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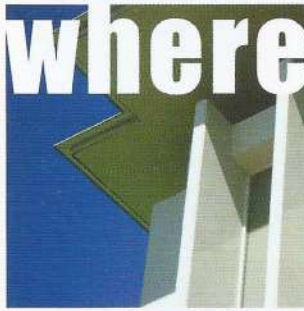


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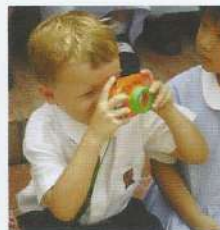


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Mothers Day is pretty well universally recognised these days, but different countries celebrate Mothers Day on various days of the year because the day has a number of different origins.

In Thailand, Mothers Day is celebrated on the 12th of August, the birthday of Queen Sirikit Kitiyakara, because the Queen is viewed as 'the mother of the nation'. To mark the occasion, the Club is putting on a Mothers Day buffet and children's activities (see page 8) and this issue's front cover features a montage of photos showing Queen Sirikit as both mother of the nation and mother to her own children.

The beginnings of Mothers Day are shrouded in the mists of time. Although there were various festivals in ancient Greece and Rome dedicated to maternal goddesses and involving mother worship in one form or another, there is a paucity of evidence linking any of these celebrations to modern Mothers Day.

In the UK and Ireland, "Mothering Sunday" falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent (exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday). It is believed to have originated from the 16th century Christian practice of visiting one's mother church annually, which meant that most mothers would be reunited with their children on this day. Most historians believe that young apprentices and young women in servitude were released by their masters that weekend in order to visit their families. As a result of secularisation, the day is now principally used to celebrate and give thanks for mothers.

Mothers Day, in some form or other, is now celebrated in over 120 countries on at least 26 different days. While there's no doubting the continuing appeal of mothering, opinions on the subject vary considerably, as the following quotations attest . . .

- "To nourish children and raise them against odds is any time, any place, more valuable than to fix bolts in cars or design nuclear weapons." *Marilyn French*
- "My mother could make anybody feel guilty — she used to get letters of apology from people she didn't even know." *Joan Rivers*
- "What good is it being Marilyn Monroe? Why can't I just be an ordinary woman? A woman who can have a family ... I'd settle for just one baby. My own baby." *Marilyn Monroe*
- "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." *Abraham Lincoln*
- "Mama's gonna keep you right here under her wing. She won't let you fly but she might let you sing . . . Ooooh Babe . . . of course Mama's gonna help build the wall." *Pink Floyd*
- "My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it." *Mark Twain*

Billy Beefeater



Queen Sirikit, mother of the nation and mother of her children.
August

12th, the Queen's birthday, is also Mothers Day in Thailand — see editorial.

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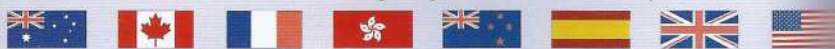
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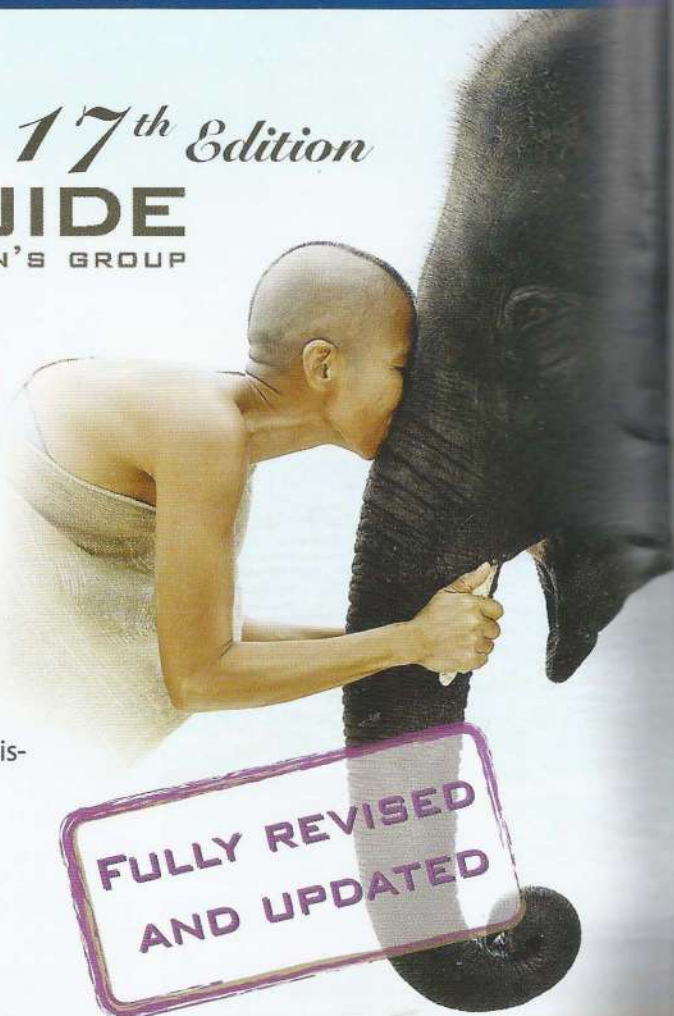
Membership is open to all Australian & New Zealand women or partners of Australian & New Zealand men.

ANZWG is also well known for its community service work, its fundraising and its impressive publication the "BANGKOK GUIDE". The 17th edition was released in July 2007.



More information about ANZWG, its achievements and activities can be found at:

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Letter from **the Chair**



Dear Members,

By the time you receive this, many of you will have already returned home for summer holidays or are taking a well earned break here in Asia. Due to the large number of members who return home around this time of year we are now entering our traditional quiet period, although you would not have guessed this looking at the activities hosted or catered by the Club over the past month.

Despite the fact we are heading into summer holidays, this month has been very eventful around the Club. A wonderful evening was held on the front lawn of the Club on July 5th to formally farewell the current British Ambassador, His Excellency David Fall, and his wife Gwendolyn, on behalf of the Club's members. I have been informed that His Excellency took up his appointment as British Ambassador to Thailand and Laos in August 2003, his third posting to Thailand. In addition to Thailand, his overseas postings have included South Africa, Australia (as Deputy High Commissioner) and Vietnam (as Ambassador). I know that His Excellency has actively supported the Club and has participated in a number of Bangkok Community Theatre performances at the Club. The British Club Bangkok Pipe Band formally opened the evening, lead by Pipe Major Keith Walker and section chairman, Angus McKernan. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Club's Centenary book and flowers to the guests of honour that was followed by a very entertaining presentation of a Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofer's shirt to His Excellency. The evening was also our bi-monthly New Members Night where the new members were introduced and had the opportunity to meet existing members, senior management, Club staff, and the General Committee. As with all new members, I am sure they will find the Club a "home away from home" and you will make them feel most welcome.

Other events held at the Club were the Queen's birthday party celebrations, Canada Day and the annual Fun Fair. In addition the Club catered the British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN) Alternative Queen's birthday party at the British Embassy on June 23rd where there were a large number of members in attendance. It is noteworthy that a number of members (including the Ambassador) were part of a musical production on the evening and those in attendance will attest to the high quality, entertainment and comedy of the renditions. What a talented group of members we have!

I was looking back over some recent *Outposts* while I was thinking about what to write for this month's Chairman's report and I was immediately reminded of the contributions of the Sports and Games sections that are such an important part of Club life. A number of sports sections are physically based at the Club such as the Tennis and Squash sections. These sections continue to be key components of the Club's sports sections promoting social and competitive aspects of the games as well as opportunities for coaching at a number of levels. In the recent past, sections such as Football and Rugby have made efforts to adapt to the changing demographic of the Club membership and raised their profile through *Outpost*. The Golf section continues to attract a strong following from members and the monthly reports in *Outpost* attest to the social and competitive nature of the section. The Games sections, in particular Bridge, under the leadership of Winlock Hsu, have undergone a revival with up to 40 people playing every Sunday. I have also mentioned the British Club Bangkok Pipe Band, which is also a Club section and provides pipe music for Club events as well as outside events for national ceremonies such as the ANZAC day remembrance at Hellfire pass on the 25th of April every year. There are many other sections including Cricket, Hockey, Badminton and Chess, that also use the Club for practice purposes. The General Committee is committed to working with the sections to ensure their success and their integration within the Club structure. Please continue to support the Club sections as they deal with ever-changing Bangkok and the challenges the city brings.

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 around the Club in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Blacksell
Chairman
BCB General Committee 2007/8

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Catering Capers and Joy!

Dear Members,

What a great month we had here at the Club in June! I've already mentioned our Fun Fair – well, a few weeks later we also catered for the Canada Day celebrations here at the Club. A total of 400 people attended this event and it was a great day, but just as the party was due to start the heavens opened and it then rained on and off all night. However the staff were brilliant and we managed to pull off another successful party. The organizers were very complimentary about the whole event and in particular the flexibility of the staff under difficult conditions. The same night we also catered for 270 guests at the British Embassy for their unofficial Queen's birthday party, and once again there was great feed back on the event and catering team. Also on the same night (!) a visiting team from the Singapore Cricket Club was over for a Balut tournament with the British Club. Once again the event went off well and, even better, we won!! The staff were brilliant on the day and everybody pulled together. I know I sound like a broken record sometimes, but it's really exciting when we are so busy and up against it and well worth the effort when so many people are having fun and enjoying themselves. So far this year we have already catered over 190 functions and events. So if you are looking to host a party or an event please contact our catering department - we are flexible and can cater to any taste! We have recently catered two other events at the British Embassy - the reception for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and the Phad Thai party. Both events went very well indeed and you can read more about the Phad Thai party on pages 26-27.

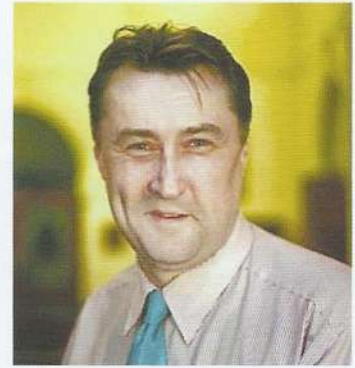
Last month we held a party to bid farewell to departing Ambassador David Fall and his wife Gwendoline. It was also a party to wish summer members farewell as they leave for the summer holidays and also a new members night. It was a great night with entertainment from The British Club Pipe Band, 'No Fixed Abode' and 'Celtic Colours' – see pages 20-21 for a full write up on this event.

Safety is always a priority here at the Club and I would like to remind members that no footballs, rollerblades, scooters, or pushbikes are allowed in the poolside area – in fact all 'rolling' items are banned from the Club for safety reasons. I would also like to ask members to please ensure that their children do not run around the pool deck as this can also cause accidents. There are lots of grassy areas where children can safely play and whilst we do not want to spoil any fun we would ask parents to please keep an eye on

their children, and members in general to respect other members who are about!

Last month we also held our Staff Awards Scheme

presentations. The winners for this quarter were Khun Amphon from the poolside kitchen, who also regularly helps with functions and Khun Aum from the reception who also helps out at different Club events and was the leader of the cookie decorating at the recent BCT show. Each of these employees received a 2000 baht bonus - well done to them! For more on the Awards, see the article on page 42. Also sadly we said goodbye to Khun Sangad, a chef at poolside. Khun Sangad worked here for an amazing 36 years!! She was our best Thai chef at the Club and replacing her is going to be very difficult. I would like to thank her for her years of dedicated service and for providing me with the incentive to exercise – it's largely due to her delicious food that I have gained so much weight over the years! Sangad has now begun a well-deserved retirement, but her daughter can still be seen around poolside at weekends as one of our part-time staff.



Please give a warm welcome to Khun Jantanan Jatturongtharinee, aka Joy, who has joined the British Club as my secretary and F&B/ Events Co-ordinator. Khun Joy

has worked in hospitality & tourism for many years. If you need to arrange or book any function or event please contact Khun Joy downstairs in the events office.

Best wishes to holidaying members and I hope to see the 'stop-in-Bangkoks' around your Club in the near future.

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager

CELEBRATE MOTHERS DAY

on Sunday 12th August 2007



Poolside Buffet Menu @ Lunch & Dinner

Adults: 350 baht

Children up to 12 years: 180 baht

Free glass of wine for mums!

Kids' activities and games free
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No need to book – simply show up
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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

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TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

8:30pm-late

Spoofing

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

7:00pm and 8:00pm

PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR

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

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

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:30-9:30pm

Chess (First and Third Thursdays)

Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

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

SUNDAYS Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

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

Suriwongse Room

3:00pm onwards

Bridge tournament (except last Sunday in the month)

NOTE: Due to renovations, the regular Buffets are not available in August *unless* advertised at the Club. Please check Club notice boards for the latest information.

Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm

Churchill Bar

7:00am - 10:00pm

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

6:00am - 10:00pm

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

6:00am - 9:00pm

Fitness Centre (weekends)

9:00am - 6:00pm

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

Richard Crooks

Sadly, Richie, a resident of Bangkok and Club Member between 1989 and 1994, passed away in Hampshire on Sunday, June 17, 2007 after a struggle against cancer at the age of 53.

Richie will be known to a lot of the present membership as part of the backbone of the British Club Football First XI and when called upon a reliable regular for the Rugby First XV and will be remembered amongst other things for his supreme levels of fitness and a very dry sense of humour.

He is survived by his wife Jan, daughters Hayley and Abby, and son Sam who were regular attendees at the Club during this period.

Craig Price

Craig Price, a cricket stalwart of the British Club through the '80s and an exceptionally good bloke, died suddenly at the age of 50 on Sunday 24th June.

Craig was an excellent cricketer, an accomplished and stylish batsman, a useful medium-pace bowler and an athletic fielder with a powerful throwing arm. He played for the Bangkok British Club for many years and was selected to play for Thailand against Hong Kong in Hong Kong in 1991, where he was at the crease when Thailand scored a notable victory against a full-strength Hong Kong team.

Craig was also an enthusiastic member of the Bangkok Community Theatre. He acted in pantomimes such as "Cinderella" and appeared in "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" and one of the first plays about AIDS, "As Is".

WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 2nd August, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our latest episode of Morse – DEADLY SLUMBER: *When a reclusive billionaire's daughter suffers permanent brain damage during a routine operation and the doctor in charge of the hospital where the surgery was performed is found murdered, Morse has a cut and dried case...or does he?* There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service is available.

** FORMULA ONE – HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX

Sunday, 5th August, 7pm, Churchill Bar

LIVE from the Hungaroring on the Big Screen.

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT – PRIME SUSPECT

Thursday, 9th August, 7-10pm, Suriwongse Room

This month we will show the first episode from the hit British detective series "Prime Suspect" starring Helen Mirren as Detective Jane Tennison. This series went on to run for seven seasons and won a number of BAFTA awards. There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service is available.

** MOTHERS DAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 12th August, Poolside & grounds

Celebrate Mothers Day here at the British Club. At poolside, available at both Lunch and Dinner times, we will have a buffet and carvery - cost B350 for adults and B180 for children - includes a complimentary glass of wine for mum. No need to book. Just simply show up and join in the fun at poolside. From 1pm until 3pm there will be free games and activities on the front lawn for the children, leaving mum and dad plenty of time for a little peace! See you down at your Club this Mothers Day.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 21st August, 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room

Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun – and sample another of Khun Laak's wonderful buffets. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". Prizes go to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and second-last placed teams and there are also 3 spot rounds where your team has the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons, or just pop along to see if we can fit you in.

** FORMULA ONE – TURKISH GRAND PRIX

Sunday, 26th August, 7pm, Churchill Bar

LIVE from Istanbul on the Big Screen.

** MONTHLY WINE TASTING

Friday, 31st August, 6-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our regular monthly wine tasting completely free of charge and featuring wines from all over the world. Four companies will be here to let members try unlimited samples of their wines. Members can also purchase wines at specially discounted prices and the Club will create a range of canapés to compliment the wines. What a great way to start the weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club.

"NEAR-FAR-WHEREVER YOU ARE!"

Welcome to the **VOYAGE OF THE DAMNED** on 14th April 1912 the Royal Mail Steamer *Titanic* collided with the TARDIS. Well only in science fiction, and to find out more Doctor Who fans will have to be in the UK on Christmas Day this year or at the British Club on Sunday 10th January 2008 (provisional date).

The advert for the Voyage of the Damned concluded the Club's showing of the Third New Season of Doctor Who. Attendances this year ranged from 11 to 32 but the average of 21 was below last year as many regular attendees were unable to accommodate the change to Sunday viewing - noted for 2008.



Is The Doctor "lucky, lucky, lucky"?

Doctor Who continues in the Club with a 44th Anniversary Special on Sunday 25th November ... details to follow later.

The Christmas Special will star Kylie Minogue hopefully being "lucky, lucky, lucky" and Clive Swift "keeping up appearances". New Season Four will commence in April 2008 and see award-winning actress Catherine Tate returning as The Doctor's companion Donna Noble. Current companion Martha Jones (Freeman Agyeman) moves over to Torchwood for a while then returns to the TARDIS later in 2008.

There are no dates for Torchwood yet but it is widely believed to be January 2008.



Have a cheerful Christmas!



"What was that?"

SPORT on TV

4 th	F1	Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifier	6.50pm-8.10pm
5 th	F1	Hungarian Grand Prix	7pm-9pm
5 th	Soccer	FA Community Shield: Man. Utd. v. Chelsea	9pm-11pm
11 th	Soccer	Barclays Premier League	7pm-9pm 9pm-11pm
12 th	Soccer	Barclays Premier League	9pm-11pm
18 th	Soccer	Barclays Premier League	7pm-9pm 9pm-11pm
19 th	Soccer	Barclays Premier League	9pm-11pm
21 st	Cricket	England v. India 1 st ODI	4.30pm-Midnight
22 nd	Cricket	Zimbabwe v. SA 1 st ODI	2.30pm-10pm
24 th	Cricket	England v. India 2 nd ODI	4.30pm-Midnight
25 th	Cricket	Zimbabwe v. SA 2 nd ODI	2.30pm-10pm
25 th	F1	Turkish Grand Prix Qualifier	6.50pm-8.10pm
25 th	Soccer	Barclays Premier League	7pm-9pm 9pm-11pm
26 th	F1	Turkish Grand Prix	7pm-9pm
26 th	Soccer	Barclays Premier League	9pm-11pm
27 th	Cricket	Zimbabwe v. SA 3 rd ODI	2.30pm-10pm
27 th	Cricket	England v. India 3 rd ODI	4.30pm-Midnight
30 th	Cricket	England v. India 4 th ODI	4.30pm-Midnight

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On the heels of their successful collaboration last fall on “The Pirates of Penzance,” Director Angela Daniel and Producer Bonnie Zellerbach have teamed up once again, this time under the name “TheatreWorks,” to stage another Gilbert & Sullivan classic. TheatreWorks needs to cast approximately 20 strong singers, with good acting skills, to perform in “Trial by Jury”, and we’d particularly like to have lots of British Club members involved!

Auditions (for fluent English speaking male and female singers 18+ years of any nationality) will be held on Sunday, September 2nd, 2007. If you are interested in auditioning or even if you just require more details, please register now.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please email theatreworks@sala.net with your full name, contact details, and vocal type to register. Once you have registered, you will receive complete information regarding the audition venue, the audition process, etc. Everyone will need to bring a short, prepared piece to sing. If you’d like to speak to the Director to find out more, please call 089-006-5259.

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BEACH CRAFTS

Sand Mosaics



CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Scissors
- Black or other dark-coloured construction paper
- Shoe box or other shallow box lid
- White glue
- Sand and assorted shells

DIRECTIONS:

Depending on where you live, beach sand comes in a variety of hues – tan, pink, gold, even black or white. You can use whatever shades you find at the beach for this gluing project—a sort of natural version of glitter designs (except, unlike glitter, your supply of sand is practically inexhaustible).



Cut a sheet of construction paper so that it fits inside the box lid – this will be your portable canvas. To make a picture, you can draw with the tip of the glue bottle, then sprinkle on loose sand. Once the sand is dry, shake off the excess by gently tapping the side of the lid. For added detail, you can glue on shells, pebbles, sea glass or any other not-too-aromatic finds.

Sand-cast Bass



There'll be no lamenting about the one that got away in this fish story. Cast right on the beach from plaster and assorted found treasures, this fine specimen makes a unique and lasting souvenir.

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Shells, sea glass, pebbles, or other beach finds
- 1 x 2kg (4.4-pound) box of plaster of Paris
- Water (fresh or seawater)
- Beach bucket or other container and a stick for mixing the plaster
- Spray bottle

Time needed: Weekend Project

DIRECTIONS:

1. Dig a flat fish shape in moist sand about 2 inches deep (ours was 15 inches long and 9 1/2 wide). While working and moulding the sand, use a spray bottle to mist the sand so that the mould will hold its shape.

2. Arrange shells (facedown), sea glass, pebbles, and other beach finds in the mould to create scales, gills, and other fish features. Gently press the items down to anchor them in the sand so they won't move when you add the plaster of Paris.

3. Mix some plaster, making it thick and creamy so it will not run under the items in your mould (we used 7 cups of plaster and about 3 1/2 cups of water). Very gently pour the plaster into the mould, filling it slightly more than halfway.

4. When the plaster has set enough to hold together but is still not too firm (generally an hour), dig the sand away from the fish and gently brush away any flaws and excess sand. Handle it gingerly until completely cured (about 24 hours).



Seashell Sailboat

This mini craft takes only a minute or two to assemble, and it's just right for launching in a kiddie pool or bathtub.

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Small triangle cut from a plastic bag, tablecloth, or other item
- Thin twig
- Modelling clay
- Clean shell

Time needed: 30 Minutes or Less



DIRECTIONS:

1. Trim the plastic triangle to resemble a sail. Cut off the very upper tip (this will prevent the top of the sail from flopping over later), then snip a series of tiny openings along the edge where the mast will go.

2. Thread the twig through the openings. Press a small lump of clay (if you use too much, your boat might not float) into the shell hull and plant the mast firmly into its centre.

BEACH JOKES TOLD BY KIDS

Why was the sea wet?

- Because the seaweed.

What did the sea say to the man?

- Nothing, it just waved!

Why can't the ocean get a good night's sleep?

- It has lobsters in its bed!

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?

- Swimming trunks.

What washes up on really small beaches?

- Micro-waves!

What do you call a boy mermaid?

- A merdude!

Where do ghosts swim on holiday?

- In the Dead Sea!

Why did the tiger go to the beach at Christmas?

- So he could be Sandy Claws!

Damp but not Downcast





Members of the Canadian community and their friends gathered at the British Club on Saturday, June 23rd to celebrate together Canada's 140th anniversary. Canada Day is an opportunity to connect with our fellow Canadians and express our national pride. This year the celebration started under an almost perfect blue sky . . . which unfortunately rapidly turned into one of the heaviest downpours we've had in our eighteen years of celebrating Canada Day in Thailand.

In spite of the non-cooperation of the weather, over 400 people enjoyed the festivities to ensure a lively 140th anniversary celebration. The British Club provided an ideal atmosphere for sporting events including volleyball, ball hockey and tug-of-war and games for children of all ages. The international buffet complimented by specially flown-in Canadian wine and beer was just fabulous and welcomed by all. Everyone had a great time!

A big thank you ought to be extended to the volunteers of this year's Canada Day Committee for a job well done and to everyone for defying the rain and making the 18th celebration of Canada Day in Bangkok a real success!

Suzanne Thibault





Mr. Douglas Williamson, a teacher at International School Bangkok (ISB) is another proud owner at **The Star Estate @ Narathiwas**. This is the first house he has ever purchased.

Khun Douglas has been in Thailand for four years. Even though he's lived in several different countries, he never felt like he wanted to settle down anywhere else. "I've never owned my own home before, even in the States where I am from," he said. Like many before him, it seems like Douglas has fallen in love with Thailand...and his house at The Star Estate @ Narathiwas.

"I looked at many houses before buying here," Douglas remarked. "Some were quite far from my work and I don't have a car. Some were too expensive. When I came here, I was immediately impressed. The price is reasonable. It is close to Central PraRam 3 and Tesco Lotus, and on the route of my school's shuttle bus.

"My first impression of the showroom was that the decor was very beautiful and I liked the layout. The window was nice and wide, and the ceiling and doors very high, which is perfect for me because I'm quite tall.





“ I’ve never owned my own house before. I thought that when I finally buy my own place, it’s going to be special... and it’s going to be in Thailand! ”



Enjoy a spectacular view of the Chaophraya River and Bang Kra Jao from The Star Estate @ Narathiwat



“I love the open and airy feel of my home, which is so much better than boxy little rooms. I also enjoy cooking, so I appreciate the spacious kitchen.”

Khun Douglas taught himself how to cook Thai food by studying cookbooks. His house at The Star Estate is perfect for entertaining; guests are treated to excellent homemade Thai food followed by a cup of fresh-brewed coffee.

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Queen's Birthday at the British Embassy





As is the tradition in this part of the world, Her Majesty's birthday was not allowed to pass quietly . . . The local celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's 81st Birthday was held at the British Embassy on Friday, June 23rd, and once again catered by the Club. Over 250 guests, the majority of them Club members, were treated to a variety of British culinary delights such as mini-pies, quiches, prawn cocktails, mini lemon meringues, crumbles, delicious baked ham, the very popular freshly-cooked BC fish & chips served in a paper cone and oh yes, the other British Club favourite, mango & sticky rice!

The occasion was organised by various British community groups including the British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy to whom proceeds from the evening were donated.

The evening's entertainment was opened by The Queen herself (a.k.a. Judy Fitzgerald) followed by a wonderfully exuberant music hall performance by the gallant thespians of the Bangkok Community Theatre entitled 'A Knight in Bangkok' and featuring a great deal of medieval shenanigans in the course of a series of musical numbers lovingly ripped off from Monty Python's 'Spamalot'. The show starred retiring British Ambassador and keen thespian

David Fall who turned in another memorable performance, this time as King Arthur, complete with Holy Grail and ladies underwear! The whole performance was wrapped up with a sing-along featuring "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life!" and a rousing Patriotic Medley.

A big thank-you to the evening's major sponsors, Shrewsbury International School and the British Business Association of Phuket, and to drinks sponsors Fluid Asia Pacific (John Smith Beer), Thai Asia Pacific Brewery (Tiger Beer) and Thai Pure Drinks Co. Ltd (soft drinks) for helping to oil the wheels!

Music for the event was provided by Mr. Paul Jackson and his marvellous disco and the music hall show was also kept inside due to rain. However, despite the not-so-friendly weather the night was a huge success with only one casualty - A certain person who shall remain nameless ended up at the hospital having gracefully fallen over on the dance floor whilst trying to perform a back flip - and by all accounts she was totally sober!

All-in-all another thoroughly enjoyable bash, tinged with a little sadness perhaps on the part of those who realised that it may well be the end of an era . . .

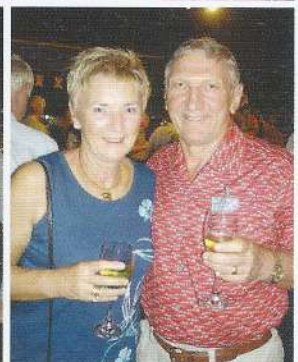
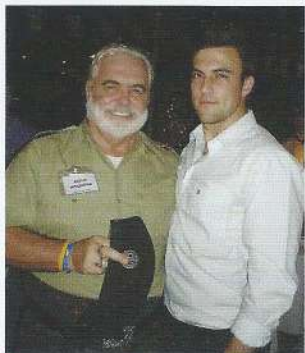
New Members' Night



On July 5th, members new and old gathered on the front lawn of the Club for a more than usually important New Members' night. The gathering was an opportunity to wish members *bon voyage* for the long summer holidays, and also to introduce several new members, but its special purpose was to farewell the British Ambassador David Fall and his wife Gwendolyn who are returning to the UK after the completion of the Ambassador's posting in Thailand.

The evening opened with a poignant serenade to David and Gwendolyn from the Club's own Pipe Section. David was formally presented with a copy of the Club's Centenary book and to Gwendolyn a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers were not to be denied and also made their own presentation to David of a Spoofers shirt . . .

This most enjoyable evening was lubricated with an open free bar from 7-9pm and further enhanced by another magnificent array of canapés from Khun Laak and her team. Music was provided for most of the night by bands No Fixed Abode and Celtic Colours. Many members stayed on late into the evening and eventually made their way into the Churchill to carry on partying until the early hours of Friday morning.





Chairman Stuart Blacksell introduces new members Graham Sullivan, Peter & Makawan Hearn and Mark & Eleanor Porter



A Fond Farewell . . .

I ONCE found myself seated beside a Norwegian oil company executive at a festive and, despite the 100 guests, oddly intimate gathering at the Ambassador's Residence. Looking around the diverse party my new friend said: "I don't know how David and Gwendolyn do it. It's not just that they know so many people, it's that they all become such firm friends."

An elegant summary of the Fall years.

David may be the very model of a modern major general but he is not, fortunately, quite the model of a modern British Ambassador. With none of the fusty formality of the past, David – aided of course by Gwendolyn's easy charm - has still worked in many ways against the grain of modern diplomatic service, resolutely refusing to define his role in narrow trade representative terms seeing instead his mission in the wider context of a bygone era where an ambassador's duty is to promote friendship and relations throughout his host country.

The British Club knows how well he has done that but is perhaps less aware of the skilled way he has put his networks to use to the benefit of British business as was borne on me in a recent interview with the finance director of a London-listed company.

"So you're based in Bangkok," he said. "Well before we start I have to tell you what an absolute star the Ambassador is. We've been having trouble with access to the right people in Laos – couldn't get anywhere for years – and then, pretty much in desperation, we turned to the Embassy. Fall got us what we wanted in a week. Marvellous."

David's time in Thailand has not been without its ebbs, the lowest undoubtedly his media-mugging in

the wake of the tsunami. While any response to that tragedy was bound to be imperfect, his real failing, albeit understandable, was to be unprepared for the onslaught of the Big Beasts of Fleet Street.

No one, as Pythons say, expects the Spanish Inquisition, and with Thailand mostly unnoticed in London newsrooms, there was little reason to know that the tabloid piranha tank must be kept fed with spin if it is not to seek its own prey. While those of us who are lied to daily by the professionally media-savvy may find straight dealing a refreshing change it is seldom rewarded.

It was typical of David that, throughout the hail of criticism, his one concern was that it took attention away from his staff and the volunteers who had worked so tirelessly during those dreadful days.

I know many in the Club feel slighted on David's behalf that there was no "K" for him in the recent honours list. That is undoubtedly a reflection of the value and affection in which he is held but it is, I believe, unnecessary. The award of higher baubles always recalls the entry rules to Evelyn Waugh's restaurant in Vile Bodies, where "only the most sarcastic and overbearing were given tables, and only the gross and outrageous were given food".

No, David's rightful award is the affection and gratitude of those who know his work in Thailand and the lasting legacy of goodwill between Brit and Thai (and for that matter, Australian and Norwegian) he and Gwendolyn leave behind them.

We wish them a fond farewell and a happy and fruitful retirement – because I do not think Thailand has quite heard the last of them yet.

Bill Condie

BC CALENDAR AUGUST – The Month at a Glance

Sunday



5 10:30am-2:15pm
Squash Mix-in

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

3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice

Suriwongse Room
3:00-6:30pm
Bridge Tournament

Churchill Bar
7:00pm
**FORMULA ONE – LIVE
Hungarian GP**



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

3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice

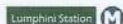
Suriwongse Room
3:00-6:30pm
Bridge Tournament

Monday

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6 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

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13 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

Tuesday

7 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In

9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic

10:00-11:00
Aqua Aerobics

5:15-8:15pm
Squash Mix-in

7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

Churchill Bar
8:30pm-late
Spoofing

14 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In

9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic

10:00-11:00
Aqua Aerobics

Wednesday

1 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

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

6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Churchill Bar
7:00 & 8:00pm
**PRESTIGE WINE
ACCUMULATOR**
7:30pm Bottle Draw



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8 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

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

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Churchill Bar
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Cricket Practice

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

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice

Churchill Bar
6:30-9:30pm Chess

Suriwongse Room
7:00-9:00pm
**DETECTIVE VDO
NIGHT
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9 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

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

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

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Hockey Practice

Suriwongse Room
7:00-9:00pm
**DETECTIVE VDO
NIGHT
Prime Suspect**



**PRIME
SUSPECT**

16 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

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

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

Friday

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Junior Swimming
Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

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

Silom Sala
7:00-9:00pm **Kid's VDO**

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Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

Saturday

4 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

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

9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice

Wordsworth Lounge
1:00-2:00pm Yoga

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On the menu . . .

This month we feature two delicious nutritious fish dishes! Thai style or Western – why not try them both?

And if you're feeling hot, flat or stymied, get a *crush on fruit* with our three cool summer crushes of the month . . .

Pla Gao Sam Ros

(Deep fried Fish with Sweet & Sour Sauce)

Marinade:

3 tablespoons oyster sauce
2 tablespoons soy sauce
3 tablespoons tempura flour

Clean fish. Dredge the fish in the marinade and leave to stand for about an hour so that the fish is infused with the flavour.

Ingredients:

1 kg whole fish
1 cup pork belly sliced into strips
2 green garlands or onions, sliced into 1 inch lengths
2 tablespoons chopped garlic
2 tablespoons red prik chi fa - chopped
2 1/2 tablespoons oyster sauce
2 tablespoons soy sauce
3 teaspoon palm sugar
3 teaspoon sour tamarind (paste, peeled, seeds and fibres discarded)
1/4 cup bai phak chi (coriander/cilantro leaves) - chopped
1/2 cup of corn flour mixed in water

Procedure:

Heat oil for deep frying in a deep skillet or large wok over medium heat. Deep fry fish until crispy. Remove the fish, drain the excess oil, and place on a serving platter lined with lettuce and encircled by tomato slices.

Heat oil in a frying pan, add chopped garlic and prik chi fa, stir-fry until fragrant, then add the pork and stir-fry for 3-4 minutes and bring to a gentle boil. Add oyster sauce, soy sauce, sugar, sour tamarind, rice flour and continue stirring until all the paste is well mixed-in and thoroughly heated. Add green garlic and remove from the heat. Pour over the fish.

Sprinkle the pepper and scatter bai phak chee



Summer Crushes



Fruit of the Forest Crush

Bht. 60.-

5 oz blueberry juice
1 1/2 oz syrup
1 tsp fresh blueberries
1 scoop crushed ice

Blend all ingredients together until smooth, pour into glass and garnish



Kiwi-Lime Crush

Bht. 60.-

4 1/2 oz kiwifruit juice
1 1/2 oz lime juice
1 1/2 oz syrup
1 scoop crushed ice

Blend all ingredients together until smooth, pour into glass and garnish



Apple and Pineapple Crush

Bht. 60.-

4 1/2 oz apple juice
3-4 pieces fresh pineapple
1 1/2 oz syrup
1 scoop crushed ice

Blend all ingredients together until smooth, pour into glass and garnish

Pan Fried Dory Fish

Serves 4

Ingredients:

sea salt
zest of 2 lemons, plus a little juice
a sprig of fresh rosemary, leaves picked
4 x 200g/7oz Dory fish fillets
olive oil
2 bunches of rocket, washed and drained

For the black olive sauce:

2 large handfuls of good black olives, stoned and very roughly chopped
1/2 a fresh red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
a small handful of fresh herbs (basil, marjoram and parsley), finely chopped
1 celery heart, yellow leaves chopped
1 clove of garlic, peeled and finely chopped
juice of 1 lemon
freshly ground black pepper
a couple of glugs of virgin olive oil
balsamic vinegar

For the lemon mash:

1 kg/2 lb 3 oz floury potatoes
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
extra virgin olive oil
milk
juice of 1 lemon

Procedure:

In a pestle and mortar or Flavour Shaker, smash up 2 tablespoons of salt with the lemon zest and rosemary and rub this all over the fish fillets. Put the fillets in a dish in the fridge and let them sit there for an hour.

Now make your black olive sauce by mixing all the ingredients except the vinegar together. You want the sauce to have the consistency of a coarse salsa. Then carefully balance the flavours with the vinegar to taste.

Pat the fish dry with some kitchen paper and then pat it with a little olive oil.

Peel and halve your potatoes. Put them into a pot of salted, boiling water and cook until tender. Then drain and mash up with tablespoons of olive oil and a good swig of milk. Season to taste with salt, pepper and lemon juice. If you want to get your mash really smooth and creamy you can use a spatula to push the potato through a sieve once or twice. It doesn't make it taste any better but it will make it silky smooth, shiny and lovely. Just depends if you can be bothered, really. If it needs thinning with a little extra milk, feel free.

To pan fry, place the fish fillets in butter on a hot griddle pan and cook for about 3 minutes on each side, depending on the thickness. Whichever way you cook it serve the fish and the juices with a good dollop of the mashed potato, the black olive sauce and a little rocket dressed with the extra virgin olive oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper. Really, really good.

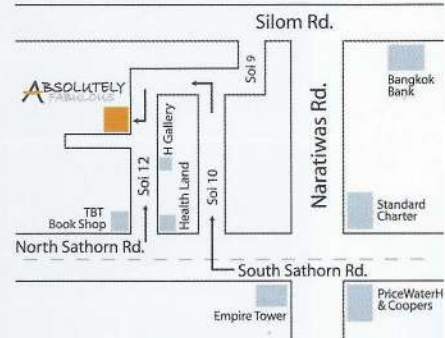


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A Tale of the

Phad Thai "Pad-a-Thai-Eye" Party

in which rain threatened to spoil the show but the British Club's quick action ensured a wonderful evening was had by all . . .





At 5pm on the 17th of July the British Embassy garden looked beautiful and was ready for the Phad Thai Party that was due to start around seven. The British Club Outside Catering team had been busy all day transporting tables and chairs, positioning small Thai-style serving food huts complete with pretty fairy lights, hanging bunting from tree-to-tree, preparing food, arranging table cloths, setting up the bar and building a small stage for the performers.

I looked out for the umpteenth time at the gathering ominous black clouds and Barry once again tried to reassure me that it wouldn't rain! At 5.30 pm I went off to get changed and having turned off the shower could hear the gushing sound of some other water – yes – torrential rain! I could only imagine what chaos lay around the gardens and couldn't think how we were going to cope when everyone started arriving in less than an hour's time. To my amazement however, when I went to look, the whole event had somehow magically been moved inside and it now seemed as though we had always planned to have the party indoors!

Admittedly, there were people sitting around on the floor drying wine glasses and cutlery and someone else quickly folding more serviettes, but all the tables were soon positioned along the veranda and in the dining and drawing rooms, and laid with crisp dry clean table cloths. Barry had the forethought to bring a spare set! The only evidence of what had gone on during the frantic five minutes was that Barry and all his staff were soaking wet. But none of them was standing around complaining – they were all busy getting everything ready and smiling as they worked – they really are very professional.

By 6.30 when some of the early birds started to appear, everything looked beautiful. The party was in full swing by 7.00 pm and guests were entertained throughout the evening by the Association of Blind Women in Thailand musicians who played Thai traditional music in the entrance area and the Diamond Band who played a range of music including numbers from the Bangles, Nora Jones and Westlife.

The British Club food – Issan favourites including Phad Thai, Gai Yang, Som Tam and Thai Noodle Soup – was delicious and everyone enjoyed the wine and beer that accompanied it.

The British Ambassador, H.E. David Fall CMG and Gwendolyn, who was looking particularly radiant, arrived back from an earlier appointment and started to mingle with everyone. There was an

immediate demand for their photograph and they very kindly posed and smiled for the seemingly never ending demand.

Around 8.30 pm guests were treated to a piano recital and solo performance by the lovely Khun Pang and accompanying musicians in the garden room. This was followed by a performance by the AMAS Choir and Mahidol University and then two guests from the People Eye Care Foundation (P.E.C.F.) who performed two opera pieces. The Diamond Band then started up again and played to the end of the evening.

Throughout the evening guests were able to enjoy a wonderful relaxing head and shoulder massage given by four blind masseurs also from the School for the Blind.

Around 150 guests attended the second Phad Thai "Pad-a-Thai-Eye" fund raising party in the beautiful residence of the British Embassy. Including donations from individual guests, the Jomtien Lions Club of Pattaya and the Bangkok St George's Society, the total raised by the event should be an amazing 220,000 baht, which will be used by the P.E.C.F. for the provision of cataract eye operations for poor people in rural areas of Thailand. A donation of 25,000 baht from the proceeds of the event, was also given to the School for the Blind.

Once again we owe an enormous 'thank you' to Barry Osborne and his team led by Khun Somboon, and to Chef Khun Laak, for the delicious Thai banquet they prepared despite the downpour at the beginning of the evening. And also thanks to BNH Hospital for sponsoring the event and helping to organise it, and to the Bangkok St George's Society, Bangkok St David's Society and British Women's Cub members for supporting and promoting the event.

Angela Stafford

Actually, believe it or not, the next day the Lawn Tennis Association called me to get Barry's contact number - they are keen to recruit him onto their Contingency Committee for next year's Wimbledon Tournament ... I didn't give it to them though ... he's too valuable over here, don't you think?!

If you would like to make a donation to the P.E.C.F., become a volunteer on one of their trips or find out more about their work please give me a call on 02 686 2700 or email me at angelas@bnh.co.th

Wine tasting

“ In water one sees one's own face; but in wine one beholds the heart of another ”
French Proverb



The June wine tasting, held on Friday 29th, attracted 6 companies who offered their wines to our members free of charge and over 60 members turned up to taste and nibble. Once again members were able to enjoy a delicious range of canapés created by Khun Laak and her kitchen brigade, and to purchase the wines they liked at specially discounted prices.

The wine tasting is a monthly event offered free to members usually taking place on the last Friday of each month. The Club also has a new Wine of the Month offered in all outlets - Outback Chase Shiraz and Outback Chase Sauvignon Blanc. Both wines are excellent value at 160 baht per glass or 800 baht per bottle. We also have a new wine list with Champagne, sparkling wine and a range of red and white wines from California, Chile and Australia all featuring different grape varieties and at different price ranges. We still also have our regular four house wines available in all outlets.

Many thanks to the wine companies who came along to let us sample their wines: Ital Thai, Nicholas Wines, Prestige Wines, South African Latitudes, California Wine Company and Splendid Surplus Winery.

Don't miss the next wine tasting on 31st August from 6 to 9pm in the Suriwongse Room.

Not just 'Some Other Team'



It was supposed to be the holiday season but the July Quiz on the 17th attracted nine teams, including two new entries.

The quiz got off to an interesting start with its first pre-round "show-male" on screen (fellow by the name of Brad Pitt, I believe) replacing the usual voluptuous female, apparently by popular demand . . . And the Quizmaster, Mr. Rodney Bain, also started everyone off in a good mood with an easy first round, but as the quiz progressed the questions seemed to get harder and the Common Denominators more impossible! Six No Trumps and The Southerners were off with a hiss and a roar but wilted in the final rounds and were passed by the late bloomers, Jim's Junkies and the 'very vociferous' Barbary Coast Barbarians. Meanwhile Some Other Team turned in a scorching second round and tenaciously held onto their impressive lead to run out clear winners. This was an exciting quiz with the midfield tightly bunched and jostling for the minor places – and with another interesting tussle going on for drinks prize! Finally, after one of their characteristic late charges, the Junkies

popped up to tie for second with the Barbarians. This triggered a sudden-death tiebreak, which the Barbarians won, thus relegating the Junkies to their ever-so-familiar third place position. At the other end, the Spoofers, who had set their heart on the drinks prize, had eventually to relinquish it to Jokers Wild.

One of the more interesting Table Questions sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations: "What year was the singing Telegram introduced? Answer: 1933. It figures. People just wanted to take their minds off The Great Depression any way they could. 1933 was also the year that the career of Busby Berkeley took off with his elaborately choreographed big-budget spectacles '42nd Street' and 'Gold Diggers of 1933'. Shortly after, 'Monopoly' was patented and became the biggest selling board game ever.

Don't forget the next quiz is August 21st. See you there!

Billy B.

Oh, and the scores:

1. Some Other Team	127	6. Six No Trumps	107
2. Barbary Coast Barbarians	117	7. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	103
3. Jim's Junkies	117	8. Jokers Wild	100
4. The Southerners	113	9. La Mano De Dios	87
5. Below Par	107		

You win some, you lose some...

After last month's celebrations over the B.C. win against the Wanderers, we have to endure the bitter taste of defeat (and boy was it a defeat) against the Japanese Assoc. This was a partners combined stableford competition. We managed to draw two games, but only won one - congratulations to Gordon and Rosemarie who won a nice bottle of Bordeaux. Congratulations also to George and Tom who were rewarded with bottles of Cognac for the best combined B.C. score - 66 points, well done! In all fairness, the Japanese team are really excellent golfers and they played to their best on the day. We all enjoyed their company and entertainment back at their clubhouse after the match. We look forward to next year (we had better start training now!).

and some you draw!

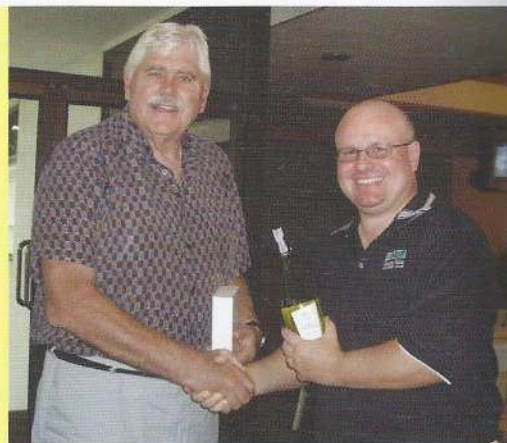
A great match against the Londoners with a six/six draw, great fun as always against our friends and we retain the very handsome Hapag Lloyd trophy for another year. An excellent dinner afterwards at the British Club and a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Seniors and Juniors

How good am I? Check last month's *Outpost* for my forecast on the winners and I couldn't have been more right - Our new senior Champ is Frank, junior is El Bandito (of course). Second and third Juniors: Karen C. and Peter S., Seniors: Maureen and Brian B. The Rose Garden was the venue for this two-day event and everyone was impressed by the course which is really beautiful. It only took about an hour from town so we may use the course again to give those who didn't get a chance to play there the opportunity of trying it out.

Millward Brown Firefly Medal

The medals are proving very eventful lately, with some really good scores coming in and this one was especially so. Ray won flight A with a gross 79, nett 67; Gordon was second with gross 85, nett 67; and Roy third with 82/69. Congratulations - excellent scores. Flight B was taken by Barry with a gross 85, nett 65, a really impressive score and of course a well-deserved handicap cut to go with it. Second was Jenny with gross 100, nett 68 and whilst feeling glad for Barry we feel really bad for Jenny who had a score which would normally be a winner. It would have been nice to have had a husband/wife flight A and B winners, but I was glad Barry brought home the wine, which was really good! Sorry Jenny. Third was Peter Bond with 94/72 - nicely done Peter. Near pins went to Ray, Barry, Paul and Gordon, long drives Carole Ann and Roy, long putt Rosemarie.



Flight A winner Ray



Ruthless Simon!



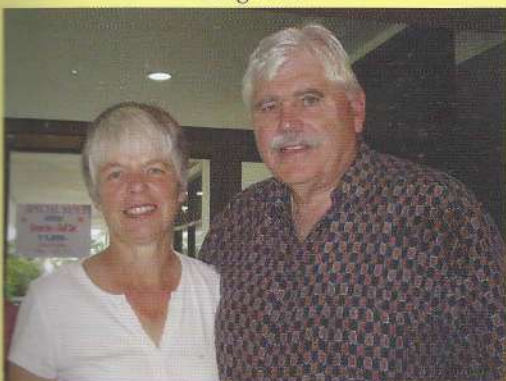
This year's young gun and top gun!



Paul didn't win, but he's happy anyway



Long hitter



Ray and Jenny almost take the lot

Hassall Stableford Competition

This month's was held at Kiartee Thani on Bangna Trad. Our sponsor and Captain, Peter, played a brilliant game - 23 points on the front nine alone, to win. Simon and Bob tied for second place, but Simon won on countback.

Seara Sports Matchplay Competition

Some more results for the matchplay competition: Barry nudged David Humphreys to the plate, likewise Belinda won against Maureen. George pipped Peter Bond to the post. George had a 39 on one nine, so even though Peter played well George was really on form (the back, I take it, is better George?). Dianne and Orin tied. Rosemarie beat Harland - a close match that one. Gaew, frustratingly steady as always won over Brian B., who played very well too. Peter S. beat Frank and a huge upset this one: Simon scraped a 7 and 6 win over me. I begged him to throw a few holes, but he was absolutely ruthless. He left his prize bottle of wine on the table and Brian Brooke had to wrest it from my grasp and keep it for him, otherwise, believe me, he wouldn't have seen it again.

Valerie



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Quote of the month:

“My greatest point is my persistence. I never give up in a match. However down I am, I fight until the last ball. My list of matches shows that I have turned a great many so-called irretrievable defeats into victories.”

Bjorn Borg



Recognize these ladies in their finery? They are the Tues.-Thurs. weekday mix-in regulars gathered at Marilyn's for a year-end potluck lunch



Above and top: The Hong Kong visitors

By the time most of our members read this column, our AGM set for August 1 will have passed. We hope that those of you still in Bangkok were able to attend and could contribute to the work of the tennis committee. Most of our committee members have agreed to stay on for another year, but we are always looking for new blood and all volunteers are most welcome. Our chairman, Marc Nussaume, reminded the committee during its own meeting on July 4 that much progress had been made in the previous 12 months. Enrolment in the Club Championship reached a record high of some 200 participants; sponsorship was never more generous, nor prizes more coveted! Our thrice-weekly mix-ins continue to draw good numbers of players and bring sizeable sums of baht into our coffers – 20,000 baht during the dry season and about 16,000 when we are not driven off the courts by rain! The committee would like to

remind all players that indeed, a genuine “mix-in” attitude is a requirement for play! **We would particularly like to encourage new BC members to join the tennis section and we promise them a warm welcome at mix-ins, and other social events.** The tennis committee has many exciting ideas for the coming months, so watch for our announcements on the board and via email.

We enjoyed a friendly competition last month against a spirited group of players from Hong Kong (see photos) and look forward to a rematch on THEIR courts....

Our next local event comes in September and we will be looking for players to take on the Polo Club on their home court.

Marilyn August

TIP OF THE MONTH

Hats off to Roger Federer for his amazing Wimbledon victory for the fifth straight year. Here's a good tip from the champion that can benefit us all!

KEEP YOUR HEAD STILL WHEN HITTING MID-COURT:

I always hated it when coaches would tell me to watch the ball after I'd miss a shot. Of course I was trying to watch the ball! **Perhaps a more important message is to keep your head still throughout the shot.**

By keeping your head still, your eyes will instinctively follow the path of the ball. Experts agree that while you can watch the ball, you can't actually see the ball during contact anyway.

By keeping your head still, you will maintain better balance (our heads actually weigh a lot and when you move your head it has an immediate effect on your balance) through the course of your swing.

COACH'S CORNER, by Marcel Petit (continued from July 2007 *Outpost*)

*Last month veteran junior coach Marcel Petit described the joys and pitfalls of involving your child in competition. In this month's *Outpost*, Marcel continues with a description of the various types of child-player profiles and how each one should be handled.*

DIFFERENT CHILDREN REQUIRE DIFFERENT APPROACHES

There are approximately seven different child profiles seen on the court today:

1. The observer: this child stays on the side of the court, his eyes riveted on the other children involved at play. This child should NOT be forced to participate but rather he is to be encouraged to learn from watching. The risk is trying to get him onto the court too soon, before he has had a chance to figure out for himself how things work.
2. The intellectual: this child speaks before taking action, and with a vocabulary that is both rich and precise. Trainers and coaches MUST respect this child's natural intellectual curiosity and accept the fact that he is likely to discuss or question some of the things he is asked to do. On occasion, his mother could be asked to sit courtside during the first few training sessions. The risk is wounding the child with insensitive behaviour such as, "Do what I say." This child is sensitive and must understand the reasons behind his actions.
3. The placid child: a slow-starter who is not worried about his play; he's usually all smiles, and totally relaxed with strokes that develop quickly but for whom putting it all together comes progressively, over time. The coach should humour this type of child, tell him it's ok to take his time. The risk is rushing this child, which would confuse him and probably cause him to give up tennis.
4. Hypotonic: the very awkward but supple child who is nonetheless flexible and whose movements are uncoordinated and ungracious...with little effectiveness. Talk to his parents and find out if he started walking late. He might benefit from professional help in improving his motor coordination. Coaches must be careful not to criticize this child and make him feel inferior: he is intelligent and must learn to harness and control his elasticity.
5. The depressed child: the turtle in his shell, introverted and who cries easily when he fails or loses. This is a sad child who often stays after the session is over, but only to play alone. Coaches must show empathy, but must not minimize his situation by saying things like, "You'll see, tennis will help you forget your troubles." The temptation to treat this child like the others is great (do NOT criticize his tears); coaches must accept the fact that his depression will only deepen if and when his partners make fun of him.
6. The perfectionist: they call him "slow-poke," only because he wants his movements to be exactly like his coach's. The coach and trainer must accept that he will play at his own speed because in the final analysis, he will end up at the same point as other "faster" kids who may also be more impulsive. Coaches often make the mistake of criticizing this child for being slow (which leads to the child dropping out) without realizing the significance of his enormous capacity to concentrate.
7. The hyperactive child: so impulsive, this child is the first to want to hit the ball "any old way". He's often the first on the court, the first to replace another player, pick up balls, etc. His physical activity takes priority over his ability to comprehend the basics of movement and stroke production. This child would benefit from private lessons so that he can learn to focus his attention on one activity. Parents or friends should not be allowed courtside as they would distract him. This child is usually quite happy to come to tennis lessons but after the excitement wears off, he stops making progress and his behaviour becomes disruptive.



Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aerobics

Monday 10:30-11:30
Wednesday 10:30-11:30

Aqua Aerobics

Tuesday 10:00-11:00

Bridge

Sunday 3:00pm-6:30pm Tournament play in Suriwongse Room (except last Sunday of every month)

Chess

Thursday 6:00-9:00pm - Churchill Bar (1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month)

Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - 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

Spoofting

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

Squash

Tuesday 5:15-8:15pm Mix-in
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-2:00pm junior classes

Tennis

Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm
Mix-in All Standards
Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm
Friday 6:00-10:00pm
Sunday 4:00-6:00pm

Ladies Mix-in

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

Tennis Coaching

With Nelson Thein . . .
Friday 4:00-6:30pm: Junior tennis
Saturday 7:00-9:00am: Adult tennis

Yoga

Saturday 1:00-2:00pm in Wordsworth Room

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics

Aqua Aerobics

Cricket

Massage

Squash

Squash courts

Swimming

Tennis

Adult Tennis

Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

Tennis knockers

Yoga

Bt 4,000 for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 500 per session

Bt 3,000 for 10 sessions: drop-in Bt 400 baht per session

Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 600 evening if lights needed

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 for 1 hour; group session Bt 1200 per 45 min

Bt 50 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

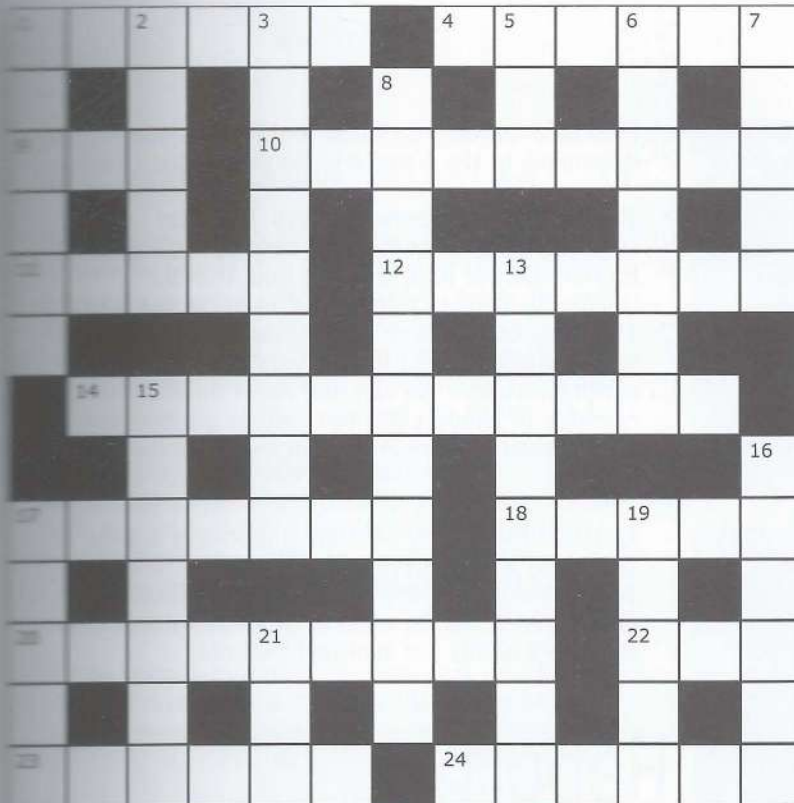
Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning - beginner to advanced)

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (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 300)

Bt 1,000/month; Bt 300 per lesson



Fax or deliver your completed crosswords to Barry Osborne as soon as possible after receiving *Outpost*. After a five day collection period, the author of the first correct entry drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

There was no winner of the July crossword, due no doubt to the annual holiday exodus. But while the crossword heavyweights are away, the neophytes can play! Now is the most likely time for one's entry to win the prize!

July Solution

Across: 1 Aden, 3 Scotland, 9 Sisters, 10 Ascot, 11 Romanremains, 13 Astern, 15 Dorset, 18 Pacificocean, 22 Isles, 23 Ontario, 24 Mirandas, 25 Chef.

Down: 1 Austrian, 2 Epsom, 4 Custer, 5 Tiara, 6 Ascents, 7 Date, 8 Leaner, 12 Standoff, 14 Trawler, 16 Oporto, 17 Bilora, 19 Ibsen, 20 Earth, 21 Siam.

SUDOKU

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

Rating: 'Super-difficult'

Solution times: < 30mins - you don't belong on this planet; 30-50mins - sublime; 50-80mins - well done; longer than 80 mins - keep practising . . .

Good Luck! Fax or deliver your completed sudoku to Barry Osborne as soon as possible after receiving *Outpost*. After a five day collection period, the author of the first correct entry drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

Congratulations to the Sudoku winner for July, Ineke Cook. She's done it again - for the third time. Like Kylie Minogue, she must be lucky, lucky lucky!

6	3	2	8	9	1	7	5	4
9	1	4	7	5	2	8	6	3
7	5	8	4	3	6	1	2	9
5	7	6	9	2	4	3	2	8
4	9	3	5	1	8	6	7	2
8	2	1	3	6	7	9	4	5
3	6	7	2	8	5	4	9	1
1	8	5	6	4	9	2	3	7
2	4	9	1	7	3	5	8	6

Across

- 1 "Nature first made man when wild in woods the noble _____ ran." (Dryden)
- 4 Serene and peaceful.
- 9 "Truly, thou art damned like an ill-roasted _____!" (As You Like It)
- 10 Environmental expert.
- 11 In the story "Treasure Island" there were fifteen men on a dead man's _____.
- 12 A famous cartoon by Schultz.
- 14 Incorrect use of a word, with comic effect.
- 17 Ancient city destroyed by volcanic eruption.
- 18 First letter of the alphabet.
- 20 This Italian gave his name to a kind of current bun!
- 22 Clerical vestment.
- 23 "She said nothing, as her talents were more of the _____ class." (Byron)
- 24 Gun Ada? Yes, for an African country.

Down

- 1 Rough outline . . . or a short comic play.
- 2 Indefinite and uncertain.
- 3 A big canine . . . or maybe Hamlet?? (5,4)
- 5 A sign of the Zodiac.
- 6 Exclusive social groups.
- 7 Times . . . for romantic outings?
- 8 Dickens' David.
- 13 Charming and attractive.
- 15 "We find it pays to school an _____ from time to time!" (Voltaire)
- 16 Country whose capital is Lusaka.
- 17 Wedding attendants.
- 19 "Country places . . . where old _____ men have rosy faces." (R.L.Stevenson)
- 21 London has a famous Big _____.

22. Mins.

The British Club Rugby Section continues to deliver splendid rugby and there is a wide variety of news from the adventures in July. Again the Section has had competitive friendly games both in Bangkok, our first tour to Vientiane in Lao PDR and participated in the Royal Bangkok Sport Club 10s tournament. We have played hard friendly games against North Phanakorn University, and the King's College. Further details of the games are found below.

The purpose of organizing a tour to Lao PDR was twofold; firstly to give our players an opportunity to learn from each other and secondly to assist the Vientiane Buffalos in their struggle to spread the game of rugby to our neighboring country, Lao PDR. It was a great honour for the Rugby Section to receive an invitation to go on tour to Vientiane and play

against a collection of Lao and foreign players belonging to the Vientiane Rugby Football Club.

The Section's cooperation with Thonburi University has continued to develop with one friendly game, joint training and Thonburi University players joining our team at the RSBC 10s. This cooperation is very popular among the young students and the university's administration. We can see rapid development not only in rugby skills but also in gentlemanly spirit, which is one important ingredient of rugby.

As usual the Rugby Section is planning a wide variety of events during August with friendly games planned every weekend. The Section's notice board will be used in order to inform Club members about our planned fixtures.

Fixture Report

Royal Vientiane Buffalos Rugby Football Club vs. British Club National Stadium, Vientiane, Lao PDR, June 24, 2007

The British Club Rugby Section has played against the Vientiane Buffalos on two occasions earlier this year; at the Pattaya 10s and the Esarn Rugby Challenge in Mahasarakham. The Vientiane Buffalos have during the past two years been in a transition to recruit Lao nationals to play for their team. The team's Australian coach assists the Lao Rugby Federation with school rugby for boys and girls and is also developing a national team - this is an effort that we support and was one of the reasons why we accepted the initiation to play in Vientiane.

In the first half, the British Club's experience and well drilled scrum was hard to stop for the smaller Vientiane backline that consisted almost entirely of Laotian players. The British Club defense did not have a lot of work during the first half but got some hard hits during the second half when the more experienced foreign scrum players in the Buffalos took charge of the game but it was too late to recover the first half's excellent play by British Club. Final score was a comfortable 55 to 10 win for the British Club against a well playing and improving Vientiane Buffalos. The Buffalos hosted a dinner for the players in thanks for coming all the way to Vientiane to play a fun game of rugby.

Royal Bangkok Sports Club 10s Tournament Bangkok, June 24, 2007

The Royal Bangkok Sports Club organizes a yearly 10s tournament hosted at their club's premises in the middle of Bangkok. The Club has

Thailand's, maybe Southeast Asia's, best rugby field with perfect grass. The British Club had the first XV in Vientiane on tour which gave the more inexperienced players a chance to show and improve their skills. Captain on the day was our new flanker from the Navy, Ekue Suan, who did an excellent job. The team was a mix of new and old players with reinforcements from Thonburi University. The tournament was enjoyable and we played two games; one win against RBSC's seconds and one loss against Chulalongkorn University.

Kings College under 19 vs. British Club

King's College, Nakhon Pathom, June 30, 2007

King's College is one of the two major rugby playing boarding schools in Thailand and has produced some of the best rugby players in the Kingdom. Facilities at their school in Nakhon Pathom are excellent and the team always hosts a big crowd of fellow students. The team is famous for being very hard to beat on their home ground, and play skilled, technical rugby and physical rugby. We always choose to use our strong forwards against these teams as they are fast and very dangerous when attacking wide. Again, our new third row proved to be invaluable. The final score was a hard-earned 21 to 14 win to the British Club. This game was most promising and the friendly games against the Police Cadets in June proved to be valuable preparation. Not many missed tackles and very tight defense from the back line. We were invited to dinner as thanks for the game and coming up to visit their prestigious school in Nakhon Pathom.

North Phanakorn University vs. British Club

North Phanakorn University, Nonthaburi, July 7, 2007

North Phanakorn is one of the upcoming university teams that has a strong track record with wins against both Kasetsart University and Bangkok University earlier this year. The university has attracted a core of very skilled rugby players from King's College and has been playing friendly games against the British Club for over a year. It is always a good run to play against these engineering students in Nonthaburi. The British Club brought the first XV with our best players fully recovered from the tour to Vientiane. With splendid rugby the British Club was able to secure an impressive 42 to 12 win.

It has been a month of success and we are proud of our first tour to Lao PDR. This turned out to be a very good activity not only in terms of raising rugby skills but also in developing a positive team spirit and involving our new players in the team.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express the Section's appreciation to our Team Captain, Morcar McConnell, and Vice captain, Vorawut (Wai) Vaidyanuvatti, for organizing the tour to Vientiane.

Magnus Andersson
Rugby Section Club Captain



Crossing the border to Lao



Team photo, Lao tour



Thanks for a hard game



Balut Action!

The British Club emerged victorious against a visiting team from the Singapore Cricket Club in a Balut Tournament played upstairs in the Clubhouse on June 23rd.



Squashy Bits



Spectators at Don Johnson taking a rest between games



Post Don Johnson Celebrations

Peter presenting prizes to David Lines, the Club Champion for 2007

Don Johnson and Parra Handy sPlate (Club Championships)

The Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy Plate were held from 5th June with the finals being played on Sunday 17th June. There were 14 entrants.

John Vivian and Ruengrit reached the final of the Parra Handy Plate which John won 3-2. The match was close with both players showing signs of nerves. John was presented with a trophy and 1000 baht Voucher compliments of **Food by Phone**.

In the final a very good match was played between a very focused David Lines and Ja (T. Chatarun). Neither player had won the club championships before so this was one they both wanted to win. As usual it was played in good spirit and provided excellent entertainment for the many spectators lucky enough to be there.

There were some great rallies and intense play with David eventually winning 3-1. Ja received a runner-up trophy and 1000 baht voucher compliments of **Food by Phone**. David received a trophy, 5000 baht compliments of **ACA Pacific Group** and a 1000 baht **Food by Phone** voucher.

The lucky draw of participants was drawn by Tom Annas. Tom drew out David Lines name so he won another 5,000 baht compliments of **ACA Pacific Group**. It was definitely his day.

The spectators and players then celebrated in the usual fashion with copious amounts of food and drink. Marc Hagelauer (**Food by Phone**) donated pizza coupons to everyone who attended the finals.

A special thanks to **ACA Pacific Group** and **Food by Phone** for sponsoring this tournament.



BCB and Pattana Teachers

BCB vs. Pattana Teachers.

On Saturday 16th July the Pattana teachers travelled to the BCB to take on a team of 8 BCB players. There were many closely fought games with Pattana eventually winning 5-3. Congratulations to Charles and his team who played the matches in good spirit.

David Lines, Nan and Corky won their matches.



The BCB team visiting Singapore

Singapore Cricket Club and British Club Singapore

A team of BCB players and a couple of outsiders, aka Steve Tostevin and "Corky", travelled to Singapore on Friday 22nd July. David Lines, Nick Mellor, Neil Evans, Nan, Charles Whiteley and Brian Ross made up the BCB contingent.

They played the Singapore Cricket Club Friday evening and lost 5-3 with Corky, Nan and Steve winning their matches. The hospitality was outstanding culminating with dinner on the verandah which will be a prime viewing spot for the 2008 Grand Prix.

On Saturday afternoon we played the British Club Singapore and again lost 5-3 with the same players maintaining their winning record. This was followed

by more hospitality with lots of beer and food consumed while watching NZ defeat SA in the rugby.

Dawee Cup

After a 3-year break the Dawee Cup competition was held at the RBSC on Saturday 30th June. This is a competition which was originally Westerners against Thais. We decided this was the wrong approach and have now made it the BCB against the RBSC Polo Club.

Chatchawin, the Thai number one player, organised a team to fit in with our standard and we had an enjoyable and close competition with the RBSC winning 7 matches to 6.

RBSC	BCB	Score
Supich	David Lines	3-0
Aye	Charles Whiteley	3-0
Uthain	Neil Evans	3-1
Patee	Steve Tostevin	3-0
Job	Nick White	3-1
Peg	Chris Vennell	1-3
Jimmy	Anantana	1-3
Erik	Brian Ross	0-3
Richard	John Vivian	0-3
Kelvin	Mark Smith	3-0
Neuf	Marvyn Lewis	1-3
Jen	Peter Corney	0-3
Rong	Frank Flatters	3-0

We expected to lose the top 5 and hoped to win with better depth in the lower half. The games were played in great spirit and finished with drinks and eats.

Marvyn did his usual, looking very tired after losing the second set only to come back and win 3-1. He has been overseas and hasn't played for some time so it was a great effort. Nick had a tough game and did well considering he hasn't played since the ark.

Nan continued her improvement with a win over Jimmy who thought he would be able to hit her off the court but, she fed off his pace and won the match with great touch and good retrieving.

David Lines had a hard match against an in-form Supich whose deft volleys and consistent shot making together with new-found fitness made him a difficult opponent.

All players were competitive and some of the losers would probably have won on their home courts as the RBSC courts are definitely different to the BCB courts.

Results of League 220 - June 2007:

Division 1 **David Lines**
 Division 2 **John Vivian**
 Division 3 **Kerr Thompson**

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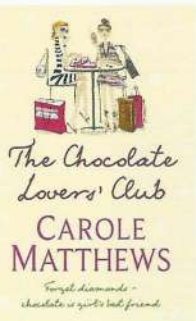
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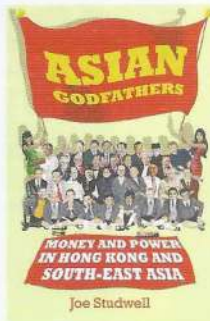
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ASIAN GODFATHERS: MYTH AND POWER IN HONG KONG AND SOUTH EAST ASIA
 By Joe Studwell
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Fans of Sophie Kinsella and Jill Mansell will be pleased by the arrival of Matthews' latest addition to the chick-lit genre, which saw great success in the UK market with more than 250,000 copies sold in hardback.

We all know that men are at best unreliable, and at worst little more than pig-headed oafs, causing the women in Matthews' book to fall back on something much more dependable, and ultimately irresistible – chocolate.

Centred around the core character, one Lucy Lombard, the author pens a story of sweet seduction in which Lucy and three other very different women, Autumn, Nadia and Chantal, meet regularly to satisfy their collective addictions, gorging themselves on sweet treats and gossip.

This somewhat informal Chocolate Lovers' Club gather in their newfound sanctuary, Chocolate Heaven, as often as they can to discuss a cheating boyfriend who promises he'll change, a flirtatious boss, a gambling husband and a loveless marriage.

Whilst she touches on real issues women can relate to, Matthews competently creates a story that combines just enough realism with, at times, decadent injections of escapism. This book is really all about one thing - FUN. And for those of you out there who yearn for a brief respite from the drudgery of everyday life, you could do much worse than picking up this romantic and witty breakout novel from a rising star of women's fiction.

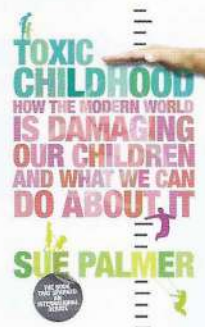
If there's a moral in this story that you'll be sure not to forget, it is this – when all else fails, chocolate is a girl's best friend.

A hard-hitting and insightful look at who really wields power in the Southeast Asian region, by veteran journalist and editor of *China Economic Quarterly*, Joe Studwell.

The author's razor sharp analysis, wedded with a penchant for myth-busting, takes readers on a historical, economic and political tour through the territory's most famous business families and cartels. Studwell argues convincingly that more often than not, these self-professed bastions of Southeast Asian economic development built their empires through the use of political influence and the exploitation of protectionist local policies, rather than the fairytale renditions of how they pulled themselves up from poverty to the pinnacle of success.

Whilst at times dense, the book punches well above its weight, and it is the only investigation of its kind in print. Bearing in mind the fact that less than 50 families control the region's wealth and that 13 of the world's richest families come from Southeast Asia, perhaps it's time they got some coverage.

Exposés on Thailand's Shinawatra, Bunnag, Chearavanont, Khaw, and Sophonpanich clans, make for some particularly juicy local reading.



TOXIC CHILDHOOD: HOW THE MODERN WORLD IS DAMAGING OUR CHILDREN AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT
 By Sue Palmer
 ISBN: 9780752880914
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Investigates what Palmer calls the "Toxic Childhood Syndrome," a complex of behavioural problems that are the results of the pathological influences of modern living that affect children today: sleep deprivation, junk food, computer games, lack of family time, etc. Presented in bite-sized pieces, Palmer's tone is informative, without verging on the patronising or puritanical, simply aiming to educate readers in identifying the problems and presenting simple solutions to the flood of toxifying influences affecting the youth of today.

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Tokyo American Club, established in 1928, is a large club with full scale recreation and dining facilities and over 5000 members. The Club provides a pleasant retreat from Tokyo city life and offers top-notch banqueting, meeting and seminar facilities as well as a business center for those who just can't stop working.

Club Amenities include: Seven dining facilities – American Room (elegant dining), Vineyards (food, coffee & wine), Garden Café (family restaurant), Mixed Grille & Bar, Foreign Traders' Bar, Rex's Diner, 'Splash' poolside for swimmers; Ballroom (seats 250), banquet rooms, games rooms, Library & video library, Art gallery; Fitness centre, gym, 25-meter swimming pool, bowling alley, squash courts, platform tennis courts, child care & playground.

Redevelopment: The Club has recently embarked upon a massive redevelopment programme which will entail a move to temporary premises in late 2007 before returning to completely rebuilt facilities on the original site sometime in 2010. The new Club is being designed by world-renowned architectural firm Pelli Clarke Pelli—the company behind the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

Website: <http://www.tokyoamericanclub.org>

For more information please contact the Membership Department at membership@britishclubbangkok.org

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Staff Service Awards



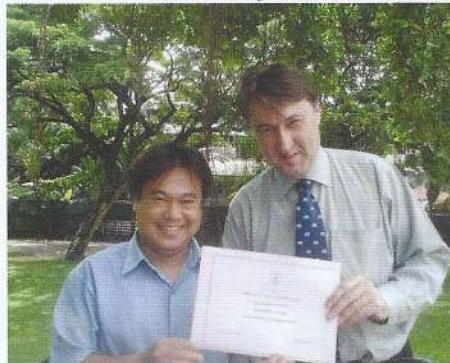
Khun Ampon



Khun Jirada



Khun Nuchjaree



Khun Santi



Khun Sangad, retiring after an amazing 36 years!



We recently re-introduced the Staff Service Awards for our hard working staff at the Club. The quarterly awards are made to staff members who we feel not only have performed their own duties commendably, but have also used initiative and excelled at other duties outside the scope of their normal work. There is one award for front-of-house staff and one for back-of-house. Each winner receives a bonus of 2000 baht and a certificate. At the end of the year there will be an employee of the year award. If any members would like to nominate a member of staff who they think is deserving, please contact Khun Prem or myself.

The first quarter award winners were Khun Nuchjaree from the Churchill Bar and Khun Santi, the Clubhouse cleaner. This month's second quarter winners were Khun Ampon from the Poolside kitchen and Khun Jirada from Reception. Well done to them all and I hope they enjoyed spending their extra bonus!

Apart from the awards we also lay on a party for the staff at the award presentation and as the awards are not announced until the big day, there can be quite a bit of excitement in the air. In addition, there's a large birthday cake for the staff who have had birthdays during the quarter. The next awards are due in October.



Barry Osborne

HELLOS

Welcome Aboard!

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

1. David & Keitha Broughton
2. Patrick Ng & Om Gururig
3. Anne-Marie & Carl Preller
4. Neville & Fay Dwyer
5. John & Kampong Pettigrew
6. Ian & Chung Hee Mowatt
7. Rajesh & Nanda Sethi
8. Lynda Knaak-Mac Arthur
9. Gee Chee Khoo & Oun Kyung Lee
10. Rishi & Neha Rawat

and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to . . .

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2. Kenneth & Nancy Porter
3. Charles & Sarah Toomey
4. Gerald Carpenter
5. Kachamas Watanapalin
6. Kenneth & Kristin Wilson
7. Frederic & Judith Do
8. Emil & Frances Siranovic
9. Sonthaya & Sahapat Tangsantikul
10. Ealing & Tippawan Pakula
11. Richa & Rohit Agrawal
12. George & Katja Moir

What Makes for Effective Training?

by Al Lock

Have you ever thought about what makes for effective training for adults? All too often, we "check the box" without thinking about what makes for effective training, training that will have a positive impact on our bottom line.

I'd like you to think about the most effective training that you've ever participated in. What was it that made it memorable? What did you learn from it? Why?

If you're like most people, you didn't come up with a lecture or e-learning. Probably, your experience with effective training was "hands-on", with a lot of feedback and learning from experience.

Think back to your experience in University. How much do you remember from classes? I remember two lines. So, what did I learn in those four years? I learned how to do research, to manage my time and schedule, to build relationships, to work in a team, to get along with a wide variety of people. I learned to take care of myself and to be an adult.

Why did I learn all those things? The reason those lessons stick with us is because we did them. Over and over. We had the experience, and we practiced the lessons we gained from that experience. That is how adults learn, by experience. And effective training recognizes that. It provides participants with an experience to learn from and provides feedback on that experience so that they learn the lessons intended. Ideally, it gives them chances to repeat the experience in different ways to reinforce the lessons of that experience.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? In some ways, it is. It's a straightforward approach that any professional trainer should be able to consistently follow. However, to be truly effective, the experience must be built to match the participants; their culture, their physical limitations, their mindset, and most importantly, the intended outcomes. When that isn't done, you get participants who feel that they have wasted their time, or worse, who learn a completely different lesson from the training.

In the next few columns, I'll write about the cost impact of "check the box" training, the process of building training, and pass on some ideas that I've picked up over the past 30 years for you to look at in light of your experience. I hope you find it interesting.




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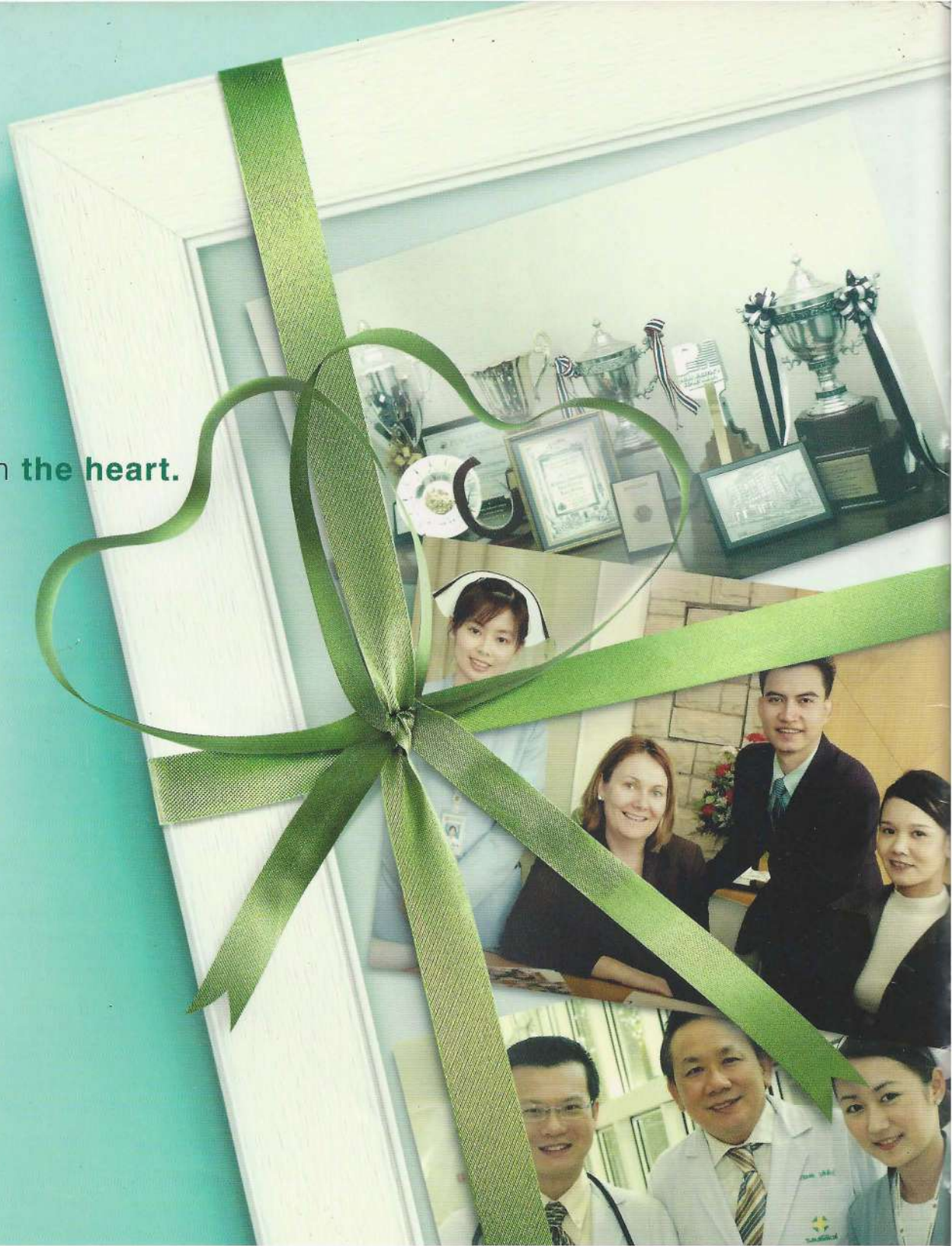
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