

nights a week (at time of printing).

The live music starts 22.00 with all the rock hits from the 70-80s like Bon-Jovi, Kiss, Guns & roses, Europe, Ozzy Osbourne, Scorpions, etc.

It will be quite a month, as a couple of doors down the Saxophone Bar & Restaurant will open a few days later. The same owners as the popular Saxophone in Bangkok, the venue will feature more of a Blues and Jazz selection.

More on that in the next issue.

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As we all know any form of gambling is highly illegal in Thailand and that is why nobody does it, just in case you needed to know why you never saw anyone gambling here. So this one is purely fictional because it would involve the 'g' word, which it doesn't so it didn't happen anywhere anytime, so don't come back to me and say it did because it didn't.

When one local barkeep received an SMS message it referred to the last Formula One GP of the season and asked if he wanted to have a small wager on the outcome of the race. More accurately whether one driver would finish ahead of another one. The barkeep thought about this for a while and then declined using the reply function on the message to convey his thanks, but no thanks.

Several days later the offering party turned up at our barkeep's establishment and ordered a drink. Then he ordered another one, then another and so on. He ended up having a rip roaring time and when it came time to leave, thanked the barkeep and said his goodbyes. He was just about to step out of the door and our barkeep pulled him up and enquired about the bill.

The answer he received was not quite what he was expecting, it was on the house said the other party. Since when! He was informed that the other party had won the wager a couple of

nights before. The barkeep informed him that he had declined the offer.

No he didn't was the reply and produced the SMS reply that was still on his phone. Sure enough if said 'On for race'. It seems our barkeep was using the intuitive text function on his phone (where you just press a single key for each letter and the phone tries to guess the word you are trying to write) and had failed to read the message before sending it. When you type in 'no', because both letters are on the same key, the first word to come up is 'on' and to get 'no' you have to scroll to the next word.

So his word of advice was to read all SMS messages before sending them.

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If you ever believe that paying first will be easier, you may need to think again.

A recent visitor here was thinking along those lines when he spotted a lass of dubious employment. After chatting with her for some time it was decided that she would meet him at his abode as they both arrived on separate motorbikes. As a sweetener he handed her 500 baht and pointed in the direction of where he was staying. She said she knew exactly where he was indicating and rode off... in completely the opposite direction.

Suffice to say he never saw her again.

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I'll start this with a disclaimer; Food here is always of the highest quality and you can be confident that anywhere you pull up to eat your meal will be freshly prepared.

The Thais take food preparation very seriously and are much more critical of taste than most peoples from the West, with the exception of a couple of European countries. Having said that, a colleague and a friend trekked off to Rawai recently to try a tasty seafood meal. After a big helping of oysters

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