

# The Yorkshire Inn Goes To Yorkshire

When the Yorkshire Inn was built six years ago Paul Gibson's franchise of 'American Golf Discount' was doing well to the point that Paul could consider early retirement. He had become associated with the group in 1989 after a long career in the golfing industry. Paul turned pro golfer at the age of 15 and at 18 became the youngest full club professional in the U.K. with his appointment to the Sandmoor Golf Club in Leeds. By the age of 22 attained his tour card which enabled him to join the lucrative European Tour circuit. After two years of that he decided it really wasn't his cup of tea and went into making and repairing clubs for the top professionals who thought it was their cup of tea. Clients included names like Bernhard Langer, Olazabal, Crenshaw, and Seve who remains his favourite golfer today.

American Golf Discount is Europe's largest retailer and by the time Paul set foot on our

fair isle he had three successful stores operating in the Leeds area. It was while he was here that he realised that this would make the ideal retirement venue as Phuket had the climate, the facilities and of course top quality golf courses.

He sold his interests in the business and made the plunge and moved here last year. It wasn't long before he realised that there were two ways to go in Phuket, either you could get busy living or get busy dying and the second option didn't sound very palatable. He started to look around for an interest and after meeting Geoff Currey, who had set up the Yorkshire Inn, thought that being from Yorkshire himself, the inn would be ideal.

Not that Paul had a lot of experience in the hotel game but he had proved he could create a successful business and with his passion for cooking felt that he could incorporate all those aspects into making it work.

He now has four chefs on staff and the



emphasis is on homemade meals right down to making their own chips. Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding features highly on their menu as you would expect.

But Paul doesn't plan to stop there as he believes that with the very central location he can make it into a meeting point in Patong.

There are thirty rooms and six exquisite apartments at the Yorkshire Inn and he plans to extend the apartment concept due to their popularity. Plans are also underway to add a real British feel to the bar area by turning it into an English pub, something that is not really seen outside the Green Man in Chalong and so far certainly not in Patong.



## THE YORKSHIRE INN

Hotel, Luxury Apartments, Bar & Restaurant

Minutes From The Beach, Seconds From The Nightlife



- ✿ 30 High Quality Rooms
- ✿ 6 Luxury Apartments
- ✿ 24 Hour security
- ✿ Superb Location
- ✿ Attentive Staff




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