



Mom Tri's Boathouse Second Short Fiction Contest 2008
Part 1: Open to All
Part 2: Open to Age Group 15 – 18 years

The Boathouse announces the second **Mom Tri's Boathouse Short Fiction Contest** and invites aspiring writers to pen up to 1,500 words of original prose.

Last year saw the first annual Boathouse writing competition which generated a large and enthusiastic response. The competition was judged by Jake Needham, Asia's most stylish and atmospheric writer of such bestsellers as 'The Big Mango', 'Laundry Man' and 'Killing Plato' –a Jack Shepherd crime fiction story set in Phuket and starting in the Boathouse's own Galley Bar.

The Greater Phuket Magazine sponsored the competition and placed no less than three pieces of the best writing in its pages during 2007.

The second competition will be in two parts.

Firstly the adult competition open to all, requiring stories of 1,000 up to 1,500 words, containing the three key words: the **Boathouse**, **Phuket** and (the big) **Mango**. Deadline for Part 1 entries will be 29 February and winners will be announced 12 March 2008. Details and conditions can be found on below.

Secondly a competition open to young school age writers 15 to 18 years. To get the students going, the beginning of a short Jack Shepherd story is posted below. Students are asked to finish the story using between 800 and 1,200 words.

To further and help generate ideas, Jake will conduct a workshop at Phuket's International Schools on 11 - 12 March (details to be announced) and excerpts from Jack Shepherd books are available on www.JakeNeedham.com at the Podbooks section as audio files to listen to. Part 2 of the contest closes 10 April 2008. Three outstanding entries will be chosen and announced by the end of April 2008.

Winners will be able to experience the famous Mom Tri experience first-hand; they will receive a voucher for a complimentary stay - with a dinner for two and a bottle of wine – at Mom Tri's Boathouse and a spa treatment for two at Mom Tri's Villa Royale.

Winners will also receive an autographed Jake Needham novel and the winning entries of Part 1 and Part 2 will be published in the Greater Phuket Magazine and posted on Mom Tri's Boathouse website www.boathousephuket.com.

Conditions

- The contest is open to all
- Stories can be on any subject but must have a Thai theme or Thai flavour
- Stories should be original and not have been published previously
- Number of words between 1,000 and 1,500 words
- Following three key words must appear in the story: Boathouse, Phuket and Mango
- Spelling: English (UK), Single spacing, Font Arial 12
- Write Name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and age on the first page
- Deadline for entries Part 1: 29 February 2008
- Send story by e-mail to pr@boathousephuket.com
- First Prize: voucher for a complimentary 4D/3N stay with ABF at Mom Tri's Boathouse. A dinner for two (value up to 3,000 Baht) plus a bottle of wine at the Boathouse Wine & Grill. Voucher for a spa treatment for two at Mom Tri's Villa Royale. A copy of one of Jake Needham's novels
- Second Prize: voucher for a complimentary 3D/2N stay with ABF at Mom Tri's Boathouse. A dinner for two (value up to 3,000 Baht) plus a bottle of wine at the Boathouse Wine & Grill. Voucher for a spa treatment for two at Mom Tri's Villa Royale. A copy of one of Jake Needham's novels
- Third Prize: voucher for a complimentary 2D/1N stay with ABF at Mom Tri's Boathouse. A dinner for two (value up to 3,000 Baht) plus a bottle of wine at the Boathouse Wine & Grill. Voucher for a spa treatment for two at Mom Tri's Villa Royale. A copy of one of Jake Needham's novels
- Vouchers will be valid from 15 May until 30 September 2008
- Advance reservations are required and are subject to availability
- All winners will be notified by e-mail before 12 March 2008

Mom Tri's Boathouse Second Short Fiction Contest Part 2

Conditions

- The contest is open to all writers aged between 15 – 18 years
- Finish the Jack Shepherd story www.boathouse.net/short_fiction_contest.htm
- Number of words between 800 and 1,200 words
- Spelling: English (UK), Single spacing, Font Arial 12
- Write Name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and age in the header of each page
- Deadline for entries Part 2: 10 April 2008
- Send story by e-mail to pr@boathousephuket.com
- Stories should be original and not have been published previously
- First Prize: voucher for a complimentary 3D/2N stay with ABF at Mom Tri's Boathouse. Second room for parents or guardian available at special rate upon request. A dinner for two (value up to 3,000 Baht) at the Boathouse Wine & Grill. Voucher for a spa treatment for two at Mom Tri's Villa Royale. A copy of one of Jake Needham's novels
- Second Prize: voucher for a complimentary 2D/1N stay with ABF at Mom Tri's Boathouse. Second room for parents or guardian available at special rate upon request. A dinner for two (value up to 3,000 Baht) at the Boathouse Wine & Grill. A copy of one of Jake Needham's novels
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- Vouchers will be valid from 15 May until 30 September 2008
- Advance reservations are required and are subject to availability
- All winners will be notified by e-mail before the end of April 2008

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Following are the first paragraphs of a Jack Shepherd story by Jake Needham

“When Jack Shepherd walked into the Boathouse, it was an unusually warm Thursday night in March and the salty breeze off the Andaman Sea swirled with distant memories. He took a stool at the Galley Bar, ordered a Heineken from the impossibly young-looking man wearing a black bow-tie, and shifted his weight on the stool just enough to look around without being obvious about it.

“He and Anita had sat just over there, he thought to himself. That table out at the far edge of the dining room, almost on the beach. Could that really have been just two years ago? It felt like he had lived a lifetime or two since then, and he supposed he had.

“He took a long pull from his Heineken and glanced again at the table he and Anita had once shared. Tonight the table was occupied by three men and a woman who didn’t seem to be having nearly as much fun as he and Anita had had back then. He started to look away, but then he stopped. His eyes jerked back to the table.

“It couldn’t be, he told himself. It simply couldn’t be. But, and now he had no doubt of it at all, it clearly was.”

**Finish the above story using 800 – 1,200 words.
Further conditions and details as above.**

Jake Needham’s novels are available throughout Thailand at Bookazine and Kinokuniya retail booksellers

Excerpts from Jack Shepherd books are available on www.JakeNeedham.com at the Podbooks section as audio files to listen to.