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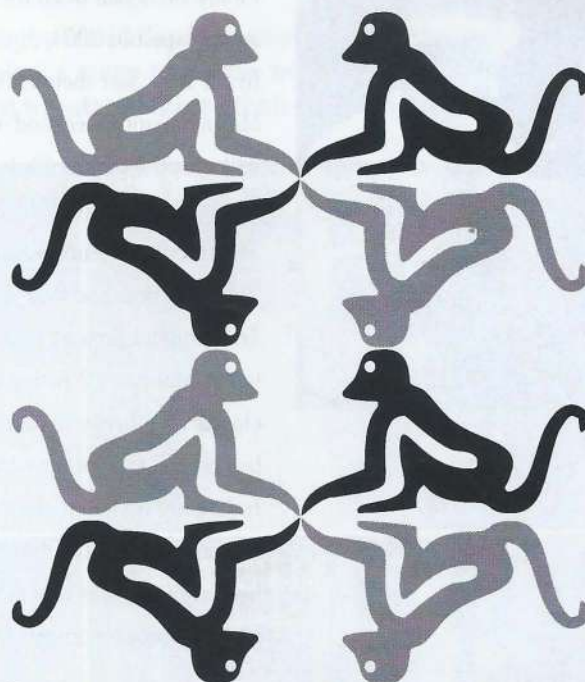
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# CLUB MESSAGE



## DEAR MEMBERS,

Firstly, on behalf of all the staff we would like to wish all Members and their families a very healthy and prosperous 2004.

In the New Year there are some interesting activities coming up - a trip to the Panda Zoo in Chiang Mai, a romantic weekend upcountry over the Valentine's weekend and much more. The tennis section will start the annual Club Championship and the finals are scheduled for Saturday, 13 March 2004. Please pencil this date in your diary.

The traditional European network night will take place on the back lawn in the middle of January. The exact date and time will be confirmed by email.

Traditionally, January is also the time of year that the annual staff party happens, and this year it will be on Monday, 12 January 2004. On this day the reception, fitness centre and Club house will be closed. Members will have access to tennis courts, swimming pool and squash courts only. There will be no F&B services provided during the entire day.

In January we will replace the roof on the squash courts. This project will start on 5 January and will be completed by the middle of February. The re-coating of the centre court and court number 1 has been completed as well as the installation of the astro turf courts on courts 2 and 3. The new lighting still has some teething problems but this will hopefully be finalised very soon.

We all looking forward to welcoming you and your families to the Club in the not too distant future.

Regards,

**Barry Osborne**  
Operations Manager

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# BC WINNING STREAK COMES TO AND END IN HUA HIN

November was a quiet month for the British Club Golfers. The Rugby World Cup kept us away from the golf course and our members were more likely to be seen in one of Bangkok's many bars than on the fairways. However, everyone learned something from this great sporting event and translated this to their golf - on your take away "swing low"!

We did squeeze in a monthly medal and a great weekend in Hua Hin. Unfortunately the trip to Hua Hin saw the BCGS winning streak come to an end with a loss to GCL in our annual match. Mai-pen-rai. There's always next year.

## NOVEMBER MEDAL AT KHAO KEOW

The undoubted star of the November Medal was everyone's favourite Plymouth Argyle fan - Barry Ashman. Barry gave us all a lesson on how to play the course with a staggering nett 58. As he made his way around Khao Keow, Barry could do no wrong. Bad shots were followed by great recoveries and his putter was on fire. Needless to say Barry was the winner of B Flight - the rest of us were just making up the numbers! The rest of the placings went to Kaew Khongyoo, who was second and Edwin Ferner who was third.

A Flight was won by Mike Staples with a net 66. Edward Ashman was second and Gareth Sampson took third place.

In C Flight, Orin Baldwin added to her growing collection of 'medal goblets' with a solid round of golf earning her first place. Bryan Baldwin was second and Carole Anne Eastgate was in third place.

Near Pins were won by Karen Holloway, Karen Carter, Brian Brook and Barry Ashman. Karen Holloway won the Ladies' Long Drive and Larry Goodliffe won the Men's. This was something of a first for Larry who is not known for his length but rather for his accuracy!!



Aye Aye - What's going on here then?



Karen hands over the SUAL Bell to the GCL captain.



Karen Carter accepting defeat.



David and Vicky - Our top pair against the GCL team.

## HUA HIN WEEKEND AT MAJESTIC CREEK

The weekend of the King's Birthday found the BCGS in Hua Hin at Majestic Creek. Majestic is one of the British Club's favourite courses. The scenery is spectacular, the green fees are reasonable and the course is always in great condition. The greens are a little different but, though slower than we are used to, are always true.

This was a busy weekend for the British Club. We were playing for three trophies on the Friday - the Ambassador's Cup, the Inaugural Cup and the DeeMed Trophy - and we also had our match against GCL on the Saturday.

## DAY 1

The format for the Friday was a stableford competition. Those with handicaps of 18 and

David wins the Inaugural Cup.



Vicky wins the Ambassadors Cup.

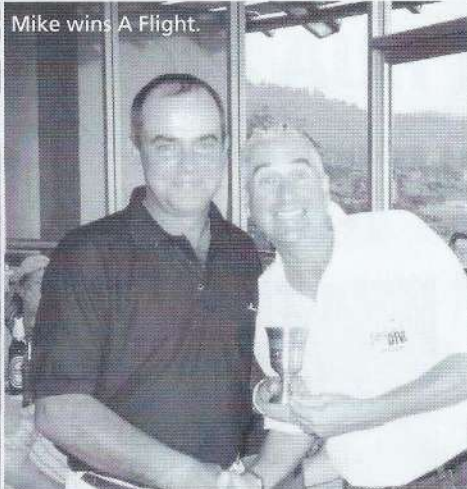




Bristol City give the Cup to Plymouth Argyle!



Mike wins A Flight.



Orin wins C Flight.



under were competing for the Inaugural Cup. Players with handicaps of 19 and over were playing for the Ambassador's cup. Everyone was involved in deciding the fate of the DeeMed Trophy.

## THE DEEMED TROPHY

Each year the Committee takes on the club members to decide the winner of the DeeMed Trophy. The trophy goes to the team with the best average score. This year I am pleased to announce that the committee beat the members with an average score of 33 compared to their average of 30.8. With Captain Larry in Sri Lanka and Vice Captain Kev in Hong Kong, Mike Staples accepted the trophy on behalf of the committee. (Pointless piece of information but I just thought I'd point out that the committee weren't even fielding a full team!!!)

## THE INAUGURAL CUP

David Lamb was the clear winner of the Inaugural Cup this year with a total of 40 stableford points. Karen Carter was in second place with 37 points and Mike Staples was third with 34 points. This was a particularly satisfying day for David who had also beaten André Tissera in the matchplay to book his place in the final against Mike Staples.

## THE AMBASSADOR'S CUP

Vicky Jones just beat Nick White to win the Ambassador's Cup for the second year on the trot. Vicky had 39 points and Nick was only just behind on 38. Angela Poustie was in third place with 35 points. It was lovely to see Angela back with us after several months in the UK. The winners of the Near Pins on the first day were Karen Carter, Val Ashman, Vicky Jones and Mike Poustie. Brian Brook won the Men's Long

Drive and Vicky won the Ladies'. Barry Ashman sank the longest putt.

## DAY 2 BCGS V GCL

Our annual match against the Golfers Cocktail Lounge is always hard-fought and, although they have had more than their fair share of wins over the years, we always believe that we can win. This year was no exception. We fielded a strong team of thirty players. That meant that there were 15 matches out on the course playing 'Combined Stableford Matchplay'. As the results came in it was clear that GCL were edging ahead of us. The British Club posted an early victory with a win for Karen Carter and Joom White. Other than that things were starting to look a bit bleak. A win for GCL tended to be followed by a half from the next match. We did win four of our matches and sneaked a half in three of them but it wasn't enough. The winning pairings were Karen and Joom, Carole Anne and Val, Vicky and David and Helen and Yurachatr. GCL won eight of the fifteen matches to record a convincing victory.

As well as the matchplay competition, we also had a prize available for the team with the highest total of stableford points. The results:

- 1st Vicky Jones and David Lamb  
75 points
- 2nd Joom White and Karen Carter  
74 points
- 3rd Val Ashman and Carole Anne Eastgate  
71 points

The Near Pins were won by André Tissera, Yurachatr Brook, John Snow and Guy Snow. Ed Ashman won the Men's Long Drive and Bridget Snow won the Ladies'. Ed Ashman Sank the longest putt.

As is traditional, the GCL hosted a Bar-B-Que that evening and the individual prizes were handed out and our sorrows were well and truly drowned. It was a great evening and the perfect end to a great weekend of golf.

## Vicky Jones



The victorious committee.



# SUPERB PLAYING BY ALL!

## BANGKOK INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT

### Mixed Doubles Inter-Club - 4/5 October

With a dearth of volunteers to play in the fixture, the BC was almost at the point of withdrawing from this event. Thanks to last minute efforts from a few BCTS stalwarts, notably Bruce Gordon, Terry Adams and Khun Yubharet, the BC managed to field arguably their strongest team ever for this annual tournament hosted this year by the Silom Club.

The tournament was dominated by the superpowers of tennis in Bangkok, The Polo Club and the Silom Club. Surely the top seeds would be too strong for the other teams and so it proved as they moved virtually unchallenged to the top of their respective leagues and the anticipated final.

Fighting for the scraps, the BC won the rest of the matches in their league, finishing in second place, and a match up with Krung Thai Bank for the 3rd/4th place play off. Strong performances from the 'nippers' at the combined ages of 60 years+, Khun Veena and Marc Hagelauer, and 80+, Khun Sasaluck and Khun Suang, gave us hope. Unfortunately the older pairings could not match the strength of KTB and despite a valiant effort from 70+ Lynn Candlish and Khun Phairoj, who lost in a tiebreak, the BC went down 3-2.

Fourth place in the Mixed event is a best placed finish in living memory (even Bruce Gordon's) for the BC.

Special thanks to all the players mentioned above, Angela and Bruce, my long suffering partner Khun Wan and Dr. Pongsak, who stepped in for Marc on Saturday afternoon. A special mention should also go to both Khun Yubharet as team selector, supporter and psychologist and Nisa Adams for their support for the entire weekend.

WELL PLAYED BC.

Captain on the day,  
**James Young**



BC MEN'S TEAM

BC Team for the Bangkok Inter-Club Mixed Doubles tournament held at the Silom Club in October

## CAPTAIN'S COURT

### BCTS 2004 Annual Championships

- Entries to be received by Wednesday 31 December
- Draw to be finalised by Friday 9 January
- Round 1 Matches to be completed by Sunday 8 February
- Round 2 Matches to be completed by Sunday 22 February
- Quarter Final Matches to be completed by Sunday 5 March
- Semi Final Matches to be completed by Friday 12 March
- FINALS DAY Saturday 13 March

See you on the courts.

Regards,

**Brad Weatherstone**

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By the time that you read this "Chat" we will be into the post-Festive Season 'Blues', and in my case the usual resolve on dieting, doing without tennis juice and cutting back on the vino colapso!

Already seen as a major improvement as all lines are clearly visible by players, the new rear tennis courts will be well on their way to bedding down and giving the consistent and reliable playing surface that we require once the silica sand settles into the pile of the surface carpet. The draw will just have been made for the 2004 Tennis Championships and first round matches will already be under way. The finals will be held on Saturday, 13 March 2004 - please put this date into your new diaries.

Finally, we have for some time been campaigning hard with the General Committee for the reinstatement of the position of a Sports and Recreation Co-ordinator. These efforts have been redoubled for two key reasons in the case of the Tennis Section. Firstly, for the Co-ordinator to pick up and run the Juniors, including the management and operation of the coaching programmes plus the arranging and running of matches. Secondly, to manage much more of the administration of the Tennis Section, including the running of the various Mix-in events. A reality these days is that those of us who have volunteered to serve on the Tennis Section Committee (and this no doubt applies to all Club Committees) just do not have enough time to spend all the necessary hours administering the Section in our very limited leisure time.

See you on court.

Best regards,

**Terry Adams**

**Chairman, Tennis Section Committee**



## INTER-CLUB MEN'S DOUBLES - 22/23 NOVEMBER

The event had been redrawn at 7.00 in the morning following the late withdrawal of the Polo Club. The rumour was that this was due to the strength of the Silom team, determined to win the trophy for the last time on home turf. The BC, having achieved a best-ever finish of 4th last year, featured in the seeding for the first time ever.

The team was hit by injury, unavailability, illness and the defection of key players. However, Saturday morning dawned with the BC fielding 9 players for a minimum 10 man team event. Several players had advised of the need to leave by 3.30pm due to the impending rugby World Cup final. Against this scenario we stepped up to the plate for the first match against the Krung Thai Bank team, formidable opponents who had beaten us recently in the Mixed Doubles event. Due to strong performances in the 55+, 40+ and 35+ age groups, the forfeiture of the 45+ game did not damage the cause, and we won 3-2. This was followed by two further wins resulting in the BC topping our league and qualifying for the semi-finals.

Naturally, under the aforesaid circumstances, your team captain was faced with a revolting team as the next match was scheduled for 4.00pm, coinciding with the WRC kick off!! Two of the team left and the remainder urged us to field the best team possible and try to compete against a strong Japanese team, captained by BC stalwart, Eiji Hanao.

Nail biting stuff ensued, the 55+ team went down to Hanao-san and things looked bleak. The new pairings at 40+ and 45+ won as we had hoped, and it was down to the wire with the 50+ team finally winning a titanic struggle. The final game was forfeited but the BC had won through to their first-ever final of an Interclub tournament. This coincided with another fairytale result in Sydney.

With a little apprehension as to the health and fitness of the team following the epic rugby encounter the previous day, we arrived on Sunday to face the Silom Club who still had memories of the previous year's surprise defeat at the hands of the BC. They need not have worried as the BC was outclassed by a mix of national players and coaches. Never mind, SECOND place is our best-ever result and we ought to be proud of getting that far. Special thanks to the team - Bruce Gordon, David Race, Khun Voratep, Khun Charoen, Khun Jesada, David Padgham, Khun Phairoj, Frank Gluck, Marc Hagelauer and Mike Peschel. It's not easy to sit around for the best part of the day, miss an epic sporting event (most of the team) and still produce the goods. WELL DONE, BC.

James Young.



BC Team for the Bangkok Inter-Club Men's Doubles tournament held at the Silom Club in November

## RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TENNIS LEAGUES

### Proudly Sponsored by Crown Relocations

With the recent court resurfacing only a very small percentage of the November League matches were played so the league was extend through to end December. Results will be published in the next issue of **Outpost**.

## THE TENNIS SECTION COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS

We want to encourage you to take full advantage of the tennis facilities offered by the Club to all Members. While any member can casually use the courts by booking through the Fitness Centre, there are also many organised events arranged by the Tennis Section Committee. Some of the more regular ones are listed below:

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday:	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Friday:	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Sunday:	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Captain's Court (Top 12 Men and top 5 Ladies or by Captain's Invitation)

### MONTHLY

At least one social and one competitive home or away match is played by Club Teams. (Player level is determined in advance by agreement between opposing Team Captains.)

If you can inform me or any other Tennis Committee member a day or so in advance of your proposed participation, we will arrange for one of our Committee Members to introduce you to other players and to chaperone you through your first event. If you are not sure at which level to enter please do not hesitate to contact me for further advice and assistance.

The Section also runs a Tennis Ladder and regular Monthly Singles Leagues. Participating is an excellent way of improving your tennis and of meeting other players. All details can be found on the Tennis Notice Board at the back of Court No. 1 or just ask any Committee Member.

We also run a Juniors Section for players up to the age of 18 years, where regular practice sessions are held with a qualified and experienced coach, plus we play matches against the Juniors from other clubs on a regular basis.

Membership in the Tennis section is Bt 300 annually and this allows you to participate in any one or all of the above events throughout the year. Please make sure that you have provided accurate contact information to the BC as soon as possible as otherwise you will not receive our regular newsletter and other tennis information circulations.

Looking forward to meeting you on our courts in the very near future.



# BCTFN CHARITY SUPPORT

In 2003, BCTFN committed an allocation of funds to over 20 charities amounting to 6.5 million baht. Projects for 2003 to date are:

### FOUNDATION TO ENCOURAGE THE POTENTIAL OF DEVELOPMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS - CHAING MAI DISABLED CENTRE

Project under consideration for the training of two disabled therapists for an outreach programme to assist many cases of severely disabled children from poor rural communities and to provide assistance and education for their families in the areas of physical and occupation therapy.

**Project Pending**

**Bht 200,000-400,000**

### ST. JOSEPH'S HOME IN BETONG

Two half-yearly donations towards the cost of food for this old people's home and orphanage. Last year, in addition, a complete new sets of beds, tables and bedding was provided.

**Bht 500,000**

### SIAM CARE

This outreach center for HIV infected people offers counseling, assistance and a mother and baby home in Bangkok for which we supply annual vitamins and has just recently established a youth center in Mukdahan where we have built a sports field.

**Bht 155,000**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Funds provided to equip a new home for the aged in Udonthani Province and to repair a village weir in Ban Moozer, Kampangetch province that serves a village of 400 people.

**Bht 190,000**

### KAREN HILL TRIBES' TRUST

Funding provided for the building of a village water supply at Ban Mai Pookoo.

**Bht 150,000**

### RURAL EAR, NOSE AND THROAT AND CLEFT PALATE FOUNDATION

Purchase of two machines, a portable audiometer and a middle-ear analyser for use in their mobile clinics.

**Bht 340,000**



### HAND - Human and Animal Nutrition Development Project

Funding for this two-year project in Chaing Mai and Chaing Rai to train 30 villages in agriculture and animal husbandry.

**Bht 1,200,000**

### BAAN FAI SIGH-Y

Funding for the installation of water-well and piped supply for a new orphanage outside Chiang Mai.

**Bht 186,000**

### BAAN UNRAK, NEO HUMANIST FOUNDATION

Funds approved to furnish and equip a new school and library and purchase second hand computer equipment for this orphanage in Sangklaburi. Assistance given in placing a little girl affected with a severe harelip with reconstructive surgery.

**Bht 300,000**

### RURAL AREA MEDICAL AID SOCIETY

Funds provided for the cost of drugs and medicines used in monthly up-country trips by volunteer doctors, dentists and nurses who visit remote villages treating approximately 800 to 1,000 patients per trip.

**Bht 250,000**

### CHRIST CHURCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

Funds provided to the Welfare Office of Christ Church on an annual basis to assist distressed Thai persons who walk in and seek assistance.

**Bht 150,000**

### REJOICE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Annual allowance, in quarterly payment, for the purchase palliative medicines and milk powder for this project that visits outlying HIV infected patients in the Chiang Mai area and conducts a daily clinic.

**Bht 360,000**

### SUPPORT THE CHILDREN FUND

Funding provided for this outreach programme AIDS project for 470 families in the Chiang Mai and Lampang area.

**Bht 500,000**

### CAULFIELD FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

Renovation and upgrading of training facilities at the Foundation Building.

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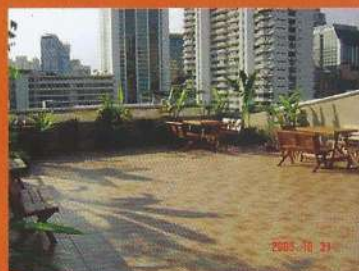
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# A BRITISH GAME - A NON-BRITISH FINAL!

## THE FIFTEENTH THAI NATIONAL SPOOFING CHAMPIONSHIP

At the appointed hour of one o'clock in the evening by the Thai clock, seven post meridian to the rest of us, most of those attending the 15th Thai National Spoofing Championship were gathered in the Lord's Dining Room. Led by chairman Swampy, those gathered by time of play were Jammy, The Enforcer!, Dark Horse, Bakers, Meechai, Boy Wonder, Crocker, The Lard, Douchebag, T&A, Orange, Ratcatcher, the Bayer Boy, Sai Moi, Septic and Bowling Ball. Absent for no reason (well no legitimate reason) were Butcher, the Bear and the Doc. In case this sounds more like the Seven Dwarfs than real men - be advised that nicknames, like the call names, are all part of the fun and camaraderie! The first thirty minutes were devoted to the niceties of socialising with a range of snacks and, of course, free booze. The constant proximity of the Ratcatcher to some Thai dips led to a concern as to what exactly the white meat on offer was!

At 7.30pm, Swampy formally opened the proceedings with a few housekeeping announcements, including the fact that part of the money raised this evening would go to top up the final bill for equipping the new Rainbow House Kitchen at the Pak Kret CCD Children's Home - the charity supported by the Asian Spoofing Championship held in August. An announcement was then made about the proposed TasBang International Telephonic Spoof, or T.I.T.S., to be held on Saturday 20th December - all were welcome.

The first of several (hundred) fines then started with Swampy fining himself for something he might do later, Butcher was fined for booking and not turning up, Sai Moi was fined for leaving the ASC early, Bowling Ball was fined for using his mobile at the ASC and finally Doc was fined for pre-gloating on the Website! Volunteers to buy bottles of Port then followed with Meechai, the Bayer Boy, Septic and Crocker so doing. Swampy then asked Khun Mattha to do the draw, and after play the first semi-finalists of

Bakers, the Bayer Boy, Boy Wonder and Septic came forth. Unfortunately so did Del Boy with Surasak and a Welsh Spoofer by the name of Geoff Thomas. Del Boy was in the new Australian national dress of sackcloth and ashes. Khun Penkhae then drew the repechage, play recommenced and the last semi-finalists emerged as Swampy, Surasak, Sai Moi, and The Enforcer! with Surasak scoring 19 out of the possible 20 points! It emerged, however, that The Lard became the first of two former TNCs to score a duck! All present then gathered around the table for two further fines to Bear and the Doc for not being present, and for the Calcutta. The Ratcatcher in fine form auctioned off each horse giving its pedigree and recent running form. Fortunately no references to parentage were made. A final amount, including fines, of 30,000 Baht was raised for charity. Dinner was then served by an opening cry that it was "good to see The Lard on the top table", and those assembled tucked into excellent fare from Barry and his British Club team, including Mushrooms stuffed with Stilton and Prawns à la Renoir with Beef Wellington as the main course. However, dinner was rudely interrupted as it was revealed that Sai Moi had already asked Ratcatcher to be his second for the final - another fine!! Ratcatcher then rendered a full and explicit report of the World Spoofing Championships - "it was in Australia". Pushed further he added "there were 140 guys, 10% of whom were non-Spoofers and the alcohol stopped at 10.30pm".

The speeches were started by toasting HM Queen Elizabeth II and King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. A special toast was also made to our dearly departed friend Blaise McConnell. Then came toasts to all 15 years of the TNC - in order.

The Semi-Finals then played on with Sai Moi getting a duck and Surasak and Septic coming to the final. Khun Meechai, the only Thai winner of the TNC, seconded Surasak and Bowling Bowl aided his friend (but unwaged companion) Septic.

Septic opened, but found himself and Surasak so perfectly matched that the first three rounds were spoofed (no outcome) before Surasak claimed his first win. Three more spoofed rounds came ahead of Surasak's second win. The ninth round was spoofed then the tenth was an Impossible call by Surasak. The Enforcer! asked the Chairman for a ruling if this was a win for Septic but Swampy ruled it was a fine. A bit of bad luck for Del Boy as Surasak was on his bill! At ten rounds then, Surasak, a Spoofer of only a few months, was leading the 2001 TNC Septic by two wins to nil. Round eleven, however, went to Septic as did twelve, and fifteen, thus at 15 rounds Septic was ahead 3-2.

The tension mounted, the muttering ceased, the Dark Horse tried to change his bet, Meechai and Surasak communicated rapidly in Thai then realised Bowling Ball spoke Thai so returned to whispers. It was Septic to call. The Call was "2", Surasak responded with "four" .... And so, for the first time in the fifteen year history of the Thai National Championship, the winner was a former TNC ... Septic.

His acceptance speech of "The Butcher's Board" gave great credit to Surasak as a phenomenal opponent who now gains the customary title "Unknown". The revelry was great - the Port was passed and the night continued. A new version of the Australian National Anthem was sung (something about a "puddy tat") even though Septic is not Aussie, and Swing Low Sweet Chariot was heard until the midnight hour.

Then the chimes of midnight came, and many departed for their homes and went early to bed! There are some unconfirmed reports as to what some others did, but, as Gentlemen, we always observe the Kai Tak Convention.

## The Enforcer!



# TASMANIA WINS T.I.T.S.!

It was a world-first, it was a load of fun and the Stilton was good too, but sadly we failed to win! The TAS-BANG Inaugural Telephonic Spoof (hence T.I.T.S.), started play at exactly 2pm Thai Time as Waller, the Tasmania Team Captain, telephoned in. Representing Bangkok, following a close Preliminary round, was Chairman Swampy, Bakers and the Dark Horse. Moderator was The Enforcer! ably assisted by Bowling Ball (and not because The Enforcer! does not know how to use a Mobile phone, although a question asked as to where was the dial was was worrying!). Tasmania were comfortably seated (or floating) at their home the Riverside Hotel Motel in Launceston, Tasmania whilst the Bangkok team had the more leisurely surrounds of the Wordsworth Lounge.

After brief pleasantries between Waller and Swampy, the phone was handed to The Enforcer! who conversed with his Tasmania counter-part Clarky. Then the Hands were out! Waller opened with six, Swampy responded for Bangkok with eight and 'Crim' (a Tassy) came forth with 9. A cheer was heard in the Tassy camp as Bakers called Bakers (Baker's Dozen,

or 13), followed by Plumber with 12 and the Dark Horse with 10. As twelve coins were in hand, the first round went to Plumber in Tasmania. A similar set of calls in round two gave Waller victory with another successful call of 12. Swampy pulled back the scores to 2-1 with a stunning call of six whilst holding nothing, but the set went 3-1 as 'Crim' exited with a very similar call of six, but holding two. As the Tasmania crew needed a loo break (holding nothing, calling nothing?) a five minute break ensued. Telephonic troubles then ensued as Waller's phone was consecutively engaged, not available and then on Voice mail! Finally contact was made, and set two commenced.

The opening round was inconclusive (or 'was available' or 'dead' depending on where you were), but the Dark Horse put Bangkok into a first-ever lead with a successful call of 11. Catching up on the trick that calls seem to repeat, Bakers then called another 11 and put Bangkok 2-0 up!

Another dead round lead to a loss of rhythm, but Plumber made his second exit for Tasmania

with 8. Swampy opened round 7 with a Haughton Six but the winning call continued the pattern of pairs and was 8! Bangkok and Tasmania were now level 2-2.

'Crim' opened the Head-to-head with 4, followed by Swampy at Full House but 5 would have been a good call. Swampy then opened with 3 however the call of 2 by 'Crim' was the winning and deciding call.

With Tasmania winning the second set 3-2, The Enforcer! declared Tasmania the winners by two sets to love and congratulated the winning team. Swampy then took the phone to pass on congrats and season's greetings from BGS to Tassy. A few ideas were bounced about concerning use of web cams and Video Conferences for 2004.

With Tasmania the winners of T.I.T.S., Bangkok returned to the bar for Stilton and Port - a civilised way to end any day. A BGS trophy was duly despatched to that small bit of land out of Australia!

**The Enforcer!**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### St. Valentine's Ball

**Saturday 14 February 2004**

**In the grounds of the Residence, British Embassy**

As you are aware, it was not possible this year, for many reasons, to hold our annual fund raising event for Thai charities, The Ploenchit Fair.

In these circumstances, the British Ambassador to Thailand H.E. Mr. David Fall has kindly consented to this Committee holding a St. Valentine's Day Ball in the grounds of his Residence to enable us to continue to assist our regular Thai charities throughout 2004. This exclusive event will principally be sponsored by Coutts Bank and themed as a romantic evening in the beautiful setting on the lawns of the Residence by the lake. A five-course dinner will be followed by an entertainment programme and dancing - each lady will receive a special Valentine's gift. Dress is Red Sea Rig and the ticket price, Bht 5,000, is fully inclusive of champagne, wines and drinks throughout the evening.

This will be an opportunity not only to celebrate Valentine's Day with your partners in such a dream setting, but to help those less fortunate in Thailand, as all proceeds from the evening will be allocated to charity projects by this Committee in 2004.

Last year, BCTFN distributed 6.5 million baht to over 35 charities throughout Thailand, so please do reserve your tickets or tables early and enable us to continue our support - numbers are limited.

**Carolyn Tarrant**  
**President - BCTFN**



### ST DAVID'S SOCIETY OF BANGKOK 2004 BALL

**Saturday 6 March**

At the JW Marriott hotel, featuring the  
Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir.

Contact Basia Filzek, President St  
David's Society or Graham Richardson,  
Membership Secretary for more details.

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# NEW YEAR, NEW EVENTS

### NEW MEMBER'S NIGHT

**7.30pm on Tuesday, 13 January**

Excellent opportunity to meet new Members who recently joined the Club. Entertainment provided by No Fixed Abode in the Churchill Bar.

### MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT FRIDAY

**16 January**

Murder Mystery à la Carte "What the Butler saw" It is 1912 and you are invited to dine at the residence at Sir Douglas Eton-Hogg MP to celebrate the engagement of his niece Agatha Eton-Hogg to Bunny Mandelson. What should be a happy occasion, however, has been marred by the discovery of the dead body of the butler Mellors in his own bed. He has been murdered, and one (or more) of the guests is the killer. Fortunately, the great detective Sherlock McClue is on hand to help you solve the puzzle of "What the Butler saw." Held on the first floor British Club, the evening includes a 3-course dinner, Music by the Royal Thai Navy Band and lots of entertainment.

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### PANDA TRIP

**Friday, 16 - Sunday, 18 January**

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For further information please contact Khun Oh or Khun Barry.

### BAR QUIZ

**7.30pm on Tuesday, 20 January**

Come along to the Lord's Dining Room and have an exiting evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain. Each team should have a maximum of 6 participants and there is a registration fee of B 100 per team player.

## FEBRUARY

### VALENTINE'S WEEKEND

**Friday, 13 - Sunday, 15 February**

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## MEMBER'S LETTER

Dear Sir,

*I write in response to the short letter from Mr Paul Cheesman in the Outpost of December 2003. To complain about paying Baht 1950 (about 30 pounds English) for the Christmas ball seems completely unrealistic.*

*I have no idea who Mr Cheesman is but I would suggest he takes a trip back to UK where he would discover that this amount may buy lunch without drinks in London in one of the second class hotels.*

*At Baht 1950 the ball is superb value and as with all members, there is always the sanction of not buying a ticket.*

*I understand from staff at the club that the ball is almost a sell out so there seems to be little support for Mr Cheesman's views.*

Your Faithfully,

**Tony Shaw (S352)**



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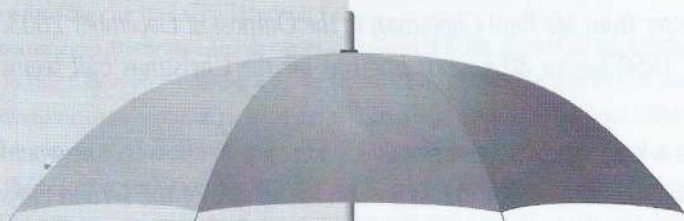
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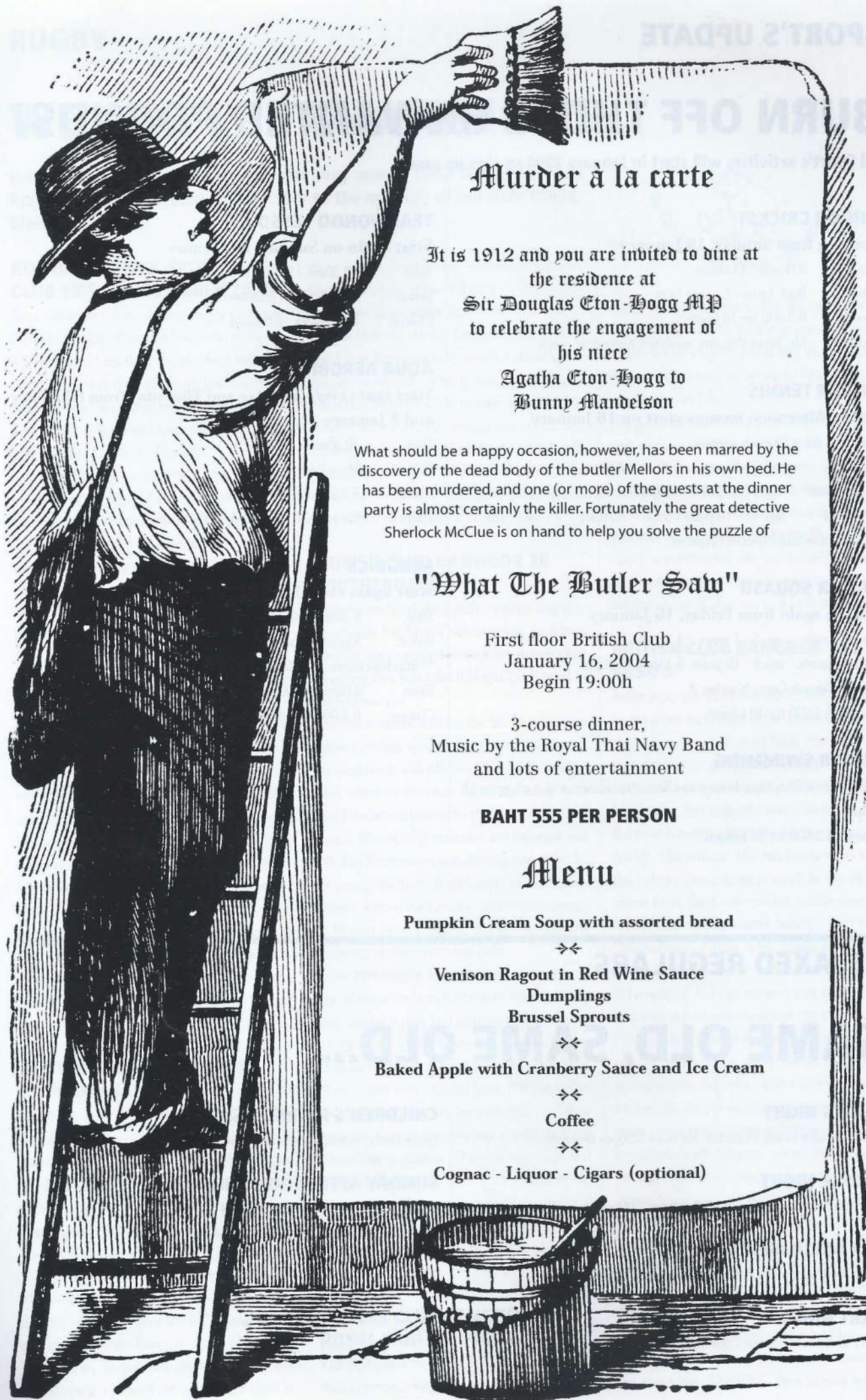












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## **JUNIOR CRICKET**

**Starting from Sunday, 18 January**

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am  
Venue: Back Lawn - Cricket Nets  
Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons  
Trainer: Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach

## **JUNIOR TENNIS**

**Friday Afternoon lessons start on 16 January**

Prices are for a 10 week session

Beginners	age 5 - 8 years	4.00pm - 4.30pm	B 1,500
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**Starting again from Friday, 16 January**

Mini Squash: age 5 - 7 years 4.30pm - 5.15pm  
Junior Squash: age 8 - 10 years 5.15pm - 6.00pm  
Venue: Squash Court Number 3  
Charge: B 1,900 for 10 lessons

## **JUNIOR SWIMMING**

The Bangkok Dolphins' Friday and Saturday lessons will start again 16 January.  
Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons.

## **TEAKWONDO LESSONS**

**Start again on Sunday, 18 January**

Time: 10.30am - 12.00nn  
Venue: Squash Court Number 3  
Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons

## **AQUA AEROBICS**

**Start again every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 January and 8 January.**

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am  
Venue: Main Pool  
Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.  
Trainer: Els van den Broecke 01 - 692 0106

## **AEROBICS**

**Start again every Monday 19 January onwards.**

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am  
Venue: Squash Court 3  
\*\* Sunday classes are held from Sunday, 25  
Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm  
Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

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## **RELAXED REGULARS**

# **SAME OLD, SAME OLD...**

## **LADIES NIGHT**

Every Tuesday in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards.

## **BRIDGE NIGHT**

Every Tuesday in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards.

## **BAR ACCUMULATOR**

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Churchill Bar.

## **DART NIGHT**

Every Wednesday in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards.

## **CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT**

Every Friday evening at the Silom sala at 7.00pm. No charge for the kids.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

2.00pm in the Silom Room. BC and Kids Care organise children's fun activities followed by a movie every Sunday afternoon. There is no charge for this event.



# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS...

Having successfully defended the title they won in 2002, the British Club Rugby Section dedicated their victory to the memory of our dear friend, Blaise McConnell.

## ROYAL BANGKOK SPORTS CLUB 10'S 23 NOVEMBER 2003

After waking up with an exceedingly sore head following England's marvellous victory in the Rugby World Cup final the previous evening, Scribe arrived at the RBSC with the mother of all hangovers but a happy man! Thankfully there were a few other sore heads too, particularly amongst our Australian cousins!

An interesting format is used for this tournament in which eight teams are divided into two pools of four and play five games during a four-hour period, sometimes with just ten minutes rest between games. The games are played for ten minutes with no change of ends with the two top teams from each pool playing in the semi-finals. The BC was drawn together with the Brylcream Boys from the Royal Thai Air Force, the Bangkok Japanese and the Southerners. The other pool comprised the Royal Thai Navy, Royal Selangor Club from Malaysia, the Pattaya Panthers and hosts RBSC. The side from Malaysia's Royal Selangor Club included a women prop - the second time this year that Scribe has witnessed a female playing in a rugby tournament in Thailand.

The matches commenced at 2pm in very high temperatures in what was supposed to be considered Thailand's cool season. The BC, having secured a well shaded spot, had a good attendance of social and vocal support (see later), who fought for the honour of the team's "water boy" duties - Angus McKiernon being a winner by a short head over Scribe!

## BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK 19 BANGKOK JAPANESE 5

The first match set the tone of the BC's tournament, which was to see the BC's defence stand up superbly to all teams with only one try conceded all afternoon. After a scrappy start during which the BC struggled to find their rhythm, a hotly disputed try was conceded in the third minute which was the first of many times during the afternoon when the eyesight of the match officials was to be challenged!

The try seemed to give the BC a kick up the backside and Khun Gang equalised with a well-deserved try in the fifth minute. Amazingly Marcus Seuses missed the conversion right in

front of the posts - and immediately found himself relieved of the kicking duties for the remainder of the afternoon!

On the kick off, the BC forwards took control and Khun Boy completed a well-worked try in the sixth minute which was successfully converted by Khun Chey to take the BC to 12 - 5 with four minutes remaining. With the forwards resuming where they had left off, Marcus Seuses scored the team's third try in the ninth minute, which was again converted by Khun Chey to complete a victory of 19 - 5.

## BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK 26 SOUTHERNERS 0

Despite our Southern cousins feeling mightily peeved at England's success the previous evening, they couldn't resist a pre-match gloat of saying they had only brought the B team to the tournament.

The game started well for the BC with Captain Eddie Edwards scoring in the second minute - his copybook was blotted less than a minute later when he knocked on in the loose (and which he later admitted he thought nobody had seen!). Khun Chey converted and the score was 7-0. The Southerners immediately responded by throwing the ball around and, in the fourth minute, were unlucky not to secure some points as Marcus Seuses tackled one of the opposite centers and turned the ball over.

In the fifth minute Ross McKiernon scored the first of two tries from fullback running into the line, taking a pass and dotting down beneath the uprights. Khun Chey converted and was soon back taking another conversion after Ross scored again two minutes later, this time after taking the ball deep in his own half in a move from the center and running complete rings around the opposition. Three minutes to go and the BC were leading 21-0 with several of the starting ten substituted for rest during the final minutes. Khun Lo scored the final try in the 9th minute to take the score to 26-0, which was to be the final score.

## BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK 12 ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE 0

The Brylcream Boys had looked impressive in their previous two games and this match was to

decide the pool winners. The BC took a while to get going, but the forwards started a move which led to a try by Khun Boy in the fourth minute, which was converted by Khun Chey to take the BC to 7-0.

The game then became a game of defensive cat-and-mouse during which fullback Ross McKiernon took out two Brylcream Boys into touch with one mighty tackle. Later, one of the RTAF players looked to have sustained a broken shoulder when trying to stop the BC, and was sadly stretchered off to hospital. Ross McKiernon was to then score in the final minute as the BC ran out to a 12-0 victory.

## BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK 12 RBSC 0

Aside from the RTAF, the RBSC had looked to be the other form team of the afternoon and an explosive but fair semi-final ensued with massive tackles going in from both sides. The RBSC took great encouragement from the "three blind mice" that were officiating this match. This led to abarracking from the BC Social Support led by "Marvellous" Marvyn Lewis who called the referee every known word in the Welsh hymn book (and a few more) whilst pleading for fairness on the team's behalf - well done "Marvellous". Sitting with Angus McKiernon and John Beard in the RBSC first class seats, "Marvellous" led this motley choir in chanting and beer drinking for much of the afternoon. On the other side of the ground the linesman was in receipt of a polite earful from team manager, Ben Knowles, who was encouraging him to play fair, or words to that effect! Several others were questioning parenthood as well as eyesight, and despite what was rapidly descending into a pantomime show by the "three blind mice", the BC managed to avoid our nemesis all afternoon - "the man who would be king". Just as well as there is currently a TRU hearing pending following our British Council Cup match against the "Old Bill" last September. The BC took control of the game in the fifth minute with a try in the corner by Khun Tak. Khun Chey missed a difficult conversation from the touchline. The RBSC then gained several







minutes of possession but the BC defence stood firm. The forwards worked a move in the final minute of the game and Nathan Palmer, playing his last game for the BC before returning to the UK, scored a wonderful try under the posts. Khun Chey didn't miss from there, and the score was then 12-0. Seconds later the ref blew for time and the boys in Pink and Black went for well-earned rest before playing the final some thirty minutes later.

## BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK 17 RTAF 0

After beating the Brylcream Boys in the pool game, the RTAF looked very impressive in their semi-final against the Royal Thai Navy. With tired limbs the BC rested for twenty minutes

before a rather brief warm-up as the effects of the previous games started to catch up with the players.

The forwards put superb pressure on the RTAF in the opening minutes and set the tempo that the rest of the game was to be played at. Prior to the game commencing, Angus McKiernon had advised that his son Ross did not see too well under floodlights, but the old man was eating his words a few minutes into the game when McKiernon Jr. had punted a wonderful kick up field forcing the RTAF fullback to carry over the line and concede a five metre scrum. There was shame to follow for the forwards when there were no points to show, but the pressure built by the forwards now started to tell, and in the fifth minute Khun Ert was to

score a well-worked try. This was followed in the 8th minute when Khun Boy, who had played brilliantly all day, scored a try and while returning to the re-start shouted to the touchline "that was for my daughter; that was for my daughter". His daughter, who is less than two years old, was seen jumping up and down in support!

With both conversions being missed the game was not yet safe at 10-0. The forwards continued to apply pressure, and in the final minute Martin Van Rijswijk, who had played like a Trojan all afternoon, worked a move from the back of a ruck and dotted down beneath the posts. (Martin hails from New Zealand but we are currently checking out whether his descendants were Vikings, Yarpies, Vikings via South Africa or Yarpies via Scandinavia). Khun Chey converted, and with the ref blowing the final whistle, the score was 17-0.

With the handshakes completed plus the clapping of teams from the field, Captain Eddie Evans got the squad together and praised each and every player for an enormous defensive effort throughout the day. As the team headed for the showers and the after-game function, the Captain asked Scribe to make sure that the win was dedicated to the memory of our dear friend Blaise McConnell, which it is!

**Scribe**

## HELLOS & FAREWELLS

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# CALENDAR

## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

### SPORTS

9.00am - midday	Squash Coaching
9.00am - 1.30pm	BC Swimming Instruction

### SPORTS

7.00am - 1.00pm	Tennis Team Practice
9.00am - 11.00am	Junior Cricket
10.30am - midday	Taekwondo
11.00am - 1.00pm	Badminton - Soi Nares
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Children's Activities
3.00pm - 6.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
3.00pm	Yoga

### SPORTS

8.00am	BWG Mahjong
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Tennis Team Practice

### SPORTS

7.00am	Ladies' Golf
8.00am - 10.00am	Ladies' Tennis
10.30am - 11.30am	Aqua Aerobics
11.30am	Yoga
2.00pm - 5.30pm	Swim with the Bangkok Dolphins
2.00pm - 7.00pm	BC Swimming Instruction
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Football Training

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight	Ladies' Night
8.00pm - 11.00pm	Friendly Bridge
9.00pm	Gentlemen's Spoof

### SPORTS

6.00pm - 9.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm	Cricket Nets

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm	Darts
7.00pm	Accumulator

### SPORTS

8.00am - 10.00am	Ladies' Tennis
6.00pm - 9.00pm	Squash mix-in
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Rugby Training
9.00pm - 10.00pm	Hockey Training

### SPORTS

9.00am	ANZGW Mahjong
3.30pm - 6.00pm	BC Tennis Coaching for Children
4.30pm - 5.15pm	Mini Squash
5.15pm - 6.00pm	Junior Squash
5.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
5.30pm	Swimming - Junior Squad Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm	Adult Tennis
6.30pm - 9.00pm	Poolside BBQ
7.00pm	Children's Movie Night

### January at a Glance

Bar Quiz	Tuesday, 20
New Members' Night	Tuesday, 13
Murder Mystery Night	Friday, 16
Panda Trip	Friday, 16 - Sunday, 18

### Sports - Contacts

Aquatics	Susan Kreutzner-Ferguson	0 2391 5374
Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	0 2654 0002-29
Bridge	Winlock Hsu/ Charlene Wang	0 2921 6015
Cricket	André Tissera	0 2238 2718-21
Darts	Fitness Centre	0 2234 0247
Football	Martin Conisbee	01 860 4874
Golf	Larry Goodliffe	0 2236 9785-7
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	Terry Adams	01 639 3856

### Loyal Societies

St George's	Angela Stafford	0 2632 0560 x 3037
St Andrew's	Daniel Fegan	0 1755 8737
St Patrick's	Sally Jamison Voravarn	0 9234 7074
St David's	Basia Filzek	02 286 1348

### Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
Casuals Football	Colgate Ground, Rama III
Massage	Near the Silom Sala

### Opening Times

10.00am - 11.00pm	Churchill Bar
11.30am - 2.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6.00pm - 10.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30am - 10.00pm	Poolside Bar
6.00am - 9.00pm	Fitness Centre
9.00am - 6.00pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)





# GOVERNANCE OF THE CLUB

The dust having settled after the Open Forum in September which followed my initial, arguably and deliberately, provocative proposals, and the subsequent publication of Mr Cheesman's most useful ideas, I will now attempt, as I promised that I would, to produce a distillation of the two. I have also been able to add a few further ideas. Regrettably, for reasons unknown, this paper was omitted from December's Outpost, however it is hoped that its publication now will maintain the impetus. Since the publication my initial paper it has become clear that there has firstly been an awakening, in many, many quarters, to the fact that perhaps the constitution of the Club does need, at least to be looked at, both now and then continually in the future, and secondly that there is, if not a broad consensus, then at least a lack of disagreement, on many points. This is a most encouraging start for a process which, whilst it will hopefully now remain a continuum, will inevitably, noting the nature of the beast, take some time to show results. Accordingly there is no time to waste.

## THE PRIMARY STANCE.

Without fear of argument I believe that we can start by saying that we all agree that the aim must be to make and keep the Club:

- a. efficient in its governance
- b. a reflection of all its members' wishes
- c. a continuing and sacred British institution which, whilst remaining predominantly so in its membership and ultimate governance, welcomes all nationalities to enjoy its facilities equally.

## EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNANCE.

Much was achieved in the Open Forum and the meeting was particularly indebted to Mr Nigel Overly for his cogent reminder of the value of having a long term plan. Given this, as an approved back bone to the running of the Club, I believe that the work of the Committee, together with its ability to make decisions on major works and other policy items, to which it must confine itself, will be made far easier. The plan, which is a well proven concept and which would include income and expenditure targets, the latter being itemized against projects, and which would always be fluid, would be a document approved, I suggest annually, but at other intervals if required, in General Meeting



and provide the authority for the Committee to bring forward items for individual detailed approval. Members would thus be far more aware of what was happening and they would not, as now, find themselves summoned to a General Meeting to vote upon something that they may perhaps not have had time to consider properly and which may be, to put it bluntly, the 'brain child' of that year's Committee and which is then left to the next one to sort out. It would, in addition, allow easier monitoring of performance in all areas as well as providing an early warning system, should the financial climate change.

## REFLECTION OF MEMBERS' WISHES.

At present Committees represent purely the views of themselves; there is currently no established machinery by which other members' views can be communicated or entertained. I, for one, have never been asked for an opinion or canvassed by a member of the Committee for a view. Committees have therefore operated, and continue to do so, in total isolation of the wider membership of whose views and wishes they are largely unaware. It is therefore essential that a system of representation be established

and to this end I return to my proposal that members of the Committee, other than the directly elected officers, of which there will be further discussion later, are allocated a block of members with whom they must keep in touch. Given current membership levels, 'constituencies' of around one hundred members each, would lead to nine or ten 'representatives'. I also proposed that they be allocated a small stipend for covering the costs in so doing. Such a requirement will, needless to say, make membership of the Committee a slightly more onerous task than it is at present, but I submit that such is no bad thing and will focus the minds of those who wish to stand.

## MAKE UP OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mr Cheesman proposes a Committee mixed by age, interest and gender - inter alia, 'two male and two female'. I would prefer to see a simple random mix of ladies and gentlemen. To seek a member from each of the categories that Mr Cheesman lists would, I submit, over complicate things and furthermore still allow the Committee to continue to operate in isolation of the fuller membership. I believe that the representational system described above to be a far more effective way of representing all



members' views. However, there seems to be general agreement that Associate Members should be allowed to attend and speak, although not vote, at General Meetings and that there should be two Associate Members, without voting rights, on the General Committee. This I believe to be a proper step to take and would allow these valuable members of the Club a say in an institution that would not be what it is without their support.

### DIRECTLY ELECTED OFFICERS.

With some differences in the detail, I am broadly in agreement with the thrust of what Mr Cheesman proposes. However, as I said earlier, attempting to find too many specific Committee members, for roles as well as categories in this instance, will over complicate the election issue. It is best kept simple. I firmly believe that the representational role of Committee members, as proposed in my initial submission and described again above, will be more effective. I suggest however that only the Chairman and Treasurer need to be directly elected, accepting that a General Meeting is the correct forum to do so. I submit that the position of Deputy Chairman need not be defined - the role and relationship with the remainder of the Committee has never been clear to me and has a ring of 'tin god' about it - and nor do we need two. In the Chairman's absence he should I believe be at liberty to request any member to deputize for him and the experience may be found to be beneficial. I also suggest that the person best placed to act as Secretary is the General Manager, who should also act as counsel and adviser in a role similar to a Cabinet Secretary, being the Committee's obedient servant, but also keeping it on track. Continuity and dispassionate advice in that role are particularly important; a good Committee needs an efficient secretariat to support it and this is best achieved professionally. Elected officers, like other members of the Committee, should agree to stand for at least two years, unforeseen events allowing, with no maximum, thus providing continuity, although they must be subject to re-election at two year intervals. They should ideally not stand down at the same time.

### CONTINUITY OF THE COMMITTEE.

It is very clear that constant changes in the make up of the Committee are unhelpful but equally, regular change is required in order to bring fresh ideas. I therefore submit that those wishing to stand for the Committee as representatives, notwithstanding the unforeseen in an expatriate world, should undertake to stand for two years. Failure to complete a term through voluntary withdrawal must bar a member from standing again. At each General Meeting half of the Committee should stand down. A system to implement the interim roulement in the first years will need to be worked out.

### SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES.

There is clearly a need for some expert advice in certain matters, but we must beware of attempting to 'back seat drive' the management. I continue to believe that co-opted Committee, with no executive authority, is required to advise, when requested to do so, on buildings and works matters. I also believe that, when no accountant is sitting on the Committee, a member be asked to act as an Honorary Adviser. In addition, a member from within the catering or hotel industry should be asked to advise informally on Food and Beverage matters. Such advice should not come from within the General Committee, whose task is to set policy.

### DISCIPLINE.

I firmly believe that a formally constituted Disciplinary Committee consisting of the Chairman and two senior members of the Club, not members of the General Committee, should be established. I also submit that details of sanctions issued, should be posted. Whilst historically and hopefully in the future, an infrequent occurrence, this would be a exceedingly effective deterrent.

### SUMMARY.

In attempting to distill as much as I can of the two previous submissions and add a few additional points, I have set out the following:

- a. the re-introduction of a long term plan would be of enormous benefit
- b. members' views need to be heard and members of the Committee should represent them through a constituency system
- c. the Chairman and Treasurer should be directly elected
- d. the General Manager should act as Secretary to the Committee
- e. there is a requirement for continuity on the Committee
- f. some specialist subordinate Committees to advise on technical matters, together with a small number of honorary specialist advisers are required.
- g. a disciplinary committee should be established as set out above and its findings posted
- h. associate members should be allowed to attend and speak, but not vote, at General meetings
- i. two non voting associate members should join the General Committee.

Further comments, either through this medium or directly, would be most welcome.

Ian Webb  
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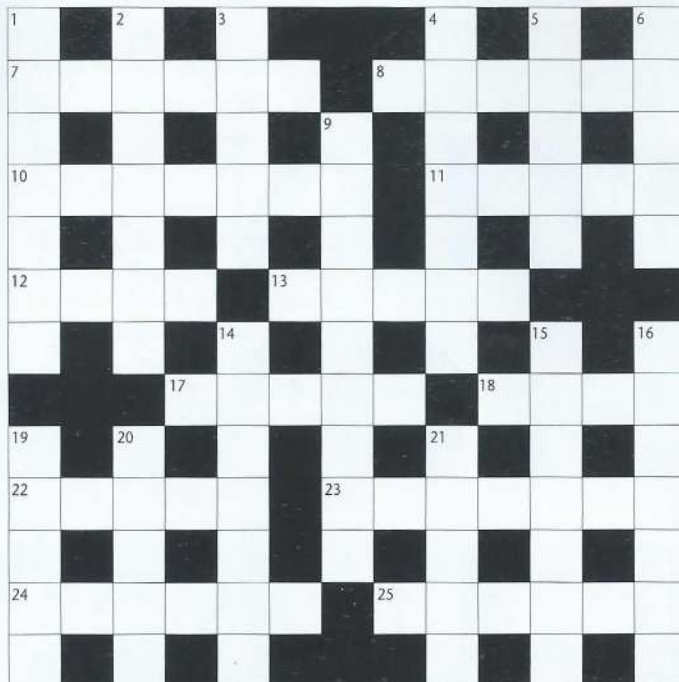
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# CROSSWORD

## NEW YEAR, NEW PUZZLE



Compiled by Margaret Miller

### Solution for December's Double Grid Puzzle

- A Rhine
- B Open
- C Match
- D Each
- E Oafish
- F Aint
- G Nooks
- H Deep
- I Jewel
- J Usher
- K Light
- L Ink
- M Eight
- N These

Reading down, the initial letters of the solved clues A to N give you the name of the William Shakespeare play - ROMEO AND JULIET

The quotation is: "It seems she doth hang upon the cheek of night like a rich jewel in an Ethiop's ear."

### Across

- 7. Popular rules married couples may not agree with! (2-4)
- 8. Bring love into it - tedious!
- 10. A public company may be.
- 11. "\_\_\_\_\_ thy Ministers with righteousness." (Book of Common Prayer)
- 12. "We were a ghastly \_\_\_\_\_" (The Ancient Mariner - Coleridge)
- 13. Most emphatic negative.
- 17. Well worn.
- 18. Just - but so-so.
- 22. Sid and Co jived here!
- 23. Told off a little.
- 24. Shopkeeper who sounds more offensive!
- 25. Fuel it somehow - it's useless.

### Down

- 1. A small rise in the landscape.
- 2. Got to the bottom of.
- 3. Packs up - but very industrious student!
- 4. Indispensable for compulsive talkers!
- 5. It's a waiting place.
- 6. Eager somehow to see eye to eye.
- 9. "To die will be an awfully big \_\_\_\_\_." (Peter Pan - Barrie)
- 14. A cavalry private.
- 15. Bundles up - but stops. (5,2)
- 16. Bird led - but showed he was offended.
- 19. "... like the poor cat in the \_\_\_\_\_" (Macbeth - Shakespeare)
- 20. Does a Caledonian go to the races here?
- 21. A trial of strength - approximately.

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As some Members already know, after 23 years of dedication to supplying **Outpost** with Crosswords and Brain Teasers, Margaret Miller has decided to take a well-earned rest from crossword compilation. I am sure that all the Members who do the crosswords will join me in thanking Margaret for all her hard work for nearly a quarter of a century - your puzzles will be sorely missed!

So.... I am appealing again for Members to tap into their up-to-now unused brain-power and submit crosswords, teasers, puzzles or conundrums to **Outpost**. There need not be a commitment to supply every month, but I would like to continue to publish something in every edition. There are very few of Margaret's crosswords left so time is of the essence! Puzzles can be left in the **Outpost** box or at Reception.



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## NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

The Churchill Bar is the place to be for new Members, and what a full house we had at the last New Members' Night in November. Newcomers to the Club came to meet each other over a drink (or two) and introduced themselves, via Outpost, to the full Club Membership. This is always a good evening and this night was no exception! All Members are welcome to come along and join in the merriment (remember, as it's always held on a Tuesday, it's also Ladies' Night).

### Iain Summers British

Iain is partying his way around the World (Europe and Australia already conquered) with Amadeus Asia Pacific. He enjoys travelling, golf, football, good food (bangers & mash to be specific) and meeting interesting people - what

better place than the BC to fulfil all his goals and ambitions! Don't be fooled by his boyish looks as he's been connected with MI5, gun-running and being on the wrong side of the Law (in the guise of Sean Connery as James Bond)!



### Mary Kunz American

Mary packed in her job as an attorney (Advocate for the Disabled) 17 months ago and came to

Thailand with her mum. They will be here indefinitely and plan to travel as much as possible. Mary loves writing and the Opera. In Los Angeles, Mary was involved with the Opera Guild of Southern California and the Guild Opera Company. On the sporting side, she enjoys skiing, scuba diving and Bridge(?).



### Carl Ostergaard & Gitte Madsen Danish

Coming to Thailand from Ghana and Zimbabwe, Carl and Gitte are party animals personified. They both play tennis, both swim, Carl likes golf and Gitte prefers aerobics and bridge. They are both interested in all sports. Carl is looking forward to forming a good social life and strengthening the business of Ramboll-Southeast Asia.



### Peter Minshall British

Peter arrived a couple of months ago from Germany with Daimler Chrysler Leasing. His wife and children will join him at the end of the year after the schools have closed. Peter is an avid runner and has already joined the BC Football Section. Mrs Minshall was an active dog rescuer in Turkey, and Peter is also very caring about the less-fortunates of the World. In fact, he recently ran in the UN 10km Road Race and personally raised Bt 12,000 for Soi Dog Rescue. What a man!!!



### Feature Bio Alex Mavro American

Alex Mavro, 56, came to Southeast Asia at the age of seven, having determined early that he had little to look forward to in his American homeland. After graduating from the International School of Bangkok in 1964, he worked briefly in Laos before attending the University of Florida, where his post-graduate studies were interrupted by the Vietnam War. To attenuate the challenge offered by following his patriotic duty, he obtained an Air Force commission and sufficient training to see him through the contre temps.

When the U.S. Air Force unit to which he was assigned withdrew from Thailand in 1977, Alex selflessly volunteered to stay behind. Following stints as a freelance writer, English teacher,

and SCUBA instructor, he settled down as Operations Manager of MPA, Thailand's first professional security guard service.

Later, he moved on to become Marketing Manager for DHL Thailand for some ten years, after which he was co-founder and Executive Director of GDM Company Limited, the Kingdom's largest independent domestic and international courier company. GDM and Alex have recently (August, 2002) been subsumed under TNT, the Dutch-owned mail, express, and logistics firm.

Alex is married to Nid and has one 19 year-old daughter, Sirilak (Sandra), a singer on the RS label, who is in Year 13 at NIST. Alex is an active and enthusiastic Rotarian, serving as year 2003-2004 President of the Rotary Club of Bangkok South. He founded the Star-Spangled Coalition, which organizes the annual public American Independence Day celebration. Alex also sits on the boards of the NIST International School of Thailand, Operation Smile, and Democrats Abroad in Thailand. He is a member the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, Toastmasters, the U.S. Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Siam Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars... and now, the British Club. He is corporate representative to the British, American, and Australian Chambers of Commerce, among others.

In his spare time, Alex enjoys reading, jogging (more like waddling!), exploring Thailand, and - as of late - the odd game of Spooof.



## CARE CORNER

### SISTERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD - DIN DAENG, BANGKOK

Year's supply of materials, sewing threats and equipment for this Centre that employs over 100 distressed and abused women from the slums. In addition, BCTFN helps with the cost of shop premises where they can have an outlet to sell their handicrafts.

**Bht 650,000**

### SISTERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD - NONG KHAI

Purchase of sewing machines, work tables/chairs and an industrial washing machine for three centers in Don Wai, Huai Sai and their Regina Centre in Nong Khai to enable them to continue training courses for young girls and outwork for distressed families.

**Bht 400,000**

### PROJECT L.I.F.E. FOUNDATION

Support for a women's group in Nong Ya Kaew, 2 km from the Thai Cambodian border, to open a community project to build and run a village gas station to benefit 493 villagers.

**Bht 76,500**

### BAAN RATCHAWADEE HOME FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Funds supplied for the purchase of two water tanks, pump, cooking stove and cooking utensils for a training course for handicapped girls.

**Bht 96,000**

### STUDENT'S EDUCATION TRUST SET FOR SOCIETY PROGRAMME

Funds provided for students receiving SET scholarships in Nakon Sawan and Lopburi to carry out community projects in their holiday time, including building a library and other renovation work at Baan Yodhuaygaow school under the guidance of Phra Peter.

**Bht 137,000**

### WAT SAE KAEW - AYUTTHYA PROVINCE

BCTFN visited this Temple that houses 1,400 orphans with some members of the British Women's Group, Clown Eckie and Steven Groh with the Klong Toey Acrobats, providing lunch and entertainment for some 800 older children. Over 250 boxes of toiletry items and detergents were donated from goods left over from the 2002 Ploenchit Fair. Arrangements were made to deliver a quarterly supply of these essential necessities to the Temple, provided at discount rates from Unilever Thailand.

**Bht 480,000**

### THANYAPORN RECEPTION HOME FOR GIRLS

Funds provided to build a basketball/sports court at this home for abused and abandoned girls rescued from the streets of Bangkok. The home is a half-way house where the girls are assessed before transfer to permanent placings and as such does not have educational facilities.

**Bht 360,000**

### PRINCESS MOTHER'S MERCY PROJECT

Committee members visited six remote hilltribe villages early this year under the Sondej Yai Foundation, which were funded last year for a pilot eco-tourism training project. Donations were made of toiletries and food and a computer-training project will be funded in their agricultural training school in Mae Jaem.

### AWAITING PROJECTS FOR 2003 FROM:

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Cheshire Homes - Bangkok and Chiang Mai  
Nuchanat Anusorn School - Chaing Rai - Library Project  
St. Vincent de Paul  
In addition, BCTFN receive and consider requests for assistance, on a monthly basis, from many other charities. All projects are visited and overseen by Committee Members. Reports and photographs of all projects are available, if you are interested, in our office.

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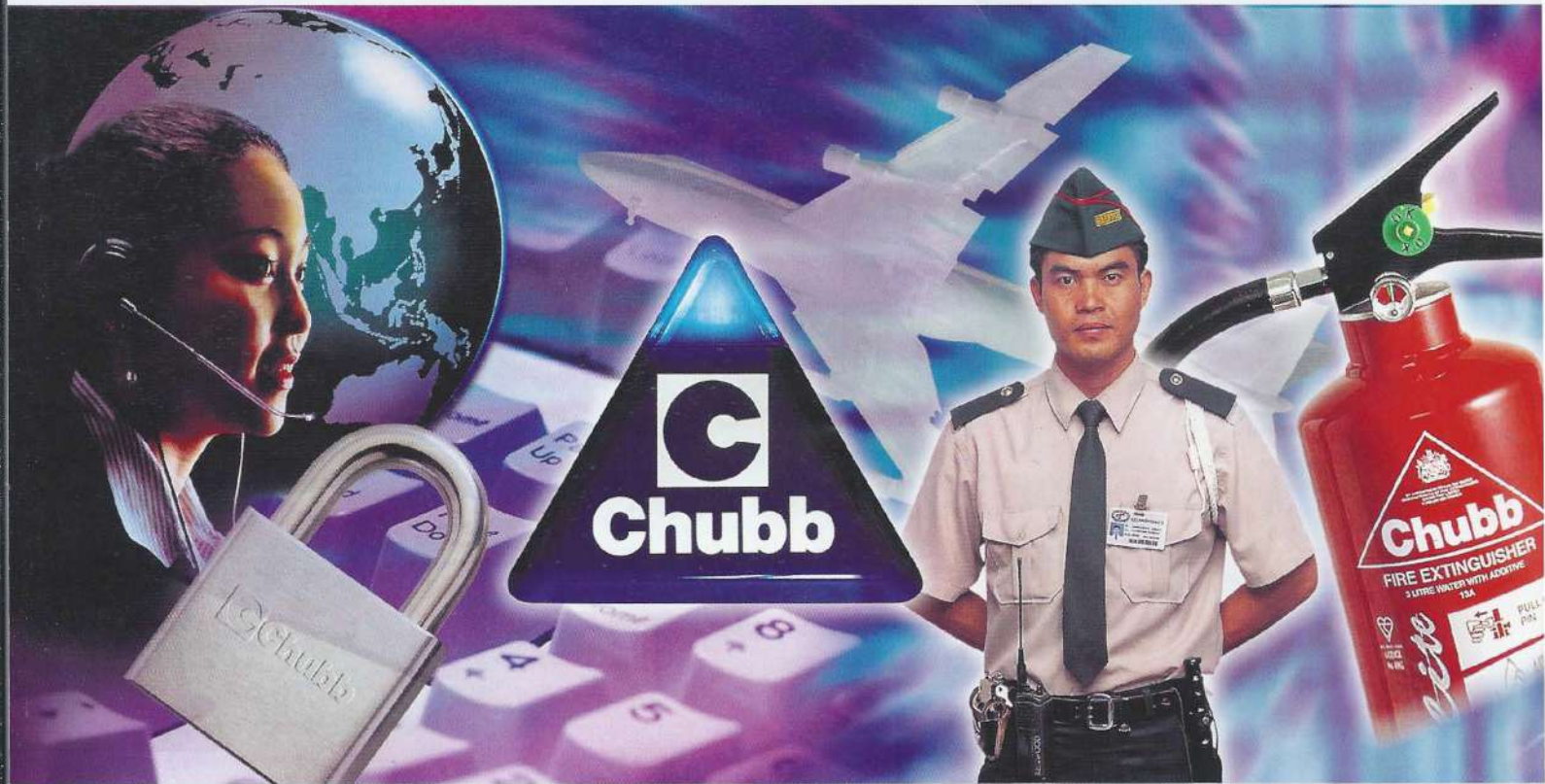


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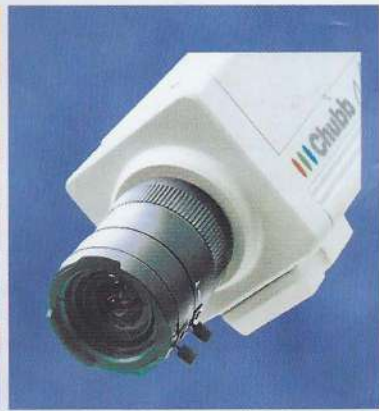
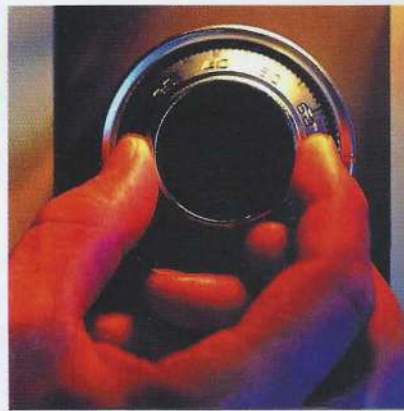
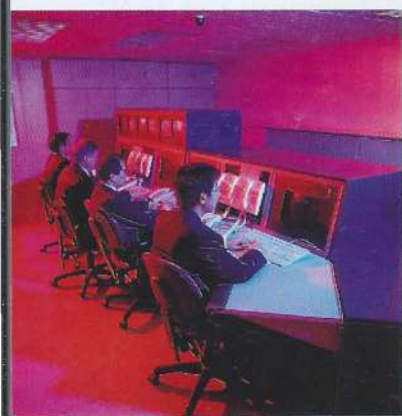




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