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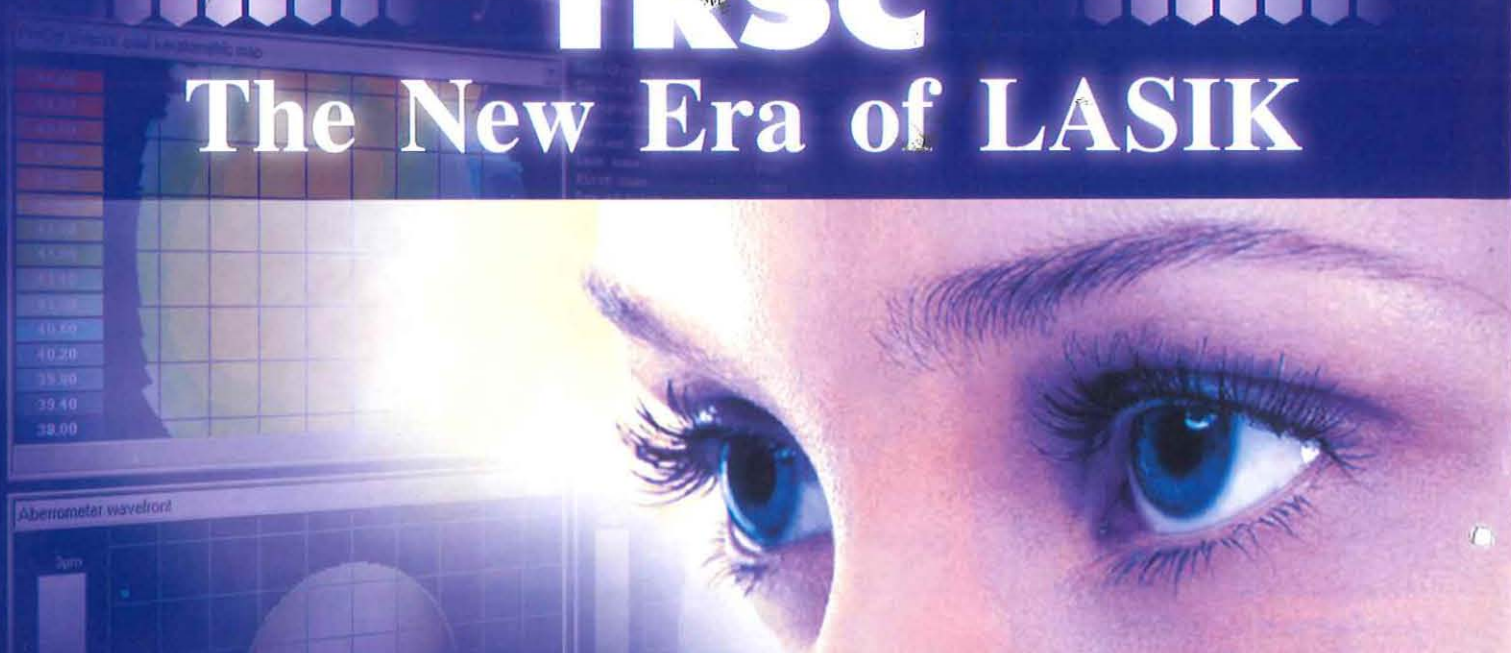
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GM'S BRIEF

**Dear Members,**

It looks as though July is going to be another exciting month at the Club. The Yale Whiffenpoofs are back from the United States and will perform on Saturday, 12 July in the Suriwongse Room. Tickets are Bt 990 per person which will include a three course dinner and the performance. Also the summer camps will start again from Tuesday, 8 July for a period of 5 weeks offering excellent entertainment and sport activities for the kids from 9.00am until 4.30pm (Tuesday – Friday). The regular training sessions with the Bangkok Dolphins, Tennis training, Squash training and Junior Cricket will resume in early September for a 10 week period. More information about all Junior Sport will be published in the August edition of *Outpost*.

On the development and maintenance side, the Club House roof project has been completed and the lighting around the tennis courts will soon be upgraded.

Some changes have been made to the changing rooms at the poolside to make them more user-friendly for our members. We have also addressed the noise problem of the air conditioning in the Suriwongse Room and new air conditioning units have been placed in the Wordsworth Lounge.

We have implemented a new menu poolside and if members have any suggestions and/or comments, please use the comment cards which can be found on the dining tables. These cards can be placed in the suggestion boxes either at the bar counter of the Suriwongse Sala or at the reception desk in the main Club House.

Recently we received feedback from members about poor service attitude at the pool area. We have made some changes but please continue to inform us if there are other areas of improvement to be made.

We would like to reinforce the rule that Members have to register their guest(s) in the visitor books at the Suriwongse Sala or at the Main Reception in the Club House. This registration should take place as soon as the guest(s) arrive at the Club so we have a clear record who is visiting the Club.

We would appreciate it if Members could inform their drivers to stay in the car or at the designated drivers room near the Silom gate. Some drivers are walking through the Club compound as if it were their own back yard and using the telephone in the Billiard's Room. Your co-operation will be much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club.

Yours sincerely,

Willem T. P. Pentermann
General Manager

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FOOTBALL BY THE SEA

And Sheehan's Half Century



British Club and Nomads Exiles teams with special guest Steve Coppell (second from right, front row)

A brave party of British Club Football Section members and friends arrived in Phuket on 15/16 May 2003 to be greeted by a ghost island due to the SARS epidemic. It did not help that all pubs and bars were also closed for the first night.

Undeterred, our intrepid tour party found a watering hole with a pool table and made the most of it. Friday saw downtown Patong return to relative normality after a rainstorm during the night, but the lack of tourists was even more obvious. The day was spent in training led by our special guest Steve Coppell, an ex-England International and ex-Manchester United star. The training was ruined later by the fact that the bars and pubs had reopened for business and we were the best customers in town.

So to the big tournament on Saturday - well not so big as the Hong Kong teams were not allowed to enter Dulwich College Campus

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FOOTBALL BY THE SEA

due to potential SARS exposure. In any event the tournament went ahead with only five teams present, with the BC, Dulwich Teachers and the Manila Nomads Exiles being 3 of them.

Team selection was a bit of a problem as everyone picked up Nomads jerseys trying to play alongside Steve Coppel and the BC was left with a 3-man squad for a 7-a-side competition. After some swift transfer negotiations by BC coach/manager, Sven Golsby, the numbers were evened up and football commenced, the first game being BC versus Nomads!

In a fairly even match with great goalkeeping by Gaelic Football International, Colm McKay, the Nomads nicked the game 1:0 against the run of play. Chris Jolly was so happy to have marked Steve Coppel without letting him score.

The BC went on to draw one and win one with the two Thai teams in the field, our only goal coming from "Skunky" Heenan after a fantastic defense-splitting stroll up the field and a shot under the keeper's diving body. So to our final game against the Dulwich

Teachers, ably marshalled by our host between the posts, Daryl Orchard. Victory would mean the BC playing who else but Manila Nomads Exiles in the final! A victory was not to be and after a great defensive display the BC were caught by a breakaway and a 0:1 scoreline. Eric Jordan did a great job as stand-in goalkeeper despite his boots disintegrating after two minutes. That will serve Eric right for taking a two-year football sabbatical! The quote of the event came from Coppel regarding ex-BC captain Greg Watkins, "his second touch is always a tackle!" which we all considered a fair assessment.

The final between Dulwich Teachers and Nomads Exiles was conceded to Dulwich as the light faded and everyone wanted to get back to Patong for cold beer and the Cup Final (which Arsenal won again by the way). Thanks go to Dulwich College as our host, Daryl Orchard for organising the tournament, our sponsors **Campbells Thailand, Four Winds International Movers** and the **Blue Bar BQ**.

At the gala presentation dinner awards were

given to Chris Jolly as BC's player of the tournament, Keith Brooks as the Nomads Exiles star, Steve McNamara of Bangkok Patana fame for the 'golden boot', Junior Bradshaw for the 'fair play' wig, and Brian Abbott for the 'fair wear and tear' competition.

Special mention must be made that this weekend of football by the sea coincided (well almost) with the 50th birthday celebrations for living legend John Sheehan. John has been a stalwart of South East Asian football for as long as anyone can remember and it was typical that John was the only player not to be substituted during this tournament. Another 50 years please John, and keep up the on-field shouting - the boys need it! Our best wishes also go to Mrs. Sheehan, who should have produced the latest Sheehan prodigy before this article goes to press. We hope this event will be repeated next year and that SARS will be a thing of the past by then.

Martin Conisbee

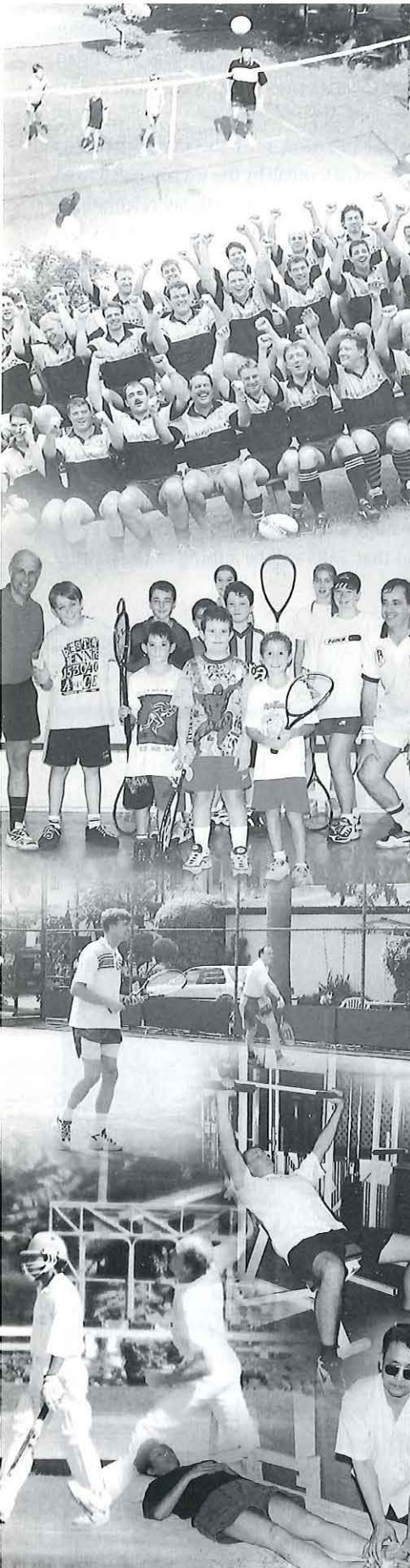
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CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR



SPORTS

9.00am - midday Squash Coaching
9.00am - 1.30pm BC Swimming Instruction

SPORTS

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

SPORTS

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

SPORTS

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

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight Ladies' Night
8.00pm - 11.00pm Friendly Bridge
9.00pm Gentlemen's Spoof

SPORTS

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

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm Darts
7.00pm Accumulator

SPORTS

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

SPORTS

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

July at a Glance

Thursday 3	Wine Maker's Dinner
Monday 7	Sri Ratcha Tiger Zoo Trip
Tuesday 8	Start of the Summer Camp
Tuesday 8	New Members' Night
Friday 11	Wine Tasting
Saturday 12	Dinner Concert - Yale Whiffenpoofs
Friday 18 & Saturday 19	Creole Food Promotion
Tuesday 22	Bar Quiz

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Venues

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

Opening Times

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

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear British Club Members

We finally received news that the Club's Centenary book had begun to roll off the presses and sure enough the books have now been delivered to the Club. Several years of hard work have gone into producing this fascinating insight into the Club's history. Sarah is working with Willem and our sponsors to finalise the official Book Launch, which is being held on 1st July on the front lawn and the evening promises to be another enjoyable event for all of our Members.

On June 11th we had the first of what I hope will be a series of Discussion Forums. Our first topic "Club Development, the way forward - 5 years and more..." attracted just over 50 Members and your wish-list for improving our Club was a valuable update for all of us. It was clear that we have to work at attracting more young members, improve F&B and not be over ambitious about what is achievable. I will update the Membership with progress on these issues on a regular basis. Have we finally decided on how we will resurface tennis courts 3 and 4?..... er.... well, yes, no, maybe!.... a lively debate is in progress as I write.....

We are now putting together a project team and working group to install a new Point-of-Sales and Back-of-House accounting system which will enable us to capture data real-time. This will be a great management tool and will enable the Club to greatly increase its efficiency, not only in the F&B outlets, but also in being able to produce timely and accurate management reports. We are also investigating the possibility, once all of our procedures and practices can be brought up to an acceptable international standard, of applying for ISO-9001 accreditation. This will be an excellent way for the Club to maintain standards year after year.

'WiFi' will soon be operational in the British Club. What? Well, to be even more techno, High-Frequency Wireless Local-Area Network (WLAN) to be precise. Is it Bluetooth I hear you ask? Well almost, but not quite, however you're on the right track. Members with a PC laptop who wish to surf the Internet, or even do some work, will be able to logon from anywhere within the main Clubhouse building or in either of the poolside Salas. I'll let you know when its ready and we'll have a session for technos and newcomers alike.

And finally, to those Members concerned over the plight of the small white 'Siamese' cat living in the maintenance department, you'll be happy to hear that it has been to the vet, had a few parts removed, been treated for a variety of ailments and is now fully recovered. If you would like to adopt this cat and take it home, before it gets inadvertently flattened by a piece of machinery, please let Willem know. It definitely needs a new home!

Yours sincerely,

David Quine

BCB Chairman 2003-2004



Centenary Calendar

THE BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK
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The eagerly-awaited launch of the British Club Centenary Book is upon us! When and Where? Tuesday, 1 July at 6pm on the front lawn. Full details can be found on the What's On page.

If you would like a memento of the Club's centenary, then you will find specially designed Centenary Polo Shirts and Caps on sale at Reception.



LOOKING AHEAD AT CENTENARY EVENTS

.....**AUGUST**.....

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers' Centenary Charity Spoof

.....**SEPTEMBER**.....

Comedy Night with comedian specially imported from the U.K.

Watch out for more details.

.....**OCTOBER**.....

Rally through Bangkok.

.....**NOVEMBER**.....

Jazz Night at the Club with a variety of Jazz bands.

.....**DECEMBER**.....

Centenary Gala Dinner with live music and a great firework display.

WHAT'S ON

The British Club Bangkok – Celebrating 100 Years 1903 - 2003

Upcoming events and activities in July

CENTENARY BOOK LAUNCH

6.00pm on Tuesday, 1 July

The much-anticipated launch of the Centenary Book will take place at the Club. On the front lawn Thai cultural dances from around the country will entertain Members while they partake of the 100-minute open bar and canapés. Speeches and staff presentations will follow, and all Members will receive flower garlands and hand-painted umbrellas from Chiang Mai (featuring the Club logo). Special attractions include a performance by Thai drummers on the balcony and the release of 100 balloons. The Members are invited to 'buy' a balloon, put their name on it and the balloon that travels the furthest round the world will receive a prize. Meanwhile, the actual Book Launch will take place in Lords with John Hoskins, the writer, signing Members' copies. All Members who attend the Launch will be given a copy of the book.

AUSTRALIAN WINE MAKER'S DINNER

Thursday, 3 July

An evening not to be missed for all wine aficionados amongst you... Wine maker Andrew Buller (from the renowned vineyard of R. L. Buller & Son, Victoria, Australia) will introduce each of the wines served with the gourmet dinner prepared by our Chefs. There will be a selection of 6 different wines during the sumptuous 5 course dinner. Charge: B 1,450 per person including wines and dinner.

DAY TRIP TO SRI RATCHA TIGER ZOO

Monday, 7 July

The coach will depart at 9.00am from the British Club and will return at approx. 6.00pm. This is an excellent day trip to one of the few Tiger Zoos in the world. Transportation, lunch and entrance to the zoo is included in the price. Please sign up at reception for this event. Charge: B 900 for adults and B 600 for children below 12 years of age.

NEW MEMBER'S NIGHT

7.30pm Tuesday, 8 July

Excellent opportunity to meet new Members who recently joined the Club with entertainment provided by No Fixed Abode. As always, this is held in the Churchill Bar.

WINE TASTING

Friday, 11 July at 7.00pm

The Wordsworth Lounge is the place to be for this month's wine tasting with Berli Jucker Public Company Ltd. This month we will be sampling an interesting selection of Portuguese wines. Complimentary canapés will be provided.

THE YALE WHIFFENPOOFS

7.00pm Saturday, 12 July

Direct from the United States, by special invitation, the Yale Whiffenpoofs will perform in the British Club's Suriwongse Room. This is the world's oldest and most famous a cappella group. The cost of B 990 per person includes a 3 course dinner and this entertaining 45-minute performance.

CREOLE FOOD PROMOTION

Friday, 18 & Saturday, 19 July

The Lord's Dining Room is the venue for this very special evening of great food. Chef Boonlerd and his team will prepare a mouthwatering set menu featuring the exotic, spicy flavours of the southern states of America. Robert Mondavi Wines will be selected to complement the food.

BAR QUIZ

7.30pm Tuesday, 22 July

Dust off the brain cells and come along for an exciting evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain in the Lord's Dining Room. Each team should have a maximum of 4 participants and there is a registration fee of B 100 per team player.

SUMMER SPORT'S CAMP

This year's sports camp will span over a 5 week period, starting on Tuesday, 8 July until Friday 8 August 2003, 4 days a week (Tues – Fri) from 9.00am – 4.30pm.

There will be many activities to keep the children interested and busy, like swimming, soccer, cricket, squash, movies, painting and much more. Lunch and snack breaks are included. Please register at the fitness centre. Charge: B 3,400 for all 4 days or B 850 per day per child.

AUGUST

CLUB MANAGER'S NIGHT

Wednesday, 13 August at 6.30pm

The Churchill Bar is where to be on this great evening. Catch up with fellow members and enjoy the entertainment of No Fixed Abode whilst chowing down on the complimentary curry buffet.

BAR QUIZ

7.30pm Tuesday, 19 August

Come along and have an exciting evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain in the Lord's Dining Room. Each team can have a maximum of 4 participants and a registration fee of B 100 per team player will be charged.

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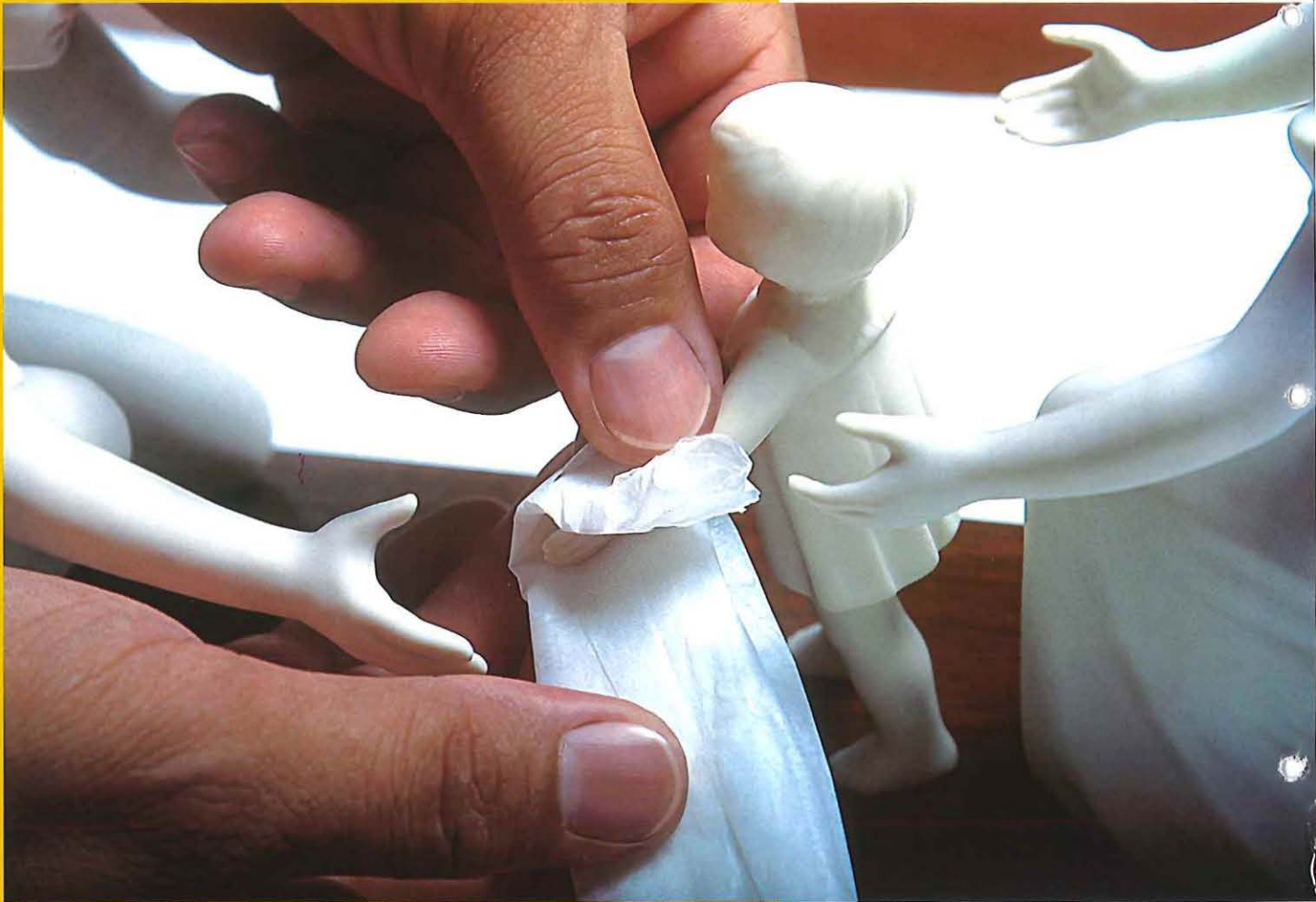
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SPORTS UPDATE

Time for a Break

All Sports activities have finished for the summer break but will re-start in September.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Starts on Sunday, 7 September 2003
 Time: 9.00am – 11.00am
 Venue: Back Lawn – Cricket Nets
 Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons
 Trainer: Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach

JUNIOR TENNIS

Starts on Friday, 5 September

Beginners	5 - 8 yrs	4.00pm – 4.30pm	B 1,500
Intermediate	9 - 11 yrs	4.30pm – 5.30pm	B 2,000
Advanced	12 - 16 yrs	5.30pm – 6.30pm	B 2,500

Coach Zubin and Piyanart Engineer

JUNIOR SQUASH

Starts on Friday, 5 September

Mini squash	5 - 7 yrs	4.30pm – 5.15pm
Junior squash	8 - 10 yrs	5.15pm – 6.00pm

Venue: Squash Court Number 3
 Charge: B 1,900 for 10 lessons

JUNIOR SWIMMING

Lessons with the Bangkok Dolphins will start again on Saturday, 6 September
 Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

TAEKWONDO

lessons will start on Sunday, 7 September
 Time: 10.30am – 12.00nn
 Venue: Squash Court Number 3
 Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons

AQUA AEROBICS

Starting again every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 September and 4 September
 Time: 10.30am – 11.30am
 Venue: Main Pool
 Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.
 Trainer: Els van den Broecke M: 01-692-0106

AEROBICS

Will start on Monday, 1 September
 Time: 9.30am – 10.30am
 Venue: Squash Court 3
 Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons
 and every Sunday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm

BRAZILIAN FOOTBALL (NEW)

Starting on Wednesday, 3 September 2003 on the grass tennis courts for Junior Soccer Fans.
 5 - 8 yrs 3.00pm – 4.00pm
 8 - 12 yrs 4.00pm – 5.00pm
 Charge: B 2,500 for a 10 week period

RELAXED REGULARS

School's Out, so Let's Play...

GENTLEMEN'S SPOOF

Tuesday Evenings - Churchill Bar

Join the gents on Tuesdays for this spiffing spoofing bar game.

LADIES' NIGHT

Tuesday Evenings - Churchill Bar

From 6.00pm til midnight, ladies can enjoy any of our cocktails for B 80 only.

TUESDAY BRIDGE NIGHT

We continue to 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.

BAR ACCUMULATOR

Wednesday Evenings - Churchill Bar

Every member (and spouse) has the chance to win the ever-growing cash prize. All you have to do is be in the Bar when your membership number is drawn from the hat. You can't win if you're not there!

WEDNESDAY DARTS NIGHT

Join the lads and lasses every Wednesday evening in the Churchill Bar for a friendly game of 'arrows'. Everyone is most welcome, regardless of whether you can hit the board or not!

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Join us in the Silom sala for our regular Friday screening of great movies for the children at 7.00pm. No charge for the kids.

ART ATTACK CLASSES

Vanessa Christian runs these stimulating classes from 1.30pm – 3.00pm every Saturday
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DOUBLE GRID PUZZLE

No More of the Easy Stuff!

Solve the clues A to L and enter in the spaces. Each letter is numbered - transfer the letters to the correspondingly numbered spaces in the grid below and, reading straight through, you will find a quotation from a famous story. Reading down, the initial letters of the solved clues A to L will give you the name of the author.

- A. "Hail Holy _____, offspring of Heaven's first-born." (Milton)

- B. "In human life much is to be _____ and little to be enjoyed." (Dr. Johnson)

- C. Title of a novel by Sir Walter Scott.

- D. Well-heeled!

- E. A blow from down-under.

- F. Numbered - and mattered too.

- G. Lobs vase wildly but exonerates.

- H. Tore off?

- I. Cabled again with red wire.

- J. Not yet in on the act.

- K. Detached.

- L. She flew home to find her kids gone.

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Message from the Editor

After 23 years of dedication to supplying the *Outpost* with Crosswords and Brain Teasers, Margaret Miller has decided to take a well-earned rest from crossword compilation. I am sure that all the Members who do the crosswords will join me in thanking Margaret for all her hard work for nearly a quarter of a century - your puzzles will be sorely missed!

So.... I am now appealing for Members to tap into their up-to-now unused brain-power and submit crosswords, teasers, puzzles or conundrums to the *Outpost*. There need not be a commitment to supply every month, but I would like to continue to publish something in every edition. There are a few of Margaret's crosswords left, but not many, so time is of the essence!

Solution for June

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MEMBERS' MEMORIES

All the Fun of the Farm



A merry bunch of Members were herded off to Chokchai Farm on Saturday, 7 June, and it couldn't have been a better day for it! The weather was wonderful, the scenery stunning, the entertainment engrossing and the food fabulous! Haycarts were used, cows were milked, animals were petted, horses were ridden and everybody had fun....

Far from the Madding Crowd

Some time in the not too distant past (25 May to be exact) a motley crew of BC Members headed off to the hills in search of enlightenment. They found it in Khao Yai National Park....



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NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

The Churchill Bar is the place to be to meet new Members, and what a full house we had at the last New Members' Night in May. Newcomers to the Club came to meet each other over a drink (or two) and introduced themselves, via Outpost, to the full Club membership. This is always a good evening and this night was no exception! All Members are welcome to come along and join in the merriment (remember, as it's always held on a Tuesday, it's also Ladies' Night).



JONATHAN & DEIDRE LYNN

British

Although new-comers to Asia, Jonathan & Deidre are old hands at expat life, having spent a lot of time living in Europe. Jonathan is a journalist with Reuters and Deidre is a writer. Their two teenage children are safely tucked up in boarding school in England, leaving Jonathan & Deidre free to do what they love best - reading, writing and travelling (their desire for skiing being put on hold for a while). Deidre has already got herself busy with the Museum Volunteers Group and relaxation time is spent by the pool at the Club.

RICHARD & JANE CASH

Australian

Another couple who will find skiing difficult in this fair city, Richard & Jane are totally new to expat life. Richard, a shipping manager for RCL, plays soccer and will probably spend the time he would have spent skiing learning to scuba dive. Jane enjoys reading, cooking, yoga and entertaining their two year old daughter. The time she would have spent skiing she would like to spend painting - anybody know of any classes?



Hellos & Farewells

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

Anton-Johan Verheul
Richard Miles
Andrew Pickup
Dr Simon Young
Alan Templeman
Edward McCall
Neville Green
Steven Parfitt
Sebastien Leblond
Alan Palmer

Farewell and good luck to the following departing Members and their families:

Jeremy & Clare Wright
Peter & Majken Linnemann
Thomas & Elizabeth MacKay
Denis & Roselyne Tight
Jean-Yves & Isabelle Tanguy
Graham & Elizabeth Smith
Pitipom Thiraphan
Roland & Hataitip Svensson

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Juliet & Mint Score for the BC

■ JUNIOR TENNIS V SESAVEJ CLUB ■

Saturday 17 May 2003

at The British Club.

The BC Juniors put up a very creditable performance in both the Under 17 and Under 13 singles groups but lost the match due to inexperience in doubles play where we won just one match. Clearly Sesavej juniors regularly play doubles and our players do not. This is a weakness that needs to be addressed and Saturday morning's Team Practice is an ideal opportunity to pick up on your doubles game. Pick your partners and turn up for training, as we cannot expect to win matches without doubles practice. On a brighter note there were some excellent singles matches, perhaps the best of the day being that between Mint and Nat, won by Mint who was our only unbeaten player in all 3 events. Well done indeed.

David Weekes put up a great fight against Nat but after a significant comeback, couldn't quite make it, finally losing out at 4-6. He and Chris Turner then had another epic struggle in their doubles match, which they finally lost in the tie-break after leading 5-3. Heartbreak and lessons to be learned there!! Another notable winner was Ben Bunjapamai who was the only Under 13 player to win both his singles matches and indeed only one of two in the Team to do so; Mint being the other. Well done indeed Ben.

Juliet Schon, on holiday from Florida was a welcome BC Team member on the day. After a rather jet-lagged 3-6 loss in her first match, Juliet showed impressive form in her second, winning 6-4 and going on to win the doubles with Mint at 6-1. Hope to see you in the Team again real soon Juliet.

Overall, a good effort but work needs to be done all round on our doubles play before we can expect to win matches.

■ ANNUAL 'DUNLOP' CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Report is quite old but better late than never!)
Saturday, March 22 brought the conclusion of the Club championships. Progress through

the competition for the top seeds was fairly smooth with few upsets and the challenge was laid down to the top seeds as to whether they could be challenged en route to their respective trophies. As always, **Dunlop** proved generous sponsors with cases of balls and rackets as prizes.

A fine selection of the new trophies was on display. Special thanks to **Shrewsbury International School, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, SEARA** and **Chalathip & Surin Dunnvatanachit** for their kind and generous sponsorship. These are permanent trophies that the BCTS committee will retain in the Clubhouse display cabinet. In this way we hope to avoid distributing them to "the four corners of the world" when winners relocate to other countries.

Men's Singles – The SEARA Cup

Brad Weatherstone threw down the gauntlet to any pretenders to his crown. Despite having the toughest section of the draw, he breezed through to his second final in two years. His opponent, Khun Phairoj, fresh from beating the second seed, looked to be a threat as he comfortably held serve in the first game. Unfortunately for Phairoj, this only prompted Brad to up the pace and he ran out a comfortable winner 6-1, 6-0.



Men's Singles Finalists – Phairoj & Brad, Umpire James

Ladies' Singles – The Chalathip and Surin Dunnvatanachit Cup

The top seeds lived up to their billing. Nisa Adams, the defending champion, faced Khun Chalathip, the proud possessor of the original trophy, having been presented with it for winning the title on ten occasions - a battle of the generations. As with Brad, Nisa was able to take control of the match with relentless and accurate ground strokes. Despite a valiant attempt, Chalathip could not roll back the years and Nisa prevailed 6-1, 6-1.



Ladies Singles Finalists – Chalathip & Nisa

Men's Doubles – The Shrewsbury International School Trophy

Once again, the top seeds fought through to the final. The strength in depth of men's tennis at the BC these days throughout the event with many close and high quality matches. The defending champions, Brad Weatherstone and James Young, took on a scratch pairing of Khun Phairoj and Frank Gluck. The first set was dominated by serves and inexorably headed for a tie-break. This was edged by James and Brad, who then managed to run through the second set as the task proved just too much for Frank and Phairoj. The final score was 7-6, 6-0.

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Mens Doubles Finalists – Phairoj/Frank, Brad/James & Umpire Marc



Ladies Doubles Finalists – Nisa/Teresa & Veena/Lynn, Umpire Stephen

as the first match of the day, it was delayed until last by the untimely illness of Weena. However, fresh from her win in the Ladies Doubles, she and Bruce appeared determined to cause Chalathip and Brad as much discomfort as possible. The first set slipped away without the challengers troubling the scorers. However the second was a different story with a much closer scoreline. A very creditable effort but the top seeds took the title 6-0, 6-4.



Mixed Doubles Finalists – Bruce/Weena, Chalathip/Brad & Umpire Simon

Prize giving and Presentation Dinner

As is customary for the BCTS, as soon as play was concluded we convened in the Silom Sala for the last rites of the 2003 championships. A special thanks to the BC for laying on a terrific buffet and to **Carlsberg** for the free beer. The presentations were MC'ed by James Young, followed by a brief address from BCTS Chairman, Bruce Gordon. The major sponsors were on

Ladies' Doubles

This was undoubtedly the contest of the day. The top seeds and two-time defending champions, Nisa Adams and Teresa Turner faced Khun Weena and Lynn Candlish. The latter a scratch pairing who had beaten the second seeds in the semi-final with a degree of comfort. Nisa and Teresa struggled to find their form against a pair who played an aggressive and disruptive game never allowing the champions to settle. The momentum swung both ways as both teams strived to achieve dominance. Eventually, Weena and Lynn prevailed in a very tight first set and this proved to be the encouragement they needed. Despite a strong challenge, Teresa and Nisa could not clinch the important points and Weena and Lynn ran out winners 7-5, 7-6.

Mixed Doubles – The PriceWaterhouseCoopers Cup

Overwhelming favourites, Khun Chalathip and Brad Weatherstone faced the challenge from crowd favourites, Bruce Gordon and Khun Weena. Having originally been scheduled

"CAPTAIN'S CORNER"

British Club Tennis Section vs Krung Thai Bank

On Saturday May 24 the BCTS hosted the Krung Thai Bank (KTB) Tennis Club for an interclub competition. The format chosen was 12 men and 4 ladies and we eventually fielded a full side although responses to the invitation to play for the BC were unusually low. Matches started on time at 1pm and we did get off to a good start by winning the first match but from then on we found the opposition very tough.

Our team featured some players whom were competing for the BC for the first time and this experience will no doubt hold them in good stead for future matches.

Unfortunately rain brought a premature end to the match just when it looked like the BC could finally close the match score. In the end however the final score for completed matches was KTB 12 sets and BC 8 sets (with 4 sets incomplete). The score in the mens doubles matches was 11 sets to KTB and 6 sets to the BC while the ladies doubles was 1 set to each team. Due to the very hot conditions and then the rain, only 1 of the scheduled mixed matches was completed and this was won by the BC.

See you on the courts.

Brad Weatherstone BC Team Captain

TENNIS

hand to present the trophies and Bruce stood in for those unable to make it. Thanks to some very generous sponsorship, great prizes were available for those present. The championships now pass into history and we all start working on our skills for next year's event. Can Brad be stopped?

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those connected with the Championships for their hard work and enthusiasm. These events take a lot of organising and simply would not take place without significant sacrifices on their part.

Tournament Committee

Bruce Gordon, Marc Hagelauer and James Young

Sponsorship

Marc Hagelauer

Trophies

Laurence Lipman

Presentation buffet

Zandra White

Players

All of the contestants without whom none of us would have so much fun

APRIL TENNIS LEAGUES RESULTS

Presentation by Natascha Clark of **Crown Relocations** at the BC.



League 1. Michel Le Quellec



League 2. Pat Dean



League 3. Khun Jessada



League 4. Andrew Robertson



Mixed Doubles Plate Finalists – Simon/Noo & Natasha/Marc, Umpire Andrew



Ladies Doubles Plate Finalists – Angela/Napa, Jo/Eileen & Umpire Paul

RESULTS OF THE MAY TENNIS LEAGUES

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The following persons were the winners of their respective leagues.

- League 1 Winner Marc Nussaume
- League 2 Eiji Hanao
- League 3 Andrew Robertson
- League 4 Denis Schone
- League 5 David Weeks

Well done, Andrew! Last month he was the winner of league 4 and this month winner of league 3.

Yours, Chris Wat



Andrew receiving his prize from U-Tain Pongrapas of **Crown Relocations** for the win in League 3 for June.

BRITISH CLUB TENNIS SECTION 2003 MATCH SCHEDULE

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5 July	Home	Piyarom Sport Club
26 July	Home	Japanese Association
2 August	Away	Riverine Club
23/24 August	Home	Navy Team
13 September	Home	Capital Club
27 September	Home	Doctors Team
25/26 October	Home	Racquet Club
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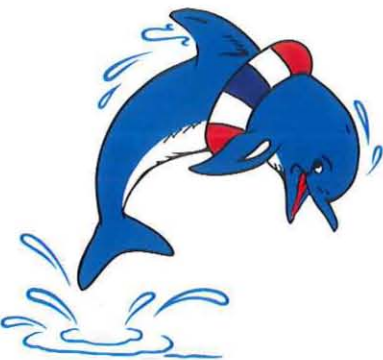
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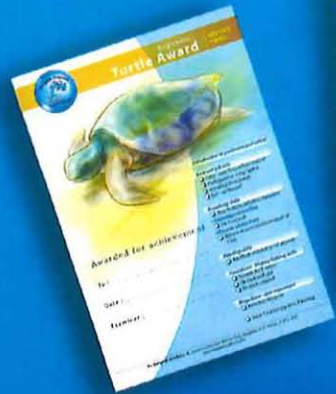
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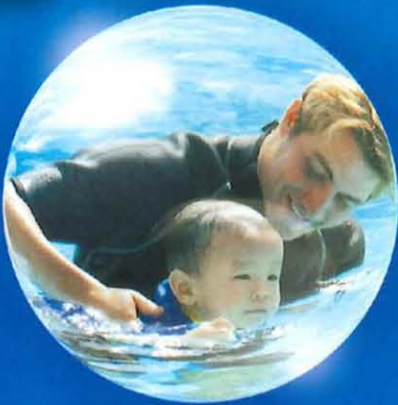
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MEMBERS' TRAVELS

Just When You Thought it was Safe to go back in the Water...

Finally I was on my way to spend a week in South Africa with one of the most magnificent underwater animals - the great white shark.

There are few places in the world where you can see great whites - Australia, Guadeloupe Island and South Africa but it is only in the latter, between May and September, that great white sharks are almost guaranteed if you stay at least a few days. Marine Dynamics, based in Gansbay, east of Cape Town, were my guides. Marine Dynamics was set up by JP Bottha and André Hartman (known as 'Mr Shark') and many National Geographic expeditions and other film crews use their services because of their vast knowledge of the beast. André is also one of the few individuals who free-dives with great whites, and I was hoping I could join him out of the cage.

The most recent expedition made by National Geographic included David Doubilet, one of the most respected underwater photographers, Peter Benchley, the writer of *Jaws* and Rodney Fox, the Australian spear fisherman who escaped an attack by a great white. The documentary was very useful both regarding how to handle the trip and for photographic tips.

After watching this extraordinary video, it was my turn to experience the adrenaline rush of being face to face with the ultimate predator. I learned from their experience not



André & me at the back of the boat, miles from land

to expect too much from the trip. I was going to be on the boat for a week and should consider myself lucky if I could even get one good day (calm sea, good weather, good visibility and good animal behavior).

André is kind of a legend in the diving world. He used to be the South African spear fishing champion. He is now totally committed to shark preservation and has been featured free-diving with sharks on many occasions. I was keen to go for shark breaching and to free-dive with him. It would depend on many factors, two of the most important being visibility and the sharks' behaviour.

We started our first day late in the morning and André's 2 sons came with us to spear fish around the island. Dyer Islands are two small islands with a channel in the middle. They are

home to penguins and 55,000 seals that constitute most of the diet of the great white. I was going there to see how great white sharks live.

Attacks by shark are very rare - on average, less than 10 a year worldwide and most of the time the shark mistakes surfers for seals. After the first bite they will leave their prey as they don't find neoprene to be a delicacy!! Great whites usually move quite slowly, and when pushed away (something they are not used to) they move away ignoring the divers. The key when encountering a shark is to face the animal and not swim away. Another reason why it was safe for the boys to snorkel in the area was that there is a kelp forest around the island and the kelp offers protection both to the seals and to the boys as sharks won't enter kelp forests. After we dropped the boys off, we chumped the water using some shark liver. The liver is very oily and we



Our friendly shark with the bullet hole

MEMBERS' TRAVELS



Swimming on his back



Finally, a jump with a seal

hoped that the sharks would follow the smell to the boat. From the boat we had a short bait line with tuna to bring the shark near to the boat for some "up close and personal" action.

There were already a few boats there when we arrived and some of them were already busy with a shark. That was good news. I decided to put my dry suit on to be ready. Our first shark was a large one, over four meters. And it was clear from a bullet mark he had under his nose that he had experienced humans in the most terrible way. However, this shark was special as it came very slowly very close to the boat. The minute he spotted the shark André knew he had a player and he spent the next few hours grabbing the shark's nose. The shark would keep coming back, coming out of the water and swimming on his back for quite some time before going back to a normal position. That was very strange behavior as sharks are known to have difficulty swimming on their backs. We saw a few sharks that day and some close calls with the sharks coming straight at my under-water camera in an inquisitive, but not aggressive, manner.

Breaching is one of the astonishing features of the great white. They have, over years of evolution, developed hunting techniques to attack seals. They swim at the bottom, and being camouflaged, they look up for seals. A seal is capable of out-maneuvering a shark at close range but there is no way that he can escape the shark coming straight up at over 30 km/h. The first bite would be in most cases fatal to the animal.

In order to witness that behavior we trolled a seal decoy made of foam and got ready to witness the jumps. The jump may happen without any warning. The breach lasts just

one second, so you need a lot of patience, a bit of luck and to be camera-ready at all times. We had three jumps, a very good day, but although I managed to see all the jumps, I could not capture it on film. By 9:30am André decided that it was too late for breaching as sharks only hunt at sunset and sunrise, and so we moved on to a different spot for the next bit of our day.

The sea was slightly calmer and after the sky had cleared we had a beautiful sunny day. We had a few good sharks and I was really enjoying myself. We saw as many as 15 different sharks. I took a lot of pictures both topside and underwater using a camera pole. By 3 pm we started to think of going back, but every time we were ready to do so a new shark would come and spend some time with us.

The next day we planned to do the same as I was committed to not missing the chance of getting a good breach on film. I kept myself ready at all times. I was rewarded when after few small jumps a monster shark (at least 4 meters) breached his body totally out of the water. The jump was huge! I had witnessed a total of 6 jumps and got one on film. I felt very lucky indeed.

During the next three days the weather kept improving and the sea got calmer. We kept to the same routine. We didn't see many more jumps but sharks would come and grab the bait and leave quickly after enjoying a small meal. We could recognise the sharks by their markings and different colouration, and often we had a visit from sharks that we had seen before.

Even though the weather was perfect and the sea was very calm, the visibility was really poor. I tried to go in the cage in the channel but the visibility was too bad to enjoy the

moment. Free-diving was absolutely not an option. However we did spend some time watching the seals swimming close to the island and sunbathing.

By the end of the 5th day, we were out at sea everyday with beautiful weather and excellent shark action, but still no decent experience in the cage. That was supposed to be one of the highlights of the trip along with the unique free-diving experience (I'd had the chance to free-dive with killer whales and the feeling is awesome).

On the last day André choose a spot away from the island where he had seen the biggest shark. As soon as we chumped the water, sharks came in great numbers. There were already some sharks circling around the boat and to the delight of André we recognised the shark with the bullet hole. He gave us a real show on our last day! As I didn't want to miss the chance I asked for the cage to be put in the water. The sea was calm, the visibility had improved. It was a beautiful day. André's cage is special. Other cages are only partially submerged (the top foot being above water), but his cage is fully under water by a foot. He had shown me a video of a great white entering this cage, I must admit that I had some apprehension going in. I spent the next two hours in the cage for a magnificent show. As soon as you spot the first shark you



Checking up on us

MEMBERS' TRAVELS



A smiling (?) great white shark



Got any more dental floss?



A playful shark with André



What an amazing profile - very Roman!

forget everything, there is no fear - just pure admiration for such a magnificent animal. The visibility was good and there were so many sharks. I watched two males and one female swimming side by side in front of the cage. One big male came close and stared at me for a while and I could not resist touching him as he swam away. He was not disturbed. One thing we didn't do was to get the bait near the cage or even inside to have the shark come at the cage biting. The shark can injure itself on the bars and we didn't want that. We could see that many other operators didn't have our concern - the thrill for the tourist was too important! That was one more good reason to choose André's company - he has so much respect for the animal. At midday I came out and it was time to end the journey. From discussions I had with other guests, I had seen more in one trip that many people who had been many times. It was a dream week and an experience I will remember forever.



Ready for the 6-month check-up at the dentist

MORE ABOUT THE GREAT WHITE SHARK

Sharks haven't changed their shape for the last 100 million years. There are about 400 species of sharks: from a few centimeters long, such as the pigmy shark, to the largest fish in the world, the whale shark. They can be found in sea water anywhere in the world and in some rivers and lakes.

Sharks are becoming an endangered species because of the killing and South Africa was the first country to protect the great white.

Sharks have a perfect body. Their cartilage skeleton is lighter and more flexible than that of any other bony fish. Their skin is covered with tiny tooth-like placoid scales known as dermal denticles. They have six senses including an electro sense present in few other organisms. They can grow to a length of 6-7 meters. They eat sea mammals, bony fish and turtles. They are found in most temperate and some tropical regions. They are social animals which is against popular belief that the Great White is a solitary animal.

The mating of great white has never been witnessed, but like all sharks, it is quite a violent affair. The male grabs the female by biting her!!! To feed they use all their senses. Sounds can be heard at distances of over a kilometer, they smell in the 500 m range, vibrations are felt thanks to the sensory canals running along either side of the head and body. At 25 m and almost in the dark, the shark can begin to see movement of its prey. As the eyes are located on the other side of the mouth, the shark use its electrical sense when it reaches biting range. Taste will let the shark decide whether the prey is worth more than the first bite. A meal for a great white, like any other shark, will be in the range of 0.6 to 3% of its body weight. That will be enough for at least a day.

Marc Nussaume (N75)

GOLF

BC Golfers Triumph Over Londoners

The BC Golfers' winning streak continued in June with a fantastic 9 to 4 trouncing of the Londoners. This was our second match of the year and our second victory – more on that later. The Seniors and Juniors were played for at Dragon Hills and we managed to squeeze in a medal as well.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS AT DRAGON HILLS

On 24 and 25 of May the BC golfers made the trip to Dragon Hills for the annual Seniors and Juniors Competition. In this competition the field is split according to age and our more mature members compete for the Seniors cup while the less advanced in years fight it out for the Junior Trophy. I won't give away the ages of any of our players by putting a number on the cut off point!

Dragon Hills is another of Thailand's beautiful hillside courses. It is a challenging course and well worth the one and a half hour trip. There isn't much to do there apart from playing golf, but if the hangovers were anything to go by on day 2 we were successful in making our own entertainment!



Edwin Ferner wins B Flight.



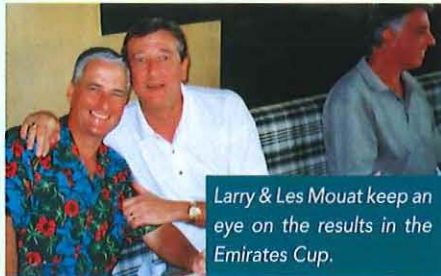
Ed Ashman wins the Junior's Cup.



Harland wins the Seniors.



Diane wins C Flight.



Larry & Les Mouat keep an eye on the results in the Emirates Cup.



Larry looks pleased to see Gareth win A Flight!

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The format of the competition was stableford with the winner having the highest points total over both days. Day 1 saw some good scoring in both the Seniors and the Juniors competition. After the first round, Harland Bulow was leading the Seniors competition with 37 points. Jo Goodliffe and Diane Bulow were in second place with 35 points. In the Juniors event, Andy Flynn started very strongly and led at the end of the first day with 40 points. Vicky Jones and Karen Carter were hot on his heels with 36 points.

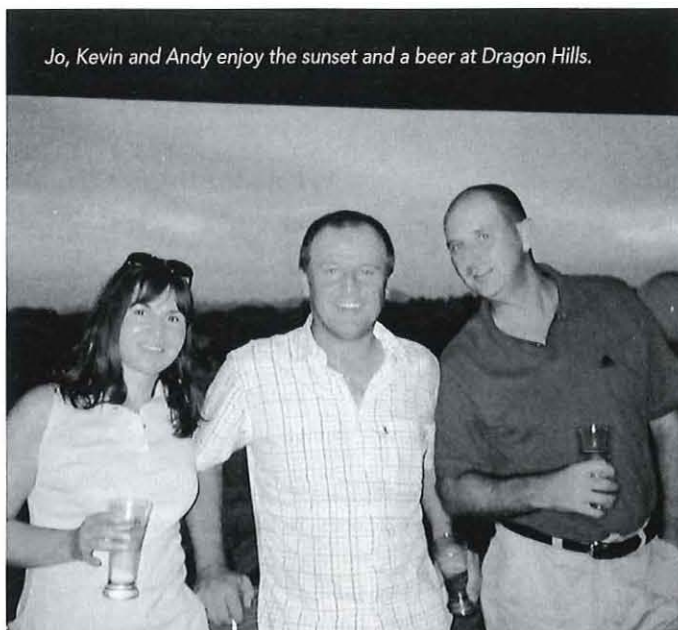
The second round was to prove to be an eventful and painful one for our Captain Larry. Playing with Andy Flynn he was struck by Andy's ball as he thinned a shot out of a bunker. With a golf ball sized lump on his forearm Larry managed to complete his round but the accident did little for either his or Andy's concentration. As you can imagine, Andy felt terrible about this, but accidents happen and fortunately Larry was OK. It could have been much worse and with this in mind, Andy has since taken out golf insurance.

In spite of the drama, some very good scores were posted on the second day and the competition was wide open. In the Seniors Competition Harland followed his good first round with a respectable 33 points. Brian Dodd also had a solid round scoring 32 points and Jo Goodliffe scored 31 points. Harland held on to his lead and won the competition with a points total of 70. Jo Goodliffe came second overall with 67 points and Brian Dodd was third with 65 points.

In the Juniors competition, some solid sub par scoring decided the places. Ed Ashman had a fantastic round with 43 points. Gareth Sampson was also under par with 38 points, as was Vicky Jones with 37. Ed Ashman's round on day 2 secured victory and gave him a points total of 74. Vicky Jones just missed out with 73 points and Gareth Sampson came third with 69 points.

It was interesting to note that the Seniors was won by the oldest player in the field and the Juniors by the youngest. In fact, so young was our Junior winner that he could potentially pick up another 35 Junior titles!!

The Technical prizes over the two days went to the following people: Near Pins – Kevin Jones (x2), Harland Bulow (x2), Brian Dodd, Jo Goodliffe, Bridget Snow and Jo Palmer. Long Drives – John Cassella, Bryan Dodd, Karen Carter and Jo Goodliffe.



Jo, Kevin and Andy enjoy the sunset and a beer at Dragon Hills.



The losing Captain's still smiling!

MAY MEDAL AT KHAO KHEOW

As a result of a busy golfing calendar in May, our May medal was played on June 1 at Khao Kheow. It was a beautiful balmy day and the course was in excellent condition. The pace of play was good and there was some fantastic scoring, particularly in B Flight where the low scores just kept on coming.

In Flight A, Gareth Sampson was victorious with a six under par net 66. Brian Brook was also under par with a net 70 and took second place. Third place went to André Tissera, also under par, with a net 71.

In Flight B our winner was Edwin Ferner with an outstanding net 64. He seems to like this course! Ed Ashman also had a terrific round taking second place with a net 66. Also well under par was Harland Bulow who followed his Seniors victory with a solid net 68.

Flight C was a little light on numbers with only three players eligible for the medal. Diane Bulow won with a net 75 and Carole Ann Eastgate was second with a net 83.

Near Pins were won by André Tissera on hole 3, Brian Brook on hole 8, Gaew on hole 12 and Harland Bulow on hole 17. Edwin Furner sank the longest put. The long drives were won by Ed Ashman and Jo Goodliffe.

The results:

A FLIGHT

1st	Gareth Sampson	gross 81 net 66
2nd	Brian Brook	gross 84 net 70
3rd	André Tissera	gross 81 net 71

B FLIGHT

1st	Edwin Ferner	gross 92 net 64
2nd	Ed Ashman	gross 87 net 66
3rd	Harland Bulow	gross 93 net 68

C FLIGHT

1st	Diane Bulow	gross 113 net 75
2nd	Carole Ann Eastgate	gross 116 net 83

GOLF

EMIRATES CUP – BRITISH CLUB V THE LONDONERS

Having lost the Emirates Cup last year the BC golfers were determined to wrestle it back from the Londoners this year. The match was played at Natural Park Ram Indra and the format of the day was pairs matchplay off handicap. The course was fantastic. It's not one that the British Club have played very often but I think we'll be back.

The team captains, our very own Larry Goodliffe and Big Bad Brucie, had got together to make the draw the previous day. With fourteen pairings for each side a close match was predicted. The Londoners' hopes were dampened slightly as three of their players pulled out at the last minute. Things were already starting to look good for the British Club.

From the feedback coming in from the course, it was clear that the British Club golfers were holding their own. Edwin Ferner shot a lifetime best round of a gross 87, net 60. Partnered with Barry Ashman, who also had a good round, they were on their way to a huge victory. They won their match 9 and 7 but were not eligible for the prize for biggest winning margin as they played two against one. The Joneses (Kevin and Vicky) continued their run of matchplay wins to pick up the prize beating their opponents 8 and 7.

As the final group finished their round it was clear that victory was ours. We made our way back to the British Club for the BBQ and prize giving and the announcement of the result. The British Club golfers had won 9 to 4. A convincing victory.

Big Bad Brucie reluctantly, but eloquently, handed over the



The Joneses on their way to a convincing victory!

trophy to Larry, and not once during the evening did he mention dodgy handicaps, the 3 no-shows from the Londoner's team, Edwin's net 60, condition of the greens, the speed of play or the BC toilets! A true sportsman, who seems well versed in handling defeat.

Near Pins were won by Orrin Baldwin on 5, John Brice on 7, Andy Flynn on 12 and Brian Brook on 17. The Ladies long drive went to Jo Goodliffe and the Men's to Pat Dean. Ed Ashman sank the longest putt.

Thanks to our sponsors, **Emirates Airlines**, a number of prizes were also awarded to the biggest winning margin (Kevin & Vicky) and biggest losing margin (Kevin & Vicky's opponents). Edwin Ferner's successful run continued when he won the lucky draw for the main prize, a travel suitcase. Edwin said later that it was the only bit of luck he'd had all day.

Well done to all the British Club players and commiserations to the Londoners. It was a fun match played in great spirit and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

Vicky Jones



Larry happily takes the Emirates Cup off Brucie's hands.



No hard feelings! You couldn't fail to miss David & Larry in those shirts!

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RUGBY

CEN 10's Tournament

"...the British Club added another glorious chapter to rugby in Thailand by celebrating their centenary with a unique 10's tournament"

-Edward Thanagaragh - Bangkok Post 21st April 2003



Despite the man-millennia, subterfuge and fretting that went in to organising this remarkable event, it remains a considerable surprise to all the rugby section committee that it all went off so smoothly, especially when considering the endless stream of obstacles strewn along the way. There is no doubt that without the commitment and tireless efforts of Bruce Hill and Ben Knowles, the non-stop flow of complimentary comments from participants, supporters and sponsors would have been less than forthcoming.

It seems much less than a year ago that one gutsy (in all senses of the word) rugby committee member laid himself bare to ridicule from the rest of us by displaying the temerity to suggest hosting the event. Since then, the organisers have overcome incessant impediments, including the wide-reaching effects of the SARS virus, to pull together an outstanding testament to the spirit of rugby in its purest and most enjoyable form.

For Bruce and Ben, the weekend began on Thursday when they met the inbound teams of Coff's Harbour from Australia and the Hong Kong Nomads, greeting them in the traditional manner with cases of chilled ale. Being Bangkok veterans, the Nomads quickly headed into town to re-acquaint themselves with favourite haunts whilst the Aussie boys were eased in a gentler fashion commencing with a sumptuous



SQUASH

BC Squash the Pattaya Boys

A hardy set of squash players recently took on the squash players of Pattaya at the Ambassador Hotel, Jomtien. Unfortunately we could get only five players to make the journey but we did pull off a 4-1 victory.

Chris Browning, Marvyn Lewis, Charles Whiteley and Peter Corney were all winners, the only loser being David Eastgate at number 1. (Did I take some stick about that!!!)

The Pattaya Boys looked after us really well and took us to a hotel in town for a lovely evening buffet and a few beers. Afterwards we were able to sample the Music Festival, (and the horrendous traffic congestion) which was being staged along the seafront.

Thanks must go to our hosts for really looking after us well. We look forward to hosting a return fixture at the British Club in the near future.

David Eastgate

RUGBY

meal at the BC, followed by their first introduction to the City of Angels.

After checking the ground on Friday morning, quelling the panic of realising that we were some 60 people short of the guaranteed minimum for Saturday's gala dinner, Bruce headed off to the airport to meet one of his heroes, the mighty Jeff Probyn who was to deliver the after dinner speech. Being a little awe-inspired Bruce had recruited Minkey and Ramsey to reinforce the welcoming committee for the former England prop. Within minutes they had discovered that Jeff is a highly approachable, affable chap who seemed a little dehydrated from the long journey. In an attempt to redress this, they, in his own words, 'proceeded to neck Heineken as if it were a life and death speed drinking bout'.

Suitably refreshed, they joined the other 100 rugbyists gathered at the BC for the team welcoming dinner. Having met with old mates from far flung corners, enjoyed a curry buffet and a few ales, the throng departed en masse to show support for long suffering sponsor, Khun Mint at the fabulous Long Gun Bar (LGB). Encumbent upon the hosts is the usual responsibility of introducing the guests to the sights and scenes of the local environment, and this was carried out with great enthusiasm until the lights came on, thereby establishing the pattern for the weekend.

After enjoying a well earned two hours sleep, the completely-refreshed and fully-cognisant Fat Boy made his way to the ground to oversee the setting up of F&B facilities. Fortunately, with Willem & Barry in complete control, no input from Bruce was required. With all the last minute issues frantically sorted, all that remained was to recruit an announcer/scorer/timekeeper. Having been reassured that he would be relieved of this duty shortly, Greg White stepped up and took on this crucial role. He was eventually relieved at around 6:00 on Sunday night by which time he had developed into the Frank Bough of Bangkok (referring here to his announcing abilities).

The kick off was on time and then..... the first injury: what else but Mr. Trevor Day's nose was redesigned once again, and yes, by a rather good crack from his own player, K. Dakorn. When the ambulance had cleared the field and Trev had milked it for all its worth, the rest of the pool games went off according to programme.

There was an estimated crowd of 400 on the Saturday and apart from the intense heat, a fun day was had by all and the BC were in the Cup with 2 teams and the BCStards (that's the old guys!) in the Bowl (a result which had it been investigated, would not have



withstood an accusation of having being engineered that way).

We finally left the ground at 6.00pm to get to the Conrad and be ready for the Gala Dinner at 7.30. Everything going to plan now, as within the last 18 hours the Dinner numbers had increased from 190 to 320, with the hotel wheeling in the last extra table at 7.29pm.

The Dinner itself went very smoothly, the food was excellent and, with the exception of the sound system, everything went according to plan. The LGB girls were much better on their second walk out, big Willie Lose introduction went well and those that heard Jeff's speech thought it was very good. Andy Davies' Grace was to the point and, with the noticeable exception of the Coffs chaps drinking water all night, the gathering managed to consume 17 barrels of beer. It should be noted that the beer project being of considerable significance, had been allocated to the normally reliable JP. At noon he had called to confirm the Carlsberg delivery to the hotel; the reply "what beer?" generated some concern. After some high decibel debating, Jim Napier came to the rescue and all was well.

Sunday, after an hour's sleep, it was back to the ground and the competition proper began. All of the teams put in a magnificent effort as it must have been one of the hottest weekends in living memory (with even the Devil himself heading back to Hell to cool down at half-time).

All the BC teams delivered great shows with BC Pinks finishing runners-up in the cup and BC Blacks runners-up in the plate. Unfortunately the BCStards got knocked out by the Thai Police in the Bowl semi-final as the police tactic of hoof it and run very, very fast overcame the BCStards strategy of be fat and don't run at all.

With over 600 in the stands, the tournament must hold the record for the best attended rugby event in Thailand, and whilst only 100 made it back to the BC for the presentations

it was a fitting finale, resulting in a vibrant sing-song into the small hours on the back lawn.

On Monday, a rather weary crew attended a lunch with Jeff, kindly hosted by Vince Swift which was scheduled to last a few hours! Fifteen hours later, the tour was officially concluded.

In summary, a very successful weekend and the BC rugby section would like to thank you all again for your support.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:-

SUE HILL and GILLIE KNOWLES without whose support this tournament would never have occurred; David Viccars and the referees; Andy Davies and the Ball Boys and Girl; Russell Jay our DJ; Willem and Barry for the BC help; Khun Mint and Long Gun for the Sponsorship, Cheerleaders and Fashion Show Models; Eddie Evans: **Construction Professionals** for helping to bring Jeff Probyn over; Vince Swift for assisting with bringing Jeff Probyn over and hosting an excellent lunch; Colin Hastings for an excellent magazine.

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Also to James Young for representing the BC Committee at the biggest and most publicised sports event organised to celebrate the Centenary.

And finally to BEN KNOWLES who was duped into devoting half his life to organising this event and to the mighty, tenacious BRUCE HILL who duped him, came up with the idea in the first place and then spent the rest of the year regretting it.

RUGBY

BRITISH CLUB'S CENTENARY 10'S GALA DINNER

On 21 April, the British Club Rugby Section held its Grand Centenary 10's Gala Dinner at the Ballroom, Conrad Hotel. Various guests were Rugby teams from countries around the region and provinces in Thailand with the Guest of Honour being Jeff Probyn, who is a member of the British Club, Rugby Section in England.... and what a colourful event it was!!!



From left to right: Bruce Hill (Tournament Organiser), Jeff Probyn (Guest of Honour), Jon Prichard (Chairman of BC Rugby Section), Ben Knowles (Tournament Organiser).



... and pretty boys all in a row!



The Coffs Harbour Cavaliers and their mom.



The ever-so-pink Hong Kong Nomads Rugby Team.



(from left) Paul Hollings, Richard Trapp, Neil & Kendra Selby enjoying the night.

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All of these will cause severe disability or death. Oh and if that doesn't convince you of the hazards of nicotine and the other 500 or so poisons in a cigarette, our male readers might be interested to know that smoking has been proven to cause erectile dysfunction.

Want to give up the habit but don't know how to? A minority of smokers have no problems giving up. For most smokers though deciding to quit will be the easiest part. Quitting will be more difficult and will require an amount of self-will.

The good news is that help is on hand. There are tricks that you can use to help you become a non-smoker. And that little word 'non-smoker' is significant. From the moment you decide to stop smoking think of yourself as a non-smoker. You are not an ex-smoker but a non-smoker.






Quitting alone is difficult, get the help of a friend who also wants to quit. Encouragement is all. Once you have decided to quit set a date, tell your friends, family and work mates that is the day you will become a non-smoker. Stick to the date, any cigarettes should be thrown into a bin or ceremoniously burned. Think of yourself as a non-smoker, when someone offers you the evil weed, say these words "No thanks I don't smoke." It works wonders.

Part of the attraction of smoking is that it gives your hands something to do, so keep a replacement nearby. A packet of extra strong mints or chewing gum, even some worry beads. Smoking is a habit of place and circumstance. If you find yourself in situations where you know you would normally smoke, in the pub or business lunch, replace the cigarette with a pen, but above all do something with your hands.

Use aids like false cigarettes, nicotine chewing gum or patches. Your doctor or a pharmacist will be able to advise you on the best method for you. To avoid weight gain, take some moderate exercise, a brisk walk for 20 minutes a few times a week. Get off the sky train one station before you need to. Why not walk to the British Club, from Sala Daeng or Chong Nonsi.

Safety Tips

Why do you smoke?

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Cravings, headaches, and coughing. Your body is starting to recover from the nicotine. Go for a walk it will help you relax and help you to lose weight.

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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

"Peter Withe from the dressing room"

There is no better way to tempt a Birmingham footballer to talk to the Members than to offer him a curry dinner and pint. This is exactly what I did when I sat down with Peter Withe and asked if he would be interested to help me promote our Centenary year with a "Peter Withe from the dressing room" chat.

We discussed alternative titles for the event: "Peter Withe in the Flesh" and "Peter Withe Uncut" – but in the end felt Peter himself would promote the evening effectively enough. Which he did, with over 45 Members turning up to listen to his footballing memories. He had to keep his stories accurate; we had a former President of Aston Villa in the audience but no one could argue with his stories from Wolverhampton, Notts Forest, Newcastle and his present day ones with the Thailand football team.

In the best traditions of football raconteurs, full use was made of the entire Anglo-Saxon vocabulary which meant even members of the football section could understand some of the stories!

My thanks to Barry and his team for putting on a splendid curry dinner and to everyone for turning up to support this event.

Sarah Allen

Centenary 1903 – 2003 • Committee Member

MEMBERS' LETTERS

Dear Editor,
David Quine (GC Chairman) is to be congratulated for the Informal Forum held yesterday (11 June) on Club Development. There was a lot of support for a 5-year plan amongst other things. It was also obvious that many members were unaware that a lot of development planning work had gone on in previous years. However, before we rush into wasting more moneys on an Architect's Brief or a Design competition, may I suggest that the GC displays the various schemes already put to paper over the years. This will enable members to create their own design brief from seeing options and not have a brief limited to just ten persons' ideas.

Paul Cheesman (C267)

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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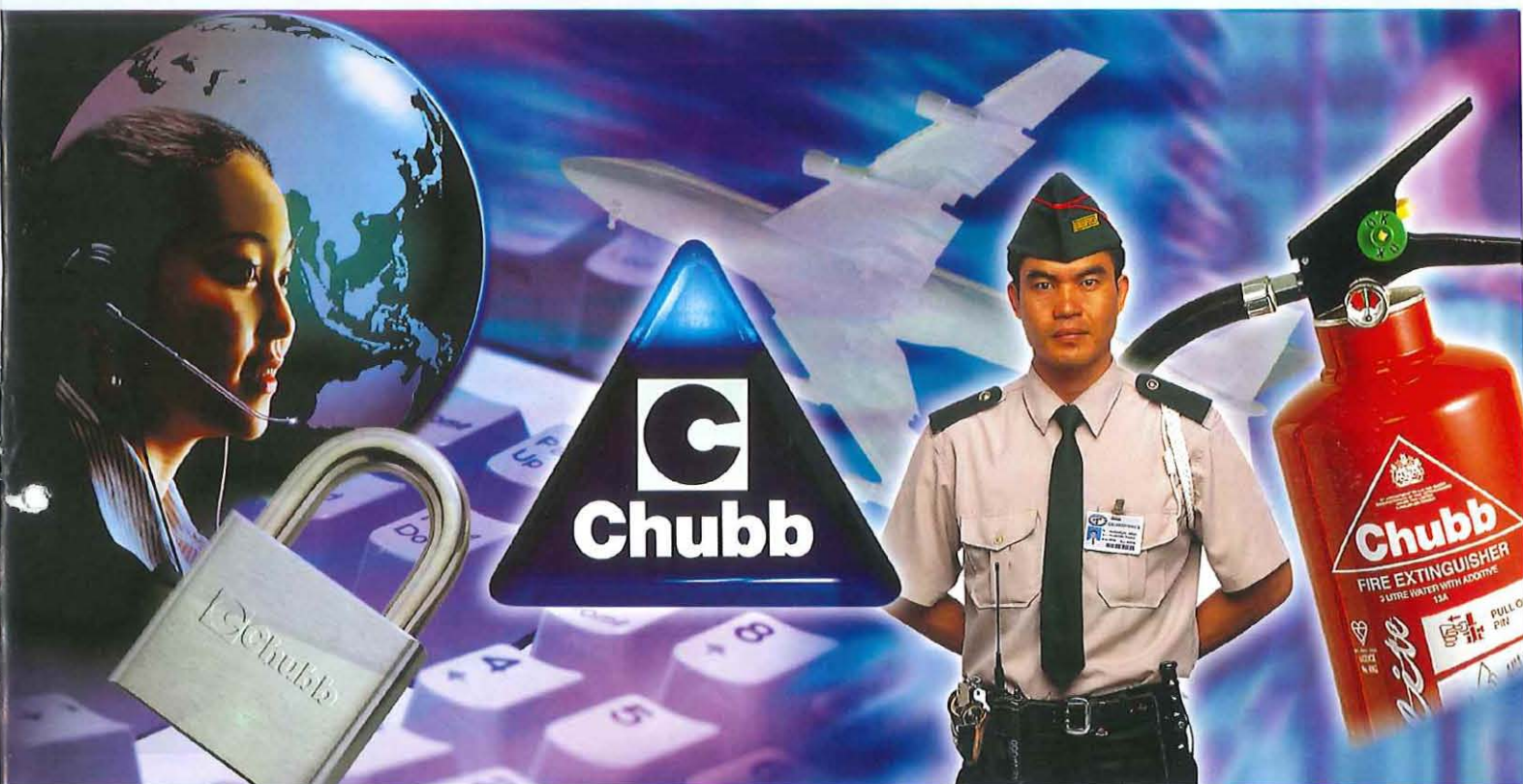
Pridi Banomyong's film *The King of the White Elephant* made its world premiere on 4 April 1941 at various cities in Asia and in the West. Unlike most films, *The King of the White Elephant* was not just created for commercial purposes, but strongly reflects Pridi Banomyong's political views. He represents the Thai people as declaring peace on the eve of World War II. The film's premiere came only weeks before Pridi Banomyong, as regent and leader of the Free Thai Movement, declared the Pibulsonggram Government's declaration of war null and void, thereby making Thailand a peace advocate in World War II.

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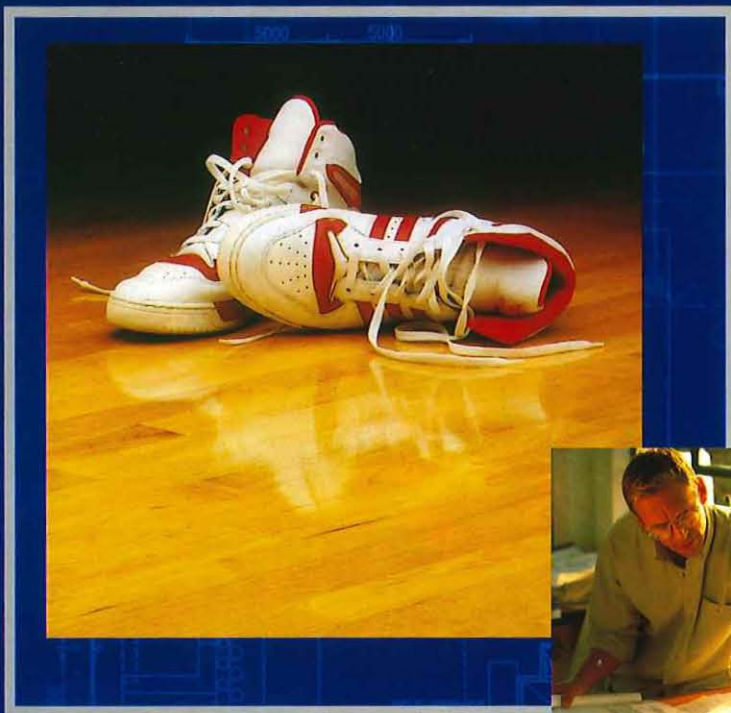
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