

Bangers Newsletter

Fun, Friendship and Fraternity

Banger Belles, Champions of Phuket!!!

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Upcoming Tours and Events

Old Boys Captains Social 8th June with Argentinian BBQ. Old boys and families event.

Thai Rugby Union XV's End of June

RBSC XV's August/September

Teachers and Friends event September

Saigon 10s September TBC

Southerners Women's 6th October

Bali 10s 14-16 October TBC

Cambodia 10s 27-28th October

Bangkok 7s 10-11th November

RBSC 10s 17th November

Upcoming Training dates

Wednesday

8-9.30pm NIST School

Sunday

3 June SWU

10&17 June Patana School

24 June TBA(SWU/Berkeley)

1 July Patana School

8 July Patana School

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Farewell Gaz

Gaz has been a big part of the Bangers for the past 3 years but, like Thai massages, all good things must come to an end. Some of his accolades during his time with the Bangers include being a shit committee member, a great number 15, a very poor drinker and an all-round good c@*+. As a final hoorah we decided to sit down with Gaz for a few words.

Apart from having your top knot cut off, what have been some other highlights you've had with the Bangers?

My highlights reel with the Bangers is a long one but if I had to choose, it would be going on all the great tours with the Bangers especially the Pattaya and Phuket tours.

For those who don't know, where are you headed and what will you be doing?

I'm heading back to reality aka New Zealand. I'll be heading back to University to work on my masters in Education.

Can you tell us a few things that you'll miss about Bangkok.

The number one thing I'll miss about Bangkok is this club and the 'degenerates' who make it up. Oh and the food!

What won't you miss?

My flight ;)

Finally, any parting words for your fellow Bangers?

Thank you all so much. I have loved my time in Bangkok and that in the most part is due to the awesome friends and family I have made in the Bangers!

As a club we couldn't ask for anything more of a Banger. You'll be sorely missed on and off the field bro. We wish you and Katie all the best in NZ. Arohanui!



Banger Belles make history by taking home the winners' cup at the Phuket 10s

Phuket 10s Tour Report

Eleven Belles (eventually...) made their way to Phuket on Friday 25th May. After a *fairly* respectable Friday night the Belles made their way to a very, very wet pitch on Saturday morning. First game was 8.50am vs Hong Kong Ice, an unknown opponent recently promoted to the HK first division. Needless to say, the army that they had brought made the Belles anxious going into game one.



The Belles stepped up in the wet weather and got two tries in courtesy of Tang and Eva, one of which was converted by Nina. Some tiredness in the last few minutes saw HK Ice score one of their own and the result was 12-7.

Game two was against the other Hong Kong team, Fire. A break from Nina almost made it over the line, however held short the Belles were strong in support and Mairi was charged across the line for a score. Yee had a break down the wing and scored one of her own, both converted by Nina. Fire got one back of their own, but the Belles, who were displaying a ferocious defensive game, held on for the win. Result 14-5.



Game three was the match-up of the day against the Southerners. Both teams undefeated, the match was open. With no opportunity presenting itself, 17-year-old Nina decided to take fate into her own hands and with a fabulous kick, chase and regather from half way line. Resulting in a stunning solo try under the posts. Nina promptly converted her own try and the Belles fought hard in defence to keep the final result at 7-0.



The Belles rocked as much off the pitch as on the pitch, with many eyes drawn towards the fabulous beauty queen themed tour costume courtesy of Ying and Prye. Needless to say, the Banger Belles' reputation as Asia's Best Touring team is still intact.

Blessed with a 1.15pm kick off, the Belles enjoyed a leisurely Sunday morning shaking off the cobwebs and lending their support to the runner completing his 50K run in support of the Asia Centre Foundation.

The semi-final was against the Hong Kong Fire and both teams came out giving it everything. The Belles stayed defending for most of the match but keeping Fire in their own half. At every opportunity the Belles headed for the line with

Nina crossing twice and Tang side-stepping her way to under the posts. Final result 17-0.

The final was set up against Hong Kong Ice after their close win over the Southerners. The Belles were kept in their half for the first 8 minutes, with Ice having most of the possession. The Belles displayed the awesome tackling and ruck work that had got them this far over the weekend and the fight for the title never left them. Nina made a half pitch break and scored for the Belles, but shortly after Ice did the same. Scores tied, in the 10th minute Mairi powered through 3 defenders to make her own line break with Eva in support all the way. The Belles held on for the last minutes and when the final whistle went, victory was theirs. Final score 12-5.

It was an incredibly well fought tournament which couldn't have been possible without our coach, Doug. After 2 years with the Belles, he has seen them go from strength to strength, and this trophy is a credit to the hard work he and the girls have put in.

Thanks to the organisers and the incredible support from BOBS, Bangers and Panthers throughout the weekend.

Getting in the bus at the end of day 2, a voice from the back asks, "where's the next tour?". The Belles are on the hunt for more trophies for our shelf in TDL.

Written by Rosie - an incredibly proud and thrilled captain

Farewell Jess AKA Tasty

May saw us loose another quality player to other lands. Her presence will be felt on and off the pitch and it's yet to be proven how the Rugby Band will recover from the loss of their best front women yet. Good luck with the future and we'll see you back in Bangkok soon. Once a Belle, always a Belle!



Every year, part of your membership fee goes towards supporting our charity partners, Asia Centre Foundation. This sponsorship supports the scholarship of three children for the entire year. Here is a message of thanks from one of those children.

Dear My Sponsor,
My name is Nanthawat. I am 15 years old. I study at Muang Thailand school in Mathayom 2. Last term my GPA is 2.10, it did not look good, but I will try to improve my grades. I promise I will try my best. Now I stay with my aunt and grandmother. My family have 5 people. Every morning I take the local bus to school. It's far from my home, about 7KM. I am interest in basketball. I was also representative of the team in sports day and won the competition in my school. And now I am preparing to be a basketball player in order to compete in the provincial level. Besides I was also interested in farming follow the King taught of my country. It's a vegetable garden for cooking at home. In the time after class I and my brother often help to plants vegetables every evening, such as morning glory, chilli pepper etc. for use as food for ingredients and for the rest of the time I will read a book reviewing the reason and also help my grandmother to make clean at home. My family have 3 boys to take care to got a scholarship is very important to me. Because it will be a burden on the cost of the house. And I promised I will study hard and be a good person to the soviet for return to your support and give me the chance to study.

Lastly I wish you and your family to be a good health forever,
Best regards

