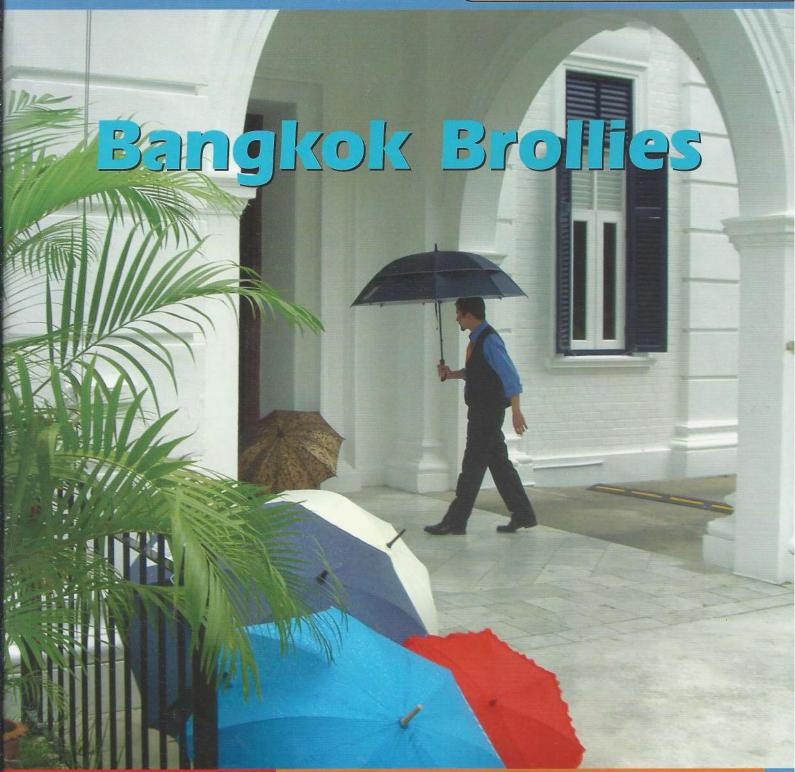


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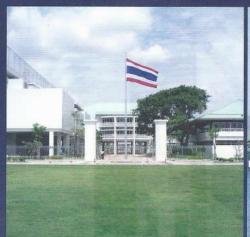
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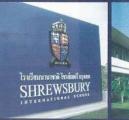
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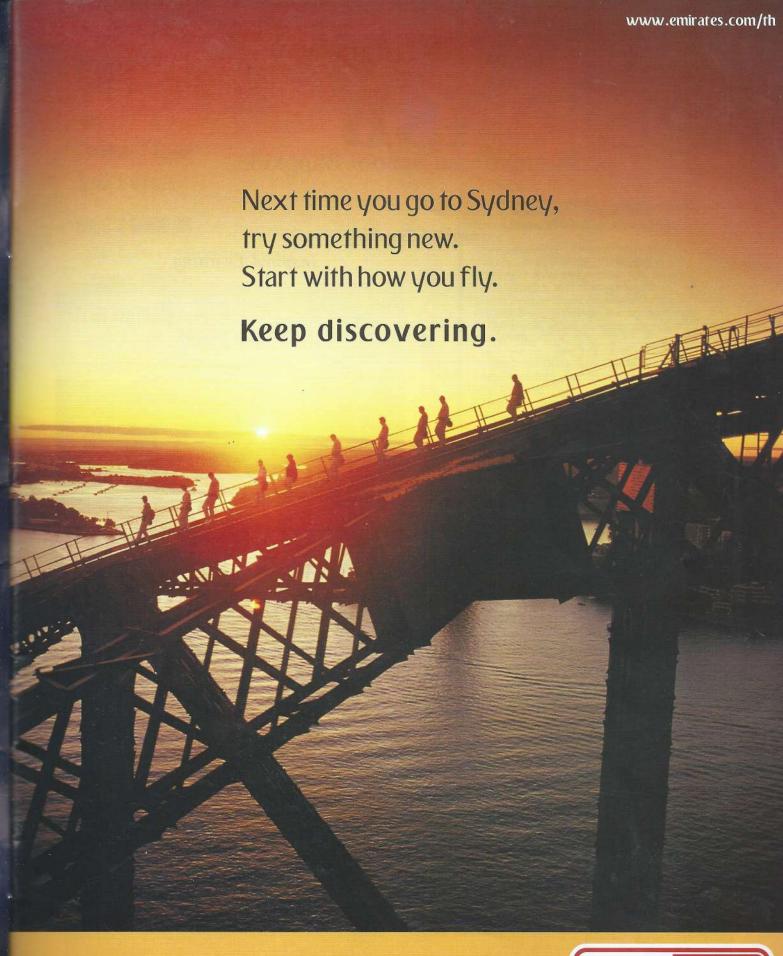


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1,600 Attend "Puss in Boots"

July? Don't Forget Your Brolly

Expats speak of July as a "summer" month. But seasonal labels vary in Southeast Asia. In Bangkok July means rainy weather, and that many of our countrymen migrate homeward. This issue is being edited on the opposite side of the planet whilst enrolling my son in university.

To celebrate these personal milestones, Outpost solicits your help launching two new features. First is a Graduation Celebration section. We desire photographs of your recent graduate—be it from Grade 12, university, or pre-school! A second feature will be devoted to YOU! Tell us WHAT YOU DID ON YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY. If fit for a family publication (!) Outpost will print your photo with a caption or a short article! Barry is promising a report from Bali, for example.

For those who soldier on through the Bangkok monsoon, grab your brolly and join other members on July excursions to Underwater World, Khao Kheow Zoo, Family Day Out on the Magic Eyes Barge, children's camps, New Member night, or a wine tasting. Chef John will serve up new delights like summer salad, grilled salmon, and Black Forest Gateaux.

Finally, Outpost sends condolences to family and friends of long-time BC member, Mr. Eric Miller, who passed away recently. See a memoir beginning on page ten. A secondary definition of 'summer' is a bright, happy and prosperous period in one's life. We were fortunate to have shared in "the summer" of Eric Miller's life.

In good cheer, **Summer Thyme**, guest editor



Sangkok Brollies: Whether you morella, brolly or rom (Thai), are you will need raingear onth of July which marks the gof Khao Phansaa, or the san retreat for the faithful. BC member, takes shelter in the moveted Clubhouse.

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Letter from the Chair

The Business Side of Things

Dear Members,



Closure of Swimming Pools

We apologise for the inconvenience caused while the swimming pools are closed for much needed repairs. These repairs are absolutely necessary for the comfort and safety of members and their children. While there'll never be an ideal time to do

this work, the months of July and August were deemed to be the quietest times poolside as so many families leave Bangkok for the school holidays. For those staying, we hope that you will enjoy the facilities and activities still on offer. Barry and his team have implemented a variety of ideas to keep everyone entertained.

General Committee Objectives — Strategy & Development

Last issue, we listed some key objectives that the General Committee hopes to achieve in the 2005/2006 year. One concerned the development of a Strategic Plan and formulation of a five year club development plan. An outline of our progress, and how you can help are found on pages 14-15. We do hope you will be involved and let us have your views.

Constitution Rules & Bylaws

Last month I mentioned that an updated copy of our Constitution Rules & Bylaws would be distributed to members. This was temporarily put on hold when it appeared to be a costly exercise, particularly in view of an overhaul and another distribution planned at year's end. Happily, we improvised a more cost-effective procedure allowing distribution of the book to be enclosed with this issue.

We are pleased by the continuing improvements that John Hogg and his team are making with the menu in Lords and with blackboard specials in The Churchill Bar. Since John's arrival, many have praised the improved quality and outstanding value of the club's menus. In spite of our commitment to deliver value, rising costs have put inexorable pressure on prices. The General Committee and management agree - we must increase food prices across the board. The contributing cost pressures started with the bird flu crisis when the prices of pork, beef and shrimps (as alternatives to chicken) increased and never fully recovered. Price adjustments were delayed as long as possible, then scheduled for January; however our General Manager's accident, and time lost recuperating, further delayed price revisions. Now the rise in fuel costs are pressing costs up further. We trust you will appreciate that an increase in food prices is now a necessity.

Of course Barry and John will endeavour to keep increases to a minimum and we will inform you of changes as soon as possible. Our commitment to deliver value for money remains, but this can only be done within a price structure that fully covers our costs.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon and for those of you leaving Thailand for the summer, I wish you a safe trip and a very pleasant holiday wherever you may be.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Daniel

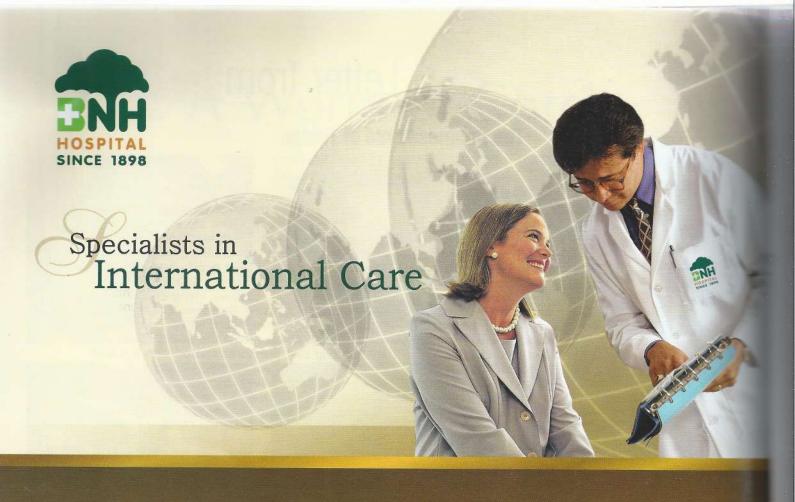
Chairman BCB General Committee 2005/2006

Food and Beverage Prices



Engaging Match

Congratulations to General Committee member George Dunford, and his fiancée Vicky, who celebrated their engagement (and Vicky's birthday!) with a party at the Club on May 28th. George and Vicky plan to marry in February. We wish them all the best and much happiness for the future.



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Barry's Banter

Summer Holiday Happenings

Dear Members,

Due to necessity please note that the main swimming pool and the children's pool will temporarily close July 11th for major repairs and improvements. We plan for the pools to re-open in mid-August. We apologise for any inconvenience and we have endeavored to organise many other activities to keep you entertained. Check out this month's What's Going On section and also with Hanni for details of sailing camps, sports camps, and other fun outings.

Amongst other events we have planned is a day out on the Magic Eyes Environmental Rice Barge. This will be our fourth visit to the barge and since we usually fully book, please get your reservation in early. The programme is especially suited to the kids and is an excellent, educational day out. We are also going back to the wonderful Khao Kheow Open Zoo and Ripley's Museum and Underwaterworld. Don't forget our regular Video nights, monthly Bar Quiz and our new and improved bar accumulator with new sponsors, Crown Relocations.

John Hogg, DGM, has settled in well to the Club now and has improved the food standards immensely. I would like to remind members that all foods here at the BC are freshly cooked and nothing is pre or re-heated. While we acknowledge that sometimes service is slow especially at poolside during the weekends (and we are working on ways to solve this problem) fresh foods do, inevitably, take a longer time to cook. Because the club's kitchens get extremely busy at weekends and especially at peak times, please understand that we really do try to ensure that we give you the freshest foods possible and that your order may be in a queue.

Along with our new specials we now offer members three choices of house wines, all at

excellent prices. Check out the blackboard in the Churchill Bar for more information. At poolside, we continue to offer a 50% discount on cakes and pastries at 6:00 pm every evening. Please note that Staff are instructed not to accept pre-orders of discounted cakes for



later collection, as this is not really in the spirit of the promotion. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

Last month, the Club catered 46 private functions. For members and their guests, The Bangkok Community Theatre held its latest production, "Puss In Boots" in The Surawong Room. Around 1900 people attended the show. The Club provided refreshments on the front lawn while the kids enjoyed the Club's new bouncy castle, decorated 'cat' cookies and joined in the various craft activities. The reaction from the children and their Mums and Dads was very positive. Well done to Club Member and producer, Bonnie Hutchinson and her team of talented actors. Thanks also to the British Club staff who gave up their weekends to help with the event and ensure that members had lots of fun.

To all our members who are leaving us to go home for the holidays, I hope you have a fun and safe journey and I look forward to seeing you on your return. To those of you who are staying on here in paradise, I look forward to seeing you around your Club.

Regards, Barry Osborne General Manager



Lost and Found! Congratulations to BC Staff

General Manager, Barry Osborne congratulates Club employee Khun Kasem, Churchill Bar Manager, along with Chubb Guards, Khun Hussanee and Khun Virat for their initiative recently. A few weeks ago, a club member left his lap top computer in the back of a taxi. Due to quick thinking, these staff members managed to locate the taxi, and the computer was successfully returned to the member. A couple of days later another member left her handbag in a taxi which was also at once tracked down and recovered.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

** FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

Sundays, 7:00 pm

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France July 3rd UK July 10th Germany July 24th Hungary July 31st

** VDO NIGHT

DOCTOR WHO NIGHT: "Boomtown"
Thursday, July 7th, 7:00pm-7.45pm Wordsworth Room
COMEDY NIGHT: "Vicar of Dibley"
Thursday, July 14th, 7.30pm-9:00pm Suriwongse Room,
DOCTOR WHO NIGHT: "Bad Wolf & the
Parting of the Ways"
Thursday, July 21st, 6.30pm-8:00pm Wordsworth Room
DETECTIVE NIGHT: "Gosforth Park"
Thursday, July 28th, 7:00pm-9.30pm Suriwongse Room

** NOISE TO WORLD TOUR 2005

Good Charlotte Concert Sunday, July 10th

Coach departs at 6:00pm. Two ticket prices available Bt1,650 and Bt1,350 which includes transportation. Sign up at reception or contact Dong for more information.

** UNDERWATER WORLD & RIPLEY'S

Monday, July 11th, Leave BC at 8.30am. The outing starts with a visit to see the amazing treasures of the deep at Underwater World Pattaya. After lunch on Jomtien Beach we visit Ripley's "Believe It or Not" Museum which includes the newest attraction, Ripley's "Infinity Maze." Great fun for all the family. Cost Bt 1,400/adult and Bt1,000/child.



** NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Tuesday, July 12th, Churchill Bar

After the resounding success of last month's new member night, no one will want to miss this lively evening in the bar. Everyone is encouraged to come and meet friends, both new and old, and sample the complimentary buffet. Live music by 'No Fixed Abode'.

** MAGIC EYES CHAO PHRAYA BARGE

Monday, July 18th

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

** BAR QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday July 19th, Churchill Bar

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

** SPORTS CAMP

Wednesday, July 20th- Friday, July 22, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Soccer, tennis, games, crafts and activities for the kids; includes a day trip to "Phoenix Riding School" on Friday for a day of horse riding and lunch at the "PADDOCK."

Contact Hanni for details.

** KHAO KHEOW OPEN ZOO

Monday, July 25th

Leave BC at 8.30am. Covering an area of 5,000 rai (2,000 acres) in Chonburi, this is Thailand's only open zoo. Cost Bt 1,050/adult and Bt 700/child (under 12 yrs) which includes entrance fee, all animal shows, picnic luncheon and ICE-CREAM.

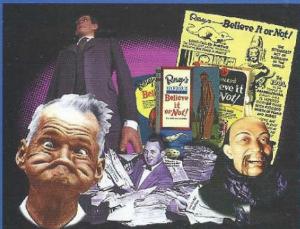
** WINE TASTING

Friday July 29th at 6:00 P.M.

Taste a range of wines from around the world. All wines presented are on sale at special rates for members. Come and sample the delicious wine and free club canapés in The Surawong Room.

TREASURES OF THE DEEP UNDERWATER WORLD PATTAYA







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Underwater World & Ripley's

Monday, 11 July

Leave BC at 8:30am Capture the treasures of the deep

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Ripley's "Infinity Maze"

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Open Wild & Open Eyes With Khao Kheow Open Zoo

Monday, 25th July

Leave BC at 8:30am Cost @ Bht 1,050. - per adult @ Bht 700. - per child (under 12 years)

Includes

Entrance fee to zoo & all shows Picnic luncheon, soft drinks And ice-cream Please sign up at reception

Or contact Dong



The Lord and Lady of Greasepaint

A Portrait of Eric and Margaret Miller

[**Editor's Note:** This feature article was being drafted for an upcoming issue of Outpost when Eric Miller died 19 June 2005. We run it now as a memoir.]

It must have been a romantic and heady time indeed that balmy Kuala Lumpur night in 1946 when Margaret Weastell (as she was then) first set eyes on a dashing young naval officer in his crisply pressed whites striding across the dance floor at the Regimental Ball.



Eric and Margaret in 1946

Margaret was a member of Lady Mountbatten's Red Cross and Saint John's service and had been sent firstly to Bangalore in India, then Singapore and finally to Malaya to assist with the demobilisation of British servicemen and POW's. Females from dear old England were few and far between in those far flung outposts at the end of the Second World War, and so one of a girl's social duties was to occasionally act as a partner for various military officers at regimental dances and

Margaret had drawn the short straw on this particular evening. She had been asked to accompany a certain Major Profumo, the

brother of the notorious John Profumo who was the former Conservative Secretary of State for War. John Profumo had been scandalously implicated in the leaking of secrets sensitive to British security, via the pillows he shared with call girls Christine Keeler and Many Rice-Davis. Unfortunately for him, these energetic girls also shared their favours with Eugene Ivanov a spy in the Soviet embassy in London. John Profumo had to resign in disgrace, while the era of British tabloid journalism was well and truly launched.

At the Regimental Ball in the Majestic Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Major Profumo showed more interest in the pink gins than the delightful young girl at his side and was therefore slipping slowly and inebriately beneath the table, while Margaret's dance card remained unmarked. The gallant young naval officer, Eric Miller rescued both the situation and the fair lady by asking

her to dance and the rest, as they say, is the stuff of romantic ex-patriot history.

Eric and Margaret fell in love that hot tropical night and were subsequently married in Malacca in 1952 and have been together ever since, celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2002 with the Saint Andrew's Society in Bangkok.

Eric was born in 1925 in Wallesey on Merseyside and his father, like himself, was formerly a seafaring man, firstly with the Royal Navy then the Merchant Navy. After leaving active service afloat, he established a company in Bombay calibrating compasses and other naval instruments. It was here that young Eric spent his earliest years at the nursery school in Bombay, often tugging at the helm of his mother's skirts, who he remembers as "a somewhat grand matron of the Raj".

At an early age, as was the custom, Eric was then sent to board back at Bedford School, his father's alma mater.

Meanwhile Margaret, his true love to be, had enjoyed a rather peripatetic childhood as the daughter of a golf professional from County Durham. Born in Colwyn Bay in 1921, she had seen much of the country from the seat of various golf buggies, finally settling in the lovely uplands of North Yorkshire. When the war came she joined the Red Cross and Saint John located in her local village and in 1945 was sent on that fateful journey east which led to her starcrossed romance with Eric.

After the final Japanese capitulation, Eric found himself back in England at rather a loose end during the winter of 1947, one of the worst the country had ever seen. He recalls seeing ducks frozen in the ice in Regent's Park and fortuitously finding a business card in his pocket for a company called Sime Darby in the Far East. He walked over to Bishop's Gate and asked his contact if they had anything suitable for him. As luck had it they did, having lost many of their former employees on the Burma Railway. Eric signed up and escaped those bleak English winters forever, exchanging them for a position back in tropical Malaya working in Sime Darby's rubber estates based in Malacca.

On his first leave back home he proposed to Margaret, they married and then returned together to the then very sleepy town of Malacca for a life of golfing weekends, English teaching for Margaret and watching the latex drip for Eric.

Eric and Margaret's involvement in the world of theatre in the Far East was no less fateful than their original meeting and marriage. Eric was visiting Singapore and through a professional actor friend of his had the good fortune of meeting Tommy Trinder, the famous wartime comedian, plus "his troupe of lovely show girls." A weekend boat trip was organised around some of the islands off Singapore and during this Mister Trinder suggested that Eric apply for a vacancy as his stage manager.

As a result of this chance encounter Eric and Margaret developed a life long passion for the theatre and appeared in no less than twenty eight productions in such exotic locations as Karachi, Bangalore, Chowdhurry, North Borneo, Dhaka, Bangkok and even the slightly less exotic, Cheam, when all the ex-pat wives were "thrown out" of India after East Pakistan became Bangladesh.

The Millers always believed that they would eventually return to England to settle down until they reached Bangkok in 1975. A company posting which was originally supposed to last for about three weeks spun out, as these things often do in Thailand, to a thirty year stay. And it was the delights of Thailand that finally seduced them into embracing their lives as enduring ex-pats and even retiring in the Land of Smiles.

They joined the British Club in 1975 and became firmly established as the Lord and Lady of Greasepaint through the Bangkok Community Theatre acting alongside such other grand performers and friends as the late Bob Radford, Noel Coward's friend Graham Granville-Smith and the present British Ambassador, David Fall. David fondly remembers them from 1975 when he arrived as a third secretary and part time punka puller at the Embassy. While Eric and Margaret were already well established as old Asian hands, he recalls their immense friendliness, welcoming attitude and exuberance.

In 1982 Eric was involved in the Hollywood filming of the exploits of a young Australian adventurer and photo-journalist named John Everingham. John had gone to extraordinary lengths to smuggle his Laotian girlfriend, later his wife, out of Laos during the war, using scuba giving equipment to swim with her beneath the murky waters of the heavily patrolled Mekong River.

Paul Barton directed the film released in the west as "Love is Forever" with Michael Landon, Jurgen Prochnow, Pricilla Presley and Moira Chen in the lead roles. Eric appeared in the film and

suggested that the British Club pool be used for the shooting of some scenes. A fascinating photograph of this scene being filmed can still be seen on the wall of the club's Churchill Bar.

Eric and Margaret were always the quintessential courteous and elegantly attired English couple in Asia and these qualities was clearly appreciated by the advertising department of Thai Airways International. The Millers made something of a career of appearing as First and Business Class passengers in Thai ads that ran all over the world.

Of all the wide ranging theatrical roles she played in locations all over Asia Margaret's favourite was as the formidable Lady Bracknell in Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest". The great force of Margaret's character and shrewd intelligence made the delivery of that famous line, "a hand bag!!" seem second nature and entirely unaffected. Many great thespians have stumbled over lines that become so well known but Margaret was able to make it her own. And of course her weekly crosswords have tortured the intellects of legions of British Club members as much as any of Lady Bracknell's convoluted diatribes.

Eric's favourite role was as the misogynistic Charles in Noel Coward's dark comedy "Blythe Spirit" which he played no less than three times in Karachi, Bangladesh and Bangkok.

Eric and Margaret became larger than life characters on the stage of Thailand ex-patriot life. They were always the most professional, entertaining and relentlessly hard working of theatrical performers and the warmest of friends to all who have had the pleasure of knowing them. They eventually chose to retire in



Eric in a 2003 movie part, filmed in Krabi

Bangkok and haven't been back to dear old England since 1980. They truly have become the Lord and Lady of Greasepaint, a sort of living national treasure right in the heart of our community.

- Article by Barry Daniel

In Memoriam



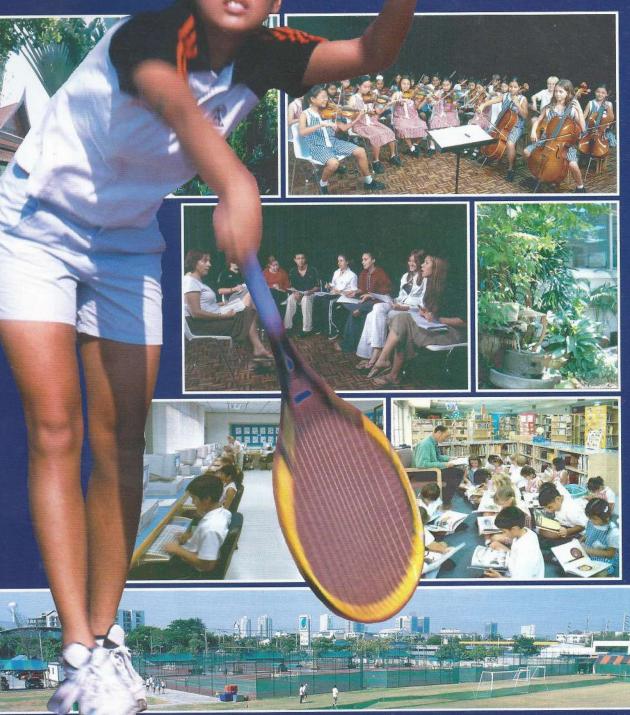
Mr. Eric Miller 1925-2005

British Club member since1975 who died peacefully on June 19th, 2005.

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

7:00 pm and 8:00 pm

7:30 pm

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

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

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GC Objectives 2005/2006

Strategic and Development Plans

The General Committee has determined that the creation of a Strategic Plan for the Club and the resurrection of a Development Plan are both critical issues. We appreciate and acknowledge the efforts made to date by other General Committees and we also recognise the difficulties in maintaining continuity from one General Committee to the next. However, these are difficulties which we must strive to overcome if any progress is to be made over the long term.

1. Strategic Plan

We believe that we need a strategic plan in order to provide a focused framework in which to drive the club forward over the next five years. In doing this we have to realise that we are not a typical commercial facility. Our 'shareholders' are the individuals that have joined an organisation that promised them the ability to enjoy various social and recreational activities. Their return is the ability to do just that, to use facilities that are of an acceptable and competitive standard. There are numerous elements to a strategic plan and full details will be communicated to members as the plan develops. However as a starting point we have drafted the following:

i) Vision

This should essentially describe the rationale behind our existence and as such we have come up with the following:

'To provide facilities and services that will support the recreational needs of our members and continuously exceed their expectations. These services to be based on the core values of accountability, consistency and transparency. This in an environment of mutual support that respects and encourages contribution from our employees and our members.'

ii) Mission Statement

This should establish what the club plans to do and for whom.

'To provide a focus for the social and recreational requirements of our members who represent many different countries and cultures whilst, at the same time upholding the Club's national identity. This whilst achieving financial breakeven on our daily operations and investing any additional revenue on upgrading and developing facilities.

As such we would endeavour to have in place for November 2005:

- Financial plans designed to achieve Breakeven in the next financial year, 2005/ 2006 to include specific targets for each revenue source.
- A Development Plan to enhance and upgrade facilities.
- A detailed, rolling 12 month Promotional plan based on key events in the social calendar and designed to increase activity of existing members.
- A rolling 12 month Recruitment strategy for new members.

The intention is to publish further stages of the plan as they develop and gather comments and views from members along the way. In order to do this in a timely fashion, we would appreciate your initial input by the end of July. Subsequent to that we will publish the next stages of the plan. Full details of how you can communicate your views are provided at the end of this document.

2. Development Plan

There has already been an awful lot of good work done on development and as such we have a significant amount of information to work with. We don't want to reinvent the wheel, so we believe that the first step should be to analyse what we already have. To date we have information on the following initiatives:

Physical Plans	& Concents	
Architects	Palmer & Turner Harrods RMJM CASA P.Harper V1 Boulter & Stewart P.Harper V2	March 2000 March 2000 March 2000 March 2000 Jan 2002 June 2002 May 2005
British Club (W. Pentermann)	New Dining Room Concept	2001
British Club (General Committee)	Club Development and New Wing Extension	2002
British Club (General Committee)	Three Phase Develop- ment Plan	2003
KSC Engineering	New Poolside Sports Complex & Restructured Access to Silom Entrance	2003
J. Prichard	Real Tennis Courts	2003

British Club (General Committee	e) Interim Development Plan	2004
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Member Discussion Forum The British Club Development Discussion June 11, Forum

There are also a number of individuals with valuable information who we hope to get on board to assist in this initial evaluation process. In addition we have also asked for input from all the Sports sections. Once all this work is pulled together we intend to create a draft plan that we can take to the membership.

2003

This plan will consider all the work that has been done to date and also the following:

- Needs to be integrated across the entire site
- Will probably require significant funding 60
- Be phased over 3-5 years.

As such, any plan must be supported by the membership and a commitment made to deliver a long term development project.

Some initial reviews with the membership have highlighted the following:

- 1) The environment in which the club is located is unique in the amount of green space it includes - our downtown 'oasis.' We don't want to lose this atmosphere.
- 2) The Clubhouse is an impressive historical building although expensive to maintain and currently under used.
- 3) The club probably provides one of the best family environments in Bangkok. However the family orientated facilities provided are not sufficient.
- 4) The Poolside and the Clubhouse are

- separated by a traffic thoroughfare that effectively cuts the site in half.
- 5) There is interest in providing Food & Beverage options that cover combinations of the following:
 - Internal/External
 - Child Friendly/Adult Friendly
 - Formal/Informal
 - Smoking/Non-smoking
- 6) There is significant pressure on our existing sporting facilities and there are sports sections that we do not cater to at all.
- The general office space and facilities are insufficient
- 8) Access to the Club premises is unsatisfactory

At this stage we would welcome input from you, the members. Firstly to identify any other sources of information of which we may not be aware and also to comment on anything written above. Based on your response and the information collated to date, we can consolidate a draft plan to present to the membership. Once agreement is reached, we can approach the relevant experts who will be required to deliver our vision. Please note that this is your club and as such we need and want your opinions and your mandate to progress this project. Hopefully we can even have some fun on the way!

In order to give us your ideas and opinions, we have set up two new topics on the British Club Discussion Forum. Using the Forum also enables you to hear the views of others. If you haven't yet registered on the Forum please do so at: http://forum.britishclubbangkok.org and then post your comments in the 'Strategy' or 'Development' topics under The General Committee heading.

Alternatively you can email Sally Crossley-Smith, who is heading up Strategy & Development, at <u>Development@britishclubbangkok.org</u> or write or fax c/o the British Club. We look forward to hearing from you before the end of July.

BCB General Committee 2005/2006

Official Opening Times

10:00 am - 11:00 pm	Churchill Bar	
11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Lord's Restaurant (Lunch)	
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Lord's Restaurant (Dinner)	
7:30 am - 10:00 pm	Poolside Bar (last food orders – 9:30 pm)	
6:00 am - 10:00 pm	Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)	
6:00 am - 9:00 pm	Fitness Centre (weekends)	
9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Thai Massage (Tues – Sun)	
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By John

We had a great month in the Food and Beverage section of the Club, and I would like to thank all of you for your patronage. Throughout the month, we received positive feedback and increased sales in all outlets. However, if you experienced any problems or are unhappy with the service or food, please let me know and I will endeavour to correct the problem or at the very least, make sure it doesn't happen again.



Ice Cream YES, Suki NO



Poolside has seen soaring sales in ice cream and our new soft whip ice cream is proving very popular. However, Suki Saturdays and Sundays were not as popular as hoped and we therefore have cancelled this offering. I plan to

spend a lot more time by the pool this month, especially from our busy time of noon until 3:00 pm. I will work to ensure that everyone is satisfied with the food and service they receive.

Children's Menu and Gourmet Pizza
In Lords Dining Room the new menu folders are
now in place with an added children's menu and
a new offering of delicious, gourmet pizzas. The
Sunday Carvery remains popular and the choice
of freshly prepared food gets better each week.
Please try to book in advance to avoid disappointment. If you do come along and we are
full, remember the alternative of eating your
carvery meal in the Churchill Bar.

Hooked on Kippers

In the Churchill Bar, check out the Blackboard Specials for July's recipe selections. Last month, the Jugged Kippers went down so well that they earned a place as a permanent menu item. A big thank you goes to our regular lunch patrons and we promise to keep the specials coming and to give you as wide a selection as possible. We

also introduce a few new house wines which are posted in the Blackboard. From California's Oak Vineyards we have a merlot and a chardonnay; from Australia we have McGuigan Black Label's Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc; and from Crate No.3 we have Cabernet Merlot and Semillon Chardonnay.

More Variety and Live Shows

The Wednesday Carvery lunch and dinner continues to go well and will be offered throughout the month. Friday theme buffets for lunch and dinner are as follows:

- 1st- Canada Day with a huge array of Canadian specialties
- 8th- Curry Buffet, a Churchill favourite
- 15th- Mediterranean Buffet and live cooking
- 22nd- Thai Buffet with live cooking Gaeng Khiew Wan, Tom Yam and many other favourite Thai dishes and salads
- 29th- Tex Mex Buffet with chimichangas, fajitas, burritos and enchiladas to name but a few

Goulash

By now I hope you tried the specials for Canada Day on July 1st and American Independence Day on the 4th of July. Make plans to attend New Member Night on July 12th for tasty finger food, free Tiger Beer and live music by 'No Fixed Abode'. Finally, a word of apology if you were disappointed by the cancellation of the Poolside BBQ originally scheduled for June 10th. As we received no bookings, we decided to postpone this event.

Recipes By JOHN

Summer back home is in full swing now and July is the month for berries and currants. Some of the nicest lettuces come in now, globe artichokes, fennel, fresh garden dill, melons and plums are all on the shelves in their glory. For your enjoyment, I incorporate some of this wonderful produce into this month's seasonal specials...



Summer Salad

Fresh green lettuce (200 g) Globe artichoke fresh or tin (4 cut into four) Feta cheese (200 g) Honeydew melon (200 g) Plums (200 g) Pineapple (200 g) Balsamic vinegar (40 g) 4 Tbsp Whole grain mustard (30 g) 3 Tbsp Extra virgin olive oil (80 g) Sweet basil for garnish

Cut all ingredients to your preferred size, lightly toss in a bowl. Mix balsamic vinegar, mustard and extra virgin olive oil in a bowl and then lightly drizzle over the salad. Finally rip the fresh basil leaves over the salad.



Salmon Fillet with Croquant Fennel, Capers, Olives and Sun dried Tomatoes and a Dill and White Wine Sauce

Fresh salmon fillet (4 x 20 g) Fresh fennel sliced (400 g) Butter (4 knobs) Extra virgin olive oil (4 Tbsp) Rocket salad (120 g) Air dried tomato cut into dice (12 halves) Times, mixed black and green (20 no.) Capers (40 g) White wine (100 ml) Shallots, chopped (80 g)

Garlic, chopped (50 g) Cream (200 ml) Dill freshly chopped

Grill or pan fry the salmon fillet, and then finish in the oven. In a hot fry pan add the fennel, the butter and the extra olive oil, saut? lightly, keeping that crunchy texture. Remove from the pan and then fry the olives, capers and dried tomatoes and cook lightly to infuse together. In another pan, saut? the shallots, garlic and then add the wine, reducing by half, then add cream and reduce until an agreeable consistency is reached. Then add the freshly chopped dill, lemon juice and season to taste. Assemble on the plate, the fennel, then the olive, tomato and caper mixture around, drizzle the sauce around the fennel top with the rocket salad and finally on the salmon fillet.



Black Forest Gateaux

Rich Black Forest Gateaux Layers of chocolate sponge cake laced with Kirsch and filled with black cherries and cream...

Black pitted cherries (1 can, 420 g) Kirsch (50 ml) Whipping cream (300 ml) Grated dark chocolate Blackberry sauce Chocolate sauce

Slice the cooked chocolate sponge cake (2 lb) in half. Lace with Kirsch, top with the pitted black cherries, top with whipped cream, then sandwich together with the second half of the sponge. Cover with whipped cream using a palette knife and make smooth, cover with grated dark chocolate and place in the refrigerator to set. Cut into portion size triangle, place on a plate and then drizzle the berry sauce and chocolate sauce and serve.

LOOKING BACK











The Queen's Birthday Celebration at The British Embassy

n June 10th The British Ambassador, David Fall and his wife, Gwendolyn, held an informal celebration in their Residence and gardens to celebrate the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth. This event was described as 'a chance for the British community to enjoy an evening in the Embassy at this time' and it was certainly celebrated in true British style! The British Club catered for around 270 invited guests and John Hogg and his team did the Club proud. The staff looked very smart in their Union Jack waistcoats and the British grub included mini steak and kidney pies, mini fish and chips in wrappers, scotch eggs, pork pies, and even mini ice cream cones! The entertainment included an "Old Time Music Hall" song and dance medley outside on the terrace, courtesy of Bangkok Community Theatre, and this featured many British Club members, including The Ambassador himself who regaled the assembled crowd with his wonderful rendition of "I am the very model of a modern Major General!" There was also a very special visit from our resident 'Queen' who arrived in glorious style, accompanied by a couple of 'bobbies' a beefeater and a Lady in Waiting. Despite the threat of rain, the evening turned out to be a glorious one and a very blatantly British bash!



Oak Apple Day Celebrated In Style

On 29 May, your F&B staff mounted a worthy celebration of England's annual "Oak Apple Day". John and his team surprised members with a tour de force of apple preparations. The celebration spilled over from Churchill Bar to poolside, where staff dressed up in medieval costumes. Recipes included desserts and cakes (the apple crumble scones were a particular hit!). Activities included dunking for apples, with everyone getting a free prize.

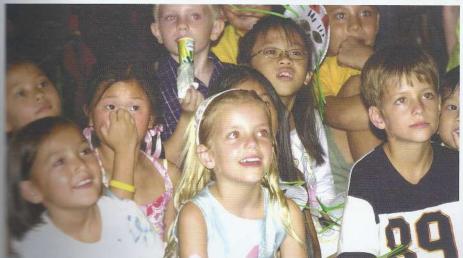


"Puss in Boots"

Over the weekends of May 28th & 29th and June 4th & 5th Bangkok Community Theatre staged their traditional interactive theatre production - this time, the classic, "Puss in Boots." As usual, the show took place in the Surawong Room as 'theatrein-the-round" with the little ones sitting around the action and getting involved at every opportunity! With two or three performances a day, The British Club catered for around 1,600 people over the two weekends with a picnic barbecue served on the front lawn. The event was a real community effort with collaboration between The British Club, The Nielsen Hays Library, BAMBI and Bangkok Community Theatre.









BC CALENDAR JULY - The Month at a Glance

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LOOKING BACK

Churchill Bar Accumulator







On Wednesday, June 1st, armed with brollies and determination, over 70 members braved the puddles and the very inclement weather in order to have a chance to win a whopping Bt.20,000 baht's worth of credit to their account. As the evening wore on, and more names were pulled out of the tub, anticipation grew and the room buzzed with excitement. Eventually a winner emerged! Mr. Simon Fisher was lucky enough to be there in the bar when his name was called and, with good spirit, he rang the bell and ordered drinks all round. A great evening with everyone a winner!



Monthly Wine Tasting

Many members take full advantage of the free canapés as they sample wines from around the world.



Quiz and Chips

hat a great success are the BC quiz nights! The quiz on June 21st was extra-special as it was a farewell to Allrounders Margaret and Edwin Ferner who sadly attended their last quiz here before departing for a move to Egypt.

A great night was had by all teams competing and Sminky Binky Bang Bang walked away with first prize after an impeccable four rounds. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers took the runners-up prizes, after an unusually poor fourth round lost them the lead. Newcomers Six No Trumps got the much sought after last place prizes and received a free round of drinks.

Cod fish suppers wrapped in newspaper with home made fries and chip shop sauce added a touch of novelty to the evening and were finished off with a dessert of deep fried Mars Bars in batter!

After the Quiz, Paul Cheesman, a long time supporter of Quiz nights and John James Hogg, DGM, on behalf of the members of the club, presented Margaret and Edwin with a commemorative plaque as a way saying goodbye and of thanking them for their support of quiz nights over the years (see photo nearby). We wish them good luck in their new lives and quiz nights will definitely miss their presence.

For those of you wishing to join the next quiz, it will be Tuesday, July 19th. Enter your teams in the quiz file at reception or if you cannot find a team but wish to join in the fun, leave your name or contact Barry, Paul or John at the club and we will be more than happy to help.

Come as a team, come as a single, or come as a pair. But, please, come!

See you on July 19th!





MAGIC EYES

Monday, July 18th 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

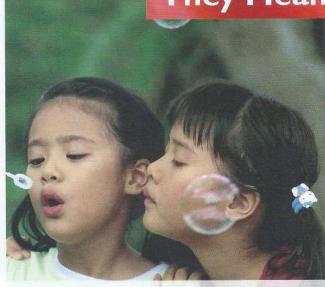
Magic Eyes provides unique classroom and outdoor experiential learning opportunities for Thai and foreign students (adults too!) discovering the environment, history, and culture of the Chao Phraya River Watershed and its wider connections in Thailand.

The program utilizes a beautiful converted traditional rice barge as its home base and the river as its classroom. The Magic Eyes faculty believe that experience teaches best. "We don't talk aout it if we can do it," explains their brochure." The staff's educational approach stresses experiential learning, development of questioning skills, conflict resolution and negotiation, along with collaborative problem solving.

A typical post-trip evaluation comment from a foreign students was: "This program has taught me so much more about Thailand and the international issue of water than I could have learned for weeks at school. I'll never forget this experience. Thanks again" (Wendy Shen, Singapore American School).

Activities on our club's July 18 outing include, canoeing, games, environmental activities, discovery of 'river critters' and a visit to Koh Kred Island. Cost Bt 1,400 per person. Maximum 32 members only. To book please contact Khun Dong or reception.

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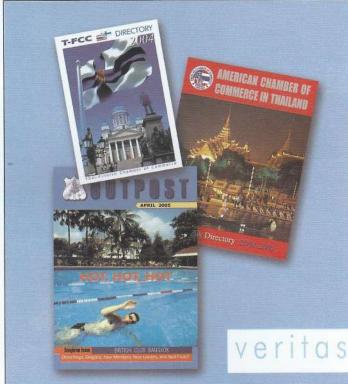
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Aerobics

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

Bridge

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

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

Cricket

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

Football

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

Hockey

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

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Tuesday 8:30pm - Churchill Bar

Smash

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

Tennis

Mix-in

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

Ladies Mix-in

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

Adult Tennis

Saturday 7:00am - 8:00am Beginner class Saturday 8:00am - 9:00am Intermediate/ Advanced Private and semi-private (2 persons) classes also available

Junior Tennis

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

Yoga

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

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics Aqua aerobics Cricket Massage Squash courts Swimming Tennis

Adult Tennis Junior Tennis Tennis courts Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons Bt 300 per lesson

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

Bt 200 per hour

Bt 30 per 45 min..

Bt 3,000 per 10 lessons

Private coaching with Nelson Thein- Bt 900/ hour; Bt 500/30 min. Semi-private w/ Coach Nelson for 2 - Bt 1,500/hr; Bt 800/30 min. Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning-beginner to advanced)

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

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Islanders Capture their First Mekong Cup

t's been won by the Thai Stix for four of the last six years; the Kuala Lumpur Sharks and the Singapore Chilli Crabs have also etched their names on the trophy, but this year the final of the Mekong Cup, the region's most prestigious ball hockey championship, was fought over by two teams from Hong Kong. And in the end, the HK Islanders defeated their arch-rivals—the HK Nordiques 4-0 in the 11th Annual Mekong Cup International Ball Hockey Tournament, held May 7th on the tennis courts of the Dusit Laguna Resort in Phuket.

The defending champion Thai Stix did everything they could to retain the Mekong Cup, but fell a goal short in the semifinals to the eventual winners. The Stix finished the 6-game round robin with a record of 3-1-2 leaving them tied for second place with the Hong Kong Islanders. These two teams then met in one of the semi-finals. It was a hard fought battle, but fatigue and a depleted line-up caught up with the Stix, and although the team took an early lead, Hong Kong was able to win the game 7-6, even though the Stix rallied from a 6-2 deficit and almost tied it on a contentious disallowed goal in the

final minute.

There were a few surprises in the tourney, including the Bangkok Bullies finishing dead-last with a record of 0-6-0 and the upstart Taiwan team (with only 6 players and a goalie) managing to edge out both Kuala Lumpur and Singapore for 4th place in the round robin. Taiwan went on to lose to the Hong Kong Nordiques 11-7 in the other semifinal game.

Tournament Organizer and Thai Stix captain John Casella pointed out the event was successful on many fronts. "The International Street & Ball Hockey Federation and the Czech Street Hockey Association donated US\$300 to replace the hockey nets that were literally washed away by the tsunami, as well as giving a further US\$500 cash donation to the Amari's Tsunami Relief Fund," he said. Casella reports that another THB11,500 was





raised in T-shirt and beer sales and a further THB28,500 was raised at the auction on Saturday night, with all proceeds going into a scholarship fund in memory of Vivian Slot, the daughter of a Hong Kong ball hockey player who unfortunately lost her life in the tsunami while visiting Phuket on holiday last Christmas. Casella also said the Bangkok teams would regroup and make a concerted effort to capture the Canton Cup, to be held in Hong Kong this October.

Bangkok's ball hockey will now rest their weary bones for the summer months and wait anxiously for the chilly fall and winter months to return to the "green ice" of the British Club's frozen tennis courts. All are welcome to join every Thursday night, starting at 9:00pm on September 1st. For more information, contact John Casella: 01-829-8954 (jcasella@churchill-pryce.com).



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HANNI'S HEETSPOT



Here's a quick summary of some of the sports related activities and any news coming up this month at the club.

Although the pools are closed for cleaning and repair, mums and dads don't despair! We will hold a sports camp here at the club from July 20 - 22 July and we plan to have a great time with a 'splash' afternoon and horse riding! Not one to be missed.

We are also planning a trip to Pattaya for the children to learn how to sail! This three night, four day break at the end of July will include professional sailing lessons, beach games, beach barbecues and group workshops.

And looking back, we held another tremendously successful swimming gala on June 12th with all entrants, volunteers and spectators having a wonderful time! Turn to page 36 for photos. A big thank you to all who helped out with this one, and I can't wait for the next one!

'Futebol de Salao' Super Skills

ere at the BC we were lucky to be visited by two champion freestyle football players! John Farnworth (current world freestyle champion) and Duncan Williams wowed the crowd with their fantastic show of skills and dedication to football. Both the guys have trained with 'futebol de salao' for over five years and everyone present was excited when the two footballers agreed to a 30 minute 'kick about' after their amazing show. The skills they demonstrated were all backed by Brazilian beats and thanks to John's delicious barbecue, everyone had a blast!

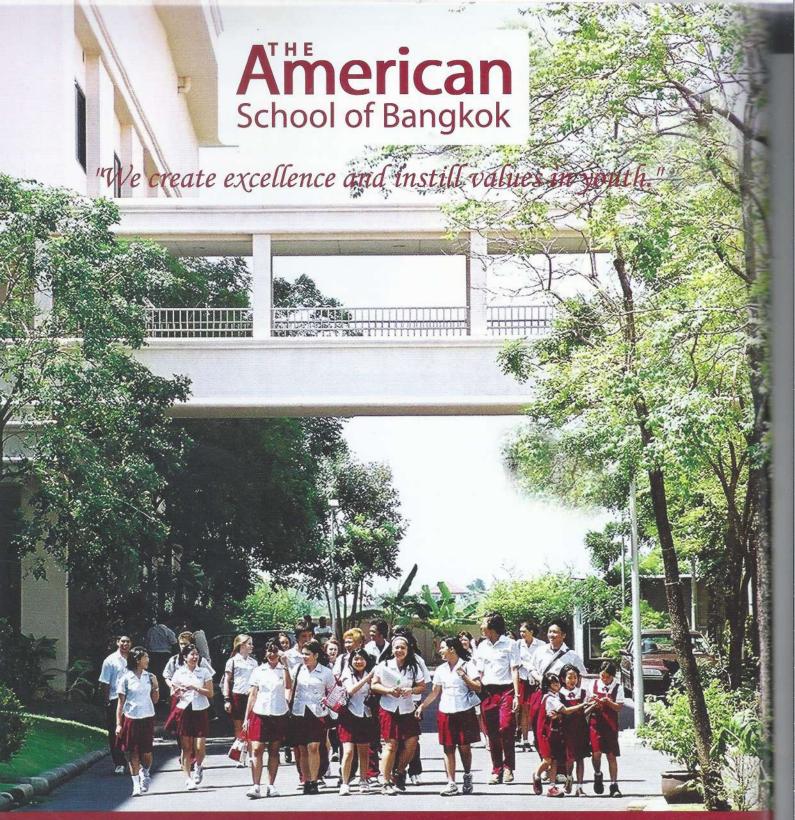
We would like to start junior training sessions with 'futebol de salao' here at the British Club. The classes are for both boys and girls and playing the 'Brazilian way' appears to be loads of fun. If you would like to register your son or daughter for classes, or merely request more information, please contact Hanni.











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ACTION REPORT FROM THE TENNIS SECT



nto our second month in office and the tennis committee members have been rolling up their sleeves and getting on with running the section. Just a quick correction to my email address from the error in last month's article - davide@loxinfo.co.th The new "mix-in" format has now started which we hope will encourage more members of the Club to play tennis and develop the social side of the

In conjunction with the Club, an improved maintenance schedule has been established for the carpet courts. The two courts are now swept and watered every morning and again at lunchtime. This has significantly improved the playing conditions on the two courts. Further improvements to the sprinkler system are to follow, which I am confident will help the playing condition even further.

Further work is scheduled to start soon on the tennis lighting. We hope this will finally solve the continuing failure of some of the lights, which has gone on for such a long time.

Work is continuing on updating the tennis section members' list. If you have changed your telephone details and/or email then please either let me know or change them on the list with the fitness staff. We will soon be sending out details of what is happening for the section on a regular basis by email.

Thanks very much to all of you who have paid your annual tennis section membership fee. This fee significantly helps us to fund the "mix-ins", trophies, the leagues, tournaments, matches and events for the juniors. Please be assured this money will be put to good use.

New booking sheets have been introduced and these are now in use at the fitness centre. There has been some confusion over the period necessary to make a cancellation of a court, without a penalty of 500 Baht. For clarification, 24 hours notice is necessary, as this gives an opportunity for someone else to use the court. This is primarily designed to prevent no shows. In the event of an emergency, which does not allow the required notice, please write in to Barry, the manager and explain the circumstances as he can waive the charge, in appropriate cases.

As a "relatively" new member of the section, I and other members have found it rather difficult finding out how certain things function. For example:

How do you book a court? (If indeed you can get one during popular times.)

How much is the charge for a court?

What times and which courts are available for

Who is eligible for Monday "mix-ins"? Is it team practice?

Are the "mix-ins" truly "mix-ins"?

Are their any team practices? What plans are there for developing the junior section?

As a committee we must address these and similar questions as a priority and we are already making inroads into clarifying and providing information for members. I also believe that we should be answerable to members for all court bookings that we make for the section, as this directly affects the number of courts that are available for booking.

Mix-ins are easy to justify, as they are open to everyone who is a member of the tennis section, with the prime purpose of trying to stimulate the social side of the section—a very important building block. Yes, it is only a part of the total structure. We must also take account of the need to encourage the development of our teams and a junior section.

At the first meeting of the new committee a decision was taken to discontinue the block bookings for Monday evenings and Sundays Captain Court. This action has upset some members, but these bookings were for groups that could not be defined. Were Mondays "Mix-ins" or Team practices? Different people gave different answers. It was supposed to be for the better players who were defined by the tennis ladder, but the tennis ladder has not operated for at least six months.

At the first meeting on May 3rd, tennis captain, Phairoj was asked to develop proposals that he would like to put forward for the better players, among which would include consideration for Monday evenings. This proposal was received June 4th and the committee will review it as a priority. Whatever is implemented will be made clear to all members and any specific groups will be clearly

I hope all members remember that at the AGM no one was prepared, initially, to stand for election to the tennis committee. Three of the present committee members volunteered their services and were elected unanimously and they are trying to run the section. (Normally the committee would have about 12 office bearers!) We are trying to address some of the issues that have probably contributed to the reluctance of tennis players to serve on the commit-

I trust that members will appreciate the attempts to address these issues and our determination for transparency and clarity in all respects. The minutes of each committee meeting are posted on the tennis notice board along the corridor in the main building and we do welcome comments from tennis players.

David Eastgate Section Chairman

THE NEW TENNIS "MIX-IN" FORMAT







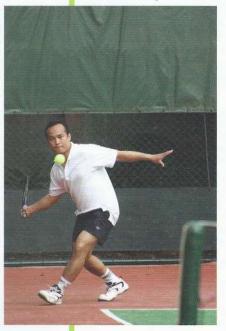


he torrential rain at 5:45pm failed to dampen the enthusiasm of 16 hardy "mix-in" players who defied the weather for the first new "mix-in" format, which took place on Wednesday, June 1. With thanks to the hard work of the Club staff, the courts were cleared of water and soon after the rain stopped the first group took to the courts.

Under the new format, players register as soon as they arrive and the section member on duty allocates a group for each court. Players join in as they arrive and those that have finished their match (8 games) join in the rotation again. The duty member insures that the groups "mix-in" by allocating the groups and the courts.

The hardy bunch of players played until 9:45 P.M. and were rewarded with snacks provided by the Club, beer courtesy of Chang Beer and wine thanks to the sponsorship of Tom Westbury. The second "mix-in" attracted 16 players and the second Wednesday 22 players.

The "Mix-ins" take place on every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm on all



four courts and are open to all players. All one has to do is turn up, sign up and join in. The charge is 65 Baht for the evening, which includes the court fees and the balls. We do ask that everyone who joins the "mix-ins" signs up for the section for the current year for a one off payment of 300 Baht. This fee helps fund the mix-in sessions, tournaments, trophies, junior events and other functions throughout the year. As a section member, you will be included on the section email list and will be informed of the

events that the section is organising.

Why not give it a try sometime? We cannot guarantee the quality of the tennis, but we can guarantee a warm welcome from the players.

THE BC TENNIS SECTION VERSUS

THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION



BC tennis captain Phairoj Chansevikul shows off the new trophy.

On Sunday, May 15th the annual match with the Japanese Association took place at the British Club. This year the two Clubs jointly funded a new trophy for this event, which provided an extra incentive for us to win the match. Jesada and Phairoj jointly coordinated the fixture, which included Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

The British Club maintenance staff put forth a lot of effort preparing our carpet courts and the surfaces certainly played much better. The fixture started at 7:30 am and 24 matches were crammed into the morning.

In the Men's Doubles, the British Club raced away with some early victories, but the strength in depth of the Japanese men

enabled them to battle back and win this section by 5 games to 4.

The British Club dominated both the Ladies Doubles and the Mixed Doubles sections recording 8-1 and 5-1 wins respectively, which gave us an overall match victory of 17 matches to 7.

Drinks and a super Thai Buffet were served on the lawn after the match followed by the presentation of the new trophy.

This was a very enjoyable social event, which will be followed up with Men's, Ladies and Mixed matches with the Japanese Association scheduled for September and October.



British Club and Japanese Association tennis players enjoy a sumptuous Thai buffet on the BC lawn after the end of a hard-fought tournament.



Tennis Section Chairman David Eastgate presents the new trophy to the captain of the winning team, Phairoj Chansevikul.



British Club and Japanese Association members line up for an end-of-match photo in front of the BC clubhouse.

BRITISH CLUB JUNIOR TENNIS SECTION TAKE ON ROYAL BANGKOK SPORTS CLUB

On Saturday, May 14th the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RSBC) hosted a junior match with the British Club Juniors. RSBC produced a very strong squad, which proved to be too strong for our very young junior squad. Although the match score was 17-2 in favour of the RSBC some of the games were very close and all the juniors put up a good fight.

Our two winners, Cedric Le Quellec who beat Pattorn Buddhari 8 games to 6 and Ben Bunjapamai who beat Korn Nawbhanich 8-1 deserve special mention. Unfortunately some of our more experienced players were unavailable, but this did give our youngsters very valuable match practice.

The RSBC were excellent hosts providing us with an early snack on arrival, lunch and a very well run programme of matches. Our thanks go to them for hosting the event and we look forward to a return match

at the British Club in the near future.

The new tennis section committee are looking at ways the Club and the section can provide more opportunities for our juniors. Nisa and James Young have kindly offered to run the juniors and we are currently working out a programme that we hope to launch in September, after the summer holidays.

We will give out further information as soon as more details are available.



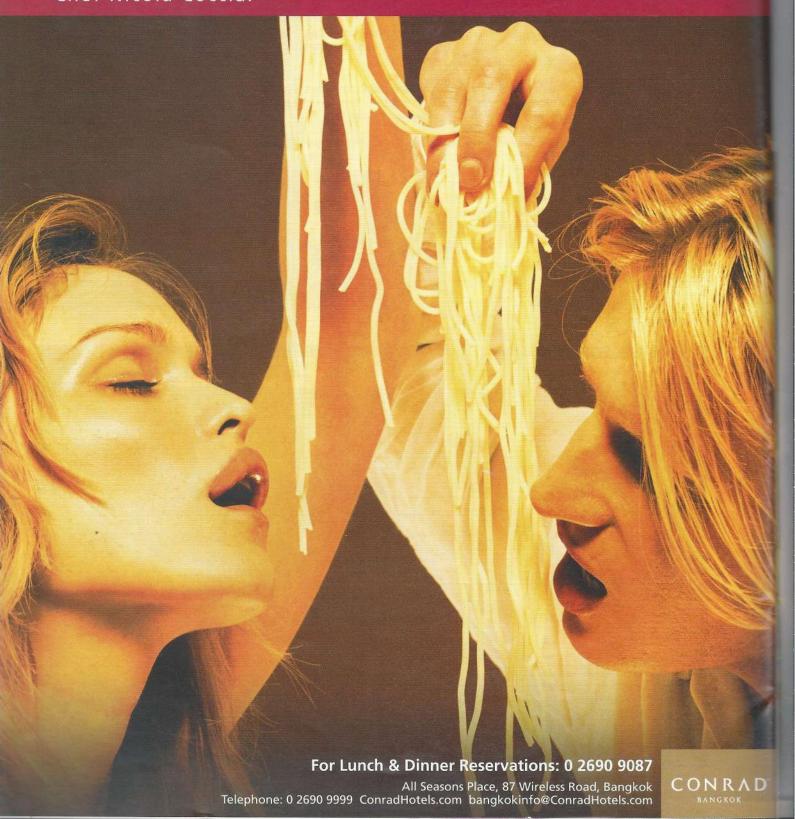


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Squashy Things

ow I was going to tell you about my ruptured biceps this month, but things became much more exciting when I went down with meningitis in the good old US of A. This unfortunately delayed my return to the squash courts even further and means that besides having a damaged brain, I am even more out of touch with squash than usual.

I did attend the Squash Committee Meeting on 10th May, but all I remember is the noise of the New Members Night taking place around us, meningitis presumably setting in. Consulting the minutes however, I note that we were ... err ... umm ... still talking about new ways to charge for court usage, still going to put committee member photos and the committee meeting minutes on the notice board, still encouraging the ladies, still talking about fans, Joey Aung is still designing the new shirt, etc, etc... Not much inspiration for an exciting article there!

But fortunately, there has been some good squash this month. League 195 was better participated in than others of late with winners decided in all 5 Divisions. Congratulations to Division 1 winner David Eastgate, 2 Nick White, 3 George Dunford, 4 Roger Deacon, 5 Chris Alley.

The June Sunday Mix-in was well-attended with 14 players including two ladies playing two roundrobins of six games each. In the play off between the two exhausted winners, Neil Evans beat Mike Stuttard.(15-12???) Both players refusing to give up, displayed some excellent retrieving and long rallies to the end. Neil raced to a 9-2 lead, but just managed to keep in front after Mike started to peg it back. Johny Bell, a junior, was runner-up behind Mike Stuttard in league 1 and Steve Bell, his father, was the runner-up in league 2.

The much anticipated match against Mussels and Muscles took place on 4th June. I had anticipated a stirring report of how brain and cunning overcame brawn and muscle and was shocked to receive the following report from a somewhat gloating Baz:

Mussels and Muscles Thrash Wimps and Wimpies

Saturday June 4th dawned hot and muggy for



BCB and M&M line up

our annual game against the rabble of Rachadepisek Road. The location of the "Mussels and Muscles" health and squashing establishment proved to be nearly as arcane as its nomenclature. Hence the lads in the team (messers Bell senior and junior, Browning, Corney, Daniel, Dunford junior, Eastgate and Walton) enjoyed a merry jape riding the new Bangkok subway, followed by lots of mobile phone follies directing each other into the large car park that houses said arcane bi-valve molluscular healthing establishment.

We were a select, if somewhat depleted band of nine players, fine of fettle and optimistic of mien. Our somewhat depleted numbers were attributable to certain members of the squashing section having declared that they couldn't possibly play, boyo, as the timing of the match coincided with the opening British and Irish Lions game against the team from the Bay that is plentiful.

Well, for the information of these miscreants who of course must remain completely anonymous, but for the sake of argument we'll call Marvyn Lewis et al, we were able to watch said excellent rugby on the T.V.'s beside the courts of squashing as we played, boyos.

The endeavours of said rugby stalwarts drawn from the island nation that is home to most of us (apologies are due at this point to one P. Corney esq. for not having being born British) were of little inspiration it seems to the squashing boyos of the British Club.

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Peter and Chris cheering the lads on



The Committee agrees it was all Marvyn's fault



The triumphant BC victor

Another Successful Swim Gala Held June 12th



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After seven games the score board looked like a promotional ad to join the M and M Healthing Club, with lots of wins placed besides the mussel's players and hardly any, oh alright then, none, placed against the British Club.

At the score of M and M seven games, British Club nil, one final game remained and it can only be said this one fine individual did at last step up to the mark and uphold the traditions and valor that have made the squash section of our club what it is today. That man was none other than B. Daniel esq. (absolutely no relation whatsoever to the scribe of this nonsense it must be said) who played the most magnificent game to win 3-2 after being 2-0 down.

And so as we wended our way back towards the "civilized" end of Bangkok we realised that silly club names aren't necessarily a guarantee of silly squash players and that next time we go out there, maybe we should take a somewhat stronger team to deal with the plate of seafood with which we are contesting.

B. Daniel (no relation)

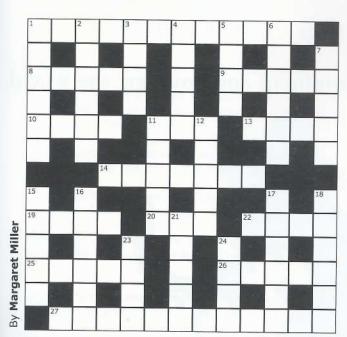
Congratulations on your win Baz. It was mentioned that your opponent was old enough to be your Dad, but that shouldn't take anything away from your moment of glory!

Finally, congratulations to George and Vickie on their engagement. There was a goodly smattering of squashies at the party.

Jack Dunford

Crossword Competition

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



June Solution

Across: 1 NoelCoward, 7 Aviator, 8 Sybil, 10 Teenage, 11 Errol, 12 Miller, 15 Indaba, 17 Mural, 18 Handbag, 21 Sitar, 22 Snoozes, 23 GameAndSet.

Down: 1 Noise, 2 Extra, 3 Carmen, 4 Western, 5 Roberta, 6 Pantomimes, 9 LilianGish, 13 Loretta, 14 Enlarge, 16 TheSun, 20 Bizet.



"A Few Bits of History & General Knowledge"

Across

- This was commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1086. (8,4)
- A Scandinavian Language.
- Suffix used in naming many English counties.
- 10 "All I ask is a tall _____" (John Masefield)
- 11 In the 1845 Irish potato famine, many people left home for here.
- 13 "I am a _____ of very little brain..." (A.A.Milne)
- 14 In 122 he built a wall across Britain
- 19 In law, a breach of duty.
- 20 Piscatorial eggs.
- 22 Poor vision when London has this.
- 25 "He will awake no more, oh _____ more." (Shelley)
- ___ Carta, signed in England in 1215, promised justice for all.
- 27 Queen Victoria's husband. (6,6)

- Alexandra, wife of King Edward VII was
- Assassinated in 1968.... Luther King.
- The waterway was opened in 1869.
- Most countrymen of The Emirates are
- America has had two Presidents with this name.
- This Cromwell led the Roundheads in England's Civil War of the 1640's.
- England had eight kinds with this name.
- 11 _Milk Wood" (Dylan Thomas)
- "The moving moon went up the sky and nowhere did _______". (The Ancient Mariner)
- 15 An Egyptian pyramid built in 2780 BC is the world's oldest known building made of _
- 16 Actor _____ Howard, or cricketer Baillie.
- 17 A Frenchman who leaves home to settle abroad.
- 18 Just horrified!
- 21 Corpulent
- 23 The country took this name when the Shah fell in 1979.
- 24 French Writer...____ Zola.

Be the first person to enter the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Aeh and receive a prize. The speedy winner for June was Valerie Ashman shown here, who fax'd in the winning entry on June 2nd and received a bottle of wine for her efforts.

It's Your Cup of Tea



Outpost would like to hear from YOU! We will soon launch a new feature for Letters to the stor. If you have any witticisms or criticisms to share or if you simply want to brag about those or grandkids, submit your articles or photos by the 10th of the month prior to the attention of ry or Khun Dong. Comments shall be civil, concise and signed, and photographs should captions. Happy writing!



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Tsunami Relief Fund Update

Pop Memorabilia Auction Planned



Ve now have tentative plans to hold a Pop Memorabilia Auction at the British Club later in the year. I'll have to break the news to Barry as soon as he returns from his holiday, but I'm sure amongst his hectic calendar of events at the Club, he'll be able to squeeze in this exceptionally worthwhile event! We have yet to finalise the date, but I would guess at the earliest it will be Sep/Oct.

My thanks to Marvyn Lewis [L84] who has offered to work on a few of his contacts. If any other members know of any (possibly ageing?) rock-stars who may want to have their 'Fender Strat' auctioned off for a worthwhile cause, please let me know!

I'm currently in the process of visiting several organisations in Phuket involved with re-construction projects and will report back to you in the next issue of Outpost with an update of what's happening. It's always difficult to make sure that funds are spent on worthwhile projects, but I feel confident we shall be able to look back on this in years to come and see that the British Club contributed its part to help those whose businesses and homes were devastated by this event.

The fund balance is currently 312,516 Baht. Let's aim to raise this amount to 1m Baht before the end of the year, at which time the fund can be closed and the money handed over to a deserving Tsunami-related project.

Do you want to get involved? Just contact me and help contribute to this work, your involvement will be most welcome.

If you wish to make a donation, the account details are as follows:

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David Quine [Q12] david@yes.co.th

Welcome Aboard!

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

- 1. H.E.Ignazio & Helen Di Pace
- 2. David Gosting
- 3. Ian & Judith Banes
- 4. Adrian Hicks
- 5. Andrew & Anchana Westwood
- 6. Kirk Albrow
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- 25. Sumeet & Vandana Singla
- 26. Kitti & Nawarat Rimkeeratikul

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GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to...

- 1. Mr.Samir & Rita Gupta
- 2. David & Susan Moores
- Rocky & Melinda Carter
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