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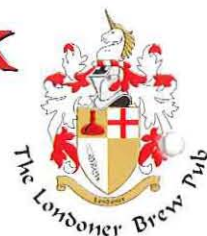
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Action on the polo field in Argentina
BC golfers waiting for the rain to pass ...
... and on the tee

New members Verena & Graham Lunney and Sarah Wickham

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Dear Members,

It is already March again and there are plenty of activities for our members. After a long and quiet period, we will start off a new Darts season in the Churchill Bar. This will be held every Wednesday starting March 7th. Sign up sheets are available at reception. The BC and the St. Patrick's Society will organise a night at the Suriwongse Room with the great Irish comedian Shaun Connors. Also, the sports sections are very active. On Sunday 11th March there will be a day tournament of the Squash Section, followed with their AGM and BBQ. The Tennis section will organise the Club Finals on Saturday March 17th and on Sunday 25th March there will be a 6-a-side soccer tournament on the grass courts.

On the development side, we will finish the Silom Sala in March. A new bar counter will be installed, new lighting, new fans and the new furniture has already arrived.

On the personnel and training side, we have implemented a new service standards programme. We believe that the general service standard at our outlets can be improved in many ways.

I would also like to introduce Mr. Shane Duncan who has joined us as Sports and Recreation Coordinator to replace Mr. Damon Nemish.

We have received mixed comments about the implementation of the new menus at the pool and Churchill Bar. We will monitor the feedback closely and certain menu items will be adjusted in the near future.

The membership is still growing, although there is a reasonable turnover of Members, mainly due to relocation to other cities in Asia and repatriations home. By the end of January 2001 there was a total of 1042 members.



Willem T.P. Pentermann - General Manager

The function season has been very successful over the past 4 months. Members who are considering organising an event, please do not hesitate to contact Barry Osborne or Khun Dong in the Food and Beverage Department.

We are working hard to improve the facilities at the Club and suggestions are always welcome from our Members.

We are looking forward to seeing you at your Club in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Pentermann', written over a horizontal line.

Willem T.P. Pentermann
General Manager

Hellos and Goodbyes

Joining the Club in January were:

Roger & Caroline Willbourn, Simon & Julia Cooper, John Brice, Stephen & Janette Manoel, Stephen & Ann Marie Moore, Kevin & Ruth McDonage, Malcolm & Arisa Moore, Charles Merrill, David Oldridge, Lawrence & Julia Janes, John & Sue Henderson, Adam & Nicola Hodgson, Stephen &



Rachel Cadywould, Salvatore Montorio, Michael & Deanne Burgess, James & Kerry Le Bouedec, Ravi & Ritu Agrawal, Terry & Sujeena Gardiner, Richard & Susan Thompson, Bryan & Rochana Lindsay

Farewell and good luck to:

Yves & Julie Saulter, Frank & Catherine Switala, Matt & Clare Burden, Philip & Wai Kent, David & Mary-Lou Herron, Keith & Valerie Salt, Sirina & Rungson Chalermkraivuth, Lynda Steward, John Houston, Avraham Manorov, Gaynor de Wit, Pierre & Florence Jaffre, John & Linda Morrison, John & Becky Rodwell, Peter & Atchara Gary, James Vessey, Pierre & Saichol Boussard.



Marching Ahead

Movie Night

Wednesday 7 March

For your entertainment we will be screening 'The League of Gentlemen', the 1960s classic starring Jack Hawkins and Richard Attenborough. The cost is Bt 250, which includes a light supper buffet. The evening starts at 7.30pm.

Comedy at the Club

Wednesday 14 March

A joint effort by the St Patrick's Society and the British Club to bring you an evening of laughter dished up by the brilliantly witty Irish comedian, Shaun Connors! Pre-dinner cocktails on the front lawn, followed by dinner and show in the Suriwongse Room. Tickets Bt 700 inclusive.



Wine Tasting

Friday 16 March

Join us for this wine tasting at 7.00pm in the Snooker Room, featuring Italian wines from Italiasia. Complimentary cocktail buffet will be available.



Bar Quiz

Friday 23 March

7.30 pm in the Churchill Bar. Make sure you have booked your places for this one folks! Usual rules – teams of 6 maximum, Bt 100 per team member.

Carlsberg Ayutthaya Trip

Date to be advised

Take a tour of the Carlsberg factory in Ayutthaya and sample their fine brew!



Tentative plans are that we will travel back to Bangkok aboard a riverboat, and serve up a delicious curry buffet. Cost yet to be confirmed. Ask anyone, this is always a memorable trip, so keep your eyes peeled for details and make a note to sign up quickly.

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 27 March

Starts at 7.00pm sharp in the Suriwongse Room. Invitations to Ordinary and Country Members have already been sent out. This is your chance to vote for next year's Committee. Anyone interested in standing on the Committee should contact the GM or the Chairman, James Young. See the Chairman's letter in this issue of *Outpost*.

Disney On Ice

Tuesday 27 March

A magical evening of entertainment. Why not bring the whole family to see "The Little Mermaid". We will be leaving the BC by coach at 5.30pm to see the show (in English) at the Muang Thong Thani Complex. Anyone interested should contact the club quickly as seats are filling



fast and there's only a limited number of seats. The cost is Bt 850 per head.

Another Easter

Eggstravaganza

Sunday 8 April

The hunt is on! Come and join us at 11.30am on the back lawn to hunt for Easter Eggs. Included in the fun is a magic show and kids lunch, followed by a kids movie. There is sure to be amusement for all!



Cast away to Koh Kred

Saturday 24 March

Join the BC on this outing to Koh Kred, the delightful island in the Chao Phraya River just upriver from Nonthaburi, which houses an old Mon community and provides an opportunity to purchase beautiful pottery at low prices. We cast off at 9.00am, enjoy a bucks fizz breakfast on the boat, and have plenty of time on the island to explore the Wats and museum and make our purchases. From there we head for the Suan Thip Riverside Restaurant where we have reserved a private sala for a buffet luncheon. For the kids there is face painting, a magic show, clowns and cartoons.

This is a wonderful day out for family and friends. Sign up at the reception or contact Barry for more information.

Back to Nature

8-10 June

Sign up for an adventurous weekend with the BC in the Khao Yai National Park. Look out for full details in the next edition of *Outpost*, but please mark your diaries now. Judging from attendance and reactions last time, this is going to be a very popular trip. Don't miss it.



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SPORTS UPDATE

Our new SRC

A warm welcome to Aussie Shane Duncan who has recently joined us as the new Sports and Recreation Coordinator. Take time to stop by the Fitness Centre and introduce yourself - he's looking forward to meeting you all and to getting to grips with everything at the Club.



Shane Duncan, SRC

Scuba

We are delighted to introduce Don Johnson, the new dive instructor for the BC's Scuba section who'll be filling in while Peter Gary is in the States. See Peter's article in the Scuba section of *Outpost* for further information about Don and please make yourself known to him if you're interested in any aspect of scuba diving.

Snooker Mix-In

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in the Snooker Room. 8.00 pm onwards, no charge for lighting. See you there!!

Tennis

Saturday 17th March

Everyone is welcome to come and support the Club's championship and plate finalists. It's always a great day with some exciting matches and a festive atmosphere.



Squash

Sunday 11th March

Tournament squash followed by the section's AGM and BBQ.

Football

Sunday 25th March

A 6-a-side veterans soccer tournament played on the grass courts. For further information contact Greg Watkins, tel: 01 845 2004.



Swimming Gala

Sunday 25th March

Starts at 8.00 am. For further details and registration please contact Michele Law (tel: 295 4595) or contact the Fitness Centre.



Darts

Every Wednesday Night

Free darts for all, who could refuse! It has been quite some time since darts was last played regularly at the Club. We want to entice as many Members as possible as our long-term goal is to join the Bangkok Darts League. See you there, in the Churchill Bar, from 7.00pm.

Write To Us



Outpost, the British Club's monthly publication, is a magazine for, about and written in part by the Club's members. Compared to other such magazines, it has enjoyed a fair amount of success over the years due largely to the colourful contributions, both written and photographic, from members.

If you have a tale to tell, a letter of praise or complaint, a poem, an interesting or funny photograph, a short story for adults or children, an urge to write about an enjoyable Club event or exciting holiday... then why not send it to us. For those members involved in a Charity here in Thailand, then we would be particularly delighted to hear a few words from you about your work. Come on, put pen to paper and send your wafflings and witterings to:

Sheridan Conisbee, *Outpost* Magazine

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or pop them in the Outpost pigeonhole at the Club

Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday 27th March. It will be held in the Surawongse Room at 7.00 pm. Under the Club rules all Ordinary and Country Members may attend. I would urge all those who are eligible to come along, or, if your attendance is not possible, to give a proxy vote to another member who will be attending or to the Chairman of the Meeting, to ensure that your views are taken into account. Please note the changes to the proxy rules that came into effect at the meeting last year.

It is also possible to transfer voting rights to your spouse. If you would like to avail yourself of this facility please contact the General Manager, Willem Pentermann.

One of the most important issues to be addressed at the meeting is the election of a new Committee. If you would like to stand for election and become involved in the work of the General Committee, again please contact Willem or myself who can explain what you need to do and perhaps more importantly, what is involved. Candidates may also stand from the floor at the meeting provided they confirm their willingness to stand either in person or in writing.

Your active participation and contribution to the debate are very welcome.



James Young, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James Young
Chairman

The British Club General Committee 2000/2001

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For the Love of the Game

It has been two years since I was last asked to write an article about polo for *Outpost*. I thought I had been let off the hook after the departure of ex editor, Gaynor, but to my dismay I bumped into Sherry and husband Martin at the airport on the way to London.

They saw me standing there with my polo gear and, sure enough, they clicked immediately. "Going for a polo vacation are we? Can we have an article again?" Well, as most of you might know, polo sticks are not very easy to hide, and there was no way I could lie. Nah, just a boring

business trip, I wanted to say, but I was caught red handed. How could I refuse? Sherry and Martin are long time dancing acquaintances of mine, and there is a sort of camaraderie between us, the 'elite' of the ballroom dancers! I'd love to write something for you, was my reply. "Don't forget to bring back pictures..." I could hear in the distance from Sherry who was maintaining her professionalism even in the late hours of the day.

Not my day

I left Bangkok for a rather long trip to Buenos Aires via London. What was supposed to be an 11 hour flight to London ended up being a 15 hour ordeal with an emergency landing for fuel in Munich,

circling around Heathrow while waiting for a two-second window to land, and then to top it all off, finding out that there was no gate to park the blasted 747. The captain summed everything up by saying, "It's not my day ladies and gentlemen. Airplane travel isn't what it used to be ..."

Asking for trouble

Finally, two days after leaving Bangkok I arrived in Buenos Aires. A friend of mine who was picking me up was late coming in. Two hours later, he turned up apologising profusely, with a nice greeting. Hola! I hope you slept on the plane 'cause I have booked a couple of nifty ponies for some stick and ball (polo language for practice). There I was, carrying half of my worldly possessions, tired, stressed, and hungry (I flew economy...) and I was now being asked to play polo. No way I thought. But it was useless refusing because something inside of me woke up, even after



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Polo in Argentina



Action!

two days of torture... the polo bug. "Yeah, all right then!! Any chance of a quick game?" I was clearly asking for trouble. I spent that day in Buenos Aires. We did go for the practice straight from the airport, literally, but I was too tired. I kept missing the ball.

By contrast lunch was a more sedate affair - a nice Italian restaurant on the banks of the river. Cool people, trendy atmosphere, wide pavements for walking. Why can't Bangkok be like Buenos Aires, I thought. The portenios (Buenos Aires residents) have this air of superiority, which is mixed with casual mannerisms, and they are very friendly. "Face" and machismo are channelled into other areas of their behaviour. People do not lose "face" if they come to talk to you first, and men and

women (even strangers) greet each other with an ice-breaking peck on the cheek. I had to leave this town fast. It was so beautiful it hurt.

I jumped on the first available plane with an airline I had never heard of, and flew to Cordoba, the second largest city in Argentina. There I was picked up by our Argentinian polo manager from the Siam Polo Club, and after a two hour drive I arrived at my destination in Villa Dolores, under the Comechingones mountain range. A very beautiful location, where the mountains provide a dramatic backdrop to polo.

Last time I wrote about my actual holiday. This time, as the title suggests, I would like to convey to you the feeling that I got from playing in this remote area of Argentina.



A budding Pro



No Mercedes on these sidelines

January is the time for estancia polo (farm polo). It is vacation time for the Argentinians, who escape the heat of the cities, and all polo players retreat to their farms to play with family and friends away from the competitive stress and expense of playing the season in Buenos Aires.

You don't need a mint...

Argentina is going through a severe recession at the moment, and this of course has been felt in the polo world. However, as all polo players are fanatics, be they professionals, amateurs, or just beginners, the welfare of the horses always comes first. Every excuse is found to divert much needed funds from other areas of recreation towards polo (to the dismay of the long suffering wives). There I was in Villa Dolores playing with people who could not afford a 15-dollar subscription for a tournament. And yet they had six horses which they took care of as if they were their children. They groomed them, shod them, fed them, and exercised them. All on their own. No need for outside help to cut costs. The clothes of the players were clean but worn and torn after years (and in some cases decades) of playing this rough game. No fancy helmets and spanking new



Old-fashioned air-conditioning in the stables

Polo in Argentina

equipment here. These guys show their prowess, guts and “face” on the field, not on the sidelines. This is where the whole of Latin machismo comes from. You have to earn your “face”. It is not automatic because you are male, rich or important. And earn it they do, fighting sometimes bloody games, crossing their sticks in fierce battles, galloping flat out, for honour, never for money. This is where your best friend becomes your sworn enemy during the game, but where all is forgotten afterwards. I found it strange that people, regardless of winning or losing, getting hurt, or just plain surviving a game, afterwards in the clubhouse were back to normal, no discussions on who won or lost, no gloating, and definitely no tears. Friendship forever. As befits the king of games.

The evenings ended with the customary asado (Argentinian barbecue) consisting of three courses. Beef, beef and more beef. There is no mad cow disease in Argentina on account of the cows being fed on grass, so I used this opportunity to eat as much as possible.

A matter of priorities

Lying under the massive elm trees waiting for the games to start, I could not help

thinking how lucky I am to be part of this game. It is not a question of affording it, and everyone who says so is at best dismissive of what it takes to play this game, and at worst ignorant. It takes time, effort, dedication, before you can even begin to contemplate whether you can afford it or not. Having a couple of horses and playing for fun here in Thailand is as affordable as going out and downing pints. So it's not a matter of money, it's a matter of priorities. I am lucky, because I live my life to the full with polo, and I have friends everywhere I go around the world. Winston Churchill, who was a fanatic polo player during his Indian Army days, once said that a polo handicap is the best passport to the world. Not because of the snob appeal, and certainly not because of the glamour. I did not see any snobs or any glamour in Argentina. We were knee-deep in dirt, mud and horse manure in between games. But it is the best passport because fellow players understand what it takes to be part of this family and appreciate your dedication, commitment and effort. It is a bug, a disease that will never go away. A drug that provides such strong emotions, that it is difficult to find anything to match it. A famous Argentinian professional once said, “I have never seen anyone getting out

of polo. You always see people coming into polo. There aren't any people who say, Oh, I don't like it, I am going to change it for another one”.

I remember a few years ago, when I was a student at the University of London, playing cheap polo. We had gone somewhere to play a practice match, and anyone could see that we were a bunch of students who could hardly afford the time or the money to play serious polo in England. Somehow we got mixed up and ended up playing a practice match with some Argentinian 10-goal handicap players (the equivalent of playing against Agassi and Sampras in Tennis, or playing with Tiger Woods in golf). As I was coming off the field, all sweaty and tired, I felt a pat on the back, and the kind words “Good game mate, well done” rang in my ears with an Australian drawl. I turned around and saw the Australian Kerry Packer (back then, one of the richest men in the world). He was on the sidelines watching his professionals play, but he still had some of his precious time for a beginner. This is what polo is all about... For the love of the game.

Nicholas Kosmatos (K112)

Scuba

In at the Deep End with Don

I would like to introduce a new addition to the British Club's Scuba diving instruction programme, Mr. Don Johnson. Don joined us on 5th February and will be filling in for me while I am in the US for several months.

Don's interest and goal in becoming a certified diver became a reality in the early eighties when he was living in Greece for four years while on assignment with Rockwell International. The only certifying agency in Greece in those days was NASDS. Now, 19 years later, Don remains dedicated to exploring the undersea world and instructing others in the sport of Scuba diving using the PADI

system. Don also enjoys teaching beyond the Open Water Diver courses including the various more advanced “speciality” courses such as wreck diving, underwater photography, deep diving, underwater naturalist, diver propulsion vehicles (DPVs), just to name a few.

If you would like a bit of advice on where to dive around the world, Don could most probably help you make a decision. He has dived in the Red Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, the Aegean Sea, the Ionian Sea, the Caribbean, several spots in Australia, the US, Mexico, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Maldives, Singapore, the Philippines, Tahiti and of course Thailand.



Don Johnson

Please let Don know if you would like to begin your underwater training, or, if you are already an Open Water Diver, why not progress to the

Advanced level and learn a few specialities that interest you. Don can be reached by e-mail at don@ddjohnson.com or by phone at 038-225364.

**Regards,
Peter C. Gary**

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Miguel and Aimee Mercado

Miguel and Aimee are from the Philippines and have been in Bangkok for one year. Miguel is Regional Account Director for Praktik Publications and expects to stay for anything from two to five years. Hobbies for Miguel centre mainly on sports, in particular soccer, swimming, basketball and tennis, whilst Aimee enjoys photography, interior decorating, arts & crafts and also tennis. They have two young children, Luis who is 3 and Rocio who is one and a half.



Aimee and Miguel

Graham and Verena Lunney

Having previously lived in San Francisco and Singapore, Graham and Verena are just settling into the Bangkok way of life, having arrived here 7 months ago. Both list golf and movie watching as their hobbies, with Verena also enjoying baking and cooking. Graham, from the UK is Managing Director for Excel (Thailand), whilst Singaporean Verena works as a homemaker. They will be in Thailand for 3 – 5 years.



Verena and Graham

Liz and Tony Keeling

Golf fanatics, Liz and Tony are in Thailand on their first posting abroad. They have four grown up children, Emma, Suzanne, Robert and Helen, all living in the UK. They are 7 months into a two-year posting, with Tony working for PTTEP as Chief of Safety Operations. Liz enjoys reading, embroidery and silk painting in her spare time, whilst Tony's other hobbies are reading, painting and travel.



Tony and Liz

Geert Warlop and Eva De Backer

From Belgium, Geert and Eva arrived last November and will be here for a year. Geert is working with the Company Orange. In his leisure time he enjoys badminton and is also into computers. Meanwhile, Eva enjoys reading, sewing, swimming and aerobics. Their children are Lies aged 6 1/2, Clouis aged 5 and Pepijn aged 2 1/2. As a family they hope to travel as much as they can and see 'a lot' of Thailand.



Eva

Marie and Philippe Wideman

Currently awaiting the birth of their first child, Marie and Philippe are enjoying being in Thailand. They are newcomers, having only been here for a month and staying for three years. They should find plenty to occupy them here, both enjoying tennis, swimming and golf. Philippe also lists jogging and paddy (very interested to hear about that one?) as his sporting interests. Philippe is Key Account Director at Linde AG.



Marie

Michael Burgay and Sarah Wickham

Brits, Michael and Sarah have just arrived in Thailand a month ago with their son Jazper, who is five. They expect to stay at least 6 months. Michael is Senior SAP Consultant at Siemens, whilst Sarah is a singer. In fact both are musical, listing singing jazz and blues and also playing harmonica, guitar and piano between them! New members for the Badminton, Bridge, Tennis, Swimming and Ping-Pong sections, they should find plenty to keep them amused at the British Club!



Sarah

Jiraporn (Ann) Heath

Student Jiraporn is Thai, she has lived in Thailand all of her life and says she will probably continue to do so! However, she does admit to living in Oz for a year on AFS, but, she says, that's about it!! She enjoys swimming, softball, working out, "trying" to play tennis, classical Thai dancing & music and she loves reading. Jiraporn will be graduating in a month or so and is looking for a job. She'll be happy to do almost anything, so, anyone out there, you know how to reach her!!



Ann

Support our AGM!

The Squash section AGM will be held on Sunday March 11th, starting at 5:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Silom Sala. Before the AGM we will hold a special Sunday mix-in, held over from Xmas, so be there about 12:30pm to register for the mix-in and express your views to the committee afterwards.

As normal there will be free food and beer for section members, and music provided by "Marvellous" Marvyn (he says). We will also announce the winners in our "name that player" competition. These will be published in next month's Outpost. This year we are planning to hold the whole meeting behind the bar, to make it look like there are more people – alternatively come along and support the section.

Central Plaza Sunday Mix-In

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| Dirk | -5 | 15 | 9 | 14 | 15 | 10 | | 63 | 3 |

4th February: A smaller than normal turnout this month, possibly because of the first Sunday being late, or perhaps it was the hangovers from the rugby the night before. Marvyn certainly didn't feel like staying around to hear the verdict on the Welsh game against England.

In the end there were six players battling it out for the chance to dine at one of the outlets at **Central Plaza**, thanks to the ever generous Martin Reid. It was a close finish, as Jack Dunford pipped Tom Livingstone by 2 points to win the dinner. Ask us nicely Jack and we won't tell the missus! Some good play by our Dutch visitor Dirk, and last month's winner Guy Hollis bringing up the rear. At least we sorted his handicap out, now how about mine.

Harold Mercer Team Competition

The annual team competition will start on 20th February. Teams will be 4 or 5 players, depending on the size of entry, matched by league. Matches will be played

on a league basis over 4 Tuesday nights, with the team scoring most game wins being the winner. This one is always good fun, so it would be good to see some new members join in. Sign up on the board by Court 1.

Coaching

Coaching can be arranged with Khun Yo, who is based at the Oriental Spa at the

Oriental Hotel. He normally coaches on Saturday and Sunday mornings and can be contacted through the Fitness Centre.

Shirts

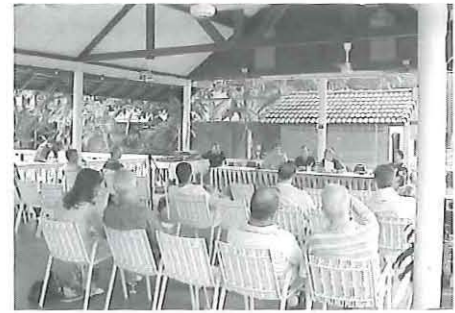
The Squash section is about to purchase a new supply of shirts. These will be available in the fitness centre or from Committee members. Just want to whet your appetite - more information and a picture next month.

Crazy Challenge Month

March has been designated "Crazy Challenge Month".

We decided that in order to shake up the ladder a bit we would have this wonderful event 2 or 3 times a year. Normally a ladder challenge is limited to players within 7 places above you, except for league and non-handicap tournaments, but in March anything goes - anyone can challenge anyone, anytime.

This is the first time we have tried this, so who knows how it will go, but give it a try.



Last year's AGM. Hoping for a better turnout this year!

League Changes

Always trying to make things more interesting (or is that confusing?) we will experiment by reverting to an older format in the leagues for two months, starting March 1st. There will be 5 players per league and the league will run from 1st to 31st March, with "no extensions" guaranteed because the next league will start on April 1st! This means more leagues of fewer players, so don't complain about going down – it's all relative. We will be posting a comments sheet by Court 1 or you can send your comments by e-mail to Peter Corney on peter@acapacific.co.th

Another Milestone

We are currently running League 146, so in a few short months we will reach the milestone of League 150. If anyone has any ideas for anything special to celebrate this let us know by contacting Peter (see above)

or myself at philhall@postmaster.co.uk

Junior Coaching

With the successor to Damon having only just been found for the Club, resumption of junior coaching must unfortunately be delayed until Shane has been given a chance to settle in. Apologies on this one, we will update you as soon as we know more.

Road Trips

There are plans for another trip to Pattaya to play squash, and perhaps a little golf against the lads from Pattaya Sports Club, and we are still hoping to take a team to Singapore. Watch this space for further details.

Happy Squashing
Phil Hall

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Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - March 2001

Sundays



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

Mondays



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

Tuesdays



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

Wednesdays



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

Thursdays



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

Fridays



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

Saturdays



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

MAKE A NOTE!

MARCH

- Wednesday 7 March
Movie Night - The League of Gentlemen
- Sunday 11th March
Squash Tournament and AGM
- Wednesday 14 March
Comedy at the Club with Shaun Connors
- Friday 16 March
Wine Tasting
- Saturday 17th March
Tennis Championships
- Friday 23 March
Bar Quiz
- Saturday 24 March
Trip to Koh Kred
- Sunday 25th March
6-a-side Football
- Sunday 25 March
Swimming Gala
- Tuesday 27 March
Annual General Meeting
- Tuesday 27 March
Disney On Ice

APRIL

- Sunday 8 April
Easter Egg Hunt

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE "WHAT'S ON"

Sports - Contacts

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Aquatics | Michele Law | 295 4595 |
| Badminton | Anant Leighrahathorn | 654 0002-29 |
| Bridge | Ernest Lee | 612-3580 ext 503 |
| Cricket | Nick White | 246 0832 |
| Football | Martin Conisbee | 366 0432 |
| Golf | Bernie Adams | 01 627 1324 |
| Rugby | Jon Prichard | 662 6376 |
| Scuba Diving | Don Johnson | 038 225 364 |
| Snooker | Kittisak | 01 633 9490 |
| Squash | Peter Corney | 714 2426 |
| Tennis | Bruce Gordon | 237 5921 |
| New SRC | Shane Duncan | 234 0247 |

Loyal Societies

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

Venues

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

Opening Times

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

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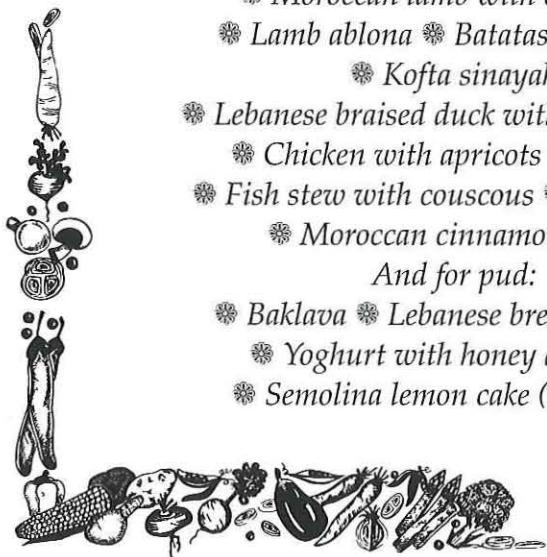
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Couscous?Of Course!!

Held on the 16th and 17th last month, this event in Lords Dining Room was very well attended, with a total of 68 Members sampling the culinary delights of the Middle East.

The Menu

- * Sidon Melon Soup (Shurbat Sharman)
 - * Lebanese Lentil Soup (Shurit Laads)
 - * Hommous with Pita bread
 - * Baiganboush
 - * Falafel & Tahina dip
 - * Tabouleh * Lamb crescent pastries
 - * Grapefruit & avocado compote
 - * Lamb on filo fingers
 - * Chicken & pistachio balls
 - * Sour orange turkey
 - * Moroccan lamb with chernoula
 - * Lamb ablona * Batatas bi houmous
 - * Kofta sinayah
 - * Lebanese braised duck with sweet potato
 - * Chicken with apricots and olives
 - * Fish stew with couscous * Arabic rice
 - * Moroccan cinnamon bread
- And for pud:
- * Baklava * Lebanese bread pudding
 - * Yoghurt with honey and nuts
 - * Semolina lemon cake (Basbodsa)



Music and decorations were generously supplied by the Moroccan and Turkish Embassies, with ingredients from **Fine Foods, Phuket Meats**, and the **Akbar Restaurant**.

All food was prepared and cooked by the British Club Chefs, with the aid of a few well-chosen books picked up by the ingenious you-know-who at Chatuchak market! Boonlert and his team worked extremely hard to ensure that this event went smoothly, as did Kasem, Penkhae and all the other staff who helped.

Events such as this require good teamwork, so thanks must also go to Thanrograt and Chuan from the stores who helped as waiting staff for these two days.

Thank you to all Members who attended and we hope to see you at the next food promotion.

Here's the menu to see what you missed!! Better sign up quickly for the next food promo...



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The Differences Between the Sexes

Sent in by Member Duncan Niven (N1), some of these are frighteningly true!!!

Nicknames

If Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose. If Jason, Jeff, Jeremy and Terry go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla, Peanut-Head and Scrappy.

Money

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

Arguments

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Future

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

Marriage

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.

Natural

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

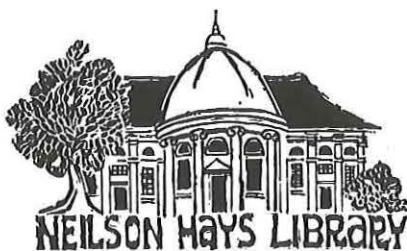
Offspring

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

Listening

What a woman says: C'mon, this place is a mess. You and I need to clean. Your pants are on the floor and you'll have no clothes if we don't do the laundry now. What a man hears: C'MON...blah...blah...blah, YOU AND I...blah...blah...blah, ON THE FLOOR...blah...blah...blah, NO CLOTHES...blah.....blah.....blah, NOW

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For more information call the library at 233-1731.

National Museum Volunteers

Thursday, 22nd March

Monthly Lecture

"Jade Treasures of the National Palace Museum, Imperial Collection, Taipei", presented by Helene Schaufelberger, formerly a docent at the museum. Helene's slides/lecture will include a history of jade, the various types of jade and techniques used in creating jade carvings.

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Koreans Stop Play

All golfers look forward to this time of the year when the skies are blue and there is a gentle cool breeze wafting through the coconut trees.

It is with some dismay therefore that we found the courses had been invaded by people from colder climes who have discovered the joys of golfing in Thailand. It is very difficult at the moment to finish a game under six hours. It was for this

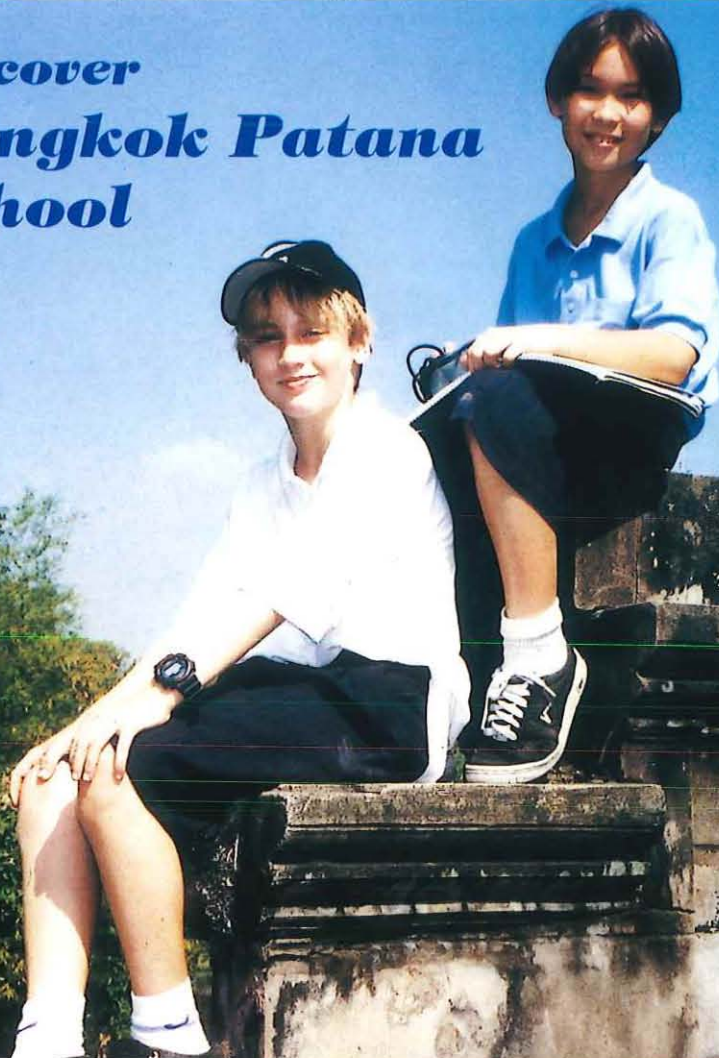
reason that the Club Championship was abandoned. Simon Clarke was the only person who reached the club house in daylight with a gross round of 84. It was agreed that the Championship should be replayed later in the year when the snows had melted

in Seoul. The competition was therefore exchanged for a game of four man scramble. The honours were won on the Sunday by Bernie and Charmaine Adams and Mya and Lars Werner.

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Medal One

The first medal round of the year was held at Subhaprueck. A prevailing wind and tough tee positions guaranteed a tough competition. The deserving winners were:

- Flight A Bernie Adams
- Flight B Paul Jensen
- Flight C Harland Bulow

Lightning Play

The British Club has a terrible reputation for slow play but on a wet afternoon late in January we zipped round Lad Krabang.

An unseasonal downpour chased everyone and the Koreans off the course. Only a few stalwarts were left in the drinks hut waiting for the storm to pass. And it was a good job that we did not venture out as only 100 yards away a bolt of lightning spliced a tree in two... a stern reminder that it is unsafe to shelter under trees in a tropical storm. The occasion was the final of the matchplay championship. After a three-and-a-half hour round, Peter Williams emerged victorious against Gareth Sampson. Guy Snow clinched the plate

competition trouncing Nick White who had just stepped off the plane and was nit noi sleepy. If only it would rain during more outings... I'll regret saying that in a few months.

Next Outing

Sunday 11th March (11.36am) - Match against the Wanderers at Royal Lad Krabang.

Karen Carter



Direct hit



Hardy women



Champion Pete



Happy Guy and Glumpy Nick

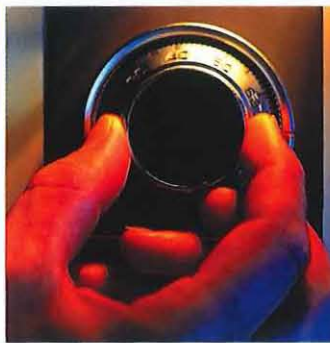


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