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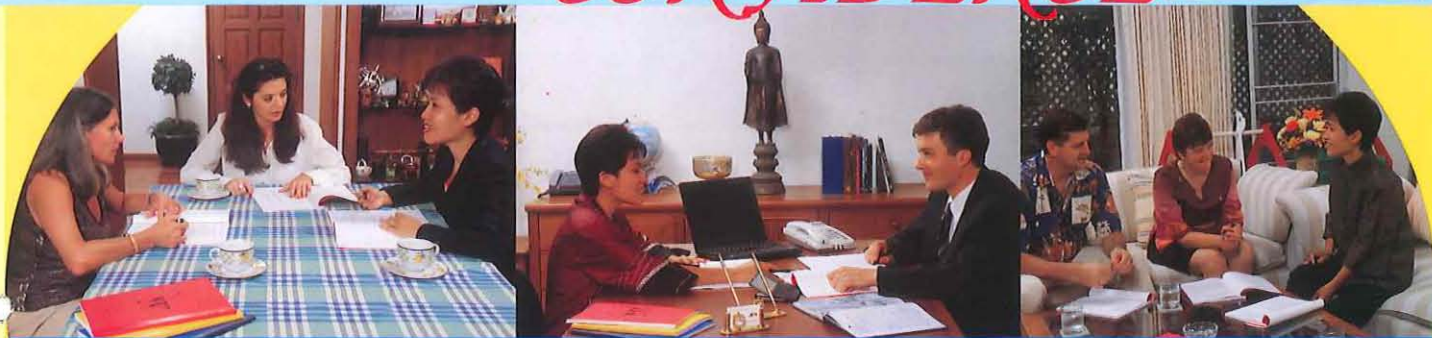
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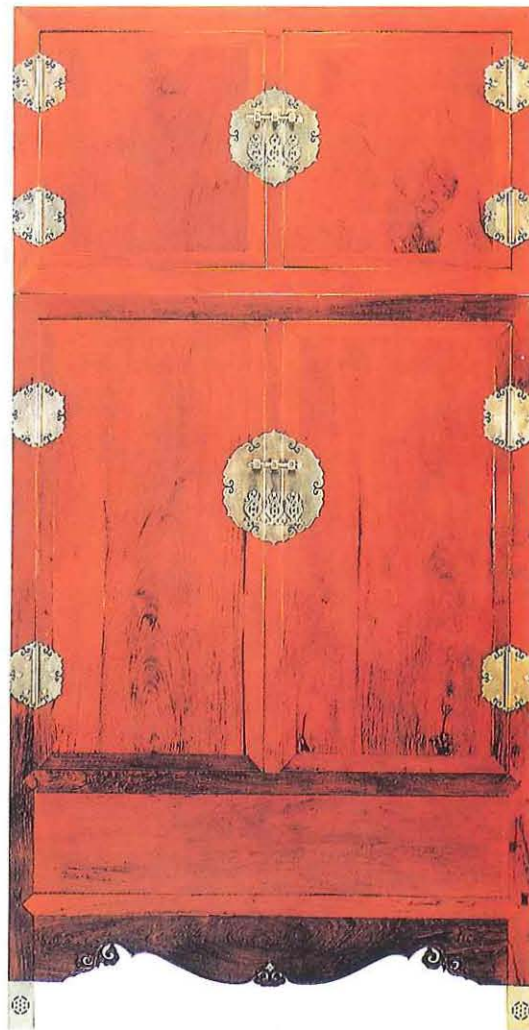
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This cabinet is simple and classic, the flower-head motif and cloudhead openwork carvings of the aprons are done elaborately. A raised beading outlines the cusped edge in the centre of each apron and extends to the sides, where it is transformed into the stalk of the curling flower-and-leaf and vanishes at its end. It is indeed a very ingenious design. The doors and side panels are flush with the framework, and there are two removable framed panels at the back which are joined to the frame with loose tenons. The bottom panel has a storage space underneath, and two shelves above it. There is a single shelf in the upper cabinet. The paktong hardware is exquisite. The metal hinges and face plates are in the form of six-cloud motifs, and the metal pulls exhibit the double-fish motif. There are also paktong shoes with openwork patterns on the bottoms of the legs. *(Formerly in the collection of Renaissance Museum of California and is open for viewing now in Tomlinson Singapore only)*

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GM'S BRIEF



Dear Members,

Another great month ahead with many activities lined up! In addition to our regular events (wine tasting, bar quiz, bar accumulator, sports activities), we will be broadcasting World Cup Soccer matches on large screen. This will be in either the Suriwongse Room or Lords Restaurant, depending on the day, please see page 8 for further details. Also, we are planning a special event for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. A separate mailing will be sent for this great event.

We continue to expand and develop our sports activities and children's programmes. Recently, we started 'Art Attack' with Vanessa Christian which has proved to be extremely popular. Junior cricket, squash and swimming lessons are also well attended and all of these courses will end in late June and will recommence early September, after the summer holidays.

For your entertainment, by special invitation, the Yale Whiffenpoofs from the United States will perform at the British Club at 8.30pm, Saturday, 6 July in the Suriwongse Room. This is the world's oldest and most famous a cappella group. Please see page 9 for further details.

Our Executive Chef Boonlerd and his team will present a mouthwatering Brazilian food promotion in Lords Restaurant on 20 and 21 June. Make sure that you sample these delights by reserving your place early.

There are a few changes coming up with regards to cash payments at the Club. Basically, with effect from 1 June, receipt of cash at the reception will no longer be possible. Reciprocal Members and Absent Members may pay by credit card. Non Members will no longer be able to buy F&B coupons at reception. In the Food and Beverage outlets Non Members will need to be accompanied by a Member at all times. We are aware that this will cause some inconvenience to certain groups who use the Club facilities from time to time. During the month of May we held meetings with all the groups concerned and arrived at a suitable solution. We do appreciate your co-operation, however should any Member have a serious problem, please contact either my office or Khun Prem, Financial Controller, so that we may resolve the matter. If you have any other questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On a final note, would like to request that when Members use any of our reciprocal Clubs, please ensure that they follow that Club's rules and regulations. Many thanks.

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

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager

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WHAT'S ON

Jump Into June

For football fanatics and those not so keen, we have something for everyone.

SWIMMING GALA

Sunday 23 June

8.00 am

Please register at the Fitness Centre

CLASSIC BIG SCREEN VIDEO NIGHT

The Best of French movies ever

Thursday, 20 June

7.30pm

"The wages of Fear"

"Salaire de la Peur" 1953 with Yves Montand

Cost: B250,- including a light supper buffet

Please note that this movie will be in French, with English Subtitles

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP

Live at the British Club

Every broadcasted match will be shown in the Churchill Bar.

Additionally, the following matches will be shown on the big screen either in the Suriwongse Room or Lords Restaurant:

England v Sweden – Sunday, 2 June 2002
12.30pm

England v Argentina – Friday, 7 June 2002
6.30pm

England v Nigeria – Wednesday, 12 June 2002
at 1.30pm, repeated at 7.00pm

All Quarter Finals

All Semi Finals

Final

Big screen showings will be B250 per person including a light buffet and 2 small draft Carlsberg.

Update information will be sent by email on a regular basis.

WINE TASTING

7.00pm Friday 14 June

Wordsworth Room

Nicholas Wine Co., Ltd. will present a nice selection of Chilean and Californian Wines

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BRAZILIAN FOOD PROMOTION

Lords Restaurant

Thursday 20 June, Friday 21 June,

7.00pm

Executive Chef Boonlerd and his team will provide a mouthwatering exotic selection of Brazilian Food. B600 per person, buffet style.

ONE DAY WATER COLOUR

WORKSHOP

Saturday 29 June

9.30am - 4.30pm

With Louise Truslow. A joint event between the Neilson Hays Library and the British Club. Please see P34 for full details.

Cost B2000 per person including lunch and refreshments.

Participants to bring their own artists materials.

BAR QUIZ

Lords Restaurant

Friday, 24 June 7.30pm

Join Quiz Master Rodney Bain for yet another mind-twisting Bar Quiz.

4 rounds of questions

Entrance fee B100per person

Maximum 6 persons per team.

THE YALE WHIFFENPOOFS

Directly from the United States

Saturday 6 July, 8.30pm

By special invitation the Yale Whiffenpoofs from the United States will perform in the Suriwongse Room 2002. This is the world's oldest and most famous a cappella group. Please see P 9 for further details.

B950 per person, inclusive of 3 course dinner and 45 minute performance.

WEEKEND SAILING IN KOH CHANG

NATIONAL MARINE PARK

Friday - Sunday 5-7 July

Cost: B6500 per person

We will leave the British Club at 7.00pm for the trip to Koh Chang.

Members will spend the night sleeping on the bus and will wake up at the island.

Tida Yachting Company will take care of all meals and snorkeling. Accommodation for the night of 6 June will be onboard one of two yachts, sleeping six people per yacht.

The cost includes return transport by minibus, all meals, accommodation onboard, snorkeling, etc. Maximum number for this trip is 12 Members.

Sign up early to avoid disappointment!

CHURCHILL BAR ACCUMULATOR

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm

If you or your spouse are in the Churchill Bar at 7.00pm on Wednesdays and your club number is drawn from the hat, then you will win a cash prize! Remember, you can't win if you're not there!

SPORTS UPDATE

World Cup Fever

If you can drag yourself away from the World Cup, try these out!!

AQUA AEROBICS

Join Els Van den Broecke's class in the Club's main pool, every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am - 11.30am, after the class, there is the opportunity get to know your classmates over lunch in the sala. The charge is just B200 per hour and you can register at the Fitness Centre.

AEROBICS

Classes are on Wednesdays at 9.30am. Join in the fun, whilst keeping fit!

JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING

with Australian Coach Mr. Brian Wiggings

Children in the age range of 7-15 years are welcome to join in and will be categorized by age and ability. Interested parties can register at the Fitness Centre.

DARTS

Join the lads and lasses every Wednesday evening in the Churchill Bar. Everyone is most welcome, so make sure you put it in your diary!

YOGA

Good for the mind AND body, it's possible to gain numerous health benefits using yoga's control techniques. Held in Squash Court 3 on Tuesdays at 11.30am and Sundays at 4.30pm.

GENTLEMEN'S SPOOF

Join the gents on Tuesday evenings in the Churchill Bar

BRIDGE

Enjoy a friendly game of Bridge every Tuesday evening in the non-smoking area of the Churchill Bar. Refer to the Calendar page for contact details.

BANGKOK DOLPHINS

SWIMMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY CLASSES

Category	Age	Time
Toddlers	18-24 months	2.00pm - 2.30pm
Non-swimmers	24 months up	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Introducing Strokes	4-5 years	3.00pm - 3.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5-6 years	3.30pm - 4.00pm
Stroke Improvement	6-8 years	4.00pm - 4.30pm
Stroke Correction	6-8 years	4.30pm - 5.00pm
Mini Squads	8 years up	5.00pm - 5.30pm

SATURDAY CLASSES

Category	Age	Time
Parent & Baby	6-18 months	9.00am - 9.30am
	18-24 months	9.30am - 10.00am
	24-36 months	10.00am - 10.30am
Toddler	24 months up	10.30am - 11.00am
Beginners	4-5 years	11.00am - 11.30am
Introducing Strokes 1	4-5 years	11.30am - 12.00pm
Introducing Strokes 2	4-5 years	12.00pm - 12.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5-6 years	12.30pm - 1.00pm
Stroke Correction	6-8 years	1.00pm - 1.30pm

It's not too late to join in these classes - just contact the Fitness Centre for details.

TAEKWONDO LESSONS

Saturdays and Sundays
10.30-12.00 noon
Squash Court 3

Learn the art of oriental self-defence from our professional instructor Khun Tanes Boonsuwan.

JUNIOR SQUASH LESSONS

Fridays

Coach Khun Narongrit is available to help develop your game to your full potential.

Mini Squash 5-7 yrs 4.30-5.15pm
Beginner Squash 8-10 yrs 5.15-6.00pm
Course fee: B1900

BC EVENT

THE YALE WHIFFENPOOFS



"Founded in 1909 at Mory's of New Haven, the Whiffenpoofs are an elite, 14-member men's chorus from Yale University, the oldest and most famous of its kind. Delighting audiences everywhere with close harmonies and an entertaining style, a Whiffenpoof performance represents the perfection of a craft. The Whiffenpoofs enjoy considerable fame in the United States and around the world - performing at five-star hotels, Fortune 500 corporations, and such dignitaries as Mother Theresa, the Dalai Lama, President Clinton, and former President Bush, in such venues as Carnegie Hall, NBC's 'Today Show,' and the opening game of the World Series in front of millions of television viewers. Just this past fall, the Whiffenpoofs sang for author William F. Buckley, Vice Presidential candidate Senator Joseph Lieberman, and Hollywood stars Jody Foster, Meryl Streep, and Ed Norton."

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TURKISH FOOD PROMOTION

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Judging from the photographs, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

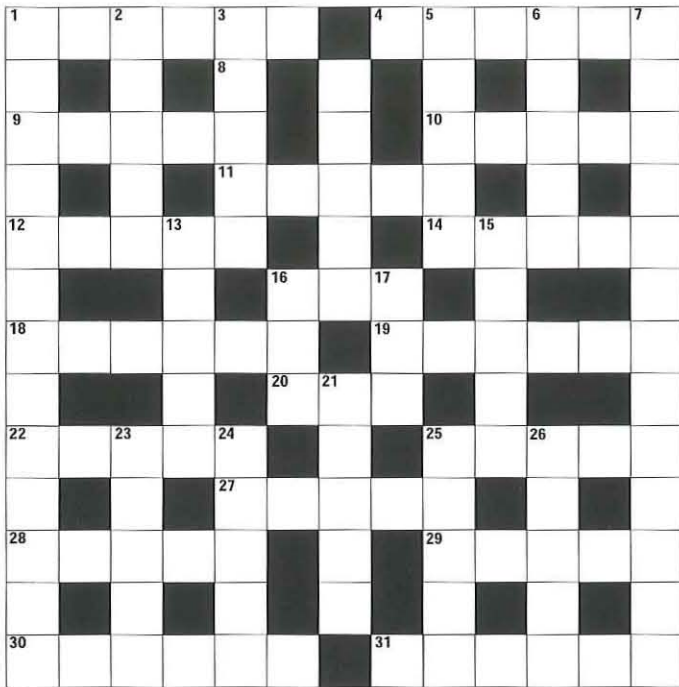
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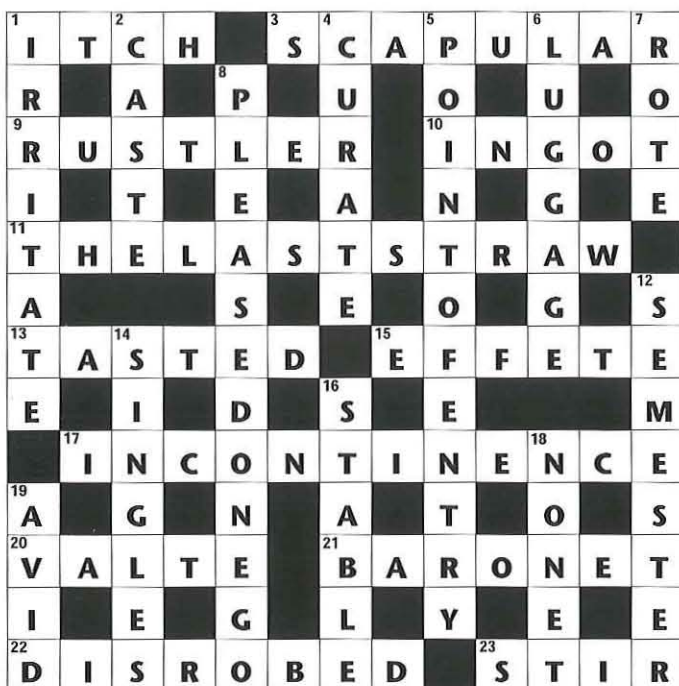
ACROSS

1. Until turning East, this ship had a famous bell.
4. You might have it arriving in Bangkok from New York. (3-3)
9. A girl might be this colour.
10. Took a part..
11. Drunken sot I see - showing no emotion!
12. I tear around - angry!
14. A prevailing course - in the opera?
16. " _____! It is the cannon's roar!"
18. Glitters a little
19. Fall in the United States.
20. I do it with my little eye!
22. What 'Arry dropped!
25. Where to get a date in the desert.
27. Rosie somehow helped to make a basket.
28. A small 16 Across of the sea.
29. I held somehow for a capital city.
30. One of those found by the Dead Sea.
31. "Down will come baby, _____ and all" (Nursery Rhyme)

DOWN

1. A single laddie is disturbed by woman of parts. (7,6)
2. Part of your lower limb.
3. "Education .. the priest continues what the ____ began."
(Dryden)
5. Bring a decree to fruition.
6. Away with him! He speaks _____! (Shakespeare - Henry VI)
7. Anger...new ideas were around in the old testament. (8,5)
8. Essential for a good loaf.
13. Not I see, a mix for the gin!
15. Useful addition for the batting side.
16. The American bottom for an animal!
17. Romeo said that winds do shake the darling buds of ____.
21. Oscar Wilde's Miss who upsets Sir in the afternoon.
23. He led the Peasant's Revolt against Richard II.
24. The place to stay.
25. "Stand not upon the _____ of your going." (Macbeth)
26. Is old, maybe - but substantial.

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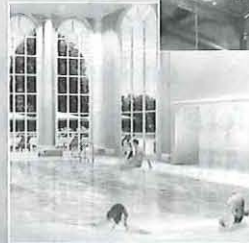


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- 12 TENNIS COURTS
- GOLF COURSE

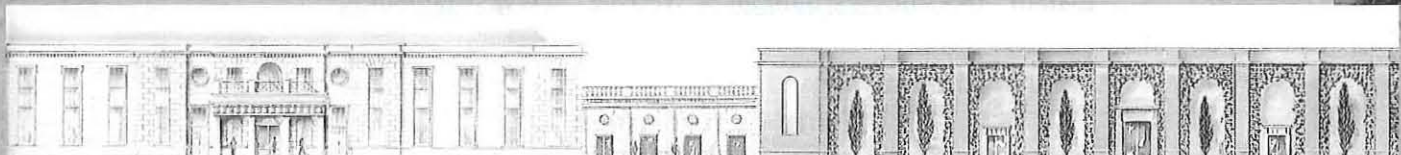
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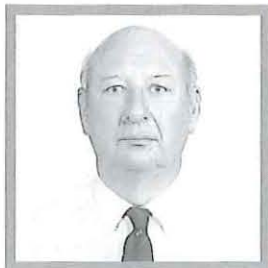
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BC CENTENARY

In Their Own Words



To celebrate the British Club Centenary, we have been interviewing and talking to long-time members of the Club and community to understand what brought them to Bangkok so many years ago. Here is our first chat with Nigel Overy, CBE. (This is an edited version, the full interview can be read in the British Club Centenary book to be published and available in April 2003.)

Q. PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU CAME TO BE IN THE THAILAND AND A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH CLUB?

A. I landed early one December morning in 1952 after a grueling 3-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 automatic.

Q. WHAT WERE YOUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE CLUB?

A. The Club building itself was designed in a style typical of structures built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It had a general run-down appearance, there was little money around to spend on clubs when most companies were trying to re-build after the war.

Q. WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT CLUB STAFF?

A. The club employed an Assistant Secretary, a Mr Mottet and Club Boys for the main building, gardeners and watchmen. Help; ie: *deks*, were called in off the street as required to provide ball-boy services for the Tennis Section and to recover skittles and bowls in the Bowling Alley. The Club servants had their own quarters in a building parallel with the Bowling Alley. For members, the most significant member of the staff was the Butler (the real manager of the club). Mr Cheng Kim Lee or *Ah Lee* joined the staff in 1915 and didn't retire until 1960.

Q. WHERE DID EVERYONE SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME AT THE CLUB?

A. 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 essential when there was no air conditioning. 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, there was a clear way through from the main entrance to the back lawn allowing an unimpeded flow of air through the club.

Q. HOW DID THE CLUB DEAL WITH MEMBERS PAYING THEIR MONTHLY BILLS?

A. The rules on payment of Club dues were harsh and strictly enforced. Defaulters were posted on the board only after a few days and it was regarded as a major black mark for anyone to allow their name to appear on the board. Senior managers of companies would keep an eye on the list and continued defaults would be sufficient reason for dismissal or posting from the country.

Q. WHO USED THE CLUB IN THE EVENINGS DURING THE WEEK?

A. After office hours on weekdays a few regular members would refresh themselves before leaving for home for dinner or preparations for a night out. The Club boasted shower facilities, an alternative to throwing water over

oneself with dippers from the *shanghai* jars which served most dwellings. A visit to the Club could develop into a session if the company was right and would inevitably lead to raucous behaviour and endangerment of Club property.

Q. TELL US ABOUT THE WEEKENDS AT THE CLUB?

A. The working week was five-and-a-half days. At Saturday lunch-time the Main Bar burst its seams with a hoard direct from offices. Beer and gin flowed and the air was thick with cigarette smoke, largely from the local loosely-filled ever-present *Kledthong* cigarettes in their soft red packs. Younger members would stay most of the afternoon, mixing drinks with dice or turns in the Bowling Alley eventually dragging 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. Sundays were usually quiet for the Club until the evening when the weekly film would be shown against a white screen on the back lawn or in the cinema room upstairs.

Q. WAS THE CLUB A CHAUVINISTS PARADISE?

A. Women were to be seen largely at Club functions only and rarely in the bar, a male sanctum. Despite the lack of facilities, they did put in a lot of work advising the gardeners and in arranging dances and decorating the rooms for such functions. Wives of members had the full use of the club but single ladies could be granted Ladies' Privileges, such ladies came from the British Embassy, the Bangkok Nursing Home, and British nannies of well-heeled expatriates. When a proposal was put forward in 1958 to charge a subscription, this was turned down as it was not the tradition of the Club.

Sarah Allen,
Centenary committee

FITNESS ARTICLE

Attention! Attention! Attention!

HAVE YOU EVER:

- Thought about how much your quality of life would improve if you had more energy or stamina.....
- Wanted to learn how to determine what body fat percentage is 'right' for you.....
- Wanted to improve or maintain your flexibility as you grow older.....

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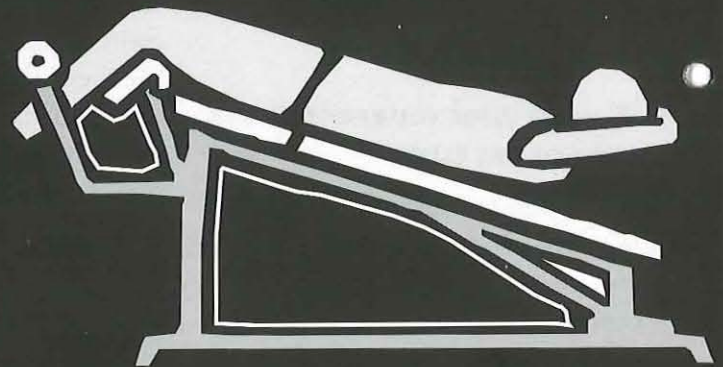
My name is Bill Dudley and my wife (Blanche) and I recently joined the British Club. I am a certified personal fitness trainer newly arrived here in Bangkok and am available to discuss with you the topics stated above, as well as any other questions you may have regarding physical fitness and wellness.

I hold certifications as a personal trainer from the American Council on Exercise (ACE) and the American Institute of Fitness Educators (AIFE). Additionally, I have multiple years of experience developing and implementing fitness/nutritional wellness programs for business professionals, amateur athletes, and older (65 years and up) adults.



As a personal trainer in the United States, I was the owner operator of a personal training business known as: Have Fitness / Will Travel, Specializing in In-Home Fitness Training Program Development..

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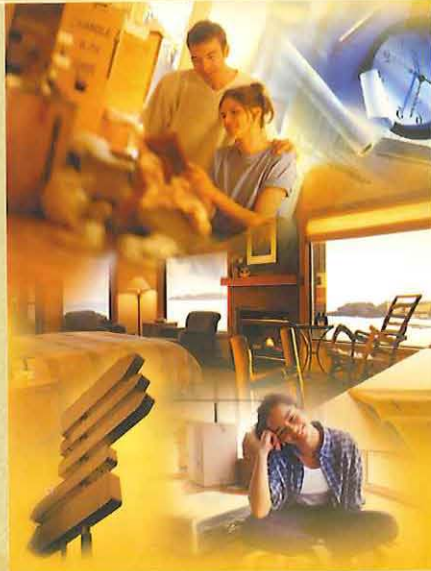
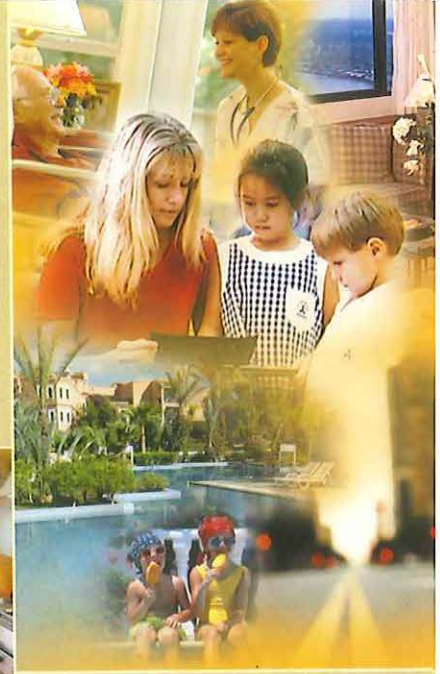


As a certified personal trainer, I can tailor a comprehensive fitness program for you that will keep you informed and motivated while assisting you in achieving your health and wellness goals. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that I have reached an agreement with the British Club's management to offer personal training services at the fitness facility located next to the swimming pool.

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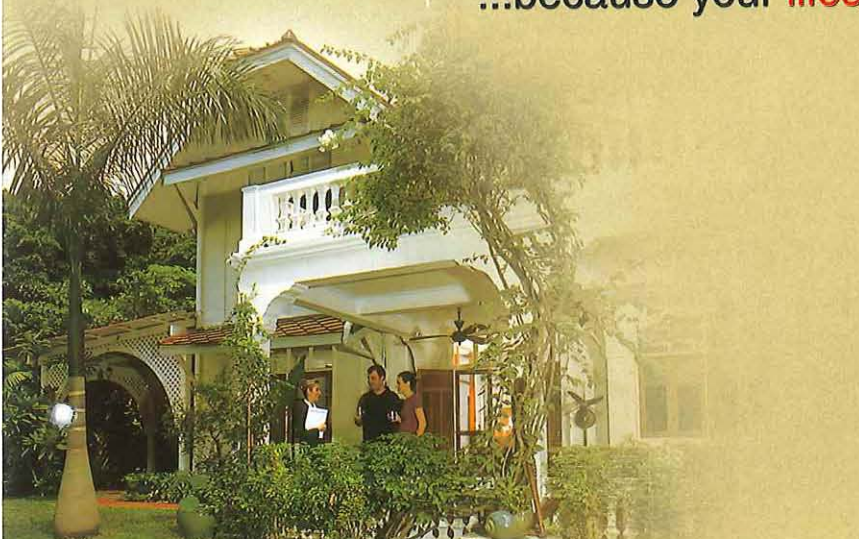
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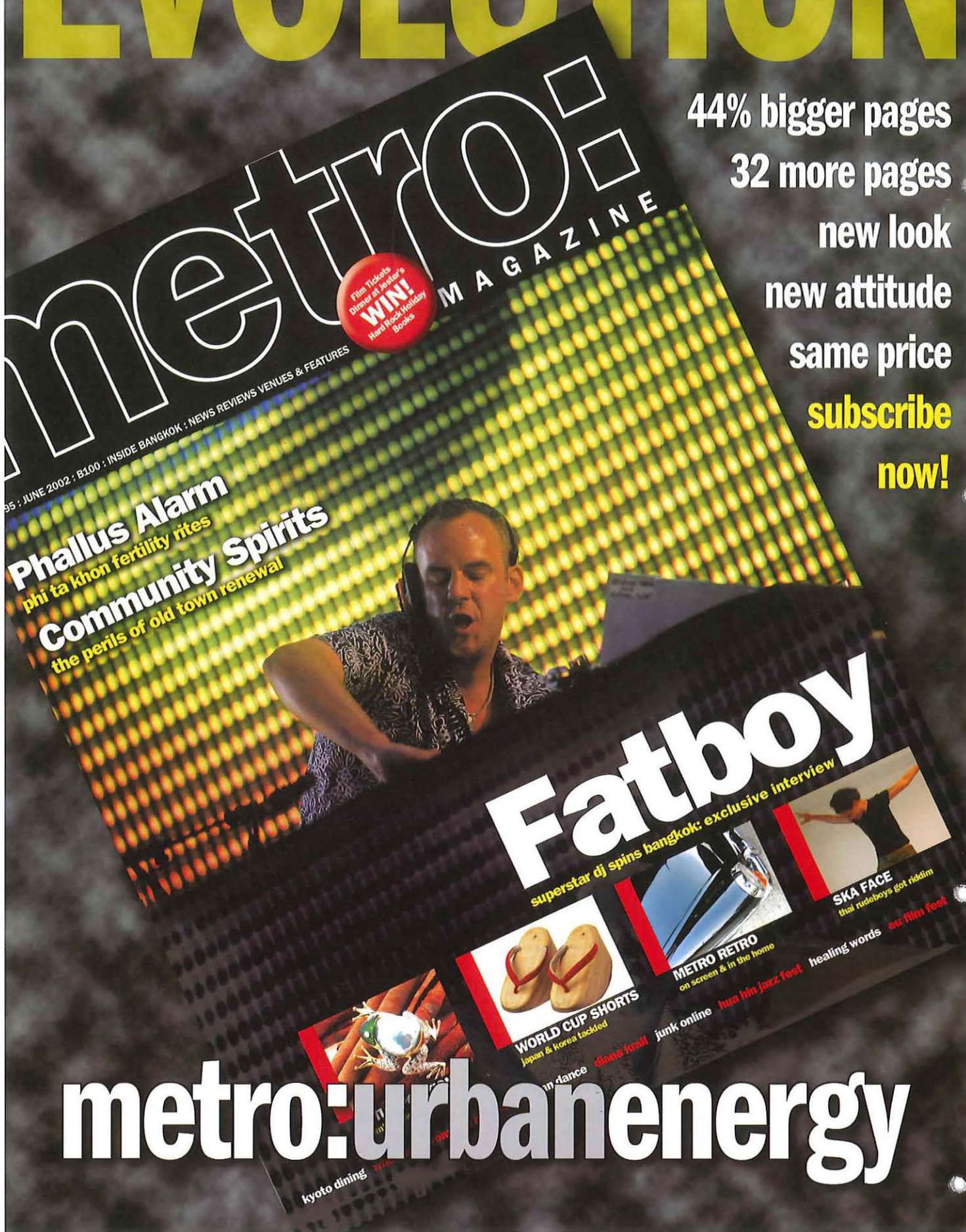
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KHAO YAI WEEK-END

Best described as a trip not for the faint hearted! But seriously, I think I speak for everyone who went on this fabulous weekend trip, it was well-organised, action-packed and passed by all too quickly!

Many thanks to Barry and his team for making this a memorable trip.

Look out for a full write-up next month.

Judith Airey





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APRIL MEDAL

Just when you think it's safe to go back into the water

They should all have gone home by now but there still seems to be the occasional busload of itinerant Japanese Golfers who descend on Royal Lad Krabang without booking and are somehow allowed to tee off... Actually what I'm really whining about is that they were allowed to tee-off the 10th with no thought as to what was going to happen 2 hours later when these characters arrived to play the 1st. What did happen is that the Starter immediately made himself scarce (there's a surprise) and we had to hang around for 40 minutes whilst the Japanese played through. Oh well, TTT....

A lot of members seem to be away at the moment and a limited field of 29 competed for April's Medal (well below our usual turn-out these days), for a while it looked as though only three people were going to contest 'A' Flight but fortunately some late arrivals made it all more respectable. There were a few surprise results in 'B' and 'C' Flights, but to put them in order:

'A' Flight	1st	Mike Staples	(74)
	2nd	David Lamb	(75)
	3rd	Dale Lamb	(79)
'B' Flight	1st	Tom McKay	(64)
	2nd	Larry Goodliffe	(74)
	3rd	Kevin Jones	(76)
'C' Flight	1st	Chamaine Adams	(75)
	2nd	Edward Ashman	(76 - on countback)
	3rd	Orin Baldwin	(76)

Tom McKay is playing amazingly well at the moment - his net 64 was a whopping 10 strokes ahead of the next best result, which, as luck would have, happened to be Mike Staples (the handicap secretary). Charmaine Adams is also having a very good season, as is Orin Baldwin, a newcomer to the club who is settling in very well and playing some excellent golf.

MAGPIE PUTTER

- BCGS V WANDERERS.

We Wuz Robbed!

Well, the title says it all but like any good story we should really begin at the beginning. The annual tussle for this prestigious sporting trophy was held at Muang Kaoew on what was - to be blunt - a stinking hot day. This is always a popular and highly entertaining event and we fielded fifteen pairs, which wasn't a bad turn-out considering a few of our members who hold 'dual citizenship' with both clubs elected to play for the opposition. The Wanderers did slightly better, mustering 32 players and this proved to be crucial as it was 'the best 15 pairs to count'.

The format was 'better ball scramble' with six drives from each golfer being a minimum. This made for some impressively low scores however it also meant fast play, the course was full to capacity (and then some - the car park overflowed onto the grass verges) so we were bracing ourselves for a long day.

But Muang Kaoew has come a long way since the dreaded 'six balls' were allowed onto the fairways and although it was a



Karen Carter
looking 'cool'

combination that leaps to mind as an obvious partnership. Nevertheless it all seemed to work, but more of that in a moment.

As the results began to come in it was immediately obvious that it was going to be a very close race, the Wanderers were putting in some very low scores (no less than three net 61's) but these were being balanced by the occasional 74 plus. The BCGS were more 'slow and steady', there was the odd brilliant score (and disaster) but mostly we kept it in the high sixties... and in true 'tortoise and hare' fashion we gradually began to pull ahead until, when the last scores were added in, it appeared we'd retained the Magpie Putter by 10 strokes, 987 strokes to 997.

Alas! Our celebrations were premature, through an oversight the Wanderers 16th pair did not appear on the scoreboard, there was a frantic trawl through the showers and locker room to find them and wouldn't you know it? when their card was unearthed it turned out they'd shot a 63 - 11 strokes better than the 74 they displaced and enough to give victory to the Wanderers by the narrowest margin possible - one stroke..

We could console ourselves with Andre and Guy's net 60, the lowest score of the day, and Pat Dean and Dick Taylor winning the prize for the Lowest Gross Score, but we all went home with just one thought in our minds, "If only I hadn't missed that putt..."

Saying goodbye to the Magpie putter



TRAFALGAR ECLECTIC

- THE BIG ONE

Once again May saw us down in Hua Hin competing for the Trafalgar Shield, a three day eclectic event sponsored by Trafalgar Insurance, which is one of the most popular competitions on the calendar and is always well attended. This year we had an added incentive as a special prize was on offer – two business class tickets to Phuket (plus 3 days accommodation) for a hole-in-one on the long par 3's.

Majestic Creek is amongst the prettiest courses in Thailand and it's a pleasure to play there, but it's not exactly easy. Of the 34 people who turned out for the competition only four managed sub-par rounds on Day One (there were just 11 all weekend). Admittedly the conditions didn't help, rain showers came and went (weirdly the front nine remained dry but the back nine got soaked) and the greens were... well, different. Apparently it's due to the type of grass they were seeded with but 'shaggy' is the only way to describe them and more '3 putts' were recorded on the first day than in the previous six months.

But it was the same for everyone so all credit to the leader at close of play on Day One, Mike Staples, who shot a 79 (net 67 – using 7/8 handicap) three shots clear of Guy Snow and Barry Ashman (net 70) with Roy Barret in hot pursuit (net 71).

Mike continued the good work on Day Two, a gross 82 (net 70) reduced his Eclectic score to 60 but then came a surprise. Andy Flynn, who only managed a net 80 on the first and second days,

'cleaned up' his score by a staggering 20 strokes and achieved an Eclectic total of 60, showing that in this format it's not just by how much you improve your score, but on which holes. The only person to do better was Diane Bulow who improved by 22 strokes to achieve a highly creditable 69. Guy and Barry didn't have such a good day but Grant Cameron, our sponsor, had a great round and finished only three strokes behind Mike on 63, closely followed by David Lamb and Tom McKay who were now tied for third place on 65. (No, not a typo, Andy isn't a member of the BCGS and was taking part as a guest).

Day Three was the last chance of a winning score (or even a respectable one) and there were some determined faces on the tee. Sadly, Grant Cameron had been called back to Bangkok so we'll never find out if he'd have won his own trophy. As it turned out Mike did just enough to secure victory, he only improved by one shot to 59 but that was sufficient to see off late 'charges' by David Lamb and Charmaine Adams (60 and 61 respectively).....and that was how the 2002 Trafalgar Shield Competition ended, the official results were as follows:

Best Net (and winner of the Shield)
2nd Place
3rd Place
Lowest Gross Trophy
Best Guest

Mike Staples
David Lamb
Charmaine Adams
Roy Barret
Andy Flynn

It's worth noting Mike's expertise in this particular field - he's won the Trafalgar Eclectic three times in the past four years – a record. And speaking of consistency it's nice to see another name on the 'Lowest Gross Trophy'. The Cup was presented to the club three years ago (by Mike Staples and Andre Tissera) but up until now the only name on it has been David Lamb's.



Carol-Ann, Liz & Lori at Majestic Creek

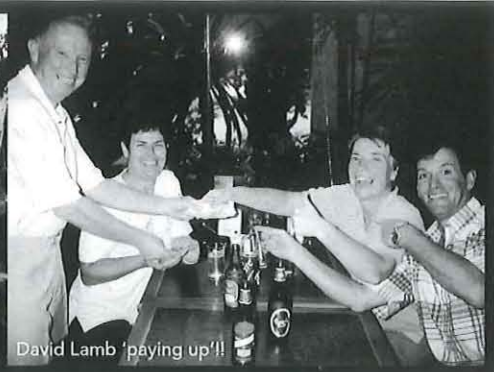
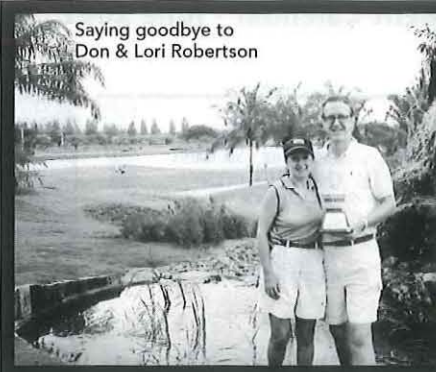


David Lamb goes fishing?

It was, as ever, an excellent competition and our sincere thanks to Grant Cameron and Trafalgar Insurance who sponsored the week-end.

FAREWELL TO DON AND LORI ROBERTSON

Majestic Creek was the moment we finally said goodbye to Don and Lori. Okay, so it feels like they've been leaving for months but the house has been sold, the furniture is in boxes and Don was playing with a set of golf clubs that Noah whittled from left over pieces of gopher wood... his own have long-since left for London. They've promised to come back and visit us soon (I predict it will be shortly after the first frost and Rail Strike of winter) but in the meantime we all wish them a safe journey and good luck for the future.



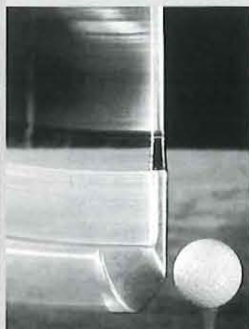
CADDIE QUOTES

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddie: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddie: "Eventually sir, eventually."



Golfer: "How do you like my game?"

Caddie: "Oh very nice sir, but personally I prefer golf."

Golfer: "This can't be my ball, it's too old"

Caddie: "Well it's been a long time since we started."

Lady Golfer (after spending a fortune on lessons):
"Did you see a difference to-day?"

Caddie: "Oh yes madam, you've had your hair done."

Golfer: "This is the worst golf course I've ever played on."

Caddie: "Golf course? We left that hours ago."

Golfer (after sending yet one more ball into the water):
"I'm going to drown myself in that damn lake."

Caddie: "Oh I doubt it sir, you couldn't keep your head down that long."

Golfer: "I wish you'd stop looking at your watch."

Caddie: "It's not a watch, it's a compass."

Golfer: "That's the worst round of golf I've ever played."

Caddie: "Oh, so you have played before then?"

Beyond the Horizon

**An exhibition of watercolours by Louise Truslow
13 - 30 June**

"Beyond The Horizon" is the latest exhibition of watercolour paintings to be presented by Louise Truslow at the Rotunda Gallery. This is Louise's 7th exhibition in Bangkok and showcases her continued exploration of Southeast Asian subjects.

Based locally for the past twelve year, Louise travels extensively throughout the region - painting on location and in her Bangkok studio. She paints a wide variety of subjects, drawing inspiration from the sights and individuals she encounters. In order to give something back to the communities that are the source of her work, Louise will hold a charity auction during the exhibition. The painting "Saffron and Gold" will be auctioned and the proceeds used to provide treatment for HIV positive children.

The Rotunda Gallery is open:

Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday	9.30am - 4.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 7.00pm
Sunday	9.30am - 2.00pm

Contact Mariana Atkins
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CALENDAR

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - June 2002



Sunday
 Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday
 Saturday

7 am - 1 pm Tennis Team Practice
 11 am - 1 pm Badminton - Soi Nares
 2 pm - 4 pm Children's Activities
 3 - 6 pm Tennis Mix-in
 4.30 pm Yoga
 2 - 8 pm Happy Hour
 10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

8.00 am BWG Mahjong
 5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
 7 - 9 pm Tennis Team Practice
 10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

7.00 am Ladies Golf
 8 - 10a pm Ladies Tennis
 10.30 am Aqua Aerobics
 11.30 am Yoga
 2 - 7 pm BC Swimming Instruction
 5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
 7 - 9 pm Football Training
 8 - 11 pm Friendly Bridge
 9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof
 10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

9.30 am Aerobics
 5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
 6 - 9 pm Tennis Mix-in
 6.30 pm Cricket Nets
 7.00 pm Darts
 8.30 pm Accumulator
 10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

8 - 10 am Ladies Tennis
 10.30 am Aqua Aerobics
 5 - 8 pm Happy Hour
 6 - 9 pm Squash Mix-in
 7 - 9 pm Rugby Training
 9 - 10 pm Hockey Training
 10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

9.00 am ANZGW Mahjong
 3.30 - 6 pm BC Tennis Coaching for Children
 5.10 pm Tennis Mix-in
 5.30 pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training
 Happy Hour
 5 - 8 pm Adult Tennis
 6 - 7 pm Poolside BBQ
 6.30 - 9 pm Happy Hour II

9 am - 12 noon Squash Coaching
 9 am - 1.30 pm BC Swimming Instruction
 2 - 8 pm Happy Hour
 10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

MAKE A NOTE!

20 June Big Screen Video Night

Throughout June FIFA World Cup

14 June Wine Tasting

20,21 June Brazilian Food Promo

24 June Bar Quiz

Every Wednesday - Accumulator

See page 7 for full details

Sports - Contacts

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Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	0 2654 0002-29
Bridge	Winlock Hsu/ Charlene Wang	0 2921 6015
Cricket	Andre Tissera	0 2238 2718-21
Darts	Fitness Centre	0 2234 0247
Football	Martin Conisbee	01 829 7185
Golf	Phil Hall	01 839 9871
Spoofers	Steve Eaton	0 2237 9262
Rugby	Jon Prichard	0 2662 6376
Scuba Diving	Peter Gary	0 2634 7799
Snooker	Khun Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	Peter Corney	01 829 2253
Tennis	Bruce Gordon	0 2237 9521

Loyal Societies

St George's	Angela Stafford	0 2632 0560 x 3037
St Andrew's	Meilan henderson	0 2259 0586
St Patrick's	Ian Kane	0 2678 1813 x 1738
St David's	Basia Filzek	0 2286 1348

Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
Aerobics	Squash Court 3
Casuals Football	Colgate Ground, Rama III
Massage	Near the Silom Sala

Opening Times

10 am - 11 pm	Churchill Bar
11.30 am - 2 pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6 pm - 10 pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30 am - 10 pm	Poolside Bar
6 am - 9 pm	Fitness Centre
9 am - 6 pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

SQUASH

Chiang Mai Doubles Tournament

This tournament was held on 27-29 April at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. The British Club entered 3 teams - Marc Hagelauer & Steve Bell, Ja Chaturan & Dick Anwar and Chris Browning & Nick Thwaites.

The entry was large - 56 pairings with players from far and wide -, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, Uganda, and of course 6 local clubs.

Marc was given the opportunity to play because of the absence of David 'sicknote' Eastgate. The presence of Marc and Nick and absence of David and stalwart Peter Corney halved the average age of the teams, and (allegedly) doubled the intellect!!

All three teams won their first match; however Ja and Dick fell at the second hurdle to a strong Singapore Cricket Club 2 team. Steve and Marc survived to the 3rd round before losing to a strong RBSC 1.

Chris & Nick lost to eventual winners Hong Kong Football Club 1 in a close match (surely a demolition - PC).

Nick Thwaites deserves a special mention, as he adapted his game well to the needs of doubles, in his first experience of the game.

This event was spread over 3 days - culminating in the finals on Monday, well hosted at RBSC and with a good showing from the BC.

Chris Browning

159TH LEAGUE

The 159th league ended on 30 April with Division 4 being the only division to complete all games. Bill Randall missed out on an ideal opportunity to win Div 3 but he lacked the mental toughness to

win his last game 3-0 and "allowed" Suharsh to get two games thus giving the league to Peter.

DIVISION	WINNER
1	Chris Browning
2	Marc Hagelauer
3	Peter Corney
4	Steve Harvey
5	Andre Tissera

FUTURE EVENTS

• The Don Johnson Cup (closed Club Championships) is scheduled to be played in June.

• The annual Dawee Cup against the Polo Club will also be played in June. This year we have so much depth in the club that we have a real opportunity to win.

If any Squash Section members have any photos or gossip for inclusion in the squash section of Outpost please send to me.

Remember with the present hot weather drink plenty of water well before your game and if you feel distressed while playing come off the court and play another day.

Happy Squashing
Peter Corney

THAI JUNIORS V BCB

The second match between the British Club and the Thai National Junior squad took place on Saturday 4th May.

The British Club team was a blend of experience and youth, with 3 juniors, David Weekes, Timmy Weekes and Jonathan Bell, making their debuts. The match was extremely close, with a number of games going to the deciding fifth game. In the end the overall score of 7-5, in favour of the British Club, reflected how well matched the teams were.

The British Club team consisted of Steve Bell, Peter Corney, Tom Livingstone, Marvyn Lewis, David Hedge, Steve Harvey, David Weekes, Timmy Weekes and Jonathan Bell. All the players contributed to a highly enjoyable afternoon. However, special mention must be made of Peter Corney, who came back from two games down to defeat a very good Thai Number 2. Tom Livingstone and David Hedge also deserve special mention as they both played two matches, and won them both.

We look forward to welcoming the Thai Junior team back to the British Club in the near future.

Steve Bell

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NEW MEMBERS

TRACEY & ANDREW GIBSON

British



Here for 2 - 3 years with Grampian Foods Siam Ltd. Tracey and Andrew are both very sporty and both very keen to learn to take squash lessons. Their non-sporting hobbies are eating out, cinema and wine tasting - there's certainly a proliferation of all those in Bangkok!

BENJAMIN LAI & JINTANANT SUBHMITR

British / Thai

Benjamin was unable to attend New Members night, as he was away in Taiwan on business. However, Jintanant was able to "fill us in"! Here for at least two years, after previous postings in Singapore and Shanghai, Jintanant and Benjamin look forward to playing a bit of squash, swimming and tennis whilst in Bangkok. Then, if they have time they will travel around the region, to indulge in their other favourite hobby, photography.



RAY & WANPEN BRISTER

British / Thai



Ray has travelled 'a million miles' with Thai Airways over the past 5 - 6 years (just think of all the 'frequent flyer' points! - J) and has visited all the Asian countries regularly. But, when he's at home, he likes nothing better than to cycle around his village in the mid-day sun, with no crash helmet!!

Their children Robin, 8 and Richard 5 attend ISB school at Nichada Thani. They love to play computer games, read and are also into football. This month's world cup should keep them occupied!

Wanpen enjoys relaxing by the swimming pool with a good book, or, watching her favourite TV programmes.

SIMON MACKAY

British



A pensions and savings consultant by profession, Simon relaxes by playing football, chess, playing the piano and DJing - Let's get him for the next BC disco quick!!

Simon has often been likened to the snooker player, Steve Davis. Here's his photo, what do you think??

ANDREW & ROSAMUNDE CUMMING

British

Andrew and Rosamunde first visited our Club in 1988 as Reciprocal Members. Little did they know that, 14 years later, they would be back as full Members! They have spent several years in Singapore, then Belgium and then back to the UK. But they both agree that it is good to be back in Asia.

They have 2 children, James 8, a student at Bangkok Patana School and Jessica 10 months. James has the hobbies of a normal 8 year old boy; but, strangely, the word "nightmare" closely follows this statement. I'll leave it up to you to decide for yourselves what this might mean?!

With Karen Hollis (left)



MZM FEROUZE & PENSRI SOIMAT

Sri-Lankan / Thai

Long-time residents of Bangkok (20 years +) this charming couple work together at Try Once Gems & Jewelry Co., Ltd.

Their daughters, aged 9 and 7 are currently studying at St. Joseph's Convent School.



TENNIS

Welcome The New Committee

The following were elected to the Tennis Section Committee at the AGM on 4 April:

•Chairman:	Bruce Gordon
•Deputy Chairman:	James Young
•Captain:	Marc Nussaume
•Secretary:	Mam Tabyang
•Treasurer:	Paul Williams
•Sponsorship:	Marc Hagelauer
•Mix-Ins/Newsletter:	Terry Adams
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•Social Events:	Zandra White/Lip
•Trophies & Photos:	Lawrence Lipman
•Advisory/SpecialAssignments:	Vorathep Siripornthanakul

Your Committee have been working hard on a "New Tennis Package" which will be announced in the next few days! The aim is to put in place a Tennis Section for Members who want to enjoy organised tennis at the BC in a friendly and social environment, but with competitive tennis at all levels available for those Members so inclined. This will include new Leagues and revitalised Ladders as well as a series of matches and visits to other Clubs during the course of our Tennis Section year from April to March.

Criteria for Team selection, Team Practices and Mix-Ins will also be announced shortly.

Please do read the letter that will shortly be circulated and look at the Tennis Section Notice board for full details.

APRIL MATCH REPORT

Dr.Taksin's Senior Team Doubles Tournament arranged by the Veterans Tennis Association of Thailand.

The Tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday, 20 and 21 April. Teams of 14 named players of verified age, comprising 2 mixed doubles and 3 men's

doubles pairs, were allowed to field one current and any number of previous National players, so the competition was fierce, and the standard of play very high. The BC could only field 4 pairs on the Saturday due to some players defaulting at short notice with no replacements in the required age groups. As a result, the Captain decided the BC Team should concentrate on winning the "D" Group, and this mission was successfully achieved. Congratulations to our Team which comprised Michael and Teresa Turner, Kamol S and Panee Y, Pongsak Y and James Young, Pat Dean and Eiji Hanao, and Pairoj C and Bruce Gordon, who together completed a famous 4 sets to 1 victory over Paknam in the Final!

Bruce Gordon was presented with a very fine Group "D" Winners Trophy by the Minister of Sport at the presentations dinner held on 27 April at the Tawana Ramada Hotel. Bruce was supported by a contingent of BC players and supporters.

SUNDAY, 12 MAY

Captain Marc and his "Assistant" Marc Hagelaur organised a Family "Tennis Extravaganza" on Sunday, 12 May commencing with a "Run Around" fun game at 08.30 and with the event itself starting at 09.30 and running through to 16.00 hrs.

A fantastic attendance of 32 adults and 16 hyped-up juniors enjoyed a fun filled day with many prizes presented at the conclusion. Look out for a full report and photos next month!

JUNE EVENTS

SUNDAY, 2 JUNE

A and B Teams, doubles against Thai International at the BC.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 8 AND 9 JUNE

The Pattaya Weekend. Watch out for

details that will be circulated soon. Contact Bruce Gordon or any Committee Member for details.

SATURDAY, 15 JUNE

A and B Teams against Daocrajai. Singles 13.00 to 15.00 and doubles from 15.00, at the BC.

COURT ETIQUETTE

Many of us are selfish when it comes to the handling of loose balls that are on our court – either balls that we are playing with, or those from an adjacent court. This may be due to a lack of appreciation of what the appropriate Tennis Etiquette is, or just laziness on our part. We see people knocking or flicking balls back to servers where the balls go nowhere near the server, forcing the server to expend effort and time to retrieve the ball, or flicking balls back on to the adjacent court whilst a point is in play, a potentially dangerous practice. Or even worse, not retrieving loose balls at all, forcing other players to wait.

So, below is an extract from the USTA website – read, digest, and let's all play better tennis!

BALL MANAGEMENT

Even the most efficient tennis players spend more time between points than playing points. Getting the balls in the server's hands is the biggest time-waster. While a brief rest between points is often needed, many players slow the game down by a factor of two or three by failing to collect balls and get them to the server efficiently.

Here are a few tips that will speed up the game and make it more fun for everyone: Balls should be kept either in hand, in a pocket or ball clip, or against the fence directly behind the centre mark.

Any time your opponent has to walk a significant distance to get a ball, look

around your side to see whether you can use that time to collect a ball that's similarly far away. If the server needs a ball, the player closest to a ball should get it and send it to the server. Send a ball to the server so that he/she can catch it easily with one hand. Advanced players seem to be able to get the ball to bounce once, softly, to the server, but most less advanced players should make the ball bounce twice to ensure that it arrives at a low speed. Never hit a ball hard toward the server's side with the intention that he/she will eventually collect it off the fence. Aside from the possibility of hitting someone who's not expecting a ball to be coming, you'll also probably cause the ball to bounce off the fence and roll either too far away or into the court where it will become a hazard. Also, it's rude to make the server pick a ball up off the ground when you could have sent it so that it could be caught after a bounce or two.

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you think a lob is the most boring shot in tennis, you haven't seen a moon ball. Those high-flying, high-bouncing topspin shots called moon balls have the

worst reputation of any shot in the game. But they can serve great purposes at the right moments. Players who master the moon ball often are the very same players with full trophy cases as well. Here's why:

MOON BALLS ARE LOW-RISK, HIGH-RETURN SHOTS:

If these shots were stocks, everybody's portfolio would include them. They are one of the safest shots to hit because they go high over the net with heavy topspin and bounce high and deep — which makes them difficult to attack. In fact, against players with weak backhands, moon balls are often enough to force an error or a short ball.

MOON BALLS BUY TIME:

Since moon balls stay in the air for a while just like a lob, they are an excellent way to buy time if you're pulled out of position in a rally. But unlike a lob, moon balls have a more aggressive bounce and travel deeper into the court, limiting your opponent's responses. Launching a moon ball will help you buy time without becoming completely defensive in the process.

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Please send any email comments to Terry Adams at: tadams@bkk3.loxinfo.co.th.

Get Ready for "Rumpelstiltskin"!

A delightful children's event at the British Club the first two weekends of June. Bangkok Community Theatre (BCT), The British Club, BAMBI and The Nellson Hays Library have all teamed up to create an exciting fairy tale afternoon for young children. The focus of the event is the hour-long presentation of "Rumpelstiltskin" by six talented BCT players. The youngest and newest BCT recruit in the show is Bangkok Patana student (and British Club member) Carly Connor while the oldest is BCT veteran, Paul Robere. The show is performed in-the-round in the Suriwongse Room with the children sitting on the floor on all sides (don't worry, there are a few rows of chairs for those less hardy).

The play begins with a group of travelling players getting ready to put on a show. But what show should they stage? And what will they use for scenery? What costumes should they wear and where will they find an orchestra to play the overture at such short notice??? With a little help from the audience to get them started (and a whole lot of audience participation in the following scenes) the actors tell the tale of the evil dwarf, Rumpelstiltskin, whose magical powers allow him to spin straw into gold.....

To help round out the afternoon's activities, The British Club will be offering a delicious picnic barbecue and snacks on the front lawn (not included in the ticket price) both before and after the performances so families can come early and eat before or stay late and have a picnic afterwards. The Nellson Hays Library, BAMBI and library volunteers have put together a series of 'Fairytale Corner' activities to carry on the theme. Stop by before the show and the children can make a simple musical instrument to play during the overture of 'Rumpelstiltskin'. Or stop by afterwards and explore the extensive selection of children's books and other fairytale activities. And since dressing up always adds an element of excitement, please encourage your children to come dressed as their favourite storybook character.

This is a truly enchanting event and one not to be missed.

BAMBI/NHL can still use volunteers to help with the Fairytale corner activities.

If you'd like to volunteer, please call Michelle Bradley at 02 258 5317

or email bradley@ksc.th.com or to find out more about BCT

or the show, please call 01 869 1104,

email bonniez@sala.net

or visit the BCT website www.bct.th.org

The zany cast of "Rumpelstiltskin"
range in age from 16 to 60!

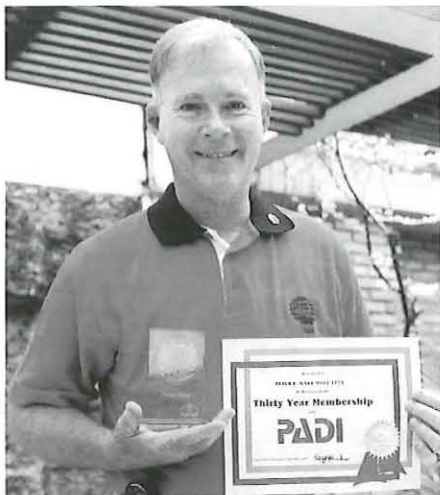


SCUBA

Thirty Years with PADI

PADI regional manager, Rick Ray, invited me to dinner this last 7 May as the guest of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). I received an award for my thirty-year membership. I'm not only the most senior instructor in Thailand, but also all of S.E. Asia! The dinner and conversation were great. It was fun to remember the early days of when I first started to scuba dive and see how the industry has developed today and where it is focused to the future.

Many people ask me how I got started in diving. I usually begin with... "Once upon a time".... I was working with a major oil company as an engineer in a boring career and decided to find a new interesting outside activity. I had always enjoyed a TV series entitled SEAHUNT starring Lloyd Bridges as well as the Jacques Yves Cousteau undersea specials. So scuba diving was my choice. PADI did not yet exist at that time in Seattle, WA, USA where I was living. I picked up the telephone book and looked up "Diving instruction" and found only a couple of stores - all were associated with the National Association of Underwater Instructors "NAUI". This did not mean anything to me. I just wanted to scuba dive. After a month of twice weekly lessons that were very military training oriented using the standard manual of the times, "The New Science of Skin and Scuba Diving" and the US Navy decompression tables. Then followed several open water dives in cold Puget Sound water. I was now certified and thoroughly hooked on diving! I could not wait until the weekends to go diving in spite of nearly freezing half to death. The new diver drop out rate of 70% was common after the first cold water dives. I had also changed jobs and was now doing some very interesting work with the Virginia Mason Research Center's Department of Hyperbaric Physiology conducting diving research. Wow, I was getting paid to have fun! During this time I was helping my scuba instructor as an assistant. It was closer to an informal divemaster program. I was then seriously considering becoming a NAUI instructor.



Peter Gary with 30-year membership certificate and award.

PADI had already formed in California and was looking to expand. They made Mr. Bill High, an instructor of a local Seattle community college in charge of a commercial diving course, a PADI course director. He sent out notices that PADI would be conducting an instructor training and certification program for those who could pre-qualify. Who and what were PADI? NAUI had been established first and enjoyed the largest market share. Why change now? The PADI course price was much better and the timing and location were very convenient. My motivation to become an instructor then was to continue my diving education rather than to instruct professionally. I had learned much with my instructor and especially with the cutting edge technology at the Virginia Mason Research Center. After a one week PADI instructor course, I was certified as a PADI Underwater Instructor. I had advanced from a NAUI Open water diver directly to a PADI Instructor in thirteen months! You can imagine the look on my NAUI instructor's face when I told him what I had done. He swallowed hard and said congratulations. I continued to assist him for another year. I also published an article in the PADI UNDERSEA Journal about the work at the Virginia Mason. After 2.5 years, I moved on to a career focused in aerospace, military and nuclear power. There was little time or opportunity for diving.

Arriving in Thailand many years later, I renewed my interest in diving and decided to begin instruction. It was time for a serious review of modern diving so I went through the entire updated PADI instructor course and passed with flying colors. My instruction over the last eight years and 900 dives later in Thailand with the British Club, international schools, and golf courses has been a great experience.

So what happened to PADI? It grew up very fast with some growing pains as can be expected. Its market share has increased to 60+% of the entire world's yearly certifications. PADI caught NAUI asleep from a marketing perspective and left them far behind. PADI, as did several other organizations, became better organized and international in scope. Training became the key to success and evolved to be easier to understand and resulted in safer divers. Many new courses and levels of divers were developed. International regions were created to help develop the emerging markets.

What is in the future? PADI now has a mature market in the USA and is steadily moving into new foreign markets. Asia is the fastest growing region. PADI is also focusing on youth with a new course called the SEALS, a series of skin diving courses. Also the Bubble Makers that allows the younger set to try scuba type equipment but remain on the surface. There has also been much activity in advanced technical diving that uses different combinations of breathing gases and goes well

beyond recreational depth limits. This last one is and will remain a niche market.

Instructors are not entirely limited to the standard courses provided by PADI. We can develop our own "Distinctive Specialty" courses that must be first reviewed and approved by PADI. There are many of these. I developed one related to the decompression chambers based upon my experience at the Virginia Mason Research Center. I currently have two new ones under review for approval that were inspired here at the British Club. I'm really excited about these and hopefully I can tell you all about them in the next OUTPOST.



Peter Gary

Well, that's a short version of my 30 years - past, present, and future. There is still more to do so I will not end with "and they lived happily ever after."

Just a reminder, now is a good time to start brushing up your diving skills if it's been more than 6 months since your last dive or to try out newly purchased equipment before taking the plunge again. A Scuba Review does not take much time and can help insure a safe and fun diving experience.

For further information about these or other courses give me a call at 02634-7796-7 or my mobile 09-117-5889.

Phil Hall recently had an outstanding dive trip and got some wonderful photographs. He is writing an article to tell about the dive and will show his work in the next OUTPOST.

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On a rain-drenched Saturday in May, the British Club 'All Stars' won the mini-world cup competition which was kindly organised by the British Embassy. Teams of various nationalities took part and the all stars prevailed in the final against - The British Embassy, of course. More details to follow next month.

Martin Conisbee



Silverware at last! Chris Power and Martin Conisbee receive the cup.



Paul Crompton (left), of the British Embassy, awards The Plate to the U.S. Embassy Team.



The Victorious British Club 'All Stars' Team

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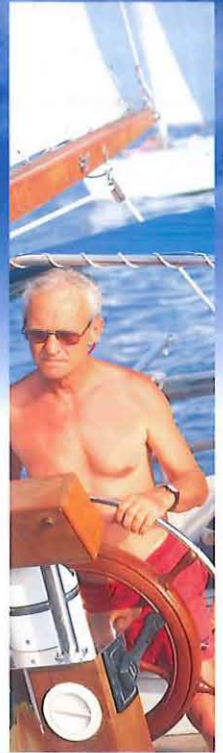
WEEKEND SAILING

in Koh Chang National Marine Park

We will leave the British Club at 7.00pm for the trip to Koh Chang. Members will spend the night sleeping on the bus and will wake up at the island. Tida Yachting Company will take care of all meals and snorkeling. Accommodation for the night of 6 July will be onboard two yachts, sleeping six people per yacht.



The cost includes return transport by minibus, all meals, accommodation onboard, snorkeling, etc. Maximum number for this trip is 12 Members. Sign up early to avoid disappointment!



One Day Watercolour Workshop

Presented by locally based artist, Louise Truslow
At The British Club and the Neilson Hays Library
On Saturday 29 June 2002, 9.30am - 4.30pm

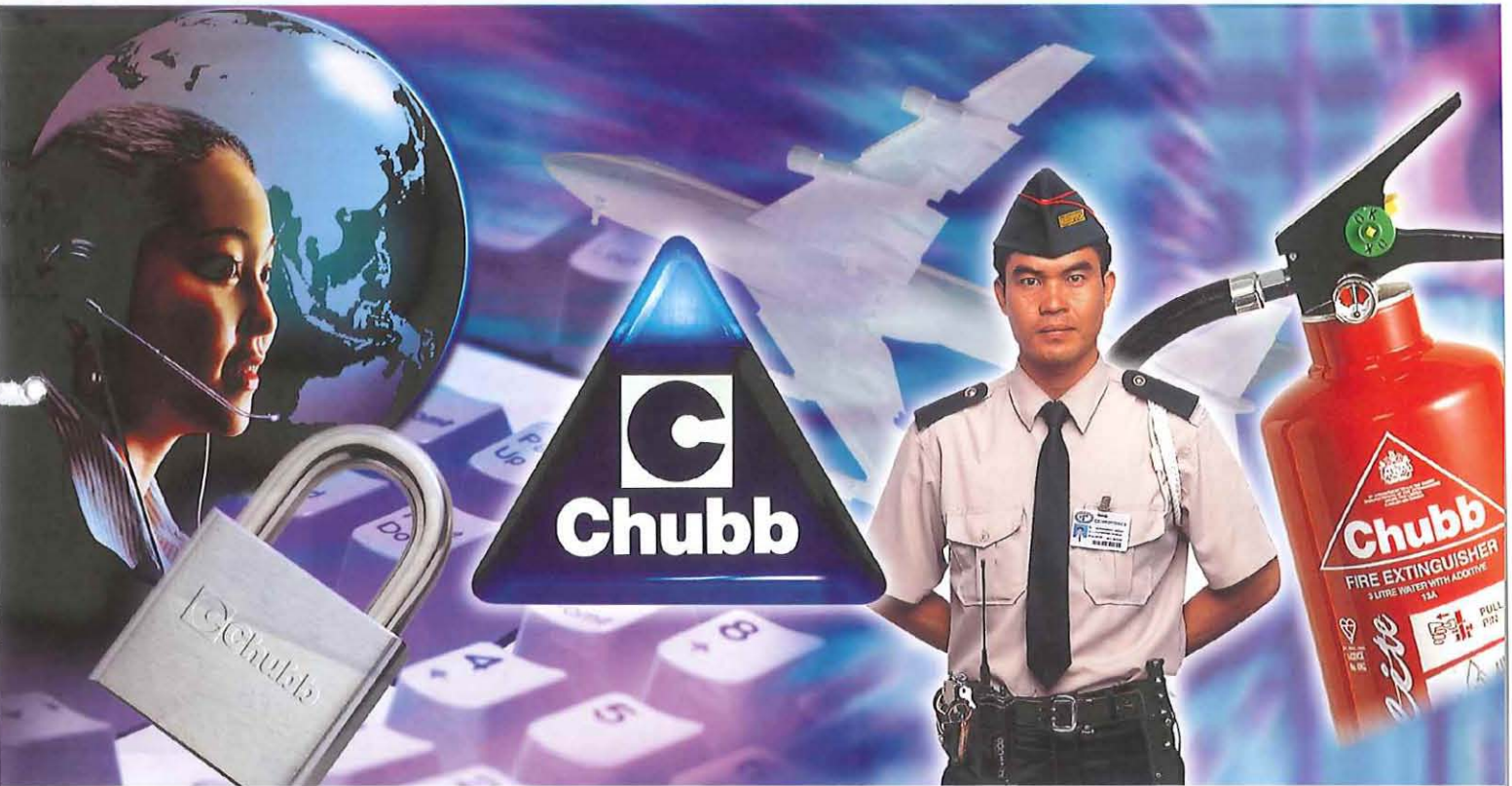


For more details contact Louise on 02 286 2348,
01 985 4045 or email louiset@loxinfo.co.th

This one-day workshop is aimed both at beginners and those who wish to refresh their skills. Topics and activities covered by the workshop will include:

- Choice of materials - which paints and brushes to choose. Colour - how to select and mix colours. Basic techniques - washes, wet-in-wet, dry brush - what are they and how do they work?
- A painting demo - watch Louise at work and see how she creates a picture.
- Bring your own work - with a choice of still-life, working from a photograph or painting on site in the gardens of the British Club or Neilson Hays Library. Louise will move around the sites and offer advice or comment as requested!
- To conclude the day - afternoon tea and a chance to ask any final questions.
- The cost of the workshop is 2000 which includes lunch and refreshments. Participants should bring their own artists materials (a suggested list is available if required).
- To secure your place, please complete a reservation form (available from the British Club) and return it to the British Club, together with full payment.

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