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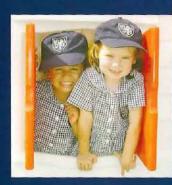
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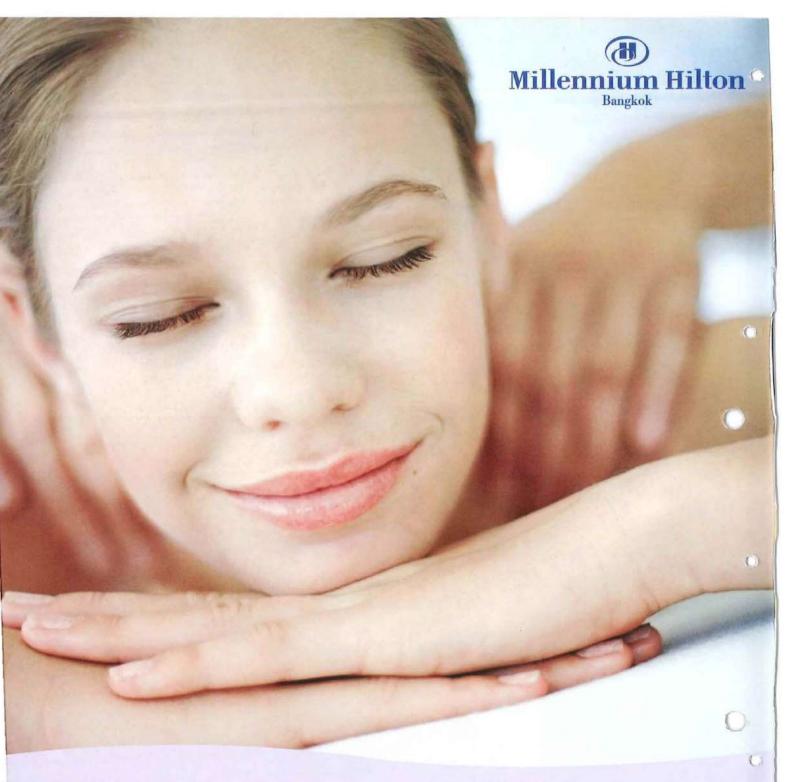
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### Cup for Dummies (and soccer ignorami

arious forms of "football" have been played all over the world for over 3000 years but it was in England that the modern game of soccer - as it is played worldwide today - was born.

In the mid 19th century, the English public schools, annoyingly, were each playing their version of football to different rules. Eton's way of playing would differ from Harrow's, theirs from Winchester's, and so on to the extreme at Rugby, where not only was one allowed to kick a player in the shins, but one could also grab the ball and run along clutching it, thereby making it extraordinarily difficult for any other player to obtain possession (except perhaps by a good kick in the shins).

All that would change when, on the morning of 26 October 1863, representatives from 12 clubs and schools from the London area met at the Freemason's Tavern to bang out a code for the game. Blackheath School refused to accept the non-inclusion of hacking (kicking below the knee) and walked out, leading eventually to an alternative game called "rugby" - but the other 11 participants formed The Football Association (F.A.). A basic 14 laws were penned to a game that would in the following century break its little England origins to become the most played, watched and talked about activity on the planet.

In 1871 the F.A. held its first Cup competition between 15 teams with names like "Clapham Rovers", "Hitchin" (a ride?) and "Hampstead Heathens", but it was the "Wanderers" who defeated the "Royal Engineers" to emerge victorious winners of the very first F.A. Cup.

The 125th F.A. Cup kicks off in the Suriwongse room on the big screen at 9pm - but be early because there's fun activities and football cuisine from 8pm see page 10. It's West Ham (underdogs) v Liverpool but upsets do happen, you know.

And finally, for the soccer fan who has everything . . . an 8-foot soccer ball! Baz, how about one of these for the BC? It would look great on the back lawn!



**Billy Beefeater** 



Easter Tradition: There plenty of hot cross buns at

Despite being banned recently from one English school, 344 were sold at the Club over the Easter period.

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### Letter from the Chair



### Dear Members,

I am honoured to have been elected as Chair again, and look forward to working alongside my newly elected GC colleagues for another stimulating year! Also - dare I say it? - I think it's very encouraging to have interest from and be represented

by some much younger members this year and last! The Annual General Meeting was held on March 28th, and a full review of the meeting and decisions made, as well as the names and a photograph of the 2006/2007 General Committee, can be found on page 29.

I have to express a little disappointment, however, at the low turnout for the meeting. Only 35, out of approximately 700 voting members, attended. Maybe we should take this as a sign that members are content with the current status quo! Anyway, whatever the reason, please consider coming along and giving us your support next time. It's important for us to know your views and we welcome your input and suggestions. We need a quorum of 30 in order to hold a General Meeting, and this year this number was only just achieved. And girls! Where were you? Out of the 35 members who attended, there were only 5 women, and 3 of them were General Committee members! Don't forget that, on application, a member may transfer his/her voting privileges to a spouse.

By the time this issue of Outpost goes to print, the GC will have met to agree our objectives for this year, and these will be posted on the notice board and on the website in due course. The various portfolios held by each GC member and/or the Subcommittees formed will also be posted.

### **Club Development**

One of our major objectives this year is to start the first phase of the Club development project. I hope that you have all had the opportunity to view the plans in the Snooker Room, and to take away a photocopy or CD for review. While we had good response from the last Discussion Forum, we were still hoping for more input from more members - hence the rather dramatic posters you might have seen around the Club! Our next Discussion Forum, to present more comprehensive plans and

costs, will be held in the Suriwongse Room on Wednesday 3rd May, at 7:00 pm. We are very excited about this project and I would really encourage you to come and get involved. The plans will affect all members' use of the Club in the future, and so we do need your support. If this goes well, we then intend to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday, June 6th to get members' approval to commit funds and to proceed to Phase 1 of the project. Please make a note in your diaries!

### **Constitution & Bylaws**

There have been many new amendments & additions to the Constitution recently and we are now updating the Bylaws to reflect these changes. A copy will be sent to all members for review as soon as this is completed (then hopefully we can put Rule changes to rest for awhile!) However, in the meantime, we hope that all members are already following the updated guest rules, which were agreed at the EGM in December, and have been published in Outpost on a couple of occasions. If you have any doubts, please contact Barry for clarification.

### Food & Beverage

Following the Poolside F&B Member survey which was published in Outpost last month, a new poolside menu, reflecting member comments, is currently being planned (although you may have noticed that some changes have already been made, ie. new Children's menu, daily Western specials.) As you know, our Deputy GM/F&B left at the end of February, so implementation of the complete menu has been delayed a little as Barry has had his hands full with many other operational duties.

Finally, I would like to welcome Khun Prem who joins us this month as Deputy General Manager/Finance. Khun Prem previously worked for the Club as Financial Controller from 2000 to 2004 and we are delighted to have her back.

I hope to see you at the Club soon.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Daniel

Chairman BCB General Committee 2006/2007

### PREP SCHOOL

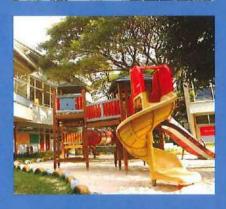
British Preparatory and Secondary Education















or much of the last two years, the construction work at Bangkok International Prep School provided commuters on the Skytrain's Sukhumvit line with a pleasant diversion on trips back from the city. From their elevated viewpoint, they were able to watch as Bangkok Prep was transformed from a small primary school almost hidden by huge rain trees into a fully-equipped educational institution that will eventually enroll children from pre-prep, or K1, all the way up to Year 13.

The construction work, which was completed in August, added a four-storey senior school with facilities for 20 classrooms, computer laboratories, workshops, a bigger library, a drama and music room, a 25-metre swimming pool and new playing fields. Fortunately, the majestic rain trees were saved, allowing them to continue casting their wide shadows over the backfields and lending support to the school's reputation as something of an oasis amid the bustle of Sukhumvit.

"We are a small school and in the future we will remain a relatively small school. Later this year we will take in our first Year 8 students and we will eventually have facilities for as many as 700 students. However, we may decide not to be that big as there are many advantages to being small. Everybody knows one another and we can build up a sense of community," Patrada Yomnak, Bangkok Prep's managing director said.

### Truly International

The children are a true international mix, representing 24 nationalities. Half are Thal and the rest are the children of expats. Many live in the Sukhumvit area.

"One of our strong points is our location. Most of the students come from around the area and because we are a city school and so close it means parents can have more time with their children. In the morning you can see fathers playing soccer with their children in the school fields before going off to work," Patrada said.

The close proximity of the school to most of the students' homes also allows the parents to easily get involved with the school's activities throughout the year, Patrada said, noting that their recent Halloween party and Christmas productions had been a big success, bringing together many parents and children.

### "Small is Good"

"All classes, with the exception of Thailanguage, are taught in English by fully qualified and experienced expat teachers; predominately British but with a small proportion of American, Australian and Canadian staff. In addition to core class teachers, we also have specialist teachers of Music, PE, Swimming and a department of EAL teachers (English as an additional Language) who provide a wide range of support services to students with language needs she explained.

In line with its "small is good" idea, class sizes at Bangkok Prep are kept small; no classes have more than 18 pupils. This allows for effective student-teacher ratios, enabling teachers and students to form positive relationships and providing a better environment for student learning. Classes are also supported by highly qualified graduate Teaching Assistants who work alongside the teachers to support students.

In addition to developing a purposeful and rigorous environment, Bangkok Prep School embodies and promotes the traditional values of courtesy, self-discipline and a tolerance of others, as well as respect, integrity and a real commitment to the school and its wider communities. It takes great pride in emphasising community values within the curriculum and actively involves community partners in the education of our young people.

In August 2006, the school will be open to Year 7+8 students and in coming years it will extend into the full secondary phase of education, preparing students for the IGCSE and ultimately for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, which is recognised worldwide and prepares students for further or higher education throughout the world.

### Bazza's Banter

### Wining, Dining and Royal Celebrations

### Dear Members,

We have an a-May-zing line up of activities for you over the next few months.

On Saturday 13th May don't forget we'll be watching the English FA Cup live on the big screen in the Suriwongse Room. There is no charge for the event but we ask if Members can please book to assist us with seating arrangements. The Club's kitchens will be cooking up Pies & Chips, Fish & Chips and Burgers, amongst other "football ground" delights, and the lads from the Gym will be on hand with a football game to keep the younger supporters entertained.

Also in May, on the 25th in fact, we have our latest wine dinner. The wines on offer are from the Arrowfield Estate in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales, and winemaker Barry will be on hand to talk about the wines available. The wine dinner is hosted by Mr Tom Westbury from Prestige Wines. Khun Laak and the Club's chefs have created a delicious menu to accompany the wines. The cost of the evening is 1,600 baht per person.

Looking forward to June, on the 17th we will be celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 80th Birthday with a "Street Party & Fun Fair". The Party costs 400 baht per person and includes all activities but not food or drinks. On hand we will have a Ferris wheel, giant slide, carousel, BC bouncy castle and a whole host of games & activities. We will also have live music and the event will wind up at 7.30 pm with a mini fireworks display. For safety reasons the Club's car park will be closed from midnight on Friday 16th June until 10pm Saturday 17th June. We have at present 35 activities planned with a lot more to be confirmed. And of course the week before, on 12th June, is the Grand Royal Barge Procession. Over 150 members have already booked, but there's still plenty of room left for this once-in-alifetime event. This is your only chance to see up close this prestigious event to celebrate King Bumiphol's 60 years on the throne of Thailand. For further details, please see the poster on page 17.

As if all that were not enough, to get June off to a mouth watering start, we are putting on a sumptuous French dinner, with guest French chef "Charles", running over two nights - Friday the 2nd and Saturday the 3rd of June. The menu will feature grilled kingfish or roast rack of lamb, and a variety of specially selected French wines. Price just 1600 baht per person.

Last month I told you that the fencing was going to be repaired and made higher between the courts, but many a slip 'twixt cup and lip - unfortunately



we had a problem with the contractors and we are now getting new quotes. Hopefully, this work will take place in the near future. The treetrimming is also yet to be completed but should be finished over the next month. The new children's slide and play equipment has now arrived at the poolside and has proven popular with the kids. In fact there's still one more piece of equipment left to install.

Over the next few months we have lots of exciting new trips lined up, especially for those who are staying on for the summer holidays, including a new weekend break at the Chockchai Farm homestay, sleeping in air-conditioned tents(!) We also have planned a weekend break to the village farm winery. Here we get to taste the locally pressed Thai wines and eat delicious foods in the Resort's restaurants.

I would like to remind members that if they have drivers and they think the driver will ever need access to the Club, then they should register the driver in the office with Khun Ben and we will take a photograph of the driver and issue them with a card. However this card is for entry only and does not entitle them to use the Club's outlets or order F&B. Members are also reminded that maids should never be left alone in the Club with the member's children. If maids are in the Club then members have to be with them at all times.

Well that's about it for another month. Don't forget that we are going to be having regular meetings to discuss the Club's development plans and there's one coming up on Wednesday 3rd May. These meetings are open to all members.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon,

**Barry Osborne** General Manager

Great response to request for blood donors: On behalf of Mr Edgar Geroud, Robert and Nat Campbell would like to thank all the British Club members who donated blood for his medical treatment. Not only was his operation made possible, but your donations have apparently helped 25 other people as well. What a great community we have here when we all pull together!

### WHAT'S GOING ON

### Special Events at the Club this month

### \*\* DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION FORUM

Wednesday, 3rd May, 7pm, Suriwongse Room
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(A summary can also be found in the last issue of
Outpost.) Please come along to this Discussion
Forum and get involved in the future of your Club!
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and members' support is crucial to their success.

### \*\* VDO NIGHT - DR WHO

Thursday, 4th May, 6:30pm, Wordsworth Room Don't miss two of the latest episodes from the 2006 series - see opposite page.

### \*\* EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 7th May, from 6pm, Churchill Bar For details, see page 11.

### NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

**Tuesday, 9th May, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar**Join us for our latest new members night starting at 7.30pm in the Churchill Bar.

There will be live music from our favourite Irish band made up of an Australian, a Japanese and a pseudo-Cornish Irish man - No fixed Abode! The kitchens will prepare a delicious buffet featuring our ever popular Baked Ham Carvery and there'll be a free barrel of Draught Tiger Beer. New Members Night is also a great chance to catch up with all your old friends too.

### \*\* VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 11th May, 7pm, Wordsworth Room For details, see opposite page.

### \*\* F.A. CUP FINAL LIVE

Saturday, 13th May, from 8pm, Suriwongse Room For details, see page 10.

### >k>k SPANISH GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 14th May, from 6pm, Churchill Bar For details, see page 11.

### \*\* VISIT TO SUVARNABHUMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Tuesday, 16th May, Meet 10am

We have been invited to the new Airport to test its operational systems before its official opening. Members will meet at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center at 10am where we will board coaches to take us to the new Airport. At the airport we will be given pocket money and allowed to test the Check-in procedures, F&B services, etc. Members will also receive a free souvenir from the Airports Authority of Thailand.

We will arrive back at the Queen Sirikit Convention

Center at around 5pm.

Members who are interested in joining us on this trip are asked to fill out the information forms at the Clubhouse reception or Contact Khun Aeh, Ben or Barry for further details. There is no charge for this trip and places are limited to 50 Members only. For Security reasons we have been asked to provide a name list to the Airport Security.

### HOIN SIUD SKOK

Tuesday, 16th May, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". There are also 3 spot rounds where you have the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. This month Khun Laak and her team will create some of your favourite Mexican dishes and there'll be a promotion on Corona Beer. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons.

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### \*\* VDD NIGHT - DR WHO

Thursday, 18th May, 6:30pm, Wordsworth Room Don't miss two of the latest episodes from the 2006 series - see opposite page.

### \*\* MONTHLY WINE TASTING & CURRY BUFFET

Friday, 19th May, 6-9pm, Suriwongse Room
Why not join us Friday evening for our latest wine
tasting? This month we have wines from Australia,
California, New Zealand and a host of other
countries. The Club will create a range of canapes to
compliment the wines. Members can purchase the
wines at specially discounted prices direct from the
vendors. What a great way to start the weekend free wines in the comfort of your Club. Why not
head down into the Churchill Bar afterwards and
enjoy the Club's TGIF Curry Buffet, all for only 230
baht.

### \*\* AUSTRALIAN WINE DINNER

Thursday, 25th May, 7pm, Lord's Restaurant Join us for our latest Wine Dinner presented by Prestige Wines and Australia's Arrowfields Estate Winery. The evening starts off with complimentary canapes and wines on the front lawn followed by a delicious five-course dinner accompanied by Arrowfield Estate's best wines in the Lord's Restaurant. The cost of the evening is 1,600 baht per person. Space is limited, so book now. Wine maker Barry will be available to answer all your questions and wines will be available for members to purchase at specially discounted prices.

### \*\* VDO NIGHT - 'ALLO 'ALLO

Thursday, 25th May, 7pm, Wordsworth Room For details, see opposite page.

### \*\* MONACO GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 28th May, from 6pm, Churchill Bar For details, see page 11.

### **VDOs & Movies**

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT ...every Thursday evening at the BCB!

For the whole of the RAINY SEASON (May to August) we are putting on a range of old and new TV FAVOURITES . . . continuing through our INSPECTOR MORSE and 'ALLO 'ALLO series, and bringing you the 2006 season of DOCTOR WHO.

### 4th May at 6.30pm

18th May at 6.30pm

### "Things will never be the same again"







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Things will never be the same again!

NEW DR WHO - In the **NEW EARTH** The Doctor takes us further than we have ever been before – to a reborn planet billions of years hence, but like a bent penny, an old enemy keeps turning up.

Unlike Queen Victoria we think you might be amused about **TOOTH & CLAW** but be wary. At full moon the men become dangerous and the monks ... well they sort of become deadly.

NEW DR WHO - We pop back to the future in **SCHOOL REUNION** when an old companion turns up with her faithful friend ... except this canine is very old and tinny, and squeaks a bit ... and take care, the Headmaster's bite is worse than his bark.

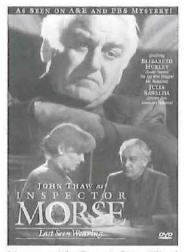
Dancing with wolves? Well actually **THE GIRL IN THE FIREPLACE** takes us dancing with androids but who is pulling the strings ... in fact are there any strings to pull?

**WARNING:** Doctor Who is not suitable for people with no imagination – if affected please drink, drive and operate machinery as you need something to do

11th May at 7.00pm

25th May at 7.00pm

### LAST SEEN WEARING SAUSAGES IN THE TROUSERS!



INSPECTOR
MORSE in 'Last
Seen Wearing':
When a young
schoolgirl from a
wealthy family
disappears, Morse
is convinced she
has been
murdered ... but
without evidence,
or a body, can he
make anyone
believe him?

Starring John Thaw as inspector

Morse with Guest Star Elizabeth Hurley.

'ALLO 'ALLO - By popular demand ... we continue the saga of the picture of The Fallen Madonna with the Big Boobies, as we join Rene's twin brother Rene, Michelle of the Resistance and the rest of the gang in 'Good Staff are Hard to Find', 'The Flying Nun', 'The Sausages in the Trousers' and



'The Jet-Propelled Mother-in-Law'.

Listen very carefully ... we will say this only once!

### THE TALE OF TWO C.T.'S



### May 13th The F.A. CUP

You are invited to book for Grandstand seats to watch the 2006 F.A. Cup Final **LIVE** here in the British Club!

An event for all the family, we start off the evening at 8pm with a **KID'S GOAL-KICK COMPETITION** 

on the Front Lawn. See how many goals you can get past our F.A. Cup Hero David Beckham\* - and win a medal of your own - all ages can take part! After the qualifiers, there will be a final to see who is our best goal scorer and he/she will win a ticket to Major Cineplex!

Also from 8pm in the Suriwongse Room we have traditional **PIE 'N' CHIPS and FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPERS**Available for fans as they eagerly wait for the 9pm kick-off!

9pm is kick-off time ... LIVE from the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff

[\* STOP PRESS - David Beckham too busy, so Amnat Saklebpradoo is substituted]



### The FIFA World CUP

The British Club will be showing all Thai-time evening games **LIVE** from Germany (showing at 8pm or 9pm) and we will put on all 11pm and 2am games that members request in advance. Should either or both of England or Australia progress through the Second round and on to the Finals we will show them all **LIVE**!

TWO GREAT OPENING MATCHES

June 10th 8pm ENGLAND v. PARAGUAY

June 12th 8pm AUSTRALIA v. JAPAN

Full details in the June and July editions of OUTPOST!

### FORTHCOMING TV SPORTS

For those whose spirit is willing but whose body prefers rest and alcohol!

### Just a snapshot of matches due to be shown in MAY....

5th to 9th	Test Cricket	S.A v. N.Z. 3rd Test	3.30pm-10pm
7th	F1	European Grand Prix	7pm-9pm
11th to 15th	Test Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka 1st Test	5.30pm-midnight
13th	Soccer	F.A. Cup Final	9pm
14th	F1	Spanish Grand Prix	7pm-9pm
20th	Rugby Union	Heineken Cup Final	9pm
25th to 29th	Test Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka 2nd Test	5.30pm-midnight
28th	F1	Monaco Grand Prix	7pm-9pm

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

### AN EVENING AT THE RACES

Well actually . . . an evening at three!

There are three fantastic Formula 1 Grand Prix races in May - All being shown LIVE in the Churchill Bar at 7pm, so why not make an evening of it?

We start the evening at 6pm with the RACEDAY programme giving a great run-up to the actual race . . . Interviews, commentary, amazing facts and, of course, the Flying Lap. Also starting at 6pm, enjoy the evening with our very own PASTA & SALAD BAR . . . . Freshly cooked pasta with sauces of your choice served with salad. Choose from Simply Spaghetti to Funny Fusilloni, Plain Penne to Tri-colour Tortiglioni cooked in Bolognese or even your own mixture of tomatoes, clams, garlic, onions, oregano, green pepper or ham . . . all with Parmesan cheese. ALL FOR 140 BAHT.

We switch over to the European telecast for a non-stop showing of the race with commentary from Martin Brundle.

So whether you support Alonso, Schumacher, Raikkonen or Button - support FORMULA ONE in THE CHURCHILL BAR (almost) EVERY SUNDAY!

### **Dates for May**

May 7th	European Grand Prix	LIVE AT 7pm
May 14th	Spanish Grand Prix	LIVE AT 7pm
May 28th	Monaco Grand Prix	LIVE AT 7pm

### This month's Adoptable Dog . . .

### About "Gialla"

Female, approximately 1 1/2 years

old. When Gialla came to Soi Dog Rescue she had been



abandoned and was suffering from mange and malnutrition. In spite of her disappointment, however, Gialla has turned out to be quite a wonderful little lady who has a delightful temperament and whose tail never stops wagging. She is gentle natured and loves attention. What a champ!

Contact: Soi Dog Rescue www.soidogrescue.org

02 336 0849 / Sherry:

05 215 6962

Billie:

01 924 5930



### **DOGGIE** DESTINY

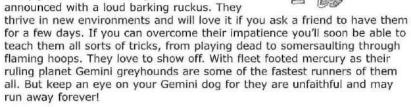
### Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Keywords: Active, expressive,

spontaneous (+)

Scatty, two-faced, fickle (-)

Your Gemini dog can never quite settle. They get bored so quickly that they require constant attention. They're communicative too with frequent reports on the happenings of the neighbourhood every person that walks by will be



Survival tip: Gemini dogs are easily bored so at least leave the TV or radio on for them when gone or they might eat your couch while waiting.

Outlook for 2006: With plenty of aspects to Mercury this year, most Gemini dogs will be sizzling with nervous energy. As usual, they spend most of their time giving their owners the run-around and trying to have their cake and eat it too! To quote from "Twinkie", well-known canine astrologer: "Sometimes you feel like being a good dog - but some days you don't. You can't help it, it's the twin thing. Now you must focus on being a 'good' dog - just remember good dogs get treats, bad dogs don't." Owners should try to burn up some of that nervous energy by giving their Gemini dog lots of interesting (and short) things to do - because the minute they ask their pet to undertake anything boring or mundane, the Gemini dog will be overcome by nervous exhaustion and collapse into a shivering, twitching, hyperventilating wreck. If all else fails, stuff them in the car with the window down and drive around - let them smell all the interesting smells and yap at all and sundry. That will almost certainly chase away the blues.

### **REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS**

### MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

### TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

5:30-9:00pm 7:00pm-late

### WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

Lunch & Dinner (Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

### THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:00-9:00pm

### FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

Lunch & Dinner (Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

### Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

### **SUNDAYS** Lord's Restaurant

Noon-3:00pm

### Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

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Friendly Bridge Spoofing

CARVERY BUFFET Bt 230. Choose from 3 roast joints, 3 potato styles, 3 veggies. Also with fresh salad (Bt 270).

### PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR

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

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Chess

THEME BUFFET - 5th May: T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 230 baht

12th May: SOUP & SALAD BUFFET - with three hearty soups, fresh baked breads, large fresh salad bar with cold cuts; 230 baht per person.

19th May: T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 230 baht per person. 26th May: MEDITERRANEAN BUFFET - with delicious classical dishes including risottos, polenta, Spanish tortilla, paella and pizza; 230 baht per person.

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

FAMILY CARVERY - Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts. Adults Bt 330 and children Bt 180 (includes soft drink)

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

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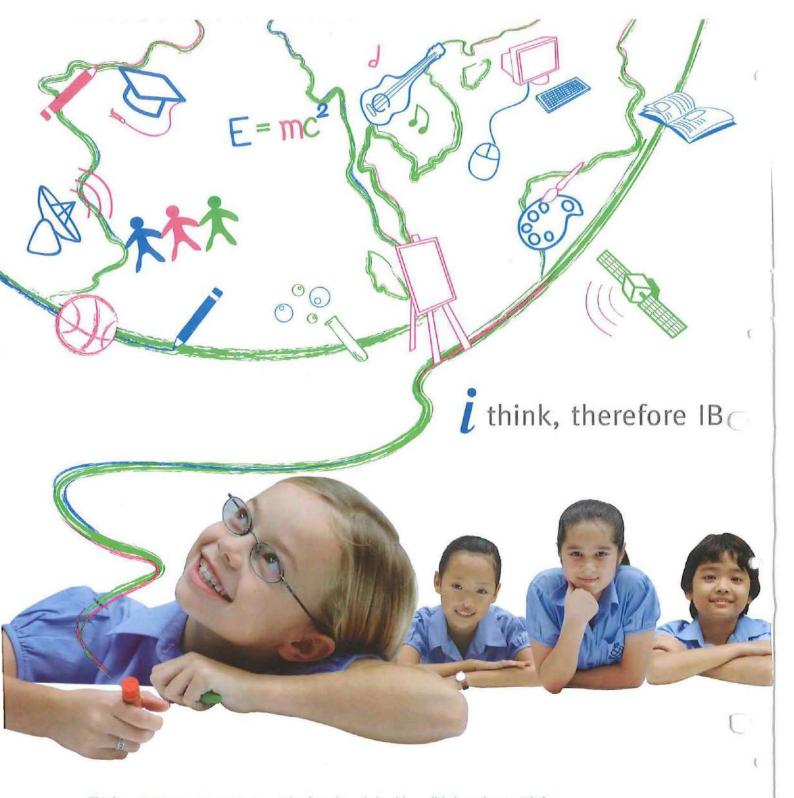
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Chomulangma & Rongbuk

ell of course, trekking in the mountainous regions of the world might not be everybody's cup of tea, but you can't deny that few pastimes can be as stimulating and rewarding as a long walk in spectacular Himalayan scenery. Furthermore, when one is neither burdened by a heavy pack nor anxious about finding a good guesthouse or campsite, and fresh water, one can relax and simply enjoy nature at its grandest.

Last September, a small group including myself, took a trip to the tiny mountain Kingdom of Bhutan. Five days were spent trekking in superb surroundings, with our highest camp at an altitude of 4000 mtrs. Later we explored the more cultural aspects of Bhutan for it was festival time and we were privileged to witness several rarely seen, colourful, traditional performances in the central and eastern regions.

We were a mixed bunch; a few retirees like me, and others who had taken time off work, but we were in very good hands.

Our organizer Peter Sayle has many years experience in the Himalayan regions, both in Tibet and India/Nepal, and can speak several local languages. After achieving a doctorate in Indology at Heidelberg University, he spent 16 years in India (Poona, Calicutt and Mussoorie) before deciding to form a specialist travel agency here in BKK - Infinit Asia. In Soi 10 Sukhumvit. In addition he is a pretty fit guy and takes some keeping up with . . . but then he's 20 years younger than me isn't he!!

Through his established contacts, he recruited a top class local guide plus porters, ponies and cook, and I was most reassured when I saw the cans of ale loaded into the saddle bags along with the tents, grub, stoves etc, etc, at the start point of our little trek.

This year we are going to Tibet in Sept/Oct intending to sample some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world, with some



Ganden

well explained culture and history thrown in free (to let Peter air his knowledge!) and with beer on the list of essential trekking victuals. A complete change of pace from Thailand is just what we need, and it may appeal to one or two individuals at the Club! Well, we need a few kindred spirits to bring down the cost, to be honest.

So, coming in from Kathmandu, we acclimatise a couple of days in Lhasa with visits to monasteries and Potala Palace, and then begin our first trek from Ganden to Samye. This entails two passes just over 5000mtrs, and 3 nights camping in a remote setting, then



Rongbuk camp

down to Samye Monastery and the Brahmaputra River. Then we move westwards by 4WD to Zhigatse via the spectacular scenic route through Nakatse and Gyantse, retracing a section of the route taken by Col Sir Francis Younghusband in 1903, the same year the British Club Bangkok was founded! Moving further west, we reach Chomulangma National Park and for the next 6 nights will be camping and trekking in the Shishapagma region. This will include a visit to Everest Base Camp and the Rongphu valley, and short treks around the area. Finally we drive back over the border to Kathmandu for the return flight to BKK.

This will be a great trip lasting 18 days, and a little bit different!! As we are only using Nepal as an entry/exit port we are not concerned about the current protests, and in fact may stopover to look at some of the more important sites of art and culture - otherwise we simply swap planes. However we will monitor the situation as it develops in the next 5 months.

So there's plenty of time to get fit, and if you would like to join in this small group, would like to know more, or feel like getting together to chat about it, please contact myself terrymoore@access.inet.co.th or Peter Sayle infinita@asianet.co.th Mobile phone - 09 9222880.

Specific departure times and detailed plans and costs will be completed soon and anyone is welcome to drop by Peter's office in the lobby of Sukhumvit Park building, Soi 10, for more information.

Terry Moore (M271)



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### LOOKING BACK









### "I'M NOT ONE TO GLOAT!!! HE! HE!"

hey say "if at first you don't succeed, try and try again" and so the April BAR QUIZ gave forth fruit to this old saying. Who are we? . . . just a normal, ordinary bunch of British Club members out for a great evening of fun, refreshment, food and a few salient questions. Did we win? ... no ... but we came from nowhere to take the third prize of 450 baht each of free Club food and booze - our first ever podium position in six months of trying! (He is of course referring to the long-suffering and ever-trying Six No Trumps team – ed)

**FUN?** I doubt if any one of the 47 members and guests from nine teams could say it was anything less – aided by the free flow of Table prizes of bottles of wine sponsored by Crown Relocations!

**REFRESHMENT?** The beer flowed freely as did the wine, the whiskey and nam-som for those who really don't drink. However as the WILD WIMMIN and BGGs were sadly absent this month, the sales of house plonk nose-dived! (Hope to see you both in May!)

FOOD? Khun Laak & staff excelled themselves with a 'QUIZ NIGHT IS CURRY NIGHT' menu - Rogan Josh, Thai Green, Masaman to name three - all served at your quiz table with yoghurt, poppadums, Naan bread

and even Chips! The Lamb & Avocado curry pies were amazing and the Turkey Jalfrezi pies sold out! The food menu is certainly one of the highlights of all quiz nights.

QUESTIONS? Now this proved the difficult part of the evening, and probably the Quiz Night would have been a lot smoother without them but as they say "it is the taking part that matters". I mean everyone knew that the RMS Titanic sank in 1912 didn't they? And that the Capital of New York is ... Albany; and, of course, that Pooh Bear's real name was Edward ("Teddy" Bear!). Few, of course, knew that Andrew Jackson followed Abraham Lincoln as US President; and fewer still that the chemical symbol for Iodine is ... I!

Anyway, and certainly NOT GLOATING, we came from a poor fifth in Round 3 to grab 3rd in the final round and, may I say, without the aid of any questions on Doctor Who! So may I end this humble report by thanking Quizmaster Rodney Bain, congratulating SBBB on their second place and giving a thunderous round of applause to our winners for May ... SOME OTHER TEAM! Well done guys!

See you all next month when Khun Laak promises a **Mexican May!** 

### The Team Results.....

1. Some Other Team	140	6. Herbert's Herberts	115
2. Sminky Binky Bang Bang	138	7. No Hopers	95
3. Six No Trumps	132	8. Bookworms	95
4. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	123	9. Southerners	77
5. Jim's Junkies	116		

REMEMBER — NEXT QUIZ — MAY 16<sup>th</sup> — MEXICAN MAY! Teams of 4-6 — 100 Baht per player — 7.30pm kick off

Paul Cheesman

### **WINE TASTING**







arch 24th saw over 70 members attend our monthly wine tasting held in the Suriwongse Room. This month's wines were sponsored by Berli Jucker, Bangkok Beer & Beverage Co, African Latitudes Co Ltd and the California Wine Company.

Khun Laak and the Club's chefs once again created a range of delicious canapes to accompany the wines. In fact the wines were so nice that even I opened my wallet and bought some of the excellent Californian offerings. After the tasting many members wound their way down to the Churchill Bar and enjoyed our Mediterranean Buffet and Carvery.

Don't forget that we now have eight house wines for you to enjoy - six Australian and two Californian, ranging in price from 110 baht to 150 baht per glass.

The wine tastings are the perfect way to start your weekend. Why fight the Bangkok traffic? Just come to your Club, enjoy good wines, food and company, and leave your cares behind.



ongkran was a very relaxing affair here at the Club, celebrated in traditional style with a Thai water ceremony for our members and a Thai BBQ & Buffet set around the pool and also a Buffet-inthe-Bar. In addition to a free glass of Thai wine, the Buffet included foods from all regions of this brilliant exotic country - some of your favourites and some less well known:

Tom seab nua gaeng om gai Nam tok moo Yan thua plu Issan sausage Nam prik ong Som tum Khao mok gai Phad nor mai , Hor mok pla

and of course the ever so slimming Mango and Sticky Rice.

Thanks once again to the members who came along to celebrate Songkran here at the Club.

Barry

### BC CALENDAR MAY - The Month at a Glance

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### THE ANNUAL BRITISH CLUB

### TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Enrique in action



Mint keeps her eye on the ball



Phairoj playing in the Men's final



(I to r) Mook, Suang, David, James, Mint



Enrique, winner of the Men's Singles Championship



Suang and Phairoj with their Men's Doubles Trophy



Front row (l to r) Adrian, Jesada, Joy, Sasaluck, Yubharet, Angela, Tip, Mook; Back row (l to r) David, Andrew, Nutt, Chris, Ori, Phairoj, Suang, Mint, Chalathip, Mam, Jeab.



Mint with her Ladies Singles Trophy to add to her Doubles Cups

he finals of the annual British Club Tennis Championships were successfully concluded on Sunday 19th March with finals played throughout the day.

The results were as follows:-

### MIXED DOUBLES PLATE

RATT and JESADA defeated KATH and ORI 6-4, 7-5

### MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

MINT and JAMES defeated SUANG and MOOK 7-5, 6-1

### LADIES DOUBLES PLATE

YUBHARET and ANGELA defeated TIP and MAM 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

### LADIES DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

CHALATHIP and MINT defeated MOOK and SASALUCK 6-4, 6-2

### MEN'S DOUBLES PLATE

KEN and DAVID defeated ADRIAN and JAMES 6-2, 6-3

### MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

SUANG and PHAIROJ defeated JAMOURN and NUTT 6-3, 6-1

### LADIES PLATE

JOY defeated MAM 6-4, 6-4

### LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

MINT defeated JEAB 6-0,6-1

### MEN'S PLATE

CHRIS BROWNING defeated ANDREW 7-5, 6-2

### MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

ENRIQUE defeated PHAIROJ 7-5, 6-2

Thanks must go to Nutt, Anton Bonje, David Eastgate and Rit, and Amnat from the fitness staff, for umpiring the finals throughout the day. Thanks also to the British Club staff for preparing the courts and all the facilities for the finals and for producing a lovely buffet which accompanied the prize ceremony in the evening. Thanks to Chris Watt for taking photographs throughout the day, a selection of which appear in this article.

Lastly, thanks to our sponsors:- Silom Sofitel (courtesy of Guy Poujoulat), Food by Phone and Pizza Mania (courtesy of Marc Hagelauer), L'Oreal (courtesy of Jirapa Techasarin), the Big Chilli (courtesy of Colin Hastings), Super J International (courtesy of Jesada Tanking), FBT (Sasaluck) and Dunlop Sports Goods (courtesy of David and Dale Lamb).

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### HANNI'S H 🐡 TSPOT

ell, another month is upon us already!
We'll start with a look back at what happened last month! Apart from our eggciting Easter shenanigans, lots of other activities have

been taking place at the Club.

### **NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:**

Mums, dads and kids alike will be glad to know that there is new playground equipment at poolside. This has been long awaited, but was worth the wait. We now have new 'animal rockers', a roundabout and a four-seater slide, as well as the climbing frame and swings. There's also a fantastic, new slide at the baby pool. So this should keep the kids entertained.

### **SERVICE BUZZERS, MAIN POOL:**

There are now service buzzers on the main pool deck, so you can sit back and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere and let the staff come to you!

### **SOCATOTS ROUND 2:**

This hugely successful soccer programme for the little ones kicked off on the 29th of last month. We have had people re-enroll as well as new people signing in, but there is still room for more. If you'd like to sign up your son or daughter, just give us a call. Class information is as follows:

8.30 - 9.00 am = walking to 2's (2,500 baht per 10 sessions) 9.00 - 9.45 am = 4 & 5 year olds (3,000 baht per 10 sessions) 9.45 - 10.30 am = 3 year olds (3,000 baht per 10 sessions) 10.30 - 11.15 am = 2 year olds (3,000 baht per 10 sessions)

### SWIM WITH THE DOLPHINS:

Bangkok Dolphins current swimming course started on the 29th of last month, with our additional Friday swimming classes on the 28th. If you would like to sign your child up for swimming classes, please contact fitness staff to find out which classes still have vacancies. Classes are priced at 3,500 Baht for 10 sessions. We also now have a variety of swim toys available for sale in the fitness centre. These include turtles, frogs, diving rings and the famous 'noodles' in green, blue and pink.

### DIVE WITH THE SHARKS:

A daring trip for all those sealife lovers like me (or just those that are brave enough to have a go!). We will be venturing to Siam Paragon to dive with the sharks! Amazing creatures to see include nurse sharks, leopard sharks, black tip reef sharks, spider crabs, eels, sting rays, moon jelly fish, dolphin fish, cat fish, blue tang (dori from 'Finding Nemo'!) and huge groupers to name but a few! The date and price for this is to be confirmed, but pre-dive training and transport from and to the B.C. will be included.

### DANCE CLASSES:

The salsa continues to rock the Suriwongse Room until the 7th of this month, but don't fear, we won't stop there! There will be "CHA CHA" classes starting at the end of May / first week of June. Cha cha cha is a type of ballroom dancing in the Latin category and our dance teacher Khun Somoo

guarantees a great deal of fun for all. The classes will be at beginner level and at the same time and same price as the salsa. 3,500 Baht for 10 weeks, every Sunday from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. These classes really are great fun and you will make fantastic progress as well as enjoying yourselves!

### VARUNA YACHT CLUB:

Join myself and the team for a week's sailing down in Pattaya. We ran this trip last year and it was a great success. The trip will be open to both total beginners and those who have sailed opti's or lazers before. The excursion will be open to kids aged 10 to 15. The groups will be split up depending on ability and are constantly supervised and coached by fully qualified instructors. The 5 days and 4 nights away include lectures, workshops, sailing with an instructor and eventually racing other members of the group. We will also do extra activities with the kids. Rounders, orienteering, ball games, banana boats and anything else I can think of to exhaust them! (Even a midnight feast on the last night!) This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn how to sail. All activities, meals, snacks and on-site accommodation is provided. Exact dates and costs will be confirmed in next month's Outpost.

### **GUESTS**:

This has already been mentioned in Barry's Banter, but I would like to remind members that all guests must be signed in the guest books at any time of day, 7 days a week. On Saturday and Sunday, due to increased usage at poolside, all members must have prior permission from the GM if they wish to bring guests to the pool. Guests may not use the fitness centre or squash and tennis facilities. Guests of members do have unlimited use of the massage, pool and F&B facilities however. In every case, members are requested to please sign in guests at all times. This is a health and safety issue, and your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Guest sign in books are located at both salas and the Clubhouse reception.

### **CHANGING ROOMS WILL BE CLEANER...**:

Several members have expressed concern regarding the cleanliness of the Club changing rooms. We are concentrating on this issue and as of May 1st there will be a duty manager in the evenings to monitor the situation at peak times. Mondays and Wednesdays will be Khun Kasem, Tuesdays and Thursdays will be myself, Fridays and Sundays will be Khun Vanich and Saturdays will be Barry. The duty manager will be present until 10.00 pm and monitoring the changing rooms is part of the Duty Manager's job, so the situation will be improved. We will also provide toiletries in the changing rooms. These were provided in the past, but due to misuse and theft, all products were removed. We do, however, wish to offer these products to members so will once again provide them. Could I please ask you to make sure children are not in the changing rooms unattended. This will avoid misuse of the toiletries as well as ensuring that no child is injured due to lack of adult supervision. Thanks. Flowers will also be put in the changing rooms and they will be regularly sprayed with air freshener. So things will be improved.

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### ... AND SO SHOULD THE POOL:

I would like to remind all members to please take a shower before entering the pool. Entering the pool covered in suncream makes it very difficult to keep clean and is a general hygiene concern. Thanks in

advance once again!



### **NEW TENNIS COACH - JANG:**

As well as the return of our beloved Nelson, we would also like to welcome Sirikanya Hoonsiri (better known as Jang) to the Club. Jang has a rich tennis history. She has entered and won various championships including women's singles, mixed

doubles and women's doubles throughout Asia. She has played in India, Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines as well as her home country Thailand. Jang received a silver cup from Queen Sirikit after winning three consecutive doubles championships. She has won bronze, silver and even gold medals in the South East Asian Games.

As well as a tremendous playing history, Jang also has a great deal of experience on the coaching side. She has coached for the Thai National Youth Team and received an International Olympic Coach Scholarship to attend a Physical Education University in Hungary. She has coached throughout Asia with ITF (International Tennis Federation) and attended an Australian course in coach development. The list of qualifications is endless . . . so good, professional coaching is guaranteed!

Khun Jang is available for private classes only, at a

cost of 550 baht at any age and any level. For further information and all bookings, please contact Jang directly on 02 246 0361 or 01 833 4190. She will then inform the fitness centre to check your court booking.

So now you have two great coaches available and an abundance of knockers too!

Time to get on those courts!!

Well, that's about it. See you next month.

### INTERVIEW WITH NELSON THEIN

Hi Nelson, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask you some questions and give members a chance to get to know you a little more. So, here goes:

Hanni: So, how long have you been here in the land of smiles?

Nelson: I've been residing in the Kingdom of Thailand for almost 40 years.

So tell us a bit about your qualifications and experience.

N: Well, I have over 19 years of tennis teaching experience and am a Certified Professional with the USPTR (United States Professional Training Registry). I have worked with the USTA (United States Tennis Association) and various international schools and organisations. I have done many community projects and worked with the Tennis Academy of Asia in Thailand, Philadelphia and New Jersey to promote the game of tennis. I also attended the "Van der Meer Tennis University" in Westtown USA.

Wow . . . so tennis is certainly your passion then?

N: Yes, for sure.

H: You have worked here at the B.C. before and many members will remember you. Tell us all why you left?

I left the B.C. last December to work with N: "The Tennis Academy of Asia" for a 3 month project.

Well welcome back, we missed you. H: N: Thanks, I'm more than happy to be back. H: So, tell us how members can benefit from

coaching sessions with you.

I concentrate on high performance N: coaching, modern tennis and mental fitness.

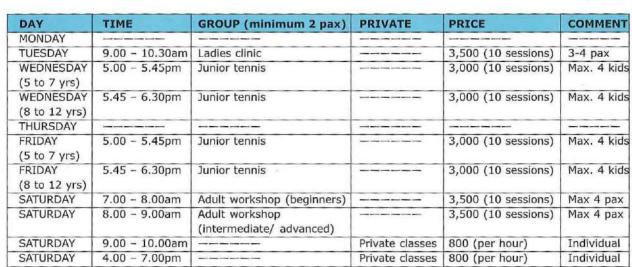
H: Any messages for members?

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all N: the members and staff at the British Club for their kind support and for recognising my coaching. Once

again, THANK YOU AND I'M SO HAPPY TO BE BACK. H: Thanks to you too Nelson. Let's hope you're back to stay!

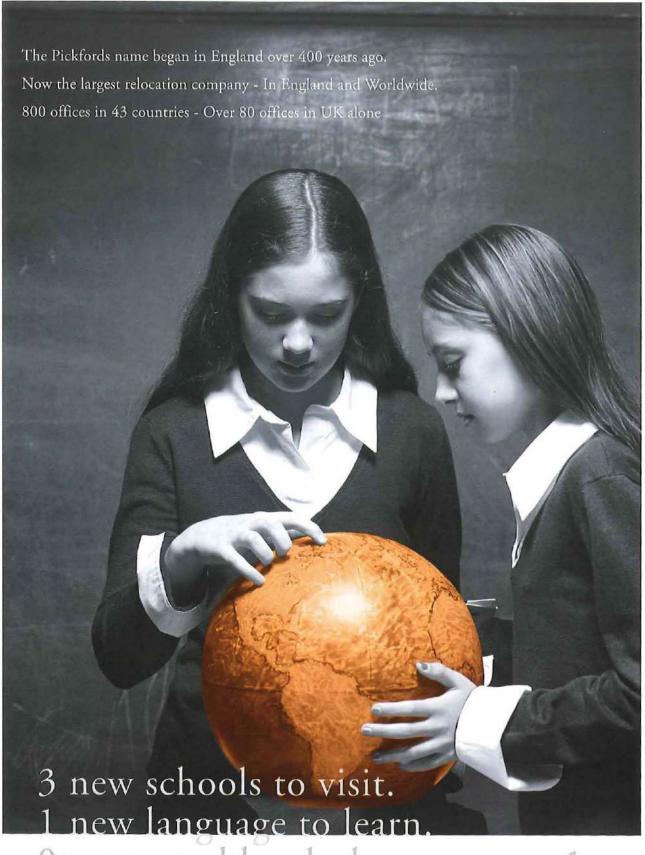
To enquire about or book coaching sessions with Nelson, please contact Hanni or the fitness centre staff.

Nelson is available at the following times:



Wednesday and Friday group classes = Court 2

Saturday classes = Court 3



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### Report on

### **Annual General Meeting**

### Tuesday, March 28th, 2006

he 2006 Annual General Meeting of The British Club Bangkok was held on Tuesday, March 28th in the Suriwongse Room with 35 Ordinary and Country members attending. The Agenda included the following:

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 Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM of March 15th, 2005;

 Adoption of the Minutes of the EGM of December 6th, 2005;

Adoption of the Chairman's Report of 2005/2006;

 Adoption of the Accounts for the Financial Year 01/12/04 - 01/11/05;

 Appointment of Audit Plus, a Double Impact Company, as Club auditors for the 2006/2007 accounting year;

Adoption of the scale of fees for 2005/2006.

The following, in regard to the Club's Constitution, was also proposed and agreed at the meeting:

(i) To amend Rule 59 relating to inflationary subscription increases (for mainly technical reasons) by changing the timing of the increases (if any) from the beginning of the financial year to the beginning of the calendar year; removing reference to Table 64 which no longer exists; and clarifying the definition of 'year-on-year' increases.

(ii) To add a new rule (which will become Rule 66) sanctioning the use of the Club's facilities by various Community Groups (known as Associated Groups) some of whom have been associated with the Club for many decades. These groups must be proposed and represented by a BC member, and priority will be given to those organisations representing the core member countries. The list of groups wishing to use the Club's facilities will be endorsed by the General Committee on a yearly basis, and a set of rules pertaining

(iii) To expand the eligibility for 'term' Honorary Membership in Rule 39, to also include "individuals whose skills have led to national/international recognition in their field and whose skills, in the opinion of the General Committee, will significantly benefit the Club". This membership will be awarded for a

to the non-member use of the Club will be included in the Club's

Bylaws.

fixed term to be determined by the General Committee.

(iv) To allow those members awarded **Honorary Membership**, who have been a member of the Club for 20 years or longer, to **retain their original membership rights**. i.e. They can attend and vote at General Meetings.

(v) To add a new rule (which will become Rule 16) determining that the limits of financial approval delegated to the GC and GM must be approved at least annually by the Members at a General Meeting.

(Limits of financial approval were subsequently approved as follows: General Manager up to Bt.50,000; Chairman & Treasurer up to Bt.100,000; General Committee up to Bt. 5 million, members in a General Meeting over Bt. 5 million.)

All the above items were approved by majority vote.

In addition, the following members were elected to serve on the 2006/2007 General Committee: Stuart Blacksell (Vice Chair - B428), Gavin Broad (B244), Paul Cheesman (Hon. Secretary - C267), Sally Crossley-Smith (C284), Angela Daniel (Chair - D90), Nick Day (Vice Chair - D225), George Dunford (D183), Mark Hamill-Stewart (Hon. Treasurer - H273) and Dale Lamb (L181).

Subsequent to the Annual General Meeting, the General Committee also co-opted Alex Bowden (B419) bringing the Committee up to the full complement of 10.



British Club Bangkok **GENERAL COMMITTEE 2006/2007** 

'Back row (I to r) Paul Cheesman, Sally Crossley-Smith, Stuart Blacksell, Gavin Broad, Angela Daniel; Front row (I to r) Dale Lamb, George Dunford, Mark Hamill-Stewart [Nick Day and Alex Bowden not present].

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### The 1950's



Moskow Class of 1949 (front, l to r) unknown, Bobby Fothergill, Charles Mabbatt, unknown; (back, l to r) unknown, Bill Tyson (Manager of Anglo-Thai Motors), "Hammy" Hamilton (Branch Manager for the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China [now Standard Chartered]), unknown, Charles Stewart.

No swimming pool, no air conditioning, and a three-day flight out from the Mother Country . . . In the first of two parts **Nigel Overy CBE** takes a candid look back at the British Club of the 1950s . . .

aving landed early one December morning in 1952 after a grueling three-day flight in a B.O.A.C. Argonaut from London, by early evening I was declared an Ordinary Member of the British Club. Being white, English and employed by a British company it was an automatic procedure. It had not always been the case. Prior to the Second World War the Club was an exclusive Senior Managers Only club and the rules on membership were very strict: Jim Holt, later Sir James Holt and doyen of the community in the late 1970's, had then been the manager of the Mekong railway, and was barred from membership, a fact that rankled throughout his lifetime.

The Club building itself was designed in a style typical of structures built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and familiar throughout colonial territories in Asia. Although reasonably looked after, it had a general run-down appearance, hardly surprising given that there was little money around to spend on clubs when most companies were trying to re-build businesses in the post-war period. The grounds looked extensive, housing just the main building, adjacent wooden structures running towards the rear of the property, and a couple of squash courts on the side opposite to the main building. The only entrance was from Suriwongse Road and on the left of the patchy driveway were grass tennis courts. On the far side facing the gate was a line of tall palm trees, one of which was dying having lost its fronds after a final flowering.

To the left of the main entrance to the building (where the Lord's Restaurant now stands) was a Billiards Room, a room which always seemed gloomy as the wooden shutters remained for the most part closed against members' sudden demand for a game. Against the wall backing the bar service area was a banquette on a dais raised for the convenience of spectators. To the right was the Front Bar with a small bar counter and some rattan chairs provided for quiet reading. To the left of the corridor leading to the Gentlemen's Changing Room was a lumber-room and, opposite, a small office where the Assistant Secretary looked after administrative affairs. A Gentlemen's Toilet was sited in a separate outhouse reached from the end of the

corridor or by steps down from the back verandah and along an unprotected duckboard walkway: umbrellas provided protection against inclement weather. Ladies could use the toilet on the upper floor of the clubhouse by climbing the narrow wooden stairway on the left at the end of the corridor.

The principal room was and remained the Main Bar. Like all the rooms in the Club it had a high ceiling fitted with large, slow-revolving fans so necessary before the advent of air-conditioning. A long straight bar counter stretched the width of the room and a few rattan chairs and small tables were available for those finding it more convenient to continue libations sitting down. Beyond the bar a verandah followed the bow curve of the building. There was no door to the bar entrance and until the Club was closed for the night, when large wooden doors sealed off the two exits from the bar and from behind the counter, there was an effective clear way through from the main entrance to the back lawn allowing an unimpeded flow of air through the Club.

Steps down from the verandah led to the Bowling Alley, a somewhat ramshackle affair more correctly termed a skittle alley. A bare-board uneven surface coupled with an infinite variety of bowl size and weight, particularly a bowl of unknown wooden composition and of medicine ball size and weight, required a high degree of local knowledge to accumulate large scores. Hinged green *kajang* screens protected the structure from the elements and these would be pushed outward and upward, supported by wooden poles, when members wished to use the alley.

On the upper floor of the main building to the left at the top of the staircase was the Cinema Room (the present Suriwongse Room) and this doubled up as a general function area where the occasional cocktail party or dance could be held. To the right was a similar room (the present Silom Room) available for use principally by the General Committee for its meetings. A small service staircase led to the bar preparation area downstairs. At the back of the building was the Rotunda Lounge sited over the Main Bar and verandah (now Wordsworth Lounge); this was intended for quiet relaxation.

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long or short sleeves and starched white drill duck trousers: these voluminous bags, with sides almost wide enough to cover the shoe from heel to toe-cap, proved sensible dress as the roominess provided adequate airflow in hot, humid weather. "Outdoor" staff, principally those involved in shipping, oil distribution and forestry activities, dressed in spacious white shorts and long white or khaki socks.

The working week was five and a half days, the usual practice until the late '60s. At Saturday lunchtime the Main Bar burst its seams with a horde direct from offices and grateful to see the arrival of the short weekend break. Beer and gin flowed and the air was thick with cigarette smoke, largely from the local loosely-filled ubiquitous Kledthong cigarettes in their soft red packs. The noise level must have been extreme but remained unnoticed by the convivial crowd. The younger members would keep up the pace for most of the afternoon, drinks mixing with liar dice or turns in the Bowling Alley, or drag themselves off to the Royal Bangkok Sports Club to watch the horse racing or participate in whatever field sports were currently in season. The Billiards Room was usually booked solid, as were the tennis courts if conditions permitted.

In next month's concluding part - Disturbances & expulsion . . . The position of Ladies at the Club . . . Will the long-range development plan be adopted? . . . the Chairman ousted . . .

### Future fixtures for May are as follows:

- Eclectic at Majestic Creek, Hua Hin, 29th,30th April and 1st May.
- > Fri/Sat/Sun 12/13/14 May: Dunlop Cup at Lake View, Cha-Am.
- Sun 28 May: Magpie Putter V Wanderers at President.
- > Sun 4 June: May Medal at Royal.

Anyone interested in playing should E-mail to bbrook@loxinfor.co.th

The 2006 Match Play Competition is now in progress. Our appreciation goes to Seara International as our sponsor. Those participating in the competition, please check our website: http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety/.

### Match against the American Embassy:



Brian with US Captain Dave Kapler

The match against the American Embassy was played at Best Ocean. Just to clarify things, maybe the ocean, best or otherwise, is there but you would need a huge pole and a very powerful telescope to see it!

This was a new course for the British Club and for some of the American team too. For us it was an early start, 8am tee off, but we had a full team and with the help of an excellent map, were all there in plenty of time. The course is quite new, but feels mature and proved to be popular with most of the players - well certainly those who played well or at least didn't lose a record number of balls as several of us claimed to! Our opponents were very well organised with walkie-talkies to check everyone was on their tee box for the shotgun start.

I wish I could report that we retrieved the Cup, but unfortunately they won again: six and a half to three and a half. Our Captain Brian and Vice Captain Peter Skinner played with the US Captain Dave Kapler and the owner of Best Ocean Golf course, Khun Sittipong - it is safe to say he knew the course pretty well. Yurachatr and Val had the halved match with a very exciting game: one down approaching the 17th and Yurachatr pulled a par out of the bag with a fantastic bunker shot to within a few inches from the pin to equalise. The 18th was halved with

two very near missed putts and both teams were happy with the result as it had been a hilarious round with the girls advancing steadily down the fairway whilst the



Brian Dodd gets an A again

guys gave up many balls to the Water Gods including, I hate to say, brand new Pro Vs - it was almost worth a trip back next day to buy some experienced balls!

Playing the American Embassy has to be one of the most enjoyable competitions and we are looking forward to next year when we are confident we will pull it back.

### March medal at Royal:

There was a good turnout for the medal this month. Royal has to be a favourite course, easy to get to, beautifully manicured and challenging,

to say the least. It is a course that breaks hearts. You are never home and dry until the last putt is holed. Medals are stroke play competitions and so much more difficult than stableford, where the ball can be picked up and a zero



Doug Hood & the team at the Rotary Charity Event

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entered on the card for that hole and a good score can still be achieved, whereas with stroke play it is hard to get a good net score with a disaster hole, especially for the low handicappers.

This week Brian Dodd took the A flight medal and Val took the B flight. It is obviously a long time since she won because our Captain asked if she had ever won one before!

The British Club were delighted to be invited to enter a team in the Rotary Club Charity Event which took place at Muang Kheow. The five man team consisted of Captain Brian Brook, Barry and Val Ashman, Orin and Mam. We did our best and finished up in the top half (just!) of 34 teams. Here we are pictured with Doug Hood in an attempt to beat the pro on a par three; Orin and Mam did!

### Val Ashman Orin Baldwin



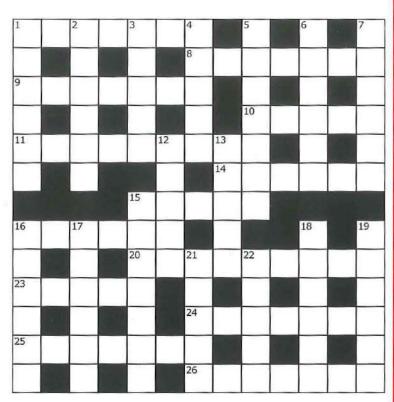
Flight B - Medal Winner



Technical prize

### **Crossword Competition**

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### **April Solution**

Across: 7 Harold, 8 Brando, 10 Titania, 11 Drier, 12 Edna, 13 Afair, 17 Frank, 18 Dana, 22 Rouge, 23 Earnest, 24 Saigon, 25 Bogart.

Down: 1 Whitney, 2 Xrating, 3 Fling, 4 Freddie, 5 Annie, 6 Moore, 9 Garfunkel, 14 Freedom, 15 Caveman, 16 Wantsto, 19 Cruse, 20 Music, 21 Orson.

There was no correct entry for April's Crossword (we're being very strict these days - must be entirely correct) but we do have a winner for the caption competition, by unanimous decision. Congratulations and a bottle of the Club's finest to Mr Barry Daniel for this effort:

And the winners of our Outpost hidden Easter egg competition: First in was Master Oliver Jan Knapp (and very quick he was too), followed by Kit & Alex Hutchinson-Zellerbach and Olivia Daniel. Congratulations and Easter goodies to all the winners - it was a difficult competition and, yes, we know the eggs were very very small . . . Thanks to all those who submitted crosswords, captions and hunted for tiny eggs! If you were unsuccessful this month, there'll be plenty more opportunities in the coming months to have another try.

### Clues

- "...a popular "No, no\_ musical in London in the 1920's.
- 8 Issue it to establish the payment of
- 9 Music with a strong beat originating in the black communities of America.
- Shearer . . . 1930's film star. 10
- 11 London (1,6,2)
- Pet name for the monster in Scotland's famous loch.
- 15 They are top of the bill.
- Polite answer to the schoolmaster.
- "A \_\_ wiser man he rose the 20 morrow morn." (Ancient Mariner)
- 23 Steal around to get the smallest amount.
- 24 Smart set cocktail.
- word will win the day." 25 (Old proverb) (3,4)
- 26 It's witchcraft.

- He was a popular radio comedian . . . 1 \_\_ Wisdom.
- 2 candles are burnt out." (Romeo & Juliet)
- 3 Just an instant!
- 4 "One\_ \_ happeneth to them all." (Old Testament)
- 5 Actor Alec or tipple from Ireland!
- They give tabulated information.
- It is said that you should put it on your elbow before you work.
- You are sure to find one on a film set.
- 13 This lady was famous in song. (2,3)
- 15 Rudyard Kipling said that they were under their skins!
- 16 "... as all looks to the jaundiced eye." (Alexander Pope)
- Makes a good 24 Across!
- 18 Soldier of the sea.
- 19 A peculiar trait.
- 21 Ladies in America!
- 22 of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free." (US President Jefferson)



Sir! Would you kindly put that pigeon on 'vibrate"!

### Reciprocal Club Benefits

As an active British Club Member, you are entitled to enjoy the full use of other associated Club facilities around the world. This month we feature the reciprocal club . . .



The International Club Chateau Sainte-Anne



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Russian Pool - Charles Mabbatt, Charles Stewart and Bobby Fothergill are identifiable - others unknown.

long or short sleeves and starched white drill duck trousers: these voluminous bags, with sides almost wide enough to cover the shoe from heel to toe-cap, proved sensible dress as the roominess provided adequate airflow in hot, humid weather. "Outdoor" staff, principally those involved in shipping, oil distribution and forestry activities, dressed in spacious white shorts and long white or khaki socks.

The working week was five and a half days, the usual practice until the late '60s. At Saturday lunchtime the Main Bar burst its seams with a horde direct from offices and grateful to see the arrival of the short weekend break. Beer and gin flowed and the air was thick with cigarette smoke, largely from the local loosely-filled ubiquitous Kledthong cigarettes in their soft red packs. The noise level must have been extreme but remained unnoticed by the convivial crowd. The younger members would keep up the pace for most of the afternoon, drinks mixing with liar dice or turns in the Bowling Alley, or drag themselves off to the Royal Bangkok Sports Club to watch the horse racing or participate in whatever field sports were currently in season. The Billiards Room was usually booked solid, as were the tennis courts if conditions permitted.

In next month's concluding part - Disturbances & expulsion . . . The position of Ladies at the Club . . . Will the long-range development plan be adopted? . . . the Chairman ousted . . .

### Regular Sports, Games & Activ

### Aerobics

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

### **Aqua Aerobics**

Thursday 10:30-11:30am

### **Body Combat**

Six classes: 8 April to 13 May Saturday 12:00-1:00pm

### Bridge

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

### Chess

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

### Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - Back lawn Saturday 9:30-midday - Back lawn Sunday 3:00-6:00pm - Back lawn

### Dance

Ten Salsa classes: 5 March to 7 May Sunday 7:30-8:30pm Suriwongse Room

### Football

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

### Hockey

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

### Rugby

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

### Socatots

Second ten-week course: 29 April to 1 July Saturdays on the Front Lawn:

> 8.30-9.00am (walking to 2's) 9:00-9:45am (4 & 5 year olds) 9:45-10:30am (3 year olds) 10:30-11:15am (2 year olds)

### Spoofing

Tuesday 7:00pm until late - Churchill Bar (except on New Members Nights - move to Silom Soi 4)

### Squash

Thursday 5.15-9.00pm Mix-in And 1st Sunday of every month 10:30am-2:15pm

### Swimming

Friday 2:00-5:30pm junior classes Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm junior classes

### Tennis

Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm

### Mix-in All Standards

Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm Friday 6:00-10:00pm

### Ladies Mix-in

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

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

### ts/Activities Price List

Aerobics

Agua aerobics **Body Combat** 

Cricket

Dance - Salsa

Massage

Socatots

Squash

**Squash courts** Swimming **Tennis** 

**Adult Tennis Ladies Tennis Junior Tennis** 

Tennis courts Tennis knockers Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons of 1 hour

Bt 350 per session Bt 2,000 for six classes

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

Bt 3,500 for ten classes

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session

Bt 2,500 for ten classes (walking to 2's) Bt 3,000 for ten classes (2's, 3's, 4 & 5's)

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 per 45 min; group session

Bt 1200 per 45 min Bt 30 per 45 min

Classes with Bangkok Dolphins - Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons of 30 min

Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 800/hour Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning – beginner to advanced) Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Ladies clinic Tuesday mornings)

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

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Hourly knocking sessions with - Khun Kaew (Bt 500), Khun Tom (Bt 400),

Khun Phon (Bt 300), Khun Champ (Bt 250)

Bt 350 per lesson

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

### **Squashy** Bits

hew it's hot! Crazy, but there are lots of squashy goings on as the mercury hits the rafters . . .

### Squash Section AGM

Yes, the Squash AGM on 12th March was the usual dodgy affair. Due to a long discussion about the new charging system, it lasted 23 minutes compared with 7 last year! (It took a while to explain to David Mason how the current court booking system works). The TRT (The Rotten Turds Party) stood unopposed for Committee. But since only about 20 members

turned up to vote, no-votes represented 81% of the squashy constituency and no Member received support of more than 20% of the electorate.

Fortunately we have no constitution! Minister of Finance, James Cross-eyed Smith announced a whopping loss for the Treasury which was greeted with applause by his cronies when it was pointed out that we had managed to squeeze in two Christmas parties this year. And Minister of Sport, Chris Brown-ones announced that we did or should have whipped all our international opponents last year. Junta leader Peter Corney asked "Why should I step down after only twenty consecutive terms in office?" So we all agreed and gave him a special T-shirt because he is such a good bloke, "Corney Rocks" it says!

The line-up for 2006 is Chairman and Tournaments, Peter Corney; Men's Leagues, David Eastgate; Secretary and Ladies League, Jayne Mellor; Treasurer, James Crossley-Smith; Maintenance, Tom Annas (Tom decided he wanted to give something back to the sport he had beaten so much out on and was enthusiastically elected to replace retiring John Vivien who has a new girlfriend to maintain); Team Captain, Chris Browning; Outpost, Jack Dunford.

Then we got stuck into the free beer and attendance increased to 40.

It was the usual convivial, boozy, squashy gathering with not too many speeches but lots of give-aways including prizes for the pre-AGM mix-in won by rather sweaty David Lines, Chris



Mix-in Winners



Tom tickles George's fancy



Mixing-in pre-AGM

Browning and George Dunford. Once again we were promised that handicaps would be reviewed to give those below number 3 on the ladder a chance of winning. Marvellous Marvo of course spun the discs and, a new innovation, conducted the squash quiz ... "Which Welsh saxophone player played squash left-handed, but drank beer with his right", etc, etc.

It was a slightly befuddled but happy bunch of squashies that staggered off into the night.

### Big Bad Barry

Last month it was Mad Marvyn who put me hospital, this month it was big bad Barry Daniel. "Let's a have gentle knock he suggested" late one Saturday afternoon just after I had got back from a tiring up-country trip. Totally out of condition, it was crash, bang, wallop as we both tried to smash each other into oblivion. After 10-9 in the first, Baz called a dodgy point to win the second 9-7, the point at which my right arm stopped functioning, seemingly painfully detached from the shoulder. Turns out it's nothing more than a bone-spur impacting on the tendon. Ouch! This time I experienced the joys of an MRI at Samitivej and long sessions on the bed with BNH's physio girls. The little one with glasses and a giggle was my favourite although not necessarily the best physiotherapist! I hope it will not be too long before I present myself back on court for the next psycho to attack me.

### Come Back Kid (1)

At first glance you may have dismissed the rather blurred photo accompanying this article,

but take a careful look again! Yes, it's octogenarian Tom Annas hitting his first ball on the come back trail! My shutter speed was not up to it. Welcome back Tom!

### Come Back Kid (2)

Dig those squash shoes! Yes, popular former squashie Andy Talling is back after two or four years away.

### Future fixtures for May are as follows:

- Eclectic at Majestic Creek, Hua Hin, 29th,30th April and 1st May.
- > Fri/Sat/Sun 12/13/14 May: Dunlop Cup at Lake View, Cha-Am.
- Sun 28 May: Magpie Putter V Wanderers at President.
- Sun 4 June: May Medal at Royal.

Anyone interested in playing should E-mail to bbrook@loxinfor.co.th

The 2006 Match Play Competition is now in progress. Our appreciation goes to Seara International as our sponsor. Those participating in the competition, please check our website: http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety/.

### **Match against the American Embassy:**



Brian with US Captain Dave Kapler

The match against the American Embassy was played at Best Ocean, Just to clarify things, maybe the ocean, best or otherwise, is there but you would need a huge pole and a very powerful telescope to see it!

This was a new course for the British Club and for some of the American team too. For us it was an early start, 8am tee off, but we had a full team and with the help of an excellent map, were all there in plenty of time. The course is quite new, but feels mature and proved to be popular with most of the players - well certainly those who played well or at least didn't lose a record number of balls as several of us claimed to! Our opponents were very well organised with walkie-talkies to check everyone was on their tee box for the shotgun start.

I wish I could report that we retrieved the Cup, but unfortunately they won again: six and a half to three and a half. Our Captain Brian and Vice Captain Peter Skinner played with the US Captain Dave Kapler and the owner of Best Ocean Golf course, Khun Sittipong - it is safe to say he knew the course pretty well. Yurachatr and Val had the halved match with a very exciting game: one down approaching the 17th and Yurachatr pulled a par out of the bag with a fantastic bunker shot to within a few inches from the pin to equalise. The 18th was halved with

two very near missed putts and both teams were happy with the result as it had been a hilarious round with the girls advancing steadily down the fairway whilst the

Brian Dodd gets an A again

guys gave up many balls to the Water Gods including, I hate to say, brand new Pro Vs - it was almost worth a trip back next day to buy some experienced balls!

Playing the American Embassy has to be one of the most enjoyable competitions and we are looking forward to next year when we are confident we will pull it back.

### March medal at Roval:

There was a good turnout for the medal this month. Royal has to be a favourite course, easy to get to, beautifully manicured and challenging,

to say the least. It is a course that breaks hearts. You are never home and dry until the last putt is holed. Medals are stroke play competitions and so much more difficult than stableford, where the ball can be picked up and a zero



Doug Hood & the team at the Rotary Charity Event

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entered on the card for that hole and a good score can still be achieved, whereas with stroke play it is hard to get a good net score with a disaster hole, especially for the low handicappers.

This week Brian Dodd took the A flight medal and Val took the B flight. It is obviously a long time since she won because our Captain asked if she had ever won one before!

The British Club were delighted to be invited to enter a team in the Rotary Club Charity Event which took place at Muang Kheow. The five man team consisted of Captain Brian Brook, Barry and Val Ashman, Orin and Mam. We did our best and finished up in the top half (just!) of 34 teams. Here we are pictured with Doug Hood in an attempt to beat the pro on a par three; Orin and Mam did!

### Val Ashman Orin Baldwin



Flight B - Medal Winner



Technical prize

### Welcome Aboard!

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

- 1. David Lines
- 2. Michael Edwards
- 3. Charles & Karina Jack
- 4. Huseyin & Soumieng Kavak
- Jeremy Chase
   Kavin Chritison & Piyanat Jaruekjanyanam
- 7. Catherine VanZeeland

### and GOODBYES

### Farewell and best wishes to . . .

- 1. Richard & Karen Morgan
- 2. Rebecca & Scott Preston
- 3. Richard & Jane Cash
- 4. Richard & Edna Hayward
- 5. Anton-Johan & Angus Verheul
- Leo & Gaby Mittelholzer
   Arthur & Claudia Rietsma
- 8. David Lord
- 9. Kiwamu & Yumiko Honda
- 10. Paul & Victoria Grant
- 11. Nick & Gillian Townsend
- 12. Ian Riches & Yeo Yang
- 13. David & Susan Race
- 14. Michael & Elfreda North
- 15. Nicholas & Natt Robert











### GOTCHA!

Did you really think we would reserve the BC car park for the whole General Committee??

Well, a few members did, and got rather hot under the collar . . . until the date was pointed out to them - April 1st. And it was on the back of each and every sign too . . .

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