



## Activities & Benefits

The Club's motto is *Expats Helping Expats*. It began when a small group of Expats started having Sunday meetings for their fellow Expats in March 2001 with the primary goal of being a place where Expats could share information among themselves about living in Pattaya – where to get services, where to find certain products, etc.

Since the start and as the Club grew, it became much more than just a venue to exchange information. Speakers were invited to the meetings to talk on subjects of interest to Expats. The Club also offers a book exchange table at the Sunday meetings (upstairs at The Tavern by the Sea meeting place).

The Club helps facilitate various member organized activities such as special interest groups and excursions that take place outside of the regular meetings offering the opportunity to socialize and make friends with others that share a common interest.

Additionally, some Club members have volunteered to assist others in getting a Thai driving license and answering specific questions about Thai Immigration matters – these services are available to members and non-members.

The Club also has this website to provide a wealth of information of interest to both Expats and visitors and provides a weekly Newsletter about the Club's activities and upcoming events of interest to Expats and visitors alike.

**[For more information on the Club's activities and benefits, click on the topic below](#)**

**[THE REGULAR SUNDAY MEETING](#)** – Enjoy conversing with your fellow Expats while enjoying a full or light breakfast before the program starts then sit back and enjoy the program.

**[THAI DRIVING LICENSE & IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE](#)** – Club members provide assistance to ease the process.

**[ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR MEETING](#)** – Members organize several activities that take place outside the Sunday meeting.

**[BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP](#)** – There are benefits to becoming a member – group health insurance, discounts, DVD/Video lending library, etc.

The Club does not restrict most of its activities to members only; guests are welcome to join in. However, there are certain benefits available only to members of the Club. The Club is a social organization; it has no commercial activities to generate funds on which to operate. So, one of the primary benefit of joining is that your dues allow the Club's activities to continue in providing a venue for Expats to meet, interact, and exchange information – not to mention meeting and making new friends. The other member benefits include discounts at several restaurants, businesses, and two International hospitals; these discounts over a year can far exceed the amount of the annual membership dues, which is only 400 Baht.

# EXPATS AND VISITORS

## DRIVING LICENSE & IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

This Website has a section giving information on Visa & Immigration matters and on obtaining a Thai driving license. However, dealing with a lot of bureaucratic paperwork can seem daunting to many. Two of our Club members offer assistance to Expats in understanding and dealing with the Land Transport and Immigration Offices responsible for the Pattaya area.



### [DRIVING LICENSE ASSISTANCE](#)

Specific requirements and a description of the process are included in [Thai Driving License](#) information on the Living in Thailand pages. This monthly service was done for several years by Member Hans (Jon) Stroosnyder. In April 2016, Henk Hauer volunteered to take over this service from Hans. The trip usually takes place the last Wednesday of the month. The trips depart from the Tavern by the Sea (our Sunday meeting venue) at 9:30am. You should contact Henk to confirm the trip date & time and let him know you wish to participate in the trip. Telephone 085-309-0602 or email [henk2223@gmail.com](mailto:henk2223@gmail.com). [Click Here](#) for a checklist of what you will need to take with you.



### [THAI IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE](#)

The Thai Immigration Office for Expats or visitors residing or staying in Pattaya is the Chonburi Immigration Office. It is located on Jomtien Beach Soi 5. While it would be difficult to find a true “expert” on Thai Immigration issues, Club Member Darrel Vaught manages to stay up to date on most matters related to this Immigration Office. He will provide advice or answer questions at the regular Sunday meeting – just ask anyone and they will point him out to you. As most Expats soon learn, each Immigration Office (or even Immigration Officers within an Office) may interpret the rules differently.

Also, it is not unknown for Immigration to announce new rules or procedures without much, if any, advance notice. The Website information is updated based on the latest reports from Expats and visitors on their experience with the Chonburi Immigration Office. [Click Here](#) for the main page on Immigration issues and select from the links at the bottom for the Immigration topic. Sometimes we get conflicting reports indicating they may not be consistently applying new procedures or requirements – for these items, we do not change the website, but include them in the [Weekly Newsletter](#) and/or on a separate [update page](#).

If you don't find your answer there or have questions, you can contact Darrel by telephone at 086-069-0112 from within Thailand (from outside Thailand, dial your international access code and then 66-86-069-0112). You can also email him with your questions at [darrel-pcec@inbox.com](mailto:darrel-pcec@inbox.com).

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## THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES

Whether you are taking up residence in Thailand or just visiting, one of the most common concerns is making new friends. Although from varied backgrounds and differing nationalities, the Club helps Expats meet others and form friendships through many activities associated with the Club, such as Special Interest Groups and Excursions. These activities are organized by individual members or others; not the Pattaya City Expat Club. But, the Club endeavors to facilitate these activities by encouraging members and others to organize them and by letting others know about their activities through the Club's Newsletter, Website, and Meeting announcements.

**Special Interest Groups** <sup>1</sup> – There are usually about a dozen groups that meet outside of regular meetings to share a common interest. Some meet weekly, some monthly, and others periodically. [Click here](#) to see a current listing of groups - check them out and join in if you also share that particular interest; if it is not there, then you can form your own group. Approach a Board member with your idea for a Group; the Club through its announcements at the meeting, on the website, and in the Newsletter will facilitate letting others know of your group, activities, meeting time and place, etc. For special interests related to wining and dining or to contributing to the Thai community, they are included under the topics below.

**Wining and Dining Together** - The Club has a monthly Dinner get together where members and guests can enjoy a good meal in a nice social setting. These dinners take place at a different restaurant each month. The Club also has several members that enjoy the many Wine Dinners put on by several of Pattaya's finer dining establishments – these members often arrange for a PCEC table at these Wine Dinners. Also the Club usually has a good turnout at the Amari Orchid Resort's monthly Wine Experience. [Click here](#) to read more about these wining and dining activities.

**Contributing to the Thai Community** - Club members also try to help the Thai community. The English conversation for Thais group is officially sanctioned by the Banglamung District government and provides English conversation classes for government and business employees, students, and Thai navy personnel – volunteers from the Club participate in these classes which are offered free of charge to the Thai participants. After hearing a guest speaker talk about his Non-Government Organization's effort to eradicate poverty in rural Thai villages, several members formed another group to join with the NGO by partnering with a specific village so they could participate in the program. Also, many members get involved with local charitable organizations or activities that work to improve the lives of Thais. [Click here](#) to read more about these activities.

**Excursions** <sup>1</sup> - Every so often, the Club will assist in the planning and carrying out of an excursion, which may be a day trip, an overnighter within Thailand, or even a trip to another country. [Click here](#) to read more about these activities.

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<sup>1</sup> [Click Here](#) to read the Club's Policy on special interest groups and excursions.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



Club members receive discounts at restaurants, businesses, and two International Hospitals. The discounts vary – generally from 10 to 20 percent – when you show your Pattaya City Expats Club membership card. Also, the Club has a Group Hospital Insurance Policy.

### Group Health Insurance Policy

The policy will accept applicants under 70 and will continue coverage to age 75. Under the Group policy, you can renew up to age 75. Once you are 76, you may renew, but this is on a case by case basis and determined by insurer. If you are interested in taking advantage of the group policy, see Kuhn Neng, broker who is usually present from 11am till noon at the Club's Sunday meeting. For a Summary of the policy, [Click Here](#).



### Discounts at Two International Hospitals

Two International Hospitals offer some discounts to Club Members. Both Hospitals offer a wide variety of medical services.

**Bangkok Pattaya Hospital** – Many club members use this Hospital located on Sukhumvit Road just north of Pattaya Nua (North Road). Show Club membership card to the Cashier to receive the discount. As a Club member you and your family members will get a 10% discount on Pharmaceutical items (excludes all types of vaccination/special medicines), a 10% discount on in-patient room rate (excludes ICU, CCU and NICU), and a 10% discount on dental fees for general dentistry (extraction, filling, dental scaling) and a 5% for prosthodontic treatment. The discount is for self pay only and cannot be used with personal health insurance or other ( promotional campaign, special discount etc.) [Click here](#) for their website.



**Phyathai Sriracha General Hospital** – Although this Hospital is located in Sriracha, many Club members use it because it often charges less than Bangkok Hospital Pattaya. Club members receive a 10% discount on medicines (inpatient and outpatient), main physical check up, and CT & MRI scans. See the Health Issues Section of the Club's Newsletter for current promotions if any. If you would like to make an appointment or you require any assistance you can contact Gavin Waddell by emailing him at [gavin@phyathai.com](mailto:gavin@phyathai.com) or call him direct on 089-750-0293. Gavin is the Head of the International Department at the Hospital. He is also a fellow Club member and more than happy to help you in your dealings with the Hospital. [Click here](#) for their website.



## Discounts at Various Businesses



### Restaurants

Pattaya City has a wealth of eateries, from road side stands to fine dining. Several restaurants offer a discount to Pattaya City Expat Club Members - just show your membership card to get the discount - it is advisable to present your membership card at the time you request the "check bin," so the cashier can compute the discount before presenting the check. [Click Here](#) for a current listing of these restaurants.

### Businesses

In addition to restaurants, several businesses offer discounts to Pattaya City Expat Club members on their services and products. Show your membership card to get the discount. [Click here](#) for a current listing of these vendors.

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