



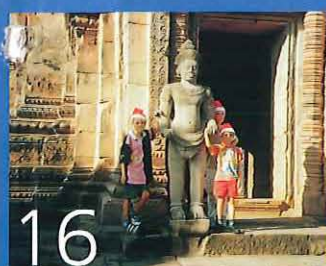
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Dutch Swing College Band



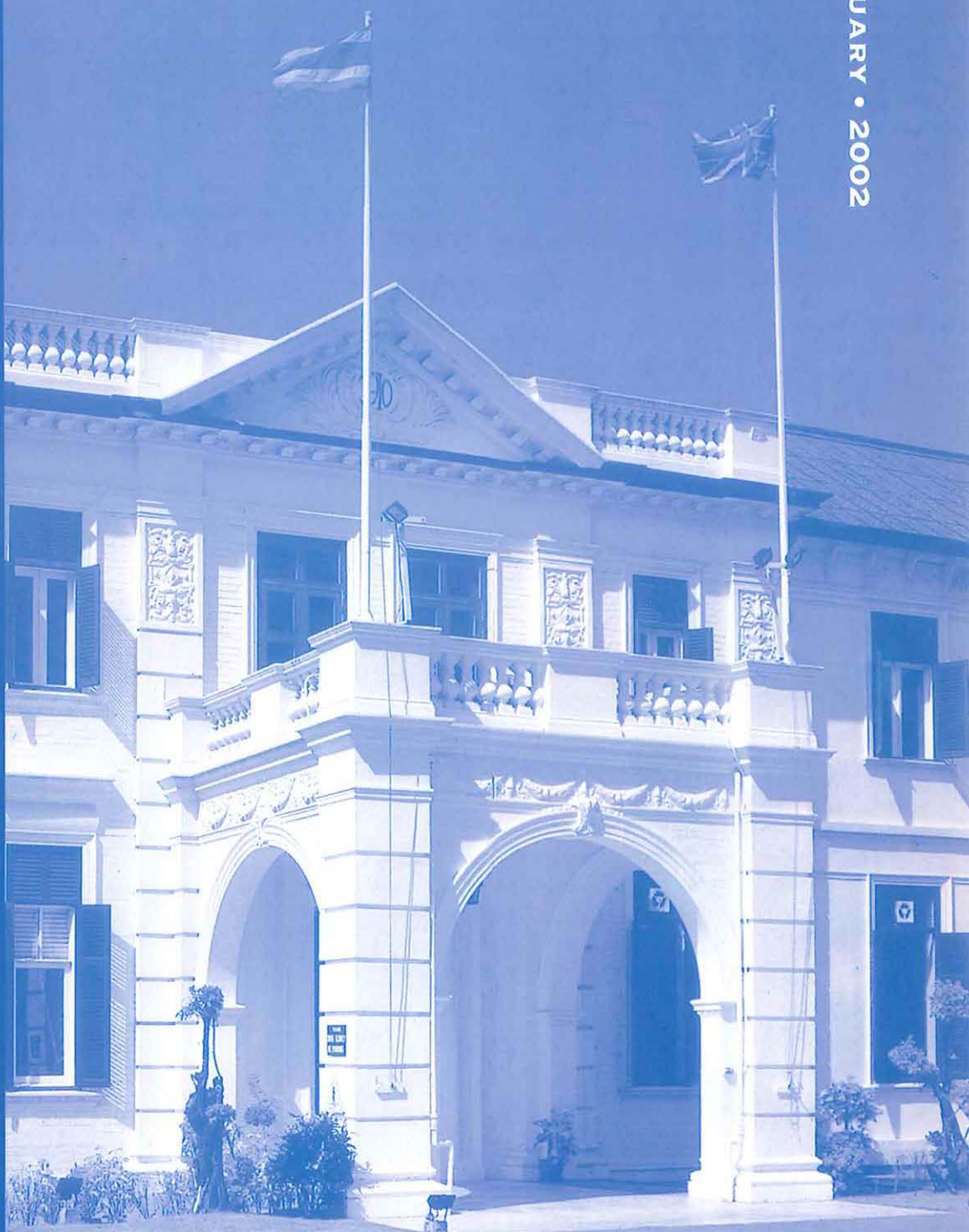
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New Members



Golf



**Note!**

Monday, 14th January  
BC Staff Outing  
(see page 7 for details)







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## GM'S BRIEF



Willem T.P. Pentermann

*Dear Members,*

I would like to wish all of you a healthy and prosperous 2002 on behalf of all the staff and management of the Club. Rest assured that we will be making every effort to ensure that 2002 is even more successful than 2001.

**SPORTS**

We are kicking off in January with a whole new series of sports activities. We have appointed Mr. Eric Delacollette-Lejeune as the new Tennis Coach, taking over from Mr. Paul Ho. We appreciate Paul's efforts at the British Club over the years and wish him all the best for the future.

Cricket training for Juniors begins this month on Sunday mornings with professional cricket Coach Mr. Brian Wiggins.

Bangkok Dolphins will resume their swimming lessons by mid January.

For more info on all our sports activities, please contact the Fitness Centre.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

We have lots of entertainment planned this month: An evening with Audrey Vallance, wine tasting, a New Year's gathering, a bar quiz and much more. Please see page 7 for full details.

**CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

Good progress is being made in this area. The extension wing on the back lawn has been approved and at the moment we are working on the drawings and planning of this project.

**ACCOUNTS**

As mentioned last year we will discontinue the standing order for due payments only. All Members who are still using standing orders will receive a letter in January and will be kindly asked to transfer their standing order to a direct debit. Presently we have direct debit facilities with the following banks: Standard Chartered, Hongkong Bank, Siam Commercial Bank, Thai Farmers Bank, Bangkok Bank and Bank of Asia.

I look forward to seeing you again at the Club in the not-too-distant future.

Yours sincerely,

**Willem T.P. Pentermann**

**General Manager**

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## WHAT'S ON

# Our New Year's Resolution...

**To provide the very best in entertainment for our Members.**

## WINE TASTING

**Friday, 11 January**

**Wordsworth Room 7.00pm onwards**



A great selection of Argentinean wines presented by Vanichwathana (Bangkok) Ltd. Complimentary cocktail food provided.

## EUROPEAN NETWORKING NIGHT

**Tuesday, 22 January, Back Lawn**

Excellent opportunity to meet new friends or business partners. Complimentary cocktail buffet and drinks at Club prices.

## AN EVENING WITH AUDREY VALLANCE

**Friday, 25 January 7.00pm**

Soprano Audrey Vallance provides a lovely evening of entertainment, singing Broadway's favourites from recent years - *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables* and *Chess*, as well as many more from the classical musical theatre repertoire. Audrey is well known in Bangkok as a solo performer, having sung *Messiah* many times with the Bangkok Combined Choirs, performing a solo concert, "*Broadway and More!*" in 2000 and recently performing in the opera *The Old Maid and the Thief*. She is also a Musical Director for Bangkok Community Theatre and the Concert Master for the Bangkok Opera, directing many performances for

both. She will be accompanied by Naoko Kato, the most sought-after pianist/accompanist in Bangkok. Naoko has accompanied Audrey in several concerts/performances as well as the Bangkok Combined Choirs, Bangkok Community Theatre and many others.

Tickets B880 including 3-course dinner.

## CHURCHILL BAR HAPPY HOURS

Weekdays: 6.00pm – 8.00pm  
10.00pm – 11.00pm  
Weekends: 2.00pm – 8.00pm  
10.00pm – 11.00pm

## CHURCHILL BAR ACCUMULATOR

**Every Wednesday 7.00pm**

If you or your spouse are in the Churchill Bar at 7.00pm on Wednesdays and your club number is drawn from the hat, then you will win a cash prize! Remember, you can't win if you're not there!

## BAR QUIZ

**Friday, 18 January 7.30pm**

Teams of 6 maximum, entrance fee B100 per person. Excellent night and great prizes to be won!!

## SWIMMING GALA

**THE FIRST OF 2002**

**Sunday, 3 February, 8.30am**



Registration fee B200 per child.

Please register at the Fitness Centre on or before Thursday, 31 January.

## NEW YEAR'S FAMILY GATHERING

**Sunday, 27 January**

**Back Lawn, 3.30pm**

An afternoon of family fun: games, face painting, balloon typhoon. A family BBQ starts at 5.00pm onwards and a live Jazz Band will play between 5.00pm and 7.30pm.

Adults: B425

Children aged 4 – 12 years: B295

## NEW MENU AT LORDS RESTAURANT

Come and visit Lords Restaurant this month for an exciting new culinary experience. The new menu is shown on page 11.

## PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

**16 and 30 January 6.00pm – 9.30pm**

**Silom Room**

Light and Exposure workshop by Mr. Marc Schultz.

Register at reception.

## AUSTRIAN FOOD PROMOTION

**Lords Restaurant Thursday, 14 and**

**Friday, 15 February**

An excellent Austrian buffet complemented with a choice selection of Austrian Wines. B600 per person (buffet only).

## MID TERM SPORTS CAMP

**25, 27, 28 February and 1 March**

Daily sports activities for children from 9.00am – 4.30pm. Activities include: tennis, cricket, squash, movies, ball games and swimming

Charge B3000 per child, meals included.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

**BC Staff Outing  
Monday, 14 January**

Please note our staff are off on their well-deserved annual knees-up, leaving us all alone (well almost!) at the Club. Although the Club House and F&B outlets will be closed, the sporting facilities (tennis, squash and the pool) will remain available for the enjoyment of members.



## SCUBA

# Return to Warmer Waters

## Just when you thought it was safe to get back in the pool... I'm back!

I am glad to be here and am looking forward to seeing and talking with you again by the pool.

### SO WHAT WAS I DOING IN THE USA?

Well, the answer is "many things". I taught open water scuba classes at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle, Washington. The pool sessions were on the 6th floor which was a challenge to get to with 6 complete sets of scuba equipment. The open water dives were in Puget Sound in balmy 47°F water using 7mm thick wet suits. Underwater visibility was limited, usually less than 3 meters. Now I remember why it's more fun to dive in Thailand's warm water!

I also taught introductory skin diving classes at the Issaquah Community Center for the local middle school students. It was very hectic and fast due to the classroom schedules.

My wife, Ming, and I helped to start a photographic business taking shots of kids and families during their skiing and snow boarding lessons at Crystal Mt. Ski Resort located very close to Mt. Rainier, Washington. Fantastic views!

Working with Evergreen Medical Center in Bellevue, Washington, I taught many medic First Aid/CPR classes and gained much experience demonstrating the Heartstream Advanced Electronic Defibrillator (AED) which has proved to be as high as 70% successful in restarting a stopped heart.

Ming and I took the opportunity to go

camping one weekend in the north Cascade mountains near Mt. Baker in northern Washington State, hiking up to a very scenic mountain pass.

We also enjoyed short day hikes on some of the nearby foothills and saw a variety of wildlife including deer and majestic American bald eagles.

I had a wonderful opportunity to attend the 60th reunion of the American Volunteer Groups (AVG), more popularly known as the Flying Tigers who fought in China prior to the USA entering WWII. The reunion was in Seattle, Washington and we were able to meet the remaining 22 of the original 350 members of whom my father had been one. They presented to me my father's Bronze Medal. It was a very inspiring moment in my life.

We watched from the local stream and fish hatchery close to our house the migrations of the salmon through the year. It was very impressive to see how determined they were to succeed in their mission to swim against the strong current to spawn.

I have a secret passion for blackberry jam and this year was a good crop. The blackberry is considered a weed in most parts of the USA. There are two varieties and both produce very good eating berries. I was able to pick more than 8 full gallons of high quality berries at a secret prime location I found near our house. We made many jars of jam and also enjoyed fresh blackberry pies and milk shakes.

I volunteered and my daughter often recruited me to do many projects

around her house ranging from building a back yard patio to a brick stairway and an endless list of repairs.

### WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IN THAILAND?

Now that I'm back, I will focus on specialty courses, Rescue, and Dive Master training. There will also be BCB organized dive trips. Of course the beginner Open Water course will still be available.

To help encourage certified divers, those interested in learning to scuba dive or take continuing courses after the holiday season, we are planning a scuba section activity this month at the BCB. Further information will be posted on the bulletin board.

Ming and I are aggressively expanding our home cookie baking business so be ready to taste samples of our new recipes!

### CPR/FIRST AID

The life saving courses have always been fun to teach and are valuable to the community. We will continue to expand this activity to include whole families as well as maids, nannies, businesses and schools.

### THANKS TO DON

Finally, I would like to thank Don Johnson very much for teaching scuba diving and Medic First Aid courses for me during my absence to visit my family in America.

**Peter Gary**



## National Museum Volunteers - January Programme

**Wat Bovonniwet: Past to Present**  
Lecture by  
Venerable Phra Kantasilo  
Thursday, January 17, 2002  
10.00 am

Discover the unique tradition and history behind Wat Bovoranives (pronounced Bovonniwet). Venerable Kantasilo, a long-time resident in Wat Bovoranives and expert in the details of the historical and religious development within the kingdom will share with us his passion for this temple. Besides the history of the holy precinct, our speaker will focus on the personal life story of King Mongkut and his reasons for establishing the Dhammayut Order. Through a slide show presentation, we can explore the rarely seen 19th century photos of the temple and the royal activities. The lecture will also cover the temple's history prior to Prince Mongkut's residence as the first abbot there, as well the history of the five abbots who followed him, up to the present day.

AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM BANGKOK

Admission is free and all are welcome.



## SPORTS UPDATE

# New Year, New You!

After the excesses of Christmas, it's time to sign up for something healthy.

## SWIMMING SCHEDULE BANGKOK DOLPHINS

### TUESDAY CLASSES - START DATE 15 JANUARY

Category	Age	Time
Toddlers	18 - 24 months	2.00pm - 2.30pm
Non-swimmers	24 months +	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Introducing Strokes	4 - 5 years	3.00pm - 3.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5 - 6 years	3.30pm - 4.00pm
Stroke Improvement	6 - 8 years	4.00pm - 4.30pm
Stroke Correction	6 - 8 years	4.30pm - 5.00pm
Mini Squads	8 years +	5.00pm - 5.30pm

Ability is the main factor in deciding which course the child should enter.

Fee B3000. The programme is for 10 weeks.

NB The B3000 fee covers 10 weeks. Refunds cannot be given for non-attendance. However, in the case of bad weather the lesson will either be rescheduled or refunded.

### SATURDAY CLASSES - START DATE 19 JANUARY

Category	Age	Time
Parent & Baby	6 - 18 months	9.00am - 9.30am
	18 - 24 months	9.30am - 10.00am
	24 - 36 months	10.00am - 10.30am
Toddler	24 months +	10.30am - 11.00am
Beginners	4 - 5 years	11.00am - 11.30am
Introducing Strokes 1	4 - 5 years	11.30am - 12.00pm
Introducing Strokes 2	4 - 5 years	12.00pm - 12.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5 - 6 years	12.30pm - 1.00pm
Stroke Correction	6 - 8 years	1.00pm - 1.30pm

Fee B3000. The programme is for 10 weeks.

NB The B3000 fee covers 10 weeks. Refunds cannot be given for non-attendance. However, in the event of cancellation due to bad weather, the lesson shall either be rescheduled or refunded.

## AQUA-AEROBICS

Classes start again on Tuesday January 15. Mrs. Els Van den Broecke is our resident Aqua Aerobics Instructor and teaches in the main pool from 10.30am - 11.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Charge is just B 200 per hour. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

## DARTS

Held every Wednesday evening in the Churchill Bar. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in.

## BRIDGE

Our Bridge section meets every Tuesday evening in the non-smoking area of the Churchill Bar. Please come along to enjoy a friendly, social game - refer to page 12 for contact details for the Bridge section.

## YOGA

Classes take place twice a week at squash court 3 - Tuesdays 11.30 am and Sundays at 4.30 pm. Yoga is believed by many to provide numerous health benefits using control techniques over the mind and senses. Try it and see for yourself!

## GENTLEMAN'S SPOOF

Every Tuesday evening in the Churchill Bar, the gentlemen spoofers gather to do whatever it is they do...join them and see!

## AEROBICS

Aerobics classes recommence on Wednesday January 16, 9.30am. Fee B3000 for 10 sessions. Please sign up at the Fitness Centre.

## TENNIS COACHING WITH ERIC DELACOLLETTE-LEJEUNE

Eric is from Belgium and began coaching tennis in Bangkok earlier this year. He has worked as a tennis coach for Club Med in Greece, France and Phuket. Additionally, he coached for the Belgian Tennis Federation for 4 years, teaching children aged between 7 and 14 years of age. He looks forward to making your acquaintance on court. Lessons start on Saturday January 12 and cover 10 sessions.



### Schedule

Category	Time	Fee / 10 lessons
Mini-tennis	09.00 - 10.00am	B2500
Beginners	10.00 - 11.00am	B3400
Intermediate	11.00 - 11.30am	B4600
Advanced	14.00 - 15.30am	B4600
Competition	15.30 - 17.30am	B6200



## BC CENTENARY 2003

**A**t some time in our lives, we all would like to complain or make suggestions about something. "Don't get mad, get even." Well, maybe that's too strong a way of putting it. But by all means, next time you're not happy with the service you received or you have a comment to make, TELL US!

Unfortunately, a lot of people don't. The biggest reason for this is they don't believe it will do any good. This is why the British Club has had for many years Suggestion Books, so the membership can have a direct comment regarding the running of the Club. The suggestions and comments are read out at the General Committee meeting each month and acted upon accordingly. Below are some of the comments recorded through the years and the replies from the General Committee at that time. Once again, words have not been changed or altered so please do not take offence by what is written.

## BRITISH CLUB SUGGESTION BOOK

**April 1979:** Please could you keep your kitchen open after 11.00pm to avoid inconvenience to the rats?

G.C. No comment

**May 1979:** When I last ordered a Club sausage I was given one that was 7" long and at least 1" wide (!!!) Tonight for the same price I am presented with a specimen that is exactly (measured by a cold steel ruler) 3½" long and ¾" wide. What has happened, could it be that the Club is cutting corners or are the members no longer in good standing. Frivolous I know, but really this kind of thing should be standardised.

G.C. We have had problems with the suppliers and they should in future be of a constant size: ie; the bangers

**July 1979:** Excellent pork pie!

G.C. Thank you

**January 1980:** There are too many sexy ladies about.

G.C. Noted

**April 1980:** May I suggest that the Club can afford to buy H.P. Sauce for their wooden chips, if not don't raise the monthly sub, lower it. At least the pen finally works.

G.C. Noted

**March 1980:** In view of the water shortage, could the Club not provide disinfectant in the toilets to be used when the water is off and/or store buckets of water with which to flush the toilets during this time? A health hazard surely.

G.C. Noted

**November 20, 1982:** I would like to suggest that as a matter of some urgency the feet of the bar stools be made safe. The metal caps be replaced by rubber pads. On Friday, November 19 two members fell off because the stool-feet slid on the tile floor – the persons concerned were not drunk!

G.C. Action will be taken to effect repairs

**April, 1983:** That an air conditioned room for children be provided (in the Club's long-term planning, of course) so that parents can use the bar and not fret about the kid's welfare.

G.C. It is the long term planning of the club to provide additional facilities. Children at all times must remain the responsibility of their parents or guardian while at the Club.

**April 1984:** Really, do suggest that you do something positive about the noisy, noisy door at the ladies bathroom.

**May 1984:** Suggestion: that the club seriously considers the place of children in these premises. During the wet season it is not always possible for children to play outside or swim. The same applies early evenings when parents may want to have a drink in the bar. Since many members do have children, wouldn't it be reasonable to have a room specially for youngsters, us eg, Surwongse Room?

**Sarah Allen**  
General Committee

**C**omments or suggestions regarding the Centenary Book and the Centenary Year celebrations can be sent to the General Manager or to me. This is your Club, so please let us know how you would like to celebrate our 100 years.

G.C. Your suggestion has been passed to the Club Development sub committee.

**May 1984:** It was very disappointing to see a large party in the dining room for buffet dinner on Sunday 20 May, led by a former member of the Club's General Committee wearing shorts (very short) and slip-on sandals (no socks). Other male members of the group were also improperly dressed, but not to the same degree.

G.C. The Committee are constantly reminding members of the dress code.

**June 1984:** Dave: I have the audacity to ask what has happened to the springboard that used to frequent one end of the pool? I was originally told that it had been dismantled for purposes of repair. Later I heard that an "ad-hoc" poll had been conducted by the poolside and that it had been decided to scrap the springboard altogether. As a member who enjoyed using the springboard, I am upset that I was not consulted before this decision was reached. The reason behind this decision is apparently that the board was dangerous. Perhaps if the children using the board had been persuaded not to jump in towards the pool sides the whole problem could have been averted.

I personally would like to see the springboard back. Perhaps parents could be persuaded to pay more attention to their children.

G.C. Refurbishing of the pool side is currently in hand and your comments regarding reinstating a spring board will be taken into account.

**August 1984:** Door to Ladies room in Club House needs repairing, to prevent it from banging each time it is opened.

G.C. Management has been advised

**September 1984:** Will the Committee please attend to the clipping of the beak of the yellow budgie in the cage in the children's playground. The beak is so deformed, the bird has difficulty eating.

G.C. The budgie will be taken care of.

**March 1987:** The telephone on the club premises are in an atrocious state.

G.C. This is another persistent problem. The only way to solve this problem is to buy a new system for around 80,000 Bht. We hope we can do this later in 1987.

**August 1988:** Please could something be done about the awful stench which floats into the Silom sala.

G.C. The smell has been emanating from the garbage disposal area at the adjacent hotel. The hotel management is presently constructing a new air conditioned garbage room and hopefully once is completed the problem will be overcome.



## LORDS RESTAURANT

## Proudly Presents...

Something tantalising to suit the tastes of everyone. Join us in Lords Restaurant this month and be amongst the first to sample the delights of our imaginative menu for 2002.

## — Salads —

Aragula salad with bocconcini flavoured with pesto,  
parma ham and semi-dried tomatoes  
B 270.-

Potato salad with stilton in honey garlic balsamico vinegar dressing  
B 200.-

Mediterranean taboule salad with herbed marinated chicken  
tenders in red capsicum oil  
B 160.-

Tomato basil tart with zucchini and tiger prawns  
B 290.-

Summer eggplant caviar with capsicums and grilled scallops  
B 220.-

Duo of confit tuna salad with cucumber and sundried tomatoes,  
lemon dill and balsamico dressing  
B 170.-

Smoked salmon salad in sweet dill mustard dressing,  
warm baby potatoes and asparagus  
B 175.-

## — Soups —

Pumpkin soup with shitake mushrooms, crisp bacon and croutons  
B 70.-

Provençal mixed vegetables soup flavoured with pesto  
B 65.-

Chilled gazpacho with basil oil  
B 45.-

Tomato orange soup  
B 45.-

## — Fish —

Roasted fillet of red snapper with eggplant zucchini risotto  
in tomato sauce, fried basil leaves  
B 250.-

Grilled fillet of salmon in red wine butter sauce, mashed carrot and  
fennel, grilled baby potatoes  
B 260.-

Baked snow fish with potato, tomato, zucchini and black olives in  
virgin olive oil scented with basil and lemon  
B 380.-

Roasted seabass with basil-flavoured mashed potatoes  
in buttered little neck clam jus  
B 240.-

## — Meats —

Pan-fried, Australian beef tenderloin with confit garlic in red wine  
sauce, rissoles potatoes  
B 350.-

Roasted rack of lamb with garlic parsley crust, stewed white beans  
with fresh and sundried tomatoes in thyme rosemary jus  
B 640.-

Baby chicken fricasse with shitake mushrooms and gnocchi  
in chicken jus with parmesan  
B 395.-

Roasted pork fillet with garlic, tomatoes, onion, carrots and potatoes  
B 180.-

## — From the grill —

Served with grilled tomato persillade, mushrooms and your choice  
of French Fries or baked potatoes with sour cream

Australian beef tenderloin	B 350.-
Australian lamb chops	B 640.-
Norwegian salmon steak	B 260.-
Fillet of red snapper	B 250.-
Fillet of snow fish	B 380.-
Fillet of seabass	B 240.-
River prawns	B 295.-

## — Available with the following sauces: —

Bearnaise, Hollandaise, red wine sauce, pepper sauce, garlic butter,  
tomato basil sauce

All main courses are served with vegetables of the day, roasted  
potatoes, mashed potatoes or French Fries

## — Desserts —

Seasonal mixed fruits salad in mango juice flavoured with basil,  
red fruits sherbet  
B 90.-

Caramelized pineapple crumble and coconut sherbet  
B 65.-

Apple tart tatin served with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream  
B 65.-

Summer mango rosace with old-fashioned  
French toast and vanilla ice cream  
B 65.-



## CALENDAR

## British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - January 2002



7 am - 1 pm  
11 am - 1 pm  
2 pm - 4 pm  
3 - 6 pm  
4.30 pm  
2 - 8 pm  
10 - 11 pm

Tennis Team Practice  
Badminton - Soi Nares  
Children's Activities  
Tennis Mix-in  
Yoga  
Happy Hour  
Happy Hour II

Sunday

8.00 am  
5 - 8 pm  
7 - 9 pm  
10 - 11 pm

BWG Mahjong  
Happy Hour  
Tennis Team Practice  
Happy Hour II

Monday

7.00 am  
8 - 10 am  
10.30 am  
11.30 am  
2 - 7 pm  
5 - 8 pm  
7 - 9 pm  
8 - 11 pm  
9 pm  
10 - 11 pm

Ladies Golf  
Ladies Tennis  
Aqua Aerobics  
Yoga  
BC Swimming Instruction  
Happy Hour  
Football Training  
Friendly Bridge  
Gentlemen's Spoof  
Happy Hour II

Tuesday

9.30 am  
5 - 8 pm  
6 - 9 pm  
6.30 pm  
7.00 pm  
8.30 pm  
10 - 11 pm

Aerobics  
Happy Hour  
Tennis Mix-in  
Cricket Nets  
Darts  
Accumulator  
Happy Hour II

Wednesday

8 - 10 am  
10.30 am  
5 - 8 pm  
6 - 9 pm  
7 - 9 pm  
9 - 10 pm  
10 - 11 pm

Ladies Tennis  
Aqua Aerobics  
Happy Hour  
Squash Mix-in  
Rugby Training  
Hockey Training  
Happy Hour II

Thursday

9.00 am  
3.30 - 6 pm

ANZGW Mahjong  
BC Tennis Coaching for Children  
Tennis Mix-in  
Swimming - Junior  
Squad Training  
Happy Hour  
Adult Tennis  
Poolside BBQ  
Happy Hour II

Friday

5 - 8 pm  
6 - 7 pm  
6.30 - 9 pm  
10 - 11 pm

9 am - 12 noon  
9 am - 1.30 pm  
2 - 8 pm  
10 - 11 pm

Saturday

## MAKE A NOTE!

Jan	Try the new menu at Lords!
11 Jan	Argentinean Wine Tasting
16 & 30 Jan	Photography Workshop
18 Jan	Bar Quiz
22 Jan	European Networking Night
25 Jan	Audrey Vallance, Soprano
27 Jan	New Year Family Gathering
3 Feb	Swimming Gala
14-15 Feb	Austrian Food Promo
25 Feb	Mid-term Sports Camp starts

See page 7 for full details

## Sports - Contacts

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Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	0 2654 0002-29
Bridge	Winlock Hsu/ Charlene Wang	0 2921 6015
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Football	Martin Conisbee	01 829 7185
Golf	Karen Carter	0 2285 6169
Spoofers	Steve Eaton	0 2237 9262
Rugby	Jon Prichard	0 2662 6376
Scuba Diving	Peter Gary	0 2634 7799
Snooker	Khun Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	Peter Corney	01 829 2253
Tennis	Anton Bontje	0 2211 9550

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St Patrick's	Ian Kane	0 2678 1813 x 1738
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 Silom Sala

## 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 - 6 pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)



## SWINGING UNDER THE STARS

# Timeless Music of the Dutch Swing College Band

**O**n Tuesday 4 December, a beautiful starry night, the Dutch Swing College Band performed on the back lawn of the British Club. The band was on a tour through Asia, stopping in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

Some of the band members are very familiar with the British Club; Rob Agerbeek (pianist) came to the Club for the first time in 1979 and the band leader, Bob Kaper, who has been playing with the band since 1965, first came here in the early 1970s.

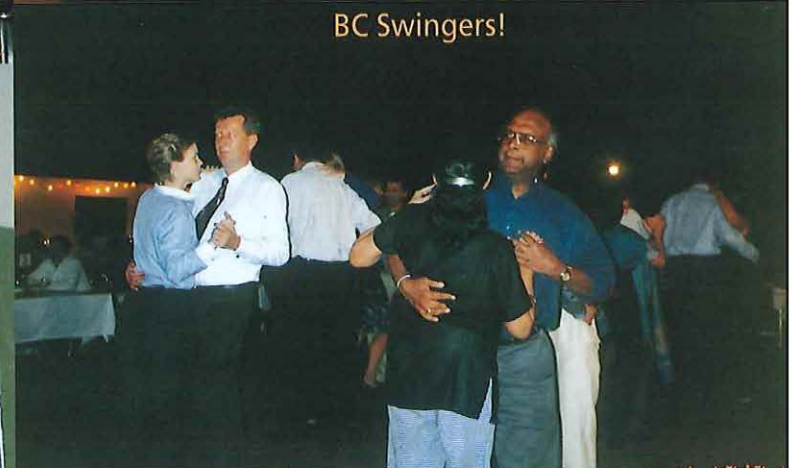
Around 150 members and their guests attended this fabulous event, and an unforgettable evening was had by all.

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

## Around the world with horses

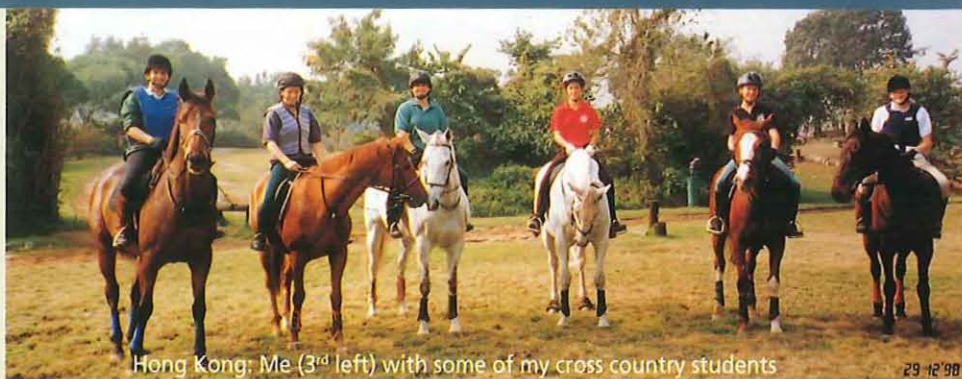
With a little gee-up from me, new member Charlie Sheppard has put pen to paper to give us a glimpse into her background with horses. Thanks, Charlie, for this - and it's the first in what I hope may become a regular "Getting to Know You" series with contributions from old and new members. Judith - Ed.

**R**emember Thelwell cartoons? A true scenario of completely mad horsey children and their parents racing across a show ground in hot pursuit of a large shiny silver trophy! Yep that was me many years ago! Obsessed. And my wonderful devoted parents who entered me for as many different pony classes every weekend just to avoid the next tantrum! With a great little show jumping pony called Bisto (gravy coloured of course!) and an equally fantastic gymkhana games pony called Chico we acquired quite a collection of those shiny silver trophies, later progressing onto Team events in Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country in both Regional and National competitions. And so the seed was sown. Horses were to be a permanent fixture in my life. I tried a grown up job in an office once, wearing clean, tidy, civilian clothes everyday, only to retreat home and cast them aside for smelly jodhpurs, jumper and the relief of my comfortable welly boots to plunge out the back door onto the farm and ride a horse! Winters are the only real hard work with horses in England and after many years of standing out in damp fields, arenas and show grounds with the rain coming down about my ears, battling with frozen pipes, chilblains, backpains from lugging around jumps or bales of hay and straw, it occurred to me there must be an easier, warmer way to get more out of my work!

## COURSES FOR HORSES

On swiftly passing the first British Horse Society teaching qualification of Assistant Instructor I was offered a position in Arizona, USA. 'No mucking out, just teach and ride' said my friend! And there I went and that I did! It was very different and subsequently very easy. Mexican labourers did all the hard and mucky jobs. I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences there including getting completely lost in my first International Cross Country competition held in the desert! Each cactus looked the same as the last!

The Middle East beckoned a few years later and I accepted a position



Hong Kong: Me (3<sup>rd</sup> left) with some of my cross country students

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in Dubai just as the Gulf War was starting! Great facilities (owned by the ruling Sheikh), fabulously expensive horses for us to keep tuned up and compete and equally fabulously wealthy clients for us to instruct! Although the Arab boys were very pampered and precious, the Sheikh's daughters were a delight to teach.

Returning to England I trained and passed the next level of Courses with Horses for the BHS Intermediate Instructor at an established Equestrian Centre in North London which just happened to be frequented by celebrities. But that's another story .....!!

Ideal and generous opportunities crossed my path to set up my own stables/business where I could concentrate on competing more seriously like my friends, some who were already riding at Burghley Horse Trials or Showjumping at Wembley. But I already had the travel bug and wanted to see how horses arrived/survived in the rest of the world in their respective disciplines. It's true, the more you travel the smaller the world becomes.

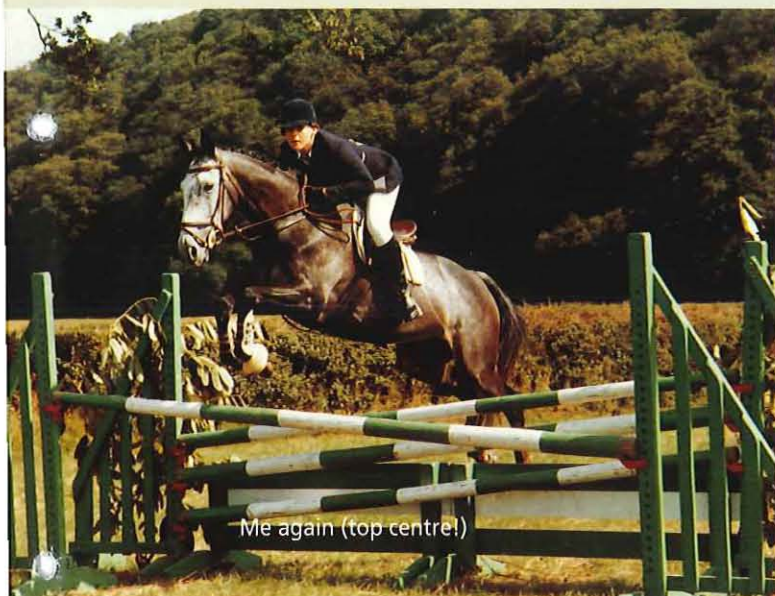
## ASIA

Just as the coldest winter for years in England was setting in (96/97), through a contact a door opened in Asia. I had always wanted to travel and work in the USA, Middle East and the Far East, the backup qualifications I had are recognised worldwide. I accepted an offer too good to miss from The Hong Kong Jockey Club teaching over 150 riders a week! Registered with The British Horse Society the set-up was very similar to Dubai, and as well as various imported ponies and horses from around the world, we also had to make use of the majority of the 200 retired racehorses each season and try to find them a new life either in the school or even better privately. Following my fiancée to Singapore, I took up a teaching position at The Singapore Polo Club. Clinics in Taipei gave me further insight to another country's horsey customs!

## OVERALL

One tries not to get too attached to horses which do not belong to you but through training and trust a relationship is formed very quickly and that animal depends on you for social interaction and psychological stimulation on a daily basis. This is acquired through fun and confidence-giving training exercises. Equines are naturally very social. Over time man has domesticated them within small enclosures, some never seeing the grass that should be beneath their feet. My job is to educate and train not just the horse but the human! The equestrian facilities in Thailand that I have visited so far are superb, catering for all levels of horses/riders and I look forward to contributing to the local Equestrian scene.

**Charlotte Sheppard**



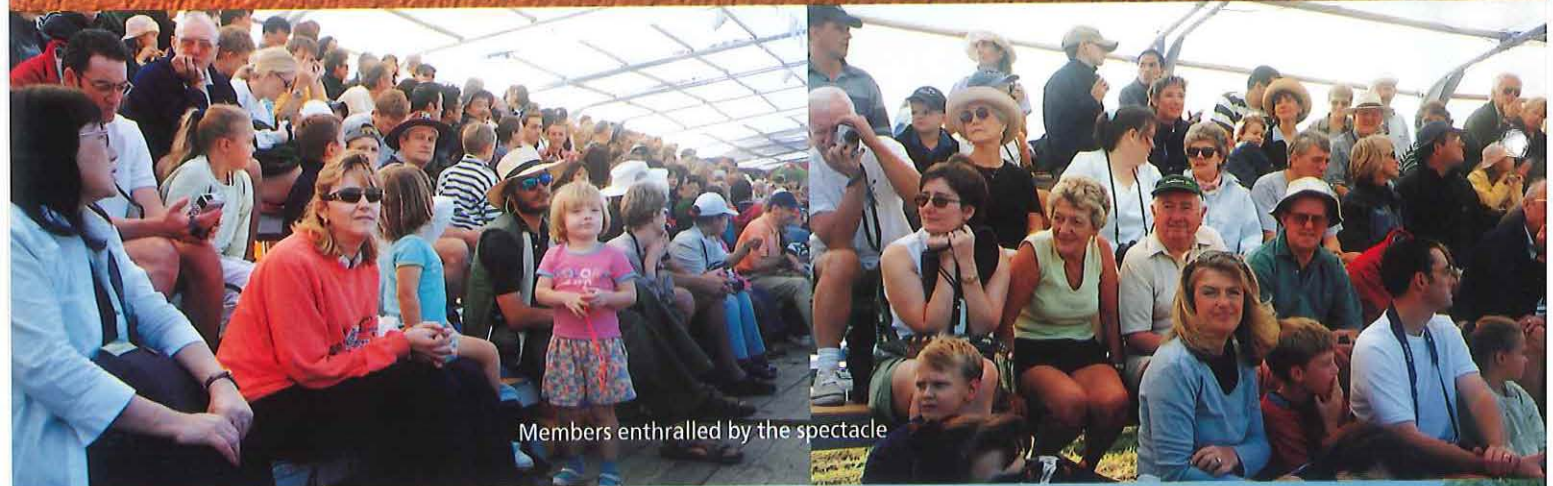
Me again (top centre!)



ZOOMING IN...

# On Surin

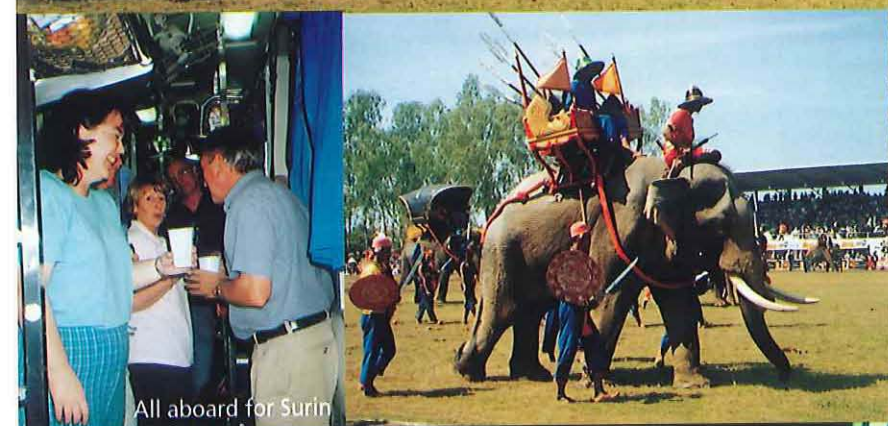
**N**ovember saw BC members back in Surin for the annual elephant round-up and a trip to Prasart Hin Phanom Rung, the largest Khmer temple in Thailand. An exceptional outing, as these photographs witness...



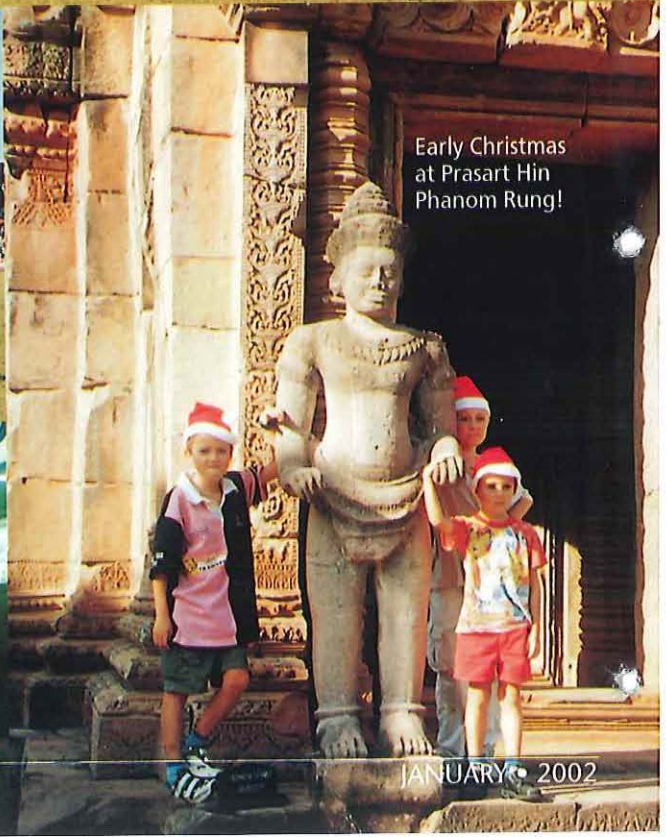
Members enthralled by the spectacle



Elephants into battle



All aboard for Surin

Early Christmas  
at Prasart Hin  
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JANUARY 2002



## SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT THE BC

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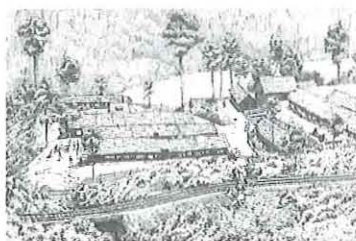
WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2002, 7.00PM SURIWONGSE ROOM

**D**ecember 2001 was the 60th anniversary of the Japanese entry into World War II, starting with the simultaneous attacks on Pearl Harbour and South East Asia. British, Australian, Dutch and American members will doubtless be aware of the events which culminated in the fall of Singapore on February 15 1942 and the Netherlands East Indies soon after.

The Japanese quickly realised that the huge numbers of allied prisoners would provide an ideal, and expendable, workforce for various Japanese projects throughout the region now under Japanese control. One of these projects was to construct a railway from Thailand into Burma to enable supplies to be safely shipped to their forces occupying Burma.

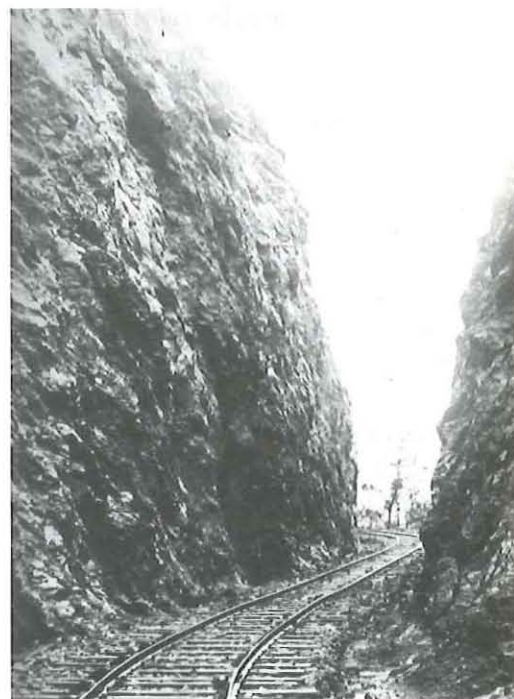
The story of what followed will be related by Mr. Rod Beattie, of Kanchanaburi, and illustrated by pictures, documents, maps and artifacts, on Wednesday, 13 February 2002 in the Suriwongse Room of the British Club at 7.00pm.

Mr. Beattie is the Area Manager for the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** and has conducted private research of the railway for eight years. He was appointed the Project Manager for the construction of the Hellfire Pass Memorial in 1996 by the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs and is a Director of the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre now under construction in Kanchanaburi.



The talk will cover many aspects of the railway project such as the daunting engineering problems, logistics, camp and working conditions and the human cost of constructing such a railway under wartime conditions. Many fascinating, and indeed surprising, items will be on display including recently obtained photographs taken by Japanese engineers and never seen in public before.

Make a note in your diaries now – so as not to miss this special presentation at the British Club.



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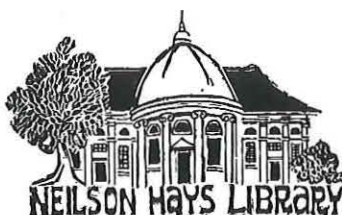
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## TEX-MEX FOOD PROMOTION

# “The Curtains are still hanging...”

**A**s someone whose tastes revolve around Greek, Italian, Thai, Middle Eastern and especially Indian food, this promotion was a new experience. Okay, so we've all been to Senor Pico's (worth it for the frozen Margaritas) and all have eaten the ubiquitous "Chilli con Carne" in various pubs and restaurants around the world, but how genuine have our experiences been? More to the point, were we going to find out tonight? Read on.....

I'll freely admit that in the past I thought Tex Mex was a Country & Western singer, but rather than look stupid on paper (any comments to the editor, please) I decided to consult a rather shy resident expert who wishes to remain anonymous. So...thanks Dave C, who works not a million miles away from me, or even a few feet at times, for some valuable background information.

First myth - Mexican food is hotter and spicier than its American fusion counterpart.

Wrong - the staple fare in Mexico is based around stews and pies, as seen in the menu, not around stomach-dissolving chillies.

Second myth - I'm not going to pontificate about the soup.....

Before I move on to the menu, a few words about the music, "where was it?" I didn't seem to notice anything happening, even in the background, which is unusual in a food promotion. I was expecting a call relieving me of the Airey "Spyrogyra" collection for the evening but the phone stayed silent. If someone wants to write in and state that Spyrogyra aren't Mexican, feel free. As I've hinted, I'm working from a limited knowledge base here.

We had a last minute addition to our table,



in the form of a colleague from Singapore (ex UK) who was more than ready for the challenge. However, having watched Alan work his way through a raw (still alive) unfilleted seafood platter in Korea a few years ago, I felt his comments and opinions may lack the culinary finesse which *Outpost* readers are clearly used to!

## THE MENU

So, moving on swiftly to the food....Ahhhh, the spicy Mexican meatball soup. I've no idea how authentic it was, or whether it was cobbled together on the back of a skytrain ticket, but I really took to this. Strangely, my enthusiasm wasn't in evidence everywhere, but the Mexican "Tom Yam" was sensational. Hot and sour, leaving the lips tingling (Harold Robbins eat your heart out...) A little bread dunked into it just completed the piquancy (sort of a Tex-Middlesbrough-Mex) Anyway, it was very moreish and a few bowls went down well.

The vast array of dips were all sampled with the various breads and dippers available, and

the guacamole deserved a special mention. The stuffed Jallapenos were also up to expectations - I really miss these since they were taken off the bar menu - any chance of a reprieve??

I did the usual rounds of the buffet, and thought the Texan Beef Chilli was the best Beef Madras I've ever tasted!

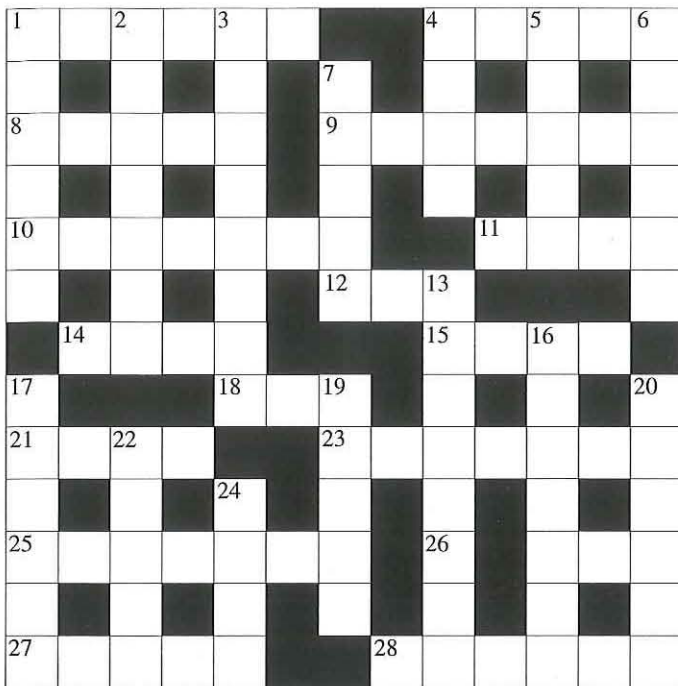
We had great fun (you have to bear in mind I used to live in Reading, England) creating our own fajitas, and the chicken Taco's were okay, but the buffet didn't have me screaming "more" like some of the other promotions have (we'll leave the soups out of it for now). I enjoyed the Lamb 'La Barbacoa En Blanco', I'm assuming this description was Mex rather than Tex? The pickled turkey took some believing, but was alternative enough to be interesting. For those who like their pickled food strong and pungent, it would have been a shade disappointing, but that would have destroyed the flavour of the turkey, wouldn't it? You have to consider that within the area of my birthplace, pickled onions are left to mature in an open jar for years, preferably





## CROSSWORD

## A Question of Sport



Compiled by Margaret Miller

## December solution

Want to know where the solution is for December's crossword? Well... so would I! With the laying of a new floor at the office over the Christmas hols, I can only assume the solution has come to a sticky end, glued to the underside of the new linoleum. So, by way of reparation, I will offer a bottle of wine to the first member who faxes me (0 2678 1292) the completed Tinsel Teaser crossword from the December issue. Judge and juror of the entries on this occasion... me, of course! Judith, Outpost Ed.

## ACROSS

- 1 Dangerous to do this when competing in a Grand Prix.  
 4 Maybe not a born one, but no Medallist either!  
 8 He certainly is one on course!  
 9 Baseball Champions...the \_\_\_\_\_ Yankees. (3,4)  
 10 Do this to your score card before you sign it!  
 11 With 16 Down, was a British star at the 1984 Winter Olympics at Sarajevo.  
 12 Every one counts in a cricket match.  
 14 To the Pakistani team, "Twelfth Man" is "Barahwan \_\_\_\_\_"  
 15 A bet before the race.  
 18 Sir \_\_\_\_\_ Ramsey, knighted for his services to English football.  
 21 Essentials for the Henley Regatta.  
 23 "I won't win the Marathon \_\_\_\_\_"! (2,1,4)  
 25 Good ones are a great asset on course....  
 26 But this is unwelcome when driving or putting.  
 27 An area for the Hunt.  
 28 An event on the ski slopes.

## DOWN

- 1 Canine useful where the game is.  
 2 The country that hosted the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948.  
 3 This girl was Wimbledon Champion for Britain in 1975.  
 4 The original name was \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis.  
 5 You can't win if you don't!  
 6 Permitted in the garden but not in the bunker.  
 7 Next to the Bull's Eye.  
 13 A Grand race at Aintree.  
 16 See 11 Across.  
 17 Voted the world's most popular sport in 2001.  
 19 Gets the Gold.  
 20 Fishermen will gather beside one in hope of a trout!  
 22 A famous Cup in sporting circles.  
 24 \_\_\_\_\_ Edrich - opener for Lancashire and for England in pre-war Ashes tests.

under a bed. If you don't believe me, buy the book, or watch a certain episode of "Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads". Desserts — I'm not a fan, as previous scribes have indicated, but the date bread was good. I always thought dates were a middle eastern phenomenon, but I'm prepared to be proved wrong. In any case, they are "good for you" as any parent will tell their children. The evening was nicely finished off with coffee, and our man from Singapore left for

the Shangri-La suitably full. This is no real recommendation, however, as he would probably eat the curtains if he was hungry!

## IN SUMMARY

I'll give this one a three out of five, but that could be down to my own rather biased taste buds. High standards in previous promotions, and my own preference towards certain foods may have swayed me, but make the next promotion Middle Eastern or South Asian,

please?

Special thanks to Barry and the Crew, who shuffled chairs, tables and people around at 5 minutes notice to accommodate our arrangements. The service was brilliant, and Khun Arpha looked particularly fetching as a Mexican Bandit.



**Speedy  
"Ken" Gonzales**





## MEMBERS MAILBOX

## P A G NORMAN

The Editor  
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Dear Judith

### Ex Gratia Payment To Far East POW's and Internees

Thanks largely to the persistence of the British Legion, the UK government announced about a year ago an award of £10000 to service personnel and civilians (including children) held by the Japanese. There was very little, if any, publicity given to this announcement overseas and it is possible that there may be some members/widows who may not have realised that they are entitled to the grant.

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Assistance about how to claim can be obtained from the War Pensions Agency, Norcross, Blackpool, Lancs FY5, UK, or from the British Embassy Consular office (Tel 02305 8333 ext 2239). I approached the Consul last month after the Remembrance Sunday Service to see whether the Embassy would "field" any local inquiries, to which he immediately agreed.

Even if Members are not entitled to the grant themselves, they may know of relations/friends who are and can pass the news on.

These few individuals who I know were entitled to the award all told me that payment had been made promptly once the completed form had been sent to WPA.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members and staff and, as ever, my appreciation of the welcome received from all with whom I have come into contact.

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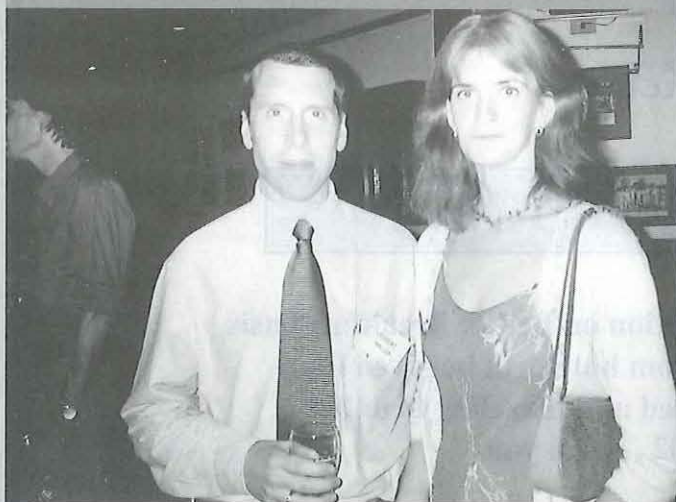
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## NEW MEMBERS

## BOB &amp; LISA WALLER (BRITS)



Bob and Lisa spent the first three years of their time in Thailand travelling around and getting to know Southeast Asia. They have now been in Thailand for five years and decided it was time to join the British Club!

When not working as General Sales Manager at Unilever Bestfoods, Bob enjoys getting out for a game of golf or football. Lisa is a teacher at the Park Place Pre School and spends her free time swimming or shopping.

Their children are Jay aged 3, and baby Moonie aged 10 months who both enjoy football, swimming - and making trouble!

## HELENE &amp; PAUL DILLMAN (USA)



Here for 3 years, Helene and Paul both enjoy a variety of sports when they aren't busy working: tennis, hockey, squash, golf, racketball and hash (the legal nutty runners' club, I think, not the illegal other stuff - J.).

The good news for them is that most of these are available right here at the British Club, and all are available within Bangkok. Helene's favourite hobby, higher even than a glass of wine, is "catching up on sleep". The reason behind this...? Well, they have 4 kids - Victoria, Alison, Roscoe and Catherine - all under 8 years of age.

Helene works for JHD Consulting and Paul for Philip Morris.

## OLIVIER &amp; EMMANUELLO CHAZAREIX (FRENCH)

At the time of New Members Night, Olivier and Emmanuello had only been in Thailand long enough to learn that they mustn't stop for pedestrians at zebra crossings (i.e. about 4 weeks). This being the case they hadn't really had time to form an opinion of either the British Club or Thailand - but hopefully when they do, it will be good.

Both enjoy keeping fit and swimming; Olivier is a golfer and Emmanuello plays tennis. They have three children aged 10, 7 and 4 years old, all attending school here.

Olivier is with Credit Agricole Indosuez as their Chief Operating Officer.



## RODNEY CARR (AUSSIE)



...And on his seventh day in Bangkok, Rodney arrived at the British Club..... Rodney will hang out in Bangkok for just 6 months as a Security Computer Consultant for ACA Pacific Tec - a short but hopefully sweet posting. Previous postings have taken him to London for 12 months and P.N.G. for 3 years (I think that's short for - and internationally recognised by only a few - as Papua New Guinea. Let me know if I'm wrong. J.)

Swimming is his only hobby at the moment, but I'm sure that will change.

## SEAN SWAN &amp; ELIZABETH LAPPIN (IRISH)

Following postings in Brussels, Washington DC and Hong Kong, Sean is now here in Thailand on a 4 year tour of duty as Asia cameraman for ITN. Homemaker in the family is Elizabeth, and home-wreckers are Adam (17), Samuel (7), Max (5) and Francesca (1). When not behind the camera, Sean likes to play tennis, table tennis, badminton, soccer and snooker. Elizabeth obviously doesn't have the same eye for a ball and prefers swimming, aerobics and keeping fit in the gym. (With 4 kids to run after, I'm surprised you need to work out at all. J.)



Sean pictured here with Karen Hollis at New Members Night

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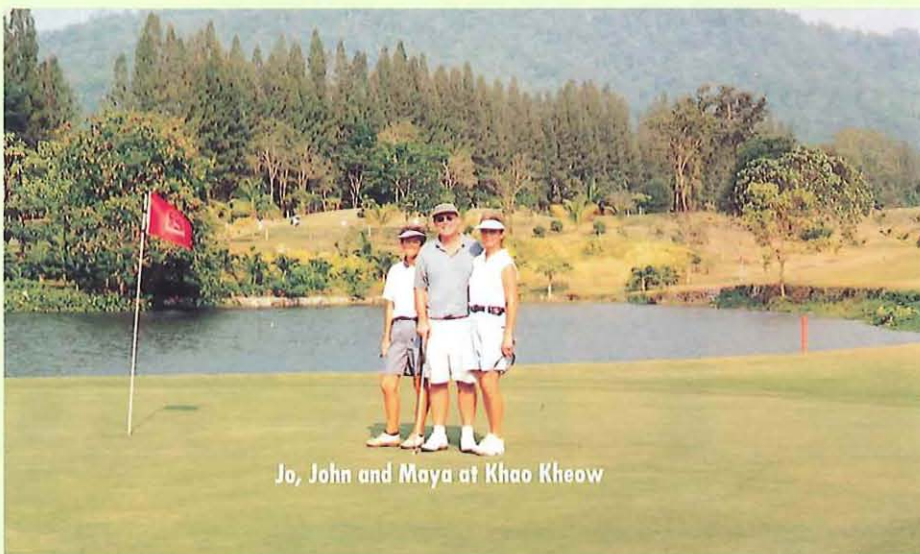
# Last Chance for a Medal

October 24 saw the last chance to win a medal in 2001 – and be eligible for the 2001 Medal Final held in December at Royal Lad Krabang. Many players had already qualified for the Final earlier in the year so it wasn't as well-attended as some recent club matches. However what was lacking in numbers was more than made up for in determination – and in Larry Goodliffe's case, near-desperation. Jo is already through to the Final and he'd been taking something of a beating in the 'holier-than-thou' marital stakes. Just to add zest to the proceedings Bryan Dodd and Andre Tissera used the occasion to play their semi-final in the Matchplay Championship (which has been running since July). Since both players are noted for their, ah... 'focus' and total concentration on the game it all got pretty intense... but it was a fascinating battle to watch – from a safe distance.

[PS. Bryan won after extra time and meets Charles Skinner in the Final in January] The day itself was wonderful. It's only a dim memory now but in October the temperature and humidity plummeted (remember that picture of frost in Chang Mai?) and it felt like an English summer's day. Naturally half of Bangkok turned out to play golf but at least it was the half that didn't stop for 20 minutes at every watering hole and wasn't measuring putts with a microscope – we all got round in a reasonable time.



Pat wins 'A' Flight



Jo, John and Maya at Khao Kheow

The results came in as follows:

<b>A Flt</b>	<b>- Pat Dean</b>
<b>B Flt</b>	<b>- Larry Goodliffe</b> (sighs of relief all round)
<b>C Flt</b>	<b>- Charmaine Adams</b>

Mick 'always the bridesmaid never the bride' Murphy was runner-up (again) in C Flight; however as Dick Taylor has greedily qualified in both B and C Flight Mick will compete in his place in the C Flight Final.

## MAGIC BALLS DAY

Khao Keow Golf Course has instigated a novel 'Promotion' – cheap rates after 11.30am on a Sunday, this seemed too good to resist so a Club Day was organized down there for 2 December. Perhaps the distance or maybe the thought of a crowded course seemed to put people off and the turn-out was disappointing. But those who did make the effort were agreeably surprised to discover that it only takes an hour to get there from Bangkok (it's much closer to Chonburi than Pattaya) and that the place was deserted. No, I don't know why either, but we went around like greased weasels (just over four hours) and didn't once see the group ahead of us. The format was 'Magic Balls'; each team getting two specially marked balls and, taking it in turns to play them, challenged to amass as many Stapleford points as possible. Only one group managed to bring back both balls, the other teams losing theirs at various points

around the course (our condolences to Tom McKay who lost both his teams balls). With all the 'water-hazards' at Khao Keow it was a nerve wracking affair - when it was your turn to play the dreaded 'black spot' it felt more like Russian Roulette than Golf.

So for Karen Carter, Cheryl Lamb, Gareth Sampson and Mike Staples to bring back both 'magic balls' – and win the day - was impressive...

There was also an individual competition won by Cheryl Lamb who scored an amazing 27 Stapleford points on nine holes.

<b>1</b>	<b>Cheryl Lamb</b>	<b>43 pts</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Karen Carter</b>	<b>40 pts</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Maya Werner</b>	<b>36 pts</b>

And all I can say is that it's definitely a 'Ladies Course'...



Larry squeaks home in 'B' Flight



## GOLF - CONTINUED

### HUA HIN WEEKEND

As usual over the long weekend of Constitution Day the BCGS made its annual pilgrimage to Hua Hin in search of the perfect round of golf and for the more skilled (or luckier) players, the chance to bring home one of the several 'pots' on offer at Majestic Creek, which has the reputation for being one of the most scenic - and most challenging - golf courses in Thailand. The Italian restaurants in town also proved something of a lure and provided a measure of consolation for those of us who failed at the first two objectives.

### THE DEEMED TROPHY

Each year the Committee takes on the rest of the club members in pursuit of the prestigious DeeMed trophy. This year I am delighted to report that the Committee (finally) hit upon a format that gave them victory. The average net score achieved by the committee (70.5) was compared to the members average (75.7) and therefore the committee awarded itself the DeeMed Trophy and a round of applause for such a convincing win. Calls for an independent audit (and the use of a calculator) were put down to sour grapes and the Captain moved rapidly on to the next item on the agenda - which was:

### The Ambassadors Cup and the Inaugural Trophy

These two prizes are contested simultaneously with the DeeMed Trophy; the Ambassadors Cup is open to golfers with a handicap of 24 and over, the Inaugural Trophy to those of 23 and below. This year saw a tremendous tussle for the Ambassadors Cup with only one stroke separating the leading three players, but in the end Bridget Snow - who is having a dream season - took the Cup with a net 68, hotly pursued by Dick Taylor and Mick Murphy both on 69 strokes. Once again I am sorry to report that Mick lost second place on count back and had to settle for third. There was no such problem in the Inaugural Trophy where Gareth Sampson was the runaway winner with a net score of 65.

It was an excellent days golf on one of the best courses in Thailand. As usual the prizes for the competition were sponsored by Dougal Forrest of DeeMed. This is a big event

and it is Dougal's unstinting support that makes it so memorable; once again we are in his debt and hope to see him at Hua Hin next year to thank him personally - and give him a chance to win one of the awards he so generously donates.

### SUNDAY

The second day saw the annual match against the Golfers Cocktail Lounge. This is a pairs 'Combined Stapleford Matchplay' event and one which the BCGS has not won in living memory. Nevertheless our rising membership is giving us a 'depth of play' which has previously been lacking (we fielded 15 pairs) and we felt sure that this year we were in with a chance. And I have to say that it started out looking really good, the first three teams home announced victory, alas, it didn't last. Our lead was soon cut to one game and then came a succession of 'halved' matches that we'd counted on winning. The scales began to tilt toward the GCL, two late victories gave them the edge and after all the scores were in they were declared the winners by the closest margin ever: 7 points - 6 points.

It was disappointing to come so close but the trend is in our favour (!) and next year should see us the victors in this keenly contested match. As is traditional the GCL hosted us to an excellent Bar-B-Que that evening and the individual prizes for the day were awarded. It proved unusually tough to separate the leading players as no less than four of us tied with 40 Stapleford points apiece (with that kind of performance how come we didn't win?). After some complicated arithmetic Chris Crowley was declared the winner and Dick Taylor second; however it proved impossible to separate David Williamson and David Lamb and they were posted as 'joint third'.

### MONDAY

For the second year the BCGS took on the Hua Hin Golf Society. Unfortunately Constitution Day is not a holiday for all and half our members reluctantly headed home on Sunday evening. Those able to stay were treated to a match at Milford Golf Course - which was every bit as difficult as Majestic Creek, in fact in some ways harder; narrow



The unstoppable Bridget Snow

fairways, a plethora of 'OB's and greens that were like mirrors causing everyone problems - well, all except Edward Ashman. As if to make up for our narrow defeat by the GCL the Gods smiled on our efforts and if we were struggling with the course Hua Hin GS was having an even worse day; the final scores showed a clear win for the BCGS: 426 points vs. 410 points.

The individual winner of 'B' Flight - with the best score of the weekend - was Edward Ashman who shot an amazing 95 gross (net 63) his best-ever round of golf, to score 44 Stapleford points - 5 points clear of the field. It was a wonderful performance on a tough course (rated 73 on the handicapping index) and he deserved his first place and the vigorous round of applause - all you have to do now Edward is keep it up!

### FIXTURE LIST

#### FIRST HALF OF 2002

Now that the hang-overs have (hopefully) worn off here's the programme for 2002 - with the usual proviso that anything can change... (see over)



**GOLF - CONTINUED**

<b>January</b>		
Sunday 13	Matchplay	Final Bang Poo
Sunday 27	Medal	Royal Lad Krabang
<b>February</b>		
Sunday 3	Bernie's Bowl	Krung Kavee
Saturday 9	Inter Societies	Springfield
Sunday 10	Inter Societies	Lakeview
Sunday 24	Medal	Royal Lad Krabang
<b>March</b>		
Saturday 2	Club Championship	Grand Gardens
Sunday 3	Club Championship	Grand Gardens
Saturday 9	vs Wanderers	TBA
Saturday 17	Club Day	Bang Poo
Sunday 24	Guest Day	Muang Kaoew
Sunday 31	Medal	Royal Lad Krabang
<b>April</b>		
Saturday 6	Dunlop Cup	Forrest Hills
Sunday 7	Dunlop Cup	"
Monday 8	Dunlop Cup	"
Sunday 21	Club Day	Natural Park Hill
Sunday 28	Medal	Royal Lad Krabang
<b>May</b>		
Saturday 4	Eclectic	Majestic Creek
Sunday 5	Eclectic	"
Monday 6	Eclectic	"
Sunday 12	Club Day	Noble Place
Sunday 19	Japan Cup	
Saturday 25	Away Fixture	TBA
Sunday 26	Away Fixture	"
Monday 27	Away Fixture	"
<b>June</b>		
Saturday 1	Seniors/Juniors	Royal Hills
Sunday 2	Seniors/Juniors	"
Sunday 9	vs Londoners	TBA
Sunday 23	Captain's Day	Subrapruek
Sunday 30	Medal	Royal Lad Krabang

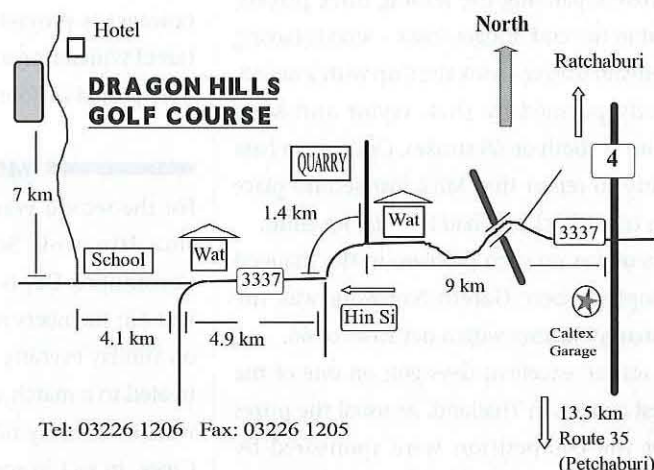
**The usual suspects at Majestic Creek****GOLF COURSES AND HOW TO FIND THEM...**

There are several books on 'Golf Courses in Thailand'. However the information given on how to find any particular course, especially the less-frequented ones, is usually abysmal. Having exhausted my vocabulary of 'expletive-deleted' as I pass the same petrol station for the third time searching for some elusive country club (I sometimes think these places don't want to be found...) I've decided to try and do something about the situation and am putting together a collection of 'Dummies Guides to Golf Courses' for use by the BCGS - or anyone who'll buy me a beer. And I need some help; the idea is that anytime you visit a golf course which takes a bit of finding please make a sketch map of its location and add any details you feel might be useful. To give you an idea of what I'm hoping for - and to start us off - I've attached directions to Dragon Hills Golf Course and added some notes I made the last time I was there.

**DRAGON HILLS**

1. There are no trolleys, so if you have one of your own take it along.
2. Book ahead, it's cheap and companies like to reserve it for 'corporate golf days', it's a long way to go to find out you can't get a game.
3. There is nothing else to do out there.
4. The 'drinks stops' don't stock golf balls - make sure you have enough.
5. The hotel is across the road from the Golf Course entrance. The restaurant is primitive so eat at the course if you can.
6. It's approximately 1hr 45 mins from Bangkok.
7. Special deal weekdays: 850 Baht for two rounds of golf, overnight accommodation and breakfast (based on two people sharing a room).
8. The Head Office is in Bangkok, they speak good English.

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The major change in 2002 is the introduction of a 'Monthly Medal' to be played at Lad Krabang. Due to the growing size of the Golf Section and the demand for more fixtures it was thought that rather than have 'club days' every month (as we do at present) a monthly competition would be more popular.

**Dick Taylor****Charmaine wins 'C' Flight**



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