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Princess Elizabeth, 1942:
Princess Elizabeth as Colonel-in-Chief of the Grenadier

Guards (Bromide print by Cecil Beaton, National Portrait Gallery; Photo courtesy Angela Stafford). For the Queen's 80th birthday and the BC celebrations, see pages 18 & 19.



"He doesn't care what I look like in the mornings, neither does he expect scintillating conversation. No, a cuddle, a big bowl of kibble, a run in the garden and a few soft toys, are his sole requirements. In return, I receive unconditional love. Perfect!" **Saving Johnny Depp** (page 11)

Cripes! Is that the Queen?

In keeping with tradition the Queen has had her official portrait painted – and it was an important one, marking her 80th birthday. Her choice of artist raised some eyebrows, though . . . I'll give you a clue: "Tie me kangaroo down, sport; Tie me kangaroo down". Yes, it's the Aussie-born opportunist Rolf Harris!

Rolf got the nod when BBC producers approached the palace with the idea for a *Rolf on Art* special. They were told the Queen was delighted with the idea and she agreed to sit for Harris over two days.

"I wanted to avoid that state portrait thing with the jewels and the pomp and splendour," Harris said. "I wanted to capture the lady as she is, with her humanity and reality." But even the irrepressible Harris was worried about his first efforts at painting the Queen: "It looked like a pork butcher from Norwich. It didn't look like the Queen at all."



Rolf Harris poses beside his portrait of the Queen

Despite his early fears, Harris is reportedly thrilled with his "impressionist" portrait, but critical response has been mixed. *The Guardian's* art critic said the painting was "a lot livelier" than many portraits of the Queen but was a "piece of sugar" that lacked depth and complexity. *The Times critic*, who was "expecting the worst", said the work was a pleasant surprise but warned it should be viewed at no closer than 12 feet, "otherwise it dissolves". (like a piece of sugar, I guess)

Regarded as a national treasure by some Australians, and an embarrassment by others, Harris has been churning out popular songs since the 1960s ranging from the quirky "Jake the Peg" and the syrupy-sentimental "Two little boys" to his *piece de resistance* of kitsch Australiana "Tie me Kangaroo Down". Many will remember Harris for his TV paintings on huge boards executed in feverish haste with a 4-inch paintbrush.

All this has somehow metamorphosed into *Rolf on Art* which began in 2001, breaking the record for the highest audience for a visual arts programme and running into four series so far. Some have praised the show for making art accessible but others say it is a sign that the BBC has "dumbed down" its arts coverage . . .

Billy Beefeater

In this issue of *Outpost* there are **FIVE hidden World Cups**. The first five persons (under 14 & one per family) to call or email Barry or Ben at the Club and correctly state the locations of **all five Cups** will win a special prize! (To see what the Cups look like, go to the Calendar, Page 21.)

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Letter from **the Chair**



Dear Members,

We've had a busy start to the GC year, and according to our recently agreed objectives, it doesn't look like letting up! To give you an idea of the issues we feel need addressing this year, our Objectives for 2006/2007 can be found on Page 25. Please also note that a summary of decisions made at our General Committee meetings will be posted on the GC Notice board each month (to the right of the entrance to the Churchill Bar) and the full Minutes can be accessed through the website.

The two most pressing items on our Agenda right now are moving ahead with Phase 1 of the Development Plan, and a proposed restructure of our Senior Management Team.

SMT Restructure

Members should have already received my letter, sent on May 13th, outlining the General Committee's proposals for restructuring the Senior Management team and if you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Recruitment will take place in the next couple of months and we hope to have the full team in place by September.

Development – Phase 1 -- 'Clubbing together for the future!'

Thanks to those of you who turned out to our second Discussion Forum last month. We continue to receive good suggestions and these are constantly reviewed and put forward for consideration. As a result of some of these suggestions, we have reconsidered the order of the phasing, and I hope that many of you were able to attend our 'Development Days' on May 19th, 20th, and 21st where GC members were on hand to explain exactly what Phase 1 entails, and to show rough 'concepts' of the interior design ideas. If you could not attend or are still unsure of the proposals, please do contact myself or Sally Crossley-Smith for clarification.

The next important step is to get members' approval to commit funds for this first phase, and to start the ball rolling! An Extraordinary General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 pm in the Suriwongse Room** and all voting members should have received the calling notice which was dispatched on May 15th. More details about the EGM, and what this first phase entails, can be found on Page 25.

Guest Rules

Just a gentle reminder that, for members' convenience, there are now guest registration books at both salas, rather than just in the Clubhouse. Please do remember to sign your guests in at poolside, and also that guests are not permitted at poolside on weekends or public holidays, or to use the sports facilities at any time, without prior Management approval. This is for the benefit and comfort of all our members during these peak times. We thank you for your co-operation.

I hope to see you at the Club soon.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Daniel
Chairman
BCB General Committee 2006/2007

BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL PREP SCHOOL

British Preparatory and Secondary Education



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

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

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

Truly International

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

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

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

"Small is Good"

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

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

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

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

Barges, Big Wheels and Beavers

Dear Members,

We have yet another exciting month of events lined up for our members. June sees us celebrating the Grand Royal Barge Festival on the Chao Phraya River with a full line up of activities for all as we prepare to watch the Barge procession in celebration of King Bhumiphol's 60th year on the Throne. Unfortunately, if you have not booked already then you have missed out - this event filled up very quickly with over 400 members now booked . . .

And that's just the first monarch! This month we also celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 80th Birthday and we are turning the Club and its grounds into a street fair for all the family - see Pages 18 & 19. The gates open at 2pm and we have over 50 events and activities for the whole family including Puppet Show, a huge Big Wheel, Carousel, Giant Slide, Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides, Still Walkers, The Stocks, Jazz Bands and, to wrap up the event, fireworks at 7.30pm. Also helping us out are various Loyal Societies and schools as well as 'BAMBI' and The Neilson Hays Library. This is similar to the very successful street fair we organised for our Centenary three years ago.

The Churchill Bar will be open for families on this day but, due to safety reasons, the Club's car park will be closed from 12 midnight on Friday 16th of June to 10pm on the 17th. I urge all members to please come by taxi on this day, as only emergency vehicles will be allowed in the car park. I know this will upset some members but with so many people here we must take safety first. The cost of this event is Baht 400 per person. Some members have hinted that they find this expensive but the cost of hiring Big Wheels, Carousels, etc, for one day is huge and to be honest I would sooner spend money on lots of entertainment rather than cutting costs and leaving members disappointed. There will also be a Beer Garden and lots of F&B outlets open selling all your favourite fairground foods. To book please send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse reception.

Eager beavers won't want to miss Canada Day, organised by the Canadian Society and Canadian Chamber of Commerce and held here at the Club on Saturday 24th June from 3pm onwards. Even though this is a society event it is open to British Club Members. Once again, for safety reasons, from 10am on June the 24th the Club car park will be closed. For more info on this event please see the notices with contact details around the Club or turn to the poster on Page 38.

At the beginning of June, a special guest chef 'Charles' will be here to create a fantastic 'Chef's Dinner'. The Dinner costs Baht 1,200 excluding wines, and is available on two separate nights. The menu and sign up sheet can be found at the Club's reception and there is also a copy of the menu at the foot of this Banter.

The World Cup kicks off this month in Germany and we will be showing as many games as possible, either in the Churchill Bar or in the Suriwongse Room. We will be showing live England's first Match, England v Paraguay, on June 10th and as usual there is no cost to watch the games - simply come along to your Club and enjoy one of our range of 8 draught beers and watch as England win this year's World Cup. To celebrate this, the worlds greatest sporting event, we have hidden 5 (five) World Cup Trophies in this edition of *Outpost*. The first five children to find these trophies will receive a special surprise gift from the Club. To claim your prize, simply call Khun Ben or myself at the Club or send an email. I promise that this competition will be a lot easier than

those weeny eggs in our Easter edition!

June also sees the start of Wimbledon in the UK and to celebrate this magnificent tournament, we will be serving Strawberries & Cream, Cream Teas and Pimms in the Salas.

As we are now well into the rainy season, all members are advised that we will close the pools at the onset of rain and I urge all members as soon as it starts raining to please hurry out of the pools until the storm has passed. Hanni and her staff have been instructed to carry out this exercise each and every time we have rain. This is for your safety. A few years back, the Children's Pool at the Club took a direct hit from a bolt of lightning and the Baby Pool literally went up in smoke with considerable damage done. This, however, can be repaired - unlike a life. For the safety of all, please listen to the Staff and leave the pool when requested.

Last month we unfortunately had to cancel our proposed visit to test the services at the new Suvarnabhumi Airport. This obviously came as a disappointment to the members who had booked. However the Airports Authority has promised that we can re-schedule the visit nearer to the official opening date of the airport . . . Well, don't hold your breath!

On Page 25 of this edition, you will see more information about our next EGM to discuss the Development Programme. The EGM is on the 6th of June at 7pm in the Suriwongse Room and is open to all Ordinary and Country members. If you wish to have a say in your Club and its future I urge you to attend.

Well that's about it for another month. I look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Remember, if members have any ideas for new activities or events here at the Club then do please let us know.

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager



Guest Chef's Dinner

(2nd & 3rd June)

MENU

Seared tuna tartar with seaweed, smoked salmon
roe, saffron sauce

Grilled king fish, citrus and fennel salad
Mussel and clam broth

or

Roasted rack of lamb with herb crust,
lasagne of grilled vegetables,
garlic preserved, lamb juice with thyme

Pineapple and kiwi carpaccio, chips of ginger,
white chocolate mousse

WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

** VDO NIGHT – DR WHO

Thursday, 1st June, 6:30-8pm, Wordsworth Room
Double episode - see opposite page.

** GUEST CHEF'S DINNER

Friday, 2nd June; Saturday 3rd June, 7:00pm,
Lord's Restaurant

Top Chef Charles Christiaens will present a sumptuous dinner at the Club for two consecutive nights with a menu featuring Grilled King Fish with Citrus and Fennel Salad, and Roasted Rack of Lamb with Herb Crust & Lasagna of Grilled Vegetables, together with delicious entrees and desserts. The cost of the evening is Baht 1,200 per person, not including wine; however a glass of cognac will be included. Members attending will also be entered into a lucky draw where the winner will receive a bottle of fine Cognac. For further details please Contact Khun Ben or Barry at the Club or to book please sign up at the Clubhouse Reception.

** EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 6th June, 7:00pm, Suriwongse Room
This important EGM is to approve the commitment of funds to Phase 1 of the Development Plan, namely, the redevelopment of the ground floor of the Clubhouse. See page 25 for details.

** VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 8th June, 7-9pm, Wordsworth Room
For details and MORSE COMPETITION, see opposite page.

** WORLD CUP LIVE

Saturday, 10th June, from 7pm, Suriwongse Room
ENGLAND v. PARAGUAY - For details, see page 14.

** BRITISH GRAND PRIX - LIVE

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

** WORLD CUP LIVE

Monday, 12th June, from 7pm, Suriwongse Room
AUSTRALIA v. JAPAN - For details, see page 14.

** GRAND ROYAL BARGE PROCESSION

Monday, 12th June, Leave BC at 2:30pm
This is it! Watch the big event, live from our Maharat Pier position, with International BBQ Buffet, jazz band and kids activities. Unfortunately, this venue is **booked out**, but you can still . . .

View the GRAND ROYAL BARGE PROCESSION from RIVER MANSIONS

We have managed to secure 20 places at the River Mansions apartments for this spectacular event. The cost is 4,700 baht per person, tables of 10 or sharing. The cost includes transportation and a cocktail buffet; drinks are not included and must be paid for by cash direct to the Bar staff on duty. Mini buses will leave from the Club at 2.30pm and return to the British Club around 7.00pm. These are the last places that we are able to secure . . . To book please call Ben or Barry at the Club .

** VDO NIGHT – DR WHO

Thursday, 15th June, 7:00-7:45pm, Wordsworth Room
Single episode ("The Idiot's Lantern") - see opposite page.

** QEI FUN FAIR

Saturday, 17th June, 2pm onwards, British Club venues

The Club's grounds will be transformed into a huge fun fair for all the family to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 80th Birthday. We will have a Big Wheel, Carousel Rides, Giant Slide, Bouncy Castle, Coconut Shy, The Stocks, a Puppet Show and lots more. In fact we have over 40 attractions confirmed. The event lasts from 2pm until 7.30pm when a mini fireworks display will light up the sky. The cost of this event is 400 baht per person, including all rides and activities but excluding food & beverage. Please note that for safety reasons there will be no parking allowed at the Club on this day. To book please send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse Reception.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 20th May, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar
Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". There are also 3 spot rounds where you have the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. This month Khun Laak and her team will create some of your favourite Middle Eastern dishes and we will be promoting our new San Miguel Beer. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons.

** VDO NIGHT – YES, MINISTER

Thursday, 22nd June, 7-8:30pm, Wordsworth Room
For details, see opposite page.

** CANADA DAY

Saturday, 24th June, 3pm onwards, British Club venues
For details see poster on page 38.

** DISNEY LIVE!

Saturday, 24th June, Leave BC at 9am
Disney Live presents Winnie The Pooh. Enjoy Disney's most famous bear live on stage along with all his friends. This colourful show for all the family will be held at Bec Tero Hall, Suan Lum. The show will be in English. Transportation leaves from the Club at 9am and the Show begins at 10am. Tickets cost 1250 baht per person. To book simply send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse Reception. Please note that we have secured only 30 tickets for this performance.

** CANADIAN GRAND PRIX - RECORDED

Monday, 26th June, 6pm, Churchill Bar
Takes place in the early hours and shown recorded, so try not to listen to the news beforehand!

** VDO NIGHT – GALAXY QUEST!

Thursday, 29th June, 7-9pm, Wordsworth Room
For details, see opposite page.

** MONTHLY WINE TASTING & MIDDLE EASTERN BUFFET

Friday, 30th June, 6-9pm, Suriwongse Room
Join us for our monthly Tasting. This month we have wines from Australia, California, New Zealand and a host of other countries. The Club will create a range of canapes to complement the wines. Members can purchase the wines at specially discounted prices direct from the vendors. What a great way to start the weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club. Why not head down into the Churchill Bar afterwards and enjoy Khun Laak's famous Middle Eastern Buffet for only 250 baht. We'll also be promoting our latest beer - San Miguel and San Mig Light.

“ EVERY THURSDAY IS MOVIE NIGHT! ”



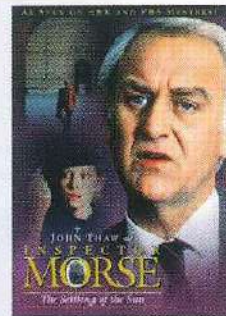
Guess who's coming to dinner!

1st June at 6.30pm (will end at 8.00pm)

NEW DOCTOR WHO: THE RISE OF THE CYBERMEN and the **AGE OF STEEL** is a double episode where 'Time has fractured' and The Doctor, Rose and Mickey come face to face with an old foe. As was common with the many previous times that the evil Cybermen have tried to invade Earth, they are helped by a single human . . . This time Roger Lloyd-Pack ('Trigger' in Only Fools & Horses/'Barty Crouch' in Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire) takes the honours as a wheelchair-bound megalomaniac – sounds like someone we know?

8th June at 7.00pm (will end at 9.00pm)

MORSE: Inspector Morse takes on an oriental flavour in **THE SETTING OF THE SUN**, which centres on a very intricate and complex conspiracy – or is it all just plain co-incidence? The story guest stars James Grout, Peter Woodthorpe and Amanda Hillwood. **And our Morse Competition: What is Morse's Christian name? It is only ever used once in the 8 series. The first person to call Barry or Khun Ben with the correct answer wins a bottle of wine.**



Conspiracy or coincidence?

15th June at 7.00pm (will end at 7.45pm)

NEW DOCTOR WHO: The half-way mark this season is set with a single episode entitled **THE IDIOT'S LANTERN**, which as the name suggests is based upon the early television broadcasts from Alexandra Palace. Set on Coronation day 1953, The Doctor soon finds out it is not only the BBC that is transmitting – and without paying a licence fee! Maureen Lipman is the guest star in this brilliant '50s story.



Errr, Minister!

22nd June at 7.00pm (will end at 8.30pm)

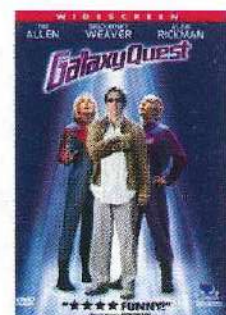
YES, MINISTER: Join Sir Humphrey Appleby and the Rt. Hon. Jim Hacker MP in a trio of Civil service confusion and political skulduggery as we watch the conclusion of the original Yes, Minister series ...

Bed of Nails
The Whiskey Priest
Middle-Class Rip-Off

Starring Paul Eddington, Derek Fowlds and Nigel Hawthorne.

29th June at 7.00pm (will end at 9.00pm)

FIFTH THURSDAY SPECIAL: A once-only opportunity to see Star Trek's greatest Spoof movie ... **GALAXY QUEST!** The stars of a cult Sci-fi show find themselves 'beamed up' and facing something more horrible than their fans. Starring Alan Rickman and Sigourney Weaver as you have NEVER seen them before, and probably never will want to see them again! As their motto goes "NEVER GIVE UP – NEVER SURRENDER!"



Never give up – never surrender!

This month's Adoptable Dog . . . Spears

About "Spears"

Female, born
December 2005

A friendly, confident and playful little chic who caught the eye of a security guard (she was not faring well on the streets). Needs a home where she can be taken care of properly, in a manner befitting a lady.



Special Appeal: Due to space limitations at the SDR shelter, we cannot keep rescued dogs indefinitely. Some of these dogs have had pretty hard lives and are not able to fare well on the street due to their small size or timid nature (street dogs can be bullies). They need to find a home where they will have no worries . . . Here are two of the most in-need:



Miss Piggy

Female,
approximately
2-3 years old.

Although Miss Piggy may not be a looker, this little girl has a heart of gold. Rescued by SDR suffering from malnutrition and mange, she has been spayed, vaccinated and brought back to health. Due to space limitations at the SDR shelter, she unfortunately has recently had to be returned to the Wat from where she came. Miss Piggy is a special case and needs that special person who understands beauty is more than just appearances.

Rosie

Female, born
September 2005.

Rosie is great with people but a little wary of other dogs. She was rescued from a temple and hasn't quite forgotten about the dog-eat-dog world there. In a loving home, Rosie will learn that other dogs can be her best buddies, not just competitors for her food.



Contact: **Soi Dog Rescue**
www.soidogrescue.org

Sherry: 02 336 0849 / 05 215 6962

Billie: 01 924 5930

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FORTHCOMING TV SPORTS

2 nd to 6 th	Test Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka 3rd Test	5pm-midnight
10 th	Soccer	England v. Paraguay World Cup (see page 14 for more June games)	8pm kickoff
11 th	F1	British Grand Prix	6pm-8pm
12 th	Soccer	Australia v. Japan World Cup (see page 14 for more June games)	8pm kickoff
15 th	Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka Rose Bowl Competition	5pm-midnight
17 th	Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka 1st ODI	5pm-midnight
17 th	Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka 2nd ODI	5pm-midnight
24 th	Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka 3rd ODI	5pm-midnight
26 th	F1	Canadian Grand Prix	6pm-8pm
28 th	Cricket	England v. Sri Lanka 4th ODI	5pm-midnight

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

STRAWBERRIES & CREAM ALL ROUND!

"WIMBLEDON 2006 - 26th June to 9th July"

We will be showing Wimbledon daily - both highlights and live coverage (where possible) each day from 3pm in the Sunwongse Sala and (if needed) also in the Silom Sala.

DOGGIE DESTINY

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Keywords: Intuitive, homely,
empathetic (+)
Oversensitive, grasping,
moody (-)

The Cancerian dog is a home dog. Home and family mean more than anything else and it's no surprise that Cancerian canines tend to be the best guard dogs, protecting their beloved home from all invaders. In fact, these pets would just love to sit at home and never leave. Trying to get them out for a walk or a trip can be "Mission Impossible". When it comes to travelling, it is probably best not to. They really prefer staying at home. Sometimes considered the best type of pet for a child, the Cancer dog will nurture anything they can. If children are not available, you may want to invest in soft and cuddly toys for this pooch. Otherwise, it could be you that gets the nurturing. They'll stick to you like Velcro. Emotional and intuitive, Cancer dogs seem to know what's on their owner's mind - They're so sensitive that they intuitively feel what their owners feel. So try not to raise your voice when they're around and never, never, yell at them. This pet loves luxury and good food, so obesity can become a problem if proper habits aren't introduced. They're also hoarders and collectors, which may need a bit of adjustment on the part of their owners.

Survival Tip: Don't let them see you throw any of their things away. If they think you're getting rid of something they "own," they will be mortified and could sulk for days.

Outlook for 2006: With Jupiter in Scorpio for most of the year, your Cancerian dog is liable to plunge into sentimental relationships - probably with the dog next door - or maybe the soi dog down the road. With Jupiter also aspecting the sun early 2007 your Cancerian pooch's doggie bowl should be overflowing with goodies, and you may need to set limits about how many rooms of the house are to be devoted to your pet's toys & bric-a-brac. And with Jupiter aspects, there's always the danger of overeating, leading to indigestion and obesity. Throughout the year, as usual, Cancer's ruler the fickle moon is always lurking, causing emotional ups and downs and the odd "clingy" period where you will have difficulty extracting your pooch from around your ankles!



Saving Johnny Depp

By Sylvie Phillips



To be greeted with a big smile and an affectionate nuzzle from Johnny Depp each morning, is perhaps a dream come true for some ardent, female fans. For me though, it's not a fantasy. I live with him.

OK. It's not the gorgeous man himself, but his four legged namesake and the nearest I'll ever get to kissing the real thing ...

But never mind! My Johnny Depp is much more 'low maintenance'. He doesn't care what I look like in the mornings, neither does he expect scintillating conversation. No, a cuddle, a big bowl of kibble, a run in the garden and a few soft toys, are his sole requirements. In return, I receive unconditional love. Perfect!

JD, as he is now named - after my horrified husband announced that 'no way' was he sharing the house with Johnny Depp - is about 6 months old. The first four months of his life were spent in the care of the Soi Dog Rescue Centre where he was taken, together with his siblings, after his mother was knocked down by a car. Fortunately, she survived; though, being a true soi dog and almost impossible to re-house, she was eventually released back onto the streets to continue her semi-wild life.

Her offspring were by this time too familiar with the comforts of being fed and loved to survive life in the 'Sois'. They couldn't go with her. They would most certainly have starved, fallen foul of disease or been killed by other dogs. So they stayed at the Rescue Centre in the hope of, one day, being adopted.

And most were. Several of the puppies have now gone to good homes, some locally and a couple, all the way to the States. JD came to our house - but before this, after finally persuading my husband to let me have a dog, I had a terrible decision to make. I had to choose one...!

I expected it to be difficult when I arrived at the rural location of the Rescue Centre. I was, however, confident that I could simply find a dog that appealed to me and with whom I bonded. But it was impossible. From about eight or so dogs, only one would be able to come home

with me. The others would stay. What a terrible responsibility!

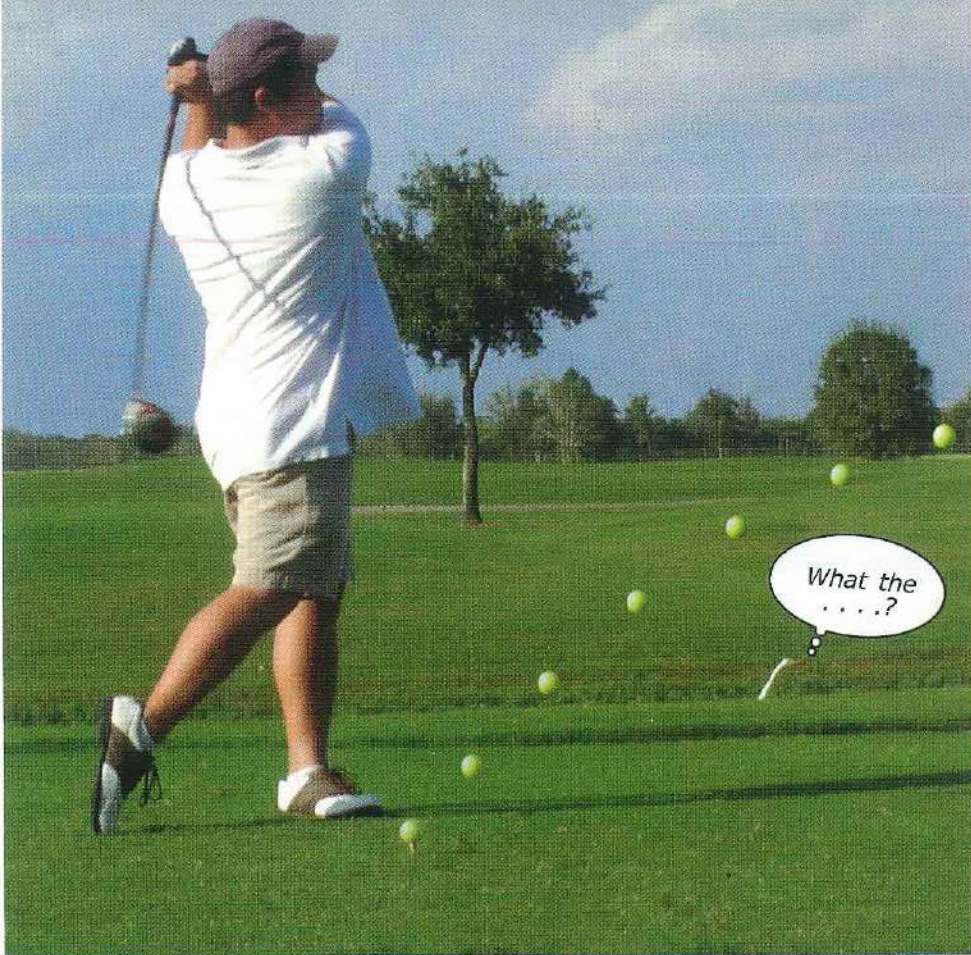
In the end, JD made it easy. He chose me. After playing for several hours with all the available puppies, in a large pen, JD sat on my knee. He stayed there with a look of triumph on his face, growling at any pup who dared to attempt an approach. It seemed he had claimed me. And it was all I needed. Something had to be the deciding factor. That was it.

But that wasn't it. Two days after returning home with my new puppy, the Soi Dog Rescue Centre informed me that several of their puppies had been diagnosed with canine distemper - a serious and often fatal disease. 'JD may also have it', they said. 'It's just a question of waiting.' The incubation would be eighteen days.

As if waiting for the incubation period to pass, each day wondering if he would make it to bedtime without symptoms, wasn't bad enough, I had another big problem. I was going home for a wedding. I would be away for a whole week! My maid Pa, was glad to look after him. It had all been arranged. But I couldn't expect her to cope with the consequences, should he suddenly fall ill. It was too much for her to cope with. To say I became anxious is an understatement. I was mortified.

However, I need not have worried. The brilliant team at the Soi Dog Rescue Centre was there to help. Every day that I was away in England, one of the dedicated volunteers visited my home to personally check on JD. I was informed of his progress daily via reassuring text messages reading, 'JD OK!' and, 'all fine here'.

And he was fine. The danger period over, I returned to Bangkok to reunite with my happy, healthy dog. Now, a month later, I feel truly able to let myself love him. I look forward to many years of companionship and fun in the future and, to be honest, it's a good feeling, knowing that I did my little bit to help save an otherwise doomed soi dog - even if he's not famous!



FORE!

Do you play Golf?

Are you pining for some clean green spaces?

Do you need some exercise?

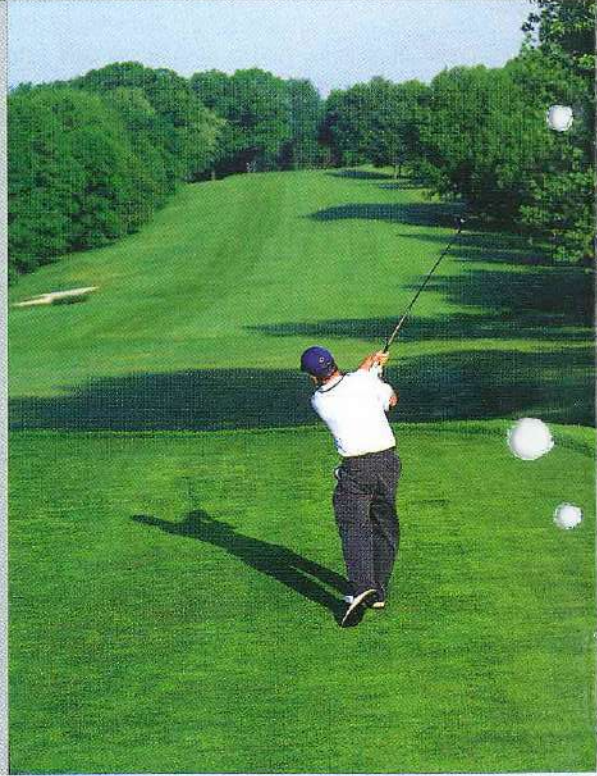
Whether you're a low-handicapper, a bit rusty or still a beginner . . .

YOUR GOLF SECTION NEEDS YOU

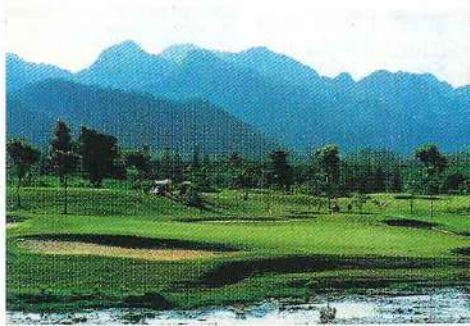
- Ladies & Men
- Play at a variety of courses around Bangkok on Sundays with friendly like-minded people
- And see Thailand – two- and three-day golf trips to Hua Hin, Pattaya, Khao Yai, Kanchanaburi, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Soi Dao . . .
- Different formats – Medal, Stableford, Eclectic, Matchplay, Better Ball
- Matches against other Societies
- Trophies, Prizes, Fun
- Currently about 20 members play each week, and invite you to join the

BRITISH CLUB GOLF SECTION

To register interest please:
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 or Telephone Brian 01 173 4437



The BC Golf Section plays at: Royal La Krabang, President, Lam Lukka, Royal Lakeside, Bangkapong Riverside, Subhaprueek, Green Valley, Muang Kaew, Legacy, Best Ocean, Kiarti Thaneer, Krung Kravee, Thana City, Chuan Chuen Khao Kheow, Phoenix, Plutuluang, Lake View, Springfield, Majestic Creek, Waterford, Santiburi, Nichigo, Dragon Hills, Soi Dao.



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

5:30-9:00pm

7:00pm-late

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

Lunch & Dinner

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

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:00-9:00pm

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

Lunch & Dinner

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

Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

SUNDAYS Lord's Restaurant

Noon-3:00pm

Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

BWG Mahjong

Friendly Bridge

Spoofing

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

PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR

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

CHIVAS REGAL BOTTLE DRAW - somebody present in the Bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, vodka or gin.

Chess

THEME BUFFET - **2nd June:** T.G.I.F.CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.

9th June: TEX-MEX BUFFET - with empenadas, quesilladas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and more; 250 baht per person.

16th June: T.G.I.F.CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.

23rd June: T.G.I.F.CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.

30th June: MIDDLE EASTERN BUFFET - from humus & falafel to marinated & grilled lamb, with San Miguel promotion; 250 baht per person

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

FAMILY CARVERY - Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts.

Adults Bt 350 and children Bt 200 (includes soft drink)

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

Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm

11:30am - 2:00pm

6:00pm - 10:00pm

7:30am - 10:00pm

6:00am - 10:00pm

6:00am - 9:00pm

9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar

Lord's Restaurant (Lunch)

Lord's Restaurant (Dinner)

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

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

Fitness Centre (weekends)

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

THE WORLD CUP



FIFA WORLD CUP
GERMANY
2006

You are invited to book for the best seats in town to watch the 2006 WORLD CUP **LIVE** here in the British Club!

The British Club will be showing all Thai-time evening games **LIVE** from Germany (showing at 8pm or 9pm) and we will put on all 10pm, 11pm and 2am games that members request in advance. Should either or both of England or Australia progress through the Second round and onto the Finals we will show them **all LIVE!**

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT OPENERS

Saturday June 10th

8pm ENGLAND v. PARAGUAY

Another event for all the family, we start off the evening at 7pm in the Suriwongse Room where we will have traditional **PIE 'N' CHIPS, FISH 'N' CHIPS** and **CURRY SUPPERS** ... all at special World Cup prices!

Monday June 12th

8pm AUSTRALIA v. JAPAN

We will again show this on the Big Screen in the Suriwongse Room with an A La Carte menu.

OTHER KEY **JUNE** MATCHES

Round 1

Thursday	15 th	11pm	ENGLAND v. Trinidad & Tobago
Sunday	18 th	11pm	Brazil v. AUSTRALIA
Wednesday	21 st	2am	Sweden v. ENGLAND
Friday	23 rd	2am	Croatia v. AUSTRALIA

Round 2

>If England **WIN** their Group

Sunday	25 th	10pm	ENGLAND v. Runners-up of Group A
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>If England are **RUNNERS UP** in their Group

Saturday	24 th	10pm	ENGLAND v. Winners of Group A
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>If Australia **WIN** their Group

Tuesday	27 th	10pm	AUSTRALIA v. Runners-up of Group E
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>If Australia are **RUNNERS UP** in their Group

Monday	26 th	10pm	AUSTRALIA v. Winners of Group E
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Finals details in the July edition of OUTPOST!

"FLAMING JUNE!"

And I am talking about the cars on fire!

Sadly June has only one LIVE Grand Prix for BCB fans ... The British Grand Prix from Silverstone on 11th June, the second being from Canada in the early hours so it will be shown at 6pm the following Monday 26th June.

As usual on **Sunday 11th June:**

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

7pm - We switch over to the European transmission of the race to have non-stop showing of the race with commentary from Martin Brundle.

So whether you support Alonso, Schumacher, Raikkonen or Button - support **FORMULA ONE** in THE CHURCHILL BAR on June 11th!

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK. . . OR BYLAW!

Preamble

As members will be aware in 2005 there was a thorough review conducted of our Constitution and a number of changes were made at an EGM last December and at this year's AGM. As a result of these changes, the Club's bylaws needed updating and the General Committee has now completed this. In addition to changes to 10 bylaws, there are a whole set of new bylaws governing Non-Member players and non-BCB-members of Associated Groups: in addition the bylaws have been re-numbered.

In accordance with Rule 18, the bylaw changes will be mailed to all members. A full set of the bylaws is available from the General Manager in hardcopy, or on a pdf file by email. In addition they are on the Website Forum and displayed on the Clubhouse noticeboard.

The purpose of this article is to outline the changes as they affect **you** as a member.

(1) We have upgraded Bylaw 1 such that where bylaws require permission from the General Committee or the General Manager such permission may be exercised by their approved deputy or deputies, or by the Duty Manager.

(2) We have added to Bylaw 3 that "Should the Lord's Dining Room be closed for a function, a notice of closure shall be posted at least 72 hours in advance and any members already booked notified accordingly"

(3) We have redefined Bylaw 4, which covers entry to the club, to include Non-Member players and non-BCB-members of Associated Groups.

(4) In view of the ongoing need for security, a new Bylaw states:

- (a) Security exists in the Club for the overall protection of members and Club property. All persons entering the Club are required to show requested means of identification at point of entry (Membership card for members, Drivers licence or passport/ID Card for non-members).
- (b) All entry to the Club is subject to changing security needs and all persons and vehicles may be subject to routine search.

(5) In light of changing attitudes, the DRESS CODE for Lord's Dining Room and for the Churchill Bar will now be "Smart Casual" which means that smart casual shorts will be allowed in the Bar and Dining Room during the day and after 6pm.

(6) We have augmented the Bylaw on Motor Vehicles to read:

"Motor vehicles may enter the Club premises provided always that: For members a membership card is shown upon entry and for non-members the registration number has been pre-registered with the General Manager or Reception prior to arrival."

(7) The bylaw on entry to club premises has been expanded to cater for arrival of Temporary members and Non-Member players and non-BCB-members of Associated Groups, who are restricted to entry via the Silom Gate. Members, of course, are only restricted in that motor vehicles may not enter via the Suriwongse Gate.

(8) In order to reflect the restrictions on members' staff and drivers as laid out in Rule 58e, new bylaws exist to pre-register members' drivers and issue a security pass.

(9) As part of the preparation for the POS system, and to ensure that F&B is only served to bona fide people, a new Bylaw will enforce **CARD FIRST** ahead of F&B orders being taken.

(10) In order to reflect the new policies placed by the membership regarding guests, four new bylaws have been created to augment existing rules:

- (a) If your guest is not arriving with you, you will be asked to pre-register that guest to clear security: you may do this by telephone or email, or by informing reception when you arrive at the Club.
- (b) All guests must be registered in one of the books at the two Salas or at the Clubhouse Reception.
- (c) Guest access to the Poolside and Poolside Salas may now be restricted when the Club is busy. This is to ensure fairness amongst all members such that poolside seating is available, and is for the benefit and comfort of all our

members during these peak times. To this end, on weekends and public holidays members are requested to contact the Club management to obtain permission before bringing guests to the poolside.

(d) Guests may not use sports facilities (tennis, squash, fitness centre etc) at any time without contacting the Club management before hand to obtain permission.

(11) In accordance with Rules 65 and 66, a new set of bylaws has been introduced to manage Non-Member players and non-BCB-members of Associated Groups. These bylaws cover their pre-registration, entry to the Club and methods of payment. Details will be passed to the respective people but one change that members need to be aware of is that the General Committee has agreed that after a Sports Practice or an Associated Group event, those attendees who are not Club members will be permitted to use the

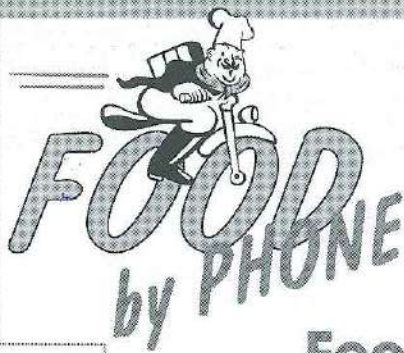
Churchill Bar if accompanied by a Club member and will be able to pay with the respective Non-Member player or Associated Groups F&B coupons. Such access and use of coupons is not permitted at any other time.

(12) Finally, to reflect Rule 65 with regard to Non-Member players, the General Committee propose to set a limit of 50% to the number of such players in any field sport section.

If you wish to discuss the new bylaws please feel free to use the BCB Forum or contact any member of the General Committee.

These changes to the bylaws will be in full effect from 1st July 2006.

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary
BCB General Committee 2006/07

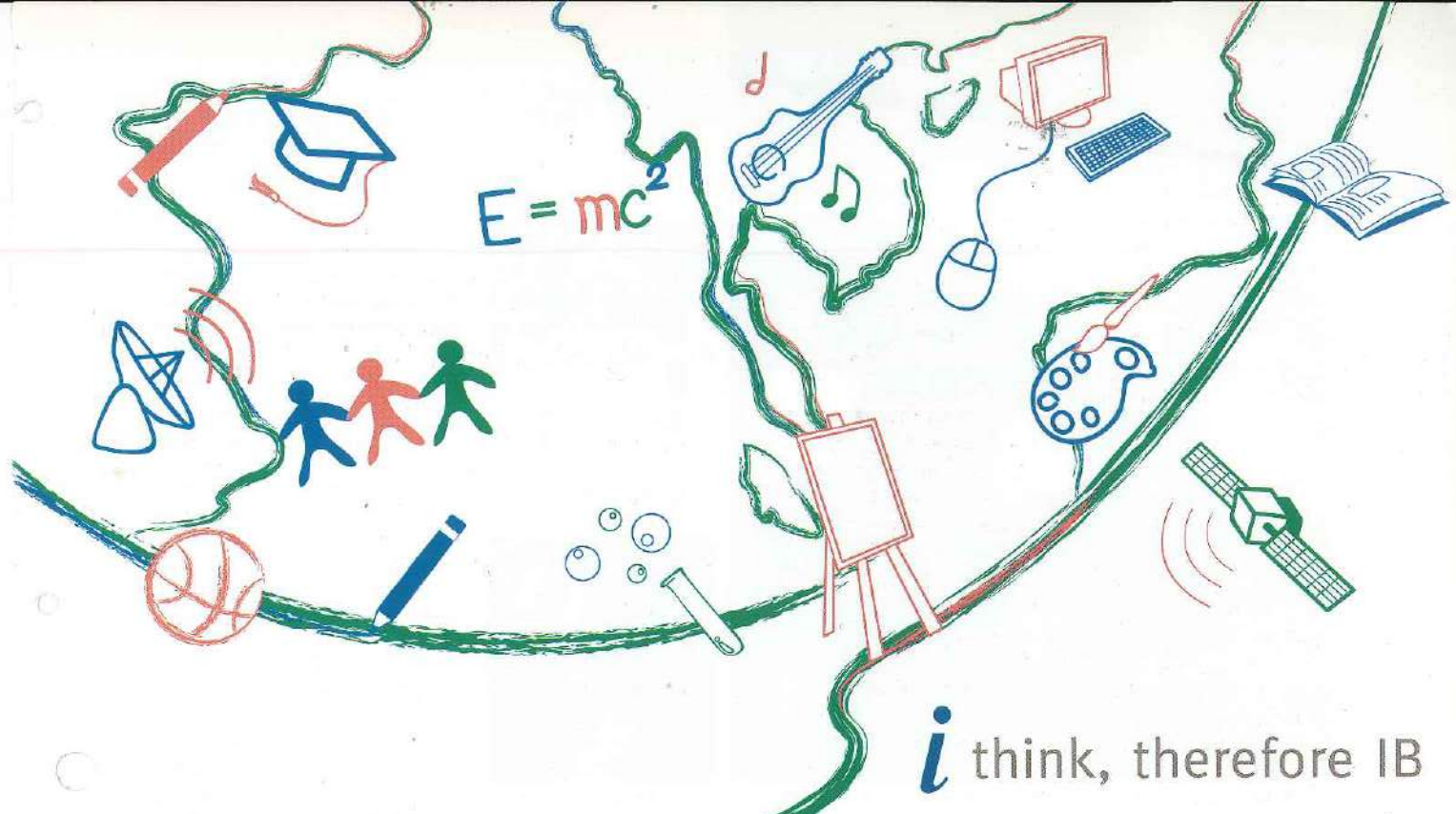


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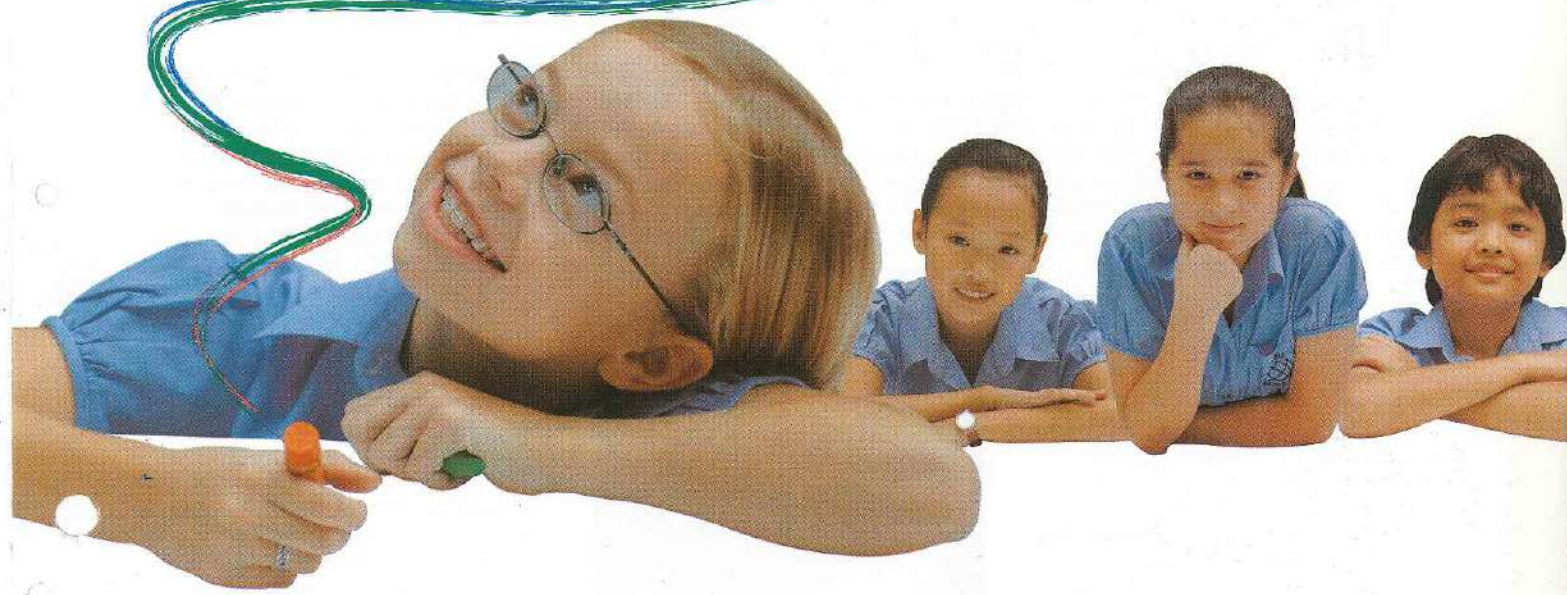
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Queen Elizabeth's 80th Birthday

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The Queen & Prince Philip with their grandchildren, 1987

On the 21st of April 2006 Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 80th birthday, but her official birthday is on the 17th of June. According to the "two birthday" tradition, started by King Edward VII, the monarch can 'move' a birthday that falls in the winter months to a summer date with the likelihood of better weather. Hopefully this ensures that the associated parades and other outdoor celebrations are more enjoyable for all and do not fall victim to rain, snow, hail or the other delights of British winter weather . . .

Queen Elizabeth II is the fortieth monarch since William the Conqueror obtained the crown of England. She speaks fluent French and often uses the language for Audiences and State Visits.

From an early age, Elizabeth has been serious about and committed to her role. On her 21st birthday in a message to the Commonwealth she said, 'I declare before you that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'.

It was at Sagana Lodge, near Nairobi in Kenya, where Princess Elizabeth, just 25, was given the news on 6 February 1952 that her father, George VI, had died in his sleep that morning. 'She sat upright at her desk, accepting her destiny. Her feelings were deep, deep inside her,' reported her private secretary at the time. 'Does that mean that you're going to be queen?' her younger sister, Princess Margaret, inquired. 'Yes, I suppose it does,' Elizabeth replied. 'Poor thing,' was Margaret's comment.

Royal observers agree that Elizabeth began her reign as she was to continue it - with an enormous sense of duty, stoical commitment and unshakeable



The Queen in 1965



The Queen & Prince Philip, 2002

faith. It has been 54 years so far and during her reign the Queen has given regular Tuesday evening audiences to 10 British Prime Ministers. They are: Winston Churchill 1951-55, Sir Anthony Eden 1955-57, Harold Macmillan 1957-63, Sir Alec Douglas-Home 1963-64, Harold Wilson 1964-70 and 1974-76, Edward Heath 1970-74, James Callaghan 1976-79, Margaret Thatcher 1979-90, John Major 1990-97, Tony Blair 1997-present.

Although she has weathered many storms, particularly in the Princess Diana years, the comforting thing about the Queen for many people is that she hasn't changed at all and still receives the continued support of a steady 70 per cent of Britons for the monarchy.

On a lighter note, the Queen has owned more than 30 corgis over the years, starting with 'Susan' who was a present for her 18th birthday in 1944. She currently has five corgis, but has also introduced a new breed of dog known as the 'dorgi' when one of her corgis was mated with a dachshund named Pipkin that belonged to Princess Margaret. The

Queen currently has four dorgis: Cider, Berry, Candy and Vulcan.



A recent portrait

The Queen's official birthday on 17 June will be marked by the annual Trooping the Colour parade. For those not familiar, this consists of a military parade and march-past by Household Troops on Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall. Trooping the Colour (or flags) of a battalion originally took place before battle, when the colour was trooped down the rank so that it could be seen and recognised by the soldiers in battle.

As a special celebration of her 80th birthday, Queen Elizabeth will be hosting a 'Children's Party at the Palace' which will be held on 25 June 2006 to celebrate British children's literature and the enchantment of books. About 2,000 children, along with famous children's characters, will have tea in the Buckingham Palace garden, after which a special BBC show will be broadcast live from within the grounds.

Here at the Club we have our own party planned to celebrate the Queen's 80th birthday on the 17th (see the poster opposite) and while it won't exactly be Buckingham Palace, it should be just as much fun . . .

See you there!

The British Club

Street Fair



To celebrate
Queen Elizabeth's
80th Birthday

Saturday
17th
June



B. 400 per person

Includes all activities
but does not include
the BBQ or Beer Tent

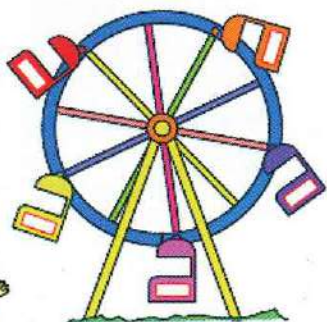
2 - 7.30 p.m.



Includes :

Ferris Wheel, Carousel,
Stiltwalker, Highland
Games, Welly Wanging
And many other activities

Please sign up at Reception



BC CALENDAR JUNE – The Month at a Glance

Sunday

Have you found the **FIVE World Cups** hidden in this issue of *Outpost*?

They look the same as the World Cups shown in this Calendar but the two Cups here don't count!

Great prizes to be won – see page 3 for details.

4 10:30am-2:15pm Squash Mix-in

Lord's Restaurant
12noon-3:00pm
Family Carvery

Silom Room
1:00-3:30pm
Children's Activities

Wordsworth Lounge
3:00-4:00pm Yoga

3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice

3:30-4:30pm
ACT ENGLISH classes start
(venue: contact Hanni)

Suriwongse Room
7:30-8:30pm
CHA-CHA-CHA classes start



11 **Lord's Restaurant**
12noon-3:00pm
Family Carvery

Silom Room
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Children's Activities

Wordsworth Lounge
3:00-4:00pm Yoga

3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice



Monday

5 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

12 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

Leave BC at 2:30pm
GRAND ROYAL BARGE PROCESSION



Tuesday

6 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In
9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic

7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

7:00pm-late
Spoofing

Suriwongse Room
7:00pm
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
Development Plan



Churchill Bar
5:30-9:00pm
Friendly Bridge

13 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies M

9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic

7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

Wednesday

7 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
Carvery Buffet

7:00 & 8:00pm
PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR
7:30pm Chivas Regal
Bottle Draw

CHIVAS

14 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Thursday

1 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics

5:15-9:00pm
Squash Mix-In

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
6:00-9:00pm Chess

Wordsworth Lounge
6:30-8:00pm
VDO NIGHT
Doctor Who



8 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics

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

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
6:00-9:00pm Chess

Wordsworth Lounge
7:00-9:00pm
VDO NIGHT
Morse



15 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics

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

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

Friday

2 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in



Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET

Lord's Restaurant
7:00pm
GUEST CHEF'S DINNER

Silom Sala
7.00-9.00pm Kids' VDO

9 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
TEX-MEX BUFFET

Silom Sala
7.00-9.00pm Kids' VDO

16 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

Saturday

3 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

Front/back lawn
8:30am-12:00midday
SOCATOTS!

9:00am-1:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes



9:30am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm
DIVE with the SHARKS
(certified divers)

9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice

Lord's Restaurant
7:00pm
GUEST CHEF'S DINNER



10 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

Front/back lawn
8:30am-12:00midday
SOCATOTS!

9:00am-1:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes



9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice

2:30pm
DIVE with the SHARKS
(non-certified divers)

Suriwongse Room
From 7:00pm
WORLD CUP - LIVE
England v. Paraguay



17 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

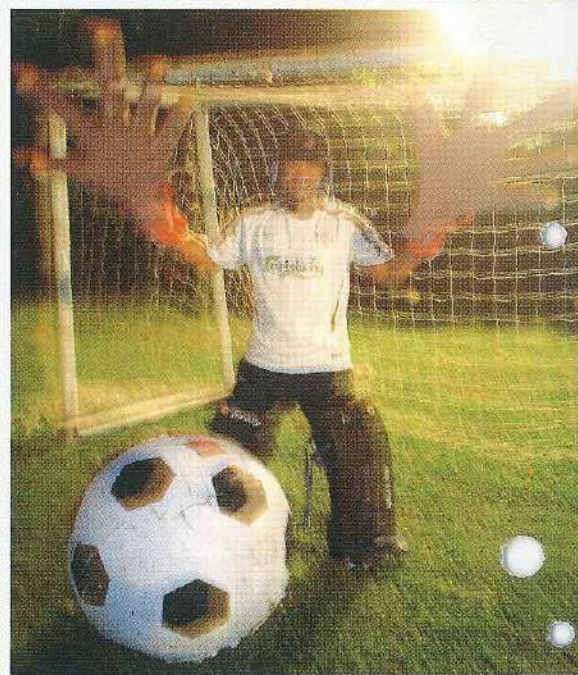
Front/back lawn
8:30am-12:00midday
SOCATOTS!

9:00am-1:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes



<p>3:30-4:30pm ACT ENGLISH class (venue: contact Hanni)</p> <p>Churchill Bar From 6:00pm FORUMULA ONE - LIVE British GP</p> <p>Suriwongse Room 7:30-8:30pm CHA-CHA-CHA class</p> 	<p>18 Lord's Restaurant 12noon-3:00pm Family Carvery</p> <p>Silom Room 1:00-3:30pm Children's Activities</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 3:00-4:00pm Yoga</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p>	<p>3:30-4:30pm ACT ENGLISH class (venue: contact Hanni)</p> <p>Suriwongse Room 7:30-8:30pm CHA-CHA-CHA class</p> 	<p>25 Lord's Restaurant 12noon-3:00pm Family Carvery</p> <p>Silom Room 1:00-3:30pm Children's Activities</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 3:00-4:00pm Yoga</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p> 
<p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Match Play</p> <p>Suriwongse Room From 7:00pm WORLD CUP LIVE Australia v. Japan</p> 	<p>19 9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong</p>	<p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Match Play</p>	<p>26 9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Match Play</p> <p>Churchill Bar From 6:00pm FORUMULA ONE Canadian GP (recorded)</p> 
<p>Churchill Bar 30-9:00pm Friendly Bridge</p> <p>7:00pm-late Spoofing</p>	<p>20 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In</p> <p>9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Football Practice</p>	<p>Suriwongse Room 5:30-9:00pm Friendly Bridge</p> <p>Churchill Bar 7:00pm BAR QUIZ NIGHT</p> 	<p>27 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In</p> <p>9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Football Practice</p> <p>Churchill Bar 5:30-9:00pm Friendly Bridge</p> <p>7:00pm-late Spoofing</p>
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<p>9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice</p> <p>Churchill Bar 6:00-9:00pm Chess</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 7:00-7:45pm VDO NIGHT Doctor Who</p> 	<p>22 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in</p> <p>10:30-11:30am Aqua Aerobics</p> <p>5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice</p>	<p>9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice</p> <p>Churchill Bar 6:00-9:00pm Chess</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 7:00-8:30pm VDO NIGHT Yes, Minister</p> 	<p>29 8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-in</p> <p>9:00-11:00pm Hockey Practice</p> <p>10:30-11:30am Aqua Aerobics</p> <p>5:15-9:00pm Squash Mix-in</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice</p> <p>Churchill Bar 6:00-9:00pm Chess</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 7:00-9:00pm VDO NIGHT Galaxy Quest!</p> 
<p>Churchill Bar Lunch & Dinner T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET</p> <p>Silom Sala 7.00-9.00pm Kid's VDO</p>	<p>23 2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p>	<p>Churchill Bar Lunch & Dinner T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET</p> <p>Silom Sala 7.00-9.00pm Kids' VDO</p>	<p>30 2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p> <p>Churchill Bar Lunch & Dinner MIDDLE EASTERN BUFFET</p> <p>Suriwongse Room 6:00-9:00pm WINE TASTING</p> <p>Silom Sala 7.00-9.00pm Kid's VDO</p> 
<p>9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice</p> <p>BC venues 2:00pm onwards QEII FUN FAIR</p> 	<p>24 7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes</p> <p>Front/back lawn 8:30am-12:00midday SOCATOTS!</p> <p>9:00am-1:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> 	<p>Leave BC at 9:00am DISNEY LIVE!</p> <p>9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice</p> <p>BC venues 3:00pm onwards CANADA DAY</p>  	

LOOKING BACK



FA CUP FRENZY!



It was an exciting match to say the least! Close all the way right through to penalties enjoyed by all in the Suriwongse Room with plenty of beers, wines and food to go around. It was a 50/50 split of supporters, 40 people in total. (Thanks to Ian for the fantastic Liverpool banner . . . if there is such a thing!).

Yet again, all members enjoyed great food from Khun Lak and her team. True English classics this time including fish and chips, beef steak pies, chicken and mushroom pies and sausage, mushy peas and chips! Just what you need when you're watching a footie match!

Well done to Richard and Peter who both won a case of beer in our 'which minute will they score in' raffle!! Generous (and under age!) Richard very kindly offered to 'sell his dad' some of the beer . . . what a classic!

Lucky Richard also won our British Club FA Cup penalty shoot out on the front lawn, deservedly winning a 1,200 Baht voucher to Major Cineplex and the B.C. golden football. Joint second were Pond and James. They both received a silver B.C. football. Another great sport and superb football player was 'Ellie', who was leading at the end of the first round. Well done Ellie. Who ever said girls can't play football? Congratulations to Richard though, who showed excellent skills and scored some blinding goals (bare footed I might add!) despite the goalie's enormous hands! Our B.C. goalies Rit and Amnat were definitely struggling with painful hands the next day! Maybe we should have used the nice soft, giant ball after all!

Thanks everyone for coming along and contributing to the good old family fun!



New Members Night

The Churchill Bar was buzzing as usual for the New Members Night on the 9th of May. The night flowed along like a lazy river, with a few preliminary introductions, delicious canapes & glazed ham, free Tiger Beer, and lots of fiddling (by the band, of course!). 'No Fixed Abode' arrived at 7pm and at least a couple of band members left sometime around 1am after spending several minutes finding the way out.



The squashies turned out in force to welcome new member David Lines whose ambition is simply to be 'the best at squash'. And a few more tidbits from the "tell-us-about-yourself" forms from new members: Australian Jeremy Chase is mad-keen on sailing, so I guess it won't be long before he finds the Varuna Yacht Club (if he hasn't already); British banker Robert Thomas has worked



in Bahrain, Qatar, Nigeria, Dubai and Jakarta but has selected Thailand for his retirement; and fellow Brit David Worthington seems pretty well settled too - he and spouse Varin have a young family, David coaches football and they chose the BC for its family activities.



It's always great to see so many new members, old members, Loyal Society people and GC & Sports Section members all come together for a night of fun and conviviality. Don't miss the next one - Tuesday July 11th.



General Committee

2006/2007 Objectives

1	Strategy & Development
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete Club Strategic Plan ➤ Finalise Development plans, costs & funding options and implement Phase 1 following approval from members at EGM
3	Constitution, Rules & Policies
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re-print Constitution & Bylaws and distribute to members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review & overhaul existing Rules & Bylaws with reference to amended Constitution, strategic plan, consistency, and logical process. b) Enact new bylaws ➤ Review existing Policies & Procedures and create draft Club Operations Manual
5	Finance
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review internal procedures including procurement, tendering, etc. for inclusion in Operations Manual ➤ Ensure Financial transparency/Easy access to financial info for members ➤ Funding of Development Project ➤ Approve Ops and Capex Budgets 2006/2007
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9	IT Development
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implement upgraded Membership & Accounting Programmes ➤ Implement POS system ➤ Complete Phase 2 of website including review/upgrade of Discussion Forum ➤ Integrate Website with associated systems
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13	Human Resources
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop Human Resources strategy (review no. of staff, job specs, staff recruitment, working conditions, hours, training and development, benefits, employee satisfaction, health & safety)
15	Sports & Fitness Management
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review fee structure across all sections (eg. Squash trial) ➤ Review all Sports Sections procedures, allocation of funds etc., with Sports Sections & update where necessary
17	Food & Beverage
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete F&B strategy across all outlets
19	Maintenance & Improvements
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approve major maintenance and capital expenditures as per Capex & Major Maintenance Budget 2006/2007
21	Security
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review security procedures and access control bi-yearly.
23	Communication
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Finalise Outpost/Yearbook contract with Publisher ➤ Improve weekly email communications (both distribution & image) ➤ Review other methods of communication to members ➤ Define web strategy and efficiencies brought through more online systems (vs paper systems)
25	Membership
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review new member recruitment strategy with view to increasing number of core members
27	General
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review Senior Management Structure & requirements ➤ Review/update Senior Management contracts, KPI's & appraisal system

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

to approve commitment of funds to Phase 1 of the Development Plan will be held on

**Tuesday, June 6th, 2006 at 7pm
in the Suriwongse Room**

*Please reserve this important date
in your diaries!*

Following two member Discussion Forums and the marketing 'roadshow' last month, the General Committee have revised the content of the Development Master Plan and also the phasing. We are now proposing to move forward with a number of smaller phases which are still completely self-contained. Each phase will only be started when sufficient funding is available to complete that phase. Therefore The General Committee are calling an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday June 6th in the Suriwongse Room at 7:00pm in order to approve commitment of funds to the 1st Phase of the Development Plan, namely the ground floor of the Clubhouse, which will include:

- 1) Re-location of a 'Churchill Bar' to the space currently occupied by the Lord's Restaurant.
- 2) Re-design and extension of the current Churchill Bar into a Bar/Restaurant and Verandah catering to all age groups.
- 3) Refurbishment of space currently occupied by the Snooker Room into two rooms:
 - Snooker Room with one table
 - Membership Services, to include:
 - Membership Sales
 - Membership Accounts
 - Business Centre Facilities
 - Refurbishment of Reception Area

If you are an Ordinary or Country member, please do plan to attend and have a say in the future development of your Club.

If you are eligible to vote, but cannot attend the meeting, you may give your 'discretionary' proxy vote to another Ordinary or Country member. Proxy forms will be sent along with the official notice. Only one proxy vote may be held by each member. Or you may send a 'directed' proxy to The Chairman to be received at the Club no later than 9:00am on the morning of the meeting.

Please also note that Ordinary or Country members may nominate their spouse to attend the meeting and vote on their behalf, provided that they are paying subscriptions at the rate applicable to Family members, and that the spouse is eligible for Ordinary or Country membership in their own right. If you wish to nominate your spouse, an application form must be sent to the Club at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. These forms will also be distributed to all Ordinary and Country members along with the Official Notice.

If you are not sure whether you are eligible to attend, please contact the General Manager or Membership Department for clarification.

The 1950's

In part 2, **Nigel Overy CBE** concludes his candid look back at the British Club of the 1950s . . .

Sundays were usually quiet for the Club until the evening when the weekly film would be shown against a white screen on the back lawn or, on inclement days, in the Cinema Room upstairs. British films were made available by courtesy of British Embassy stocks brought up from Singapore. Since these were screened on a 16mm projector they were stop-start affairs for the changing of reels and providing ample time for replenishment of drinks. British Dispensary's Sketolene was constantly used to repel the insistent mosquitoes. These sessions were well attended while fresh films were available, but when these were exhausted they would often be replaced with plays performed by a small band of member thespians headed by Teddy and Dorothy Mathis, who also managed to arrange and produce hilarious topical skits on local happenings and characters. These evenings would be well attended as there was little alternative choice: the only reasonable cinema was on Ratchadamnoen Avenue, while the tawdry affair at the local venue in Bangkapi was justly termed the "Flea Pit" for its infestation of insects and vermin. Bangkapi, where many lived, was the term used for the area beyond the British Embassy to Prakanong Bridge, the extreme outer limit of the city at the time, and now referred to as Sukhumvit Road.

After office hours on weekdays saw a few regular members refreshing themselves before leaving for home for dinner or preparations for a night out. The Club boasted shower facilities, a welcome alternative to throwing water over oneself with dippers from the *shanghai* jars which served most dwellings. A visit to the Club could develop into a session if the company was right and would inevitably lead to raucous behaviour and endangerment of Club property. On one such occasion a young banker managed to pile chairs and tables in the bar to a height which enabled him to tie the lot to an overhead fan and from then it was a small logical step for the fan to be switched on to witness a spectacular effect; fortunately the weakness of the current was insufficient to move the mass preventing further

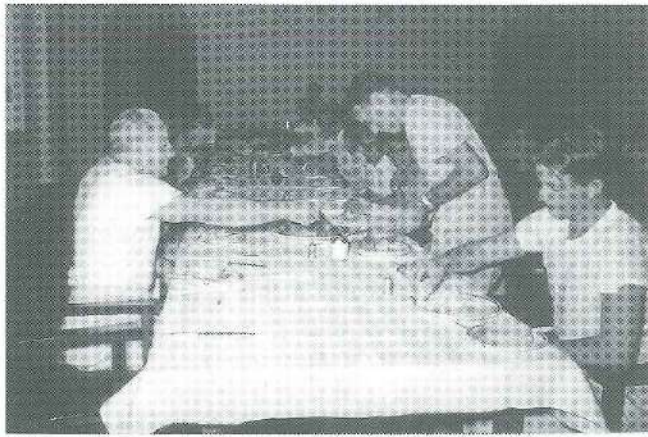
destruction: the Butler was discreet in his absence from the scene. When such rowdiness could not be withheld from Club authority a humble apology, and possibly financial restitution, to the right quarters would be sufficient. A great deal of latitude was allowed.

At a Christmas Dance one young member decided that a glass of champagne poured over the head of a pompous senior Committee member present was an appropriate act. The resulting collection of various members of the Committee present and the march to the bar for instant meeting proved more hilarious than the event itself. In due course the appropriate apology retrieved the situation and, surprisingly, the two individuals became great friends.

On a Tuesday evening in March 1954 Joe Elliott entertained his twin brother from Singapore and initiated the most profound disturbance in which I have been involved. The group had heavily indulged in the bar before continuing to the Billiards Room for more sport. The noise became ever louder and eventually a member of the Committee attempted to break up the party by disclosing that the weekly meeting was being held upstairs immediately above the Billiards Room. This intervention had no effect but merely incited a greater endeavour to misbehave by knocking cue ends against the ceiling. After three further occasions with successively more senior Committee members making their pleas to no effect wisdom was the better part of valour and the twins were left in sole possession of the room if not their wits. The event was duly recorded and an apology awaited. In spite of the outrageous behaviour this would have been accepted if an apology had been proffered with a bit of humble pie. As this was not forthcoming the Committee followed the standard process of seeking a written apology and an appearance before the Committee. As silence persisted the Committee had no alternative but to call for an Extraordinary General Meeting for the sole purpose of proposing the expulsion of Joe Elliott. This meeting was duly held in early April and



The speaker is probably Dick Hempson, Branch Manager of Anglo-Thai Corporation (and the oldest member of the Club when he died in Chiangmai a year or so ago). Charles Mabbatt can be seen to the left of the speaker and Charles Stewart at the extreme left of the photo. The 'dinner' photos were almost certainly taken on the same day as the 'Russian pool' photos in Part 1 of this article, probably after a competition event (the Fothergill Cup?).



Charles Mabbatt and Charles Stewart are identifiable. Others unknown. The Club had no catering facilities at the time, so if Members wanted to hold a private dinner they would bring the food in (and possibly even their own cooks). Judging by the lack of formal or office dress, this was very much a 'slap-up' dinner.

resulted in a large turnout greatly enhancing bar profits. The packed Club, after hearing arguments for and against, voted overwhelmingly for expulsion and the matter was closed.

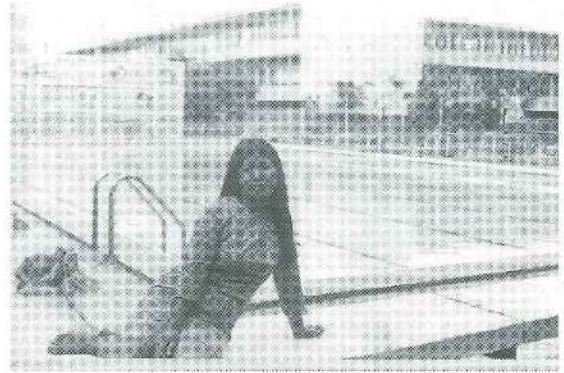
The Club was a social club for members and in a sense operated as a sister club to the Sports Club where we were also members since it was easy and cheap to gain membership there. There was thus no demand on the British Club to provide sports facilities beyond the humble ones we already used. This was useful since it provided a ready outlet for rugby football, hockey, cricket and even soccer and lacrosse. There seemed to be no obvious effort for members to remain fit, merely to use such sports as another medium for letting off high spirits. Proposals for installation of a swimming pool at the Club came towards the end of the '50s giving rise to fierce factions, notably the proposer, Tony Griffiths of D. Couper-Johnston, and with the opposite view amongst others, Alastair Greenlees of the Borneo Company, who to this day refers to the pool as "that hole in the ground" on the far side of the Club and who forecast the degrading of Club standards. Irrespective of the arguments there was no way in which Club finances could allow this development and it was to be some years before this was finally possible.

No mention has been made of the ladies' involvement in the Club. They were to be seen largely at Club functions only and rarely in the bar, a male sanctum. Despite the lack of facilities for their use they did put in a lot of work in advising the gardeners and in arranging dances and decorating the rooms for such functions. Wives of members had the full use of the Club but single ladies could be granted Ladies' Privileges. Such ladies came from the British Embassy, the Bangkok Nursing Home, and British nannies of well-heeled expatriates. When a proposal was put forward in 1958 to charge a subscription of Ticals 25 per month for these ladies it was not voted on as according to the Chairman "this would not be in the tradition of the Club as, in granting Ladies' Privileges, the Club was extending a

courtesy to British Ladies abroad".

By the end of the '50s the Club appearance had been greatly improved. The wooden gate at the entrance had been replaced by a wrought-iron grill, supported by brick pillars, and fencing had been renewed on Suriwongse Road; the interior decorations had undergone refurbishing, and the ladies provided with a proper toilet facility. The walkway between the verandah and the Bowling Alley and the outside Gentleman's toilet had been surfaced and roofed over. The cinema projector had been replaced by a 35mm version and the projectionist provided with an elaborate wooden structure outside the Cinema Room, making it a feat of agility to pass this obstruction on the way to the Rotunda Lounge. The active British Naval Association, based at the Club by courtesy of the Committee, had been assiduously collecting Royal Naval crests over the years and these now adorned the Main Bar. Changes had been slow but

increased in pace as finances improved and there was renewed talk of a swimming pool and even air-conditioning.



The 'hole in the ground' was finally completed and opened in 1966. This photo, showing somewhat stark pool surrounds, probably dates from the late '60s. The lady is Khun Penkhaer (BC staff).

Having received a posting to Singapore I did not stand for the Committee in 1961 but as one of my last acts I had, together with Jimmy Malone, prepared a long-range development plan for the Club and, with the approval of the Committee, this was put forward to members at that year's Annual General Meeting: it was roundly thrown out and I learned the hard lesson that unless members are sounded out and well briefed beforehand with full costings it is fatal to put forward any plan with a hope of success in a club of such divergent views. However that meeting was not to be known for the failure of this plan to gain backing from members but for the extraordinary attacks on the Chairman from members disenchanted with his long domination of the Club. After four-and-a-half hours of meeting the Chairman, who in fairness had devoted a lot of his time and provided additional finance to the Club, was not re-elected to the Committee and left the Club that night a bitterly disillusioned man.



Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aerobics

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

Aqua Aerobics

Thursday 10:30-11:30am

Bridge

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

Chess

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

Cricket

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

Dance

Ten Cha-cha-cha classes: 4 June to 6 August
Sunday 7:30-8:30pm Suriwongse Room

Football

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

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

Socotots

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

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

Spoofting

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

Squash

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

Swimming

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

Tennis

Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm

Mix-in All Standards

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

Ladies Mix-in

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

Yoga

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

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics

Aqua aerobics

Cricket

Dance - Cha-cha-cha

Massage

Socotots

Squash

Squash courts

Swimming

Tennis

Adult Tennis

Ladies Tennis

Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

Tennis knockers

Yoga

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons of 1 hour

Bt 350 per session

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

Bt 3,500 for ten classes

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session

Bt 2,500 for ten classes (walking to 2's)

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

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

Bt 1200 per 45 min

Bt 30 per 45 min

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

Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 800/hour

Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning - beginner to advanced)

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Ladies clinic Tuesday mornings)

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

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

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

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

Bt 350 per lesson

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

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HANNI'S HOTSPOT



Although the scuba section didn't take off, here's a little taster of the exciting scuba activities to come:

SHARKS!

Probably the most exciting and scary thing we've ever done here at the British Club!! I will be taking those brave enough to dive with the sharks at Siam Paragon Ocean World. With the help of Planet Scuba, we will be embarking on the dive of a lifetime to see nurse sharks, leopard sharks, tiger sharks, stingrays and all sorts of other gorgeous sea life! This trip will be open for both experienced divers and those that have never scuba dived before!

Saturday June 3rd will be the certified divers turn! We will meet at Siam Paragon and get straight in there with the blighters! We have full accident and medical insurance for all members, so no worries! The cost for this once in a lifetime dive is 6,100 Baht and dive times are 9.30 am, 2.30 pm and 6.30 pm. You must be a qualified open water diver and bring proof of certification (open to anyone aged 18 to 60).

Saturday June 10th will be the non-certified divers turn! Even if you have never dived before, you too can do it!!! Fully qualified instructors will be there every step of the way! We will meet on Sukhumvit 49 for pre-dive training and then head to the aquarium for the 2.30 pm dive. The price for this all-inclusive is 7,300 Baht.

Go on.....be daring!

JUNIOR DIVING 'SEAL TEAM':

A bit too risky with the sharks, but I didn't want to leave the children out totally! So, we are offering a full week programme for those aged 8 to 12. The 'Seal Team' course teaches kids how to scuba dive and the course will be both theory and practical. All equipment, materials, books and full tutoring will be provided. The course will run on Sunday mornings from 11.00am to 1.00pm, from Sunday August 20th to September 17th. Great fun, great bonding and a great thing to learn! The cost of the course all-inclusive is 9,400 Baht and it will be taught in Sukhumvit 49.

The Club has also taken out full insurance for any child taking part in this programme.

ACT ENGLISH:

For the slightly calmer child, but just as exciting, we have a speech and drama class starting this month. "Act English" run speech and drama classes which allow participants to travel the sequence of story events in a dreamlike way, imagining the journey from beginning to end. The children will stand inside a world of fantasy story as it unfolds around them. They become the story, the place and all the characters. There will be lots of acting, singing, script reading, games, arts and group projects.

There was a free demonstration on May 28th and classes start on June 4th, for a duration of 4 weeks. Classes cost 2,000 Baht in total and will run every Sunday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All children aged 5 to 8 welcome.

The focus of these classes will be 'The Wizard of Oz'. Great for those with a little imagination!

CHA CHA CHA!

Whether or not you joined myself and Khun Somoo for the excellent salsa classes, don't miss this opportunity to perfect your dance floor moves! Somoo will be teaching us some 'cha cha cha' this time!

She needs a 'post salsa' rest, but will be back with the beginner classes on Sunday June 4th, same time, same place. (7.30 - 8.30 pm every Sunday).

Somoo is an excellent teacher and really good fun. The classes are open to both couples and single people, so come along and give it a try. Make up classes are provided if we have to cancel. Classes cost 3,500 for 10 weeks.

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, August 6th.

So get those dancing shoes on and come and join in the fun!!!

LANE LINES:

As you may well know, we have had a few problems with our lane lines over the past few weeks. We have located the problem with the original supplier and all the lane lines were replaced at the end of May. I must ask all members: PLEASE DO NOT SIT ON THE LANE LINES. This is not good for them at all and the lines are very expensive. If you sit on them, they will break. If your children are sitting on the lane lines, please help us by telling them not to! Thanks.

NEW MESSAGE TIMES:

There has been a slight change to the times for massage. Please book your massage in person via the Fitness Centre, or call reception and they will transfer you. Please don't book massages with the reception, sala staff, or Khun Champen and Saiphon themselves, as confusion and double bookings are more likely. Thanks. New times are as follows: Monday = Closed; Tuesday to Friday = 10.00am to 12 noon and 1.00pm to 6.00pm; Saturday and Sunday = 9.00am to 12noon and 1.00pm to 6.00pm.

VARUNA YACHT CLUB:

This was a hugely successful trip last year and all who attended had a tremendous time and really got to know each other.

The trip to the Varuna Yacht Club in Pattaya is open to those aged 8 to 14 and is a 5-day 4-night adventure! This excursion includes transport to Pattaya and return transport to the Club, all meals, snacks and drinks, accommodation, professional sailing instruction, boat rental, the support of a safety boat with crew, support of boat boys and extra 'after sailing' activities. (Rounders, British bull dog, videos, games, banana boat rides and the full use of Varuna's pool thoroughly exhausted everyone last time!)

All sailing is taught by qualified instructors and all extra activities supervised by myself and Fitness Centre staff. Parents are welcome to come and visit us at any time (and help me with the games!!).

The dates for this adventure are Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July.

For any more information on any of the above, give me a call at any time.

See you next month with our shark progress report!!!!

STOP PRESS – TENNIS REPORT

Hi dear tennis enthusiasts...

A lot has happened these past few weeks in the tennis section, and we all hope it is for the benefit of all of our Passionate (Capital "P") members. A few notable events have occurred and the Tennis Committee sincerely hopes you are happy with the effort and plans put forward.

As you may know by now, our section had a vote last month on the new tennis committee; this new committee is dedicated to an exciting year of tennis events. Our new Chairman, Marc Nussaume and his right hand Bruce Gordon as Deputy Chairman have shown a lot of dedication in recent weeks to promote tennis at all levels. We encourage you to review the changes, which are posted at the Tennis Section Board (facing Court 1).

This period we had a match against Krung Thai Bank with a very close result in favour of the British Club by the miniscule margin of 1 match ... a "win is a win" is what my old coach used to say. Our Chairman was "carried" by his partners in each match as he is still recovering from his elbow injury, so give yourself a pat on the back for your heroic efforts. Most of our matches were very close, but most of all we all had a good time and participated with enthusiasm.

Another match this period I was asked by some to describe very briefly (since the matches were brief) is the event against the Singapore Recreational Club, where we were dealt a swift defeat. They brought some top class players and they were hungry for victory. We missed some of our players in this event, but nevertheless the participants fought to the end... Well, better not say much more on this match, other than there will be a next one to recover... and that's a promise.

Amongst other events, we have established the Junior training sessions on Sundays, from 9:00 to 12:00 on court 2; and was I surprised to see some new faces showing up, and even more pleasantly surprised on both attitude and cheerfulness. Although our first session was cut short as the floodgates of heaven opened up, I feel encouraged to see the "new blood" of our Club. We are keeping an eye on you youngsters because you are the future of our competitiveness. I encourage you to

participate with your opinions and comments on the format of the training so we can make it even better. Bring your used tennis balls so we can make a BIG basket of training tennis balls...

Oh how EXTRAVAGANT (in a good way of course) we were this May 21st with our Tennis Extravaganza - even on a rainy day all 38 participants showed up, young and not so young, full of the spirit of conquest... We were divided into 4 groups, with every group named after a famous player. It was a bit tough to try and level the teams so we could have a good time, but by the reaction of all it seems like we did not mess up too badly with the pairings. With the rain delay we could not start until 9. Most of us played 3 matches, all close from what I can recollect, with groups being tight and decided only after the last matches were played... but then again, as happens so often this time of year, the floodgates of heaven opened up again and we were rained out. However, we did participate fully in the food... and I saw plenty of trips to the dessert section... In order to work out those extra dessert calories this event needs a conclusion, so on June 11 we will have "Extravaganza II, The Conclusion"!!!

Don't forget June 4 is our Family Tennis Day. Come and enjoy the day with your family. For details please contact the Fitness Centre or our tennis board. The year round match schedule (confirmed and to be confirmed) is also posted on our tennis board and in the Tennis Booking Section at the Fitness Centre.

And finally I would like to introduce the Tennis Tip of the Month... hope you like it:

We all love to hit that incredible winner that lands just inside the court. But as good as these rocket shots might feel, these are not the shots that win you matches. Instead, victory is built around those less spectacular, high-percentage shots that you can make over and over again. The pros understand the concept of playing the percentages completely.

"In these days of modern tennis a player is as strong as his weakest stroke."

Bill Tilden

Cheers to all,
Enrique

TOURNAMENT REPORT



(by Richard Fromage)



This year's Bangkok Ball Hockey Championship, affectionately known as the Patpong Cup, was a huge success. The annual grudge match that has been taking place since 1999 to determine Bangkok ball hockey supremacy was again won by the British Club's own "Thai Stix" team. The Thai Stix battled the ISB Red Army under the hot sun of the British Club's tennis courts at high-noon on Saturday, April 22nd.

The ISB Red Army arrived at the British Club in great secrecy from their mysterious hideaway somewhere in the northern territories of Bangkok. They brought a young and fast team of gritty hockey players who jumped out to an early lead in Game 1 and went on to win the first match 3-2.

Once the Thai Stix veterans were able to catch their collective breath, they recovered the strong form that has proven so successful over the years. Game 2 proved to be a blow-out for the Thai Six, who won the second match 10-4. The Finnish connection of Antti Nyrhinen and Aleksi Jarvinen accounted for half of the Thai Stix's goals, with the latter Finn scoring a hat trick.

So the stage was set for a third and deciding game in this best-of-three competition! The Thai Stix got out to an early lead on goals by Canadians Ed Delfino and Bjorn Turmann in the first 3 minutes of play, but the Red Army bounced back and by the midway point of the first half they had scored 2 tallies of their own to tie up the game. Antti then continued his scoring ways with another goal for the

Thai Stix, which was quickly followed up with a nifty mark by John Stevens. So the Thai Stix went to their Lockers at halftime with a 4-2 advantage.

Two-goal flurries continued to snow down in the second half of the Patpong Cup's rubber match. The ISB Red Army scored 2 goals within the first 2 minutes, to even the game and send the bench into a jingoistic frenzy. Then John Stevens snapped them back into reality with a booming slapshot in the 3rd minute. But the Red Army was not going to retreat without a fight and the game saw continuous waves of attack and counter-attack at both ends of the rink for the next 10 minutes of play.

Persistence paid off for the ISB team with only 2 minutes left in the match when Scott Lamont from Hamilton Ontario scored a real humdinger to tie the game at 5s. And just when the Finals looked set to go into overtime, the Finnish Flash - Antti Nyrhinen - zigzagged through the entire ISB Red Army in the last minute of play and fired the ball into the top shelf where they keep the peanut butter! So the Thai Stix won the third and deciding game of the 2006 Patpong Cup in dramatic fashion!

Thai Stix's captain John Casella now gets to keep the highly coveted Patpong Cup trophy at his house for yet another year, despite the chagrin of his lovely wife Khun Bon. MVP honours deservedly went to Antti for his solid play and his last minute heroics.

The Thai Stix, as well as the ISB Red Army, will now set their sights on next month's regional championship in Phuket. The 12th Annual Mekong Cup International Ball Hockey Tournament will be held at the Amari Coral Beach Resort in Patong Beach and will boast an impressive slate of 8 teams from the following ball hockey hotbeds: Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Phnom Penh. Stay tuned for Mekong Cup results in the next edition of the *Outpost*.

Interview with **Khun Phon** (tennis knocker)

Hanni: Hi Phon, so tell us your full name.

Phon: Boonliam Kuealum, but Phon is much easier.

H: How old are you Phon?

P: 26.

H: Tell us some of your experience and qualifications:

P: I studied tennis coaching at Ramkhamhang University and have entered many competitions including the competition open at Nitingel.

H: How long have you worked here at the B.C?

P: For 2 years.

H: And do you like it?

P: Yes I do. Most members are really, really nice and it's a great way for me to practice my English.

H: Do you work anywhere else?

P: Yes, I coach at K Star courts in Ram Intra.

H: Remind members how much you charge and when you're available:

P: I am here every day from 7.00 am to 9.00 pm and charge 300 Baht for an hour's private tuition.

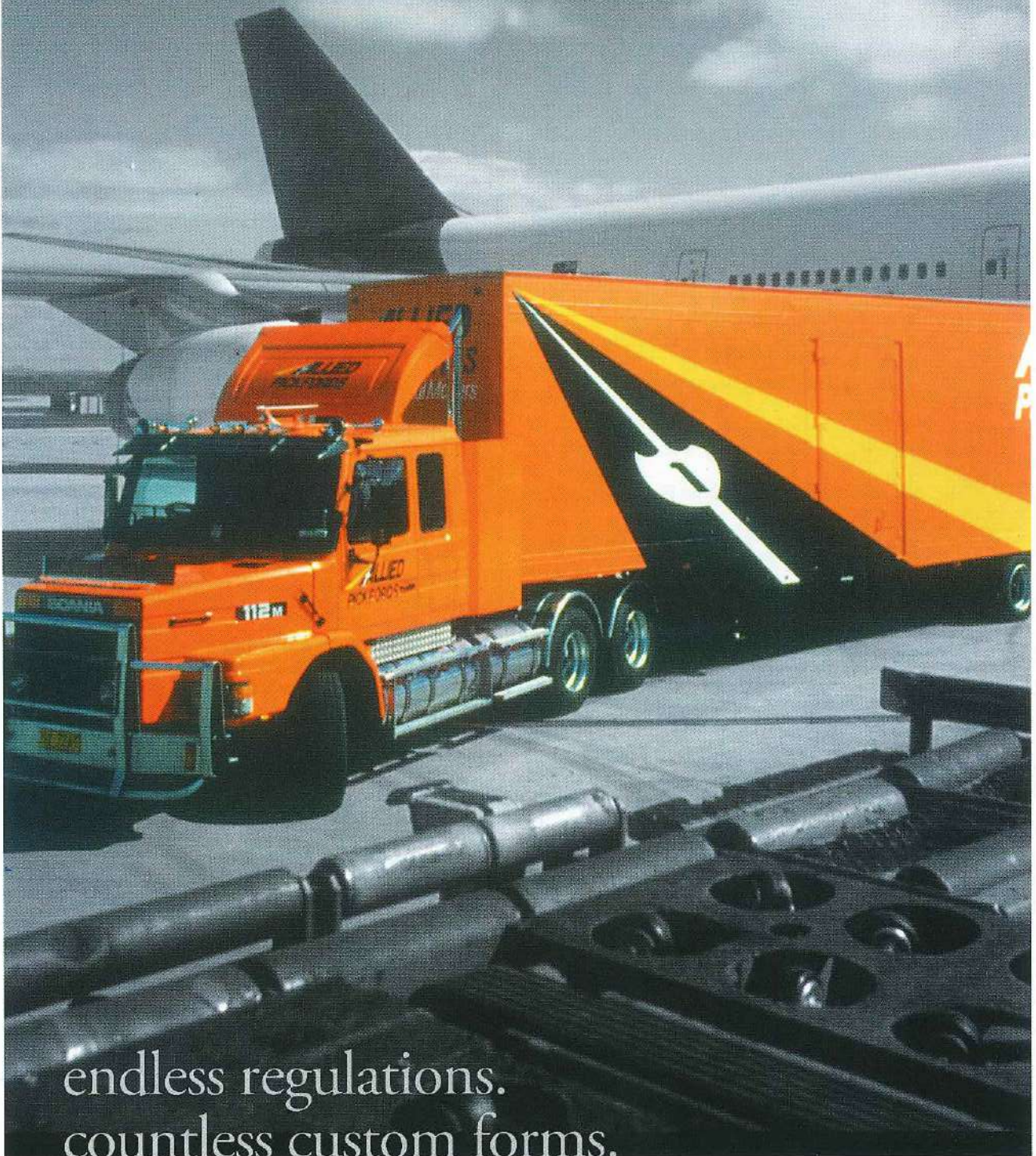
H: Any messages for our members?

P: Yes. I am usually always available, so if members want to play and there is no one else around, get the Fitness Centre staff to call me. I like to play as much as possible and would hate to think that members are unable to play when I am around.

H: Thanks Phon.



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Gosh! It must be our captain's charm and his grey hair or whatever . . . that have attracted new faces and guests to our ever-exciting events!!! To mention a few - George Foose, Phil Lewis (New Zealand), Tracy B. (England), and long time members like Arthur Phillips. Welcome! We are very pleased to see you on the course with us. Those not yet members but who are interested in joining the Section, please contact our Captain, Brian Brook at bbrook@loxinfor.co.th, Peter Skinner, Vice Captain at pskinner@hassell.co.th or one of our committee members. There are many more exciting and challenging up-coming events you don't want to miss!!!

Future fixtures:

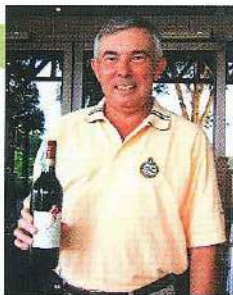
Sun 4th June: May Medal at Royal
 Sun 11th June: Stableford at Royal Lakeside
 Sat 24th June: June Medal at Royal
 Sun 25th June: Honda Cup v Japanese Association at Royal
 Sun 2nd July: Stableford at Lam Lukka
 Sat 8th July: Hapag Lloyd Trophy v Londoners at Bangpakong
 Anyone interested in playing should E-mail to bbrook@loxinfor.co.th
 Please check our website for further details: <http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety/>.

We had great April and May months with our monthly and away matches loaded with prizes from our bloodline sponsors: INTERDEAN International Relocations, HASSELL, and Dunlop. Loads of thanks to Andy Flynn, Peter Skinner and David Lamb respectively. May your businesses grow and grow like leaves on the trees.

HASSELL Monthly Stableford

April:

The weekend prior to the Songkran break saw the HASSELL Monthly Stableford played at Krung Kavee. The event was taken out by Roy Barret on countback from Belinda Skinner (who has kept up the family tradition of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory). Yours truly, Orin, once again proved what she could do and took out the women's Long Drive and the Long Putt. Other technical prizes went to Mike Staples, Peter Skinner, Pat Dean and Charmaine for near pins. Long drive for men went to Peter Skinner. Well done All.



Winner - Roy



Runner-up - Belinda

May:

The May Hassall Stableford game took place at Bangpakong this month. Easy? Well it was for some; Barry came in with an amazing 46 points followed by Robert and Mike both with 39. Robert came second on countback. Barry received a very nice bottle of wine and a not so nice handicap cut from 21 to 19. Technicals were taken by Barry,

Belinda and Frank for near pins (no one managed to get on the 16th Green!). Long drives went to Karen Carter and Mike - of course - and Gaew took the long putt. Our technical prizes are now sleeves containing five of Dunlop's very finest, so Karen and Mike should have enough balls already to see them into 2007; I probably should re-phrase that!

It was, of course, very hot - well what do you expect in May(?), but there was a breeze blowing and the birds were singing, so it still beat a Sunday afternoon in Bangkok. Peter Skinner, our Vice Captain and sponsor, picks some great wine for the prizes and stableford is very popular (and less painful than strokeplay) so this event is becoming a favourite with the Club.

Monthly Medal!!!!

As usual, our Monthly Medal at the Royal Golf and Country Club was tough and hot. Tom, winner of Flight A, was on top form with the impressive 84 gross which gave



Medal Winner - Nick

him a nett 67. Pat with a nett 73 on countback from 3rd Joom with a nett 73. Joom's beloved, Nick White, keeping up the family's tradition was the winner of Flight B. 2nd place went to Val with a nett 72 on countback from 3rd Gaew nett 72. Such excellent performances by Tom and Nick on the day earned them new handicaps; for Tom now 16 and Nick 19.

Technicals: Near Pin: Frank (2 holes), Mike and Peter Gale. Ladies long drive: Yurachatr, Mens Long drive: Tom. Long putt: Peter Bond.

INTERDEAN BCGS ECLECTIC (29th, 30th April & 1st May)

One of our BCGS Majors: Eclectic, sponsored by Interdean International Relocations, took place at the Majestic Creek Country Club; features water hazards and bunkers and its deadly greens. We were blessed with good weather as Hua Hin's town and around were hit by rain except for the golf course!!!! 18 participants battled it out right to the end of a very tight and exciting 3-day contest. On 3/4 of full playing handicap, the results were shockingly close, with Pat, the winner, snatching one shot from 3 others on the last day and 2nd, 3rd and 4th places were separated by decimals.



Eclectic

Results:

ECLECTIC	Gross	Hcap*	Net
Pat	71	8	63
Pete G	79	15	64.00
Mike S	71	6.75	64.25
Gaew	78	13.5	64.50

Best Gross:

Mike S	71 (Countback, back 9)
Pat	71

Overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd Best Gross and Daily winners and technical prizes :

Winners: 1st Day: Pete Gale (Nett 70). 2nd Day: Orin (Nett 67). 3rd Day: Gaew (Nett 67).

1st Day: Near Pins: Phil, Harland, Pat and David. Long Drive: Pat, Yurachatr.

2nd Day: Near Pins: Mike (2 holes), George and Barry. Long Drive: Mike, Karen Carter

3rd Day: Near Pins: Tom and Pat (2 holes each). Long Drive: Pat, Val

Our heart felt congrats. to all winners.

A few highlights of the weekend: George Okrasa's dream was almost realised when his hole-in-one ball ran through the hole and rested 6 inches away. Better luck next time George. The course's 4 legged mafias were also pleased to see Diane Bulow and Val Ashman who had brought a few treats for them. However, up country dogs didn't find farang dog food that tempting and have put in a request for sausages next time. The good deeds kept Diane and Val and majority of us humorous throughout the tough 3 day rounds!!!

Dunlop Cup

It was one of those weekends that bring to mind those May Bank Holiday pictures of long queues of traffic headed for the coast under the heading "Phew - What a scorcher!" that appear in English newspapers. However, the traffic wasn't too bad at all out of Bangkok and towards Hua Hin, which is where we headed for the weekend 12th, 13th and 14th May for the second big event this month, the Dunlop Cup. This is certainly a busy month for the golf section as we also have the Stableford and medal events.

Last year this major event was held in late November and though the weather was certainly cooler, we got wet on the second day and rained off on the last, so this year we used up a crate or two of sun screen and headed for Imperial Lakeview. This is a nice course and a good walk for those who like the exercise. Two-man teams play better ball stableford on the first day and the top four teams play matchplay for the Cup and the second four play for the Plate on day two. On the last day the winning teams play each other and the third and fourth teams also continue matchplay. This year the two top teams in the plate played as usual but the rest of the players decided to have an individual stableford competition plus a men against ladies



Tired but happy



Well done Pat

extra - so much going on, mainly at the suggestion of George who likes to keep things interesting.

The scores on the first day were pretty impressive, especially from Dave and Brian with 47 points and Orin and Mam, a team that turns strong men to jelly, with 45. Three teams came in with 43 (how close is that!) and Cup winners for the last two years, Mike and Pat just got knocked out on countback, leaving Roy and Val, last year's Plate winners, and Pete and Tom, Junior and Senior winners (young gun and top gun) to battle it out for the Cup.

Those in the Plate were Barry and Edward, Gaew and Yurachatr, Maureen and George and Pat and Mike.

The second day turned out to be a very long one indeed. Two of the matches went to 20 holes. Dave sunk his putt on the 20th and Val missed hers and the chance of the Cup for her and Roy for another year. Barry and Edward relinquished their chances of the Plate to Mike and Pat on the 20th hole too. It was really a long game and very hot, but all those teams would have kept on playing if they had needed to. The four in the plate really played their socks off coming in with three nett 71s and a nett 70.

The final day saw Peter & Tom nudge Dave & Brian aside for the Cup and Pat & Mike beat the girls, Yurachatr & Gaew for the Plate.

There were lots of technical prizes but the most important of the event goes to Tom who scored his first Eagle. The way he is playing it will probably be the first of many. The prize for this is an Eagles Nest of 25 golf balls. So we can definitely say it was a good weekend for Tom.

We were all very pleased to see Cheryl Lamb who came to make up the numbers on days one and three and who managed to hit her six iron off the tee further than many can hit their drivers!

Well done to everyone who played and thanks again to David and Cheryl for sponsoring this event.

10 things to say when you hit a bad shot:

1. I wasn't loose.
2. I looked up.
3. I just had a lesson, and the pro screwed me up.
4. I borrowed these clubs.
5. These new shoes are hurting my feet.
6. This new glove doesn't fit.
7. I had a bad lie.
8. The club slipped.
9. I can't play well when the dew point is this high.
10. The sun was in my eyes.

**Val Ashman
Orin Baldwin**

"AN A-MAY-ZING QUIZ!"



No – it is not an original title but it is difficult to find enough superlatives to describe our monthly battle of wits and wisdom.

May 16th saw another set of nine teams battle over just how many Spanish Grand Prix races has Alonso actually won? Which drink is made from molasses? And just what are little boys made of? [Answers below]

With the welcome return of the WILD WIMMIN and BGGs we had 51 players plus a dozen or so spectators – but oh where was 'Some other team' I wonder? Barry slimmed down the tables so there was more room so hopefully in June we will get to ten teams?

The quiz was sponsored by **CROWN RELOCATIONS** who donated three bottles of wine to help the little grey cells to function, and Khun Laak did a superb special menu of Tex-Mex food ... including some rare Quesilladas? Gallons of frozen Margaritas were drunk or consumed and the evening flowed well. As always Rodney Bain provided a well-balanced quiz of the easy to the impossible – and not a single Doctor Who question again!

So for those members reading 'yet another quiz' report and wondering what all the fuss is about – get along to the Club on the third Tuesday of the month ... quite often teams have a spare gap or two ... or even bring along five friends and make a team ... prizes for first, second, third and last (or next to last!) and, of course, the inter-round bottles prizes! It is a great night out.

The Team Results . . .

1. Sminky Binky Bang Bang	147.5
2. Under Par	140.5
3. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	136.5
4. Six No Trumps	118
5. Bookworms	115
6. Southerners	114
7. Jim's Junkies	104
8. BGG's	99
9. Wild Wimmin	83



REMEMBER — NEXT QUIZ — JUNE 20th

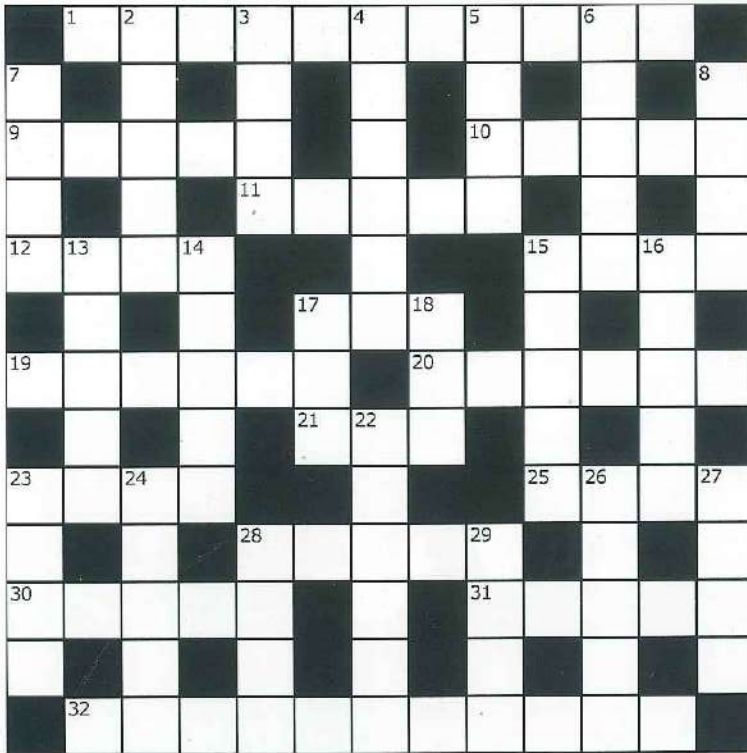
Teams of 4-6 --- 100 Baht per player ---
7.30pm kick off

[The answers: Only 1; Rum; 'Snips and Snails and Puppy Dog Tails']

Paul Cheesman

Crossword Competition

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



May Solution

Across: 1 Nanette, 8 Voucher, 9 Ragtime, 10 Norma, 11 Astreetin, 14 Nessie, 15 Stars, 16 Yessir, 20 Sadderand, 23 Least, 24 Martini, 25 Onetrue, 26 Sorcery.

Down: 1 Norman, 2 Nights, 3 Trice, 4 Event, 5 Guinness, 6 Charts, 7 Grease, 12 Extra, 13 Inred, 15 Sisters, 16 Yellow, 17 Shaker, 18 Marine, 19 Oddity, 21 Dames, 22 Error.

He's done it again! The winner of the May crossword, with the first-in totally correct entry was . . . John Sands(!) pictured here receiving a virtual bottle of wine from his alter-ego. Now all we have to do is to get John, the Club camera, the wine and a photographer all in the same room together for a new picture!

Don't forget our Morse competition (see page 9) and the five hidden World Cups in this edition of Outpost (not counting the ones in the Calendar) - see page 20.



Mostly Quotes

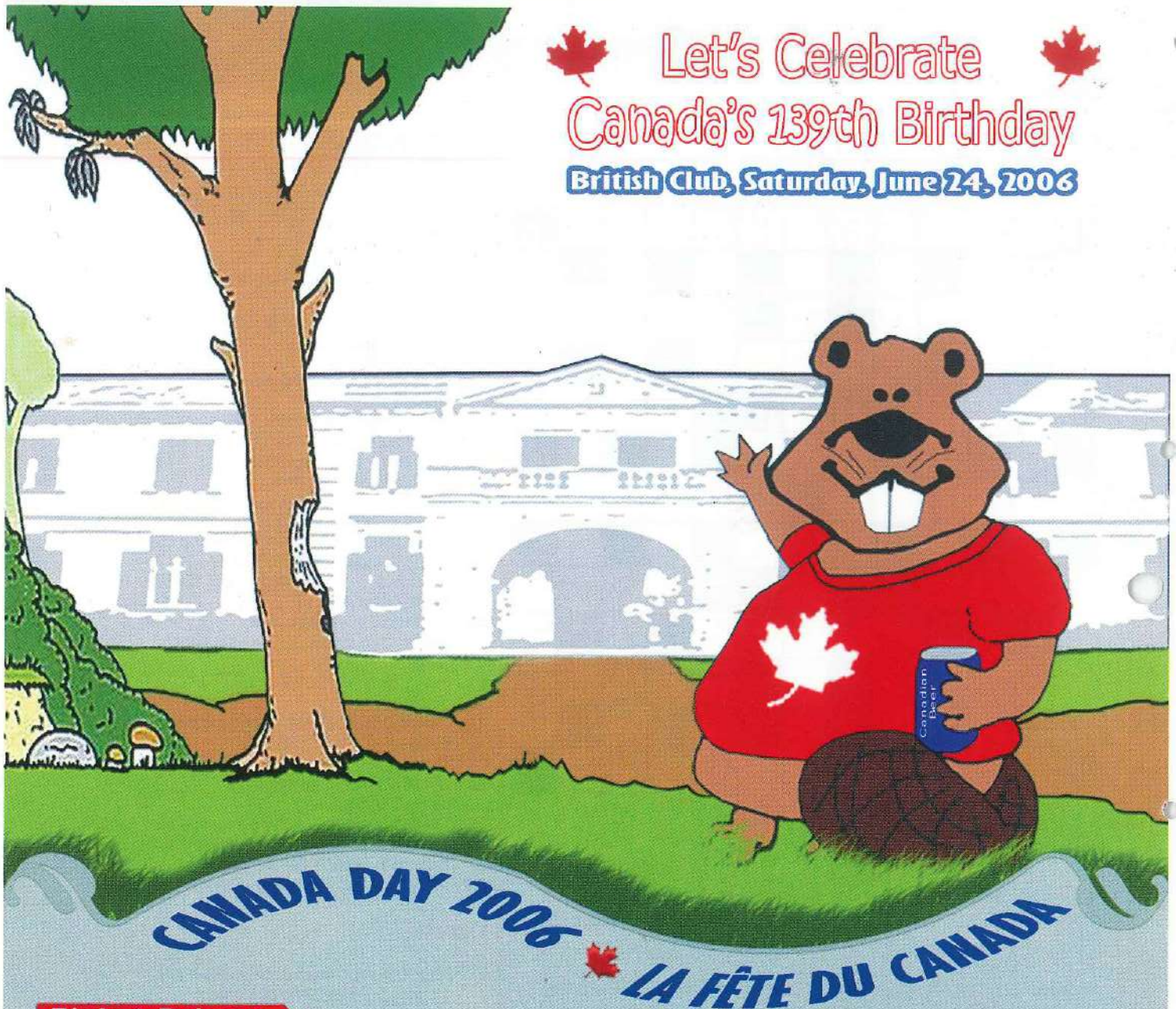
Across

- 1 The celebrated playwright who wrote 32 Across.
- 9 "The greater the power, the more dangerous the _____." (Edmund Burke)
- 10 "_____ and furred gowns hide all." (King Lear).
- 11 "Country places where the _____ old men have rosy faces." (R.L.Stevenson)
- 12 "Let them that hate him _____ before him." (Book of Psalms)
- 15 "The moaning of doves in immemorial _____." (Tennyson)
- 17 ". . . the daintiest last, to make the _____ most sweet." (Richard II) ?
- 19 "Is this a _____ which I see before me?" (Macbeth)
- 20 "It hangs in shades, the _____ bright, like golden lamps in a green night." (Andrew Marvel)
- 21 Pull it from under your feet for disaster!
- 23 "Spirit of Night, out of the misty Eastern _____." Shelley
- 25 "To _____ his own." (Ancient Proverb)
- 28 "Child Rowland to the dark _____ came." (King Lear)
- 30 "Hated by fools, fools to hate . . . let that be my _____." (Jonathan Swift).
- 31 Extend a branch for peace.
- 32 Play by 1 Across set in Arden.

Down

- 2 "'tis the prop that doth sustain my _____." (Merchant of Venice)
- 3 "They should _____ who can!" (Wordsworth)
- 4 "That _____ again! It had a dying fall." (Twelfth Night)
- 5 Get as payment or reward
- 6 "I felt the worst that love could do . . . _____ and atheist too." (John Donne)
- 7 "Bring hither the fatted _____." (Saint Luke)
- 8 An Egyptian goddess.
- 13 A woolly ruminant in South America.
- 14 "I see her as an _____, mewing her mighty youth." (Milton)
- 15 Fill with joy
- 16 "It came like _____, in a pint bottle!" (Charles Dickens)
- 17 "To _____ is human." (Alexander Pope)
- 18 It is said that his hair will cure your hangover!
- 22 A bit off-colour.
- 23 "From camp to _____ the hum of either army stilly sounds." (Henry V)
- 24 Expressions of opinion.
- 26 I wasn't there - I had this!
- 27 ". . . who did eat my bread, hath lifted his _____ against me." (Book of Psalms)
- 28 In _____, it is all.
- 29 A bird who might cheat at cards?

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11. Pornchai & Porpimol Mingmankong
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13. Wandee Jaturapattarkij & Thonchai

and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to . . .

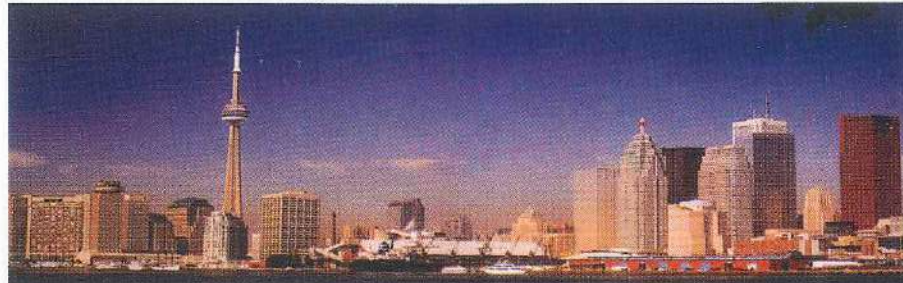
1. Jenny & Constantinos Economou
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3. Jim & Anne Smith
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7. Supat Jumbals
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