

If you have wandered along Bangla Road in Patong of an afternoon, chances are you would see Dave the Pie man selling his homemade pies. Unfortunately, Dave passed away in that very street recently and despite efforts by the locals to revive him, was pronounced dead on the way to hospital. Dave hailed from the UK and didn't have any family here. Many wanted to pay their last respects but the embassy, being unable to find any relatives allowed him to be cremated a few days later. From all who knew Dave, may you rest in peace.

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One visitor's favourite party trick backfired recently landing him in hospital with a bit of explaining to do. The trick involved setting fire to alcohol while he was spurting it out of his mouth. While quite practiced at it he didn't count on the dust in Phuket's air. He duly

lit the alcohol and unfortunately sneezed at the same time resulting in a blowback that set fire to his hair, eyebrows and eyelids. I suppose that's one way to go prematurely bald.

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**Talk about getting lucky.** After the conclusion of the Phuket Blues Festival at the Acadia Hilton recently we stopped in at the Hilltop Hotel for a few drinks only to find the headline act from the festival, Rich Harper Blues Band, playing upstairs at the rooftop bar. With only about thirty people in attendance by the time they played their set, it was like having your own personal audience with the band. While there is plenty of jazz available on Phuket, the Blues is not so well represented. Pity really, it looks like another trip to Bangkok for a fix at the few clubs there that cater specifically to the Blues.

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## Sporting Pursuits

### PATONG POOL LEAGUE

At the end of Round 7 of 18 with the new points scoring system, Anchor Bar in Kata is at the top of the Patong? Pool League. The system was devised this season to reward teams that won by larger margins and Anchor Bar, after languishing last season under the old system has come back with a vengeance. Unfortunately, one of the teams had to pull out at the last moment so each team will have to have two Bye's this season unless a new team wants to come in halfway through the season.

For the *Monday Night* competition newcomer Anchalee Inn (89) won by the narrowest of margins, 1 point, over Tatum Mansions (88).

	Team	Pld	Won	Bye	Lost	Beer	Pts	For	Aga
1	Anchor	7	6	1	1	7	57	43	20
2	Offshore	6	4	1	2	4	41	33	21
3	Tatum Mansions	6	4	1	2	3	36	30	24
4	Frog Club	6	3	1	3	3	35	29	25
5	Shakers A	6	3	1	3	3	32	26	28
6	Skylight II	6	2	1	4	2	31	27	27
7	Montes	6	3	1	3	1	27	25	29
8	Skylight I	6	1	0	5	3	22	16	38
9	Anchalee	5	1	1	4	2	19	15	30
10	Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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