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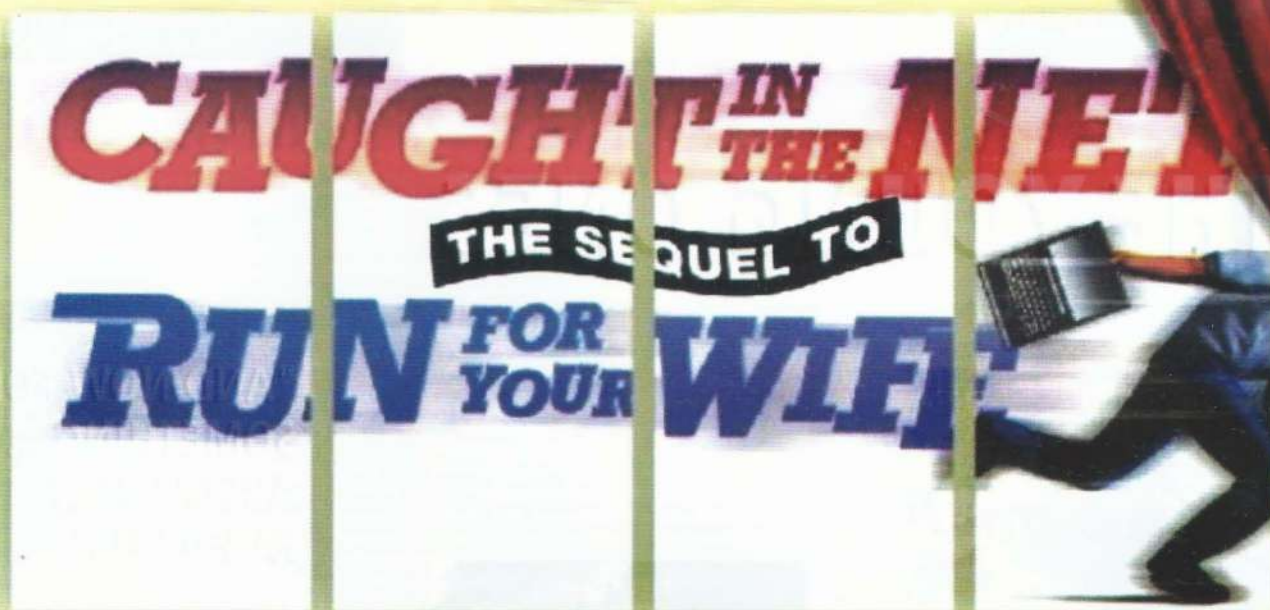
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DEAR MEMBERS,

We have loads of events lined up this month; on 4 June we will have a one woman show with Janet McDermott in Alan Bennett's Talking Heads. Price is Baht 600 per head and includes a buffet supper. Saturday 5 June sees us off again to the Chockchai Farm - we ran this trip for the first time last year and due to popular demand we're off again! On 10 June we will hold a Comedy Night Extra and we will show the excellent comedy movie 'Bend It Like Beckham'. On 12 June we will hold a BC Family Party to celebrate the birthday of HRM Queen Elizabeth II; activities will include music from Paul Jackson, pony rides, craft activities, and loads more for the whole family. June 18th we will host another free wine tasting in the Wordsworth Lounge.

In May we held the Freaky Friday Kids' Disco. Over 50 kids attended so this month we are going to turn the Suriwongse Room into Hogwarts and host a children's Harry Potter Party. We will also have a British Carvery and food promotion on the same night in Lords along with Strongbow Cider and Dry Blackthorn cider on sale at promotional prices for one night only.

Don't forget our line-up of regular events, like the monthly Bar Quiz, the Grand Prix on TV, movie nights and our Wednesday night accumulator.

At the Children's poolside we have purchased some new tables and chairs and they should be arriving all the way from Ladprao soon. We have also reupholstered the sofas in the Churchill Bar - so far it has only taken 2 months so we are expecting their return shortly. The ceiling in the bar has now been repaired and we also have brand new air cons in the bar.

The squash courts are now all repaired with new floors, and we are now planning to build a new awning by the basketball court along with new furniture so we can hold more children's parties in that area. We have also purchased a table tennis table for the kids.

The Sunday Carvery is still going well and bookings are advised. We will continue with the Carvery during the school holidays. To help keep Members busy during the holiday season, we have planned sport camps, trips to Khaw Keow, Ripley's Museum and lunch at Yorkies Platter and lots more.

Talking of holidays, I shall be vacationing in Laos from 13 to 23 June. The Club will be left in the capable hands of Khun Premrudee and Khun Ben to handle all the functions.

See you around your Club or maybe in Laos??

Regards,

Barry Osborne
Operations Manager

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BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR



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

SPORTS

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

SPORTS

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

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

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

SPORTS

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

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm	Darts
7.00pm	Accumulator

SPORTS

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

SPORTS

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

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Venues

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

Opening Times

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

HELLOS & FAREWELLS

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AROUND THE CLUB.

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"AND NOW FOR SOMETHING ... ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS!"

Wow! June is here and the year is half goneand the twice monthly BCB VDO Nights are continuing!

This next six months we have ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS and MONTY PYTHON (not on the same bill), we have a Detective Classic with Alistair Sim in 'AN INSPECTOR CALLS' and a modern rendering of 'THE MOVING FINGER' with Joan Hickson as Miss Marple. In comedy we bring you the award winning THE OFFICE and the lack of award winning SMITH & JONES!

Robbie Coltrane will treat you to a 'CRACKER' and we can always rely on Sir Humphrey Appleby to say "YES, PRIME MINISTER!".

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

The proposed schedule until December is

Thursday	Showing	Thursday	Showing
3-Jun	Best of Ronnie Barker with the best of Peter Sellers With Ronnie Barker and Peter Sellers	23-Sep	The First episode of Cracker With Robbie Coltrane
17-Jun	Agatha Christie's Seven Dials Mystery With Terrance Alexander and Cheryl Campbell	14-Oct	A year of the best of Smith & Jones With Mel Smith & Griff Rhys-Jones
8-Jul	A compilation of The Office With Ricky Gervais and Lucy Davis	28-Oct	The best of Minder With George Cole & Dennis Waterman
22-Jul	An Inspector Calls With Alistair Sim and Jane Wenham	11-Nov	The best of Fawlty Towers With John Cleese & Prunella Scales
12-Aug	A compilation of Absolutely Fabulous With Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley	25-Nov	The pilot & first episodes of The Champions With William Guant and Alexandra Bastedo
26-Aug	Miss Marple in A Moving Finger With Joan Hickson	9-Dec	The best of Yes, Prime Minister With Nigel Hawthorne & Paul Eddington
9-Sep	Monty's Python's Now for something Completely Different With Graham Chapman,,John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin	23-Dec	Sherlock Holmes in The Red Headed League and Cooper Beeches With Jeremy Brett & David Burke

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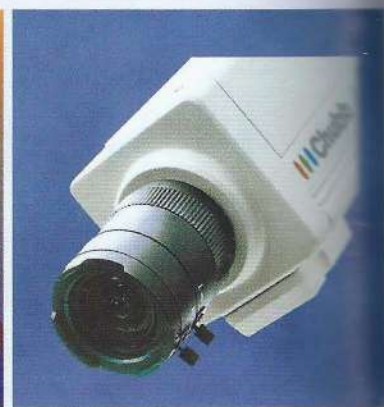
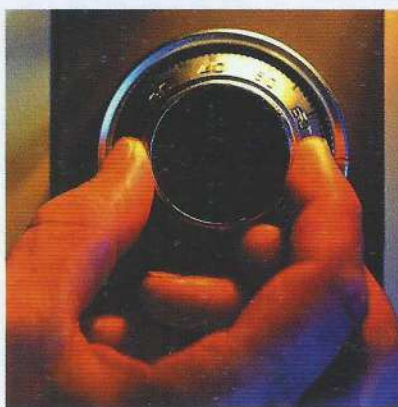
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HAPPY HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

COMEDY NIGHT

Thursday, 3 June at 7.30pm

Join us in the Wordsworth Room for an evening of laughter with a compilation of Best of Ronnie Barker with the best of Peter Sellers. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 6 for more details.

DINNER THEATRE

Friday, 4 June at 7.15pm

The Suriwongse Room becomes the stage for Alan Bennett's Talking Heads, a one woman show with Janet McDermott. Originally performed for the BBC as a 6 part series, this is a dark look at individual lives. This is a show not to be missed and contains material that is not suitable for children. A British Carvery Buffet will be served.

Charge: Bt 600 per person

OUTING TO CHOKCHAI FARM

Saturday, 5 June

Following the great success of last year's visit to Chokchai Farm, the Club has arranged a repeat tour. Fresh air, thousands of cows, horse riding, hay wagon rides and the best ice cream in Thailand await you. The coach will leave the Club at 8.00am for the 2 1/2 hour journey. There will be a tour round the farm, a sumptuous lunch at the Chokchai Steak House and the some free time to discover the joys of country life before returning to Bangkok. Please sign up at reception.

Charge: Bt 1,700 per adult

Bt 850 for children under 12.

HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II BIRTHDAY

Saturday, 12 June

Celebrate HRH Queen Elizabeth II Birthday at the Club. A host of entertainment has been planned including BBQ dinner, music from Paul Jackson, pony rides and hours of fun activities for the children. The party kicks off on the back lawn at 4.00pm and ends with dancing at 9.00pm.

Charge: Bt 500 for adults

Bt 250 for the little ones

WINE TASTING NIGHT

Friday, 18 June at 7.00pm

A variety of wines from PTK Management are available for tasting. As usual, the Club will

provide complimentary and complementary canapés for the tasters. Favourite wines will be offered to Members at discounted prices on the night, so bring plenty of money with you!

BRITISH BUFFET & CARVERY

Friday, 25 June from 6.30pm

Lords is the venue for this ever-so-British food festival. Dishes include Hogwarts Roast Beef & Lamb, Scottish Sausages, Cornish Pasties, Rhubarb Crumble and lots more goodies that you would normally associate with school lunches!!! The reference to Hogwarts is because while the adults can relax and enjoy a leisurely meal, the kids will be raving it up at the Harry Potter Party (see below)...

Charge: Bt 400 including a glass of magical wine!

HARRY POTTER PARTY

Friday, 25 June from 6.30pm

Hogwarts comes to the Suriwongse Room! Dress up as your favourite Harry Potter character, learn a trick for the talent show, try your hand at Hogwarts crafts and have a load of magical fun. Hogwarts food and potions are included. Sorry, no adults permitted without a Cloak of Invisibility!

Charge: Bt 275 per scholar

EXPLORER KANCHANABURI

Friday 25 - Sunday 27 June

Join us for a two night/three day guided tour to Kanchanaburi. Mr. Rod Beattie, our guide for the duration, will lead us around the sights of the area, including River Kwai Bridge, War Cemetery, Death Railway etc. We shall stay on the banks of the river at the Pung-Waan Resort and the tour includes elephant rides, rafting, all meals and transport. A great way to explore the region and learn while you play!

Charge: Bt 4,700 per adult

Bt 3,000 per child under 12

Bt 1,000 per child under 3

FORMULA 1 MOTOR RACING

Monday 14 & 21 June

The Canadian Grand Prix and the American Grand Prix are the races shown this month. Both races will be recorded and shown on Mondays. See page 28 for full details of the schedule of races up to October.

BAR QUIZ

Tuesday, 15 June at 7.30pm

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

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 17 June at 7.30 pm

Agatha Christie's Seven Dials Mystery with Terrance Alexander and Cheryl Campbell is the movie special this month. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 6 for more details.

FAMILY CARVERY & GRILL

Every Sunday between 11.30am and 2.00pm

The Club continues to serve the ever-popular Carvery in the Lord's Dining Room. The cost of the lunch includes soft drinks for the children along with activities in the Suriwongse Room at 1.00pm, leaving mum and dad free to enjoy a relaxing coffee and after lunch drink.

Charge: Bt 300 for adults

Bt 150 for kiddies

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8 May - 26 June (Eight classes on Saturdays)

A Workshop in the Basics of Brush Painting This workshop is designed for both children and adults who are interested in learning this refined but disappearing art form. In these fascinating classes, you will learn how to hold and control the brush (a technique very different from holding a pen or paint brush), mix the correct consistency of ink and the use of traditional brush movements. In each lesson a picture will be completed and put into an album for students to keep.

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

Bt 4,000

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

Please register at reception.

BRITISH CLUB WIN THE MENS CUP COMPETITION

AT THE CHRIS KAYS MEMORIAL RUGBY 10'S TOURNAMENT 2004 HELD RECENTLY IN PATTAYA

Some great rugby was played at The Horseshoepoint Resort and Country Club over the recent holiday weekend of 1st and 2nd May at the Chris Kays Memorial Rugby Tens Tournament, hosted by the Pattaya Panthers RFC. The British Club won the Mens Cup competition with an awesome defensive display, which included not a single point being conceded during their pool matches on Saturday 1st May. Ninety-nine points were racked up against the Patana Tigers, Taipei Red, Kasertsart University and The Southerners Gold.

Games on Sunday 2nd May were to prove a little more closely fought as the games progressed into play-off stages with The Southerners Black team up first in a closely fought semi-final between two of Bangkok's leading teams. In a game that saw some ferocious tackling by both teams, it took the BC a while to find their rhythm and by this time they were trailing 7-0. By the time the BC had equalised at 7-7 they were defending their try-line with the clock running down until the whistle signalled the end of the match. After a quick consultation with the tournament rules, it was realised that a sprint-off by one team from

each team with a rugby ball in hand would settle who would progress to the final.

The BC boys were confident as our chosen player Khun Keng is not only a current Thai National Team player but was previously a member of the Thai Athletics sprinting squad! That aside, he was only the winner by half a metre and as the teams shook hands and as The Southerners graciously accepted defeat, Khun Keng complained of a sore shoulder. It was only then that it was discovered that he had run a full 100 metres with a semi-dislocated shoulder. Running repairs were carried out but medical advice prevented him taking part in the final against the Taipei Baboons.

The semi-final was also notable for the fact that a number of Southerners suggested that British Club Captain Eddie Evans should perhaps stop playing and referee the match as he was doing more talking than the ref!

The final was to prove to be no less physical but the BC stood their ground and made the Baboons play their rugby on the back foot - it was to prove to be a little less close with the BC running out winners 22-14 with tries scored by Khun Che and Khun Kitt. This being the final match, all the teams headed for the pool to enjoy some ale together before Jimmy "The Ratcatcher" Howard delivered a marvellous



Captain Eddie Evans accepts the Mens Cup from Pattaya Panthers RFC Chairman Jimmy "The Ratcatcher" Howard.

speech as only he can, summing up the great rugby played over the weekend.

In the final of the Plate competition the Thai Barbarians defeated the Patana Tigers 50-0 whilst the final of the Bowl competition saw the Samui Simians beat hosts Pattaya Panthers 19-14.

We look forward to defending the Cup next year and extend our thanks to the Pattaya Panthers RFC for their first-class hospitality and superb organisation of one of the region's finest rugby weekends.

Scribe



Pattaya Squad

THE GOLDEN OLDIES

The Bangkok Bangers with some assistance from the British Club Rugby recently hosted the Hamilton Yellow Bellies from New Zealand during their recent tour of South East Asia. Aside from Bangkok, the Yellow Bellies were also set to visit both Pattaya for a game against the Panthers and Ho Chi Minh City for a game against the Saigon Geckos.



Yellow Bellies enjoying a drink



The Bangkok Bangers and the Yellow Bellies enjoy a beer after their match



JP and some of the Yellow Bellies



The Yellow Bellies Haka



The Bangers Wai

The visit included many a social drink or two but comprised a practice session on Sunday 2nd May, a social gathering at the Bangers home the Wall Street bar on 3rd May, a match on 3rd May at Shrewsbury International School and a curry evening at the British Club on 4th May. BC Players in the Bangers side for the match on 3rd May included Chairman Jon Prichard, Trevor Day, Paul Clifton, Andy Davies, Martin van Reiswick and Coin Hastings whilst rugby section committee members Keith Cronshaw, Bruce Hill and Bob Merrigan supported from the sidelines along with Rugby Section members Andrew McDowell and Roger who led the beer drinking. The match was noticeable for the fact that Colin Hastings was late and was not on hand to receive the referee's instructions particularly relating to the kicking out of hand. When he took to the field, and with the Bangers under a little defensive pressure, the Big Chilli himself kicked from to cries of "you stupid a@se !" and "Scribe: make sure that gets in Outpost!"

In a well played match the Bangers won three tries to one though later during drinks when support was offered in obtaining British Lions 2005 tickets, the score was allegedly revised to a three all draw!

Scribe

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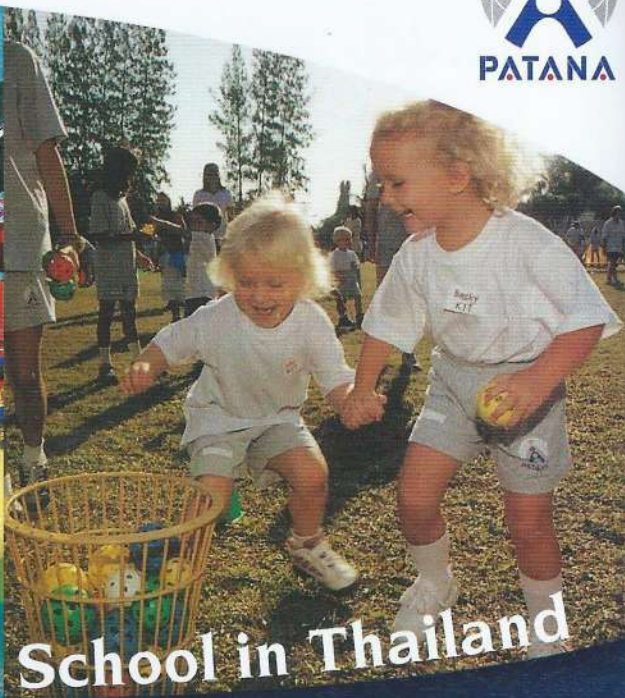
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BANGKOK LIONS: AN UPDATE ON THE FOLLY MASTER'S LATEST CUNNING PLAN

The Bangkok Lions Mini Rugby Union was formed earlier this year and has been a roaring success. British Club Rugby is firmly committed to this initiative, and literally is supplying the "Bulk" of organisation and coaches. Here is a look back on week's one to three.

RUN FOR COVER!

If you are ever approached by Bruce Hill and his starter for ten is along the lines of "I've had an idea... would you like to help?", my suggestion is to run for cover! An idea by a handful of Dad's to give mini rugby "a bit of a go" to enable our children to learn and play rugby has led to over 200 children registering and playing rugby, and has also led to a number of regular meetings usually involving the famous saying... "This is a dictatorship NOT a democracy!" Under the leadership of uncle Bruce, the livers of the BLMRU Committee are rumoured to be just about holding up, but the end is not yet in sight. The following is a progress report so far, but the BLMRU Committee will probably all require medical attention by the end of the first season.

WEEK ONE - 28 APRIL

Week One was somewhat chaotic, mainly for the fact that close to thirty children were awaiting registration on the first morning, which also coincided with the handing out of kit and Scribe's late arrival with the sole copy of team lists and registration forms. With over 170 children plus parents present, The Folly Master had delivered a number of telephonic rogerings to Scribe who was stuck in the notorious Bangna Expressway traffic. Once arrived, organised chaos would be a way of describing the assembled masses and would also explain why our Bruce was somewhat anxious on the phone! Once underway, and despite the intense heat, all the children enjoyed themselves immensely particularly the under 17's, many of whom were playing fifteen aside rugby for the first time, Tens being the preferred format is most of the international schools in Bangkok.

In the 4 to 6 year age group matches, the Krungthep Warriors beat the Siamese Cats by five tries to two including three tries by Ben Farebrother while the Bangkok Harlequins and the Bangkok Wasps drew two tries each. The 7 to 8 year age group saw the Krungthep Wanderers beat the Bangna Vagabonds four tries to two and the Bangkok Sharks beat the Siamese Crusaders three tries to one. In the 9 to 10 year group The Hurricanes beat The Typhoons by 1 try to nil whilst the 11 to 12 age group saw The Aliens beat The Barbarians four tries to two including three tries by Sean Ramsay.



Coaches

The under 17's were coached for close to ninety minutes by a combination of British Club Captain Eddie Evans and Rugby Chairman Jon Prichard which included learning general ball handling skills along with rucking, scrummaging and lineout drills, The Eagles beat The Falcons 4 tries to 2 in a very entertaining match which included some very good forward play along with powerful running from the back line.

WEEK TWO - 1 MAY

Week Two saw Scribe's late arrival policy continue with The Folly Master delivering yet further verbal rogerings! A further ten children registered and despite the fact that many of the coaches were playing in the Chris Kays Memorial Tens Tournament in Pattaya, plenty of parents were on hand to assist in the coaching. Noticeable improvement amongst all age groups could be seen. With the holiday weekend and a short working week to follow, it was a surprise that well over 150 children turned up to participate.

Amongst the matches in the 4 to 6 year age group, the Krungthep Warriors beat the Bangkok Harlequins by six tries to one with all six tries being scored by Ben Farebrother, who after scoring nine tries in two weeks has been moved to a higher age group. The other match in this age group saw the Siamese Cats beat the Bangkok Wasps by five tries to two with Finn McElroy scoring two tries for the Cats. In the 7 to 8 year age group the Krungthep Wanderers beat the Siamese Crusaders four tries to two with Ian Ramsey scoring two tries for the Wanderers whilst the other game in this age group saw the Bangkok Sharks beat the Bangna Vagabonds by five tries to two.

In the 9 to 10 year age group the Hurricanes once again beat the Typhoons in a close match and again won by one try with three tries to two and in the 11 to 12 year age group there was a reversal of fortunes from week One as The Barbarians beat The Aliens winning by five tries to one.

In the under 17's match the standard of rugby continued to improve and week Two's match saw The Eagles and The Falcons draw 4 tries a piece with Jack Carroll scoring two tries for The Falcons and Brett Keyes scoring twice for the Eagles. Tak Niino also had the pleasure of scoring two tries, one for each team as the substitutes were shared!

WEEK THREE - 8 MAY

Week Three saw Scribe early to bed on Friday evening and up early and arriving at the Ground before the Folly Master for once, though gloating was completely absent. With the return of many of the BC players to help with coaching and both the children and coaches now finding comfort with their routine established by the Dictatorship of His Excellency The Folly Master, FB and bar, Week Three of ten of the inaugural season of the Bangkok Lions Mini Rugby Union was once again a success. Notable in all age groups was that as a result of the excellent coaching in weeks one and two, substantial improvements could be seen in all children. Once again well over 150 children turned out over a four-hour period where they were coached for an hour before playing age group matches in the DHL Bangkok Lions League.

Amongst last Saturday's matches in the 4 to 6 year group, the Bangkok Wasps beat the Krungthep Warriors by five tries to two whilst the Siamese Cats and Bangkok Harlequins played out a four all draw with Freddy Lawther scoring three tries for the Harlequins. The 7 to 8 year group saw the Krungthep Wanderers beat the Bangkok Sharks six tries to two and in the other age group match the Siamese Crusaders beat the Bangna Vagabonds four tries to one.

The 9 to 10 year group saw a reversal of fortunes from weeks one and two with The Typhoons beating The Hurricanes by three tries to one and in 11 to 12 age group as the Aliens beat the Barbarians by 5 tries to nil.

In the under 17's match, which groups together children in the age range of 13 to 17, there was once again some impressive running rugby with Tak Niino scoring three tries for the Falcons.

RUGBY



Bangkok Wasps



Krungthep Warriors



Bangna Harlequins



Siamese Cats



Bangkok Sharks



Bangna Vagabonds



Krungthep Wanderers



Siamese Crusaders

RUGBY



Hurricanes

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Aliens

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Typhoons



Barbarians

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Falcons



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Scribe

TENNIS

... AT LEAST THE FOOD WAS GOOD!

MATCH REPORT - BC VS THANA 01 ON SATURDAY 8 MAY 2004

The BCTS fielded a team of 16 players for this interclub match. Some of our better players were unavailable due to differing reasons, however those whom played fought valiantly against much younger, fitter and better opponents.

Having seen the Thana 01 team place a creditable very close runner-up in the BC Centenary Tournament plate event we knew we were going to be in for a very tough match.

The day's matches started at about 1.30pm under the heat of a typical Bangkok afternoon. Ladies and mens doubles started first and it was soon evident that BC was going to be in for a tough day. In the mens doubles some joy finally came late in the day when the BC won 2 sets - these were to be the only wins from the 11 mens doubles sets contested. The ladies doubles was a much closer contest with Thana 01 eventually winning 4 sets to 2. In the mixed doubles good wins by Angela & Henry and Brad & Veena proved to be the BC's only successes.

The final score ended up Thana 01 20 sets to the BC 6 sets. Following the match conclusion a buffet dinner was held in Lord's Dining Room, and once again many thanks must go Barry and his catering team for a good after-match function.

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

BCTS Club Captain
Brad Weatherstone

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday: (All Grades of Players)	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Wednesday: (All Grades of Players)	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Friday: (All Grades of Players)	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Sunday: (All Grades of Players)	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Mix-In
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Captain's Court

(Top 10 Men and top 5 Ladies or by Captain's Invitation)

UPCOMING INTERCLUB MATCHES

When we know these dates well in advance they will be printed here. Otherwise, please check the Tennis Section noticeboard (located by the entry to court No.1) and your email.



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TENNIS

BEGINNERS' BASH

Are you a beginner on the tennis court? Or maybe you haven't picked up a racket in years and need to shake the rust off.

Starting every Friday from 28 May, the British Club's Tennis Section is organising a mix-in aimed specifically at new or infrequent tennis players. An extra court will be booked between 6.00 and 9.00 p.m. to enable beginners to play people at their own level.

Our aim is to encourage more people to join the tennis mix-ins, particularly those who feel they cannot compete with the club's heavy sluggers. So no more excuses - pick up that racket and get on court!

ANYONE FOR TENNIS - AND A DRINK?

April's record-breaking temperatures may be just a fading memory but playing tennis in



Bangkok is still thirsty work. Fortunately, BC Tennis Section members don't have to take too many steps to find some liquid refreshment. Here are some members enjoy a well-deserved drink after taking part in a friendly but competitive Friday mix-in session



The Tennis Section Committee Welcomes New Tennis Playing Members

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

QUIZ NIGHT

IT'S THE QUIZ NIGHT - PARTY ON!!!

"What a Great Night!", "A hell of a laugh!", "Great atmosphere!" are but some of the feedback from the latest British Club Prize Bar Quiz! 36 Members

With the JollyBalls fielding a team of Husbands versus a team of Wives, and with the Allrounders, The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers, Sminky Binky Bang Bang (yes it is a team) and The Southerners, the scene was set for an evening of good fun, frolics, laughter, food and the occasional drink (for medicinal purposes only).

No-one knew that a Matrix was part of your finger nail, and few knew that Lord Nelson was an apple but that is the fun of the Common Denominator... four questions with a hidden connection.... But when the answers line up as 'Cue', 'Pocket', 'Cushion' and 'Baulk' you can be pretty sure the connection is 'Snooker'!

Quizmaster extraordinaire Rodney Bain aims to set a wide range of questions, with posers taken from all nationalities present. Pity most Americans present did not know which State had the Capital of Concord (it is New Hampshire) but our sole Belgian got most Belgian questions correct! Whilst we all got who was the first Catholic US president, no-one knew who was the UK's first Jewish MP. The Spoofers Enforcer!, of course, would have been ejected from the room if he had not

known that Christopher Eccleston will be the ninth lead actor in Doctor Who!

The BCB Prize Quiz has three prizes ... first, second and last! The first two sets of prizes are vouchers for F&B within the Club, and the booby prize is a round of drinks courtesy of the winners.

As with the Olympic Games, it is not the winning but the taking part that counts. All Club Members and their friends are welcome to join in, as are the Sports Sections, Loyal Societies etc..... booking helps get the tables set up correctly

gathered together to answer or guess their way through 60 general knowledge questions, sixteen music questions and four common denominators!



but we will always make room for one more team!

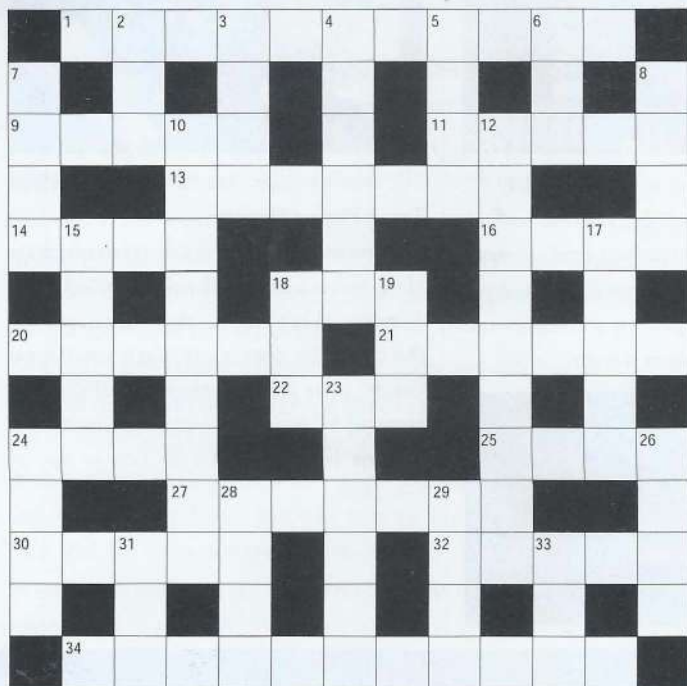
DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2004

**June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16**

Please note that there is not usually a Quiz in December.

**Paul Cheesman
C267**

PERFECT FOR A RAINY DAY



Compiled by Margaret Miller

CLUES

Across

1. Somehow nuzzle a thin bird who did great work in the Crimea War.
9. An area of land round an English Manorship.
11. A tasty bit of steak. (1-4)
13. He is no longer young.
14. The horses breed here.
16. A mother... for this man!
18. A Turkish Governor.
20. One in the champagne.
21. Finishes head over heels? (4,2)
22. A quadruped that Americans say they sit on!
24. Game for a rider.
25. Performs in a New Testament book.
27. See 34 Across.
30. You may see 20 Across in yours!
32. Merit with a pound and get knowledge.
34. Liars... please wake him! With 27 Across, a famous Englishman.

Down

2. Anger.
3. With taps is left at the bottom of a liquor glass.
4. If I find something annoying, it does this! (4,2)
5. "Hark! Hark! The lark at Heaven's _____ sings." (Shakespeare)
6. A Zodiac sign.
7. "A thousand _____ in thy sight..." (Old hymn)
8. Be prolific.
10. A boxer's punches to the torso. (4,5)
12. We recognise a company's goods by this. (5,4)
15. A resort in Cornwall.
17. Declare free of blame.
18. Little Beatrice!
19. Affirmative.
23. Things that soothe.
24. Find them in the sty.
26. Inform the cops... tunelessly?
28. Doing well - informally. (2,2)
29. Out of the wind.
31. What's left of a fag.
32. "A most excellent canopy, the _____" (Hamlet)

Solution May



THE SECOND ASIAN SPOOFING CHAMPIONSHIP

Following the success of the Inaugural Asian Spoofing Championship (ASC) that was held on 11 August, the Second Championship will be held at The British Club on Saturday, 11 June 2004.

As planned for 2003, there will be a whole weekend of entertainment planned, from Golf on the preceding Thursday, to a number of events hosted by Sponsors such as Noreiga's Bar and Det-5 Bar. Full details will be on the spoofing website www.spoofers.org. The main event will take place in the Surawong Room at the Club, preceded by drinks in the Churchill Bar, all guests being duly signed in, although the Spoofing dress code is Black Tie, National Dress or Red Sea Rig!

The Inaugural event set some targets to be equalled or perhaps beaten. (?) Twenty-six Spoofers attended from six countries; 107,000 Baht was raised for Charity; and TNC (Thai National Champion) of 1991, James Howard (more commonly known as 'The Ratcatcher'), took the championship from some unknown gentlemen.

The evening will, of course, include fine dining from the British Club as well as the important spoofing, fines, Calcutta and auction.

All Spoofers, past, present and possible, should contact the Chairman, Steve "Swampy" Eaton on swampy@spoofers.org to confirm attendance.

"Gentlemen, when the hands, are out!"

The Enforcer!

"GENTLEMEN, WHEN THE PANS ARE OUT!" OR REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL (PART THREE)

The preparation of food is not something that one usually associates with the Bangkok Gentleman Spoofers (BGS) but thanks to their generosity, hundreds of disabled Thai school children in Nonthaburi are now able to enjoy great meals cooked in their newly fitted out kitchen.

As reported in Outpost of September last year, BGS raised about 110,000 Baht at its First Asian Spoofing Championships, augmented by a further 30,000 Baht at the Thai National Championships and with the club's Pissamai Charity now closed, the monies were donated in kind to the Rainbow House project of Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities in Thailand (CCD). This charity cares for both residential and day students, as outlined on their website www.ccdthailand.com. The CCD requested that, with this size of donation, the BGS might like to fit out the kitchen in its new Rainbow House wing, and so the BGS signed contracts to do so in January,

and the kitchen and House were opened in April 2004. BGS regular Simon Davies represented the Spoofers at the official opening and the presentation of the donation plaque.

British Club (male) Members are reminded that



Bangkok Gentleman Spoofers, Simon Davies with the plaque in the new kitchen

The plaque put up to commemorate the donation

the Bangkok Gentleman Spoofers (not a secret society) meets every Tuesday night in the Churchill Bar at 8.30pm* to spoof - new players always welcome. Details on www.spoofers.org or contact the chairman, Steve "Swampy" Eaton on swampy@spoofers.org.

[*ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IT FOLLOWS AFTER THE BAR QUIZ ABOUT 9.30PM, AS THE SPOOFERS REGULARLY COMPETE!]

"Gentlemen, when the pans, sorry hands, are out!"

The Enforcer!

ECLECTIC GOLF AND ECCENTRIC GOLFERS!

BCGS BATTLE IT OUT AT THE TRANSPO ECLECTIC

The Transpo Eclectic - our Second 'Major' of the year - was played at Majestic Creek over the first weekend in May. This is one of the British Club Golf Section's most popular events and this year was no exception. A big 'Thank-you' must go to Transpo for sponsoring the event and helping to make it such a success this year. To find out who won and what we got up to...read on!

APRIL MEDAL ROYAL LAD KRABANG

The April Medal was played at Royal Lad Krabang on a very hot Sunday at the end of April. There was very little breeze on the course and it was extremely tough going. This was particularly true for those of us who had been at the St George's Ball the night before. It was clear from the scores that hangovers and humidity definitely don't mix (nobody who had been at the ball the night before was even close to a winning score!).

For those who were feeling a little bit fresher, the golf was certainly of a much higher quality. A number of players finished their rounds under handicap and the scores in each three flights were close. Mike Staples was our winner on countback in A Flight with a very solid net 69. Ed Ashman was just pipped by Mike's better back nine and had to settle for second place also on 69. Mike Holloway was in third place with a great net 70.

In B Flight, Adrian O'Brien continued his run of form to win with a net 70. (Fatherhood is definitely agreeing with his golf). Larry Goodliffe was second in B Flight with a net 71. David Henton was in third place with a level par net 72.

Kaew Khongyoo was our C Flight winner with a fantastic net 68. (The new irons must be working well Kaew!) Peter Bond was second on countback with a net 73 having beaten Kevin Jones.

The April medal saw our Captain, Kevin, playing in C Flight for the first time. Kevin's latest claim to fame (apart from losing a ball on the Emirates practice putting green) is that in a four-month period, he has played in all three Flights. Most of us move through the Flights by improving

our game - Kevin, not one to follow tradition, has chosen the less conventional route through the Flights! There are signs that his game is improving so perhaps he can work his way back up to A Flight by the end of this year.

Roy Barratt picked up the Near Pin prize for hole number 3 and number 17. Larry Goodliffe was nearest the pin on hole 7 and Karen Holloway was nearest on hole 13. Karen Carter won the Ladies Long Drive and Mike Holloway hit an absolute monster to win the Men's. Jo Goodliffe sank the longest putt.

THE TRANSPO ECLECTIC - MAJESTIC CREEK, HUA HIN

Our annual three-day eclectic competition, kindly sponsored by Transpo, was held at Majestic Creek in Hua Hin over the first long weekend in May. This is one of the most popular competitions on the calendar and is always well attended.

Majestic Creek is a beautiful course situated about 20 minutes outside Hua Hin. It is a tough golf course but it is possible to score well there as this weekend proved. The fact that we play the course three times does help the scoring - in fact, on Day 1 only five players played to handicap or better. On day 2 this figure was up to seven people and on Day 3 twelve people played to handicap or better.

DAY 1

Our start time on Day 1 was 11.28 am. A number of us decided that this allowed plenty of time to

drive down to Hua Hin on the Saturday morning - big mistake! The traffic was terrible. Andy Flynn (chief starter) had his mobile permanently glued to his ear as people phoned in with progress reports. I am happy to report that everyone did make it on time in the end - some of us with less time to spare than others. At close of play on Day 1, Kevin Jones and Ed Ashman were our leaders in the clubhouse both with net 66's. Their closest challengers at this time were Yurachtr Brook, Bridget Snow and Val Ashman with net 70's. It was nice to see both Bridget and Yurachtr getting good early rounds as both would be playing only two of the three days.

The winner of our Day Prize on Day 1 was Ed Ashman with his net 66.

The Near Pins on Day 1 went to Brad Weatherstone, George Okrasa, Yurachtr Brook and David Lamb. Karen Holloway won the Ladies' Long Drive and Gareth Sampson won the Men's.

DAY 2

Day 2 of the Transpo Eclectic was aptly named 'moving day' by our Captain Kev (good plug for our sponsor!) with a number making huge improvements to their day 1 scores. Bryan Baldwin improved his score by a massive 20 shots, 7 of which on the 18th hole alone. The 18th hole is notoriously tough at Majestic as Vice Captain Pete Gale will tell you. After two attempts at the hole, his best score was a 10 having lost a ball that he was sure cleared the



BC Golfers prepare for action

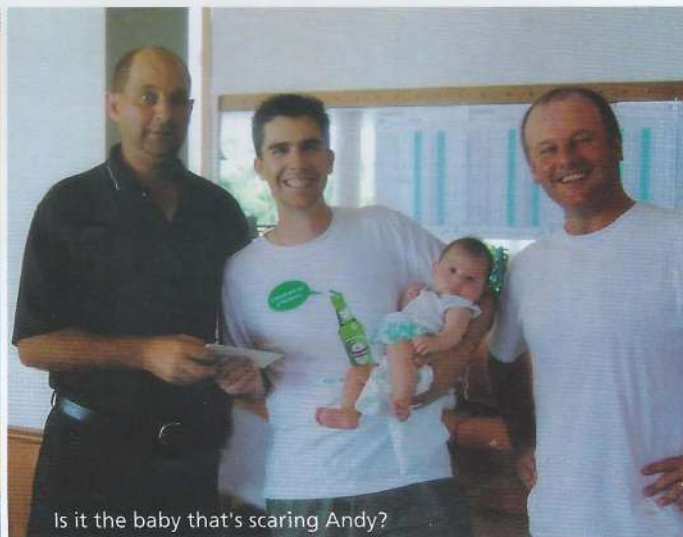
GOLF



Kaew wins C Flight



Adrian wins B Flight



Is it the baby that's scaring Andy?



Mike wins A Flight



Plymouth Argyl v Bristol City



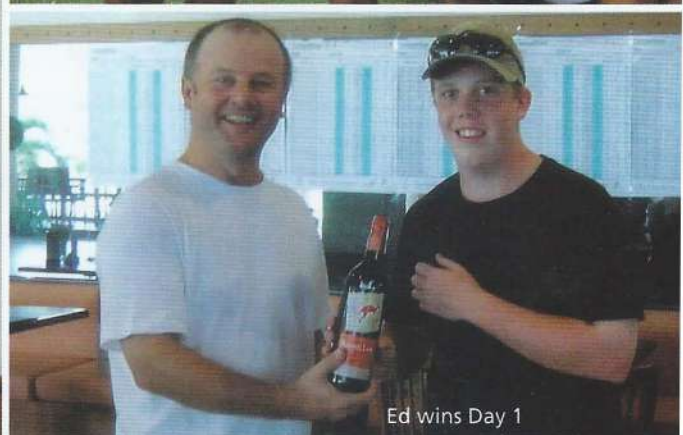
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Barry wins Day 2



Vicky wins Day 3



Ed wins Day 1



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GOLF

water. You can imagine how delighted he was when Kevin presented him with the ball having found it on the edge of the hazard 'sitting up nicely'!

The 18th was also eventful for Adrian O'Brien who hit his third shot into the water hazard only to see it ricochet off a waste pip and land beautifully on the green. Adrian duly sank the putt for a birdie (more jam than Hartley's!). Speaking of luck, Kevin scored his second Birdie of the day on the par three 6th hole. He thinned his eight iron well over the back of the green; it hit a tree and landed on the green 20 ft from the hole. He then had to wait as his playing partner, and Captain of the Tennis Section, played bunker tennis hitting from one sand trap to the other. Brad eventually holed out for a 10 with Kevin nonchalantly sinking his Birdie putt.

Our star player and winner of the day prize on Day 2 was Barry Ashman with a net 68. Hot on his heels was Adrian O'Brien, also with 68. George Okrasa was in third place on Day 2 with 69. Bridget Snow continued to play well with another net 70 and must have been left wondering what could have been had she not had to return to work on the final day.

On Day 2, Brain Brook, Barry Ashman, Carole Ann Eastgate and David Lamb picked up the Near Pin prizes. Carole Ann also won the Ladies' Long Drive and Andy Flynn won the Men's. Sophie Colligan sank the longest putt on the tricky 18th green.

DAY 3

Day 3 of the Transpo Eclectic saw some incredible scoring from a number of players.



The Transpo Eclectic winners - Andy, Adrian, Gareth and Kevin

Shaun Colligan played out of his skin knocking 11 shots off his total score. Gareth Sampson rounded of a weekend of steady golf with a blistering gross 80, net 65 for his final round putting him right in contention for both the gross and the net prize. Adrian O'Brien also scored a net 65 to climb right up the overall leader board.

The winner of Day 3 however, breaking 80 for the first time with a lifetime best gross 79, net 62 was Vicky Jones (that's me!!). I had struggled on the first two days with a sore neck but hadn't admitted how much better I felt on Day 3 in case my golf was still utter rubbish! Although I improved by thirteen shots, this wasn't even close to being enough to challenge the leaders. As the scores came in it was looking much closer

than any of us had predicted. Everyone had told Kevin not to even bother getting out of bed on the Sunday - we were so sure that no one could catch him. A couple of players nearly did just that.

THE FINAL RESULTS:

Net		
1st	Kevin Jones	57
2nd	Gareth Sampson	59
3rd	Adrian O'Brien	60

As well as the main Net prize, there is also a trophy for the player with the lowest gross score at the end of the three days. Andy Flynn and Gareth Sampson both finished the Eclectic with a fantastic gross score of 70. After a countback over the last 9 holes there was still nothing in it. Counting the last six holes still didn't separate them. It was only when we got down to a countback over the last three holes that our gross winner was decided. Andy Flynn, defending Eclectic net champion from last year was our gross winner.

Near Pins on the final day were won by Val Ashman, Ken Jones (nearly a hole in one!), Vicky Jones (no relation) and Brian Brook. Brian Brook also won the Men's Long Drive and Karen Carter won the Ladies'. Sophie Colligan sank the longest putt for the second day running.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks again to Transpo for their support.

Vicky Jones

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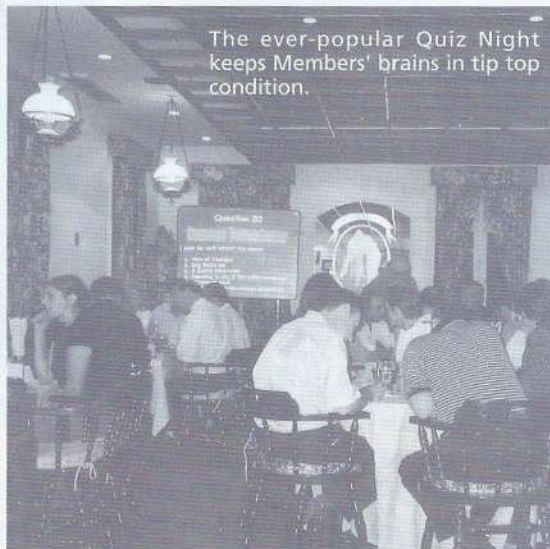
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By the time this letter is published (June 2004), I hope that we have received a calling notice for an EGM which must be held, if the Chairman's word is his bond, by 90 days after the AGM, i.e. on or before 28th June 2004.

This meeting is to debate the 12 motions, correctly presented to the AGM by 17 different Members which were summarily dismissed by the Chairman without notice or adequate explanation. It is to note that even in extended conversations with the Chairman after the matter, one cannot ascertain the alleged 'constitutional reasons' why they were not entertained in the due and proper manner. To misquote Voltaire, 'whilst I disagree with many of the motions, but I will defend to the death their right to debate them'.

I would like to suggest also at this meeting that there be an opportunity for an open forum to discuss by-law style matters like the use of Mobile phones (raised by Martin Conisbee in May's Outpost), and the ever deteriorating dress code.

Unlike Martin, I personally dislike mobile phones, but we are a democracy (or rather we were before the AGM) and if Members want their use allowed so be it. To be fair to Martin I would agree that technology has moved on such that they can vibrate and flash instead of ringing each time, my personal dislike is the fact that so many of our Members and their guests seem to be deaf and do not hear it ring for several minutes, and that all their friends seem to be very deaf as they have to shout down the phone for them to hear!

And the dress code? The GC relaxed it to allow collarless shirts as it was the standard mode of dress of Thai and other Asian gentlemen, the Moh Hom. Unfortunately it has been interpreted to mean 'string vests'. All I got from Bangkok was this 'T-Shirt', and 'Village People style waistcoats'. Not so much a 'Dress Code' as an 'Undress Code'!

We are a Members club, and hopefully this EGM will be an opportunity for Democracy to prevail and not for a repeat of the autocratic farce that was the AGM.

Regards,

Paul Cheesman
C267

Dear Editor

Vibrating mobile phones do not solve the problem of annoying, nearly always rather loud, one-sided conversations in any public area (Martin Conisbee's letter May 2004). The Churchill Bar may well be a pub, but in the afternoons it serves as a lounge for those who want a quiet drink, to read the papers, play cards or enjoy conversation. It is a delight to find an oasis in Bangkok where you do not have to listen to other people nattering away on their mobiles. Let's keep it that way - if you want to talk, please step outside!

Noah Shepherd S407

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






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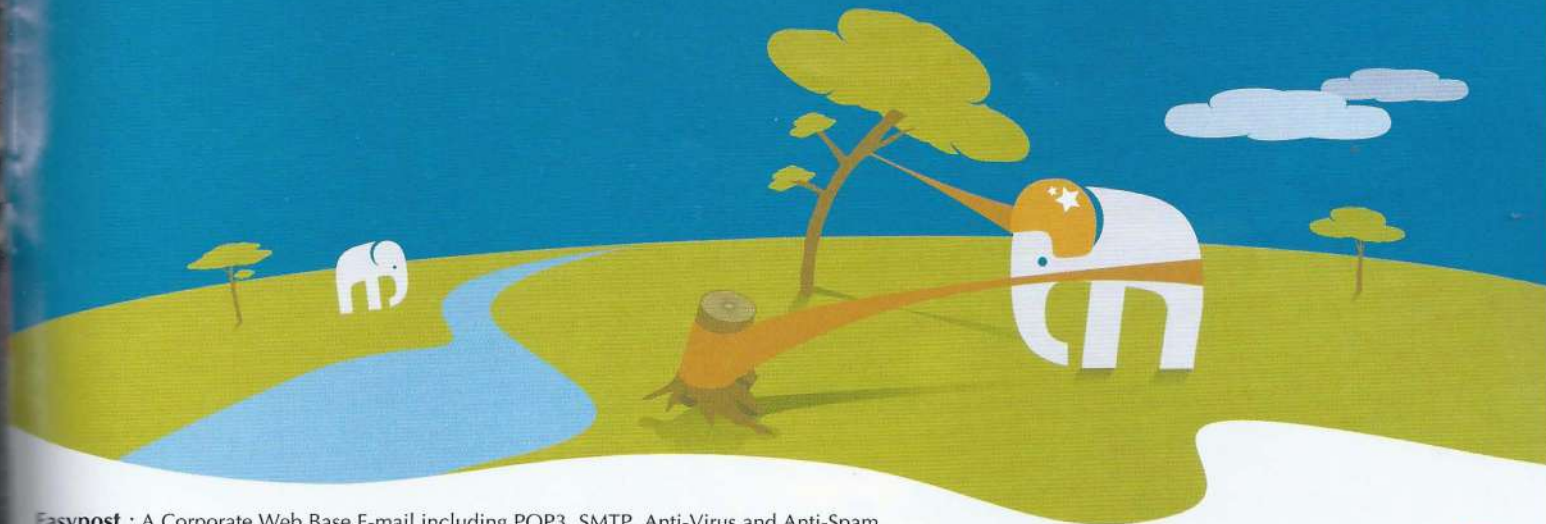
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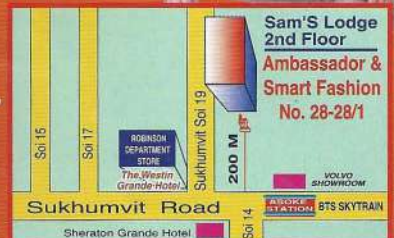
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Mariya Gainsford has recently completed her Naturalist Specialty course. She clearly demonstrated her ability to quickly spot and identify marine life underwater. In fact, she was able to complete all her underwater course requirements during the first of two dives at Koh Man Wichai's south end at the "Five Fingers".

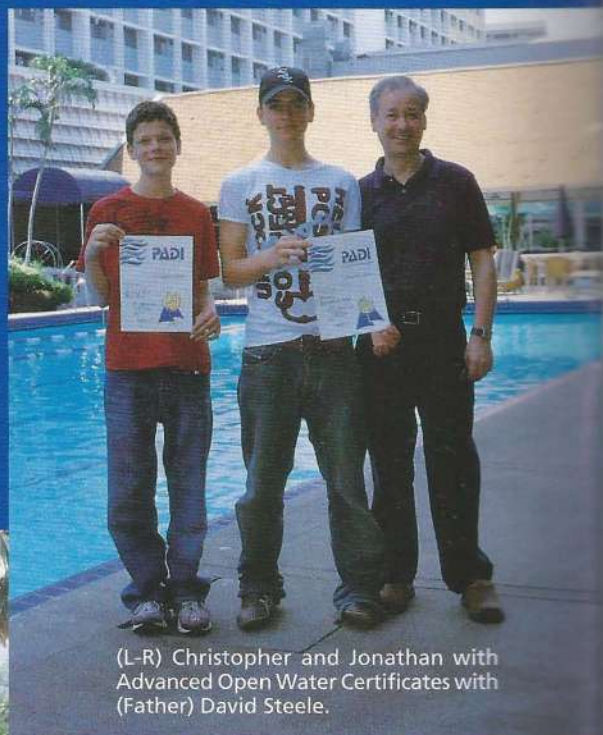


Mariya with Naturalist Specialty Certificate.

The Five Fingers are strings of coral shaped like fingers of a hand starting from shore and extending out 50 meters into the ocean descending to 15 meters depth. The fingers have numerous varieties of marine life and are one of the more interesting dive sites of the outer islands of Pattaya.



Peter and Trevor Adams with his Rescue Diver Certificate.



(L-R) Christopher and Jonathan with Advanced Open Water Certificates with (Father) David Steele.



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Trevor Adams recently completed the Rescue Diver course. The Rescue course is often described as "Serious Fun". It is an advanced level course that teaches the advanced diver how to identify and prevent problems as well as directly participate in and/or management of a rescue. The course involves first completing the CPR/First Aid course followed by academic knowledge development with lots of practice in the pool and finally demonstrating 12 rescue skills out in the ocean. It is a physically and mentally challenging course. Good swimming ability and organisational skills are essential. Completion of the Navigation and Search & Recovery Specialty courses are strongly recommended prior to beginning the Rescue Course.

Christopher and Jonathan Steele just completed the Advanced Open Water course. Their five dives over two days included Deep, Navigation, Night, Wreck and Photography. For the Deep dive located Northwest of Koh Larn, we descended to 30 meters to see if they were affected by nitrogen narcosis by giving them some simple coordination skills to complete underwater at depth. Jonathan showed a tendency to have become affected by nitrogen narcosis.

For the navigation dive at nearby Koh Sak, we had first practiced the compass, time, distance and natural navigation skills out in the back lawn of the British Club prior to going to the ocean. The limited visibility and a very mild swell in the ocean created unique challenges. After only two tries, working as a team, they were able to complete the rectangular course requirements using a compass. (I still personally evaluate even an experienced diver by how well they can navigate underwater with and without a compass.)

For the night dive we entered the water almost 20 minutes prior to sunset in order to become accustomed gradually to the increased darkness. During this time we explored using our bright underwater lights to see some of the local marine life. When full darkness was complete, we continued to do compass navigation skills, but due to currents and some minor buoyancy control problems had to abort these until later. It had been a long day for the two boys and

they were tired. They needed to rest up for next day's wreck and photography dives.

The following morning, we left the new pier at South Pattaya to Koh Man Wichai for the photography dive first due to stronger currents in the morning at the wreck dive site. We completed the navigation skills from last night's dive before beginning the photography adventure. As with the navigation dive, I

had had a separate practice session earlier in the BCB pool preparing and using the camera equipment so the two students were more confident in the ocean. In reality, to become proficient with underwater photography it requires many hours and dives just learning about marine life and equipment. I let Jon and Chris shoot 18 pictures each using different lenses, natural lighting and strobe. Some pictures I helped set up and then let them try themselves. I later developed the pictures and we had a critique session.

We moved north to nearby Koh Pai for the wreck dive on an old USA WWII LSD, recently sunk for divers. The morning currents were now almost completely gone and we were the only dive boat at the site. Great! It was also high slack tide. Normally, divers begin the first dive of the day as the deepest and each following dive being shallower in order to reduce nitrogen gas buildup in the diver's body tissues. Today was different. The top of the wreck's deck is usually 15-18 meters depth where as our earlier photography dive had been held to 12 meters depth. We planned this dive using the PADI tables which I always keep with me underwater at 18 meters for a maximum of 20 minutes. There was also another new instructor using a dive computer with us. Upon descending the line down to the wreck the visibility was only 3-4 meters. When I reached 18 meters I could just make out the top of the tallest part of the wreck. The deck was even deeper due to the extra high tide! I decided to continue another 4 meters down until we reached the deck. There I was able to rapidly recalculate a safe shorter



Henry Brown, Jr. Open Water Diver.

time to depth dive. I also checked with the other instructor's computer who had also been with us on the photography dive that we were OK with the revised dive plan. We had a nice tour along the wreck's deck and saw some friendly batfish that came very close as well as several schools of fish.

After a 3 minute safety stop at 5 meters we surfaced and boarded the waiting dive boat

for our return to Pattaya and dive back to Bangkok. The wreck dive was definitely their favorite dive and both are interested in later completing the full Wreck Specialty course.

Finally, Henry Brown completed his Jr. Open Water course. Peter, Henry's father, is a diver and he accompanied us on all the dives. Our first dive was at Koh Rin's south end. The weather was not good and we had light rain, white caps and surge. The second dive was at Koh Sak. The weather had calmed down, but underwater visibility was very limited with 2 to 3 meters only. Still, we were able to successfully complete a 100 meter compass underwater return exercise back to our boat.

Last day we were able to go to Koh Man Wichai as the weather and sea conditions were very good. First dive was on the Five Fingers, both visibility and marine life were great. We had the entire dive site to ourselves. The afternoon and final dive was just around the SW corner along the "wall" which is approximately 100 meters long and 11 meters high. It was another very nice dive. Henry had completed all his skills and I'm sure he and his father will have great fun diving together.

Peter Gary

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SYNOPSIS

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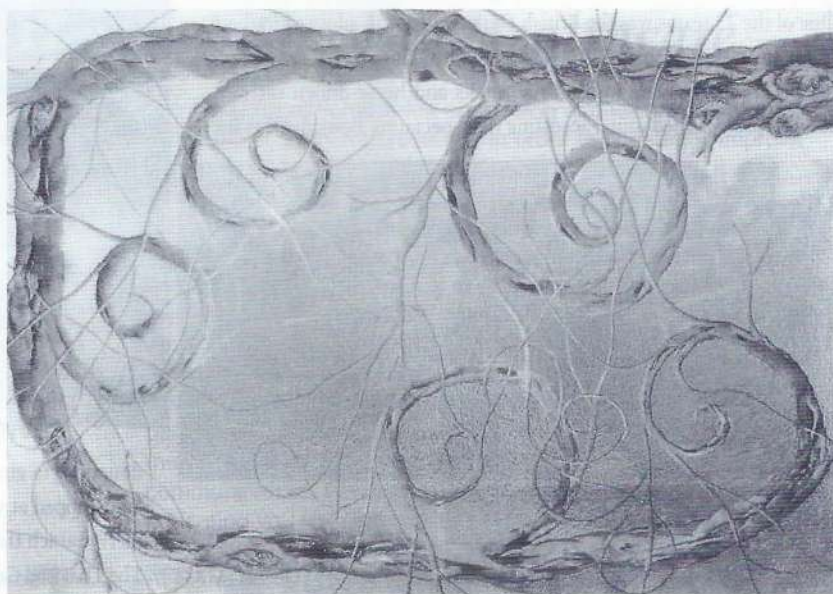
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donations to give to the poor. Happily the route conveniently passed by and stopped at various watering holes along the way... and what a very merry bunch they were at the end of the Bed Push!

The Thai Red Cross "*Caring Hearts for AIDS Foundation*" benefited from the day by nearly 1.2 million baht - a fantastic effort by all involved!!!

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