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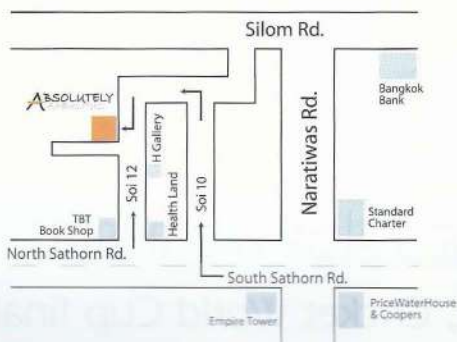
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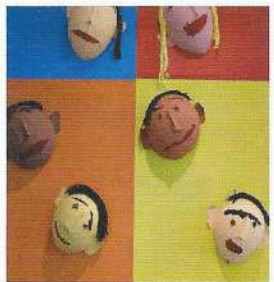
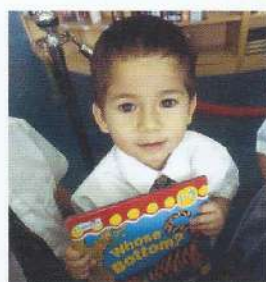
Balut!, Adopt a cat, Songkran poolside buffet, Cricket World Cup finals



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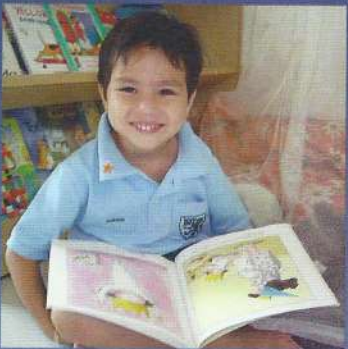
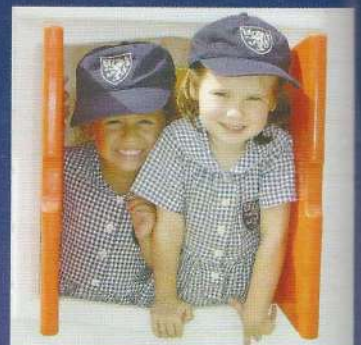
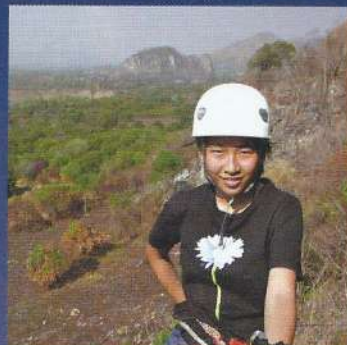
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*It's a bumper Squashy Bits this month, augmented by cricket highlights and tales of derring-do.*

## So, was there a real St George?

**T**he image of Saint George, renowned for his defense of all in need, is among the most well-recognized of Christian martyrdom figures. He is primarily famous for being the Patron Saint of England (replacing the former patron, Edward the Confessor) but he is also the most venerated saint in both the Eastern and the Oriental Orthodox Churches. Immortalised in a thousand myths, including the tale of George and the Dragon, he is the patron saint of Canada, Catalonia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Greece, Montenegro, Serbia, the cities of Istanbul, Ljubljana and Moscow, as well as a wide range of professions, organisations and disease sufferers.

Of the man himself, nothing is known with certainty. He was most probably born in Cappadocia (in modern Turkey) of noble, Christian parents and distinguished himself in the Roman army, rising to the rank of tribune . . . Eusebius of Caesarea, in 322 AD, writes of a noble-born soldier of high rank in the Roman army, being thrown into prison for vehemently disagreeing with Emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians and, despite being tortured, refusing to recant his beliefs. The following day, April 23, 303, he was dragged through the streets of Nicomedia (near modern day Istanbul) and beheaded. The Emperor's wife, Alexandria, was so impressed at the soldier's courage, that she converted immediately to the Christian faith and was also put to death. Although Eusebius makes no mention of the nobleman's name, country of birth or place of interment, it seems likely that this is the beginning of the St George legend.

The popularity of St George starts with the totally unauthenticated *Acta Sancti Georgii* ("Acts of St. George"), which glorified his exploits and made him a big hit with the Eastern Orthodox Church from the fifth century on. His fame spread to England in the eighth century when the 'Acts' were translated into Anglo Saxon. Due to his widespread following, particularly in the Near East, and the many miracles which were coming to be attributed to him, George became universally recognized as a saint sometime after 900. He was adopted as the Patron Saint of soldiers after he was said to have appeared to the crusading armies during the Battle of Antioch in 1098 and Richard I ("The Lionheart") also adopted St George as protector of his army whilst campaigning in Palestine during 1191 and 1192. In 1222, the Synod of Oxford declared that a special celebration in his honor would take place every April 23 and, by the end of the fourteenth century, Saint George had been officially acknowledged as the Patron Saint of England . . . And the rest, as the say, is history.

In this eggciting April issue there are **five hidden Easter eggs!** The first five persons (under 14 and one per family) to contact Barry or Ben at the Club and correctly state the locations of **all five Easter eggs** will each win an Easter chocolate goody!

**OOPS!** In our haste to bring you the amazing tennis action shot featured on last month's cover, we forgot to mention who took it. The photographer was Chris Watt.

**Billy Beefeater**



**Easter Bunny:** This month we feature the winning entry in the Outpost Easter Art Competition. Congratulations to the

winning artist 'Oscar'. (well . . . a lot of great artists only had one name)

## OUTPOST MAGAZINE

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**Dear Members,**

## Development

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for bearing with us whilst the Churchill Bar is completed. We can assure you that some of the work to date has not been accepted and the Club has not signed any documents to the contrary.

Whilst there is some progress, we are disappointed with the fact that members are having to put up with a sub-standard product. The outstanding items (at the time of writing) include, but are not limited to, lack of glass in some of the wood panels; steel frames in the wood panelling; locks and bolts on all the windows; the open passageway to the kitchen; the bar bumper and hiding the WI-FI router. However, these problems are not insurmountable and with the aid of our new Project Management Team and the cooperation of the contractors we are confident that these issues will be resolved quickly.

There will also be a final coat of paint or varnish over all surfaces once all the defects have been rectified.

We shall be keeping you up to date on the progress of The Verandah via the notice boards and via emails from the Club.

## Financials

The Club has started the new financial year very well and is THB 800,000 above budgeted surplus and THB 200,000 above last year's surplus at the same stage. March was an excellent month both in terms of Food & Beverage and Entrance Fees from

new members. The surpluses will enable the Club to limit its borrowing for Phase II of the Development Plan

The monthly financial statement is posted on the notice boards with relevant comments should you wish to review the figures. There is also a monthly Treasury Work Group meeting in which the figures are discussed and any member may attend this meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to attend.

## General Committee

At the AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 a new General Committee was elected. They are -  
Stuart Blacksell (Chairman)  
Nick Day (Vice-Chairman)  
Mark Hamill-Stewart (Treasurer)  
Paul Cheesman (Honorary Secretary)  
John Boisclair  
Gavin Broad  
Sally Crossley-Smith  
Dale Lamb  
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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their appointment and wish them all the best in the coming 12 months.

As always I welcome your feedback on any issue related to the Club and look forward to seeing you often.

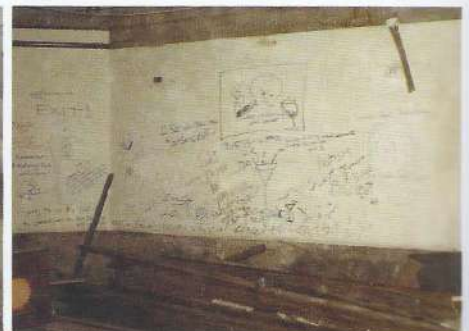
**Simon Roberts**  
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*Demolition of old Churchill Bar interior – TV area*



*Out comes the old ceiling*



*Perhaps we should leave the artwork?*

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## Plenty to celebrate!

Dear Members,

This month we celebrate Easter and welcome in the Thai New Year.

First off, it's 'Welcome to Easter!' In early April we will be selling our delicious home made hot cross buns straight from the Club's ovens. They're 40 baht each and available every day in all the Club's outlets. There is also a range of Easter chocolates and novelties in the cake counter at poolside.

Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday Fun Day here at the Club with fun and games for all the family starting at 11am with our annual Easter egg hunt, followed by a magic show and lunch. There will also be a puppet show and lots of Easter themed activities and crafts. The all-inclusive cost of the event is 350 baht for children and 200 baht for adults. Meanwhile, in the Suriwongse Room an Easter Sunday Brunch will be served from 11.30am to 3pm. The cost is 400 baht for adults and 200 baht for children and includes chocolates and soft drinks for the children.

Over the Friday and Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April, we will hold a Songkran Thai food festival at the poolside with a delicious menu of some of your favourite Thai dishes as well as some of the more esoteric and less well known. The buffet costs 300 baht each and includes a complimentary glass of a Thai cocktail. What more pleasant way to celebrate the Thai New Year in the comfort and relatively wet free zone of your own Club? Which reminds me, whilst we are celebrating the Thai New Year and Songkran festival I would like to reiterate, without sounding like a kill-joy, that water pistols and water shooting apparatus are not allowed to be used on the Club's premises. Whilst I hope we all have fun let's respect some members' wish to come here and relax and not get drenched.

On a safety note I would like to remind members to please watch their children at all times whilst around the poolside. The pool surrounds are very busy, especially at weekends, and children running around the pool deck can easily cause an accident. First aid kits are available in the Fitness Centre and at the Clubhouse reception.

April is also Mango Mania month here at the Club. We have a delicious range of mouth-watering mango dishes to satisfy you - Mango Lassie, Mango Ice Cream, Mango Cocktails, Mango Pancakes and lots, lots more.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> is St George's day and we will be celebrating it one day early here at the Club with a special English Sunday carvery in the Suriwongse room from 11am until 2pm. Susie will also be along to offer free activities with an English theme, followed by the family movie 'George and the Dragon'.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April, in conjunction with the British Chamber of Commerce, we will show the Thailand premiere of the Oscar-winning documentary by Al Gore 'An Inconvenient Truth'. Riveting, witty and persuasive, Gore leaves us in no doubt that global warming is the biggest challenge yet to our global civilization. There is no entry fee for this event,

which starts at 7.15. An optional buffet and a full bar will be available from 6 pm.

On the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May in the Suriwongse room, the Bangkok Community Theatre will be showing a theatre-in-the-round production of 'The Emperor's New Clothes'.

This is a fantastic interactive children's play suitable for the young, and young at heart! On the front lawn there will be an optional barbecue & buffet with the Club's bouncy castle and crafts from the BNH Hospital. See pages 11 and 18 of this issue for further information and dates for ticket sales, and be sure to book fast as audience capacity is limited.

May 19<sup>th</sup> is set for the FA Cup final live from London. We will be showing the game on the big screen in the Suriwongse room. There will be no entry charge for the event, but an optional buffet will be available with fish & chips, pies & chips and other supper favourites. For the kids there will be a penalty shoot-out competition on the front lawn and spot prizes to be won.

For further information on any events or activities at the Club please contact Khun Ben or myself. During April all the tables and chairs will be repaired and re-varnished at the poolside salas, Khun Laak will be busy preparing new menus for our new Verandah Cafe due to open shortly, and following this we will be working on a new poolside menu.

As an extra bonus, draught Paulaner Wheatbeer is now available and also bottles of Stella Artois, a rather nice lager beer from Belgium and also very popular in the UK . . . and which I seem to remember drinking rather a lot of in my younger days! We also have two varieties of Palm Belgian beer available now in all outlets, and two new house wines are being introduced early in April.

Congratulations to last month's Nemo winners, The Hutchinson and Langman Families, who joined us for a fun-filled trip to the Nemo on Ice show held at Muang Thong Thani last month. Congratulations also to Oscar for designing this month's fantastic Easter Magazine cover.

The new sudoku puzzle is proving popular with members with a flood of entries coming into the office every month. The Crossword also seems to have received a new lease on life . . .

If you the members have any interesting articles for *Outpost* or if you have any ideas on how to improve your magazine then please drop us a line and lets us know.

I look forward to seeing you around your Club soon.

Regards,

**Barry Osborne**  
General Manager



# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Special Events at the Club this month

### \*\* CRICKET WORLD CUP

**Throughout April, 9.30pm, Churchill Bar**  
It's late night cricket action in the Churchill Bar from 1 April to the finals on 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. See pages 10 & 11 for details.

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

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room**  
Join us for our latest episode of Morse – SECOND TIME AROUND: *Inspector Morse's investigation of the killing of a former colleague reminds him of the unsolved murder of a woman 18 years before.* There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service is available.

### \*\* EASTER SUNDAY FUN DAY / EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, Back Lawn & Suriwongse Room**  
We have a wonderful Fun Day planned for all the family starting at 11am with our Easter egg hunt on the back lawn, followed by a host of activities including the BC bouncy castle, magic show, puppet show, Easter arts & crafts and face painting. The cost of the event is B350 for children and B200 for adults - cost includes all activities, lunch and soft drinks. We also have a traditional Easter Sunday Brunch in the Suriwongse Room from 11.30am to 3pm. The Buffet costs B400 for adults and B250 for children under 12 years old, and includes soft drinks and chocolates for the children. We will also be showing a video for the kids from 3pm in the Wordsworth Lounge at no charge. To sign up for these events send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse reception now temporarily situated upstairs in front of the main offices.

### \*\* FORMULA ONE—MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2-3.40pm, Churchill Bar**  
LIVE on the Big Screen. See opposite page for details.

### \*\* SONGKRAN BUFFET

**Friday & Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April, lunch & dinner times, Poolside**  
To celebrate Songkran we will have an extensive Thai buffet with an array of foods from all regions of Thailand. Khun Laak and Sukhon have created a menu with a variety of dishes, some your favourites and others a little more unusual!! The Buffet costs B300 per person and includes a complimentary glass of a special Thai cocktail. Celebrate Songkran with your whole family here in the comfort and safety of your Oasis in Bangkok.

### \*\* DOCTOR WHO - 2007 SERIES

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-noon, Suriwongse Room**  
Episode 1 of the new 2007 series. See opposite page for details.

### \*\* FORMULA ONE—BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30-8.10pm, Churchill Bar**  
LIVE on the Big Screen. See opposite page for details.

### \*\* QUIZ NIGHT

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm, Suriwongse Room**  
Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". There are also 3 spot rounds where you have the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons.

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

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7-10pm, Suriwongse Room**  
Join us for a double episode of Frost – MISTAKEN IDENTITY (parts 1 & 2): *A body in a reservoir, the brutal murder of a couple . . . is there a psychotic killer on the loose and was Frost right to release the main suspect?* There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service available.

### \*\* ST GEORGE'S DAY BUFFET

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 11am-3pm, Suriwongse Room**  
We will be celebrating St Georges Day one day early here at the Club, on Sunday 22nd of April, with a full Buffet of all things English, consisting of Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Cornish Pasties, Broccoli and Stilton Soup, Pork Pies, Rhubarb Crumble, Summer Puddings and lots, lots more. The cost of the Buffet is B350 for adults and B180 for children. Kids' activities with a British theme will run from 1-3pm with Khun Susie, followed by the family movie at 3.30pm - George and the Dragon. To book for the buffet please send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse reception. For further information on any event taking place please contact Khun Ben or Barry.

### \*\* MOVIE NIGHT — 'AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH'

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7.15-9pm, Suriwongse Room**  
Join us in the Suriwongse Room from 6 pm for the 2007 Oscar winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" with former US Vice President Al Gore. A longtime advocate for the environment, Gore presents a wide array of facts and information in a thoughtful and compelling way, leaving us in no doubt that global warming is the biggest moral challenge facing our global civilization. There is no entry fee for this event. An optional buffet and a full bar will be available from 6 pm and the film begins at 7.15pm. To book for this event please sign up at reception or send a fax or email to the Club. For further information please contact Khun Ben or Barry. This is a joint event held in conjunction with The British Chamber Of Commerce.

### \*\* BALUT TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
See page 10 for details.

### \*\* DOCTOR WHO - 2007 SERIES

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30-3pm, Suriwongse Room**  
Episodes 2 & 3 of the new 2007 series. See opposite page for details.



# THE FIVE RED LIGHTS WENT OUT . . . FORMULA ONE HAS STARTED!

One of the strange factors of the 2007 Formula 1 season, besides not having Michael Schumacher or Michelin tyres on board, is that most months the races run on back to back Sundays instead of the traditional every other week cycle. This means that our two races for April are on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

First we go locally to the Sepang F1 International Circuit in Kuala Lumpur for the Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix, starting at 2pm on the 8<sup>th</sup>. An amazing circuit with two long straights either side of the Main Stand ... who will forget Jenson Button being pipped at the last corner by Schhh know who. Interestingly Sepang is not popular with drivers due to the unevenness of the surface, as the track appears to be slowly sinking ... Sepang (like something else beginning with S) was built on the site of a former swamp.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we go to the Bahrain International Circuit for the third only Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix. Water was not the problem here for Hermann Tilke (the designer of both Sepang and Bahrain) but sand .... a problem he solved by spraying the sand dunes with glue!

Dates	Race	Time
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix	2pm to 3.40pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix	6.30pm to 8.10pm

# THE CRICKET WORLD CUP ... BOWLED OVER?



Mello

April sees the finale of the 2007 ICC Cricket World Cup with, hopefully, some of our Home teams still in play!

As the tournament is set in the West Indies, the Cricket World Cup is a late evening viewing ... 9.30pm start but (as always) all matches will be shown **LIVE** in The Churchill Bar until the last member leaves! Note the second Semi and the Final are one hour earlier.

The four Groups for the first session of matches are given below, as you will need to remember if your team was seeded first or second in its group after opening rounds:

Groups A	Groups B	Groups C	Groups D
AUSTRALIA	Sri Lanka	NEW ZEALAND	Pakistan
South Africa	India	ENGLAND	West Indies
SCOTLAND	Bangladesh	Kenya	Zimbabwe
The Netherlands	Bermuda	CANADA	Ireland

**The Super 8 Tournament** will run each evening from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April. Full schedules will be posted on the noticeboard as details of seeded teams come to hand.

The three final days will be played:

**Semi-Final 1** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30pm

**Semi-Final 2** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm

**The 2007 Final**– Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April also at 8.30pm



# "YOU ARE NOT ALONE"



The Doctor and Martha

New Series Three of Doctor Who bursts onto UK screens on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007, and we aim to show the whole series every other Sunday from 11am on the BIG SCREEN in the Suriwongse Room, starting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Refreshed from his encounter with a runaway bride, The Doctor (David Tennant) teams up with a new companion and sets out on a journey that will change his life forever. Over the thirteen-part season, The Doctor will meet some new friends and some old enemies ... an ancient one tells him a secret, Manhattan gets a visit from the pepper pots, The Doctor retires as a School Master and the sound of drums alerts us that the finale has a really big surprise in store . . . [and I am not saying what!]

We meet William Shakespeare in the real Globe Theatre, and meet a doctor who has discovered the secret of eternal youth. We pop back to 1930s New York and forward to New New York. Russell Davies (Executive Producer) has promised the return of an expected monster (expect the unexpected!) and rumours are amuck that you **will obey** another returning villain.

So every other Sunday from 15<sup>th</sup> April . . . guess who's coming to the Suriwongse Room!



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 11am-Noon

## SMITH & JONES

The Doctor stumbles upon Martha Jones, a medical student whose Hospital is somehow on the moon!

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 1.30pm-3pm

## THE SHAKESPEARE CODE + FLESH & BONE

Two exciting episodes that see The Doctor and Martha meet good old Billy Wagstaff, and then return to New Earth where an old, old, old friend reveals a four-word truth about The Doctor.



Shakespeare

Starring David Tennant and Freema Agyeman.

All children from 8 to 80 are welcome!

**STOP PRESS:** Due to the overwhelming success of the new series of Doctor Who, the BBC has announced a Christmas Special will be made for Christmas 2007 and that a further season (new season 4) has been commissioned for 2008.

# SPORT ON TV

## 'QUICKIES' GUIDE TO CHURCHILL BAR SPORTS

April	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
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	7 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	8 <sup>th</sup>	F1	Malaysian Grand Prix	2pm-3.40pm
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	12 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	14 <sup>th</sup>	F1	Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifier	6pm-7pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	F.A. Cup Semi-Finals	9pm-11pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	15 <sup>th</sup>	F1	Bahrain Grand Prix	6.30pm-8.10pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
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	20 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Super 8	9.30pm-4am
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Athletics	London Marathon	3pm-6pm
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Semi-Final 1	9.30pm-4am
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Semi-Final 2	8.30pm-3am
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	World Cup Final	8.30pm-3am

When there is only one main sport it will be shown on both screens in The Churchill Bar; when there are two, the second will be shown on the side TV.

## ANYONE FOR BALUT?

### • The Invitation

The Tanglin Club Balut Section from Singapore are planning to come to Bangkok on the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, and we are organising a tournament for the afternoon of SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL. We will be having an "Introduction to Balut" on 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

### • The History

Balut is a dice game invented at the end of WWII by an American soldier who lacked playing cards for playing poker, and initially named the game Poker Dice. Years later, in the early 1970s a Dane named Niels Lumholdt working for Thai Airways picked up how to play the game but decided to name the game Balut when he brought it with him back to Bangkok. The word "balut" in Filipino is the name of an unhatched duck egg and these are commonly sold by street sellers walking around screaming "BALUUUUUT".

### • The Game

The game consists of 28 rounds. In each round, you roll five ordinary dice and then score the roll in one of seven categories:

- 'Fours'/'Fives'/'Sixes' – based upon the number of each you rolled.
- 'Straights' – like Poker, a run from 1-5 or 2-6
- 'Choice' – again like Poker, a set of three and a pair
- 'Balut' – all five dice with the same number.

Once you have scored four times in each of the seven categories, all the scores are then totalled and the winner declared!

### • The Tournament

As we go to press, exact details are not to hand but posters will be displayed around the Club and a further email will be sent out. If you would like to join the tournament on this weekend, please contact Simon Roberts (CEO): [ceo@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:ceo@britishclubbangkok.org)



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# The Emperor's New Clothes

in the Suriwongse Room at  
The British Club

**Saturday, Sunday & Monday, May 5th, 6th & 7th**  
**(Monday public holiday)**

**Saturday & Sunday, May 12th & 13th, 2007**

**performances twice daily at 1:30pm and 4:00pm**

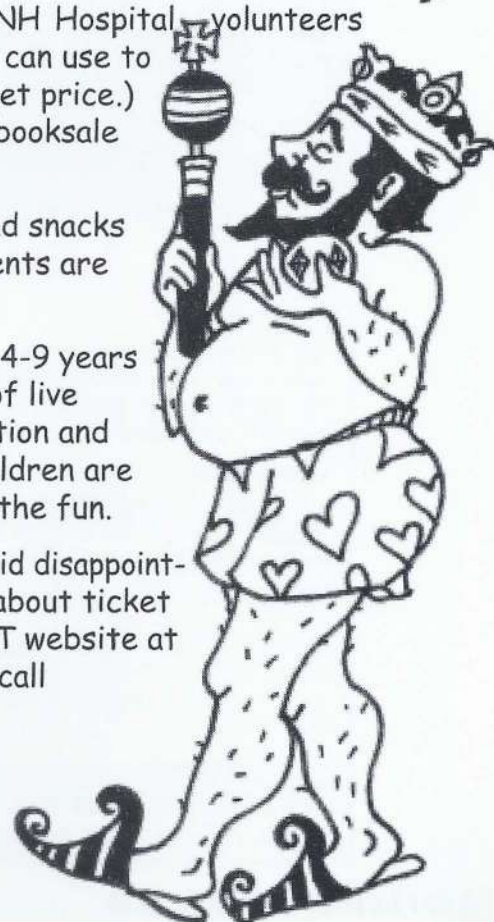
Tickets at B180 are available at BC reception from April 7th. Members may sign for tickets in person or make a booking by email ([eventbooking@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:eventbooking@britishclubbangkok.org)) or by fax (02-235-1560.)

Come early to enjoy the bouncy castle and to visit the BNH Hospital volunteers on the front lawn and make a simple craft that the children can use to participate in the show (craft is already included in the ticket price.) And on May 12th & 13th, make sure you visit the NHL used booksale next door at the library, too.

Stay late and enjoy the delicious picnic barbeque, sweets and snacks that Barry and his team will provide on the lawn (refreshments are not included in the ticket price.)

The performance is in English and is designed for children 4-9 years old, but the child in everyone will enjoy this unique type of live theatre-in-the-round, which stimulates the imagination and involves the audience in the action throughout! Children are encouraged to come dressed in costume to add to the fun.

Seating is limited so make your booking early to avoid disappointment. For more information about the show or about ticket sales to the general public, please visit the BCT website at [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org), email: [emperor@sala.net](mailto:emperor@sala.net), or call 086-708-2738.



# REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

## MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

BWG Mahjong

## TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

8:30pm-late

Spoofig

## WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

7:00pm and 8:00pm

PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR

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

BOTTLE DRAW - somebody present in the Bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, vodka or gin.

7:30pm

## THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:30-9:30pm

Chess (First and Third Thursdays)

## Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

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

## SUNDAYS Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

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

## Suriwongse Room

3:00pm onwards

Bridge tournament

**NOTE: Due to renovations, the regular Buffets are not available in April unless advertised at the Club. Please check Club notice boards for the latest information.**

## Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm

Churchill Bar

7:00am - 10:00pm

Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30pm)

6:00am - 10:00pm

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

6:00am - 9:00pm

Fitness Centre (weekends)

9:00am - 6:00pm

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

## British Club Chess Section

# SHĀH MĀT\*!

Are you a Grand Master or a mere rookie? Either way the British Club Chess section would like you to join them every first and third Thursday of the month to play chess. Initially play will be in The Churchill Bar from 6.30pm onward, and in May it may switch to The Verandah, which will provide more space and possibly be quieter.

Whilst modern day chess is recorded as a Southern European invention (mid-15<sup>th</sup> century) it is believed that chess was derived from the Indian game of 'Chaturanga' which spread to Arabia, Persia, Greece, Portugal and Spain as 'Chess' and to Thailand as 'Makruk'. Strangely only a few thousand Thais play Chess whilst it is recorded that over 2 million play Makruk ... perhaps a new section needs to be founded?

Until then .... Chess players are very welcome .....

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Contact: **Adrian Hicks** on [adrianhicks@yahoo.com](mailto:adrianhicks@yahoo.com)

\* Persian for "the king is finished" - more commonly called "Check Mate".



## EGGCITING EASTER CRAFTS!

### YARN EGGS

These bright and funky eggs are a blast for kids to make – and they're a great party decoration too. If packed away carefully, they should last for years.

#### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Thin cotton yarn
- Balloons
- Craft glue
- Newspaper
- Waxed paper
- Clothespeg
- Clothes hanger



#### Time needed: Weekend Project

1. For each egg, cut twenty 3-foot-long strands of cotton yarn and blow up a balloon to a 6- to 8-inch diameter. Mix equal parts of glue and water in a shallow disposable container.



2. Cover your work area with newspaper and a sheet of waxed paper. Hold a strand of yarn by one end, dip it into the glue mixture, then wrap it around the balloon. Repeat with the other strands, randomly overlapping them and tucking in loose ends, until the balloon is evenly covered.

3. Using the clothespeg, suspend the balloon from the clothes hanger and let it dry overnight. (Cover the area below it with newspaper to catch drips.) Once the egg is completely dry, carefully poke a hole in the balloon, then pull it away from the string as it deflates. Hang your finished egg with ribbon or yarn.

### EGG CHALK

Your child can mark spring's arrival (or the Thai New Year) with this colourful egg-shaped chalk.



#### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Plastic eggs
- Petroleum jelly
- Plastic spoon
- Plaster of Paris
- Powdered tempera paint



#### Time needed: Afternoon or Evening

1. To make a piece, first separate the halves of a plastic egg. Liberally coat the insides with petroleum jelly, adding extra near the seam, and then set both halves upright in an empty egg carton.

2. In a disposable cup, use a plastic spoon to mix together 1/4 cup of plaster of Paris, 2 tablespoons of cold water, and about 2 tablespoons of powdered tempera paint. Spoon the plaster into the egg halves, filling them both almost to the top, and let it set for a few minutes until it reaches a mud-like consistency. Then snap the plastic egg back together and briskly shake it to combine the mixture.

3. Repeat for each colour of chalk, disposing of the cups and spoons in the rubbish bin. Let the chalk eggs set overnight before removing them from the moulds, wedging the tip of a table knife between the chalk and the plastic (a parent's job) to help loosen it, if needed.

### CANDY EASTER POT

As this pretty flowerpot proves, a traditional basket isn't the only container that can hold Easter treasures.

#### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Terra-cotta flowerpot
- Acrylic paint
- Puff Paint
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Large lollipop
- Tape
- Pen



#### Time needed: Under 1 Hour

1. Paint the pot with non-toxic acrylic paints. Once it has dried, add an Easter greeting with puffy paint.

2. For the flower, cut out some paper petals and tape them to the back of an oversize lollipop, wrap the lollipop stick with green paper to make a stem, then plant it in the pot.

3. To personalize the pot, write the person's name on a simple green construction paper leaf or paint their name on the flowerpot.

#### Tips:

To complete the flower theme, fill the "Easter pot" with gummy worms, ladybug stickers, candy eggs and butterfly barrettes (hair-pins) or other treats.



## St David's Society of Bangkok Annual Ball 2007 .... a look back

**T**radition plays an important part in everyday life – historical values, special events, all have their place in the annual calendar. The annual ball of the St David's Society of Bangkok is traditionally held around the beginning of March to celebrate St David's Day, and of course this year was no exception. Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Grand Ballroom of the JW Marriott, some 200 revellers gathered to celebrate everything good about Wales and Welsh tradition including mouth-watering roast lamb, Caerphilly cheese and Welsh cakes.

As usual, the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir took centre stage, a tradition now stretching back at least 24 years. This is *their* event as much as it is the annual event of the St David's Society of Bangkok, with at least one choir member celebrating all 24 annual balls. Next year will be the silver jubilee and promises to be extra special.

It was also very fitting that HE David Fall, British Ambassador and Mrs Gwendolyn Fall were honoured guests, as it was they who were instrumental in founding the society way back in 1976. We wish them all the very best on their retirement and thank them for their support over the years.

Traditionally, the ball gets underway with a



procession of the Bard to the sound of the choir singing Men of Harlech, followed by loyal toasts to HM King of Thailand, HRH Queen Elizabeth and HRH Prince of Wales. Tradition also has its place in the "leek-eating" ceremony – probably the only part of the evening where the current Bard, Darren Jones, is relieved to see it end. Steeped in mystery, nobody quite knows why the ceremony has become such a tradition but it is thought it dates back to the Battle of Agincourt, when Welsh soldiers wore the leek in their headdress to identify them as the Welsh Archers.

The evening was a great success with the Dream Band providing live music into the early hours – a hard act to follow the choir and Terry's Tom Jones impressions at the very least! Needless to say, the ball would not have been the success it was without the support of our sponsors, particularly KLM, Shrewsbury School, JW Marriott, RSM Nelson Wheeler, Raja Fashion and Prestige Wines. To this we need to add the large number of companies donating prizes for the raffle with, as usual, proceeds helping Thai charities.

Many thanks to everyone for making this year's ball a special event. Let tradition continue for many more years!

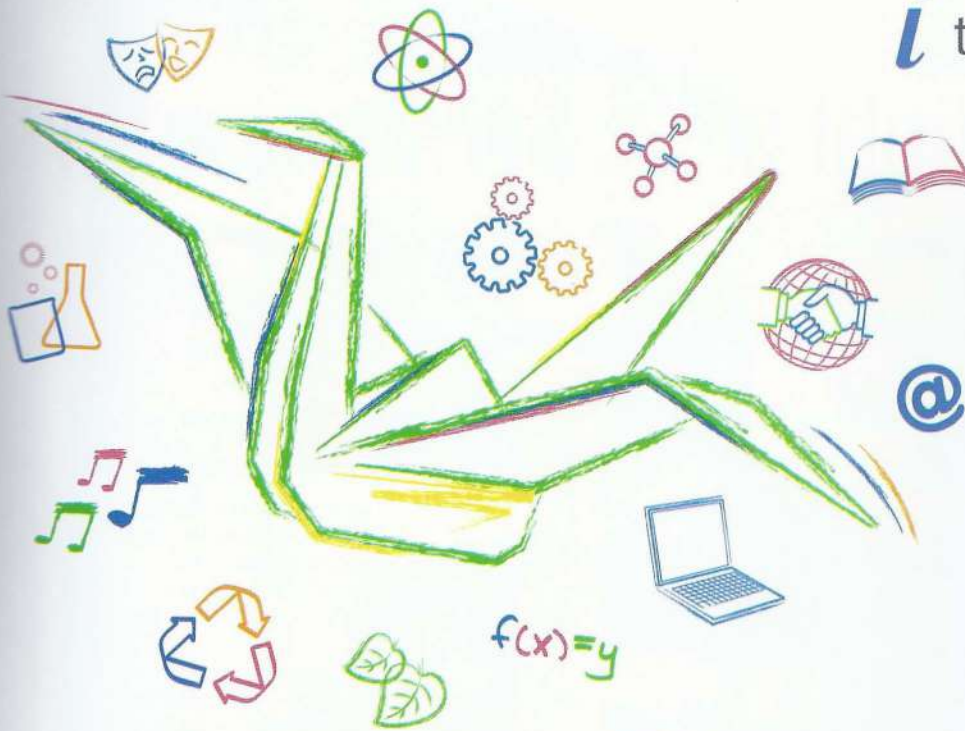


*The Bard, Darren Jones, takes that traditional first-bite of the leek*

*Cymdeithas Dewi Sant  
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# Quiz Night at the Suriwongse



The spacious Suriwongse Room was the venue for the February 20<sup>th</sup> Quiz night and, as luck would have it, that date coincided with Pancake Day and its marvellous buffet, which somehow appeared in the Suriwongse Room. It was definitely first-in best-served, with tasty salmon & rocket salad, gourmet filled pancakes, savoyarde potatoes and rhubarb crumble with custard, to name but a few of the delights on offer.

**Question 20**  
**Common Denominator - Galks**  
 1 point for each correct clue answer  
 a. Disposed to take liberties  
 b. Not permitted or allowed  
 c. A flightless bird  
 d. Prepared in standardized form for nonspecific use or wide distribution  
 & A bonus 2 points for the common denominator  
 \*Music created by Nicholas Bain - age 10

Among the 8 teams competing for the glittering prizes, the 'Pirates' were nowhere to be seen but the 'Barbary Coast Barbarians' turned out in force. And the disappearance of Shhhhhhhhhhh seemed to herald the reappearance of Sminky Minky Bang Bang, who once again proved a force to be reckoned with, grabbing top spot from last month's winners, the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofer, with the quirky Jim's Junkies sneaking up in the last round to take third overall by the narrowest of margins.

The Common Denominator questions were once again anxiety-inducing, but the table questions, sponsored by Crown Relocations, were fascinating . . .

- The lowest temperature ever recorded? - 89C at Vostok weather station USSR.
- The 1898 Land Speed Record? 63.15 km/hr by an electric powered car.
- The total length of corridors in the Pentagon? 17.5 miles (I wonder if they have any joggers in the mornings?)



Oh, and the scores:

1. Sminky Minky Bang Bang	144	5. Some Other Team	117
2. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofer	128	6. Barbary Coast Barbarians	107.5
3. Jim's Junkies	119	7. Southerners	107
4. Six No trumps	118	8. Bookworms	85



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# The Emperor's New Clothes...

## The Naked Truth!

**B**ritish Club families with young children are in for a real treat in early May. Bangkok Community Theatre (BCT) has teamed up with The British Club and The BNH Hospital to put together a special afternoon of theatre and fun to delight young children.

The focus of the afternoon is the hour-long production of the children's participation play *The Emperor's New Clothes* which will be performed by BCT as theatre-in-the-round in the Suriwongse Room the first two weekends in May. This wonderfully inventive piece of theatre follows the same format as the hugely successful productions of *"Hansel & Gretel"* staged by BCT in 1999, *"Rumpelstiltskin"* in 2002, *"Aladdin"* in 2003 and *"Puss in Boots"* in 2005.

As the play opens, a group of strolling players prepare to stage their daily performance. They seek the advice of the children in the audience as to what story they should perform and into the play we go. After the prologue and overture, which inventively introduce the young audience to the conventions of the stage (costumes, acting, sets), the players enact the story of the intrepid young tailor Marco, who, along with the help of a clever maiden, Rosa, tricks the Emperor, the Empress and the rest of the palace officials into believing in the fantastic magical, invisible clothes. Aided by the audience and a witty Mime who silently plays a multitude of roles, Rosa and Marco gaily befuddle the Emperor and bring about a happy ending for all.

The children sit on the floor during this charming participation play (there are some chairs at the back for grandparents or the less hardy who might find an hour sitting on the floor too much) just



The zany cast of *"The Emperor's New Clothes"*. The show is directed by BC member Bonnie Zellerbach and features BC member Belinda Skinner in a lead role. Other players include BCT veteran Paul Robere, newcomers Liz Haines and Orlando Requiz and last but not least, Stephanie Wallis whose first BCT performance was as one of the four daughters in last November's production of *"The Pirates of Penzance"*

inches away from the actors at the start, but the action soon spills into the audience so that everyone is involved. The play is designed for children 4-9 years old, but parents will also enjoy the antics of the actors, especially when they need to improvise to keep up with their young audience! BCT makes note that some children younger or older than the target may also enjoy this kind of imaginative theatre but that it really isn't appropriate for infants and toddlers.

As delightful as the production of *The Emperor's New Clothes* will be, that's only part of the afternoon's activities. The BC staff will be offering a delicious picnic barbecue and snacks on the lawn (not included in the ticket price) both before and after the performances so you can come early and eat before or stay late and have a picnic with friends afterwards. Furthermore, the bouncy castle will be out and BNH Hospital volunteers will be working with the children on a special craft that the children can use during the show to carry on the theme (craft is already included in the ticket price.) Make sure you allow enough time before the show to enjoy the craft activities. And on May 12th & 13th, families can enjoy shopping next door at the NHL Used Book Sale as well. Finally, we know how much children love to dress up so please encourage your little ones to come dressed as their favourite storybook character to add to the fun.

This is truly an enchanted children's event and one not to be missed. So mark your calendars with the details below. Or if you'd like to find out more about BCT, please visit the BCT website at [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org).



Theatre-in-the-round

*"The Emperor's New Clothes"* show times are 1:30 and 4:00pm on Saturday, Sunday & Monday (public holiday) May 5th, 6th, 7th and Saturday & Sunday, May 12th & 13th, 2007. Crafts activities will be available an hour before the first performance until 4:00pm each day. Tickets for the play including the craft are one price, B180 per person. Starting April 7th, BC members may sign for tickets at the club and the general public may purchase tickets at the lobby reception desk at BNH Hospital on Convent Road. Please, book your tickets early to avoid disappointment as seating is limited.



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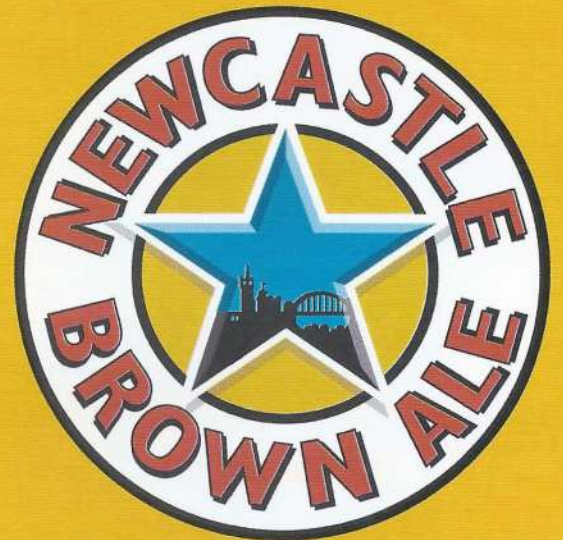
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# BC CALENDAR APRIL – The Month at a Glance

## Sunday

<p><b>1</b> 10:30am-2:15pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 3:00pm Bridge Tournament</p> <p><b>Silom Room</b> 1:00-3:30pm Children's Activities</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY FUN DAY</b> From 11am at the Club</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 3:00pm Bridge Tournament</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>Suriwongse Room</b> 11:30-3:00pm <b>EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH</b></p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 2:00-3:40pm <b>FORMULA ONE – LIVE Malaysian GP</b></p> 	<p><b>15</b> <b>Suriwongse Room</b> 11:00am-noon <b>DOCTOR WHO – 2007 SERIES</b></p> <p><b>Silom Room</b> 1:00-3:30pm Children's Activities</p> 
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## Monday

<p><b>2</b> 9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Match Play</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Match Play</p> <p><b>Silom Room</b> 7:00pm <b>Introduction to BALUT</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong</p>
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## Tuesday

<p><b>3</b> 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In</p> <p>5:15-8:15pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Football Practice</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 8:30pm-late Spoofing</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In</p> <p>5:15-8:15pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Football Practice</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 8:30pm-late Spoofing</p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In</p> <p>9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic</p> <p>5:15-8:15pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Football Practice</p>
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## Wednesday

<p><b>4</b> 5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p> <p>6:00-8:30pm Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 7:00 &amp; 8:00pm <b>PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR</b> 7:30pm Bottle Draw</p>  <p><i>Prestige Wine</i></p>	<p><b>11</b> 5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p> <p>6:00-8:30pm Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 7:00 &amp; 8:00pm <b>PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR</b> 7:30pm Bottle Draw</p>  <p><i>Prestige Wine</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> 5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p> <p>6:00-8:30pm Cricket Practice</p>
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## Thursday

<p><b>5</b> 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in</p> <p>5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice</p> <p>9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 6:30-9:30pm Chess</p> <p><b>Suriwongse Room</b> 7:00-9:00pm <b>DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT Morse</b></p> 	<p><b>12</b> 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in</p> <p>5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice</p> <p>9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice</p> 	<p><b>19</b> 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in</p> <p>5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice</p>
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## Friday

<p><b>6</b> 2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p> <p><b>Silom Sala</b> 7:00-9:00pm Kid's VDO</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Poolside Lunch &amp; Dinner SONGKRAN BUFFET</b></p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p> <p>2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p><b>Silom Sala</b> 7:00-9:00pm Kid's VDO</p>	<p><b>20</b> 2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p>
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## Saturday

<p><b>7</b> 7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes</p> <p>9:00am-1:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>Wordsworth Lounge</b> 1:00-2:00pm Yoga</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes</p> <p>9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>Poolside Lunch &amp; Dinner SONGKRAN BUFFET</b></p> <p><b>Wordsworth Lounge</b> 1:00-2:00pm Yoga</p> 	<p><b>21</b> 7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes</p> <p>9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes</p>
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<p>9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b> 8:30-9:30pm Chess</p> <p><b>Suriwongse Room</b> 7:00-10:00pm <b>DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT</b> First</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in</p> <p>5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice</p> <p>9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice</p>	
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# On the menu . . .



## April "Mango Mania"

April is Mango Mania month here at the Club. For the whole of April we will have a range of delicious pastries and beverages all containing Mango for sale at the Club's outlets. There's Mango Ice Cream, Mango Pancakes, Mango Cheesecakes, Mango Lassis, Mango Coladas and . . . well, take a look at this!

<b>Mango and Sticky Rice</b>	<b>B.75.-</b>
<b>Mango Sticky Rice and Mango Ice-Cream</b>	<b>B.85.-</b>
<b>Mango Pancakes with ice-cream</b>	<b>B.85.-</b>
<b>Mango Crumble and custard</b>	<b>B.80.-</b>
<b>Mango Fruit Tart</b>	<b>B.50.-</b>
<b>Mango Milk shake</b>	<b>B.65.-</b>
<b>Exotic Mango cooler</b>	<b>B.65.-</b>
<b>Mango Daiquiri</b>	<b>B.120.-</b>



## Easter Hot Cross Buns

As from Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be selling our delicious home made Hot Cross Buns in all the Club's outlets. Just 40 baht each and available throughout the Easter period. Members wishing to bulk purchase, please contact Khun Ben or Barry. Last year we sold over 300 of the best Hot Cross Buns in town.

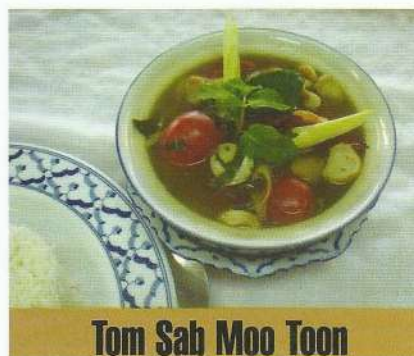
### Culinary dates to remember . . .

#### Traditional Easter Sunday brunch

**(Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, Suriwongse Room, 11.30am to 3pm):** The buffet features Roast Turkey, Roast Beef, Roast Lamb, Smoked Salmon, Scrambled Eggs, Rhubarb Brulee, Cream of Pea & Ham soup, Chicken & Cranberry salad . . . and more! Cost is B400 for adults and B250 for children under 12 years old, and includes soft drinks and chocolates for the children.

**Songkran Thai Buffet (Friday & Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April at Poolside, lunch & dinner times):** To celebrate Songkran we will have an extensive Thai buffet with an array of foods from all regions of Thailand. Khun Laak and Sukhon have created a menu with a variety of dishes, some your favourites and others a little more unusual!! The Buffet costs B300 per person and includes a complimentary glass of a special Thai cocktail. Celebrate Songkran by the pool with your whole family here in the comfort and safety of your Oasis in Bangkok.

**St George's Day Buffet (Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Suriwongse Room, 11am-3pm):** We're celebrating St George's Day one day early with a full buffet of all things English, consisting of Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Cornish Pasties (see recipe below!), Broccoli and Stilton Soup, Pork Pies, Rhubarb Crumble, Summer Puddings and lots, lots more. The Buffet costs B350 for adults and B180 for children. Kids' activities with a British theme will run from 1-3pm with Khun Susie, followed by the family movie at 3.30pm - George and the Dragon.



**Tom Sab Moo Toon**

#### Ingredients:

100	grms.	Braised pork
10	grms.	Galangal (Young ginger - "Kha" in Thai)
10	grms.	Lemon grass
2	pcs.	Kaffir lime leaves
30	grms.	Mushroom
2	pcs.	Tomato
3-4	pcs.	Chilli
2	pcs.	Dry chilli
3-5	pcs.	Marsh Mint: ("Sa-ra-nae" in Thai)
5	grms.	Saw leaf herbs (Coriander - "Pak Chee Farang" in Thai)
5	grms.	Shallot
2	tsp.	Lime juice
2	tsp.	Fish sauce
1	tsp.	Sugar
250	ml.	Chicken or pork stock

#### Method:

1. Bring stock to the boil. Add galangal, lemongrass, lime leaves, mushrooms, chilli, lime juice, fish sauce a little bite sugar and simmer until fragrant about 2-3 minutes.
2. Add pork and simmer.
3. Add tomato and sprinkle with chilli, coriander leaves, cook briefly about 20 seconds. Remove from the heat immediately.



## Hot cross buns

"Crossed" buns were originally used in pagan ceremonies and rituals and so, of course, the Christian Church attempted to ban them! But they were just too popular so the Church eventually 'Christianised' the buns.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I a law was passed limiting consumption of hot cross buns to proper religious ceremonies, such as Christmas, Easter or funerals.

Here's a traditional recipe:

### Ingredients:

- 2 oz Caster sugar
- 4 fl. oz. water
- 4 fl. oz milk
- 1 oz fresh yeast
- 1 lb plain flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 heaped tsp ground mixed spice
- 2 oz raisins
- 2 oz mixed peel
- 2 oz melted butter
- 1 beaten egg



### For the Cross (optional):

Mix these together to form the paste that is piped into the buns (see Method: stage 9).

- 4 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tbsp caster sugar
- 3-4 tbsp water

### Method:

1. Cream the fresh yeast and sugar together.
2. Add the beaten egg to this mixture.
3. Warm the milk, water and butter to blood heat temperature, then add these to the above mixture.
4. Add the flour, salt, mixed peel and raisins and mixed spice.
5. Work to dough, knead for about 5 minutes.
6. Cover and leave until the dough has doubled in size.
7. Now knock back the risen dough to its original size.
8. Roll into small buns, place on a well-greased baking tray. Leave these to rise for approx. 30 mins.
9. When risen, cut a cross into each bun, this is where you will pipe in the cross mixture.
10. Place into a pre heated oven Gas mark 7 for 15-20 minutes.

## Cornish Pasties

The Cornish Pasty started life as the working lunch for the tin miners to take underground with them. The pasty was easy to carry, could be eaten with dirty fingers (and the outer pastry thrown away) and it was nourishing. It could even have savoury at one end and sweet at the other.



Often miners would eat one half of their pasty for breakfast and leave the remaining half for lunch, so they had them baked with their initials to distinguish one pasty from another.

A typical pasty recipe for two would be:-

### Shortcrust Pastry

- 225 gm plain flour
- 115 gm fat (mixture of lard & butter)
- (calorie warning\*\*)
- pinch of salt

### Filling:

- 225 gm steak cut into small cubes
- 2 or 3 large potatoes
- piece of turnip or swede
- onion, peeled and chopped
- salt and pepper

### Method:

1. Sift the flour with the salt, rub in the fat and mix to a pliable consistency with some water, leave to rest for half an hour.
2. Roll out half the pastry into a round about 5mm thick (quarter of an inch).
3. Peel and slice the potatoes thinly onto the centre of round to form a base for the rest of the filling.
4. Slice the turnip thinly over the potato, then spread the beef on top.
5. Add a little onion, season with salt and pepper.
6. Dampen the edge of the circle of pastry with water to help seal it, bring together the edges and make a parcel with the filling in the centre.
7. There should be a neat pastry parcel. If you do get any holes, then patch them with a little extra pastry. You can make the pastry neater by crimping the edges. Fold over the edge to make it slightly thicker, then squeeze tightly every 2 cms to make a neat pattern along the edge.
8. Put the pastry on a piece of buttered paper, make a small slit on the top to let the steam out, brush the top with a little milk, and put it on a greased baking tray.
9. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 200C (gas mark 6) for 30 minutes, reduce the heat to 190C (gas mark 5) and cook for another 30 minutes.
10. You can make the pasty as a starter, by making it smaller. Use a saucer as a template to get the size.

## Cocktail of the Month "April"

### Summer Breeze

A long cool refreshing Caribbean cocktail for those hot and balmy nights in Bangkok . . .

- 1 oz Gold Rum
- 1/2 oz Dubonnet
- 1/2 oz Kirsch
- 3 oz Orange Juice
- 1 oz Lemon Juice
- 1 oz Grenadine Syrup



Shake all ingredients together and pour into fancy glass  
Garnish with a slice of orange

### \*\*WORRIED ABOUT THE CALORIES??

After feasting on these delicious pastries and beverages you can always work off the extra pounds gained by working-out with the Club's own personal trainer Khun Amnaj.

# St Patrick's Day TWICE . . .

and with big hats!





The St Patrick's Day celebrations came one day early to the Club again this year - why try to compete with all the other pubs in town? An added bonus is we get to celebrate St Patrick's Day not once but TWICE!

And, yes, all the food in the St Patrick's Day Minus One Buffet was GREEN. Well, sort of. The food that wasn't green at least contained Guinness or Baileys, which as you know is from Ireland, also known as the emerald isle, and emerald is a shade of green so technically the Beef and Guinness Pies, Guinness Cake and the low fat White Chocolate and lower fat Bailey's Mousse are a shade of green . . . Well, whatever!

Khun Laak's imaginative green menu consisted of Pea and Ham soup, Tatziki, green apple Waldorf Salad, Smoked Salmon and Asparagus Quiche, Poached Cod in a Cheese and Broccoli sauce, Shepherds and Spinach pie with savoury mashed potatoes, Kiwifruit Cheesecake and, because we are in Thailand, Green Pork Curry!!

We also brought back delicious Draught Kilkenny Beer for the weekend and sold it at promotional prices along with the Guinness, Jameson's Whisky and Irish coffees - the best in Bangkok.

Take a look at the photos to see the fun that was had - a few lucky members were also able to wear and take home (whether they wanted one or not *Darren Jones!*) our rather fashionable extra large Guinness hats. In fact a member and her guest are off to Ireland in the summer and have promised to wear the hats in the pub whilst on their visit - if they are not locked up - and they have promised to send us photos for a later edition of *Outpost!*

Music on the night was provided by *No Fixed Abode*, lead by Club members Paul Jensen and Frank Crocker, which played some excellent music and really got us in the swing. Paul Williams, the Mastermind behind our Britstock parties, also joined in for a song or two. Oh, and yes the Guinness girls actually showed up on the 17th as they forgot we were celebrating early . . . oh well!

And then on the evening of the REAL St Patrick's Day, we had an Irish party on the back lawn hosted by Paul and Anna Gambles. More Guinness, Kilkenny, 60 Irish coffees, and yet more green food along with Paul's i-Pod of great Irish music and a Guinness Girl (better late than never) all thrown in for good measure. Thanks to Anna and Paul for trusting us to host their Irish party and thanks to all members who attended and made this a St Patrick's weekend, and not just a night, to remember!

**Barry Osborne**

## A busy month for the Golf Section



*The Starter gets ready to start*

What a busy month! We are still enjoying beautiful weather, though it has hotted up a bit. Nevertheless, so many of the courses we play have a cooling breeze blowing that we usually manage to stay cool, temperature-wise at least. People often ask me how we can be out there in the afternoon, but really it is rarely as bad as you might imagine – only way to find out – give it a try!

There were some excellent scores at the major events this month, starting with the Hassall stableford game at Lam Lukka, when Andy came in with a truly amazing 42 points; Lam Lukka is a great course and not especially easy, so I am sure Andy accepted his handicap cut with grace. Belinda was not far behind with 40 points; and if I remember correctly, didn't score anything on the first three holes, so she really showed us what she is made of and will suffer the consequences when Mike takes his razor to her handicap too. Third was Joom with 36 points, also an excellent score on a low handicap. Near pins went to Karen H, Mike and Simon R, British Club CEO who despite being very busy and hardly getting to play any golf at all, has now put in three cards for his official handicap with us. Mike, back to usual form, took the mens long drive. We were all delighted to have him playing with us and he looks great. He will be coming back on a regular basis in a couple of months and we are all very happy that things are going so well and the end of this difficult period is in sight. Belinda took the ladies long drive – very impressive it was too and Barry took the long putt. Thanks again to Hassall for sponsoring this event – we really do enjoy the wines that Peter chooses.

**Club Day:** We had a Club Day at Thana City this month; we haven't played there for a while and Brian chose an interesting format for us; we played skins and competed for the lowest

number of putts. We had four groups and Brian was easily the winner in ours and overall with 12 skins, Frank was close second with 11, Belinda had 10 and Joom 9. I had the lowest number of putts with 27 – yes I even impressed myself. Brian awarded me the first prize, when really it should have gone to him, but that is Brian and we do appreciate him. We were delighted to welcome Irene Grey, Robert's wife. It was a very convenient location for them as they have a lovely house right on the golf course and Samantha and Sophia could come into the back garden and cheer mum and dad on. Irene, now that you have joined us once we really expect to see you regularly from now on. No excuses – we have seen you play!

**Monthly Medal:** Great scores for this month's medal, especially from flight A: Gareth, nett 65, Karen H 67 and Gaew 68. Well done Gareth, seven under handicap is a truly impressive score. Hard luck Karen and Gaew, who both had great games and came in with scores that would usually get them a medal, but unfortunately just got Mike sharpening his pruning shears. Karen is now playing off an 8 handicap, just one above Andy. Brian Dodd is still our lowest handicap regular player with 6 – a very low handicap which he plays to consistently. Consistency in any sport is what separates the sheep from the goats and golf is one sport where this is particularly difficult to achieve. Most of us have to accept that a great game is often followed by one that a myopic chimpanzee could achieve. Well it's that way for me anyway. Flight B medal was taken by Barry with a nett 70, second Orin, who we were so happy to see playing again. She looked very serene and rested and played an excellent game so I think the meditation is working. Gordon was third with a nett 72. Gordon's wife, Rosemary, herself a good golfer, has now joined us and we look forward to seeing more of her. We really have a lot of couples playing together, or on the same course anyway! Technicals were taken by Harland, Adam, Peter G and Robert. Long drives from Karen H and Peter G and long putt went to Pat.

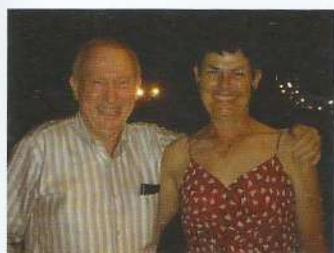


*Flight A Medal winner*

A small group headed off for Soi Dow for the long weekend at the beginning of March. Do they go for the golf or the Karaoke? Whatever, they always seem to have a good time.

That was the week that was . . .

**Special celebrations:** Let's leave the actual game for a while and talk about three of our favourite and long time members who have had a special February. Firstly our warmest



*David and Cheryl*



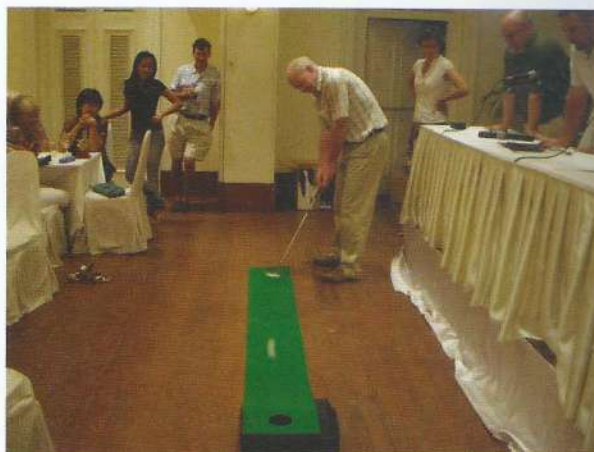
*Isn't she lovely . . .*

congratulations and very best wishes to Roy and Meow who celebrated their wedding at the British Club on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Could it have been more romantic! Meow looked absolutely gorgeous dressed in a beautiful white gown as she floated around the garden of the British Club charming us all and Roy looked pretty gorgeous

too with a very big smile on his face all night. It was a very big occasion indeed and no doubt is reported elsewhere in this magazine, but we all had a great night and a big thanks to Roy and Meow from the Golf Section. Roy has now bought Meow a nice set of golf clubs, but she is still prevaricating; I can talk, Barry bought me my first set one Christmas and I still hadn't taken the cover off by the end of May. Well, once I did, he realized he had created a monster and I played every chance I could. By the end of the first year I had a handicap of 23 at Green Valley, which is not the easiest of courses. It has taken me six years to get back to that handicap and I am just about hanging on to it! Meow - we are waiting for you . . .

Our next congratulations go to Dave and Cheryl Lamb, who had their annual Crazy whist Valentine party a day early this year as Roy and Meow had already nabbed the 14<sup>th</sup>. This party celebrates not only the wedding anniversary of Dave and Cheryl but also their arrival in Bangkok. This was an extra special event as they have been in Thailand for 20 years. They have been married for 36 years, so I guess Cheryl really was a child bride. Congratulations David and Cheryl.

**AGM & Committee:** Our AGM took place after this month's medal. This was a bittersweet



*Playoff for least number of putts this year*

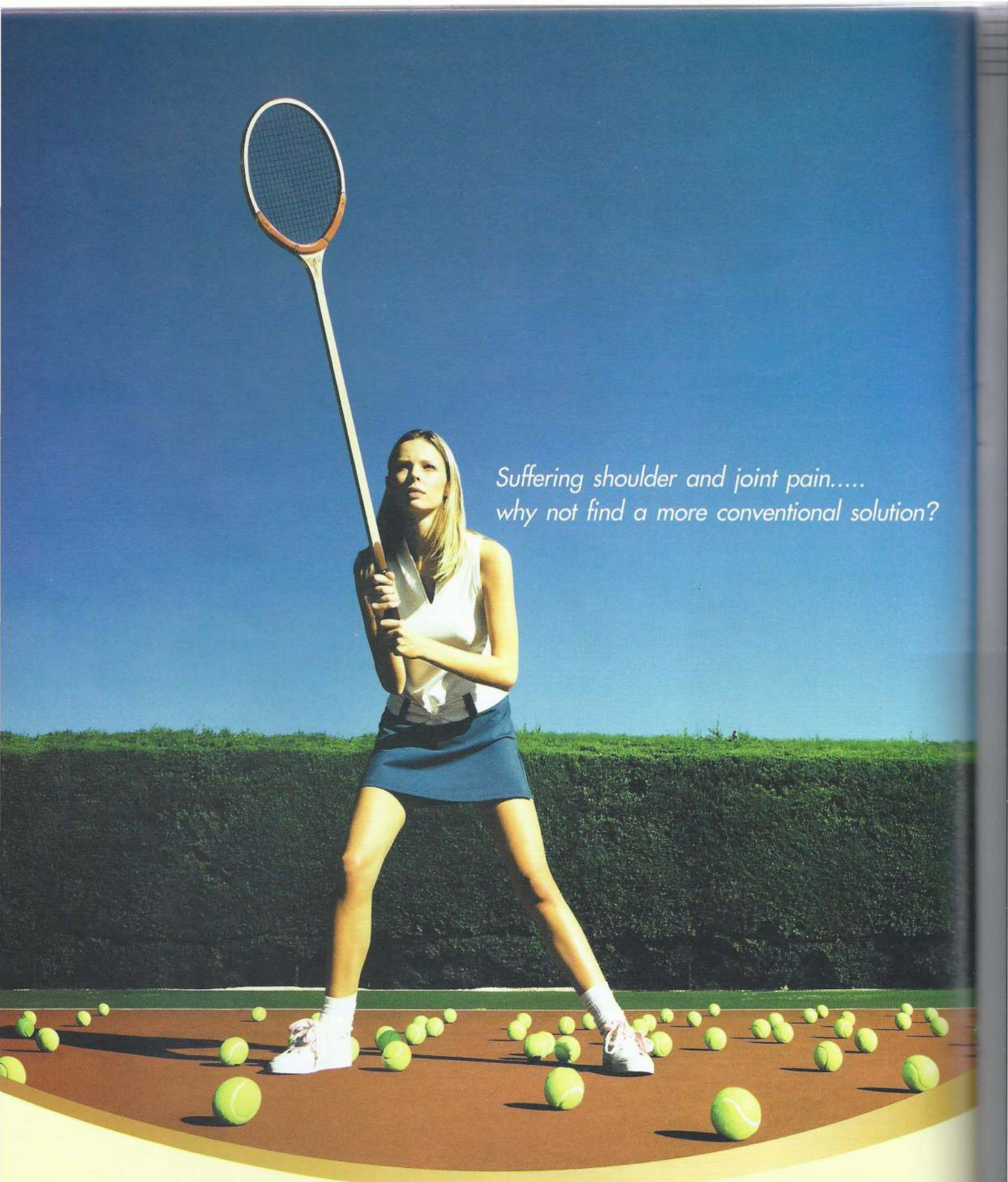
occasion as we said goodbye to our Captain, Brian, and welcomed our new Captain, Peter Skinner. Peter has been Vice Captain for a year, so knows all the ropes and will slide smoothly over to Brian's seat. Brian has been a fantastic Captain, unfailingly popular with all the members and endlessly patient. Every year we say how well our Captains have done and it is true, they have been an exceptional bunch. Karen Carter, herself an ex Captain, said a few words to show her appreciation of Brian's work and we all agreed with every one of them. Brian will stay on the Committee, of course, this time he is in charge of trophies and prizes. The rest of the Committee is as follows:

Vice Captain, Gordon Milne  
Treasurer, Peter Gale  
Secretary, George Okrasa  
Handicaps, Mike Staples  
Bookings, Karen Carter  
Starter, Maureen Gibson  
Member at large, Frank Fawkes  
Outpost, Valerie Ashman

We would all like to thank outgoing members Orin, Barry and Pat - hope to see you back on the Committee next year. Thanks again to Pat and Seara Sports for their ongoing sponsorship of the matchplay event. Orin your shoes are small, but I still can't fill them! Barry all the trophies are engraved and gleaming (I know, I polished them).

We had the usual presentation of prizes and trophies and even a three way putt-off for the most long-putts won over the past year - Brian triumphed, but special congratulations go to our Golfer of the Year, Peter Gale. This has to be the most important golf section achievement as it reflects a member who not only won events and gained points for playing on handicap and winning technicals, etc, but it is something that cannot be won without attending many of the games throughout the year and supporting the Club. Well done Pete!

**Val Ashman**



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# Regular Sports, Games & Activities

## Aerobics

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

## Aqua Aerobics

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

## Chess

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

## Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - Back lawn

## Football

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

## Hockey

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

## Rugby

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

## Spoofing

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

## Squash

Tuesday 5:15-8:15pm Mix-in  
Thursday 5:15-9:00pm Mix-in  
And 1st Sunday of every month 10:30am-2:15pm

## Swimming

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

## Tennis

### Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm  
**Mix-in All Standards**  
Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm  
Friday 6:00-10:00pm  
Sunday 4:00-6:00pm

### Ladies Mix-in

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

## Tennis Coaching

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

## Yoga

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

## Sports/Activities Price List

### Aerobics

### Aqua Aerobics

### Cricket

### Massage

### Squash

### Squash courts

### Swimming

### Tennis

### Adult Tennis

### Junior Tennis

### Tennis courts

### Tennis knockers

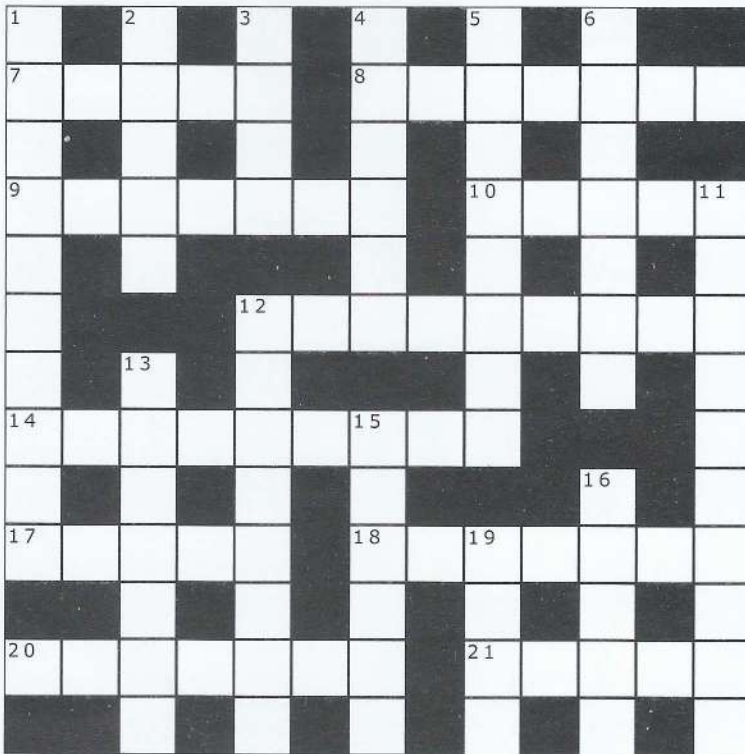
### Yoga

Bt 4,000 for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 500 per session  
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Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 600 evening if lights needed  
Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session  
Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 for 1 hour; group session  
Bt 1200 per 45 min  
Bt 50 per 45 min  
Classes with Bangkok Dolphins - Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons of 30 min  
Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 800/hour  
Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour  
Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning - beginner to advanced)  
Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Friday)  
Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm  
Hourly knocking sessions with - Khun Kaew (Bt 500), Khun Tom (Bt 400),  
Khun Phon (Bt 300), Khun Champ (Bt 250)  
Bt 1,000/month; Bt 300 per lesson

**PLEASE NOTE:** For all sports and activities, members are requested to please BOOK IN ADVANCE. Just 'showing up' may result in disappointment . . .

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

# Puzzles



## CROSSWORD Clues

### Across

- 7 Great lover of Shakespeare!
- 8 Alter N.E. for ever.
- 9 Ate rope crazily but was able to act.
- 10 Ghostly and weird.
- 12 Going round again or coming back.
- 14 Capital of a Sub-continent country.
- 17 Melee in the rugby game.
- 18 Out! (3,4)
- 20 Old men in the countryside.
- 21 Something that gives pleasure.

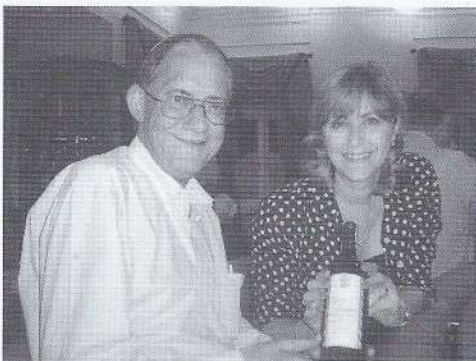
### Down

- 1 Pop is short but can make large vessels!
- 2 Urge forward.
- 3 Lethargic state.
- 4 Again U.S. money . . . lately.
- 5 Postponed.
- 6 Send the troops by rail.
- 11 Of course it's the last time you'll need a driver!
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ the 5<sup>th</sup>. November!
- 13 Just make it clear.
- 15 Bash in but it means exile.
- 16 Someone at the polls.
- 19 London Gallery.

## March Solution

**Across:** 1 Auctioneer, 7 Haunted, 8 Amend, 10 Nestegg, 11 Abets, 12 Expert, 15 Tattoo, 17 Ideas, 18 Putsoff, 21 Rhino, 22 Reader, 23 Streetcars.

**Down:** 1 Abuts, 2 Cutie, 3 Indigo, 4 Niagara, 5 Everest, 6 Chandelier, 9 Discomfort, 13 Predict, 14 Restore, 16 Spirit, 19 Tiara, 20 Omits.



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

The winners of the March crossword were Stephen Eaton & Angela Daniel (pictured) who joined forces to get their entry in just ahead of . . . John Sands! Third time lucky John?

# SUDOKU

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

**Rating:** 'Super-difficult'

**Solution times:** < 30mins - you don't belong on this planet; 30-50mins - sublime; 50-80mins - well done; longer than 80 mins - keep practising . . .


Good Luck! The first correct entry to reach Barry or Khun Ben wins a bottle of house wine.

The Sudoku winner for March was Monika Lunia.  
Congratulations Monika!

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## Squashy Bits

In response to a couple of queries about February Squashy Bits . . . yes, that was a picture of my school in 1959 and it included most of the characters featured, including myself, Korky, Charlie, Bott and Miss Charles, plus my big brother and my first girlfriend to-be a few years down the road, who I took to see Cliff Richards in *Summer Holidays* on our first date. Memories indeed! A prize for anyone who can identify at least three!

### Cricket and Squash in Chiang Mai, January 20/21

Last year the annual cricket/squash weekend in Chiang Mai was cancelled because of flooding, but this year the Gymkhana Club looked magnificent



*Bonding*

when the BC squad rolled up with an assortment of accompanying baggage including wives, girl friends and two mad Labradors. The weather was crisp and sunny, the outfield was greener than we had ever seen it, an electronic scoreboard had been installed and a grass wicket laid. It was difficult to believe that all this had been achieved in just 18 months since the mighty River Ping deposited inches of sludge over the entire ground, threatening the Club's very survival. The Chiang Mai boys had performed miracles.

As usual, most of the squad had arrived during Friday and gathered at O'Malleys for a bit of team bonding. The secret of these tours is of course to pace oneself, be sensible on the first night so that you have a chance of surviving two days of hectic sport and socialising. But needless to say, this is instantly forgotten on arrival in Chiang Mai, where everyone gets into the "Weeeey, here we are in Chiang Mai again!!!" mood, and lets rip. We drank O'Malleys dry of Erdinger and it was a very pissed, though nicely bonded bunch that

eventually got to bed around 2.00am.

### 25 overs vs Chiang Mai Youth

Surprisingly though, everyone was at breakfast for role call and all arrived at the ground for a bit of practice, no doubt invigorated by the beautiful Chiang Mai weather. With a couple of the squad due to arrive later in the day an eleven was put together with the help of an Aussie outbacker picked up somewhere the night before, resplendent in bush hat with corks and bare feet.

The first match was a practice game played on the artificial wicket against a team of Thai youngsters. This is a tradition started about 5 years ago when they were all under 11 and were just learning the game. Most of them barely knew what they were doing and we had to split the teams to make a game of it. This time some of them were 15 and they all very much knew what they were doing. There were no adults supervising them and they took us on with gusto.

The youth batted first giving BC an opportunity to try out all the potential bowlers for the big game next day and the general idea was for them to score around 120 so that we would get some batting practice. And so it was. All the BC team had a bowl and the score after 25 overs was 120 for 6. David Lines, Colin, Chris, Duncan, Marvyn and Paul all looked in good form with the ball and the fielding was sharp.

There were three girls in the CM team and one of them, an eleven year old, opened the bowling. She bowled an immaculate length and



*BCB versus the youngsters*

if she hadn't been too polite to ask, would have had Paul Taylor lbw first ball! Most of the boys got a start and both Dale and Anthony batted sensibly to retire on 20 so that we had them to come back to finish things off if the others failed. Everything was timed to perfection, Anthony returning to the crease to hit off the winning runs with just one ball to spare and 8 wickets down. Anthony was 27\*, Dale 20\* with Chris scoring 12 and Paul 10.

This was a perfect practice game. It was great to see the Thai youngsters so enthusiastic about cricket and making such huge progress. And all of the BC boys had a good work out auguring well for the Dick Wood Trophy next day.

## Squash vs. CMGC

This gave an hour or so for the squashies to have a rest before taking on the Gymkhana Club squash team. For this the ranks were swelled by the timely arrival of Nick White and James Quinn. The Club courts had yet to be renovated after the rains and conditions were far short of those we are used to at the Club. But this turned out to be an epic match between two very well balanced sides.



*Dr White helps David Lines to victory*

With much heaving and sweating the two Nicks, Marvo and Colin all won their matches whilst Peter, Da and James lost hard fought games. James in particular had a humbling experience at number one playing, for once, someone who looked younger, was better looking and a better squash player than he was. Ouch!

In the end it all hung on skipper David Lines to win or lose it for BC and the alarm bells were ringing when he was 2-1 down, match point against, playing a much younger and very handy opponent. But our David is nothing if he ain't stubborn. He dug so deep that if he was a coal miner he would have been coming up

from 10 miles under. The gallery was in turn alarmed for his health as he reddened up and panted around the court, and entertained as he used every trick in the book to put his opponent off his stride. He literally clawed his way back and the turning point came when his opponent fell to the floor with cramp and the good Dr. White "helped" him with some dubious massaging. David triumphed 3-2 and the BC had inched home, winning for the third time in a row. What a captain! What a team!

Then we sat down to eat and drink under that magnificent rain tree on a starry, starry night. It was wonderfully relaxed, but strangely subdued, probably as much to do with the previous night's excesses as the exertions of the day. But nevertheless, as the alcohol began to take affect, the rituals of "fuzzy duck", "fizz buzz" and "names of" were soon sorting out the newcomers from the old hands. We drank until they threw us out and returned to O'Malleys just to make sure that we would be in fine form for the next day. I must admit, I doubted we had got it quite right as we staggered off to bed.

## 35 overs Dick Wood Cup vs CMGC

But this team was special. Everyone bounced back to life in the morning and partook in a lively nets session before the big game. There was a quiet air of confidence. As is ordained, we won the toss, inserted our opponents and Nick White bowled the first ball to, not nine, but ten slips, agreement having been reached that the umpire could also field this first ball. Eleven if you count one of the Labradors.

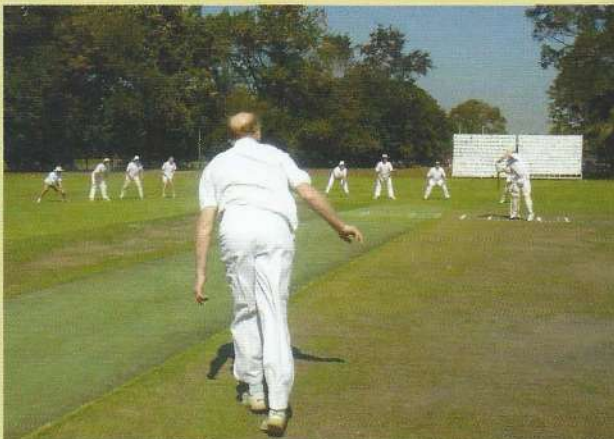
As everyone resumed more traditional places for the rest of the over, we became aware that the new grass wicket was a little trickier to bat on than the artificial one and the Chiang Mai boys were soon struggling against some tight BC bowling. Nick (2 for 21), Anthony (1 for 33) and Duncan (3 for 30) all bowled exceptionally well, although the run rate was considerably assisted by some harsh wide-ruling by the local umpires, maximising the benefits of match rules under which each wide counted as two runs with no extra ball bowled.

David Hall (2 for 13) as usual provided the entertainment of the innings with two overs of masterly mystery. A combination of cloud-threatening donkey droppers, triple bouncers and toe breakers (his own!) had the opposition in all sorts of trouble and Paul Taylor (2 for 13) also got amongst the wickets. In fact had it not been for those extras and yet another splendid innings from Steve Penney, who in my book is one of the best batsmen to play cricket in Thailand in the last 30 years, CMGC would have been bundled out cheaply. But here we must also give some credit to

# SQUASH



*Team talk*



*First ball bowled to ten slips*



*The lads*



*David attempts to fine Nick*



*Anne gets slammed*



*As the sun went down!*



*Nick explains why he failed*

squash captain David Lines who you might remember from December being quoted as saying "Medium pace bowler, put ball on't sixpence. Great fielder. Never dropped catch in m' life"

Well guess what happened? Yes he did! His first one ... a sitter! ... and when asked to bowl, declared himself dysfunctional! Yes, unfortunately his heroics on the squash courts ruled him out of more glory as a bowler but to make up for it he then caught the catch that should have been dropped to allow retired Steve Penney back to the crease! Oh David! . . . Steve whacked the ball around the ground and appeared to be taking the game away from us when Paul Taylor at square leg nonchalantly plucked an unbelievable catch out of the air somewhere over and behind his right ear and led his stunned team mates gratefully back to the pavilion with CMGC all out for 152 (Steve Penney 57\*, extras 41, the rest 54!). A good performance with great fielding from non-cricketer squashies Nick Mellor and James Quinn

The lads were quietly confident and indeed had looked good in the practice game and the nets. But it just didn't happen! Nick White (11) "failed" for the first time in 5 tours, Paul Taylor (1) was given out to an lbw decision that even the bowler protested, and the only two others to reach double figures were David Hall (19)

and David Lines (10) who shared an enterprising partnership of 26 for the 7<sup>th</sup> wicket which threatened briefly to raise hopes of a stunning victory. In the end we were all out for 69 to lose by 83 runs. But we all knew it could have been ... should have been much closer. Bad luck lads!

Unfortunately with 11 overs left unbowled, the match was over by 3.00 pm and there was nothing else to do but get the speeches over and stuck into the booze again. For once the BCB were the perfect tourists, handing over a dodgy Club plaque and a shirt to each of the opposition players. CMGC duly awarded themselves the Trophy, for which the late Dick Wood was honourably acknowledged ... and then introduced a new and, I'm sure, enduring innovation ... fines, with vodka slammers!!!!

Caught off guard for a few seconds, the lads soon got the idea and in no time at all the whole tour party was four sheets to the wind. There are some wonderful photographs to prove it and one or two of the more politically correct are shown here ... and there is even a video of the team race to the square and back as the sun was going down.

Ah yes, what a wonderful weekend. Thank you CMGC. Thank you lads. You were all great. We'll be back again next year, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dick Wood Cup.

The next squash match was a couple of weeks later on which Peter Corney unusually quite wittily reports:

## Riverine Club vs BCB, 27<sup>th</sup> January

*"The BC team of eleven included three ladies, Da, Jayne and new member, Anantana. There were some great matches with most being very evenly contested.*

*Jayne and Da both lost 3-0 but played well against the tough opposition and Nick Mellor lost 3-1 to BC member Chris Platt who dazzled with his stroke play, playing well down the order to avoid coming up against Peter or Marvyn. Nick could have beaten players higher up the order but, although the game was tight, he was not experienced enough to defeat Chris. It could be a very different result next time.*

*Peter Corney then had one of his rare wins with a score of 3-0 against Bunlert and Ananatana also beat Pakdee 3-0; Ananatana is going to be a great asset for our future under David's coaching. Marvyn, by contrast, had one of his rare losses against Pongsak 3-0 although he was disappointed to be playing at number 6 as he usually prefers to play well down the*



*Riverine Club. Thanks for coming!*

*order to ensure a good winning record. Charles then lost a hard close match to Kittipong 3-1.*

*Nick White, as usual, showed true grit to beat a very good player, Akom, 3-2, saying that he got his main inspiration from the Australian cricket team and Ambassador Peter Corney. Neil Evans had a hard match against Air and did well in going down 3-1. David Lines played another Captain's game against a young fit Frenchman, Nico, but went down 3-2 in a long hard close match.*

*James won at number one defeating Kittirak 3-1 in another great game which was very physical but James kept his cool and just played good squash.*

*Unfortunately we lost on the day, 7 matches to 4, but can be heartened by the fact that their top four players aren't even members of the Riverine Club. The Riverine then provided us with drinks and eats to finish off a great day played in good spirit. We certainly look forward to playing the Riverine again, they were good hosts and the matches were played in good spirit.*

*This was our first loss with the inspirational David Lines as Captain. A special thanks to Steve Tostevin for helping with the refereeing."*

## League Winners

Congratulations to the winners of December League # 214: Division 1 **Ja Chaturan**, Division 2, **Charles Whitley**, Division 3 **Johan Baselius** and January League# 215: Division 1 **James Quinn**, Division 2 **Brian Ross**, Division 3 **Shiraz Poonevala** and February League # 216: Division 1 **James Quinn**, Division 2 **Shiraz Poonevala**, Division 3, **John Baselius**

Happy Squashing.

Jack Dunford

## Quote of the month:

“Tennis is more than just a sport. It's an art, like the ballet. Or like a performance in the theater. When I step on the court I feel like Anna Pavlova. Or like Adelina Patti. Or even like Sarah Bernhardt. I see the footlights in front of me. I hear the whisperings of the audience. I feel an icy shudder. Win or die! Now or never! It's the crisis of my life.”

**Bill Tilden**

1893-1953, American Tennis Player \*\*\*

\*\*\*Curious Fact . . . Bill Tilden still holds the record on the fastest serve in a tournament. Tilden was clocked at 161mph whilst Roddick at 155mph; the record is contested since the methods of recording the speed of a serve were not the same back in the 1920's; however it may be Tilden did it with a wooden racket that was half the size of today's "weapons" . . .so eat your heart out Roddick . . .  
(See editorial, March issue)

## Club News

Many exciting and highly competitive matches have been played in all categories over the past eight weeks, and the tennis section committee would like to take this opportunity to thank not only all our enthusiastic participants, who range in age from 11 to 70-plus, but also our marvellously generous sponsors without whom we would not be able to put on such a successful club event. Watch for details of the final rounds of competition in next month's *Outpost*.

Meanwhile, the ladies from the weekday morning mix-ins bid a fond farewell to Joy Gibbens, a longtime Bangkok resident and pillar of our Tuesday/Thursday tennis. Eileen, Napa, Pom, Nancy, Maryann, Marilyn, Latt, Genny, Fiona, Rackel, Genevieve and Raymonde treated Joy to a surprisingly delicious German lunch at Bei Otto – Joy's restaurant of choice. A fitting tribute to the woman to whom so many of us owe our warm welcome at mix-ins. A fine player in her own right, Joy was always willing to play with ladies of all levels, and for many of us, her tips and coaching were precious! And oh that mighty serve! A thing of awe not often seen at mix-ins! She encouraged us, cheered our winners and exemplified fair play. Joy



*Farewell to Joy Gibbens*



*Ladies Team Lunch*

was also one to organize tennis lunches, shopping expeditions and other outings sure to please! Joy, we wish you well in your new life in Singapore and then in Abu Dhabi where we're sure your energy and good cheer will brighten any tennis group lucky enough to get you! And there'll always be a space for you at Tuesday & Thursday mix-ins when you pass through Bangkok!



*Tip, Noi, Wandee & Coach Jang at the Ladies Team Lunch*

**THANK YOU MIREILLE:** The morning group would also like to say "merci" to Mireille for the fun coaching we enjoyed under her tutelage earlier this winter. Nearly a dozen ladies in all benefited from her valuable instruction in stroke production, fitness, footwork and preparation. Thanks, Mireille and we hope to see you again soon!

## Bangkok Ladies Interclub Doubles Tennis Tournament

**(Sat-Sun, 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February @ Silom Tennis Club)**

The annual Bangkok Ladies Interclub Doubles Tournament has been run over many years and continues to be the highlight event for all serious Bangkok ladies doubles players. This year's event, originally scheduled to be played at the BC was transferred to nearby Silom Club, as sadly it was their last chance to host a tournament before final closure at the end of April for redevelopment by the Crown Property Bureau for use by the neighbouring Christian School.

The eight participant teams were Silom as hosts, RBSC, Polo Club, BC, Japanese Association, Philippines, Armed Services and Piyarom. The draw split the entries into two Groups of 4, the BC being in 'B' along with Silom, Piyarom and Polo and guess what - we got to play Polo first off, which was real tough.

Your Organizer on the day 'BG' lost most of his hair in situations like this and that Saturday morning came fully up to standard in all respects. On paper our team looked complete but when called, it



turned out that some names were for Sunday only or were not available at all. Thus we faced playing one of the toughest teams in the draw with only 4 pairs instead of the required 5. Undaunted our team took up the challenge and acquitted themselves with honour, halving the 4 matches played but having to forfeit the 5<sup>th</sup> match and the result to Polo.

Ruedee and Noi, held on to win a closely fought tiebreak at 9/8 with Tip and Mam impressively sweeping aside the Polo charge at 8/5. A creditable performance by Yubharet and Nu fell just short at 5/8 with Chirawan and Eileen outclassed in the senior age group where Polo were strongest. Life is full of 'if onlys', but what a chance we had to take Polo out, guaranteeing us a place in the top 4.

However as my 'Guru' keeps telling me, 'There's always a Next Time' and I do hope he's right!! Thereafter things were never quite the same, with a naturally disappointed and outclassed BC heavily defeated by front-runners Silom.

Meanwhile back in the boondocks 'BG' was frantically phoning all and sundry in a desperate attempt to summon up the missing 5<sup>th</sup> pair, who finally materialized like some kind of biblical miracle out of the blue-blue sky!! Zandra and Wandee no less, provided the means towards our salvation, literally dropping everything, including Wandee's washing, in the greater cause of BC ladies tennis.

Thus revitalized and much to their credit our team picked themselves up, dusted down and promptly defeated Piyarom by a similar overwhelming margin (5/0). Outstanding performances from the Chirawan /Yubharet and Nu/Wandee combos were followed by a match winning Eileen/Zandra clean sweep.

That was it for the day and what more could we have asked for??

Sunday turned out to be just as fraught as Saturday but with a different missing pair. Frantic phone calls followed as usual but this time our salvation came from a different direction. Lo and

behold our Philippine opponents were in even more trouble than we were and although all 5 matches were played of which we won 2, their other 3 pairs were disqualified, failing the combo age test. Good tennis all round but a bit of a let down.

Piyarom, our next opponents simply failed to show, being overwhelmed by player shortage. Another W/O win of a sort. With a somewhat weakened team our final match with RBSC yielded just 1 win in 5, achieved by Jeab and Tip managing to keep their noses in front. Creditable performances by the Nu/ Marilyn and Ruedee/Noi combos came up just short.

In view of all the circumstances, our final 6<sup>th</sup> position does credit to all involved and augers well for the future.

True to form our ladies kept 'BG' fully 'engaged' throughout the 2 days and most of the nights with new, exciting and entirely unheard of 'happenings' that would have thwarted even the most determined of organizers.

I'm pleased to report that somehow or other all obstacles were surmounted and our wonderful ladies came through it all unscathed with their enthusiasm undiminished and all determined to do better next time.

Well done all. See you on court and I wouldn't have missed a moment of it for all the world. **B.G.**

The most ignored rule in tennis is . . . **Foot Fault!** Yes, that's right! Foot fault is totally ignored as a standing rule in tennis, yet it is just as valid as a ball bouncing outside the serving box. Would you keep playing a serve that lands outside the line? Or would you re-play a serve that hits the net? Of course not. If you see yourself being guilty of this fault, just stand a foot behind the baseline, and hit your serve . . . keep the game clean and follow all the rules.

**Enrique Valero, Marilyn August and Bruce Gordon**

# Reciprocal Club Benefits

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The Tanglin is also popular with BC members. Gavin Broad, a regular visitor to the Club says: "The Tanglin is a very nice club, with excellent facilities and a very roomy pub/restaurant bar. The food is very good indeed, as is the service. There is a full menu, as well as a buffet. The Tanglin is embarking on a major redevelopment as we speak so expect it to become even better. If you have time to kill before leaving for the airport, the sofas in their reception area are incredibly comfortable and an interesting place to people-watch. They have fast wi-fi too. A visit is highly recommended."

Tadashi Washimi, also a long time visitor to the Tanglin Club, says: "This is my favourite Club - I really like the old colonial style and the more formal atmosphere compared to other Clubs. The Churchill Room is very nice and I particularly like the friendly Tavern. If you're ever in Singapore don't miss the Churchill Room's roast beef 'from the wagon'. It's sensational!"



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# HELLOS

## Welcome Aboard!

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

1. Rabee & Katia Abu-Kishek
2. Brian & Warida Rood
3. Richard Brouwer

# and GOODBYES

## Farewell and best wishes to . . .

1. Boon Ling Yee
2. Hitoshi Onoda
3. Anna & Stephen Schulze
4. Gregory & Karen Cohen
5. Walter Pickering
6. Stuart & Therese Cioccarelli
7. Anond Smith
8. Haruthai Sachchamarga



## No whining . . . only Tasting!

The latest wine tasting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February was well attended by more than 70 members and their guests who enjoyed a range of wines from Australia, New Zealand, California, France, Chile and Thailand. Khun Laak and her team of merry men and women once again created a range of delicious canapés to compliment the wines being tasted.

The monthly wine tastings are a great way for members to get together at the end of the week and wind down for the beginning of a weekend in the comfort of their Club – a green Oasis in the heart of the Big Mango. As well as tasting the wines members are also able to purchase them direct from the suppliers at specially discounted prices. Home deliveries are available and the companies also provide staff who are able to give advice on the wines. What more could one want?

Barry Osborne

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