

Patong Beat

By TT Hun

It is interesting to see that Star Wars/Star World/Star Club has been closed and undergoing quite extensive renovations. Since the place was renamed from the Shark Club it has never quite got its act together. Luckily for the owners they have the more successful Tiger Entertainment to shore up the costs of constantly renovating Star Whateveritscalledthisweek.

This sent into us by a reader tickled our funny bone.

Father O'Malley answers the phone

"Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

"It is"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will."

The ladies pool league is off to another season, and a long one it is too. We think the season runs well into September. It is a sight to see as all the ladies dress to the nines, we think to try and outdo each other. The standard of play has risen quite noticeably too, with many of the games being hard fought encounters with very few mistakes. A recent finish to a nights proceedings had two teams locked at one each in the so-called beer leg (a best of three games where everyone gets a rotating shot and the losing bar foots the bill for the other team's drinks). One team on the black ball and the other with one coloured ball. A brilliant shot saw the team on the black snookered. Not to be outdone the player approached the ball and not only got out of the snooker but potted the black in the bargain winning drinks for all. So the next time you enter one of the many knockout competitions around be careful if you daw one of the lady players, they are not pushovers anymore.

I was sitting at my favourite beer garden the other day when a couple known to me came in and sat down. They had been together for many years and are about to get

married. He is a farang and she is Thai. Before they even sat down their conversation was quite animated. They were discussing the idea of buying a house, a subject that had come up previously on several occasions.

If you think you ever have a chance to win you may be sadly mistaken if this conversation was anything to go by.

She: "Let's buy a house now, there's one near my sister's place that is going for 1,000,000 baht"

He: "No"

She: "But it will be better than paying rent"

He: "I can't afford it now. You'll have to wait, I don't have enough cash and I can't get a mortgage here in Thailand. And besides we still have a lease on our apartment."

She: "Wait for what, my sister is paying rent for nothing. If we buy the house she can live there and pay you rent."

He: "If I buy a house here I have to bring the whole lump sum in from overseas because that is what the government wants to see."

She: "Yes, what's wrong with that?"

He: "Well if I do that my government will know I have an overseas asset and tax me accordingly."

She thought about that for a while, then her eyes lit up as a brilliant idea formed in her mind. "What if I buy the house on mortgage?"

He: "How can you do that, you don't have a job"

She: "Then you give me the money, I buy the house, mortgage it and give that money back to you. That way we have a house, you don't have to show any asset and we have a mortgage."

He: "That's ridiculous! The expense of doing that with all the bank charges, transfer fees and the like, it would be cheaper and easier to just buy the house outright."

She: "Ok, we'll do that then. Thank you Tee Ruk"

"Dunny" (so-called due to his name, not his antics) is back in town. A source of many anonymous stories, some printable, most not, he has come back after a few months stint in his home state of northern

Queensland. Looking a little subdued, I asked him what he thought of being back in Oz. He said his antics were nothing compared to what the rest of his mates got up to on a regular basis. "They just sit there and drink Bundaberg (rum) all day and night.." If that is the case, namely "Dunny" being normal compared to the rest of them, lets hope not too many turn up here - or we'll have to add some extra pages to this magazine.

Riley's has finally been sold on by Mark, who has threatened to do so for the past year. We found this out when we dropped some copies of the *Andaman Post* there recently. When we asked for Mark, a voice answered, "Yes, I'm Mark". A different Mark to be sure but at least it won't confuse the staff if you sell your place to a namesake.

Welcome to touch with the Queen Park which is the perfect relaxing place that it with suppress your emotions into a magic verse of excite sexually charming by more beautiful ladies who will make you are impressed unforgettable.

This little gem is from a brochure of a Danok hotel. If you can translate this into something intelligible, then you will have half a chance deciphering the Phuket Gazette's test for sub-editors which we are led to believe runs on similar lines.

Don't forget Phuket Bike Week is coming soon along with the Songkran break. Be extra careful if riding around during Songkran as common sense is not high on some people's agenda. Thailand records it's highest road accident rate for the year throughout this period, so *chai yen yen*.