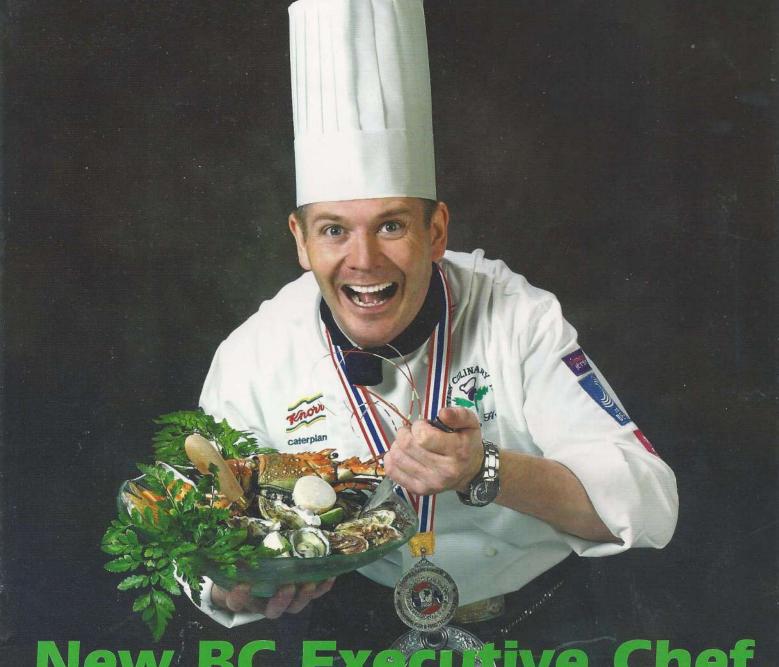


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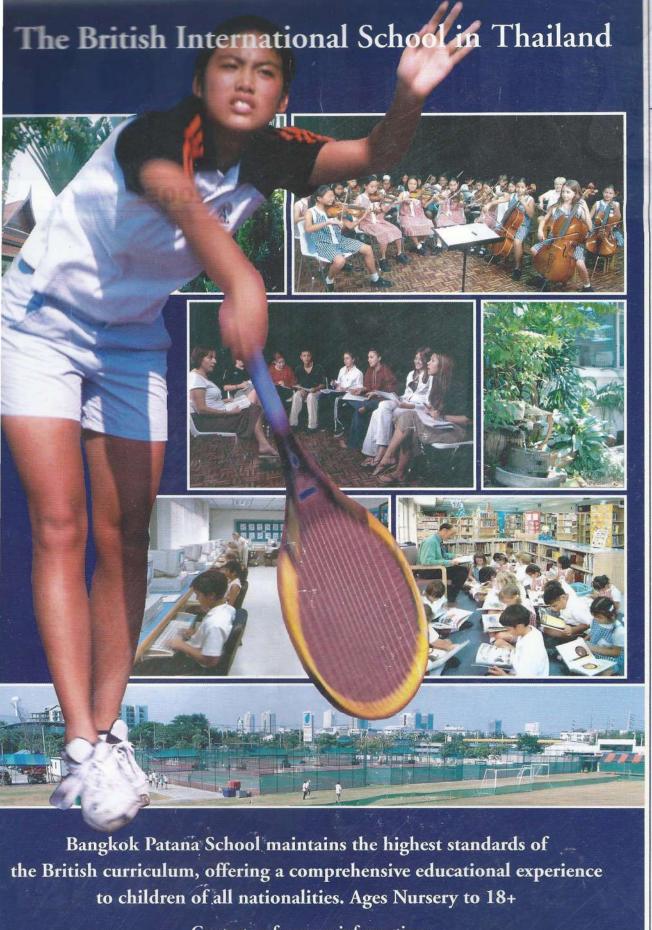
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The Merry Month of May

"Hail, bounteous May! That dost inspire Mirth, and youth, and warm desire..." *

'Tis the merry month of May and the British Club *Outpost* anticipates the advent of summer in spirit only, as we've had quite enough of Bangkok heat for the year. Yet, from the comfort of air-con we can conjure up images of green birch boughs, fresh flowers, maypoles and Morris Dancers. Talented BC member Frank Crocker who dons rings on his fingers and bells on his toes, sent us the photo above of former Morris dancing days.

For this merry issue, we introduce Chef John Hogg, the BC's new Deputy General Manager/F&B, who plans to create menus to exceed your culinary expectations. You may also jump for joy to read about the Club's own Bouncy Castle which is available for private hire to BC members. We give you sports news and highlight the BC Tennis Championships, and we tell you how to meet your friends for poolside BBQ's, bar quiz nights, VDO fun, new member night, and the return of Dr.Who!

Yet, if your soul still longs to head to the woods, then join the BC for an outing to the woods this month to frolic with the flora, fauna and faeries of Khao Yai National Forest.

So don your bells, slap your cows, roll your cheeses, tie your hops, and ride your hobby horse to the green lawns of the British Club to drink to the garlands of May.

Warmest regards,

Maid Marian, guest editor

*NoI Milton wasn't talking about certain sections of Bangkok.

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COVER: More than a chef, Highlander John James Hogg joins the British Club Bangkok as Deputy General Manager/F&B. Meet and greet and sample John's fare at New Member Night this month.

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Letter from the Chair

Diving Deeply Into Club Improvements

Dear Members,



With the first GC meeting of the new committee year completed and a set of key objectives drafted, we are in for a potentially busy year and determined to improve and develop the club in the members' best interests. A prime objective this year is to keep members more up to date on committee decisions

and particularly plans for significant capital expenditures.

It is the GC's aim to concentrate on policy and long term development & strategy, while allowing Management to control the daily operations. We intend to offer support to Management when required, and to protect members' interests at all times. A set of General Committee key objectives for 2005 will be posted on the GC Notice board (to the immediate right of the Churchill Bar).

With regard to ongoing GC & Management initiatives, a CCTV system will be implemented soon. The system forms a part of integrated security procedures aimed at deterring intruders and reducing the likelihood of theft and petty pilferage. We also plan a full review of our current security procedures.

Also, we will commence the phased implementation of a comprehensive IT system incorporating upgrades of our membership and accounting programmes; a much needed Point of Sale system; as well as ongoing IT support and staff training. The office is now well-equipped with 11 new computers and supporting hardware. The new website needs dedicated time and effort before it is aunched. While the structure is in place, the main requirement is to compile and input content, and if think you can offer assistance, please let me know.

At the invitation of Peter Gary, I found myself rather surprisingly!) at the bottom of the swimming pool recently with a Scuba tank on my to see how the grouting has disintegrated and cracks have appeared in the tiles. The situation is under review by Management with the support of me Maintenance & Development Subcommittee and while plans for Club Development will take into consideration the long term needs and usage of The Page it will need to be drained and re-tiled as a measure and this will most likely sections during school summer holidays in order to manage inconvenience to members. See page 25.

The lawing subcommittees have been formed, would like to encourage you to participate. Please note that this provides an opportunity for Associate members to have more involvement in the running of the Club. If you would like to contribute in any way, please send an email to GC@britishclubbangkok.org indicating the Subcommittee of your interest.

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Clive Butcher Mark Hamill-Stewart Philip Sheridan Jonathan Truslow Angela Daniel

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(F&B, Personnel/HR, Membership, Sports Sections etc.)

Rosemary Imlah - Chair Peter Corney Sally Crossley-Smith

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Tony Wright - Chair Sally Crossley-Smith Andy Flynn Stuart Blacksell Nick Day

Communications & I.T. (I.T. systems, Website, Outpost)

Nick Day - Chair George Dunford Angela Daniel

Look for GC announcements and information in Outpost; enclosed with the monthly statements; and/or on the GC Notice board in the Club House. Also, please note that there are Suggestion Books both at poolside and in the Clubhouse reception. and we welcome your input. Please ask the Receptionist or Poolside & Fitness staff if you wish to make a comment or suggestion. Also, I remind you about the British Club Discussion Forum where you can share your views with other members on line, but please note that the URL has now changed to http://forum.britishclubbangkok.org. When the website comes online there will be a link on the site to this forum.

A word of apology to Andy Flynn who was inadvertently left out of the list of newly elected General Committee members in last month's Outpost. Andy is definitely on board and his presence very much welcomed!

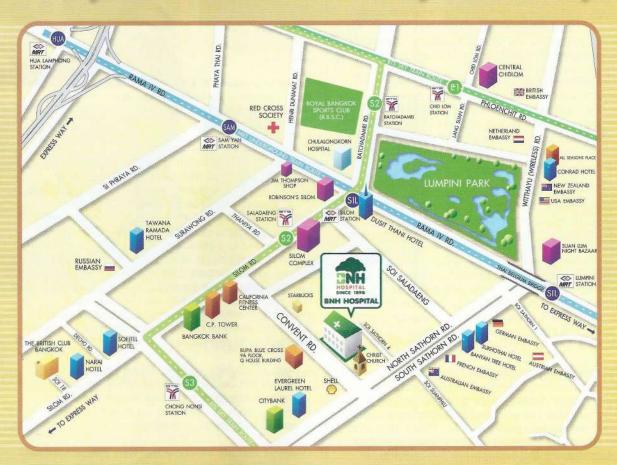
Finally, I warmly welcome our new Executive Chef/ Deputy General Manager F&B, John Hogg. If the snacks served at the last General Committee meeting are any indication, members are in for some welcome new treats from the kitchens.

Yours sincerely, **Angela Daniel** Chairman BCB General Committee 2005/2006

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Dear Members,

It's the merry month of May and nearly time for the end of another school year when many of our members will be heading overseas for their summer holidays. If you are outposted to remain in lovely Thailand, then stay cool with us here at the British Club. Whilst most members are away, we will have an extensive line-up of events for the families staying here in Thailand and many Club improvements to enjoy.

We will have our Family Days Out to Pattaya and Khaw Kheow open Zoo. We also have new trips planned to take the kids to a weekend camp at Thong Somboon Resort where the kids sleep over in cowboy prairie wagons, ride horses and ATV's, swing on a jungle rope, trek through Khao Yai and lots more! Another new trip is a weekend homestay in air-conditioned tents at the new Chok Chai Farmhouse.

But before you pack up for home, we have a few family outings arranged this month. We return to the award-winning Chokchai Farm. This is one of our most popular Club trips, and if you are new in town and have bored kids on your hands why not bring them along for our day out to the wilds of Saraburi?

The other trip is the Weekend Away to the wonderful Khao Yai National Park in Nakorn Ratchasima where we have a weekend packed full of activities for the whole family! We will stay at the small Khao Yai Forest Resort—in fact, we take over the whole resort. This is my favourite Club outing and although it can be very tiring, it is great fun. The following day is a public holiday, so if any members are interested in staying on for an extra day we can arrange this for you.

Looking ahead to much later in the year, during November we are re-launching our trip to the Surin Elephant Round Up. This is a trip not to be missed! Contact Khun Dong for full details.

On the maintenance front, during the holidays we will be repairing both the pools and installing new drainage and pump equipment. We will repaint the Sala areas and repair the children's playground. Last month I told members that we would be installing new plasma screen TV's in both Salas. In fact, both TV's have now arrived, but we are awaiting some installation equipment before installation.

The Clubhouse is receiving a make-over! As members will have noticed, we are removing many year's worth of paint and stripping down to the original brickwork where we then can touch-up and do any needed maintenance before

applying two new coats of paint. We expect this work to take approximately six weeks to complete. Many members prefer the original brickwork and have suggested that we tidy it up and leave it exposed.

Let's talk about food! In conjunction with the Cafe India Restaurant Surawongse Road, we will have an Indian Food Promotion in the Lord's Restaurant, evenings only, on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th.

We welcome a new member to our Management Team here at the Club. His name is John Hogg and he's the new Executive Chef/Deputy General Manager F&B. John will be busy the next few months upgrading the food and beverage service. In fact, he has already created a new Lord's menu, which we launch in May, so look for further details in this issue. John has been with us for only a few weeks and already he has made many improvements and suggested ways to upgrade the F&B. It took a long time to find the right person to join our team, and I'm sure time will prove us right to have waited for that special person to come along. Meet John at New Member Night, May 10^{th.}

We replaced the regular pasta buffet on Wednesday nights as it was a bit too regular and numbers were dwindling, but now we have a different buffet each week. Already we've had Middle Eastern, Mexican and Mediterranean buffets and we plan to have the pasta buffet every now and then. Also each Wednesday, don't forget our Bar Accumulator where you have a chance to win Baht credited to your Club account. Members present also have a chance to win a bottle of House Spirits in our Bottle

Please do join our regular Bar quiz each 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Churchill Bar. Mr. Rodney Bain is our Quiz Master and teams of up to six persons can enter at the cost of Bt 100 per person. The Quiz is purely good fun—even the losing team gets a prize—so if you've not been before, why not get a team together and try your luck?

I look forward to seeing you around the Club,

Regards,

Barry Osborne General Manager





WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

** FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

Churchill Bar, Sunday, May 8th, 7:00pm

Live on plasma TV from Spain **Sunday, May 22nd 7:00pm**Live on plasma TV from Monaco **Sunday, May 29th, 7:00pm**Live from Europe (Nurburgring)
Enjoy with our TAPAS menu.

** NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Churchill Bar, Tuesday, May 10th

Everyone encouraged to come and meet friends- new and old. Also welcome new DGM/F&B Chef John Hogg. Music by *No Fixed Abode*. Complimentary buffet.

** BAR QUIZ NITE

Churchill Bar, Tuesday, May 17th, 7:30pm

Join host Rodney Bain for our BC Bar Quiz with 4 rounds of 19 questions each, plus the ever-popular "Common denominator". Cost Bt100 per person for team of six. Kick-off time is 7:30pm In Churchill Bar. To book, please contact Dong or sign up at Reception.

** BLACK FRIDAY DISCO

Friday, May 13th, 6.30pm, Suriwongse Room

No parents allowed! Children under sixteen only. Cost Bt 265 includes activities, snacks and lots of FUN.



** VDO NIGHT

Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:30 pm, Wordsworth Room DOCTOR WHO "Aliens of London / World War III"

Thursday, May 12th, 7:30 pm, Suriwongse Room

Yes, Minister! "The Eurosausages"
Thursday, May 19th, 6:30 pm,
Wordsworth Room
DOCTOR WHO "Dalek / The Long Game"
Thursday, May 26th, 7:30 pm,
Wordsworth Room
The Sweeney "Ringer/ Jackpot"

** CHOK CHAI FARM

Saturday, May 14th, 8:00 am

An "A-'Moo'-sing Day Out" for the whole family to Thailand's leading farm resort. Leaves from BC at 8:00am. Cost Bt 1,600 per adult and Bt 850 per child. Includes activities, lunch and transportation.

** KHAO YAI WEEKEND BREAK

Friday, May 20th -Sunday, May 22nd Khao Yai National Park

Enjoy a wonderful weekend away in Thailand's largest national park Leave from the Club at 6:30pm, welcome dinner Thai buffet, 2 nights' accommodation at the KhaoYai Farm House Resort. Includes ABF, Day tour to KhaoYai National Park, Elephant Trekking, etc. Cost Bt 5, 000 per adult and Bt 3,900 per child and Bt 2,000 per child under 3 years old.

** BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE

"Puss in Boots"

Saturday, May 28th and Sunday, May 29th Children's participation theatre at the BC. See page 15.

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FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

Monday, June 13th "Canada" at 6 pm Monday, June 23rd "USA" at 6 pm Plasma TV in Churchill Bar with full F&B service and new TAPAS Menu available.



BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE

"Puss in Boots"

Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th Children's participation theatre and activities. Optional buffet on the front Lawn: A PURR-FECT day for kids.

BIRTHDAY OF H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Saturday, June 11th, 11:00am-3:00pm Celebrate H.M. the Queen's birthday with Front Lawn BBQ and lots of kid activities for children, such as pony rides, bouncy castle, etc. Cost Bt 450 per adult and Bt 250 per child.

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

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

7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY BUFFET Bt250 CHURCHILL BAR ACCUMULATOR

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

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CURRY BUFFET - All you can eat! Only Bt 200

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

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

SATURDAYS Lord's Restaurant

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

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

SUNDAYS Lords Restaurant

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Silom Room 1:00 - 3:30 pm

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

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

Official Opening Times

10:00 am - 11:00 pm Churchill Bar 11:30 am - 2:00 pm Lord's Restaurant (Lunch) 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Lord's Restaurant (Dinner) 7:30 am - 10:00 pm Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30 pm) 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri) 6:00 am - 9:00 pm Fitness Centre (weekends) 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Thai Massage (Tues - Sun)

BC CALENDAR MAY - The Month at a Glance

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DR. WHO IS BACK! ... And it's about time



Heralded as 'The Trip of a Lifetime", the new 13-part, BBC Series of *Doctor Who* hit UK screens in late March 2005, after a gap of 16 years, and will be shown at the Clubhouse each fortnight during April to July.

Some may recall 'The Doctor' as being William Hartnell, and he has passed through seven more actors, such that Christopher Eccleston in now the ninth actor to play the space-wandering Time Lord, with a love of Earth and a dislike of the Daleks, Cybermen and Autons!



The new series is made up of 45-minute stories unlike the old four and six-part stories, but all the old favourites are still there: the time and space-travelling TARDIS disguised as a 1950s Police Public Call Box, the Sonic Screwdriver and of course, the usually ever-screaming companion, in this case Billie Piper.

The schedule for May is below but please check posters in the Clubhouse in case of changes! We are showing two episodes each fortnight. The new *Doctor Who* is suitable for children of all ages from 8-80!

Tuesday 3rd May 6:30pm-8:00pm

- Aliens of London
- World War III

Thursday 19th May 6:30pm-8:00pm

- Dalek
- The Long Game









VDO NIGHT RETURNS

By popular demand (from the Chess Section no less) the British Club twice monthly VDO nights will be re-launched this month.

Retaining the old structure, the second Thursday each month will be British Comedy and the fourth Thursday will be British Detectives. Each evening will kick off at 7:30pm, and a full F&B Menu will be available.

In order to assist seating arrangements, please sign up at Reception or send a email to the Club!

Thursday 12th May 7:30pm-9:00pm

Yes, Minister! (The 1984 Special featuring "The Eurosausage", with Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds)

Thursday 26th May 7:30pm-9:00pm

The Sweeney (Episode 2 & 3, "Ringer" and "Jackpot" with John Thaw and Dennis Waterman)



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at 1:30pm and 4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, June 4th & 5th, 2005

at 11:00am, 1:30pm and 4:00pm

British Club members may sign for tickets (B180 each) at reception from May 5th, 2005.

Come early to visit the Neilson Hays Library next door and make a simple puppet craft that the children can use to participate in the show (craft <u>is included</u> in the ticket price.) On June 4th & 5th families can also enjoy shopping at the NHL Used Book Sale.

And after every performance, families are invited to stay and enjoy the delicious picnic barbeque, sweets and snacks provided by the British Club on the lawn (refreshments are not included in the ticket price.)

The performance is in English and designed for children 4-9 years old, but the child in everyone will enjoy this imaginative fairytale!

Seating is limited so make your purchase early to avoid disappointment.

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LOOK OUT! THE SCOTTISH CHEF IS ABOUT!

Dear Members,

Thank you for the warm welcome you have all shown me since my arrival. I am really looking forward to working here and to meeting the challenges that each day holds.

My background has been in the kitchens, where I have been lucky enough to work in some varied and fantastic establishments throughout the world and have met some wonderful people who share the same career goal—to satisfy the customer.

I began my career as a trainee chef in a fine dining restaurant within a casino in Glasgow, Scotland. From there I moved into hotels, both in Scotland and South of my homeland border into England at The Bull Hotel at Gerrards Cross in Buckinghamshire and Flitwick Manor, a highly-acclaimed country house hotel in Flitwick, Bedfordshire.

From England, I crossed the channel to work in the Sarthois region of France in a little village called Loue made famous for its chickens (Poulet de Loue) and its one and only hotel, The Relaise Chateau Laurant. There I developed my tolerance for keeping my head down in the kitchen as the French are a very proud nation when it comes to their cuisine. So as a foreigner in a French kitchen, one really has to work hard to prove himself.

From France, I returned to my home town, where I was the executive sous chef for the opening of the Edinburgh International Convention Center (E.I.C.C). There I developed my skills to cater large events on a daily basis. I traded my chopping knives in for a calculator!

Finding the Scottish weather too predictable, (rain in the morning, fair to sunny in the after-

noon, windy in the early evening and guess what? more rain by night fall!) I wanted to see more of the world, so I immigrated to Australia and worked at the Darling Harbor Convention and Exhibition Center, in Sydney NSW. This was a great move for me and a chance to work with the many different foods.

After three years in Australia, I wanted to experience more of Asia, so I came to Thailand and was the chef at Witch's Oyster Bar & Restaurant, in Soi Ruamrudee, Bangkok, which is a great little restaurant with a lot of heart. Most recently, I was Kitchens Operations Manager at the Marriott Resort & Spa in Pattaya. They say good guys go

to heaven and bad guys go to Pattaya, so not wanting to be labeled as a bad guy, after two years I found myself returning to Bangkok. I must admit I did miss the excitement of this city and the variety of high standard restaurants and bars to eat and drink in.

That brings me here to the British Club Bangkok, where I will be working with Barry and his team in the hope that we can exceed your expectations and accommodate all your special requests. They say that people stay in their place of work, one obviously for money, but more importantly, they stay if they have a likeable and fair boss. This is one of the reasons I decided to come to the BCB and I am sure one of the many reasons I will stay.

Enough about me now, on to the Promotions front!

I have just finished writing the new a la carte menu for the Lords Dining room and we plan to run a daily changing, set lunch menu to tempt your taste buds and keep you satisfied until dinner. Two courses 150 baht and three courses 220 baht, available in the Churchill Bar.

We will keep the Friday curry buffet lunch / dinner and will add a special Carvery style buffet, with succulent roasts freshly carved with all the trimmings, fresh veggies and salads, for Wednesday lunch / dinner, so I hope you will find the time to join us.

We also plan to have a monthly Friday Night POOLSIDE BBQ beginning June 10th, with fish and shellfish fresh from the sea, also prime meats, kebabs and bangers being cooked to

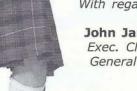
order, and live cooking shows both Thai style and International, and a huge array of freshly prepared salads, carving station with prime joints and roasted vegetables and potatoes. Finally for those of you with a sweet tooth we have delicious desserts, cakes, pastries and cut tropical fruits

that you will find too tempting to ignore. Great food, live music all for Bt 450 Adults and Bt 265 Kids.

I look forward to meeting you all around the club and please do not hesitate to approach me if there is anything special that you would like, as we <u>aim</u> to please.

With regards,

John James Hogg Exec. Chef/Deputy General Manager



Recipes from **John**



Asparagus Soup

Serves 4

20 Asparagus spears 900 ml chicken stock, or vegetable stock (1 1/2 225 gram green peas, or chopped spinach (8

1 teaspoon sugar salt and pepper 25 gram butter (1 oz)

25 gram plain flour (1 oz)

150 ml milk (1/4 pint)

6 tablespoons double cream

Discard all but the top 6-8 cm of the asparagus spears as the lower part may make the soup

Cut the remainder into 2.5 cm lengths. Reserve a few 1 cm tips for garnish and cook these separately for 10 minutes in a little boiling

Bring the stock to the boil, put in the asparagus, the peas or chopped spinach, the sugar and seasoning and boil until the vegetables are tender. Puree the vegetables and stock in a food processor or blender or push through a sieve. Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour and add the asparagus puree. Bring to the boil, stirring in the milk.

To serve, stir in the cream and add a few asparagus tips to each bowl.

Rhubarb and Orange Flan

Serves 4

75 gram butter (3 oz) 150 gram digestive biscuits, crushed (5 oz) 450 gram (1 lb) fresh rhubarb, cut into 2.5 cm lengths (1 inch)

3 tablespoon water

1 large orange, zest and juice

2 eggs, separated

50 gram caster sugar (2 oz)

2 tablespoon cornflour

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger orange slices to decorate

Melt the butter in a saucepan, then mix in the biscuit crumbs. Press the mixture over the base and sides of a 20 cm (8 inch) fluted dish or tin. Chill in the refrigerator while preparing the

Put the rhubarb in a saucepan with the water. Cover and simmer gently until the fruit is soft and pulpy. Stir occasionally. Work the rhubarb into a puree. Put the orange zest and juice into a saucepan. Add the egg yolks, caster sugar, cornflower and ginger. Heat gently stirring constantly, until thick. Stir into the rhubarb

Whisk the egg whites until stiff. Fold into the rhubarb custard, then spoon the mixture into the biscuit crust. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours

or overnight. Decorate with orange slices just before serving.





St. George's Chicken Parcels

Serves 4

4 Chicken breasts, skinned and boned 100 gram sage Derby cheese (4 oz) cut into 4 chunks freshly ground black pepper 8 rashers streaky bacon, rinded 25 gram butter, melted (1 oz)

Lift out the loose fillet from the underside of each breast. Place the breasts and the fillets between two sheets of non-stick baking paper or clingfilm. Beat with a rolling pin to flatten. Remove the paper or clingfilm. Place a piece of cheese on each breast. Cover the cheese with the fillets and season well.

Wrap the chicken breasts around the cheese to make parcels. Cut the bacon in half lengthways and wrap one piece round the parcel. Cut the other piece into two and wrap around the parcel to form two crosses. Secure with wooden cocktail sticks.

Place in a roasting tin with a little of the butter and roast at 200 deg. C/ 400 deg.F / Gas 6 for 30-40 minutes, basting with remaining butter at regular intervals.

LOOKING BACK









Songkran Kids Sports Camp







Songkran Camp was great for all the kids and ME! The madness began with 21 kids joining us the first day for breakfast, tennis, pool games, crafts and activities. After lunch, the movie *Garfield* helped us relax before swimming and squash in the afternoon. Everyone was very tired, but returned the next day. Thursday was particularly fun with our Songkran Splash Afternoon on the back lawn where we had our new very own BC Bouncy Castle, water guns, a water slide and Khun Rit in the stocks! Friday we went to Mall Tha Pra with nine kids and three sporting adults for fun at the water park, lunch at the Pizza Company, bowling, and of course a quick dip at the BC pool upon our return to get wet again! What fun-I can't wait for next year!

By Hanni Phillips



























Easter Sunday—Fun Day drew a record crowd of 226 members to enjoy the egg hunt, pony rides, Easter crafts, magic and puppet shows, and lots of other activities for the children. All the kids received Easter chocolates! Congratulations to Vanessa Hemmingsen, age 5, who found the golden egg and won a whole nest of chocolate Easter goodies.

Easter Joy

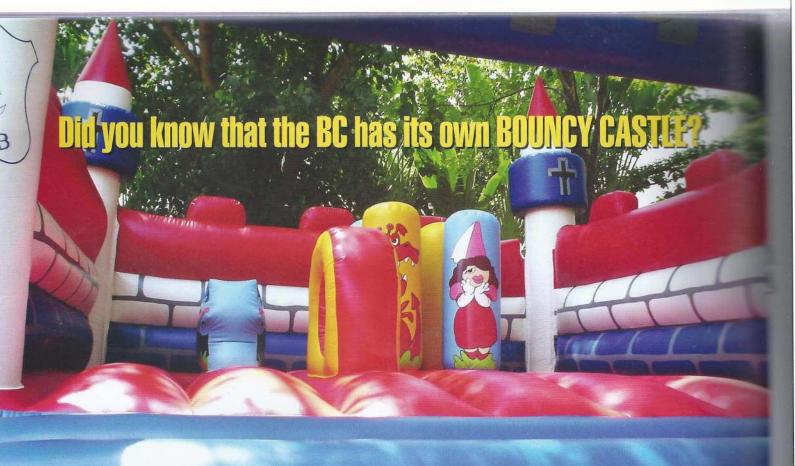
Easter celebrations continued in the Lords Dining room with a special Easter buffet with even more chocolates and more activities! Over 150 hot cross buns baked at the Club were sold.





As if this wasn't enough fun for one day we headed north to Muang Thong Thani to see Avril Lavigne at the Big Rock Day...AND... we took over 70 members to see the Disney on Ice show also at Muang Thong Thani.

As you can see it was an eggstremely busy Easter at the club and we were totally eggshausted, but at the end of the day we all had a cracking good time!



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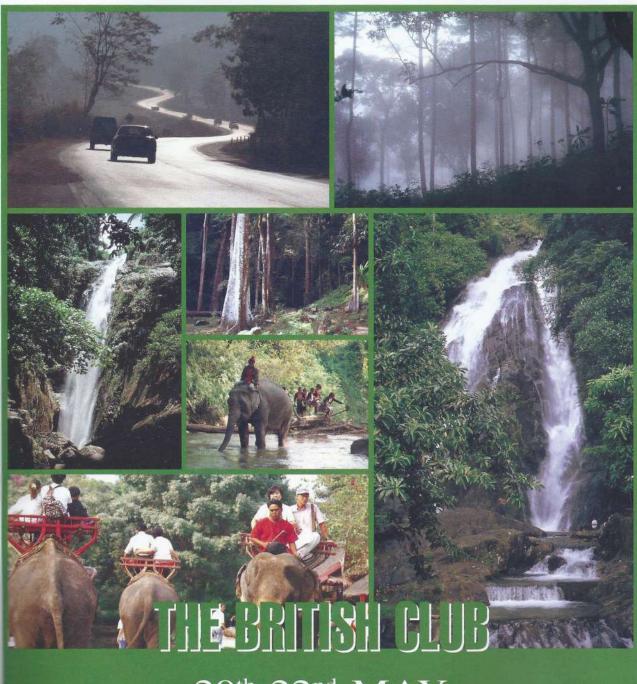
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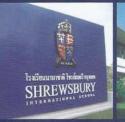
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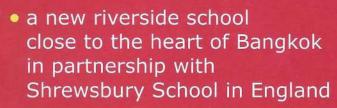


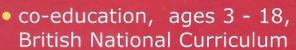


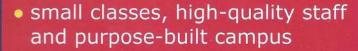




































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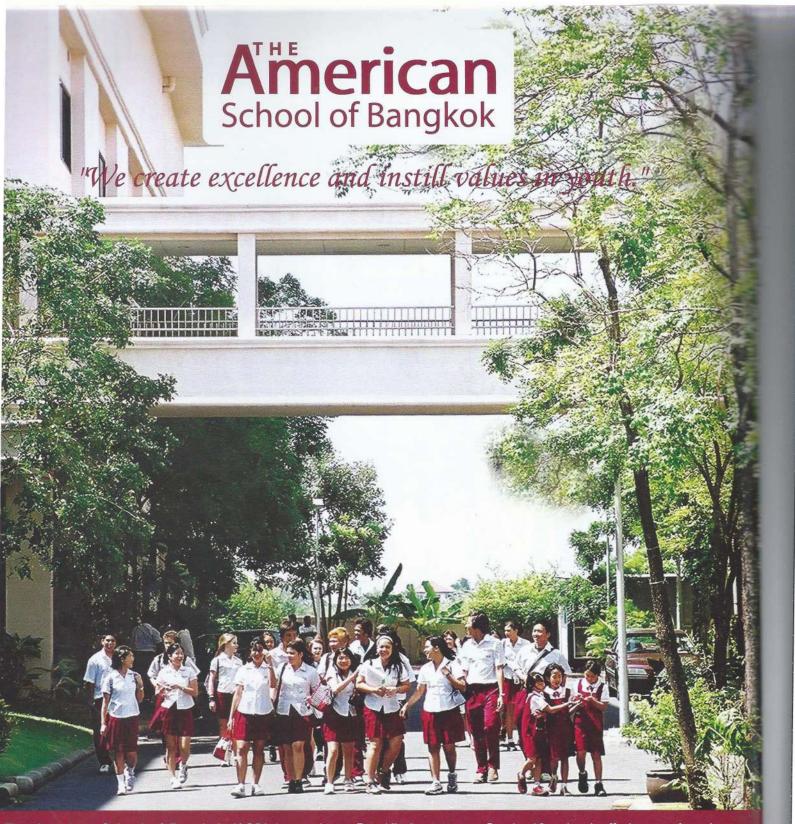








he wedding of Club Member Adrian Flint and his beautiful bride Khun
Tussaporn was held at the Siam
Society in Asoke on Saturday 22nd March.
Over 160 guests attended the event which was catered by the British Club. Despite the rains, the happy occasion was a success. We at the Club would like to congratulate Adrian and Tussaporn and wish them all the best for the future.



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All over April, we had tons of stuff for the kids! Things kicked off on April 12th with a three day Songkran Sports camp, consisting of the usual squash and tennis activities as well as 'sponges at the stocks', water guns and several other 'soak the staff' games. On Friday we

enjoyed a wonderful day at the Mall Tha Pra. Kids and adults alike indulged in a fun-filled day of bowling, pizza and the water park. No surprise that we were all tired at the end of the week! Please see photographic evidence for proof!

We also had our first Sunday swimming gala here at the Club and from now on, hope to have every month. Not only for the kids this one! Mums and dads can enter too, and all participants will receive a medal and lunch on the front lawn. Why not come and join the fun!

I would like to officially welcome our new British Club Bouncy castle, which has been a great success here at the B.C. and is available for hire from now on for 1,000 baht an hour for all members. She's all the way from the UK though, so be gentle (please no shoes).

Sadly we said goodbye to Khun Oh, our Sports and Activities Coordinator last month. He decided to leave the BC for work elsewhere and I would like to pass on my apologies to all who attended his circuit training and tennis for I know he was very popular. We are doing our best to find a suitable replacement, and I will keep you updated.

This is a special note for all those who belong to one of the Clubs Sports sections. We will be hosting a bar quiz on May 17th and would like all the sports sections to enter a team. BC Staff will be entering with a team, too. So if you fancy a battle of wits, please sign up at reception. May the best man (or lady) win!

The new cricket nets are now up and running, to the delight of all the cricket guys that practice here at the Club. The next plan is to re-grass the back lawn, so there will be fresh grass stains on those sparkly whites before you know it!

We also have two new tennis nets on centre court and court one, so play with care!

That's all for now, see you next month.

Hanni Phillips Manager Sports and Grounds



/IMMING POOL UPDATE

Some of you may have seen a lot of action at the pool recently and no, it wasn't a James Bond movie audition! Staff and club members took quick action to resolve some water clarity issues by volunteering to don scuba gear and research first-hand the success of the cleanup effort. Peter and Ming Gary, along with Bob Van den Broecke, led the scuba expedition and were joined by BC members Angela Daniel (Chairman), Meg Paulon and Hanni Phillips (Manager Sports & Grounds). They are happy to report that the water is fine and that the benign beasties who grew following a temporary chlorine imbalance are no more.

However, the inspection did reveal a serious

problem with cracked pool tiles and etched grouting. Therefore, in order to be of slightest inconvenience, the plan is to drain and repair the pool during June and July whilst many members are away.



In the meantime, be assured that no health hazards ever existed and that the pool remains safe for use. So, whether or not you and your bikini are James Bond material, please join us for a refreshing swim at the cool, clean BC pool.

Many thanks to Peter, Ming and Bob for all their hard work and apologies to swimmers for any inconvenience caused. We will continue to update you regarding pool plans.

Hanni Phillips Manager Sports and Grounds

Squashy Bits

hew it's hot ... hardly squash weather! As a result, I'm scratching around for stories this month. There was a bit of squashy activity, most of it off the courts, but I'm not allowed to write about that or I'll be censored Mary-Whitehousestyle again like last month.

Let's start with the low spots. The winners of the March League # 193 were: Division 1 Ja, and Division 2 Ian Walton. These two put in sparkling performances, but Divisions 3, 4, and 5 hardly bothered to show up playing only one match between them. Seems like that free dinner in Lords hasn't yet fired the imagination! Da also won the April mix-in, virtue of being the only competitor to turn up. Well done Da, we'll take that dinner for two, thanks Martin!

The Harold Mercer Cup was also played during March and John Vivien will report next month. This is a team competition for all standards, played over several weeks. It is a difficult competition to organise with people's busy travel schedules, but always enjoyed by those who take part.

It occurred to me that most of today's Squash Players probably know nothing about the various people whom our trophies are named after and I will try to rectify this a bit as the year goes by. I was lucky enough to know Harold Mercer who died nearly 20 years ago and went back to the October 1985 Outpost for his Obituary:

"William Harold Mercer was born in Oldham, Lancashire and died whilst swimming in the sea in Phuket on a warm sunny morning on 2nd September during a long weekend with his family. He was 54. Harold had only arrived in



Bangkok the previous year but had soon become a familiar and most popular face. Harold was a gentle and amiable man with a kind sense of humour. He enjoyed playing squash, especially against his prettier female opponents, dabbled at snooker, swam regularly and was usually somewhere around with his wife Phoebe, always ready for a chat and a joke with anybody and everybody. Harold was an enthusiastic club member and was increasingly involved as Secretary of the Squash Section and in helping to edit and produce Outpost. In an eulogy given by his son Chris at his funeral, he told us that "As a boy, Harold was very shy with a stammer. Nevertheless he excelled at sports and long distance running in particular. He was a keen cyclist, Youth hosteller, fell runner, stamp collector and above all, Boy Scout ... despite his shyness he met and courted Phoebe Knepel, his one and only true love ... Harold's ashes rest in the Garden of Remembrance at Christ Church in Convent Road, behind a family memorial plaque reading 'Here was a man-and we loved him'."

Phoebe Mercer was a teacher at Bangkok Pattana School, my son George being one of her pupils. She stayed on for a number of years in Bangkok

after Harold's death and donated the Harold Mercer Trophy in his name. Harold was not a great squash player but brought genuine commitment, enjoyment and sportsmanship to the section. The idea of the Harold Mercy Trophy was to have a team competition where the lads and lasses get together to enjoy each other's company and competitive squash at all levels. A fitting memorial for a hell of a good bloke!

By the way, the 1985 Outpost



Capitol Club Turns on Heat

The Club played one match against the Capitol Club away on Sunday 27th March. Here, Peter Corney submits the following report:

Our initial thoughts were that we would have too strong a team for them. Also David Lines and Steve Tostevin who filled in for last minute BCB injuries were used to playing on air-conditioned courts.

Unfortunately the air conditioning was broken at the Capitol Club and there were no fans so the courts were far hotter than the British Club courts and there was no circulation of air. The Capitol Club also fielded a much younger team and we wilted in the heat.

Nick Thwaites and David Eastgate were the only players who handled the heat though David won quite quickly which helped. Nick Thwaites was first up and after being at match point in the 4th, came back from 6-8 down to win 10-9 and then won the 5th set 9-4. Nick did very well considering he hasn't played for two months, but he is still very fit from his mountain bike training.

Steve started off well and then ran out of steam because of the oppressive conditions and lost in five against a much younger player.

David Eastgate then played Gotham who was intent on hitting the ball as hard as he could and endeavoured to get undeserved strokes from dubious lets. He didn't receive one stroke and became very frustrated by David's great court coverage. This was an easy win for the BCB.

Charles started off badly, and after losing the first two games easily, came back from match point down to win the 3rd set, but then lost the 4th 9-5. Marvyn had a hard match with Peter from the CC but went down in three sets. Peter Corney then had a hard fought match with Tun but didn't handle the hot conditions as well as his opponent who won in

David Lines played the CC number one, Ron-a very good New Zealander. David had difficulty breathing after being 6-1 up in the fourth and lost a high standard match 6-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-6.

David Lines V Ron 9-6, 6-9, 5-9, 6-9, Nick Thwaites V Ken 9-5, 1-9, 5-9, 10-9, 9-4

David Eastgate V Gotham 9-0, 9-1, 9-1, Steve Tostevin V Tony 9-0, 9-7, 6-9, 3-9, 1-9

Charles Whiteley V Ram 1-9, 0-9, 8-9, 5-9, Peter Corney V Marvyn Lewis V Peter 7-9, 2-9, 3-9

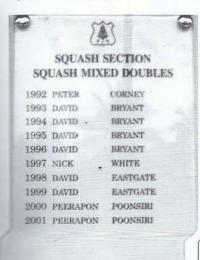
The Capital Club provided a buffet and very welcome drinks afterwards. The matches were played in good spirit we look forward to the next encounter as long as the air-conditioning is repaired.

By Peter Corney

made a great read and brought back many nostalgic memories. To my delight I discovered that those glorious black white rugby pictures hanging in the Churchill bar were donated by Charles Mabbat (BC Chairperson 1946 to 1961) and are the Bangkok Rugby XV teams of 1927 who played against visiting ships. Presumably these teams comprised mainly expats from both the BC and RBSC. This article is accompanied by a photo including a rather dashing Colin Hastings looking exactly as he does today including the moustache, long hair and flared trousers.

We have a couple of mystery squash pictures for you this month and invite you to spot the deliberate mistakes. The first is the new poolside board, listing winners of the Squash Mixed-Doubles Tournament and the second is Nick White receiving the Good Time Keeping award at the recent AGM.

By Jack Dunford



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uring the period from 15 January to 12 March 2005, the British Club Veterans Team participated in the Keng Na-Ranong Cup, hosted by the Royal Bangkok Sports Club at their excellent Polo Club site. The tournament was contested by seven prominent Thai teams and, by special invitation, the British Club. The competition was played in an 11-a-side format with most of the players over 40 years of age.

After a tentative start the BC were not disgraced and managed two wins and a draw from the seven games, putting us in mid table. The

quality of football was high and the games were played in good spirit. There were some ex-Thai Internationals on show and the general fitness levels of the Thai players gave us something to think about for the future.

In the final games we were getting both stronger and more adept at tactical play. Over the seven games we used more than 30 players, which shows the level of interest in Veterans football. There was even a cameo performance (only one) from BC stalwart Colin Hastings!

RBSC and the tournament sponsor hosted a closing dinner at the Polo Club with beer freely flowing. Our karaoke performance frankly did not match our football skills and needs some development. Congratulations to our golden boot

winner, Adrian Watts, and all the lads who turned up every week to give all they had for the BC. This event will definitely feature on future calendars and we will attempt to do a little better next year.



Martin Conisbee Chairman BC Football Section

APRIL SHOWERS:

Best laid plans of Mice & Men (& committees)



Q: When is a golf course not a golf course?

A: When it rains cats & dogs in Khao Yai at the Club Championships and turns fairways & greens into raging rivers & lakes. Read on...

Through experience and age, it is hoped that amongst those empowered with the organizing of a key annual event of such importance as the Club Championship, they would be rewarded with kindness and some help. As such, the committee of the golf section took

into account location, course conditions, prospective climatic conditions and most importantly the likelihood of a course being inundated with visiting nationals of a North Asian country a.k.a. Koreans. This being the case, after much debate, a few beers and many meetings, a final decision was made to hold our prestigious event at the Forest Hills & Sir James Resort in KhaoYai on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd April. Our rationale being that it was the end of the dry season, which should mean dry but hot conditions, a course that would be a fair but tough test and most importantly, empty of the tourist groups that take over up-country locations such as Forest Hill in the 'winter' months.

The next step at such an event is to secure some sponsorship and this was arranged with MBMG International and with the assistance of Paul Gambles, a generous package was arranged and for that the golf section are most appreciative.

The format of the weekend is a two day strokeplay event, based on gross scores. In other words, the player with the best score without handicaps being taken off is declared the men's

& ladies' club champion.
Aside from the main event, there are also side events for the best nett scores over the two days combined (ladies winner & gents winner) and day prizes for the best nett on each day. However the ultimate prize is to be crowned Club Champion and join an illustrious list of BC Members, past & present.

Day 1 – 11.00 am - we had a false dawn in as much as we started without the sight of another group in front of us and therefore assumed that task number 3 (Koreans) had successful been achieved. This was to backfire on us on day 2, when in fact they had been bused out of the course on day 1 to play somewhere else. Objective number 2 was also looking good, as we started in hot, humid and almost clear blue skies. In terms of the course condition, given that Thailand is currently in one of the worst droughts in living memory, the state of the fairways & greens was more than adequate, almost to the point of some over-watering but a minor issue and one that was soon to be an irrelevance.

Our day was interrupted by what can only be described as a mini-typhoon that swept through the course at 12.30pm. It started with clouds gathering at a startling pace, to be followed with thunder and its mate, lightning. Those of you that understand golf, lightning and your health, will know that a golfer holding a metal lightning rod (golf-club) should not be standing in an open field (fairway) wafting said lightning rod. Most of us took the hint and evacuated the course for cover as the rain & wind started and lasted for more than hour. It would be difficult with my limited literary skills and vocabulary to do this weather phenomenon justice but it was of the like that I have rarely seen in my time in the tropics. The course rapidly turned into a place that was more suitable for white water rafting than golfers & golf carts.

After some discussion & debate amongst the various committee members, it was decided to sit it out and then resume once it had settled down. Two hours later, play re-commenced and the scores started to come in. The club leaders were Bryan Dodd & Karen Holloway respectively with Andy Flynn, Pat Dean, Karen Carter & Gaew in hot pursuit.



Our evening event was where the generous sponsorship from MBMG International was starting to be appreciated, as they paid for the beer, wine & soft drinks that were consumed whilst we feasted on Chok Chai steaks and other Khao Yai delicacies.

Day 2: 8.30am tee time: The Koreans are back and in numbers! The weather is clear, cool and the outlook is looking good. The course has recovered from the deluge and off we go. The pace of play is painfully slow for most of us but we endure. Then almost as if someone had booked it for 12.30pm, the clouds returned, the humidity increased and down came the rains again and we were delayed. This time the rain delay was not as severe and we all managed to find our way round to the 18th and complete our rounds.

After enduring a tough 2 days of rain, wind, soggy fairways & greens, slow play and delays our Club Champions were crowned. Bryan Dodd took the prize and retained his title with a very respectable gross score of 156 and Karen Carter took the Ladies title with a score of 188. A summary of the all the results follows and can also be viewed in more detail on the web-site. Your scribe is almost too modest to mention that he scored an eagle 2 on the 18th hole on the last hole of the 2nd day. An 8 iron in from 130 yards out.

A few notes of thank to: Paul Kelly of MBMG International who spent the weekend with us and presented the prizes; MBMG International for their sponsorship; the various members of the committee that helped with the organization and running of the event; and, of course the members for their humour and enthusiasm.





Upcoming events:

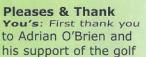
Check your diaries and e-mails.

30th April - 2nd May: Our next 'major' is the Eclectic Competition with generous and kind sponsorship from Asian Tigers Transpo International. This event is being played at Majestic Creek, Hua Hin.

15th May - Magpie Putter: Our annual match against the Wanderers Golf Society. The putter is currently on loan with the Wanderers and we

want to win it back, so a strong team is required.

June: Honda Cup: Our annual match against the Japanese Golf Society. As the current holders, we need to field another strong side to retain the trophy.



section. Adrian's company, Contour Slimming & Beauty Express provided many vouchers to the winners & runners up at the Club Championships. Next the pleases. To help with course bookings and accommodation when required on away events, please book early.



Golf Rules: Myths & Legends

Myth - When you sign your scorecard (in a competition), you are agreeing your total gross or your stableford points!

When you sign your scorecard, you Fact are agreeing that gross score on each of the individual holes is correct

Myth - Dropping a 2nd ball means that you have put a provisional ball into play! Unless you say "provisional ball" to Fact your marker, you are in fact declaring your 1st ball lost and your 'new' ball is now the ball in

You may remove loose items & Myth impediments inside the boundaries of a water hazard!

You must not move or touch anything when playing from inside a water hazard & you must not ground your club.

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| Club Champion - Ladies | Karen Carter | Karen Holloway | Gaew Khongyoo | | |
| Club Champion - Mens | Bryan Dodd | Pat Dean | Andy Flynn | | |
| Nett winner - Ladies | Gaew Khongyoo | * | | | |
| Nett winner - Men | Edwin Ferner | | | | |

2005 BC Championship Finals

Tennis Stars Serve Up Exciting Fare



Ladies Doubles Cup Winners, Chalathip & Mint



Ladies Singles Cup Winner, Mint in action



in action





Mixed Doubles Cup Mens Singles Cup Winner Phairoji Winners, Mint & James in



Ladies Doubles Plate - Napa & Leslie in action



Mens Doubles Plate -Jesada & Jeff in action



U13 Singles - Mooky in action



Mens Singles Plate - Andrew in action

he British Club's top tennis players served up some exciting matches when the Club held its finals in the annual Dunlop Tennis Championships on Saturday, March 19.

In the Cup competition, Mint Thumrongluck was a triple winner. She first took the ladies singles title when she beat Chalathip Dunnvatanachit 6-1, 6-2. Mint then won the mixed doubles crown with partner James Young after overcoming Chalathip and her partner Marc Nussaume 6-4, 6-4 in a fiercely contested match. Mint won her third title after she and Chalathip teamed up to defeat Sasaluck Chokephaibulki and Mooky Thumrongluck 6-2, 6-1 in the Cup Ladies Doubles.

The most closely watched match was the Men's Final which pitted veteran Phairoj Chansevikul against 2001 British Club Men's Champion Marc Nussaume. Phairoj's consistency, experience and cleverly disguised drop shots eventually helped him overcome Marc's powerful ground strokes to win a thrilling final 6-2, 6-3.

Marc didn't leave the championships emptyhanded, however, as he and Enrique Valero-Torrentes triumphed in the Men's Doubles defeating Marc Hagelauer and James Young 7-5, 6-3.

All finals, both in the Cup and Plate competitions, were decided in two sets with the exception of the Men's Doubles Plate Final. In a hard-fought match, father-and-son team Jesada and Jeff Tanking took the first and third sets 6-3 and 6-4 after losing the second set 6-2 to the veteran pair of David Eastgate and Ken Grimshaw.

After the Finals ended, players and spectators enjoyed a buffet dinner and liquid refreshments before the trophies and other prizes were presented by Dunlop executive David Lamb and Tennis Section Chairman Jesada Tanking.

In his acceptance speech, the new Men's Champion, Phairoj modestly attributed his success to two factors: 1) Marc Nussaume's exertions in the other two finals he played that day; and 2) God answering his prayers and recalling the 2004 men's champion Brad Weatherstone to Australia!

CUP RESULTS

LADIES SINGLES

Winner: Mint Thumrongluck Runner up: Chalathip Dunnvatanachit

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners: Mint Thumrongluck & James Young

Runner up: Chalathips Dunnvatanachit & Marc Nussaume

LADIES DOUBLES

Chalathip Dunnvatanachit & Mint Thumrongluck Winners: Runners up: Sasaluck Chokephaibulki & Mooky Thumongluck

MEN'S SINGLES

Phairoj Chansevikul Winner: Runner up: Marc Nussaume

MEN'S DOUBLES

Marc Nussaume & Enrique Valero-Torrentes Winners:

Marc Hagelauer & James Young Runner up:

PLATE RESULTS

LADIES SINGLES

Sasaluck Chokephaibulkit Winner:

Runner up: Kathleen Young

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner: Yubharet Visitsuthorn & Phairoj Chansevikul

Kathleen Young & Ori Doley Runners up:

LADIES DOUBLES

Napa Siriporntanakul & Leslie Drew Winner:

Zandra White & Marie Goode Runners up:

MEN'S SINGLES

Winner: Andrew Robertson Runner up: Lawrence Lipman

MEN'S DOUBLES

Jesada Tanking & Jeff Tanking Winner: Runners up: David Eastgate & Ken Grimshaw

JUNIOR RESULTS

U17 SINGLES: Jamorn Hong Teo beat Jeff Tanking 6 - 4.

U13 SINGLES: Mooky Thrumrongluck beat Natacha Nussaume 6 - 0.

DOUBLES OPEN HANDICAP: Natacha Nussaume & Mooky Thrumrongluck beat Jamorn & Tamrong

Hong Teo 6 - 3.

Ladies Singles Cup Winner, Mint receives trophy



Mens Singles Cup Winner, Pairoji receives trophy



Mens Doubles Cup Winner, Mark & Enrique



Mixed Doubles Cup Winners, Mint & James receive trophy



Juniors Line-up

The British Club Tennis Section Committee wishes to thank all those who made the championships possible, particularly our principal sponsors Dunlop, Seara Fitness Systems, Shrewsbury International School and RC Cola. Other sponsors we wish to thank are Bangkok Nursing Home (BNH), FBT, Malca-

Amit, Sante Fe, the Londoner, the Bull's Head, the Barbican, Noriega's, Accor Sofitel and Super J.

Special thanks must also go to Marc Hagelauer for his hard work in securing prizes. The committee would also like to thank those who volunteered as referees, as well as Bruce Gordon for putting in a hard day's work organising the Juniors' Finals. Other thanks go to members of the committee who worked hard in organising the championships, particularly chairman Jesada Tanking, secretary Marie Goode, treasurer Yubharet Visitsunthorn and Chris Watt.



Sponsor David Lamb of Dunlop presents new racket to Mint



U17 Singles - Jamon receives trophy

FORMULA 1

"Where is the **Prancing Horse?**"

With three Grand Prixs already complete, Michael Schumacher is 13th in the Driver's League with a mere two points after the failure of both the F2004M and F2005M Ferrari cars to make any mark! Teammate Rubens Barrichello is doing a bit better on Eight points but is still only 6th!

Will it be a Renault-Toyota 1-2 this year?

So far, these two teams have dominated Formula 1, holding all four top places!

And don't forget RED BULL!

What a difference a name makes! As Jaguar they were seldom in the points but so far this year they are 5th with 12 points...ahead of Ferrari!

Grand Prix, live on the Plasma Screen in the Churchill Bar is a great, relaxing start to the week. With the TAPAS MENU on hand and the usual THREE ROASTS EACH SUNDAY, why not join us for the three races in May?

Grand Prix Dates

May 2005

May 8th

Spanish Grand Prix

May 22nd

Monaco Grand Prix

May 29th

European Grand Prix



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Churchill Bar Quiz

A total of 54 members, friends, signed-in guests and a few odd-bods gathered in The Churchill Bar on April 19th to join in the two hours of fun, laughter, beer, wine and song that form part of the newly reconstituted ('regenerated' as The Doctor might say) Churchill Bar Quiz!

...and you do not have to be Doctor Who to join in. New member Adrian brought along his mates to form 'Bottom of the Class' but they came third! [If you set out to fail but don't, have you failed anyway?]. Two young lasses from the Southerners fought it out together as the rest of their team was absent, and we will not mention the team relating to the smaller parts of a poodle I said we will not mention the team relating to the smaller parts of a poodle!

Four rounds and lots of conferring had The New Allrounders failing to come last as usual so they forfeited their prize of a round of drinks, and The Bangkok Gentleman Spoofers scrapped into second based upon their sudden realisation that Long John Silver is both a Robert Louis Stevenson character and a pair of knickers! Sadly the General Committee did not put in its own team as it had last year so we cannot



comment on them, only their absence!

Sminky Binky Bang Bang roared ahead, however and put everyone to shame by winning each round ... even then they could not get to the Quiz on time!

The next Churchill Bar Quiz is on Tuesday 17th May and with

promises from several other members to put in teams (remember I have your names Chris, Simon and James), we should have about ten teams to battle it out!

So if you are Albert Einstein or Mr Blobby, Newton or just plain Mr Bean come along and join in the fun. Top prizes include 900 Baht club vouchers to each player, the bobby prize is a round drinks (excluding Champagne) and with three bottles of wine as spot prizes, you can be a winner even if you guess!

Teams of Four to Six are allowed ... as are Tennis players, Squash players and others in the club who do not know where the bar is! See you on May 17th!

By Paul Cheesman

P.S. Please sign up at reception!

"SUKI SATURDAYS ... FUN & FOOD FOR ALL THE FAMILY!"

Don't worry if you cannot tell your Look Chin Gung from your Het Na Kon Tawng, or your Pla Sawan from your Guayow Moo ... the menu is in English!

By popular demand, Suki Saturday returns to the Lord's Dining Room each Saturday lunchtime from Noon onward Enjoy Thai Sukiyaki cooked on your table served with Barry's Special sauce to liven up your meal.

The menu includes traditional starters like Roast Duck or Roast Pork ... then you choose your ingredients from a wide range of Meats, Fish, Seafood and Vegetables which you can either cook Chinese style or Thai style ... what is the difference you ask? Well the traditional (Chinese way) of cooking is that you delicately place your chosen foods into a cooking net, dip into the boiling soup and wait for it to cook. The Thai way ... well, you just throw everything into the pot and eat it as you chat!

The menu offers:



MEATS

Ping Pong Balls, Pork Balls, Beef Balls, Pork Liver, Pork Heart, Pork Fillet, Chicken Fillet, Beef Fillet, and Pork Ravioli.

SEAFOOD

Rugby Fish balls, Shrimp Balls, Special Seaweed rolls, Fish rolls, Fish Noodle, Fish Fillet, Fish Head (Yuck!), Salmon Head, Scallops, Fresh Oyster, Fresh Squid, Crispy Squid, Fresh Shrimps,

Fish Ravioli, and Prawn Ravioli.

VEGETABLES

Spring Onions, Chinese Cabbage, Morning Glory, Celery, Baby Corn, Mushrooms, Straw Mushrooms, Shitake Mushrooms, Beancurd, Jelly Noodles and Egg Noodles.

.... and with prices from 10 Baht to 60 Baht per dish, a family lunch will not break the bank either!

SUKI SATURDAY Lord's Dining Room ... 12 Noon to 2pm

Reciprocal Club Benefits

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Did you know?

As an active member of the British Club Bangkok, you are entitled to enjoy the full use of other Club facilities all around the world! In total, the British Club Bangkok is affiliated with 152 clubs globally. These include Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Australia, Spain, Papua New Guinea, India and Columbia to name but a few! So, if you're traveling for business or pleasure and fancy a quick game of golf, tennis, squash or a dip in the pool, pop into one of the clubs that your membership here allows you to use.

Recently, three new clubs have joined our affiliation list:

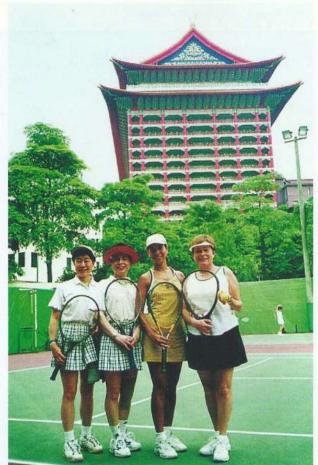
'The Padang Cricket Club' in Singapore

'The National Club' in Canada

'Thika Sports Club' in Kenya



If you are traveling abroad and would like to know if there is an affiliated club in the area you are visiting, please contact the membership department (Khun Cookie, Khun Mona or Khun Aeh) here at the Club where they will be happy to help. All you need on arrival at your chosen location is a membership introductory card from us. According to the affiliated Clubs' rules, you are then entitled to use their facilities at will.



The American Club in China

Our featured reciprocal club this month is The American Club in China which is considered to be the top premiere club in Taiwan. Located less than half an hour from Taipei city centre and Tien Mu, the American Club in China is overlooked by the magnificent Grand Hotel.

Facilities include: a fully-equipped, modern fitness centre, swimming pool, spa, tennis courts, bar and restaurants. The restaurants range from the casual, family-style terrace, where you can grab a quick bite, to the adult only venue, "Sigis" where you can enjoy a round of darts or pool accompanied by music from the jukebox. There is also a "takeout corner" supplying a selection of fresh breads and pastries. Formal dining is available in the Windsor Room.

If you are planning to visit Taiwan in the near future, please contact the membership department here at the British Club, where we will give you all the relevant documentation for your visit to the American Club in China.

Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aqua Aerobics

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

Aerobics

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

Bridge

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

Chess

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

Tuesday 6:00-9:00pm Practice -Back lawn Wednesday 6:00 - 9:00 pm Practice - Back

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

Football

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

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

Tuesday 8:30pm - Churchill Bar

Squash

Thursday 5:15 - 9:00 pm Mix-in

Junior Swimming

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

Junior Taekwondo

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

Tennis

Mix-in

Monday 6:00-10:00pm Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00pm Friday 5:00 - 10pm Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 pm Ladies Mix-in Tuesday 8:00am-11:00am Thursday 8:00-11:00am

Junior Tennis

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

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

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics Aqua aerobics Cricket Massage Squash courts Swimming

Tennis **Junior Tennis** Tennis courts Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons

Bt 300 per lesson

Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 500 evening if lights needed

Bt 200 per hour Bt 30 per 45 mins.

Bt 3,000 per 10 lessons

Private coaching with Gregory d'Incelli- Bt 1,000 per hour

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Wednesday or Friday)

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Bt 300 per lesson

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

Thailand's Royal

Ploughing Ceremony

When:

11th May, 2005

Where:

Sanam Luang, Bangkok, Thailand

This highly ceremonial, Hindu-influenced festival marks the beginning of rice-growing season in Thailand. His Majesty the King of Thailand attends while officials in ceremo-

nial dress lead sacred oxen and the Royal Plough around Sanam Luang Park and interpret auspicious signs in order to predict the abundance of the next rice crop.

Sanam Luang, opposite the Royal Palace, is also called the Royal Field - a welcome open space in this hectic city where people gather to meet, eat, play, fly kites or have their fortunes told. The less fortunate also sleep there. The park borders Thammasat University and Wat Mahaphat and features a small Goddess of the Earth statue. Near Lak Muang, a foundation stone laid by King Rama I in the southeastern corner, you may see lottery ticket sellers as the stone is thought to be lucky.

If you plan to attend this royal event, please be mindful of proper dress and photography restrictions during the sacred ceremony.

Sanam Luang is a short walk from Banglampu and Khao Sarn Road, Bangkok's famous backpacker hangout. There is also a ferry stop nearby on the Chao Praya River.









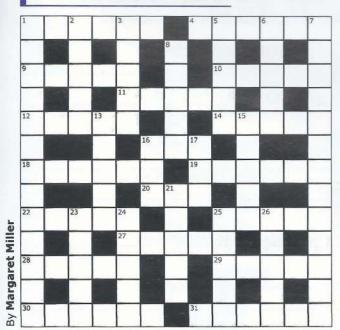
MASSAGE AT THE CLUB

All this time, you've been searching the sweaty streets of Bangkok for that famous Thai massage, haven't you? Well in case you didn't know, you can enjoy a traditional Thai massage right here at the British Club!

Khun Saifon and Khun Champen are a blind couple, who have been working here at the British Club for over ten years. They work on a daily basis from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm (apart from Mondays) and can be located opposite the children's swimming pool, next to squash court 3. Their hourly massage is one of the best in Bangkok and a bargain at only 200 Baht per hour.

Bookings are made through the fitness centre by phone, or in person and can either be in advance, or on the day.

Crossword Competition



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No Winners

No doubt BC members traded in their pencils for Songkran water pistols last month, as no April puzzle entries arrived on Barry or Khun Aeh's desks. Try again this month and ask Barry to double the prize!

ACROSS

- "The Song"...a romantic stage musical of the Twenties
- A Song of Praise
- What some girls do to tease!
- Precious stone of a greenish hue.
- Finish!...put an _ 11
- 12 Watery discharge
- 14 A dear little story-book baby deer
- A priestly vestment
- "England is paradise for women and hell for ." (17th c. quotation)
- 19 Film star of the Thirties & Forties...
- Cry noisily, or use the letters as an insulting epithet for a man!
- This fictional girl was seen by Gaslight!
- 25 Expired...dead as ____ (1,4)
 27 One-time tennis star...Chris ____
- Shearer. Ballet star __
- This material is hard-wearing.
- Quite equal...no more, _____ (2,4)
- "Raise ______ for them, Boys, do!" (1,5) Thos. Macaulay

- He made his name in a movie called "The Graduate" in 1967. (6,7)
- Famous stage name Bernhardt.
- A little more ready to consume.
- Rich Indian official gentleman.
- You'll find the women here.
- 2005 Oscar-nominated movie... " Baby" (7,6)
- A star of the Catwalk.
- 13 Actor
- 15 Make a correction
- "Bless thee, Bottom...thou art translated!" Into an
 - (Midsummer Night's Dream)
- 17 He took several roads with Bing!
- 21 Enjoy it at La Scala
- "So true a fool is love, though you do ANYTHING, he thinks _ Shakespeare, Sonnet.
- Record-breaking show... "The Dancing
- The place where in U.K. Granny is reputed to store
- 26. A branch for peace.

We welcome the following New Members and their families. We look forward to seeing you at the

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Farewell and good luck to the following departing members.

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