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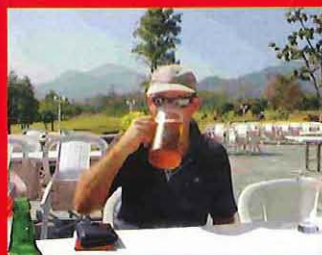
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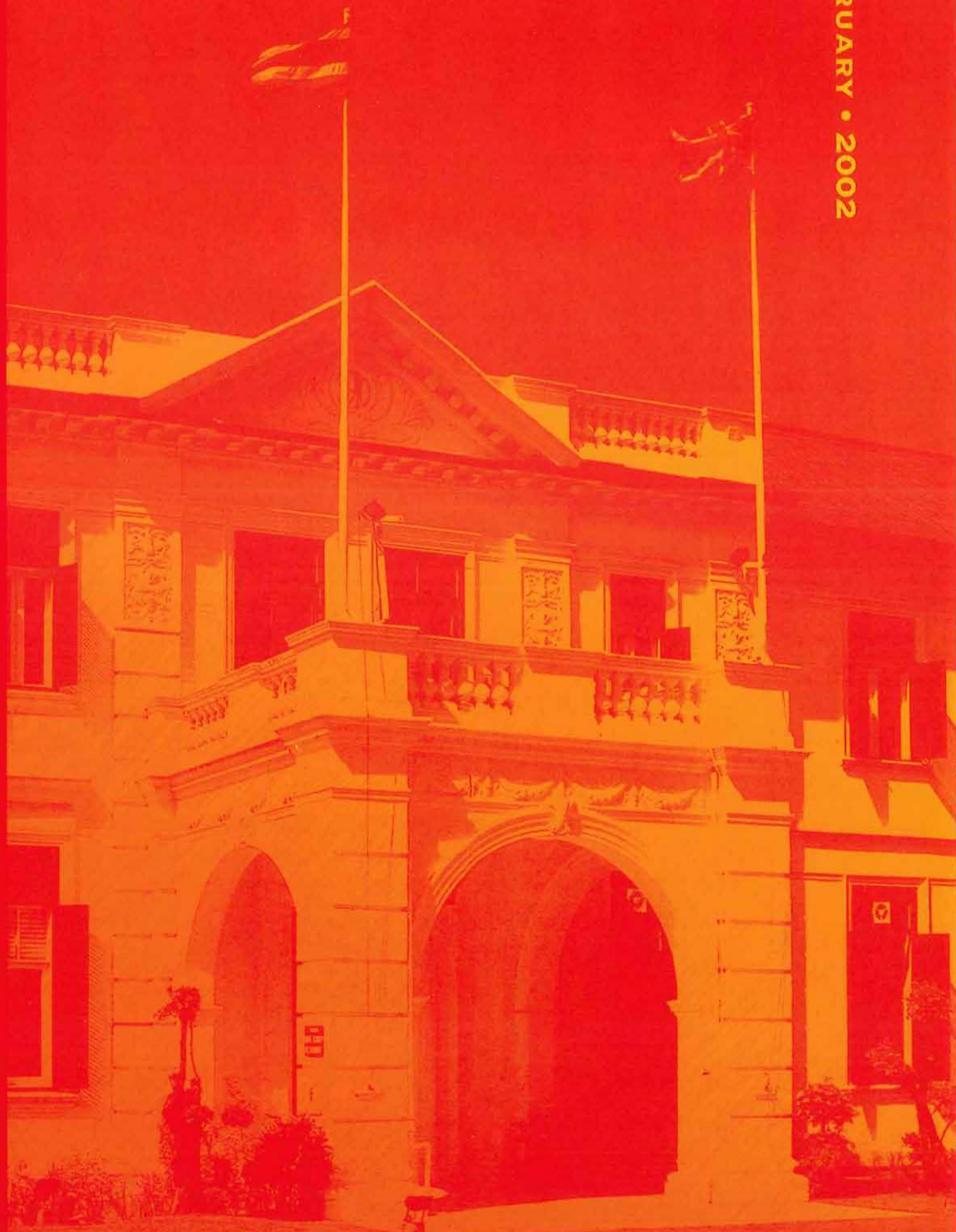
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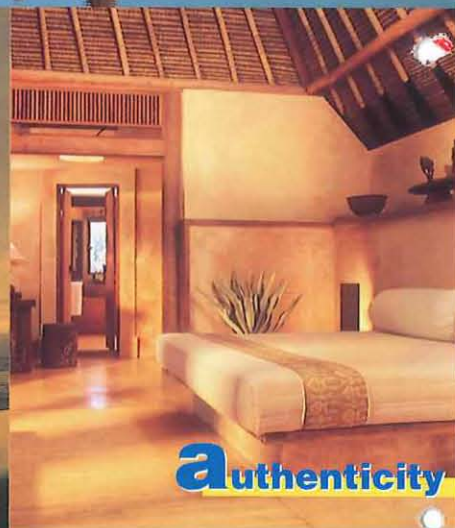
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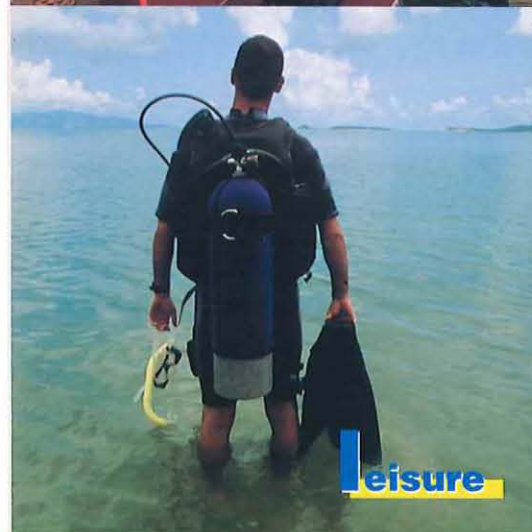
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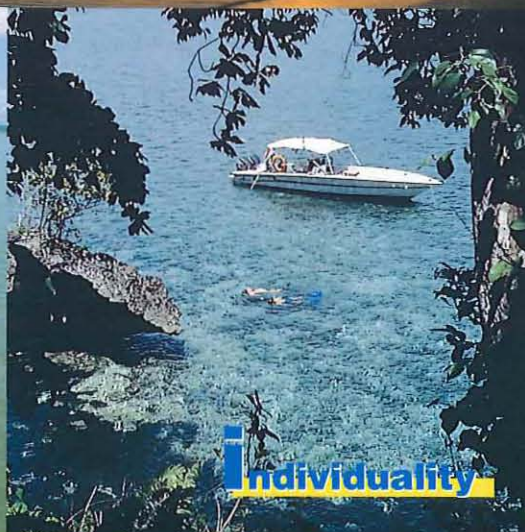
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GM'S BRIEF



Willem T.P. Pentermann

Dear Members,

Welcome to the Year of the Horse for those of you who celebrate the Chinese New Year. This month we are organising a host of interesting activities to keep the whole family entertained: a day trip to the Tiger Zoo, ballroom & latin dancing lessons, a 'high-tech' bar quiz and a special food promotion featuring cuisine from Austria. You can find all the details in 'What's On' on page 8.

For those Members who let their budget run out of control over Christmas and New Year, you may be interested in the bar accumulator. The prize money is mounting so why not turn up at the Churchill Bar on Wednesday evenings at 7.00 pm. Remember, you have to be there to win. I am also pleased to announce that we are holding another Club Manager's Night on Thursday, 28 February from 7.00pm onwards in the Churchill Bar where you can enjoy a complimentary curry buffet and drinks at Club prices. I look forward to seeing you there.

SPORT AND RECREATION

On Sunday, 3 February we are organising the first swimming gala of the year. You are all welcome to come along and watch the fun, and support the young competitors.

We have already received a lot of interest in the swimming, cricket and tennis lessons but there are still a few places available. If you want to join in, registrations are still being accepted at the Fitness Centre on a first come first serve basis.

During the school mid-term break at the end of February we are organising a sports camp for all the children who are staying in Bangkok during this holiday period.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

We are making progress with the development of the new building on the back lawn. Display panels have been placed in the reception area of the main Club House and Members are invited to take a look at the proposed plans. As soon the final plans have been approved by the General Committee, they will also be placed on the display boards. Members will be notified at that time and given the opportunity to provide feedback.

GUEST REGISTRATION

Just a quick reminder to all Members that guests have to be registered in the guest registration books. These can be found in the Suriwongse Sala and in reception at the Club House. Thanks for your help on this.

Again welcome to the Year of the Horse and I hope to see you soon at the Club.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'WTP', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Willem T.P. Pentermann
General Manager

CALENDAR

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - February 2002



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

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

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

BWG Mahjong
Happy Hour
Tennis Team Practice
Happy Hour II

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.00 am
3.30 - 6 pm
5.10 pm
5.30 pm

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

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

Squash Coaching
BC Swimming Instruction
Happy Hour
Happy Hour II

MAKE A NOTE!

3 Feb	Swimming Gala
14-15 Feb	Austrian Food Promotion
16 Feb	Tiger Zoo Safari
22 Feb	Australian Wine Tasting
22 Feb	Bar Quiz
25, 27, 28 Feb, 1 Mar	Mid-term Sports Camp
27 Feb	Networking Night
28 Feb	Club Manager's Night

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Cricket	Andre Tissera	0 2238 2718-21
Darts	Fitness Centre	0 2234 0247
Football	Martin Conisbee	01 829 7185
Golf	Karen Carter	0 2285 6169
Spoofers	Steve Eaton	0 2237 9262
Rugby	Jon Prichard	0 2662 6376
Scuba Diving	Peter Gary	0 2634 7799
Snooker	Khun Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	Peter Corney	01 829 2253
Tennis	Anton Bontje	0 2211 9550

Loyal Societies

St George's	Angela Stafford	0 2632 0560 x 3037
St Andrew's	Jim Napier	0 2617 9620
St Patrick's	Ian Kane	0 2678 1813 x 1738
St David's	Gareth Hughes	01 859 6140

Venues

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

Opening Times

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

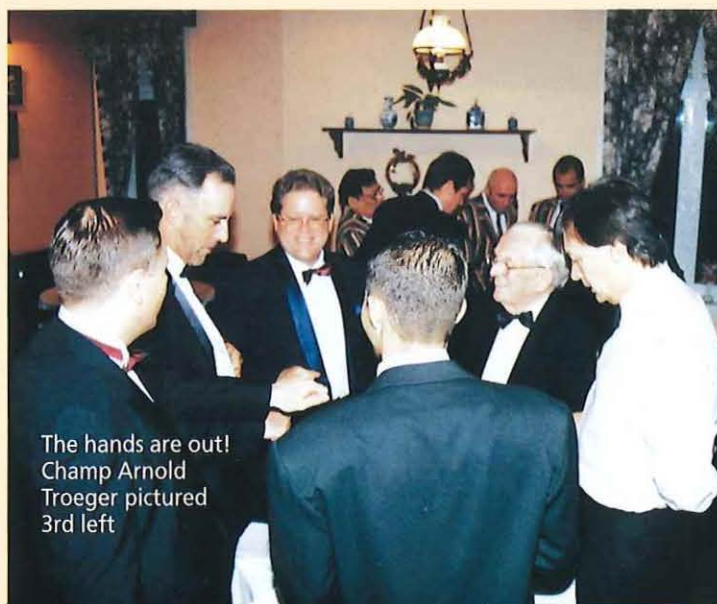
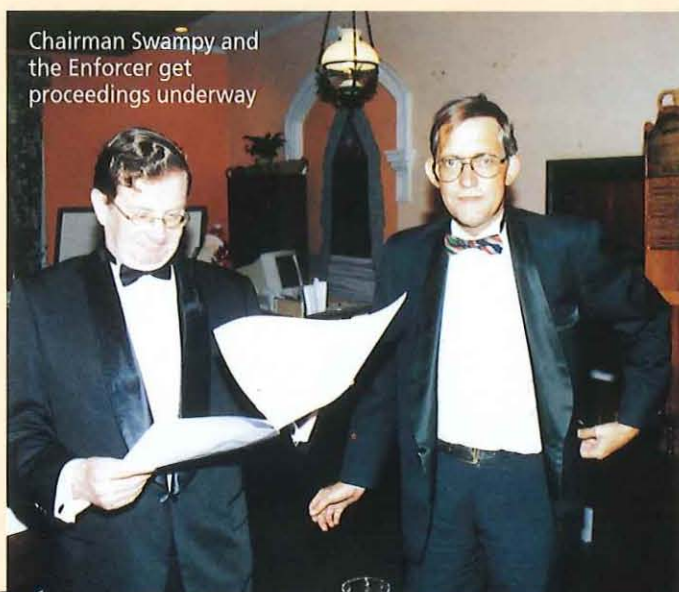
ZOOMING IN...

A Spiffing Good Spoof

On 4 December 2002, 23 Gentlemen gathered in Lord's Restaurant to compete for the 13th Thai National Championship. Seven former Thai National Champs were present and we were honoured with the presence of guests from France and New Zealand. The ages of the Spoofers ranged from a boyish 30ish to a veteran 87 years of age. Numerous fines of bottles of Port were (fairly) administered so that we would not go thirsty after dinner! The early rounds were the usual tough battle and then dinner was served including a delicious Beef Wellington as the main course.

On, then, to the business end of the evening – the semi-finals from which two worthy Gents emerged. Prior to the semis a Calcutta was held and Baht 20,000 was raised for the Khun Pismai Fund. The final was well fought and the score was 4-3 to the eventual winner, Arnold Troeger, the first Septic Tank Champion, who was presented with the

Chairman Swampy and the Enforcer get proceedings underway



The hands are out!
Champ Arnold
Troeger pictured
3rd left



Two former 'Thai' champions, Vince
Swift and Jon 'The Butcher' Prichard
deep in conversation

Butcher's Board which hangs in Spoofers Corner in the bar. The nationalities of winners now include an American alongside Brits, Irish, Thais and Australians. Thankfully no Kiwis have yet managed to take the trophy to the South Pole. As usual it was a splendid evening and for the thirteenth time we have a different National Champion. Spoofs are held at the Club every Tuesday and the hands are usually out around 8.30pm.

For more information contact Steve "Swampy" Eaton on 02-237-9262, email steve_eaton@ami-group.com or find him in the corner of the Churchill Bar on Tuesdays.

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WHAT'S ON

Gallop Into the Year of The Horse

CHURCHILL BAR HAPPY HOURS

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

CHURCHILL BAR ACCUMULATOR

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm

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

DANCING

*Tuesday February 5, 12, 19, 26
7.00pm - 9.00pm*

Ballroom Dance - Waltz away your Tuesday nights in February. Lessons will be given by Bangkok Dance. A Dance Party will be held on March 5, where you can put your new-found skills to the test! An absolute bargain at B2800 per person.

Latin Dance - Tuesday March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 7.00pm - 9.00pm After Ballroom Dancing, you will of course want to get to grips with Rumba and Cha Cha Cha, so come along and join in the fun. Stun your friends with your moves at the end-of-course Dance Party on April 9! B2800 per person.

For both of the above dance courses a minimum of 10 students is required, maximum 20.

The end-of-course dance parties are open to everyone, regardless of whether they did the course.

SWIMMING GALA

Sunday, 3 February, 8.30am

Sign up at the Fitness Centre for the first Gala of the year. The registration fee is B200 per child.

AUSTRIAN FOOD PROMOTION

Lords Restaurant

Thursday 14 & Friday 15 February

Join us in Lords for a taste of Austria. Our culinary team will put together a tempting buffet featuring recipes from Austria, complemented by a choice selection of Austrian Wines.

B600 per person (for buffet only).

TIGER ZOO SAFARI

Saturday, 16 February

Grrrrreat fun to be had by all the family on this special British Club outing to the Tiger Zoo. Don't miss it or the kids will never forgive you. We'll leave the Club at 9.30am, returning at 5.00pm.

Price Adults B850

Children aged 3 - 12 years B600

Children under 3 years of age go free

The price includes entrance fee, lunch and transportation from and to the British Club.

AUSTRALIAN WINE TASTING

Friday, 22 February

Wordsworth Room at 7.00 pm

Sponsored by Cannon Pacific Co. Ltd, this tasting features Black Opal and Wolf Blass wines. Complimentary cocktail food will be provided.

BC BAR QUIZ

Friday, 22 February

Suriwongse Room at 7.30pm

High-tech Bar Quiz with 4 rounds of 15 questions and a lot of Audi-visual presentations and sound tracks. Quiz Master Mr. Rodney Bain will test you on general knowledge, sport, history, Thailand and a whole lot more. The registration fee is B100 per player, maximum 6 players per team. Sign up at reception.

MID-TERM SPORTS CAMP

25, 27, 28 February & 1 March

How do you keep the kids occupied during the mid-term break? It's easy.... send them to the Club for daily (tiring!) sports activities from 9.00am – 4.30pm. The fun includes: tennis, cricket, squash, movies, ball games and swimming. The cost is B3000 per child, meals included.

NETWORKING NIGHT

Wednesday, 27 February

Suriwongse Room at 6.00pm

The Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with The British Club are delighted to invite you to a Networking Night, providing an excellent opportunity to meet friends and business partners. Drinks are available at Club prices together with complimentary cocktail food.

CLUB MANAGER'S NIGHT

Thursday, 28 February at 7.00pm

Informal get-together in the Churchill Bar where all Members are welcome. Enjoy a complimentary curry buffet and beverages at Club prices. Just come along, meet fellow Members, and let your hair down!

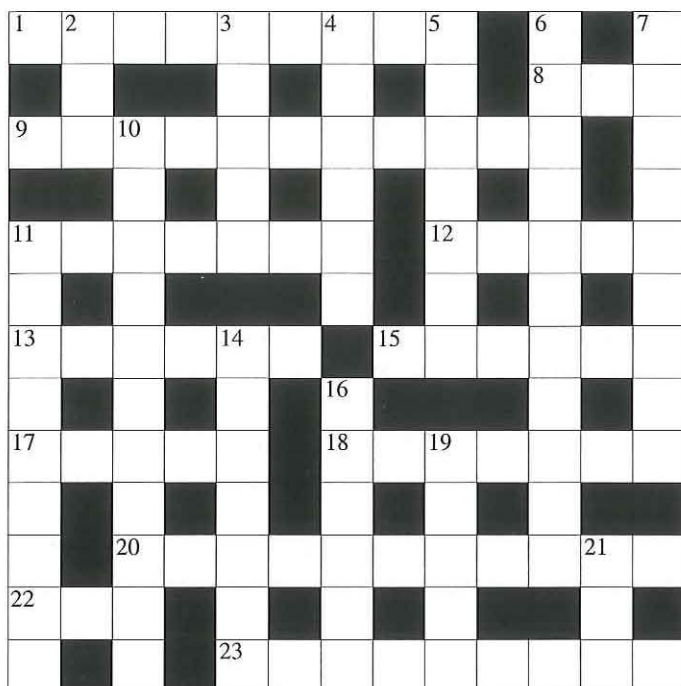
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SOLUTION TO JANUARY'S CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD

A Puzzling Invention?



Compiled by Margaret Miller

ACROSS

- 1 New Yorker Walter Hunt was paid enough to settle a \$15-debt when he invented this useful item in 1849. (6,3)
 8 This body is responsible for monitoring working conditions worldwide.
 9 This essential item of present-day life was first produced by the American Intel Co. in 1971. (7,4)
 11 What you might say to yourself when you've made a bloomer! (5,2)
 12 It came back to the world in August 1945.
 13 What can we do if we don't like it! (4,2)
 15 Twist and roll about - in pain?
 17 She hosts a popular American T.V. Chat Show.
 18 Blimp was the archetype in the British Army!
 20 How the Bayeux Tapestry was made.
 22 The invention of 1 Across improved on this.
 23 Trimmed with tufts.

DOWN

- 2 He insisted he was "The Greatest!"
 3 A bit sticky!
 4 "The Lover" and "Night" were two of the plays he wrote.
 5 Not much future for this poor chap! (2-5)
 6 It was invented in Chicago in 1891, originally for use on shoes. (3,8)
 7 He invented the Hovercraft in 1959.
 10 Both Allied and Axis Soldiers sang of her in World War II (4,7).
 11 Was invented in America in 1928 to hold things together!
 14 Hinder and restrain.
 16 Makes off at top speed!
 19 You might find one in the soup bowl.
 21 A famous First Lady.

Compiled by: Margaret Miller (M37)

DECEMBER'S TINSEL TEASER:

I have to own up... I lost the December solution so felt duty-bound last month to offer one of my own fine vintages as a reward to anyone who could provide the right solution for publication in this month's issue. Well, the bottle of wine remains safe in my cellar, as no-one came forward with an answer... No-one, that is, except Margaret Miller and Ken Airey, both of whom deserve disqualification: Margaret on the basis that she compiles the crossword each month, and Ken because he's my husband and it's his bottle of wine anyway!

Okay, okay, I relent... Margaret, please step forward and receive a well-deserved bottle of the best. You've earned it, so give me a call on 0 2285 4721-3. Judith, Outpost Ed.



SPORTS UPDATE

Keeping up The Good Work

**DON'T LET THOSE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS SLIP (AT LEAST NOT JUST YET!).
WE HAVE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN TO ENJOY.**

MID-TERM SPORTS CAMP

25, 27, 28 Feb & 1 Mar

Daily from 9.30am - 4.30pm

Guaranteed to keep the kids fully entertained during the holiday. Tennis, swimming, ball games, cricket, lunch, movies and much more is on the agenda. Registration can be made at the Fitness Centre. The cost is B3000 per child for the 4 days.

TENNIS COACHING

With Eric Delacollette-Lejeune

Eric is looking forward to meeting you on court where he'll be delighted to help you improve your game, whatever your standard of play.

Eric coached for the Belgian Tennis Federation for 4 years, teaching children aged between 7 and 14 years of age, and has also worked as tennis coach for Club Med in Greece, France and Phuket.

If you would like a private lesson with Eric, please book through the Fitness Centre. Alternatively there are still a few places available in his group tennis lessons on Saturdays where he coaches students in the following categories:

MINI-TENNIS	9.00am - 10.00am
BEGINNERS	10.00am - 11.00am
INTERMEDIATE	11.00am - 12.30pm
ADVANCED	14.00pm - 15.30pm
COMPETITION	15.30pm - 17.30pm

For those tennis enthusiasts who just need some hitting practice or game play, remember that the Club's resident 'hitters', Khun Kaew, Khun Tom or Khun Bee are available for hourly sessions. Contact the Fitness Centre for bookings.

AQUA AEROBICS

Mrs. Els Van den Broecke is the Club's resident Aqua Aerobics Instructor and teaches in the main pool from 10.30am - 11.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The charge is just B200 per hour and you can register at the Fitness Centre.

AEROBICS

Please sign up at the Fitness Centre for classes on Wednesdays starting at 9.30am.

JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING

with Australian Coach Mr. Brian Wiggings

Children in the age range of 7-15 years are welcome to join in and will be categorized by age and ability. Interested parties can register at the Fitness Centre.

DARTS

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

YOGA

Held in Squash Court 3 on Tuesdays at 11.30am and Sundays at 4.30. Yoga is believed by many to provide numerous health benefits using control techniques over the mind and body.

GENTLEMEN'S SPOOF

Join in with the gents on Tuesday evenings in the Churchill Bar

BRIDGE

Enjoy a friendly game of Bridge every Tuesday evening in the non-smoking area of the Churchill Bar. Refer to the Calendar page for contact details.

BANGKOK DOLPHINS SWIMMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY CLASSES

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

SATURDAY CLASSES

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

It's not too late to join in these classes - just contact the Fitness Centre for details.

BC NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION



Festivities, fun, fireworks, free drinks (until midnight), what more could a New Year's Eve reveller want? Judging from the photographs, everyone had particularly a 'merry' night aboard the Chao Phraya Princess, successfully 'seeing-in' 2002.

Sherry Conisbee

Golfing Heaven – And Hell

MEDAL FINAL

It's that time of year again, the days of slow-motion golf when, following coach-loads of Japanese around the course, a game can take over six hours and is about as much fun as toothache. So it was at Lad Krabang on 23 December when the Medal Final was contested. Whether it was an accident or pure greed (you are invited to select the more likely scenario) the course was wildly over-booked and after waiting 55 minutes to tee off we were treated to a 3 hour front nine. Admittedly the back nine was a good deal quicker because the thirty Japanese golfers causing the traffic jam had started on the 10th tee (didn't it occur to the *!?!? management that these people were eventually going to get around to the 1st?) and we had a clear run after the turn. The only saving grace was that the course was in excellent condition (despite some grumbling about 'fast greens') and the weather fantastic – I don't care if Jo Goodcliffe did get goosebumps from the 'cold' – I loved it.

"A" Flight: A memorable battle saw Bryan Dodd triumphant; six down at the half way point he shot a two-below-par back nine finishing with 3 birdies to leave Gareth Sampson wondering what he had to do to win. A gross 78 was easily good enough to give Bryan the Lowest Gross Prize for the day. "B" Flight: This was an equally close fought contest between Larry Goodcliffe and Paul Jensen and it went right to the wire. In fact it was a dead heat but Paul scraped home on 'countback' to take the trophy.

"C" Flight: Not such a cliff-hanger here although it wasn't until late in the game that Mick Murphy pulled ahead of the field to score a win. He had a great day, shooting his first ever sub-100 round (99) which also gave him the days Lowest Net Prize.

Our Captain spoke to the course manager about the delay and I have to say he looked very pale and shaken... Unfortunately it wasn't the BC who put the wind up him (we were terribly British and queued more-or-less patiently). Not so the Korean party behind

us – they threw all their toys out of the pram and were threatening to torch the clubhouse if kept waiting one minute longer. I rather enjoyed listening to it all, who says Orientals are inscrutable?

THREE CLUBS AND A PUTTER

With so many people out of town on New Year's Eve it was decided to have a 'fun' day at Muang Kaeow and a 'Three Clubs and a Putter' match was arranged. The format speaks for itself - competitors take three clubs of their choice and see what they can score in the way of Stapleford points. What was a surprise were the results achieved:

Carol-Ann Eastgate romped home in first place with an impressive 44 points; Guy Snow, Charles Skinner and Angela Poustie all shared second place with 39 points each – which is a good bit better than most of us can do with a full bag of clubs.

Equally thought-provoking was the time it took to get around the course, under 4 hours – and this on a public holiday. It just goes to show how much time is expended trying to decide what particular club to use and, in view of the results, what a waste of effort?

It was good to see some old friends again at Muang Kaeow. Mike and Angela Poustie were visiting from Indonesia (they hope to be returning to Thailand permanently when Mike retires this year) and also present was their son Chris. A warm welcome back to Eric Hudson, an ex-BC Captain, and John Sands. We hope to see more of them both in the future.

Everyone agreed it had been an excellent day and it's to be hoped that this match will become a fixture on the BC golfing calendar.

KHAO SOI DAO

The first golfing weekend of the New Year saw us visiting Kao Soi Dao on 5 January. If the name is unfamiliar it's probably because the course is located a good 3 hour drive from Bangkok, down past Chantaburi and – understandably – not one we've visited before. But it is very well worth the effort

although it's obviously more suited to a weekend of golf than a day trip.

Due to 'lingering guest syndrome' many of our stalwarts felt obliged to stay in town and entertain their soon-to-depart visitors. Consequently only 16 of us met up in the clubhouse on the Saturday morning for the first round (there's a very good hotel attached to the course so this was planned as a two day event). The format chosen was 'Pairs Combined Stapleford' and after a certain amount of jockeying as everyone tried to avoid partnering Phil Hall (who had a dreadful cold – I have seen people in worse shape but they were already dead) we tee'd off a little ahead of schedule.

If you were there you know how good it was – if you missed it, well sorry, but it was the kind of golf you only see in your dreams after a heavy dinner. The course was excellent; wide, manicured fairways and testing greens all set in the most spectacular mountain scenery with the occasional river and waterfall to add colour. Throw in perfect weather, no pollution and hardly anyone else on the course and you have the recipe for golfing heaven. Fantastic!

The first day ended with Karen Carter and Jerome Kelly in a commanding lead with 67 Stapleford points (it may have been pretty but it wasn't easy) and we all headed into dinner feeling very pleased with ourselves.

There was a flaw of course. Being 'remote' may have many advantages but entertainment was noticeably lacking – so we made our own. After a session of charades (surprisingly inventive after numerous post-dinner cocktails) Chris Crowley appointed himself Quizmaster and we had a spirited 'Brain of Bangkok' contest. I'm not sure who won but at that late hour it didn't seem to matter.

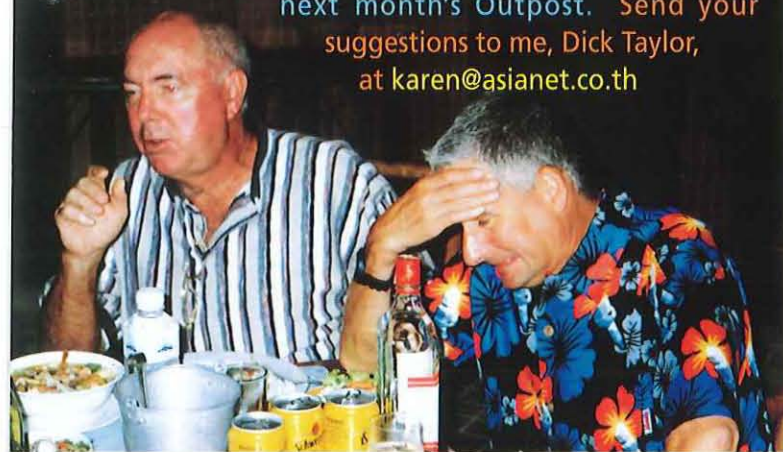
Next morning there were a few thoughtful faces at breakfast but the cool, fresh air was a great tonic and we were soon underway. Sunday was a happy reprise of the day before; again we romped around the course enjoying wonderful golf along with the spectacular

GOLF - CONTINUED

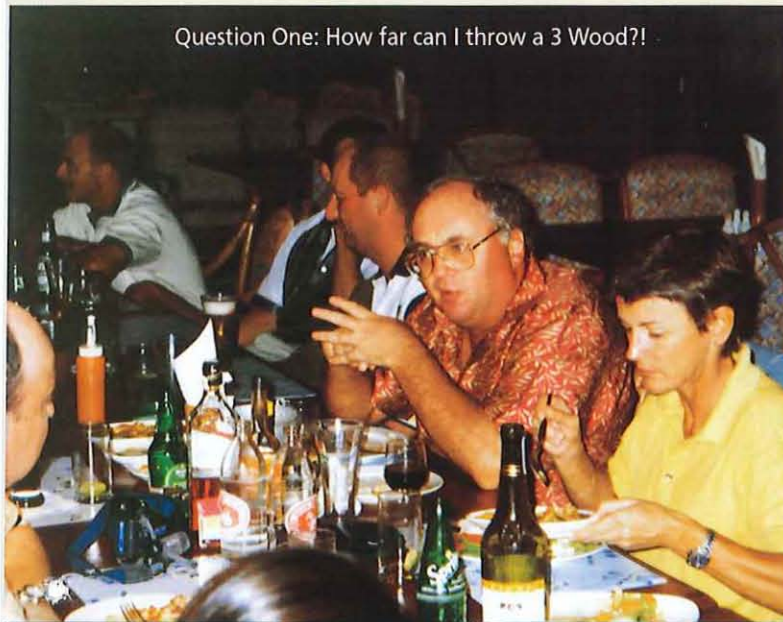
CAPTION Competition

Well, you can see for yourself... it's a photo of Larry Goodliffe!

Readers are invited to submit the most fitting caption, the best (or least libellous) of which will be printed in next month's Outpost. Send your suggestions to me, Dick Taylor, at karen@asianet.co.th



Question One: How far can I throw a 3 Wood?!



PARTY TIME AT KHAO SOI DAO

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scenery and basking in the winter sunshine. Best of all we were back on the clubhouse terrace by lunchtime celebrating our slightly more respectable results – the exception being Andy Flynn who was drowning his sorrows (I don't have the heart to tell you his score) and Chris Crowley who was seen carrying out buoyancy trials in the lake by the 12th tee – and yes, Three Woods do float.

The final result showed a clear win for Brad Weatherstone and Bryan Dodd - our 'real golfers' - with 130 points (KC and JR faded badly); the individual prize going to Carol-Ann Eastgate (70 points) proving that she can use all her clubs if she has to.

The package was for 'unlimited golf' but maybe it was the mountain air that tired us out or the thought of the long drive back to Bangkok but for once there were no takers for 36 holes and so, after finishing lunch (and agreeing that we have to play Kao Soi Dao again) we said our goodbyes and set off homeward feeling that maybe life isn't so bad after all.

FLOWER BEDS

Many golf courses (understandably concerned at the time and expense of maintaining them) permit a 'free-drop' if your ball lands in a flower bed - it will say on the scorecard under 'local rules' if this is the case. As might be imagined this has led to some lively discussions in the past as to what exactly constitutes a 'flower bed'.

I asked the USPGA for some guidance but as there is nothing in the Rules of Golf that allows relief from flower beds of any description they felt unable to help. After some discussion the Committee offers these guide lines:

1. Is there a well-defined border delineating the 'flower bed' from the surrounding area?
2. Is the plot 'maintained' i.e. is it regularly weeded or dressed?
3. Are the plants decorative or ornamental and 'introduced' i.e. not a natural part of the course?
4. If the plants were damaged, would the grounds keeper replace them?
5. Most importantly, do the plants require protection (the whole point of the rule)? Some trees and bushes meet all the above criteria, having a cleared area at their base, but are of such a size that they're obviously not in danger from a careless back swing.

These are only proposals (all suggestions/additions gratefully received) and common sense should usually resolve the situation. However if an agreement cannot be reached (for example during a competition) then the match should be continued and the matter referred to the Starter on your return to the clubhouse.

NB: Asking your caddy for a ruling is not really an option (she wants her tip). If you're seeking 'local' advice, it's fairer to ask your opponent's caddy whether relief is available.

Dick Taylor

XMAS BALL

The Club's Xmas Ball went off in style again, with a record attendance of 344 members and their guests. Everyone was treated to a sumptuous Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and a soothing orchestral serenade to complete the mood. Then, replete, it was time for the happy throngs to dance the night away to the lively sounds of DJ Paul Jackson.

Judith Airey



XMAS BALL



CRICKET

Dick Wood Revisited

JANUARY 20 2002

Dunford and White, Molloy, Tissera, Hastings!
It can't be Thompson, Sinclair-Jones and Hall!
Check out the photos fading in the Churchill
Keep checking and I'm sure you'll find them all.

With Saba, Tee and Rut to make eleven
Out on the green arena strode they all
Oblivious of years too few or many
Dauntless alike with bat and gloves and ball!



Through sixty overs, out and in, they battled,
Replying run for run and ball for ball
O'ermatched at last but never overshadowed -
Put Doctor White these words to Mr Hall:
"Hey, David, we're in Chiang Mai, playing cricket,
You can't ask more that!" So say we all!

...And so we did: The Dick Wood Trophy - Gymkhana Club vs British Club, an ancient fixture, back on the calendar at last. GC won in the end - they generally do - that makes it 20-9 overall, but it was a fine game: Gymkhana 244-3 (Trais 53*, Penney 52*, Monaghan 44), British Club 196 (White 63*, Tissera 55, Hall 20) for the record.



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SQUASH

Phil Signs Off

Due to Xmas and New Year hangovers, we missed publication in January! So, can I take this opportunity to welcome you to a new year of squash at the British Club.

We have a lot of new members and will have to work hard to follow the successes of 2001, a year when we had more touring groups than we have seen in years, plus our own tour to Singapore.

The fixture list for 2002 will be posted on the board by Court 1, and will also be sent out by E-mail to those on the list.

154th League

League	Winner
1	David Eastgate
2	Chaturan T. (Ja)
3	Charles Whitely
4	Duncan Ramsey
5	David White
6	Chris Browning
7	Jonathon Speight

Trophies can be collected from the Fitness Centre.

Good to see a few new names in amongst the winners in leagues 5, 6 and 7, and with Karim back in town and Steve Bell finding his fitness, we may soon see some new names at the top, as well as in the club competitions next year.

COURT MAINTENANCE

Court 1 was out of action for about 2 weeks from December 17. Christmas is a time when many members go home on leave, so it's a good time to do those things that have to be done from time to time. The end result was that new lights have been fitted to make it brighter and safer. All we need to do now is recess those fans into the ceiling! The court surrounds and lines have also been painted to improve the effect, but I am not sure about the 'burgundy' coloured lines – personally I find them a bit hard to see the ball against, so expect more 'Yes Let!' calls from unsure referees.

BC VS BC SINGAPORE

Following our recent road trip to Singapore, we hosted a return match against our namesakes, the British Club from Singapore. A very enjoyable evening resulted in a win for the British Club (Bangkok, of course!) by 5 matches to 3.

THE WINNERS AND LOSERS WERE:

COLIN HASTINGS	W 3-1
PETER CORNEY	L 3-1
TOM LIVINGSTON	W 3-0
CHARLES WHITELEY	L 1-3
MARVYN LEWIS/BRIAN MITCHELL (MARVYN WAS INJURED AND BRIAN TOOK OVER HIS GAME)	W 3-1
IGNACIO SERRANO	W 3-0
DAVID MASON	W 3-1
JAMES CROSSLEY-SMITH	W 3-1

Each team presented their Club shirts to their opponents (oohh, smelly!!!!) and several beers and a lovely curry buffet were enjoyed by everyone.

POLO CLUB CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

As part of their Centenary celebrations (and just to prove they are a few years older than us!) the Polo Club held a team competition. They tried to fool us, as normal, by only sending the entries out about 2 minutes before the close, but this time we were able to get a representative team together even at short notice.

The British Club Team comprising David Eastgate, Steve Bell, Steve Harvey, Chris Browning (a new member) and Tom Livingston finished runners up. The Winners were Vajiravudh School Old Boys (commonly known as the Thai National team, past and

present), so our lads did well to come in second. Thanks to David Eastgate for getting the team together.

We can invite them back next year when the BC holds its Centenary.

AGM AND BELATED XMAS PARTY

This is starting to sound like a stuck record in Marvyn's disco, but for the second year running the annual Xmas mix-in and party has been postponed due to lack of interest. Like last year it will be held in conjunction with the AGM instead. Put the date of March 3 in your diary. Mix-in will start at 1:00pm and the AGM will be at about 5:30pm. The record so far is 15 minutes for the AGM, so don't be late. Free food and drink for all – not bad for 15 minutes work.

SHIRTS

The new BC squash shirts are in the Fitness Centre, go and check them out. They are really well made and will be good over the winter months, but perhaps a bit warm for April. I wore mine in Taiwan and really looked good advertising the club – get yours today!

FAREWELL!

This will be my last Squash report for *Outpost*, so I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. No, I'm not leaving, just transferring my allegiances to my other sport for the next 12 months, so you will find me on the golf course more than the squash court. See you around.

**Keep squashing,
Phil Hall**

EDITOR'S NOTE

PHIL, A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE TO ENSURE THAT A SQUASH WRITE-UP APPEARS REGULARLY IN OUTPOST. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE SECTION STEPPING FORWARD TO CARRY ON WHERE YOU HAVE LEFT OFF (PLEASE!!)
.....JUDITH.

Members Movements

PLEASE WELCOME

Stuart Anderson
Wendy Napier-Walker
David Smith
Yang Moh
Adrian O'Brien

Henry Joensen
Christopher Michaelides
Andrew Roberts
Stephen Simmons
Wai Yat Paco Lee

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Jennifer Tian
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Vimlesh Khemani

Frederic Resta
Roy Chapin
Jane Allison
Peter Gary
Roger Winter

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO:

Craig Cornelliuss
Peter Davey
Christopher Staton

Simon Hales
Peter Norris
Marc Sculthorpe

Robert Hill
Simon Vickers
Helmut Kreher

Kieran Calder
Andrew Orr
Noelle Prince

PHOTO EXHIBITION

"ANKOR - REVEALED"

by Paul Beiboer

23 February - 15 March 2002

at Rotunda Gallery, Neilson Hays Library 195 Surawongse Road, Bangrak, Bangkok

An exhibition of black and white photographs, by the well respected Dutch photographer Paul Beiboer, will be shown for the first time in Bangkok at the Neilson Hays Gallery, February 23 - March 15 2002. This powerful yet elegant collection of photographs portrays the people and temples from Angkor Wat. Each image pays homage to the ancient, while transporting the viewer into a serene and spiritual environment.

Paul Beiboer, known for his photographic documentation of Asia, has had previous gallery exhibitions in Jakarta and Singapore. Born in Wamena, West Papua, Indonesia, Paul has always felt great ties with Asia. After having made several photographic journeys through Asia over the past 15 years, he has lived in Hong Kong, Jakarta and now resides in Bangkok.

Over the years, Paul developed a distinctive creative style, and is best known for his unique talent of capturing people and their culture in their natural surroundings. His preferred medium is the power of black and white, which best portrays to him moods and expressions whilst encouraging the viewer's imagination.

Numerous photographs from his collection have been selected for travel magazines, travel books, such as the Insight Guides and business publications.

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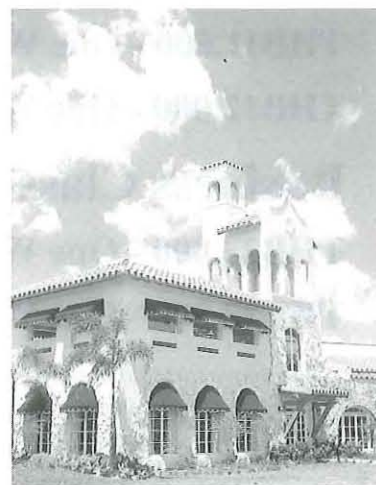
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BC CENTENARY 2003

BANGKOK Travel with the Cost of Living

The capital of Thailand, spanning the Chao Phraya River, is a port with an important purpose as a transportation centre. A horse tramway opened in 1887, and Bangkok opened the first electric tram system in Asia in May 1894. King Chulalongkorn extended the service with a second company on Oct. 1, 1905, just a few years after the British Club opened on Silom. Eventually the city of Bangkok had eight routes, 48.7 km of track, and 206 trams. Bangkok also had two suburban electric railways, enabling the general public and members of the British Club to go upcountry easily. The Paknam Railway, Thailand's first rail line, opened on April 11, 1893, connecting Bangkok with the Gulf of Siam, a 21 km route with 10 stations, the line began opposite the central railroad terminal and

IMPORTANT TIMES FOR BANGKOK TRAMWAYS

September 22, 1888 - Mr. Alfred John Loftus (AKA Phraya Nithetcholthee) opens a horse-drawn tramway line from City Pillar to Thanon Tok

Circa 1888-90 - Ownership transferred to Bangkok Tramways Co. Ltd. - a British company - Employees were members of the British Club

May 23, 1892 - Ownership transferred to a Danish company

April 11, 1893 - Pak nam Railway opened for service

May, 1894 - Opens for service as an electrified tramway with Belgian and German rolling stock and electric power from Siam Electricity Co. Ltd. - Employees were members of the British Club - a Danish public utility company - the street cars were painted yellow

November, 1900 - Merged with Siam Electricity Co. Ltd. to become a subsidiary company

September, 1901 - Samsen-Hua Lamphong line opened, powered by Bangkok Electric Light Syndicate Co. Ltd. (later on Samsen Power Plant)

April 1903 - British Club opens on Silom - then considered the diplomat and new area of Bangkok

October 1, 1905 - Bang Lamphoo - Hua Lamphong line opens for service with a royal opening ceremony performed by King Chulalongkorn - this line was controlled by Siamese Tramways Co. Ltd. founded by Prince Narathip Pongpraphan

February 1, 1908 - Bangkok Tramways Co. Ltd. becomes a major shareholder of Siamese Tramways Co. Ltd.

May 5, 1927 - Merged Siamese Electricity Co. Ltd. with Siamese Tramways Co. Ltd. to form Siam Electricity Corporation Employees were members of the British Club

September 28, 1939 - Name changes to Thai Electricity Corporation

January 1, 1950 - Nationalized to Bangkok Municipal and the Department of Civil Works, Ministry of Interior runs the services

December 19, 1961 - Cabinet Resolution states that all Bangkok tramways must close for good

1965 - Samsen line closed

October 1, 1968 - City Circle closed

October 1, 1968 - Bangkok Tramway ceases operation

Travel was becoming easier, but to put things in perspective, here is the cost of living in Bangkok in 1941 and early 1942. Please note however, that for members of the British Club to purchase essential imported products, this would cost a lot compared to local produce.

In a recent interview, long time resident of Bangkok and member of the British Club John Michael Ball, who came here in January 1958 explained further: "The cost of living was generally regarded as quite high because as regards local housing that was very, very cheap as was local food such as rice, noodles, vegetables and fruits and I remember the local meats, there was a lot of buffalo meat. Other than local produce all sorts of things had to be imported that we completely forget about these days. For example the trading company I worked for Anglo Thai they had agent's for toothpaste and baby power, all had to be imported either from the UK, the States or Australia. I remember they were the agents for craft cheese, the only cheese you could get was in a tin. Butter was in a tin and it used to melt, reharden, melt and it would come out a funny, rancid yellow colour and even fresh milk was almost unobtainable locally and it came in milk powder which you had to mix yourself. So a lot of things we treat certainly not as luxury's but as necessity's had to be imported with very high import duties and that's why some people then considered Bangkok a relatively expensive place to live compared with Singapore or Hong Kong which were very much British colonies in those days."

BY SARAH ALLEN, BRITISH CLUB CENTENARY 2003 SUB COMMITTEE

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followed Rama IV Road and the Hualampong Canal south of the city. Bangkok's other suburban line, the Meklong Railway, connected the Thon Buri section of Bangkok on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River with the town of Ma Klong.

COST OF LIVING LATE 1941- EARLY 1942

- Tickets for a local cinema - 10 satang for 1st class 6 satang for 2nd class Tickets at a new cinema - 24 satang
- 2 duck eggs - 3 satang
- Daily allowance for a boy in the 11th or 12th grade - 15 satang
- Month salary of a clerk at the Royal Irrigation Dept. - 20 baht
- Monthly rent for a townhouse in front of Rachinee Royal Seminary - 11 baht
- Ice coffee with fresh cow milk in Bangkok - 6 satang
- Black ice coffee, from the most popular coffee shop- 5 satang
- Glass of black ice coffee from a coffee stall - 2 satang
- Ice coffee with milk - 4 satang
- Ice cocoa (ovaline) - 6 satang
- Monthly salary for Privates (Royal Thai Army or Police) - 11.75-12 baht
- Monthly salary for a janitor at a district office - 14 baht
- Monthly rental of a wooden house - 15 baht
- 2nd Lt. (Royal Thai Army or Police) - 80 baht
- Private servant - 30 baht
- Rental for a single block townhouse in Nakhon Pathom - 4 baht a month
- Monthly salary for head of a Muang District - 150 baht
- Monthly salary for a man with a Bachelor's Degree - 80 baht
- Monthly salary for a doctor - 120 baht
- Meal for a family (a husband, a wife, and 2 children) - 50 satang
- Phadthai with an egg - 6 satang
- 10-year-old girl plus her younger sibling sold by her mother to become beggars - 35 baht
- Short time with a prostitute - 75 satang
- 1 rai of land around Phra Khanong - 8 baht
- A pair of combat boots - 1.75 baht
- A bowl for noodles - 5 satang
- Rice with green curry and half a boiled egg - 6 satang
- A full egg - 6 satang
- Carton of Red Lion cigarettes (20 pieces) - 8 satang
- Carton of Red Bull cigarettes (10 pieces) - 10 satang
- Canned cigarettes (50 pieces) - 50 satang
- Book of matches (50 matches) - 1 satang
- Glass of ice water - 1 satang
- Public toilet fee at Memorial Bridge - 1 satang

BC QUIZ NIGHT

Everyone's a Winner

The new-style Bar Quiz was held on Friday 18 January, understandably enough not in the bar but in Lords Restaurant.

All due credit for the technical set-up: not only were the props in the right place at the right time but they also worked with great precision. On this occasion the music questions had a strong bias towards hit singles from the '60s which meant a spontaneous reminiscent sing-a-long from those sufficiently immodest about their age. No points at all, though, for those who knew the words but not who it was who sang them. The Chumps and All Rounders ran the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers somewhat

"WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF SOMALIA? WHERE WILL THE 2002 WINTER OLYMPICS BE HELD?"

close after the Spoofers were rightly docked ten points for triumphant gloating by Quiz Inquisitor Rodney Bain after they, not content with correctly answering – like the other teams – that Mars had two moons, also gratuitously and – somewhat sadly – added their names (Phobos and Deimos). Prizes were awarded to the winning three teams, which

on this particular occasion meant that no-one went home empty-handed.

The next British Club Bar Quiz is slated for the end of February: details will be announced separately. It is a team quiz with the emphasis on fun. The more, the merrier: you can enter a team of up to six participants or just turn up as a single or double at the Churchill Bar about half an hour beforehand and a team can be put together on the spot.

Back to the questions at the beginning: award yourself two points if you got the correct answers, Mogadishu and Salt Lake City, and a bonus two points if you got them in the right order.

Clive N. Butcher

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT THE BC

Thailand–Burma Railway

(1942 – 1945)

An illustrated talk
by Mr. Rod Beattie

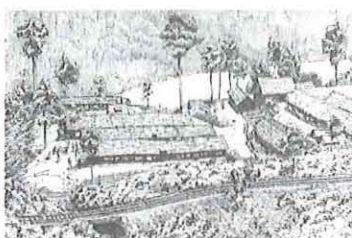
WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2002, 7.00PM SURIWONGSE ROOM

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

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

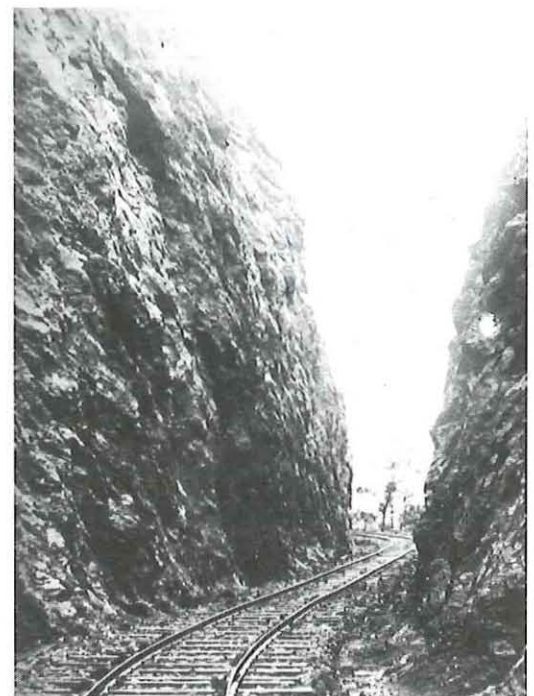
The story of what followed will be related by Mr. Rod Beattie, of Kanchanaburi, and illustrated by pictures, documents, maps and artifacts, on Wednesday, 13 February 2002 in the Suriwongse Room of the British Club at 7.00pm.

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



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

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



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To learn more, to have fun and unwind, reserve your place on the course, which will run for four Tuesdays starting on 12th February. The cost is Bt 6000 which includes all your materials.

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NEW MEMBERS

CHRIS AND LESLIE BROWNING (BRITISH)



This is the first overseas posting for Chris and Leslie, who are here with their children Emma (13) and Lucy (11) who are attending Bangkok Patana school. Leslie was a Probation Officer for many years in England, but is looking forward to a 'life of leisure' in Thailand. Chris is MD at Thai Industrial Gases, so his life does not look like being quite so leisurely. Lesley says that "he was a better

squash player when he was younger and also ran the London Marathon in a very respectable time" (what was the time? - J)

ALISON AND CALLUM DUFFY (BRITISH)



Alison, an English teacher by trade, plans to completely throw herself into Bangkok life during her time here. She has made a good start by taking up golf, that alone will keep you busy for three years! She is also keen on scuba (PADI) and keeping fit. Charity work will also feature in her schedule and she is currently deciding which worthy cause to support here.

Callum, when he's not being IT Manager for Shell, Thailand, enjoys scuba, golf, badminton, flies and football.

They have also lived in Hong Kong between 1991-1995 and plan to stay in Bangkok for another 2 1/2 years or so.

GRAHAM AND SARAH TURNER (BRITISH)



Tax specialists Graham and Sarah arrived very recently but will stay indefinitely.

They both reckon they play golf rather poorly, but I'm sure that they couldn't be as bad as Sherry down at Creative Partnership - she's always on the look out for a game so give her a call.

Football, hockey, badminton, squash, cricket and tennis are also mentioned, so they won't have time to be bored here in Bangkok.

MICHAEL AND MARLY KANACHER (GERMAN/CHILEAN)



This is the second time Michael and Marly have been posted to Bangkok. They were here for 4 years last time and are hoping to stay for "much longer" than that this time! Other postings include Germany, Hong Kong and Singapore.

They both enjoy a game of tennis and would love to join a Bridge Group so that they can develop their new-found skills.

STEPHEN AND JENNIFER BELL (BRITISH)



New arrivals Stephen and Jennifer have literally stepped off the plane for this, their first overseas posting. Stephen is Business Development Director at Morgan Price International Healthcare, whilst Jennifer spends her time creatively, listing decoupage as her hobby. Perhaps she would like to give lessons or display her work at the Club - they are always on the look-out for new activities?

Both like a game of squash and tennis, hopefully they will show their faces on one of those courts in the near future.

GARY DYCUS (USA)

Staying in Bangkok fleetingly, Gary is a Consultant with Development Alternatives. Horseback riding, foxhunting and beagling are his main hobbies.



NEW MEMBERS - CONTINUED

OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS OR SO WE HAVE HAD QUITE
AN INFLUX OF NEW MEMBERS. CHECK THEM OUT BELOW.



Christopher Parkinson &
Aurelia Lecchi



Lori & Patrick Kaye



Peter & Caroline Reynolds



Sasaluck Chokephaibulkit



Xanxai Visitkul



Walter Pickering



Simon Moran



Victor & Marie Rose
(Marie not pictured)



Barry Scaife



Kevin & Victoria Jones



Michael McDonagh &
Victoria Musgrove



Gilles & Basat Cretallaz
(Basat not pictured)



Kevin & Ruth McDonagh



Piseth Chokvathana (left) &
Chalisa Maythangul

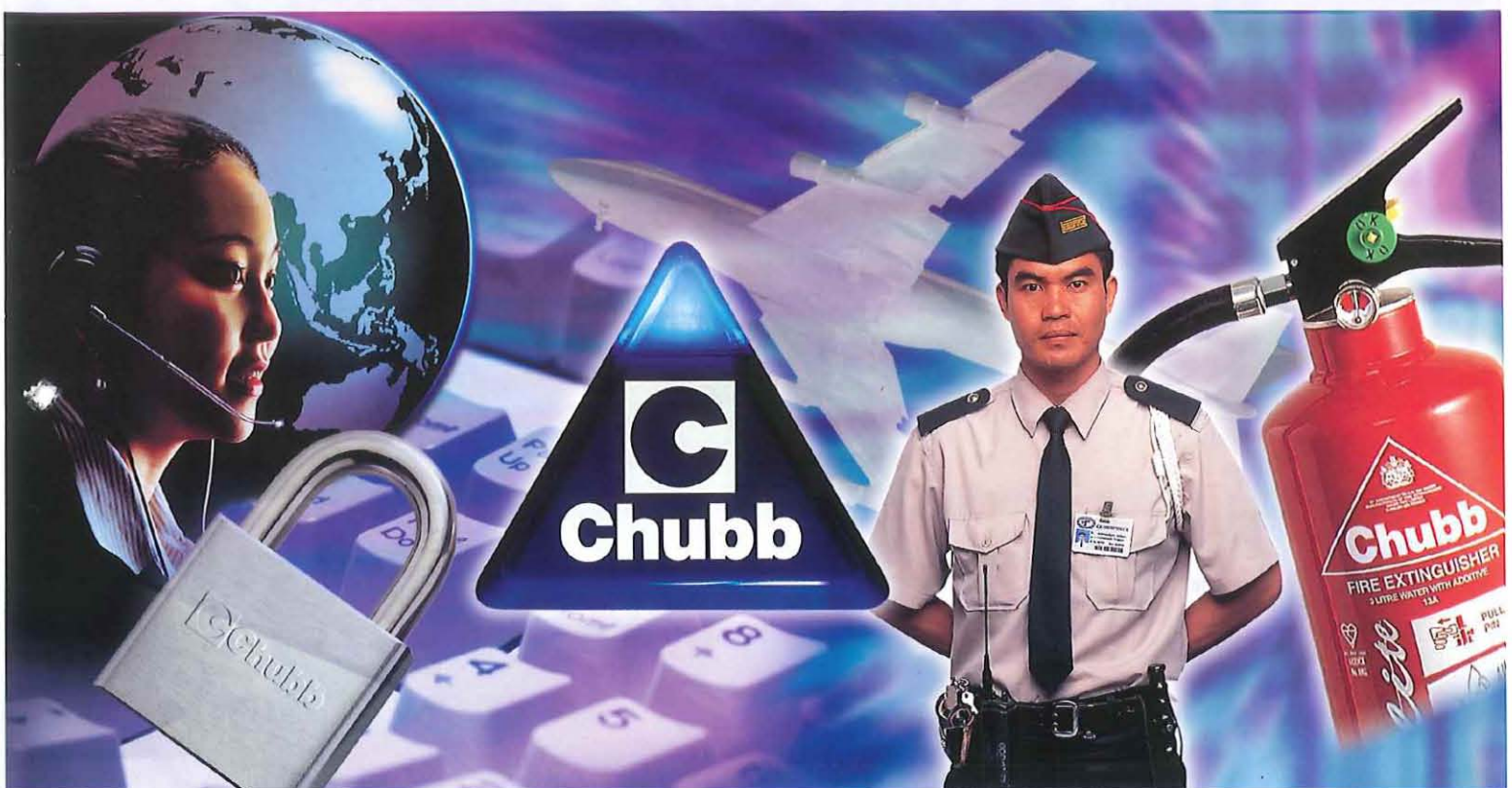


George & Katja Moir



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