

# Chiang Mai Schools Cricket Alliance (CMSCA)

## Newsletter, December 2005

### 1 Good News, our Web Site is Back!

We are very pleased to report that our web site is back on line and is now better than ever. New material has been added and some of the former pages have been archived.

The name has been changed to [www.cricketchiangmai.com](http://www.cricketchiangmai.com) to help searchers find our site more easily. **Do register yourself as a member of the site while you spend your time browsing.**

Our new E-mail address is: [chiangmaijuniorcricket@gmail.com](mailto:chiangmaijuniorcricket@gmail.com) . Contact us and we will reply to all relevant messages.

Many thanks to Paul Clayton who continues to sponsor the site and to Arvind Sachdev and Eric Little who have spent many hours editing the changes. We will up-date the site regularly.

### 2 New Faces

We extend a warm welcome to Richard Bartholomew who has taken over as our hard ball cricket coach. David Buck resigned in July to take up a position at Prem Center. Linda Buck has also resigned. We are still twisting arms in search of a successor.



### 3 New In-door Arena

The Director of Prince Royal's College has agreed with our Chairman, Khun Parn that CMSCA can use the school's excellent in-door arena for indoor cricket every Saturday afternoon. Our Under-15 squad will train there under the guidance of Khun Warawut, David Walker, Basharat Wani and Eric Little. The in-door arena at Prem is in use every Sunday for coaching our Under-13 squad.

### 4 Gymkhana Club

The Gymkhana Club suffered badly as a result of the three major floods which hit Chiang Mai in a period of 8 weeks during this rainy season, each one leaving behind several inches of silt over the cricket field, golf course, tennis court and car parks. The continual rain made it impossible for any restoration work to commence on the field until the ground was dry enough for tractors to move about without bogging.

Thanks to some very hard work by Eric Little and others (even Peter Dawson was once spotted wearing Wellies, although not doing a lot!), the cricket nets are now serviceable, though a little stained. Our Under-15 squad and interested adults have used them every Sunday morning since mid-October.

The cricket field currently looks like a battlefield but appearances are deceptive. Grass is being laid this week around the pitch and the outfield is being prepared for laying turf. The ground will be usable for full matches after Xmas. The annual match between British Club, Bangkok and the Gymkhana Club will take place as scheduled in January. Restoration work is being supervised by Khun Parn and Eric Little and is being funded by The Chiang Mai International Cricket Sixes. Thank you, Maurice.



August 19<sup>th</sup> the first flood. Two more to come! Where is the pitch? November 24<sup>th</sup> grass beautiful grass.



## 5 Kit for Sponsored Boys

Most of the boys newly sponsored in 2005 have now received their kit. The delay was mainly due to the floods and their impact on school timetables.

Richard Bartholomew with Sayumpoo “Gar” Phatcha from Saimoon School the boy he has sponsored. Gar broke his arm when he fell out of a tree. The plaster is due to come off on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. A happy day for Gar.

## 6 Sawasdee Cricket Tournament

We held our first Sawasdee Cricket tournament of the year at Saimoon School on 17<sup>th</sup> September. 10 teams from 8 schools took part in this grade 6 competition which was won by Chol Prathan Phataek.

Our next tournament for Grade 5 children at Prince Royal’s College on 26<sup>th</sup> November, was won by Montfort ‘A’. Surprisingly, this is the first time that Montfort have won a Sawasdee tournament since Sixes week 2001!

## **7      Congratulations**

Congratulations to David Walker and Sa on the birth of a lovely daughter. Secondly to David for passing the examination for Level 1 Umpires at a recent ACC course in Bangkok.

Khun Parn , Khun Warawut and Eric Little also attended the ACC Umpires course in Bangkok.

## **8      Thanks**

Special thanks to Basharat Wani, Noon's family, Frank Wicks and Becky Lomax, Steve Penney, David Walker's UK friends and Geoff Stearn for recent donations which are helping to keep us afloat financially.

A special thanks to all our friends around the world who get this newsletter for reading down to this point. We will up date you again on our activities early next year.

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