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### On the Front Cover

Judy and Roger Fitzgerald getting festive  
Bernie gets Karen the most romantic presents  
Xmas Ball-goers find things to play with  
Welcome to New Members Maike and Parvis  
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# A Fond Farewell

**F**or the benefit of those who don't visit the Clubhouse regularly and therefore have not seen the picture on the noticeboard of my beloved Chloe the cat seeking a new home, I will be leaving Bangkok on the 4th of this month to take up a new position in Silicon Valley, California.

While I am greatly looking forward to my new job, new home and new life I am of course sad to be leaving Thailand after so long, having made this my main holiday destination (because my parents lived here for over 11 years) for 16 years and working in Bangkok for more than eight and a half years. This place sure gets into your blood after a while!

Of the time spent here in the Mad Mango, a very sizeable proportion has been at the British Club, which early on became like a second home to me, especially as I was the only *farang* in my office and craved hearing my own sense of humour! I found it very easy to get involved at the Club, joining the Badminton and Tennis sections to keep me fit – well, active anyway – and meet new people.

*Outpost* has also played a major part; as I enjoy writing and am rarely without a camera I suppose it was inevitable that I would take over the magazine reports for both the Badminton (for nearly four years) and Tennis (for over eight years) Sections until I stopped playing either. Taking over as Editor of *Outpost* in 1995 became my next challenge, teaming up with David Blowers at a revitalised The Creative Partnership to edit and publish the magazine. I hope you think, as we do, that it has been a successful five years.

In total, I have edited this magazine for over four years (excluding my 15-month break!), and in that time I have tried to make *Outpost* more than simply an announcement of upcoming events. I maintain that people enjoy seeing lots of photographs (especially when they are in them!), which is why I spend thousands of baht every year on photography.

## Voicing Opinions

I am slightly disappointed that there have not been more letters over the years; perhaps my recent articles reflecting actual members' concerns on the subject of email and cakes – where voiced opinions are printed without requiring the shy or the apathetic to put pen to paper – is the way to go?

Most of all, I have tried to inject more life into the magazine to make it more interesting for members, to make it a better advertising proposition which in turn makes for a more attractive



Gaynor de Wit – Editor

magazine. I know that my definition of “life” has occasionally dabbled rather near (or indeed crossed!) the border of controversial, but the idea was always to prompt some reaction, at least to let me know that there are members who do actually read the magazine and who care about what happens at their Club, even if they aren't of the letter-writing variety. That, and I'm all in favour of giving people in charge a prod every now and then; hopefully the GMs and Committee members I've irritated over the years have forgiven me!

## And Now...

My colleagues at The Creative Partnership will continue publication of *Outpost* for the foreseeable future, so please forward your contributions to Editor at the pigeon-hole as usual. As for me, I will leave my America contact details with the Club but I'm sure I will be visiting these fair shores again before too long to dose up on fabulous weather and streetside pork satays! I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported *Outpost* over the years, and a special thanks to everyone who has made me laugh – really, it's the best medicine! Many thanks, and have a great 2001!

Gaynor de Wit  
Editor

*P.S. By the way, a new home was found for Chloe (and much of my stuff was sold); the noticeboard is still an effective medium!*



## From the General Manager

**D**ear Members,

We have just started a fresh year at the British Club and are really going to make even more effort this year to organise events, food promotions, children's activities and much more. On the Food and Beverage side, we are launching new menus poolside and in the Churchill Bar. A new wine list was implemented in late December with a wider range and some high quality wines - needless to say the best value for money in town! Also a new children's menu will be implemented this month. For more than 5 years the menus have not been revised at these outlets. Unfortunately some dishes will be increasing in price as the cost of ingredients has risen. On the other hand though all beverage prices will remain the same.

On the development side we are about to start the renovation of the children's play area behind the toddlers' pool. This project will start on 8 January and will be completed by 31 January 2001. A new treadmill has been ordered for the Fitness Centre and will be installed before the end of the month.

The fire and safety work in the Club House started last month and should be completed by the end of January. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused to our Members.

The furniture in the Silom Sala will also be replaced this month. Presently we are working on a new bar design and new lighting will be also be installed in the Silom Sala during the first two months of the New Year.

On the personnel side, there is a lot of activity. On Monday, 15 January there will be the yearly staff outing and the Club will be closed on this day. Also new staff training programmes will be implemented this month in order to improve the service levels at our Food and Beverage outlets.

Sadly for us Ms. Gaynor de Wit will be leaving Thailand to take up a new assignment in San Francisco. This news came rather unexpectedly and we all regret that she is leaving. Gaynor has been a very supportive Member over the past years and has made a great contribution to the Club. She has played a very active role



Willem T.P. Pentermann - General Manager

in the monthly *Outpost* publications and on many occasions has helped out with Club events. We would like to wish her all the best with her new job and hopefully we will see her back at the British Club in the not too distant future.

Several Members have raised concerns over children's behaviour at the Club. On several occasions over the last few months there were close calls in the carpark because children were running around and not paying any attention to the cars driving through the carpark. Starting in the New Year we would really appreciate it if parents would keep a closer eye on their children. As a Club rule "persons under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by a Member or one of the member's family over the age of 18 years". We would be very grateful if parents would take this seriously.

We hope that you all will have a healthy and prosperous 2001.

Yours sincerely,

**Willem T.P. Pentermann**  
General Manager

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# Kicking off 2001

To help us with catering and seating arrangements, please book in advance if you wish to join any of these events.

## The Great English Breakfast!

*Starting Saturday 6 January*

Under the watchful eyes of the master chefs at the British Club, let your Thai maids learn how to cook bacon, turn eggs, make toast that stays and tastes fresh and lay table. From 9.30-11.30am on 6th, 8th, 13th and 15th January. This course is organised by Community Services of Bangkok. Contact them on 258 5652 for reservations and details of cost.

## New Year Extravaganza

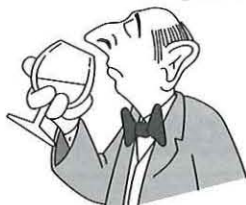
*Sunday 7 January*

Starting at 2.30pm on the back lawn of the Club, we would like to welcome all members and their families to the first event of the New Year. Bring the kids as there will be plenty to occupy them - face painting, a balloon typhoon, a magic show and puppet show. From 4.30pm Frank Crocker and the 'No Fixed Abode' band will entertain us and a tasty BBQ will be available at 5.00pm. The cost is Bt 425 for adults; Bt 275 for children aged 4 and over; and it's free for children 3 and under.

## Spanish Wine Tasting

*Friday 12 January*

Sample a refreshing selection of wines from Spain, courtesy of Vanichwhattana (Bangkok) Co, in the Silom Sala from 7.30-9.00pm. The Club will be providing tapas-style morsels to complement the wines.



## Movie Night

*Wednesday 24 January*

Beautiful women, fast cars, and Vodka Martinis (shaken not stirred of course). Yes it's James Bond 007 in "The Man with the Golden Gun". Come for the adventure - it's only Bt 250 including a light Thai buffet.

## European Networking Night

*Wednesday 17 January*

A joint British Club and British Chamber of Commerce in Thailand 'European Networking Night' on the back lawn from 6.00-8.00pm. Cocktail food will be provided; beverages can be purchased at Club prices.



## Bar Quiz

*Friday 19 January*

Sign up quickly in reception as we've only room in the bar for 10 teams (a maximum of 6 in each team). Bt 100 per team member.

## New Zealand Wine Dinner

*Friday 26 January*

A great selection of Kiwi wines will be sampled during the course of a delightful dinner in Lords Restaurant. The wine tasting is courtesy of Mr. Tom Westbury of PTK Management & Marketing in Bangkok and Mr. Predatonvich of Lincoln Wines in New Zealand. Just Bt 900 per person which includes a 4 course dinner and 5 different New Zealand wines. Starts at 7.00pm.

## Culinary Treasures from the Middle East

*Fri & Sat 16 & 17 February*

An evening full of Eastern promise .... koftah and shish kebab, falafel and fchool.

Who knows what the BC chefs will conjure up for these Arabian Nights in Lords...! Evenings only starting at 7.00pm at Bt 500 per person.



## Visit the Bridge over the River Kwai

*Fri-Sun, 23-25 February*

Join us on our first-ever BC trip to the legendary River Khwae with its beautiful countryside, river and waterfalls.

Leaving by coach from the Club on Friday 23rd at 7.00pm, we'll head west to Kanchanaburi, arriving at the luxurious Felix River Kwai Hotel on the northern edge of town in time for a light Thai buffet supper.

On Saturday after an early breakfast, we'll tour the Sri Nakarin Dam and on to the picturesque Erawan Waterfall. After lunch at Tham Krasea Restaurant, we'll travel the infamous Death Railway back to Kanchanaburi, arriving back at the hotel for your own leisure activities - biking, tennis, snooker, sight-seeing or just lazing by the pool. Dinner will be in the delightful gardens of the hotel.

Sunday will find us rafting on the river with a trip to the JEATH war museum followed by lunch on board. Your afternoon is free until the coach leaves at 4.00pm, arriving back at the Club by 6.30pm.

Cost: Adults Bt 5,500; Children aged 4-12 years Bt 3,300; Children under 4 Bt 1,500.





## SPORTS UPDATE

### Scuba Underwater Slide Show

Tuesday, 9 January

Starting at 7.00pm slides will be shown of scuba dive trips in the Andaman Sea of the southern sites of Hin Daeng and Hin Muang north to Richelieu Rock. Discuss live-aboard boat operations and make plans for future dive trips. Divers are welcome to bring their own slides and photos to relate their recent dive trips in Thailand and abroad. Non divers and those interested



in learning are very welcome! Snacks will be served and you can sign up at Reception. (Contact: Peter Gary, Tel 634 7792, Email: petergary@usa.net)

### Swimming, Tennis & Aerobics

See separate section in this issue entitled "Sport Classes" for a full update on the swimming, tennis and aerobic courses available at the Club through to June 2001.

### Swimming Gala

Sunday 4 February

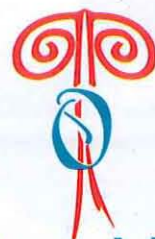
For further details, contact the Fitness Centre.



### Snooker Mix-In

12 & 26 January

Cue up in the Snooker Room for a sociable evening of snooker. These mix-ins are held regularly every second and fourth Friday of the month.



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## New Members

### Edwin & Margaret Ferner

Consul at the Austrian Embassy, Edwin likes playing tennis, and freely admits that, although keen on golf, he's a bit of a hacker, losing 5 balls on average each round. He's better at bowling where his "lost ball" average is slightly less! Both Edwin and Margaret enjoy the company of good food, drink and friends, in that order, although spending hours in traffic jams is fast becoming Margaret's main pastime. Welcome to Bangkok Margaret! They have 3 children, Natascha and Tanja who go to ISB and Gregory who is at Swiss pre-school.



Edwin and Margaret

### Peter Myers

Here as a youngster from '88-'92 with his parents, this is a return journey to the BC for Peter. At 22, he's still young but is very clear on what he likes - drama, Jane Austen, Shakespeare, and creative and journalistic writing. He's not short on experience either having already written a play for the Edinburgh Festival last summer and stage managed the BCT's recent "Guys & Dolls" production. In addition to Thailand, he has also lived with his parents in Sierra Leone, Papua New Guinea, Warsaw and England. And how long will he stay in Bangkok this time? "Until England becomes appealing again", he says. And that could be a very long time.



Peter

### David Aitken and Lisa Carlisle

An Aikido black belt, David is someone... well, he's someone not to be messed with! He's the new GM at Bangkok Exhibition Services and besides Aikido he also enjoys golf, football, swimming and general fitness activities. Bangkok is their first posting and they're hoping to stay about 3 years. Lisa works at President Park Kindergarten and when she's not influencing the minds of tomorrow's generation, she's swimming, playing golf or tennis - or attempting karaoke in Thai! According to David, her pronunciation is questionable, but what does he know, eh?



David and Lisa

### Peter and Gloria Warbanoff

New Brit member Gloria is a consultant whose interests are varied; golf, gym workouts, reading, art exhibitions and travelling. Peter from Oz is a banker at Standard Chartered Nakornthon and he, too, enjoys golf along with aussie rules football. 'Eating' holds high priority for both of them, so hopefully they'll enjoy wading through the BC menu during their 2-3 year stay in Bangkok.



Peter and Gloria

### Parvis Brown and Maike Voorhuis

This Anglo-Dutch couple have two children of 3 and 6, both at school. Parvis is with the Asia Auction House and Maike is a housewife. They both enjoy squash and tennis, and Parvis adds football and cricket to his list of sporting interests. They've been in Thailand for about 8 months and are planning to stay a minimum of 3 years.



Maike and Parvis

### Costa and Jenny-Lee Economou

New member Jenny-Lee from South Africa worked as a pharmaceutical consultant before her son Nicolas was born 8 months ago. Happy nowadays to concentrate on raising Nicolas, she is a full-time housewife whose outside interests are aerobics, hiking and horseriding. Costa is Greek, he is GM at Boehringer Ingelheim, and enjoys hiking and snorkelling. Over the past couple of years they have enjoyed exploring Thailand together and now plan to concentrate their travels on neighbouring countries.



Jenny-Lee and Costa

### Vanessa Christian

Fun-loving, witty and highly imaginative, Vanessa is a teacher in search of something! Presently single, she hopes to rectify this by finding a handsome, top executive to dote on her, preferably the sporty, bronzed, antipodean type who looks great in tennis shorts. On her occasional trips to Earth, she enjoys swimming, diving, and playing a self-confessed poor game of tennis, as well as attending every social function in town to avoid missing out on anything. There's more.... She spent two years in Botswana, reportedly in a mud hut, and a further 2 on the island paradise of Turks & Caicos, but if you want to know more... well you'll just have to see her down at the Club!



Vanessa



# Holes in One

**H**oles in one are like London buses. Nobody gets one for months or even years and then suddenly they come consecutively.

Pat Dean had his second hole in one at Subhaprueck during the medal final. He used a 5 iron on the second green. The hole was blind and it was only after a 5 minute search in the undergrowth that someone decided to look in the hole and there it was. Considering the undulations of that green it was a stunning shot. Pat wins a trip to Phuket kindly sponsored by TRAFALGAR insurance brokers. One week later Judy Fitzgerald used a pitching wedge to lob a beautiful shot into the hole on the 6 hole at Khow Kheow. Fortunately she had the good sense to ignore her caddy's remonstrations that she should use an 8 iron. Judy can now retire from golf safe in the knowledge that she is one of the elite. Both Pat and Judy qualified for an eagles nest of 48 balls.

## Medal Final

The last qualifying medal competition was held at Subhaprueck. The winners were as follows:

Flight A - Pat Dean with a net 70.

Flight B - Karen Carter with a net 66.

Flight C - Charmaine Adams with a net 70.

## Captain Vs Vice Captain

It was like picking players for the netball team. Bernie Adams current Captain and Gareth Sampson cajoled and even offered bribes for players to join their team. Gareth must have paid out more as his selected team eventually carried off the trophy. The stableford competition was held at Khow Kheow and the individual winners were Roger Fitzgerald with me and Mike Staples in hot pursuit.

## Golfing Truisms

1. If you really want to get better at golf go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
2. Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
3. No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
4. If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball half way there.
5. The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all your errors.
6. The shortest distance between any two points on the golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.
7. Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
8. There are two things you can learn by stopping your backswing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.
9. If there is a ball in the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker.
10. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.

(Thanks to James Pettit and the Hua Hin Observer for this.)

## Next Outings

Please check Club House board for exact timings.

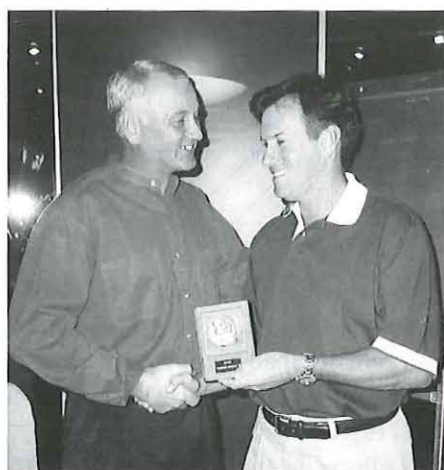
Sunday, 14 January 2001 – Matchplay final at Muang Keow.

Saturday and Sunday, 27 and 28 January 2001 – Club Championship at Forest Hills.

**Karen Carter**



Eagle Jude



Pat



A rose between 2 thorns





It rolled in that way



Karen



Charmaine



Winner Roger



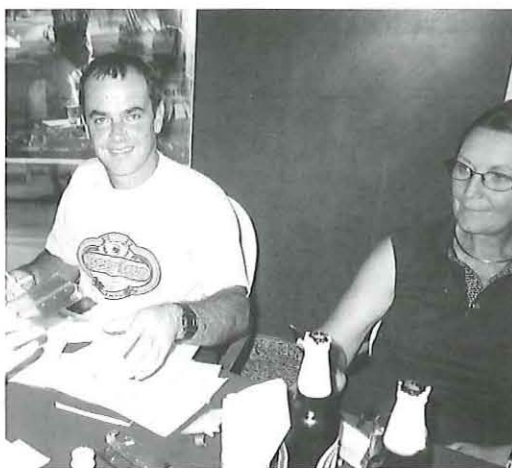
Captain and ex



Runner up Karen



Runner up Mike



Fiddling the handicaps



New members

If you think this group of golfers are a tough, debonair, suave lot, then get a load of...

## The Man With The Golden Gun

showing at the BC on Wednesday 24th January!

Fill yourself with adventure and a light Thai buffet for just Bt 250 per person.



# Pints Means Points

**T**he planned Xmas special was postponed until this month, due to a clash with a sort-of long weekend. Watch the noticeboard for dates as this is a fun day with plenty of squash, food and drink.

## Central Plaza Sunday Mix-in

At 1:00pm on 3 December there were 5 players, so we started, only to find more and more turned up until there were 9, which meant 8 games each. The lads tried hard, but with 16 pints at lunch to fortify him it was Marc Hagelaur who had the stamina to survive, along with David Fewster who made the most of his handicap to whip the youngsters. Both received vouchers for a meal at the **Central Plaza Hotel**, courtesy of Martin Reid, who almost ended up eating his own prize.

## Tony Austin

(open over 45's)

One up to Thailand! Always good at spotting a winner, last month I said to expect to see David Eastgate and Peerapol featuring in the Tony Austin, and indeed the two contested the final, with the result going to the former Thai national champion, Khun Peerapol who beat BC number 1 David 3-0. Congratulations!

## Yes Let! Play better Squash

After a month of no rules let's get back to the most basic – let or stroke – as there has been much discussion over the last month, with my name often taken on both sides to back their respective argument.

All this stuff on lets and strokes relate to Rule 12 "Interference" – read it yourself on page 13.

I quote:

12.1 The player whose turn it is to play the ball is entitled to freedom from interference by the opponent.

12.2 To avoid interference the opponent must make every effort to provide the player with

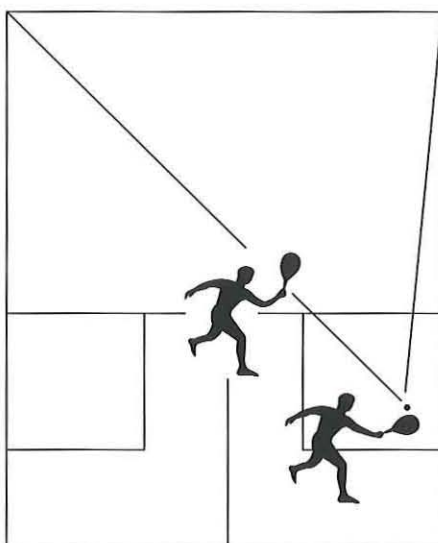
12.2.1 Unobstructed direct access to the ball

12.2.2 A fair view of the ball

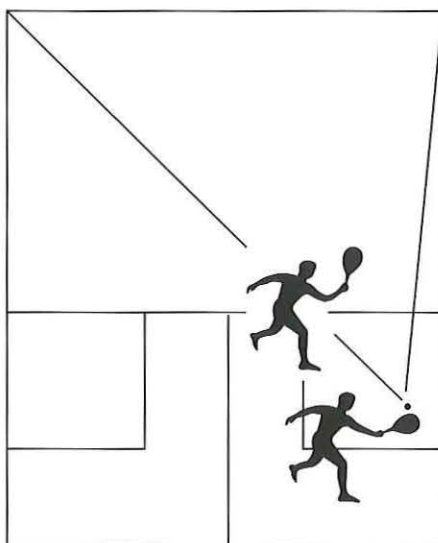
12.2.3 Freedom to hit the ball

12.2.4 Freedom to play the ball directly to the any part front wall

12.3 Interference occurs if the opponent fails to fulfil any of the above requirements, irrespective of whether the opponent makes every effort to fulfil those requirements.



No interference, as the opponent is clearly giving full access to the front wall, if measured from the point of contact of the ball. No Let!



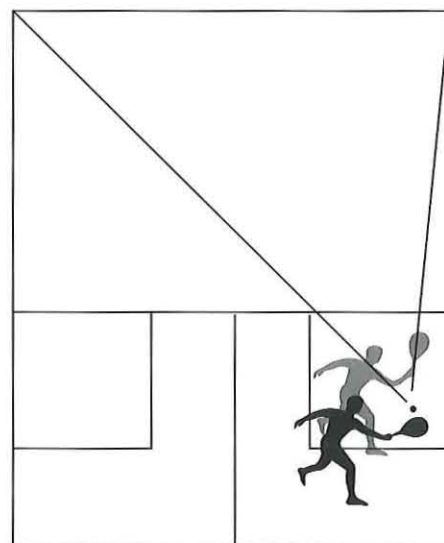
Interference, as the opponent is not giving the player full access to the front wall.

• If the referee decides that the opponent is making every effort to get out of the way – Let!

• If the referee decides the player could only play a boast – Let!

• If the referee thinks the player would make a good shot, and the opponent was not making every effort to clear – stroke!

As normal people playing the game, without the view from above, and without eyes in our racket, it is difficult to judge. If in doubt play a let. However, as the opponent, remember that the person at the back has a better view of the situation than you do, and if he is standing with the racket poised behind your head or a\*\*e, then it is probably interference, and you are probably not giving him clear access to the front wall.



Stroke – or ambulance!

**Happy Squashing!**  
**Phil Hall**

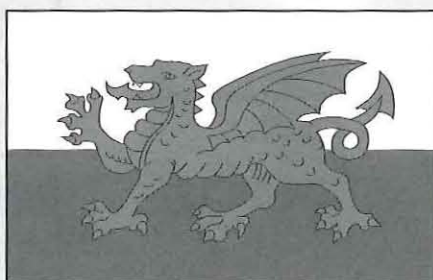


## Central Plaza Sunday Mix-In Results

	H'cap	Marvyn	Andy	Charles	Bill	Martin	Phil	David F.	Peter	Marc H.	Total	Pos.
Marvyn	-19		4	15	15	6	15	15	15	12	97	6
Andy	-8	15		14	15	15	15	15	15	6	110	3
Charles	-25	11	15		15	10	12	15	15	14	107	5
Bill	-20	6	7	11		3	7	0	7	12	53	9
Martin	-14	15	12	15	15		15	15	15	7	109	4
Phil	-19	4	3	15	15	14		-2	15	10	74	8
David F.	5	14	14	14	15	13	15		15	15	115	1=
Peter	-2	9	9	21	15	8	10	4		10	86	7
Marc H.	-28	15	15	15	15	15	15	10	15		115	1=

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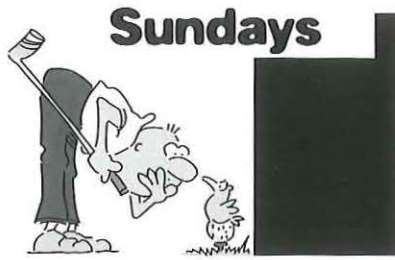
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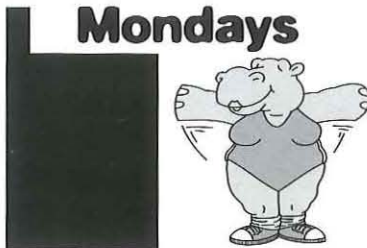
# Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - January 2001



## Sundays

7 am - 1 pm	Tennis Team Practice
11 am - 1 pm	Badminton - Soi Nares
12 noon - 2 pm	Poolside BBQ
3 - 6 pm	Tennis Mix-in
6 - 8 pm	Happy Hour



## Mondays

8.00 am	BWG Mahjong
9.30 am	Aerobics
6-7 pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
6 - 8 pm	Happy Hour
7 - 9 pm	Tennis Team Practice



## Tuesdays

7 am	Ladies Golf
8 - 10 am	Ladies Tennis
10.30 am	Aqua Aerobics
3 - 5pm	BC Swimming Instruction
6 - 8 pm	Happy Hour
7 - 9 pm	Football Training
7.30 pm	Darts
8 - 11 pm	Friendly Bridge
9 pm	Gentlemen's Spoof



## Wednesdays

9.30 am	Step Aerobics
6 - 8 pm	Happy Hour
6 - 9 pm	Tennis Mix-in
6.30 pm	Cricket Nets



## Thursdays

8 - 10 am	Ladies Tennis
10.30 am	Aqua Aerobics
6 - 7 pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
6 - 8 pm	Happy Hour
6 - 9 pm	Squash Mix-in
7 - 9 pm	Rugby Training
9 - 10 pm	Hockey Training



## Fridays

9.30 am	Aerobics
3.30 - 6 pm	BC Tennis Coaching for Children
4.30 - 5.30 pm	BC Swimming Instruction
5.10 pm	Tennis Mix - in
5.30 pm	Swimming - Junior Squad Training
6 - 8 pm	Happy Hour
6 - 7 pm	Adult Tennis
6.30 - 9 pm	Poolside BBQ



## Saturdays

9 am - 12 noon	Squash Coaching
9 am - 1.30 pm	BC Swimming Instruction
12 noon - 2 pm	Poolside BBQ
4.00 pm	Casuals Football
6 - 8 pm	Happy Hour

### MAKE A NOTE!

#### JANUARY

- Sunday 7th: Party time on the back lawn for all the family. Starts at 2.30pm
- Friday 12th: Spanish wine tasting, 7.30pm
- Wednesday 24th: Movie Night, "The Man with the Golden Gun"
- Wednesday 17th: European Networking Night
- Friday 19th: Bar Quiz
- Friday 26th: New Zealand Wine Dinner

#### FEBRUARY

- Sunday 4th: Swimming Gala
- Fri & Sat 16th & 17th: Middle Eastern Buffet in Lords
- Fri-Sun 23rd-25th: Weekend break in Kanchanaburi

See "What's On" for further details.

### Sports - Contact

Aquatics	Michele Law	295 4595
Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	654 0002-29
Bridge	Ernest Lee	612-3580 ext 503
Cricket	Nick White	246 0832
Football	Martin Conisbee	366 0432
Golf	Bernie Adams	01 627 1324
Rugby	Jon Prichard	662 6376
Scuba Diving	Peter Gary	634 7792
Snooker	Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	Peter Corney	714 2426
Tennis	David Blowers	285 4721-2

### Loyal Societies

St George's	Gillian Maconochie	287 2680 ext 4851
St Andrew's	Rosemary Imlah	437 9693
St Patrick's	Jerome Kelly	682 7526
St David's	Gareth Hughes	01 859 6140

### Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
Aerobics	Squash Court 3
Casuals Football	Colgate Ground, Rama III
Massage	Near the BC Squash Courts

### Opening Times

10 am - 11 pm	Churchill Bar
11.30 am - 2 pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6 pm - 10 pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30 am - 10 pm	Poolside Bar
6 am - 9 pm	Fitness Centre
9 am - 9 pm	Fitness Centre (Sundays/Holidays)
9 am - 6 pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)



# One Hundred Years of the BC

In April 2003 the British Club of Bangkok will celebrate 100 years since its foundation. We intend to mark this unique occasion with a variety of special events and activities, combining all to make a fitting celebration for the centenary of the British Club of Bangkok.

## History of the Club

Our first task is to start gathering information on the history of the British Club so that we can honour its rich heritage. Our intention is to establish a permanent archive and history of the Club, and from the gathered information provide a special commemorative book, from the evolving and changing cultural life in Bangkok and the rest of Thailand, to the British Club members themselves during this period.

We hope this book will be interesting and also informative, and provide a wonderful souvenir for anyone who has been a member of the Club during this time.

## How YOU can help

To begin this project we need to collect and gather as many stories, pictures, and

memories of the club as we can. We will of course start with present and past members but will also contact all other potential sources we can think of: embassies, libraries, companies, societies and other clubs, as well as various individuals who have played a prominent part in the life of Bangkok and who may have records which include references to the British Club of Bangkok.

One thing we do know, we need as much help as possible and this letter is to ask specifically for yours: We have made a start; a Centenary Book Committee has been set up to assist in the process of gathering the information. So, please, if you have any stories, photographs, letters or articles in magazines or newspapers which may be of interest, please contact us. We shall arrange to have all sources

copied and originals returned, and a suitable acknowledgment of your generosity will be made in the book.

## More than just the Club

The Club is home to many societies, groups and organisations and in the past was the home to more who have since gone their independent ways. Please don't limit yourself to the current British Club of Bangkok, but include all those other parts which make up the fabric of expatriate life in Bangkok. Please also let us know if you know of anyone who may be able to provide us with additional information. Clearly a few stories of the many wonderful characters who have passed through the British Club of Bangkok should be included this book.

Information sent to the Club should be marked for the attention of The Centenary Committee, but if you would like to talk to a Committee member please contact Sarah Allen, tel. 618 7813.

## Out in the Community



### CPR for Maids and Child Minders (in Thai)

To be held from 9.00-12.00 am on Wednesday 17 January, this course is essential for any Thai staff in the home or office who look after children. Designed by CSB and Bumrungrad Hospital to help save a life, this course includes lots of demonstrations and practice, and covers the respiratory and cardiac circulation systems, rescue breathing and CPR. Price Bt 600 for CSB members and Bt 750 for non-members.

For full details contact Community Services of Bangkok on 258 5652.

### The Cham Civilization of Vietnam

On Thursday, 18 January at 10.00 am at the National Museum Bangkok, Dr. Ian Glover, Emeritus Reader in Southeast Asian Archaeology, University College London will speak on "The Cham Civilization of Vietnam: New Research on its Origin". Admission to the lecture is free.

Contact Mary Eliades at 587 1880.





# A Cracking Christmas to Ye All!



More St. George's Society revelry, this time during their Yuletide Supper on the front lawn of the Club in early December. A delicious full Xmas dinner was served up, followed by hearty carol singing by some brave souls and then Santa and Santina Claus made their way round the tables, dishing out useful presents to all. Merry Christmas!





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## Register Now for the New Year

**T**hese are the schedules for the major sport classes for the first half of this year, January through to June 2001. Please note that there will be no lessons held on public holidays. If you want more info on course fees and billing arrangements or if you want to sign up for any of these classes, please contact the Fitness Centre.

### AEROBICS

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30-10.30am.

Please sign up directly on the attendance sheet available during every class.

- **January**  
Monday 8, 15, 22, 29  
Wednesday 10, 17, 24, 31  
Friday 12, 19, 26
- **February**  
Monday 5, 12, 19, 26  
Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28  
Friday 2, 9, 16, 23
- **March**  
Monday 5, 12, 19, 26  
Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28  
Friday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- **April**  
Monday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Wednesday 4, 11, 18, 25  
Friday 20, 27
- **May**  
Monday 14, 21, 28  
Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Friday 4, 11, 18, 25
- **June**  
Monday 4, 11, 18, 25  
Wednesday 6, 13, 20, 27  
Friday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### AQUA AEROBICS

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.30-11.30am

Please sign up directly on the attendance sheet available during every class.

- **January**  
Tuesday 9, 16, 23, 30  
Thursday 11, 18, 25
- **February**  
Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27  
Thursday 1, 15, 22
- **March**  
Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27  
Thursday 8, 15, 22, 29
- **April**  
Tuesday 3, 24  
Thursday 5, 26
- **May**  
Tuesday  
Thursday
- **June**  
Tuesday  
Thursday

### SWIM INSTRUCTION - Saturday mornings

Category	Time	Fee/4 wks	Fee/3 wks
Toddlers (under 2-and-a-half, with a parent)	9-9.30am	Bt 600	Bt 450
Water Awareness (2-4 yrs, no parent)	9.30-10.00am	Bt 600	Bt 450
Water Skills (3-5 yrs)	10.00-10.30am	Bt 600	Bt 450
Stroke Development (4-6 yrs)	10.30-11am	Bt 600	Bt 450
Stroke Improvement (5-7 yrs)	11.15-11.45am	Bt 600	Bt 450
Baby Swimming (6-18 mths)	11.45-12.15am	Bt 600	Bt 450
Junior, Stroke Correction (8-13 yrs)	12.15-1.00pm	Bt 950	Bt 675

#### Notes:

Ages are guidelines only; ability is the main factor in deciding what course is most suitable.  
These course are sold as a 4-week session and will be billed after the second class.

- **January**  
Saturday 13, 20, 27
- **February**  
Saturday 3, 10, 17, 3
- **March**  
Saturday 10, 17, 24, 31
- **April**  
Saturday 21, 28
- **May**  
Saturday 5, 12, 19, 26
- **June**  
Saturday 2, 9, 16, 23



## SWIM INSTRUCTION - Tuesday afternoons

Category	Time	Fee/ 4 weeks
Toddlers (2yrs)	3-3.30pm	Bt 650
Water Awareness (2-4 yrs)	3.30-4pm	Bt 650
Stroke Development (4-6 yrs)	4-4.30pm	Bt 650
Stroke Advancement (6-8 yrs)	4.30-5pm	Bt 650
Junior Stroke Improvement (8+)	5-5.45pm	Bt 850

### Notes:

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- **January**  
Tuesday 9, 16, 23, 30
- **February**  
Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27
- **March**  
Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27
- **April**  
Tuesday 17, 24
- **May**  
Tuesday 15, 22, 29
- **June**  
Tuesday 5, 12, 19, 26

## SWIM SQUAD and/or INSTRUCTION - Friday nights

**Swim Squad** requires an ability to swim 100-200m continuously and is scheduled for 5.30-6.30pm, but this time is subject to coordinating with the tennis coaching. Price: Bt 400 for the 4 weeks, Bt 300 for 3 weeks or Bt 130 drop-in fee.

### Swim Instruction:

Category*	Time	Fee/4 wks	Fee/3 wks	Drop-in
Water Awareness (4-6 yrs)	4.30-5pm	Bt 650	Bt 500	Bt 180
Water Confident (6-8 yrs)	5-5.30pm	Bt 650	Bt 500	Bt 180

\* Note: Ages are guidelines only; ability is the main factor in deciding what course is most suitable.

- January (3 classes)  
13, 20, 27
- February (4 classes)  
2, 10, 17, 2 March
- March (4 classes)  
9, 16, 23, 30
- April (2 classes)  
20, 27
- May (4 classes)  
4, 11, 18, 25
- June (4 classes)  
1, 8, 15, 22

## TENNIS WITH THE PRO

### Friday Nights with Paul Ho

Category*	Time	Fee/4 lessons
Mini Tennis (4-6 yrs)	3.30-4pm	Bt 750
Beginner I (6-9 yrs)	4-5pm	Bt 1,500
Beginner II (8-11 yrs)	4-5pm	Bt 1,500
Intermediate (12 yrs+)	5-6pm	Bt 1,500
Advanced (12 yrs+)	5-6pm	Bt 1,500
Adult (15 yrs+)	6-7pm	Bt 1,700

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- January (3 classes)  
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1, 8, 15, 22



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## Wining and Dining

For casual dining, the Patio Cafe offers a variety of New York style deli sandwiches or light and healthy foods. If it's just a drink you need, the Member's Lounge is a great

place to meet friends, relax over a cool beer and listen to popular tunes played on the baby grand. For more elegant dining, you can feast on international and American cuisine in the American Grill or, if it's intimacy you're seeking, the President's Room is a stylish dining alternative.



Member's Lounge

## Fitness

A modern, well-equipped fitness centre offers the latest in cardio and circuit training equipment, free weights and resistance machines. If this sounds too energetic, then just relax in the jacuzzi, sauna or steam room or indulge in a massage. The facilities are comfortable, convenient and well-designed.

## Family Activities

The indoor children's activity centre is designed to keep 3-8 year olds amused for hours on end. It's a true adventure playground with tunnels, ring swings, slides and climbing towers, suitably

challenging and guaranteed to tire them out.

The Family Games Room is complete with pool table, air hockey, chess and other board games, with snacks and drinks available.

## Business

If you're heading to Jakarta on business, this club has a selection of conference and meeting rooms equipped with all that's needed in audio-visual equipment. It also has a peaceful library where you can catch up on the day's international newspapers or relax with a good book.

*For further information on this or any of the reciprocal clubs, please contact the GM on 234 0247*



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## Through the Lens

Big smiles all round at David Williamson's recent 50th birthday celebrations at the Londoner.



David celebrates his 50th in style with BC bar prop Steve and ex-GM David Viccars



All smiles as BCTFN meets British Chamber (well, the Exec. Dir.'s girlfriend!)

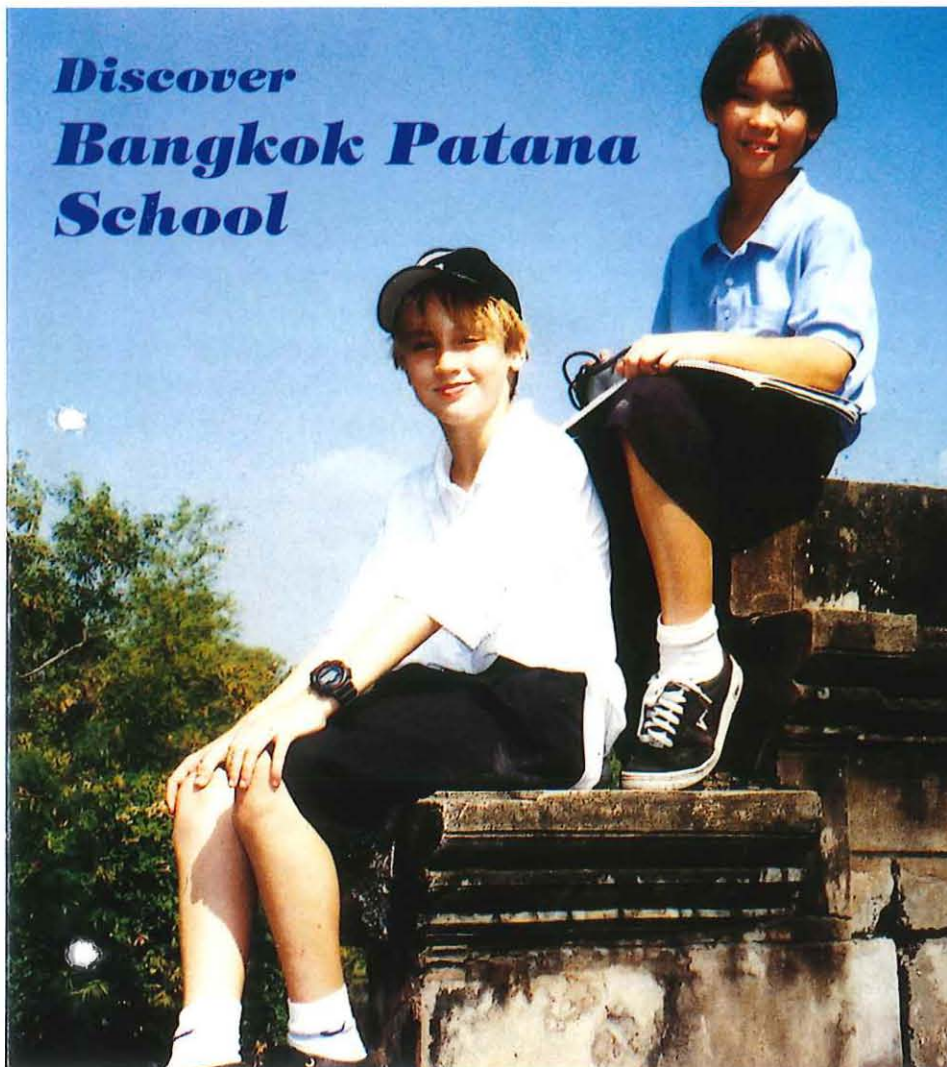


Anita is determined to achieve maximum exposure in *Outpost*, dragging Ray into the picture



Pat Dean drops into a Creative Partnership portrait

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# You Had to be There...

**"R**OB-BO" - the chant echoed through the Thunderdome in the dying moments of the Farang League Cup Competition on Saturday 18 November.

Then... deafening silence from his adoring Thai fans as Michael Roberts lined up the first of the sudden death penalties against the imposing Siemens goalie as the dramatic climax of the day unfolded.

This Mark Ryan production, directed by Nick Smart with assistance from the Global Silverhawk PR machine, will be long remembered despite many teams being short of their best players and, in some cases, numerically challenged. The format was a 7-a-side with a maximum of 12 players in an air-conditioned concrete cavern, complete with a pumping disco sound system and animated Thai commentator, on a smooth blue rubberised-pvc surface. Many players could not recall ever playing to the throbbing sounds of Bon Jovi and Deep Purple and concluded that a programme of bland boy-band music would have been preferable in order to improve verbal communications.

Although our resident expert was playing in Manila on the same day, his stand-in confirmed that the surface did not take a stud.

The day started well as the first two teams were only 15 minutes late and the schedule was maintained throughout. The French easily took first honours for being late for their game, however, the 15 minute delay meant that their seventh man arrived 0.1



seconds before their actual kick-off.

The final honours and the Farang League Cup for season 1999-2000 went to....

Well, let's not be too hasty here. Ten teams vied for the trophy and their performances can be summarised thus:

**Bayer** - the League new boys - distinguished themselves with the largest contingent of fans and a very sporting approach. Played some copy book stuff early in the day, but displayed a lack of experience in the later stages. Still, an excellent effort to reach the semi-finals.

**BC Nil** - lived up to their name and failed to score in 4 games although, as usual, they came agonisingly close on occasions. They were competitive in the first three games despite fielding a severely weakened line-up, but the wheels fell off in their final game against BCCT and they went out with a whimper.

**BCCT** - finalists, who started slowly but eventually played some very good football,

especially in their final round robin game against Bayer and the semi-final against Soho. Perhaps paid the price for having only 7 players as they struggled to reach the same level of performance in the final.

**The French** - clearly short of several of their strongest players, including the mercurial Belgique, Monsieur Robert Procurier, and had only 8 in total. Started well with consecutive 1-0 victories, but looked very tired in the last 2 games and just missed out on a place in the semi-finals.

**Hardcore FC** - your reporter is still not sure where this team came from other than the fact that they replaced the absent men from August and they failed to live up to their name. As BC Nil were being edged 1-0, your reporter took particular note of



the fact that they kept their shorts ON and did not try any hanky-panky. Nevertheless, apart from the name, they were a sporting bunch and did well on their first foray into Farang League football.

**The Japanese** - again short of numbers and their better players. Scored one victory, but struggled generally.

**RBSC** - disappointed really. The tactics, which worked well against BC Nil, were not successful in their other games and their star striker suffered the only real injury of the day, with what appeared to be a torn hamstring. Their careful medical attention in carrying him off face-down with a man stationed on the end of each arm and leg probably gave him Shaggers Back as well.

**The Scans** - after their recent success in the Phuket International tournament,







another strong display was expected from the Scans, but it was not to be as they crashed out of the competition without a win. Closer inspection of their line-up again confirmed some notable absentees.

**Siemens** - started slowly and appeared to gain in confidence and player-quality as the day progressed. Their play in the later stages was of a truly excellent standard.

**Soho** - a surprise package as they belied their poor League position with some skillful displays in the round-robin section and qualified for the semi-finals.

The first semi-final resulted in a 2-0 victory for BCCT, who scored two well-worked goals with crowd and announcer favourite, "Rob-bo", scoring both. Siemens brought Bayer's brave run to an end in the second semi-final with a 1-0 scoreline in a surprisingly physical contest.

The final pitted the two best teams on the day against each other. Siemens looked fit and sharp. BCCT were hanging in there. Siemens took the lead early in the second period after a flowing move and a finely struck diagonal shot into the far corner of the goal, leaving Khun Kwai in the BCCT goal with no chance. Siemens threatened

to extend their lead, but BCCT kept plugging away and their efforts were deservedly rewarded with an equaliser by Lee with a minute left on the clock.

### **So to the penalty shoot-out...**

Up stepped Captain Insensible, sorry, Courageous, Colin Harlow to face the biggest Thai goalie this reporter has seen. In the small goals, he looked unbeatable, but Colin spanked the ball into the top corner in textbook style. Siemens replied. Poole missed. Siemens missed. Harald scored. Siemens scored. Sudden death time. "Rob-bo" continued his Cup top-scoring effort with a cool dispatch to the bottom corner. Siemens scored. Nick Smart up next - will Mr. Skill and Pace go for power or placement? Well, placement - not really - and power - this reporter thought that he scuffed it, but no matter, it missed and Siemens' next effort did not. A sad end to the noble BCCT campaign and a worthy winner in Siemens.

### **Poole by the Pool**

Your correspondent can confirm reports that the après-tourney soirée beside the

swimming pool at the Lotus Novotel was also a raging success. Mine host extraordinaire, Ms Daniella Poole was in splendid form, dropping the occasional "h" and the regular four-letter word to the delight of the assembled dignitaries representing the Farang League teams. Unusual party games were played. The Japanese team, who were represented by the magnificently mustachioed Hakimoto san, won their first competition - the race to drink lots of beer through a straw as fast as you can and remain coherent. Cups were gently fondled by Daniella and handed over to Siemens, who did the League and Cup double, BCCT who were Cup Runners-up, and "Rob-bo", Cup top goal scorer and owner of a brand new chant. A jolly good time was had by all, but how can organisational maestro, Mark Ryan follow up this glittering success and social occasion next year.

We wait with baited breath.

**Mel Birkinshaw**

## **Scuba**

### **A Diver's View of the Andaman**

**Tuesday, 9 January 2000  
at 7.00pm**

Join Peter Gary at the Club for a colourful slide show of dive trips in the Andaman Sea covering the southern sites of Hin Daeng and Hin Muang north to Richelieu Rock. Discuss live-aboard boat operations and make plans for future dive trips. Divers are welcome to bring their own slides and photos of their recent dive trips in Thailand and abroad.

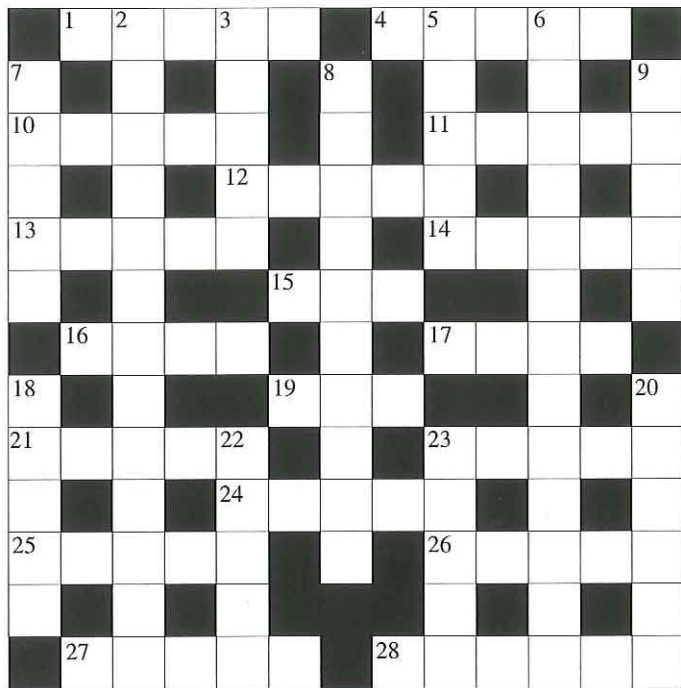
Non divers and those interested in learning to scuba dive are very welcome! Snacks will be served and you can sign up at Reception.

For more information contact: Peter Gary, Tel 634 7792 Email: [petergary@usa.net](mailto:petergary@usa.net)





Start as you mean to on, with this teaser by Margaret Miller.



## Across

- 1 Military style jumpers?
- 4 Beauty who's soft on every one!
- 10 Brushwood.
- 11 A profit once more.
- 12 Be pre-eminent
- 13 A big number!
- 14 Well-worn and banal.
- 15 "Go to the \_\_\_\_\_, thou sluggard." (Proverbs)
- 16 Only females for this sign?
- 17 Exercise the veto.
- 19 Bashful throw.
- 21 "His nature is too \_\_\_\_\_ for the world" (Shakespeare-Coriolanus)
- 23 Tender.
- 24 Family members that in USA sound like a 15 Across!
- 25 It's just the beginning.
- 26 They say that Brits have them with everything!
- 27 Last words.
- 28 Say "Hello" and cry in Scotland.

## Down

- 2 Richard III said the Princes in the Tower were asleep in here. (8,5) (Shakespeare)
- 3 Forever a yellow substance.
- 5 Praise and raise in rank.
- 6 "Bring me my \_\_\_\_\_" (7,2,4) (Wm. Blake)
- 7 He'll show you where to go.
- 8 Not much time to give to the old (6-4)
- 9 "\_\_\_\_\_ Milk Wood" (Dylan Thomas)
- 18 Sneak about for a dog without a tail!
- 20 Might be Victoria or George.
- 22 It's consumed when it is.
- 24 He's much sought after in Hollywood.

## Solution to last month's crossword:





# Best Format in Years

"One of the best balls in years." "Great, so much better than last year!" "The perfect formula – loved the band and the DJ-only dancing."

These were among some of the many positive comments received during and after the Club Christmas Ball, comments I would agree whole-heartedly with. The only downside was the fact that it was a Friday evening, which meant that several of us were rushed to get home from the office, get changed and fly out to the Club so as not to miss the pre-dinner drinks on the front lawn. Still, over 350 people attended, most had a great time and it went on until gone 4am!

The new format comprised very pleasant and much-praised light orchestral music during dinner played by the Royal Thai Army band, then the evening livened up with the disco conducted by Paul Jackson; the lack of a dance band was not missed by anyone. One suggestion was that the band could have played some ballroom dance music *after* dinner, so that those who have attended ballroom dance classes at the Club could practice a step or two!

The meal provided by the JW Marriott



There's always one...

Hotel was sumptuous and certainly ample; glutton here couldn't finish all of the main course!

The top two prizes of two tickets to Singapore on Finnair and a 3-night stay at the Orchard Hotel and two free tickets on the Eastern & Oriental overnight train to Chiang Mai were presented by the British Ambassador's wife, Mary Smith.

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Happy New Year!  
Gaynor de Wit



Winner of the top prize with, left to right, Club Chairman James Young, Mrs Mary Smith, wife of the British Ambassador, and Club GM Willem Pentermann

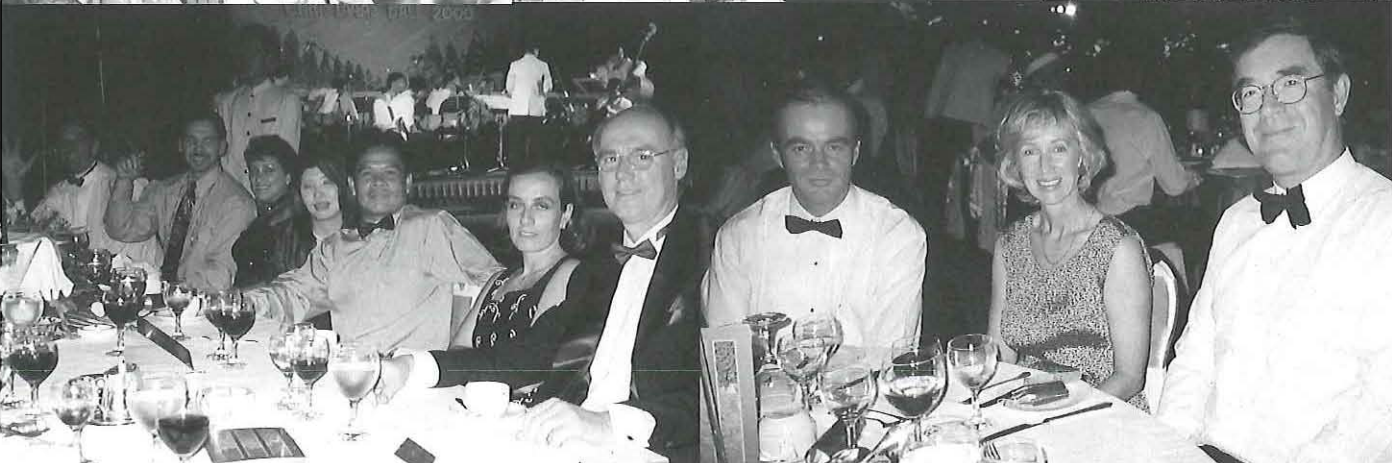




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