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Lucky Winners of the big prize at the British Club's Annual Christmas Ball, Simon and Helen Rutherford came away with Pearl Class return tickets to London, courtesy Etihad Airways. Pictures, pp 21-23.

### The Union of Scotland with England

he Union Buffet at the Club this month (see page 26) marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scottish Parliament's passing of the Treaty of Union - by 110 votes to 67. The Treaty was passed in Westminster without opposition and the Scottish Parliament met for the last time on 25 March 1707.

The Act of Union married Scotland and England by providing for one parliament to administer the two nations, but the courtship had been anything but smooth. Debates in the Scottish Parliament had been heated and lengthy while the crowds in the streets burnt copies of the treaty and threw stones at the Parliament windows.

For centuries English kings had failed to unite the two countries by conquest and each country had a very different motivation for union before 1707. The English wanted to secure a Protestant monarch and end the Auld Alliance between Scotland and France that curtailed many of their imperial ambitions. For the Scots, the issues were financial. The economy had been bankrupted by the failed Darien expedition of 1698 when almost the entire country had invested in a scheme to secure a colony on the Panamanian peninsula controlling trade between the Atlantic and Pacific.

Provisions in the 1707 Act established a trade, customs and political union. The Scots secured extremely favourable conditions on tax (the Scots would raise only 1/40th of revenue) at the expense of underrepresentation in the British parliament (a twelfth of seats in the Commons, and a handful in the Lords, for a country which was a sixth of the total population).

Although the Scottish people were steadfastly against a union, their nobles were more easily swayed. Many Scots nobles who partook in the negotiations were bribed, one according to some accounts for the shockingly small sum of 11, leading to Burns' famous depiction of them, summing up the popular view, as a "Parcel o' Rogues".

### Parcel o' Rogues

Fareweel tae all oor Scottish fame	
Fareweel oor ancient glory	
Fareweel even tae oor Scottish name	
Sae famed in martial story	
What force or guile could ne'er subdu	Je
Through many warlike ages	
Is wrought now by a coward few	
For hireling traitor's wages	
The English steel we could disdain	
Secure in valour's station	
But English gold has been oor bane	
Such a parcel of rogues in a nation .	• •

Robert Burns (1759-96)

**Billy Beefeater** 

Sailing into the New Year – Join our Pattaya Day Sailing Trip for a fun day out – see page 13.

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### Letter from the Chair



#### Dear Members,

As I write, Christmas and the festive season is almost upon us although by the time you read this we will already have celebrated New Year! I hope you all had a very happy time over the holiday season and welcome back to those of you who went to your home country to visit friends and families.

While on the subject of festivities, I'd like to

take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Simon, Barry and all the staff for another fun and very successful Christmas Ball. It is always such a wonderful atmosphere and this year was no exception. All the staff once again did us proud.

#### **Club Development**

As communicated in Simon's letter of December 6<sup>th</sup>, layouts for the new Churchill Bar, the new multifunctional F&B outlet, and the Lobby area were displayed outside the Snooker Room from 11<sup>th</sup> December to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2006. Some concept ideas/mood boards were also displayed for both the new Churchill Bar and the Lobby. Concept ideas and mood boards for the new F&B facility, which won't start construction until mid to late February, will be displayed in early January.

Feedback from members is now being assimilated and all comments will be taken into consideration. We appreciate that it is always going to be difficult to accommodate all members' individual preferences, but we do hope that a majority will be happy with the ideas in principle. Failing any major groundswell of disapproval, construction is scheduled to commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January. It is envisaged that the conversion of the Lord's Dining Room to the new Churchill Bar; renovation of the Lobby; and creation of a Reception/Membership Services office will be completed within approximately 6 weeks. During this time access to the Clubhouse through the main doors will be restricted although we are hoping to minimise the inconvenience as much as we can.

Following the opening of the new Churchill Bar, work will commence on the conversion of the existing Churchill Bar to a new multi-functional food & beverage outlet. We envisage that this will take a further 6 weeks with total completion of Phase I by the end of March 2007.

### **Staff Farewells**

Last month we said a fond farewell to Khun Arpha, our Poolside Manager, who is retiring after 39 years. In early December a special Long Service Award ceremony was held, in the presence of GC members, Management and staff to thank Khun Arpha, as well as other long term staff members, for their loyal and dedicated service over the years. Then on December 15<sup>th</sup>, many members, past Chairmen, and General Committee members also gathered at poolside to say goodbye and a special thank you to Khun Arpha for devoting such a significant number of years to the Club. I know many of you will miss her familiar face at poolside and photos of her farewell can be seen later in this issue.

### **Cool Court**

If you have seen a few 'squashies' looking rather relaxed and cool after their game recently, that's because work was finally completed last month on converting Squash Court 1 into an air-conditioned court. So, if you've been putting off joining the section or having a game because of the heat, now there's no excuse!

Happy New Year everyone!

Best regards,

### Angela Daniel

Chairman BCB General Committee 2006/2007



### Postscript by the CEO

#### Dear Members,

At the time of writing we are half way through December and a number of large functions have taken place at the Club. I would like to thank the staff for doing such a tremendous job during the busy season. I would also like to thank the members who participated in the many events and who said how much they enjoyed themselves.

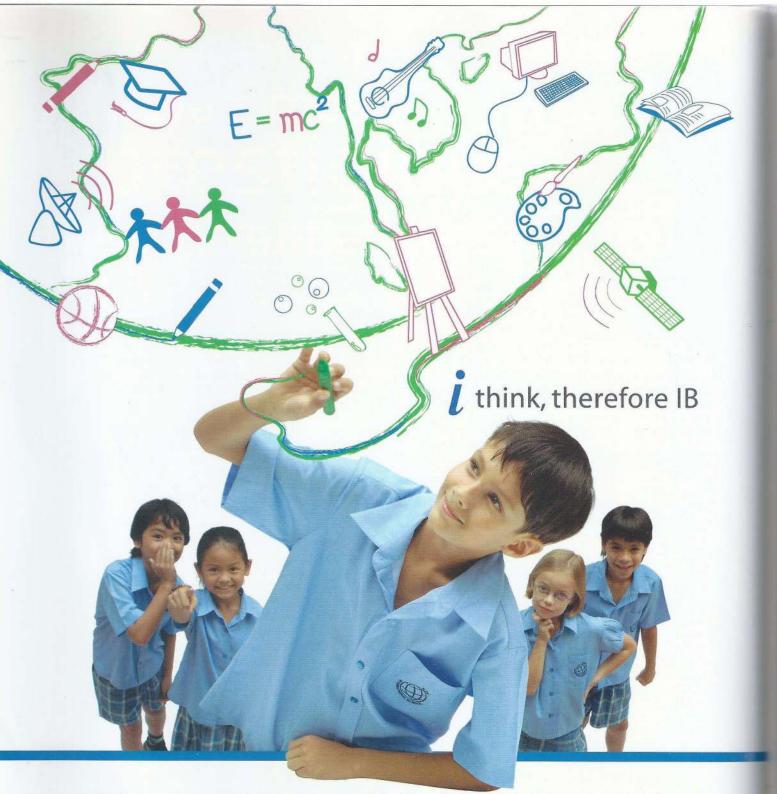
Welcome back to those who have been away and I hope you all have enjoyed a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

The development of the two new outlets should be commencing at the beginning of January and the New Churchill Bar will open in the middle of February with not only a new look but also with new menus, some new staff, new uniforms and all the staff will have undergone many hours of service training. The new look Lobby and the Member Services office will open at the same time.

I apologise in advance for the closure of the front entrance to the Clubhouse but we are trying to minimise this disruption to only a few weeks. We certainly hope you enjoy the new facilities once they are open.

As always I welcome your comments and suggestions and I look forward to seeing you at the Club often.

Simon Roberts ceo@britishclubbangkok.com



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## Bazza's Banter

### Time flies when you're having fun!

### Dear Members,

Firstly we would like to wish you all a very happy, safe and prosperous New Year and of course we would love to see you here at the Club more often.

Well, 2007 already! Where *does* the time go? It only seems like yesterday there was all the talk about the Millennium bug!!

I would like to thank all the members who attended events during the festive season and those who took up our offer on Christmas orders - this month's ON THE MENU pages give you tips on what to do with your Christmas turkey leftovers!! For the Christmas day lunch this year, just on 200 members enjoyed the Club's buffets. With all the Christmas orders AND the catering, the kitchens were a buzzing frenzy of activity. We also held another bumper December wine tasting (well any excuse!!) with over 160 members attending. The third Britstock was also a great success attracting 225 members and guests - this is another event that has now become part of the Club's regular calendar.

I so much enjoy the Club when we are busy with all these events and members' private functions. Even though we're spoilt for choice here in Magnificent Bangkok, it's a great boost for the Club that members still wish to support our events and use our catering services. Thank you for trusting us and making our jobs fun! Here at the Club we really can cater for any of your needs - just give us a call. We can meet you here or visit your home to create delicious menus to suit your tastes and budget. Last year we catered over 425 functions and organised over 100 Club events! Of course, not all of them were big extravaganzas, but that doesn't matter - what's important is members' enjoyment of the events and that you want to come again next year.

Last month saw our annual Christmas Ball with around 380 attending. Once again I would like to thank staff who helped out and worked so hard all night but still made it into work the following day - and of course to all the members who attended. Feedback was very positive but there are still areas we can improve on. The Ball wrapped up at around Tam!! No names mentioned for the last to leave! Unfortunately this year we had no friendly visit from the local constabulary. On Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> the Club will be closed for our annual staff party. This year we'are off to the normally quiet resort of Hua Hin!! I hope we will be allowed back afterwards! All the Club's F&B outlets and the Fitness Centre will



be closed along with the Clubhouse building, but the pool, tennis courts and squash courts will remain open. Members can book the courts in advance as per normal through the Fitness Centre.

The first of the Club's organised events for 2007 will be our outing to the Eric Clapton Concert at Muang Thong Thani on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We have already sold 150 tickets to this event. This year we are trying to think of new events and activities to attract members to the Club as well as continuing with our annual events.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> sees the first Bar Quiz of the year - it really is good fun. We had 10 teams at the last quiz night way back in November. January is also the month of New Year's resolutions - mine is to try to lose weight, but how long it will last . . . who knows?!!

Finally, to round off the month, we will once again hold our New Year's Members Gathering on the back lawn - January 30<sup>th.</sup> There will be wine tasting, free draught Tiger beer and house spirits free from 7 to 8pm. Now *that's* what you call a happy hour! Khun Laak will also create some tasty canapes, there'll be live music to keep us entertained and we'll also make a special presentation to our '20-years plus' members. I look forward to seeing you there.

Keep your eyes peeled and focused on the notice boards for upcoming activities from the Club.

I look forward to seeing you down at your Club in the very near future.

Regards,

Baz,

Barry Osborne General Manager

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### **Special Events at the Club this month**

### \*\* DOCTOR WHO VDO NIGHT

#### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7-8pm, Wordsworth Room

Suitable for children aged 8 to 80. For details, see opposite page.

### \*\* ERIC CLAPTON, LIVE IN BANGKOK

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, Leave BC 6.30pm** We have booked a limited number of tickets for this excellent concert and many have already been sold. Coaches will leave the Club for Muang Thongthani at 6pm, with a police escort. The concert begins at 8pm. Tickets cost 3,450 baht per person, including transportation from/ to the Arena and excellent seats in the Arena. Cost does not include alcohol and snacks served on the coaches. For further information Contact Khun Ben or Barry in the office - to book simply send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse Reception. Book now to avoid disappointment.

### \*\* DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - MORSE

#### Thursday, 18th January, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our latest episode of Morse - THE SINS OF THE FATHER: Morse and Lewis become immersed in the mystery surrounding an unwelcome takeover bid by a large multinational and the suspicious death of the current managing director. There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service is available.

### **\*\* CLUB CLOSED**

### Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January

On this day the Clubhouse, Fitness Centre and all F&B outlets will be closed for the Annual Staff Party. However, the pool, tennis courts and squash courts will remain open. Members can book the courts in advance as per normal through the Fitness Centre. The Club will re-open as per normal on Tuesday 23rd January.

### \*\* OUIZ NIGHT

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar** Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". There are also 3 spot rounds where you have the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons.

### \*\*\* DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - FROST

### Thursday, 25th January, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our latest episode of Frost – FUN TIME FOR SWINGERS: Frost investigates when a woman commits suicide naked in public; meanwhile Supt. Mullet orders Frost to investigate a series of break-ins at the local cricket pavilion. Full F&B service available. Please sign up in advance to help us with seating.

### \*\* MONTHLY WINE TASTING (& CURRY BUFFET)

#### Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 6-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our first wine tasting of the year. Four companies will be here to let members try unlimited samples of their wines. Members can also purchase wines at specially discounted prices and the Club will create a range of canapes to compliment the wines. What a great way to start the weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club. Afterwards why not head on down into the Churchill Bar and enjoy Khun Laak's famous Curry Buffet for only 250 baht.

### **\*\*** PATTAYA SAILING HOLIDAY

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January See page 13 for details

### **\*\*** NEW YEAR'S MEMBERS' GATHERING

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 7-9pm, Back Lawn** A great opportunity for members to get together and meet the Club's latest new members, as well as the '20-year-plus' old timers. The evening kicks off with an open bar from 7-8pm, live music, plus four wine companies on hand to offer their wines at reduced rates - and delicious canapes as well.

See you there.



### SOCATOTS ON SATURDAY!

Just a reminder that . . .

A new 10-week season of **SOCATOTS!** starts on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

See page 38 for details!

# "THE END OF AN ERA"

### The Thai National Spoofing Championships 2006

poofing is to many a lifetime commitment and to none more so than 'Swampy', who has been the Chairman of the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers for more than ten years; as with many aspects of Spoofing, precise ength of service is unknown. 'Swampy', like all Spoofers a nickname to protect the innocent, presided over the XVIIIth TNC on Friday December 8th - TNC means Thai National Championship as Spoof' is played seriously all over the world, with Bangkok also hosting the Asian Championships for the past four years, whilst the 2006 World Championship was held recently in Dubai.

Twenty-seven Spoofers, smartly attired in black tie, spoofers' blazer or (in two

cases) red and white stripped blazers with Arab head-gear, met for pre-Tournament drinks at 6:30pm in The Churchill Bar – a mere few 'Tiger Yai' or 'Wei Kaow' to get into the mood – although it was noticed from an early stage that several contestants had been celebrating ahead of time.

Twenty-seven Spoofers may seem a lot but the numbers were depleted by several regulars who were sadly missing . . . 'Bowling Ball' being in his native Belgium, 'Dark Horse' up in Japan, 'Crocker' away from home and reigning 2005 Champion 'Bakers' definitely somewhere over the rainbow. Nine overseas players, from as far away as Korea, Scotland, Australia and Dubai, did help bolster the numbers.

To describe the play in detail would require a thesis of such extreme length as to bore the average



Outpost reader but suffice to say that some of the most competitive spoofing ever was seen. Proceedings were warmly interrupted by a superb feast of turkey with all the trimmings laid on by Khun Laak and her team of chefs from the Club, and then battle commenced in the 2006 TNC final . . .

It will be written up in the annals for decades – because it was not 4-3, or 4-2, or even 4-1 but a stupendous 4-0 winning margin for a guest of the Kingdom - Alex "The Sheikh" Richardson . . . a newcomer from Dubai. His opponent shall always remain 'unknown' but if he had arrived from Phuket earlier he might have been more on the ball!

It is said that the cock crowed three times before they left. Certainly the barrel of Tiger Beer, kindly donated by Orange, had been well finished, although the absence of Port 'fines' was noted. What will also be noted is that the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers raised a further remarkable 72,000 baht for charity at this event; bringing their 2006 charity fund to over 200,000 baht once more. Once sober, the Spoofers will again be looking at children's charities for their funding – Spoofers never give cash nor pay towards admin; all Spoofers' money goes towards purchasing goods for the direct benefit of under-privileged Thai children . . . every time.

End of an era . . . well yes, Swampy has bowed out as Chairman, succeeded by Mutton, and The Lord's has held its eighteenth and final TNC.

"Gentlemen, when the hands are out!"

The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers is open to all male members of the Club and they meet each Tuesday at 8.30pm in The Churchill Bar.

### "THE RUNAWAY **BRIDE**"

ward-winning comedy actress Catherine Tate and Sarah Parish star alongside David Tennant in a special Christmas episode of the BBC's hit **DOCTOR WHO**.

Bride-to-be Donna Noble mysteriously vanishes as she prepares to marry her boyfriend Lance Bennett in a glittering ceremony on Christmas Eve. She suddenly appears, to her complete astonishment, in the TARDIS with the Doctor.

As the TARDIS races to get to the church on time, the Doctor and Donna are closely watched by the sinister figure of The Empress of Racnoss from her throne in her spaceship. It soon becomes clear that Donna is the key to an ancient alien plan to destroy the Earth.



Christmas will never be the same

This Christmas Special will be shown on Christmas Day in the UK, and on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the British Club. David Tennant plays the Doctor, Catherine Tate plays Donna and Sarah Parish plays The Empress of Racnoss.

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY .... 7pm-8pm Children of all ages from 8 to 80 are invited.

### NAME COMPETITION

### "The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names"

In a few months the existing Churchill Bar will become our new, casual, non-smoking "Cafe Bar" with a Verandah opening onto the back lawn, offering a wide range of Food and Beverage open to all members throughout the day, and transforming into a cosy dining area in the evening.

By then the **Churchill Bar** will already be operating from its new location in the present Lords Dining Room, and that name will remain as the focal point of the Clubhouse's F&B offering. Thus comes the key question to put to members .....

### WHAT DO WE CALL THE NEW "CAFE BAR"?

As promised at the EGM last June, we are opening up the naming process to all Club members and giving you the chance to name our new "Cafe Bar" and

### Win a free meal for two in the "Cafe Bar" when it opens!

As the Chinese proverb goes, "The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names". The name could be after someone famous, or reflect the ambiance, or the physical nature of the outlet. It need not be typically British, but ought to be simple, stylish and say something about the Club or the outlet itself.

### Please put your suggestion onto a card, together with your name and membership number, and place into the box at Reception.

The General Committee will review all suggestions on 1<sup>st</sup> February and the new name will be selected and the outlet branded accordingly. The winner will then be notified and be invited to dine at the new outlet upon opening. In the case of more than one member suggesting the same chosen name, names will be draw from a hat by the CEO to decide the winner.

### As a source of inspiration, some of Britain's

more unusual pub names . . .

The Sociable Plover (Portsmouth) Who'd a Thowt It (Middleton) The Drunken Duck (Ambleside) The Strawbury Duck (Entwistle) Sally Up Steps (Bolton - Originally called The Stanley Arms) The Cat & Custard Pot (Paddlesworth, Kent)

Muscular Arms (Glasgow) The Thatcher's Foot (Co Durham) The Poosy Nancies (Mauchline -Ayrshire. The Poosy Nancy was named after a female acquaintance of Robert Burns.)

Cow & Snuffers (Cardiff) Nobody Inn (Dartmoor) The Jolly Taxpayer (Plymouth) The Quiet Woman (York - The sign being a woman carrying her own severed head)

**Donkey on Fire** (Ramsgate, Kent) **Bull & Spectacles** (Staffordshire - Used to be called the Bulls Head but many years ago, a drunken man climbed up the front of the pub and placed his glasses on the Bulls Head and left them there.) **The Drift Inn** (known locally as the "stagger oot")

Bag o' Nails (May be a corruption of 'Bacchanal', but probably not)

The Dog and Handgun The Mad Cat (The name of the pub used to be 'White Lion' but it had to be changed because the sign painter's work looked more like a mad cat than a lion.)





### **DOGGIE** DESTINY

### Aquarius (January 21-February 19)

Keywords:

Independent, tolerant, friendly (+) Unpredictable, detached, rebellious (-)

Eccentric by nature, Aquarius pets can be unusual, quirky and downright strange. Above all they love freedom -to express themselves and to roam - they hate to be leashed or cooped up in closed quarters. Aquarius canines love to socialize and they mix easily with people and other animals. Aquarian pets learn quickly, both from other animals and their owners, and will concentrate when you talk to them -

they will cock their heads to one side and listen intently. They are individualistic in nature and won't easily sit on your lap for long. If you don't try to cuddle them often, they prove to be good companions. They are known to set their own terms but can be quite shy and introverted at times. At other times, this is a crazy pixilated pet that will jump into mud puddles just for the hell of it, dance with the neighbourhood tomcat, or lope down the street in a dream and run into a telephone pole. The rule with Aquarius dogs is: expect the unexpected!

**Survival Tip:** Never try to regiment or confine your Aquarius dog, or feed them the same old soggy dog food day after day . . . or restrict them to a postage-stamp apartment or yard – they will sulk like you wouldn't believe . . . they will just wither and waste away before your very eyes. Aquarius dogs are born to roam, discover new things, play in the rain and meet loads of interesting and wacky new friends!

**Outlook for 2007:** With Neptune camped out in Aquarius and their ruling planet Uranus in Pisces, this will be a year of soul searching and growth for Aquarius dogs. Their higher instincts will come to the fore and they may seem even more vague and dreamy than usual. Owners must be patient when their Aquarius pet brings home lost and starving dogs from all around the neighbourhood for you to tend to. You'll know when your Aquarius dog has seriously embarked on the spiritual path when they start bringing home stray cats as well! Throughout 2007, your Aquarius dog may periodically go into 'retreat' and disappear for long periods. Try to understand as they turn up after a long absence, looking bedraggled with their head appearing to droop slightly – almost as if the thoughts twirling around inside were all too heavy . . .

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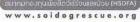
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### MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge . 9:00am-12:00noon

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WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

(Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

**TUESDAYS** Churchill Bar

8:30pm-late

Lunch & Dinner

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### Spoofing

16<sup>th</sup> January: UNION BUFFET – Celebrate the 300th anniversary of the union of England with Scotland with fusion cuisine: Fish and Chips, roast beef, mini steak & kidney pies, scotch eggs, Dundee cake, scotch broth, lamb stew, rhubarb crumble, and more; 280 baht per person.

CARVERY BUFFET Bt 250. Choose from 3 roast joints, 3 potato styles, 3 veggies. Also with fresh salad (Bt 280). PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR Any member could win from Bt 5,000 to Bt 25,000 - prize increases each week. CHIVAS REGAL BOTTLE DRAW - somebody present in the Bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, vodka or gin.

Chess

### THEMED BUFFETS -

5<sup>th</sup> January: T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET – with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.
12<sup>th</sup> January: FISH n CHIPS BUFFET – Enjoy the best of Chipcuisine in the Churchill bar - fish and chips, battered sausages, pies, mushy peas, deep fried Mars bars, chip shop

curry sauce & lots more; 250 baht per person. **19<sup>th</sup> January:** ITALIAN BUFFET – A range of pizzas and salads + pasta cooked to order with your favourite sauces; 250 baht per person.

**26**<sup>th</sup> **January:** T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET – with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.

Kids' VDO It's free. Includes free Nestle Sundaes for the kids.

FAMILY CARVERY - Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts. Adults Bt 350 and children Bt 200 (includes soft drink)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. Games, videos, crafts, soft drinks and snacks with Khun Susie. Cost: FREE

### **Official Opening Times**

10:00am - 11:00pm 7:30am - 10:00pm 6:00am -10:00pm 6:00am - 9:00pm 9:00am - 6:00pm Churchill Bar Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30pm) Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri) Fitness Centre (weekends) Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

7:00pm and 8:00pm

Lunch & Dinner

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar 6:00-9:00pm

**FRDAYS Churchill Bar** Lunch & Dinner (Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

Silom Sala 7:00pm and 9:00pm

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Forget those noisy fizz-boats! Commune with the wind and waves.

#### Programme:

Saturday, 27th January

07:00 hrs - Leave from BC at 7am aboard Montri Coaches

09:00 hrs - Meet at Ocean Marina, Jomtien 09:30 - 16:00 Sail to one of the outer islands for a picnic lunch\* aboard the boat and . . .

- ✓ A refreshing swim/snorkel in clean & clear waters
- A trip onto the local beach (location permitting)

- ✓ A fun sail back to Ocean Marina
- All participants will have the opportunity to haul the sails, pull the sheets, and helm the boats.

\*(Lunch is Thai Food. Special requests are accommodated. Soft drinks provided)

The cost of this fun day-excursion is 3,800 baht per person, which includes meals, transportation to and from the Club and a day of fun.

### And the boats:

Boat #1 Oceanis 32ft Keelboat 5 adults - couple/ singles

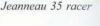
Boat #2 Seawind 24ft Catamaran 6 adults & children Boat #3 Jeanneau 35ft Racer/Cruiser 8 adults couple/singles

Boat #4 Seawind 24ft Catamaran 6 adults & children Or a choice of five other boats ranging up to 50 and 60-foot.

This trip is limited to 28 places – but if successful, we are planning a weekend break!!!! For more information contact Barry Osborne.











### FESTIVE PAPER PINES

6 Join me in the Silom Room every Sunday! 9

ids will get a real kick out of decorating these little evergreens — the mini bulbs come alight when you punch holes in the outer layers, revealing the coloured paper sandwiched between them.



### **CRAFT MATERIALS:**

- Red and yellow stationery (or other colours you like for lights)
- Green and brown card stoc
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- Pinking shears or decorative craft scissors (we used Fiskars Paper Edgers)
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### Time needed: Under 1 Hou

#### Instructions:

1. Sandwich the red and yellow paper between 2 pieces of green card stock. Cut out a tree shape.

through the 3 remaining layers. Then remove the yellow she

and replace the red one. Punch several new holes through the stack.3. Cut a tree trunk from brown card stock (make it a little taller that

needed) and glue the top of it between the red and yellow layers. Now glue the green layers to the outside.

4. Use the pushpin to poke a hole through the 4 layers, about 1/4 inch from the treetop. Thread a length of monofilament through the hole, then slide a button tree topper onto each end of the line. Knot the ends of the line to create a loop for hanging.

### Brick Bookends

his project— painting a brick— is pretty much the epitome of a simple craft: almost anyone can do it, and no special patterns or materials are

required. Younger kids can simply paint abstract designs, while older kids may want to create detailed characters, geometric patterns, or wintry landscapes.

#### MATERIALS

- Newspaper
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrushes
- Two bricks
- Glue
- Felt

Cover a clean surface with newspaper and set out the acrylic paints and paintbrushes. Stand the bricks vertically, so that your child can paint on their designs. Remember that the surface of the bricks is porous and can absorb a good amount of paint. Your child may need to apply several layers to create a solid covering. Or, if he or she prefers a splotchier effect, stop painting while some of the brick's surface still shows through. Once the paint dries, trace around the brick bases on felt and cut them out. Glue the felt squares on the bottom of each brick to prevent the brick from scratching your bookshelf or tabletop.

### **CRAFTER'S TIP**

To make a holiday doorstop, use the same technique on one brick, but turn it horizontally first before painting, so it will look good and be more useful as a doorstop!





- what is the fruitiest lesson?
- History, because it's full of dates!
- What is the best hand to write with?
- Neither it's best to write with a pen!
- Why did the stupid racing driver make ten pitstops during the race?
- He was asking for directions!
- What illness did everyone on the Enterprise catch?
- Chicken Spocks!
- what is a myth?
- A female moth!
- What cheese is made backwards?
   Edam?
- What do elves do after school? — Gnomework!
- If Ireland sank into the sea, what county wouldn't sink?
   Cork!
- Cork!
- What town in England makes terrible sandwiches?
- Oldham!
- What would you call theft in Peking?
- A Chinese takeaway!
- What has forty feet and sings?
   The school choir!
- Wby does a flamingo lift up one leg?
- Because if it lifted up both legs it would fall over!



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### LOOKING BACK

# The BCB Christmas Mini- Ball











he festive season got off to a great start with a Christmas Ball for the Club's younger members on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The evening started off quite sedately (well, sort of) in the Wordsworth Lounge where 40 eager kids tucked into canapes, Chicken noggets(!), mini sausages and chips, washed down with free-flowing 'Mocktails' of Orange Fruit Punch and Cranberry & Ginger Ale.

As the clock chimed seven everyone migrated into the Suriwongse Room, which had been beautifully decorated by Khun Awe and her team, complete with a Santa sleigh and Santa's grotto. The eager mini-revellers descended on the tables laden with goodies and in the midst of a cacophony of cracking crackers, popping poppers and blaring minitrumpets, dinner was apparently served. Well, the meal was supposed to be seated but eventually the seats were forgotten and most of the food was eaten in stages whilst running around!! This year's movable feast consisted of assorted Mini Pizzas, Roast Turkey and Chips followed by Pears and Bananas with Chocolate and Vanilla ice cream.

Santa's disco was brilliantly run by Khun Susie and her team of elves who organised a number of fun games too, including 'dance with a balloon between you and don't drop-it/pop-it', musical chairs (with newspaper!) and limbo, limbo dancing ... How *low* can you *go*?

Santa visited at around 9pm with presents for all, and looking much younger than last year. He even stayed to do some hip-hop with the kids to the sound of The Black-Eyed Peas, obviously one of Santa's favourites. Soon after his performance Santa was seen sneaking into the Churchill Bar where he joined some of the parents and enjoyed a yard or two of ale to keep his beard in good condition for next year . . .

The party ended at around 10pm when the kids, still full of beans and eager to carry on, took their tired, exhausted and aging parents home.

It was rumoured that Santa, not to be outdone, went out later and managed to party until the early hours of the morning . . . can you believe it?





### LOOKING BACK









## Britstock III

he third Britstock got underway at 1pm, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, on a beautiful crisp cold winter's afternoon on the back lawn of the Club. The event was opened by Paul Williams, BC member and the genius whose idea Britstock was. Paul, a.k.a. 'Mr Tambourine Man' was also the opening act.

This year we cut the number of acts down to six but this worked well, as the bands were quite diverse in their music and songs. A big thank you to the six bands who played their hearts out to give us six hours of live music:

- The Cruisers (1:50-2:50pm)
- Drunken Monkees (2:50-3:50)
- Celtic Colours (3:55-4:55)
- Dog (4:55-5:55)
- Soi Dogs Blues Band (6:10-7:10)
- Cannonball (7:10-8:10)

At 6 pm we played the Thai National Anthem in respect for King Bhumiphol, whose birthday it was, and for this great country that we are fortunate enough to live in.

There were plenty of activities to entertain the kids, even though some rather stupid person double booked the Club's bouncy castle!! Sorry kids! Khun Susie and her team saved the day with some great crafts to keep the kids happy. They also did some pretty spectacular face painting. Amnat and the team ran a popular football game, and there was also darts and a fishing game.

The condos of Draught Tiger beer were once again popular and very soon members were relaxing, eating and drinking rather a lot whilst enjoying great live music in the comfort of their Club.

A big thanks must go to 'Marvellous' Marvyn Lewis who was the mainstay for this year's event - he organised and booked the bands and sorted out the lighting and sound.

Well done also to the Club's staff teams who worked brilliantly on the day.

Here's to Britstock 4 !!!

**Barry Osborne** 



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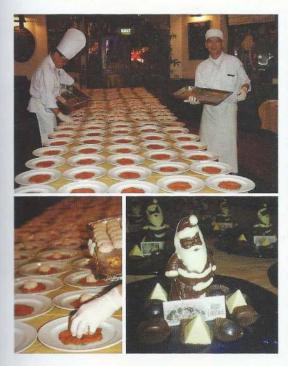
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### Balmy, balmy night . . . The British Club's CHRISTMAS BALL 2006



December 9<sup>th</sup>! The night of nights! The British Club's Annual Christmas Ball, undoubtedly one of Bangkok's social highlights, got off to a balmy start on the front lawn as 380 members and guests decked out in their finest attire, mixed, mingled and sipped. Once again the Club was transformed into a beautiful and timeless setting for its most prestigious annual event. Never mind that the forecast was for rain . . . (rumour has it that a certain General Manager had a pistol ready in case it happened and he had to take the only honourable course).

This really was Bangkok at its muggiest, as members made their way around to the beautifully prepared tables on the back lawn and the delights that awaited. There were plenty of items to amuse the guests and it wasn't long before hats were on, crackers cracking, poppers popping, and mini-horns hooting raucously like spotted hyenas on heat.

The Shangri La Hotel once again took on the immense logistics of catering the Ball, and once again, they didn't let us down. Angela Daniel, BC Chairman, introduced Peter Cook, the New Vicar of Christchurch, who said Grace . . . and then dinner was served. Course after delicious course arrived as the Thai Army Band led by Major Somkiat ran through its eclectic mixture of well performed musical numbers.

### LOOKING BACK

























### DINNER MENU

Home Cured Salmon Gravlax with Yoghurt Rillette, Organic Thai Salads and Honey Lime Dressing

Roasted Traditional Turkey, Bacon Rolled Chipolata Sausages, Roasted & Creamed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Buttered Carrots, Turkey Gravy, Bread Sauce, Cranberry Sauce

> Shangri-La Christmas Pudding, Brandy Sauce and Butter

Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea served with warm mince pies



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After dinner and the mince pies and coffee, it was time to get LOUD. Paul Jackson's all-digital disco started up and the dance floor was soon packed with gyrating dancers, some cavorting in a way that was amazing for their age! The disco went through to the wee small hours, with just a quick break to announce the major prize winners in the Tombola draw – that is, if the tickets would just stay IN the Tombola long enough to be drawn! Club Member and Etihad Country Manager, Kirk Albrow, presented the star prize – return tickets for two to London very generously sponsored by Etihad and upgraded to Pearl Class on the night. Congratulations to the lucky winners, Simon and Helen Rutherford.

For over 100 hardy revellers, a hearty breakfast was served at 2am in the Churchill Bar. This year there was no visit from the local constabulary and members continued partying until past 6am!!

Thanks to Khun Siriporn from the Shangri La for all her hard work; Tiger beer and Khun Thavisin; Tom Westbury of Prestige Wines; and Khun Vanit & team here who were brilliant.

Not only did hundreds of members have a great time at the Ball, but many left with substantial prizes to enhance their Christmas holidays. Thanks to our major prize sponsors: Etihad Airways, Challenge Hospitalities (Sirocco), The Evason Hotel Hua Hin Resort & Spa, Anantara Resort & Spa Hua Hin; and to the Shangri La Hotel, Plaza Athenee, Sukhothai Hotel, Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel, Supatra River House, Ban Yan Tree Hotel, Crepes & Co Restaurant and Chaophraya Cruise (dinner vouchers) and Chivas Regal (whisky).

And most of all, thanks to all the members who once again supported the Club at this festive time and helped to make the 2006 Christmas Ball such a pleasant and memorable occasion.

### BC CALENDAR JANUARY - The Month at a Glance

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On the menu . → ₩ The Union Buffet

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January: On this date, 1707, the Scottish Parliament voted to accept the Act of Union merging itself with the Parliament of England in Westminster. Celebrate (or mourn) the event at the Union Buffet (lunch and dinner) featuring a 'merger' of the two cuisines: Fish 'n' chips, roast beef, mini steak 'n' kidney pies, scotch eggs, Dundee cake, scotch broth, lamb stew, rhubarb crumble, and more – Just 280 baht per person.



### Poh Pia Thod (Spring Roll) Serves 2 to 3

Spring Roll Sheet	8-12	pcs
Glass Noodles	100	grms.
Minced Pork	100	grms.
Chopped Shrimps	50	grms.
Cabbage (finely sliced)	50	grms.
Shitake Mushrooms	50	grms.
Shredded Carrots	30	grms.
Chopped Celery	30	grms
Sugar	10	grms.
Soy Sauce	10	grms.
Seasoning Sauce	10	grms.
Egg	1	whole
Ground Pepper	5	grms

#### Directions:

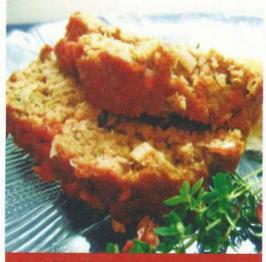
In a pan, heat vegetable oil and stir-fry minced pork and shrimps, carrots, cabbage, shitake mushrooms until soft. Add glass noodles and celery, soy sauce, seasoning sauce and season with salt and pepper to taste. Chill the mixture in the refrigerator for a few minutes or leave until the mixture cool.

Wrap the vegetables filling in spring roll shell, roll it tight and seal the end with egg starch, continue to roll till the filling is gone.

Heat 6 cups vegetable oil in high temperature. When oil is hot, deep fry spring rolls till crispy golden brown.

Remove spring rolls from hot oil and put on plate covered with paper towel to drain oil.

Wondering what to do with all that leftover cooked turkey? Here's three recipes that just may be the answer . . .



### Cranberry-Turkey Loaf

### First Layer

- 2 packages unflavoured gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 pound jellied cranberry sauce
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped

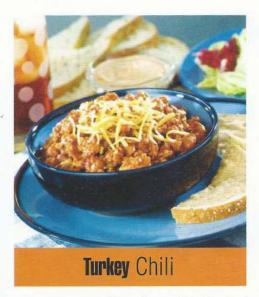
#### Second Layer

- 1 package unflavoured gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 cup chicken broth, hot
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups turkey or chicken; cooked, diced

### **Directions:**

*First Layer:* Soften gelatin in cold water. Mash cranberry sauce, add orange juice, and heat until sauce melts. Stir in gelatin. Chill until partially set, then add celery and pecans. Pour into  $9^{1/2} \times 5 \times 3$  inch loaf pan and chill until almost set.

Second Layer: Soften gelatin in cold water; stir in hot broth. Chill until partially set. Blend in mayonnaise, milk and salt. Add diced turkey. Spoon over cranberry layer. Chill. Unmold and garnish as you choose.



This recipe is an easy one for turkey chili using turkey leftovers.

Note that this turkey chili recipe makes a lot of chili. We had so much leftover after making this batch that we used a bunch of it as the sauce and filling for enchiladas (which, by the way, is a terrific way to use up extra chili).

- 2 cups chopped onion
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped fine
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 (35 oz) cans stewed tomatoes, crushed
- 2 (15 oz) cans kidney beans, drained
- 2 Tbsp tomato paste
- 3/4 cup chicken or turkey stock2 Tbsp chili powder (or up to 4 Tbsp if you like it
- really hot)
- 1 Tbsp ground cumin
- 1 Tbsp dried hot red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 Tbsp salt, plus more if desired to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

3 to 4 cups of shredded, cooked turkey meat Sugar

Shredded cheddar cheese, chopped red onion, sour cream for optional garnish.

#### **Directions:**

1. In a large, 8-quart, thick-bottom pot, cook the onion and green pepper over medium high heat, stirring, until golden, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, chili powder, cumin, and red pepper flakes and cook, stirring, for a minute or two more. Add a bit more olive oil if needed.

2. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, stock, beans, oregano, salt, pepper, and cooked turkey meat. Bring mixture to a simmer and reduce heat to low. Simmer, uncovered, for an hour.

3 Salt to taste. Add 1 to 3 teaspoons of sugar to take the edge of the acidity of the tomatoes if desired.

The chili may be made in advance and chilled for 2 days, or frozen for 2 months.

Serve with shredded cheddar cheese, chopped red onion, and or sour cream. Serve alone, over rice, or with corn bread.

Makes about 12 cups. Serves 8.



### Turkey Pot Pie

- 2<sup>1/4</sup> cups chicken broth, defatted
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 2 medium carrots, coarsely chopped
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1<sup>3/4</sup> cups evaporated skim milk
- 3 cups cooked, chopped turkey
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1/4 cup snipped fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 3 sheets phyllo dough

#### **Directions:**

In a medium saucepan, combine 2 cups of the broth, the celery, onions and carrots.

Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until the veggies are tender. In a custard cup, stir the remaining 1/4 cup of the broth and the cornstarch until smooth. Slowly stir this into the broth-veggie mixture. Then stir in the milk. Cook and stir over medium heat until the mixture comes to a boil. Reduce the heat. Cook and stir for 1 minute more. Then stir in the turkey, peas, parsley and sage. Transfer the mixture to a shallow 2-quart casserole dish.

Lay one sheet of the phyllo dough on top of the turkey mixture. Spray the dough with no stick spray. Repeat layering and spraying the phyllo dough two more times. Fold or crumple the edges of the dough and tuck them inside the casserole dish. Bake for 35-40 minutes in a 350° F. oven.

### Cocktail of the Month - January

### Midori Colada

1	oz	Midori Melon liqueur
1/2	oz	Malibu Coconut liqueur
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1	oz	Coconut Milk

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# Pre-Christmas Wine Festival





ver 160 members attended the pre-Christmas wine festival on Friday 24th November to sample the offerings from 17 companies arrayed over the entire upstairs floor of the Clubhouse.

For an entrance fee of 100 baht members got to sample and peruse over 100 different wines, together with wine accessories, a Wine Club and even calendars and cards for the Christmas festive season. Members took full advantage of the excellent prices and cases of wine were soon being transported downstairs to waiting cars.

Once again, Khun Laak did a brilliant job creating some wonderful canapes to accompany the wines. Many members later carried on in the festive spirit and enjoyed a curry buffet and a few more drinks in the Churchill Bar and poolside.

In fact, so successful was the event and popular with our

members, that we decided to have another 'final-final' Christmas wine tasting, this time with 10 companies, on Friday 15th December. I'll let you know how that one went in the next edition.

Happy drinking! Cheers, Chock Dee, Prost, Salute or Bottoms-up!!!

**Barry Osborne** 

 Ooh yes,

 it's there . . the

 herbaceous finish!







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# LOOKING BACK

# Carols under the Stars



n Thursday 14th of December, members of the Shrewsbury School Choir and big band came along to perform an uplifting programme of Carols, readings and music in the delightful setting of the Club's back lawn. It turned out to be an excellent night with some beautiful music from both the Choir and the Band led by the mastery of Darren Jones - it is obvious that the Shrewsbury School has a strong Music Department.

The Evening was opened by Mr. Stephen Holroyd, the School's Headmaster, with readings also from Simon Roberts, the Club's CEO and GC Member Sally Crossley-Smith. The choir sang their hearts out for around half an hour accompanied by the assembled congregation of over 150 members and guests. Following the carols the Shrewsbury International School Swing Band performed a selection of big band music as members tucked into the Club's mince pies, shortbreads and hot mulled wine to keep us warm on Bangkok's cold winter nights.

This night was a great success and a big thank-you must go from the British Club and its members to Darren and his team from Shrewsbury for all their hard work and for giving up their valuable time to get us into the Christmas mood.

This is an event we will definitely want to repeat next year . . . but we haven't asked Darren yet!!



### PROGRAMME

Welcome by Mr Stephen Holroyd, The Principal

### **Once in Royal David's City**

### The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

Read by Mrs Hazel Gibbons, Vice Principal Primary School

#### **Shrewsbury Young Voices**

On a Wondrous Night S Poorman & B Poorman Dashing through the Snow John Leavitt

**St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus** *Read by Simon Roberts, CEO of the British Club* 

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

**The Shepherds go to the Manger** *Read by Sally Crossley-Smith, General Committee, British Club* 

### It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus Read by Mr Gareth Eynon, Vice Principal, Senior School

#### Harkl the Herald Angels Sing

St John unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation Read by Mr Stephen Holroyd, The Principal

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### LOOKING BACK

### The British Club's CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY







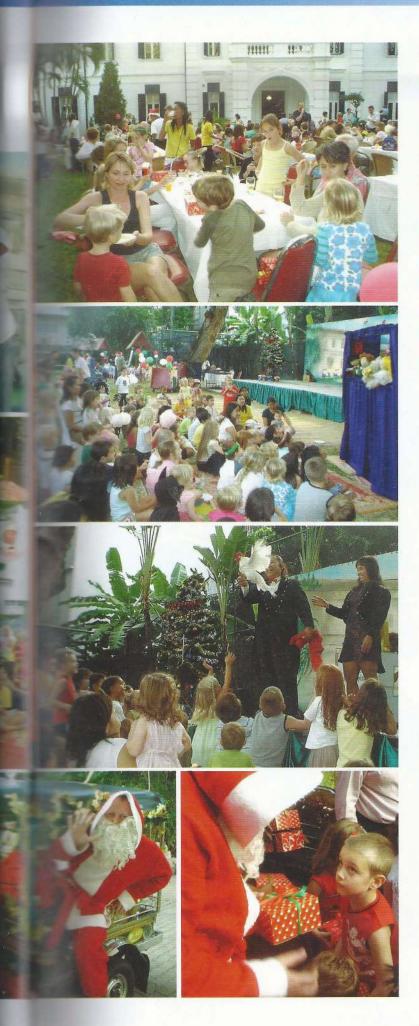














It's snow!

onday 18th December was the date set for this year's Children's Christmas Party and despite a slow start in bookings an amazing 335 kids, mums and dads attended the party - by far our biggest turn out to date. There were heaps of organised games and chaos for the kids. The huge giant slide was very popular (but the 90kg 'big kids' had to be banned!) as well as the usual favourites - the bouncy castle, pony rides, a puppet show and crafts with Khun Susie. Many thanks to 'Gymborree' who brought along a mobile gym. There was also a dog show and an amazing Christmas Magic Show complete with polystyrene snow which sent the kids scrambling onto the stage nearly taking out the set, the magician and his sidekick.

The lucky winner of the Christmas Tree Competition was Tiger Lilly Perry who won a beautifully decorated ginger bread house.

The kids enjoyed two hours of fun before moving to the front lawn for the picnic tea, where both young an old feasted on chicken nuggets, mini pizzas, chips, spaghetti, mini carrot cakes, ice creams, and red-white-and-blue popcorn! Members were patient as the queues grew quite long while the kitchens were frantically cooking fresh food to keep up with demand.

At around 5.30pm Santa arrived by tuk-tuk bearing gifts for all the kids, but was very nearly mobbed on arrival by eager kids and parents. Many thanks to Santa David Glaze!!! The question is, will he be prepared to do it again Next Year?!!

Even though the event officially finished at 6pm, at 8pm there were still parents enjoying a glass of wine or a Pimms or two (or three) on the front lawn of the Club, as parents are wont to do, whilst the kids carried on amusing themselves all around, as kids are wont to do...

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## GOLF

# Lappy New Year 2007

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S o much turkey and mince pies to last us another year! My head spun as I did the rounds of eating and boozing on Christmas day to various friends' houses . . . no need to elaborate, I am sure you all know how it felt! Gosh, time flies! Another year GONE . . . "Where has the time gone!" I recollect fun and fond memories of our great fellowship on and off the courses. We miss very much our Handicap Secretary and one of our best golfers, Mike Staples, who is currently battling with his illness. We all wish him a speedy recovery and await his return on the golf course with us soon.

Welcome 2007! On this note, on behalf of our Captain, Brian Brook and committee members, we wish you a healthy, fun and prosperous New Year. Your committee has arranged many exciting and challenging future events that you should not miss. So, keep your eyes and ears open for the programme.

We've had an exuberant November and December with away weekends and big events in Pataya and Hua Hin together with our usual Medal and Hassell Stableford competitions.

## MBMG Club Championship: 25-26 Nov. at Phoenix, Pattaya

Great prizes provided by MBMG - main sponsor for the whole event plus thanks to Hassell, Seara, Manarco and Dunlop for sponsoring special competition prizes. The main competitions were best gross score (ladies and men separately), trophy for best net (ladies and men) and best net scores for each day. Very impressive designer signs were



Club Championship Group Photo

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Did he get the long drive?

Good stretch





Tiger Wood's swing

David Humphreys net 68

(would have won best net

unfortunately did not qualify -

as he only played twice before)

overall with a 141 but

Belinda net 69.

CaroleAnn

I had a big one

I'll show you

Joom had flown in from

England with her hubby Nick

White, the day before the

event, to grab the Ladies'

lag was no obstacle!!

awarded the best hat

Gross Trophy. She had such

brilliant rounds; obviously, jet

Carole-Ann gave her best, but unfortunately the sun was too

much for her - she should be

competition on the golf course,

but instead won the "most

golf" (obviously getting her

placed around the course creating a professional atmosphere - like the events we see on TV. A special thank-you to Peter Skinner, our "captain of vice", for creating such a professional touch. Phoenix was a tough but lovely course and gave us quite a challenge.



The goodies

money's worth out of the two days!). George posed for a "Tiger Wood's tee off swing" but spent most of his time in the woods! What happened George?!!

There were so many super star performances over the two days hence results were very close:

Men Gross:	1 <sup>st</sup> Ed 172, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gareth 174 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frank 176
Men Net:	1st Pete G. 144, 2nd Mike P. 150 and 3rd George 154 (Gareth had 144 (behind Pete on CB), Ed 150 & Frank 154 (but presumably didn't count because they had better
Ladies Gross:	placing in the Gross comp.) 1 <sup>st</sup> Joom 177, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Karen C. 184 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Maureen 192
Ladies Net:	1 <sup>st</sup> Orin 145, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Belinda 149 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yurachat 154 (Joom 143, KC 148, Maureen 148 did better in Gross).

Best Net Day 1:

Best Net Day 2: Most Golf: Technicals: Near Pins

Long Drives

Long Puts Nearest in Two:

Day 1: Pat, Joom, KC, Harland. Day 2: Jeremy, Ed, KC, Pete G. Day 1: Harland & Belinda. Day 2: Gareth & Dianne Day 1: Pat. Day 2: Val Joom and Frank.

Congratulations to those receiving the prizes and especially to our new Club Champions: Joom and Ed.

### Away weekend in Hua Hin: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> **December at Majestic** Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup>: vs GCL for SUAL Cup (Shut Up and Listen Cup)

We all knew it was going to be tough to maintain the Cup and, as expected, GCL coughed up its best players to attempt to win it back! Missing some star players, the British Club nevertheless put up a good fight against GCL. The course, Majestic Creek, is not an easy course with up and down terrains, deadly greens and far too many obstacles. Ten pairs in all were competing in the format: combined best stableford. Who said, "husband and wife can't play together"!! Brian and Yurachatr and Pete Skinner and his Mrs, Belinda, triumphantly showed their coordinations - needless to say they are best fit for each other. Captain, you were very brave! One could imagine domestic fights right in the middle of the fairway ... ummm ... pretty ugly with all the clubs as weapons. Mam and I were the last pair to come in. It was a kind of a rematch for us as well. One of the GCL's players in the pair was determined to get revenge for their loss to us from last year (both







Te are the Champions

We got it again

were low handicappers, 8 & 12, Mam 29 and I, 33). Being the last group we had no idea how the event went, as by then it could be all over! We found out later that many games were close like ours. It could have been anyone's game. Initially we were able to keep our heads cool and lead by 1 in the front 9. The last 9 we were trailing behind ... but we fought back time and time again, and used all sorts of tactics such as topping up their Heineken levels - quite an expensive round!. We managed to catch up and towards the end, we were 2 up with 3 holes to play. By then we could see they were on the edge of crumbling. We took advantage and played our best game ever by sinking the crucial putts. In the end, we beat them 3 & 2. On the 18th hole, we could see some excitement as our Captain and a few other team members were awaiting our grand entrance, obviously detecting that our game must be important. Once, we reported our score, there was a sigh of relief from our Captain and many smiling faces. The result was announced at the BBQ dinner that evening, every year hosted by Khun Ben at his lovely beach house – we appreciate it. The result was 5 All ... a near loss! To our delight we get to retain the Cup for another year. With no pressure any more, we drowned ourselves with food and booze forgetting that we had another important match to play the next day.

#### Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Committee vs the Rest for DeeMed trophy and Inaugral Cup & Ambassador Cup

The committee was obviously too relaxed from the previous night. Sad to say, none of us could muster enough decent scores. The format of the day was stableford points. Individuals' Inaugral Cup for Flight A and Ambassador Cup for Flight B. Team Trophy for DeeMed: Committee vs The Rest of the members. However, one stunning result came in, the highest ever achieved by anybody that I know of recently . . . Mam was disgustingly excellent - she could no longer hide her talent - with 51 points and 87 Gross. Hopefully she can keep it up, as she will now hold a 23 handicap - a 6 point cut! Congratulations Mam, keep it up girl! Those not affected by the booze were Gaew, Frank, Brian, Maureen, Bob and obviously Mam. They either maintained or achieved better scores.

#### **Results:**

Inaugral Cup (Flight A)

1<sup>st</sup> Gaew 37 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank 34 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian 34 points

Ambassador Cup (Flight A)

1<sup>st</sup> Mam 51 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen 34 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob 33 points.

DeeMed Trophy: Committee: average 28 points, the Rest: average 32 points.



Technicals:-Near Pins: Yurachatr, Orin, Nick and Roger Long drives: Joom and Pete Skinner Long Putt: Mam We also have the result for the Match Play: George beat David Lamb and goes

through to the Final, well-done George.

### Result for Monthly Medal on Sun 12 Nov at Roval

Flight A: 1<sup>st</sup> Karen H. net 68, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank net 70 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Andy net 70. Flight B: 1<sup>st</sup> Belinda net 65, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val net 72 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon net 73. Technicals: Near Pins: Karen C. Karen H. and Frank.

Long Drives: Karen H., Ray Coleman Long Putt: Ray Coleman. Congratulations.

### Upcoming fixtures for December & January 2007

#### January:

Samaary	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Hassell Monthly Stableford; Royal Lakeside – tee off at 12 pm
Sat 13 & 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Royal Trophy (Europe vs Asia)
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> :	PWC Bangkok Golf League at Legacy
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Seara Match Play final at Royal Ladkrabang - tee off at 11.30
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Medal at Royal Ladkrabang – tee off at 11.30
February:	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Club's Day at Kiarti Thanee – tee off at 11.29
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Hassell Stableford at Royal Ladkrabang – tee off at 11.30
Sat 17th :	PWC at Legacy
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Match vs British Embassy, Dhaka at Royal Ladkrabang – tee off at 11.30
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Medal and AGM at Royal Ladkrabang – tee off at 11.30

Great events you should not miss, so please sign up. We also welcome new members to our fun and adventurous events: let our Captain, Brian Brook, or Vice Captain, Peter Skinner, know of your wishes to join or send an email to bbrook@loxinfor.co.th or bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk Please check our website for further details: http://www.geocities.com/ bcgolfsociety/.

A note of appreciation: Loads of thanks to Val Ashman for her time in editing Orin's articles and to stand in for the write up in Orin's absence. She is currently too busy with the moving of their two houses. Also, thanks to Belinda for temporarily taking Val's place.

Orin Baldwin Belinda Skinner

## NEW COURSES FOR 2007

#### SWIMMING WITH BANGKOK DOLPHINS - FRIDAY

STARTS 19 JANUARY 2007 [10 WEEKS] 3500 baht.

2.00-2.30	Beginners (3-4 yrs - Non swimmers) 4 Vacancies
2.30-3.00	Beginners (3-4 yrs - Can swim a little) 4 Vacancies
3.00-3.30	Intro Strokes (4-5 yrs) 4 Vacancies
3.30-4.00	Toddlers with Parents (18-24 mths plus) 6 Vacancies
4.00-4.30	Stroke Improvement (5-6 yrs) 4 Vacancies
4.30-5.00	Stroke Improvement (6-8 yrs) 5 Vacancies
5.00-5.30	Stroke Refinement 6 Vacancies

#### SWIMMING WITH BANGKOK DOLPHINS - SATURDAY

STARTS 20 JANUARY 2007 [10 WEEKS] 3500 baht.

9.00-9.30	Parent and child 6-18 m.
9.30-10.00	Parent and child 18-24+ m.
10.00-10.30	Toddlers 24-36 m. [can swim a little]
10.30-11.00	Non swimmers 3-4 yrs
	[can swim a little]
11.00-11.30	Introstroke 1 (4-5 yrs)
11.30-12.00	Introstroke 2 (5-6 yrs)
12.00-12.30	Introstroke 2 (5-6 yrs)
	[can swim 2 laps of pool]
12.30-1.00	Introstroke 2 (5-6 yrs)
	[freestyle/backstroke]
1.00-1.30	Stroke Improvement (6-7 yrs)
1.30-2.00	Stroke Correction (7 yrs)

TENNIS COACHING WITH NELSON - WEDNESDAY JUNIORS STARTS 17 JANUARY 2007 [10 WEEKS] 3000 baht.

5.00-5.45	Junior tennis (5-7 yrs)	
5.45-6.30	Junior tennis (8-12 yrs)	

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STARTS 19 JANUARY 2007 [10 WEEKS] 3000 baht.

4.00-4.45	Junior tennis	(5-7 yrs)
4.45-5.30	Junior tennis	(5-7 yrs)
5.30-6.15	Junior tennis	(8-12 yrs)

#### TENNIS COACHING WITH NELSON — SATURDAY ADULTS

STARTS 20 JANUARY 2007 [10 WEEKS]

7.00-8.00	Beginners	3500 B.
8.00-9.00	Intermediate/Advanced	3500 B.

#### SOCATOTS - SATURDAY

STARTS 20 JANUARY 2007

8.30-9.00	Walking to 2yrs	2,500 B.
9.00-9.45	4-5 yrs	3,000 B.
9.45-10.30	3 yrs	3,000 B.
10.30-11.15	2yrs	3,000 B.

#### YOGA - SATURDAY

STARTS 20 JANUARY 2007

1pm-2pm 300 B./session 1,000 B./month

### AEROBICS WITH YUKIKO CALVET (YUKI)

STARTS 15 JANUARY 2007

Every Monday and Wednesday 10.30-11.30 4,000B./course (10 sessions) Drop in 500 B./session Minimum 5 persons

AQUA AEROBICS WITH YUKIKO CALVET (YUKI) STARTS 16 JANUARY 2007

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## GOLF – ROYAL TROPHY – Europe v. Asia

The second edition of the Royal Trophy - Europe v. Asia Golf Championship - will be held on January 12-14 at Amata Spring Country Club in Bangkok, Thailand (see page 34) in commemoration of His Majesty the King of Thailand's 80th Birthday. Stewardship over the 16-kilogram solid-silver Trophy donated by His Majesty the King is the principal award for the competition.

The team captains are Seve Ballesteros and Joe Ozaki. The Europe team includes recent Ryder Cup winners Darren Clarke, Paul McGinley, Henrik Stenson and Robert Karlsson. The Asia team includes recent Tiger-tamer Yang Yong-eun who beat world number one Tiger Woods and a host of other top players to win the HSBC Champions tournament in Shanghai in November. Also included in the Asia team is Thailand's most celebrated golfer Thongchai Jaidee.

In return for helping to publicise the event, the British Club has secured 150 complimentary spectator tickets for British Club members. These are offered on a firstcome, first-served basis. Please contact Khun Bank in the office membership@britishclubbangkok.org

## Regular Sports, Games & Activities

#### Aerobics

Monday 10:30-11:30 Wednesday 10:30-11:30

#### Aqua Aerobics

Tuesday 10:30-11:30 Thursday 10:30-11:30

#### Chess

Thursday 6:00-9:00pm - Churchill Bar

#### Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - Back lawn Saturday 9:30-midday - Back lawn Sunday 3:00-6:00pm - Back lawn

#### Football

Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm Practice on the Tennis Court

#### Hockey

Thursday 9:00-11:00pm Practice on the Tennis Court

#### Rugby

Thursday 7:00-9:00pm Practice on the Tennis court

#### Socatots

Ten-week course: 20 January to 24 March Saturdays on the Front Lawn: 8:30–9:00am: Walking to 2 yrs 9.00–9.45am: 4-5 year olds 9.45–10.30am: 3 year olds 10.30–11.15am: 2 year olds

#### Spoofing

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

#### Squash

Thursday 5.15–9.00pm Mix-in And 1st Sunday of every month 10:30am-2:15pm

#### Swimming

Friday 2:00-5:30pm junior classes Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm junior classes

#### Tennis

Match Play Monday 6:00-10:00pm Mix-in All Standards Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm Friday 6:00-10:00pm Ladies Mix-in Tuesday 8:00-11:00am Thursday 8:00-11:00am

#### **Tennis Coaching**

With Nelson Thein . . . Wednesday 5:00–6:30pm: Junior tennis Friday 4:00–6:30pm: Junior tennis Saturday 7:00–9:00am: Adult tennis

#### Yoga

Saturday 1:00-2:00pm in Wordsworth Room

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Bt 4,000 for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 500 per session Bt 4,000 for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 500 per session Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 500 evening if lights needed Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 per 45 min; group session Bt 1200 per 45 min Bt 30 per 45 min Classes with Bangkok Dolphins - Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons of 30 min Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 800/hour Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning – beginner to advanced) Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Ladies clinic Tuesday mornings) Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Wednesday or Friday) Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm Hourly knocking sessions with - Khun Kaew (Bt 500), Khun Tom (Bt 400), Khun Phon (Bt 300), Khun Champ (Bt 250) Bt 1,000/month; Bt 300 per lession

All sporting activities can be booked through the Fitness Centre. For Churchill Bar games - just show up!

# SQUASH

# Squashy Bits

appy New Year all Squashies! I'm actually writing this on a dull day in early December, but when this edition of Outpost drops through your letter boxes, I'll be in Sydney, hopefully watching England clean up the Ashes. Sorry there was no Squashy Bits last month, but this month, as promised, I am delighted to offer you David Lines' story, the British Club Squash Section's new Club Captain:

### Not Just Any Old Iron Man

Disenchanted with a bootleg training camp in the Australian Outback, Shane Warne recently infamously said "As far as I'm concerned, a **coach** is what we drive to the ground in". Well, the BC squash section is different because our **coach** is both the players' mentor **and** the guy to get you to the ground! Yes, David Lines is a bus driver, still licensed to drive the number 220 bus to Headingley for the next Ashes series on Leeds City Transport.

In fact, it was while driving a bus full of kids that David discovered squash at the age of 25. He had a layover near Fernville Sports Centre where he noticed some guys playing squash, took off his shoes, had a knock around and found out that he was a natural. He was hooked on the game from that moment on.

David is a Yorkshireman through and through and I caught him at the poolside recently to tell me his story ... in between coaching sessions of course! He's proud of his heritage. His dad was in the army, a boxing champion and marksman ... "best shot in the army!" And David as a young man excelled at sports, playing for Yorkshire Colts at cricket and football for Leeds City Boys. Like most Yorkshiremen there's no chink in his armour ... although after two failed marriages to Yorkshire lasses before discovering the joys of Thailand, he grudgingly admitted that "they don't make 'em like they used to ... not like my mum!"

I've often thought that driving a bus must be a pretty tough job, having to worry about getting through the traffic on time all day, and not starting off with little old ladies half-on or half-off. But David clearly loved it. "Made friends for life!" "Just like the army ... great job satisfaction ... great sense of achievement". Certainly it was hard



work at times, working shifts, stressful during bad weather, and downright dangerous at other times, especially late at night. I would imagine David knows how to take care of himself, but even he was badly mugged at 10.30 one night, smashed in the face with a crow bar which he remembers little about. "12 months off work with my jaw wired up and teeth replaced" ... "They never caught 'im", he added David's squash blossomed at Chappell Allerton. He had the "best coach in the world" .... David Pearson, then UK's number 1 squash player. David Pearson played 39 times for England and has been SRA National Coach since 1995, since when both the England men's and women's teams have won the World Team Championship several times.

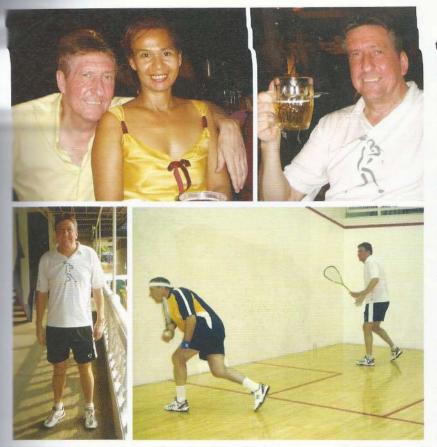
Our David was soon playing for the Yorkshire County side which plays in the Premier League of the county championship. He played for the over-35s for ten years ... the only player to play every match during that period. The 8 Premier League teams play each other during two sessions each year for the Championship. "Yorkshire were always the champions". After he passed the ripe old age of 45, David was concurrently playing for the over-45s at #1 and at #5 for the over-35s. His highest achievements were to be Yorkshire over-45 champion and play once for England over-45s. And guess what his knick name was? .... Yes! .... "Iron Man!" Eat your heart out James Quinn.

Besides driving buses and playing ball games it turns out that David is also a natural handyman/ jack-of-all-trades with an eye for opportunity. Whilst hanging around the squash clubs he had the bright idea of designing versatile vending machines which could dispense whatever items the clubs wanted ... ranging from squash balls to drinks and sandwiches. These proved a great success which led to David setting up his own company, designing and selling vending machines which he had manufactured in Spain.

And this is what brought him to Thailand 5 years ago on a 6-month contract; to set up vending machines for Orange, selling phone cards. He met Shirley and fell in love with Thailand (or was it the other way round?) He played some squash at the Ambassador Hotel and eventually met Peter Corney who introduced him to the British Club. He joined the Club and has been a regular player/coach for the last year or so. Although "retired" he still runs his own company "Vending Solutions" designing vending machines for applications all over the world.

David Lines simply loves squash and has brought huge energy to the section. He is every bit as enthusiastic about helping others improve their game as he is on playing himself. He trained under David Pearson to be a coach himself qualifying as an SRA Grade 4 coach. High standards indeed!

He is now 50, (about average for the squash section!) but is known to be often on the courts for 4 or 5 hours at a stretch, happy to play or coach anyone. Having been out of action myself for over 8 months now, and knowing how hard I have to work to prevent injuries, I asked with admiration how he avoids injury and keeps fit. Does he also work out in the gym? This elicited a wry smile "No, never been in a gym in my life. Just play squash ... some days every joint in my body aches and I can hardly get



out of bed. No point worrying about it ... 'Only Dr. Singha' ... that's my motto!"

So what plans does David have for squash at the British Club? "More friendlies" was the immediate reply. "We're playing the school teachers on 9th December ... the match against Singapore the other week was fantastic (October Outpost) and we received a very nice email from the Singapore lads thanking us for our hospitality and sportsmanship". Is the social side important to you, I asked? "Yes, and you can put this in your article. I'm not going to pick anyone who isn't prepared to stay for a drink with the opposition." Good stuff!

Beyond the Club, David is proud of the fact that this year's BC Rod Carter Open attracted 48 participants and the Club received many compliments from outside players on the quality of the tournament which he and Peter Corney had put together. He is hopeful that he will be able to help resuscitate the Thailand Squash Rackets Association League and get inter-club squash going again on a regular basis.

But aren't you worried about the future of squash? When I last organised the leagues in the mid-1980s we had 20 divisions of 6 players. Now we are lucky to have 4 divisions. "Yes, It's becoming an elite sport all over the world. It's a great shame, such a wonderful game. We're doing fine with the existing players, but we have to attract new and younger players."

David brings a breath of fresh air (well

fairly fresh!) to the Squash Section. We are lucky to share his talents and love of the game and to have such an excellent coach. He deserves all the support and encouragement we can give him as our new Squash Captain. He has already made a huge difference to many of the Club players' games. He is currently coaching Thailand's number 1 player, Chatchawyn, winner of the Rod Carter this year and the King's cup for the last 7 years. His coaching services are available to all, whatever experience, including beginners. Now there's a great idea for a New Year present!

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For me though, squash will never match my affections for cricket and I'm looking forward to our annual fixture in Chiang Mai in January. David is in the line-up. "Haven't played since my school days. Medium pace bowler. Put ball on't sixpence. Let't batsmen get themselves out. Good cover fielder. Never dropped a catch in my life". Eeh that's a

Yorkshireman! I can't wait.

Thanks David. Top bloke!

#### **League Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of October League # 212: Division 1. David Lines, 2 Shiraz Poonevala, 3 John Speake

Happy Squashing

**Jack Dunford** 



Quote of the month:

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The great part about tennis is you can't run out the clock ... As long as we were still playing, I had a chance.

### Andre Agassi...

## AWAY TENNIS MATCH v. ROYAL THAI NAVY (Saturday 25th November 2006).

With the festive season already well underway, it was with some difficulty that we managed to assemble a team of just 10 men and 7 ladies to take on the might of the Royal Thai Navy Team at their riverside venue. For the event those few participating members served us very well and although there was no formal tally, when all was said and done, the BC Team clearly came out ahead. Well done all! The Navy Team presented us with many new faces and it was evident that there has been a generational shift with more, younger players participating than in past years. Navy requested that the oldest pair from each team should kick off the event which meant that Bruce and Hanao had the dubious honour of easily qualifying for the BC, going on to win comfortably 6-1 against the Admiral and his partner, with numbers of years spare to boot!

The evening's most significant BC winner was Marcel who won all 4 of his matches. Marc N. came a close second, equal with Kn.Yubharet, the outstanding BC ladies player. Both managed to chalk up 3 wins each out of their 4 matches played. Well done both. Play continued at a good pace with the 'One Standard Set' format played on 6 courts, allowing all players who stayed the distance to participate in at least 3 matches with very little waiting in between. Such waiting that did occur was taken care of by copious amounts of Thai style food and drink including beer for the boys, served on site throughout the entire match. This formula was definitely a no-brainer for the BC boys, whose tennis got better and better in direct proportion to the quantity of beer consumed, rising



At Royal Navy



Group Photo

precipitately as the match proceeded into the late evening.

'Flushed' (a most appropriate term) with success, our honourable Chairman Marc N. was all in favour of converting BC's future matches to this formula but minus the food, as he opined that the positive results would come even quicker; at least for the men. However he is still working on the appropriate formula for our ladies who still exhibit an overall tendency to lose matches which they should have easily won! Watch this space. Our two youngest team members made a significant contribution to our efforts, Natacha (13) and Anais (11), both giving good accounts of themselves, each winning and losing one match. Certainly they will be big assets to BC tennis teams in years to come.

In fact it is now possible to see a very promising future indeed for our BC ladies team over the next 2 to 5 years with a number of really talented junior players on our books who are all likely to remain with us for the long term. All this is in addition to a number of new lady members emerging on the scene who can be expected to add additional strengths. Hopefully our senior ladies will take heart from this upcoming support and will be spurred on to even greater efforts to improve their match play. Royal Thai Navy had once again provided us with an excellent opportunity of playing competitive tennis in a very sociable atmosphere and consequently we all came away having had a very enjoyable time. Thank you very much indeed Royal Thai Navy.

## **TENNIS**

### TAKING ON THE JAPANESE on November 18 at

the British Club was no stroll in the park, as they say. Fiercely competitive and full of enthusiasm and support for fellow-teammates, the hard-hitting Japanese proved to be tough competition. Some fifty tennis buffs representing the Japan team and the BC along with their offspring - jammed the sala until well past dark. Back on the courts after a long maternity leave, our own Neesa put on a gritty performance, but, sadly, she lost 4-6, despite hustling her opponent into tight spots on many an occasion. We all saw more than flashes of her old brilliance and are certain that once the rust has been removed, she'll be leading BC ladies' tennis on to new victories! Bravo Neesa and Welcome Back. Marc, back in action after a long hiatus due to tennis elbow, lost a heartbreaker 4-6 to his opponent. Emma and Marilyn, paired for the first time, dropped a set (5-7) they know they should have won. Maybe next time they will! Scott and Hanao emerged victorious, 6-4, in a closely contested game that put the BC back in the winners' column. Enrique won his singles 6-3, but when paired with Phairoj, dropped the doubles match 2-6, a stunning upset for the top BC pair!! A lovely buffet dinner served in the Lord's restaurant to all the participants allowed us ample time to wind down and get to know each other a bit better. The Japanese team captain offered the BC a friendship plate that has already found its place in our trophy case. Many thanks to our guests for a fun-filled, spirited afternoon of tennis. We certainly look forward to a rematch! Many are hoping that a new format would allow for more matches, as well as more mixeddoubles competition.

December brought the holidays and the delightful Christmas Ball that saw some 20 members of the Tennis Section and their spouses gathered at table No. 8. But this busy season also saw, last but not least, one final outing in 2006 for BC tennis section members: a mixed doubles team event out at Mung Thong Thani featuring 6 teams from Bangkok's premier sports clubs, including our own BC!! Read more about these matches in the next issue of the Outpost....

2007: The Tennis Committee is committed to offering its members a maximum number of opportunities to enjoy and improve our games. In mid-January, we are scheduled to play Silom Open, so watch for details. The Sunday morning team practice, once on the wane, has come back to life, drawing plenty of players to the courts starting promptly at 9:00. Monday and Friday night mix-ins are also enjoying great success. Check the notice boards behind the courts for information concerning upcoming events....

## Enrique's Tip of the Month:

Want to keep the other player off balance? It is all about the depth of your shots, not the power; keeping your opponent 4 to 5 feet from the baseline will make them tired, feel off balance, and keep them in the defensive playing mode, giving you the time and the chances to later on play angles or come to the net. Practice keeping the ball 3 feet from the baseline, even if it is not with too much power it will make your opponent tired and open up angles you can use later in the point to make winners, even if the angle you use is not acute, by keeping your opponent far behind the baseline will let you use more of the court to win the point ... well, unless you are playing Nadal, but then again, if you are playing in a tournament against him then you wouldn't need to read this tip... so set up and practice with a purpose every time you go out there on the court!



Steve & Birnie



Marcel & Marc

The Tennis Section wishes all its members and their families, near and far, a very happy and healthy New Year, along with penetrating forehands, blistering serves, punishing vollies.....well, we can dream, can't we???

**Bruce Gordon and Marilyn August** 

# Long service by BC staff



T is time at the Club to say good-bye and good luck to two of our long-serving members of staff, Khun Arpha and Wanchai, who happen to be brother and sister.

Khun Arpha is currently our longest serving member of staff, having worked continuously at the Club for a whopping 39 years!! Khun Arpha started way back in May 1967 (when I was 3!!!) and has always worked at the poolside. She was promoted to Poolside Manager in 2001 when the previous manager retired, but has now decided it is time for a well deserved rest where she can put her feet up.

Khun Wanchai is a relative newcomer, only working here since March 1992. However he was also part time for the previous 8 years . . . Wanchai is mostly behind the scenes working in the maintenance department but he has also been an important member of our team who helps with the set-up and clearing away at all the Club's events and members' functions.

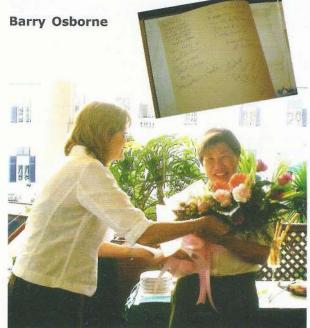


On behalf of all the members here at the Club, we would like to wish you well on your muchdeserved retirements.

On Friday December 15th a party was held in the Silom Sala to say farewell to Khun Arpha, better known to many as Khun Aoy, who has worked at the Club an amazing 39 years. The Sala was full of members who came along to say good bye. Many members recalled stories of how Arpha had taken care of their children when they were young and now they are grown up, at university, married . . . Khun Arpha has certainly seen many changes over the years.

Angela Daniel, Club Chairman, made a speech to thank Arpha for her loyalty and hard work and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Many members also signed a special edition of the Club's centenary book, which was given as a present to Arpha.

Good luck and enjoy your retirement, Khun Arpha.



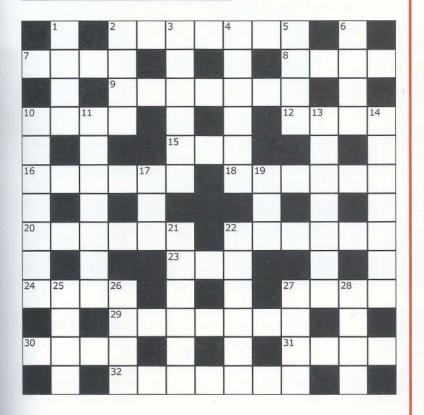
On 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Club held a special Long Service Awards and Staff Retirement party for the Club's long-serving members of staff. Congratulations to the following staff members who received long service awards:

- 1. Mr. Chanupan Nanna 15 years
- 2. Mrs. Achara Ngamramai 15 years
- 3. Mrs. Pensri Prungpor 15 years
- Mrs. Thamrongluck Moonmud 15 years
- 5. Mr. Banharn Suporkam 10 years
- Mrs. Arpha Aunchanbutr retiring after 39 years
- Mr. Wanchai Rittirak retiring after 15 years and 7 years part-time

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# **Crossword** Competition

## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



## **December Solution**

Across: 1 Chest, 5 Abbot, 8 Ate, 9 Allot, 10 Egret, 11 Idi, 17 Ewer, 18 Oar, 20 Dodo, 21 Alias, 22 Iron, 23 Are, 24 Alto, 27 Eli, 31 Sprig, 32 Toast, 33 Ace, 34 Trite, 35 Idler.

Down: 2 Hell, 3 Swot, 4 Stud, 6 Begs, 7 Obey, 11 Isolate, 12 Israeli, 13 Devil, 14 Tenor, 15 World, 16 Donor, 19 Air, 25 Spar, 26 Pint, 28 Luck, 29 Road, 30 Isle.

Be the first person to submit the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine.

The crossword 'holiday blues' are upon us! There was no correct entry for the December crossword, so Billy Beefeater gets to drink the bottle of wine.\*

\* just kidding

### Clues

#### Across

- 2 Affectionate slang term for an old person.
- 7 Molten rock.
- 8 Suspicious . . . like the smell of an \_\_\_\_\_ rag!
- 9 Going at full speed.
- 10 "Hell is a \_\_\_\_\_ much like London." (Shelley)
- 12 In a state of curiosity.
- 15 Whiskey popular in the U.S.A.
- 16 "What they hear, they do
- 18 He's a Tar!
- 20 You will hang like an \_\_\_\_\_ on a Dutchman's cheek." (Twelfth Night)
- 22 A dog on the farm.
- 23 A Zodiac sign.
- 24 It's a trademark.
- 27 Blow your own trumpet.29 Iced dessert for a famous dancer.
- 30 I do know the very \_\_\_\_\_ of his dog." (Ben Jonson)
- 31 "The \_\_\_\_\_ is but the Guinea Stamp." (Robert Burns)
- 32 Portable light.

#### Down

- 1 Dress on the Sub-Continent.
- 2 On one's guard.
- 3 Something put in.
- 4 "Phone for the fish \_\_\_\_\_. Cook is a little unnerved!" (John Betjeman)
- 5 System of exercise.
- 6 "They \_\_\_\_\_ serve who only stand and wait." (old saying)
- 10 A friendly drink?
- 11 Giving a hand-out for a service.
- 13 He's a punter.14 A pick-me-up from the Far East.
- 17 "For him she had given her on earth." (Byron)
- 19 Self-estimation.
- 21 A sporting side.
- 22 A wild canine.
- 25 Lear's Old Man With a Beard feared "two \_\_\_\_\_ and a hen."
- 26 October birthstone
- 27 Bran mixed up for the farmer's store.
- 28 In the old story, Charley's \_\_\_\_\_ came from Brazil.

# Reciprocal Club Benefits

As an active British Club Member, you are entitled to enjoy the full use of other associated club facilities around the world. This month we feature the reciprocal club . . .



The Doha Club



he Doha Club was established by the State of Qatar in 1977 to provide recreational and leisure facilities for top government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and business leaders and their families. It currently has a membership of over 900, drawn from 23 different nationalities.

Much of the Doha Club's character is owed to its unique location on the fringe of Doha Bay, overlooking the turquoise waters of the Arabian Gulf. Epitomising the country's unique blend of traditional and modern, the Club's 4.5 acres offer its members state-of-the-art facilities yet in an atmosphere of traditional hospitality and with a view of wooden sailing dhows plying their traditional fishing and trading routes out into the Gulf . . .

Unlike many top clubs around the world which offer only limited, specialised facilities, the Doha Club successfully combines a wide variety of functions and caters to both corporate and individual clients. Its international chefs have developed an enviable reputation around town, and the Club's gourmet outlets are unsurpassed. The Club has, on occasion, catered to the Queen of England and the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Club's new Olympic-sized swimming pool is heated in winter, chilled in summer and has an adjoining children's pool with water features.

**Club amenities include:** Members lounge, bar, library, TV lounge, Internet cafe and business centre, children's creche and amusement area, ballroom & function rooms, multi-purpose theatre/cinema. **Dining:** Al Nakeel (The Palms) offers some of the world's finest cuisine and wonderful bay views; Al Dar family restaurant with Arabic/Asian menu; Al Makhan (The Place) - candlelight dining and a gourmet menu; The Pavilion Coffee Shop - seats 150 with extensive menu. **Sports facilities**: Health and Fitness Centre with training and fitness equipment, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and plunge pool, 7 floodlit tennis courts, 2 squash courts, 1 multi-purpose court, 4 snooker tables, football ground, badminton court.

Website: http://www.qnhc.com/dohaclub.html



For more information please contact the Membership Department at **membership@britishclubbangkok.org** If you regularly visit an overseas club that is not already reciprocal with the British Club, please do let the Club know and we will see if reciprocation can be arranged.

# and GOODBYES

#### Welcome Aboard!

Please join us in welcoming the following new members and their families. We look forward to seeing them around the Club.

- 1. Peter & Ineke Cook
- 2. Alan & Amanda Innes
- Leonard & Sheila Davies
   Lyndon & Susan Gordon

- Gerald & Gail Wright
   Nigel & Pooky Burton
- 7. Claire Travers
- 8. David & Nimmanorradee Upson
- 9. Martin & Angkana Carey
- 10. Kenneth & Kristin Wilson
- 11. Johan & Phatthawan Vermeiren

#### Farewell and best wishes to ...

- 1. Peter & Georgette Williams
- 2. Wai Yat Paco & Saengchan Lee
- 3. Martin & Rachael Wayman
- 4. Rodney & Pranaiya Ritson

- Simon Flint
   Alec & Tha Napier
   Stephen & Marion Gabbott
   Robert & Janet Redman
   John & Caroline Sigalos

- 10. Peter & Robyn Schwarer

# **CHRISTMAS ART** COMPETITION



#### **Highly commended**

'Santa on the Beach' by Mimi Thomson (aged 7). Well done, Mimi - there's a "runner-up" prize waiting for you - just contact Khun Barry or Ben to collect it!

Many thanks to Oliver Knapp (aged 7) for your masterpiece (Billy's favourite!). It's not exactly a Christmas painting, but it's so good that we hope to feature it in a later issue of Outpost!

And to all those who submitted works of art, thank you for participating. We'll be having more art competitions this year at Outpost, so keep your eyes peeled!

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