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EVOLUTION:

New Publishers for Outpost

This issue of **Outpost** is the first from our new Publishers, Veritas Enterprises and we would like to welcome them on board. Jim Fowler is the Managing Director of Veritas. We look forward to working closely with Jim and his talented staff to bring a new look to your Club magazine.

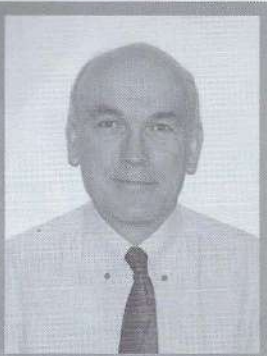
In the meantime, please bear with us! This first edition was edited by a combination of management, staff, and Club members. With a continual process of review and fine-tuning, we expect the magazine to evolve over the coming months into a quality publication of which we can all be proud. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Unfortunately, the scheduled February edition of **Outpost** ran into some technical difficulties, so some of the reviews of past events are now a bit dated, but we hope to bring you current with this issue. Thanks and apologies also to all of those who made such an effort to get us material for February, only to find it was delayed.

Please note that, for the time being, all submissions for **Outpost** should be sent to Khun Dong in the office by the 10th day of the month prior.

Chairman's Letter

Dear British Club Members,



This is the first edition of **Outpost** with our new publisher, Veritas and the first edition to be printed since the Tsunami. We at the British Club mourn the loss of our members, Mr. and Mrs. D'Avola and their son, Gianluca, to the Tsunami tragedy of December 26th 2004. We also share in the grief of all those lost or injured during this catastrophe. The **British Club**

Tsunami Relief Fund continues to receive donations and I hope to advise you soon as to our plans for a worthwhile project in the south of Thailand. If any members wish to help with this Fund, please let me know as soon as you can.

The next **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) is fast approaching! March 15th 2005 is the date when all Ordinary and Country members can vote and elect their new General Committee for the 2005-2006 term. We are always looking for enthusiastic members who are prepared to stand for election to the General Committee (GC). If you are an Ordinary or Country Member and are thinking about standing for election, please complete a nomination form as soon as possible!

There has often been discussion about how Associate members can get more involved in the affairs of the Club. Associate members can elect to join a Sub-Committee. It is at these Sub-Committees where much of the ground-work is done on a whole range of issues from Club development to F&B. The Sub-Committees then make recommendations to the General Committee at their monthly meetings. If you're an Associate member and wish to get more involved, please ask a member of the GC about the Sub-Committees and how you can participate.

This is also a time for me to reflect on the past two years as your Chairman at the British Club. Reluctantly, I have decided that I will not be standing for re-election to the GC at the forthcoming AGM. Instead I hope to work more on one or two Sub-Committees where I can continue to contribute to the Club. I have enjoyed my time as Chairman immensely. It hasn't been an easy job—in fact at times it has been very difficult, but it has been an incredible experience! Working on the GC has enabled me to get a much better understanding and insight into how the Club works and how lucky we are to have such a wide and diverse membership.

We now have more than 100 members signed up using the online Discussion Forum. Postings are not as frequent now as in the early weeks when we launched it last year, but it is still a very useful place for members to express their views about the Club. If you haven't already joined, sign up now at <http://www.bcbgc.com>.

We're still waiting for completion of the new website which is waiting for content to be added before it can be launched. We plan to have new Club email addresses which will improve communications to and from members once new hardware and software is installed in our offices.

'**WiFi**', or wireless networking, has steadily been gaining in popularity now that we have ironed out a few of the wrinkles. This great tool gives you an incentive to get out of the office and manage your business or personal affairs from a laptop or PDA, whilst sitting in a deckchair by the pool. Surfing the net is free for members!

Yours sincerely

David Quine
BCB GC Chairman 2004-2005

New Staff in the office



Khun Kantamas ("Molly") – DGM Finance & Admin

Molly has worked at the Club for the last few months, and you can find her upstairs in the Main office or you can call her on Ext. 11. Molly is the lady to call if you have any queries about your statements or invoices.



Khun Sawanya ("Aeh") – Membership & HR Manager

Aeh has worked with us for over a year now, and she is responsible for both Membership and HR Departments. If you have any issue with Membership you can call her at Ext. 39.

Barry's Banter

Dear Members,

Welcome to our new look **Outpost** and our new Publishers, Veritas Enterprises. I would like to thank David Blowers, Sherry Conisbee and all the team at Creative Partnership for their work on **Outpost** over the last few years.

I would also like to thank all the members who came to visit me in hospital, telephoned, or sent emails to me after my recent accident. I am on the mend now and I look forward to seeing you all at the Club. My New Year's resolution is to take more care when crossing the road and to look both ways for the ever-present Bangkok motorbike!

However, two days after my accident, the Tsunami struck Thailand's southern shores, which made my injuries seem minor in the wake of all the devastation. The British Club was not untouched, with the tragic loss of BC family members, Mr. and Mrs. D'Avola and their son, Gianluca.

As many of you know, the Club acted as a collection point for the Tsunami appeal and thanks to members' generosity, many truckloads of much-needed goods were sent to Phuket. Throughout the year the Club will organise events to raise more funds for the Tsunami appeal and more information about this will be forthcoming.

Members who have been down to the Club over the last months have met Hanni Phillips, our new Sports and Grounds Manager. Hanni joined us over our busy season and helped out at the Christmas Ball and Kids Sports Camp, plus she organised a family New Year's event and lots more. With the holidays over and the hot season approaching, Hanni and her team have started all the repair work that is needed poolside. Projects at the moment are repairing the children's playground; repairing all the tables and chairs in the salas; and, working on a solution to the smell in the Suriwong Sala.



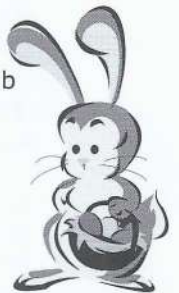
We have lots of events coming up over the next few months. These include Disney on Ice, return visit to Chokchai Farm, Easter Sunday Funday, and a return to Khao Yai. This year we are re-launching our Surin Elephant Roundup Weekend. Khun Dong has been promoted to our Events Manager, so please contact him directly for bookings or information on any British Club event.

Members who wish to book any functions at the Club can contact Khun Benjawan. Last year, the Club catered over 400 functions so the diary fills fast. One BC member has already booked a table for ten for this year's Christmas Ball to be held Saturday, 10th December 2005, so it's not too early to act!

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

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager



Khun Wararithi ("Dong") - Event Manager

Dong has been transferred from poolside and promoted to Event Manager. He will organise all Club events with the help of Barry. To book any Club event, please call Dong in the Clubhouse Office on Ext. 31.

Khun Benjawan ("Ben") - Catering Coordinator

Ben has worked here for over three years. For all inquiries regarding any functions, including outside catering or party plans, please give her a ring on Ext. 15.



Khun Patcharaporn ("Mona") - Executive Secretary

Mona has been with us for one month and is employed as secretary and Membership Secretary. Mona will be happy to assist your inquiries and is available on Ext. 17.



WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

**** FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX - FIRST RACE OF THE YEAR!**

Surawong Room, Sunday, March 6th, 10:00 am

Live coverage from Australia

Aussie BBQ on the back lawn following the race

See 2005 schedule on page 29.

**** NEW MEMBER NIGHT**

Churchill Bar, Tuesday, March 8th, 7:30 pm

All members welcome. Come and have a drink with old friends and new!

**** COMEDY VIDEO NIGHT**

**Surawong Room, Thursday, March 10th, 7:00pm
FREE**

"Rising Damp" with Leonard Rossiter and Richard Beckinsale

Book at reception or contact Dong.

**** BCB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Surawong Room, Tuesday, March 15th, 7:00 pm

See page 39 for details

**** ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**

Churchill Bar, Thursday, March 17th, 7:00 pm

Come and help us celebrate this momentous occasion. Come jig the night away with Legendary Traditional Irish Band "No Fixed Abode" and stimulate your taste buds with our Green Buffet only Bt 250! We will have Guinness and Kilkenney to tempt you and we'll invite you to kiss the Blarney Stone, so get ready to JIG!!

Dress: Green (If you dare)

**** MAGICAL KOH KRED**

Saturday, March 19th, 9:00 am

This ever-popular boat trip and day out on Koh Kred starts at 9:00 am at the Club. The day is jam-packed with activities for those both young and young at heart! Breakfast (with Bucks Fizz) is served on board the boat, followed by a leisurely hour and a half on the island, exploring temples, and, of course, shopping at the many magnificent pottery outlets. Then on to the serene Suan Thip Restaurant for lunch and children's activities which include face painting, bouncy castle, magic show and clowns. The fun is endless. Coaches leave for the British Club at 3:30 pm. Costs: Adults Bt 1,600 Children Bt 850. Please book with Dong or sign up at Reception.

**** BAR QUIZ NIGHT**

Lord's Restaurant, Tuesday, March 22nd, 7:30 pm

Join host Rodney Bain for our second BCB Bar Quiz of the year with 4 rounds of 19 questions each, plus the ever-popular 'common denominator.' Prizes for the winning and losing

teams. The cost is Bt 600 per team of six. Kick-off time is 7:30 pm in Lord's Dining Room. To book, please contact Dong or sign up at Reception.

**** ST. GEORGE'S FAMILY DAY PARTY**

Front Lawn, Wednesday March 23rd, 3:00 pm

Celebrate the dragon-slaying Saint of England with a British BBQ Buffet; activities for kids include pony rides, face painting, candy floss, and other entertainment. Cost: Bt 400 adult s and Bt 250 for kids.

**** DETECTIVE VIDEO NIGHT**

**Surawong Room, Thursday, March 24th, 7:30 pm
FREE**

"Cracker" with Robbie Coltrane

Book at Reception or contact Dong.

**** CHILDREN'S EASTER SUNDAY FUNDAY**

Back Lawn, Sunday, March 27th, 11:00am

A great day for the little ones with lots of fun Easter activities. The action starts at 11:00 am and finishes at 1:00 pm. Cost: Bt 350 for children and Bt 200 for adults. Price includes all activities, lunch, and soft drinks. To register, please sign up at Reception.

**** EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Lord's Restaurant, March 27th, 11:00 pm - 3:00 pm

A traditional Easter buffet for all the family. Starts at 11:00 am and finishes at 3:00 pm. Cost Bt 400 for adults and Bt 200 for children. Price includes chocolate and soft drinks for the children. This will be followed by regular children's activities in the Silom Room. To book, please sign up at Reception.

**** DISNEY ON ICE**

Muang Thong Thani, Sunday, March 27th, 5:00 pm

A perfect treat for Easter Sunday. Tickets cost Bt 1,150 per person. Cost includes transportation from and to the Club. Coaches leave at 5:00 pm and show starts at 7:00 pm. To book please contact Dong or book at Reception.

**** A BIG ROCK DAY- *Avril Lavigne* and More Famous Bands**

Muang Thong Thani, Sunday, March 27th, 12:00pm

Get ready for an historic seven-hour rock extravaganza packed with biggest names in the biz, both locally and internationally! Coaches depart at 12:00pm. Two tier ticket prices available: Bt 2450 and Bt 2050, includes transport. Contact Dong or sign up at reception.

Special Events at the Club next month - April

● SONGKRAN SPORTS CAMP

Tuesday, April 12th- Thursday, April 14th
Following on from the success of the Christmas Sports Camp, we will launch our new look Songkran Camp for children aged 5 - 13 years. We have lots of new activities planned to keep the kids entertained during the holidays. The cost is Baht 950 per day or Bht 2600 for all 3 days. For more information please contact Hanni or Amnart in the Fitness Centre.

● SONGKRAN SPLASH DAY

The Water Mall, Thapra, Friday, April 15th, 9:00 am

Fun for all the family! Join Hanni and her team who will be departing the BC at 9:00 am. Cost: Bt 650 per person which includes

Bowling Water Park & McDonald's Buffet lunch with transportation from and to BC. For further information contact Hanni in the Fitness Centre or to book contact Khun Dong (Events Department).

● COMEDY VIDEO NIGHT

Surawong Room, Thursday, April 12th. FREE

● BAR QUIZ NIGHT

Lord's Restaurant, Tuesday, March 22nd
Join host Rodney Bain for the next round in the BCB Bar Quiz. To book, please contact Dong or sign up at Reception.

● DETECTIVE VIDEO NIGHT

Surawong Room, Thursday, 26th April, FREE

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
7:00 pm and 8:00 pm

7:30 pm

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

Noon - 2:00 pm and
5:30 to 9:00 pm

SATURDAYS Lord's Restaurant

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

SUNDAYS Lords Restaurant

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Silom Room

1:00 - 3:30 pm

PASTA BAR Only Bt120!

JVK MOVERS DRAW ACCUMULATOR

Any member could win from Bt 5,000 to Bt 25,000 - prize increases each week

BARRY'S BOTTLE DRAW - someone present in the bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, Vodka or Gin.

CURRY BUFFET - All you can eat! Only Bt 200

SUKI SATURDAY! BCB's own Suki, a treat for the whole family!

FAMILY CARVERY- Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roast joints, pasta station, children's buffet, and range of deserts. Adults Bt 330 and children Bt 150 (includes soft drink)

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

Official Opening Times

10:00 am - 11:00 pm
11:30 am - 2:00 pm
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
7:30 am - 10:00 pm
6:00 am - 10:00 pm
6:00 am - 9:00 pm
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Churchill Bar
Lord's Restaurant (Lunch)
Lord's Restaurant (Dinner)
Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30 pm)
Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)
Fitness Centre (weekends)
Thai Massage (Tues - Sun)

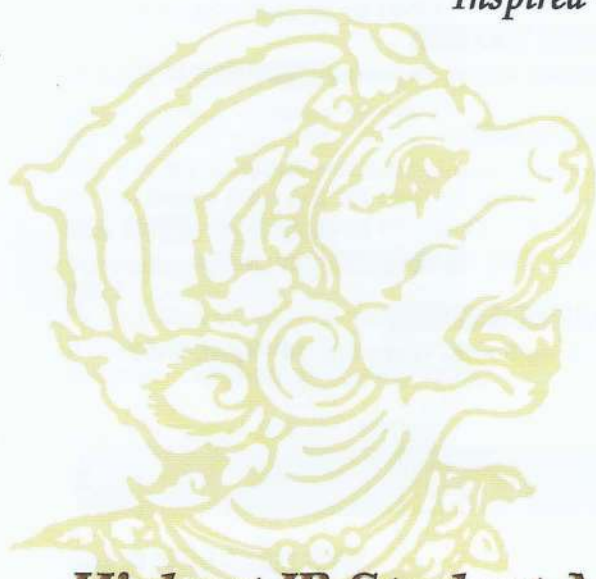


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EASTER SUNDAY...EASTER FUNDAY!

Sunday, March 27th

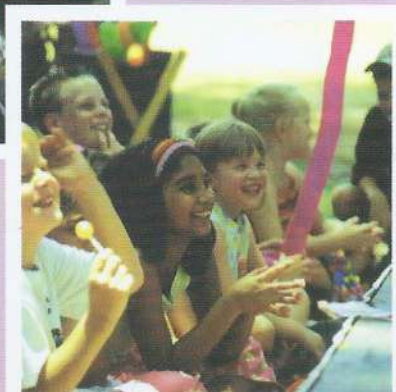
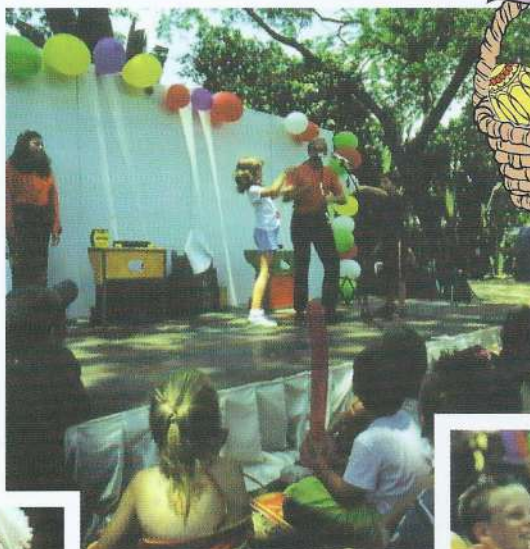
Come and celebrate Easter Sunday at the Club this year. We have a wonderful day planned with fun for all the family.

The fun starts on the back lawn for the little ones at 11:00 am with a host of Easter activities such as an Easter egg hunt, face painting, Thomas the Tank Engine Bouncer, and a puppet show. The action rounds up at around 1:00 pm. The cost Bt 350 for children and Bt 200 for adults, and includes all activities, lunch and soft drinks.

We also have our traditional **EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH buffet in Lord's Restaurant** starting at 11:00 am and finishing at 3:00 pm. The cost is Bt 400 for adults and Bt 200 for children (including chocolate and soft drinks). This will be followed by the regular children's activities in the Silom Room.

And...still more, the Club will also be taking members to the annual **DISNEY ON ICE Extravaganza at Muang Thong Thani**. This year's show is a compilation of scenes from *Mulan*, *Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and The Beast*, *Snow White*, and other Disney classics. A perfect treat for Easter Sunday and a wonderful way to round up the day. Tickets cost Bt 1,150 per person and includes transportation from and to the Club. Coaches leave at 5:00 pm and show starts at 7:00 pm.

As if this weren't enough for one day, the Club will head for the **THE BIG ROCK DAY** at Muang Thong Thani's outdoor stadium which features popular bands of **Avril Lavigne**, **Simple Plan**, **Modern Dog** and more. Coaches depart the Club at 12:00pm. Show times 2:00pm until 9:00pm. Ticket prices including transport are Bt 2450 or Bt 2050. To book for any of these events, please sign up at Reception.



BC CALENDAR MARCH – The Month at a Glance

Sunday

6 Lords Restaurant
12:00- 3:00 Family Carvery
Surawong Room
10:00 am **Formula 1 Grand Prix**
First Race of the year! Live from Australia. Followed by Aussie BBQ on the back lawn

Silom Room
1:00-3:30 Children's Activities
1:00-2:30pm Taekwondo
3:00pm Yoga
4:00-7:00pm Tennis Mix-in

13 Lords Restaurant
12:00- 3:00 Family Carvery

Monday

7 10:00am Aerobics

6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in

14 10:00am Aerobics

Tuesday

1 8:00am BWG Mahjong
8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
7:00-9:00pm Football Practice
Churchill Bar
8:00pm Friendly Bridge
8:30pm Spoof

8 8:00am BWG Mahjong
8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix In
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
7:00-9:00pm Football Practice
Churchill Bar
7:30 **NEW MEMBER NIGHT**
8:00pm Friendly Bridge
8:30pm Spoof

15 8:00am BWG Mahjong
8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix In
10:30am Aqua Aerobics

Wednesday

2 6:00-9:00am Tennis Mix-in
4:00 pm Junior Tennis
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
6:30-9:00pm **PASTA BAR**
7:00&8:00pm JVK Movers Draw
7:30 pm Barry's Bottle Draw

9 6:00-9:00am Tennis Mix-in
4:00 pm Junior Tennis
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
6:30-9:00pm **PASTA BAR**
7:00&8:00pm JVK Movers Draw
7:30 pm Barry's Bottle Draw

16 6:00-9:00am Tennis Mix-in

Thursday

3 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in
7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice
9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
6:00-9:00pm Chess

10 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in
7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice
9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
6:00-9:00pm Chess
Surawong Room
7:00 pm **Comedy Video Night**
"Rising Damp"

17 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30am Aqua Aerobics

Friday

4 **Churchill Bar- Lunch & Dinner**
12:00-2:00pm
6:00-9:00 pm
CURRY BUFFET
4:00pm Junior Tennis
5:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in

11 **Churchill Bar- Lunch & Dinner**
12:00-2:00pm
6:00-9:00 pm
CURRY BUFFET
4:00pm Junior Tennis
5:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in

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Saturday

5 9:00am Swimming Lessons
Bangkok Dolphins
9:30-12:00 Cricket Practice
Lords Dining Room
11:30-2:30pm **SUKI SATURDAY**
3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice

12 9:00am Swimming Lessons
Bangkok Dolphins
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MAGICAL KOH KRED
Depart BCB at 9:00 am



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Tsunami

After the Tsunami

Until recently, the word "Tsunami" was not commonplace on most people's lips. Now of course, it signifies one of the worst natural and most widespread disasters in living history.

Here at the British Club, our heartfelt sympathies go out to all members who have suffered the loss of friends and acquaintances through this disaster, and especially to the relatives and friends of the D'Avola family who perished in Khao Lak on the morning of the Tsunami. Their surviving daughter now lives in Brazil.

There is not a lot more than can be said to sum up the terrible grief and loss suffered by so many, and here in Bangkok we are very much aware that the impact on our lives will be felt for a long time to come.

In Memoriam

**Mr. & Mrs. D'Avola
and their son Gianluca**

British Club members since
June 14th, 2003
who perished on the morning
of December 26th 2004
in Khao Lak, Thailand.

The British Club in Action

We had a huge response from members of both the British Club and the British Chamber of Commerce in Thailand for donations of clothing and other essentials which were delivered to the Club on the days following the disaster. The Snooker Room was used as a holding point and little did we know that it would come to such a good use so quickly. Each time the Snooker Room filled up (at least three times) trucks were organised to load up and take everything to the airport, where some supplies were used for survivors returning from Phuket, and the rest were sent to Phuket by air.

The Club was in contact with many people in different parts of Phuket working on a whole range of support work. Land Rover gave



us six Discoveries that were destined for a special off-road rally in January. They all got to Phuket in a military transport plane, along with about 20 volunteer drivers. Several Club members who are involved in construction in Phuket, organised diggers and heavy lifting equipment to be sent to the worst affected sites.

Some tourists returning to Bangkok had seen our notice at the airport welcoming any persons to the Club who wanted to spend some time away from an airport or hospital. Only a few took up this offer, but those that made it recounted harrowing tales of how they survived.

All in all, this was a truly overwhelming effort by Club members— many of whom put in several hours of work to coordinate and manage these projects. We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at The British Club, to thank all those people for their tireless efforts, of which we are sure made a significant difference to the relief process, and for all the donations received.



The British Club Tsunami Relief Fund

In the weeks and months to come, we will have many opportunities to reflect on this tragedy and see where we can help those that have suffered so much. To that end, the British Club would like to help by raising money for a worthwhile and specific project, such as building a school or an orphanage for example. We have therefore set up a special bank account for this purpose and to which you may send your donations.

We have received almost 100,000 Baht so far, and thank you again to those members who have already donated so generously.

The account details are as follows:

BANK NAME: Standard Chartered Nakornthon Bank PCL
BANK ADDRESS: 90 North Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10500, Thailand
ACCOUNT NAME: THE BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK TSUNAMI RELIEF FUND
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 000-2-77918-8
SWIFT CODE: NTBLTHBK

Please note that if anyone would like to pay in money on their own behalf and would like a receipt, please post, fax or email a copy of the paying in slip to the British Club, 189 Surawongse Road, Bangkok, 10500. Fax: +66 (0) 2235 1560 or Email:

Tsunami@BritishClubBangkok.org

We very much hope that we will soon all have the opportunity to plan some fund-raising events to assist in these objectives.

Tsunami contributions

The BCB was visited by Tsunami survivor Janice Wingo who was accompanied by her friend, Brian. Janice had an amazing story of narrow escape from the Tsunami while at the beach on Koh Phi Phi. Janice saw the tide go out and recognized something was wrong, so she got on a motor bike and sped away with the Tsunami wave only a meter behind her. She got to higher ground ahead of the killer waves and spent the night on a hill sleeping on banana leaves. All she had left was the swim suit she was wearing. The next morning, she came down from the hill and the local Thai people were helpful in getting her and others to Bangkok. She was later able to contact her friend Brian who came directly from Hong Kong to bring her clothes and basic personal items and to help her return safely to Hong Kong. Janice and Brian were obviously exhausted from their ordeal. We are very happy for her safety and rescue. We send her best wishes for a long and happy future.



Ming and I wish to thank all those who made donations and volunteered in so many ways to make it possible for over 10 pickup trucks and even a plane full of items to be sent to the tsunami victims. It is so gratifying to see that in difficult times people respond to the needs of others who are complete strangers. It truly renews our faith in the long term future of humanity.

By **Peter and Ming Gary**

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Tsunami

A Club Member's 11-year old daughter's survival story

While there are many distressing and heart-breaking stories, this following account of survival was written by Club member, Christopher Coleridge Cole's 11 year-old daughter Alexa, and appeared in The Times newspaper in England on January 9th.



Alexa Coleridge Cole, aged 11, was with her family at Khao Lak in Thailand when the tsunami struck. She was swept away along with her parents and two brothers, aged 18 and 16. Although she and her father were badly injured, they all survived and she and her mother eventually returned to London. Her father stayed in hospital in Thailand but is now recovering. This is her vivid and innocent account of what happened: the spelling has been left unaltered.

I was in my little bungalow getting ready to go to the waterfalls. My brothers and my dad were with me but my mum was still having breakfast. We heard some screaming and came out of the bungalow. Every one was running away from this big, muddy tidal wave. My brother picked me up and put me on to the balcony of the main building. The wave caught us up. Somehow it pushed me onto the second floor then through me over the top onto the ground right on my back.

It was really painful. When we were being pushed around out in the open area, I found a chair and tried to float on it. Then I saw my brother, Ben. He was on one of the camp bed mattresses. I managed to get onto it. Then it started sinking.

We found this big metal block and climbed onto it. It was boiling and was burning my skin. Then it started heading for a tree. We jumped off the back of it. That was not a good idea. It pushed me right down under water then forward.

When I got up to the surface there was a tree so I grabbed on to it but I slipped off. My brother suddenly appeared and grabbed onto me. He put me onto a tree then climbed up himself. We waited for an hour for the water to go down. Loads of giant bees came. We didn't get stung but one flew up my brother's shorts. He was scared.

Then I realised I was wearing a swimsuit with shorts and a T-shirt. But now I had lost my shorts in the wave. We sang some song. We sang Rudolf and we made up a song. "Jingle bells, Alexa smells, Freddie made a cave, Uncle Billy lost his willy in a tidal wave, hey." Freddie is my other brother. I know it's a bit rude but it's quite funny. Anyway, when the water was a bit shallower we called for Freddie to come here. He came looking for us, walking through the shallow waters. He said he lifted three people with broken legs into a tree. Ben and I had to jump into the water. We walked together looking for my dad because he said he had broken his hip. My brothers held my dad as he tried to walk.

We got up this little hill and sat under a tree in the shade. Ben found some water. That really did

help a lot. We were in the swamp for about 5 hours. We saw three Thai men searching for people. They were rescuers. They said they had a car 1km away. They went to look for it. They came back saying they couldn't find it but brought a curtain and two bamboo sticks.

They made a hammock for my dad because he couldn't walk. Two of the men carried my dad and one man carried me. We got to a road and on the other side of the road there was a shop. We showed them our cut (Alexa had been badly injured on her foot), and they gave us a free coke.

We found a man with a pick-up truck. He drove us to the first hospital. We saw some horrible sites on the way there. At the first hospital I got 12 stitches. I had to stay in one bed for 4 days without leaving the bed. I was serious board.

Then we stayed at my dad's friend's house in Phuket. They took us to a different hospital where I had six stitches out because it was infected. (did you know I had the stitches put in and taken out with no anesthetic. It was so painful.) Then we decided to fly to Bangkok, to a better hospital. We went in an army, airforce plane. It was so cool. At the new hospital I had a general anesthetic which was great. Every day I have to have my wounds cleaned. It's so painful. I have got to stay here a while cause I can't walk. I can only hop and that's not good.

I have all of my stitches out but I still have a plastic straw in my foot which is getting out all my puss. It's really gross. I am coming home tonight and because I am injured I get to go into business class. My mum keeps on crying because three of our friends have died. One of them was my brother's godfather and my godmother's husband. It's really sad. My sister would have been in the tsunami if her plane wasn't delayed but luckily it was.

I have lost everything I owned. Even my holiday work, which was good. I think this is the worst holiday I have had ever, and hopefully ever will have.

Written by **Alexa Coleridge Cole**. True Story

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Snooker Room Member Survey

Thank you to all those members who completed the survey and we hope that you received your voucher for a complimentary drink at the Club. (Let us know if you didn't get one!)

Meanwhile, in order to get back to work quickly, Barry has hijacked the Snooker Room on a short-term basis to make it his temporary ground floor office until he is able to manoeuvre the stairs once again! Good thinking!

Below are the results of the survey.

Total Respondents: 148 members. (Approximately 13% of membership)



Total Number/(Percentage)		Usage			
Members who would use facility		Frequently	Often	Sometimes	Infrequently
Wine Bar/Snug	89 (60%)	10 (11%)	23 (25%)	52 (58%)	4 (4%)
Coffee Shop	76 (51%)	12 (16%)	23 (30%)	32 (42%)	9 (12%)
Games Room	59 (39%)	7 (12%)	17 (29%)	30 (51%)	5 (8%)
Snooker /Pool	35 (24%)	2 (6%)	3 (9%)	20 (58%)	9 (26%)
No Change:	7 (5%)				
No Smoking:	30 (20%)				

- Considering that an incentive (albeit small) was offered, and the survey only took a couple of minutes to complete, a 13% response rate would have to be viewed as an indication that this is a topic of low interest to the *majority* of members. From those who did reply, there is a really scattered response and no really strong opinion emerging.
- Nevertheless, the General Committee is grateful for members' input and is currently reviewing the comments and suggestions received, with a view to making a recommendation in the near future.

Comments

Other specific comments from individual members:

- ◆ It's fine as it is! Stop fiddling! Concentrate on the real issues!
- ◆ We need more for kids/teenagers, not another bar (4 comments)
- ◆ If we sell a snooker table, there are members who would like to make an offer
- ◆ Make the room a prestigious Men's only bar with no music
- ◆ Put in pool tables, dart board, screen for sports and then make Churchill Bar more formal (4 comments)] Make it a Sports Bar (3 comments)
- ◆ Replace one snooker table with table tennis table (2 comments)
- ◆ Convert Lords into a Bistro with adjoining Wine Bar (detailed diagram provided) then put in big screen as well as TVs in Churchill Bar and have dress code until 8:00 pm, after that allow informal sportswear to encourage sports sections to use bar
- ◆ Make it a games/craft room for kids with supervision
- ◆ Put a walking/jogging track around the Club
- ◆ Combine the Wine Bar (evenings) and Coffee shop (day times) (3 comments)
- ◆ Combine Coffee Shop and Games room (4 comments)
- ◆ Have classical CDs, Wine Dispenser machine, newspapers, chess table in Wine Bar
- ◆ Make it a reading room with popular UK magazines (e.g. Private Eye to Horse and Hound) Create a lending library.
- ◆ Put Wine Bar or Coffee Shop on Verandah
- ◆ Snooker Room should incorporate Chess corner
- ◆ Coffee shop should have Broadband computer facility, cable TV and sound system
- ◆ Put a Playstation in Games Room
- ◆ All indoor areas should be no smoking
- ◆ Create an upmarket, open air bar
- ◆ Include TV & Darts in Wine bar/Snug
- ◆ Make it a semi-formal lounge bar with no food, library, newspapers, no TV, smart dress, easy chairs, bridge table
- ◆ We have enough eating places, don't need another one
- ◆ Put in some bedrooms for visiting guests. Or stables for ponies (*my favourite! - Ed*)
- ◆ Snooker tables give sophistication to Club (2 comments)
- ◆ Poolside area for kids is atrocious! Dark, hot, noisy and smelly. Need brighter, cooler environment for them.
- ◆ Coffee Shop could have children's play corner
- ◆ Snooker Room is currently used mostly as a phone booth
- ◆ Divide the room in two, keep 1 snooker table in room and use other half of room as Wine Bar or Coffee Shop
- ◆ Make it into a spa/sauna/massage room
- ◆ Put a bar into the current snooker room
- ◆ The snooker room equipment is in a bad state of disrepair and should be maintained. Decline of snooker is because of bad state of equipment
- ◆ Make it into a business centre for small meetings and internet access
- ◆ Don't change the Club too much. It's a good expat Club as it is.

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SPORTS AND GAMES AT THE BC!

Introducing **Hanni Phillips** - Manager Sports and Grounds

Hanni Phillips was hired at the beginning of December to take care of the Sports sections, poolside activities, maintenance and grounds. She can be found in the Fitness Centre or poolside, six days a week. Please contact Hanni if you need any assistance, or if you have any suggestions to improve these areas, she welcomes your input.



Dear Members,

I'm sure some of you have seen me around, but if not, consider this the official introduction!

I have been in Thailand for nearly three years now, teaching sport, drama, music and English— to name but a few. I was most recently in Pattaya and I am delighted and excited to now be in Bangkok and a part of the BC team. I very much hope to meet you all soon, so please come and say hello the next time you're at the Club.

Well, it's been an interesting and busy time for me here since I started work. What with Barry's accident, it was a pretty crazy Christmas and New Year, with parties left, right and centre. We also had a great three day Sports Camp starting on December 20th with a huge turn-out of over 30 children! Activities included swimming, football, skittles, arts and crafts and tons of fun! We also took the kids to Dreamworld on the 23rd and ice skating on the 24th. Such festive fun gave me the opportunity to get to meet you and your children and learn a great deal about the Club.

Now with Easter holidays fast approaching, you will find me inspecting the Grounds and working on improvements for you and your Club. So, any suggestions, please let me know. Regarding the sports activities, I have lots of new things planned, so watch this space!

I would like to wish you all a fun and exciting time at the BCB and to tell you once again how happy I am to be here. Hoping to see you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Hanni Phillips



DATES FOR YOUR RUGBY DIARY 2005

Local and Regional Rugby Tournaments

Manila 10's

* 12th and 13th March

Singapore 7's

* 16th and 17th April

Phuket 10's

* 28th and 29th May

Hat Yai 7's

* 10th and 11th September

Anchor 10's Phnom Penh

* 22nd and 23rd October

RBSC 10's

* TBA

Hong Kong 7's

* 18th to 20th March

Pattaya 10's

* 30th April and 1st May

Phuket 10's

* 29th and 30th May

15th Pink and Black Ball

* Saturday 15th October

Bangkok 7's

* 28th to 30th October

Cricket is Back!

BC-Elite CC has played 4 matches in the ongoing TCL (Thailand Cricket League) so far. The first match was played against Southerners which BC-Elite lost by four wickets.

The second match of the season was played against YTSA on 5th Dec'04 at AIT ground. After the initial setback against Southerners it was very important for the team to win their second match by a big margin. Rising to the occasion, Team BC-Elite registered an emphatic win against the highly rated YTSA team.

Batting first, BC-Elite CC scored a massive 308/9 in their allotted 45 overs. Some notable contributions with the bat were Hafeez, who opened the innings and scored a brilliant 103 not out runs. The start was not very good as the first wicket fell very early. But after the initial setbacks, Faisal gave ample support to Hafeez, who was batting confidently, and scored a quick-fire 70 runs.

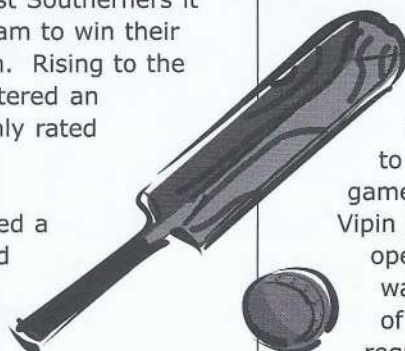
Chasing the huge score of 308 was never going to be easy for YTSA and they wilted under the pressure and were bowled out for 130 runs inside 30 overs. Zeeshawn showed why he is rated amongst the best by taking two quick wickets in a fiery spell of fast bowling. At the other end Niraj gave a disciplined support and chipped in with two good wickets. After the initial burst from Zeeshawn and Niraj, the spinners came to their own. They kept the pressure up by drying up the flow of runs. Faisal & Ahmed took two wickets each and later Hafeez and Vipin chipped in with one wicket each.

The third match was played against ABCC#1 on 26th Dec'04 at POLO club ground. ABCC won the toss and put BC-Elite in first. Batting first, BC-Elite scored a respectable 281/9 in their allotted 45 overs. The highlight of the innings was a composed 60 from Vipin and a fighting 54 from Hafeez, who also took two wickets to go with his half century. Hafeez deservedly got his second man-of-the-match award in running. Faizal chipped in with a useful half century down the order to lift the BC-Elite score to 281. In reply ABCC started

on a disastrous note—loosing a couple of early wickets against the sustained opening bowling attack of BC-Elite. ABCC#1 fought back well and stayed in the hunt till 42nd over. BC-Elite bowlers and fielders hung on well to win the match by 21 runs in the end.

If the third match was close, the fourth was a cliffhanger with the outcome of match decided in the last over.

This was against Champions#1 and was played on 8th Jan'05 at POLO club ground. The toss was won by BC-Elite who elected to bat first. It was a 40 overs a side game. For BC-Elite, Zeeshawn and Vipin opened the innings and had a good opening stand of 45. The first to go was Zeeshawn on 24. After the fall of first wicket, the wickets fell at regular intervals. Amongst all this, Ashish kept one end up with some solid defence and a few crisp shots to the fence. Ed, Guarav, Sam and Praveen gave good support from the other end to take the score to 193 in allotted 40 overs. The score of 193 was not good, but BC-Elite bowlers rose to the occasion and fought back well, especially Ashish, who got man-of-the-match, and Sam took three wickets each. Ed also bowled well to chip in with two wickets. At the end of 47th over, Champions#1 required 14 runs from 18 balls with two wickets remaining. Vipin was given the responsibility of bowling the crucial 38th over. The match was not over yet and anything could have happened at that stage. First two balls of 38th over went for three runs and on the third ball Vipin struck a vital blow by clean bowling the batsman. Last three balls of over were yorkers and didn't concede any run. The equation now read: 12 balls and 15 runs with one wicket remaining. The 39th over was eventful, with an under edge going for four and a couple of missed run-outs. The tension was all around. At the beginning of 40th over, Champions#1 required only four runs to win. First ball of the 40th over sealed the match in favour of BC-Elite. Zeeshawn, who was bowling the last over, dived full length to his left and stopped a certain single and threw down the wickets at non-strikers end with batsman way out of his crease. It was one of the best matches of the tournament so far. This match could take BC-ELITE closer to the title chase.



And Colm McKay Scores!

The British Club maintained a 20 year old tradition of appearing in the annual Manila Football Tournament on November 20th 2004. Times have changed though, and we did not send a team to the open competition, opting to enter a team of 40+ veterans to compete for the Jimmy Howard Veterans Trophy.

Timing was not good this year coinciding with events like the Ploenchit Fair. When the team assembled for the pre-tournament dinner at the Mandarin Hotel in Makati, BC could only count five players for a six a side tournament! The "famous five" comprised Jimmy Howard, Dave Moylan in goal, team captain John Sheehan, Mick Murphy who is a Manila based former BC player, and a trim looking Colm McKay. Colm didn't actually qualify for veterans age group being only 32 years old, but neither the organizers nor the other teams had any objections. When his age was recorded as "52" on the team registration sheet no-one noticed!

By the time the team was ready to turn out for the first game in a natty looking replica Manchester United strip, we had managed to recruit two new players. From there on we continued drafting more players of the appropriate age, as more teams were knocked out of the open competition. By the time we played the last game, we had assembled a reasonably competent squad of 12 players.

The quality of football was marred by a typhoon hitting the Philippines which reduced parts of the playing surface to a quagmire. Jimmy Howard kicked off the first game against the Manila Nomads Veterans which ended up as 0-0 draw in spite of BC having numerous chances on the Nomads goal. In the second game, we were sitting on a comfortable 1-0 lead against the Toronto Castaways when our last defender (an import from Taiwan) let the ball squirt through his legs allowing his opponent an open run on goal. In spite of the heroic efforts of keeper Dave Moylan, sporting a replica Peter Schmeichel Man United jersey, the ball squirmed under him into the net. There was no time to regain the lead and we ended up with a disappointing 1-1 draw. The final game was a cracker

It's the second half of a closely contested final of the annual Manila Veterans Tournament between British Club Bangkok and Hong Kong Strollers. A long ball is played up to the 61-year old legend, Jimmy Howard, who controls the ball with one touch, draws the goalkeeper, deftly flicks the ball to the side leaving Colm McKay the opportunity to drive the ball into the bottom corner of the net. The crowd erupts and Colm completes two somersaults and a black flip in front of the delighted supporters.

against the best team in the tournament—the Hong Kong Strollers. Hong Kong took a 2-0 lead but were deservedly pulled back to 2-1 at half time. In the second half, BC turned on the style and deservedly ran out 3-2 winners.

In the final we were paired again with Hong Kong Strollers, who had won every game other than the 3-2 defeat to BC. Unfortunately BC was unable to repeat the heroics of the earlier game, as a result of tiredness and overextending themselves in training the

night before. Hong Kong fielded a former Croatian international who was by far the outstanding player of the tournament and he scored a hat-trick enabling Hong Kong to run out 5-2 winners.



Once again the tournament was impeccably run by the Nomads and thoroughly enjoyed by all in spite of the weather. Some of the high points of the tournament were as follows:

- Jimmy Howard still performing at a good standard at age 61.
- An awesome performance from Dave Moylan in goal who continued to scream at his defenders not to pass the ball across the goal mouth in the sticky mud whilst the defenders continued to ignore him.
- The shocked looks of the Hong Kong defenders when Colm McKay scored in the final assisted by Jimmy Howard.
- Colm McKay attempting to head a long kick from our goalkeeper. When the ball hit his head it knocked him flat on his backside in the mud and he bit his tongue!
- Albie Roberts, President of the Nomads, in German-accented English criticizing the ability of Nomads Veterans captain Phillipe to speak understandable English

Captain's Report – 2004

Year 2004 was another good year for the British Club Golf Section. Unfortunately though, it has also been a year where we lost many of our stalwart members, among the most noticeable of whom were 'Captain' Kevin and Vicky Jones. They send us messages wishing all an enjoyable AGM and expressing their regrets at not being here to share it with us. In their absence, I would like to recognize the enthusiastic contribution they made to the success of the club over the last couple of years. They are sadly missed.

During 2004 there have been many highlights, but before we get onto these, my first duty is to recognize the people, who through their hard work, have made this yet another memorable year—the committee. In my five months as captain, I have received great support from them all: Karen Holloway, who makes sure we all know what's happening and what needs to be done, as well as captaining the Lord's PWC team; Karen Carter, whose position as Bookings Secretary is one of the more onerous roles; Brian Brook as Treasurer; Bridget Snow our Honorary Secretary; Andy Flynn the "Official Starter"; Gareth Sampson and Mike Staples the Handicap Secretary. We were also fortunate to be able to draft in two new committee members halfway through the year, Adrian O'Brien who looks after Prizes, and Harland Bulow who has picked up a new role responsible for trying to attract New Members. I thank each one of them for their support and commitment, because without their efforts the Golf Section would undoubtedly falter.

My next duty is to thank our very kind sponsors without whom many of our major events would not be the same. My warm thanks go to Sean Colligan, again unfortunately in his and Sophie's absence, and Nokia, whose sponsorship of our Club Championship was one of the real highlights of our calendar. Also many thanks to David Lamb and Dunlopillo, for their continuing support of The Dunlop Cup; to Transpo for the Eclectic; and finally to Castrol for sponsoring the Ryesome Bowl. This year we also added one new sponsor with Andy Flynn and Worldwide Relocations starting to sponsor the Monthly Stapleford competition.

On the golfing front there have been many highlights, of which two in particular I would like to remember: Andy's tremendous eagle 2 at the 4th at Springfield during the Dunlop Cup, and Harland's hole in one at the 17th at Khaow Kheow during the medal. Harland's hole in one was particularly memorable for one of the great pieces of golf heckling, with Guy's quip as Kevin was about to tee-off just after Harland - "Well Kevin, you need this one for the half!"

The year 2004 was not quite as successful for the British Club in our matches against other societies as in 2003, with a final score of won 3, lost 3. We narrowly lost the Magpie Putter to the Wanderers and the Merc Trophy to Lighthouse, beat both The

Japanese (Honda Cup) and Scandinavians

(Volvo Cup), retained the Emirates Trophy against the Londoner, but lost the SUAL Bell decisively to GCL. On the PWC front the Lord's team were also not quite as strong as 2003, ending up in respectable finishing position of 7th despite the fine captaincy and best efforts of Captain Karen.

While mentioning our matches against other societies it would be remiss of me not to give a big thank-you to Barry and his Staff for providing good food and excellent service for our Guest Day, the post-PWC evening and when entertaining the Japanese association.

Looking at our own internal club events, the following players should be congratulated for winning our 'Majors':

The Nokia Club Championship Men – Bryan Dodd
The Nokia Club Championship Ladies – Karen Holloway

Dunlop Cup Winners – Mike Staples and Pat Dean
Dunlop Plate Winners – David Lamb and Bryan Dodd

Seniors Trophy – Dianne Bulow

Juniors Trophy – Kevin Jones

Transpo Three Day Eclectic – Kevin Jones

Castrol Ryesome Bowl – Mike and Sam Holloway

Matchplay Champion – Mike Holloway

As well as having a change in Captaincy during the year, a number of other changes have also been made. We moved from the USGA handicap system to CONGU, changed from 3 flights to 2 for the monthly medal, and added in a new monthly Stapleford Competition. While everyone may not welcome all of these changes, the committee has made them in the belief that they are in the best interest of the Golf Section as a whole. The committee continues to be dedicated to the section's objective of providing its members with regular golf played in a friendly and competitive spirit.

One final thing I ask is for you all to support Harland's efforts in attracting new members. I think our biggest challenge over the next 12 months will be to keep up the numbers, as we have lost so many regular players during 2004.

So, in trying to follow the wise words of another dearly departed captain, 'a good speech is a short speech', I finish by thanking all of the players who supported the section throughout the year and leave you with a short ode to the wonderful game on the facing page.

Yours in Golf,

Peter Gale
Captain



A GOLFERS POEM

*In my hand I hold a ball, white and dimpled, rather small.
Oh, how bland it does appear, this harmless looking little sphere.
By its size I could not guess, the awesome strength it does possess.
But since I fell beneath its spell, I've wandered through the fires of hell.*

*My life has not been quite the same, since I chose to play this stupid game.
It rules my mind for hours on end, a fortune it has made me spend.
It has made me swear and yell and cry, I hate myself and want to die.
It promises a thing called par, if I can hit straight and far.*

*To master such a tiny ball should not be very hard at all.
But my desires the ball refuses, and does exactly like it chooses.
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies, and even disappears before my eyes.
Often it will take a whim, to hit a tree or take a swim.*

*With miles of grass on which to land, it finds a tiny patch of sand.
It has me offering up my soul, if only it would find the hole.
It's made me whimper like a pup, and swear that I will give it up.
And take a drink to ease my sorrow, but the ball knows....*

I'll be back tomorrow!!!!

Teeing Off



Fellowship, fun, and fresh air: golf group heads for the mountains of Soi Dao.

SOI DAO - 3.5 hours east of Bangkok and about 250 kms

As part of our on-going attempt to merge a golf section with a Thailand travel section in the **Outpost**, 15 hardy souls headed east towards the Cambodian border for a social weekend of golf and fun. For those of you who haven't traveled this far east, then I would highly recommend this golf course. The hotel & course are located in Soi Dao National Park close to the Cambodian border with imposing views of Soi Dao and the surrounding mountains. The air was clean and the course was in great condition. The hotel mainly caters to the golfer, but does provide mountain bikes for rental, and there is stunning scenery with waterfalls to visit nearby.

But where there is Ying, there is Yang... and our Yang this fine weekend, was that the course allowed other groups to play in groups of six! By their very definition, a 6B is going to play the course 50% slower than a 4 ball and so this proved. Despite the few, but very slow 6B groups, we did manage to play two rounds on Saturday and one on Sunday, as well as enjoy the company of our fellow players in the evening sitting outside under the stars. If you are lucky enough to visit Soi Dao in the dry season, you will, I hope, be lucky enough to see a million stars, as the sky is atmospherically and light pollution free.

However, the local inhabitants on the course did provide our rules official Karen 'Kendra' Holloway with a tricky question concerning Rule 12: Searching for and Identifying Ball. As you will see from the photo, at this course it is not always that easy to find and identify your ball. If you would like to know the answer to this question, please contact the GOLF CHANNEL!!!



Caddie! Where's my ball?

KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND: AWAY IN HUA HIN



Inaugural and Ambassador's Cup Winners

Trophy". The winners were Brian Brook, Pete Gale and the Committee!

To continue our travel theme, from the past few months, we headed south for the long weekend of the King's Birthday to Hua Hin to fulfill our annual commitment to play for the SUAL (Shut Up And Listen) Bell against the Golfers Cocktail Lounge (GCL). This year's fixture was played at our home course away from home—when in Hua Hin—Majestic Creek. The GCL is a very strong golfing society with many more members to select from than the BC, and as we found to our cost, they were just too strong despite the additional 'RINGERS' we had playing for us, namely Mike Staples' brother, David and Brian Brooks' friend, Gary. As part of the tradition of this standing event, the GCL hosted a party in the evening by the beach in Hua Hin and their hospitality was greatly appreciated by more than one of our golfing fraternity...For the record, the GCL retained the Bell for another year.

Whilst in Hua Hin, we also played for a few other trophies and cup over the weekend and these included the "Ambassador Cup", the "Inaugural Cup" and the "DeeMed

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- **Andy Flynn** - Vice Captain, Starter and Outpost
- **George Okrasa** - Honorary Secretary
- **Brian Brook** - Honorary Treasurer
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- **Mike Staples** - Handicaps and Annual Awards
- **Adrian O'Brien** - Trophies and Prizes
- **Karen Holloway** - Rules and Captain BC Lords
- **Harland Bulow** - New Members
- **Barry Ashman** - Member at Large



November 2004 Medal winners

December 2004 Medal winners



MONTHLY MEDAL

Since last edition of the **Outpost**, the golf section has completed the last two of our monthly medals— November at Khao Kheow and December at Royal Lat Krabang. A brief review of results and photos will probably suffice.

November	Flight A	Flight B	Flight C
1 st place	Brian Brook	Adrian O'Brien	Guy Snow
2 nd place	Karen Holloway	Karen Carter	Peter Bond
3 rd place	Andy Flynn	Gaew	Edwin Ferner
December	Flight A	Flight B	Flight C
1 st place	Andy Flynn	Gaew	Peter Bond
2 nd place	Roy Barrett	David Henton	Maureen Gibson
3 rd place	Brian Brook	Karen Carter	Edwin Ferner

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Rysome Bowl Winners and Runners' Up



Dee Med Trophy Winners



Dee Med Runners' Up

As you will have gathered, the golf section is a keen bunch, always looking for another competitive event to test their skills as well as their hooks & slices. One of our most keenly contested events is the Rysome Bowl. Part of the reason for such interest, is that again, we are all looking for the perfect partner to help us secure a piece of silverware (well O.K.—a nice little trophy with a golfer on top!) in this pairs event. This year's event was held at the recently re-named Legacy Golf course in the Ram intra area. The course was in fine but tough condition for one of our 'major' events of the year, and the results reflected the skill level required to win such a prestigious event in a highly competitive field.

The prizes and trophies were presented by our sponsor, Keith Hales of Castrol and our thanks go to Keith for taking time out of his VERY busy work schedule to join us. The winners were Sam & Mike Holloway who must have known they were in with a shout of winning, as they brought along grandmother and mum to play and watch this exhibition of quality golf. Sam was so excited about his win, he forgot to change into his smart "photo opportunity" clothes and chose to wear his West Ham United football shirt instead. Next time perhaps!



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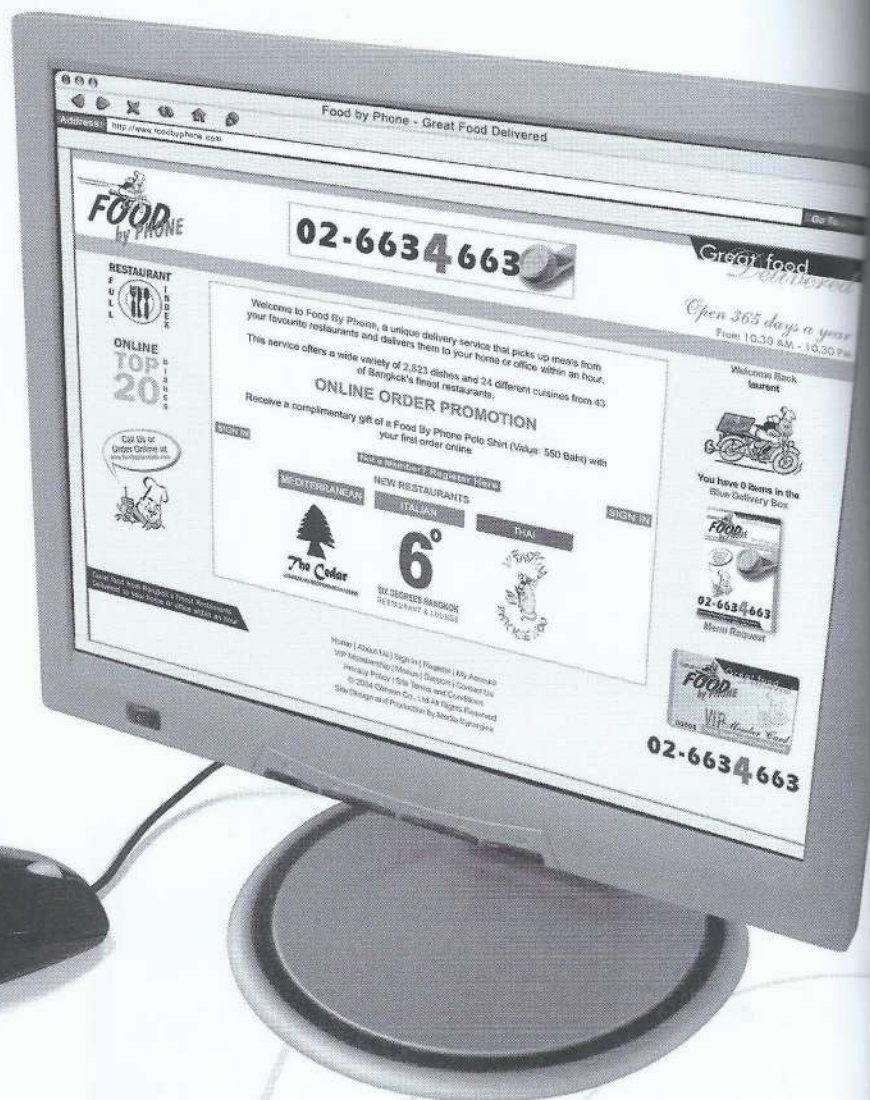


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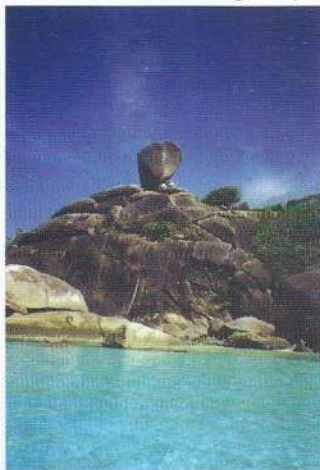
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Taking the Plunge!

Last December, luckily one week ahead of the Tsunami disaster, I joined a four-day scuba trip to the Similan Islands aboard the *Chok Sulee* dive boat. I have used this boat several times and found the service and price to be very good. This live-aboard boat accommodates up to 16 divers, but since there were just four of us this early in the season, the crew pampered us.

We made a total of 14 dives including three night dives. My average dive time was about 40 minutes, which made for a grand total of almost ten hours of underwater adventure in one of the world's top diving destinations. The deepest dive was 28.3 meters with an average depth of 20.5 meters. The



visibility was limited to an average of 20 meters due to suspended particles in the water, compared to 35-40 meters often experienced in March through May. I strongly recommend that divers with a minimum of Advanced Open Water certification participate in these dive trips. Also important is for divers to be current



in their skills with recently completed dives, and that they have the ability to maintain good buoyancy control. I recommend a full one-piece 3mm wet suit, as there are often unexpected thermal clines below 20 meters.

Disappointingly, there were no manta rays or whale sharks this time, but I did get to use my new dive computer! On about my ninth dive, as I was descending rapidly to 20 meters, my dive computer began to beep rapidly, alerting me to ascend immediately for it showed I was in eminent danger of oxygen poisoning! I immediately ascended and after surfacing I realized my mistake. My computer showed I was at 190% oxygen which is not good! In reality, I was OK. My computer did exactly what it was supposed to do. I had accidentally changed the normal oxygen setting of 21% (using regular air) to a 100% setting which is used only in re-breather systems at very shallow depths. My computer was very upset and unforgiving with me, however, and would not let me dive for another six hours. I won't make that mistake again!

I will be organizing a BCB dive trip in early March and another in April or May. Those interested please contact me directly soon.

CPR & First Aid

The BCB has taken a very proactive approach to be better prepared for emergencies, prior to the recent tsunami, by increasing staff training and upgrading equipment. As proved by the results of the tragic tsunami, not being properly trained and prepared can be swift and deadly.

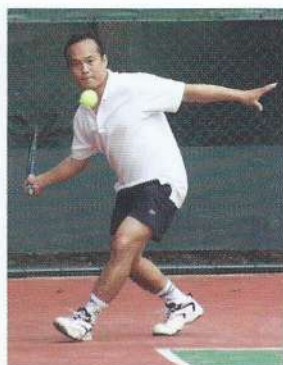
The BCB upgraded its eight First Aid kits located throughout the facility. Some of these kits include "Emergency Space Blankets" for treating patients with shock and pocket masks for easier and more efficient rescue breathing which also offers protection to both rescuer and patient. Additional latex gloves are in each kit. The kits will be inspected regularly to insure they are properly filled.

During December, 12 BCB staff members completed their CPR/First Aid certification course. Ming assisted me during many of the CPR & First Aid courses. She translated the entire course into Thai for the most recent BCB class of six students who received 18 hours of instruction over three days. Ming did a great job!

We are pleased to announce that additional special classes will be offered with Thai translation starting in March. These courses are appropriate for domestic employees, such as nannies, maids, and chauffeurs. For more information contact me directly and keep an eye on the bulletin boards.

By Peter and Ming Gary





A Win is a Win! Action from the recent Inter-Club Match BC vs. Thai-German Chamber of Commerce

The day got off to a great start with some lovely food provided by the Thai-German Chamber members. Even with most of our "Big Guns" away we still managed to secure a win, albeit by one game! Early on, we had a sizable lead but this faded as the matches progressed and came down to the wire in the last of the mixed doubles. Still, a win is a win and a great day was had by all! We look forward to another match with the Thai-German Chamber of Commerce again later this season.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 19th 2005 - The British Club Dunlop 2005 Tennis Championships starting at 8:00 am. A buffet and prizes will follow at 7:00 pm with free beer, wine and soft drinks. Cost Bt 200 adults and Bt 100 children.

Draft Match Schedule

8.00 am	Ladies Singles
10.00 am	Mens Doubles
12.00 pm	Ladies Doubles
2.00 pm	Mens Singles & U17 + U13 Singles
4.00 pm	Mixed Doubles & Junior Doubles

* Final Format decided Thursday 17 March.



The Tennis Section Committee Welcomes New Tennis Playing Members

We want to encourage you to take full advantage of the tennis facilities offered by the Club to all members. While any member can casually use the courts by booking through the Fitness Centre, there are also many organized events arranged by the Tennis Section Committee. If you are interested, feel free to talk to any of committee.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday:	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Team Practise Mix-In
("Official" Tennis Team Players. 1 hard court for men & 1 carpet for women)		
Wednesday:	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Mix-In
(All Grades of Players)		
Friday:	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Mix-In
(All Grades of Players)		
Sunday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Captain's Choice/Team Training session
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm		Mix-In
(All Grades of Players and now including Juniors)		

Introducing **Gregory d'Incelli** – Tennis Coach

Dear British Club Members,



I am an American living and working in Bangkok and I will be available at the Club for private lessons, group lessons and weekly clinics for all ages and levels.

In the United States, I worked extensively as a tennis instructor and coach and spent many seasons working at private clubs, most recently at the Wee Burn Country Club in Darien, Connecticut. At Wee Burn I headed ladies' clinics and taught junior programs and men's play. I believe that my teaching philosophy, which simultaneously emphasizes stroke fundamentals, footwork, mental toughness, and fun, is effective in both constructing a game from the ground up and improving on an established game through hard work.

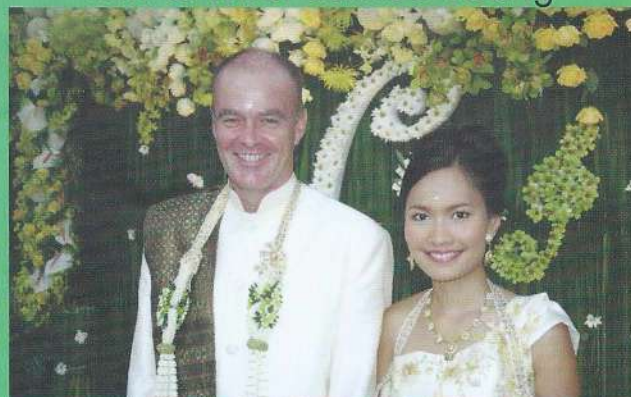
Prior to coming to Bangkok, I graduated from Dartmouth College in the US where I competed at the highest collegiate level in both singles and doubles. In addition, I had a distinguished career as a junior attaining national US rankings and top Eastern rankings while training on and off at elite international tennis academies. Highlights of my playing career include participating in a training session with Pete Sampras and training with Mardy Fish who is currently a US Davis Cup member.

I greatly look forward to meeting you and helping you all develop and improve upon your tennis game!

Sincerely yours,

Gregory d'Incelli

Mr. & Mrs. James Young



The Best Match in 2005 So Far

The British Club's Tennis Section has witnessed many great matches in recent years but one of the most memorable took place on January 22nd - and there wasn't a ball or racket in sight! The match in question was the wedding of former Club Chairman James Young to his Thai sweetheart Nisa Adams.

The wedding reception, attended by scores of British Club members and guests, took place on a sunny but relatively cool afternoon on the club's back lawn. Guests were invited to pour lustral water over the hands of the newly-weds in a traditional "rod nam sang" ceremony before sitting down to a sumptuous buffet dinner accompanied by wine and champagne. After the traditional speeches and toasts, the back lawn stage rocked to the sounds of western and Thai dance music, with a few late stayers even showing off their conga skills!

Flying in from England for the wedding and reception were James' parents' Anne and Bruce. Flying in from Kuala Lumpur were Nisa's step-father, Terry, a former Tennis Section Committee chairman, and her mother Wan.

James and Nisa make a formidable pairing on the tennis court and their love match will no doubt lead to an even stronger partnership in the coming years. On behalf of the tennis section committee and all section members, we wish to take this opportunity to wish James and Nisa many years of happiness in their new life together.

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Tuesday 10:30 – 11:30 am
Thursday 10:30 – 11:30 am

Aerobics

Monday 10:00 – 11:00 am – Squash Court 3

Bridge

Tuesday 5:30 – 9:00 pm – Churchill Bar

Chess

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

Cricket

Tuesday 6:00-9:00pm Practice – Back lawn
Wednesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm Practice – Back lawn
Thursday 6:00 – 9:00 pm Practice – Back lawn
Saturday 9:30 – 12:00 pm and 3:00 to 6:00 pm Back lawn

Football

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

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

Spoff

Tuesday 8:30pm – Churchill Bar

Squash

Thursday 5:15 – 9:00 pm Mix-in

Junior Swimming

Saturday – 9:00 – 1:30 pm Lessons with Bangkok Dolphins

Junior Taekwondo

Sunday 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Squash Court 3

Tennis

Mix-in

Monday 6:00-10:00pm
Wednesday, 6:00 – 9:00pm
Friday 5:00 – 10pm
Sunday 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00am-11:00am
Thursday 8:00-11:00am

Junior Tennis

Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm Lessons with Gregory
Friday 4:00 – 6:00pm Lessons with Gregory

Yoga

Sunday 3:00 – 4:00pm in Wordsworth Room

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics
Aqua aerobics
Cricket
Massage
Squash courts
Swimming
Tennis
Junior Tennis
Tennis courts
Yoga

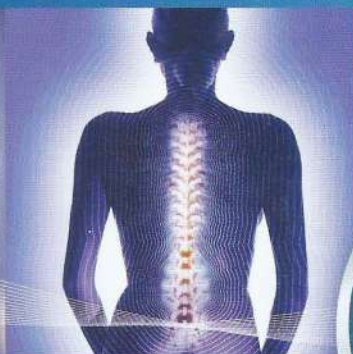
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FORMULA 1

When the Five Red Lights Go Out Formula 1 is GO!

Sunday 6th March sees the start of the new Formula 1 Grand Prix series and not just the start of *just another* series ... it is bigger and grander than ever before.

BIGGER ... the 2005 season has 19 races with a new Qualifying system that means the cars race to qualify four hours before the race starts. Race day has never been so full.

GRANDER ... the 2005 sees the début of the RED BULL team with Scottish driver David Coulthart as its No. 1 Driver and the relaunch of the JORDAN team as JORDAN-MIDLAND. 2005 also sees the debut of the all new Eminonu circuit in Turkey designed by Herman Tilke who also designed the new Malaysia, Chinese and Bahrain circuits. Lots to look forward to!

As usual The British Club will provide LIVE coverage of all Asian and European races, together with a special food event – for March 6th we have an AUSSIE BAR-B-Q on the Back Lawn following the race; and we will show RECORDED coverage of the three American races on the following Monday.

BE UNDER STARTERS ORDERS
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2005 Grand Prix Schedule

Date	Grand Prix	Circuit	Start Time
6-Mar	Australia	Melbourne	10am
20 Mar	Malaysia	Sepang	1pm
3 Apr	Bahrain	Bahrain	5pm
24 Apr	San Marino	Imola	7pm
8 May	Spain	Barcelona	7pm
22 May	Monaco	Monte Carlo	7pm
29 May	Europe	Nurburgring	7pm
12 Jun	Canada	Montreal	Monday 6pm
19 Jun	United States	Indianapolis	Monday 6pm
3 Jul	France	Magny-Cours	7pm
10 Jul	Great Britain	Silverstone	7pm
24 Jul	Germany	Hockenheim	7pm
31 Jul	Hungary	Budapest	7pm
21 Aug	Turkey	Istanbul	7pm
4 Sep	Italy	Monza	7pm
11 Sep	Belgium	Spa-Francorchamps	7pm
25 Sep	Brazil	Interlagos	Monday 6pm
9 Oct	Japan	Suzuka	Midday
16 Oct	China	Shanghai	1pm

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A BIG ROCK DAY

BREAKING NEWS: Hop on the Coach for A BIG ROCK DAY to Muang Thong Thani with your fellow Club rockers! Coaches depart Clubhouse at 12:00pm, Sunday, March 27th. Showtime 2:00pm til 9:00pm. Prices Bt 2450 and Bt 2050. Call Dong to book or sign up at Reception.

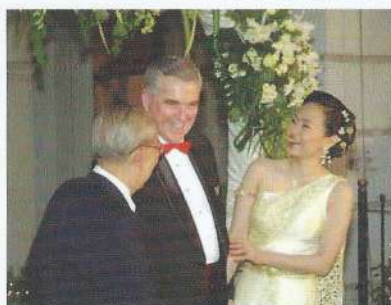
LOVE IS IN THE AIR !

Congratulations to two couples who recently married. BC members Tony Wright and his wife Aae celebrated their marriage during December, while former BC Chairman, James Young and his new bride Nisa Adams said their vows on the Club's back lawn in January. For more on Mr. and Mrs. Young's "love match", please turn to the Tennis Section on page 27.



Doing the Wright thing?

GC member, Tony Wright and his wife Aae, celebrated their marriage on the Club's front lawn on December 18th with 75 guests in attendance.



It was 'Jingle All the Way' at the Children's Christmas Party

This popular event was held on December 15th and attended by 140 children plus parents. Activities included arts and crafts by Khun Suzie and her team, pony rides, Thomas the Tank Engine Bouncer, Little Gym, along with a puppet and magic show to keep the entertainment going! A kid's buffet included mini pizzas, French fries, chicken nuggets, candy floss and other favourites. The afternoon wrapped-up with a visit from Santa Claus. Sponsors for this event were Nestle Ice-cream, Coca-Cola and Khun Anont.

A Cracking Good Time...At the Christmas Ball

Our regular, sparkling event 'under the stars' took place on Saturday, December 11th with a total of 490 members and guests attending. The Shangri-La Hotel catered the event with a menu of canapés, smoked salmon with wasabi cream, and traditional turkey dinner followed by Christmas pudding and mince pies. Entertainment was provided by the Thai Royal Army Band and Mr. Paul Jackson's disco.

The major prize in the Lucky Draw was a return ticket to London sponsored by Cathay Pacific. The lucky winners were club members, Ruth and Kevin McDonagh, shown at left with the certificate presented



by Mrs. Gwendolyn Fall, wife of H.E. David Fall, the British Ambassador.



Thanks to Mr. Ian Webb who acted as the evening's emcee by delivering speeches and proclaiming loyal toasts. Sponsors for this event were Tiger Beer, Beer Chang, Allied Domecq, Prestige Wines, Cathay Pacific, Hard Rock Hotel Pattaya, The Conrad Hotel, The Sukothai Hotel, Coca Cola, KSC Internet, Bangkok Marriot Resort, Marriot Resort Hua Hin, Loy Nava Cruises, Suan Thip Restaurant, Evason Resort Hua Hin.



New Year's Eve — A Time to Reflect

It was a strange New Year's Eve this year. With all the heartbreaking Tsunami destruction and loss, it was questioned whether or not to proceed with our British Club New Year celebrations. The eventual decision was to go ahead as planned with the BC Chao Phraya Dinner Cruise. We also held a family party at the Club where a minute's silence was dedicated to those lost and suffering due to the Tsunami.

At the Club, there was a mix of things to do for kids and adults plus a delicious barbeque feast. The real fun began when the bellies sucked in and the spines bent back for the limbo competition! The winner, Mr. Stuart Davy, won a bottle of gin.

Appropriately subdued fireworks were set off at 11:00pm followed by the minute's silence just before midnight. We'd like to give a special mention to Monty, his wife and their six children who all survived the tragedy on Koh Phi Phi and were lucky enough to be able to join us at the party.

Meanwhile, aboard the *Chao Phraya Princess*, 160 members cruised up the river and enjoyed a sumptuous Thai and seafood buffet, danced to a Philippino band and a disco, and helped the evening swing along by taking advantage of the two-hour open bar! The Oriental Hotel went ahead with their firework display, and a collection was taken on the boat for the Tsunami Relief Fund where members gave generously.

Let's hope this year brings good luck and happiness to us all.

Britstock Music Festival Rocks

British Club!

To celebrate His Majesty the King's Birthday on Sunday 5th December, the "BRITSTOCK" live music festival was held at the British Club back lawn from 2pm to 9pm. A total of nine bands appeared, all of whom are regulars at Noriegás' Music Bar, the event sponsor, along with a classical guitarist, Khun Phairot (better known around the club for his tennis skills) and Scottish Pipers, Bill Orr and Annie.

The bands that played were Celtic Colors, Stranded, Iggy and Rick, Mr.Simon & Friends, Bastard, Soi Dog Blues Band, Innuendo and Flow. The Club's new Sports and Ground Manager, Hanni Phillips was a guest singer with the Soi Dogs Blues Band.

Approximately 200 people attended the show, the first of its kind, and the vast majority appeared to be having a good time. There was also plenty of entertainment provided for kids. We hope this festival will become an annual event.

Sadly we report that one of the musicians who played at Britstock, Khun Chanon Chityanant ("Em") of Bastard, and his girlfriend were killed by the Tsunami at Khao Lak, where the band had a series of gigs booked over the holiday season. Our sympathies go to their families and the rest of the Band who all fortunately escaped.

A full independent review of BRITSTOCK, with photos of all the bands can be found at www.bangkokjungle.com. From the home page, under "Recent comments" click on "Noriega's Britstock rocks British Club".



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Christmas Week Selection Box

The week was full of activities and fun starting on December 21st with 90 children attending the Junior Sports Camp. For three days the children played tennis, squash, volleyball, went swimming, had races, and did arts and crafts. On the 23rd we went to Dreamworld and Snowtown with 63 members enjoying a fun-filled day out. On the 24th we were ice-skating with 32 members at Central World Plaza, followed by a buffet lunch at Pizza Company where we surprised Khun Awe with a birthday cake! Still not finished, the group took a trip to the cinema to see the year's blockbuster holiday movie, "Polar Express".

Christmas Day was packed with merriment and members enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch and dinner. Kicking off with a glass of mulled wine, members had a choice of soups, then turkey and all the trimmings, and Christmas pudding and mince pies. Santa bearing presents visited the children, while the ladies received a Poinsettia and the men a free beer! The children also enjoyed a magic show, pony rides, and fun on the Thomas the Tank Engine Bouncer!



Deaf Children's Christmas Party...

BWG Member Katherine Biggs reports:

For several years now the British Club in Bangkok has been giving a party for the children of Sethsatien School for the Deaf, and on the last two occasions we have been asked, in addition to donation, for some support on the actual day, so along I went.

As I approached the back lawn of The British Club there was indeed a party in full swing but all I could hear was the sound of Jingle Bells with no sound of children's voices. This absence seemed strange until I realized that the children were deaf and mostly not able to speak.

Having held this party for many years now, Barry at the British Club, well supported by Hanni from the Sport and Ground, had the whole thing so well organized with many, many things for the children to do including pony riding, a coconut shy, face painting, crayoning, painting and much more.

Mickey Mouse and Minnie were moving amongst the kids who did not seem phased by these giant figures. The Punch and Judy show was a huge success but the Magicians held the children spellbound most of all.

Food was served, and what a feast of sausages, hamburgers,

chips and of course tomato ketchup which I managed to get all over me, whilst trying to serve each child with a spoonful! Of course there was lots of popcorn, coke and ice-cream.

Santa Claus arrived on a tuk tuk to much excitement, whilst he handed out the presents and then announced a special gift. Through generous sponsorship, the Club was able to invite the children to spend two days at Dream World!

The response from the children was fantastic, BUT they insisted that Barry should go with them to share their day out!



When it was time for home, the children left in very happy state each with a present, a party bag, and I am sure wonderful memories of the special day that Barry and the British Club arranged for them.

Sponsors were Tesco Lotus, BAMBI, BWG, St. Georges Society, Dream Worlds, and Nestle Ice Cream.

(A wonderful postscript to this story is that when the children heard of Barry's accident that left him hospitalized for awhile, they insisted on delaying the trip until Barry was well enough to go with them!)

OLD & NEW MEMBERS CELEBRATE



A Good Vintage: Members for 20 years or more gather at the recent Member Celebration Party



New Members gather on the Club back lawn to mingle with veteran party-goers at this welcoming event.

Member Celebration Party

To welcome all those members joining last year, and to celebrate all those who have been members for 20+ years, a party was held on the back lawn, Tuesday, January 25th. Members both new and old were introduced or reunited at this event. All present enjoyed a jazz trio, cocktails, and wine tasting with wines from all over the globe.

The highlight of the night for one new member, Melanie Adams, was being the lucky draw winner of 50,000 air miles with Cathay Pacific. Melanie was delighted with her prize which was presented by BC Chairman, David Quine.



A Purr-fect Solution?

You could say that the current feline situation at the Club has got to catastrophic proportions, which does give one *paws* for thought, and that would only be *scratching* the surface of the problem. Actually, there are currently about 12 cats who have taken up permanent residence at the Club and we've noticed that they are very bad at signing in guests – particularly the ones they bring in from Catpong! Clearly, something has to be done.

Joking aside, apart from being our feline friends, they do actually contribute quite significantly to the Club's welfare by keeping the rodents at bay. Recently an email went to all members asking for donations in order to get the cats sterilised. However, after consideration, the General Committee feels that this should be the Club's responsibility and if we accept their membership, the least we can do is to keep them sterile and disease free. (This doesn't apply to all members, only the cats.)

However, if the Club is to take the moggies under its wing (so to speak) we would like to also ask members for their cooperation by not feeding the cats in the salas. This may encourage them to jump onto the tables which is unhygienic and bothersome. If it became a regular occurrence and a nuisance to members, then the cats would be asked to leave, and they wouldn't get their deposit back.

Another option is adoption! If any member has formed a bond with one of the club cats, please talk to Hanni who would be delighted to know that one of her charges was going to a good home. In fact, the patter of tiny paws is apparently imminent, so if you would like to take home a kitten from the Club, this will (if all goes according to plan) be your last opportunity! Please give this serious consideration as we really do need to find homes for them.

In the meantime, we are looking into options for sterilisation and inoculation, and hopefully will have started the procedure before this magazine goes to print.

Thank you to all those cat-loving members who emailed or voiced your suggestions and encouragement. We appreciate your concern, but please rest assured that we won't be needing you to put any extra money in the Kitty!

By **Angela Daniel**
General Committee



BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE ANNOUNCES



for
a late May production of

"Puss In Boots"

BCT is holding auditions for English-speaking adults (age 17+)
of any nationality who are interested in performing
in our upcoming children's participation play to be performed at The British Club.

Auditions will be held on:
Sunday, March 20th, 2005

"Puss in Boots" will be targeted at young children
(4-9 years old) and will involve a great deal of interaction
with the audience. Adult performers who like
improvisation will particularly enjoy being involved.

To register for auditions, to receive complete details,
and/or to volunteer to help behind the scenes, please
email bct@sala.net, visit our website: www.bct-th.org
or contact: Bonnie Zellerbach (01-869-1104)

We hope to see you there.

Crossword Competition

A Way with Words... Across Two Decades!

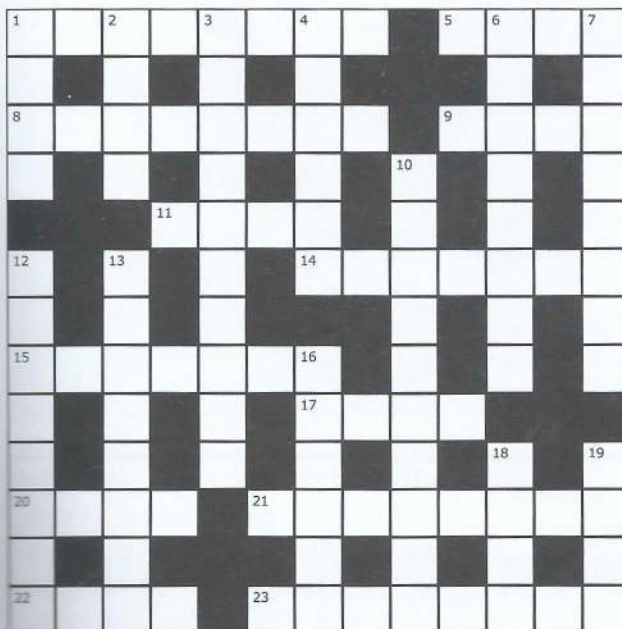
Many of you will know that British Club member, Margaret Miller, is our regular contributor of the cryptic crossword, which appears every month in *Outpost*. However, what you probably don't know is that Margaret has been providing these puzzles for the British Club magazine for over 20 years! She says she enjoys doing them and really doesn't want any reward. However, as we regularly give prizes to those who manage to come up with the correct answers, we decided that it really was about time that Margaret got some recognition herself. Now Margaret is a winner and the recipient of a hamper full of goodies which we hope she and husband, Eric will enjoy. On behalf of the management, staff and members of the Club, thank you Margaret, and please keep those crosswords coming!

If you think you can puzzle it out this month, please send completed entries to Barry or Khun Aeh in the Club office. The first person to submit the correct answers will win a bottle of wine. So get out those pencils and start chewing. Answers in next month's *Outpost*.



General Committee member Angela Daniel thanks Margaret Miller for 20 years of crossword contributions

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Numbers make an awful noise in verbal exams.
- 5 Flows out.
- 8 Secret ice-store around.
- 9 "The cool sequestered vale of _____" (Gray's Elegy)
- 11 Just what this is!
- 14 Don't stroll on—quite the contrary! (4,3)
- 15 Sick and a bit green.
- 17 "He that lives upon _____ will die fasting." (Benjamin Franklin)
- 20 "By this _____ I will most horribly revenge." (Shakespeare—Henry V)
- 21 This pedestrian is not in a hurry.
- 22 "Not to be _____ after midnight!" (Shakespeare—Twelfth Night (1-3))
- 23 Creator—of a hole in wrought iron?

DOWN

- 1 No males for this sign?
- 2 "The ship was cheered, the harbour cleared, Merrily did we _____" (Coleridge, The Ancient Mariner)
- 3 Keel or wend about for a feminine hobby.
- 4 Just dilly-dally!
- 6 "_____ Your Dead" (London cry during the 1665 Great Plague (5,3))
- 7 Definite cure.
- 10 Thumbs down if you do this!
- 12 It is always used up on rainy days.
- 13 A big sweet—and right in the middle! (5-3)
- 16 Not opened out (4,2)
- 18 Fifty in a fit depart suddenly.
- 19 Fox and Rabbit in the old fables.

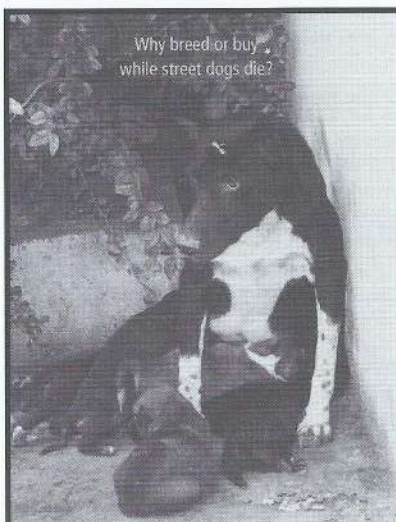
HELLOS and GOODBYES

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

Mr. David Mitchell
Mrs. Berlanda Langman
Ms. Maylee Thavat
Mr. Martin Allinson
Mr. Steve Seagrove
Ms. June Van Den Bos
Mr. Allan Bickle
Mr. Bo Rasmussen
Mr. Boonkee Gee
Mrs. Pramila Srivastava
Ms. Boon Lin Yee
Mr. Paul McLeod
Mr. Paul Graham
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Mr. Jonathan Loney
Mr. Philip Clear
Mr. Supat Jumbala
Mr. Masood Parvaiz
Mr. Surachate Tansukasem
Mr. Adel Tabiie
Mr. Robert Karrat

Farewell and good luck to the following departing members and their families:

Mr. Duncan & Koosje Niven
Mr. Phillip & Teresa Mckenzie
Mr. Lars Werner
Ms. Gaelle Clemencot
Ms. Lianna Smith
Mr. Patrick Kaye
Mr. Brian New
Mr. Nicholas Copp
Mr. Deepak More
Mr. Martin Thomson
Mr. Teddy and Gitte Zebitz
Mr. James Liddell
Mr. Jeremy & Jessica Jennings
Mr. Bhombhot Chatjavai
Mrs. Montakarn Vasiksin
Mr. Chris & Andrea Power
Mr. Paul Taylor
Mrs. Monika Shah
Mr. Simon & Susan Dakers
Mr. Terry & Joanna Blizzard
Mr. David Moss
Mr. John Wotherspoon
Mr. Neil Jones
Ms. Gwendoline Domenil
Ms. Linda Ciantanni
Mr. Neil Sample
Ms. Alexandra Frost
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Mr. Graham Richardson
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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 15th 2005, 7:00 pm

PLEASE RESERVE THIS IMPORTANT, FAST-APPROACHING DATE IN YOUR DIARIES.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Surawong Room on **Tuesday, March 15th at 7pm.** All Ordinary or Country members are invited to attend in order to consider and approve: the affairs of the Club and matters connected to its management; the Club Accounts; the Appointment of Auditors; and to elect a new Committee.

If you are eligible to vote, but cannot attend the meeting, you may give your proxy vote to another Ordinary or Country member. Proxy forms have already been sent along with the official notice. A maximum of two proxy votes may be held by each member. If you are not sure whether you are eligible to attend, please contact the General Manager or Membership Department for clarification.

Please also note that members may nominate their spouse to attend the meeting and vote on their behalf, provided that they are paying subscriptions at the rate applicable to married members, and that the spouse is eligible for Ordinary or Country membership in their own right. If you wish to nominate your spouse, an application form must be sent to the Club at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. These forms will also be distributed to members along with the Official Notice.

Request for Committee Member Nominations

Please consider volunteering some of your time to serve on the British Club General Committee.

The role of a BCB General Committee member includes: (in brief)

- Attendance at monthly GC meetings (normally 6pm 1st Monday of every month).
- Involvement with at least one Sub-Committee, such as F&B, IT, Maintenance, Development, Finance, Sports, Membership, Communications, Rules & Procedures, and attendance at relative Sub-Committee meetings as and when necessary.
- Consideration of, and voting on, issues relating to the management of the property and affairs of the Club.

If you do decide to stand for the GC please ask the General Manager for an application form. You will need a proposer and seconder to sign the form.

For more information regarding the responsibilities and time commitment, please contact either our GM, Barry Osborne; our Chairman, David Quine; or any current General Committee member.

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