

Patong Beat

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Nicky's Handlebar Celebrate Third Anniversary

Nicky's Handlebar celebrated their 3rd anniversary on the 31st of October. If you are a car or motorbike freak, then Nicky's is the place to be. The place was packed and I must admit to enjoying their extensive playlist of music. The fashion was black and Harleys occupied most of the parking spots.

Down Rawai way a new addition on the beachfront is the Salalay Lobby Bar. I don't know whether I heard this right but they tell me they are open 24 hours (yes, all in the same day) for food and drinks. It was reopened last month after a bit of renovation work as the Tang-Tea restaurant and beer garden. Through some behind the scenes goings on, the name has been changed to the Salalay as the 25 room Salalay Bungalows is just behind it. Khun Oun is running the show there.



Above: Nicky (2nd middle left wearing glasses) celebrating with friends at the restaurant's 3rd anniversary. Left: Kim from South Africa covered herself both ways.

We're getting closer to Christmas and several restaurants are honing their skills for those big traditional Chrissy dinners. The way to start is by trying out the Sunday Roasts. The Islander Bar down at Rawai (not to be confused with the Islander in Patong) knocks up a pretty fair roast from reports I've heard. Rick has been fine-tuning the kitchen there for the past couple of months and it seems to be paying off.



It seems the bars in Soi Gonzo have finally gotten their act together and started running the same music throughout the whole Soi. Maybe now they can grab back a bit of business they have been losing to the other sois that have already realised that you don't need ear shattering music coming from all directions and all different songs at the same time to enjoy yourself. I can't count the number of people who have told me that they only go

into the soi to see friends and only for one drink because the racket gives them a spitting headache.

If you're looking for a bit of fun, try the 1st Annual Charity Football Competition in aid of the Patong Child Care Centre

Date: Friday 5th December 2003

Venue: Kata Stadium, Karon

Kata Beach Road.

Time: 12pm-6pm

Admission: Free

Money is being raised for the Patong Child Care Centre who help poor Thai children by giving them food, milk and an education. The competition will consist of eight, 7-a-side teams and the first round will see the eight teams divided into two groups. Roughly based on the recent Rugby World Cup idea, each team will play several twenty minute games before the knockout process begins. The winners of the two Semi's will go on to play in the final. The Group games will be played at the same time on two separate pitches. The final will be two fifteen minute halves. At time of printing, the confirmed teams are from the following bars; Football Crazy, Amigo's, Heroes, Pickles, Baya Beach, and Happy Days. There is also the Thai football team, Patong Allstars. Throughout the day there will be food and drinks being sold, along with a raffle being drawn between games. A DJ will be on hand playing tunes and there will be the occasional commentary from rival teams.