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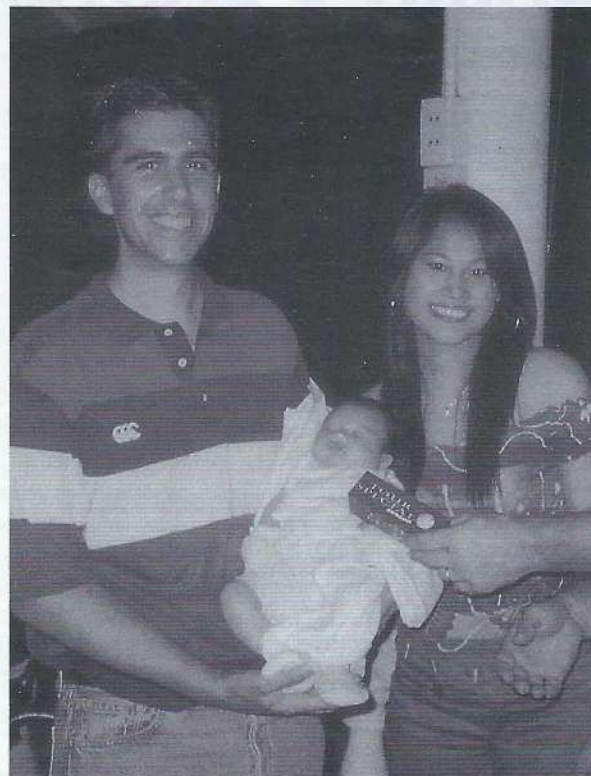
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BARRY'S BANTER



DEAR MEMBERS,

May already - this year is really flying by! As usual, we have lots of events lined up for you to do at the Club this month.

We have New Members' Night on 11 May, which is your chance to meet up with new Members, catch up with old friends and get to know Members of the newly elected committees. We now serve four different draught beers in the Churchill Bar, Guinness at Bt 150 per pint, Kilkenny at Bt 190 per pint, Heineken at Bt 85 per pint and Chang at Bt 70 per pint.

The Sunday Carvery is proving popular and advanced bookings are advisable. The Carvery is available from 11.30 am until 2 pm. Children's activities with Khun Suzie now begin at 1 pm every Sunday. These activities are free and snacks and soft drinks are provided.

On 6 & 7 of May (Thursday and Friday) we will hold our latest food promotion in Lords. This month we feature the wines, beers and foods of Italy. Also on 7 May (please note the new date) we will host our first Freaky Friday. As this is a special event for children no parents will be allowed in the disco. The venue is the Silom Sala from 6 until 9 pm.

Soft drinks, snacks and hair gel are all provided so leave your kids in the hands of DJ Suzie and enjoy your free time

at the Italian Food Promotion, or just enjoy a drink around the poolside.

On 14 May we are off to Impact Arena, this time to see a Thai Concert. Join in the fun as we watch famous Thai artist Carabao in the 'Made in Thailand Concert'. I have seen Carabao twice in concert at the Tawandaeng Beer Cellar in Thanon Narathiwat and I can guarantee this will be a fun concert even if at times you haven't got a clue what's going on around you! The fun of being one of a handful of Farang amongst thousands of Thais all enjoying themselves makes it a night not to be missed... We will also be selling beers on the bus just to get you into that party mood.

Saturday 15 May, hangovers allowing, we make our annual trip to the beautiful pottery island of Koh Kred and then on to the stunning Suan Thip restaurant for lunch and kids' activities. May 28 to 30 we have one of our most popular trips - the weekend break to the majestic Khao Yai National Park.

At the baby poolside we will be replacing the old wooden awning that covers the baby pool. We will also be replacing the green awning over the children's playground and laying new floors on squash courts one and two.

On the evening of May 22 why not watch Man United and Millwall in the FA Cup Final at the Club? We will erect big screens in the Lords and in the Churchill Bar. There is no cost for this event - simply show up! A buffet will also be available for those feeling peckish.

On May 22 the Club has entered a team in the BNH Bed Push. This excellent idea comes from Angela Stafford so do come along and support the Club's bed. We still need more volunteers to push our bed around Bangkok. If Members are interested in helping with this very worthy cause, please give me a call at the Club any time. For further information on this race keep your eyes peeled for the notices around the Club.

Don't forget about taking advantage of the Club's outside catering services. Last year we catered over 400 functions! If you are thinking of hosting a party give Khun Benjawan or myself a call and we will give you a quote that won't hurt the bank balance!!!

We are also still on the look out for new Members to increase the general population of the Club, so if you know anybody who may be interested in joining, please give a call to Khun Sawanya or myself at the Club.

Well that's about it for another month,

See you around the Club,

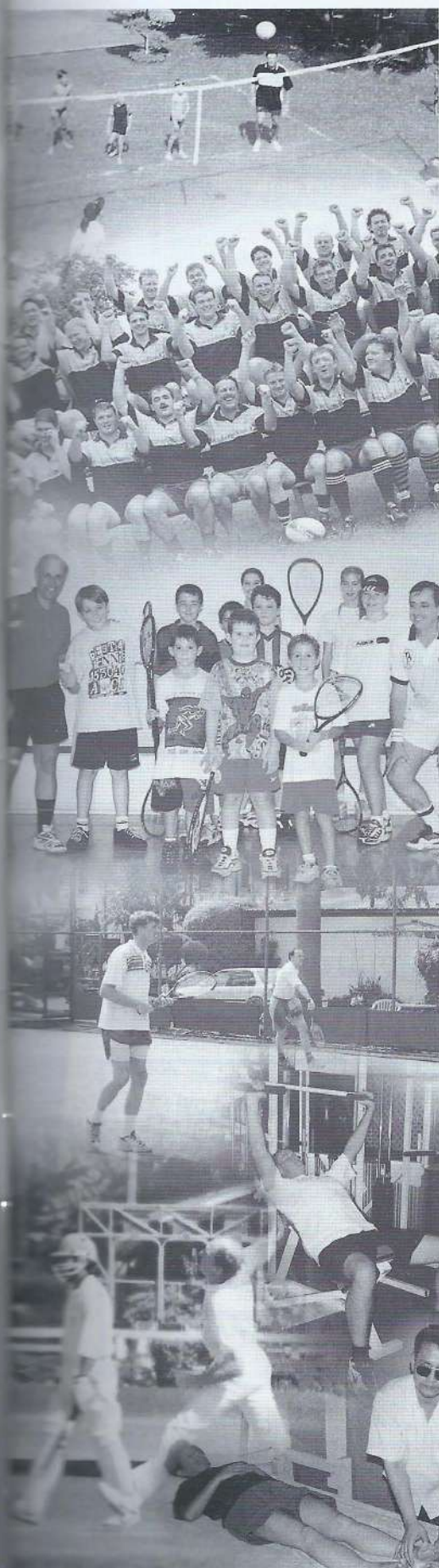
Regards,

Barry Osborne
Operations Manager

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SPORTS

9.00am - midday Squash Coaching
9.00am - 1.30pm BC Swimming Instruction

Saturday

SPORTS

7.00am - 1.00pm Tennis Team Practice
9.00am - 11.00am Junior Cricket
10.30am - midday Taekwondo
11.00am - 1.00pm Badminton - Soi Nares
2.00pm - 4.00pm Children's Activities
3.00pm - 6.00pm Tennis Mix-in
3.00pm Yoga

Sunday

SPORTS

8.00am BWG Mahjong
7.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Team Practice

Monday

SPORTS

7.00am Ladies' Golf
8.00am - 10.00am Ladies' Tennis
10.30am - 11.30am Aqua Aerobics
11.30am Yoga
2.00pm - 5.30pm Swim with the Bangkok Dolphins
2.00pm - 7.00pm BC Swimming Instruction
7.00pm - 9.00pm Football Training

Tuesday

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight Ladies' Night
8.00pm - 11.00pm Friendly Bridge
8.30pm Gentlemen's Spoof

Wednesday

SPORTS

6.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm Cricket Nets

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm Darts
7.00pm Accumulator

Thursday

SPORTS

8.00am - 10.00am Ladies' Tennis
6.00pm - 9.00pm Squash mix-in
7.00pm - 9.00pm Rugby Training
9.00pm - 10.00pm Hockey Training

Friday

SPORTS

9.00am ANZWG Mahjong
3.30pm - 6.00pm BC Tennis Coaching for Children
4.30pm - 5.15pm Mini Squash
5.15pm - 6.00pm Junior Squash
5.00pm Tennis Mix-in
5.30pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training
6.00pm - 7.00pm Adult Tennis
6.30pm - 9.00pm Poolside BBQ
7.00pm Children's Movie Night

Saturday

May at a Glance

Comedy Night	Thursday, 6
Italian Food Promotion	Thursday & Friday, 6 & 7
Freaky Friday	Friday, 7
Formula 1 Motor Racing	Sunday, 9 & 23
New Members' Night	Tuesday, 11
Carabao Concert	Friday, 14
Koh Kred	Saturday, 15
Movie Night	Thursday, 20
BNH Bed Push	Saturday, 22
FA Cup Final	Saturday, 22
Khao Yai National Park	Friday - Sunday, 28 - 30

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Venues

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

Opening Times

10.00am - 11.00pm	Churchill Bar
11.30am - 2.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6.00pm - 10.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30am - 10.00pm	Poolside Bar
6.00am - 9.00pm	Fitness Centre
9.00am - 6.00pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

HELLOS & FAREWELLS

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

Mr. Michael Baker
Mr. Iain Brewster
Mr. Michael Carver
Mr. Timothy Cheromcka
Mr. Alexander Cruz
Mr. Martin Doyle
Mr. Robert Gray
Ms. Sylvie Graffe
Mr. Jon Jennings
Mr. David Moss
Mr. Derrick Parker
Mr. Widijoso Sianandar
Mr. Martyn Thomson

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTING MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

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Anthony & Elizabeth Keeling
Gillian & Benedict Knowles
Brian & Deborah Lamb
Helene de Lataillade
Graham & Verena Lunney
George & Katja Moir
Sam & Johanna Qubrosi
Johnny & Simone Quah
David & Gloria Simister
Nathorn Vatanasuk

MEMBERS' LETTERS

To ring or to vibrate?

Having recently been duly chastised by one of the self-appointed policemen in the Churchill Bar for talking into my mobile telephone, I think it would be appropriate for the GC to re-visit their policy on the use of mobile telephones in the Churchill Bar.

I believe that when the current policy came into being certain Members were objecting to the ring tones of the mobiles, which I agree can be a nuisance in an enclosed area. Technology has moved on and most mobiles now have a vibrate only feature, thus removing the annoying ring tones.

Provided that Members use the vibrate only mode on their phones I really see no reason why calls cannot be made and received in the Churchill Bar. It is, after all, supposed to be a pub not a public library reading room. Along the same lines the introduction of some gentle background music in the Churchill Bar would go a long way towards lightening up the current gloomy atmosphere, and maybe it would encourage more Members to stay when they poke their heads around the door rather than turning around and finding an alternative venue in which to socialise.

Martin C. Conisbee
C242

Dear Editor,

For our centenary last year we were honoured to receive congratulatory letters from H.M. The King of Thailand, and H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, copies of which are in the Centenary Book. Now that the celebration is over, could we not have these letters properly framed and put on display somewhere appropriate in the club, like in the entrance lobby?

Regards,

Paul Cheesman
C267

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A RETURN TO FORM FOR CAPTAIN KEVIN JONES (AT LAST!)

There was plenty of golf to be had in March but with one weekend taken up by the Intersocieties Competition, there were only two British Club events - The Guest Day and the Seniors and Juniors. All games were hotly contested with the Juniors seeing an unexpected but well-timed return to form from our Captain Kevin Jones. For more details and all the months' results, read on.

GUEST DAY AT ROYAL LAD KRABANG

The British Club Golf Section's annual Guest Day was held at Royal on March 21 followed by a BBQ at the Club. This is a great opportunity for us to find new members for the golf section and even for the club itself. This year was no exception.

We were delighted to welcome nine new and not so new faces along to guest day. They were: Albany, Chris Dooley, Paul Rogers, Akira Nakamuri, Nick Helms, Norm Cockrill, Brian Palmer, Peter McDonald and Gordon.

Andy Flynn, our official starter, has started to get a reputation for his bizarre put popular formats and he didn't disappoint on guest day. The format was 'three throw outs' - a very popular format that allows you to throw away your three worst scores. This led to some interesting scoring as you can imagine.

Andy had the round of his life breaking 80 for the first time and scoring a gross 75, but was beaten by his own format finishing as the second placed British Club player. One of our guests also had his greatest ever round. Chris Dooley broke 90 for the first time, playing with the inspirational Gareth Sampson, Larry Goodliffe and Nick Helms. It must have been the company!!



Peter Gale presenting the Juniors Trophy 2004 to winner Kevin Jones

Our overall winner on the day was Chris with a score of net 47. Brian Palmer won 'Best Guest' prize with a net 54. Dianne Bulow was the leading British Club player with net 48. Andy Flynn was second with a net 49, just beating Brian Brook who also had a net 49. Brian's excellent round included an eagle on the par 5 11th hole and he wins an 'Eagle's Nest' of golf balls.

The technical prizes were available for our guests to win but there was a clean sweep of technical prizes for BCGS members. Brian Baldwin, Ed Ashman, Michael Kanacher and Brian Brook won a Near Pin each. Tom Magarry and Jo Goodliffe won the Men's and Ladies' Long Drives respectively. Andy Flynn sank the longest putt.

Congratulations to all the winners.



Andy after his best round



Adrian is second in the Juniors



Ed settles for third place

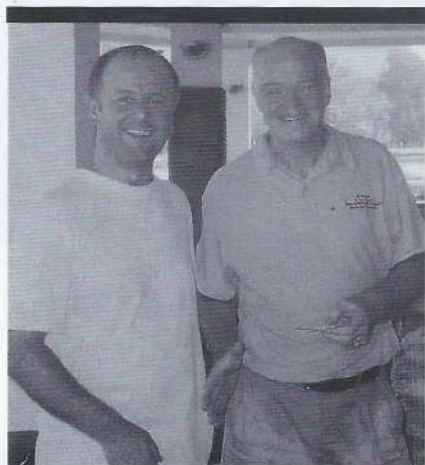
SENIORS AND JUNIORS AT NICHIGO

This year's Seniors and Juniors competition was held over the first weekend in April at Nichigo. Nichigo is a beautiful course near Kanchanaburi. Although the drive up there is a nightmare, it is well worth the visit.

Our defending champions this year were Harland Bulow and Ed Ashman. In fact, this year was Ed's chance to complete a hat trick of Juniors victories. (At age 16, he has the potential to win 35 in a row but one step at a time!)

Ed started very strongly and was our Juniors leader after the first day with 42 stableford points. Kevin Jones was his nearest challenger with 40 points, closely followed by Adrian O'Brien with 39 and Mike Staples with 38 points. There was all to play for on day 2.

The Seniors competition was also wide open with Dianne Bulow hoping to take Harland's title with a very solid 37 points after the first day. Bridget Snow was close behind on 35 points and had to feel confident with her recent consistent form. Yurachatr Brook was two behind Bridget on 33 but still had a chance. The Senior gentlemen and the Junior ladies both had a bit of work to do if they were going to take the titles.



Brian is second in Seniors

Our first round was played in extremely hot conditions and the beers after the game were very welcome indeed. With the golf out of the way for one day, our focus turned to football and the FA Cup Semi-final between Arsenal and Man U. Better luck next time Andy!!

Our meal in the clubhouse that evening was as good as breakfast the next morning was bad. We met up at about 8.30 for cold eggs and soggy cornflakes - apparently the omelets are the best option! A highlight of breakfast however was hearing of how Pete was locked out of his room. Kaew had fallen asleep and was oblivious to his not too subtle knocking on the door. Eventually he had to go to reception and get someone to



Bridget is still smiling

The Results:

Seniors

1st	Dianne Bulow	37 + 36 = 73 points
2nd	Brian Brook	31 + 36 = 67 points
3rd	Bridget Snow	35 + 31 = 66 points

Juniors

1st	Kevin Jones	40 + 39 = 79 points
2nd	Adrian O'Brien	39 + 36 = 75 points
3rd	Ed Ashman	42 + 33 = 75 points

let him in. I am pleased to report that Pete and Kaew are now speaking to each other.

As we began our second rounds, Andy Flynn made an early charge in the Juniors with 7 points on the first two holes. Ed continued to hold onto his lead for much of the first nine but started to slip a little on the back nine. Kevin Jones kept the driver in the bag and was still in with a shout as he finished an uncharacteristic consistent first nine. Mike and Adrian were also still in contention after the first nine. All to play for.

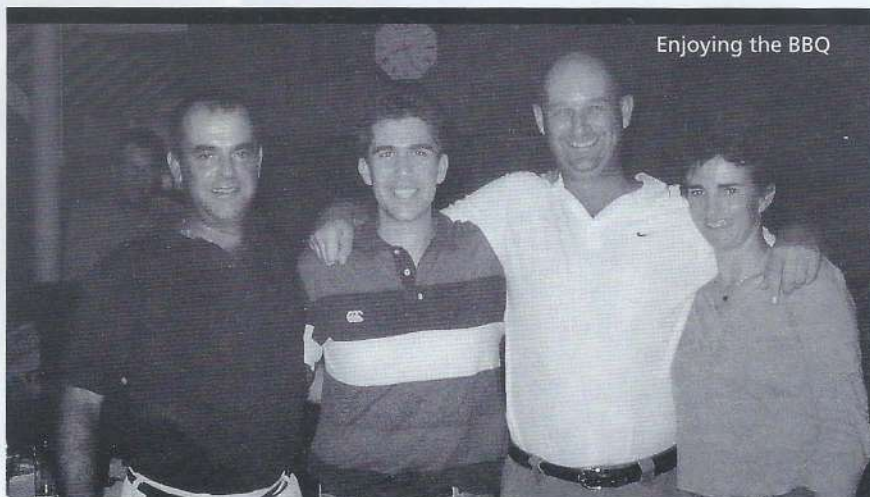
In the Seniors competition Brian Brook was making his move after a disappointing 31 points on the first day. Dianne held it together and played a very solid round of golf to add to her great total from day 1.

As the scores came in at the end of the round it was clear that Dianne Bulow had a clear winning margin in the Seniors finishing 6 points ahead of her nearest rival with 73 points. Brian Brook had a very solid 36 points, which leapfrogged him over Bridget and Yurachatr to take second place on 67. Bridget Snow finished third with 66 points.

In the Juniors competition Kevin had pulled ahead of the rest of the field to take first place with a fantastic 79 points. Adrian O'Brien was in second place with 75 points and Ed Ashman held on to third place also with 75 but lost out to Adrian on countback.

The Near Pins on Day 1 were won by Brian Brook (x2), Dianne Bulow, and Kevin Jones. Andy Flynn and Dianne Bulow picked up the Men's and Ladies' Long Drives and Adrian O'Brien sank the longest putt.

Mike Staples won two Near Pins on Day 2 with Ed Ashman and Karen Holloway winning one each. Pat Dean won the Men's Long Drive and Karen Holloway won the Ladies'. Adrian O'Brien sank the longest putt.



Enjoying the BBQ

GOLF



Kevin encourages Olivia to start early



Dianne wins the Seniors



Chris wins Guest Day

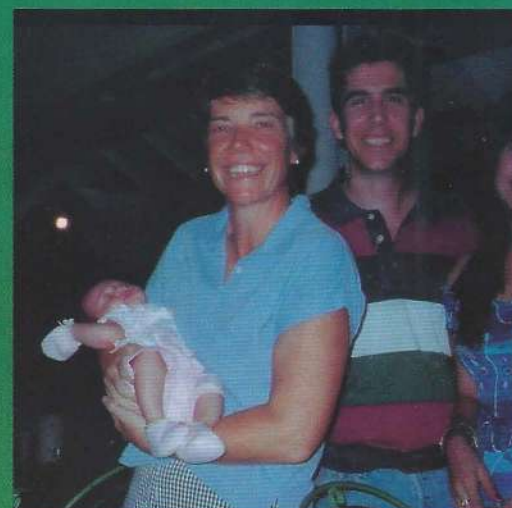
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MAY

1, 2 & 3	Transpo Eclectic	Majestic Creek
16	Magpie Putter BCGS v Wanderers	Royal
30	Medal	Khao Keow

JUNE

5 & 6	Nokia Club Championships	Pheonix
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Baby Olivia is our youngest guest on Guest Day



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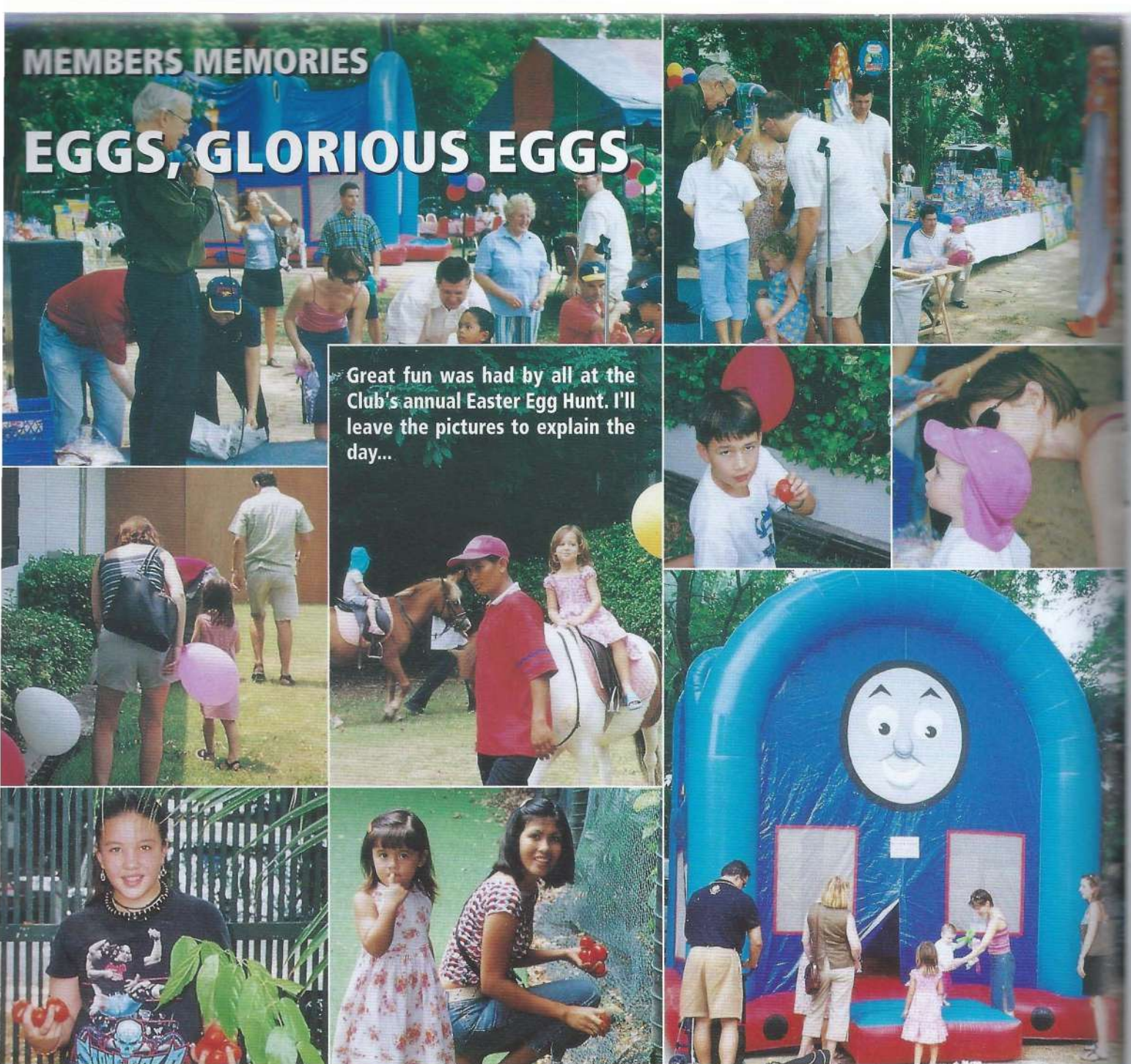
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FREAKY FRIDAY

Friday, 7 at 6.00 pm

Kids, get your dancing shoes on! The Silom Sala is being converted into the wildest disco in town... and best of all, NO parents are allowed! Soft drinks, snacks and hair gel will be provided for all attendees. For mums and dads who are at a loss for what to do without the kids, check Barry's Banter for ideas!!!

Charge: Bt 265

FORMULA 1 MOTOR RACING

Sunday 9 & 23 & 30 May

The Spanish Grand Prix, the Monaco Grand Prix and the European Grand Prix are the races shown this month. Qualifying rounds will be shown live the Saturday before each race. See page 19 for full details of the schedule of races up to October.

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

Tuesday, 11 May at 7.00pm

Excellent opportunity to meet new Members who recently joined the Club. Entertainment provided by No Fixed Abode in the Churchill Bar.

CARABAO CONCERT

Friday, 14

Impact Arena is the venue and as usual, the Club has arranged for police-escorted transport to and from the concert. An evening of pure fun not to be missed! And if you don't believe me, check Barry's Banter for more information.

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MAGICAL KOH KRET

Saturday, 15 May

The ever-popular day out to Koh Kret takes place this month. Starting at 9.00am, the day is jam-packed with activities for young and the young-at-heart. Breakfast (with Bucks Fizz for the young-at-heart) is served aboard the cruise liner, followed by a leisurely hour and a half exploration of the island's temples and potteries, then on to the serene Suan Thip restaurant for lunch and children's activities. Face painting, Balloon Typhoon, Magic Show, clowns.... the fun is endless! The day sadly ends at 3.30pm with a coach ride back to the Club.

Charge: Adult Bt 1,600

Kiddies Bt 850

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 20 May at 7.30 pm

Sherlock Holmes in A Scandal in Bohemia & The Dancing Men, with Jeremy Brett and David Burke is the movie special this month. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 26 for more details.

BNH BED PUSH

Saturday, 22 at 4.00 pm

Volunteer to push a bed round Bangkok (well, Silom area, really) for charity! Beds should be decorated and prizes will be awarded accordingly. Monies raised on the day will go to the Thai Red Cross to support its AIDS Foundation. Starting and finishing at BNH, this is a fun, worthwhile event. Oh, and there'll be a party at BNH to close the day out. Contact Barry to reserve your place on the bed!

FAMILY WEEKEND TO KHAO YAI

Friday, 28 - Sunday, 30 May

A great weekend away far from the madding crowds of Bangkok! The trip includes fresh air, lush countryside, tranquillity, all transportation, two nights accommodation, all meals, all excursions, elephant rides, bar quiz and loads of children's activities.

Adults: Bt 4,500

Kiddies under 12: Bt 3,000

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FAMILY CARVERY & GRILL

Every Sunday between 11.30am and 2.00pm

Starting from 14 March the Club will be serving a Carvery in the Lord's Dining Room. The cost of the lunch includes soft drinks for the children along with activities in the Suriwongse Room at 1.00pm, leaving mum and dad free to enjoy a relaxing coffee and after lunch drink.

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Children's class (age 6 and up) 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Bt 4,000

Adult class 2:30 - 4:00 pm Bt 5,000

Please register at reception

BAR QUIZ

Tuesday, 18 May at 7.30pm

Do you enjoy testing your knowledge and having fun in the process? Get a group of friends together and enter a team for this month's Bar Quiz. Maximum six per team. Questions range in subject from Asia, through geography & history to music & movies. Great prizes for the Winning teams, and the losing team even get a round of drinks!. To join up please send a fax or email to the club or sign up at the Club house reception.

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Kerrie and "NidNoi"

Angela Boner (B346)
SDR Community Outreach

Mobile: 01 867 4952 (daboner@inet.co.th)

THE FOLLY MASTER STRIKES AGAIN - AN UPDATE ON HIS MARVELLOUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IDEA

We reported in November last year how Bruce Hill had made a suggestion at last year's Rugby Section AGM that the British Club Rugby should out its considerable weight behind a youth development initiative and several months ago this became a reality when the Bangkok Lions Mini Rugby Union was formed. Here's an update so far...

THE INITIAL THREAT

Bruce Hill is known for making bold statements, though many of which would never reach the printed media! His suggestion at the Rugby Section 2003

REALITY LOOMS!

The Folly Master decided that we should initially target the children participating in the BSL, whose season was coming to a close, and instructed his eldest son Robert to put together a logo and poster to promote the Bangkok Lions at both BPS and the BSL which advertised an initial sign up in early March.

AGM to put together a youth initiative was well received with many of the assembled FB's confirming the willingness of their support to help with coaching of the school

To our surprise over 70 children registered on the first morning, and after a further three signing up sessions at BPS plus another session at ISB in Northern Bangkok, the number at the time this article was concluded was over 150 children.

children that would be targeted. There was stoney silence for a few moments as we all tried to work out what the catch would be, as he did not acquire the title of Folly Master for nothing! By the way, Bruce's explanation for the famed Hill sidestep is "... it's called delegation you silly a!\$e! Now JFDI!"

The initiative targets all children between 4 and 17 and will take place from 24 April 2004 for 10 weeks and will be focused on having fun for the whole family, which will be enhanced by regular BBQs after matches. Thanks to sponsors London Development Company, Caledonia Asia and Transpo International, the children will get a free set of rugby kit plus a gum shield and the one hour and twenty minute sessions for each age group, which will include fitness training, coaching and, depending on age group, matches comprising either 7's, 10's or 15's.

There was the occasional threat throughout the rest of 2003 and early 2004 but nothing actually happened until mid February 2004, when a group of old rugby hands got together and agreed to make a go of it. And so the Bangkok Lions Mini

Following the initial signing up session, a press release was issued to both the Bangkok Post and The Nation and the coverage in the Post comprised more column inches than the announcement of Neil Back's retirement from international rugby!

Rugby Union was formed! The initiative will see many of Bangkok's leading rugby players involved in weekly coaching clinics on Saturday mornings at Bangkok Pattana School (BPS), including players from the British Club and The Southerners.

Should your child like to participate, please contact Bruce Hill on 01 754 3142 or subru@loxinfo.co.th. Look out for further updates over the next few months in **Outpost**.

Scribe

BRITISH CLUB RUGBY'S THAILAND TENS CANCELLED

Due to the withdrawal of a number of Thai- and Asian-based teams, the BC Rugby's Thailand Tens tournament was reluctantly cancelled in late March. We shall have another attempt next year, but a different time on the Tens calendar needs to be found as it appears that our targeted date over Easter weekend is too close to other Tens Tournaments in the region.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2004

Pattaya 10's	1 & 2 May
Phuket 10's	29 & 30 May
Kat Yai 7's	TBA
RBSC 10's	TBA

**14th Pink and Black Ball
Saturday 16 October**

BRITISH CLUB RUGBY WIN THE MANILA TENS CUP COMPETITION FOR THE THIRD YEAR RUNNING

Following victories in 2002 and 2003, 21 March 2004 saw British Club Rugby successfully achieve the first-ever three-peat of victories in the Cup competition at the Manila Nomads Tens tournament. A team photo appears below and a detailed tour report will follow in next month's Outpost.

Scribe

SPOOFERS

ANOTHER WIN FOR TASMANIA!!

The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers, despite putting forward a strong team, yet again succumbed to the mighty talent of those Tassy Devils in Lancelton!

The date was April 3, the venue was The Wordsworth Lounge, the occasion was the Second TasBang International Telephonic Spoofing Championship (or 2TITS, for short) - the playing of Spoof by mobile phone for the uninitiated!

The Bangkok team lead by Chairman 'Swampy' had 'Jammy' and 'Orange' in support. The neutral officer was again 'The Enforcer!' and the catering was, as always with Spoof, a selection of cheeses with Port.

The tournament was delayed by thirty minutes as Tasmania had forgotten to inform Bangkok that they had switched to Daylight Saving Time the Sunday before. Thus when we were ready at 2pm (Thai Time), it was not the expected 6pm Tassy Time but 5pm! However, the error noted, Tasmania fielded their team.... 'Waller' (several times Aussy Champion), 'Crim' and 'Plumber'. Their neutral officer being the 'Kitchenman'.

A tight first round sadly went to Tasmania, with three out to only one in Bangkok. The second round went to the head-to-head (one on one) and after two inconclusive rounds, Tasmania groaned to learn that the record in Bangkok is 17 inconclusive rounds(!), and the groaning increased as Jammy lived up to his name and put Bangkok level 1-1!

Unfortunately the third round was a whitewash! A Michael Schumacher of Spoof with Tasmania winning in only four rounds, with no-one from



Bangkok out. Tasmania thus kept their telephonic record intact and are now two times TITS champions!

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers, however, will not be down hearted. The Third TITS round will be played on 4 September 2004 (being Swampy's fourth cycle birthday) and, of course, they are host to the second Asian Spoofing Championships on Saturday, 12 June 2004.

Spoofing is open to all gentlemen within the club and meets each Tuesday at 8.30pm in The Churchill Bar.

The Enforcer!

SPORT'S UPDATE

SPORTS - NO SWEAT!!!

Members are invited to join any of the activities, even though the courses have already started. Drop-in costs will vary from activity to activity. Check with the coach/instructor for details.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Every Sunday.

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

Venue: Back Lawn - Cricket Nets

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

Trainer: Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach

JUNIOR TENNIS

Friday Afternoon lessons.

Prices are for a 10 week session

Beginners age 5 - 8 years 4.00pm - 4.30pm B 1,500

Intermediate age 9 - 11 years 4.30pm - 5.30pm B 2,000

Advanced age 12 - 16 years 5.30pm - 6.30pm B 2,500

Coach Zubin and Piyanart Engineer.

JUNIOR SQUASH

Every Friday.

Mini Squash: age 5 - 7 years 4.30pm - 5.15pm

Junior Squash: age 8 - 10 years 5.15pm - 6.00pm

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,900 for 10 lessons

JUNIOR SWIMMING

The Bangkok Dolphins' Friday and Saturday lessons.

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons.

TEAKWONDO LESSONS

Every Sunday.

Time: 10.30am - 12.00nn

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons

AQUA AEROBICS

Every Tuesday and Thursday.

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Main Pool

Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.

Trainer: Els van den Broecke 01 692 0106

AEROBICS

Every Monday.

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Venue: Squash Court 3

Every Sunday.

Time: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

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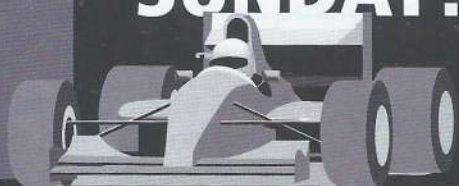
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	June 14 (Mon)	Canadian Grand Prix	Recorded at	6pm
	June 20 (Mon)	American Grand Prix	Recorded at	6pm
	July 7	French Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	July 11	British Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	July 25	German Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	August 15	Hungarian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	August 29	Belgian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	Sep 12	Italian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	Sep 26	Chinese Grand Prix	LIVE AT	1pm
	Oct 10	Japanese Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	Oct 20 (Mon)	Brazilian Grand Prix	Recorded at	Noon

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FOR THE NOT-SO-ATHLETIC MEMBERS

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BRIDGE NIGHT

Every Tuesday

in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards.

SPOOFING

Every Tuesday

in the Churchill Bar from 8.30pm onwards.

BAR ACCUMULATOR

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm

in the Churchill Bar.

DART NIGHT

Every Wednesday

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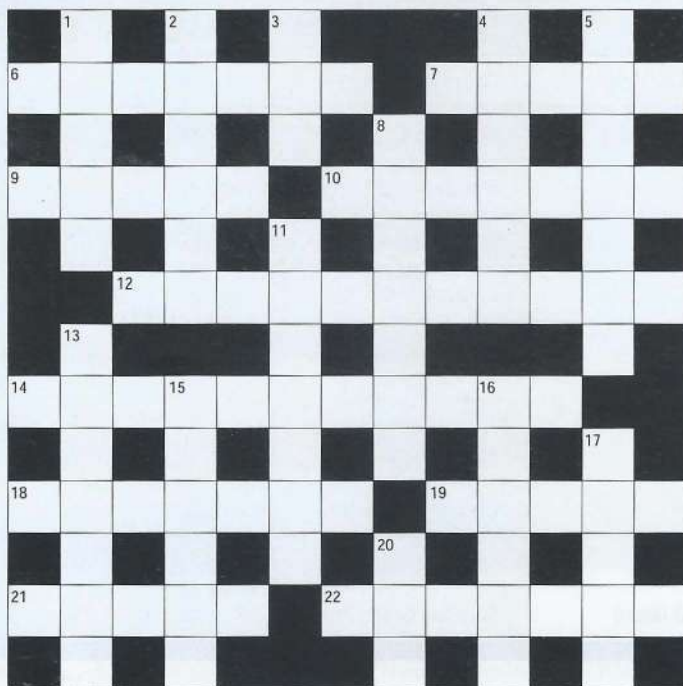
SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

2.00pm in the Silom Room.

BC and Kids Care organise children's fun activities followed by a movie every Sunday afternoon. There is no charge for this event.



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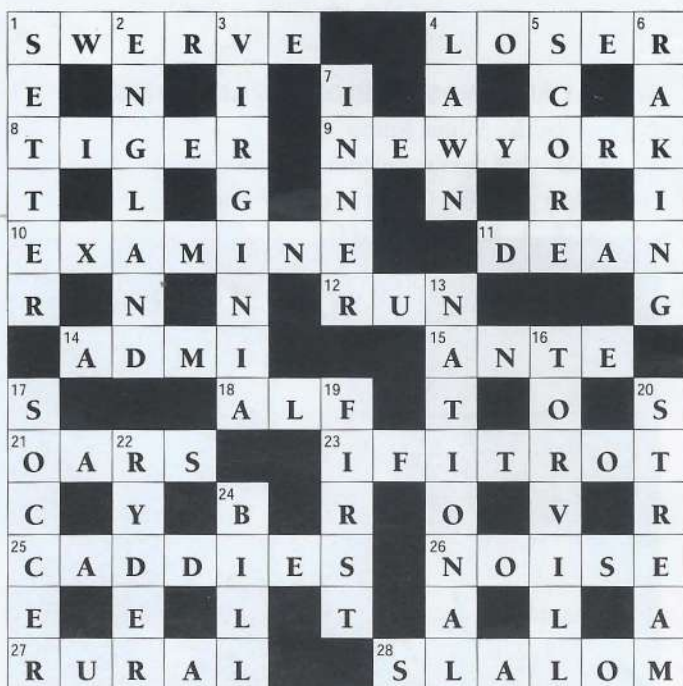
Across

6. Support the wrong oracle.
7. Hardly the drink for slimmers!
9. It's clear the learner is in great discomfort.
10. Feel sorry for everyone when there's no score on court. (4,3)
12. Subordinate fraternities - ready for off?... (5,6)
14. ... all right - go! Being extremely rich. (4,4,3)
18. The chap got older but coped.
19. Commence, for example, in a receptacle...
21. ... yet, it produces liquor.
22. Sounds sweet, but leaves in the lurch.

Down

1. Medical officer unfit for regular practice.
2. Little work into wrong choice.
3. Not the tint for Taurus!
4. Be there to see the last of an abstainer.
5. Try clue for the dining utensils.
8. Cool men adapted an aid to vision.
11. Always in 3 Down - greatly looked up to.
13. It has to be paid when ten play badly.
15. Youth leader in good time for what is annual.
16. Tentative suggestion which can never be insensitive?
17. Put them up for a fight.
20. Allowed by the landlord.

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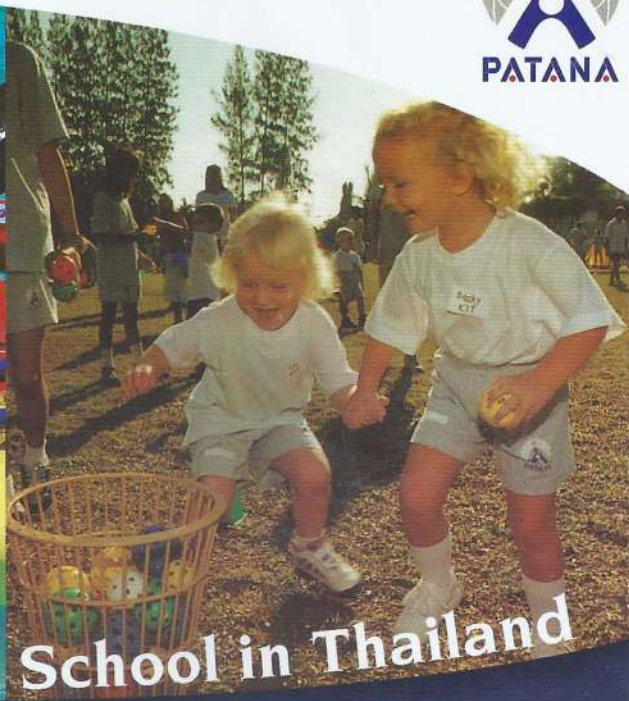
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TENNIS

FILIPINOS FIGHT HARD FOR VICTORY

BC V FILIPINO ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, 6 April at the BC

The BCTS fielded a team of 25 players for this interclub match - the most since I have been at the BC. The 8am start was well respected by all of our players and most of the opposition.

The matches started quite evenly and continued this way for most of the morning. The match format was 8 games ONLY and "sudden death" deuce, which meant that after having reached deuce for the first time the receiving team pick the side to return serve and then the game is determined with this very next point. This pressure of sudden death indeed takes some getting used to.



Filipino & BC Team



Nimit & Vlado, Fred & Jesada, Biren & Anton & Mike & Ieda

I would like to make special mention of a few players who were making their first appearance in an interclub match, at least within the last few years - Nimit, Fred, Slyvie, Biren and Mike.

After completion of the men's doubles the scores were remarkably tied at 48 games each. In the ladies' doubles the Filipinos were able to establish a small lead at completion - the score being 48 to 40 games.



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The mixed doubles started well for the BC and it looked like we could turn around the 8-game deficit following the men's and ladies' doubles. However some strong results from the Filipinos soon changed the balance of the match.

The final score was a win to the Filipino team by 149 to 131 games. As usual a nice buffet was provide by Barry and his team and we now look forward to a return match with Filipino team later in the year.



After Match Buffet

Once again thank you to all our players who participated in the match and I hope you enjoyed the tennis, food and company during the day. Our next match will be against the Capitol Club at the Capitol Club on Saturday May 22.

**BCTS Club Captain
Brad Weatherstone**



A couple of photos from last month's Dunlop Championships.... Veena and Lynn with their Ladies' Doubles winning Cup, and Veena proudly showing her Ladies' Singles Cup. Well done girls!



Filipino Players & Supporters



Brad, Yubharet, Marie, Jesada, Chris, Lynn, Michael

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Brad Weatherstone	- Chairman and Men's Captain / Matches
Yubharet Visitsunthorn	- Treasurer
Marie Goode	- Secretary
Jesada Tanking	- Communication & Juniors (with the help of another involved parent)
Chris Watt	- Outpost / Newsletter / Tennis Board
Lynn Candlish	- Women's Captain
Michael Stead	- Mixins

THE TENNIS SECTION COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS

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

Weekly Schedule:

Monday: (All Grades of Players)	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Wednesday: (All Grades of Players)	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Friday: (All Grades of Players)	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Sunday: (All Grades of Players)	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Captain's Court (Top 10 Men and top 5 Ladies or by Captain's Invitation)

Upcoming Interclub Matches

The Capitol Club Saturday 22 May at the Capitol Club

AN EXTRACT FROM GUY SNOW'S DIARY

**BRITISH CLUB GOLF TRIP TO
CHIANG RAI**
5-7 March 2004

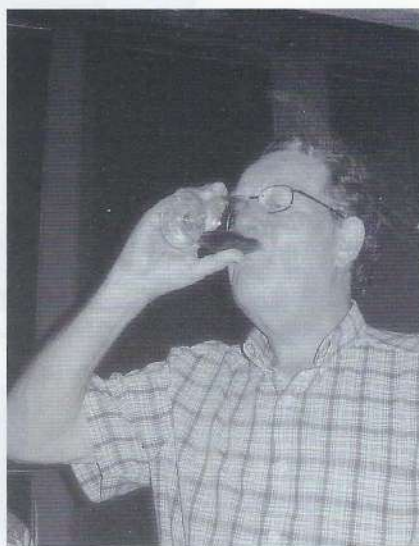
Macha Buka Day is a Holy Buddhist Festival and is a public holiday, so that disciples of the Lord Buddha are able to meditate on his greatness. It is on a full moon at the end of February or early March. Some 2500 years ago, 1250 monks gathered together – some say quite by chance – to hear their Lord preach, and intone the 128 laws by which all monks govern every waking minute of the day. And sleeping too I've no doubt. To us non-enlightened heathen folk it is just another holiday, which this year fell on a Friday, so that gave us a nice long weekend.

A group from the British Club Golf Section decided to use it to go away for 3 days of golf. So, 16 of us set off on a plane to Chiang Rai on Friday morning. In the far North of Thailand about 350 miles from Bangkok, it took an hour of hassle-free travelling: that is, there were no immigration officials to prevent Bridget from leaving the country due to unpaid taxes. (And that is another long and sad story.)

Our first stop was Santaburi Golf Club, about half an hour from the airport – a quite delightful course. With hills and dales and established trees lining the fairways it was reminiscent of inland UK courses, though beyond the fairway the jungle contained snakes and it was prudent to declare your ball unplayable. Certain holes featured the humps and bumps of links courses, and with the lightening fast greens.

Not having eaten since breakfast – we were only given a small bun and a drink on the plane – we sat down to enjoy a late lunch in the clubhouse at 6 o'clock. As some of the party didn't shower after the game, I suggested that they sat at the back of the bus on the way to Waterford Valley Golf Resort, our destination almost one hour away, but this was not taken seriously.

Having got our rooms, which consisted of bedroom, sitting room, balcony, and en-suite facilities, we met up for supper. Not being very hungry, I nevertheless managed a little food to go with the alcohol, and by now the mood of the group was fairly mellow, and some 'bonding' was going on.



Unfortunately we had to be up for an 8 o'clock start in the morning, but it was delightfully fresh and lovely to be out. The sun hovered behind some clouds, so it was not too hot, and a light breeze kept the temperature perfect for golf. I had a cart this morning, as I am not too keen on playing 3 consecutive days of golf nowadays. Over those days my golf got progressively worse, starting on Friday afternoon with a gross 97, and finishing on Sunday morning with 113! My handicap of 22 does not reflect my game at the moment, though I still think I can get back to 18. (In your dreams I hear you say!)

We all had supper together, while another group of golfers sang karaoke on the terrace outside. We managed to block most of it out by shutting the windows and doors so that we could hear Larry, who has been delegated to impose fines on the group. Not money, but to stand up and drink a glass of alcohol. Most spurious offence, I was fined for my pronunciation of 'irons' and Bridget for having the childhood nickname of Fish.

We had all been pressed into revealing nicknames and as I don't recall having one, I made up Snowball for myself. And these were the names we had to put on the 'near-pin' markers to validate them. In fact, that is all I came away with – a sleeve of 3 balls for a 'near-pin' marked Snowball/flake/man, as I could not remember what I had said the night before! Fish got one as well.

On Sunday morning, we had an even earlier start at 7.30, because a group of Thais had booked 8 – 8.30. This was a good move as they turned out to be slow 5-ball games and they had lost a whole hole by the 4th! This meant, of course, an early breakfast at 6.30. Rather unimaginative meals here were compounded when I asked for some toast to put my egg on.

"Solly sir, no toa".

"Well, bread then".

"Solly sir, no brea, that why no toa".

Silly me!

Today we played 'Chicago', a convoluted scoring system where everyone's handicap was deducted from 43 (why 43? You ask. Search me, I say). This gave me a start of -21, and Bridget of -18. The object was to get into positive figures by scoring 1 point for a bogey, 2 for a par, 4 for a birdie and 8 for an eagle. I scored 6 points and finished at -15, (and came bottom) while Bridget came 3rd with zero. Only 2 people became positive, both long handicappers. Rather a silly game, I thought, but I suppose my game will be silly going round in 113!

We were able to change at leisure in the hotel before leaving for the airport. In daylight, the countryside seems to be nearly all rice-farming, though a few market garden crops, like beans, sweetcorn and cabbages were around. The rainy season is not due for another month or so, and the waterways all look pretty low. The papers report that there is a shortage of water in the North, and it will have to rain soon. There is trouble brewing on this front as the Chinese are building dams on the Mekong River, thus restricting the flow downstream. There is no such thing as riparian rights, and the farmers who rely on water from this enormous waterway are getting worried.

At the airport, the plane was a little late, so Bridget and I indulged ourselves in a couple of cocktails, while others fed themselves. We got home at 7 o'clock after an uneventful flight – save for the fact that the in-flight crew were more attractive than on the way out – and put our feet up and watched a bit of 6 Nations Rugby before going to bed. The only blot on a very successful weekend was when we heard that Ireland had beaten England at Twickenham!

Guy Snow

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

Bangkok
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Theatre

NATIONAL MUSEUM VOLUNTEER MONTHLY LECTURE

Date: Thursday, 6 May, 2004

Time: 10.00 am

Subject: "The Sima Boundary Markers of the
Ayuthaya Period, 1600-1750 AD"

Lecturer: Dr. Pitya Bunnag

Location: National Museum Auditorium,
Naphrathat Road

Coffee will be served from 9.30 am.

Free admission.

Fun & frolics guaranteed if you join the cast of "The Pirates of Penzance!" This rollicking updated version of the G&S classic will be staged at The Bangkok Playhouse in November 2004, and BCT needs a strong comic chorus of maidens, pirates & policemen to bring the show to life - that means you!

The principal roles were cast in April and now on May 16th, Bangkok Community Theatre (BCT) will be looking for energetic men and women to fill the ensemble parts. If you'd like to audition or to learn more about the show, please register by emailing bct@sala.net with your full name and contact details. Once you have registered, you will receive complete information regarding the audition venue, the audition process, etc.

Everyone will need to bring a short, prepared piece to sing, but auditions are fun and informal. There's lots of information about the show and about BCT in general at the BCT website (www.bct-th.org) including photos of past productions; so take a look! And if you'd like to volunteer to work backstage or on the production team, please email bonniez@sala.net or call 01-869-1104. We hope to hear from you!

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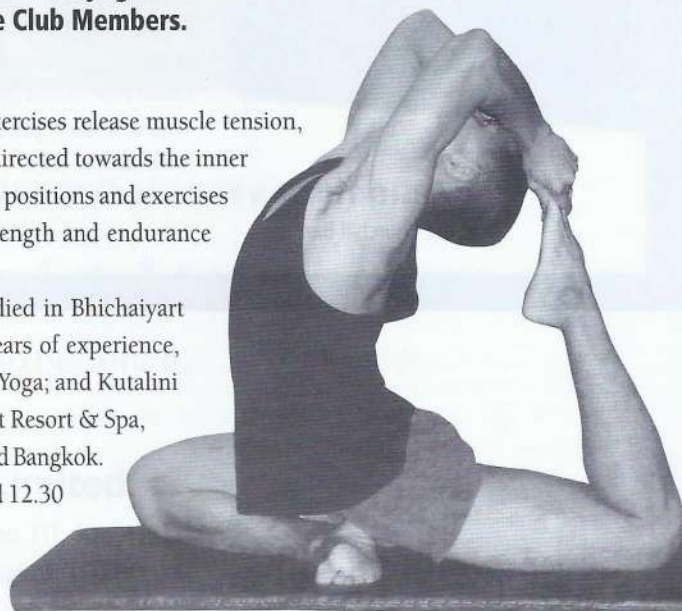
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Mr. Pheerawad Paeboonpluem, the Club's yoga instructor, has studied in Bhichaiyart Temple, Thailand, Nepal, India and more recently in Tibet. With years of experience, his qualifications include: Hatta Yoga; Kamma Yoga; Nakti Yoga; Raj Yoga; and Kutalini Yoga. His current practices include Chulalongkorn Hospital, Marriott Resort & Spa, Oriental Hotel, Conrad Hotel and a host of spas and fitness clubs around Bangkok. Khun Pheerawad is at the British Club on Tuesdays between 11.30 and 12.30 and Sundays between 15.00 and 16.00. A one-hour class costs Bt 300.... Come along and experience the benefits of yoga.



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Each evening the doors will open at 7pm to allow you to get seated, order dinner or drinks, or both, and get ready for a 7.30pm start. The full Churchill F&B and Lord's wine menu will be available throughout the evening. Entertainment is aimed to end by 9.30pm for those needing to dash home!

THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE UNTIL JUNE IS

Thursday 6-May	The Eric Sykes Silent Classics With Eric Sykes, Hattie Jacques, and Tommy Cooper
Thursday 20-May	Sherlock Holmes in A Scandal in Bohemia & The Dancing Men With Jeremy Brett and David Burke
Thursday 3-Jun	Best of Ronnie Barker/Best of Peter Sellers With Ronnie Barker and Peter Sellers
Thursday 17-Jun	Agatha Christie's Seven Dials Mystery With Terrance Alexander and Cheryl Campbell

If you have any VDOs/DVDs that you would like to share, or if there is any particular comedy or detective (or other) that you want to see, please drop us a line - paulc@loxinfo.co.th !

Greg Watkins, Steve Eaton & Paul Cheesman

MOTOR

"STALKING THE PRANCING HORSE ..."

With three Grand Prixes already complete, and Michael Schumacher's home race of Imola (April 25th) likely to increase his 30 points at the top of the Leader Board, many would say that the 2004 Formula 1 season is already dead and buried ... "it's a repeat of 2002 - the most boring season on record!"



BUT WATCH OUT ... FOR JENSEN BUTTON.

Now the team leader for BAR Honda, he has amassed 15 points so far this year including his first two ever podium positions, being third in both Malaysia and Bahrain! Whilst Ferrari are, so far, dominating the Leader Board we are still a long way to the Championship being complete with 140 No.1 points still up for grabs, and 30 points to be handed out in May alone!

Grand Prix, live on the Big Screen in The Churchill Bar, is a great, relaxing start to the week. With new lower prices on Guinness, and the new Menu to hand, why not join us, for the three races in May..

All on the BIG SCREEN in The Churchill Bar. The Qualifying Races will be shown at 7pm the Saturday evening before - also in the Churchill Bar.

Dates - May 2004

May 9	Spanish Grand Prix	LIVE AT 7pm
May 23	Monaco Grand Prix	LIVE AT 7pm
May 30	European Grand Prix	LIVE AT 7pm

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