Bali 10's Rugby Tournament with the Singapore Cricket Club. Neil Bowler was also in Bali with the Tequila Mocking Birds and perished alongside Chris.

Chris had arrived in Thailand in 2000 with a reputation for "working hard and playing harder"!!! He never disappointed, he worked tirelessly to entertain both on and off the pitch, his enthusiasm and love of rugby was the driving force behind the Panthers Rugby Club. His rugby skills ensured success for the team on the pitch and his 'zest for life' ensured the Panthers were renowned throughout Asia for their touring antics.

But life was not all play for Chris, he also managed a very successful international career as an engineer with Foster Wheeler while devoting his spare time to those sports that he loved and to helping others less fortunate than himself. Chris' various assignments to countries in Asia saw him involved in several charitable causes including Care For Kids and the Fountain of Life here in Thailand and Future Hope in India.

To commemorate Chris' memory and his contribution to the spirit of the game in so many countries, The Pattaya Panthers Rugby Club changed the name of their annual rugby festival in 2003. We are very honoured to present this the 20<sup>th</sup> staging of the tournament as "The Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament". The highlight of the tournament is the presentation of "The Chris Kays Trophy", which is awarded to the player / person who contributes the most to the overall ambiance of the tournament both on and off the field in the style that Chris Kays, as the consummate tourist always did wherever he toured.

Chris was a great friend to many and his untimely death left a void in many lives. All of us that are involved in the organisation hope that you will enjoy the tournament and have a memorable weekend and please spare a moment to remember Chris and Neil and all of those who perished with the m in Bali. This year we will again honour the life of Mike Cobb, who was tragically killed in a road accident just after the conclusion of our 2016 Tournament. We will also remember Marcel Shylumba, who was one of those people that would play for anybody, anywhere at any time. He is honoured with an annual game between his 2 favourite teams, The Panthers and the Bangkok Japanese, these annual games are always played in the Marcel Spirit!!!

**We hope sincerely that everyone who attends this weekend's tournament will enjoy themselves and that they will leave with a smile. For anyone who ever met him, Chris Kays is a name that will always be remembered with a smile !!!**



## Bali Bombings Memorial, London



The Bali Bombings Memorial is a permanent memorial erected in central London to honour the victims of the terrorist bombing that took place on the Island of Bali in Indonesia on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2002. The memorial was designed by Gary Breeze and the carving was undertaken by Gary Breeze assisted by Martin Cook. The memorial was unveiled on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006 the fourth anniversary of the tragic event. The ceremony was presided over by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall and was attended by relatives and friends of the 28 British victims,

The memorial commemorates the victims of all nationalities, a total of 202 died that day!! The British citizens ( 28 persons ) are listed separately in the centre of the inscription, which covers one side of a Portland stone wall. Standing near this wall is a granite globe with 202 doves carved across it's surface. Martin Cook explains the symbolism thus "all of the doves are unique and each represents a life lost and as a symbol of peace. The globe shows how the victims came from all parts of the world and how indiscriminate terrorism is".

The memorial is located at Clive Steps, near the King Charles Street entrance of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office building and face St. James's Park. A site near the Foreign Office was requested by the United Kingdom Bali Bombings Victims's Group as a reminder to the British Government of its failure to give adequate warning of the terrorist threat in Indonesia prior to the attack on that dreadful day in October 2002!! However despite the years that have passed the memories of those that perished lives on. Many events are staged worldwide to commemorate the victims of this tragedy, which struck directly at the heart of rugby tourists everywhere.



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## Joe's Pick Up Bar in a historical context: An ambiguous revisionist history of rugby and recreational drinking

by **Mario Carrera**

(Mario is Panthers own Professor of literature and a wordsmith!!!)

Intellectuals of all sorts have been debating the role of recreational drinking in rugby's history ever since the 1830s. A lack of an exact date is partially due to the original debate. Which came first. Rugby, which resulted in the need for a drink. Or the need for a drink, resulting in a game called rugby. Sir Ellis himself did not comment. Probably because he was unsure of how to address his inspiration.

Fuchs and Le Henaff (2014) discussed the importance of the "third half" among female rugby players in France. Zhou, O'Brian and Heim (2014) showed the importance of drinking to sportspeople, with rugby players standing out. Though admittedly, most of the focus has been recently on the sponsorship aspect of alcohol in rugby and other sports (Purves & Critchlow, 2020).

A few hundred years and in a warmer climate, that debate has, at least for now, been answered at the illustrious Joe's Pick-Up Bar. Rugby first, then recreational drinking seems to be the natural order. Many have been called and some have chosen, after heeding the call of ex-El Capitan Chris Mander, "come to training." Choosing to indulge in the pleasures offered at Joe's Bar after an hour and a half of stimulating touch (touch rugby). A few cool ones are needed to satisfy the heat of intense practice and calories burnt. One, two, or a few lubricates the interaction among close friends.

Mental and physical stimulation goes together; hence rugby started at school. Where creative juices flowed combined with bodily exertion. Many intellectuals have sought to balance the mental outlay in a bed of physical activity. Joe's Bar is a place that epitomizes that balance of movement and oral exchanges (conversations, get your mind out of the gutter). Starting as an embryonic idea and desire to please, Joe's Bar is now a fully functioning entity, satisfying many different needs of its patrons.

The search for appeasement after moving around for more than an hour has been a constant theme in human history. Rugby has elevated that search to a desirous need. After a game or practice, a few drinks with mates help with the bonding required in a group activity. Joe's Bar has provided the forum for further pleasurable interaction.

Coming off on the back of a pick-up may not seem illustrious, yet many dreams and mistakes have been made the same way. Ideas require a stimulating environment, where exchanges of many sorts can be made. Think of the great cities of Timbuktu, London, New York and Bagdad. People from all over the world came, met, and left with memorable experiences. Joe's Bar provides the same. Philippines, Mexico, Kazakhstan, South Africa, New Zealand and places in between are represented in the amalgam. Where better to sample the offerings of these countries.

Joe's Pick Up Bar has done much for the world of rugby, though not for the business community. Being open occasionally on Thursdays does have its drawbacks. But business and pleasure do not indeed mix. Ah, another intellectual angle. The business of pleasure.

And as my bottle of Sangsom finishes, let me summarize the research. Rugby and drinking have been linked since the beginning of rugby.

That link continues today at Joe's Pick-Up Bar. A bar whose origin started because it allowed players to have a few drinks, relax and mingle with their mates in a friendly atmosphere where everyone may not know your name, but they are always glad you came.






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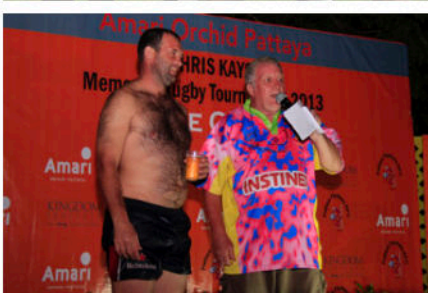
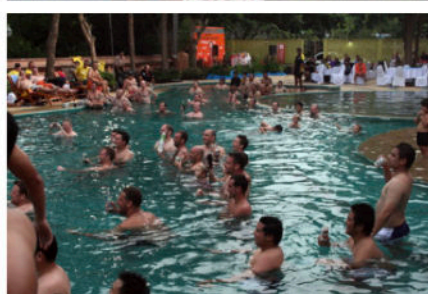


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**Southerners back on top at 2018 Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament**



Southern Black hoist the trophy after winning the Cup final at the 2018 Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament.

Finally the day had arrived and despite some last minute problems, particularly with the weather being very uncooperative, the 2018 Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tournament was held over the weekend May 24-26, this year at the 10<sup>th</sup> staging of the tournament for the first at Bangy School. Given the long history of the games at the school which in England, the players taking part here had to live in a tent, what has now been established as a permanent site on the school grounds is a welcome sight to see.

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Damp conditions couldn't stop the quality rugby on show.



Jim Howard (left) and Nigel Westlake (right) present the Chris Kays Award to Alan Jazdar.

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The Southerners perform an impressive haka.



Nigel Westlake, Headmaster of Bangy School (right), presents the Plate to the French team, Garbarneau.

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Playoffs enjoy a break from the sidelines.

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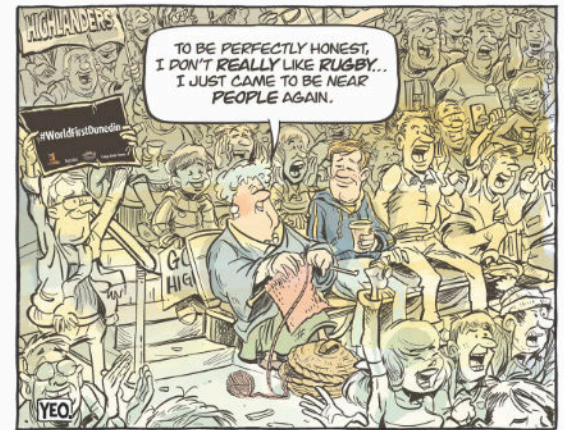
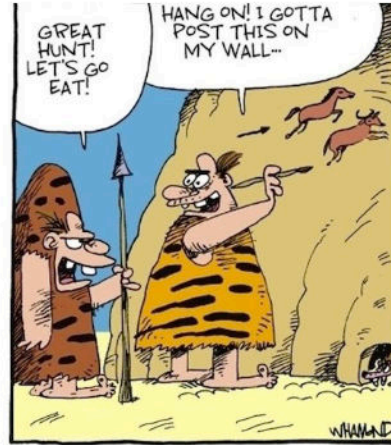
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## WHY WE PLAY THE GAME

By Rupert McCall

When the battle scars have faded  
And the truth becomes a lie  
When the weekend smell of liniment  
Could almost make you cry...

When the last ruck's well behind you  
And the man that ran now walks  
It doesn't matter who you are  
The mirror sometimes talks...

From the first time that you laced a boot  
And tightened every stud  
That virus known as 'rugby'  
Has been living in your blood



And as you stand there telling lies  
Like it was yesterday old friend  
You know that if you had the chance  
You'd do it all again

You see - that's the thing with rugby  
It will always be the same  
And that, I guarantee  
Is why the hell you played the game!

## Dad Jokes!

Why is Peter Pan always flying? Because he Neverlands.

Which state has the most streets? Rhode Island.

What do you call 26 letters that went for a swim? Alphawetical.

What's the name of a very polite, European body of water? Merci.

Why was the color green notoriously single? It was always so jaded.

I used to hate facial hair, but then it grew on me.

Why did the coach go to the bank? To get his quarterback.

How do celebrities stay cool? They have many fans.

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It's fine, he woke up.

My boss told me to have a good day, so I went home.

Why did the man fall down the well? Because he couldn't see that well.

When does a joke become a "dad joke?" When it becomes apparent.

Sundays are always a little sad, but the day before is a sadder day.

5/4 of people admit they're bad at fractions.

You're American when you go into a bathroom and when you come out,  
but what are you while you're in the bathroom? European.

I've been thinking about taking up meditation. I figure it's better than  
sitting around doing nothing.

Dogs can't operate MRI machines. But catscan.





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**CHRIS KAYS MEMORIAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2019 (Page 1 of 2)**

As the day dawned we realized that for once the weathermen had got the forecast right, it was a steamy morning that greeted the players as they arrived for the start of Pattaya's foremost rugby tournament. It was **VERY HOT** and by 10 o'clock players were already taking ice baths to cool off!! As usual the grounds of the Horseshoe Point were in perfect condition and the now familiar amphitheatre effect had been created around the playing area by the CR tents. This was to be the 19<sup>th</sup> staging of the tournament, which was going ahead despite a catalogue of problems with particularly the weather and also a large number of teams withdrawing due to the clash with the coronation of Thailand's King Rama X. With all the dropouts the organizers had wondered whether it was wise to continue with the tournament? Numbers were down but the enthusiasm of the teams and the endeavour of the organizing committee the tournament ran without a hitch. These problems could not of course deter the teams that had gathered at The Legends Pool and Sports Bar in downtown Pattaya for the traditional welcome party, in fact the players were so keen that we easily overran the assigned time for the function and of course battered the budget!!!! In his welcome address the Pattaya Panthers Chairman Jim Howard warned all participants to expect a very hot weekend and cautioned everybody, even spectators, to keep well hydrated and drink lots of fluids!!!! According to Andy and Robbo from Legends everybody took this warning to heart and Dave from the Sportsman confirmed that there would be no threat of starvation or dehydration after the quantities of food and beer that had been consumed. Later there was an impromptu evening tour of the cultural attractions along the beach and walking street led of course by the hardy Panthers.

Due to the aforementioned problems the tournament was to be contested by only 12 teams with a very strong local bias. Although the number of teams was lower than usual Jim Howard promised that there would be much more rugby for everybody and he forecast that this year it would be much more competitive. The entries were led by the reigning champions Southerners Black who were determined to retain their title and had brought a very strong squad and a second team Southerners Gold. The resurgent Bangkok Bangers were expected to make a strong challenge as were the Sam Yan Rangers a team composed mainly of students and alumnae of Chulalongkorn University. Those great tourists the French Asian Barbarians ( FABS ) were bound to bring plenty of colour and gallic flair along with copious quantities of cheese, pastis, wine and foie gras. Foreign teams had mostly declined to enter but the Komodo Dragons from Indonesia were expected to give a good showing as they are one of the top teams in Indonesia. Perennial crowd favourites the Bangkok Japanese were expected to make a stronger showing as the tournament was being played over a holiday weekend so they would have more of their players available and the team has gone from strength to strength in recent years and were expected to be among the silver!! A new addition to the rugby playing community the Banglamung Brumbies are principally from the rugby league ranks but most of their players have come from the union ranks!! The roster was rounded out by the hosts the Pattaya Panthers, who had been training hard under the watchful eyes of coach "Animal " and in the squeeze had entered two teams to even up numbers. All was set for another great tournament. The teams from the " London Pie Shop " and The Sportsman Group were ready to keep everybody fed and the beer and cider were cooling down.

In the shortened format forced upon us by the number of teams that had declined, the teams were divided into 2 pools of 6 teams. Saturday's games were to be played in a round robin format to determine the ranking for the various knockout tournaments to be played on Sunday. This format meant that every team would need to play 5 games in the pool rounds, which would stretch team's resources. Despite the heat and the pressure of playing more games the quality of the rugby was of the highest level throughout and was a credit to all who played their part. There were strong performances from all of the teams and many of the games were very close. In pool A Southerners Black won all 5 of their games racking up 150 points without any of their opponents managing to cross their line!! They were followed by the French Asian Barbarians who won 4 of their games showing a lot of flair and surprising many with displays of typical French panache. In Pool B Sam Yan Rangers eventually proved too young and fit against all of their opponents and ran out Pool winners with a record of 4 wins and one draw. They were closely followed by the old Bangkok Bangers with 3 wins and 2 losses, that in most cases was due to their age and experience. Due to the large number of pool games we were not able to complete all the pool games on the Saturday so some unlucky chaps had to come in early on Sunday morning to finish their outstanding pool games and give us the final line up for the knockout rounds.

After a hard days play that ended with the promise of some light showers, that never did materialize, there was a mad dash to get back into town and most players just resumed where they had left off in the early hours of the morning. There had been some rumours that it was to be dry evening in Pattaya this was definitely proved to be wrong as there was no rain but Pattaya was very wet!! A strong start was made on some of the mighty hangovers to be seen the following morning.

Sunday dawned bright and early and it was hotter than yesterday, if that was possible, but by kick off time the sun was well and truly up with the promise of a real cauldron by the middle of the day. Those unlucky ones that still had pool games to finish were trying hard to shake off the effects of a night on the town and focus on qualification for the afternoon finals. There were some casualties as the Komodo Dragons could not be found on Sunday morning and were eventually scratched from the tournament. The night's partying had definitely taken its toll and tired limbs were anointed and strapped and there was a queue for places in the massage tent!! There were players missing from most teams, it is very difficult to keep everyone on the straight and narrow and it leaves a heavy burden on those guys that do turn up!!! The now well-known Pattaya Trickle Down format had to be adjusted this year to account for the lesser number of teams and this afforded the Big Boys a slightly later start. The quest for Cup, Plate, Bowl and Shield got under way and many first time losers were surprised to find that they then had to play more games than if they had won as the famous trickle down came into play. This revised format saw the top two teams from each pool proceed directly to the Cup and Plate semi finals with the winners going on to contest the cup final and the losers the plate final. Thus, Southerners Black were to play their old rivals the Bangkok Bangers and the winners of pool B, Sam Yan Rangers were to play the resurgent French Asian Barbarians. All remaining teams were drawn into a quarter final round with the losers to contest the Shield semi finals. The winners would contest the Mike Cobb Bowl semi finals. All of the possible permutations seemed very puzzling and there were one or two surprises and some of the teams found themselves in unfamiliar territory. All of the favourites were safely through to the cup / plate semi finals and there were some interesting match ups to start the final rounds off.

There were some superb performances and some very close encounters in the knockout rounds with not a few surprises. The Cup Semi Finals saw some very good and hard games, as expected the Southerners Black eased past the Old Bangkok Bangers, youth and fitness winning out over age and experience by just a single score!! The second semi final saw the first upset as the highly rated Sam Yan Rangers time were given a lesson in fast open rugby by the gallic masters of the FABS. So, the scene was set for two compelling finals featuring class, style, fitness and youth!! Following the completion of the Shield Quarter Finals the lineup was as follows of the Plate led by the Bangkok Japanese and the two Tequila Mocking Birds squads. The Plate Quarter Finals were also hotly contested as teams were finding their appropriate level of competition. Southerners Gold received a walk over and Bangkok Japanese, Elephant Brutal and The pastis fueled FABS moved into the Plate semi finals.



## CHRIS KAYS MEMORIAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2019 (Page 2 of 2)

With the Cup and Plate quarter finals completed the lineup for the Mike Cobb bowl was to produce possibly the most entertaining rugby of the weekend it featured an absolute classic comedy performance from the Stray Cats against The Tequila Mocking Birds Fledglings, the older and heavier Cats decided that running was not in their repertoire and the spectators were treated to " Dead Ants ", " Statues ", " Short Lineouts ", " 20 Man Mauls " and " Piggy Back Tries " at one stage even the referee was taken into the scrum. As the final whistle approached with scores even the Cats were in a great position to take the winning try however they contrived to pass to the opposition winger and then wave him through to score against them!!!!

Both semifinals of the cup were hotly contested and the Royal Thai Police showed just what a potent force they are in Thai rugby as they coasted to a relatively easy victory against the hosts Pattaya Panthers again so far in the tournament nobody had scored against them. The second semi final was exceptionally hard fought the Southerners Black team attacked and attacked against the steely defence of the Bangkok Bangers, who defended as if their lives depended on it. This time the Bangers finally ran out of steam and Southerners Black regained the bragging rights for Bangkok Expat teams as well as a place in the final. So the stage was set for a classic final between the youth and fitness of the Royal Thai Police the reigning Champions and the age, experience and weight of the Southerners Black, whose sister team Gold had last won the Cup in 2015.

The semi finals in the Plate competition were to see the Elephant Brutal taking a bye and the Bangkok Japanese face the FABS, another clash of cultures. The FABS now cooking with gas!! The gallic wizards are experienced and unconventional, cheese eating and wine drinking. It was a very interesting game of contrasting styles the Japanese boys were content to work the ball around the field, take the ball on and work through the phases. French trickery and experience proved to be too clever for the Japanese, who were probably confused by the chatter in the scrums and mauls. Despite playing their hearts out the Japanese were bamboozled by some of the trickery whilst the FABS used their strength and experience to keep the ball and wait for the opportunity to set their flying winger away. Eventually the superior all round skills of the FABS wore down the Japanese resistance and a virtuoso try from the flying winger ( who strangely enough was wearing pink shorts!! ) claimed the game for them.

In the Bowl semi finals the young Bangpoo RFC boys met the tiring Tequila Mocking Birds Fledglings who were finally feeling the pace of a very hard weekend both on and off the pitch. The youngsters took full advantage and won a deserved place in the bowl final. The Hong Kong Scottish were showing the stamina of regular tourists and in an evenly matched game edged past the Bangkok Japanese, who had flattered to deceive this year. The shield semi finals were affected by the withdrawal of Hong Kong University which gifted a place in the final to the Stray Cats, who had hoped that their tournament could have been completed much earlier as they were by now mighty thirsty. Their opponents would be decided in a play off between last elements of the Tequila Mocking Birds and the Shiny Rahus. In a very gently paced game the Mocking Birds finally triumphed but their delight was tempered by the news that they would have to play one more game.

The finals round began with the final of the Shield between the Tequila Mocking Birds Fledglings and the tournament comedians the Stray Cats. The crowd was entertained to another classic display of coarse rugby the Cats pulled all of their stunts and could well have won the game but that is against the ethos of their style of rugby, the Fledglings entered into the spirit of the game and were themselves a fine example of the social aspect of the game. For bringing a touring party of 46 they fully deserved a trophy and were rewarded with the Shield. Before the final of the Mike Cobb Bowl competition a minutes silence was held in remembrance of Mike and other absent friends who have gone to the great rugby club in the sky!!! Mike's memory lives on and we are proud to have known him!!! This was a very exciting game and the Hong Kong Scottish boys made very hard work of beating the Bangpoo RFC boys, who never gave up and ran themselves into the ground. I am sure that they will be back and playing in the higher competitions in the years to come. It was a trophy at the 5<sup>th</sup> attempt for the Scottish and they will be back next year hoping to go one better. The Plate final saw another classic display from the FABS, who once again won a difficult encounter with the Brutal Elephants from Surin. The widely travelled FABS produced some Prosecco rugby and whilst the boys from Surin fought hard the FABS experience got the onto the dias at long last, they now have a plate for the cheese!!

So the Cup Final was to be the reigning champions Royal Thai Police against the sister team of the former champions from 2015 Southerners Gold. This was bound to be an epic clash of youth, fitness and finesse against age, brawn and experience. The match started at a frantic pace and the Policemen especially played some scintillating rugby, whilst the Southerners defended as if their lives depended on it. There was nothing between the two teams and going to the final whistle it was all evens. Eventually one of police forwards transgressed as his side fought for the winning score. The referee deemed that there had been foul play in the maul and the police prop was given his marching orders, **RED!!** As the clock wound down the Southerners were able to seize the initiative and the extra man proved decisive and the Southerners Black scored the winning try with almost the last play of the match. Both teams put on a magnificent display of hard running rugby and both defences stood firm. So the Southerners Black gained revenge over Royal Thai Police and regained the trophy that their club had last held in 2015. No doubt that going a man down was a contributing factor in a narrow victory for the Southerners!! Will we see a repeat in 2019?

After the final whistle everybody crashed into the pool and presentations were made to all trophy winners. Jim Howard the Chairman of Pattaya Panthers RFC commended everybody for the great spirit in which the tournament had been played and the outstanding quality of rugby throughout despite the weather's interference.

A vote of thanks is due to all the organizers supporters and sponsors without whom a tournament like this could not happen, of course major plaudits to Horseshoe Point for the provision of the magnificent facilities and The London Pie Shop and the Sportsman Group for good food and cold drinks!! Regents International School Pattaya, WHA Hemaraj Land and Development, Liam of Pandora Resort on Koh Samet, Manpower, Phoenix Pacific Inc., The Baron Devereux, Societe Generale de Surveillance ( SGS ), MAS Ausgroup, Garden International School, Steeden Asia and Victor Sporting Tapes. Our media partners Pattaya Mail. Also a heavy vote of thanks to Contract Resources Asia ( CR ), who provided all of the shade, Drinking 4U for all the drinking water and ice, the Sawang Boriboon Foundation for the standby ambulance and first aid and medical team. Trevor Sharpe the referees supremo who kept everybody under control even the referees. Thanks also to Tournament Director, David " Animal " Slater, Jon Prichard author and co-announcer and Ron Keeley, our IT wizard who has again produced another superb programme. A final thank you to everybody who supported us this year and made it a great tournament, we hope to see you all again next year.



## Joining the Pattaya Panthers Rugby Club - My First Impressions

by Daniel Ciccocioppo



**It's been almost a year since I arrived in Thailand in the middle of the COVID debacle, and after enduring a 2-week hotel quarantine in BKK was able to start setting up here in Pattaya for at least a 3 year work assignment (I was one of the lucky ones to escape the newly reverted penal colony formally known as Australia during one of the strictest lockdowns anywhere on earth).**

The two weeks of hotel isolation gave me the time to fantasize about playing sports and socializing again, especially after an almost 12 months ban on anything fun in Australia. I managed to track down the Pattaya Panthers Rugby Club - didn't take much effort with google . After sending a hopeful message to a Facebook page I got a reply almost immediately about the now unmissable Thursday night Touch Rugby sessions.

It was both a relief and a genuine excitement, albeit with some trepidation to turn up for the first time not knowing a single person, to a community around one of my passions for the first time in a long, long time. It was a blast. From the instant climatisation of 2 hours running around in the Thailand heat and humidity, to the open arms welcome of the Panthers and Panties, new and old alike. One of the strongest cultural elements of this club is inclusiveness of all, regardless of skill, background, age, gender or anything, and it was probably my biggest first impression and I also believe it's one of the club's greatest strengths. The other (just as strong) cultural element of this club is the importance to have fun, and this club in my short time here excels on this front. This is not an easy feat, when you consider the diversity within the club, and everyone's ideal of having fun is not always written on the same page, however, just in the short space of time that I've been here and during various levels of COVID restrictions, the club has brought people together regularly (at

least weekly) for not just the Rugby fun, but also, and more importantly, the social fun.

The last 2 years here have been difficult for many because of COVID and the lack of tourism this country so desperately needs, and this club has not been immune to that, however, just in the last 12 months, I've seen the development of the now iconic "Joe's Pick up Bar", Proper organized Rugby matches (Long time coming win over the Bangkok Southerners), Amazing and fun social events, new members joining and emotional goodbyes. All are hallmarks of a truly special club, and my lasting impressions on being a part of it for a short time.

I'm excited and looking forward to the next 12 months and beyond to being a part of more Rugby tournaments, increasing our teams in Touch football, including masters, mixed, men and women's teams, tours – Thailand and beyond, and most importantly having fun with an amazing bunch of diverse and beautiful people.

On a last note, to my first impressions and being a new member of this club, I would like to encourage anyone, regardless of age, or ability to come down, even just for the unique experience of Joe's Pick Up Bar and the social camaraderie of your fellow humans, if the heat and humidity is all too much. I'm positive the experience will leave you in better frame of mind to tackle the rest of what the world will throw at you, as it does for me on a weekly basis.

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## **Pattaya 10's – Mixed Touch Tournament 2022**

Pattana Sports Resort, Sriracha

April 30-May 1, 2022

### **\*\*TOURNAMENT RULES\*\***

- The tournament will use the FIT 5<sup>th</sup> edition playing rules (AKA TFA 8<sup>th</sup> edition playing rules) – Summary below.
- Mixed teams to have a minimum of 3 female player on the field at any one time. (In the event a team does not have the required number of female team members, games may still go ahead with agreement of the captains as either:
  - o Reduced (and the same) number of female players for both teams and results to count.
  - o Teams to play with mismatched female players on the field however the result will count as a win for the team with the correct female players regardless of the score.
- Fields or pitches should be 70M long by 50M wide with marked scorelines, sidelines and a half-way line.
- Teams consist of up to 12 players with a maximum of 6 players on the field at any time.
- Players may interchange from the side of the field as often as they wish.
- Team Captains toss and the winner starts the game with a tap at the centre of the half-way line.
- Attacking team has 6 attempts or touches before possession changes unless other rules are infringed.
- If the ball is dropped or knocked-on a change of possession occurs and the game starts with a rollball.
- Attacking players may run with the ball or pass the ball sideways or backwards until they are touched.
- If a player passes the ball forward a penalty occurs for a forward pass.
- If a player passes the ball after being touched a penalty occurs for a late pass.
- A tap on the mark is taken by non-offending team for penalties. Defending teams must retire 10M.
- A touch is any contact between the player with the ball and a defender. It must be minimum force.
- After a touch the player performs a rollball, stepping over or gently rolling the ball between the feet.
- Players cannot perform a rollball until a touch has been made or a penalty results.
- Players must perform the rollball at the mark or a penalty result.
- The attacking player who gets the ball after the rollball is the half, who can either run or pass.
- If the half gets touched a change of possession occurs and the game restarts with a rollball at the mark.
- At the rollball all defenders must retire or move backwards a minimum of 7M.
- Penalties are awarded against defenders who do not retire 7M for rollballs and 10M for taps.
- A touchdown is scored when an attacking player places the ball on or over the scoreline.
- A legal touch is on any part of the body, clothing and ball. A player must claim a touch by raising a hand and shouting, "Touch". If "Touch" is not called, a touch pass may possibly not be given as a penalty. The referee is the sole judge of the touch and has the discretion to overrule a claim. (Play to the whistle).
- The game will be played in 2 halves with 20-minute half and a 5-minute break in between.





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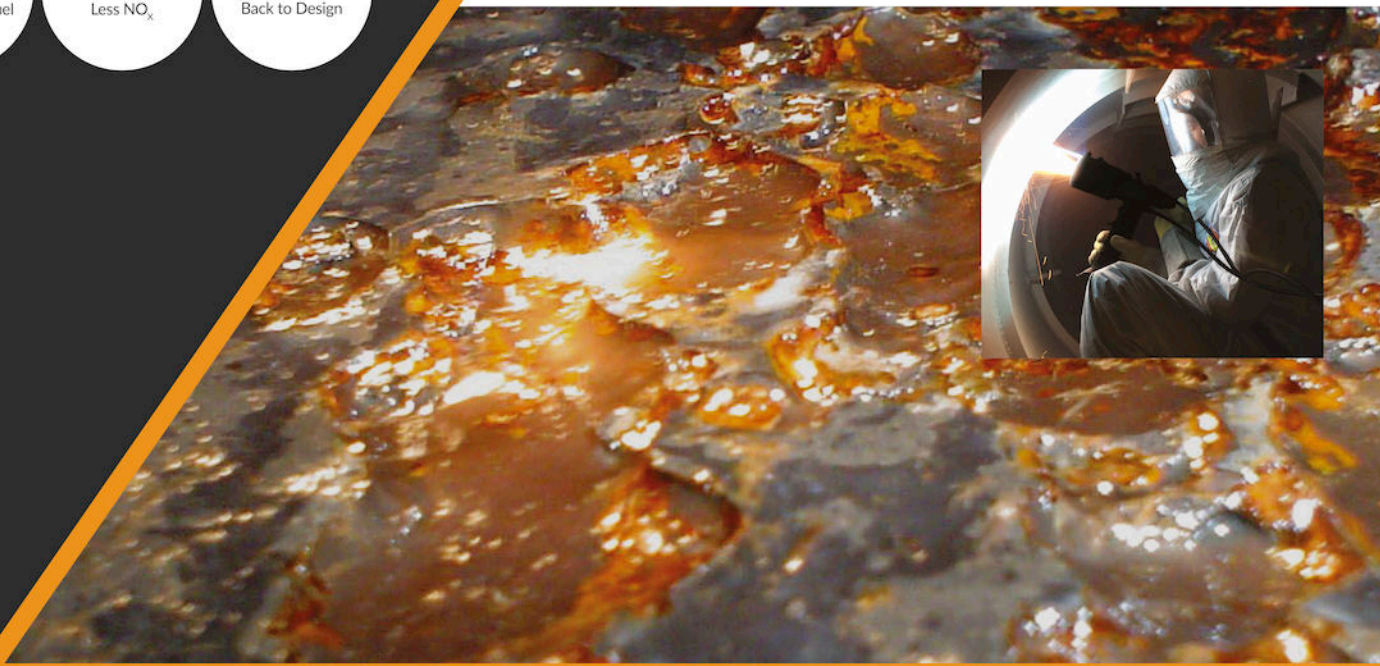
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POOL A	POOL B
Southerners Black	Southerners Gold
Bangers F Troop	Bangers Colts
Phuket Vagabonds	Chiang Mai Cobras
Bangkok Japanese	Pattaya Panthers
BC Legends	Kacha Rangers
Bangkok University	FABS

Time	Game #	Pool	SATURDAY POOL GAMES		
10.00	1	A	Southerners Black	vs	Bangkok University
10.20	2	B	FABS	vs	Southerners Gold
10.40	3	A	Bangers F Troop	vs	BC Legends
11.00	4	B	Pattaya Panthers	vs	Chiangmai Cobras
11.20	5	A	Phuket Vagabonds	vs	Bangkok Japanese
11.40	6	B	Bangers Colts	vs	Kacha Rangers
12.00	7	A	Southerners Black	vs	BC Legends
12.20	8	B	Kacha Rangers	vs	Southerners Gold
12.40	9	A	Bangkok University	Vs.	Bangkok Japanese
13.00	10	B	FABS	Vs.	Pattaya Panthers
13.20	11	A	Bangers F Troop	Vs.	Phuket Vagabonds
13.40	12	B	Bangers Colts	Vs.	Chiangmai Cobras
14.00	13	A	Southerners Black	Vs.	Bangkok Japanese
14.20	14	B	Southerners Gold	Vs.	Pattaya Panthers
14.40	15	A	BC Legends	Vs	Phuket Vagabonds
15.00	16	B	Kacha Rangers	Vs	Chiangmai Cobras
15.20	17	A	Bangkok University	Vs	Bangers F Troop
15.40	18	B	FABS	Vs	Bangers Colts
16.00	19	A	Southerners Black	Vs.	Phuket Vagabonds
16.20	20	B	Southerners Gold	Vs.	Chiangmai Cobras
16.40	21	A	Bangkok Japanese	Vs	Bangers F Troop
17.00	22	B	Pattaya Panthers	Vs	Bangers Colts
17.20	23	A	BC Legends	Vs	Bangkok University
17.40	24	B	Kacha Rangers	Vs.	FABS

Time	Game #	Pool	SUNDAY POOL GAMES		
11.00	25	A	Southerners Black	Vs.	Bangers F Troop
11.20	26	B	Pattaya Panthers	Vs.	Kacha Rangers
11.40	27	A	Phuket Vagabonds	Vs.	Bangkok University
12.00	28	B	FABS	Vs.	Chiangmai Cobras
12.20	29	A	Bangkok Japanese	Vs.	BC Legends
12.40	30	B	Southerners Gold	Vs.	Bangers Colts

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### LEAGUE TABLES

<b>Pool A</b>	Southerners Black	Bangers F Troop	Phuket Vagabonds	Bangkok Japanese	BC Legends	Bangkok University	For	Against	Points
1	Southerners Black								
2	Bangers F Troop								
3	Phuket Vagabonds								
4	Bangkok Japanese								
5	BC Legends								
6	Bangkok University								
<b>Pool B</b>	Southerners Gold	Bangers Colts	Chiang Mai Cobras	Pattaya Panthers	Kacha Rangers	FABS	For	Against	Points
1	Southerners Gold								
2	Bangers Colts								
3	Chiang Mai Cobras								
4	Pattaya Panthers								
5	Kacha Rangers								
6	FABS								

Game #	KNOCK OUT MATCHES			TIME
<b>Mike Cobb Bowl Competition Quarter Finals</b>				
31	Third Pool 2	Vs	Sixth Pool 1	13.00
32	Third Pool 1	Vs	Sixth Pool 2	13.20
33	Fourth Pool 2	Vs	Fifth Pool 1	13.40
34	Fourth Pool 1	Vs	Fifth Pool 2	14.00
<b>Cup Competition Semi Finals</b>				
35	Winner Pool 1	Vs	Second Pool 2	14.20
36	Winner Pool 2	Vs	Second Pool 1	14.40
<b>Mike Cobb Bowl Competition Semi Finals</b>				
37	Winner Game 31	Vs	Winner Game 32	15.00
38	Winner Game 33	Vs	Winner Game 34	15.20
<b>Shield Competition Semi Finals</b>				
39	Loser Game 31	Vs	Loser Game 32	15.40
40	Loser Game 33	Vs	Lose Game 34	16.00
<b>Mike Cobb Bowl Competition Final</b>				
41	Winner Game 37	Vs	Winner Game 38	16.30
<b>Shield Competition Final</b>				
42	Winner Game 39	Vs	Winner Game 40	17.00
<b>Plate Competition Final</b>				
43	Loser Game 35	Vs	Loser game 36	17.30
<b>Cup Competition Final</b>				
44	Winner Game 35	Vs	Winner Game 36	18.00

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# Well, a rousing welcome to the 2022 Pattaya Tens!

by David (Animal) Slater Panthers Literary B.Sc. 99

**It's been a strange and scary couple of years with the pandemic and various other upheavals.**

Pattaya Panthers have suffered a major loss with our former Captain, heartbeat of the team and rugby force of nature moving back to the 'good 'ole USA'. Apparently after so many years of rugby in Thailand he has now played for every single men's team in the country and his only hope to make new friends is a return home. His only other option here was sex reassignment surgery, but his regular meetings with persons of that nature in Walking Street made him realise that perhaps he would be safer as a Long Beach Redneck. We wish him well and hope that he can help with the education of a third world country while there.

But who could fill those immense shoes and carry on where Chris left off? We needed someone with an impeccable rugby pedigree who knew the game inside out.....we found him! Coming from a country with a long and storied sporting history in basketball and cockfighting; the Philippines. Smokin' Joe Edama tried basketball, but his lack of height always meant it would be a big challenge. For those of you who don't know him, Joe auditioned to be a stunt double for Bilbo Baggins but was considered to be too short. He started out by experimenting on the wing and occasionally at scrum half, but he volunteered to play hooker because it sounded like fun and every team seemed to be looking for a hooker when on tour. But he certainly has the skills to be a Captain as training numbers have increased over the last year, however this could be as a result of his world-renowned pop-up bar run from the back of his pickup truck after training. So much so that Joe's pickup bar now has a 5-star rating on Google. What more could a team look for in a skipper?

The hordes at training include both men and women and, as an all-inclusive club, even those who have not yet decided. There are nationalities from all over the world and it is entertaining to hear so many different swear words when they drop the ball or just trip up. Judging from the Whatsapp group and the number of pictures posted for no apparent reason we have several photojournalists and social media entrepreneurs. All terribly confusing for older Panthers like Jimmy 'the Chairman.....still' Howerd and myself when they refer to things called FB, IG and other stuff!

We seem to have quite a few Yarpies called Frikke who often launch into Afrikaans on the chat group, until they are reminded that nobody understands what they are saying. On changing to English, they are then reminded that nobody cares what they are saying. It's a bit like the IRB listening to a Rassie Erasmus referee analysis video but we won't ban them for a year or so. There are also a good number of antipodeans with their healthy trans-Tasman rivalry. The Aussies are still trying to remember what the Bledisloe cup looks like, and the Kiwis still think they are world champions. There are several from the 6 Nations countries and the other five of them hate the English; nothing much has changed there.

It was an interesting 6 Nations tournament with Eddie Jones apparently following the Pattaya Panthers selection policy of playing people out of position. Ireland made a strong showing but struggled to overcome a 14-man England, Scotland had brief dreams of glory after their first match but were brought crashing back down to earth, and Wales proved that social distancing when the Italian full back got the ball was not a good idea. But the happiest man in Pattaya this year was our own veteran fly half, AD. After many years he finally got to see France win a Grand Slam; but he is still waiting for the French Army to win a battle.

Personally, I have had a good two years as coach with no mistakes coming from my coaching; mainly because I didn't turn up. As an ancient geriatric with a wife who has underlying health conditions, she has appalling taste in men, I stayed at home. But, after being triple jabbed and my wife sick of my daily presence, will soon be heading back to training to find other people to annoy. Hopefully I have made a good start with this little missive.



## TEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT RULES 2022

**1. General.** The IRB Laws of Rugby Union apply throughout with the only modifications being rules specifically for this tournament which shall follow the spirit of the IRB Laws for Ten-A-Side.

**2. Kick offs.** Coin toss to decide ends and which team kicks off.

a) After a score the team that scores shall restart, all kicks to start/restart the game are dropkicks

b) All infringements by a team taking a kick-off/restart result in a free kick to the opposition at the halfway line.

**2. Scrum.** The scrum must have five players from each team. If a team is reduced to fewer than 10 players for any reason the number of players of each team in the scrum must be matched (for reasons of safety). A team must not have fewer than three players in the scrum.

**3. Penalty kicks and conversions.** If a team takes a penalty kick at goal or a try conversion a drop kick must be used. For penalties the kick must be taken within 40 seconds of the nomination to kick at goal – otherwise a scrum will be called with the kickers team putting the ball in, or for a conversion the game will restart with the try scorers team kicking off.

### Sending Off and Sin Bin

4. A player sent off by a referee will not play again in the tournament. The referee will send a written report to the Rugby Union to which the player's team and the player belong.

5. A player who is sent to the sin bin will be suspended from play for three minutes of actual playing time. The player shall return to his team bench and await permission from the match officials to re-join the game after the three minutes of playing time has expired, but note rule 20.

### Composition of the Teams

7. Each team shall consist of ten players selected from a squad who must all be registered before the start of play.

8. A team which has less than 13 players because of injuries may borrow reserve players. They can borrow only players who have been registered prior to the event, from teams which have already been eliminated from the tournament, such teams being either in the same or lower level of the tournament (eg Cup, Plate or Bowl). A reserve player may only be used as a replacement in a match and only after all members of the team originally registered have been deemed unfit to play, and must be retained in that team for the remainder of the tournament unless he is injured.

**9. Rolling Substitutes.** Players may be replaced during a game for any reason. No replacement shall take place without the permission of the referee. The replacing player shall first report to the Assistant Referee or Touch Judge who will bring the replacement to the attention of the referee. Replaced players may subsequently return to the field as replacements i.e. rolling substitutes.

**10. Keep off the pitch!** No persons shall enter the playing area during a match except medically trained persons or water-boys who may enter at any time to tend to an injured player. They should wear distinctive clothing to identify themselves.

### Duration of Games

**18. Tie break.** In the event of a tie at any stage of the event sudden death extra time is played. Extra time is in periods of five minutes and teams will change ends without an interval. The side that first kicked off will do so in the first period of extra time. Any subsequent kick-offs, as required, will alternate between the sides. The team that scores first be it a try, drop goal or penalty in extra time will be declared the winner.

**19. Timings.** The duration of all pool games and quarter-finals is eight minutes each half with a two-minute interval. Thus a 20-minute time slot.

a) Semi-finals are 12 minutes each half with a three-minute interval.

b) Finals are 15 minutes each half with a five-minute interval. A player sent to the sinbin in the final will be suspended for 5 minutes.

The rules of the tournament, including their interpretation and any additional rules, are at the sole discretion of the tournament organisers whose decisions shall be final.





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