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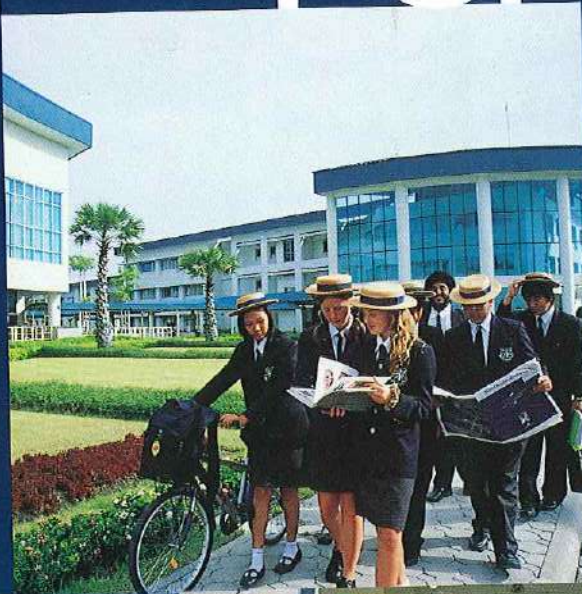
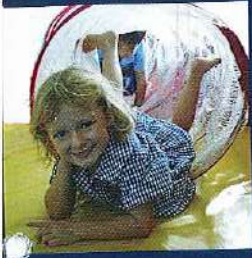


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World Cup Fever!

No other sporting event captures the world's imagination like the FIFA World Cup. Ever since the first tentative competition in Uruguay in 1930, FIFA's (Federation Internationale de Football Association) flagship has constantly grown in popularity and participants.

A group of visionary French football administrators, led in the 1920s by the innovative Jules Rimet, are credited with the original idea of bringing the world's strongest national football teams together to compete for the title of World Champions. The original gold trophy bore Jules Rimet's name and was contested three times in the 1930s, before the Second World War put a 12-year stop to the competition.

When it resumed, the FIFA World Cup rapidly advanced to its undisputed status as the greatest single sporting event of the modern world. Held since 1958 alternately in Europe and the Americas, the World Cup broke new ground with the Executive Committee's decision in May 1996 to select Korea and Japan as co-hosts for the 2002 competition.

Since 1930, the 16 tournaments have seen only seven different winners. However, the FIFA World Cup has also been punctuated by dramatic upsets that have helped create footballing history - the United States defeating England in 1950, North Korea's defeat of Italy in 1966, Cameroon's emergence in the 1980s and their opening match defeat of the Argentinean cup-holders in 1990.... Alas, the much hoped-for upset in 2006 (Australia defeating Italy) didn't materialize, thanks to some creative refereeing just before extra time. Oh well, that's football!

And now for a selection of amazing FIFA World Cup Records:

- Largest margin of victory: Hungary 9-0 South Korea (1954); Yugoslavia 9-0 Zaire (1974); Hungary 10-1 El Salvador (1982)
- Most goals scored in a World Cup qualifier: 31, Australia 31-0 American Samoa, (2002 qualification).
- Most goals scored by a player in his Cup career Ronaldo (Brazil 1994-2006), 15
- Fastest goal from kickoff: Hakan Sukur, 11 seconds, Turkey vs South Korea, (2002)
- Youngest player to score a goal: Pele, 17 years and 239 days, Brazil vs Wales (1958)
- Oldest player to appear at a FIFA World Cup and to score a goal: Roger Milla, 42 years and 39 days, Cameroon vs Russia (1994)
- Most cards shown in a match (yellow and red): 16 yellow cards and 4 red cards, Portugal (9y,2r) vs Netherlands (7y,2r) (2006).

The last statistic is interesting: Perhaps England (vs Portugal on 1st July) should concentrate on making the Portuguese players lose their tempers and hope they all get sent off! Just a thought . . .

Billy Beefeater

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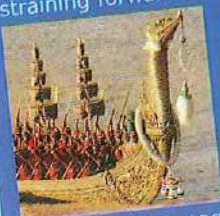
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The prow of the **Suphannahongse** - with the head of a mythical swan, the steed of the Hindu god Brahma, straining forward . . . (Photo courtesy Bangkok Post).



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Letter from **the Chair**



Dear Members,

June was a really exceptional month at the Club, starting off on the 12th with the Royal Barge procession where over 400 members and their guests attended, followed by the Queen's birthday party celebrations at the Club on the 17th, and then Canada Day on the 24th. In addition

the Club catered the BCTFN's Alternative Queen's birthday party at the British Embassy on the 23rd.

At the time of writing, the first two have taken place and were both, by all accounts, a tremendous success. I was very disappointed, due to prior commitments, not to have been able to attend either event myself. With 12 coaches to transport members; catering for over 400; as well as great food, entertainment, and a spectacular view; the trip to view the Royal Barge procession on the occasion of His Majesty's 60th accession to the throne was an incredible effort in forward planning, creative thinking and precision timing. I think we all agree that these are skills that our GM, Barry Osborne, has in abundance when organising events of this kind and an area where he and his staff truly excel. I would like to extend a very big thank you to Barry and all the staff who made this possible and gave our members such an enjoyable and memorable day out. The 'Street Fair' on June 17th to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 80th Birthday went off equally well and I'm sure the other events planned for the remainder of the month will follow suit.

Development Plans - Extraordinary General Meeting - June 6th

Following two member Development Discussion Forums, and a weekend 'Roadshow' in May where the General Committee were able to outline plans for development and answer members' questions, an EGM was held on June 6th where members debated and voted on whether to proceed with Phase 1 of the project. The GC motion was as follows:

That the membership approve Phase 1 of the Club Development Plan as follows:

(a) Concept

- i. The conversion of the Lord's Dining Room into a new "Churchill Bar."**
- ii. Redevelopment of the existing Churchill Bar, and extension onto the back lawn, to provide a new non-smoking, Food & Beverage outlet catering to members of all age groups.**
- iii. Partition of the existing Snooker Room to create a Membership & Business Services Room and a**

Snooker Room with a single snooker table.

iv. Refurbishment of the Reception area.

(b) Design, Construction & Finance

- i. The General Committee shall approve the detailed design and construction timetable.**
- ii. The General Committee shall commit up to Bt10.5M of Club funds for all elements of Phase 1.**

The membership also agrees that this motion supersedes and negates any previous development mandates.

The GC's motion to proceed with Phase 1 was carried by majority vote. However there was a significant voice of concern in the meeting over the following:

- Whether the Churchill Bar ambience can be successfully transferred to its new location;
- The rationale behind prioritising the Clubhouse ground floor over the Poolside;
- Revenue targets for the new Clubhouse outlets.

We are taking members' concerns very seriously and are working to provide information that will specifically address the issues raised. We will also let you know the next steps required to move the Phase 1 development project forward, so look out for news on the notice board, the website and in next month's *Outpost*. Our intention is to continue to make this an inclusive process and in particular we would like to have more discussions with those members who have voiced specific concerns. See more details on the EGM and its ramifications on Pages 30-31.

Thank you to all of you who have given us your views and suggestions over the past year, and also to those who attended and voted at the meeting. However, out of approximately 700 voting members, an attendance of 58 was still a little disappointing, especially as so many of you have given us such encouragement over the last few months. While you may of course send in your proxy vote (which many of you did) there are always valid arguments on the night that you may not have considered and which may cause you to change your view. I therefore encourage you, whenever possible, to attend in person and make sure your vote is well considered, based on all available data, and therefore in the best interests of the Club and its members.

I wish those of you who are taking off for the summer holidays a safe and enjoyable trip, and look forward to seeing you all back at the Club in September.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Daniel
Chairman
BCB General Committee 2006/2007



BANGKOK PREP

Bangkok International Preparatory & Secondary School

A British Curriculum School



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

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

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

Truly International

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

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

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

"Small is Good"

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

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

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

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

A month to remember . . .

Dear Members,

What a month was June for the Club and its members! At the time of writing, we have had two big events with another two coming up (Queen's Birthday at the British Embassy and Canada Day).

On the 12th we celebrated the King's 60th year on the throne by attending the Grand Royal Barge Procession and what a sight it was - truly amazing. Over 470 members and their guests attended - by far the biggest outside event we have ever organized. To ferry members to the venue, we had 12 coaches, complete with a police escort of eight motorcycle police and two police cars. The Club catered the whole event and we even took along the Bouncy Castle. Apart from 'THE PERFECT STORM' with half an hour to go before the barges were due, everything went well. Thank you to all the members who sent in emails about this event - the feedback has been amazing and makes all the planning worthwhile.

Not to be content with this, we planned a Street Party on the 17th to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's official 80th birthday. This originally started as a small event but as usual we got excited and it ended up being a full-scale Street Fair. Over 360 members attended this event and once again the feedback was very positive. The whole Club was packed and luckily the rain held off. I would also like to thank all the volunteers from the various schools and societies who gave up their time and helped contribute to the success of the day.

I would particularly like to thank all the staff here at the Club who have worked so hard over the past month. You were amazing at the Royal Barge Procession. Some staff actually slept at the venue for three nights before, just setting it up, and then within 5 days they were all busy again transforming the Club for the QEII Fair. The Team here is truly dedicated and at big events like this they really pull together. Many staff even miss meal breaks or just grab a quick bite hours after the event, so they can be sure that things are set up and

running well. The day after the Street Fair everything was cleared away and you would never have guessed that there had been a party the day before.



I would also like to thank the members who attended these events for all their support. That is the thing that I think is most fun at the Club - the diversity of events that the Club organizes for the members. The day after the Street Fair we were busy planning the next lot.

Talking about events, another big one will be in November with the Robbie Williams concert. We already have 80 members booked for this.

Check out our 'What's Going On' page in *Outpost* for a complete list of all our planned activities for the coming month.

In June a good many members attended the World Cup soccer matches. We had over 50 people in the Suriwongse Room on the 10th watching England's opening match.

The month of July sees many of our members away for the school holidays. I wish you all a pleasant time and a safe journey. For those members staying on here in Thailand, we have a full line-up of events to keep you all entertained.

On a sad note it's time to say goodbye to Hanni. Hanni is staying on in Thailand but is returning to teaching. All the team here at the Club wish her well for the future and I would like to thank her for all her hard work and support.

Well that's it for another month. Take care and I look forward to seeing you down at your Club soon.

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager

Special Events at the Club this month

** WORLD CUP FOOTBALL

Every match – in English – live at the British Club. **Quarter Finals** 30th June to 2nd July, **Semi Finals** 5th & 6th July, **FINAL** 10th July – see page 10 for details.

** WIMBLEDON

We will be showing Wimbledon daily, both highlights and live coverage (where possible) each day from 3pm in the Suriwongse Sala and (if needed) also in the Silom Sala. Televised matches can also be shown in the Churchill Bar on request. Quarter and Semi Finals scheduled for 4th-7th July. **Ladies Singles FINAL** 8th July. **Mens Singles FINAL** 9th July.

** AMERICAN GRAND PRIX

Monday, 3rd July, 6pm, Churchill Bar
For details, see opposite page.

** NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Tuesday, 4th July, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar
Join us this 4th of July and welcome our newest members to the Club. Music by 'No Fixed Abode' and tasty canapes by Khun Laak. The evening starts at 7.30pm with a free barrel of Tiger Beer to help the flow. New Members night is also a great chance to catch up with some of your old friends too.

** VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 6th July, 7-9pm, Wordsworth Room
For details, see opposite page.

** WORLD CUP FINAL - LIVE

Monday, 10th July, 1am (build-up from midnight)
All Clubhouse Outlets
AUSTRALIA v. ENGLAND (alas . . . it was not to be . . .)
For details, see page 10.

** VDO NIGHT – DR WHO

Thursday, 13th July, 7-8:30pm, Wordsworth Room
For details, see opposite page.

** FRENCH GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 16th July, from 6pm, Churchill Bar
For details, see opposite page.

** DARREN HAYES IN CONCERT

Sunday, 16th July, Leave BC 6pm
"A Big Night In with Darren Hayes, the Voice of Savage Garden" on Sunday 16th July.
We have booked a limited number of tickets for this concert to be held at Suan Lum Night Bazaar. In this two-hour concert Darren will perform 'Truly Madly Deeply', 'I want You' and other hit songs from his days with Savage Garden, as well as 'Insatiable', 'Popular' and other hits from his solo career. Tickets cost Baht 2,450 each and include transportation from/to the Club. Transportation leaves at 6pm and the concert starts at 7pm.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 18th July, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar

Nine teams entered last month and a great time was had by all. Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". There are also 3 spot rounds where you have the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. This month Khun Laak and her team will create some of your favourite Indian dishes and we will be promoting our new San Miguel Beer. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons.

** VDO NIGHT – FAWLTY TOWERS

Thursday, 20th July, 7-8.30pm, Wordsworth Room
For details, see opposite page.

** SUPHABURI WEEKEND – BACK TO NATURE

Friday, 21st July, through to Sunday 23rd July
Join us and the crew from the Prem Center "Magic Eyes" Programme for a fun-filled weekend to Suphانبuri. We will be staying at the Wang Yang Resort where we have a full line-up of activities for you, including: Visit to the Buffalo Village, Visit to Banharn Towers, Tye-Dye, Roasting Chestnuts, Swimming, Rounders, Football and lots more. For a complete programme please contact Khun Ben or Barry in the Office. Cost of this fun-filled weekend is Baht 7,500 Adults and Baht 6,000 for Children under 12 years. Cost includes all transportation, accommodation and meals. For more on Prem Center programmes, see article page 27.

** VDO NIGHT – DR WHO

Thursday, 27th July, 7-8.30pm, Wordsworth Room
For details, see opposite page.

** MONTHLY WINE TASTING & CURRY BUFFET

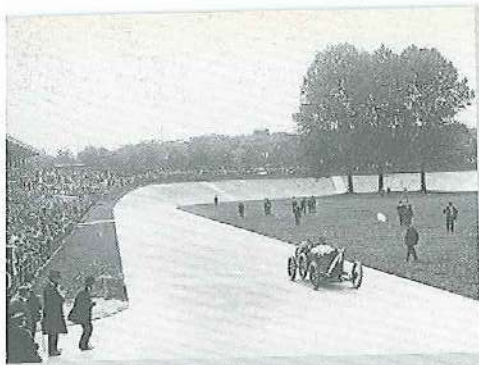
Friday, 28th July, 6-9pm, Suriwongse Room
Join us for our monthly Tasting. This month we have wines from Australia, California, New Zealand and a host of other countries. The Club will create a range of canapes to complement the wines. Members can purchase the wines at specially discounted prices direct from the vendors. What a great way to start the weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club. Why not head down into the Churchill Bar afterwards and enjoy Khun Laak's famous Curry Buffet for only 250 baht. We'll also be promoting our latest beer - San Miguel and San Mig Light.

** GERMAN GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 30th July, from 6pm, Churchill Bar
For details, see opposite page.

** BLACK EYED PEAS IN CONCERT

Monday, 31st July, Leave BC 6:30pm
We have booked tickets to see The Black Eyed Peas on their "Monkey Business" tour, Monday 31st July. Join Fergie and her excellent band at Impact Arena Muang Thong Thani. The Band has sold a massive 40 million records worldwide. We have reserved tickets for both Sitting and Standing, at Baht 2,950 each for either zone. Coaches leave the Club at 6.30pm and the Concert starts at 8pm. This is guaranteed to be one of the best concerts held this year in Bangkok.



The French Grand Prix has changed a little since Georges Boillot won in 1921!

"WHETHER WE WIN OR LOSE THE WORLD CUP ...

... THERE IS ALWAYS FORMULA 1"

With half the season now behind us, we race into July with two live races and one being shown the evening after a 1am start!

First up is the American Grand Prix (hopefully with more than six cars taking part this year), which is live at 1am on MONDAY 3RD JULY, so we will show it at 6pm on the Monday evening.

After the World Cup we have two great European races ...

SUNDAY 16th July FRENCH GRAND PRIX 7pm

SUNDAY 30th July GERMAN GRAND PRIX 7pm

As usual we will start the evening at 6pm with our now traditional **PASTA & SALAD BAR** Freshly cooked pasta with sauces of your choice served with salad. Choose from Simply Spaghetti to Funny Fusilloni, Plain Penne to Tri-colour Tortiglioni cooked in Bolognese or even your own mixture of tomatoes, clams, garlic, onions, oregano, green pepper or ham ... all with Parmesan cheese. **ALL FOR 140 BAHT.**

At 7pm, we switch over to the European transmission of the race for a non-stop showing of the race with commentary from Martin Brundle.

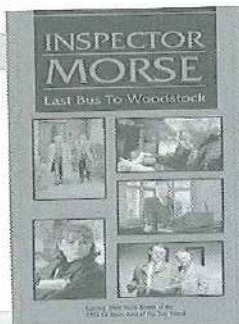
So with Alonso and Schumacher at logger-heads, join a great set of races this July.

VDOs & Movies

THURSDAY NIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT!

6th July at 7.00pm (will end at 9.00pm)

MORSE: We end Season 2 of Morse with **THE LAST BUS TO WOODSTOCK** - a local murder twists into a tale of blackmail, intrigue and hidden passions. This story guest-stars Anthony Bate ('Oliver Lacon' in *Smiley's People/Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*) and Terrence Hardiman ('Major Hans Dietrich Reinhardt' from *The Secret Army*).



A murder with witnesses?



A very OOD creature

13th July at 7.00pm (will end at 8.30pm)

NEW DOCTOR WHO: Another two-part story **THE IMPOSSIBLE PLANET** and **THE SATAN PIT** has The Doctor and Rose trapped on a planet about to be sucked into a Black Hole - unless the "Ood" natives kill them first that is! Starring Will Thorp ('Woody' from *Casualty*) and Silas Carson ('Nute Gunray' from *Star Wars I, II and III*).

20th July at 7.00pm (will end at 8.30pm)

FAWLTY TOWERS: Three classic episodes of British Comedy ...

- **Waldorf Salad** - "Sorry I think we're just out of Waldorfs"
- **Kipper & the Corpse** - "Ooh, you're very cheerful today Mr. Fawlty!" "Yes, well one of our guests has just died."
- **Basil the Rat** - "I'll put an ad in the papers. Wanted, kind home for enormous savage rodent. Answers to the name of Sybil."

Starring John Cleese, Prunella Scales, Connie Booth and Andrew Sachs.



Normal service has been resumed as soon as possible!

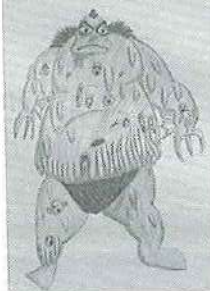


No Mr Fawlty, is Filigree Siberian hamster!

27th July at 7.00pm (will end at 8.30pm)



BAFTA award winning series



The 'Blue Peter' monster!!

NEW DOCTOR WHO: As we come close to the end of the second series, we bring the two 'next to final' episodes ...

- **LOVE & MONSTERS** - A totally offbeat and wacky episode featuring the Abzorbaloff, a creature created by the winner of a Blue Peter competition, nine-year-old William Grantham, to be played by comedian Peter Kay - beats winning a Blue Peter Badge anyway!
- **FEAR HER** - It is 2012 and the London Olympics are in full swing ... but so is something else!

>>>THE BLOCKBUSTER FINALE (ARMY OF GHOSTS/DOOMSDAY) WILL BE SHOWN ON THURSDAY 10th AUGUST ...YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!<<<<

THE FIFA WORLD CUP

**EVERY MATCH – IN ENGLISH –
LIVE AT THE BRITISH CLUB!**

As we 'go to bed' with Outpost both England and Australia are through to the 'Second Round Knockouts' so we write in great anticipation!

Our July Schedule is . . .

QUARTER-FINALS

The four matches are over three days (Thai time):

QF 1	Friday 30th June	10pm
QF 2	Saturday 1st July	2am
QF 3	Saturday 1st July	10pm
QF 4	Sunday 2nd July	2am

If ENGLAND wins through Round 2, then they will be playing either QF1 or QF2.

If AUSTRALIA wins through Round 2, then they will be playing either QF3 or QF4.

SEMI-FINALS

These matches are:

SF 1	Wednesday 5th July	2am
SF 2	Thursday 6th July	2am

THIRD-PLACE

This match is on Sunday 9th July at 2am.



England Squad

THE FIFA WORLD CUP FINAL 2006

Monday 10th July 1am

We will be showing this tremendous match LIVE with pre-match commentary from midnight in ALL CLUBHOUSE OUTLETS.

SURIWONGSE ROOM –
BIG SCREEN
CHURCHILL BAR – PLASMA TV
LORD'S DINING ROOM –
BIG SCREEN
WORDSWORTH LOUNGE –
PLASMA TV

A WORLD-CUP BUFFET will be available and children will be welcome in all rooms (except The Churchill Bar).

ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY? THEN I'LL BEGIN!



EVERY WEDNESDAY you have seven chances to win anything up to 25,000 Baht or even a bottle of Whisky, Vodka or Gin.

All you need to do is to be eating or drinking in the Churchill Bar during the 'LUCKY HOUR' of 7pm to 8pm . . .

7pm

This is when we will draw three NAMES from the total Club membership for the weekly accumulator draw - if you are present then YOU WIN!

Starting at 5,000 Baht and sponsored by Pernod-Ricard, the prize will increase each week by 1,000 Baht until it is won. If it reaches 25,000 Baht (i.e. 20 weeks without a winner) then it will be drawn until it is won!

The member's cards of everyone in the Bar will be placed in a hat, and one card drawn. Someone in the Bar must thus win a bottle of:

- Ballentine's Whisky
- Beefeater Gin
- Borzoi Vodka

You can share with friends in the Bar (mixers free) or take home. All sponsored by Pernod-Ricard.

7.30pm

8pm

We will draw another three NAMES from the total Club membership for the Pernod-Ricard weekly accumulator draw - if you are present then YOU WIN!

This month's Adoptable Dog . . .



Mango and Rice

Brother and Sister, Born March 2006.

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- Newfoundland crossed with Basset Hound = **Newfound Asset Hound**, a dog for financial advisors.
- Terrier crossed with Bulldog = **Terribull**, a dog that makes awful mistakes.
- Bloodhound crossed with Labrador = **Blabador**, a dog that barks incessantly.
- Deerhound crossed with Terrier = **Derriere**, a dog that's true to the end.

DOGGIE DESTINY

Leo (July 22 – August 21)

Keywords: Proud, honorable, generous (+)
Egotistic, bossy, attention-seeking (-)



King of the dogs, standing erect, the Leo dog is confident, fearless and proud. In their home and neighbourhood they quickly assume leadership status and expect to be treated accordingly! Even if their owner doesn't exactly play ball, they'll soon have a pack of doggie friends following them around. Dogs praised for their bravery or pampered by royalty are more often than not born under the sign of Leo. With a friendly and warm disposition, the Leo dog learns best through praise but cannot bear to be ignored. Their vanity has no limit and they love to be the centre of attention. On the flip-side, they're also fiercely loyal and will defend their loved ones to the end.

Survival tip: Don't snub your Leo pooch! This is guaranteed to make them sullen and resentful. If they can't get your attention in a positive way, they may do something dramatically destructive. You **HAVE** been warned!

Outlook for 2006: Even the most flamboyant of Leo dogs will find 2006/7 pretty tough going. The old disciplinarian, Saturn, is camped out in the sign of Leo and won't move off until September 2007. It's a time for re-evaluation and re-adjustment: no, my human is not going to fetch and carry for me for the rest of my life; no, I can't have the household exactly as I would like it; no, I can't lie in my human's favourite chair all the time . . . Oh dear. Well, at the end of it, Leo dogs will at least know where they stand . . . or lie.

"DON'T MISS A TRICK!"



British Club Friendly Bridge has moved to **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS** in the Veranda Section of the Churchill Bar.

Starting at 2.30pm, members and their friends are welcome to join us for an afternoon of friendly bridge – a few rubbers with no post-mortems, no enquiries, no what-ifs!

We welcome people of any experience level and those who wish to learn the game. It doesn't matter if you've not played since school or if you were a Bridge Champion - we would love to meet you and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

For more details contact Winlock Hsu or Charlene Wang on winlock@duraform.co.th.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

7:00pm-late

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

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

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:00-9:00pm

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

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

Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

SUNDAYS Lord's Restaurant

Noon-3:00pm

Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

Churchill Bar

2:30 onwards

BWG Mahjong

[Friendly Bridge has moved to Sundays]
Spoofing

CARVERY BUFFET Bt 250. Choose from 3 roast joints, 3 potato styles, 3 veggies. Also with fresh salad (Bt 280).

PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR

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

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

Chess

THEME BUFFET - **7th July:** TEX-MEX BUFFET - with empenadas, quesilladas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and more; 250 baht per person. + Corona promotion

14th July: T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.

21st July: SOUP & SALAD BUFFET - with three hearty soups, fresh baked breads, large fresh salad bar with cold cuts; 250 baht per person.

28th July: T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person. + San Miguel promotion.

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

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

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

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

Friendly Bridge

Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm

11:30am - 2:00pm

6:00pm - 10:00pm

7:30am - 10:00pm

6:00am - 10:00pm

6:00am - 9:00pm

9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar

Lord's Restaurant (Lunch)

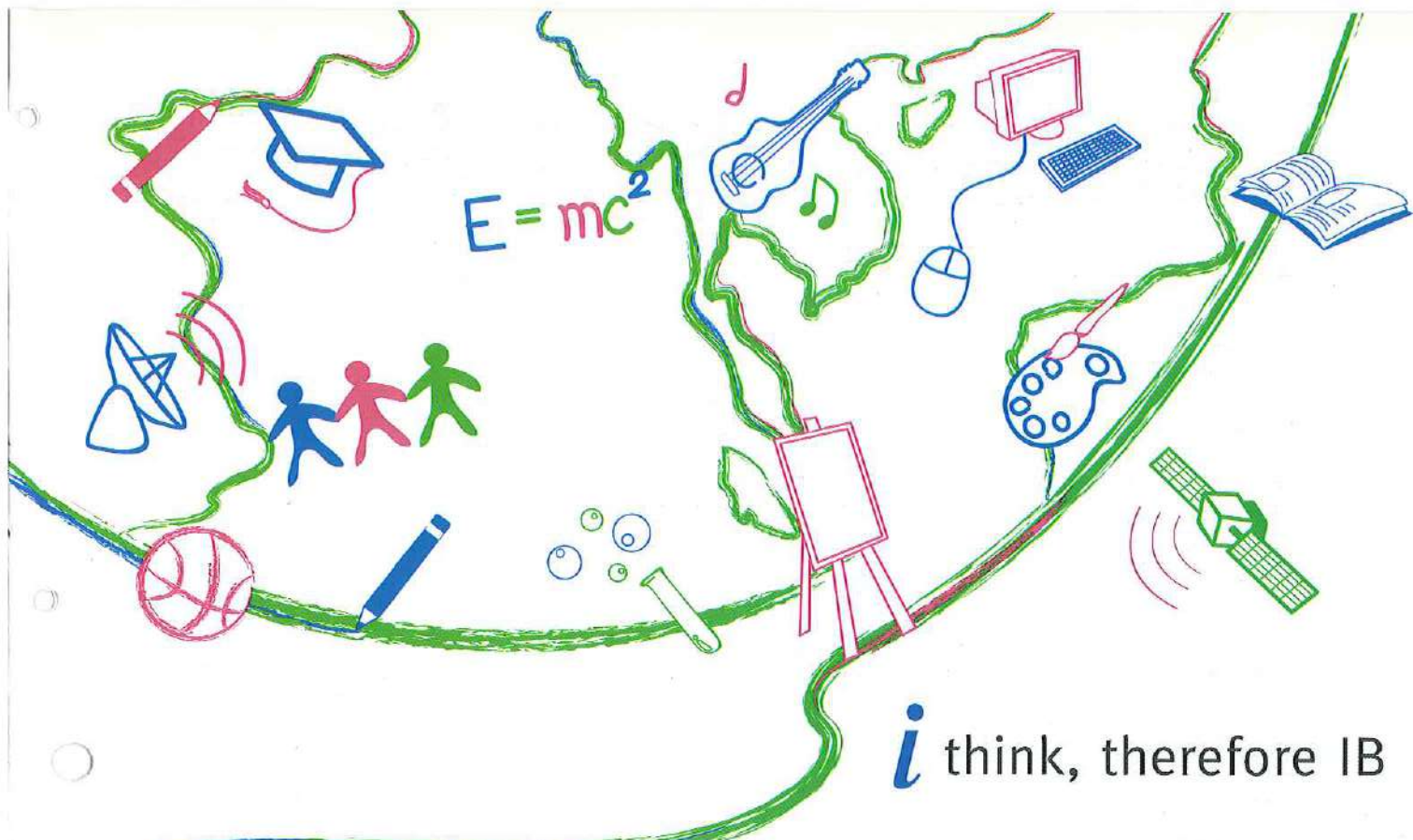
Lord's Restaurant (Dinner)

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

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

Fitness Centre (weekends)

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)



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The Churchill Bar **Good Shepherds!**

The Fatima Centre in Din Daeng, run by Sister Louise Horgan and the Good Shepherd Sisters, provides care, training and employment for single mothers and their children, as well as providing vocational training and education for teenage boys and girls.

The 19th of May 2006 was a red-letter day for Sister Louise and for 17 of her pre-school children (pictured) . . . It was not only a new day for the class but also marked **the commissioning of a new classroom!**

The Centre derives part of its income from the sale of handicrafts produced in its training programmes and the rest comes from donations from community and church groups, and from individuals . . . In this case the new classroom was partially funded by the likes of Mutton, Swampy, Jamster, Bakers, Orange, Bowling Ball, Douchebag, The Butcher, Gorgeous, Boy Wonder, Septic and dozens of others, more

cordially known as The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers!

To many British Club members 'The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers' are a group of men who stand in a circle on a Tuesday evening in a corner of the Churchill Bar, muttering "Flowers", "Virgin", "Axis" and "Mission" and drinking copious quantities of alcohol, often until the wee hours of the morning.

Unknown to most, however, is the more beneficial aspect of their 'sport' - charity fundraising. In years past the British Club's own charity (The Pisamai Fund) was the main beneficiary but since that 'closed' in 2003, The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers have raised and distributed approximately 450,000 baht for a number of children's causes around Thailand.

On 19th May 2006, they provided part of the funding for a new classroom and teacher's office for the pre-school 4-year-old children at the Good Shepherd Sisters Community Development Centre, also known as The Fatima Centre, in Din Daeng, Bangkok. Not only did The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers spend money on the physical structure of the new classroom but a number of individuals donated their valuable time in order to ensure that the project went well. To name two - Mutton arranged the QS quotations through to inspecting the construction process at various stages from piling through to completion of the roof; and David

Robertson applied his electrical engineering expertise to ensure that all the classroom electrics were 100% safe and did not fry the teachers or



The New Schoolroom

children when they plugged appliances into the sockets. The new classroom was opened by Swampy and Mutton (pictured with Sister Louise) and a Spoofers plaque (arranged by Bowling Ball) was presented to acknowledge that the building was partially funded by the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers (pictured).

This new classroom was the fourth significant donation by the Spoofers in recent years:

- 2003: The fitting out and complete equipping of a kitchen at the new 'Rainbow House', run by the Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities in Thailand at Pak Kret, Nonthaburi. **Cost: 118,000 baht**
- 2004: The purchase of a full set of guitars, drums, speakers, sound mixer etc for the band at the Haven Orphanage & Children's Home in Chiang Mai. **Cost: 60,000 baht**
- 2005: The purchase of 40 bicycles for village children at Tambon Nongkuntanasarn near Khon Kaen. **Cost: 45,000 baht**
- 2006: Major contribution towards construction of a new classroom at the Fatima Centre, Din Daeng. **Cost: 225,000 baht**

Picture albums and other memorabilia relating to the projects are to be found in Spoofers Corner (in The Churchill Bar). The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers raise funds twice a year, at the Thai National Spoofing Championships held each December, and at the Asian Spoofing Championships held each Rainy Season, the next one being on Friday 7th July 2006. Their charity 'rules' are very simple:

- No cash or cheques are handed to any charity under any circumstances.
- They only purchase physical items from an original supplier and all the paperwork and receipts must be open and transparent.
- No monies are spent on charity administration.
- All funds must be spent for the benefit of disadvantaged children in Thailand.

The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers is open to all male members of the Club and they meet each Tuesday at 8.30pm in the Churchill Bar.

"Gentlemen, when the hands are out!"



Sister Louise with Swampy and Mutton



The Spoofing Plaque



Susie —

Co-ordinator of Kool Kids Things at the BC!

PROFILE

Looking back at the 16 years of my vocation as a full-time volunteer to charity, I can truly say that working with the children is the most enjoyable part of my work – both the poor and destitute ones, and the kid next door too!

My first encounter with the British Club happened around six years ago when my buddies and I organized a birthday bash for the son of the GM of the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, held at the British Club's Suriwongse Room. One of our fans, celebrity Khun Earth Saiswang, PR then of the Holiday Inn, had recommended us and so we happened to meet quite a few Club members as well, and their kids! After the party, in the midst of our winding-down-balloon-stomping-better-not-let-the-manager-catch-you "fun", Willem Pentermann (the Club's GM then) poked his head into the room and I couldn't believe I said this to him "Sorry, party's over! No more balloons!". He cracked up, of course, then composed himself quickly and told us to hurry along! By the way, my "buddies" were a bunch of teenagers helping out on charity for their community hours. Needless to say, I was quite shocked when we were loading up the car to go, that William came back to us and asked me if I would like to continue the "fun" every Sunday at the Club for the members' kids. I've been here ever since, every Sunday!

The kids and I do more than just cutting paper and making "stuff" in the hours we spend together. To me, it's so refreshing that we can talk about anything, squeal over little funny things, experience each other's different personalities and just "hang out"! Often, because some kids are not only new to

the Club but new to the country as well, I take pleasure in helping the children integrate into their new surroundings by helping them find friends and friendships through having fun together. Through our crafts sessions, I feel inspired that I can encourage perseverance, boost self-esteem and applaud personal initiative and creativity within each child as we make our rockets, paint our rocks, mold our plasticine and "make something out of nothing".

The Sunday "Kool Kids Klub" usually runs from 1 pm to around 3:30 or 4pm and we make toys, sometimes play board games together and end our time with a rousing, child-friendly, age-appropriate movie with orange squash and cookies!

My buddies and I are also involved in pretty much all BC functions involving children, and we often bring along our Puppet Theatre too for an extra fun programme that underscores a particular virtue or moral value. Parents also continue calling upon us for birthday parties, disco parties, outdoor parties or even school events sometimes.

Suffice to say, if "children are our second chance", as the old saying goes, I hope to be a good friend to these kids who come to our Sunday times and I count it my blessing that I can enjoy such moments of childhood revisited.



Susie
(Suwan Desruisseaux, full-time volunteer for charity with The Family Volunteers)



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King Bhumibol's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



A picture worth more than a thousand words . . .



The King abroad - The Thai royal couple with the Queen and Prince Philip, Buckingham Palace, July 1960.



Jamming with US jazz idols Benny Goodman (clarinet), Gene Krupa (drums) and Urbie Green (trombone).



The King waves to hundreds of thousands of well-wishers, with Queen Sirikit by his side, from the balcony of the Ananta Samakorn Throne Hall. (9th June celebrations)



Prince Andrew greets the King and Queen (9th June celebrations)



9th June - The Royal Palace and surrounds are lit up by hundreds of thousands of candles in the King's honour.



The King and Queen with Assembled Royalty from 25 countries. (9th June celebrations) Of the 29 nations with monarchies, only the kings or representatives from Saudi Arabia, Samoa and Nepal were absent from the celebrations.

During the five days from 9th to 13th June, the whole Kingdom of Thailand celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Accession to the Throne. An inspiration to his subjects, King Bhumibol is much loved, admired and respected - not just by the Thai people, but around the world. He is the longest reigning monarch in Thai history and for some time has been the world's longest reigning incumbent monarch. The celebrations included a spectacular candle-lit ceremony (see photo), fireworks, merit-making, tributes by foreign monarchs, the Royal Barge Procession and a Grand Banquet for visiting Royalty.

A member of the Chakri dynasty, Prince Bhumibol was at school in Switzerland in 1946 when his brother, King Ananda Mahidol, died in tragic circumstances. The Prince was already multi-lingual and multi-talented. He ruled with a regent until 1950 when, his studies completed, he was formally crowned Rama IX. In the interim, he had met the "love of his life" and married, one week before the royal coronation, Mom Rajawongse Sirikit - HM Queen Sirikit.

At his coronation, the King pledged, "We will reign with righteousness for the benefit and happiness of the Siamese people". As his subjects will attest, His Majesty has fulfilled his pledge many times over. From the beginning of his reign, the King has devoted his considerable talents to the welfare of his people, travelling around the country, learning first-hand of their needs and

developing innovative strategies to address them, including the initiation of hundreds of Royal Projects, often using his own Palace as a Research Centre!

It is widely acknowledged, too, that the King has been a stabilizing force in Thailand's often turbulent politics and his timely interventions at moments of crisis have earned him the gratitude of many. He has reigned - holding few defined powers of his own - through 17 military coups, 20 different prime ministers, and 15 constitutions.

The King is an accomplished jazz musician and composer and has played with many jazz 'legends' (see photo). His songs can often be heard at social gatherings and are performed in concerts. The King is also a painter, photographer, author and translator - and the only monarch to hold patents, including one in 1993 for a waste water aerator named "Chai Pattana", and several on rainmaking.

On May 26, 2006, in one of the first ceremonies to mark His Majesty's 60 years on the throne, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan presented the King with the UNDP's first *Human Development Lifetime Achievement Award*: "As the world's 'Development King', His Majesty reached out to the poorest and the most vulnerable people of Thailand, listened to their problems, and empowered them to take their lives into their own hands. . . His Majesty's development agenda and visionary thinking are an inspiration to his subjects, and to people everywhere."

“ I would like to say to all of you that it is not the duty of any one person in particular, but the responsibility of all Thai people, to do their duty to the best of their ability in order to preserve and develop the country so that it enjoys progress, security and happiness . . . As a Thai person I therefore have the same duty as all other Thais . . . **”**

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej addressing fellow monarchs and royal representatives from 25 countries, in the Ananta Samakhom Throne Hall on 9th June. (unofficial translation).

In the beginning, there was . . . the Tempest!

The stately procession of the Royal Barges down the Chao Praya river was in stark contrast to what went before. But let me start at the beginning.

The date was Monday 12th June and the British Club was filling up rapidly with members and guests looking for food before embarking on the journey to Maharat Pier where we were to view the aforementioned procession. As usual the Club put on a wonderful buffet lunch and both food and drink were enjoyed by all – well certainly by my group of friends.

We were leaving on one of the first coaches and the journey was completed in some style with a police escort. Whole lines of traffic were brought to a halt as we glided through endless throngs of yellow-shirted people. My guest was very impressed and felt she had to wave at the locals who were somewhat intrigued by our progress.

Having arrived at the entrance to Maharat Wharf, the enormous Rot-Mey then proceeded to block the entire road as it manoeuvred its way backwards through a very small entrance lane. There was a bang. Had we hit something? "Is there anyone under the wheels?" a passenger inquired, only half joking. Apparently we hadn't and there wasn't, so we all disembarked and made our way to our prime position on the River.

People were taking their positions, the tables were set, bars dispensing drinks, sun shining, flags waving. Hardly anyone noticed the approaching dark grey clouds and that the breeze had freshened ever so slightly . . . On arrival we had been assigned tables and in light of what was to follow I for one was pleased to be one row back from the edge. It was my guest who first noted that the wind was getting stronger. I said that was usually a sign of a storm approaching – hah – little did we know then! It was not long before

dark and ominous clouds rolled in and the wind did indeed get stronger – a lot stronger. So much so that within what seemed like a very short space of time rain was lashing in under the canopy and said canopy was having a hard time containing itself!! With little warning a sudden severe rush of wind lifted the canopy, PLUS the cement block holding it down, onto a – thankfully – empty chair right beside us and reposed there while all around chaos reigned.

So many macho men! What would we have done without their valiant efforts? They rallied to the cause of hanging onto the poles, anchoring them to the ground and generally trying to keep the canvas from disappearing into the far distance.

With a similar abruptness to the start of the storm, so it ended. By this time of course there were a lot of wet people but no injuries and thanks to a real team effort by the staff, the tables and chairs were dried off and the drinking went on as before and no doubt the stories about the storm became enhanced as the day wore on!

The reason we were all there was to see the Procession of the Royal Barges, an event which rarely takes place and which on this occasion was to celebrate the King's 60th accession to the throne. It was a grand spectacle and something to remember for many years to come. In more ways than one!!

Kay McKinnon



Before the storm



Roger saves beer & pavilion

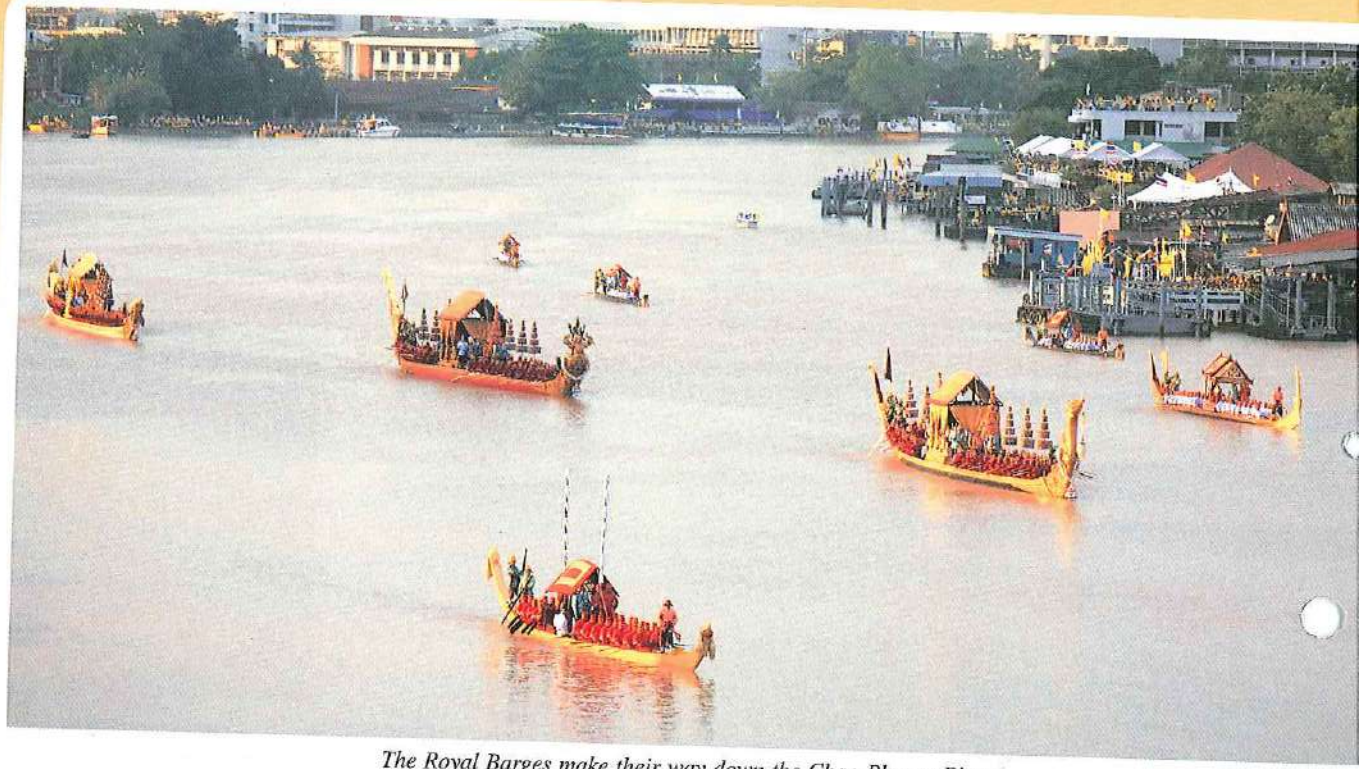


And the band played on . . .

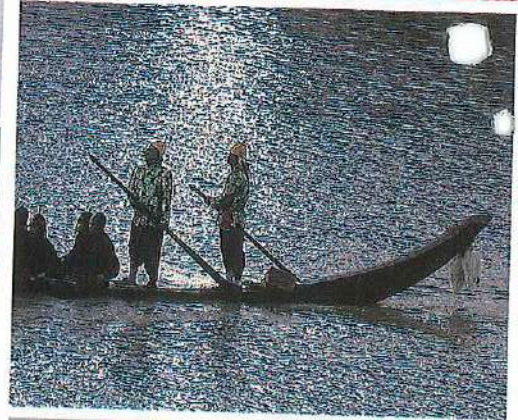


The 'chill-out' room at the venue





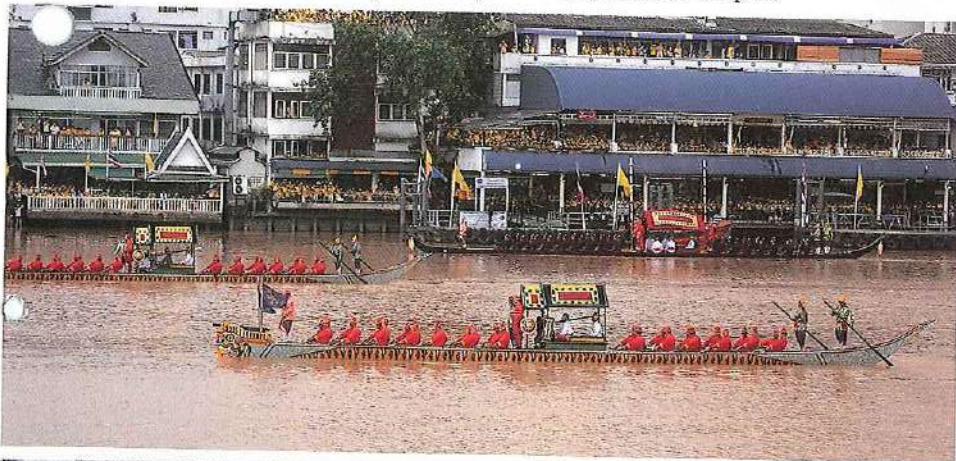
The Royal Barges make their way down the Chao Phraya River



A salute to the King



The Suphannahongse moves past the Royal Palace complex



Here they come!



and a great night was had . . .

Having made their way past the Royal viewing position opposite the Grand Palace, the Royal Barge Procession proceeded at a stately pace towards the BC viewing pavilion. The riverside was packed with thousands of people who had come to watch one of the highlights of the celebration of His Majesty's 60 years on the throne. This was the first time that the Procession had been watched by the King himself, as he had taken part in the ceremony on all 14 previous occasions it had been held during his reign.

Many royal barges were built during the reign of King Rama I, who founded Bangkok in 1782. Their numbers rose to over 100 but about half of the fleet was destroyed by bombing during WW II. One of the projects of the present King Rama IX has been to restore the remaining barges to their former glory.

The current fleet of 52 barges - the four principal Royal Barges 'protected' by phalanxes of escort barges - made up a magnificent contingent as it approached, stretching out over a kilometre along the river. The haunting barge song chanted by over 2000 oarsmen in traditional costume added a surreal element to this unique, almost medieval, spectacle.

As the first colourful escort barges moved past, the centrepiece of the display glided into view, the 45-metre Suphannahongse, the premier royal barge built in 1911 from a single teak tree, with the head of a mythical swan, the steed of the Hindu god Brahma, straining forward at the prow . . .

BC CALENDAR JULY – The Month at a Glance

Sunday

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

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

Churchill Bar
2:30pm onwards
Friendly Bridge

Wordsworth Lounge
3:00-4:00pm Yoga

3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice

Churchill Bar
From 6:00pm
**FORUMULA ONE - LIVE
German GP**



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

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

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

Churchill Bar
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Churchill Bar
2:30pm onwards
Friendly Bridge

Monday

31 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play


Leave BC at 6:30pm
**BLACK EYED PEAS
IN CONCERT**



3 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

Churchill Bar
From 6:00pm
**FORUMULA ONE
American GP (recorded)**



10 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

Tuesday

4 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In

9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic

7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

Churchill Bar
7:30pm
NEW MEMBERS NIGHT



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

9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic

7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

Wednesday

5 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

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

6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
Carvery Buffet

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

12 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

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

6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Thursday

6 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics


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

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice

Churchill Bar
6:00-9:00pm Chess

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



13 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics

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

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

Friday

7 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

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

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
TEX-MEX BUFFET

Silom Sala
7.00-9.00pm **Kids' VDO**

14 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

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

Saturday

1 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

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

9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice


8 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

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

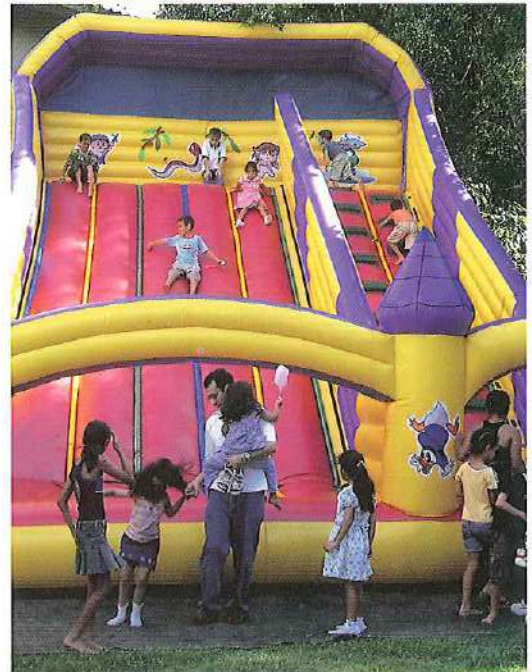
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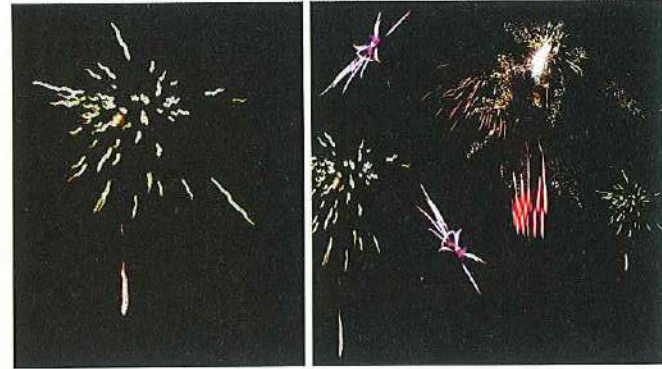
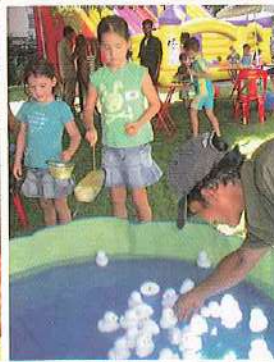
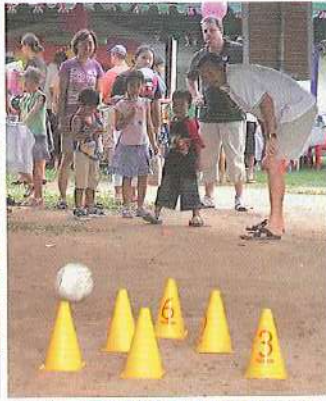
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All the Fun of the Fair





To celebrate the Queen's 80th Birthday here in Bangkok, the grounds of the Club were transformed into a mini street fair, with over 350 members and guests attending. Although the fair was pronounced by all to be a great success, this was definitely not a foregone conclusion.

On the night before this major event, there was a huge downpour which flooded the back lawn and led to feverish consultations of all available weather forecasts for the following day. With memories of last year's wet Guy Fawkes and the mini-typhoon that nearly demolished the Royal Barge pavilions, it could fairly be said that the General Manager was in a state of mild agitation . . .

However, Saturday the 17th of June dawned bright and clear and, despite the previous night's deluge, the hard-working BC staff managed to get everything set up in time for the 2pm opening.

The photos on these pages show just a small number of the attractions and entertainments on offer and the enjoyment of both young and not-so-young. Apart from all the riding, throwing, bowling, scooping, drawing, crafting, walking and gawking, there was a good deal of sitting, eating and drinking as well: in particular, nearly 100 samosas were consumed, and a case of Pimms went down the hatch along with over 150 liters of beer! The event was wrapped-up at 7.30pm with a fireworks display – and not a drop of rain!

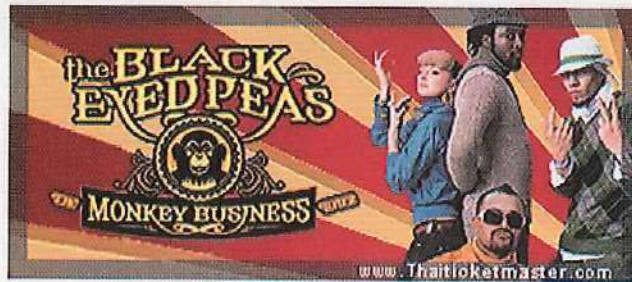
Some words from Barry (BCB General Manager) who would just like to say: "Many thanks to all the societies, schools and organisations who helped with this event. Thanks also to you our members for your continued support, and thanks once again to whole club staff - you were amazing."

And thanks to you Baz for your enormous effort and dedication in making the QEII Fun Fair such a great success.

Many members have asked Baz if this will become an annual event . . . He says to ask him again in a few months . . .

Billy Beefeater

"BLACK EYED PEAS: The Monkey Business Tour"



Monday 31st July

Impact Arena



Tickets are Bt. 2,950

Sitting

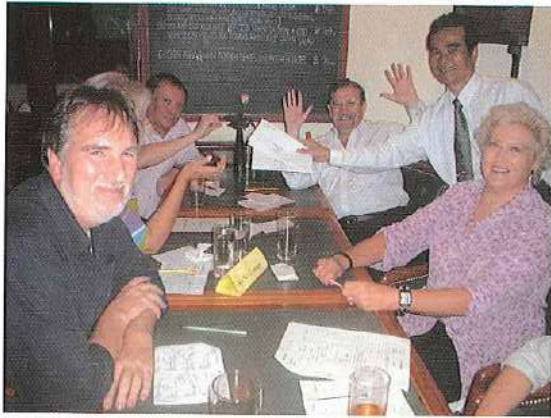
or

Standing

Bus leaves @ 6.30 p.m.



"LOST BY A MASHED POTATO!"



An evening of mixed fortunes for all as nine teams settled into the June monthly BAR QUIZ – as usual fronted by the eloquent and all-knowing Rodney Bain, with questions ranging from the "not so easy" to "that is so easy it must be a trick" (and it was) ... and still no Doctor Who questions!

Fortunes ran high for all ... lots of 'Between Round' bottle prizes sponsored by **CROWN RELOCATIONS** Delicious Middle-Eastern cuisine served up by Khun Laak ... and lots of fun and gaiety ... even my team ('SIX NO TRUMPS') managed to come third again and were awarded vouchers each for 450 Baht of free Club F&B!

But it was really mixed fortunes as well ... not only did 'JIM JUNKIES' lose by a mashed potato* but also we all lost the 'WILD WIMMIN' who sadly are going back to blighty and thus the team must fold (sob!

sob!). However in their honour we set up a special Fourth Bottle Prize question ...

What is the combined age of the six Wild Wimmin?

Yes it was 425 but we let them win with 219 (oh really!) and we all celebrated with them on their win! However there was some good news in the making - it seems that two offspring of the Wild Wimmin are to join the Club, so we could see a 'Not so Wild Wimmin' team coming soon!

So if you are free on July 18th, even if you have NO TEAM ... email Barry (gm@britishclubbangkok.org) and we will try our best to fit you onto a team ... or better still find five friends and create your own team and silly name!

The Team Results . . .

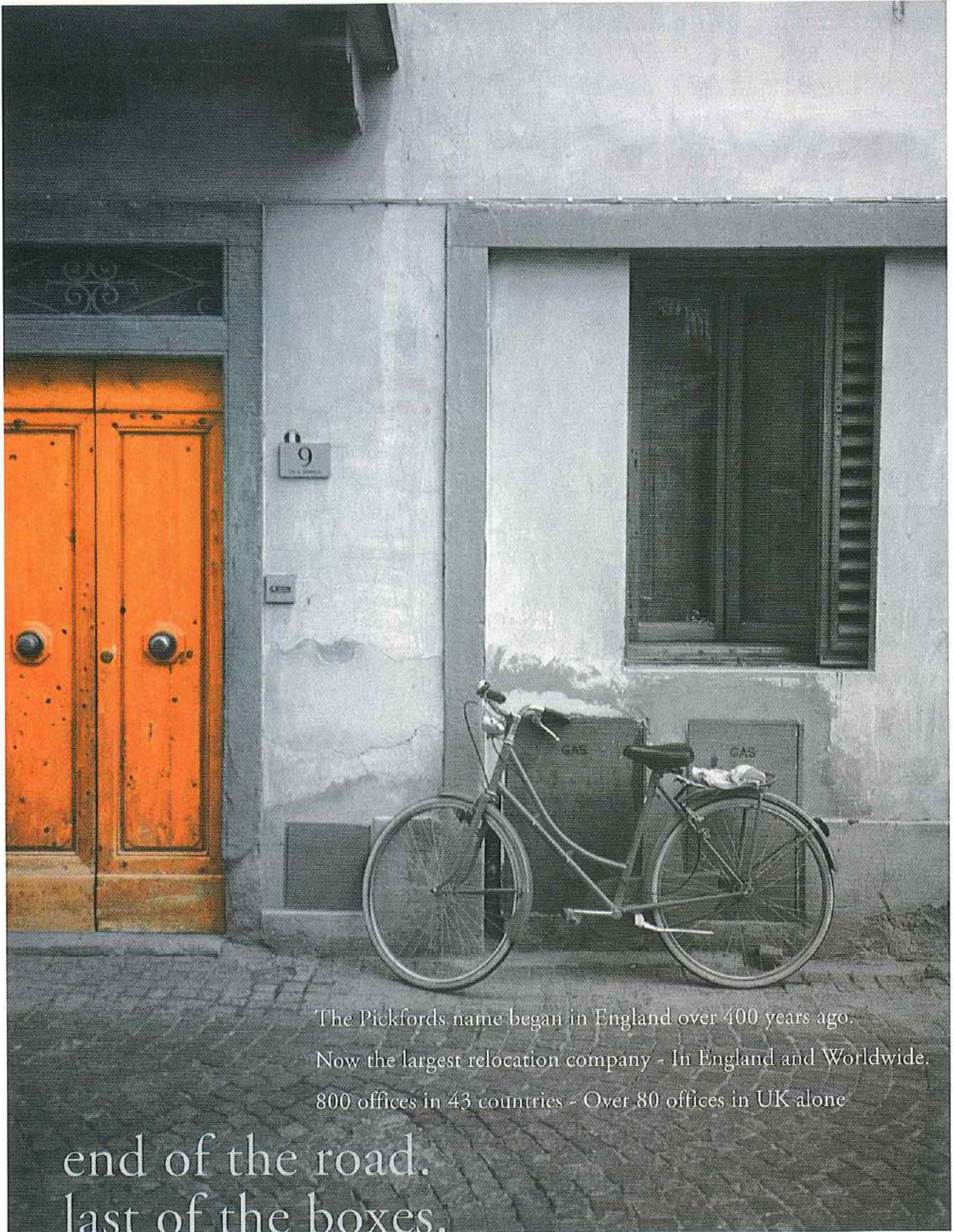
1. Under Par	132	6. Jim's Junkies	119
2. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	129	7. Bookworms	101
3. Six No Trumps	122	8. Some Other Team	89
4. BGG's	120	9. Wild Wimmin	87
5. Sminky Binky Bang Bang	120		

REMEMBER — NEXT QUIZ — JULY 18th

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

[*The Mashed Potato? A mother has three children and five potatoes – how does she give them equal portions without using fractions? – Yep! She mashed the potatoes!!! NO! She didn't eat two and give the kids one each!]

Paul Cheesman



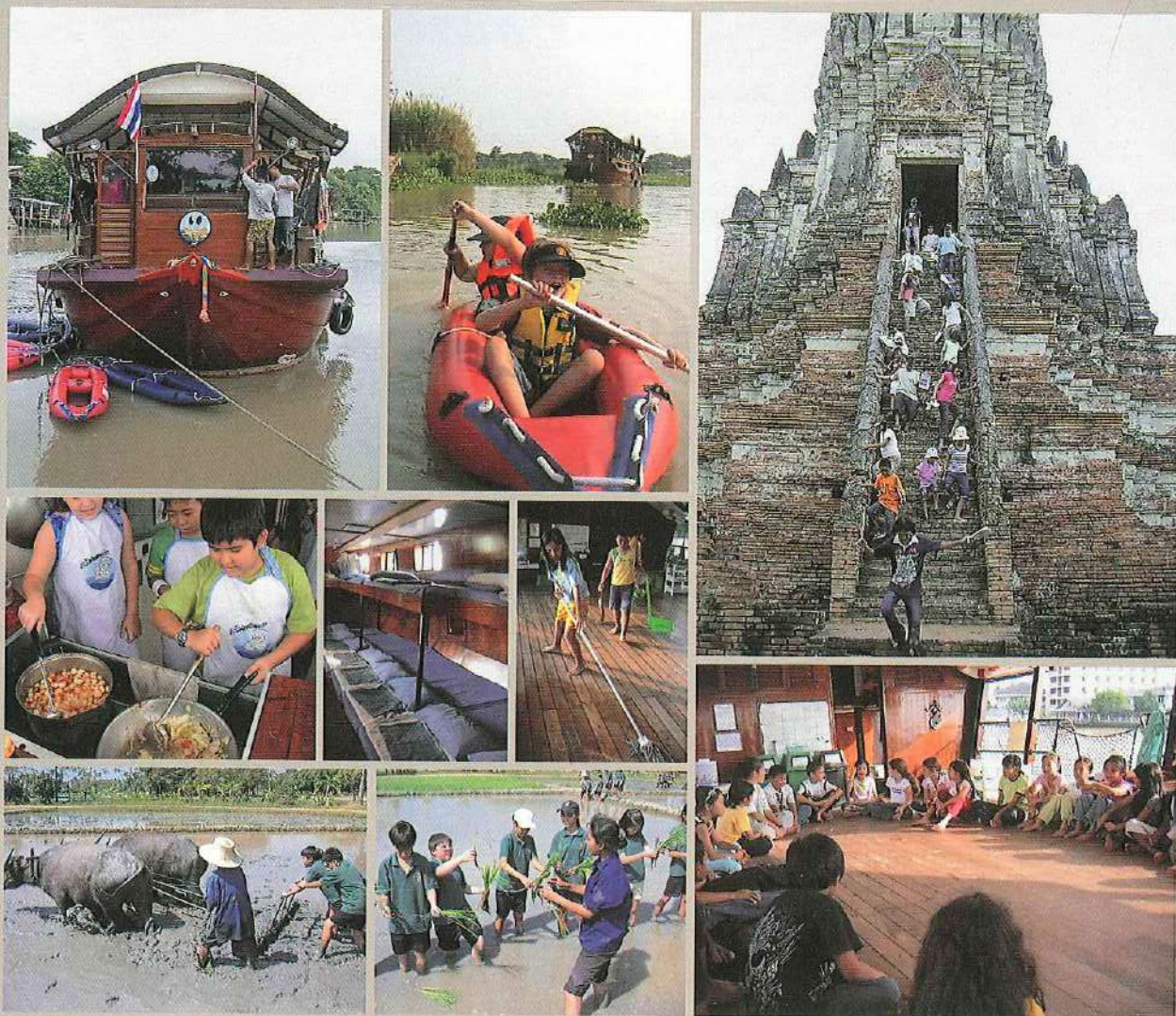
The Pickfords name began in England over 400 years ago.
Now the largest relocation company - In England and Worldwide.
800 offices in 43 countries - Over 80 offices in UK alone

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relax.
we carry
the
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ALLIED
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Prem Center Magic Eyes Barge Programme



We live in Thailand, but how often do we touch the real Thailand? Not the imported Thailand of the shopping mall and the tourist market, but the real everyday, outside of Bangkok, hot and sweaty, hard work reality of the Thailand away from the condo?

The Prem Center Magic Eyes Barge Programme attempts to show students just that. Working from our 20m converted rice barge and from land based forest and marine sites around Thailand we expose young people to another side of the country that is home. Through experiential hands-on activities, and skilful questioning, we encourage students to consider the relationships between the environment, economy and society, the relationships that exist within a habitat and our impact on the natural world. We challenge participants to discover ways in which they can make lifestyle choices to reduce their impact in the world.

Many readers with children in international schools will be familiar with our Barge Programmes on the Chao Phraya River between Bangkok and Ayutthaya. Students observe and explore life along the river whilst living as a community on the wooden boat. For over 10 years, we have been a familiar part of the river scene, water testing and investigating community life.

The Programme recognizes that the river is greater than this 100km stretch alone, so we look at other areas within the watershed: In the hills of Chiang Mai where rivers begin, in the forests of Khao Yai and at marine environments in Ranong, Rayong and Krabi. Many schools are interested in sharing the rich history of Thailand with their students and so we have developed programmes in ban Chiang, Suphanburi and Ayutthaya, looking at the role these places have played in the history and development of Thailand.

Imagine the mud between your toes as you walk behind the buffalo, the surprise as you unwrap your naturally dyed tie-dye to discover the pattern, or singing and playing around the campfire at night.... You too could experience these things during the British Club family weekend at Suphanburi in July.

Although the majority of our work takes place with schools, we are always happy to lead holiday camps and family programmes. Come and join us in Suphanburi for a weekend of fun and activities for all the family. See WHAT'S ON page 8 for further details.

Lynda Rolph
Head of Programmes
Prem Center



HANNI'S 'finale' HOTSPOT

For those of you who don't already know, this will be the last 'Hanni's Hotspot' appearing in the *Outpost*. I am off to pastures new . . . well, kind of! I'm staying in Bangkok, but have a new job. I will be working here until 12th July however, so if you need to see me about anything, or just want to give me presents, cards and flowers, please do so before then!!

Well, what a month we have had!! Busier than Christmas I think, what with 'The Royal Barge Procession' (accompanied by a tempest!), 'The British Club Street Fair' and 'Canada day' all within three weeks . . . I think Barry needs a large glass of whisky and a holiday!!!

Despite my leaving, we will go ahead with the sports camps and the sailing camp as planned. I will not be here, but all children attending the B.C. sports camps will be in the capable hands of Khun Amnat and Khun Rit, with the help of our wonderful Susie, who does the regular Sunday kid's activities here at the Club.

We will still be venturing to Pattaya for the sailing camp (and I have to say, I am genuinely sad that I will be missing this trip - such good fun!), again with the help of Susie and the assistance of some B.C. parents, who have very kindly offered to come along and help. Don't forget, there are all the Varuna staff there too, so plenty of people to keep an eye on things.

Just to remind you, details for children's activities are as follows:
Sports Camp 1 = Monday June 17th to Thursday June 20th .

Sports Camp 2 = Monday August 7th to Thursday August 10th.

Sports camps at the British Club are open to children aged 5 to 9. All meals, snacks and activities are provided and camps run from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm starting with breakfast. We will be going to Dusit Zoo on both Thursdays. The fee is 950 Baht per day or 2,800 Baht if you sign up for the first 3 days. Thursday will cost 1,200 Baht. Activities include squash, tennis, swimming, arts and crafts, football, rounders, team games and the Bouncy Castle, to name but a few.

Varuna Yacht Club Sailing Camp will be from Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July. This 5-day, 4-night adventure week away is great fun for all aged 8 to 12. Last year was a roaring success and there were tears when we said our goodbyes. Daily activities include sailing, debriefing, full use of the Club's pool and extra activities organized by British Club staff (ball games, treasure hunts, BBQ's on the beach, trips into Pattaya etc.). The price is 9,550 Baht for the whole week and includes all transport, meals, accommodation, all activities and all equipment.

Well, I guess that's about it, so to all of you members, it's been great to meet you all and please do say hello when you see me out and about!

A big thanks to Barry and all the staff too. I've had a great time working here over the past 18 months and will miss you all so much.

All the best,
Hanni

Bringing a Smile to the Children of Wat Sa Keow

By Claire Deacon



Two years ago, when we were still relative newcomers to Thailand, my husband Roger and I were invited to help out at the Wat Sa Keow annual children's party organized by Danielle Wiedmann, a long term Bangkok resident. We went along not knowing what to expect but hoping to experience something different and see something new.

Wat Sa Keow in Ang Thong Province is home to more than 1,100 orphans from all over Thailand. Some come from Hilltribe villages, some are dumped by relatives who feel they can't afford to keep them, many just 'turn up'. All ages are found here, from toddlers up to 18 year olds, and all pitch in to help with the daily chores and to look after the younger children.

Danielle and her "Friends of Wat Sa Keow" support the Wat in many ways, from fixing decrepit water systems,

to buying supplies and even sterilising the resident temple dogs to make it a safer and cleaner place for the kids. I became involved again in May this year when I travelled up with Soi Dog Rescue to help during one of the dog sterilisation and treatment clinics. I got chatting with Danielle and decided that I would like to help out once again with the kiddies' party.

27 May: Let's Party!

Roger helped with the football coaching for the boys while I helped out with the kindergarten kids, taking photos and helping with colouring-in and the "prize fishing" in the pool. The two Bouncy Castles, generously supplied by The British Club and Crown, were naturally big hits with the kids, as was the puppet show. With enthusiastic support from a whole bunch of teachers from various Bangkok schools, the little ones got to make bracelets, necklaces and

Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aqua Aerobics

Thursday 10:30-11:30am

Bridge

Sunday 2:30 onwards - Churchill Bar

Chess

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

Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - Back lawn

Saturday 9:30-midday - Back lawn

Sunday 3:00-6:00pm - Back lawn

Football

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

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

Spooing

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

Squash

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

Swimming

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

Tennis

Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm

Mix-in All Standards

Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm

Friday 6:00-10:00pm

Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00-11:00am

Thursday 8:00-11:00am

Yoga

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

Sports/Activities Price List

Aqua aerobics

Cricket

Massage

Squash

Squash courts

Swimming

Tennis

Adult Tennis

Ladies Tennis

Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

Tennis knockers

Yoga

Bt 350 per session

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

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 per 45 min; group session Bt 1200 per 45 min

Bt 30 per 45 min

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

Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 800/hour

Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour

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

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

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

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Hourly knocking sessions with - Khun Kaew (Bt 500), Khun Tom (Bt 400), Khun Phon (Bt 300), Khun Champ (Bt 250)

Bt 350 per lesson

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

feathered hats, while the older girls enjoyed manicures, make up, dressing up, glass painting, and bead making. Not to be outdone, the boys got to play with water guns, petanque, tug of war.. and, of course, lots of football.

How wonderful to see huge grins on the faces of these kids who sometimes have very little to smile about. They really had a colourful and fun packed day, with plenty of ice-cream, special treats, games and prizes. There was sadness in many of the faces too - it's a place that puts our own worries and uncertainties into perspective. Being a keen photographer, my camera was out of its bag and I was happy snapping away for most of the day.

The football tournament was one of the major events of the party with lots of teams and trophy cups, and a finale when the lads from the temple took on visiting

farangs. Apparently it went on so long that no-one can remember the score!

None of this could have happened without the sponsorship and generosity of many companies and individuals, and the hard work of lots of volunteers from all over.. BAMB! women's groups, international schools, Soi Dog Rescue, Socratots, Susie & her Fantastic Friends and the US marines, to name just a handful of those involved.

Do think about coming along to help next year - the party is usually held in May - it's a great way to spend a Saturday and I'm sure you'll get a lot out of it.

If you wish to support the children of Wat Sa Keow in any way, why not give Danielle Wiedmann a call... 02 286 7642.

CLUBBING TOGETHER FOR DEVELOPMENT

On June 6th, the Club membership voted to move ahead with the first Phase of our Club Development plan. 58 members attended the meeting, held in the Suriwongse Room, and the motion was endorsed without amendment.

The next stages will be to complete the Design Brief, and the Terms of Reference of the Development Rolling Sub-Committee. The former will take into account the various points raised not only at the EGM but also from the discussion forums, the three-day Road Show and the various submissions from members.

Once the Design Brief is complete, it will be put out to tender for architects and interior designers to compete. Each of the four sections may be won by a different architect or the whole design won by just one – we will have to wait and see – either way, designs and any options will be put to the membership and the Development Rolling Sub-Committee will ensure that the whole tender process is legal, fair and transparent.

It is envisaged that work will commence later this year with the existing Lord's Dining Room at the front of the clubhouse. At the point that we will need to close this we will, of course, continue to cater for members' and Associated Group's dinner parties and meetings in the upper rooms of the clubhouse. Also, the ever-popular Movie Nights (and dare I say it Doctor Who Nights) will continue in other rooms of the clubhouse.

We will, of course, ensure that both ground floor outlets are open for the highly hectic and very popular Christmas and New Year season so that neither the Club nor its members lose out at this festive time of year.

The exact schedule of work will, of course, depend on the tender process of architectural designs, interior design requirements and the building contractors. We will attempt to maintain normal service as far as possible throughout the work, offering alternative or additional venues as needed and members will be kept informed of developments at all times by mail, email and website.

THE EGM VOTES

The motion was carried by 72 votes to 52: this comprised:

- 29 of those present voted in favour, 26 were against and 3 members abstained.
- The Discretionary proxies were 2 in favour, and 2 against.
- The Directed Proxies were 41 in favour and 24 against, with two disallowed for non-payment of accounts.

THE EGM MOTION

That the membership approves Phase 1 of the Club Development Plan as follows:

- (a) Concept
 - i. The conversion of the Lord's Dining Room into a new "Churchill Bar."
 - ii. Redevelopment of the existing Churchill Bar, and extension onto the back lawn, to provide a new non-smoking, Food & Beverage outlet catering to members of all age groups.
 - iii. Partition of the existing Snooker Room to create a Membership & Business Services Room and a Snooker Room with a single snooker table.
 - iv. Refurbishment of the Reception area.
- (b) Design, Construction & Finance
 - v. The General Committee shall approve the detailed design and construction timetable.
 - vi. The General Committee shall commit up to Bt10.5M of Club funds for all elements of Phase 1

The membership also agrees that this motion supersedes and negates any previous development mandates.

At the same time as the tenders for Phase 1 are being carried out, separate work will be done both in membership consultation and in design concepts for Phase 2 (the Poolside) as well as detailed planning and resourcing of the funding needed to carry out this critical phase of the development. The General Committee realise the importance of Poolside and that is why it is important not to do the renovation during the peak period of January to March, and why it is equally important to offer as many alternatives to members and their families whilst Phase 2 is in progress. The final schedule of whether to undertake Phase 2 in one hit or in several smaller hits will, of course, depend on the final

professional advice we receive, and a lot more consultation with members.

It is hoped to hold a further EGM within this Committee Year for members to approve Phase 2 of the Development Plan.

As well as being involved in consultation and a second EGM, members can "do their own bit" to move the whole Development Plan forward by continuing to support the Club as follows:

- Continuing to use the Club facilities before and during the work undertaken in phases 1 and 2.
- Signing up for 'just one more event' each month at the Club so as to boost our income.
- Using the Club or our Outside Catering service for your business functions.
- Introducing your friends and colleagues to the Club and inviting them to join: Barry and his staff are very happy to give them a tour of the Club and explain our membership package ... we even offer a 12-month payment plan for new members and remember **100% of new Membership Joining fees goes towards the Development Plan!**

The General Committee thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you around the Club soon.

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary
BCB General Committee 2006/07

NOTICE

THE BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK

is about to commence Phase 1 of its Master Development Plan
and invites

ARCHITECTS
INTERIOR DESIGNERS
BUILDERS
QUANTITY SURVEYORS

who wish to be included in the tender process to pre-register with the Club.

Please do so by email to: chairman@britishclubbangkok.org

Squashy Bits

Sorry there were no Squashy Bits last month. I've been travelling a lot this year and was in Dublin on the date of submission of articles for Outpost. It was a question of going back to my computer ... or another Guinness ...

In any case I'm a very frustrated non-squashy these days. It's now three months since my battle with big bad Baz and I haven't been able to pick up a squash racquet since. My shoulder is getting better so, so, slowly. If I was a race horse they would put me down!

So, with nothing better to do, I rolled along to the RBSC on 1st May to take a look at the finals of the oddly named Chiang Mai Cup squash doubles tournament. I have enough problems keeping out of trouble with only one other guy on court so was fascinated to see what happens when 4 armed lunatics play squash in a confined space. Frankly, in my current state of mind I was hoping to see a bit of blood and gore.

It turned out to be a bit of a disappointment from that point of view but it was nevertheless a fascinating spectacle. RBSC has built a magnificent new squash complex the centre-piece of which is the new doubles court with a huge viewing gallery. Although the match was scheduled for an obscenely early start there was a good turnout to watch the final between the RBSC and Hong Kong Football Club pairs. Peter Corney reports:

Chiang Mai Doubles Tournament

40 Teams participated in this tournament reflecting the popularity of doubles squash in the region. Annual tournaments also held in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

For the un-initiated a jumbo squash doubles court is much longer, much wider and much higher than a normal court. It is a completely different game to the normal squash doubles played on a normal size court. The only courts in the region are in Bangkok, Singapore and Malaysia. There are also courts in North America. It is a great game for the more elderly players to continue with their squash, though at the top level it is a dynamic and exciting game to watch.

The BCB fielded 3 teams, David Lines and Peter

Corney, David Eastgate and James Quinn, and George Dunford and Mike Stuttard. The first rounds were held on the Friday afternoon and we were all relegated to the plate event.

We all attended the dinner after the first round and, just as a few of us were about to go home, they introduced the bonus entertainment for the night. Needless to say they would not have been able to hold this entertainment at a public place. Most visiting teams were in agreement that it was the best ever entertainment provided at a doubles tournament and could only happen in Thailand. Mike was actually on his way out and found he had left his keys and returned just as the entertainment began but, being a family man, he didn't watch though, and I have a few photos to prove it.

David and James got through to the quarter finals in the plate and improved with every game. David Lines picked up the game very quickly and would be very competitive with a younger partner. He had never seen the game played before but soon picked up the basic strategies and warmed to the game very well.

The event was eventually won by the Hong Kong Football Club team of Phil Head and Glen who defeated Chatchawin and Apirom in the final. Chatchawin and Poowis had defeated this team in the finals of the Singapore tournament earlier in the year but Poowis is in Australia, doing flying training so was unavailable for the Bangkok tournament.

This is a fun tournament and great to watch. Come along and have a look next time!

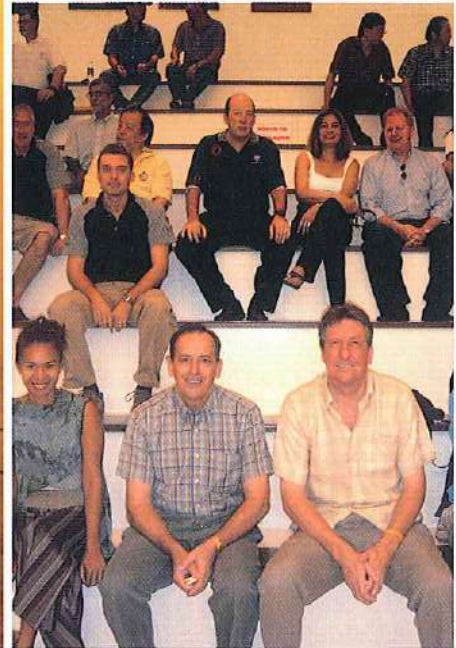
League Winners

Congratulations to the winners of April League #

206: Division 1 Ja Chaturan, 2 David Lines, 3 Ken Grimshaw, 4 John Drew, 5 Brian Brook

And the winners of May League # 207: **Division 1 James Quinn, 2 Chris Browning, 3 Roger Deacon, 4 Brian Brook, 5 Jayne Mellor**





Matches

The BC boys played the Royal Selangor on 27th April and skipper for the day David Eastgate reports:

The team was James Quinn, David Lines, David Eastgate, George Dunford, Marvyn Lewis, Frank Flatters and Charles Whitely. Basically we were absolutely stuffed. All our first 6 players lost 3-0, except number 7 Charles Whitely who pulled off a fine win 3-2.

Seems we did better during the exchange of shirts and curry buffet in the Silom Sala afterwards. The Selangor boys were so impressed they invited the BCB back to Malaysia for a thrashing any time.

Next up is the annual fixture against the Muscle and Mussell Club on 8th July. Last time we thought this was going to be a case of savvy brain and experience winning out against brainless brawn. We were thrashed! Which probably says a lot about both our brains and our brawn. Eight luckless volunteers required!

Monthly Mix-up

I'm not sure what happened in the May Sunday

mix-up but can only assume that Charles **Whitely** won because I can't remember when anyone else did! However Charles got his come-uppance in June when **Marvyn Lewis** romped to a dubious victory. I've heard several versions of the story but from what I can make out, in the final deciding game, poor old Charles suffered a life-threatening calf injury and crashed to the floor just as he was about to clinch victory. Marvyn said "Sorry Charles" with a huge smile on his face and took the free grub voucher. Is there no shame in this man? . . . I know how it feels Charles!

Farewells

By the time you get this we will be about say farewell to two of our better players ...Club Captain Chris Browning and young upstart George Dunford. Both have made the disturbing decision to return to the UK, presumably so that when they come back they will be even more appreciative of the good life in Thailand. They will be missed and we wish them both well. A special big thank you to Chris for his enthusiasm as Club Captain and his services on the squash committee.

Happy Squashing

Jack Dunford

LONG LIVE HIS MAJESTY THE KING

On behalf of British Club Golf Section

June was an auspicious month for all Thais as they celebrated the 60th anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne. Yours truly dared not brave the traffic or the crowd but joined many celebrating events in comfort in front of the goggle box (guilty as charged), with tears in my eyes feeling the overwhelming love, pride and devotion towards His Majesty the King. As a Thai, I felt proud to witness this auspicious occasion with our "farang" friends in Thailand and abroad.

Back to our fun news update . . . well, we had a quiet period: a long weekend (9th - 14th June, officially declared as a holiday due to the major celebration events) and no golf tournaments. Many members took off to the beach and enjoyed a short break, lucky for some, whilst others screwed their eyeballs to the goggle box with sleepless nights over the World Cup 2006. So far, the results have been worth the effort!!!

Here are some golf tips for you, followed by a review of recent events:

Unplayable Lie

When the unplayable lie happens, in general, you have three escape routes:

- You can either pick up the ball and drop it - no nearer the hole - within two club lengths of the original spot (take your

driver and lay it end to end on the ground two times) under penalty of one shot.

- You can pick up the ball, walk back as far as you want, keeping that original point between you and the hole, and then drop the ball. Again, one stroke penalty.
- You can return to the point from where you hit the original shot. This option is the last resort because you lose distance, as well as adding the penalty shot. Believe me, there's nothing worse than a long walk burdened with a penalty stroke!

Learning from the best - I was given a tip by Mike Staples: if you are faced with a situation where you cannot find your ball, take a penalty stroke, take one of the options above and forget about the lost ball. If you continued to look for it afterwards and finally found it, you may end up having to play the original ball and lose two strokes. If I got this one wrong I am sure Mike will give me a buzz and.....ummm

Magpie Putter 28th May at the President

Yes . . . we got thrashed, flogged or whatever...! The Wanderers came in force with 34 players against our 21 which put us at a major disadvantage. The format was pair best ball with 3/4 combined handicaps. The Wanderers had many low handicappers, hence some very low scores. No wonder we lost miserably by 36 points even though we put up a tough fight. There is always the next time!!! However, quite an experience for Mam and I. We hooked up with "0" handicappers - when we got par, they got birdy!!!! But best to watch was a few spectacular eagles.

Luckily we had our own prizes to give out:
Near pins: George O, Brian Dodd, Belinda and David Lamb

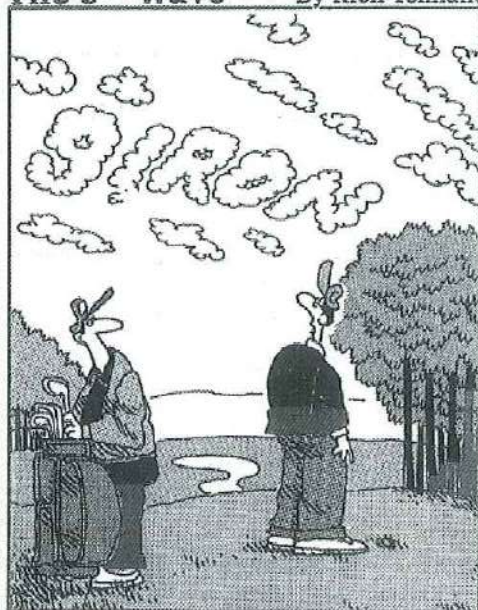
Long Drives: David Lamb, Karen Carter
Long Putt: Belinda

Best BC Scores:- Mike & George with Gross 72
Net 66, on countback from Roy Arthur and Bryan Dodd with Gross 71 Net 66.

May Medal (held on 4th June) - The Royal

We started the afternoon with a sunny and leisurely breeze, a perfect day. Some managed to complete their games in time, but many were getting towards the end of their matches when all hell broke loose - big fat raindrops, accompanied by stormy wind gusts, came on strong and flooded the golf course. Umbrellas

The 5th Wave By Rich Tennant



"What exactly do the rules say about giving and receiving advice?"



Threesum



I got one (Frank)



About time



Flight B winner (Maureen)



Me too



CaroleAnn



Like your shirts



A good pair

were useless against the beating rain and wind. Wet to the bones, the majority of us scrambled to take cover under the nearest drink kiosk or in the clubhouse.

Flight A: Karen Carter held the clubhouse lead for almost an hour before eventually being beaten by the guy who stayed out to finish his round... your Captain, Brian Brook.

Flight B: Maureen managed to hold her clubhouse lead to take victory with CaroleAnn coming in second.

Near Pins: Karen C, Frank, Maureen and our Guest
Long Drive: Yurachat & Guest
Long Putt: Yurachat
Well done to all winners.

Sat 8th : Hapag Lloyd Cup v. Londoners at Royal Lakeside – tee off 8.00

Sun 16th: Hassell Stableford at Lam Lukka – tee off 11.10

Sun 23rd: Club day at Kiarti Thanee

Sun 30th: Medal at Royal La Krabang – 11.30 tee off

Those wishing to join please email either your Captain Brian Brook at bbrook@loxinfo.co.th or Vice Captain at pskinner@hassell.co.th

The exciting yearly BCGS Matchplay Competition 2006 sponsored by Seara International, is well underway. Round of 32 was completed by 18th June. Check the BCGS website for your next challenger in the next Round of 16: <http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety/>.

July Fixtures

Sun 2nd: June Medal at Royal La Krabang – tee off 11.30

That's it folks.

Orin Baldwin
Val Ashman

Another month has gone by so fast . . . and we hope the latest developments are to your liking.

This month, on June 4th, we had the Tennis Family event, something we have not had in several years. A fair turnout of 20 people signed up and got up bright and early for the challenges of the day to battle for the title.

After registration all the children present ensured the fairness of the draw and the pairs were split into two groups. There were some good matches going on with some highlights in the "Safin" group where even the "almighty and speedy" Pairoj team was beaten. This was a first for many players to register a win against him in a doubles match.

In the "Safin" group Anais and Marc came first (thanks to Anais of course) with Chalathip and Tee coming a close second. In the "Federer" group it was Lesley and Chris who came in first with Dao and Pat second. The first semi-final was a tough match between the Dean family and the Nussaume family. Dao rose to the occasion and they took control of the rally and the net, coming out on top with a comfortable 6-2 win.



Ladies with Lorenzo. Front: Wintip (Tip), Lorenzo, Jirapa (Noi). Back: Rat, Yubharet, Eileen, Zandra, Jirawan, Nisa.

We were delighted to have some new young players showing up for the first time. Karen and her son Mathew won the hour lesson with Nelson, our resident coach. Thanks to Seara Co Ltd. A nice buffet followed and many players voiced their interest in having another similar event in the near future.

Our Monday nights are coming along quite nicely and attendance is rising to the point where we are breaking records . . . On Monday June 5th we had an outstanding turnout with 38 people showing up. League matches have been well organized by our Captain and 12 teams of 3 are now battling against each other - we are now starting to see an improvement in the level of tennis being played.

There were some very good matches going on centre court. The highlight of the evening was the match between David and Kitty facing Vatchara and Ori who had just come back from Roland Garros with plenty of new shots in his bag. David and Kitty took

In the other semi final the match was much closer and after an epic battle Lesley and Chris won the match 6-4. The final was then a repeat of the round robin match. This was the FIFTH match of the day!!! So the fittest team would surely win. Lesley and Chris took a decisive lead that they carried to the end with a convincing 6-4 win, taking home the trophies and a treat at Lord's that was generously offered by Jim and the BC.



Final between Dao and Pat, Lesley and Chris

charge and were leading 4-0. This is when Vatchara and Ori came back and pushed the game to a tie break. David and Kitty kept their nerve and won the hotly disputed tie break. Anais and Pairoj proved too strong for Bruce and Yubharet. Lawrence, who had just emerged from a coaching lesson, immediately contacted the tournament director because his racquet had disappeared. After a search and rescue operation, the racquet was found where he had left it. This didn't seem to bother him much as he was on fire on centre court winning twice with Marc, one of those against Khun Prasit and Ton which looked more like 'Mission Impossible'.

We have had excellent coaching from Lorenzo from Italia, giving our Ladies team some excellent tips on how to improve their game, always with a smile and a great attitude. (see photo)

The Mix-ins have had very good attendances during the week with an average between 20 and 30 people. It is too soon to draw conclusions or make assumptions at this point since we have had some heavy rains in the early hours of the evening. In the same way we are also seriously considering that the junior mix-in on Sunday evening should revert to adults as the juniors have failed to attend - must be all that homework left to the end of the week-end.

We will soon have our Pattaya week-end. Surely we will have plenty to write about for this upcoming event... plus the re-activation of the Extravaganza which was inconclusive last time due to a rain-out. Also there are upcoming matches and lots of fun yet to be tapped. So stay involved - the more the merrier . . .

And now the tennis tip of the month:

Two things about Nadal. First, he is in incredible physical shape. Second, he is in incredible physical shape. (No, it's not a typo.) . . . He is that good, and he can hit the ball with so much spin because of that. It is also not just how he hits the ball, but how he gets to the ball (his positioning). It is his strength that makes him such a remarkable player. He did not get in that kind of shape by hitting tennis balls back at the baseline - he runs, skips rope, lifts weights, runs sprints, swims, you name it - 100% dedication. Getting to the ball is one thing, getting to the ball at the right time and with the right positioning is entirely different. Practice how to GET there with your legs, not with your arms . . . (I know, me included).

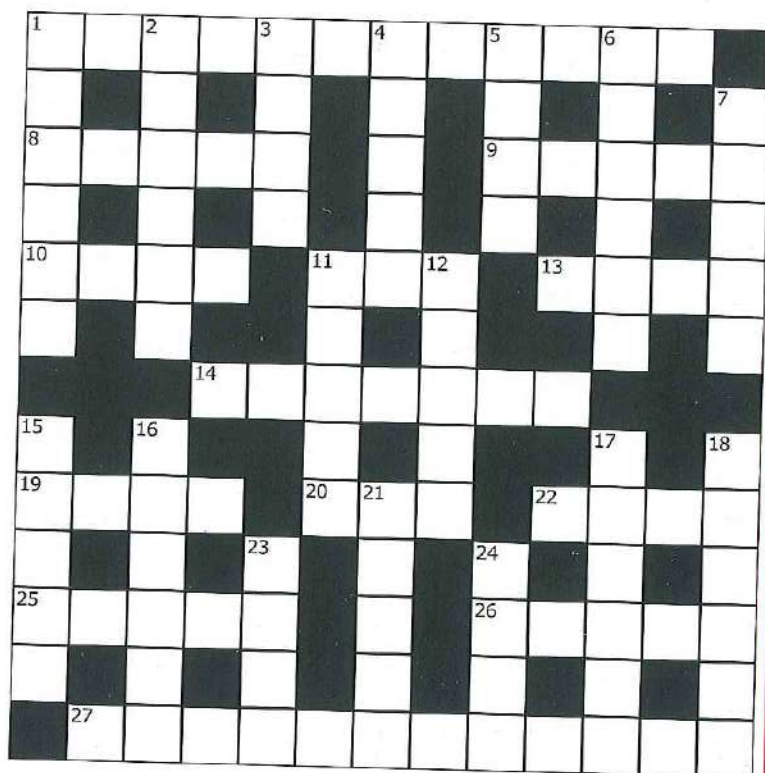
"One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation."
Arthur Ashe.

Cheers to all . . .

Enrique

Crossword Competition

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



June Solution

Across: 1 Shakespeare, 9 Abuse, 10 Robes, 11 Plain, 12 Flee, 15 Elms, 17 End, 19 Dagger, 20 Orange, 21 Rug, 23 Cave, 25 Each, 28 Tower, 30 Motto, 31 Olive, 32 Asyoulিকে.

Down: 2 House, 3 Keep, 4 Strain, 5 Earn, 6 Rebel, 7 Calf, 8 Isis, 13 Llama, 14 Eagle, 15 Elate, 16 Magic, 17 Err, 18 Dog, 22 Unwell, 23 Camp, 24 Votes, 26 Alibi, 27 Heel, 28 Toto, 29 Rook.

Clues

Across

- 1 You'll find him in most pubs! (6,6)
- 8 "Thou shalt hear the _____/ whispered by the phantom years." (Tennyson)
- 9 Girl who puts the oil into the salad dressing.
- 10 He ranks next to a Marquis.
- 11 "Be not the first by whom the _____ is tried." (Alexander Pope)
- 13 Mouse-like creatures flying around can _____ you!
- 14 "Must get out of these wet clothes and into a dry _____." (Alex. Woolcott)
- 19 Gangster's Girl!
- 20 She was a first lady.
- 22 "Have we eaten of the insane _____?" (Macbeth)
- 25 It is 1 and 3/4 pints.
- 26 Alas and _____ . . . so sorry!
- 27 Just the time to enjoy 1 Across! (8,4)

Down

- 1 Pudding made with curdled milk.
- 2 Floats around in the air.
- 3 Just the usual.
- 4 "Take up the _____ Man's Burden and reap his old reward." (Kipling)
- 5 "A _____ among ladies is a dreadful thing!" (Midsummer Night's Dream)
- 6 Expels by legal process.
- 7 "A man's nature runs either to _____ or to weeds." (Francis Bacon)
- 11 Scandinavian language.
- 12 "A man may _____ at any time if he will set himself doggedly to it." (Samuel Johnson)
- 15 "In came Mrs Fezziwig, one vast substantial _____." (Charles Dickens)
- 16 You might be after too much 1 Across
- 17 Makes very popular soup.
- 18 Does he keep the Home Fires Burning?
- 21 Drink distilled from rye, popular at 27 Across.
- 23 Take a naughty little look!
- 24 If you are having one, then you are enjoying yourself!



Be the first person to submit the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine. The winner of June's crossword competition was Mr Jonathan Truslow (pictured). Congratulations Jonathan on your second win of the year.

Congratulations also to Mr Danny Poole, winner of June's Morse Competition, who supplied us with Morse's first name. It's "Endeavour". Yes, that's right, Chief Inspector Endeavour Morse!

And the winners of the June *Outpost* hidden World Cup competition were: Gabby Pye, Kit and Alex Hutchinson, Thomas and Jemma Langman, Lucas Kingston-Davies and Kaela Bleho. Well done!

Arrowfield Estate Wine Dinner



The Arrowfield Estate Wine Dinner held in the Lord's on May 25th was well attended with 37 members enjoying a delicious menu created by Khun Laak and her team, and an excellent array of wines from the Estate.

Arrowfield Estate is located in the Hunter Valley, north of Sydney - Winemaker Barry Kooij presented diners with a quality range of wines, including a late-picked Botrytis Semillon, an interesting Verdelho, and an exceptional Riesling (the Show Reserve Riesling 2004) which many agreed was the one of the best they had tasted. Members were able to purchase the wines at specially discounted prices.

The wines were carefully matched to menu items, which included BBQ prawns, spicy pumpkin soup, a choice of grilled rump of lamb or king fish as the main course, rhubarb brulee for dessert, and all rounded off with a selection of Australian and Tasmanian cheeses, and some tasty spicy Thai after-dinner chocolates.

I would like to thank Club member Tom Westbury of Prestige wines for giving us the opportunity to have such a pleasant night.

Well done to the Team for organising the event and Khun Laak and the Kitchen Team for allowing me to go back into the kitchen, even if I did just get in the way. Thanks also to members for their support and appreciation.

Keep your eyes peeled for the next wine dinner coming up soon.

HELLOS

Guest Chef Evenings

The Lord's Restaurant was looking magnificent as usual for another of the Club's upmarket gastronomic adventures. This time it was a sumptuous three course meal prepared by Guest Chef Mr. Charles Christiaens from Belgium.

To make sure nobody missed out, the menu was run for two nights on Friday the 2nd and Saturday 3rd of June. If you still didn't make it, here's what you missed:

Seared Tuna Tartare with seaweed, smoked Salmon Roe and Saffron sauce.

Grilled King Fish, Citrus and Fennel Salad, Mussel & Clam Broth

OR

Roasted Rack of Lamb with herb crust, Lasagna of Grilled vegetables

Pineapple and Kiwi carpaccio, chips of ginger, white chocolate mousse.

The fine cuisine was rounded off with an after-dinner glass of cognac, and then a special draw for an entire bottle, won by the lucky guest of Khun Pensiri, as well as a bottle of wine, won by . . . Marie Rose (what's her secret?), both prizes presented with panache by M. Michel Bezardin.

Merçi beaucoup Michel for helping to organize this most pleasant of dinners. We look forward to collaborating again on many more!

Chef Charles and helpers working on the nouvelle cuisine ↓



Welcome Aboard!

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

1. Yupin Kantawat & Visuit Srisuphon
2. Kasem & Rattana Roongnirandon
3. Bjorn & Barbro Karlsson
4. Martin & Jaruwon Abel
5. Martyn Sanderson
6. Shamila Jahangir & Jahangir Sheik
7. Darren & Stephanie Jones
8. William Owen
9. Vincent & Anges Perpoint
10. Michael & Krista Sagild
11. Ratana Simpson
12. Andrew Newbery & Robyn Marshall
13. Pisitvate Tangtrakarn

and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to . . .

1. Adel Tabie
2. Adam & Nicola Hodgson
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4. Shyamal & Orasa Roy
5. Peter & Gaabi Florack
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