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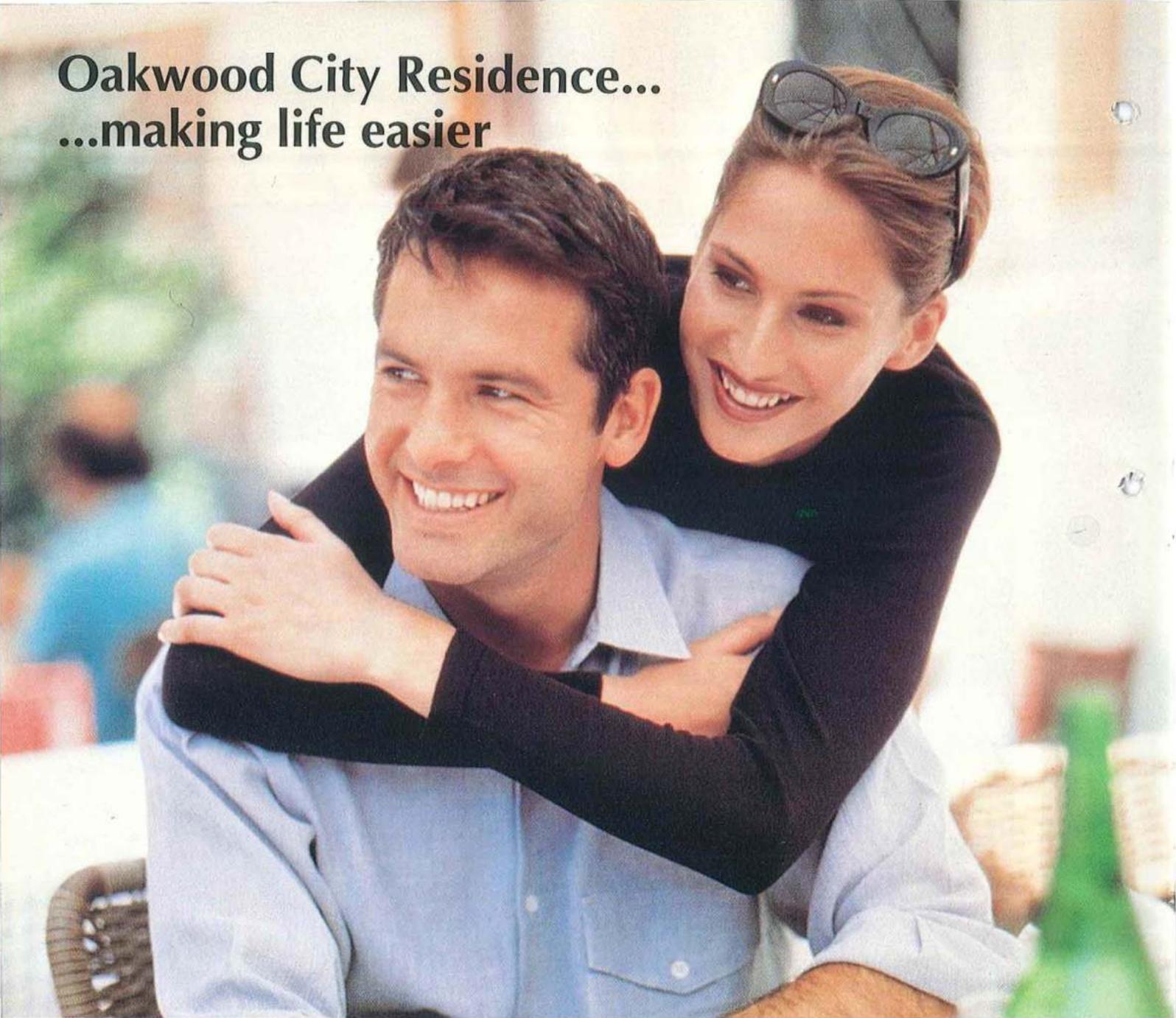
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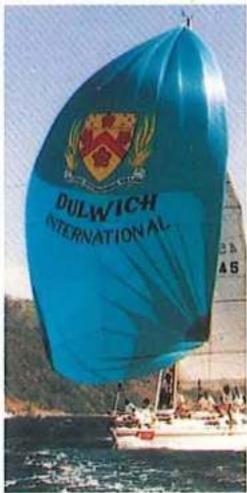
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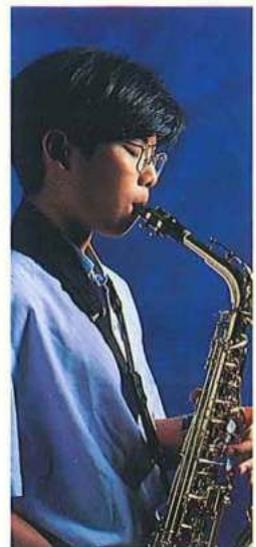
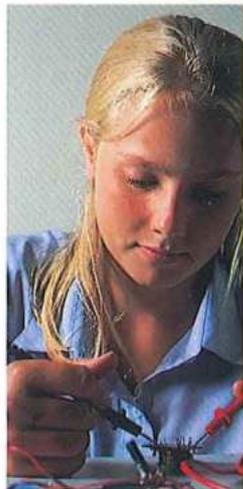
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New members Dave & Zai Collet with Eric & Margaret Miller
Competitors and best friends, Alun and Nicholas
Staff on hand at the Brazilian Night
Bruce and Wandee winning in Pattaya
Judy Turner getting friendly with a Bunny Boy



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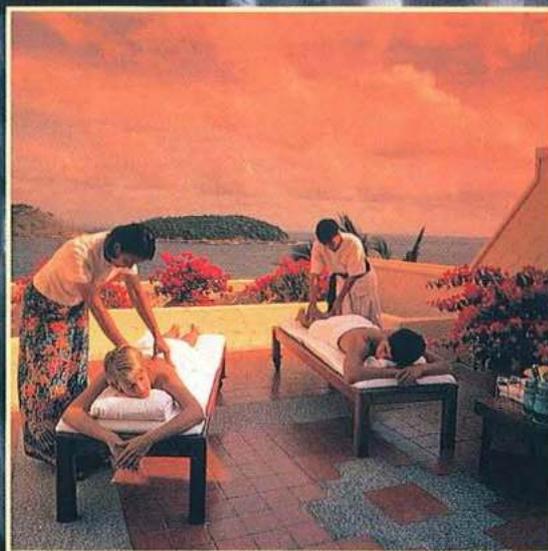
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Hands up who spotted the scaffolding around the Club House last month? No prizes I'm afraid as only those who were seriously impaired by liquor could have failed to notice it! Or those who didn't pay us a visit in early July (so where were you?!). For those unfortunates, I've included a photograph.

The point of this preamble is that the Club House has been tarted up externally, top to toe. This is important because in the first instance it badly needed doing and secondly it is a very visual indication that the Club is moving forward and things are starting to happen.

Also recently completed is the renewal of the electrical supply system to the Club House. This is as important as the painting - and just as expensive! - but hidden from view so it will not be as easily noticed by members. The upgrading of the electrical and water supply systems poolside will also be done soon.

Major plans are also being formulated for a redesign and upgrade of the internal areas of the Club House and for extensions to the Sala seating areas which are now quite crowded, especially at weekends. Proposals for these are being drawn up right now.

All this is very positive and it's really great to see the Club in such good health when the economic situation in Thailand remains so difficult.

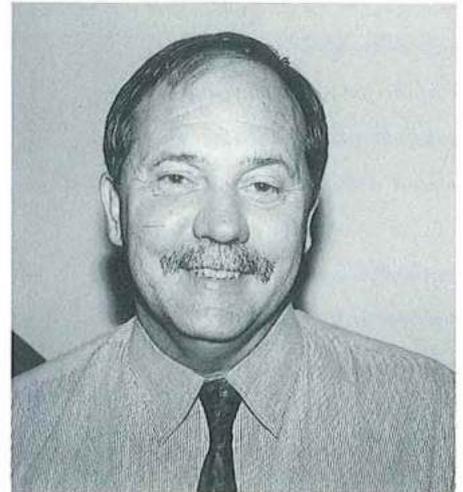
Coinciding with the Club's face lift, is the long-awaited arrival of the new staff uniforms. The tailor took a little longer than originally expected but they're here now - and very smart. I hope you like the return to the Thai style of dress - much better for the ladies than mini skirts, don't you think?!

At the time of writing I've just arrived back from a two week holiday in Greece and England. Greece was splendid and the weather was very similar to that enjoyed in Perth, Australia. A note of caution though to all holidaymakers - take care of your personal belongings! My wallet was pinched by a clever pickpocket on a bus in Athens on our way to the airport to depart. Not only was there the loss of money, credit cards and other personal information, but it couldn't have happened at a more inconvenient time. It's back to a 'bum bag' for me the next time I travel.

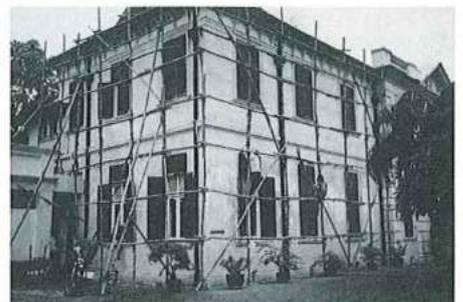
It was also great to be in England again, for the second time in 2 years after a lengthy gap of 12. This year the weather was mild and country walks were wonderful. If you have a free day in London, I recommend the British Museum. Exceptionally good and entry is free (donations are encouraged though).

The Club is here for your enjoyment so if you're at a loose end during the summer holidays, please pay us a visit - and admire the new paint job.

Finally, I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Her Majesty Queen Sirikit good health and a very happy birthday on 12th August. Don't forget a gift for Mum as the 12th also marks Mother's Day here in Thailand.



Tom Bain - General Manager



The 'old girl' receives a make-over


Thomas Bain
General Manager

Webbed at Last!

The BC has charged into the back end of the 20th century with its own Web Page! Refreshing news for members who enjoy getting their info via the Net, and very handy in promoting the Club on a worldwide basis. Most of the work in setting up the site has been done by members of the squash section. Well done and thanks to them for their efforts. The site has been designed so that other Club sections can link to the main page. Please visit us at: <www.britclub.com>

Movie Night

The British smash hit movie 'Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels' will be screened at the Club on Saturday, 21 August. This is an East End gangster, black comedy thriller set in London's seedy underworld with brilliant street-wise dialogue. Recommended for people 18 years or over, this is definitely a movie not to be missed! The price per ticket of B190 includes supper.

Bar Quiz (Again!)

The last bar quiz in early July was such a storming success that we're holding another on 20 August. Teams of up to six can enter and the cost is B50 per person. The venue is the Churchill Bar and you can book at Reception.

Carlsberg Beer Buffet

Ever been to one of these before? Well, if not, don't worry as we're going to hold them on a regular basis, every second and fourth Friday of the month. In August that means Friday 13th and Friday 27th. From 7pm on these nights you can drink as much Carlsberg as your body can take and your spouse will allow. But please, if you're going to imbibe, please ensure you have made arrangements to get home safely!

Summer Sports Camps

If you're worried how to occupy the kids over the holidays, well there are still 2 sports camps available where they can enjoy themselves. Spaces are limited so book soon:

• Sports Camp at the British Club

16-20 August. Charge: B5,000

This all-day sports camp includes lunch and snacks for the kids. Khun Rit, a national level squash coach, will be available for squash coaching. Almost confirmed (!) is an Hawaiian tennis coach and Khun Damon will be teaching swimming. The campers will also learn a bit about cricket and a spattering of other sports over the 5 days. Maximum of 12 kids in each group. Age groups will be for 5 to 7/8 and 8 to 13+. Exact groupings will depend on enrolment.

• Varuna Sailing Camp in Pattaya

23-26 August. Charge: B6,200

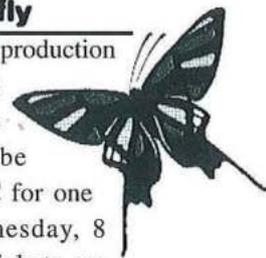
Hugely successful last year and back this year, 4 days of fun and sailing in Pattaya for children above 9 years of age. Learn to sail with Khun Somkiat, one of the Thai national team sailors, and enjoy the hospitality of Pattaya. There is a limit of 15 students so that each student can have his/her own boat. Parents are welcome to help supervise.

Surin Elephant Round-up

Join in the stylish British Club trip to Surin on 19th November. You haven't got much longer to book to see this fantastic show with 250 elephants. Turn to Page 24, fill in the reservation form and fax it back to the Club now! It's your last chance.

Madam Butterfly

This fascinating new production by The Performance Exchange Theatre Company will be presented at the BC for one night only - Wednesday, 8 September 1999. Tickets are B590 including buffet dinner - see the ad on page 28.

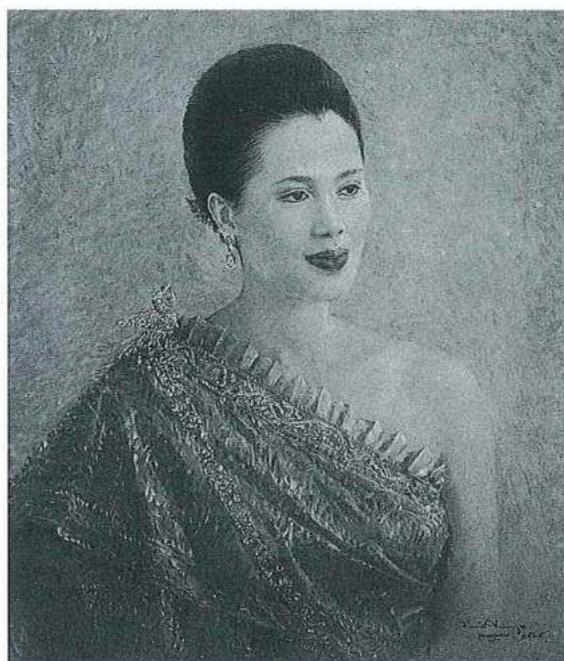


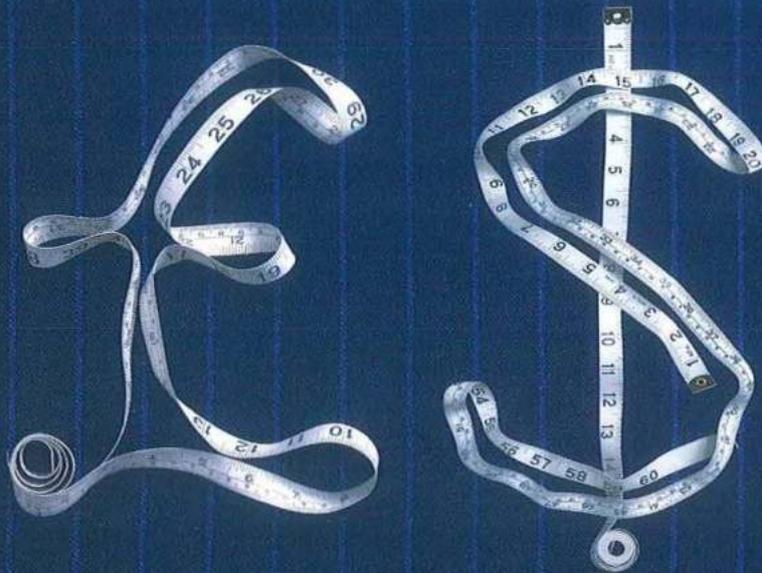
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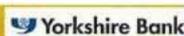
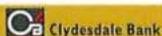
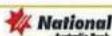


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Spoofers Reign Supreme

Packing out the Churchill Bar one Friday evening in early July were 60 members who came along, pencils and wits sharpened, to compete in a contest designed to separate the intellectual giants from the pansies.



Wine for the winners



Barry demonstrating his hands-on management style



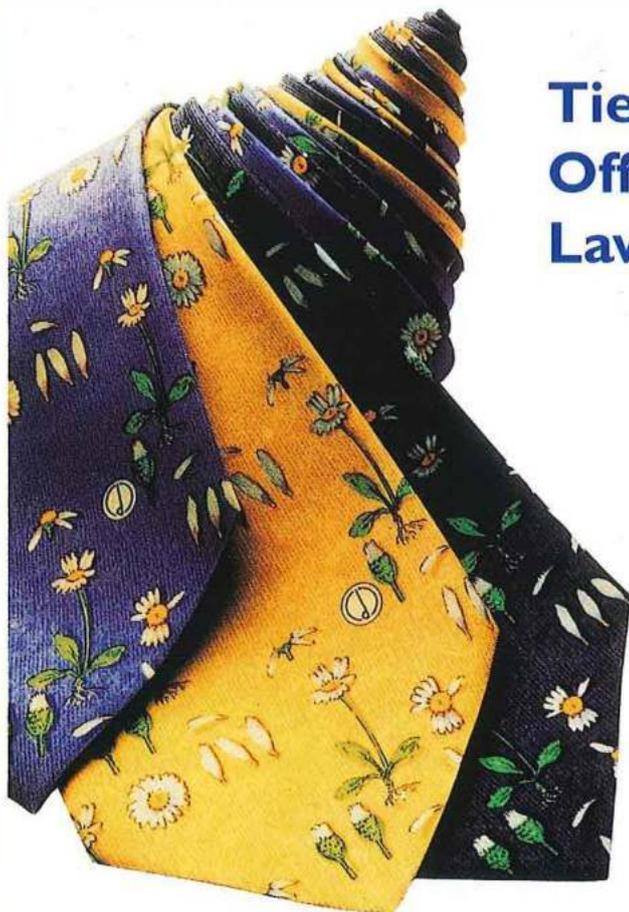
Special thanks to Miss British Club 1903, Cindy Na Samosorn

The nervous tension displayed on TV's 'Mastermind' was not to be found in the Bar that evening as drinks flowed and memories were kick-started into remembering the long forgotten answers to general knowledge questions such as

"According to NASA, what are the two man-made structures visible from space?" Excited contestants could hardly contain



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their enthusiasm as in bursts of memory recall they let rip with the answers rather than committing them quietly to paper.

Nor was the Question Master - our own inimitable Barry "Ere's question ferdeen" Osborne - much like Magnus Magnusson, but nevertheless he was at his articulate best in his masterly handling of the unruly mob who seemed intent on heckling him from the floor.

But silence fell as the evening wore on and the competition intensified. Heads were bent in concentration, pencils got chewed and shouts turned to whispered conferring as the battle for intellectual supremacy neared its close.

Emerging triumphant were 'BKK Gentlemen Spoofers and One Spoofette' who beat '3-Nification' into second place by just one point. Third came 'The Firestarters' and joint bottom were 'Har.Sip.Har' and 'The Good, The Bad, The Ugly'. The other teams deserve a mention, not because of their IQ but simply because of their names: 'Biffa meets Dylan and Rolf', '3 Birdies, 3 Eagles', 'The Old Bogeys' and 'Roos Loose'.

Well done to the Spoofers seen on page 9 with their winnings. A fitting end to life at the Club for team members Paul and Judy Turner who are off to a new life down under. Congratulations also to Ian Walton who

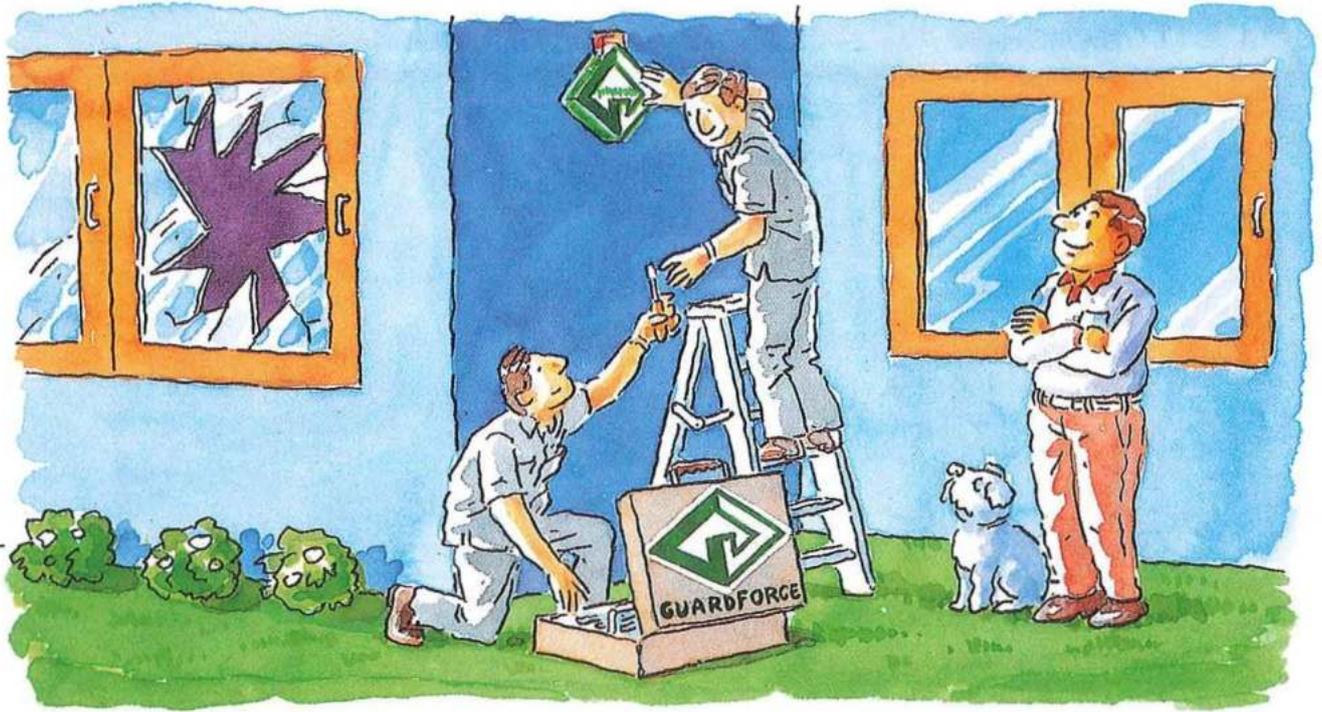
picked up 2 tickets to the BCT's production of Cabaret for winning the half-time game of 'Heads & Tails'.

So much fun was had by all that the evening will be repeated - different questions of course - on 20 August. Sign up at Reception.

Many thanks to the evening's sponsors **Carlsberg** and **PTK Management & Marketing** for keeping the contestants hydrated.

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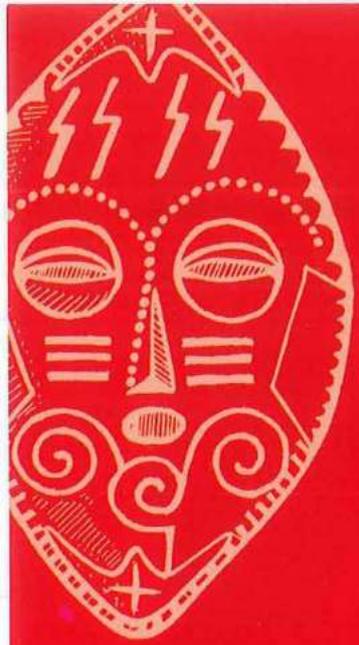
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New Faces on the Blocks

It was great to see the kids dive into action before their long break and already there are new faces on the starting blocks. Welcome to the Johns family with Nicola and Paul, to Jordon (J.J.) and Shannon Smith and to Sari and Jo Anonthanasai.

The June gala provided many options for the under tens who were able to choose 25m or 50m races. Nicola and Paul smashed through quite a few records and showed some enthusiasm at the prospect of running a 200m freestyle event!

The race for the 5 and 6 year olds is turning out to be one of the most competitive at these galas. Competitors Nicholas Law and Alun Simpson are obviously putting effort into their training as they alternate wins between each other. It is events like these that show the spectators the progress made in the children's skill and ability. I still get amazed watching these mini-magnates in the Individual Medley!

We'll be looking at pushing the children even further next gala by including more 50m and 100m events. We were pleasantly surprised to see lots of under 5s and plan to have more novelty races for them in the gala this September.

The points system ran on the day and award winners were:

Shark Award: Nicola Johns (19 points)

Tadpole Award: Nicholas Law (17 points)

Remember, you don't have to be the best swimmer to win the Club awards. It depends on how many races you enter and how many points you gain on the day. Both Nicola and Nicholas will be able to see their names recorded on the awards board at the Silom Sala. Congratulations to them both!

Committee News

It is with a heavy heart that I bid farewell

to Janet Sparks our aquatics section treasurer. She has been a dedicated worker behind the scenes in setting up the aquatic section books and has made a major contribution to the development of the section. The ideas and enthusiasm she brought with her to every meeting will be sorely missed. On behalf of the aquatics section members and their children, I would like to convey an enormous THANK YOU to her and wish her all the very best in her new life back home.

We also say farewell to our gala marshall and organiser, Marilyn Moffatt. The Moffatt family has become something of an institution over the past year at the galas, culminating last summer break with Lauren, Kelsey and Cameron sweeping the Club awards. Both Kelvin and Marilyn have been enthusiastic in developing the section. Marilyn provided water polo workshops for the children at most Galas last year while Kelvin held the fort with Hamish. We will miss you and wish you luck in your new posting in England.

As you can see, we have lost some of our key committee members. For too long the committee has been run by too few but it seems this may be turning. I would like to welcome Michelle Law, our new Secretary and Rosie Smith our new General Committee Member. The aquatic section is run by enthusiastic parents - no special training is needed. Our main task is to provide a variety of poolside activities for our children at the British Club. With the

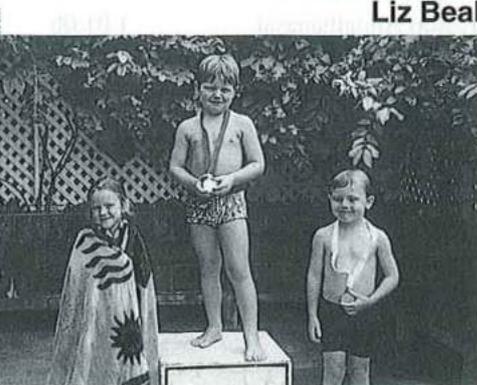
help of the Club staff, we organise swimming galas, poolside movies and discos. Our meetings are held poolside, usually after swimming lessons on a Saturday morning to plan the next gala. We hold about two meetings a term depending on how many galas we have. We are always open to new ideas for making it fun for our kids. If you are interested in joining this band of keen parents or have any ideas that you might like to share, please contact any one of the committee members below.

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As you can see there are a few opportunities for parents to get more involved. Please step forward as it would be a shame to see the aquatic section taper out. This is our second year and it would be nice to see some more helpers on the committee.

Our next gala will be mid-September - look out for flyers and banners for the exact details. Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you all poolside soon.

Cheers for now
Liz Beal





Results and record holders

13 & Over

50m Freestyle

1. Nichola Johns	34.28
<i>Record holder Ben Quarmby</i>	27.49

11-12 Yrs

Boys & Girls 50m Freestyle

1. Mark Rydon	48.81
2. Sari Anonthanasai	50.34
<i>Record holder Laura Hughes</i>	33.92

9-10 Yrs

Boys & Girls 50m Freestyle

1. Paul Johns	39.87
2. Jo Anonthanasai	50.34
<i>Record holder Lauren Mann</i>	39.64

9-10 Yrs

Freestyle

1. Joshua Beal	21.40*
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7-8 Yrs

50m Freestyle

<i>Record holder Kelsey Moffatt</i>	42.51
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7-8 Yrs

25m Freestyle

1. Stephen Rydon	27.75
2. Yahren Tissera	28.93
<i>Record holder Apanee W.</i>	25.78

5-6 Yrs

25m Freestyle

1. Nicholas Law	25.56*
2. Alun Simpson	27.91
3. Isabel Faulkner	27.97

13 & Over

50m Breaststroke

1. Nicola Johns	51.35
<i>Record holder Ben Quarmby</i>	37.32

11-12 Yrs

50m Breaststroke

1. Sari Anonthanasai	1.01.06
2. Mark Rydon	1.07.93
<i>Record holder Nicola Clark</i>	42.60

9-10 Yrs

50m Breaststroke

1. Jo Anonthanasai	1.04.50
<i>Record holder Lauren Mann</i>	1.00.83

9-10 Yrs

25m Breaststroke

1. Vanessa Rydon	25.47*
2. Joshua Beal	27.65

8 & Under

50m Breaststroke

<i>Record holder Kelsey Moffatt</i>	56.93
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7-8 Yrs

25m Breaststroke

1. Yahren Tissera	39.97
2. Stephen Rydon	40.19
<i>Record holder Jordan Cheyne</i>	29.88

5-6 Yrs

25m Breaststroke

1. Alun Simpson	33.87
2. Nicholas Law	33.97
3. Isabel Faulkner	36.62
<i>Record holder Alun Simpson</i>	30.87

13 & Over

50m Backstroke

1. Nichola Johns	42.38*
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11-12 Yrs

50m Backstroke

1. Mark Rydon	1.05.65
<i>Record holder Gabby Herron</i>	48.31

9-10 Yrs

50m Backstroke

1. Paul Johns	47.72*
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9-10 Yrs

25m Backstroke

1. Joshua Beal	28.97
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8 & Under

50m Backstroke

<i>Record holder Simon Mathews</i>	55.35
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7-8 Yrs

25m Backstroke

1. Stephen Rydon	38.06
2. Yahren Tissera	44.41
<i>Record holder William Scott</i>	25.89

5-6 Yrs

25m Backstroke

1. Nicholas Law	35.09
2. Isabel Faulkner	37.16
3. Alun Simpson	37.93
<i>Record holder Alun Simpson</i>	33.84

13 & Over

50m Butterfly

1. Nicola Johns	50.09*
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13 & Over

25m Butterfly

<i>Record holder Laura Hughes</i>	20.69
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11-12 Yrs

50m Butterfly

1. Mark Rydon	1.16.90
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11-12 Yrs

25m Butterfly

<i>Record holder Gabby Herron</i>	21.22
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9-10 Yrs

50m Butterfly

1. Paul Johns	48.85*
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9-10 Yrs

25m Butterfly

1. Joshua Beal	28.63
<i>Record holder Lauren Mann</i>	23.06

7-8 Yrs

25m Butterfly

1. Stephen Rydon	42.68
2. Yahren Tissera	42.72
<i>Record holder Kelsey Moffatt</i>	25.23

5-6 Yrs

25m Butterfly

1. Nicholas Law	33.59*
2. Alun Simpson	33.72

13 & Over

Individual Medley

1. Nichola Johns	1.36.31
<i>Record holder Nicola Clark</i>	1.34

11-12

Individual Medley

1. Mark Rydon	2.31.57
<i>Record holder Gabby Herron</i>	1.48.47

9-10 Yrs

Individual Medley

1. Paul Johns	1.50.34*
2. Joshua Beal	2.12.38

7-8 Yrs

Individual Medley

1. Stephen Rydon	2.20.94
2. Yahren Tissera	2.36.78
<i>Record holders Stimon Mathews & Kelsey Moffatt</i>	1.54.67

5-6 Yrs

Individual Medley

1. Alun Simpson	2.42.34
2. Nicholas Law	2.47.97
<i>Record holder C. Moffatt</i>	2.32.79

* Denotes new record



Footballers Needed - Apply Within

The football section held its AGM on 6 July 1999 and the newly elected Committee is:

- Chairman** Martin Conisbee
286 6499 (H); 366-0432 (O)
- Treasurer** Stuart Edwards
262 0299 (H); 253 9362 (O)
- First Team Captain** Mel Birkinshaw
247 8774 (O); 645 1278 (M)
- Casuals Team Captain** Chris Power
266 2525 (H); 285 1548 (O)
- Team Management** Vaughan Elias
381 9543 (H); 248 2090 (O)
- Social Coordinator** Paul Gambles
254 9620 (H); 255 6865 (O)
- Membership/Publicity** Audel Dalphinis
678 1317 (H); 315 8109 (O)

Many thanks to the outgoing committee under the chairmanship of Matt Duke for the time and effort they expended in keeping the section afloat during a most difficult period. Several unexpected departures by players from Bangkok last season decimated the First Team squad and after a very promising start to the season our hopes for a league title were in vain. Thanks to all the players who stepped into the breach and allowed the BC to at least field a team on most occasions!

The new league season will commence in November and the BC will again field a First Team in the Global Silverhawk Farang League and a Casual Team in the Social League. Training/5-a-side football will run as usual at the BC every Tuesday from 7-9pm. With a new format, we hope

that sessions will be more enjoyable and create an enlarged squad of players who interact well both on and off the field.

The section desperately needs more players and we will welcome any existing BC members and potential members of all skill levels on Tuesday evenings. If you need further details, please contact one of the committee members listed above.

Further information can also be found on the section notice board in the corridor leading from the Churchill Bar. Messages for the section can be left in our mailbox in the same corridor. In future information will also be available on the BC web site. In addition to the league matches later in the year, we have friendly games coming up almost every weekend, mostly on Saturday afternoons. We are also planning to enter an international tournament in Phuket this October and another in Manila one month later which will involve both an Open and a Veterans Team. These tours are a lot of fun and are well worth joining, so please watch the notice board and our Email network for details.

Socially the section will be as active as ever with the standard calendar highlights plus some new events which we hope will catch members' interest. We are of course open to any and all suggestions from members for additions to our social calendar.

The section is always on the lookout for new sponsors who are willing to support us with equipment, tournament entry fees and social expenses. These sponsors will be given the maximum advertising exposure possible within the existing BC guidelines. Perhaps your company could be such a sponsor? If so, please let us know before the league seasons gets underway so that the maximum benefit can be derived by the sponsoring organisation.

It's a while now since the BC won any football trophies to display at the Club. We need the commitment and support of our members during this special year to reverse the trend and get the BC name well and truly back on the footballing map in Thailand and Asia.

Please don't forget that supporters at our matches are always welcome. Who knows, some cheerleaders may even turn up!

Enjoy your football!

The Gunner

Match Result Roundup

10 July - Casuals vs Austel
Casuals won 3-1 with BC goals from Paul Greenhalgh and Sean Broome (2)

18 July - Casuals vs Unocal
Casuals lost 1-3 with BC goal from Mel Birkinshaw.



Yard Sale

Saturday, 28 August, 1999
10.00am - 2.00pm

at Community Services of Bangkok

15/1 Soi 33 Sukhumvit

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Admission: B20 (children under 12 free) Table space available at B600.

Contact: CSB 258 4998 or 258 5652



Coastal Tennis & the Marine Disco...



All right, I admit it: I only put the disco in the title for titillation purposes - I tell you, I'm becoming more like a tabloid hack every day - seeing as only a measly two of the whole group made it to the Marine for a good old bop. You lot are getting old.

Aside from that, we even got some tennis played this weekend, some more than others as the Saturday match was delayed and some of us decided that Sunday mornings were more suited for sleeping through than hauling oneself around a hot court. That notwithstanding, around 25 players and some family trooped down to Pattaya on the second weekend of June for a delightful stay at the Dusit.

Bruce divided the mob into two groups (the pic, below left, was taken just before the two groups went their separate ways), one lot going to the Jomtien Club for a match and the rest of us staying for a mix-in on the sea-front courts. The latter packed in at least 3 sets each, and several got 4 in, before the rain came at around 5.30pm, after which it was calculated that Ken Lau, Wandee Bruton and David 'Big Chief' Blowers had earned the t-shirts. The other shower who made their way to Jomtien weren't so lucky, managing just one set (and some didn't play at all as their ladies turned up late) before the heavens opened. Not sure of the match result, but methinks we were losing it when saved by the downpour.

And boy, did it rain! The soi to the Goslings' condo was flooded within minutes, and they had a brown-out. At the hotel the power stayed on but there was no going out in that, and those strange folks who decided to eat at the Jomtien Club (despite there being a group dinner later) were then stranded there until the rain had eased off.

I don't know where most of you ended up on Saturday, but seven of us headed to Ruen Thai for a very pleasant evening in the open-air traditional Thai restaurant. Unfortunately, attempts at bowling were thwarted by no lanes being available, and that despite booking two lanes the previous day, so that left finding your own entertainment niche for the evening, whether that be the live band in Delaney's, a walk along the damp and dead vegetation-littered prom or waiting for the Marine to warm up with a cocktail or three...

Wandee Does It Again

Sunday morning was definitely for the hardy souls - and it may surprise you to know that there are some among the Tennis

Section - as another glorious day in paradise saw several balanced (by fluke) pairings galloping around the Amari hotel's courts.

Bruce did the pairings and, er, Bruce won, 'nuff said. To be fair, he accredited this great victory to some superlative play by his partner, Wandee, who produced some consistent play throughout the morning to enable the dynamic duo to overcome Kamol and Jeab in the final. The mammoth trophies were kindly donated by Kn Oud, for which many thanks.

All in all a fun weekend (a very productive one for our Wandee); must do it again sometime. If there is anywhere else that members would like to suggest for a tennis weekend, please talk to any member of your esteemed committee who will be all too thrilled to pass all the organisation on to Bruce!

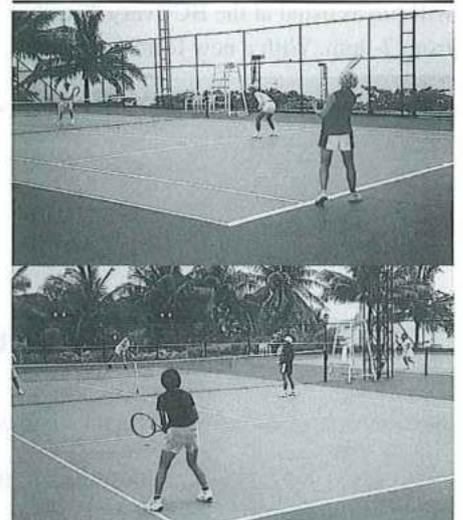
Pip pip Me



Winners of the Sunday morning tournament, Bruce and Wandee



The Pattaya crowd in the lobby of the Dusit



Coastal tennis, BC-style



The early risers - those who made it on Sunday morning



The REAL purpose of a sporting weekend away

Leagues

The winners of the leagues ending 25th July, earning themselves a fat Bt 500 voucher for Central Dept. Store, were:

- League 1 Marc Hagelauer
- League 2 Kn Vorathep
- League 3 Eiji Hanao
- League 4 Kn Panee
- League 5 Tom Callahan
- League 6 Anton Bontje
- League 7 Bob Gosling
- League 8 Merin Waite
- League 9 Philip Mock
- League 10 Kn Yubharet
- League 11 Carol-Ann Eastgate

The Creative Partnership offered a special prize to the first player overall to finish their matches first, which this time went to Eileen Bontje; other league fastest finishers were: Eiji Hanao, Anton Bontje, Bob Gosling, Merin Waite,

Mam Pickup, Philip Mock, Eileen Bontje, Carol-Ann Eastgate, who all won tennis balls for their efforts. Please contact David Blowers (tel: 285 4721-3). Winners of the Bt 800 **Central Grand Plaza Hotel** prize draw for those who won their league and those who played all their games were: Philip Mock, Annie Mitton and Pat Lau. Prizes are Central vouchers and to claim them please contact League Supremo Marc Hagelauer (tel: 663 4684).

Next league starts at the beginning of this month and will go through until September 15th; hopefully by the time you read this you will have put your name on the noticeboard if you wanted your name added to/deleted from the league listings.

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Squash Coverage

Kicking off this Squash update is a look at recent events with match reports and scores.

Squash Coaching: On Friday 11 June 8 Club members received coaching from Derek Johnson, a qualified coach from the UK. It was a successful session and everyone felt they gained some valuable tips. If he passes this way again, I recommend you participate if you want to improve your game.

Oakley Intersociety Handicap

Tournament: The Oakley Intersociety Handicap Tournament was held on Sunday 13 June and 4 teams of 5 competed. The teams were Elsewhere, ANZACS, Europe and England. The handicapping was reasonable as there were only 39 points between the first and last teams. ANZACS narrowly won on the day and the team were presented with very fine trophies donated by Oakley. The final scores were: ANZACS 197; Europe 186; England 172; Elsewhere 158.

The ANZACS team included Tony and Melissa Perkovic, Peter Corney, John Vivian and Paul Bawden. There were some excellent individual performances on the day. Tom Livingston came from 14-3 down to narrowly lose 15-14 to Marvyn Lewis. Marc Bowers played an excellent game against Peter Corney to defeat him 15-7 and Barry Daniel played a great game against John Vivian to win 15-3. Melissa, Tony and Otto were the only ones to win three matches. There were 5 players who didn't win any matches but some of those had very close games. There were only 4 players with less than 30 points from a maximum of 45. Tom Livingston didn't win any games but with 39 points was the 7th highest score. Melissa Perkovic, who has never won a squash match before, played very well and her handicap was adjusted in the first game to make it fairer to the other girls but she still easily won all her matches. A big thank you to **Oakley** for sponsoring this tournament.

Dawee Cup: On Sunday morning 20 June 99, the BC team with one supporter headed out to the Polo Club for the annual Dawee Cup fixture with probably the strongest team fielded for many a year. Unfortunately the RBSC had the same idea - with the legendary Khun Peerapon playing at No. 9 and Khun Visuth winner of the 1998

King's Cup at No.10, we thought that we would probably be in for a hard time. We were right. We lost 9-1. Some excellent skills were displayed by the Thais who are currently in training for the SEA Games. For the BC Marc Hagelauer scored a memorable victory over Khun Sunchai in a thrilling encounter (worth 2 beers Marc). Tony once again proved what a quality player he is and his ability to live with the top Thais by narrowly going down 3-1 to Louis; 2 games going to a 10 pointer. Melissa what do you feed him on? (Worth 3 beers Tony.) BC fielded a guest player in John Nutkins who played Khun Poowis, son of the legendary Khun Peerapon, who is still only 15. John, whose age I will not mention but who could easily be old enough to be Poowis's grandfather, played with all his vast experience and skill but in the end youth and the 42 year age difference (oops!) was the telling factor. If we can all aspire to be playing and enjoying our squash at John's age then this must be our target. The only higher level will be playing at the dizzy height with the likes of Tom Annas. Results:

RBSC		BC
Louis	3 - 1	Tony Perkovic
Apirom	3 - 0	David Eastgate
Chatchawin	3 - 0	Nick Thwaites
Poowis	3 - 0	John Nutkins
Jom	3 - 1	Dick Anwar
Charnchai	3 - 0	Nick White
Sunchai	2 - 3	Marc Hagelauer
Dhanapong	3 - 1	Ja
Peerapon	3 - 1	Ian Walton
Visuth	3 - 0	Peter Corney

Final Score 9 - 1

Afterwards the BC team and the one supporter were entertained to a superb Thai Buffet lunch with lashings of beer. We look forward to their visit to the BC next year where they will not only have to look forward to the heat and a bouncy ball, but contend with sidestepping our dodgy ceiling fans. The current status of the Dawee Cup is BC 7, RBSC 17.

The Supporter

More recent events

League 136: This was completed on 23 June and the following players were winners in their respective divisions.

1. Tony Perkovic
2. Marc Hagelauer
3. Marvyn Lewis
4. Ken Mouldey
5. Howard Winn
6. James Lawden

Congratulations to the winners and well done to Division 1 for completing all their games.

Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy

Plate Finals: The final of the Parra Handy Plate was played on 24 June between Andre Tissera and Bill Randall. Andre easily won the first game 9-0 but Bill then won the second 9-4. The third game saw Bill rush to 8-1 lead before Andre decided to concentrate a bit harder. Andre clawed his way back to 8-5 with Bill having 8 game points along the way. Andre then went to 9-8 with Bill getting the serve back but he lost this and Andre served out the game to 10-8.

They then had a tough 4th game with Bill leading 5-2, Andre coming back to 6-5, Bill then went to 8-6, then Andre to 8 all. Bill then had game point at 9-8 but Andre got the serve back and won the game and match 10-9. This was a fitting final with both players playing hard until the finish. Bill never gave up, and is going to learn how to hit a drop shot before next year as this was his one weakness in an enthralling match. Andre is the 1999 Parra Handy Plate champion with the final score being 9-0, 5-9, 10-8, 10-9.

The final of the Don Johnson Cup, also the British Club Championships, was played between Nick Thwaites and Tony Perkovic. This was expected to be a oneway affair but Nick Thwaites had other ideas, winning the first two games 9-3, 9-4 with faultless squash. Nick went to a 5-4 lead in the third with Tony finding it difficult to score points and then the tide turned. Tony won that game 9-5 and went on to win the next two games 9-2, 9-2 as fitness finally caught up with Nick. The first half of the match Tony missed a few crucial shots but in the second half he played aggressively and with few errors. It was a worthy final with long skillful rallies with both players displaying incredible court speed and anticipation.



Tony Perkovic is the Don Johnson Cup champion for the second year running with the final score being 3-9, 4-9, 9-5, 9-2, 9-2. There were 24 entrants for this competition with two withdrawals through illness and one no show.

BCB vs Ambassador Jomptien Club at Jomptien:

The BCB squash section ventured south on 26 July to play the Ambassador Jomptien team to exact revenge for our defeat earlier this year. We sent a much stronger team but the Jomptien team had been training hard and were a much improved side from their previous visit to Bangkok. After nine mostly close matches, Ambassador Jomptien were leading 5-4 with Dave Eastgate still to play at number one. He had to win 3-0 for us to win by one game. We were a bit worried when Dave was 5-0 down in the first game but he changed his tactics and won the match 3-0 against a very good opponent.

Ambassador Jomptien donated a trophy for the occasion and we were treated to a fine buffet on completion of the games. Marvyn didn't stay long though, as he had to get to Delaney's to watch Australia thrash the English at rugby. The remainder of us arrived at Delaney's in time to see the final score. The next day most of the BCB squash players went to Khao Keow golf course to show off their golfing skills. It can only be said that everyone got their money's worth as the scores were equivalent to playing two golf courses rather than one. Results:

Ambassador	BCB
Eddie Blackwell 0-3	David Eastgate
John Bartlett 3-1	Dick Anwar
Michael Iqbal 3-2	Nick White
Mike Phillips 3-0	Peter Corney
Stephen Henry 3-1	Phil Evans
Ken Shim 2-3	Tom Livingston
Ian Nicholson 2-3	Marvyn Lewis
Tukta 3-2	John Vivian
Karl Schwemmer 1-3	Greg Brown
Dean Callister 0-3	Otto Reichhoff

Central Grand Plaza Hotel Sunday Mix-in: Held on 4 July with 10 participants. The winners of the dinners for two donated by the **Central Grand Plaza Hotel** were Peter Norris and Ken Mouldley.

A new scoring system was introduced to make it harder for the higher handicapped players - with David Eastgate at -4 and Peter at 22 points the results are obvious. It should be noted that David Eastgate's total was negative. Results:

Division A		
David Eastgate	(-35)	-4
Phil Hall	(-17)	41
Ken Mouldley	(-10)	58
Dave Fewster	(5)	56
Wayne Needoba	(-5)	56
Division B		
Peter Corney	(-28)	22
Mark Bowers	(-17)	45
Peter Norris	(-10)	59
Andrew Miles	(-7)	55
John Vivian	(-20)	41

Future Events

BCB Handicap and Plate Squash Championships: This event will be played during September with the finals at the end of the month.

BCB vs Ambassador Jomptien: Ambassador will be playing a return match at the BCB on Saturday 18 September.

Annual Triangular Squash Series: It is planned to have an annual triangular squash series between BCB (2 teams), Ambassador Jomptien and Gymkhana Club (Chiang Mai) at Jomptien on the weekend of 23-25 October.

Peter Corney

Squash Section Web Page

The squash section web page is <www.britclub.com> If you wish to keep updated on world squash, contact <glsqling@inforamp.net>

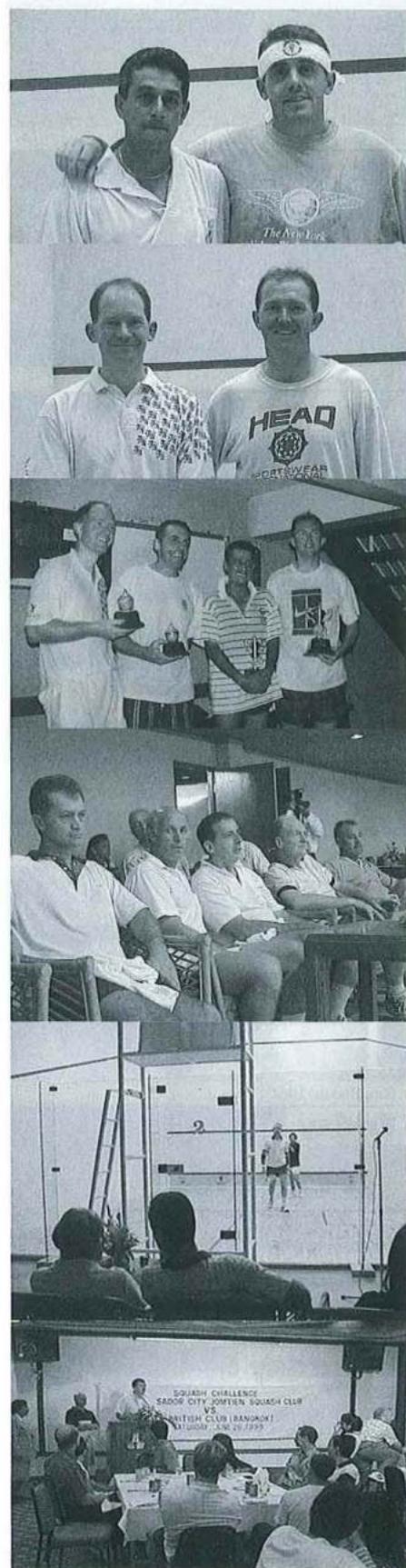
Sponsorship

We are currently looking for sponsors for leagues and competitions throughout the year. Any interested members should contact Peter Corney on <acapacth@smart.co.th> or 714 2426.

Contributions

All members are encouraged to submit any comments, gossip etc. for inclusion in Outpost. If you have anything, fax it to Melissa on 258 1947.

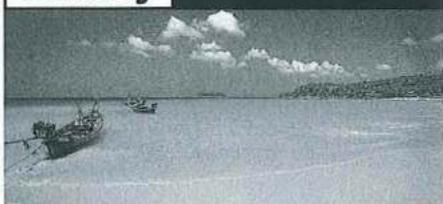
Melissa Perkovic



Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - August 1999

Sunday



Kata Noi Beach, Phuket

Monday



Wat Arun, Bangkok

Tuesday



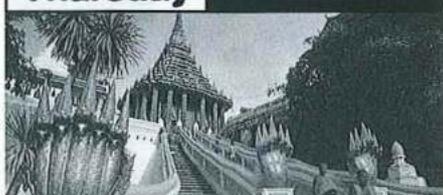
Sitting Buddhas, Wat Suthat, Bangkok

Wednesday



Sunset in Thailand

Thursday



Phra Buddha Bhat, Saraburi

Friday



Temple of the Emerald Buddha, Bangkok

Saturday



A working elephant with his mahout

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11 am-1 pm Badminton - Soi Nares
12-2 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords
3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In
5.30 pm Sunday Carvery - Lords
6-8 pm Happy Hour

2

8.00 am BWG Mahjong
9.30 am Aerobics
6-8 pm Happy Hour
7-9 pm Tennis Team Training

3

7 am Ladies Golf
8-10 am Ladies Tennis
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training
6-8 pm Happy Hour
7-9 pm Soccer Training
7.30 pm Darts
8-11 pm Friendly Bridge
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof

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9.30 am Body Shaping
4.30-9pm Squash Coaching
6-8 pm Happy Hour
6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In
6.30 pm Cricket Nets

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8-10 am Ladies Tennis
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training
6-8 pm Happy Hour
6-9 pm Squash Mix-In
7-9 pm Rugby Training
9-10 pm Hockey

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9.30 am Step Aerobics
3.30-9 pm BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)
5.30 pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training
6-8 pm Happy Hour
7 pm Snooker Night

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9 am-12 am Squash Coaching
9 am-1 pm BC Swimming Coaching
4.30 pm Casuals Football - Colgate ground
6-8 pm Happy Hour

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7.00 pm Carlsberg Beer Buffet

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4.30 pm Casuals Football - Colgate ground
6-8 pm Happy Hour

Don't Forget !!

- Mother's Day - 12 August
- Bar Quiz - 20 August
- Movie Night, 'Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels' - 21 August
- The Sports & Sailing Camps for kids (details at Reception)
- Last call for members wishing to go on the Surin Elephant Round-Up

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 6-8 pm Happy Hour
 7.30 pm Wine Tasting

Opening Times

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

Bar Quiz

7.00 pm Carlsberg Beer Buffet

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9 am-12 am Squash Coaching
 9 am-1 pm BC Swimming Coaching
 4.30 pm Casuals Football - Colgate ground
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Movie Night

Sports - Contact the following:

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Football	Martin Conisbee	366-0432
Golf	Bernie Adams	675-6123
Rugby	Jon Prichard	662-6376
Scuba	Peter Gary	634-7792
Squash	Peter Corney	381-7240
Tennis	David Blowers	285-4721-2

**Book in at the
 fitness centre
 for a massage!**

Venues

Soi Nares	Behind Bangrak Police Station
Aerobics	Surawongse Room
Golf	As advertised
Colgate	
Ground	Rama III



Embassy Thrashed

The Emirates Cup was retained after a convincing win against the British Embassy. The singles match play competition resulted in a 9-1 match win for the British Club.



Judy and Dugal fighting (again)

However there was compensation for British Embassy Captain Jim Napier who shot under 80 for the first time.

Captain's Day

Stableford was the format for Captain's Day and Pat Dean romped home with 40 points. In hot pursuit were Roger Fitzgerald and Sriwan Forrest both with 39. They were rewarded with some funny sort of furry club cover. There was also a team competition curiously arranged according to surnames. Player selection appeared to be fixed to ensure that Gareth's team won.

Did you hear the one about...?

* The Pope met with his cardinals to discuss a proposal from Benjamin Netanyahu, the then leader of Israel. 'Your Holiness,' said one of the cardinals, 'Mr. Netanyahu wants to challenge you to a game of golf to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Jewish and Catholic faiths.' The Pope thought it was a good idea, but he had never held a golf club in his hand. 'Have we not,' he asked, 'a cardinal who can represent me against the leader of Israel?' 'None that plays golf very well,' a cardinal said. 'But,' he added,

'there is a man named Jack Nicklaus, an American golfer who is a devout Catholic. We can offer to make him a cardinal, then ask him to play Benjamin Netanyahu as your personal representative. In addition to showing our spirit of cooperation, we'll also win the match!' Everyone agreed it was a good idea. The call was made. Of course, Nicklaus was honoured and agreed to play. The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of the match. 'I have some good news and some bad news, Your Holiness,' said the golfer. 'Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Nicklaus,' said the Pope. 'Well, Your Holiness, I don't like to brag, but even though I've played some pretty terrific rounds of golf in my life, this was the best I've ever played, by far. I must have been inspired from above. My drives were long and true, my irons were accurate and purposeful and my putting was perfect. With all due respect, my play was truly miraculous.' 'What's the bad news?' the Pope asked. Nicklaus sighed. 'I lost to Rabbi Tiger Woods by three strokes.' (Thanks to Robert Armstrong for this one.)

* What is love compared to holing out before your opponent? - P.G. Wodehouse

Next Outings

Sunday, 15 August, 10.00am - Rysome Bowl at Vintage

Saturday, 21 August, 7.30am - Bangkok League match vs Gee Gees

Sunday, 29 August, 11.42am - Medal 3 at Royal Lad Krabang

Saturday, 11 September at 12 noon - Match vs Gee Gees at Green Valley Rayong

Sunday, 12 September - Ryder Cup (details next issue)

Saturday, 9 October at 12 noon - Match vs Scandinavians at Subhaprueck

Birdie



Friendly rivals



Jim Napier presenting the Emirates Cup



Dugal receiving his hole-in-one nest



The Elephant Forward-Up



Pre-match preparation



Roger takes cover



Captain and Vice



Captain's Day winner Pat Dean

Committee Despatches

Y2K Celebrations

As previously intimated, these will be fairly low key in the light of festivities being planned by many other organisations around town.

Currently the thinking is that in addition to the usual boat trip, we will arrange a fairly casual party at the Club to continue throughout the evening and into the early hours of New Year's Day. In this way it is hoped that members who wish to celebrate the New Year with the Club may do so with the choice of also joining the boat trip, and that those who are on the boat trip will have a venue to continue their revelries when the trip is over.

If anyone has some further suggestions on this subject, we would be most interested to receive them. Please contact Tom.

The Centenary

A significant part of our Centenary celebrations is to be the production of a book to mark the occasion. I am delighted to say that we have recently recruited the services of Mrs. Bonnie Davis, a locally renowned and highly respected historian-cum-writer, to research and prepare this book for us. It promises to be an excellent publication.

In this respect, the Club is now anxious to receive material, be it photographs, anecdotes, etc. which any member or past member may consider as possibly suitable for inclusion in this book. So if you have any such material, please contact Tom in the first instance, so we can arrange to obtain it from you and pass it on to Bonnie. Finally I should like to report that Bonnie



and her husband, Jim, have recently become members and we all look forward to seeing them around the Club in the months to come.

Dugal T.M. Forrest
Chairman
Millennium and Centenary
Sub-Committee

The Elephant Round-Up

Come and join in the fun of the British Club's annual trip to Surin during the world famous elephant round-up.



On 19th November, the British Club will once more be packing everything including the kitchen stove ready for you to join in this extravaganza, which is certain to delight both young and old. We have secured prime covered seating from which to watch 250+ elephants demonstrate their rightful place in Thailand's history.

The BC group will leave Bangkok's Hua Lumphong train station at 8.30pm on the overnight air-conditioned sleeper car arriving in Surin at around 5am. After a Thai-style shower at a local school and a

hearty BC breakfast, you are then whisked off to the nearby showground!

The show, with its cast of hundreds, will keep you mesmerised for over 4 hours (take a cushion to ease the hardness of the wooden benches); from there we take you to an historic Khmer ruin site for a leisurely and scrumptious BC picnic washed down by a tippie or three from the BC mobile bar! The afternoon takes in a trip to the famous Phanom Rung temple, a much-restored Khmer temple high on a hill with



spectacular views over the Burinam plains and across to the Cambodia border hills. There's also a fascinating market at the site. Back to the school for dinner prepared by the BC and a wander round Surin town before getting back on the train at 8pm. Before you know it you're back in Hua Lumphong!

The price for this worthwhile trip is expected to be around Baht 4,600 for adults, Baht 3,300 for children 4-16 years and Baht 1,500 for children under 4. These prices are estimates as the final sum will depend on the price of the train tickets, bus rental and show entrance fees.

Photocopy and fax back to the General Manager on 235 1560

I, _____ (name), _____ (Club number), would like to reserve the following spaces on the British Club Surin Elephant Round-Up on 19th & 20th November:

Adults (names)

Children (names and ages)

Bookings required by Friday, 13th August

Please note that cancellations will not be accepted after 20th August 1999 and a deposit of Baht 1,500 per person will be debited to your account on booking (not refundable after 20th August 1999) in order for the BC to reserve the train and show tickets.

The Naval and Military Club, Melbourne

Having decided to spend my holiday earlier this year in Oz, I took the opportunity whilst there of visiting one of our reciprocal clubs in Melbourne, The Naval and Military Club.

Phil Moran, their Marketing Manager, was charming and helpful, and spent time in showing me around their facilities. He provided me with a great deal of information which I thought you would be interested in reading:

Established as a Club for officers of the armed services over 118 years ago, The Naval and Military Club today attracts members from all walks of life. Described as a contemporary Club with a rich heritage, it is located in the heart of a city of 3.5 million. Melbourne is one of the sporting capitals of the world hosting the Australian Formula One Grand Prix, the (Grand Slam) Australian Open Tennis, AFL Grand Final and the country's premier horse race - the Melbourne Cup. The Club is a real home-away-from-home with warm, welcoming staff and friendly members. There are 24 comfortable double, twin and single bedrooms with all facilities, as well as two dining rooms, two bars, meeting rooms, library/reading room and a small business centre. For relaxation try the three full size billiards/snooker/pool tables and for the more active there is always the gym and the two squash courts. The Reception desk is staffed around the clock by people who are more than happy to assist visitors wherever possible, including local touring information and drycleaning. They even sell tickets for the excellent public transport system of trams, trains and buses! In the true spirit of reciprocity, visitors are able to attend any of the Club functions that are held during their stay - subject to availability, of course. The Club accepts American Express, Diners, Mastercard and Visa. Letters of introduction are not required, just take your current membership card. Reservations can be made directly with the Club by fax (61 3 9650 6529) or Email <nmclub@wa2000.com.au>



Typical accommodation



The Billiards & Snooker Room



The modern gym

Just as a footnote to this report, it was in April that I visited Melbourne and couldn't believe the number of BC members I bumped into - at the airport, on the plane and in the beautiful City of Melbourne itself. With so many members enjoying the same idea of a good holiday as me, I thought this introduction to the The Naval and Military Club would be welcomed by future travellers to Melbourne. Certainly I can guarantee that a warm welcome awaits you!

Chirachada 'Goi' Suwanawong
Membership Marketing Manager

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Goodface the Gourmet

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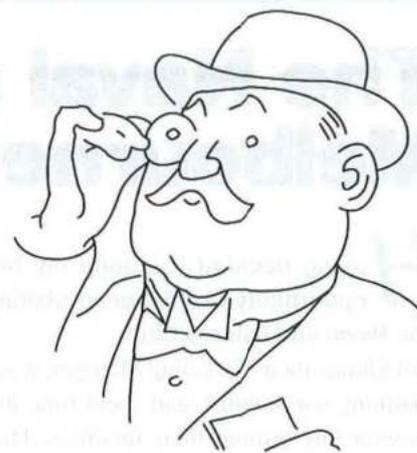
To get straight to the point, it has long been apparent to me that the only people that know anything about food are the British. Now I hear jeering, heckling and caterwauling from the intellectuals and self proclaimed gourmets in the gallery, an expected reaction, but please have the decency to let me explain.

When it comes to a discussion about food, the operative word is "suitability". To start with, it seems perfectly obvious to me that certain creatures were designed to be eaten and certain were not. Take the humble cow, for instance. You only have to pass one in a field and your mind naturally progresses from milk to cream to butter to roast beef and steak and kidney pie. And then there's the pig. The nature of the pig is such that it is clearly designed to sizzle in a frying pan, and nothing short of stencilling BACON across its back in large letters could make this more obvious than it already is. The ease with which these thoughts come to mind prove that these beasts were designed to be raised and eaten. Now on the other hand, suppose you were strolling the garden and perchanced upon a snail. Being English, after repressing an immediate reaction of disgust at the hideous sliminess and general lack of appeal of this vile creature, you would most likely shout 'That's the bugger that's been eating all my lettuces' and lob the pest over the fence with a spade. And bloody well done too!

This of course is the reaction of the gentleman and quite distinct from that to be expected from your Continental type, particularly he of the beret and striped shirt, onion selling variety, who in a similar situation would leap up and down in delight and scream 'Oh la la! Merveilleux! Vous petit beauty, vous. Voulez vous aller chez mois?!' Clearly the Frenchman is unable to distinguish between that which is and is not designed to be eaten. His

penchant for popping into the pot every kind of species, dressing it up in vile tasting herbs and sauces and giving it some exotic name so he can palm it off on unsuspecting foreigners is well known. I mean let's face it, frogs were created to perch a bullrush in the village pond making croaking noises, they do not belong on the dinner plate!

And then we come to the Italians. Now the Italians had a good opportunity to join the British as a fine upstanding member of the culinary establishment. With the exception of a few indiscretions involving certain ocean dwelling tentacled creatures best left out of sight on the sea floor which I'm prepared to overlook, Italian cuisine was essentially sound. At the core of the diet, of course, was Pasta which had the potential to rival the inimitable English spud as a solid foundation for a practical, no nonsense diet. But then everything went horribly wrong. Whether because of their natural Machiavellian inclinations or the corrupting influence of the Mafia or the Pope I don't know, but the Italians took their pasta and turned it into a mind bending array of shapes and sizes, called it spaghetti, linguine, fettuccini, lasagne, cannelloni, penne, ravioli and vermicelli, twisted it, stretched it, turned it, spiralled it and in an act of extreme folly, even turned it into letters and put it into soup! This outrageous deception designed to convince the unknowing world that Italian cuisine consisted of an abundance of previously undiscovered, palate tickling marvels, when in fact the whole thing was a huge hoax and the menu should have consisted of one item called "PASTA", shocked honest diners in Britain to the extent that now the only Italian dish likely to appear on the menu is spaghetti and chips. But the violations of civilized eating habits perpetrated by the above mentioned European nations pale into insignificance when compared to the outrages inflicted



on the palates of innocent diners in the Far East. I will not even deign to discuss the Chinese because a nation of people who devour dogs for breakfast washed down with snake bile and consider sea slugs a delicacy is quite beyond the pale. In terms of suitability they rank alongside Sweeney Todd on Hair Stylist magazine's annual list of the most admired coiffeurs in history. Among the other Asian nations we are witness to the single biggest blunder in the history of cuisine since the Japanese thought that fish didn't need to be cooked. When faced with the problem of rancid, evil smelling meat due to the hot climate, rather than taking the logical British route of inventing the refrigerator, the Asians decided to solve the problem, or rather evade it, by turning to an ingredient that would be far more at home on a list of dangerous, toxic substances than in a recipe. I am of course referring to the chili. It was a case of the old 'don't bother taking a bath but douse yourself in perfume' syndrome, but in one fell swoop the Asians had rendered most of their food utterly inedible to all except those force fed on chili flavoured milk from an early age. This naturally brings us back to the question of suitability. Any Englishman who chanced upon a chili bush while strolling in his back garden and was unfortunate enough to sample its fruit, would, after rushing screaming across the lawn and diving into the goldfish pond, hasten to the authorities to report an imminent health risk, displaying his seared oral cavity as evidence. The offending bush would be cordoned off, and an alert sent to horticulturists country wide to isolate this lethal plant. A police notice would be issued warning that anyone failing to declare the presence of a chili bush on their property would be arrested for harbouring

a dangerous criminal. The bush would be burned and destroyed wherever it was found and the matter would not rest until our fair land had been rid of this vicious, gut corroding flora.

So next time you settle down to an eminently suitable meal of roast beef and

Yorkshire pud, steak and chips or bacon and eggs, washed down with a hearty ale drawn from a barrel made of good solid English oak, please spare a thought for the poor deluded fools across the world struggling with their so-called haute cuisine and bizarre oriental concoctions

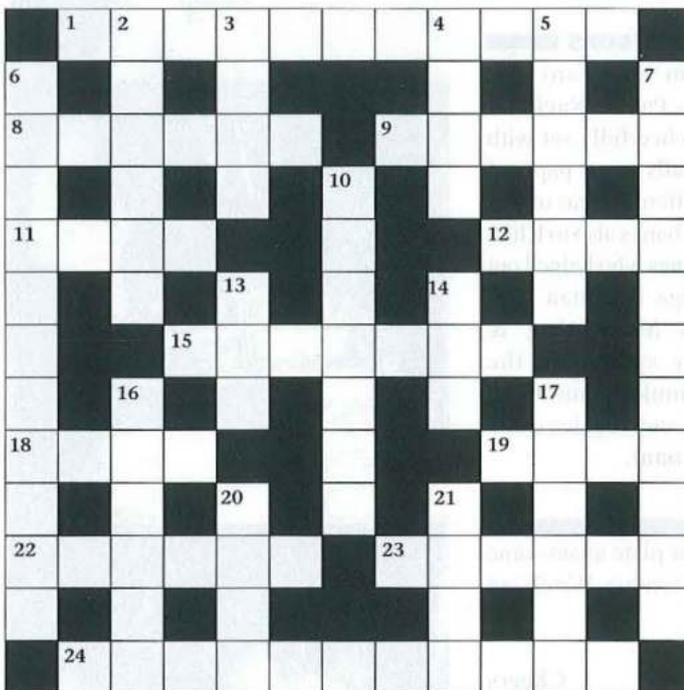
and raise your glass to toast our fine, honest British fare!

Maj. Henry Goodface (Rtd)

*Written and contributed by
Damian Jaume (J79)*

Crossword

Clued up on Literature?



Well, here's some words, phrases, names, authors, poets and playwrights to challenge your knowledge.

Across

- 1 "_____ never has six lines together without fault." (Dr. Johnson)
- 8 "Had I but _____ God as diligently as I have the King!" (Cardinal Wolsey)
- 9 A hewer of wood and a _____ of water. (The Bible - Joshua)
- 11 "Let the wide _____ of ranged empire fall." (Shakespeare - Anthony and Cleopatra)
- 12 Murder considered as one of the fine _____ . (de Quincey)
- 15 Prize-winning novelist Sir _____ Golding.
- 18 "A woman... would _____ one anything!" (Oscar Wilde)
- 19 According to Tennyson, "Doves moan, _____ murmur."
- 22 "Cans't thou do likewise? If not, with a blush _____ . (Charles Dickens)
- 23 In Shakespeare's "Othello", she was the mistress of Cassio.
- 24 As a title it goes with Sense.

Down

- 2 He wrote "Ars Poetica."
- 3 "By keeping men off, you _____ them on!" (Gay - Beggar's Opera)
- 4 This Jane married Mr. Rochester.
- 5 "Reap the old _____", said 10 down.
- 6 "Not once or twice in our rough _____"(6,5) Tennyson
- 7 "... ashamed they were not here, who fought with us upon St. _____" (8,3) (Henry V)
- 10 His Gentleman Rankers were out on a spree.
- 13 Hero of Great Expectations.
- 14 He was repeatedly requested to pick up his weapon!
- 16 "Hail to thee, _____ spirit!"(Shelley)
- 17 The family of the five daughters in "Pride & Prejudice."
- 20 Bernard Shaw's Man didn't carry them.
- 21 Short 1 and 15 across!

Solution to the July puzzle



A Carnival of Brazilian Cuisine

Let me just swap my maracas for a pen and I'll tell you all about our Brazilian carnival... Tasty dishes of chicken and pork and other mouthwatering delicacies from



Brazil were served to those members who came in search of a good time and who had reserved a table at Lords in late June for the Brazilian Food Promotion. Sopa Andaluza (farmer's soup), Empadinhas de Galinha (chicken empenada), Salada de Alachofrias (artichoke salad), Presunto E Laranjas Assados (baked ham with oranges), Asado de Lechon Macas Recheddas com Passos (baked pork loin with baked apples and chorizo rice). Mmmmm... The aroma almost hits you from these pages!

Glasses of mulled wine, mulled rum and pineapple batida helped many diners to kick into carnival mood. Beautifully rigged staff member Khun 'Carmen' Prasarn (the one balancing the fruit on his head) looked for most of the evening as though he would break into a Samba at any moment - and that was without the benefit of mulled rum! Plenty of fresh Brazil nuts and aromatic Brazilian coffee were available to round off the courses, both flown in specially for the occasion.

Thanks to our sponsors

With a little help from Luiz Faro of a reciprocal club in Sao Paulo, **Nacional Club**, the tables were cheerfully set with Brazilian flags and walls were papered with posters showing different areas of that vast beautiful country. Thanks also to Khun Sucheera of **Varig Airlines** who helped out with posters and a huge Brazilian flag. Khun Tom of **PTK Marketing & Management** kindly sponsored the beverages; **Khun Somnuk** the meat and fish; and flowers, fruit and veggies came courtesy of **Khun Anant**.

The next one...

I'll put my heart on your plate again some time this month with a fondue. Watch out for details.

Cheers
Barito Osborne

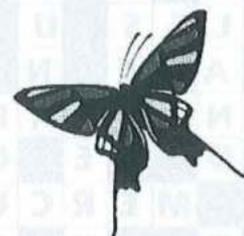


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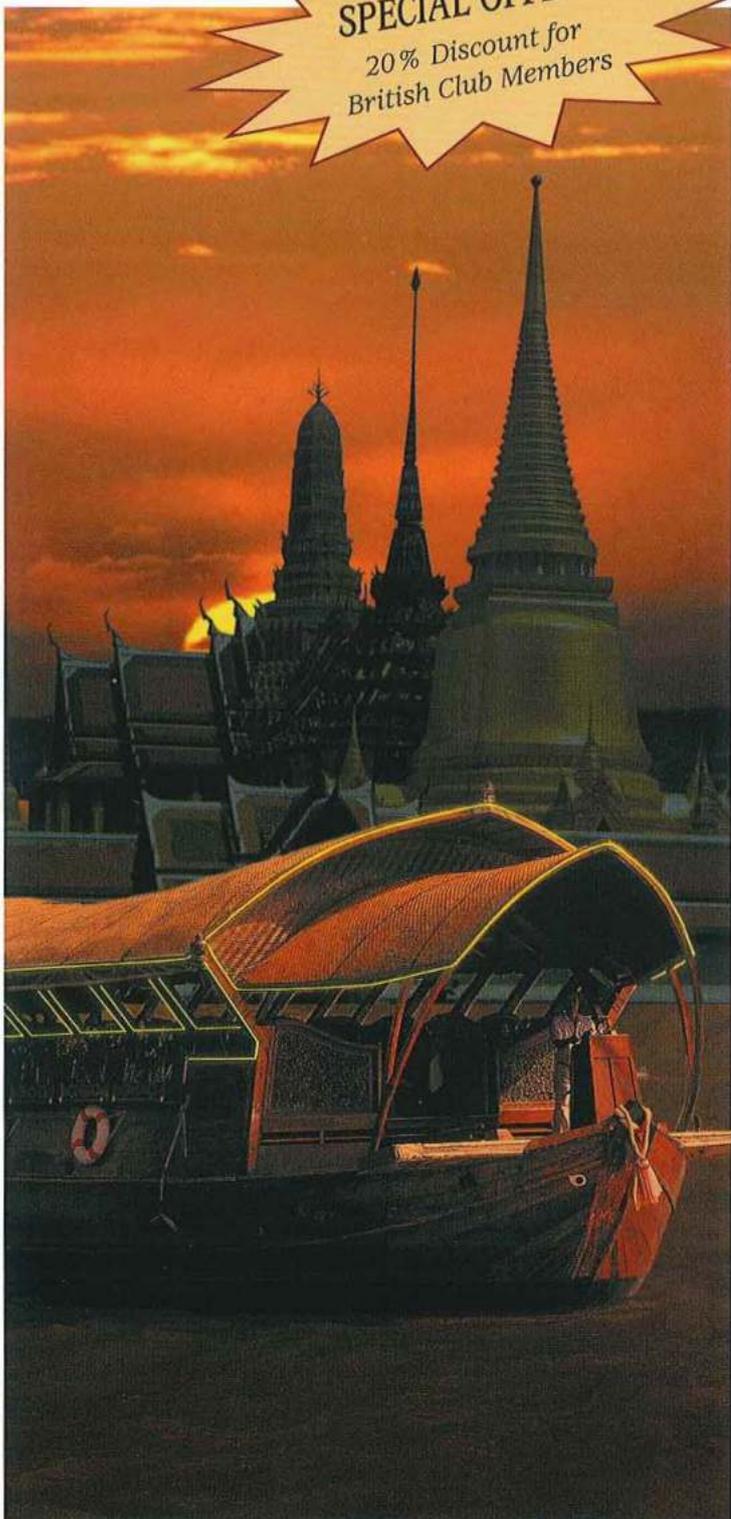


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Business in Baku

Well, in for a penny in for a pound, as the saying goes. I have landed myself in it again and in stark contrast to the glitz of the Ritz Carlton where I dreamed up "Easter in Corfu", I find myself now in a 2-star airport hotel in Dubai,

waiting for an Emirates connection to Baku. You may remember from one of my previous articles that I have a fear of flying - on this trip I could have taken Turkish Airlines or Uzbekistan Airlines from Bangkok but I prefer to fly Emirates, not to mention that my Greek pride won't allow me to fly Turkish. So let's leave it at that. It wouldn't be so bad if it were not for the weather. It's summer here in Dubai with temperatures tipping 44 degrees centigrade. The superb polo club which they created out of the desert and at which I played a few chukkas with the Sheiks last November, has closed for the summer so I have little or nothing to occupy myself.

Last August when my fear of flying was at its most irrational, I had an important meeting in Baku so I took the following route: Bangkok - Singapore - London - Amsterdam - Baku. Crazy wasn't it? And I spent all meal times sitting two tables behind the KLM pilots who were staying at the same hotel as me, watching their every mouthful. I was waiting to catch them with that extra drink, but to my relief they were very professional.

Why Baku?

Well, the Caspian Sea has a lot of oil and very few tankers. A perfect equation for a Greek shipping company. Oil is mostly produced offshore or across the Caspian Sea in Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. It is transported to Baku which has become the oil capital of the region and from there it enters the pipeline system to the Black Sea. Aware that you might not be as interested in oil as I am, I thought of shifting the emphasis of this article to tourism, but unfortunately Baku boasts no tourist luxuries. It only has two or three hotels which are extremely expensive and full of oil men cutting deals with the government. So don't rush there yet! However, for the business traveller, it offers a very pleasant surprise. The town centre is extremely beautiful albeit run down after seven

decades of communism. When I first journeyed there in January 1998 my impression of old Baku was of Vienna in winter.

Beaches of black gold

Not many people know this but at the turn of the century Baku was the first place outside of the USA where oil was discovered. It was in such plentiful supply that people used to rent parts of the beach and drill for it. Thousands of 'nodding donkeys' - primitive oil extraction machines - can still be seen along the shores of the Caspian Sea. Looking from the hills above the shoreline, this sight is quite impressive but not very pleasing aesthetically. The beach is now totally destroyed and the environmental damage to the waters of the Caspian has been devastating.

This early boom created the first oil barons who competed with each other to build the best residences, theatres and government buildings. Famous architects were summoned from Paris, Vienna and Rome to give this new town a distinct European flavour. They succeeded and created a city worthy of the money and talent expended. However, with the arrival of communism, Azerbaijan was annexed to the Soviet Union and the proceeds from the oil industry went to Moscow rather than back into Baku. So Baku slowly fell apart and became another ghost city. I consider it a miracle that the Soviet Union was lacking the funds to 'renovate' the city as they would have happily demolished all these architectural wonders and replaced them with the ugly cement structures of post war 'Soviet Realism'. Instead they built a new city around the old town - one of the ugliest places in the world. Ugly not in terms of the presence of slums or poverty, but just visually insulting.

In between meetings, I used to walk through the streets of Baku admiring the architecture, the climate and the people.

They are descendants of the Turkic races, and their language, Azeri, resembles Turkish - but they are a gentler and kinder lot than their neighbours. Many streets resemble Parisian boulevards lined either side with tall trees. One can stroll the streets and venture upon small squares which wouldn't look out of place in Rome.

Baku Restored

In the centre of the old town is the fortified area of mediaeval Baku. Surrounded by thick walls, the buildings inside have all been renovated to their former splendour by the oil companies and banks who have



Stadium showing typical Russian architecture



An architecturally uninspired Russian hotel



Nodding donkeys litter this beach on the Caspian Sea



A blot on the horizon

recently moved there in anticipation of the oil boom. I would never have imagined that such architecture could be found in Central Asia. Fellow adventurers, please assure me that Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, is even prettier and worth a visit as perhaps I shall be heading there next.

I have now moved from Dubai to Baku and am continuing my journal from a hotel on the shores of the Caspian. If I were in the Mediterranean I would perhaps be gazing out to a magnificent island in Greece or a dramatic landscape in Capri. Instead I am staring at disused oilrigs which line the horizon.

Dining off caviar

There are advantages though in staying here. A breeze comes from the sea and makes the 30 degree temperature feel delightfully cool. But better still, caviar is in ample supply and at fantastic prices (US\$120 for 1Kg). It's caviar for breakfast, lunch and dinner and my cholesterol level increases every time I come here. As the export of caviar in quantities of more than 500 grams is strictly prohibited, I try to ensure that by the time I leave I have overdosed sufficiently to never want to see the stuff again - but it doesn't usually work!

Caviar is not necessarily the best culinary experience that Baku has to offer. The Italian restaurants are great, and there are some places with Chinese cooks brought in from ex-Soviet republics that make a good attempt at 'Chinese'.

Back to Bangkok

The problem with flying Emirates to Baku is that you arrive on a Monday and have to wait until Friday for the flight out, followed by a difficult 7 hours in transit at Dubai airport. Five whole days is too long but I suppose it gives me plenty of time to finish my work and think up the excuses I shall give my friends for not taking them any caviar. "Too expensive." Or... "It was confiscated at the airport." Or how about... "I scoffed it all on the plane."

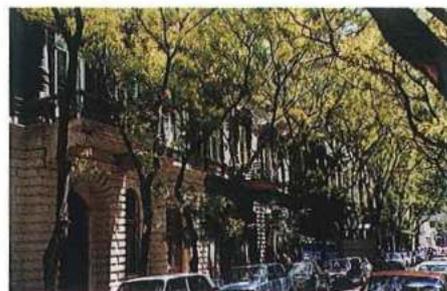
At the risk of compromising myself, I shall not divulge what little luxuries I shall be carrying home with me but believe me when I say that I'm looking forward to a few nights in with my darling girlfriend back in Bangkok enjoying spoonfuls of the godly stuff...

Farewell until the next time.

Nicholas Komatos (K112)



A colourful square in old Baku



Elegant tree-lined avenues abound



Vienna...? No, Baku



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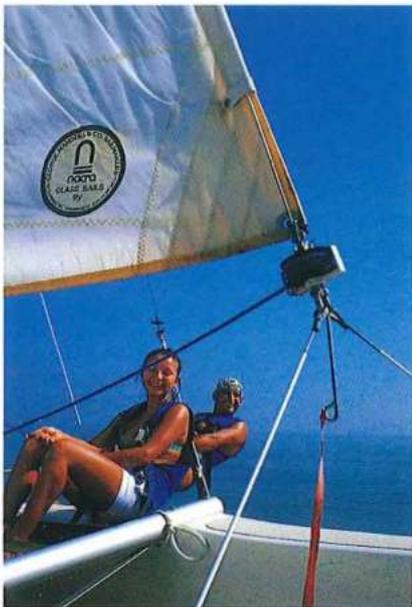
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15 July, 1999

Dear Editor,

The Mobile Nuisance that Rings a Bell!

To combat the growing nuisance of mobile telephones ringing (and being used) in the Churchill Bar, may I, on behalf of several members, propose a solution.

At present, anyone who rings the bell buys those present in the bar a round of drinks. Given the similarity in sound, we propose that a mobile telephone ringing constitutes "ringing the bell", thus the culprit must promptly buy those present in the bar a round of drinks.

We can start with huge warning posters on the door, and then let nature take its course.

I do not think many people will continue to forget where the "off" switch is. An active phone can always be left at reception, and the owners called when it rings.

Paul Cheesman (C267)

13 July, 1999

Gentlemen:

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the AGM and as I have been out of town a lot recently, I've only now been able to sit down and read the last couple of issues of *Outpost*.

I don't agree with David Williamson (his letter in the May *Outpost*) that the Club is "dirty and poorly maintained, etc.." I like the Club the way it is. It's not supposed to be a 4-star hotel. Increasing F&B charges and dues is not the answer. My husband and I use the Club as often as we can because of its informal and friendly atmosphere, and the reasonable food charges that mean we can afford to entertain our friends there. Not every member is an expatriate living on an expat salary. The only change I would like to see is the availability in Lords of menus that do not show the prices of the food. This is nice for guests.

The lack of a playing field has been an open sore ever since I joined the Club in 1982. At that time there was plenty of open space available at a reasonable cost in the suburbs but the committee was not interested. At various AGMs since the establishment of the Playing Field Fund I asked what its status was and suggested where land at a reasonable price could be obtained, but I was never able to get a clear answer and on the last occasion, a couple of years ago, my question was treated as a joke so I

gave up. Instead of buying property, perhaps the Club could lease a plot of land. If I recall correctly, the leasing laws have been revised, or are about to be, so that land can now be leased for 99 years instead of the usual 30 years with an option of 30 more.

But obtaining the land is only the first step. Can the sports sections using the field generate sufficient revenue to build a club house, maintain it, pay for staff and security, etc? If the funds generated by the relevant sections are insufficient to operate the playing field, would these funds be deducted from the budget for the operation of the main Club House? Can the Club as a whole afford this?

Leonie Vejjajiva (V20)

Reply from the Manager

Thanks for your suggestion about the bell Paul. The problem is that some people do not always take these things in good spirit. The other day I had occasion to ask someone to stop using his phone, but having had a couple of drinks he became quite aggressive. He probably wouldn't have been too impressed if I'd then told him he had to buy a round of drinks!

Regarding Leonie's comments about the Lords menu, I agree that a 'priceless' menu would be a great idea. The next time the menu is printed, hopefully within a few months, I'll make sure some are available.

By the way, we are reviewing the whole F&B offer in Lords with a view to attracting more members. If any of you have suggestions on how we can improve things, then please let me know.

Tom Bain

Reply from the Chairman

The intention of last year's General Committee of bringing the Playing Field Fund issue to the AGM was to have the concept treated alongside any other major project, i.e. competing for the same funds. There is a Sub-Committee which I chair, involving both the soccer and rugby sections, investigating the feasibility of a playing field.

James Young

The British Club General Committee 1999/2000

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New Members Night



Gaynor, an old hand at New Members Night

While Martin and I were swanning around the island of Mallorca on our summer stress reliever, ex-editor Gaynor de Wit returned to the magazine's helm. She went along to New Members Night in early July to meet and chat with the new folks and arrange the photographs for this and the following two issues of Outpost. Many thanks from me Gaynor. -Sherry

David and Zaiton Baharum Collet



Zai and Dave

Canadian Dave and his Malaysian wife Zai have 4 grown up children living and working back in Malaysia. Dave is Regional Manager-IT for Diethelm & Co, and Zai is happy as homemaker, professing that cooking is one of her hobbies - that and darts! (The newly rekindled darts section would welcome you on a Tuesday evening - S). As an IT specialist there's no need to mention that Dave is into computers, but he's also keen on photography and reckons he's good at playing a poor round of golf!

Anil and Pallavi Sohoni



Anil and Pallavi

A Director with Castrol Industrial, Anil, together with his wife Pallavi and son Vikram are fairly new arrivals in Bangkok. Vikram is studying at ISB and his older brother, Siddharth, is a student at Duke University in the States. Anil is a bit of an all-rounder, enjoying tennis, swimming and golf and the occasional game of snooker. Both Anil and Pallavi are bridge players so hopefully we'll find them in the Bar every Tuesday evening challenging the BC's other bridge buffs.

Stephen Ray and Phoothong Khotsakhung



Phoothong and Stephen

With previous postings in Hong Kong and Qatar, this is the second time in Thailand for Brit Stephen who works for Grant Thornton Thailand. Keen on swimming, skiing and sailing, Stephen obviously enjoys the water and is a member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club in London and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Both he and his beautician wife, Phoothong, get their relaxation watching movies.

Ken and Maggie Johns



Maggie and Ken

Newies to Bangkok, this British couple enjoys playing tennis and golf so make them feel welcome by inviting them for a game of either if you bump into them. Housewife Maggie says her hobbies are sewing, reading and gardening while Ken likes to plug into music, films and the internet - and take pot shots at clay pigeons. As Manager at Baker Hughes, I'm sure he complains that he has little spare time to do anything much!

Kullatida Cherdumphai



Katy

Although a new member, student Katy is not new to the Club. It's just that she's come of age and becomes a member in her own right. Taking after her father, Henry,

Katy is handy with a racquet and enjoys playing tennis, badminton and squash. Her hobbies are gardening and playing the piano.

David Clinch



David

An Assistant with the British law firm of Herbert Smith, David was in London for a couple of years before moving here and previous to that

had postings in Singapore and Hong Kong. With a long list of sporting interests including squash, mountain biking, running, sailing and poor quality tennis, David's ambition - besides seeing as much of Thailand and the neighbouring countries as possible in his 2-3 years here - is to become an official Beach Assessor, ie a Beach Bum who's paid a bomb!

Mohit Naheta



Mohit

A six year resident in Thailand, Mohit is a businessman at Ders International who expects to stay here a lifetime! Cricket is first on his list of sporting pleasures - probably

explained by the fact that he's Indian! - followed by badminton, tennis, squash, football and swimming. Mohit is the third new member in the last few months who's mentioned that he's a collector of coins. He also likes playing chess and cards but would love to try something more James Bondish, like mountaineering or skiing. Good luck there Mohit.

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New Members Night

Tony and Rungsri Wynn



Rungsri and Tony

Party lovers Tony and Rungsri spend their working hours at 'Step One' but as much free time as possible is spent travelling and keeping fit, or relaxing with a good book or movie. With 3 children of 20, 13 and 9, all students, they probably get all the exercise they need running around after them! Welcome to the Club.

Stuart and Anne-Marie Downey



Anne-Marie and Stuart

An architect with Dal International, Stuart and his wife Anne-Marie have been in Thailand for over 2 years and have three youngsters, Thomas (4) and Nicholas (2) who both go to school, and baby Alex who keeps mum out of mischief at home. Both Stuart and Anne-Marie like skiing! Not much of that around here, but at least the BC caters admirably for their other sporting interests

of golf and tennis.

John and Helen Hector



John, Helen and daughter Jane

This is a first posting for newcomers John and Helen. John, a tennis player and golf novice, works at the British Embassy (plenty of opportunity to improve your game here in this Land of Smiles and Limitless Fairways -S.) Helen is a housewife and 19 year old Jane is a student.

Jeff and Siriporn McDonald



Siriporn and Jeff

A Divisional Manager with SGS, Australian Jeff and his wife Siriporn are both quite sporty enjoying a variety of activities from tennis and squash to swimming, volleyball and bowling. Jeff practices meditation, and while he's playing 'The Thinker', Siriporn occupies herself more energetically by gardening and baking. Their 5 year old son is at Kindergarten.

Frank and Alison Owen



Alison and Frank

Frank is a QS at Thai Leighton and Alison is an Occupational Therapist. Both Brits, they have 3 sons of 12, 10 and 8. Frank plays tennis, golf and squash while Alison practices self defence in the form of Taekwondo! Here already for two years, they reckon they have another two to go.

Tejas and Neha Shah



Neha and Tejas

Tejas, Managing Director of Shuenil Diamonds, and his wife Neha have one lovely daughter pictured here with them. Tejas likes to play the brain game of chess but also enjoys tennis, cricket and swimming and is another fan of stamp and coin collecting. Neha is a teacher and likes badminton and swimming.

Kristina Lightbody



Kristina

Recently turned 21, Kristina is another new member who's not really new to the Club! Other than mentioning that she likes to swim, Kristina is keeping fairly quiet about her hobbies and sporting interests. I'm told though that she's just graduated and wants to be a graphic designer.

Surendra Mohanlal Patel



Surendra

Surendra and his wife, Jasmin, are long term residents of Thailand and will be around forever! Surendra works at New Suren R.O.P and Jasmin is with Suraj Gems. They have three grown-up daughters and a son of 16. Surendra enjoys the occasional round of golf and both of them like swimming and social gatherings - posh words for partying!

Paul and Judy Bid Bangkok Farewell

The week leading up to Wednesday 14th July could have been labelled "Turner Leaving Week", as Paul and Judy bade farewell to Bangkok in style.



Paul's final spoofing gathering, with memento poster and tankard

Pictured here is Paul's final SpooF, held on Tuesday 13th, at which there was a fine turn-out of loudly dressed lads to sign the back of the alternative-Disney poster and give Paul an engraved tankard to commemorate his many years of adding to Club F&B profits (more of the 'B' than the 'F'), I'm sorry, many years of spoofing

- he even made national champion! On the same evening, the bar staff presented Judy with a sports shirt signed by them as a memento. What Jim Howard *really* presented Judy with I wouldn't like to guess, but the look of surprise on her face said it all (see pic).

Judy, on the other hand held a farewell bash of a different kind: drinks, dinner and a show... of a sort. A group of ladies packed out the front row of fairly new Mambo katoey cabaret for a night of fun and entertainment. Some of the ladies were taking notes on the styles of some of the dresses for ballgowns, that is, if we ever felt brave enough to wear them...

Pictured on this page and on the front cover is Judy and a couple of the performers, along with some of the group after the show posing in the lobby.

A member of the Club for six years and long involved in Bangkok life (and always to be seen at Ploenchit Fair), Judy and Paul will be missed by many. We wish them good luck for their new life in Melbourne, and hope to see them soon as they pass through on holidays.

Katoey Kate



Judy's final fling, involving several slappers... and some of her friends



A salute to Paul



The spoofers presented Paul with an engraved tankard (empty)



The bar staff signed a sports shirt for Judy...



...while Jim 'Ratcatcher' presented her with an ear wash



During her farewell do, Judy admired the boa (the non-feathered variety) around this performer's neck

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