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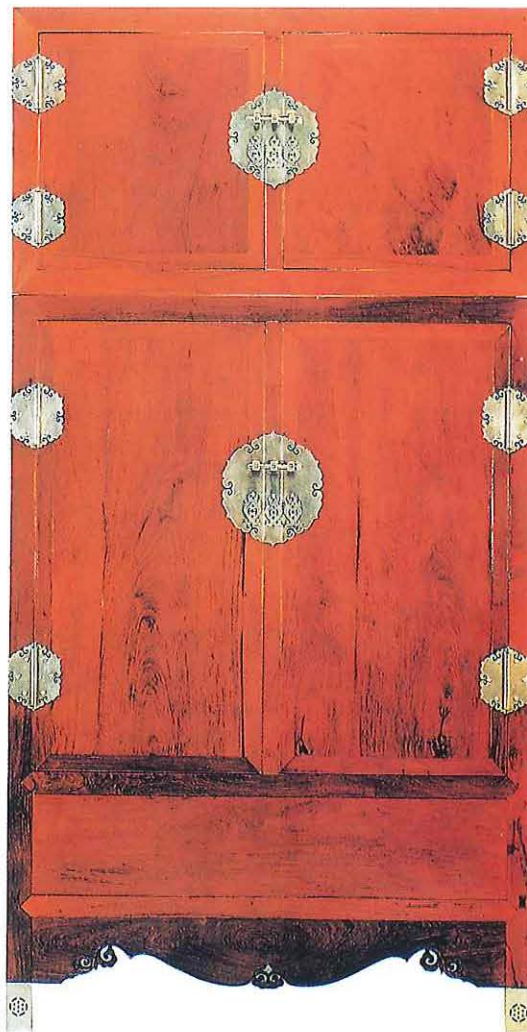


**8**  
Golden Jubilee

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

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# Sport Camp for the Children

9 – 12 July  
and  
16 – 19 July 2002



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## GM'S BRIEF

**Dear Members,**

I hope that everybody has recovered from the Soccer fever and enjoyed watching the matches at the Club.

We have lined up the following activities for your entertainment in July: Summer Sports Camp for the children 9–12 July and 16–19 July; Comedy Night with Fawlty Towers; Live performance of the Whiffenspoons from Yale in the USA; The Wimbledon Finals; Wine Tasting; Movie Night and much more.

To help keep Members entertained over the summer months, we have also invited a guest chef from the United States to visit in August to promote American food. On Saturday, 24 August we are very fortunate to have the Eldee Young Jazz trio from Chicago who will perform in the Suriwongse Room. This will be a dinner performance night in conjunction with the food promotion in the Lord's Restaurant.

After great consultation with the Members, we have decided to introduce a new Pool Menu, placing more emphasis on vegetarian, low fat and low cholesterol menu items for those of you who have worked so hard at getting fit and healthy and want to stay that way!

All the children's coaching, such as swimming with Bangkok Dolphins, tennis and squash coaching, cricket coaching will stop over summer and start again in the week commencing Monday, 5 September 2002.

On the development side, we are in the final stage of the design of the new proposed building on the back lawn and hopefully we will put out for tender later this month. At the same time we are looking to create more space around the poolside as it gets especially crowded during the weekends. We would like to thank all the Members who have assisted us with the No Cash payments. Apart from a few teething problems the implementation of this programme has gone very smoothly. In case Members need assistance please do not hesitate to contact Khun Prem, Financial Controller, or myself.

Our Centennial Celebration in 2003 is fast approaching. In the next 3–4 weeks we will send a Centenary Calendar to our Members with all the main events published for this unique Club year. Also some of the Sport Sections have informed us that they would like to organise special events during next year. We would like to coordinate all club activities so that the Sports Sections' events do not clash with each other or main Club events. I would like to encourage Sport Sections to come to talk to us so that we can plan the events accordingly.

On a sad note, Judith Airey, *Outpost* Editor for the past 18 months, is leaving Thailand to live with her family in Germany. The magazine is a means of communication throughout the Club's community, and Judith maintained the high standard that the Club demands of its publication. I thank her for her dedication to the *Outpost* and wish her well in her future life.

For those of you who are taking home-leave, I wish you safe and happy holidays. For those staying in Bangkok, I look forward to seeing you at the Club in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

**Willem T. P. Pentermann**  
General Manager

## WHAT'S ON

# Super Summer Specials

## GOLDEN JUBILEE

### ROCK CONCERT

7.00pm on Thursday, 11 July 2002

#### Suriwongse Room

Join us to watch the full concert (4 hours non-stop) as seen in Great Britain to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. There is no charge for the concert, but there will be catering and bar services available on Members' accounts.

## WINE TASTING

7.00pm on Friday, 26 July 2002

#### Wordsworth Room

A comprehensive selection of Italian Wines and a complimentary cocktail buffet will be provided. There is no charge for this event and Members will have the opportunity to wet their tastebuds and buy wine at reduced prices!

## CLASSIC BIG SCREEN

### VIDEO NIGHT

7.00pm Thursday, 18 July 2002

"Our Man in Havana" starring Alex Guinness. B250 per person including a light supper buffet. Please sign up at reception.

## BAR QUIZ

7.30pm on Friday, 19 July 2002

#### Lord's Restaurant

Join Quiz Master Rodney Bain for yet another mind twisting Bar Quiz. Entrance fee is B100 per person with a maximum of 6 persons in a team.

## COMEDY NIGHT

7.00pm on Tuesday, 16 July 2002

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## THE CITY OF ANGELS RESOUNDS

7.00pm on Saturday, 17 August 2002

A leading Thai composer transcends the difference between pop and classical music in this unique performance. See page 6 for full details. Tickets are B1000, including dinner.

## JAZZ FROM CHICAGO

7.30pm on Saturday, 24 August 2002

Mr Eldee Young and his band are a famous 3 piece Jazz band from America. Dinner will be specially prepared by a guest chef also from America. An excellent evening is in store for real Jazz lovers.

## AEROBICS

Classes are on Wednesdays at 9.30am in Squash Court 3. Join in the fun, whilst keeping fit!

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## DARTS

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

## GENTLEMEN'S SPOOF

Join the gents on Tuesday evenings in the Churchill Bar

## LADIES' NIGHT

Churchill Bar is the place to be every Tuesday from 6.00pm - midnight. All cocktails are only B80, but only for the ladies.

## BRIDGE

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

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## HM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GOLDEN JUBILEE



# Luvverly Jubberly



Despite being a bit of a non event at the British Club, and in Bangkok in general, I thought that the Members may enjoy reading about and seeing a few pictures of the Golden Jubilee from good ol' Blighty.

**Liz, Editor**



The Golden Jubilee celebrations mark the 50th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty The Queen, and her family, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, HRH The Prince of Wales, Heir apparent to The Throne, Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, Prince Andrew, Duke of York, Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, Prince William, Prince Henry, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie were all present throughout the various parties, functions, concerts and ceremonies that surrounded this once-in-a-lifetime event.

The Queen had expressed the wish that her Golden Jubilee should be an occasion for celebration involving the whole community in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth. The focal point of the celebrations was the National Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, 4 June 2002 on the final day of a Jubilee weekend of special events to mark the Golden Jubilee which started on Saturday, 1 June. The summer of 2002 is given over to celebrations in every city, region, county, town and village across the United Kingdom.

The Queen has said that she sees her Golden Jubilee as an opportunity to express her thanks for the support and loyalty she has enjoyed during her reign. This is a central

theme of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Through Her Majesty's visits around the United Kingdom and overseas during 2002 there will be many opportunities to pay tribute to all those who have supported The Queen over the last 50 years. Her Majesty's tours will also provide citizens of Britain and the Commonwealth nations with opportunities to thank her for 50 years of dedicated service. The Queen hopes that the celebrations will reach into every community and involve everyone no matter what their background, age, culture, ethnic origin, religion or other status. It is hoped that the Golden Jubilee will be an inclusive occasion; that the celebrations will be accessible to all those who want to participate; and that they will reflect the multiculturalism in our society today and the diversity we see around us.

The celebration of a 50-year reign is a time for reflection on the ways in which our lives have changed over half a century. It also offers us the chance to take stock of where we stand today and to look to the future. The Golden Jubilee is as much for young people in our communities as it is for the older generation.



Many thanks to the BBC web page for the above! For those of you who would like to have more information this was the best website that I could find.

Be Sure to join us for the Club's special evening to mark this auspicious occasion.  
The Buckingham Palace Rock Concert will blast off  
at 7pm in the Suriwongse Room  
on Thursday, 11 July.  
Food & Drinks will be available on Member's accounts.



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Suite rates for reciprocal-club members are \$170 per night Sunday to Thursday and \$145 per night for Friday and Saturday.

To learn more about The Rainier Club call +1 206 296 6848, or if you happen to be in Seattle you can call by for a tour of the facility.

The Rainier Club  
SEATTLE



Please note that the Caledonian Club, Edinburgh has been dissolved by its members. Reciprocal agreements with the Club have therefore been terminated.

## The American Club, Hong Kong

For convenience, the American Club will be issuing Reciprocal Cards from the Reception Desk at both the Town Club in Central and the Country Club in Tai Tam during operation hours.

Reciprocal Club Members may request their Reciprocal privileges by sending a Letter of Introduction via fax or email, or by bringing the Letter with them to the Club. The Reception staff will issue Reciprocal Cards on the spot. Reciprocal Members will need to show a valid British Club Membership Card and proof of non-residency, such as a 'Visitor Permit' stamp in the passport.

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CALENDAR

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - July 2002



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

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

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

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

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

9.00 am ANZWG Mahjong  
 3.30 - 6 pm BC Tennis Coaching for Children  
 5.10 pm Tennis Mix-in  
 5.30 pm Swimming - Junior  
 Squad Training  
 5 - 8 pm Happy Hour  
 6 - 7 pm Adult Tennis  
 6.30 - 9 pm Poolside BBQ  
 10 - 11pm Happy Hour II

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

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

MAKE A NOTE!	
11 July	Golden Jubilee Rock Concert
18 July	Big Screen Video Night
19 July	Bar Quiz
26 July	Wine Tasting
24 June to 7 July	Wimbledon in the Suriwongse Sala
Every Wednesday is Accumulator Night	
<b>See page 5 for more details</b>	

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Golf	Karen Carter	0 2285 6169
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Rugby	Jon Prichard	0 2662 6376
Scuba Diving	Peter Gary	0 2634 7799
Snooker	Khun Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	Peter Corney	01 829 2253
Tennis	Anton Bontje	0 2211 9550

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St Andrew's	Jim Napier	0 2617 9620
St Patrick's	Ian Kane	0 2678 1813 x 1738
St David's	Gareth Hughes	01 859 6140

Venues

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

Opening Times

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

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## SCUBA

# Songkran Escape

**I** hate Songkran! So much so that I will do anything to avoid it. I even moved to Hong Kong a few years ago, but that was a bit extreme, so I came back to Thailand, and since then I have spent Songkran every year on a boat in the Similans, where there is no white powder and the only water is that which I jump into, not thrown or poured over me in the name of enjoyment. The last 2 years were good fun, but this year was something special. Let me tell you about it.

## CALLING UP REFRESHMENTS

Collection from the hotel at 7:30pm, we all meet on the beach in Patong Bay and are ferried to the MV Atlantis X by longtail boat where we meet the rest of the dive team. Introductions over, departure is always heralded by the crackle of chinese fire crackers to chase away evil spirits – little did we know that this year it would actually work!

One hour out from Patong we made two important discoveries, firstly that, led by a party of Swedish divers on board, we had already seriously damaged the boats beer supply, and secondly this dimwit had left twenty rolls of film in the hotel refrigerator. The beer issue was minor by comparison (well ok, almost) but luckily we were able to remedy both with a phone call back to the Atlantis office from the National Park office next day and their next boat bought both extra amber refreshment and my film, retrieved from the hotel.

## WARMING UP AT EEL GARDEN

Well, on to the serious stuff – we started with a warm-up dive at Eel Garden on Island 5, then moved to the top of the Similan chain to dive on islands 8 and 9. The Similans are a chain of 9 islands stretching south to north parallel with the coast of Thailand. The word Similans comes from the Malay word Sembelan, or nine and the islands are just referred to by number, the southernmost being island number 1 and the northernmost being number 9. The area is a National Park and there are ranger stations and camping facilities on islands 4 and 8. Since last year it now costs B200 to enter the park and a further B200 per day. Being a National Park means that there is no fishing allowed, and since last year they have started to restrict diving and snorkelling on some islands to give the coral time to recover. As this changes from time to time, check with the dive guides before you go.

We saw our first Manta Ray on day one to the north of island 9, and more as we ventured further north. As well as my trusty camera we had Steve the videographer on board and he sold a few copies of his film by the end of the



Lion Fish



9 metre whale shark and friends

trip. This fairly new concept is a worthwhile addition to help people remember their trip. We moved northwards to Koh Bon and Koh Tachai, with more mantas, a large pink-lipped ray, lots of blacktip and whitetip reef sharks as well as the harmless leopard sharks. As we travelled between Koh Bon and Koh Tachai we were joined by a large school of spinner dolphins playing in the wake of the boat and by the end of day two we all felt that this was one of the best trips we had ever had, even the regular dive guides agreed.



Baracuda - the teeth are at the other end!

## SCUBA

## A WHALE OF A DAY

Day three dawned as we attached to the mooring buoy at Richlieu Rock, a pinnacle of rock sticking up from the sea bottom that breaks the surface at anything but high tide. Sometimes called the "Whaleshark magnet", we were about to find out why. This was my third trip to Richlieu, and I had never seen anything larger than a diver, but within 10 minutes of entering the water we heard the banging of knives on tanks. We listened carefully, as there was an agreed system of bangs, one to get attention, two for leopard sharks.....and five for "whale shark!". To our amazement the beast, a baby at 3.5 metres long was hanging right next to our mooring line, with the bubbles from the divers going past horizontally in the strong current. There were over 50 divers in the water from five boats, hanging on the line and on rocks watching in awe at this, the largest of fishes, but eventually we all had to give up watching as shortage of air forced us up. Dive two saw a slightly reduced current and time to swim with the same whale shark, but by afternoon most of the boats had left and the current had dropped as we entered the water again.

About five minutes into the dive we heard the banging again. Probably the same baby, but we thought we'd check it out, then we saw it. Almost like the start of Star Wars when the big ship goes over your head and keeps going and going. This was no baby, it was more like an elephant in the water, almost 9 metres of adult whale shark – we know because we measured it using a divers surface buoy. With the rest of the divers gone, we swam alone with it for over 30 minutes, coming within inches of that mouth, his tail, as big as a diver, pushing us to the side as he swam by oblivious or uncaring about the tiny things

swimming around him – a truly awesome experience. Eventually it had to end and the rest of the dives over the next two days were good, but it will take a long time to match the experience at Richlieu Rock that day. However I will be back dodging Songkran next year, hoping to do it again! The dive trip was a five-day live-aboard with Atlantis X, from Atlantis Asia. They can be contacted through their web-site [www.atlantis-asia.com](http://www.atlantis-asia.com). They run 3 boats, Atlantis 1, Atlantis 2000 and the new boat Atlantis X. The main dive season runs October to end of April, but there will be off-season trips on Atlantis X this year.

Report and pictures by Philip Hall – there is life after the squash report!

Turtle - up close and personal

Baby whale shark - only 4 metres!

## SQUASH

# André is Back in Form

**T**he 160th league ended on 31 May and it's good to see André working his way up again. He put on a little weight and rapidly fell down the divisions but now he is back in form and is expected to be playing Division 2 next league.

## OTHER SQUASH EVENTS

Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the world women's number one and Nicol David, the Asia number one were in Bangkok 15-16 June for junior clinics and exhibition matches at the Polo Club and Rajpruek Club.

The Don Johnson Cup (closed Club Championships) is scheduled to be played in June, the results will be available next issue.

The Intersociety Team Championships were played on Sunday, 16 June, the results will also be available next issue.

The Annual Dawee Cup against The Polo Club will be played this month. This year we have so much depth in the club that we have a real opportunity to win.

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

**Happy Squashing**  
**Peter Corney**

**DIVISION WINNERS**

**1 BRIAN PALMER**   **2 TOM LIVINGSTON**   **3 NICK THWAITES**   **4 ANDRÉ TISSERA**   **5 JACK DUNFORD**

## RULES OF SQUASH

There appears to be some confusion with some Members regarding having a second strike at the ball. If you strike at the ball and miss and then play it as it comes off the back wall; that is allowed. If you strike and miss then follow the ball around (turning), that is also allowed. The stipulation here is that you avoid hitting the other player. If you play the ball and hit your opponent then the point will be against you. You can play the ball as long as you don't hit your opponent.

## GOLF

# Natural Hills

Looking back, May/June was a hectic time with events every single weekend. We kicked off with a foray down to Natural Hills near Pattaya for a 'club day'.

We haven't been there for a while and sadly the elements didn't do much to welcome us back - the wind and rain held off for most of the round but sooner or later we all got caught in one of the frequent showers. Even so it's a lovely course and, perhaps not surprisingly, we had it to ourselves... however it wasn't easy and what with the weather there weren't many high scores. The format was Stapleford and the Lamb family did well to walk off with most of the prizes:

1st	Cheryl Lamb	38 points
2nd	David Lamb	35 points
3rd	Karen Holloway	34 points

It was also good to welcome back Mike and Angela Poustie, who are now back in Thailand for keeps and a new member, Nick Thwaites. They all seemed to enjoy themselves and we look forward to seeing them at future events.

## CAPTAIN'S DAY

Natural Park was followed by Captain's Day, an annual event where the format and venue are at the Captain's discretion. There was no surprise at Phil's choice of golf course. Ever since he 'birdied' the first two holes at Muang Kaew (only to abandon the game due to a rain storm of apocalyptic proportions) he's been itching to have another go. In the past the format has ranged from the serious to the ultra-frivolous and this year's leaned toward the 'fun side' as it was a 'Reducing Club' competition.

After the sixth hole one club was 'tied-off' with a ribbon and couldn't be used again and the process was repeated after each subsequent hole, so the mathematically inclined can deduce that competitors were left with one club and a putter to play the 18th. The most interesting thing was seeing which club competitors chose to keep for the last hole - especially as Phil had nominated it for the 'Long Drive' competition. Charles Skinner was the most positive, he hung onto

his driver (and did win the LD) but had to be very careful to stay out of the hazards. The results were something of a surprise too, quite high scores were recorded with Oud and Chris Crowley tying on 39 points. One of the longest count backs in club history was needed to establish that Oud was the actual winner, Chris second and Harlan Bulow came in third.

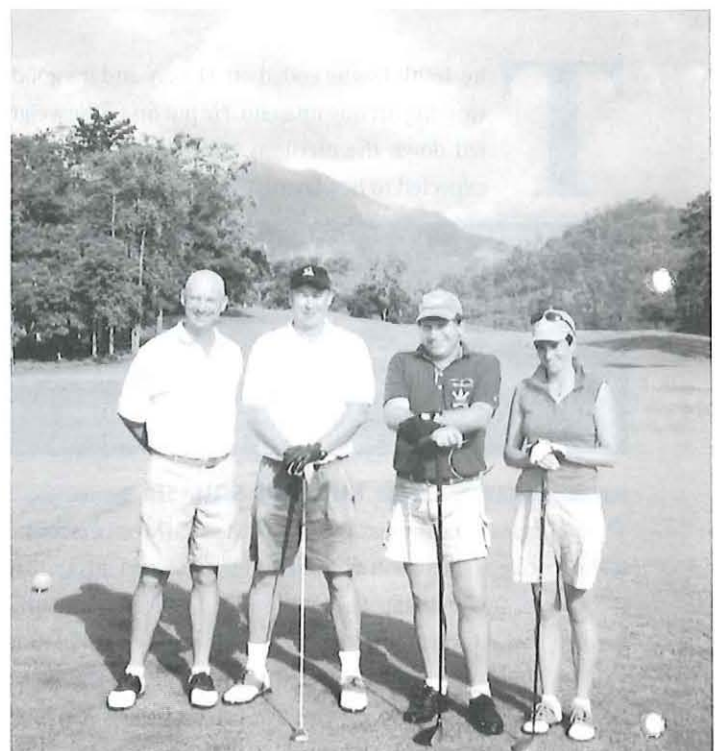
## DUNLOP CUP AND PLATE

The Dunlop Cup is always one of the highlights of the golfing calendar and this year was no exception. We were treated to a three-day golf extravaganza at Koh Soi Dao, which translates as 'Big Mountain' so you can tell it isn't anywhere local, it's a three hour drive from Bangkok



The 'usual suspects' at Kao Soi Dao.

down on the Cambodian border. Well, it would have been if this wasn't 'Rambutan' season (lychees to us falangs) and the roads were lined with small pick-up trucks transferring their loads of spiky red fruit to bigger wagons - and there were hundreds of the buggers. In places they completely blocked the highway and for those of us who drove down on Saturday morning it was a good four hours before we got anywhere near the golf course. Still, it was an interesting journey - I always enjoy watching somebody else working - although we could have done without





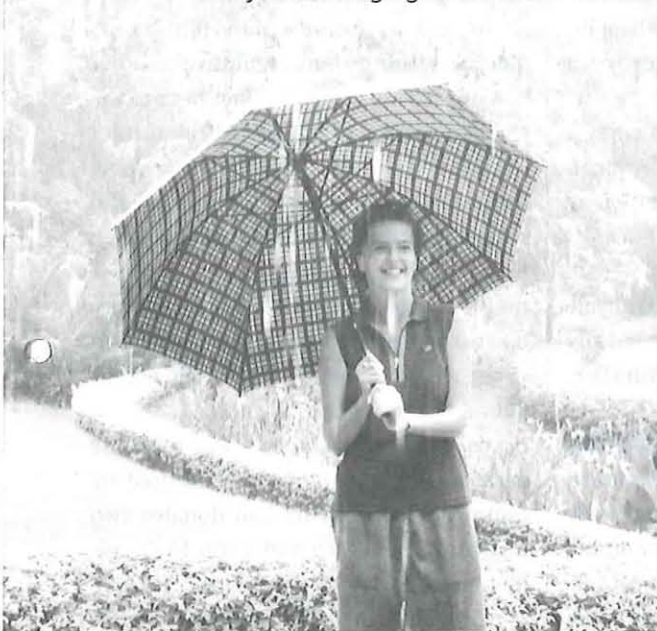
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the 'drive-by shooting'. Apparently there's intense competition for the best 'parking space' and when someone jumped the queue an outraged rival pulled a gun and things got out of hand. By the time we drove past the police had cordoned it all off (thus further narrowing the road) and there was nothing to see apart from a bullet-riddled Toyota and lots of blood-stains... and they seemed such nice, friendly people.

The tee-off time on Saturday was 12.00 pm and (due to the above problems) several pairs only just made it, including our Captain who arrived with seconds to spare and had to leave the near pin/long drive markers in the clubhouse since the first groups were already on the third green. But all the fuss and bother quickly became a fading memory as we tackled one of the loveliest golf courses in Thailand. We were surrounded by cloud-wreathed mountains and clean, unpolluted air, although the clouds didn't seem quite so picturesque when they dumped a cubic mile of water on us during the mother of all rainstorms. But as it was soon over no-one really minded...

surprise of the night, who turned out to possess a particularly fine baritone. Fortunately it was a beautiful evening so the rest of us retired to the patio to drink our beer and admire the stars whilst Larry 'entertained' the startled locals in the lounge. **Day Two.** The course was very busy, in fact there was a 'Wagon-train being circled by Indians' air about the whole morning. Golf carts were continuously driving around the course looking for any opening between the groups. If a gap did appear they'd dive into it and you'd suddenly find yourself staring at

Vicky Jones 'singing in the rain'.



Barry and Edward 'steal' the Dunlop Plate.

The 'Dunlop' is actually two competitions, the Cup itself and the Plate. On Day One all the pairs compete to amass as many Stapleford points as possible (better-ball, full handicap) and the top four pairs are 'creamed off' to contest the Cup in a Matchplay competition on Days Two and Three, meanwhile the rest of the field continue collecting points in pursuit of the Plate. After a tough day's golf - the course wasn't easy and climbing up and down mountains is murder on the legs - we sat down to a well-earned beer and watched as the day's scores were posted. The 'Cup' teams were:

the backs of a Thai 'six ball' who had appeared from nowhere... oh well, TIT.

In the Cup semi-finals Karen and Pat went down to Larry and Gareth and 'Jones the Golf' were triumphant over the Ashman Family. The Plate was too close to call with four teams vying for pole position - it was anyone's game. After the golf we indulged in the (now traditional) 'Funny Whist' organised by David and Cheryl and in the evening Chris Crowley was our Quizmaster for a 'Brain of Bangkok' contest - which was great fun and might have gone on a lot longer if the bar hadn't closed at 10.30pm. We protested at the time but next morning I suspect most of us were quite grateful for keeping 'country hours'.

**Day Three:** The course was a lot quieter and we all got away in good order. This year we had a novel feature in that the losers in the Cup Semi-Finals now re-joined the Plate competition so that Pat Dean and Karen Carter, along with Barry and Ed Ashman,

1. Pat Dean - Karen Carter	43 points
2. Larry Goodliffe and Gareth Sampson	45 points
3. Edward and Barry Ashman	43 points
4. Kevin and Vicky Jones	44 points

NB: Pat Dean scored one of the two Eagles of the weekend.

Whatever plans we had for the evening were overtaken by events - namely a Karaoke machine that proved irresistible to Larry Goodliffe (we couldn't get him off it). It wouldn't have been so bad if he could actually sing... Unlike Barry Ashman, the



Gareth and Larry (at last) win the Dunlop Cup.

## GOLF

were back in the hunt. But it was the Ashmans who seized the opportunity. Matched up against Phil Hall and Mick Murphy they trailed for most of the round before Edward had a flash of brilliance on the 18th and scored an Eagle, earning 6 points for his team and securing the **Dunlop Plate**. In the Cup competition Kevin and Vicky proved unable to hold their form, losing to an (untypically) steady and focused Larry and Gareth who took the trophy by 5-4.

It was a great competition on a lovely course, congratulations to the winners and our sincere thanks to David Lamb and **Dunlop** for generously sponsoring the event, and to Cheryl Lamb and Chris Crowley for providing the entertainment.

## MAY MEDAL

The week-end after the **Dunlop** had originally been scheduled for the 'Seniors trophy', another two-day event, however a certain amount of 'battle fatigue' was setting in and it was decided to postpone the Seniors until later in the year and hold the Medal instead. In view of the number of competitions in May (and the fact England were playing Sweden) it wasn't too surprising that the turn-out was on the low side. Only 20 tee'd off for the Medal but, unhappily, the management at Royal have reverted to their old tricks of over-booking the course so even with the reduced field it was a long day for those taking part.

Paul Jensen won 'A' Flight with a useful net 71, Tom MacKay (who continues to enjoy a 'purple patch' - that's two medals in a row) took 'B' Flight Medal with a 72 and Val Ashman (abandoned by Barry and Ed who were glued to the TV) was rewarded for her dedication by winning 'C' Flight with a net 74.

We welcomed two new members, Hans Wagner and David Paulon, hopefully they weren't too discouraged by the slow play. This was the fourth time that Royal has shown itself unable to resist over-booking and next year the venue will probably be changed. If anyone has any suggestions as to an alternative please drop a note into the Golf Mail Box at the British Club.

## THE EMIRATES TROPHY

This is one of the most fiercely contested trophies in the cabinet - especially as the British Club hasn't lost it since 1996. But the Londoners gave early notice that 2002 was going to be different and they pulled out all the stops to field their strongest team in years. If nothing else the size of the turn-out gave an indication of everyone's determination - 15 pairs per side and a few guests meant 63 golfers tee'd off at Muang Kaew. Thankfully the course is under better management than Royal and apart from a couple of minor mishaps play proceeded smoothly.

The Londoners had the choice of format this year and (eventually) settled on 'better-ball, handicap off the lowest in the group' (as in the PWC League). I say 'eventually' as it changed about three times in the week preceding the match and there were dark mutterings about this being a deliberate tactic to confuse us - if so, it worked brilliantly (we're thinking of using

a similar strategy against the Japanese later in the month). Fortunately Bruce Maclaren, the Londoner's Captain, hadn't told his troops of this subterfuge and they were all equally in the dark.

It was a very good day, even with the large field we all got away on time and there were no major delays. However it was very, very hot (until a breeze sprang up in mid-afternoon) and we were all suffering so there weren't many great scores - the exception being John Pollard who shot a first class 78 (net 67) and Lek Williamson who played very steadily, managing two crucial pars to leave the opposition floundering.

As the early results came in the British Club quickly established an impressive lead but 'rumours of war' began to filter back to the clubhouse and, sure enough, the tide turned. The Londoners came back strongly winning the last five games and, when the dust had settled, it turned out they'd won the match 8.5 to 6.5. It was a disappointing result for the BC but full marks to the Londoners. Bruce has worked hard to build and motivate a strong team and they deserved their victory. But next year will be different...

However the drama wasn't quite over; the competition is generously sponsored by **Emirates Airlines** who had donated two flights to Hong Kong and a trip to Europe (Business Class) for a hole-in-one. The Hong Kong flights were to be awarded for 'near-pins' - one for the ladies and one for the men. To avoid peppering the greens with flags there was a designated 'Men's Par 3' and another one for the ladies.

Khun Billy from **Emirates** had come along specially to present the prizes and John



John Pollard wins a trip to Hong Kong.

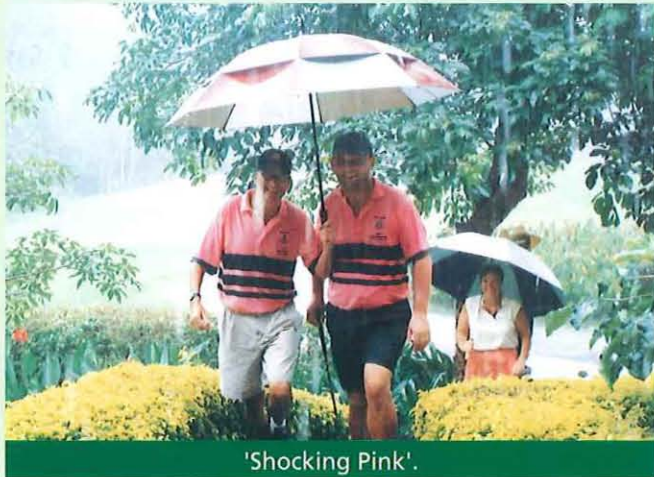


Khun Billy of Emirates presents the trophy to 'Bruce'

## GOLF

Pollard, who did well to get within 3 ft of a very tough pin placement on the 12th was the easy winner of one of the tickets to Hong Kong. Unfortunately some 'gender-challenged' gentlemen from the Londoners who got very close to the pin on the 16th (the 'Ladies Only Par 3') put their names on the marker, and as none of the ladies managed to improve on their shots we were in the embarrassing position of not having any (qualified) winners of the prize. However it turned out that amongst the ladies only Bridget Snow had actually got her ball on the green at the 16th so it seemed fair that she be adjudged the winner of the second ticket. Alas, once again the trip to Europe went unclaimed.

It was the Londoners turn to play host in the evening and it has to be said David Williamson did an outstanding job; there was a carvery and a 'happy hour' that lasted all evening at the **Londoner Brew House**. I'd run out of superlatives if I tried to describe the food, suffice to say it was the best I've had in Bangkok. It was a fitting end to an excellent day and our sincere thanks to **Emirates Airlines** for their sponsorship, to Bruce for organising the day and to David and Lek Williamson for all their hard work in the evening.



'Shocking Pink'.



Oud and Stephan Ritzmann of Omega Watches display the 'Hole in One' prize.

### HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE

There has always been a tradition in the BCGS that an Eagle (and this includes a hole-in-one) be recognised by the award of an 'Eagles Nest' of golf balls i.e. 48. However there has never been a specific prize offered to mark what is, after all, a remarkable achievement. This has now been rectified thanks to the generosity of Oud from Tok Kwang Jewellers and Omega Watches who are offering an Omega watch, Ladies or Gentleman's as the case may be, to the first hole-in-one scored by a member of the BCGS in a British Club competition. Good hunting!

**Dick Taylor**

## HELLOS

Please join us in welcoming the following new Members. We look forward to seeing them around the Club.

**Miss Ann Fordham**  
**Mrs. Sally Holloway**  
**Mr. Stephen Oldfield**  
**Mr. Kit Fordham**  
**Mr. Peter McDonald**  
**Mr. John Hughes**  
**Mr. Ian Howard**  
**Mr. Bruce Causton**  
**Mr. Glenn Mills**

## WELCOME BACK TO:

**Mr. John Boisclair**  
**Mr. Mike Poustie**  
**Mr. H. Lee**

## FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTING MEMBERS:

**Miss Elizabeth Bushell**  
**Mrs. Ruth Sinclair-Jones**  
**Mr. Ian Broomfield**  
**Mr. Patrick Bermingham**  
**Mr. Salvatore Montorio**  
**Mr. Chusak Yongwongphaiboon**  
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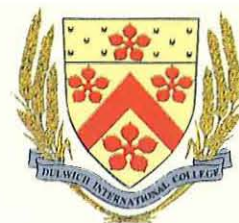


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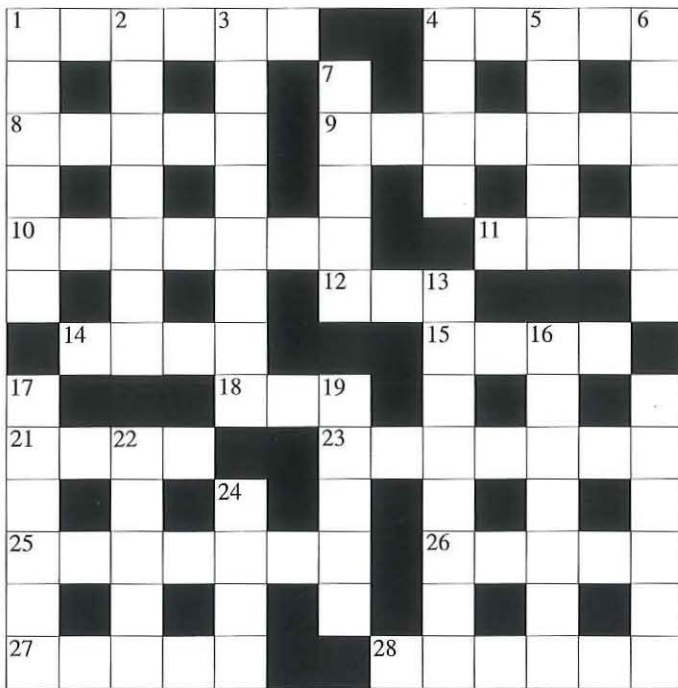
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CROSSWORD

# The Perfect Brain-teaser



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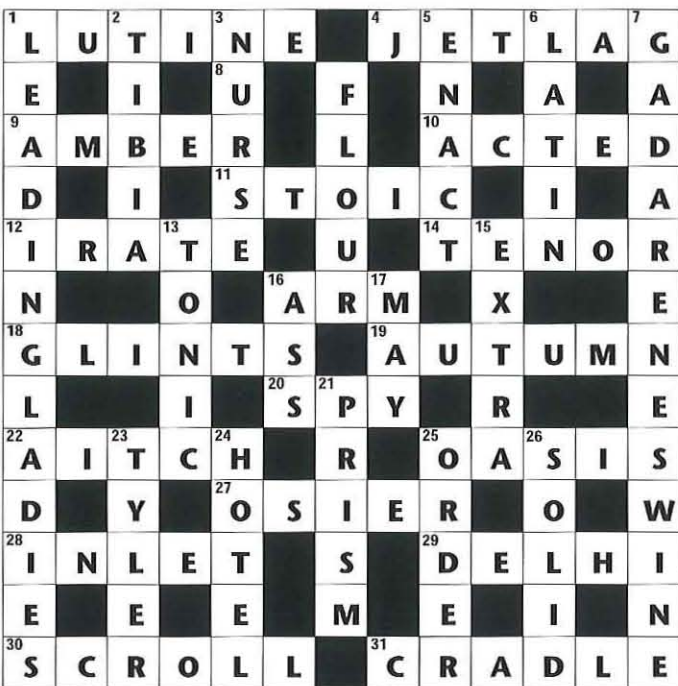
**ACROSS**

1. She has help with men around!
4. Loves in confusion to find the answer.
8. "There lives more faith in honest \_\_\_\_ than in half the creeds."  
(Tennyson)
9. " \_\_\_\_ and lemons, say the Bells of St. Clements."
10. They go between the wickets.
11. Man or Wight.
12. "And the Rest"
14. American winner of Wimbledon Men' Singles.
15. Maybe wild when sown!
18. "How \_\_\_\_ and bad and mad it was - but how it was sweet!"  
(Robt. Browning)
21. Jumps to help make the beer?
23. Casual absentee worker!
25. A spring, maybe, but sounding harsh.
26. Some people eat this rubbish - it's savoury!
27. Unwell in a way related to the pulse.
28. "Nothing in the world is \_\_\_\_ " (Shelley)

**DOWN**

1. Fashion followed by the Navy is present day.
2. "I 'as a gun" said the Cockney - for large reptiles.
3. Sex Meter for both ends!
4. "The desire of the moth for the \_\_\_\_ " (Shelley)
5. Goals misplaced in Nigeria!
6. May be a teaser, but a festival too.
7. It was a dashed dotty system of communication!
13. Colourful little bits.
16. Ripping in a hurry?
17. Jobs involving many a wild horse.
19. Elude a city in the U.S.A.
20. Heard a note somehow - just stick.
22. A step for cheap jewellery.
24. Petra - a rose-red \_\_\_\_ half as old as time." (Burgon)

**JUNE SOLUTION**



**MAY BLOOPER**

Heart-felt apologies to both the Membership and to Margaret Miller, the compiler, for the error printed in last month's crossword solution. The correct answers were VALTE - 20 Across, making 8 Down, PLEASE DON'T GO.

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## NEW MEMBERS

# New Members' Night

The Churchill Bar is the place to be for new Members! Newcomers to the Club came to meet each other over a drink (or two) and introduced themselves, via *Outpost*, to the full Club membership.

## Dan Nussbaum & Shanti de Fehr

### American & Canadian

Dan, Shanti and their 15 month old son, Leo were so happy with the child-friendly atmosphere, great facilities and good food that they joined the Club. Dan enjoys playing squash, Formula 1 racing and football (spectator only!!). When not watching Leo playing with his cars and trucks, Shanti loves to read and cook and the whole family is eager to start travelling when Dan gets a holiday from his job at Palliser Furniture.



## Bradley & Cheryl Smith

### American



Fairly new to expat life (9 months in Singapore), Bradley, Cheryl and their two babies are settling down to life in Bangkok. Bradley plays squash, swims and mountain bikes when not at the Nestlé office. Cheryl plays tennis and does yoga and aerobics.

## Rajesh & Anijana Jain

As Rajesh and Anijana are keeping mum about their past lives and interests, I'll leave the Members to speculate...or you can always meet them and get all the details first hand!



## Simon Hill

### British

Simon works for the United Nations as an Airfields Coordinator. Although he is living in Bangkok, his work is helping to put together the airports and airfields in East Timor following the Militia's campaign of 1999, and the rebuilding of the Civil Aviation infrastructure following its independence. He enjoys travelling, photography and collecting militaria.



## Vikas & Ritu Luniya

### Indian

Vikas and Ritu have recently joined the Club and intend spending time enjoying their favourite sports; swimming, tennis, badminton and the more sedate Bridge. Vikas is the Managing Director of Vimco Tuni Co., Ltd. and Ritu is happy to stay at home. They seemed impressed by the Club, and quite rightly so!



## Adrian Gwyn Evans

### British

Adrian has arrived back in Bangkok after being in Zimbabwe, Phuket, Bangkok and London with a variety of life changing missions; the main one being hunting for a wife and kids (managing a model agency should make life easier for him). He enjoys sailing, diving and good food & drink. He also plays squash, but feels that the Club standard needs to drop as he never seems to win! Adrian also intends to go to rugby practice - a game he is interested in playing, but needs to learn the rules...



## Jan & Yo Grove

### British & Thai

Jan and Yo have been in Thailand for eight years already, having lived in Japan and Singapore. They both play golf and when Jan is not at Nissei Build he is out and about taking photographs, while Yo tends the aquarium.



## Robert Montgomerie

### British

When not giving investment advice to clients, Richard may be found in the pool, on the football field or on the rugby pitch (at least those are his hobbies, so if he's not playing already then the BC team captains should root him out!). First impressions of the Club, "Great". Need he say more?



## Shaun Burke

### English

A die-hard Birmingham City fan, Shaun loves playing football snooker and golf. He has lived in India, Malaysia and Oman and is now in Bangkok as the Sales Manager for Cromwell Tools, just in time for the World Cup! Shaun finds the Club very British, very comfortable and a true home away from home.



## Christian Weiner

### Austrian/South African

Christian arrived in Bangkok three months ago to work with Bermark Design, where he creates masterpieces for Jewellery companies. He has spent the past 12 years living in South Africa, Britain and Malaysia and plans to stay in Thailand indefinitely (if he finds a gorgeous, rich woman to look after him!). Christian likes the relaxed atmosphere of the Club and reckons it's more British than Britain. His hobbies include swimming, snorkelling, photography and snow skiing. Hopefully he won't mind travelling great distances to find snow!!!





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## TENNIS

## THE TENNIS EXTRAVAGANZA

Captain Marc, ably assisted by the 'other' Marc, organised a Tennis Extravaganza on Sunday, 12 May.

Attended by some 32 'senior' and 16 'junior' players, the fun started at 8.30 am, almost on the dot, with separate 'Run-Around' Competitions for the adults and the kids. This really got the blood flowing and the muscles working, particularly in the closing stages where there were only a handful of players still involved. The results were:

**Adult Run-Around competition:**

Winner: Simon Gainsford  
 Runner-up: David Henton  
 Best Lady: Marie Goode

**Junior Run-Around competition:**

Winner: Tim Weekes  
 Runner-up: Yhevin Tissera  
 Best 8-10 year old: Natacha Nussaume  
 Best 6-8 year old: Anais Nussaume



The Handicap Pairs Competition started at 9.30 am, with pairs having been drawn from a hat to play together, placed in one of 4 groups, and then each Pair was given an initial handicap by the two Marcs. Each Pair played each other Pair in their Group for 15 minutes only, and the leaders of each Group went forward to a knockout stage. By around 2.30 pm everyone had had at least an hour and a half of hard tennis (some harder than others, as Steve knows!).



Steve Bell having breakfast in front of the trophies

Played in very good spirit, the results were:

Winners: Andrew Robertson & Nongyao Nussaume  
 Runners-up: George Henton & David Weekes



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The winners and runners-up were awarded very nice trophies, and there were lots of prizes. A super day of tennis, fun and friendship. Our thanks to the two Marcs for all their work, and to the following Sponsors who gave so generously:

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The happy finalists

## TENNIS

### TENNIS MATCH AGAINST THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL AT THE BRITISH CLUB

Sunday, 2 June: Stand-in Captain Bruce got the first matches under way at 8.30 am. As the Thai Inter Team was short of ladies, the very magnanimous BC kindly allowed our ladies Singles and Doubles Champion Nisa, to play for the opposition.

Despite this infusion of talent, it quickly became apparent that the very amiable Thai Inter Team were no match for our Heroes. Under a sweltering sun, the BC ran away with all but two matches.

A super lunch was had, speeches exchanged, and a good morning's tennis enjoyed.

The BC Heroes were, ladies first, Nisa, Chris, Wan, Zandra, and Yubharet, Bruce, James, Hanao, Pat, Johnny, Philip, Bob, Oud, Lip, Jirawut, and Terry.

### FIRST MONTHLY MIX-IN COMPETITION

Wednesday, 4 June: Attended by 18 players, the first monthly mix-in competition saw each arriving player placed into one of four teams, with a player from each team making up a doubles pairing. Recording the numbers of games won by each person, at the end of a fun filled evening the persons and team having the best average number of games won were declared the winners. Bruce Gordon was an easy winner of the 'Best Man' prize of a bottle of wine. Yubharet was the close winner over Annie for the 'Best Lady' prize of a bottle of wine, and Team A were victorious, with those from the team each receiving a can of Dunlop Forte tennis balls, courtesy of Dunlop Thailand, whose ongoing support of BC Tennis is very much appreciated.

The next Mix-In competition will be held on Sunday, 7 July.

### THE PATTAYA WEEKEND

Saturday and Sunday, 8 & 9 June: With around 40 tennis players various children, spouses, groupies, and hangers-on, the Tennis Section almost took over the Dusit Resort in Pattaya for the weekend, having occupied over 30 rooms at the Hotel.

On the Saturday, a match was held against the Pattaya Tennis Team at the Jomtien



Condotel courts. The opposition were very strong, and playing on much faster courts than we are used to, our heroes slipped behind in the early round of matches. However, both our Mens and Ladies No. 1 Pairings (Brad and James, and Nisa and Kris), and later Brad and Kris in the mixed doubles, comfortably won their matches, thus giving heart to the remainder of the team. Several notable victories were recorded; Phairoj and Terry winning 7-1, Andrew and Mem 6-2, Brad and Simon 5-3, Oud and Kamol 5-3, and Vatchara and Nu 7-1, with 4-4 draws by Bob and Ori and Oud and Wan. A good afternoon/evening's tennis against some stiff opposition saw us eventually come second by 11 matches to 8!

Meanwhile back at the Dusit everyone else was deep into a '2 team x 8 player' version of Terry's mix-in format with the players so evenly matched that there was barely a pin between them.

Finally Merin emerged with the highest score for the men to win a bottle of bubbly, with abstemious Christiane K. getting a big box of chocolates for achieving the highest ladies score. Well done the pair of you.

To decide the team event, both teams put all 8 players on court simultaneously and played a 32 point game with each team serving alternately and every player on each side serving twice on just one visit followed by the server from the opposing team until all 16 players had served.

Remarkably after frequent lead changes, both teams were equal at 16 points each before B Team, in the form of a Kanika power volley, finally put the issue beyond doubt.

Well done B Team: Christine K., Pilai, Weingtip, Kanika, James M., Arnaud, Chris and Graham, 'Saturday Night Out' this year was very well supported with around 30 of us driving a couple of kms towards North Pattaya where we all set-to on a mountain of delicious local seafood. As much as you could eat, washed down with copious quantities of the brown stuff and at a very reasonable B350 per head.

Such was the trenching that subsequent bowling was right off the menu, although I'm told that a handful of the more youthful element amongst us did make it to a nearby nighterie for further imbibing and cavorting to music. The mind boggles!

Sunday morning was upon us all too soon and with an 8.30 am tournament start, there was barely enough time to get one's breakfast trenching in, but thanks to Simon's free breakfast coupon, I managed OK.

The format this time required seeding all participants and pairing off on a first to last basis as previous Captain's Scrambles. Players were divided into two roughly equal groups and a round

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robin of 8 games each decided the finalist from each group. To ensure close matches the seeding had to be as accurate as possible and with James Y.'s assistance it has to be said that we succeeded beyond our wildest dreams as many matches were either played to 4-all draws or 5-3.

This resulted in no clear contenders emerging for the titles until the very last few games played, keeping the excitement going until the very end. The issue was finally settled with Kamol and Nu running out winners in another nail-biter tie break at 10-8 against Piroj and Kate H.

Khun Oud presented the magnificent **Tok Kwang** trophies to the respective winners and runners up and the previous day's winners were also presented with their prizes. More tennis was played on this trip to Pattaya than any previous one and we hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed yourselves.

Our thanks are due to Khun Oud for once again very kindly and generously sponsoring the 'Tok Kwang Tournament' and trophies for the 4th year.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

July - Two Team Matches will be arranged.

August - A Hua Hin Weekend is under review.

September - A Graded Championships is being planned.

October or November - A Singapore Trip is being planned.

Watch this space in the next *Outpost* for further details.

### TIP OF THE MONTH

One of the toughest challenges for developing players is learning to keep the swing on their volleys compact. The tendency is for them to use the same big swing as they do on their ground strokes.

But taking a large swipe at the net is a risky play that often results in errors.

So how do you know if you're taking too big a swing on your volleys? Take this simple test next time you're on court.

Stand with your back against the fence. Have your partner stand at the baseline and feed balls for you to volley. If your racquet clanks against the fence when you take it back, your swing is too big. Practice until you can volley effectively without hitting your frame against the fence on the backswing.

### COMMITTEE CORNER

The 'New Tennis Package' has been promulgated, firstly by a letter to all Tennis section Members from our Chairman, Bruce Gordon, by the various postings on the Section notice board and the various emails that have been sent out.

Leagues and Ladders are now in place, games are being played, and prizes are being arranged for the winners. However, we are experiencing incidents where people have moved Ladder Cards where matches have not been played. The Committee is very disappointed and concerned about this practice, which must cease.

The Mix-Ins have been revitalised, and we have just held the first of a regular monthly

Mix-In Competition. From now on, but subject to review in three months, the Mix-In Competition will be held on the first Sunday of each month.

Prizes for the Mix-In Competition and for the previous month's Leagues, will be presented at the end of each Sunday Mix-In Competition. Photos will be taken and used as evidence!

We will be trialing some revised times for Mix-Ins and Team Practices, starting in some 2 to 3 weeks. Please see the Booking Sheets in the Fitness Centre, or look on the Tennis Notice Board. The revised timings are:

#### Sunday Morning

Captain's Invitation 8.00 am to 12.00 pm

#### Sunday Afternoon

Mix-In 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm

#### Monday Evening

Team Practice 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm

#### Wednesday Evening

Mix-In 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

#### Friday Evening

Mix-In 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm

We were particularly pleased with the very positive response to the decision that Membership of the Tennis Section be formally recognised and that an annual subscription of B300 be accepted to help pay for all the activities, events and administration that is involved in running 'The New Tennis Section'.

**Terry Adams**

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

**A**s the new Editor I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our regular contributors to *Outpost* for their monthly literary masterpieces, namely Terry Adams (Tennis), Dick Taylor (Golf), Peter Gary (Scuba) and to all Members who have submitted articles and letters for publication. Special thanks also go to Margaret Miller for her challenging crosswords. Without the talented writings of Members informing us about Club sporting events and happenings in and around the community we would have an extremely boring (and thin) *Outpost*. I hope that our regular contributors will continue their writing and that other Members will feel inspired to offer more compositions, prose or verse, for perusal by the entire membership.

**Liz Bishop**

## MEMBERS' LETTERS

# "An Insult To The Queen?"

**"NO! I DO NOT THINK A CALCULATED INSULT TO THE QUEEN WAS INTENDED, BUT WHAT A LOST OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEMORATE FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE BY OUR SOVEREIGN."**

Having returned from an unexpectedly long visit to England I had a friend join me for lunch on 1st June. After lunch we ran into Mr Pentermann in the Churchill bar. I took the opportunity to enquire of Mr Pentermann what the club had planned for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. To my astonishment he replied that nothing was planned. The next day I tried to reach Angela Stafford, 'President' of St George's Society, without success. I later spoke to Andy Pickup who confirmed that St George's Society also had no plans to recognise the great occasion. It seems they had had a very busy year with 'Fish and Chip suppers', Curry evenings, Bingo and Quiz nights but had not thought about celebrating the Sovereign's fifty years on the throne. In fact not only their Sovereign, the Queen is their Patron, they proudly announced in the 2002 yearbook. What price the flag waving and national pride of the annual ball now?

In the year book they are described as one of the Loyal Societies. Loyal to whom one might ask if they can ignore fifty years of devoted and loyal service rendered by their Sovereign. By this time my astonishment and disappointment had turned to anger. However I decided to keep calm and telephoned our worthy Chairman, Bob Marchant. By now I was wondering whether a deliberate snub was intended. It has to be said that from Bob's seemingly contrite and honest tone it was all a ghastly oversight (the oversight of the century I would have thought). Whilst confirming that no form of recognition had been planned he admitted that he just hadn't thought about it. He further confirmed that nobody on the Committee had mentioned it and to the best of his knowledge no member had either.



Now Bob Marchant is undoubtedly an honest man so I believe him when he says "I just didn't think about it" and of course he has only been our Chairman since March. However, what about James Young - he had years to "think about it", and what about the rest of the Committee? This should have been planned months ago. Something could have even been done a month ago when Bob's invitation to the British Embassy for probably the best party there for 25 years arrived (The British Embassy Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations). So, whilst more than 1700 beacons were lit from

darkest Africa to the Arctic Circle, across all the Continents and in dozens of countries not even in the Commonwealth The British Club in Bangkok does nothing.

Not a formal dinner in the Lords Restaurant or the newly refurbished Suriwongse room.

Not a wonderful Garden Party.

Not a simulated Street Party to remind the kids of back home.

Not a splendid fireworks display.

Not even a bit of red, white & blue ribbon around the Queen's portrait or a bit of card inscribed "50 Glorious Years".

The Club is full of CEOs and businessmen and women. I am sure none of them would fail to recognise 50 years of service rendered by one of their employees. Even The British Club makes awards after (I think) ten years service.

In the words of HRH Prince Charles "the dedication and service of the Queen over the last fifty years have touched and enhanced the lives and spirits of countless people, not only in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth but around the World". Her example is one we could all do to emulate in this world in which we find ourselves.

No! I do not think a calculated insult to the Queen was intended, but what a lost opportunity to commemorate fifty golden years of devoted service by our Sovereign.

In conclusion may I say that I recognise that many of our members are not of British nationality and had this great occasion been properly celebrated I would have craved their indulgence. After all this is a special occasion celebrating 50 years. Most of us will not see another such event. This is, after all, THE BRITISH CLUB not the Suriwongse Sports Club or Bangkok Expatriates Club.

**John Collins (C305)**

## MEMBERS' LETTERS

# Heart-felt Thanks from the Healing Hands

**A**s many of the Members know, we have at the Club two masseurs, Khun Jamphen and his wife, Khun Saiphon. Khun Jamphen has been massaging away Members' aches and pains for more than 13 years and Khun Saiphon three years. They can both be found in the "room" beside the entrance to Squash Court 3, so it's hardly surprising that most of their regular customers are victims of tennis and squash injuries.

What fewer Members know is that Khun Saiphon had to have a rather major operation on 12 May. Mrs. Isabelle Carcasson (C200) realised that Khun Jamphen and Khun Saiphon did not have sufficient funds for the necessary operation and she set out on a mission to find enough money for them.

Over a relatively short period, Mrs. Carcasson collected B21,680 from concerned Members and staff, which was enough to cover all Khun Saiphon's hospital expenses plus the medication needed after she returned home from the successful operation. For all the kindness and generosity of the Members and staff Khun Jamphen and Khun Saiphon give their deepest thanks.

**Liz, Editor**

**The following is the letter sent to Outpost from Mrs. Carcasson:**

**Dear Members and Staff,**

To all of you who contributed to the success, let me thank you on behalf of Khun Saiphon and Khun Jamphen, the masseurs, for your kindness and acts of generosity concerning the donations I was collecting (disturbing you!) for Khun Saiphon's operation on Sunday, 12 May.

Because of all your help, I could raise B21,680 which will cover all the expenses and even the medication needed for



Khun Saiphon once at home. Deep thanks from me as well for your warm welcome and to have acceded to my request with such big smiles.

**Isabelle Carcasson  
(C200)**

## Really Revolting Food Calendar

### GET IT AT THE CLUB

If you are looking for that special gift for your loved ones, look no further than the BCB reception. For there you will find the first "Really Revolting Food Calendar" which promises to revolt just about everyone. Not only is it unusual in content, it is also unusual in that it begins in September and runs for the school/academic year, which most of us plan our lives around anyway!

It was only when my parents visited and were shocked and amused when they saw a cooked chicken with its head intact, that I realised how desensitised we had become living in Bangkok.

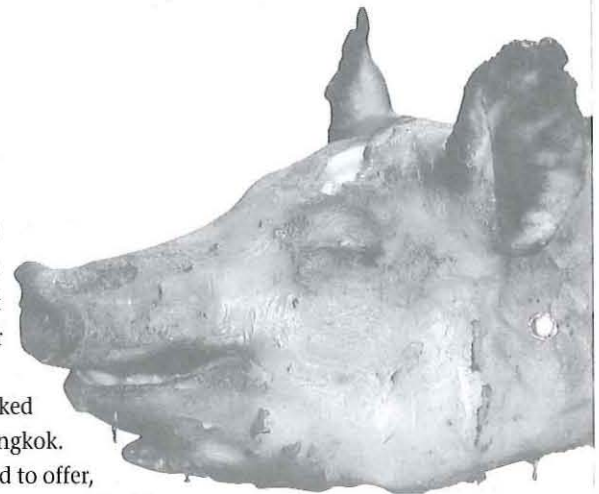
I wanted my friends and parents to experience the "true Bangkok" to see everything it had to offer, and that's why I started putting together a collection of photographs of all things weird and wonderful.

The twelve uncensored, revolting photographs from Chatuchak and Nonthaburi will make your hair stand on end and send shivers through your body. Indeed, it may seem truly strange what some people will put in their mouths, but it's all here from fish heads to crispy cockroaches. This calendar is a must if you're travelling home this summer. It is the perfect gift for anyone starting school or college in September, or just to adorn your friends' kitchen wall.

The Really Revolting Food Calendar is due to go on sale in the U.K. in 2004 at a retail price of GBP 12.00, but you can buy the 2002-2003 edition now at the British Club for just B200.

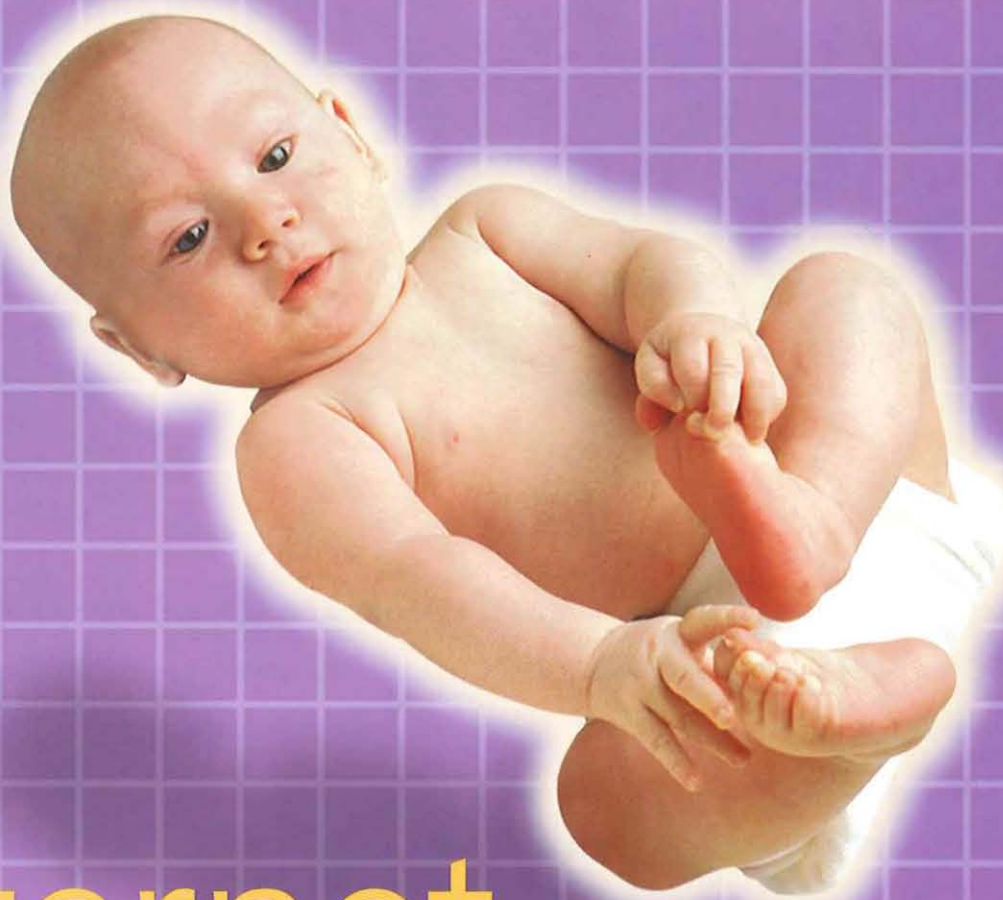
**Vanessa Christian**

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