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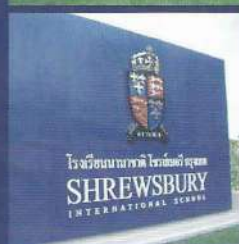


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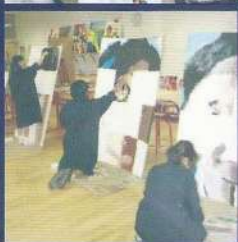
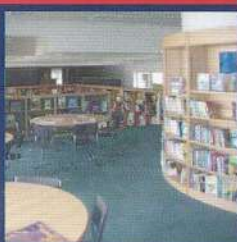
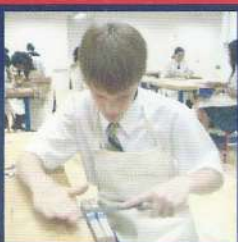
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June is Wimbledon Month

If you are an expatriate like me, then you have probably experienced that uncomfortable silence followed by wide-eyed disbelief when you ask a stupid question. "What is Pimm's?" I asked, as we batted around the Wimbledon theme for this June issue. My esteemed *Outlook* companions overlooked my cultural handicap and kindly explained the finer things in life to me.

Although, sadly, Pimm's has never passed these lips, I am an avid tennis fan, and always enjoy a look at Bjorn Borg in short shorts every time I enter the Churchill Bar. Have a nostalgic look at the youthful hero next time you're in the bar, sipping on Pimm's, perhaps after playing a hard set on the courts in the new tennis mix-ins planned by the Tennis Section. See page 35 for more net news.

Barry, John and staff lure you poolside this month for adult swim lessons, ice cream, Suki Saturdays and now Sundays, BBQ nights with live jazz, and a promise of continual improvement in food and service. Look to the blackboard in the bar for monthly specials brought to you by John Hogg, new DGM, executive chef, and male model. See *By John* on page 16.

Above all, have safe journeys if you venture from steamy Bangkok this summer. Although I will briefly escape to my homeland with its glorious lack of sophistication, I will be thinking of the British Club and pondering the question, "What's a buttie?"

Until next time,

'Merry' Whitehouse, guest editor

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Letter from the Chair

BC Swings in Plan for Year

Dear Members,



Thank you to those of you who have agreed to join one of our Subcommittees. We have a busy year ahead and your input is appreciated. The Subcommittees are now in full swing and we look forward to reporting on progress throughout the year.

To give focus to this Committee Year, we have identified some

areas that we believe need our attention and these are itemised to the right, for your information.

You will soon be receiving a copy of the Club's Constitution, Rules and Bylaws which were distributed to all members in May. Due to various amendments made over the years, the re-printing of the book and distribution to members has been constantly delayed. While we believe that there are still areas that need further consideration (due to various inconsistencies as well as current views and practices) the first important step is for everyone to have a copy of the Constitution, Rules & Bylaws as they currently stand. These have therefore been updated and sent to members in photocopy format for the time being. We are now conducting a thorough review and overhaul, and if further amendments are proposed, members input and approval will be sought in the usual way, and the book published accordingly. Please let me know if you would like to get involved in the review process.

Finally, it is with much regret that I must announce the resignation of our Treasurer, Ian Webb who, for personal reasons, is no longer able to undertake the Treasurer's duties. I am however, very pleased to report that Mark Hamill-Stewart (H273,) who has been working with our Treasury Workgroup for the last year, has agreed to step in and take on the role. We welcome Mark to the General Committee.

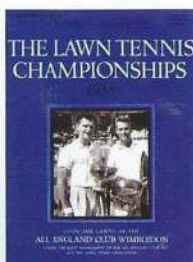
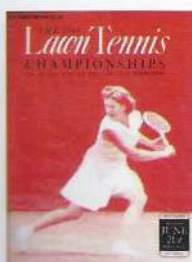
I look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Yours sincerely,

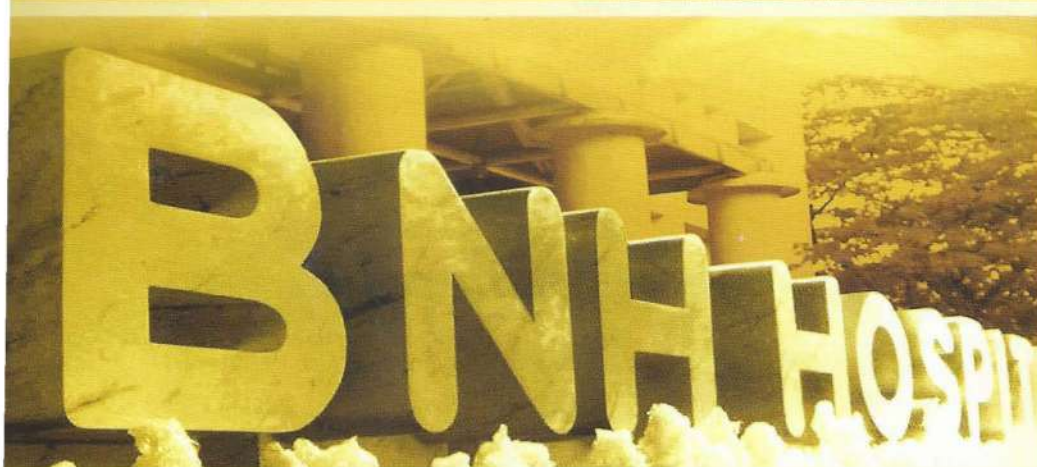
Angela Daniel
Chairman
BCB Committee 2005/2006

General Committee 2005/2006 Key Objectives

Strategy & Development	
1	- Develop Club Strategic Plan
2	- Formulate 5-year Development plan, as linked to Strategic Plan (Establish opportunities for member input and approval at various stages)
Constitution, Rules & Policies	
3	- Finalise update of Rule Book as it stands including all amendments made to date & distribute to all members. Also make available on line.
4	- Review & overhaul current Rules & Bylaws with reference to strategic plan, consistency, and logical process. Seek members approval of amendments, if proposed.
5	- Establish definitive set of Club Policies & Procedures and their function
Finance	
6	- Review levels of financial approval and procurement procedures
IT Development	
7	- Implement upgraded Membership Programme & commence Staff training
8	- Implement Upgraded Accounting system
9	- Implement Point of Sale system
10	- Bring new website on-line
11	- Integrate Website with associated systems
Human Resources	
12	- Develop Human Resources strategy (review job specs, staff recruitment, training and development, benefits, employee satisfaction, Health & Safety for all employees from Senior management through to junior staff)
13	- Revise / implement policies and reward systems
Sports & Fitness Management	
14	- Review, in collaboration with Sports sections, all sports structures/procedures with reference to easy administration, consistency and a fair price.
15	- Review and standardise contracts with all individuals providing services
Maintenance & Improvements	
16	- Review/approve major expenditures as per Major Maintenance & Capex Budget 2005
Security	
17	- Implement CCTV system
18	- Review security procedures and access control
Communication	
19	- Develop comprehensive & routine communications procedures
20	- Review long term requirements for <i>Outpost</i>
21	- Define web strategy and efficiencies brought through more online system (vs paper systems)



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Dear Members,

Were we in Britain this month (and I'm glad I'm not) we could see the Trooping of the Colour, the Isle of Wight Pop Festival or the Glastonbury Festival. Or we could lay odds on fast horses at the Oaks, the Derby or the Royal Ascot. But, we all know June best as Wimbledon month. For all you British Club members, we bring Wimbledon to you in Southeast Asia where we will celebrate all things British with Strawberry Promotions and lots of Pimm's. Likewise, Hanni will organize an evening of croquette on the front lawn with smoked salmon and more Pimm's! Don't forget to play a set or two of tennis yourself here at the Club, between monsoons.

We have a lot of family activities planned this month, beginning with the Queen's Birthday Party on the front lawn, Saturday, June 11th, which will be a celebration similar to the format we used in April for St. George's Day. We will host another Swim Gala June 12th. Thanks to Hanni and GC member Rosemary Imlah with her troop of volunteers who revived this swim event last month after a three year absence. And speaking of revival, Video Nights are back thanks to member Paul Cheesman who provides us with episodes of the brand new Dr. Who series, direct from the U.K. These video nights are free (excluding F&B charges) and are proving to be popular with members of all ages. We provide sofas for you to hide behind. Other family events include a poolside BBQ and jazz party, an evening at the cinema, and bowling for the kids.

Last month we were invited to cater a momentous occasion for Christ Church, as they celebrated their 100th Anniversary. This event was probably one of, if not the largest event that the Club has catered. Thanks to John and the catering team for the successful event. See page 18 for more on this historic occasion.

Not only did John and his team receive many Christ Church compliments, we are also receiving a tremendous amount of positive feedback

from Club members about the improved quality and selection of food here at the Club. During New Member's Night last month, a huge turn-out of over 70 members crammed into the bar to greet John and the new members. The fun night was fueled by samples of John's cuisine, free Draught Tiger Beer, and tunes provided by the popular band, No Fixed Abode. See more on page 10.



On the maintenance side of things, our 102 year old Clubhouse received a makeover recently and was clothed in tarpaulins and bamboo scaffolding for most of the month. We thank you for your patience as Khun Noo, chief engineer and his team finish the painting, guttering, and tidying up. We have also called in a tree expert to advise us on the condition of the trees around the Club. Many of the trees are top heavy and will require pruning. By the end of June, we will plan to begin painting around the poolside and will be closing the pools from early July for major repair work. I will inform you in greater detail once the works are confirmed.

If you haven't been down to the Club for a while, then I invite you to come on down and enjoy our new and improved food. If you are having a party—be it at your home, office or anywhere in the Bangkok area—then remember that the Club's excellent catering service is only a competitive quote away. Just contact Khun Ben or John in the catering department.

Well that's about it for another month and I look forward to seeing you around your Club in the near future,

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager



WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

** FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

Monday, June 13th "Canada" 6:00pm

Monday, June 23rd "USA" 6:00pm

Plasma TV in Churchill Bar with full F&B service and new TAPAS Menu available.

** VDO NIGHT

Thursday, June 7th, 7:00pm,

Wordsworth Room

DOCTOR WHO "Father's Day"

Thursday, June 9th, 7:30pm,

Suriwongse Room

'ALLO! ALLO!'

Thursday, June 16th, 6:30pm,

Wordsworth Room

DOCTOR WHO "An Empty Child/The Doctor Dances"

Thursday, June 23rd, 7:30pm,

Suriwongse Room

SHERLOCK HOLMES "The Boscombe Valley Mystery/The Illustrious Client"

** BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE

"Puss in Boots"

Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th

Children's participation theatre and activities. Optional buffet on the front Lawn:-A PURR-FECT day for the KIDS.

** H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Birthday

Saturday, June 11th, 11:00am-3:00pm

Celebrate the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II with a BBQ on the front lawn and lots of activities for your children, such as pony rides, bouncy castle, etc. Cost Bt.400 adult and Bt.250 child.

** SWIMMING GALA

Sunday, June 12th, 9:00 am-Noon

Events for all ages from 2 to adult! Come along for a 'splashtastic' day, complete with medals, certificates and buffet lunch on the front lawn. Bt 150 per entrant, everything included. (volunteers welcome...please!!) Contact Hanni for more information.

** WINE TASTING

Friday, June 17th, 6:00pm-9:00pm,
Suriwongse Room

Taste a range of wines from a range of countries. All wines on sale at a special rate for members. Come and sample the delicious wines and free Club canap?s.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday June 21st, Churchill Bar

Join host Rodney Bain for our B.C. bar quiz. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions each, plus the ever popular "Common denominator". Cost is Bt 100 per person and teams of up to six. Kick off, 7.30 pm in the bar. To book please contact Dong or reception.

Official Opening Times

10:00 am - 11:00 pm

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

7:30 am - 10:00 pm

6:00 am - 10:00 pm

6:00 am - 9:00 pm

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Churchill Bar

Lord's Restaurant (Lunch)

Lord's Restaurant (Dinner)

Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30 pm)

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

Fitness Centre (weekends)

Thai Massage (Tues - Sun)

Special Events Coming Up Next Month at BC

● JULY VDO NIGHTS

Thursday, July 7th

DOCTOR WHO NIGHT: "Boomtown"
7pm-7:45pm
- Episode 10 of the new 13-part
Doctor Who series.

Thursday, July 14th

COMEDY NIGHT: "Vicar of Dibley"
7:30pm-9pm
-The Christmas 2004 special episodes
of UK's best sitcom!

Thursday, July 21st

DOCTOR WHO NIGHT: "Bad Wolf & the
Parting of the Ways" 6:30pm-8pm
-The final two episodes of *Doctor Who*
... but is it goodbye?

Thursday, July 28th

DETECTIVE NIGHT: "Gosforth Park"
7:00pm-9:30pm
- starring Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon and
Charles Dance

● NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Tuesday, July 12th

Greet new members and say goodbye to departing ones with free buffet, live music and a barrel of Tiger Beer to help the night along.

● A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT

Monday, July 18th, Magic Eyes Chao Phraya Barge

A fun and educational day out, activities include canoeing, games, environmental activities, discovery of river critters and visit to Koh Kred Island. Cost Bt 1,400 per person. Maximum 32 members only. To book please contact Khun Dong or reception.

● QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, July 19th

The monthly CHURCHILL BAR QUIZ with Rodney Bain as Question-master extraordinaire ... Teams of 4 to 6 persons ... lots of fun!

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

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

7:30 pm

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

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

SATURDAYS Lord's Restaurant

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

SUNDAYS Lords Restaurant

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Silom Room

1:00 - 3:30 pm

WEDNESDAY BUFFET Bt225

CHURCHILL BAR CROWN RELOCATION ACCUMULATOR

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

BARRY'S BOTTLE DRAW - someone present in the bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, Vodka or Gin.

CURRY BUFFET - All you can eat! Only Bt 200

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

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

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

NEW MEMBER NIGHT





So many souls packed the Churchill Bar last month for New Member Night, that you may have missed greeting our five new members and spouses. We welcome Brian Pearson-Fry and Lee Andre; Kate Bishop and Justin LaLonde; Andrew and Diana Warburton; Emma Nickerson; and Ronald Wong, shown here with BC friends enjoying food by new executive chef, John Hogg and live music by *No Fixed Abode*.

Standard procedure requires new members to fill out a generic form and tell us a bit about themselves, including their goals and ambitions while living in Thailand. As is always the case with new BC members, the responses were lively. In addition to listing the rather elusive goal of learning to speak Thai, the group revealed the following interesting details and curious tidbits about their lives.

Dr. Emma Nickerson, having arrived two months prior at Mahidol University's Tropical Medicine Department, plans to self-prescribe eating more chilis, so that she can fully appreciate Thailand's cuisine. Retired solicitor, Ronald Wong plans to strike a balance between ingesting gallons of BC pool water with equal amounts of Languedoc Roussillon Rosé wine. Meanwhile, busy mother of three young children, Diana Warburton, plans to round out her belly dancing hobby with a career as a Certified Accountant. Husband, Andrew plays football and cricket and enjoys reading and listening to music...belly dancing music, no doubt!

Brian Pearson-Fry and spouse Lee Andre along with 14-year-old son Alex, have lived here for one year and appear to be visiting major continents, having worked in the US, Korea, Saudi, Kuwait, Kenya, Congo and Bahrain, to name a few. With acute attention to detail, Brian lists his sport as reading. Lee enjoys playing tennis. Kate Bishop and Justin LaLonde were previous members of the Tokyo American Club (a BC reciprocal club) and after living in the US, Canada, and Japan, the cool climate couple hopes to survive the heat. Avid workout enthusiasts, both Kate and Justin also play squash. Kate swims and Justin plays hockey and rugby.

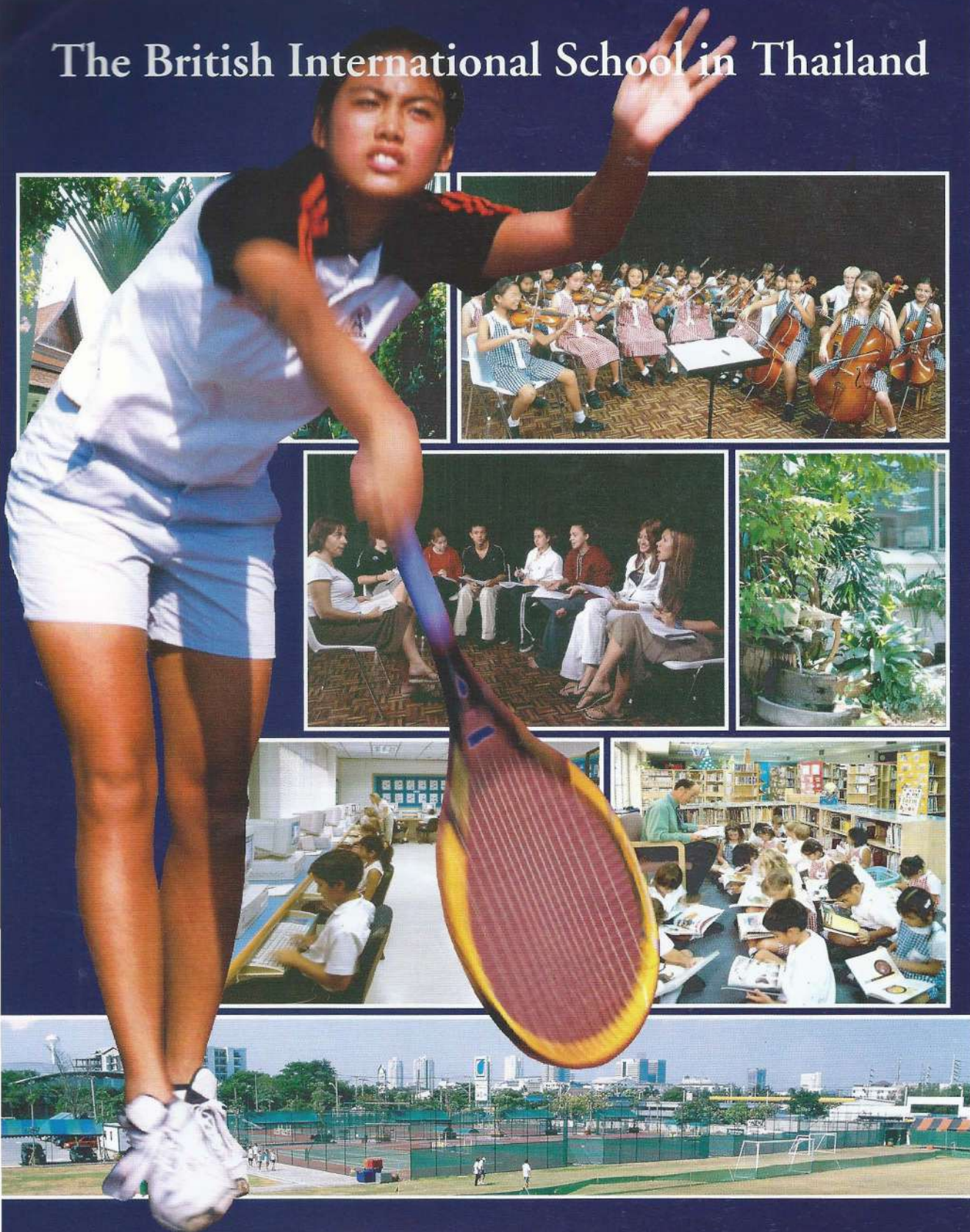
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'DOCTOR WHO ... I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT!

Having left one foot in the grave, Victor Meldew (Richard Wilson) now has one foot in the TARDIS as something sinister haunts the London Blitz! If you just don't believe it, just follow *Doctor Who* this June!

The new BBC Series of *Doctor Who* continues with two complete stories in June. With Christopher Eccleston as the Ninth Doctor and Billie Piper as Rose as his 32nd Companion since 1963, lots more fun 'behind the sofa'!

The schedule for June is below but please check posters in the clubhouse in case of changes! We are showing one complete story each fortnight.



Thursday 2nd June 7.00pm-7.45pm

- **Father's Day** Rose gets The Doctor to take her back to the day her father is killed, whilst The Doctor is intent on just watching, Rose has other ideas ... and boy do things go wrong!

Thursday 16th June 6.30pm-8.00pm

- **An Empty Child/The Doctor Dances** a two-part story set in World War II's Blitz period. Amongst Hitler's bombs arrives something that could destroy all humanity, and by some coincidence The Doctor arrives!

The new *Doctor Who* is suitable for children of all ages from 8 to 80!!



'LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY ...'

I shall say this only once! For your entertainment in June, we have two VDO Nights

Thursday 9th June 7.30pm-9.00pm

Allo! 'Allo! Double Bill

- **The Gateau from the Chateau ...** it is the Kasier's birthday and the German Army, the Gestapo and the French Resistance all want to celebrate ... by killing General von Klinkerhoffen!
- **The Nicked Knockwurst ...** When is a Knockwurst not a Knockwurst? When it, perhaps, contains the picture of the fallen Madonna with certain large assets?

Thursday 23rd June 7.30pm-9.30pm

Sherlock Holmes Double Bill

- **The Boscombe Valley Mystery** Just how did Charles McCarthy die when down at the lake and why won't his son name his alibi? What can Sherlock find that the County Constabulary missed?
- **The Illustrious Client ...** when a woman is in danger, and a father cannot prevail, who is this illustrious client who wants to save her and why is Baron Gr?ner a danger to her? Can Sherlock Holmes really convince her that true love is blind?



Each evening will kick off at 7.30pm, and a full F&B Menu will be available.

In order to assist seating arrangements, please ensure you sign up at Reception or send an Email to the club!



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FORMULA 1

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Sadly for Formula 1 fanatics and the occasional innocent viewer, both Motorsport Grand Prix in June are in the Americas, thus are set for 2:00am Bangkok time. However, the club engineers will record them and show them at 6:00pm the following Monday, SO PLEASE DON'T TELL US THE RESULT!

Normal service, will, thankfully, be restored in July when we have no less than FOUR Grand Prix LIVE in the Churchill bar! Grand Prix, live on the Plasma Screen in The Churchill Bar is a great, relaxing start to the week, with the TAPAS MENU on hand and the usual THREE ROASTS EACH SUNDAY!

Dates – June 2005

Jun 13th	Canadian Grand Prix	Recorded AT	6pm
June 20th	American Grand Prix	Recorded AT	6pm

Dates – July 2005

July 3rd	French Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
July 10th	British Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
July 24th	German Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
July 31st	Hungarian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm

All on the PLASMA SCREEN in The Churchill Bar ... PS anyone own a red car? Last seen off the track?



Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 19th

British Club Bangkok fathers have the privilege to celebrate their day twice each year—this month for traditional UK Father's Day and December 5th, Thailand Father's Day and also the birthday of HM King Rama 9. Why not treat Dad like royalty and bring him to the BC?



BC HISTORY



Wimbledon champ **Bjorn Borg** played an exhibition match on the British Club Bangkok courts in 1983. Borg joined the professional tour in 1973 at age 16 and proceeded to win 41 consecutive matches at Wimbledon, a tournament record, before losing to John McEnroe in the 1981 final. During his time in Bangkok, Borg was reportedly contemplating his retirement.

New Menus, Favourite Foods and... **STRAWBERRIES!**



Dear Members,

A great big thank you to all the BC members for my warm welcome last month at the New Member Night Party. We had such a great night! I plan to make the next New Member Party coming up July 12th equally special for our new members. I will prepare a special free buffet, *No Fixed Abode* will provide live music, and a barrel of Tiger Beer will let the good times roll!

It's Wimbledon month and that means **STRAWBERRIES!** Throughout the month of June we will have strawberry delights

on special, for that treat you know you deserve! And if you are heading to the pool, we will have a special discount on all cakes, pastries, and cookies with a "2 for 1" offer after 6:00pm, everyday. If you haven't yet tried Chef Boonchao's brownies, then what better time than right now?

ICE SCREAM for **ICE CREAM!** We have a new Nestlé's ice cream kiosk with a huge array of hard-scoop flavours to fill your cone or tub. We introduce the new Soft Serve ice cream machine—sure to be a hit with the children—if they can get there before Barry, that is!

Also by the pool, will be our new monthly event, the Poolside BBQ Dinner with Live Jazz music beginning Friday, June 10th. We plan to have a wide selection of BBQ meats, seafood, fish and kebabs along with Thai dishes, freshly carved roasts, salads, and delicious desserts. While you relax, we will organize a special themed disco in the Suriwongse Room for the children. So come poolside and enjoy a perfect end to the working week at the British Club.

SUKI SATURDAYS is also moving **POOLSIDE** and will follow with **SUKI SUNDAYS**, available from noon until 6:00pm!

For that perfect mid-week night out, enjoy **WEDNESDAY'S CARVERY** (available lunch or dinner) with three roasts, three vegetables, and three selections of potatoes along with a freshly-prepared salad bar. This feast is already proving to be a big hit and makes the perfect accompaniment to the Crown Relocation Bar Accumulator/Lucky Draw also on Wednesday evenings.

We have made some changes to **FRIDAY'S BUFFET**. We will alternate the buffet theme each week, beginning June 3rd, between a **CURRY BUFFET** with Italian delights to tempt your taste buds and a **TEX MEX BUFFET** on

alternate weeks with real cowboy fixin's of BBQ ribs, bangers, chimichangas, spicy beans and more!

For the Queen's Birthday Bash, on June 11th, we will celebrate with lots of British favourite foods on the Front Lawn with a delicious buffet, candy floss, toffee apples, salads, pies, pastries and cakes.

If it's 'Comfort Food' you're after, then plan to join us in the Churchill Bar for Quiz Night, June 21st, where I have prepared a special Fish N' Chip Shop Menu:

	Supper	Single
Cod Fish in Batter.....	125	100
Steak Pie.....	100	75
Chicken Mushroom Pie	90	65
Sausage in Batter	90	65
Back Pudding in Batter	90	65
Pizza Hawaiian, Italian, or veggie ...	110	85
Mars Bar in Batter	75	
Home made FRIES!	25	
Baked beans Bt 15, Mushy peas Bt. 15, Chip Shop Curry Sauce Bt. 15.		

I encourage you to please give me your feedback and views on the quality of service we are providing. My pledge is to exceed your expectations. I am in the process of reviewing the Churchill selections by observing what dishes are popular. The new menu is in place at Lord's, and I really hope to attract more customers so that I can see if the menu works! The F&B team is hard at work to improve standards of food and service poolside, based upon mixed feedback we received. We would like to boast that members of the British Club Bangkok don't miss anything from back home! If you have any special wishes for any special dishes, please feel free to approach me with your requests.

For sure, BC members don't miss anything from back home.

See you around the Club,

John James Hogg

Blackboard Specials in the Bar

As most of you have already seen, we have introduced "Blackboard Specials" in the Churchill Bar which seem to be going down well—especially the St. George's Chicken and the Butties! The blackboard selections will change throughout the month, but if there is something you especially want that is no longer posted, please ask and we may be able to get it for you.

As promised, a daily set menu is now available at both the Churchill Bar and Lord's Restaurant, with two courses priced at Bt. 150 and three courses at Bt. 200. Watch for a new Churchill a la carte menu to appear soon. And as always, if you have any special wishes for any special dishes, just ask Chef John.

Seasonal Dishes By John

Recipes for these dishes by John are provided below, but we recommend you head to the Churchill Bar and simply order up a tasty meal.

Broad Bean and Bacon Soup.....45 baht

The first crop of British broad beans arrives this month. Their sweetness alongside the bacon make for a delicious and hearty soup.

Jugged Kippers.....125 baht

The first fresh kippers are landed and normally last until October. Delicious smoked and served with parsley butter and toast.

Courting Cake.....75 baht

Originally made in the north of England by young girls for their betrotheds, hence the name. Sponge cake, fresh strawberries and whipped cream, sandwiched together, topped with icing sugar, served with strawberry coulis.



Broad Bean & Bacon Soup

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 225 Gram Broad beans, shelled (8 oz)
- 225 Gram Peas, shelled (8 oz)
- 1 Large Onion, chopped
- 450 ml Milk (3/4 pint)
- 300 ml Vegetable stock (1/2 pint)
- 2 Rashers Back bacon, rinded, grilled and chopped

Simmer the beans, peas, onions, milk and stock together for 20 minutes until the vegetables are tender. Liquidise some or all as you like. Reheat gently if liquidised. Serve garnished with the bacon.



Jugged Kippers

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 Kippers
- 600 ml Boiling water (1 pint)
- 25 Gram butter, softened (1 oz)
- 1 Tablespoon Fresh parsley, chopped

Remove the head and tail from each kipper. Pack the kippers into a tall warmed jug. Pour the boiling water over the kippers and put a plate on top to seal in the heat. After 6-7 minutes, drain the kippers on some absorbent kitchen paper and serve on hot plates. Brush with butter and serve at once sprinkled with parsley.



Courting Cake

Ingredients

- 225 Gram Butter (8 oz)
- 225 Gram Caster sugar (8 oz)
- 4 Eggs, beaten
- 350 Gram Self-raising flour (12 oz)
- 2-3 Tablespoon Milk
- 300 ml Double cream (10 fl.oz)
- 225 Gram Strawberries, sliced (8 oz)
- Icing sugar, to decorate

Pre-heat oven to 190 deg.C/ 375 deg.F/ Gas 5. Grease and line the bases of three 18 cm (7 inch) round cake tins. Cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Gradually add the eggs, a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in the flour, then add enough milk to give a soft dropping consistency. Divide the mixture evenly between the prepared tins and bake for 25-30 minutes, until well-risen and firm to the touch, swapping the position of the top and bottom cakes halfway through the cooking. Turn out and leave to cool on a wire rack.

Whip the cream until it just holds its shape. Sandwich the cakes together with the cream and the strawberries, reserving a few for decoration. Dredge the top with icing sugar and decorate with the reserved strawberries. Makes about 16 slices.



At last a bell! Christ Church Celebrates 100 Years



On 30 April this year, Christ Church, Bangkok, celebrated a century of existence at the corner of Convent and Sathorn Roads, on land donated by King Rama V. In his deed of gift, His Majesty stipulated that the church must be used by all Protestant Christians to worship God, not limited to only one denomination. This contributes to the uniqueness of this place of worship, which maintains an oasis of peace and prayer amid the hubbub of traffic that is not diminished by the high-rise buildings by which it is now encircled.

Christ Church's open door ministry reflects its origins in the missionary efforts of three Protestant groups, who first arrived in Bangkok in 1828 and worshiped God together—at first in their homes and then in a small 'Protestant Union Chapel' built in 1864 between the river and the newly-constructed Charoen Krung. This chapel was often referred to as 'The English Chapel', but in reality provided a gathering place for fellowship between different denominations and nationalities. In 1903, a new Chaplain arrived, the Reverend de Courcy Blakeney. He was not impressed by the little chapel, which no longer served the needs of the enlarged and scattered Protestant population, and set about the process of securing land and funds for a new building. The time from conception to dedication of the new church took 16 months. At the dedication, the Reverend Blakeney proclaimed himself well-pleased with this 'beautiful' and 'noble' church, already almost fully-furnished with a pipe organ and a font, soon to arrive, which was paid for by members of the congregation. All that was required to make the church complete, he declared, was a peal of bells.

For one hundred years, his wish was not fulfilled. Vicars and congregations came and went, the diversity of the worshippers increasing and now including members from all continents and denominations – including Catholic and Orthodox at times, but remaining predominantly Protestant. The Thai congregation now exceeds English-speaking membership and has its own Pastor. Sunday services are supplemented by Bible Study groups and a wide variety of activities that reach out to Karen churches and communities in the North West, ministries to prisoners, children with disabilities and bar girls in Bangkok, orphanages in the North, East and South and – more recently – tsunami-affected communities. Styles of worship in the compound include English, Karen and Thai liturgy, music from the 100-year-old organ and exuberant singing to the sound of popular music. But despite all these changes, belief and trust in the unchanging Christ, for whom the building was erected and who is the same forever, does not change. It transcends the building and transforms individual lives.

Throughout the years, although successive Parish Church Councils discussed placing a bell in the bell tower, the plan was always shelved. For the centenary year, however, the generosity of parishioner Lavinia Chow has enabled the church to purchase a renovated Trinity House bell, which was shipped from England in time to be displayed at the celebration for Christ Church's dedication. Very soon this bell's clear note will sound over the noisy traffic of Sathorn Road calling everyone to join the distinctive, varied fellowship of this historic church.

Judith Ennew

St George's Day Party

A total of 70 members braved the heat on St. George's Day, Saturday, April 23rd, for what must have been the hottest day of the year! A full British buffet lunch was laid on consisting of pork pies, Cornish pasties, lamb chops, toffee apples and candy floss. To entertain the kids we had our new BC bouncy castle, pony rides, coconut shy and the BC stocks. Khun Suzie organized the making of traditional crafts, and afterwards many people chose the comfort of the air-conditioned Suriwongse room to watch the movie, *George and the Dragon*.



BC CALENDAR JUNE – The Month at a Glance

Sunday

5

Lords Restaurant
12:00- 3:00 Family Carvery
Silom Room
1:00-3:30 Children's Activities
1:00-2:30pm Taekwondo
3:00pm Yoga
4:00-7:00pm Tennis Mix-in

Poolside Sala
11:30-2:30pm **SUKI SUNDAY**
Churchill Bar
7:00pm **Formula 1 Grand Prix 5th Race Live from Spain**
Enjoy with our TAPAS Menu
Suriwongse Room/ Front Lawn
"PUSS IN BOOTS"

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Lords Restaurant
12:00- 3:00 Family Carvery
Silom Room
1:00-3:30 Children's Activities
Poolside Sala
11:30-2:30pm **SUKI SUNDAY**

Monday



6

8:00am BWG Mahjong
10:00am Aerobics

Bjorn Borg's 49th Birthday,
Former Wimbledon champ and BCB player

13

8:00am BWG Mahjong
10:00am Aerobics

Tuesday

7

8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix In
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
7:00-9:00pm Football Practice

8:00pm Friendly Bridge
8:30pm Spoof
Adult Swimming Clinic
7:30-8:30pm Swimming Pool
Wordworth Room
7:30-9:00pm **VDO NIGHT "Doctor Who"**

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8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix In
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
7:00-9:00pm Football Practice

Wednesday

1

5:00-5:45 pm Junior Tennis
7:30 pm Barry's Bottle Draw
Churchill Bar LUNCH & DINNER Carvery
7:00&8:00pm **CROWN RELOCATION BAR ACCUMULATOR**
6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in
1-30 JUNE WIMBLEDON MONTH Strawberry & Pimms Specials available all outlets

8

5:00-5:45 pm Junior Tennis
Churchill Bar LUNCH & DINNER Carvery
7:00&8:00pm **CROWN RELOCATION BAR ACCUMULATOR**
7:30 pm Barry's Bottle Draw
6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in

15

5:00-5:45 pm Junior Tennis

Thursday

2

8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in
7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice
9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice
6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
6:00-9:00pm Chess

9

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6:00-9:00pm Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
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Suriwongse Room
7:30-9:00pm **VDO NIGHT ('Allo! 'Allo!)**

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8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30am Aqua Aerobics
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7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice
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Friday

3

5:00-5:45pm Junior Tennis
5:45-6:30pm Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in
Back Lawn
5:30-7:00pm **BRAZILIAN FOOTBALL Demonstration Plus BBQ**
Churchill Bar Lunch & Dinner
12:00-2:00pm
6:00-9:00pm **TEX MEX BUFFET**

10

5:00-5:45pm Junior Tennis
5:45-6:30pm Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in
Poolside Sala
6:00-9:00pm **BBQ with JAZZ**

Suriwongse Room
6:00-9:00pm **CHILDREN FANCY DRESS DISCO**
Churchill Bar Lunch & Dinner
12:00-2:00pm
6:00-9:00pm **CURRY BUFFET**

17

5:00-5:45pm Junior Tennis
5:45-6:30pm Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in

Saturday

4

9:00am Swimming Lessons
Bangkok Dolphins
9:30-12:00 Cricket Practice
3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice
Suriwongse Room/ Front Lawn
"PUSS IN BOOTS"



11

9:00am Swimming Lessons
Bangkok Dolphins
9:30-12:00 Cricket Practice

3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice
12:00-3:00pm. Front Lawn
Birthday of H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II

18

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"WHEN IS A QUIZ NOT A QUIZ ?

" WHEN IT'S A PIZZA !"

Yep! Quiz Night on May 17th became PIZZA NIGHT! Executive Chef John James Hogg laid on twelve special pizzas for the evening, all at 100 Baht each together with a Dessert Pizza to ensure that we had brain food to counter the liquid levels likely to be consumed over the evening! (and delicious they were!)

Six teams battled for the title and the first of seven sets of prizes for the evening Yes, seven prizes (first, second, third, last and three spot prizes!). Only one new team this time as several others backed out, but we were pleased to welcome '**Norfolk & Chance**' into the quizzing environment. '**Allrounders**' continued

Gentlemen Spoofers' who despite early good form, dropped behind only to see a last round win clinching them the title ... for the first time since 2003!



Three bottles of wine (the spot prizes) were readily consumed, as were dozens of Pizza and barrels of beer, with the occasional Orange Juice finding its way to Bottom of The Class! The evening was full of fun, laughter and the odd correct answer!



The next **Churchill Bar Quiz** is on Tuesday 21st June ... the Bridge Section (under Captain Winlock) and SPET (under Chief Engineer Chris) have promised teams for June, so we should be in for another fine evening!

Teams of Four to Six are allowed ... as are Tennis players, Squash players and others in the club who do not know where the bar is! Anyone WITHOUT A TEAM just phone

to play too well to get their '**round of drinks**' prize which went to a sadly depleted '**Bottom of the Class**', but Adrian and George were magnificently supported by first-time quizzers Ronald and Andy.

K. Dong and he will fit you into a team

Come as a team, come as a single, or come as pairs, but please come!

See you on June 21st!

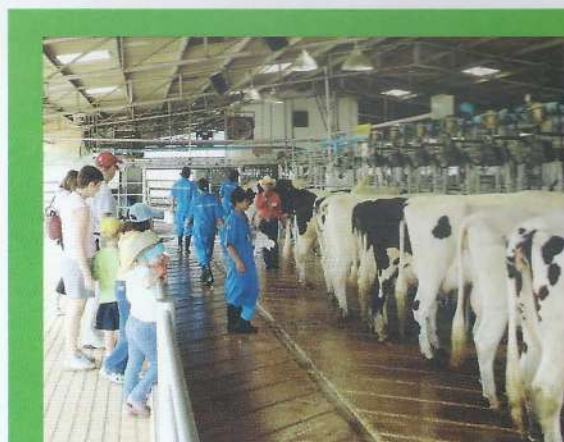
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Despite an early spurt by the traditional winners, '**Sminky Binky Bang Bang**', they dropped to second. A mid-session rush by the newly rejuvenated '**Southerners**' also put them amongst the prizes for the first time this year. And again no team came forth from the **General Committee** ... probably still debating the decision?

The real surprise, at least to themselves, was '**The Bangkok**



Chok Chai Farm Trip, Saturday May 14th



A total of 34 club members joined our trip to the ever-popular Chok Chai Farm which provided some unexpected moments of road adventure due to a faulty coach and an empty petrol tank. Despite the drama and delay, we all had a great time at the farm. The kids enjoyed riding horses and ponies, feeding the farm animals, and milking the cows. After the two hour farm tour, all of us farmhands sat down to a hearty meal of steaks, ice cream and milk in the Chok Chai Steak House Restaurant. We painted t-shirts and tried other activities which left time for mum to shop for delicious Chok Chai dairy items to bring back to the big city.

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All games kick off at 2:10pm Bangkok time.

Date	Game	Venue
04 Jun	Lions vs Bay of Plenty	Rotorua
08 Jun	Lions vs Taranaki	New Plymouth
11 Jun	Lions vs NZ Maori	Hamilton
15 Jun	Lions vs Wellington	Wellington
18 Jun	Lions vs Otago	Dunedin
21 Jun	Lions vs Southland	Invercargill
25 Jun	Lions vs All Blacks	Christchurch
28 Jun	Lions vs Manawatu	Palmerston North
02 Jul	Lions vs All Blacks	Wellington
05 Jul	Lions vs Auckland	Auckland
09 Jul	Lions vs All Blacks	Auckland









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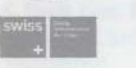
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Squashy Mutterings

Having missed all the key matches, leagues and meetings, it's a bit difficult to come up with anything original this month. However, the section is blessed with several eagle-eyed news-hounds and I will cobble something together based on emails received. I'll reserve another occasion to describe my biceps double rupture which has condemned me to gentle warm-ups with the ladies.

Unfortunately I missed the April Squash committee meeting because the date was suspiciously changed at the last minute. I now find out that not only are the minutes written before the meeting, but they are also almost exactly the same each month. They take a bit of deciphering, but I gather that our esteemed Chairperson is still talking to the General Committee about new fee structures, one year on; photos of the committee will still be imposed on everyone via the notice board; we're still talking about fans; encouraging the ladies (certainly nothing new there); encouraging the youth; and, Joey Aung is still designing a new squash shirt. However, we did decide to stop moaning about the AGM food because Barry admitted that it wasn't fit for human consumption; we are going to add more names to the hilariously inaccurate Squash Honours Boards, and we have all got so wimpy that we want air conditioning on all courts. Oh, yes, we also want to increase the league fees to encourage greater participation. Sounds like a great meeting lads!

April Squash League # 194 was a little better participated, with **David Eastgate** winning Division 1, **Nick Thwaites** Division 2 and **Suharsh Mittal** Division 3. However no matches at all were played in Divisions 4 & 5. **Nick White** won the lucky baht 1,000 draw for Lords.

The **May Mix-in** was won by **George Dunford** and **Phil ?**, with 10 participants.

Over now to our Correspondents ... firstly, better late than never, from Skipper Chris;

BCB Versus Capitol Club, 29th January 2005

In a most eventful fixture, BCB chalked up their first win of 2005 in a home match versus the Capitol Club. The opening ties were played at 2nd and 6th string, with Chris Browning and Marvyn Lewis making a good start winning 3-0. The proceedings were disturbed when Capitol Club No. 4, Tony, caught his finger in a fan and needed urgent medical attention. David was the hero of the hour and drove Tony to hospital. The team would like to thank David, also staff and a member who happened to be a doctor, who helped in the mishap.

John Vivian is developing a good team record and won 3-1 against a talented Rahm, after a good fight back in the 3rd game.

There were three five set matches - Charles Whitely lost narrowly to an experienced opponent. Jack 'Boy' Dunford won the clincher against Capitol Club skipper, Les Tanner. Whilst this was battle of the two teams' senior members, it was perhaps the most hard fought.

The first string game saw David Eastgate play against Chris. David fell behind 0-2, but cannily changed the pace of the game and played some very solid squash to run out the 3-2 victor.

David Eastgate won 3-2 against Chris, Chris Browning won 3-0 against Gotham, Charles Whitely lost 2-3 to Ken, George Dunford gained a walkover against Tony the finger, John Vivian won 3-1 against Rahm, Marvyn Lewis 3-0 against Don and Jack



Dunford 3-2 against Les.

We will get further fixtures against the Capitol Club and would be pleased to field a bigger team, with some of the ladies league players.

Then John Vivien's write up of the Harold Mercer Cup played in March:

Harold Mercer Cup

This has always been an enjoyable competition and one of the few "team" tournaments. There is something different about playing competitions where the team performance is more important than any one individual's. That is of course, unless it comes down to the last game to decide the outcome of the whole competition. This year a different format was followed, primarily because there were only three members in each team. The competition was contested on the number of games each team won over the three nights of play, instead of counting the matches won.

Four teams: Pumas (captained by James Quinn); Tigers (David Eastgate); Cheetahs (Chris Browning); Leopards (Dick Anwar) played each other on successive Wednesday nights. Come the 6th April the Trophy was anyone's with Cheetahs holding a one game advantage over all three other teams. However this didn't intimidate the fearless Tigers, who were drawn to play the

'top cats' on the final night. Under the expert captainship of David Eastgate, and with Marvyn still being on a high from the recent rugby Grand Slam, they both took their games 3 - 0 to secure a 9 games to 1 win for the night. This was good enough to see the Pumas, who couldn't quite match the clean-sweep performance of the Tigers, beaten into second position.

The final positions were: Tigers: 20 games; Pumas 17 games; Leopards 14 game; Cheetahs 13 games.

Special thanks to Peter Corney for organising the competition, the four captains who rallied their respective teams through the three nights and the reserves who filled in for those who weren't able to commit for the three consecutive weeks of play. Next year we hope to see at least four players per team and wouldn't it be good, Jane, to see one of the women players in each team (nudge, nudge) next time?

And then from Baz:

Tangling With the Tanglins

The ubiquitous tendrils of Thailand's rampant "spa and wellness" movement arrived on the hallowed squash courts of our beloved British Club on the evening of Friday, April 29th. As record-breaking temperatures hovered around the ton, even at the relatively late hour of 6pm, the raiding party from Singapore's Tanglin Club unpacked their racquets with an air of sweaty disbelief. Could they really be expected to play squash in these conditions? Indeed they could, for the British Club squashies were

on hand to treat their guests to their first encounter with the new sport of squash while taking a sauna.

This new fad, now sweeping the Club, involves two mortal combatants entering a glistening stone box, called a "court". This enclosure has been warmed to a torrid degree by the balmy, or possibly barmy, ambient outside heat. The combatants then attempt to run around this sweltering stone box in pursuit of a small black ball for the time it takes to play three so-called "games". This task is made all the more challenging by the fact that the floor of the stone box quickly becomes covered in a viscous, and indeed vicious, mixture of sweat, blood and tears to a depth of some six inches. The player who survives longest without heart failure and/or is still upright after three "games" is deemed to be the winner.

Despite the obvious challenges posed by this new form of squash, we witnessed a record turnout of sixteen pairs of stalwart combatants. What's more the obvious health and beauty benefits of having a spa and sauna treatment while squashing inveigled a goodly number of the fairer SEX to participate. There, got it into the article without being gratuitous!

Local acclimatization combined with an intense pre-match training schedule (NOT) could well have favoured the home team. However, the sixteen stalwart men and indeed beauteous ladies from the large equatorial shopping mall to the south responded exceeding well to the challenge of this new sport. In fact a nail biting finish was in the offing. Stupendous wins were registered by Messers Brown-ing, White, Vivian, Evans, Shiraz, Ignacio, Lewis, Daniel and Rit while

veils of a discreet nature will be drawn across the endeavours of the other BC squashies.

A special mention should however be made of the enormous energy and enthusiasm expended by one N. Thwaites Esq. in snatching defeat from the yawning jaws of victory in a classic "top-of-the-card" encounter with Munir. So crushing did the lad from Winchester find this experience that he has decided to depart Thailand post haste and take on the mantle of a struggling carpenter in the Devon countryside from now on.

At the end of the battle it was adjudged that the games were exactly tied at eight apiece. An arcane and ancient law was then invoked, which specifies that in the event of a tie, the team who are able to consume the most bottles of amber nectar at the after spa supper in the Silom sauna, pun intended, wins by one game.

Captain Chris in his exemplary post-match speech managed to announce this miraculous British Club victory with an amazingly straight face and sincere voice. And equally amazingly, the visitors seemed to buy it! Clearly generations of dictatorial Government proselytizing seem to have inured our Singaporean friends to any sense of reasonable skepticism, and therefore we eagerly await their return for the next round of squashing with sauna.

Thanks lads. Lots of good squash coming up including matches against Vajiravudh, Rajapruet, and M&M, Pattaya, a one-day Club handicap event on June 5th and the Don Johnson and Parra Handy Plate in June. Since, both Don Johnson and Parra Handy were before my time, I'd be grateful if any of the oldies could tell us something about them and the origins of these competitions.

Jack Dunford



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Wimbledon season!!!



As you well know, June is the month of Wimbledon back in old Blighty. To celebrate the Wimbledon season, why not come and join some of our own BC pros strutting their stuff on the courts! Make the most of our 'strawberries and cream' and 'Pimms' promotions, whilst you watch the likes of 'Yubharet Kournikova', 'James Bourg Young' and 'David Agassi Eastgate' battle it out at the British Club!

Still on the tennis front, I take great pleasure in welcoming to the club our new tennis coach Mr. Nelson Thein. Nelson is a certified tennis instructor and has taught throughout Asia and the States. He has a vast amount of experience in both teaching junior and adult tennis to a range of abilities, and has been coaching for over 15 years. Current programmes available at the B.C. include the following:



- 1) Junior tennis 'First Steps Programme', Wednesdays 5.00 - 5.45 pm.
- 2) Junior tennis 'First Steps Programme', Fridays 5.00 - 5.45 pm.
- 3) Junior tennis 'We Love Tennis Programme' Fridays 5.45 - 6.30 pm.
- 4) Adult beginner workshop the '1-2-3 Start Up' Programme, will be held on Saturdays from 08.30 - 09.30 am.
- 5) Adult intermediate/advanced 'We Love Tennis Programme', Saturdays from 09.30 - 10.30 am.

Nelson is also available for private and semi-private classes (2 persons). For further information (including price details and availability), please contact me or the fitness centre staff.



For another great chance to get fit and meet new people, why not come to the brand new 'Swimming Clinic' here at the Club? The clinic consists of adult training sessions with a qualified swimming coach. Vicky is an ex-county swimmer and the perfect person to provide stroke improvement advice and general swimming tips. The Tuesday sessions are also a great way to meet people, so why not come along and give it a go? Classes are every Tuesday from 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm. Both beginner and advanced programmes are available. Please contact me or fitness staff for any further information.

Looking back on April, the hottest month of the year, finds it was a cooling one for some, what with all the Songkran craziness and the Club's very own swimming gala! The British Club held its first swimming gala in three years. Both young and 'slightly older' swimmers took part in the gala, competing for medals and certificates in all manner of races, from free style, to back stroke, to relays and racing with a noodle!

A special thank you to everyone who entered, particularly all the adults who both took part and volunteered, without whom, it wouldn't have been so much fun! Of course, a huge thank you to Rosemary Imlah who made it all possible, and, of course, to George Dunford and Vicky Kelland, who threw me in fully clothed!

The next BC swimming gala is June 12th, so sign up now at the fitness centre. Don't miss the chance for a fun-filled day of racing, followed by a buffet on the front lawn and medals for all who enter.

Also, if you haven't seen our newly re-furbished 'British Club blue' fitness equipment, please pop in and take a look!!

That's about all for now, have a great month.

Hanni Phillips
Manager Sports and Grounds



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New British Club Tennis Coach

Nelson Thein Win has worked in the USA and Thailand as a tennis coach and instructor for over 18 years. He coaches both junior and adult groups and private classes, from beginner to advanced levels. He is a certified professional from PTR 'Professional Tennis Registry', USA. Nelson worked at both Patana and Harrow International Schools, whose staff speak highly of him. I take great pleasure in welcoming Nelson to the British Club and hope that members make the most of his services. Details are listed below:




1) JUNIOR TENNIS CLASSES:

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Wednesday or Friday: 'First Steps'
 This is a beginner programme for children aged 5 – 7 years. It is a one hour class introducing children to tennis and concentrates on hand/eye coordination. Classes cost 3,000 Baht per 10 sessions over a period of 10 weeks. Class time: 5.00 pm – 5.45 pm.
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Friday: 'We love tennis'
 This is a beginner/intermediate programme for children aged 7 – 12 years. Classes cost 3,000 Baht per 10 sessions. Class time: 5.45 pm – 6.30 pm.

2) ADULT CLASSES:

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Saturday: '1-2-3 Start up'
 This is a beginner programme for adults of any age! Classes cost 3,000 Baht per 10 sessions. Class time: 07.00 am – 08.00 am.
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Saturday: 'We love tennis programme'
 This is an intermediate/advanced programme for adults. Classes cost 3,000 Baht per 10 sessions. Class time: 08.00 am – 09.00 am.

3) SEMI- PRIVATE AND PRIVATE CLASSES:

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 Nelson is also available for private lessons (adult or junior), at a cost of 900 Baht per hour, or 500 Baht per 30 minutes.
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 Semi-private classes are also available (2 persons) at a cost of 1,500 Baht per hour, or 800 Baht per 30 minutes.
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 Please see the table below for availability of private/semi-private classes:

DAY	TIME am	TIME pm
MONDAY	-----	5.00 – 8.00
TUESDAY	8.30 – 10.30	5.00 – 8.00
WEDNESDAY	-----	6.00 – 8.00
THURSDAY	8.30 – 10.30	5.00 – 8.00
FRIDAY	-----	6.30 – 8.30
SATURDAY	9.00 – 10.00	-----
SUNDAY	-----	4.00 – 8.00

For further information regarding tennis programmes at the British Club, please talk to Hanni. If you wish to join the tennis section, please contact David Eastgate (Chairman) on 01-909-3026, or via email: davide@loxinfo.co.th

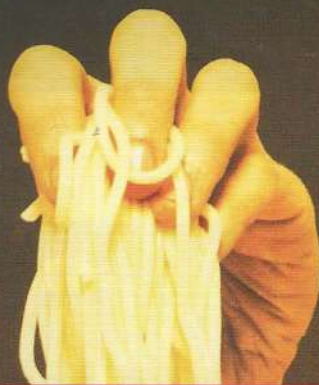
If you require tennis specific advice or information, or more details regarding BC lesson content, please contact Nelson directly, via the following email address: mgmgnelson@hotmail.com



THE TENNIS VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND TOURNAMENT

The British Club was well represented at this tournament, which was held on the Chulalongkorn University courts from Saturday 7th May to Monday 9th May. Those taking part in the various age group categories in both doubles and singles were Bruce Gordon, Jesada Tanking, Phairoj Chansevikul, James Young, Marc Nussaume, Andrew Robertson, David Eastgate, Wandee Bruton and Yubharet Visitsunthorn.

Special mention must go to Wandee, Yubharet and Phairoj, all of whom battled their way to the semi finals of their respective age group categories. Phairoj was particularly unlucky losing his semi final 9-8 in a tie-break.

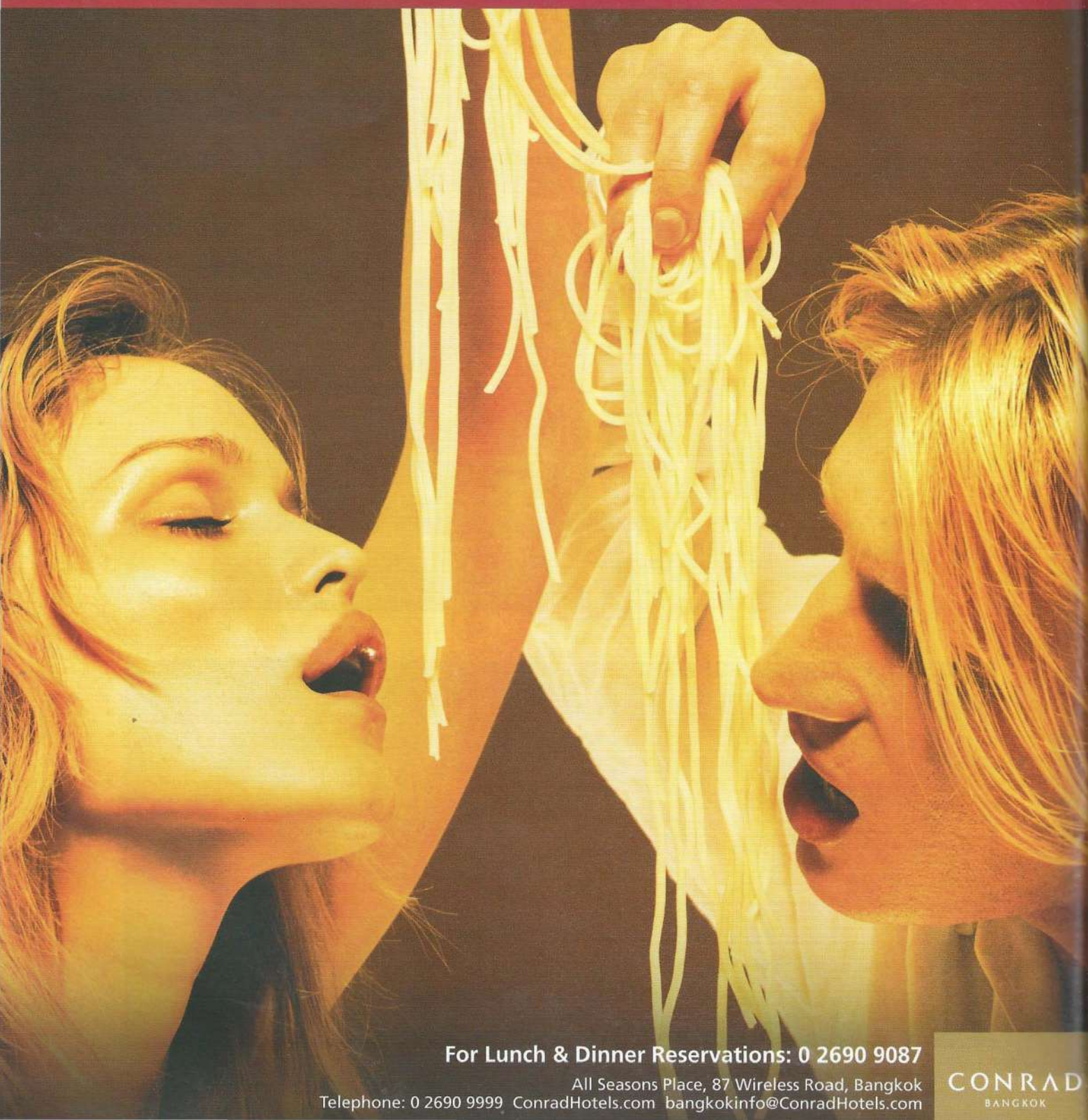


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New Section Chairman Says Join In, Have Fun...Play Tennis



After going to what I thought would be a relatively straight-forward AGM of the Tennis Section of the British Club, I now find myself writing my first communication as the new chairman.

Jesada Tanking, the retiring chairman, conducted the AGM on Monday, 25th April in the Silom Sala with 27 members attending. Jesada tried valiantly to encourage members to volunteer their services for the committee, but without success. Many of those attending had previously served on the Tennis Committee and were not prepared to stand again. Some members put forward the suggestion that the Club should run the section. Although I support the idea that the Club should take a more active role in running the sports sections, I do not believe that it is in a position to do so. Nor do I consider this to be a desirable way forward.

Consequently, I offered my services along with Michael Stead and Yubharet Visitsunthorn to form a committee. We proposed this solution to the AGM and it was adopted unanimously. Jesada Tanking and Phairoj Chansevikul also agreed to join the committee and the following posts were appointed:

- David Eastgate** ● Chairman
- Yubharet Visitsunthorn** ● Treasurer
- Michael Stead** ● Secretary
- Jesada Tanking** ● Tennis Leagues
- Phairoj Chansevikul** ● Club Captain

As a new committee, we have held our first meeting and have started to set our priorities for the coming year. We do hope that you will offer your support, as there is a lot of work to be done by a small committee.

One of the first priorities is to change the existing arrangements for "mix-ins". From June, we are relaunching the "mix-in" sessions so that they really are "mix-ins". They will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00pm-10:00pm. All four courts will be reserved. **All you have to do is turn up, sign in and join in.** A tennis section member will be in charge from 5:45pm to allocate the courts and the groups as you arrive. The other "mix-in" sessions will revert back for members to book for

league games and general bookings. This will free-up more courts for you to book at other times, and to play your league games, whilst at the same time building up the social side of the tennis section.

I do hope many more of the occasional tennis players will come along and try the new "mix-in" format. The whole emphasis will be on joining in and having some fun!

We are conscious that the new arrangements may not suit everyone. Please provide us with feedback about the "mix-ins" or any other tennis matters, so that we can address your concerns. You can email me on divide@loxinfo.co.th or give me a call on 01 909 3026.

I am updating a list of Tennis Section Members and putting together a mailing list so that we can report on events and keep you informed of what is coming up in the future. There will be a list in the fitness centre for reference. If you change your telephone number or email address, please update the details with the fitness staff.

I am putting together a list of juniors to include all ages. If you have children who would like to be involved with tennis, then please give me their details and ages, so that we can get a programme up and running. Nisa and James Young have kindly offered to take on the organisation of the juniors.

The juniors played the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on Saturday, 14th May and the seniors hosted a match with the Japanese Association on Sunday, 15th May. Reports on these matches will appear in the next issue of *Outpost*.

Monday, 20th June starts Wimbledon fortnight. The Tennis Section will request a television in the Surwongse Sala for the fortnight so we can all see how it should be done! Barry will serve up some "Wimbledon Specials" which will be available in the Sala during the fortnight.

Hope to see you on the courts...or at least in the Sala!

David Eastgate
Section Chairman





Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aqua Aerobics

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

Aerobics

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

Bridge

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

Chess

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

Cricket

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

Football

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

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

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Tuesday 8:30pm - Churchill Bar

Squash

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

Junior Swimming

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

Junior Taekwondo

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

Tennis

Mix-in

Monday 6:00-10:00pm
Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00pm
Friday 5:00 - 10pm
Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Ladies Mix-in

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

Adult Tennis

Saturday 7:00am - 8:00am Beginner class
Saturday 8:00am - 9:00am Intermediate/Advanced

Private and semi-private (2 persons) classes also available

Junior Tennis

Wednesday 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm or 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm Lessons with Nelson
Friday 4:00 - 6:00pm Lessons with Gregory

Yoga

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

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics

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Cricket

Massage

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Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

Yoga

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons

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Bt 200 per hour

Bt 30 per 45 min..

Bt 3,000 per 10 lessons

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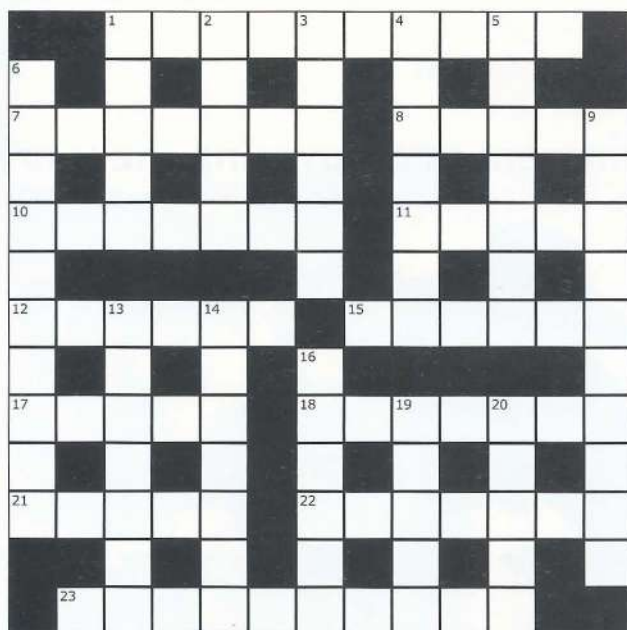
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Crossword Competition

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Margaret Miller



May Solution

Across: 1 Desert, 4 Anthem, 9 Strip, 10 Beryl, 11 End To, 12 Ichor, 14 Bambi, 16, Alb, 18 Horses, 19 Oberon, 20 SOB, 22 Fanny, 25 A Dodo, 27 Evert, 28 Moira, 29 Twill, 30 No less, 31 A Cheer.

Down: 1 Dustin Hoffman, 2 Sarah, 3 Riper, 5 Nabob, 6 Harem, 7 Million Dollar, 8 Model, 13 Orson, 15 Amend, 16 Ass, 17 Bob, 21 Opera, 23 No Ill, 24 Years, 25 Attic, 26 Olive.

Be the first person to enter the correct solution to Barry or Khun Aeh and receive a prize. Last month, repeat winner John Sands, fax'd in the correct answers and collected two bottles of wine.

Some Bits of Show Biz!

Across

1. His best-loved play was "Blithe Spirit" (4,5)
7. Action movie starring Leonardo di Caprio
8. British stage Dame.... Thorndyke.
10. Many movies these days are made to appeal to this group of people.
11. Mr. Flynn
12. Old stand-up comic...Max _____.
15. High-level native conference in South Africa.
17. This picture can be wiped out!
18. Lady Bracknell was horrified to hear that a baby was found in it!
21. Indian musical instrument with three strings.
22. Sometimes people take them during boring movies!
23. Result of an exciting show on the tennis court! (4,3,3)

Down

1. To get this from the audience during a movie is maddening.
2. One who plays in the crowd scene.
3. Popular Opera by 20 Down.
4. A special part of America is the setting for this type of movie.
5. Fred and Ginger danced in this romantic story.
6. Christmas shows in Britain.
9. Female star of the silent films. (6,4)
13. She was a Hollywood star in the 40's... Young.
14. Make the picture bigger!
16. It was a play and a movie... "___" also rises." (3,3)
19. "No ___ within this solemn pass." (Wordsworth)
20. Composer of 3 Down.

HELLOS

and

GOODBYES

Hellos and Goodbyes

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

Mr. David Mitchell
Mrs. Berlinda Langman
Ms. Maylee Thavat
Mr. Martin Allinson
Mr. Steve Seagrove
Ms. June Van Den Bos
Mr. Allan Bickle

Farewell and best wishes to...

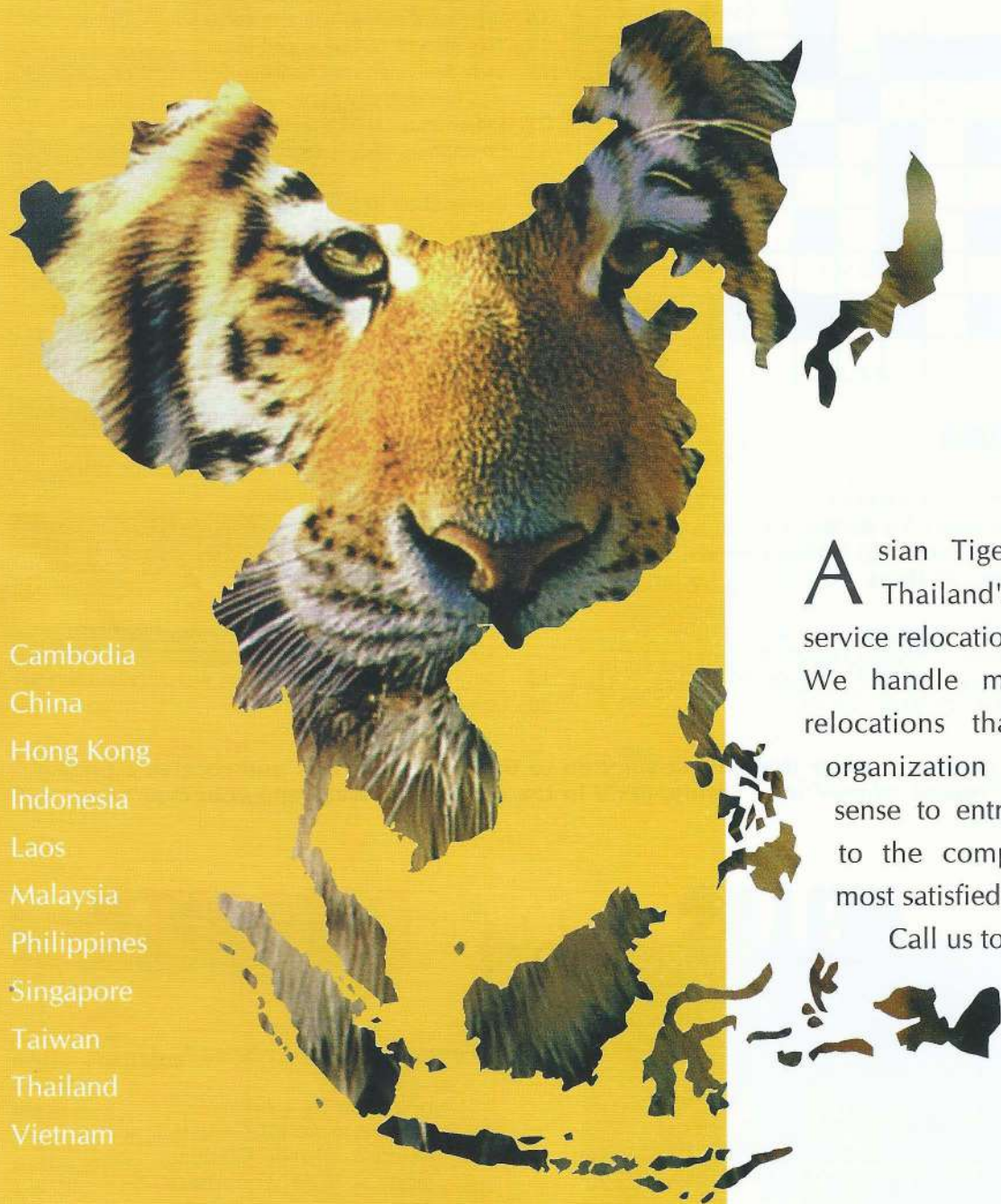
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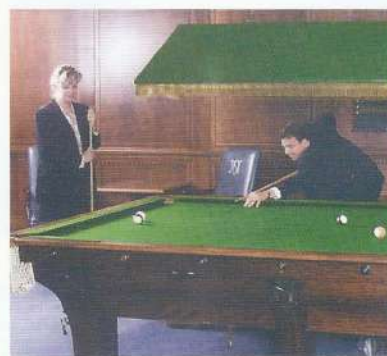
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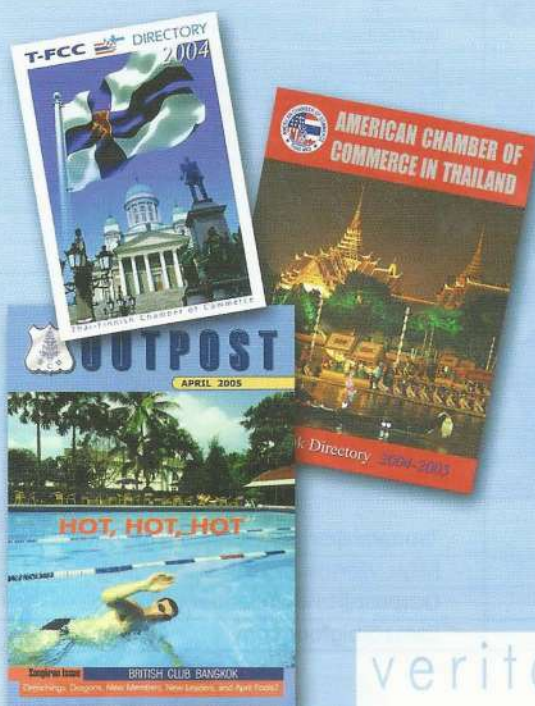
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