

kafuffle was about as the team carefully pointed out the thin strip that is double 20.

Sure enough the dart was thrown and landed straight in the middle of double 20.

Sort of shows up all of us who have been practicing for many years!

Boys will be boys... When 'Nang' had her birthday recently at the Kamala Beer Garden quite a turnout ensued.

The guests were enjoying themselves and much amber fluid was being consumed making owner Rudi a very happy man.

One of the discussions going on at the time was concerning male travellers, tourists and locals alike seeing a need to be extremely macho, like someone really cares. You can tell if someone hasn't been here for very long, they'll rev and race big bikes in the narrow streets that are more suited to scooters, or just do things to impress the ladies of the night when all you need to do is pull out a big wallet.

As this discussion was going on someone pointed out a case in point. Behind, on one of those high bar tables an arm wrestling competition was taking place.

Why? Well we had no idea, but boys will be boys. One of the group casually mentioned that if they were going to continue to arm wrestle, they should have their elbows closer together.

Just as he said that, there was an almighty crack, as if someone had dropped a heavy glass ashtray onto a ceramic tiled floor. The bar went quiet and looked to see who had dropped the ashtray.

Standing in the direction of the sound was one of the arm wrestlers trying to be calm as he realised that his little macho stunt had just cost him a broken humerus (upper arm), which gave him the look of someone with two opposing elbows. To add insult to injury the medical

bill came to over 70,000 baht, an amount that would have impressed more girls than an arm wrestling competition.

On the more passive side of things, Patong's power grid has been holding up very well this year with only the occasional brown-out. When it has gone down though is usually after a bit of rain when the dust buildup triggers short circuits. After a little rain squall recently the power dropped out for about an hour.

Unfortunately, down at Floathaven this wasn't really a good thing as they had someone in the float chamber at the time. The way the chamber works is that a person steps into the changing room which is half taken up by the float chamber, locks themselves in and goes and has a peaceful hour away from all distractions. Music plays for the first ten minutes of the hour as they get settled and for the last ten minutes to let them know their time is up. On this occasion the power went out half way into the float. What to do! It was decided to leave them in there as they wouldn't know the power had dropped out and it was hoped that the power would come back on in time.

An hour and a half later the power resumed and the music played to conclude the session. When the client came out of the float room, she was asked what she thought of the float. She said it was great but thought she had only been in there about ten minutes instead of the two hours that had actually transpired.

If you're into being in a drinking club with a running problem then the Hash House Harriers is for you. They converge at the Expat Hotel every

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Right: Having a birthday, but want to hide? Easy for Chilla at the Aussie Bar.



Above and Below: Renovations to The Beach House in Nanai Rd., Patong were completed in time for Mark's birthday bash. Guests got to try out the new comfortable furniture for the first time. Some seemed very happy with it.



Above: Alan and Noiy tied the knot on the 30th September around the pool at Ban Kiki where they live.

