

Around The Traps

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From now on it will be interesting to see how businesses handle themselves after quite a successful high season. We saw one new business open and close again with two weeks. Obviously a solid business plan went into that setup.

Renovations to the Offshore bar in Patong are now complete. On one recent afternoon a customer stopped as he was passing and went into the bar. He looked around and commented that he thought there was a party going on because there were so many people inside. Nope, just your average afternoon, but it does show once again that people attract other people to any premises and it greatly helps when the barkeeps are in attendance. The Offshore is also running an increased menu to keep the stomach lined and their full English breakfast is both sizeable and reasonably priced at 150 baht.

No. 26, the overly up market looking restaurant on Soi Sansabai in Patong wasn't working simply because it looked too expensive. Once again, if there are no people in a place then it will not attract any more. Well at least the lads gave it a shot

and on realising it wasn't going anywhere decided to change the concept. When we first heard it was going to be changed into a sports bar an audible groan could be heard. But it is amazing what a few plasma screens will do along with Nanai Rd. drink prices. Actually some of the drink prices on Nanai Rd. are higher in some of the bars, we've noticed recently. It is now called the Tai Life Sports Bar and along with comfortable seating and individual sound for each of the screens, has a pretty decent menu as well.



We've all been guilty of misplacing things from time to time and have been known to think that someone else has taken something when all along it has been our own forgetfulness that has brought us unstuck.

At one of the local markets around Phuket one such incident happened, causing the farang victim to be most incensed. He had been walking around the market making purchases when all of a sudden he noticed his wallet was gone. He started

to become quite vocal, as farangs can be, and started accusing everyone under the sun of all manner of things. After a little while of these antics everyone in the market had heard him. Thoroughly disgusted at being pick-pocketed he was on his way out of the market when a young girl sheepishly came up to him with his wallet in her hand, and asked if it was his. Relieved at getting his wallet back and now feeling more than a little embarrassed about his behaviour, he asked her how she knew it was his. She told him he had left it at her mother's stall and they didn't know who it belonged to until he started making himself heard all over the market. He silently and as quietly as he could left the market and it may be some time before he returns.

A couple of issues of disappearing motorbikes have arisen over the past month but have been sorted out in their own way. One we thought had quite a humorous side to it

though was where one gentleman came back from a night out to find his bike missing from where he had parked it. He looked high and lo but had to give it up as stolen.

About six months later he was in the same soi where the bike had gone missing and as he was walking down the soi noticed his missing bike. He couldn't believe his eyes and went up to the bike to figure out who had stolen it. Someone noticed him looking at the bike and approached him. The stranger asked him why he was taking an interest in this particular bike. He was told that the bike had been stolen six months before and this was the first time he had seen it since. "Thank goodness" said the stranger, it worked out that he was a security guard working for the hotel where the

Motorcycle Helmets

Wearing a helmet when riding a motorbike is required by law in Thailand. As is an International license for the class of vehicle you are driving.

If you are renting a motorbike and plan to carry a pillion passenger make sure you get two helmets. (Rarely enforced but still a requirement)

