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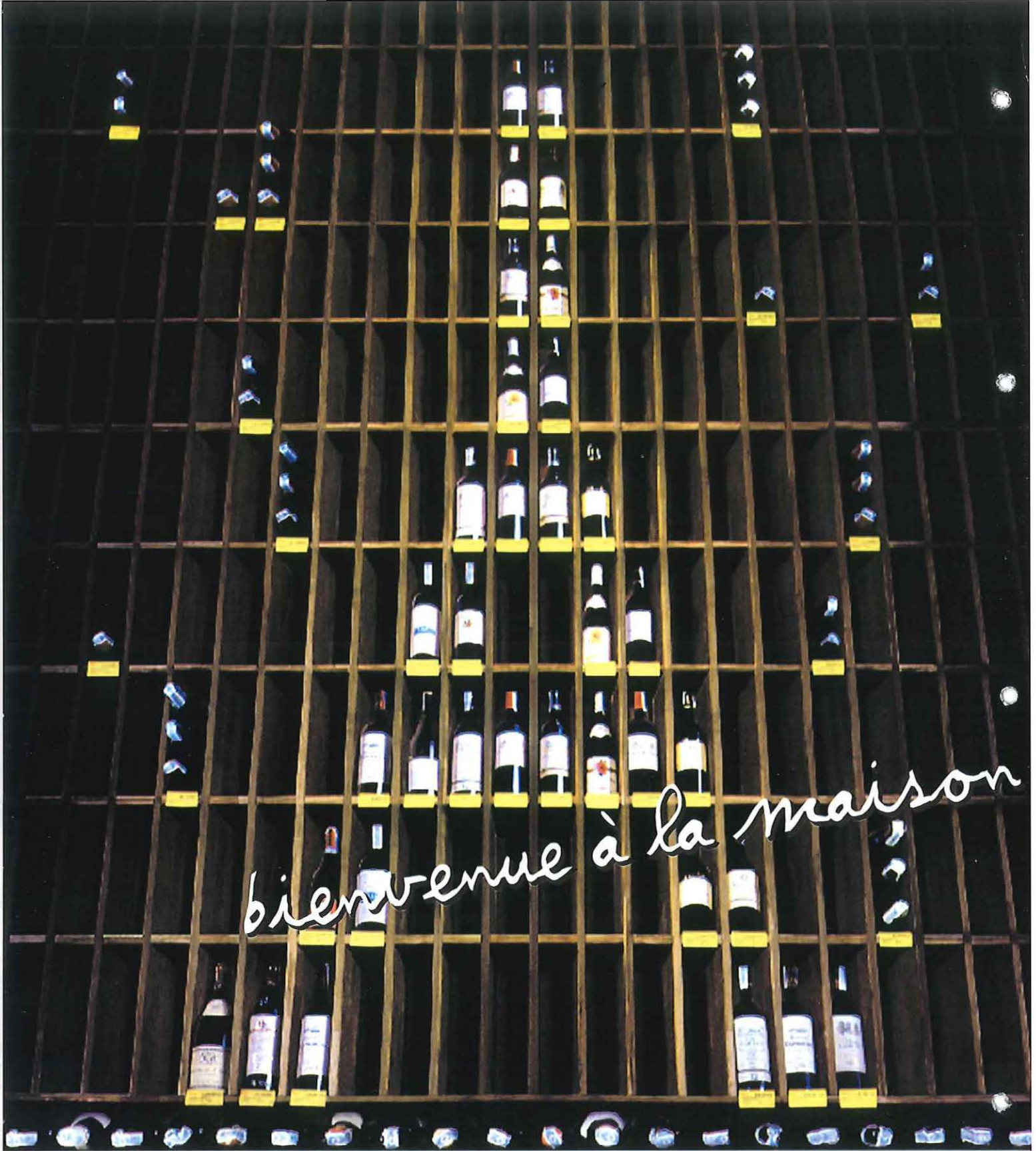
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CALENDAR

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - March 2002



7 am - 1 pm Tennis Team Practice
11 am - 1 pm Badminton - Soi Nares
2 pm - 4 pm Children's Activities
3 - 6 pm Tennis Mix-in
4.30 pm Yoga
2 - 8 pm Happy Hour
10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

8.00 am BWG Mahjong
5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
7 - 9 pm Tennis Team Practice
10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

7.00 am Ladies Golf
8 - 10 am Ladies Tennis
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics
11.30 am Yoga
2 - 7pm BC Swimming Instruction
5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
7 - 9 pm Football Training
8 - 11 pm Friendly Bridge
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof
10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

9.30 am Aerobics
5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
6 - 9 pm Tennis Mix-in
6.30 pm Cricket Nets
7.00 pm Darts
8.30 pm Accumulator
10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

8 - 10 am Ladies Tennis
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics
5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
6 - 9 pm Squash Mix-in
7 - 9 pm Rugby Training
9 - 10 pm Hockey Training
10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

9.00 am ANZWG Mahjong
3.30 - 6 pm BC Tennis Coaching for Children
5.10 pm Tennis Mix-in
5.30 pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training
5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
6 - 7 pm Adult Tennis
6.30 - 9 pm Poolside BBQ
10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

9 am - 12 noon Squash Coaching
9 am - 1.30 pm BC Swimming Instruction
2 - 8 pm Happy Hour
10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

MAKE A NOTE!	
Wine Tasting	1 March
New Members Night	12 March
George Boy	14 March
BC Tennis Finals	16 March
Loy Nava Dinner	
Cruise	21 March
Networking Night	21 March
Disney On Ice	26 March
Video Night	28 March
Balinese Food Promo	28, 29 March
Visit to Koh Kret	30 March
Sports Camp	9 - 12 April

See page 14 for full details

Sports - Contacts		
Aquatics	Nicole Nuttall	0 2300 3272
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Bridge	Winlock Hsu/ Charlene Wang	0 2921 6015
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)

GM'S BRIEF



Willem T.P. Pentermann

Dear Members,

We have planned a very busy month of March here at the Club, with a wide range of activities organised for everyone.

SPORT, RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

- The Club's Annual Tennis Championships are to be held on Saturday, 16 March. Be sure to get there early as seats fill up really quickly. You are guaranteed a great display of tennis.
- For the swimmers among you, make sure that you get your entry in for the next swimming gala to be held on 24 March, see p 31 for the write up of the last exciting gala, which was held on 3 February .
- Mr. Nigel Miles Thomas, a UK actor will perform the "George Boy", a play about the life and times of Lord Byron.
- Lords Restaurant will be holding a Balinese Food promotion on 28 and 29 March
- Easter Fun Day on 31 March with brunch in Lords Restaurant.
- On 26 March the Club has arranged to take Members to Muang Thong Thani to enjoy the superb Disney on Ice, 100 Years Anniversary.
- The Loyal Societies are also having a busy month, reserve the following 2 Saturday nights:-
Saturday, 9 March - St. David's Society Ball.
Saturday, 16 March - St. Patrick's Society Ball.
- On March 23 we will take a trip to the Island of Koh Kret, please see p 14 'What's On' for more details.
- Look out for a new trip with Eastern Orient Express to Hua Hin, staying overnight at the Sofitel Central Hua Hin. This will take place on 15/16 June, details to follow in April's *Outpost*.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

We are making progress with the drawings and final outfit of the proposed new back lawn building. This comprises of a bar, changing rooms, committee room, and office accommodation on the Silom side of the back lawn.

In February we started the electrical refurbishment for the clubhouse and the proposed new building. This work will finish before the end of March 2002.

GENERAL

Could I please ask for Members' co-operation with regard to the following issues:

Lane ropes in the main pool. A lot of children are using these ropes to sit on and also climb over them. The ropes are not designed for this and it reduces their life span. In the last four months we have needed to replace the ropes and all the hooks on the walls twice. These items are expensive to and we would really appreciate your co-operation to ensure that your children stay away from these ropes. Thank you.

Drivers. Especially on weekdays and Saturdays, there are quite a few drivers wandering around the Club's premises. Some years ago the Committee decided to build a drivers' room, which is air conditioned and has toilet facilities. Drivers should stay in the car or in the drivers' room. Please inform your drivers accordingly.

Gifts and tips to staff. Club policy is that the staff receive an annual bonus in the form of a 13th month salary. Recently there have been incidents where Members have given individual gifts to certain staff. The staff are aware that they should not accept any gifts or tips from Members. Your assistance in this matter will be much appreciated.

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

Yours sincerely,

Willem T.P. Pentermann
General Manager

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SPORTS UPDATE

Sport: Good For The Soul

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 categorised 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 4.30pm. 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.

APRIL SPORTS CAMP

Tuesday, 9 April 2002 – Friday, 12 April 2002 daily from 9.00am – 4.30pm

Suitable for children in the age range from 5-8 and 9-13 years. Charge B 3000 per child. The activities will include lunch, tennis, squash, cricket, ball games, swimming movies and much more.

Please note that training sessions for swimming, tennis and cricket will start again after the Songkran Holidays on the following dates:-

Swimming with Bangkok Dolphins: Tuesday 23 April and Saturday, 27 April 2002

Cricket lessons: Sunday, 28 April 2002

Tennis Lessons: Saturday, 27 April 2002

Sign up sheets will be available from the middle of March at the Fitness Centre.

SQUASH

New Scribe, New Style

After a dedicated lifetime of faithful reporting, squash section journo, Phil Hall, has left fellow committee members reeling in shock by deciding to park his pen, leaving a near insuperable literary abyss in the section.

Desperate curative measures ensued, resulting in the pressing of alternative scribes into service. Hence, should you notice a slight change of approach, a drift in tenor, or the complete lack of facts in the following submission, please quieten your alarm and refrain from assaulting the prior prose provider as he is innocent (of composing this nonsense anyway!).

In an ongoing series, an attempt will be made to reach out to lower league players and advise on tactics to square the odds when on-court with the section's squash elite. For this inaugural article, we focus on the 'Canadian Cat', Tom Livingston.

TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES

Canada is a quite big, cold country, located intermediately between the American states of Alaska and Chicago. Apart from the advantage of being supremely fit, Tom generates many victories by using his Canadian ethnicity to great effect in his game. Firstly, he employs Inuit mysticism combined with his experience derived from many years as a successful business consultant to determine his strategy. In a recent candid interview, Tom revealed his secret technique, "Hit it where the other guy isn't". [Tip: To defeat this technique, be where you're not!].

Another technique which many lower league players could benefit from emulating also has obvious Canadian origins. This is known as the "Moose" technique. It seems that if your opponent hits a half

tidy shot and you can't be bothered to chase after it, simply charge at pace into your opponent. Accordingly, play then resumes without any penalty. [Warning: This technique will work ad infinitum when used with enduringly polite English opponents. Exercise extreme caution when playing antipodeans as persistent use will undoubtedly result in a visit to a proctologist to facilitate racket recovery.]

If you study Tom's play carefully, you can discover a further subtle opponent-debilitating practice, and staggeringly, there is no ruling outlawing this ruthless scheme. Simply by using the wrong hand, Tom mesmerises his opponents into early submission. According to the Robinson's Barley Water information centre (a leading British squash proponent), two counter-techniques exist. Either, exploiting ancient Celtic religious beliefs, yell, "Get thee back to Hades, Disciple of the Devil!" every stroke, or utilise your own left hand.

And finally, consider the use of mind-altering drugs. The contents of the small green flask were covertly sampled and spectrographically analysed. The results are now in the hands of the disciplinary committee who are debating whether to prosecute or patent.

And, if you needed further proof, Tom won the February Mix-in, with an antler punctured Jack Dunford running-up.

Next Month: David Eastgate's favourite on-court swear-words, tips for maintaining lifelong potency with Colonel Tom, and in our regular fashion feature, Jack Dunford explores designer tee-shirts.

Squybe.

Squybe will be a regular contributor to Outpost Squash section and should be very entertaining based on the above words.

HAROLD MERCER CUP

By the time this goes to press the Harold Mercer Team competition will have begun. This is a team competition with the teams being selected based on ability and ladder position.

155th League		156th League	
League	Winner	League	Winner
1.....	Ja	1.....	David Eastgate
2.....	Chris Browning	2.....	Steve Bell
3.....	Brian Palmer	3.....	Marc Hagelauer
4.....	Andre Tissera	4.....	Shiraz Poonevala
5.....	Simon Davies	5.....	Barry Daniel
6.....	Kittisak Kulvichit	6.....	Desmond Spencer-Harty

TANGLIN CLUB DOUBLES COMPETITION

BCB had two teams travel to Singapore for the annual Tanglin Club Doubles tournament from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th January. There were 73 teams entered from all over SE Asia including Australia.

This doubles event is played in a very large court and is less demanding than singles physically but more demanding mentally.

Steve Bell teamed up with David Eastgate and Chris Browning teamed with Peter Corney. During the first match David found he had a very bad tendon sprain in his right hand and had to withdraw after losing. In the next match Steve found a local to partner him but lost that also. Chris and Peter lost the first round to go into the plate and then reached the semi finals only to lose, more because of lack of doubles experience rather than lack of ability. All players enjoyed the experience and will be back next

year. Chris and Steve were new to this event and with a few games under their belts will be formidable opponents next year. The event was organised very well and the final was a fitting climax with Zainal Abidin and Chei Wei defeating another Singaporean pairing in a hard-fought match.

The Chiang Mai Doubles will be played in late April and hopefully the BCB will enter 3 or 4 teams.

HOT WEATHER AND EXHAUSTION

The hot weather is coming back again and this is a reminder to make sure that you drink plenty of water early in the day when you have a squash match scheduled. It is too late during the match to make up the fluid loss. If you start to see spots before your eyes or are feeling really distressed while playing then it is time to call it a day. It is not worth finishing a match if you are at risk of giving yourself a heart attack.

The AGM will have been held by the time you read this so there may be a few new faces on the committee. Please give them your support and enjoy your squash in 2002.

Peter Corney

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TENNIS

Ladies Interclub Doubles Tournament

16/17 February

On Saturday 16 February the British Club Ladies tennis team came one set short of making it into the 2002 Ladies Interclub Plate final. Judith and Sasaluck won a tight match, after Betty and Panee brought in the first winner early on Saturday afternoon. Sunday's win from Jo and Eileen was insufficient to get the team out of a secured last place.

However, one consolation for the ladies was their fantastic looking outfit which was sponsored by FBT.

The Polo Club won the event and the Silom club came second.

The Japanese club that organized the event had two teams A and B, that battled for 3rd and 4th place.

In summary it was a fun event. I trust next year can be a little better for the BC Team. A tennis coach has been contacted to work on the skills of

the Tennis Team. Aspiring team players are encouraged to participate in team practice sessions on Monday nights and Sunday mornings.

A warm welcome to Sasaluck and Kuniko; two new members on the team. Special thanks to Napa for attending the scheduled Interclub meetings.

Anton Bontje



Relaxing under a tree

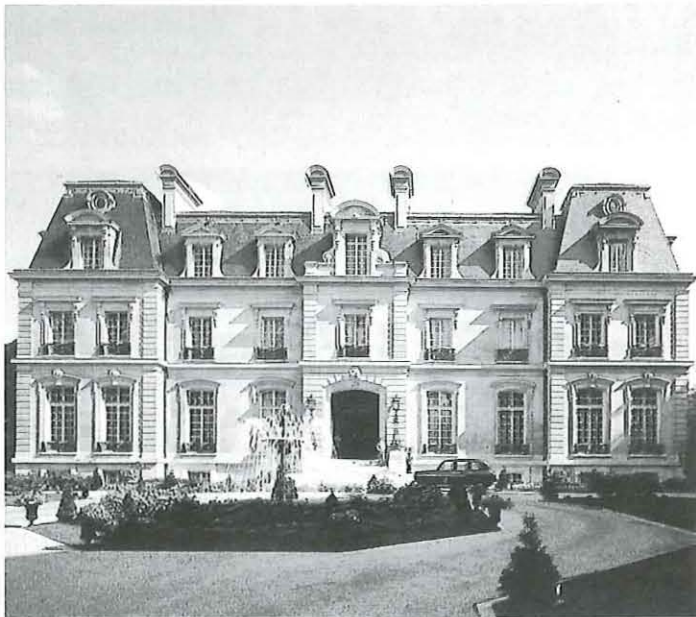


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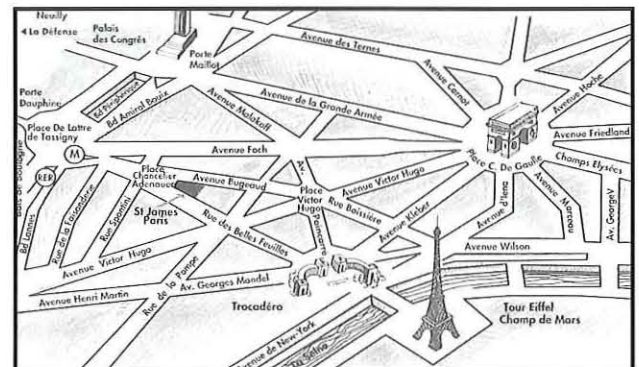
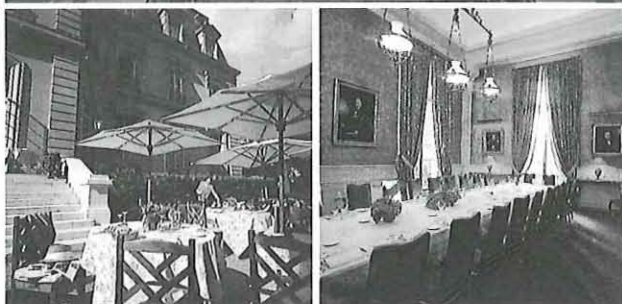


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TENNIS

BC 2002 Tennis Championship

The BC 2002 Tennis Championships are well underway, with first and second round matches already played....the tension is mounting! Who will this year's winners be? To find out you need to be at the BC early on Saturday 16 March.....see you there!

Meanwhile, here's a selection of photographs taken from matches already played - see if you can tell who the winners were.

Judith Airey



WHAT'S ON

Happy Easter To All Our Readers

GEORGE BOY- THE LIFE

AND TIMES OF LORD BYRON

Thursday, 14 March 7.30pm

An exploration of his relationships with Shelly, Wordsworth and more, as well as unravelling his "movie star" lifestyle and recitals of his poetry.

Charge: B750 per person including a three course dinner.

VISIT TO KOH KRET ISLAND

Saturday, 30 March

Leave the British Club at 9.00am to board our boat serving bucks fizz for breakfast. Don't worry, we've taken care of the kids entertainment to give you time to relax. After cruising for a couple of hours we arrive at Koh Kret Island where we will spent the next 1 1/2 hours exploring the island, its' markets and temples.

Full buffet luncheon will be provided and during this time children's activities such as face painting and a magic show will take place. Then we will be transfered by luxury coach back to the Club, arriving at approx. 3.30pm.

Charge: Adults B1600

Children below the age of 12 years B850

Children below the age of three years, no charge.

DISNEY ON ICE

100 YEARS OF MAGIC

Tuesday, 26 March

Our air conditioned bus leaves the Club at 5.30pm

Come and join us to watch the wonderful Disney on Ice Show, taking place at Impact Arena Muang Thong Thani.

Coaches will return to the Club at approximately 10.30pm

Charge: B150 per person. Please sign up at reception or send a fax or email to the Club.

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Tuesday, 12 March Churchill Bar

Welcome our new Members from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Complimentary cocktail food will be provided.

BIG SCREEN VIDEO NIGHT

Thursday, 28 March

7.30pm Wordsworth Room

Metropolis - the best silent movie ever produced!!! Need we say.....anything!

Charge: B250 per person including supper.

DANCING

Ballroom Dance

Tuesday 5,12,19, 26 February

7.00pm - 9.00pm

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

Latin Dance

Tuesday 12,19, 26 March and 2 April

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 9 April!

Charge: 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.

BALINESE FOOD PROMOTION

28 & 29 March

Lords Restaurant

Savour the flavours of the tropical island of Bali. Chef Boonlerd and his team will prepare an exciting selection of dishes for you to enjoy. Charge B600 for the buffet.

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!

SWIMMING GALA

Sunday, 24 February,

8.00am - 12.00pm

Please register at the fitness centre.

LOY NAVA DINNER CRUISE

Thursday, 21 March

Enjoy a romantic dinner on the wonderful Chao Praya River.

Meet at the Club for drinks and canapees at 7.15pm. At 7.45pm our coach will take us to the pier to sample a sumptuous Thai seafood dinner on this fantastic teak rice barge. Returning back to the Club at 10.30pm.

The charge is just B1500 per person which includes dinner, soft drinks, local beer, half a bottle of wine and on-board entertainment. For registration please sign up at reception or send a fax or email to the Club.

WINE TASTING

Friday, 1 March

7.30pm Wordsworth Room

A nice selection of Australian wines will be provided and complimentary cocktail buffet will be provided. Wines from Cannon Pacific Co., Ltd.

NETWORKING NIGHT

Thursday, 21 March

6.00pm Suriwongse Room.

The British Club and British Chamber of Commerce in Thailand will organise a joint networking night to provide attendees with an excellent opportunity to forge new business relationships and make new friends. Complimentary cocktail food plus drinks at Club prices.

FINALS DAY - BC TENNIS

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, 16 March

Come to the Club, sit back, relax and enjoy watching high quality tennis at our very own Finals day.

BAR QUIZ

22 March

7.30pm

Usual format, teams of 6 B100 per person entry. See you there!

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AUSTRIAN FOOD PROMOTION

"The Timeshare in Vienna will have to wait..."

15 FEB

As Austria is yet another country I've never visited, I didn't really know what to expect from this promotion. I guess I felt the food would be Germanic in nature with a few subtle differences - but very meat orientated. I wasn't disappointed.

The Airey's duly turned up in Lords armed with a couple of bottles of champagne. This promotion was to be Judith's Valentine treat.... who says Northern English men aren't romantic? (Editor's note: what treat? I bought the champagne! - Judith)

I was quite surprised to see Lords as bare as it was, even W.G. Grace was missing from the wall - but understand it is to be redecorated in "soft tone" colours. I imagine this is being done to calm down angry diners and to give a theme of "relax and recline whilst you dine". As I predicted in the last write up "The Curtains are still hanging" - proving I have alarmingly accurate clairvoyancy skills...

We were presented with a vast array of Austrian promotional material on arrival, which made me think for a split second that I was in some part of a carefully arranged timeshare presentation. All that was missing was the click of the lock on the door, forbidding exit until you have signed the deal 48 hours later... Fortunately it was a host of useful facts and figures which I haven't been able to put down since (I read



telephone directories in my spare time, just ask the wife)

We were ushered to our seats to the unmistakable sound of Mussorgsky, who I thought was Russian, followed by the sounds of a few Viennese waltz style numbers. Sorry about the lack of musical finesse here, but in the old town at home a conductor is a guy who shouts, with an almost manic grin, " Sorry - It's full folks, you'll have to wait an hour for the next one", to a bus stop full of rain sodden shoppers!

Anyway, I've digressed enough, on with the food. Roaming around the starters, I found the Viennese potato soup, which was up to the usual high BC soup standards- smooth and warming, (just what you need when it's 38 degrees C outside!). I also tried the salads - the beef salad being yam nua without chillies, the potato salad being really sour which is how I like it. I was waiting to hear screams of horror from any

attending vegetarians trying the leek strudel, as it was heavily flavoured with ham - which added a little something, in my view. Come to think of it, a vegetarian food promotion wouldn't be a bad idea??

Moving on to the main courses and accompaniments, I thought the braised beef was fantastic. I like it when the beef is tender enough to fall off the fork. I even managed to put most of it in my mouth- just. The Paprika chicken had a smoky flavour to it which was interesting, and the pork



variants from the Carvery were dry and complemented well with the sauerkraut. The pasta andyep, you've guessed it- ham, was as expected. The rice and peas dish "Risi Pisi" was also tasty, but oddly named. Put it this way, I was relieved to see peas in it.....

The champagne was going down well at this point, and seemed to blend in nicely with the food. Come to think of it, champagne blends in nicely with almost anything. Mrs A made a few agreeable noises about the desserts, the strawberry yogurt version being the highlight.

I think this evening brought home to me how standard European fare is still really heavily meat based- particularly pork, in Germany and Austria. Living in Thailand for a few years tends to slightly modify the carnivore nature of most of us- but it was still tasty stuff nonetheless.

As always, a big thank you to Barry and the crew. A great evening, great service and I didn't even have to buy a holiday home in Vienna....

Einstein Ken (In your dreams, mate...)

Special Thanks to Margaret and Edwin Ferner, who kindly provided decorations, music, ingredients, cookbooks and without whom this event would not have been nearly so successful.



Look how far we have come?

I would like you to meet some very interesting people, who have been chosen to record the first 100 years of the British Club, Bangkok in the shape of a Centenary Book. We have just over 6 months before the final words are written and there is a fantastic amount of work being done to ensure we have all the history, information, stories, photographs and gossip. Finding a team who were willing to do the project, able to work together within the time scales and agreeable to wade though all the Club archives and search relentlessly around Bangkok was a challenge.

JOHN HOSKIN is our writer: An English writer based in Bangkok and a member of the British Club. John hasn't exactly globe-trotted around



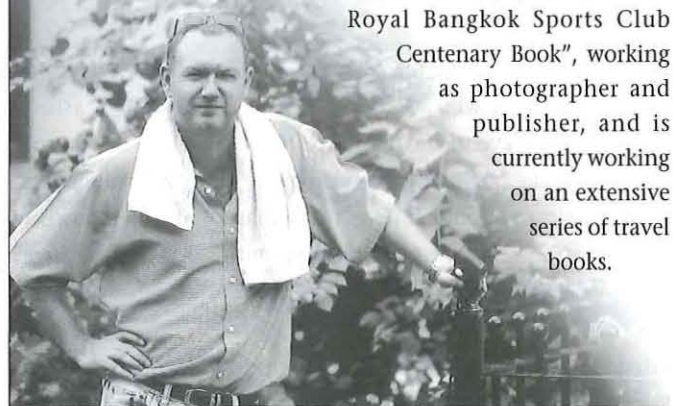
the world but he lived in a number of countries before settling in Thailand in 1979. John doesn't just play squash at the British Club, he is the author of several books on art, culture and travel in Southeast Asia, some of which are: "Ten Contemporary Thai Artists", "The Mekong: A River and its People" and "Bangkok By Design". But then, in his spare time he also regularly provides

articles to numerous regional and international publications. The Committee felt John's knowledge and insight into Thailand and the British, was valuable and we are sure John will provide The Club with a valuable source which can be used for years to come. John is resolute to give the British Club a really 'good read' and is determined to find those original anecdotes and stories.

No review would be fitting without a quote, and here is ours for John:

"It is sometimes necessary to repeat what we all know. All mapmakers should place the Mississippi in the same location, and avoid originality" Saul Bellow 1915 -

MARK STANDEN is our publisher and photographer: Mark is Managing Director of Mark Standen Publishing Co., Ltd. and he's lived in Thailand since 1989. Mark is a qualified architect and photographer, both of these talents enable him to produce high-quality publications on culture, travel, art and heritage. His company has received recognition from the corporate and public sector for producing high standards of work. In his free time Mark can be found rooting through old memorabilia looking for the ultimate treasure and he is eager to find a 'treasure' for the British



Club. Mark recently produced "The Royal Bangkok Sports Club Centenary Book", working as photographer and publisher, and is currently working on an extensive series of travel books.

KHUN SWALEE SIRIPHOL is the lady of mystery - our researcher. For a year, our volunteer researchers uncovered much of the Club's initial history. Khun Swalee, with her incredible knowledge of Bangkok, the National Archives and just about anything else, will work closely with Mark and John, to ensure that



anything worth knowing will be used! Khun Swalee has an unassuming charm, which gets her further than most! She also assisted William Warren on the research for the RSBC book, so already has a good insight into the last 100 years of Clubs in Bangkok.

If you see John or Mark around the Club please stop and ask them how the book is coming along? This book is being written for everyone, so all can get involved. Mark will be taking photographs around the Club for the next few months, he will turn up at events, functions and will be seen looking for that exceptional shot. The Committee also want to use some of the photographs, not used in the book, to be exhibited around the Club, so if you have a favourite location please mention it to Mark.

Obviously a project of this size is not completed by just 3 people, we have already had help from many people and organisations in Bangkok and worldwide in the early stages, namely:

- The Victoria & Albert Museum, London
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- (Dr) Henry Ginsburg, Specialist for Thai and Cambodian The British Library London
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- Ron Morris and <http://2bangkok.com>
- Bonnie Davis
- Colin Hastings and Hastings Creative
- The Oriental Hotel & Somsri (Susie) Hansirisawasdi, Director of Public Relations & Advertising

Within the next few months, we shall start to arrange the centenary year and will be needing further advice and help. If anyone has timeto spare, is good at organising and wishes to be involved in the largest event the British Club has yet to organise, please contact me at the numbers below.

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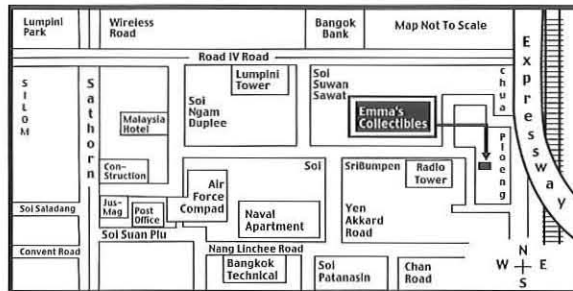
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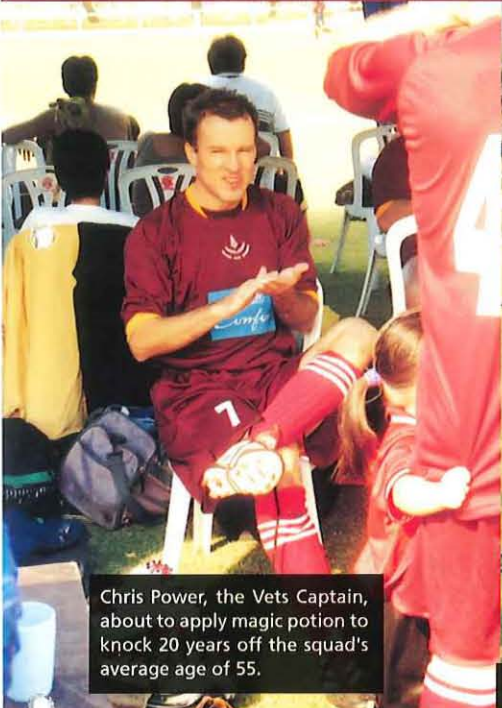
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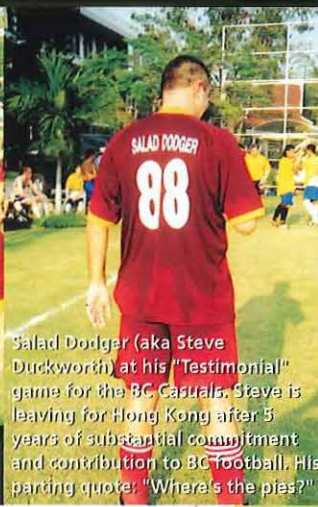
Chris Power, the Vets Captain, about to apply magic potion to knock 20 years off the squad's average age of 55.



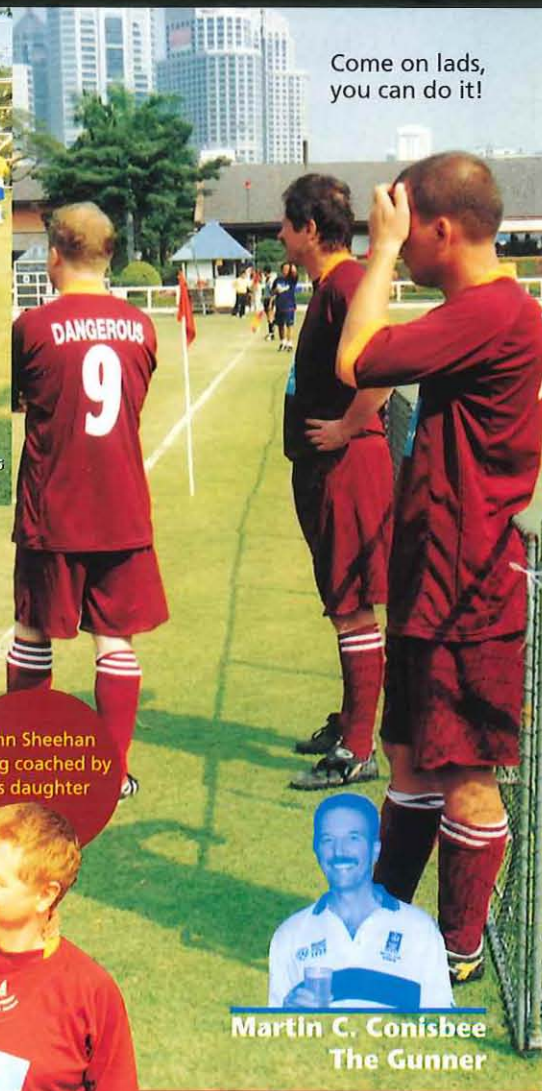
BC Veterans squad managed by Bruce Darrington. They talked a good game but the legs did not hear or respond.



Salad Dodger, Silver Fox (getting browner by the day) and Kevin Moylan - pillars of BC football in Southeast Asia and masters of graceful defeat.



Salad Dodger (aka Steve Duckworth) at his "Testimonial" game for the BC Casuals. Steve is leaving for Hong Kong after 5 years of substantial commitment and contribution to BC football. His parting quote: "Where's the pies?"



Come on lads, you can do it!

John Sheehan being coached by his daughter



BC Youth Squad managed by Paul Greenhalgh. "We can win this" soon became "Maybe next time"!

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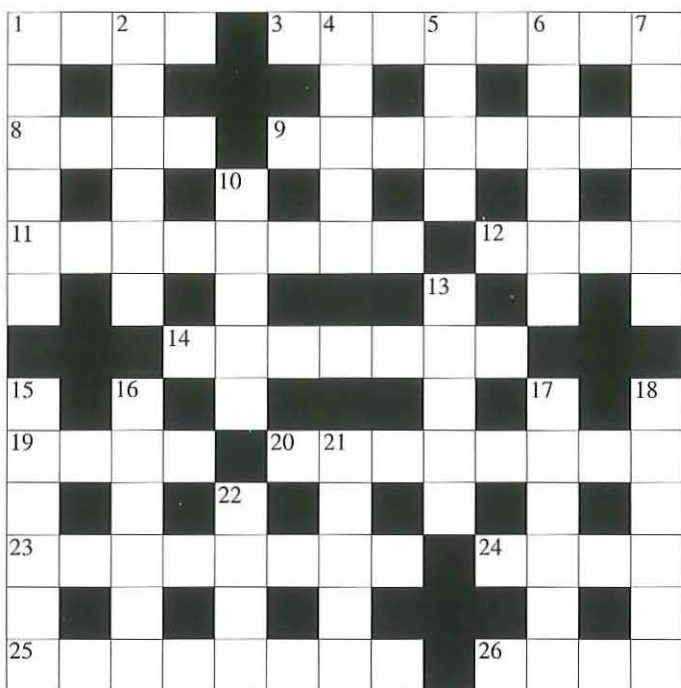
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- 11 Unsettled? Be more active!
- 12 Just a stretch of water.
- 14 In danger - as the witch's life was when she was there. (2,5)
- 19 We in France have common sense!
- 20 Sold a tie - knitted and cut off.
- 23 Science of properties and relations of magnitude in space.
- 24 Kitty's lives.
- 25 As before, run slowly after the animal.
- 26 Granted temporary use of- for a special season?

DOWN

- 1 I'm unadulterated - but dirty!
- 2 Inanimate object of worship.
- 4 Mountains in the Iranian desert.
- 5 A game from the Solomon Isles.
- 6 Put out of possession.
- 7 Little girl in one of the rows - but neater.
- 10 Change part of a flower- you can eat off it.
- 13 Was part of the logo on the pirates' flag.
- 15 An Elgar variation.
- 16 How the batsman was dismissed by himself (3,3)
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- 18 In the Christian calendar it's the season before the Nativity.
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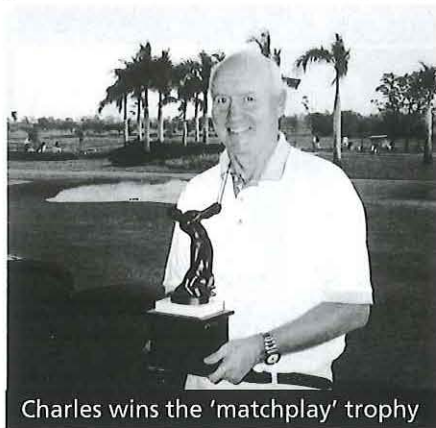
It's been something of a quiet month; this is the season of the 'Golf Tour Groups From Hell' and after being subjected to seemingly endless delays and 6 hour rounds over the past few weeks there's a certain amount of 'battle fatigue' in the air. Nevertheless we did manage three outings during the month and only one of them was subject to a major delay. The good news is that the snow will soon be melting in Seoul and Osaka and they'll all go home. Okay, so then it will start raining in Thailand but you can't have everything...

MATCHPLAY FINAL

January 13th saw us meeting at what used to be one of our favourite haunts - Bang Poo - and we were quickly reminded why we stopped playing there. Even on a Sunday morning the traffic was bad - mid-week must be diabolical.... The other downside of playing Bang Poo is that it's owned by the Kloster Beer people (or vice versa) and there are no prizes for guessing the only brand of adult beverage available on the course....

Perhaps because of all this the place was quiet and the Matchplay Final between Bryan Dodd and Charles Skinner got underway ahead of schedule. The competition - a 'knockout' format - has been running since last July and this was its culmination, which rather left the rest of us as spectators. To liven things up, a sweepstake on the result was held (guess the winner and the score) and the serious money was on Bryan. 'A tough man to beat' said Gareth Sampson, obviously still smarting from his defeat in the Medal Final when he was five-up with three to play and lost on 'count-back' after Bryan finished with three birdies.

However it didn't quite go like that - neither competitor played their best golf but in matchplay you don't have to, all that's required is to play better than your opponent. Charles took an early lead but Bryan, true to Gareth's assertion, hung on grimly, fighting back to level the score twice; but if he couldn't get in front then Charles couldn't open up a



Charles wins the 'matchplay' trophy

commanding lead either and was only 'dormi one'. Going into the 18th, it was still anyone's game. In the event Charles played steady, sensible golf forcing his opponent to 'go for it'. When Bryan found himself in the trees it was all over. They halved the hole and Charles walked off the green with the Matchplay Trophy - much to Karen Carter's delight as she was the holder of the 'Charles By One Hole' sweepstake ticket.

Bang Poo does have one big plus; it's close to the sea, which means - apart from a cooling ocean breeze - there are some good sea-food restaurants nearby. After the game, rather than tackle the Sunday evening traffic straight away, we tried our luck and by popular consent it was voted one of the best meals we'd ever tasted in Bangkok - cheap

too since Karen sportingly put her winnings into the kitty and the revelry continued late into the night.

ECLECTIC MEDAL

Sunday 27 January saw the first of the new Monthly Medals. Held at the Royal Lad Krabang Golf Course this proved a well-attended meeting. The format is strokeplay and the flights are broken down as follows:

'A' Flight - Handicap 0 - 18

'B' Flight - Handicap 19 - 27

'C' Flight - Handicap 28 - 36 (for men)
40 (for ladies).

We welcomed two new members, Kevin and Vicky Jones both of whom had a good day and if their names weren't on the winners roll, it's only a matter of time.

Royal is a very pretty course but it's not easy and few great scores were recorded. However, in each flight there was one outstanding result which meant that there was no need for 'countbacks'.

'A' Flt went to Mike Staples with a net 69

'B' Flt was claimed by Paul Jensen with a net 68

'C' Flt was won by Edward Ashman who scored a net 75

In addition to being a Medal there will also be an 'Eclectic Competition'. Each month, if a player takes part in the Medal, his score will be recorded and at the end of the year the best result achieved on each hole will be calculated and combined as the players 'dream card'.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE WHEN:

1. There are three large coaches in the golf club car park.
2. All the lockers are taken.
3. There are no more caddies - they're all out on the course.
4. There's a hastily written sign saying 'Due to early morning fog all tee-times are delayed by 20 minutes' (translation: 'we've overbooked and had to squeeze these 30 Japanese in somewhere...')



Postmatch seafood at Bang Poo

GOLF CONTINUED

Bernies Bowl or: 'Krung Kavee and the Harbingers of Doom...'

Which is how we kicked off February 3 at Krung Kavee and the annual competition for 'Bernies Bowl'. Well, we've been in this situation before and 'Jai Yen Yen' seems to be the best attitude, so we waited patiently for the 20 minutes (okay, thirty) before moving 'en-masse' to the first tee. We'd no sooner arrived there than buggies of Japanese began to roll up behind us - obviously having started on the 10th tee and fully expecting to 'play through'. We politely explained the situation, told them we had no intention of waiting any longer and invited them to take their complaints to the starter...

Result, we tee'd off half-an-hour late with an audience of 20 irate Japanese golfers alternately fuming quietly and snarling at the club officials - and I for one did not feel an ounce of sympathy for any of them.

As you might expect, it was a bit slow on the front nine (three hours) however it is a lovely course and the company was in good spirits. I don't want to be petty but I think we were all a bit elated that for once we'd made everyone else wait for us! The back nine was much quicker - the coach parties had gone back to their hotels and the course management, in a belated attempt to make amends, sent out buggies to ferry us around the last few holes.

I think Bernie only inaugurated his trophy so he could have some fun picking wildly eccentric scoring systems and this year was no exception. There were points for (net) eagles, birdies, bogies and worse and also for single and triple putts - but pars and 'two putts' scored zero. So you needed to be very good or absolutely awful to be in with a chance.

Edward Ashman definitely fell into the first category, having a very good round on a tough course (he seems to thrive on them) to take 'Bernies Bowl' with 58 points.

Susanna Hall fell into the second category



Captions please!



The things you see when you haven't got your gun....



Edward wins Bernie's Bowl



Susanna Hall takes second place!

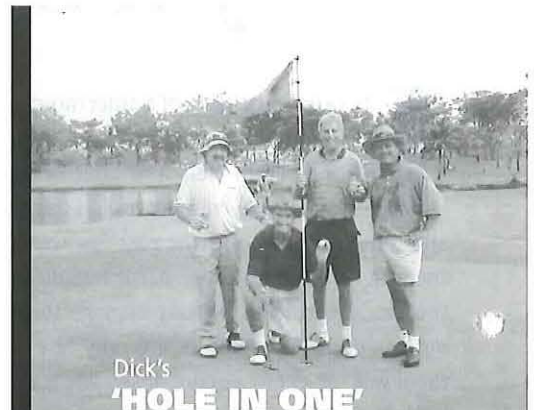
(but she is only nine) and her 53 points were enough for the 'runner-up' prize.

Judy Fitzgerald wobbled between the two extremes to make 48 points and third place.

PS.

I read in the 'Hua Hin Observer' that we are not the only ones having trouble with over-booked courses. On January 23, the local golf society turned up at Palm Hills to play a match they'd booked back in August - only to find 120 Koreans on the tee. Apparently there was a 'sense of humour failure' on both sides, things got out of hand and physical violence was only averted by threats to call the police... 'This Is Thailand' There is one other snippet of information this month but modesty forbids me from mentioning it - I am therefore indebted to Paul Jensen for the following:

Dick Taylor



Dick's 'HOLE IN ONE'

AMAZING DICK

A zephyr breeze came over his left shoulder as the man with the honour strode to the tee. Royal Golf, BCGS Medal, Round 1, hole number 4, Par 3, 147 yards across water, bunkered front and back, a daunting task by most standards.

Four golfers and their caddies watched as a well struck 7 Iron sailed towards the green. 'Oh bugger, I've gone through the back', exclaimed Dick as the ball seemed to disappear over the pin toward the far bunker. Of course we all wisely changed down a club, that breeze must be stronger than it felt, but strangely we were all short, Kevin and Barry in the front bunker and Paul to the left. No chance of a 'near pin' for this group, we'd be lucky to make par. However on reaching the back bunker no ball could be found. Was it buried? Perhaps it hit a stone and bounded off into the bushes beyond? You guessed it, ball in cup, hole-in-one. Not a mark could be seen on the green - it had soared like a Cathay jet and landed directly into the hole.

Congratulations Dick Taylor on your first hole-in-one, may there be many more.

After the round there was of course much celebration and bell ringing. Thanks Dick, better take out that insurance next time.

The amazed caddies were last seen heading off to the optometrist.

Paul Jensen

Members Movements

PLEASE WELCOME

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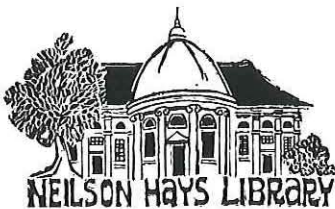
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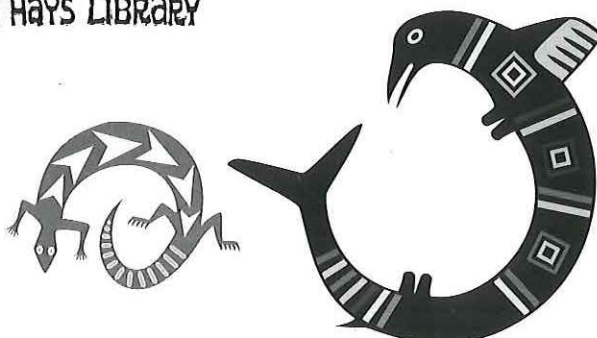
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Sunday 3 February

The first swimming gala of the year and the first rain of the year. Indeed it was raining at 8.00am on this particular Sunday morning but after a while it cleared up and we had a great swimming gala. Only about 30 children registered for the event but all had a lot of fun.

We would like to thank Michele Law and her husband Stephen for all their hard work during the past three years organising swimming events. Thanks also for the input of Susan Ferguson who prepared most of the schedules and is also the treasurer of the Aquatics section.

Mrs. Rosemary Imlah kindly assisted with the organisation of the gala and many parents were present, performing various tasks to help make it a great success.

The Aquatics section has formed a new committee and the following Members will join this section:

Captain

Nicole Nuttall

Treasurer

Susan Ferguson

Committee Members:

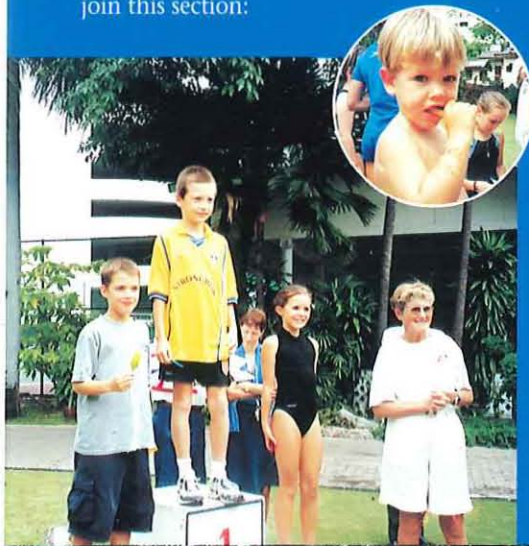
Bill Nuttall
David Faulkner
David White
Saniya Bloomer
Pilai Street

I would like to wish the new committee a lot of success for the new season. I am sure that they will work very hard on behalf of the Aquatics section. Please give them your support by being available to help at swimming galas - they need support from members in order to run these events successfully.

Don't miss the next Swimming Gala, which will be held on Sunday, 24 March 2002.

Regards,

Willem Pentermann
General Manager



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