

Around The Traps

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After a very hot and uncomfortable couple of months, the rains have finally come to ease our plight. Very welcome too as getting enough water pressure for a decent shower is becoming harder to achieve. It is also settling the dust from the still endless construction going on in Patong and of course all around the island. Funnily enough, with the lack of water pressure around it was strange to hear that at least four houses in the Nanai Rd. area had their pipes burst due to a surge through the mains water system last week. Aahh, now that's the pressure we're looking for.

While most of the European football season has finished for their summer, many major sporting events are still going on around the world. Formula One and the Moto GP still have quite a way to go as do the Southern Hemisphere rugby and football.

Where then have all the sports bars gone? Every bar, restaurant and shop have TV sets set up but they are either tuned to football or Thai soapies.

The only place that seems to take more than one sport seriously is the Aussie Bar in Bangla Rd., to the point of even sending out a newsletter outlining what is coming up for the next week and the times the games or



races can be seen. The only drawback is with Bangla Rd. closing off at 5pm, parking needs to be found elsewhere. Having said that, the array of satellite dishes hugging the

outside walls of the place ensues nothing will be missed. Legends in north Patong and the Roadhouse (Mario's) on the road out to Karon also take some sports seriously.

At least most of the time the TV's will be tuned in at the correct time. At the majority of other places though, to even ask if an event will be shown is to invite looks of disbelief.

"You have 'Sports Bar' on your sign" I asked at one. "Sorry, this show very important, man fighting with girlfriend, she sleep with friend him, no sapotz..."

And no customers!

If you are up for a bit of gunplay then Jungle Squad's 'Jungle Storm' tournament is for you. To be held starting July 2nd, the format will be for sixteen 10-man, or lady teams battling it out over in the wilds of Kathu for the privilege of being the best Laser Combat team on the island.

If you can't get that many people together, don't worry, a call to Nigel (09 071 0169) will fix that as several teams will be made up from smaller groups.

It will be a four round knockout affair and will wind up of the 24th July with a party at the Two Black Sheep in Patong for the awards night.

The entry fee is 1,350 baht per person and that will include practice sessions, the combat rounds, t-shirt and flag, Campaign Medal, and the wind up at the Two Black Sheep.

We had a go at this a couple of months ago and had a great

time, and the realism of it gave us the clear notion that we certainly wouldn't like to be doing it for real. Nigel can also be contacted via email at co@junglesquad.com



The Rugby 10's have wound up this year's tournament here, you may have noticed groups of the burly boys dressed up as women wandering the streets of Patong and the beginning of the month.

There was a big turnout of teams, 28 in all, and supporters for the 7th year. This year they decided to raise money throughout the tournament for the victims of the tsunami. Around 500,000 baht was raised and given to the Robyn Butler Orphans Scholarship Fund. Robyn Butler was the wife of an Australian air-force corporal who lost her life in the tragedy. The Australian Services was heavily involved in the relief work after the tsunami and started the charity to help the orphans.

The team from the Australian Services, the A.S.R.U Warriors, managed to get into the finals and take on the South African Rainbow Warriors. The South Africans had several ex-internationals in their side and managed to prevail in a 12 - 5 win over the military boys.

In other results the Plate final was decided 29 - 12 in favour of the Moorabbin Ram Hyenas from Australia over the Alabang Eagles. The winners of the Bowl were Bedok Kings who beat the Wanderers Singapore 24-5 and the Hong Kong Police won the veterans competition, beating the HK Football Contemptibles 17-7.

The rugby itself ranged from the very competitive to the very social. One of the Oldies games was abandoned

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