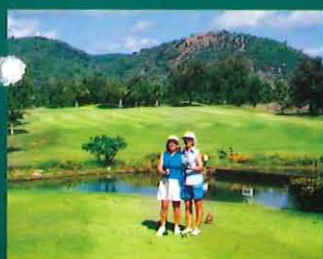




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BC Member Graeme Werrell, newly qualified diver

New Member Peter Mewes

Val and Carole-Anne on the golf course

Tennis ladies at New Members Night

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Willem T.P. Pentermann

Dear Members,
In June we are organising many activities at the Club, especially on the culinary side. We have invited two Guest Chefs this month, Mr. Oscar Pasinato who will present Italian-Asian fusion cuisine in Lords Dining Room on 1 and 2 June, and Mr. Leif Benson from Oregon who will present cuisine from the Pacific Northwest on 15 and 16 June.

Also this month we have a great comedy show presented by the Bangkok Community Theatre. They will be staging the Classic Country House Murder Mystery "The Real Inspector Hound" as a Dinner Theatre at the British Club on 27-30 June.

For the children, we are reinstating the children's activities programme from 2.00pm - 4.00pm on Sundays, starting 3 June. This programme was discontinued for a while, but there has been a great demand from both children and parents to bring it back.

On the development side we have started the Suriwongse Room renovation which will be completed by 20 June. The wastewater treatment behind the pool kitchen and Fitness Centre has been completed, as well as the electrical re-wiring of the Club House kitchen.

We received almost 400 completed questionnaires regarding the development of the Club House. I believe that this to be an extremely positive sign that a lot of Members care about their Club.

As mentioned in last month's *Outpost*, we have started the Global Standards training programme and the first phase of this programme will be ongoing until the end of this year.

We really do appreciate the feedback from Members, both positive and negative, in order to ensure that we are improving our services and food at our outlets.

Also this month, we have revamped *Outpost* for you. It is over two years since the layout was changed and we hope you like the new look. Do let us know what you think.

Last year in June we commenced direct debiting facilities with 6 local banks. So far, more than 300 Members have enrolled in this programme. For Members who have not yet joined this programme but would like to, we have set up Direct Debit facilities with the following banks: Standard Chartered, Hongkong Bank, Bangkok Bank, Siam Commercial Bank, Thai Farmer's Bank and Bank of Asia. For more information please contact Khun Prem our Financial Controller.

Looking forward to seeing you at your Club in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'WTP', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Willem T.P. Pentermann
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WHAT'S ON

JOIN US IN JUNE!

FUSION CUISINE**Fri & Sat, 1 & 2 June**

Guest Chef, Oscar Pasinato, will be presenting an array of delightful Italian/Asian dishes in Lords Dining Room. He has a long career and a wealth of international experience behind him, having worked in Italian restaurants in Italy, Tokyo, Bangkok, Beijing and New York. Presently he is in Singapore where he has opened his own restaurant, delighting his customers with his special brand of Italian/Asian dishes. The cost is Bt 890 per person which includes a 4-course dinner and pre-dinner cocktails in the Churchill Bar. A selection of Italian wines, courtesy of Italasia Ltd, will also be on sale to complement your dinner.

COOKERY CLASS**Saturday 2 June, 10.30am**

Learn with the expert! Our Guest Chef Oscar Pasinato will demonstrate how to create imaginative cuisine using a mixture of flavours from East and West. Cost Bt 650, which includes a 3-course lunch and a glass of wine.

WEEKEND TRIP**KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK****Friday 8 June**

Sign up now for an adventurous weekend with the BC in Khao Yai National Park. We will assemble at the BC at 7.00 pm on Friday 8 June for the coach trip to Khao Yai, returning at about 5.00 pm on Sunday. The price is Bt 4300 for adults and Bt 3000 for children aged 3-12 years and Bt 1000 for

children under 3 years. The price includes coach transfers, a Thai supper buffet on Friday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, packed lunch on Saturday in the national Park and a BBQ in the evening with Bar Quiz and activities for the kids, entrance fee to the Park, an elephant ride on Sunday morning followed by a buffet lunch at the hotel, and soft drinks during the entire trip. An absolute bargain and an adventure not to be missed.

**THE REAL TASTE OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST****15 & 16 June 2001**

Award-winning Chef Leif Eric Benson will present a mouth-watering set dinner menu in Lords Dining Room (see separate article).

COOKING CLASS**Saturday 16 June at 10.30am**

Try some classic Pacific Northwest recipes with our Guest Chef Leif Benson. Bt 650 per person including 3 course lunch and a glass of wine.

WINE TASTING**Friday 22 June, 7.00pm, Silom Sala**

Wine tastings at the Club always prove popular and this promises to be no exception. We will be presenting a great selection of wines from the Chapoutier winery in the Rhone Valley, France. Complimentary cocktail food will be provided. This event is sponsored by Vanichwathna (Bangkok) Ltd.

BCT DINNER THEATRE**27-30 June, Suriwongse Room**

7.00pm cocktails on the front lawn, 7.30pm dinner, 8.45pm show.

Bangkok Community Theatre will be staging Tom Stoppard's "The Real Inspector Hound", a madcap, hilarious re-working of this classic Country House Murder Mystery. Come along and see if you can work out 'whodunnit'! Price Bt 750 per person which is inclusive of 3 course dinner and show.

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES**Friday Nights from 7.00pm**

Great 'Big Screen' movies will be shown for the children in the Silom Sala. Age range 5 years plus, no charge, popcorn and orange squash included. Don't let your kids miss it!

SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY**Every Sunday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.**

Now, on Sundays, there will be lots of exciting activities to entertain the children - games, puzzles, competitions, movies and much much more. We are sure that this event will prove to be as popular as it was in the past, and has been reinstated due to widespread demand.

Popcorn and soft drinks included. No charge to Members.

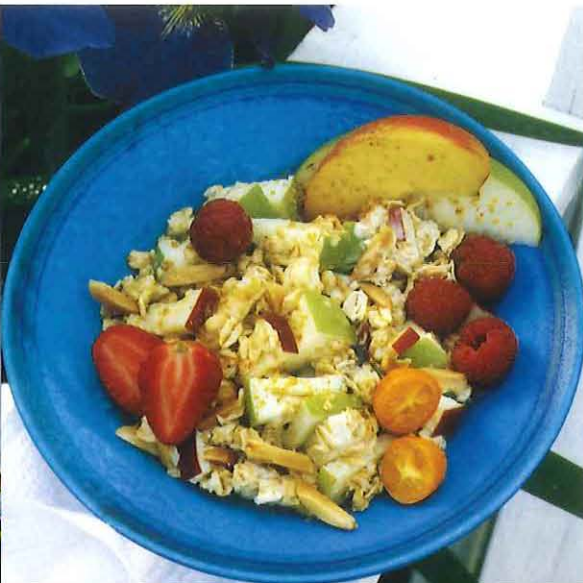
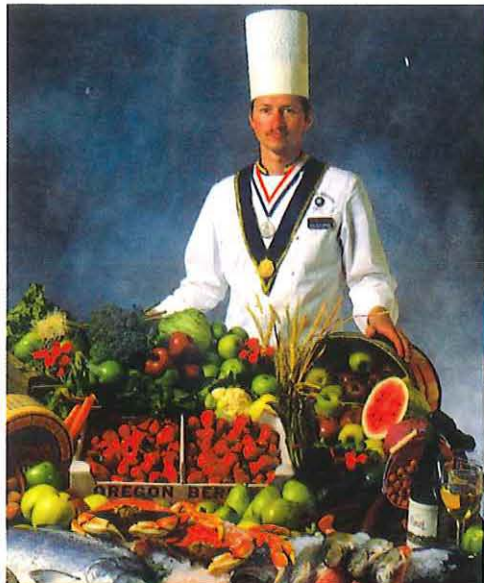
WIMBLEDON 2001

Matches will be shown on screen at the Suriwongse Sala throughout the tournament. Come and watch all your favourite players in action.

SPORTS UPDATE

For a full update on sports events, see Shane Duncan's report, on page 11.

FOOD PROMOTION

THE REAL TASTE OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST

THE BRITISH CLUB

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Award-winning Chef
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&
Saturday 16 June 2001
Lords Dining Room

ABOUT CHEF BENSON

Born in Sweden, Mr. Benson moved with his parents at an early age to the United States of America. He developed a passion for cooking whilst still very young and started on his exciting career in the States. He has been working as Executive Chef at the Timberline Lodge in Oregon for more than 10 years and has developed the cuisine at the Lodge to an extremely high standard.

He has been featured in a documentary about the Great Lodges which are in America, highlighting Timberline's extensive culinary programme. Moreover, he attended a Master Chef Class at the Culinary Institute of America.

Chef Benson has also worked in California's premier wine producing area, the Napa Valley, and has been privileged to spend time at some of the highest rated restaurants in the States.



Cooking Class
Saturday, 16 June 2001 at 10.30am

Learn with the expert!

**Chef Benson will guide you through a
few of his classic recipes.**

Cost: Bt 650 per person
(includes a three course luncheon and a glass of wine)

FOOD PROMOTION

OUR PROMOTION

From his mouthwatering menu selection, Chef Benson has prepared for us a set dinner menu, "The Real Taste of the Pacific Northwest". The cost is Bt 850 per person including an aperitif in the Churchill Bar. There will be a great selection of Robert Mondavi Wines on sale to complement this excellent dinner.

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The Real Taste of the Pacific Northwest

Dinner Menu

Northwest style salmon pastrami

or

Spiced prawns on sweet pepper slaw with baby greens,
Grilled polenta corn cake with glazed red currant cranberry
and tabikko



Smoked heirloom tomato soup with Corgonzola,
Avocado mousse, pico de gallo and Cilantro creme Fraiche



Fire grilled US beef tenderloin with turnip potato gratin,
glazed root vegetables, herb oil, carrot powder
and frizzled beets

or

Cornmeal seared golden trout on Portobello risotto with
Artichoke – smoked bacon ragout, braised greens, frizzled leeks
saffron rouille and chive oil



Warm Hood River apple farina cake with Granny Smith
compote, raspberry ice cream and a cinnamon spiced tuile



Coffee or tea

RECIPROCAL CLUB

PEARL OF THE PACIFIC RIM

This month, we introduce another great club that has reciprocal arrangements with the BC. The Rainier Club has a style and ambiance reminiscent of an English Club, but is in fact situated across the Atlantic in Seattle. Read on to discover the delights awaiting you there.

BACKGROUND

Over a century ago, when Seattle was a new, brawling port, long on opportunities, but short on amenities, several young civic leaders envisioned an exclusive meeting place where they could meet to enjoy each other's conversation - and a decent meal...

...now, the Rainier Club hosts 1,200 resident members and thousands of guests each year. A welcoming home, a place where you can go to relax, meet friends and colleagues, and of course enjoy excellent cuisine.

AMENITIES

Today, the club boasts numerous amenities, including an impressive art collection, 16 separate Meeting Rooms, a Billiard Room, Library, and Health Club and Sauna



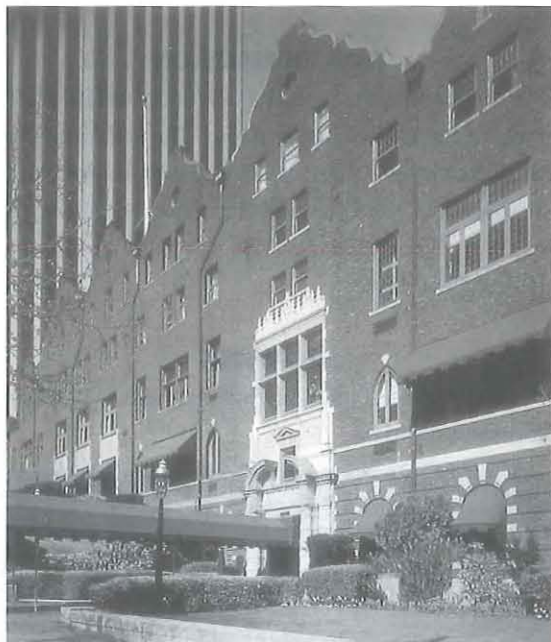
which is open 24 hours, seven days a week and staffed by a full-time trainer using state of the art cardiovascular equipment. Working out has never been so inviting!

FINE DINING...

The club has two main dining rooms, The Heritage room, a grand affair, complete with crystal chandelier and silver service, whilst the Cascade room is a comfortable room offering a delicious self-service style buffet lunch.

...AND WINING

The Marine Bar, with its intimate lighting and collection of maritime artefacts, is a favourite spot for meeting friends, having cocktails or simply enjoying an evening drink after work. In the Lounge on the 3rd Floor, oak panelling, a cozy fireplace and prints of hunting scenes all evoke the feeling of England's great private clubs. Two great places to enjoy a relaxing drink.



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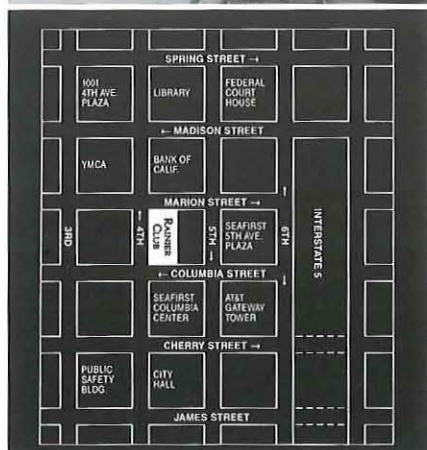
The Club offers five spacious overnight rooms. Three of the rooms are suites and all have private bathrooms. Guaranteed to provide you with a peaceful and luxurious overnight stay.

The Rainier Club has provided a congenial haven since 1888. Located in the heart of downtown Seattle, it is an historic landmark in the development of one of the Pacific Rim's premier cities.

The Rainier Club



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If you would like to take advantage of the reciprocal arrangements offered at the Rainier Club, contact Willem Pentermann on 234-0247

FROM THE SRC

SPORTS UPDATE

Hi to all!

It's June already and we are heading into the wet season, so I suppose some of our sporting activities will be interrupted by rain or even cancelled. This is unfortunate, but it's the price we pay for living in this lovely hot country.

As you will see below we are starting yoga classes. I myself have never ever attempted this activity, but those who have rate it very highly for helping with relaxation and the fixing of nagging problems.

There have been many articles written about yoga. They say it bends, it stretches, it turns you into a human pretzel - but can it really cure what ails you?

So many people from various walks of life take part in this exercise/meditation, which dates back 5,000 years in its native India. At the moment in the USA, people are running from their high pressured jobs straight to their yoga classes to help them wind down. Some people have stated that it has helped them to stop smoking, to sleep, and improves their sex life!! Now I don't know if this is the case or not, but if it works for you, keep at it, enjoy it and good luck.

YOGA

We have found someone to run Yoga classes twice a week, Tuesdays and Sundays. He was recommended to us and seems to be very enthusiastic, so we look forward to his arrival and having regular yoga classes. Classes will be held in squash court 3, Tuesdays at 11.30 am and Sundays at 4.30 pm.

SCUBA DIVING

Starting 2 June

We are introducing an additional Scuba Diving instructor, Hew Cuckson, who will be giving a free course on 'Discover Diving' in the BCB main pool on Saturday 2 June.

This is for those people who have always wanted to try this sport, but have not yet managed to 'take the plunge'. Hew will be giving an introduction to the requirements and how we can set about learning this very interesting sport.



Shane Duncan

Do come along and have a look. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Fitness Centre. Hew needs to know numbers in advance so that he can bring along enough equipment for everyone.

AQUA AEROBICS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10.30 am

Elizabeth Van Den Broecke is the instructor. She is well-known and well-liked and gives excellent classes. She mentioned to me that if we had different time schedules we might be able to attract more members. It would be nice to receive some feedback from you, the Members, as to what times would best suit you. We can then use that information to see if we need to make any scheduling adjustments to the classes. Your views would be most helpful in this area.

TENNIS

Paul Ho is still coaching on Friday afternoons. There has been a little disruption due to school holidays, but he is still coaching mini tennis and juniors. See dates below.

Date	Week number
1st June	1
8th June	2
15th June	3
22nd June	4
6th July	1
13th July	2
20th July	3
27th July	4

DARTS

The darts night is still going well, but has been low in numbers on rainy nights - understandable due to that heavy Bangkok traffic. However, we are building up a good group of regulars and having some great nights of laughs.

TV & LARGE SCREEN EVENTS

Matches from Wimbledon will be shown on screen at the Suriwongse Sala throughout the tournament. Come and watch all your favourite players in action.

The German Grand Prix from the Nurburgring circuit will be shown on Sunday 24 June in the Churchill bar. Come along and join us.

Keep your eyes on the notice boards for all the sporting events that the BCB will cover either on the TV in the Churchill Bar or on the large screen.

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMPS

There will be a number of sport and activities camps throughout the summer (July and August). I will send out a flyer with the information some time this month. Most likely we will have the following activities: Swim Camp, Tennis Camp, Sports Camp, Outdoor Adventure Camp, Sailing Camp.

Shane Duncan

GOLF

TRAFALGAR'S ELECTRIC ECLECTIC

But first the Medal Competition...

On a near perfect day the second Medal of the year was played at Subrapruek on 22 April. A stiff breeze took the sting out of the sun and kept the insects at bay as the shadows lengthened (thanks to Nick White we now know more about the *Mansonia* Mosquito than is quite comfortable) but made for testing golf conditions and few 'great' scores were recorded.

The A Flight medal was taken by Charles Skinner with a net 69; Jo Goodliffe, having partied until 4.00am at the St George's Society Ball, took B Flight honours with another 69 - apparently there *is* some truth in the story that playing with a hangover helps you keep your head still.

In C Flight Dick Taylor and Mick Murphy tied for first place again with 69, Mick losing narrowly on 'countback' but he had the consolation prize of winning the Men's Long Drive.

The club welcomed some new members, James Lane, Chris Crowley, Tom McKay and a guest, David Eastgate, who all seemed to enjoy the day - hopefully enough to play with us again.

ELECTRIC ECLECTIC

The three-day **Trafalgar Eclectic** Competition, one of the club's major events, was held at Majestic Creek on 5,6,7 May. It rained the entire week before we arrived and the day after we left the heavens opened again, but we were favoured with excellent - if warm - conditions. As usual the good turnout made for a close fought match that wasn't finally decided until the last group came in off the 18th green on the last day.

Day One, Saturday, belonged to Don Robertson (h'cap 20) who shot a life-time best round of 83 - net 68 (h'cap is used to determine net score for the Eclectic). Don has apparently been reading a book entitled 'How to Win at Golf' which sounds terribly unsporting - and where can I get a copy? - to take what appeared to be an unassailable lead, followed by Mike Staples and Phil Hall.

Day two was notable for Harland Bulow (h'cap 30) shooting a 43 on the front nine

and Dale Lamb (who hadn't played on Day One) taking the Day Prize with a net 65. Unfortunately Don Robertson could only marginally improve on his first days score and at close of play Mike Staples had edged in front and was leading the field on 61, one stroke ahead of Don. Several other players managed to improve their positions that day, Larry Goodliffe finished on 63 and Dick Taylor 65 so the match was wide open at the opening bell on Monday.

Day 3 was sunny and hot but storm clouds were building from early morning; Mike Staples, who had assured everyone that he had 'shot his bolt' on Day 2, returned a staggering 75 gross (net 57), a huge 11 under handicap (in view of last months article on 'Banditry' I have no option but to bring this to the attention of the handicap secretary, who is... er... Mike Staples) and was in an impregnable position. The real drama was the battle for second place. Don Robertson was working hard to improve his score but could only manage to find another two strokes and finished on a (highly commendable) 59. Larry Goodliffe had a better day, shaving 5 strokes off his score to equal Don and Dick Taylor, in the last group - more interested in getting back to the clubhouse before the storm broke than in the technical aspects of his game, (which might explain his net 59) also tied Don and Larry for 2nd place. The Club Captain decided to break the tie on handicap, Don with the lowest was awarded 2nd place, 3rd went to Larry and Dick took 4th.

Mike Staples was the winner of the **Trafalgar Eclectic Trophy** and David Lamb was awarded the 'Lowest Gross' Trophy (for the second year running).

Congratulations to Mike on a superb round of golf and special thanks to David and Cheryl Lamb who provided the score sheets and put so much work into calculating and tabulating the results. A special mention should also go to Diane Bulow, a newcomer to the game who won three technical prizes; a near pin, and two 'birdies' and the highest score (14 strokes) on any hole!

Our sincere thanks also go to **Trafalgar Insurance Brokers** who sponsored the event and provided the prizes.

NEXT OUTINGS

3rd June - Match against the Japanese association, Lad Krabang, Tee-off 11.30am.

10th June - Match against the Londoners, Lad Krabang, Tee-off 11.30am.

27th June - Captains Day, Muang Keaw, Tee-off 11.00am

6th, 7th, 8th July - Dunlop Cup, Grand Garden.

ODDS AND ENDS

At the last committee meeting several points were raised that I've been asked to bring to the attention of members:

Matchplay

To be eligible for matchplay competitions golfers will:

Have to be members of the British Club Golf Society and possess a valid handicap. If not they will be deemed to be playing off scratch.

Addresses

A lot of e-mails sent out to members are coming back as 'undeliverable'. Please, if you change your ISP let the Captain know as this form of communication is pretty much standard these days.

Handicaps

At every event Mike Staples, the Handicap Secretary, brings along an updated handicap list. Please, before teeing off, check that your handicap is correct.

Golf Rules

As an aide-memoire I've asked 'Outpost' to print the 'Abbreviated Rules of Golf' (see page 14). It's not exhaustive and there are probably exceptions but it's a start. If there are any suggestions for improvements, additions or corrections please send them in!

Dick Taylor

GOLF



Don looks glum but Lori and Jo are in good form



Mike explaining to David how he missed the putt 'by this much' ... I think



Val and Carole-Anne at the 7th



Mike Staples takes the Trafalgar Eclectic Trophy

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GOLF

RULES OF GOLF (ABBREVIATED)

Loose Impediments: Any *natural* object i.e. twigs, leaves, grass clippings, tree branches etc.

Obstructions: Any *artificial* object; immovable or moveable. Cart paths, drinks huts etc. in the first category, cigarette butts, paper or plastic bags in the second.

Either an impediment or obstruction may be removed to play a ball, but there is a crucial difference. If the ball moves as an **impediment** is removed there is a one-stroke penalty, but there is no penalty if it is an **obstruction** that is being removed. In both cases the ball must be replaced. A free drop, one club's length clear of an immovable obstruction, (to the *nearest* point of relief, no nearer the hole) is allowed only if the obstruction interferes with a player's **stance** or **stroke**. There is no relief for 'line of sight'. Another key difference is in a hazard – obstructions can be removed **but not impediments**.

Water Hazards: Are defined by yellow or red marker stakes (red shows a 'lateral' hazard which offers additional options.) Be aware that the stakes themselves are 'obstructions' they lie within the hazard and may be removed. You may play a ball lying within the hazard without penalty – but remember, it is a hazard and you may not ground the club (touch the water) or remove 'impediments'. If your ball is lost a one-stroke penalty is incurred, you then:

1. Play a second ball from where the original ball was struck ('stroke and distance' option).
2. Draw an imaginary line from the pin, through the point where the ball last crossed into the hazard and extend it backwards. You may drop a ball anywhere on that line, no nearer the hole.

Lateral Water Hazards offer two extra options:

1. You may drop within two club-lengths of the point at which the ball crossed the edge of the hazard, no nearer the hole.
2. You may also drop on *the far side of the*

hazard, again two club lengths from the edge and no nearer the hole.

Note: in none of these options does 'line of flight' play any role.

Relief: Is usually granted under 'local rules' from:

1. Casual water – conditions such that the ball is in water or, when the ball is addressed, water is seen around the player's feet. The ball may be lifted, cleaned and a free drop, (one club length, no nearer the hole) taken. Relief from casual water is also available in hazards i.e. bunkers but not a water hazard, refer to the section on 'bunkers' for the rules governing this situation.
2. 'Ground Under Repair'
3. Holes made by borrowing animals (not in a water hazard).
4. Flower beds.
5. Staked trees and young plants that are designated as part of the course.
6. A ball embedded in its own pitch-mark (not applicable to hazards).
7. Deep ruts caused by maintenance vehicles. [When to use a one or two club length dropping zone. As a rule of thumb if you are permitted a 'free drop' i.e. from casual water, then **one club's** relief may be taken. However if you are dropping as a result of a penalty (in a hazard, ball unplayable etc) then **two club lengths** relief is granted.]

Out of Bounds and Lost Balls: Note that OB markers, boundary posts and fences are *not* classed as 'obstructions'; they may not be removed to facilitate a shot and there is no relief if an OB marker interferes with stance or stroke. 'OB' is determined by drawing a line connecting the parts of the stake, stone or marker *closest* to the fairway. All of the ball must lie outside this line to be classed as 'OB'. Should the ball land OB a second ball must be played from the same place as the original. This rule also applies if a ball is lost (unless it is lost in a water hazard or 'abnormal ground conditions' i.e. extensive casual water.)

Provisional Balls: Shall be played if the player believes his first ball has gone OB or is lost (outside a water hazard). The provisional ball is played up to the point the original ball appeared to have reached. A search is then made for the lost ball, should the ball be discovered OB or, after 5 minutes, not found, then the provisional ball becomes the ball 'in play'. However if the original ball is found (or has not gone OB) then the player resumes with the original ball without penalty.

Unplayable Ball: The player is the sole judge of whether a ball is unplayable. He then has three options, all incur a one-stroke penalty:

1. A second ball is played from the same position as the original was struck.
2. The ball may be dropped 2 club lengths from where the ball lay, no nearer the hole. (Note: this does not necessarily mean clear of the conditions i.e. undergrowth, that caused the ball to be unplayable). If after dropping, the ball is still unplayable it may be lifted and dropped within another two club lengths – at the cost of another penalty stroke – and so on *ad infinitum*.
3. A line is drawn from the hole, through the place where the ball lay and extended backwards. The ball may be dropped anywhere on that line, no nearer the hole. Should the ball be declared unplayable in a bunker then the ball may be dropped under conditions 2 or 3 but must remain in the bunker. The option to return to the place from which the ball was originally played is always available.

Bunkers: The club may not touch the sand within a bunker until the stroke is made (a stroke is deemed to begin at the top of the back-swing). Neither may a player test the condition of the sand in any way before he makes his stroke. 'Obstructions' (anything artificial; rakes, paper cups, soda cans etc) may be removed but not 'impediments' (anything natural; leaves, apple core, twigs etc). Footprints or any irregularities in the sand may *not* be smoothed before the stroke

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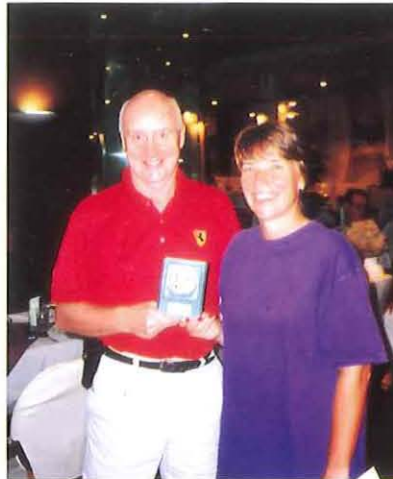
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– but if the irregularity was caused by a burrowing animal 'relief' can be taken (in this context a dog is not classed as a 'burrowing' animal). Relief is also available from 'casual water' in a bunker ie.

1. The ball may be dropped within the hazard, clear of the water but as close as possible to it, and no nearer the hole.
2. The ball may be dropped on a line drawn between the hole and where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole and within the hazard.
3. The ball may be dropped outside the hazard on the same line, but there is a one-stroke penalty.

(Note: if the water is so deep and extensive that the ball is 'lost' it may be replaced without penalty). If you decide your ball is 'unplayable' refer to that section of this guide.



Charles wins the A Flight Medal



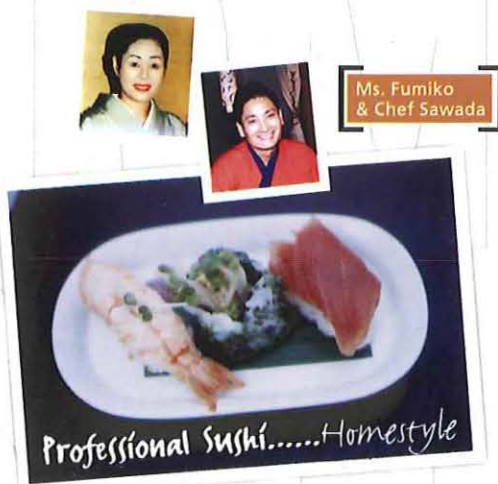
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SQUASH

CHIENGMAI CUP

The annual Chiangmai Doubles Tournament was held at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) from Sunday 29th April to Tuesday 1st May.

This is the oldest competition in Thailand, and is played on one of the few remaining traditional doubles courts left in the world. The competition is truly international and attracts teams from Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia, as well as from England, South Africa and this year from the USA.

This year, the British Club had entered two teams, consisting of Ja and Dick Anwar and David Eastgate and Peter Corney. Peter and David won their first match against Hong Kong Football Club 3, 21:11. They then had a walkover for the second round and went down to two of Thailand's top players in the third round, 15:5, 15:12.

Ja and Dick won their first match against Escorts from the UK 21:19. This was an excellent result as they were trailing by 5 points at one stage. Escorts went on to win the Plate event. Ja and Dick then had to play HKFC 1 but lost 15-4, 15-9. This was a good result as the Hong Kong boys won the Singapore doubles tournament earlier this year.

The eventual winners were the team from North America, Gary Waite and Viktor Berg, who are the number one doubles hardball professional team in North America. They did well to adapt to the softball game and they won easily from Poowis and Apirom (Polo 1) 15-5, 15-2, 15-12.

LEAGUE 150

The next milestone in British Club Squash is league 150, which is being sponsored by the Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok Hotel. It will commence 22nd June and end 31st July. This is to give those members who have holidays in July the opportunity to play their matches

before they go. Contact Peter Corney or David Eastgate to join up, or sign up on the board by Court 1.

BC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The British Club annual closed championships, the Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy Plate will be held from the 5th June to 24th June.

Come along and watch the club's top players fighting it out in the semi finals on Saturday 23rd June and the Final on Sunday 24th June. There is a plate competition as well as the main one, so expect some tight games.

You can check out past winners on the boards, which have now been relocated outside the changing rooms.

MISSING PARRA HANDY BOARD

The squash boards were originally in the Silom Sala, but in the move we seem to have lost the board for the Parra Handy Plate competition. Anyone who has any idea of its whereabouts please let me know. Marvyn is upset because it's the only one with his name on!

INTER-SOCIETY SQUASH TOURNAMENT

The annual Intersociety Tournament (one day Handicap team event) will be held on Sunday 17th June. This will consist of teams of like country of origin and will be handicapped so every player has a fair chance. On completion of the days play there will be drinks and eats.

Please email Peter Corney with your country of origin if you wish to be part of a team. (peter@acapacific.co.th)

Originally teams were from the home societies (St George's, St David's, St Andrew's, St Patrick's), but squash players, being a creative lot, also have St Anz (Australians and Kiwis) and St Elsewhere (for the rest of you). If you have enough players from any country we can always make up another, such as the years when the New Zealand squash crowd was big enough to have their own team, so if we can get enough French players, American players or anywhere else they can have their own team.

ANNUAL MATCH V VAJIRAVUTH COLLEGE

The Annual Match against Vajiravuth College will take place on 23rd of June at the BC, starting at about 1:00pm. Usually teams are about 10 per side and this is always a hard fought match so come along and see some excellent squash. Most of the Thai national team have come from the college side in the past and often a number of the old boys come along to help out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Road Trip to Pattaya - to be announced
- Overseas visit to Singapore proposed for June - watch the noticeboard for details
- Annual match with Rajapruek Club will be held at their venue as a combined Squash and Tennis event - details to follow
- Singapore CC will visit on 28th July

Mid Summer break from the rules, but we do need people to referee in the Don Johnson, and in the inter-club matches, so let me know if you want to help out.

**Happy Squashing,
Phil Hall**

MEMBERS' LETTERS

SPORTING OPTIONS IN BANGKOK

Initially after arriving in Bangkok I was concerned that there was a lack of sporting options available, especially for women, apart from tennis and golf. However, I have personally become involved in a number of different sports which are available here which I would like to bring to the attention of fellow club members.

Touch Rugby

This is an extremely easy sport for men and women of all fitness levels. It is basically a hybrid of rugby with limited contact involved. Currently you can join in with the rugby section on a Thursday evening at the Club to play touch. Alternatively, especially for women, we play on a Sunday 4pm – 6pm at the Port Ground on Na Ranong Rd. Please contact me on perry_emma@hotmail.com for further information.

At the end of July, Singapore is holding the first All Asian Touch Tournament with open mens and womens events. If you are interested please have a look at the website www.touchsingapore.org and then contact me using the aforementioned email address. It would be fantastic to have entries from Bangkok sides in this event.

Netball

There is an active netball league run at Bangkok Pattana School from October to March. The first fun day is being held on Sunday 17 June for men and women. Contact smillard@loxinfo.co.th for further information. Perhaps the Club could think about entering a team into this competition??

Ultimate Frisbee

This game is a cross between American Football and Netball and is a mixed sport for men and women. It is also a lot of fun and

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Volleyball

Mixed social Volleyball for all levels is played on a Monday night. For further information please contact perry_emma@hotmail.com

Anyway I hope that some of the Club members may find a sport that interests them from the above list. Remember it is all about having fun, meeting people and hopefully improving your fitness.

As a concluding note, where is women's hockey, basketball and football in Bangkok??

Emma Perry P197

THE FIVE HAMLETS....

The Memsahib and I enjoy a bit of theatre and we were thus rather looking forward to Daniel Foley's one man show, "The Five Hamlets" which was presented at the Club on 11th May. We had attended one of his earlier presentations on Shakespeare which proved to be a pleasant evening, if not exactly earth shattering, but a nice bit of culture nonetheless.

All told 20 odd intrepid souls turned up for the show on the 11th. Such a low turn out must have been a little disappointing for the staff who had put in much work preparing an excellent supper. Whether or not it was disappointing to Foley is hard to say. He may have been relieved at the small number on the grounds that he would be less likely to be booed off the stage. Given what was to come, a reasonable Thespian would have expected nothing less.

The show, when it eventually started, began badly. The first few minutes were totally inaudible. Foley chatted away in a stage whisper so low that even a stage cat would have been hard pressed to know what he was talking about. Ever resourceful the BC staff jumped in to help by turning off the air conditioning, but that didn't help much.

Eventually the audience were able to deduce that Foley would recite five passages from the play, in each case wearing a different jacket or hat to signify one of the great actors who had played Hamlet through the centuries. Each piece was preceded by Foley depicting the actor learning his lines by squinting at a book, face screwed up, moving mouth but no sound. One wondered if this perhaps was actually Foley swatting up on the lines before the recitation, or maybe he had a sore throat.

The names of the great Shakespearean actors to be so portrayed were extracted from the audience in a process akin to trivial pursuits, led by Foley. This illuminated some other trivial facts such as the profession of Shakespeare's father (glove maker) or why one great American actor by the name of Booth had to take a break from the stage (his brother shot President Lincoln). And so on. But we did not learn anything about the play itself. Only 2 or 3 of the audience claimed to know anything about the play and it would not have been amiss to run through the plot or to discuss why it is considered such a masterpiece or, even the old favourite, "what is bugging 'amlet'". The opportunities to entertain and educate with such material are endless.

After the first half and a bit of a break one thought that things could only get better. However such hopes were quickly dashed by Foley announcing that he could not continue with the show because he had unfortunately left his script behind in a tuk tuk, together with his shoes (that explained why he was wearing sandals over his socks). All he could offer was a bit more trivial pursuits. Five more minutes of this and the show was over.

Despite everything, the Memsahib and I had a pleasant evening at the club and we will certainly attend any other cultural evenings in the future. We were not put off by the Foley follies, and the 99.8% of the membership who were not there shouldn't be put off either.

Patrick Broxham B325

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The PADI EANx course is designed to teach you the procedures for safe, recreational, no decompression diving with enriched air. You will learn how to plan dives, determine your no decompression limits and the proper procedures for obtaining enriched air. I will

be happy to schedule a course for anyone interested in this fun specialty certification. On the local scene, British Club Member **Graeme Werrell** completed two advanced-type courses in April in Pattaya; the Advanced Open Water Diver Course and the Drift Diver Specialty. Graeme really enjoyed the Deep Diver portion of the Advanced Course to a depth of 30 meters near the west tip of Shark Point off Koh Lan and has scheduled the Deep Diver Specialty for mid May that will take us through four dives at depths to 40 meters. As you can see by the photos, Graeme is a proud and happy diver with his accomplishments.

I will be happy to talk to you about scheduling a course tailored to your interests and schedule so you too can begin to learn this rewarding and fun aspect of diving. Also, please contact me for other diving schedules including the Open Water Course for those

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Louis Gabaude has studied South-East Asia (History, Pali, Buddhism) since 1966. He presented a Ph.D. dissertation about the hermeneutics of Buddhadasa Bhikku in 1979, and was admitted to the Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, where he specializes in Buddhist studies. In Chiang Mai, he has set up a Documentation Center with about 30000 books, mainly on the history, arts, literature and religion of Thailand and the region.

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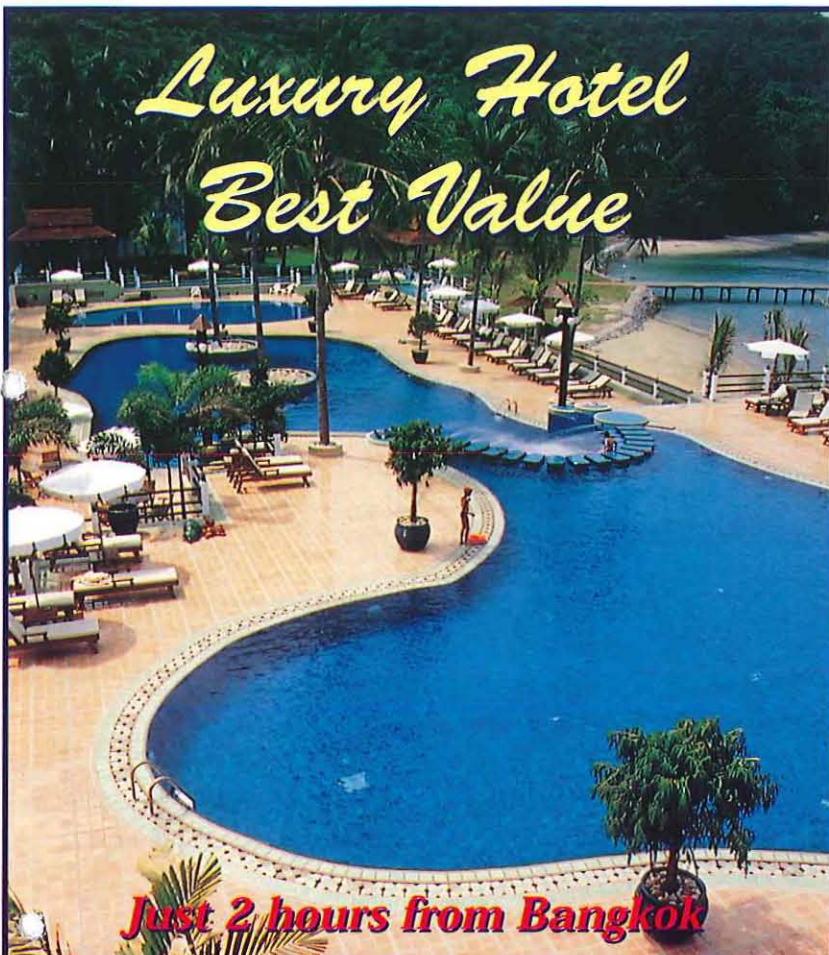


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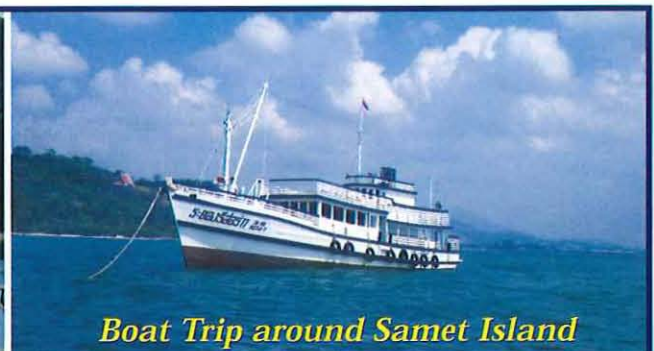
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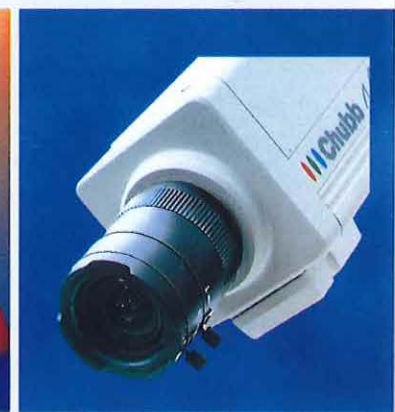
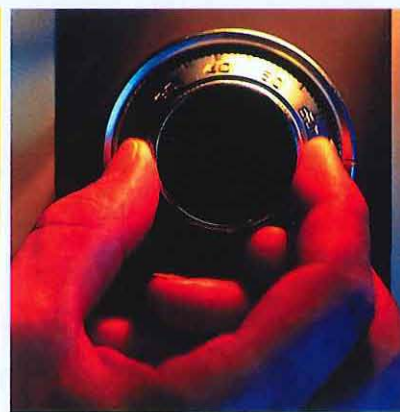


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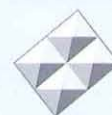


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