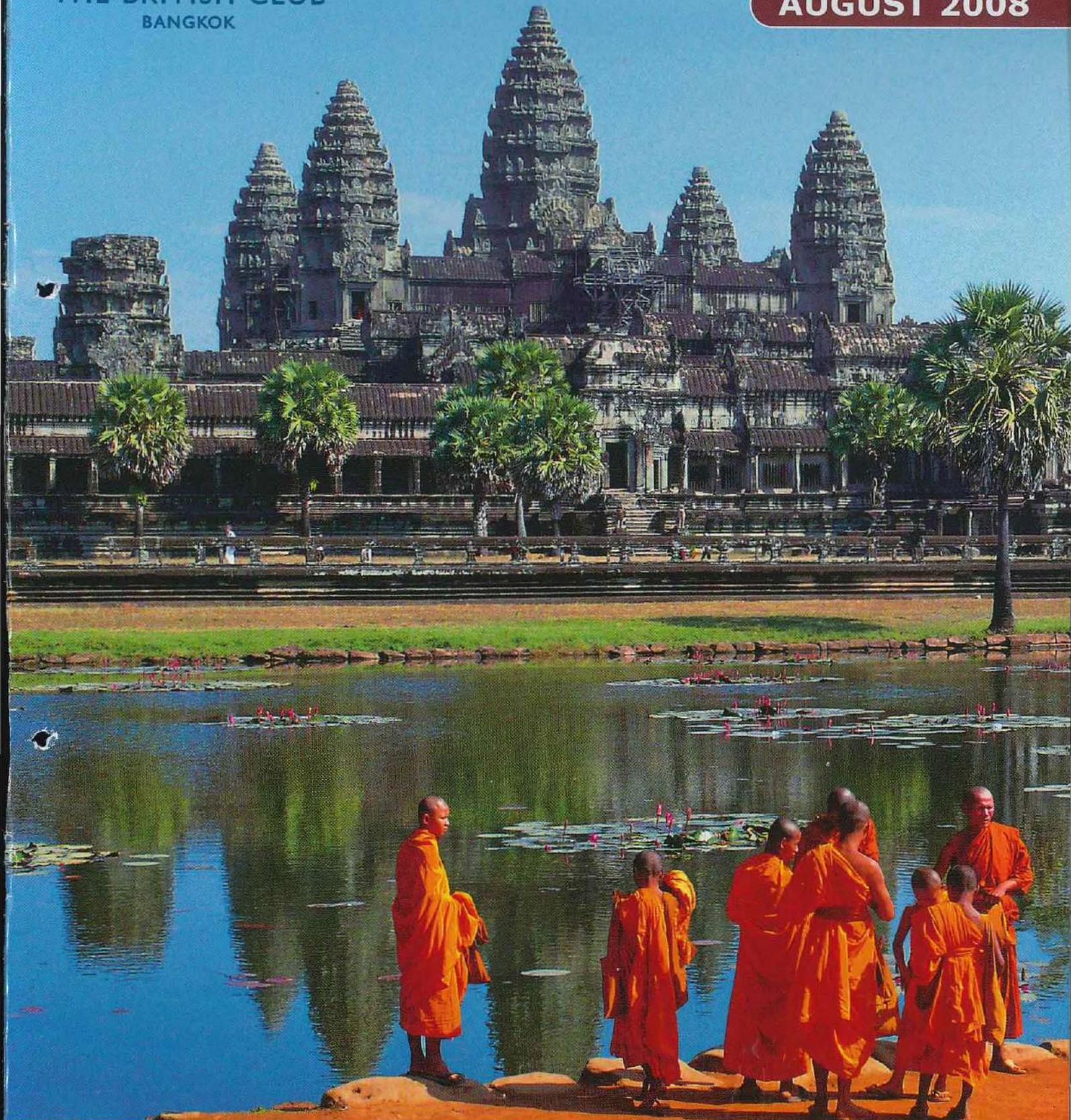




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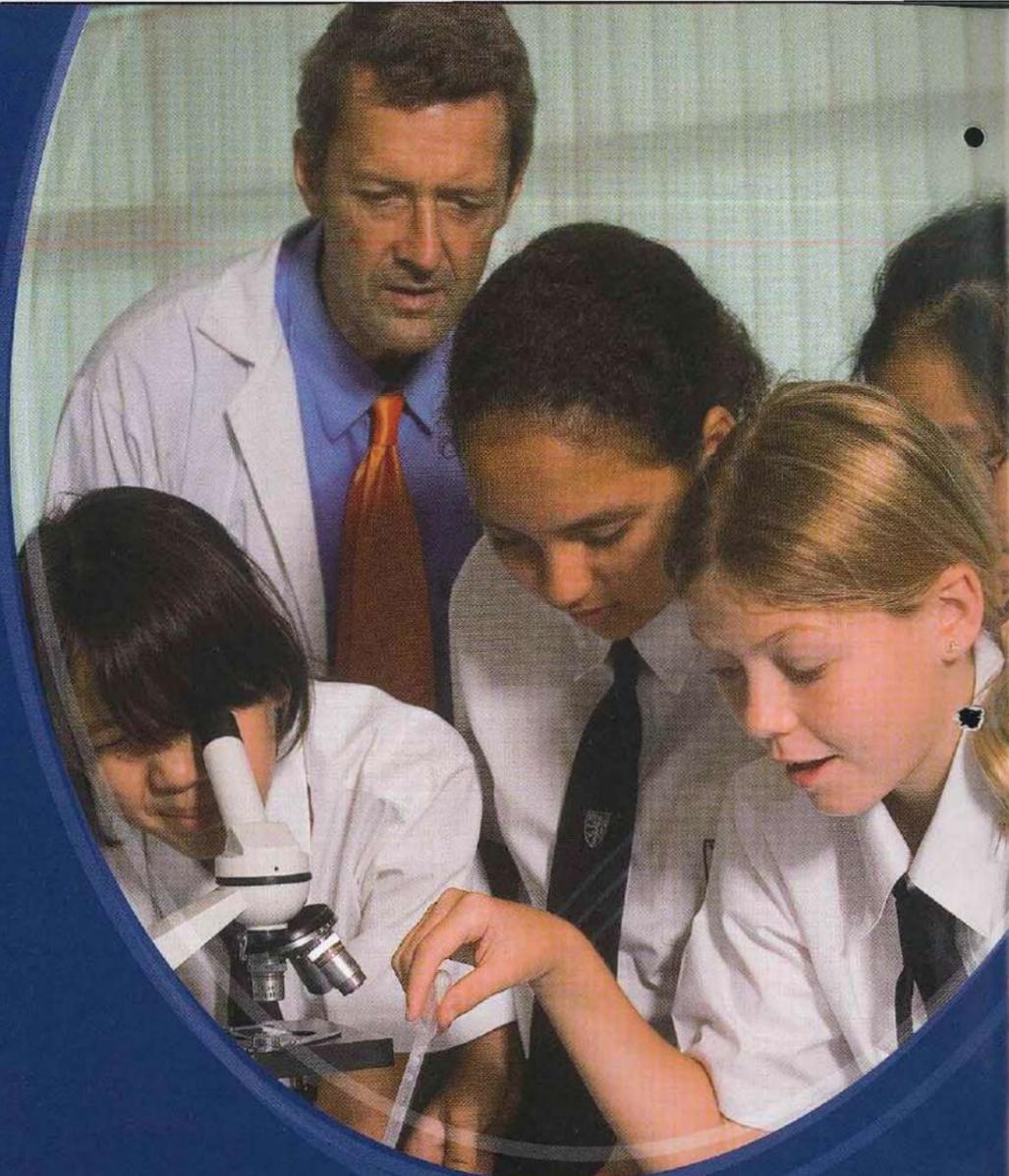
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Best Wishes and Many Happy Returns to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit Kitiyakara on the auspicious occasion of her birthday on the 12th of August, from the members and management of the British Club.

The Glory that was Angkor

The temples of Angkor are the skeletal stone remains of the various capital cities of the Khmer empire, which flourished from the 9th to the 15th centuries in an area of Cambodia near modern day Siem Reap. The temples represent the pinnacle of ancient Khmer architecture, art and civilization.

At its height, the Khmer empire of Angkor maintained a military, economic and cultural dominance over the whole area of modern Cambodia, and much of Thailand, Vietnam and Laos. Its capital area contained more than a million people and its Khmer kings constructed vast waterworks and irrigation systems to support the area's huge population.

It all started in 802 when the Khmer Hindu monarch Jayavarman II declared himself the "universal monarch" and "god-king" of Cambodia. A long line of Khmer monarchs followed, sometimes interrupted temporarily by an invasion, usurpation, or internecine squabble, but with each monarch usually managing to leave his mark, be it by constructing a temple, a baray (large reservoir) or new waterworks.

It was in the period between 900 and 1200 that the Khmer empire produced some of the world's most magnificent architectural masterpieces. One of the early temples, Banteay Srei, is a small exquisitely carved pink sandstone jewel completed in 967. The magnificent Angkor Wat, said to be the world's largest single religious monument, was built between 1113 and 1150 by King Suryavarman II in honour of the Hindu god Vishnu and, some say, as the king's own burial shrine, which is why the temple faces west.

Following the death of Suryavarman in 1150, the kingdom fell into a period of internal strife and in 1177 the Khmer capital was sacked by the Chams, who occupied it for four years until driven out by a Khmer prince who was to become the greatest of the Khmer kings, Jayavarman VII. Over the ruins of the old capital Jayavarman constructed the walled city of Angkor Thom, as well as its geographic and spiritual centre, the Bayon (c1190) complete with dozens of huge stone faces. He also built Ta Prohm, surely one of the most romantic temples of Angkor where jungle has been left to slowly reclaim stone in a slow sinuous embrace.

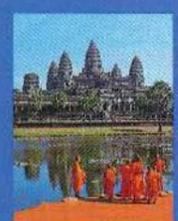
In a fascinating recent study, the Greater Angkor Project (GAP) led by Australian, Cambodian and French archaeologists, has used NASA satellite imagery to reveal what has lain hidden under the vegetation of Angkor. Their new map displays the ancient Cambodian site not as a scattered collection of discrete temples, but an integrated rural and urban residential network that stretched for at least 1,000 sq km - way bigger than any pre-industrial site so far discovered and approaching the size of modern day Greater London. "There is not a single square kilometre in Angkor that wasn't intensively modified and engineered" says one GAP archaeologist. Besides reservoirs and residential clusters, the map reveals 74 new temples and an elaborate grid of walled field systems.

The pundits disagree over what brought about the demise of Angkor. The GAP people surmise that it was population pressure which resulted in deforestation and the silting up of the city's waterways, disrupting the city's huge water-based infrastructure and complex irrigation systems. Repeated attacks from the Thais to the north probably hastened the end. After a prolonged Thai attack and siege in 1431 the Khmer capital was moved further south to Phnom Penh and Angkor abandoned...

The Club is organising a fantastic VIP Tour to Angkor - see pages 24 and 25 for details.

Billy Beefeater

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Cover pic-The magnificent Angkor Wat is the highlight of any visit to the World heritage site of Angkor in Cambodia. You

can see it all with the British Club VIP tour - see pages 24-25 and editorial this page.

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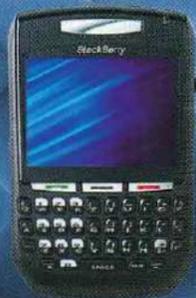
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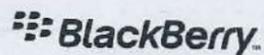
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Letter from the Chair

Dear Members,

It has been another eventful month at the British Club Bangkok, and one that I have enjoyed immensely both socially and whilst contributing to our great Club in my role as Chairman of the General Committee. I see a great deal of pride in Membership every time I visit Silom 18 and this pride manifests itself in a number of ways. The most gratifying of these is the passion for the Club that I see in the membership at large, a passion for the organization and its principles, the traditions and heritage, and the facilities, especially our beloved clubhouse and the beauty and integrity of the green field environment that makes the Club's grounds so unique.

It is therefore worthy of note that early in July, the British Club General Committee approved a widely discussed recommendation to upgrade our tennis facilities and create an entirely new facility on the back lawn to serve all members of the Club. I am very excited about the prospect of revitalizing our back lawn and restoring a semblance of "balance" to the Club. What we have in prospect is a gloriously beautified green area with a new lawn and drainage system, many new trees, plants and flowers along with a new multi-purpose artificial surface carefully sculptured into the new landscape. The latter will allow children to play, adults to have a casual kick-about after lunch, and some serious training possibilities for all our field sports sections. The all-weather surface will easily transform for use in functions "under the stars" and the entire area will be perfectly complementary to the on-going developments of the Verandah. For event use, the artificial surface will accommodate year-round events remaining dry at all times and providing a resilient area for stages, tables and marquees thus sparing the natural grass.

The upgrade of our tennis facilities into four world-class hard courts is a marquee development for the Club, making our facilities an outstanding venue for both casual and tournament play. Expanded use of these facilities should generate additional revenue for the Club.

What is most important about these developments is that they will further member activities and interaction of all kinds both casual and organised. I can envisage inter-section games of futsal and basketball, perhaps even T-ball and touch rugby. I for one would love to see some of our traditionally "non-athletic" sections take to the field in the name of fitness, fun and community building. Of course the new facilities will further our unique selling position as the premium international Club for friends and families providing tangible facilities on-site for a variety of sports and leisure activities.

Whilst development has been high on the Club's agenda for some time, I would like to briefly reflect on another area fundamental to the Club's success, its staff. The professional skills and capacity of our staff must continually progress year on year and this is one of the many areas that I shall be working on in the coming months. I believe that the personnel structure in place at the Club must adapt to the changing patterns in usage of the Club and the increased demands in quality of service and products that our members rightly expect. Critically, I view the integration of the GC's business plan in line with the functional management areas of the Club as the most important step in dovetailing the roles of the elected representatives and professional management. I view this as a streamlining step that will increase efficiency and target resources appropriately.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club's staff for their hard work and commitment to the service of members and guests. All of our staff contribute to the positive membership experience and I would like to echo one of the most frequent comments made to me, "our staff are assets that go out of their way to make visits to the Club a pleasure!"

Yours sincerely

Dr Andrew Roberts

Chairman

BCB General Committee 2008/2009

The CEO's report

Dear Members,

We are officially in low season now at the British Club as the International Schools close for the summer and many of our members and families take their annual long holidays back at home, to visit family and friends and get away from the hectic life of the expat in Bangkok. However the British Club will still offer all our normal services and recreational activities over the next month and a half so keep in touch and enjoy the events and special occasions Barry and Reed will provide to all members.

In the Development area, the upgrade of the tennis courts, as mentioned above by the Chairman, is proceeding on schedule and is expected to be completed by mid-September, as the main concrete slab must be allowed to cure for a month. The other part of the Development, the laying of an artificial surface on the Silom side of the back lawn to form a sports court, is due to commence shortly. The sports court will most likely be an all purpose surface made from long lasting copolymer tiles that are in use in many of the International Schools here in Bangkok. These Development plans have been on display in the foyer for some time and are also available for viewing on the website by logging into the Members section.

A start has been made on the corridor and link way between the Churchill Bar and the Verandah and the Verandah Terrace is also near completion. The completion of the link way, Verandah Terrace and some rectification work in the Verandah and Churchill Bar will almost complete Phase 1 of the Redevelopment of the Club. The Development Special Interest Group has worked hard to bring all these elements together and the members who have contributed at the monthly DSIG forums are also to be congratulated for their interest and input into these decisions which will result in a much improved outcome for all members.

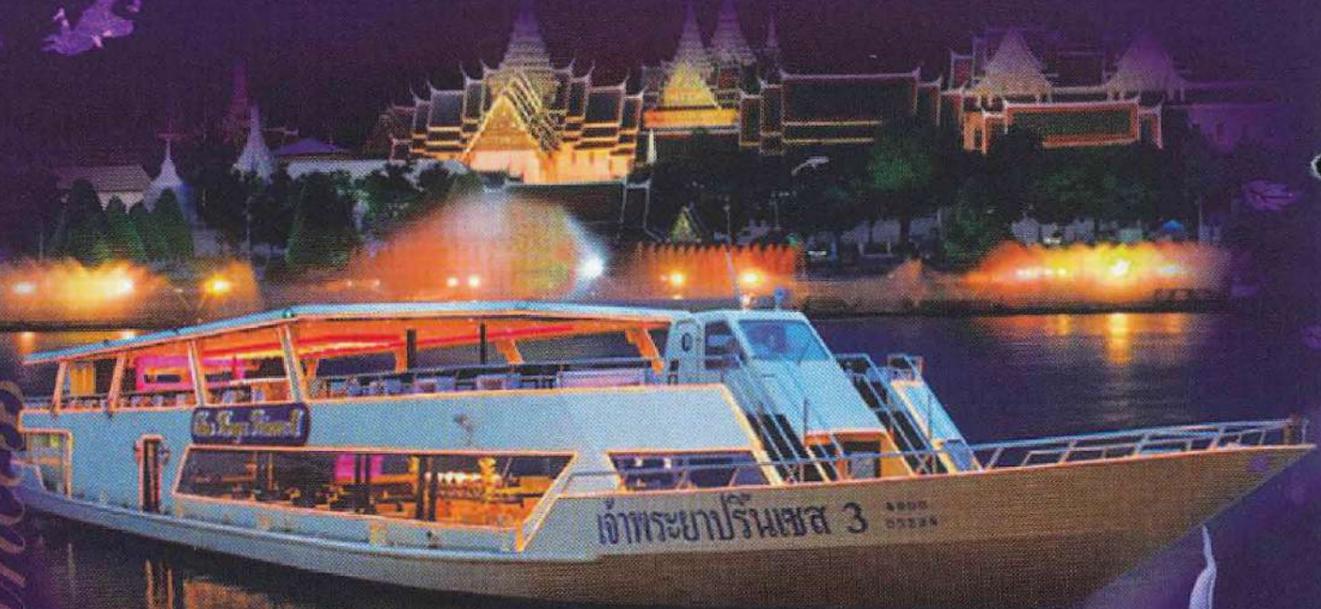
On another topic, the British Club will be participating this year in the very traditional "Last Night of the Proms" which will be performed at Shrewsbury IS and we will be supporting the British Chamber by promoting the event and providing the catering on the night. More on page 45 and in subsequent editions of *Outpost*.

I look forward to seeing all Members around the Club.

Michael Silcock
Chief Executive Officer



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Dear Members

We had a great June this year! The Canada Day celebration attracted over 350 people and this year we were very lucky as we only had rain for about 10 minutes, unlike last year when it rained for the whole party.



The big new events this year have been cinema outings with block booking of VIP cinema tickets. We took 38 members to *Indiana Jones* and 115 to *Sex and the City*. Our next movie is the premiere of *Mamma Mia* and despite being low season we have now entirely filled the quota of 56 seats. We have also block booked tickets for the latest Harry Potter movie that opens in November. This time we are going back to SF City at Central World but we have booked the family room "Happiness World" seats. This is a really great room that has VIP lounge seating but also bean bags for the kids to put down wherever they wish to sit! Sounds great! We decided to try cinema outings due to the lack of concerts coming at the moment.

Our catering department is very busy and we are able to create menus to suit your needs. In a year the Club caters over 400 functions for members and we also organise over 100 events. We can cater at your home, office or you can host the function here at the Club. If you are planning a party then why not give us a call and we can even come to visit you if you are unable to come to the Club.

Earlier this year I went to the stunning Angkor Wat and noticed that from December 5th through to the end of January they have a light and sound show. So we have booked air tickets and hotel and we are off to see this stunning show, leaving on Monday 5th January and returning on the 8th. Contact me for a full itinerary. The cost is Bt.29,000 per person, which includes all temple passes, flights, twin share hotel room, meals, tickets to light and sound show, excursions and the air balloon to view Angkor from above. We will stay at the Day Inn Siem Reap which is a great little hotel that I stayed in. They have very clean rooms and an excellent pool, so bring your bathers, and prices in the mini-bar are not a rip-off. See pages 24 and 25 of this issue for more details.

Video nights are back. We are now showing the excellent new detective series Lewis. This series follows Inspector Lewis who was for years the side kick to Morse. It is again set in Oxford and it is a brilliant series with quite a few references to Morse himself. The next video night is on Thursday 14th of August.



On August the 21st we are pleased to have the British Women's Group at the Club to enjoy a carvery luncheon in the Verandah. This is the first time in a few years that the BWG have had a monthly luncheon here and we are delighted to welcome them back.

Back in June, on Friday the 13th we held a very successful Murder Mystery Dinner at the Neilson Hays Library. Now a new twist – on Halloween Black Friday there will be weird and disturbing forces at work in the Neilson Hays. Expect the unexpected at the "Halloween Whodunit" dinner organized with the Neilson Hays, this time with a new interactive game format that should prove even more entertaining. Cost is Bt.1000 per head and members can book through Neilson Hays. So, keep your diaries free for the 31st October and eyes peeled for details – early booking is advisable as space is limited. Khun Reed is also organising the children's Halloween party the same evening. Contact Reed for further details. The Guy Fawkes event this year is on Sunday November 2nd. Please do not forget that the Club's car park will be closed from 10 pm on Saturday November 1st until 10pm on the 2nd.

We are taking bookings now for the Christmas Ball and for Christmas Day in the Churchill and Verandah. We already have over 40 bookings so get in quickly to avoid disappointment.

Well that's it for another month. I look forward to seeing you at the Club over this holiday period.

Regards,
Baz

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Churchill Bar

7pm and 8pm PRESTIGE WINES ACCUMULATOR
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7:30pm BOTTLE DRAW - somebody present in the Bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, vodka or gin.

FRIDAYS The Verandah

Noon-2pm & 6-10pm THE FRIDAY 'THEME' BUFFET - **1st August: MEDITERRANEAN BUFFET** - Enjoy the best of Mediterranean foods, featuring soups, a range of salads and main courses; Bt. 325 per person.
8th August: CHINESE BUFFET - We celebrate the opening of the Chinese Olympic Games with our special Chinese Buffet created by Khun Laak and her team; Bt. 325 per person.
The opening ceremony of the Olympics will also be shown on the TVs in the Churchill and Verandah Bars (scheduled to start at 7pm local time).
15th August: T.G.I.F CURRY BUFFET - This famous buffet consists of a soup, six curry dishes, samosas, a range of salads and naan bread; Bt.275 per person.
22nd August: CARIBBEAN BUFFET - To celebrate London's Notting Hill Carnival on Sunday we will feature a range of foods from the Caribbean for our Friday Buffet. As usual Khun Laak has been hard at work creating a range of tasty Caribbean dishes for the occasion and Khun Boom has also created a range of rum-based cocktails.
29th August: INDONESIAN BUFFET - Khun Laak has been busy studying the Indonesian and Balinese cook books that Baz recently brought back from Bali for her. Enjoy the best of Indonesian food in The Verandah; Bt.325 per person.

Silom Sala

7pm and 9pm Kids' VDO - It's free. Includes free Nestle ice creams for the kids.

SUNDAYS The Verandah

Noon-2pm THE SUNDAY CARVERY - Choose from soup, cold cuts, three roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts.
Adults Bt.350; children Bt.180 including fee Coke/Sprite.

Silom Room

1-3pm CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. Games, videos, crafts, soft drinks and snacks with Khun Susie.

Suriwongse Room

2:30-6pm onwards Bridge tournament (except last Sunday in the month)

Official Opening Times

The Verandah	11am - 10pm	Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)	6am - 10pm
Churchill Bar	10am - 11pm	Fitness Centre (weekends)	6am - 9pm
Poolside Bar	7am - 10pm (last food orders - 9.30pm)	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)	9am - 6pm

Special Events at the Club this month

** HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX

Sunday 3rd August, 7pm, Churchill Bar & Verandah

Join us in the Churchill Bar and the Verandah for the latest race of the 2008 grand prix season coming live from Budapest @ 7pm race time. Come early to reserve the best seats.

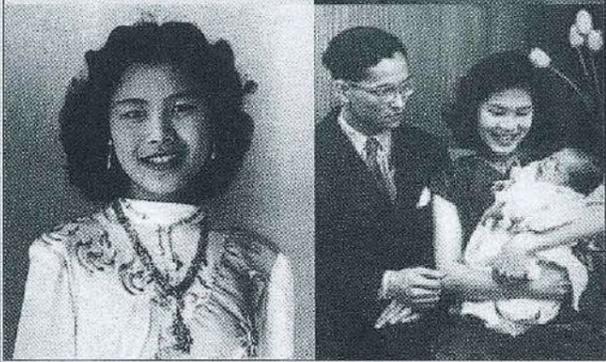
** MONTHLY BALUT TOURNAMENT

Wednesday 6th August, 7pm, Churchill Bar & Silom Room

Played under Balut Section Tournament rules. Entry fee is 100 baht charged to your Club account. BC members who are not Section members are welcome to 'try' one Tournament and if they then wish to play each month they must join the section: annual fee 300 baht. All players who play six Tournaments in each year will be eligible to win the BCB Shield. For more, see opposite page.

Happy Birthday to Queen Sirikit Kitiyakara

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 special Mothers Day buffet.



** MOTHERS DAY BUFFET

Tuesday 12th August, Lunch and Dinner, The Verandah

Celebrate Mothers Day at the Club with a special buffet consisting of Soup of the Day, a selection of salads, 3 roast meats, a selection of vegetables and potatoes all rounded off with a choice of home made desserts and breads. The Buffet costs Bt.375 for adults and Bt.200 for children and includes a complimentary glass of specially selected wine for mums. To book your table call the Verandah direct or send a fax or email

to the Club.

** DETECTIVE VIDEO NIGHT - "LEWIS"

Thursday 14th August, 7pm, Suriwongse Room

We continue showing our latest Detective Series with Episode One of Lewis. Last month we showed the pilot episode of this excellent British TV Series. Lewis is the long suffering sidekick of the excellent Inspector Morse. Now Lewis has been promoted to DI and this series, also set in beautiful Oxfordshire, follows his career after the death of Morse and also Lewis's wife (mysteriously) in a car crash. The movie begins at 7pm in the Suriwongse Room. Entrance is free and full Churchill Bar F&B service is available. We ask members to please book in advance as this assists us with our set-up arrangements.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday 19th August, 7.30pm, The Verandah

The August round of the British Club Quiz will be held in the Verandah at 7.30pm on Tuesday August 19th 2008. As usual Bangkok's premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of 19 questions (on a range of subjects from Asia to famous people) each ending in the dreaded "Common Denominator". Prizes go to First, Second, Third and 'Second to Last', and in addition, there are also three 'between round' questions where your team has the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. So, get a team of friends (up to six) to come along and join in the fun - at least one Club member per team - or just pop along to see if we can fit you in. The cost to enter is Bt.150 per person.

** EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX

Sunday, 24th August, 7pm, Churchill Bar & Verandah

Join us in the Churchill Bar and the Verandah for the latest race of the 2008 grand prix season coming live from Seville at 7pm race time. Come early to reserve the best seats.

** MONTHLY WINE TASTING

Friday, 29th August, 6pm, 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 complement the wines. What a great way to start your weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club. And afterwards, why not pop down to the Verandah for a taste of Bali with Khun Laak's amazing Indonesian Buffet.

To book for an event send a fax or email to the Club, book online at the Club's website, or sign up at the Clubhouse reception. For further information please contact Khun Koy or Barry.



Scottish Dancing

Got two left feet? Not a problem! Come along and have a go at some Scottish dancing, first Tuesday of the month, in the Suriwongse Room, 7.45 - 9.45. Pay for your own food and drink - otherwise completely free. Everyone's welcome! Contact Meilan Henderson on 02 258 5240, or meilan@mail.com

BRITISH CLUB BALUT

END OF OUR FIRST YEAR!!

The Balut Section was started in September 2007 and thus we are fast approaching the end of our first year: we will do this in style with a combined 15th Tournament, AGM and SHIELD Dinner on Wednesday 3rd September.

British Club Bangkok Balut Shield Dinner Wednesday 3rd September 2008

6pm onward	Carvery & Vegetarian Buffet in Suriwongse Room
7pm	BCB Shield 15th TOURNAMENT
8.30pm	Balut Section AGM
9.30pm	BCB Balut Shield 2007-08 Award

The AGM will receive the Annual Report and Accounts, elect a Committee for 2008-09, set Section & Tournament fees and agree the structure of the BCB Shield 2008-09 (moving to two tournaments per month). Section members will receive an AGM mailing in late August.

With two tournaments to go, the **BCB Balut Shield** league now reads:

Rank	Player	Tournaments played	BEST SIX Average
1	Caroline Willbourn	6	103.5
2	Steve Eaton	11	101.8
3	Paul Cheesman	10	101.6
4	Jeremy Watson	8	100.6
5	John Boisclair	12	99.4
6	Arun Gupta	8	99.3
7	Steve Mallon	9	99.2
8	Phil Alexander	6	99.0
9	Roger Willbourn	9	98.9
10	Tony Rodriguez	8	96.2
11	Christopher Poustie	6	95.1
12	George Okrasa	6	94.7
13	Simon Davies	6	92.0

August Activities at the Neilson Hays Library

"Friends", oil painting exhibition, 1-31 August (Rotunda and Garden Gallery)

"Friends" is a group exhibition of 5 Thai female artists - Preeda Wiraprapanporn, Napaporn Panijaranai Bernier, Patcharee Teopanichakit, Chuenpit Sukosit and Saisamorn Nasomphan - who have been painting together for more than 5 years in the Freedom of Art Group '96. Although each artist has her own style and media, their work is tied together by subject matter - beautiful nature, particularly flowers. Opening reception: Friday, 1 August, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Coming in September:

"Explore Your Creativity" Workshop, with Kathy France - 15th September

"Travel Writing with Style", with Paul Sochaczewski - 22nd September

"JADE", reading by S.P. Somtow - 24th September

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QUALIFYING PLAYERS

Rank	Player	Tournaments played	Average
1	Rohit Naheta	4	98.7
2	Ben Willbourn	3	94.6
3	Bob van Es	3	94.5
4	Bruce McLaren	2	92.3

Realistically, eight players could perform "very well" in either of the two remaining tournaments to 'pip' Caroline at the post, so to speak, but there again she also has two tournaments to better her 103.5!

The last two tournaments for 2007-08 are on 6th August and the final on 3rd September, combined with the Balut Section AGM & Balut Shield Dinner.

DATE FOR CLUB MEMBERS' DIARIES.....

**20th/21st NOVEMBER 2008
The 28th STC Interport Balut Competition**

This prestigious event will be held at the British Club for the first time and all Club members, spouses and children are invited to play in the Competition. The Section will be running special evenings in October and November to "get people up to speed" on good competition-style playing. For details, go to:

<http://www.britishclubbangkok.org/28th-interport/>

1981 - 28 Years of Interport Balut - 2008

The Neilson Hays Library and The British Club
present

The BIG BOOK PARTY FOR KIDS

at the Neilson Hays Library, Saturday September 13th, 10:30am – 3pm

Celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday...
plus
Janice Santikarn's new book
"The Little Blue Tuk-tuk to the Rescue"



Buy a Cadbury Wonka bar – A gold ticket inside wins a copy of Janice's new book!



Take a photo with Willie Wonka or the Little Blue Tuk-Tuk!

Bouncy Castle Face Painting Clay modelling Games Arts / Crafts & more!!

Chocolate Fountain plus other food & drinks available

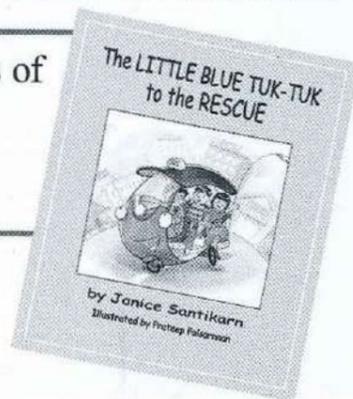
10:30am & 1:00pm – Janice Santikarn will read & sign copies of her latest book "The Little Blue Tuk-tuk to the Rescue"

11:30 & 2:00pm – Puppet Show

Come dressed in blue

Bt.100 donation requested.

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SUSIE'S
Kids Korner

Join me in
the Silom Room
every Sunday!

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS

Button Bracelet

This sweet and simple craft features well-loved faces all in one place and makes a great gift for Mum on her special day.



Craft Materials:

- Photographs or digital images
- Scissors or circular craft punch
- Coloured beading elastic, available in the beading section of craft stores
- Buttons with recessed thread holes (to prevent the thread from wrinkling your pictures; see photo)
- Glue stick
- 3-D fabric paint or glitter paint

Directions:

1. Select snapshots with faces that will fit on your buttons.
2. Cut a piece of elastic about 5 cm (2 inches) longer than you'd like the finished bracelet to be. Thread the buttons onto the elastic as shown until the bracelet is the desired size, leaving an extra inch of elastic on each end of the bracelet.
3. Using a coin or other round object as a template, trace circles around the faces and cut them out; you can also use a circular craft punch.
4. Glue the photos to the buttons and decorate the edges with 3-D paint or glitter paint if you'd like. Tie the ends of the bracelet together and snip off the extra elastic.



One-of-a-Kind Bagel Portraits

Breakfast in bed on Mother's Day: a delicious edible portrait of themselves on a bagel. Children can also make self-portraits on mini bagels to join "Mum" on the plate.

(Depending on your child's age, Dad may need to help prepare these masterpieces.)

- Begin with half a bagel covered with plain cream cheese. (Variations: a toasted bagel or flavoured cream cheese or peanut butter spread on top.)
- Next, create Mum's likeness with anything from blueberries and chocolate chips to tomatoes and chives. Here's what we used.

MUM: lox "hair", black olive "eyes", parsley "lashes", red pepper "lips", carrot "nose".

GIRL: carrot "hair", chive "hair ribbon", green pepper "eyes", chopped peanut "freckles", grape tomato "mouth".

BOY: chive "hair", carrot and black olive "eyes", tomato "mouth".



FUNNY THINGS ABOUT MOM

Things Mom Would Never Say . . .

- "How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
- "Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too."
- "Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery."
- "Let me smell that shirt - Yeah, it's good for another week."
- "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."
- "Well, if Rahul's mamma says it's OK, that's good enough for me."
- "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
- "I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve."
- "Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve."

It's Time to go to School . . .

One early morning, a mother went in to wake up her son.

"Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!"

Son: "But why Mom? I don't want to go."

Mom: "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."

Son: "Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!"

Mom: "Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."

Son: "Give me two reasons why I should go to school."

Mom: "Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"

Mother's Dictionary of Meanings

Dumbwaiter: One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

Feedback: The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

Full Name: What you call your child when you're mad at him.

Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Hearsay: What toddlers do when anyone mutters an expletive.

Independent: How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

Puddle: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

Show Off: A child who is more talented than yours.

Top Bunk: Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

Two-Minute Warning: When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar-grunting noises.

Whodunit: None of the kids that live in your house.

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**good
time of
your life**

The first second
you realised
you're going to be a
"Mother"

**good
things
happen**
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We always take good
care of you.



**WOMEN'S HEALTH
CENTRE**

Caring and Sharing



The full range of women's health concerns are addressed at
BNH Women's Health Centre to promote good health and a bright future for all women.

We provide 12 medical services for women of all ages. **Working Women** • Menses Care Clinic • EndoLITE Centre • International Women's Wellness Clinic
Maternity Women • Fetal Health Zone • Glowing Mom Clinic • Loving & Caring Mom Clinic • Twin Expertise Clinic • BIC
Primetime Women • Feminine Maturity (Menopause) • Bone Health Clinic • LUC Clinic • Cancer Care & Preventive Zone

Adrien CARCASSON 1926-2008

It is with great sadness that we have been informed of the loss of our member and friend, Adrien CARCASSON. He died peacefully in his bed in Bangkok on February 14th.

Born in 1926 in Nice in the South of France, he qualified as a chemist but in his later life spent more and more time in Thailand, which he loved so much because of the lovely people and the country itself. Adrien had a great knowledge on many subjects and was always happy to help and give his advice whenever needed.

Adrien and his wife Isabelle began visiting Bangkok on a regular basis and joined the British Club in 1992. Adrien never missed a day at the Club. He especially loved his massages from Khun Chanpen and his wife, Khun Saiphon, not to mention the delicious and spicy kenkewan kai and other delicious Thai foods cooked by the chef. Adrien always appreciated the kindness, friendly atmosphere and relaxing ambience at the Club.

Adrien was an unassuming and very generous man with a wonderful sense of humour. As a Latin, one could often see him speaking with his arms in the air by the pool. He will be greatly missed by his family, Isabelle, Marianne, Emmanuel, Olivier and friends. The British Club management and members extend to them their deep and sincere condolences.



In Co-operation with Bangkok Community Theatre

TheatreWorks
announces

AUDITIONS

For the January 2009 production of the wonderfully witty G&S Musical Romp to be performed in English as dinner theatre here at The British Club!

"THE MIKADO"

On the heels of their other successful collaborations, "The Pirates of Penzance" in 2006 and "Trial by Jury" in 2007, Director Angela Daniel and Producer Bonnie Zellerbach have teamed up once again to stage another Gilbert & Sullivan classic. TheatreWorks needs to cast approximately 20 strong singers with good acting skills to perform in "The Mikado". 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 & Monday, September 7th and 8th, 2008. 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.

"The Mikado" is a very funny musical comedy with some marvellously memorable characters. Please email us today to find out more.

Weekend Fun at the Club

We had a busy weekend here at the Club over June 13th-15th. On June 13th Black Friday - no it was not another stock exchange crash - there was the Murder Mystery Dinner organized by Neilson Hays, St David's Society and catered by the Club. The event went well - see page 19 for the write-up!

Whilst the Murder Mystery was going on (and just who are those coffins for?!!!!) the rest of the Club team were busy setting up tables, awnings, banners etc, ready for the Fun Fair and Book Fair the next day. It was just as well that most of the awnings were already in place since the Wednesday before, because when we all came back in the following morning at 7am to finish off, the heavens opened with a most impressive deluge. Still, work had to go on - the Book Fair at the Library and the majority of vendors were ready to go by 10am, with the Fun Fair itself starting at 2pm.



Much to the relief of parents, there was plenty for the kids to do, including a rodeo bull and giant slides, sponsored by BNH Hospital, which proved very popular. The huge giant climbing wall, sponsored by Shrewsbury School, was also a big attraction. We had Virgin Radio darts, Thai Ticket Major football, St George's coconut shy (very nice Gale, thanks), St Andrew's were busy tossing enormous cabers on the cricket pitch, Patana School sponsored Susie's crafts and puppet show, and there was even a pottery wheel, with clay fun for the kids. All in all there were over 40 activities taking place and the Tiger Beer and refreshment garden proved popular also. Thankfully this year the Verandah was open providing a bit of comfort from the humidity outside. As a musical interlude the BCB Pipe Band entertained us with a few sets later on in the afternoon, much to the fascination of the younger children.

Many of the vendors reported only mixed trade, but of course it was up to them to decorate and promote their products, rather than just sit in a chair



and read... The Glory Hole of Edith, Ann and Jim Napier proved very popular, especially with Michael and the staff, and they virtually sold out of all their bric-a-brac. Our Singha beer sales were also up that day - Thanks Edith!!

Thank you to all the people who came and helped out at the Fair. Numbers were down but our overall figures for the Club for the day were very positive. It was such a relief that the rain held off but it looked very overcast all day so perhaps this may have put some people off coming. We will give the Fun Fair a rest for a few years and think of another way to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's future birthdays. Many thanks for all the nice emails with positive remarks about the day and thanks to the staff in all departments who pulled out all the stops and catered five events over one weekend. Well done.

Barry Osborne





Shminky resurgent

It was a packed house in the Verandah for the June Bar Quiz on the 17th, with nine teams turning up to contest the glittering prizes. All the heavyweights were there, resulting in one of the highest scoring quizzes on record.

The Beasts shot out to an early lead with a blistering first round score of 41 (the maximum possible score for a round being 44), but by Round 3, both Shminky and the fired-up Crown Southern Jokers team had overtaken them, with the Spoofers snapping at their heels. The Beasts dug deep in the final round but it wasn't enough, with Shminky holding on to take the Quiz from the Beasts and Crown Southern Jokers third. With a score of 135.5, normally enough to win most quizzes, the Spoofers had to be content with fourth place.

Welcome back to the Bookworms (who bagged a Crown Relocations wine prize), Textile Allstars and Another Team (who claimed the drinks prize - any relation to Some Other Team?).

As usual, the questions were a mixture of interesting, difficult and "I wouldn't have a clue". A particularly frightening question was the first up in Round 1: "How many CCTV's (surveillance cameras) are there in London? Circa 5,000, 50,000, 500,000 or 5,000,000? Well, 5 million would mean more than one for every household, so we can discount that. The answer in fact is c.500,000 which, when one comes to think about it, is an enormous number of cameras ...

The next question was "How many modes of dismissal are there in the game of cricket?" Let's see now, there's bowled, run out, stumped, caught (at silly mid-on or silly mid-off or by playing a silly shot), lbw, um ... that's it. Actually there are TEN modes of dismissal, including hitting your own wicket, handling the ball, hitting the ball twice, obstructing a fielder and (the best one of all) being timed out, where a batsman takes longer than three minutes to come out to bat after the previous batsman has been dismissed. And just so the squashies don't feel left out "In what public school did the game of squash originate?" (Harrow)

And the most interesting bottle question of the night (won by the Junkies): "In what year did the first lonely hearts ad appear"? It was earlier than you might think - 1695!

See the world, learn more trivia, get a chance to regurgitate facts you never knew you knew, have a laugh and maybe even win a prize at the next Quiz - now in the multi-screen Verandah Bar: Tuesday 19th August.

Oh, and the scores:

1. Shminky Binky Bang Bang	143.5	5. Under Par	127
2. The Beasts	140.5	6. Bookworms	109
3. The Crown Southern Jokers	138	7. Jim's Junkies	98
4. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	135.5	8. Another Team	94
		9. Textile Allstars	89



The head table, complete with murderous instruments



The cast

The scene is set



Murder in the Library

On Friday the 13th (of June) the British Club teamed up with the Neilson Hays Library and the St David's Society for a fun-filled evening of murder, mayhem and mystery - "Murder in the Library".

The rain stayed away as the evening began with cocktails and canapés in the courtyard of the Library. The magical setting set the tone for a four-course dinner and murder mystery, staged by the actors of the St David's Society, led by Ms Basia Filzek.

Khun Somboon, Barry and the staff of the British Club managed, in spite of the rain, which did eventually fall, to serve a memorable dinner, and the wines provided by Prestige Wine were enjoyed by one and all.

Clues were presented throughout the evening, but the mystery remained just that until the very end - not one table correctly guessed the murderer!

Coming up we have a spooky Halloween Whodunit evening planned for October 31st - see Bazza's Banter in this issue and keep your eyes peeled for further information!





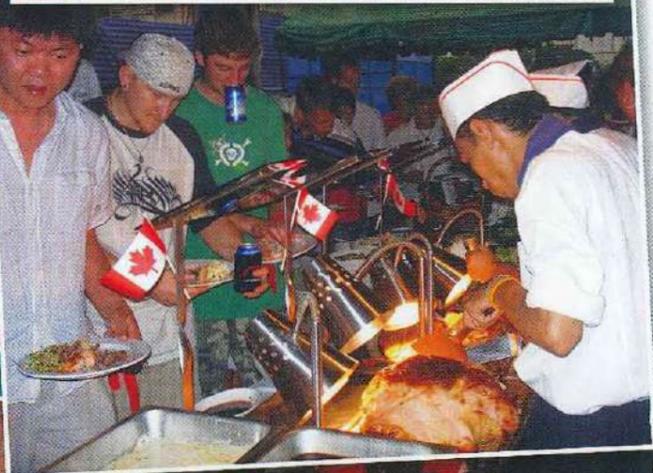
Canada Day – the best ever!

Being far from home doesn't mean that you have to miss great Canadian holidays! Every year the Canadian Community in Bangkok comes together for the annual Canada Day – an exciting day of fun, food and festivities to celebrate Canada's birthday.

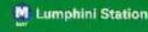
This year's Canada Day celebration on June 28, 2008 at the British Club was a great success and the best ever. It was a wonderful event for Canadians, their families, friends and

colleagues to share fun activities, fantastic food and great camaraderie within the beautifully landscaped gardens of the Club.

Over 350 people enjoyed the festivities and ensured a lively 141st anniversary celebration. The venue provided an ideal atmosphere for sporting events including volleyball, ball hockey, and tug-of-war and games for children - everyone had a great time!



BC CALENDAR August – The Month at a Glance

Sun	31	9:00am Tennis Team Practice	Silom Room 1:00-3:00pm Children's Activities	3	9:00am Tennis Team Practice	2:30-3:30pm Yoga	10	9:00am Tennis Team Practice	Silom Room 1:00-3:00pm Children's Activities	17	9:00am Tennis Team Practice	Silom Room 1:00-3:00pm Children's Activities	24	9:00am Tennis Team Practice	2:30-3:30pm Yoga	
		Poolside 11:30-3:00pm Poolside BBQ	2:30-3:30pm Yoga		10:30am-2:15pm Squash Mix-in	Suriwongse Room 2:30-6:00pm Bridge Tournament		Poolside 11:30-3:00pm Poolside BBQ		2:30-3:30pm Yoga		Poolside 11:30-3:00pm Poolside BBQ		Suriwongse Room 2:30-6:00pm Bridge Tournament		
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Mon				4	9:00am-12noon BWVG Mahjong	7:00-10:30pm Pipe Band Practice	11	9:00am-12noon BWVG Mahjong		7:00-10:30pm Pipe Band Practice	18	9:00am-12noon BWVG Mahjong	7:00-10:30pm Pipe Band Practice	25	9:00am-12noon BWVG Mahjong	7:00-10:30pm Pipe Band Practice
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					9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic	7:00-9:00pm Football Practice		9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic		7:00-9:00pm Football Practice		9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic	The Verandah 7:30pm QUIZ NIGHT		9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic	7:00-9:00pm Football Practice
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Fri				8	2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes	The Verandah Noon-2pm, 6-10pm CHINESE BUFFET	15	2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes		5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis	22	2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes	The Verandah Noon-2pm, 6-10pm CARIBBEAN BUFFET	29	2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes	The Verandah Noon-2pm, 6-10pm INDONESIAN BUFFET
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Sat				9	9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes	9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice	16	9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes		9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice	23	9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes	9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice	30	9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes	9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice



Banteay Srei

Apsaras (celestial dancers) – Angkor Wat

Bayon temple

British Club VIP Tour to Siem Reap

Including the Angkor Wat Light & Sound Show, Temple Tour, Air balloon at Angkor Wat and Tonle Sap Lake Tour

(4 days, 3 nights: 5 - 8 January 2009)

Angkor Wat - aerial view



Day 1: Bangkok - Siem Reap

- Meet at Suvarnabhumi Airport for the Bangkok Airways PG 924 flight to Siem Reap. Check-in 06:30 am.
- Arrive Siem Reap – Transfer to Day Inn Angkor Resort.
- Check-in and lunch at Day Inn with time to relax.
- Coach to **Angkor Wat Temple**.
- Dinner at Angkor Wat Temple followed by VIP seats at the **Light & Sound show** spectacular.
- Return to Day Inn Angkor Resort.

Day 2: Temple Tour

- Breakfast at Day Inn Angkor Resort.
- Visit to famous **Angkor Wat**, built by King Suryavarman II during the first half of the 12th century. It is a funeral pyre dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu. Then visit the walled city of **Angkor Thom** and the **Bayon** temple which stands at the center of the city. Built at the end of the 12th century by King Jayavarman VII.
- Lunch at Angkor Wat (drinks not included).
- Visit to Angkor Tom and **Ta Prohm** temple, mid 12th – early 13th which was built by King Jayavarman VII and dedicated to his mother.
- Return to Resort with time to relax.
- 7 pm - Take tuk-tuk to Khmer Family Kitchen for Dinner (Drinks not included).
- Time free or follow Baz to Dead Fish Pub and Zone One disco optional (cost is not included)



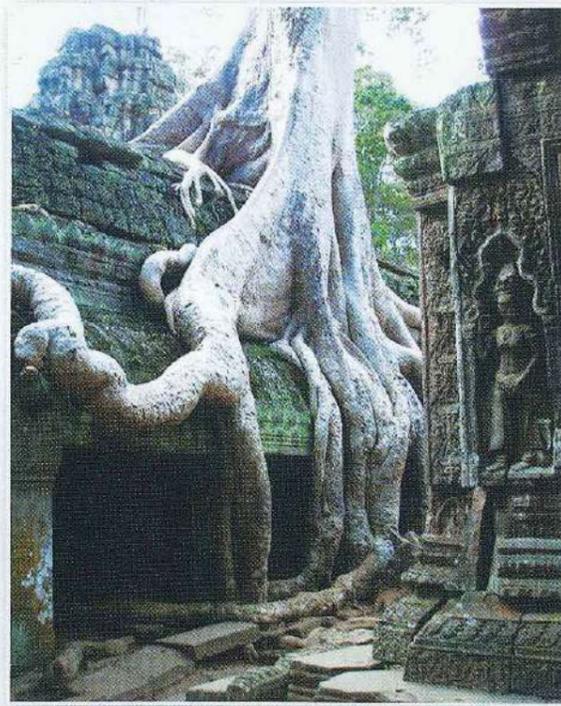
The face of Jayavarman VII?
– Bayon

Day 3: Air Balloon, Banteay Srei and Tonle Sap Tour

- Breakfast at Day Inn
- **Air Balloon at Angkor Wat** – cost included!
- Visit **Banteay Srei** (the citadel of women) built late 10th century by a courtier of King Rajendravarman. A magnificent jewel of a temple. It is made of pink sandstone and is very finely sculpted, with an incredible richness of detail.
- Lunch.
- Visit the **Tonle Sap**, a fresh water lake, by taking a boat tour of the lake and seeing how the people live, many who are Vietnamese fisherman.
- Return to Hotel.
- Evening Free.

Day 4: Siem Reap – Bangkok

- Breakfast at Day Inn and check out.
 - Return to Bangkok on Bangkok Airways flight PG906 – Arrive Bangkok at 02 :10 pm
- All beverages consumed at meal times and food and drinks from the mini bar at the Hotel are at members' individual cost*



Ta Prohm

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Buffets, buffets everywhere, and many a drop to drink . . .

This month, in addition to our usual Sunday and midweek buffets, we are putting on a special buffet for Mothers Day on the 12th. And we have five Friday "theme" buffets this August featuring cuisine from all over the world. We start the month with a Mediterranean Buffet on the 1st, followed by a Chinese Buffet on the 8th to celebrate the opening of the Olympic Games, the ever-popular T.G.I.F Curry Buffet is on the 15th, and at the end of the month, on the 29th, Khun Laak's amazing Indonesian Buffet – see page 28 for more!

This month's culinary highlight is timed to celebrate London's Notting Hill Carnival. Our Caribbean Buffet on Friday the 22nd will feature some very tasty and authentic Caribbean creations from Khun Laak, with a range of rum-based cocktails created by Khun Boom. Below is a sampling of the rich diversity of Caribbean cuisine - hearty oxtail & beans, a Jamaican lobster dish and a saucy lamb shanks recipe, plus some potent tropical coolers to try . . . or if you're driving home, there's even a non-alcoholic tropical mega-fruit punch.



Oxtail and Beans
(serves 4)

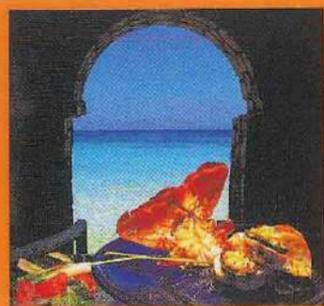
The combinations of broad beans (also called fava beans) and spinners make this a super-hearty recipe with that extraordinary country flavour that Jamaican foods tend to possess. You can substitute beef or veal shanks if oxtail is hard to find.

Ingredients:

- 1 kg oxtail, jointed
- 60 ml vegetable oil
- 1.25 litres water
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 sprig of thyme
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 250g tinned broad beans (or cooked fresh broad beans)
- Spinners

Directions:

1. Wash and dry the oxtail pieces, then brown them in the oil in a large stockpot or soup kettle.
2. Add 1 litre of the water and bring to the boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer until the oxtail is tender, about 1 hour.
3. Add all of the remaining ingredients except the beans and the spinners. Cook over medium heat, for 10 minutes, then add the remaining water along with the beans and the spinners.
4. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer until the liquid becomes a thick gravy, about 10 minutes.



Lobster Sans Souci
(serves 8)

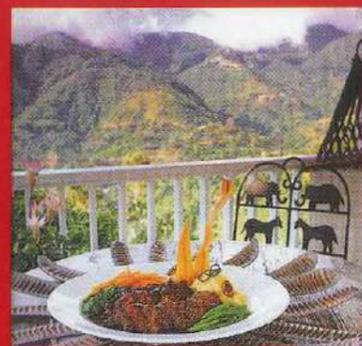
This recipe is a combination of several traditional Jamaican lobster dishes.

Ingredients:

- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 10 whole black peppercorns
- 1 litre water
- 375 ml clarified butter (ghee)
- 1 spring onion, minced
- 2 tsps finely chopped lemongrass
- ½ tsp annatto seeds
- ½ tsp fresh thyme
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- 1 aubergine, thinly sliced into rounds
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 Caribbean rock lobster tails
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 Scotch bonnet or jalapeno chilli, seeded and minced
- ¼ cup grated coconut
- 250 ml double cream

Directions:

1. Place the carrot, onion, bay leaf, peppercorns and water in a large pot and bring to the boil over a medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer until the carrots are tender, about 10 minutes. Strain the stock, discard the vegetables & bay leaf, and reserve the stock in the same pot.
2. In a medium frying pan, add the clarified butter along with the spring onion, lemongrass, annatto, thyme and garlic. Heat until hot. Remove from the heat.
3. Preheat a large frying pan over a medium-high heat. Coat the aubergine rounds with 125 ml of the clarified butter mixture. Add the aubergine to the frying pan in batches, and cook until tender. Remove from the pan, season with salt and pepper to taste, and cover to keep warm.
4. Bring the reserved stock to a boil over a medium-high heat. Add the lobster tails, reduce the heat to medium-low, and simmer until the meat is tender, 12-13 minutes. Remove the lobster from the stock and set aside.
5. Heat 1 tablespoon of the remaining butter and quickly sauté the corn and the chilli for about 1 minute. Add the grated coconut and the cream, and cook until the liquid has become quite thick, 4-5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
6. Serve the lobster tails with the remaining butter on the side, along with the aubergine chips and the creamed corn.



Blue Mountain Lamb
(serves 6)

Here is a delightful rendition of lamb shanks, with a host of hot, bitter and sweet flavours direct from the Caribbean islands' repertoire.

Ingredients:

- 6 small lamb shanks, trimmed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Grated peel of 2 oranges
- Juice of 6 oranges

- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ tsp angostura bitters
- ½ tsp Pickapeppa sauce
- Chicken stock, if necessary

Directions:

1. Rub the lamb shanks with your desired amount of salt and pepper. Melt the butter in a heavy Dutch oven over a medium-high heat. Add the lamb and cook until brown on all sides, about 10 minutes.
2. Reduce the heat to low. Add all of the remaining ingredients, cover, and cook until the lamb is tender, about 1½ hours.
3. Remove the lamb shanks to a serving dish and cover to keep warm. Remove and discard the excess fat from the pan liquid. Bring the remaining liquid to a boil over a high heat, reduce the heat to medium, and simmer until the liquid is reduced to about 500 ml. Add the chicken stock to adjust the consistency and flavour, if desired.
4. Pour over the lamb shanks and serve with mashed potatoes, fried onions, and fried plantains.

Tropical Coolers

Tropical Fruit Punch

- 60 ml pineapple juice
- 60 ml orange juice
- 60 ml apple juice
- 60 ml mango nectar
- 60 ml strawberry syrup
- 1 cup ice cubes

Shake all the ingredients together with ice cubes. Pour into two chilled glasses and serve. Serves 2.

Yellow Bird

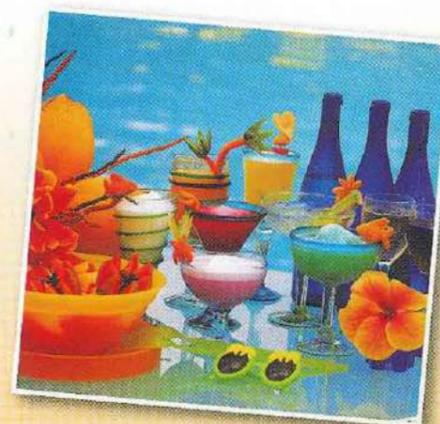
- 2 tbsps lime juice
- 4 tsps sugar
- 150ml orange juice
- 15 ml Tia Maria
- 60 ml rum
- 15 ml crème de banane
- 175 ml Galliano
- 4 ice cubes

Blend all the ingredients in a blender and pour into a 12-ounce Collins glass. Garnish with tropical fruit. Serves 1.

Pink Lady

- 125 ml evaporated milk
- 60 ml strawberry fruit syrup
- 60 ml gin
- 4 ice cubes

Blend all the ingredients in a blender and strain into 2 glasses. Serve with short straws. Serves 2.



Caribbean Sky

- 45 ml blue Curacao
- 2 slices pineapple
- 60 ml gold rum
- 60 ml lime juice
- 60 ml syrup

2 cups crushed ice
Place all the ingredients in a blender and blend at high speed until slushy. Pour into 2 chilled glasses and serve. Serves 2.

Mango Daiquiri

- 125 ml light rum
- 30 ml Curacao
- ½ cup finely chopped fresh mango
- 2 tbsps lime juice
- 1 tbspc icing sugar
- 2 cups finely crushed ice

Place all the ingredients in a blender and blend at high speed until slushy. Pour into 2 chilled glasses and serve. Serves 2.



The Taste of Bali

Khun Laak and her team really excelled themselves with their Balinese Buffet last month, with a variety of Balinese dishes that were authentic in both presentation and taste. I have eaten in most of the restaurants in Kuta and visited quite a few of the nightclubs (??!!) and I can say that our Balinese food was even better than some of the restaurants there.

The Balinese promotion will be held again on August 29th - the same night as our next wine tasting - to give the buffet a wider audience and to give members who missed it last time the chance to sample the taste of Bali. We have created many buffets over the years but I think this is the best. Well done to Khun Laak and her team. Khun Laak was really worried about creating this buffet, as the nearest she has been to Bali is the cookbooks I brought back last time!

Even Angela Stafford raved about the food – and she is quite a food critic with an exceedingly healthy appetite (!!) – especially once she has found a table that she likes, with the correct Feng Shui . . . Many of the pictures and decorations, even the music and the kite hanging from the ceiling, were lent to us by Angela from her collection, which was spread over about 13 bags of stuff that she managed to haul back from her Balinese holiday.

The next Balinese Buffet on August 29th (lunch and dinner) will feature Young Jackfruit and Coconut Salad, Tuna Salad with Lemongrass and Shallots, Beef Salad, Gado Gado, Shredded Chicken with Chili and Lime (my favourite), Balinese Lamb Stew, Balinese Roast Chicken, Duck Sate, and a Lamb Curry to die for.

If you fancy trying the authentic taste of Bali, this buffet is for you. And you will not be disappointed.

Baz

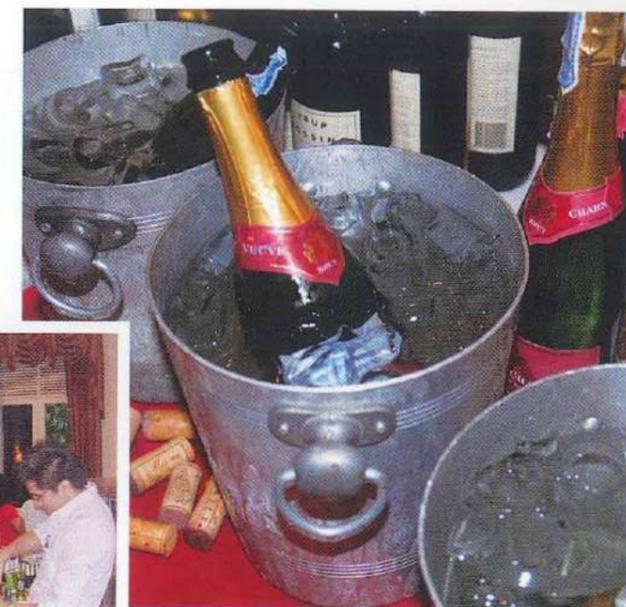
If you liked the Balinese or any of our buffets, we can also create these for your private functions. If you have a dinner or party coming up, why not contact the Club and let us do the work? We cater over 400 private functions a year and we have all sorts of delicious menus for you to choose from featuring a wide variety of cuisines - and because we are extremely flexible, we can easily adapt to your catering needs.



Wine Tasting

“Here’s to the corkscrew - a useful key to unlock the storehouse of wit, the treasury of laughter, the front door of fellowship, and the gate of pleasant folly.”

W.E.P. French



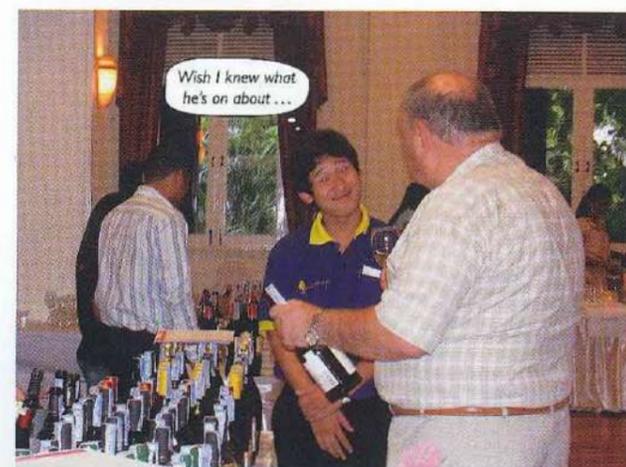
The June wine tasting took place in the Suriwongse room on June 26th and was attended by around 60 members. We held the tasting on Thursday as on the Friday we were busy setting up for the Canada Day party.

Four companies, D&D foods, Californian Wines, Asia Foods and African Latitudes came along and the Paradox company was also there selling wine glasses and wine accessories, including some pretty nifty looking wine openers. There were some great offers available to the members and all the companies did brisk business.

Afterwards many members popped down to the Verandah to enjoy the Club’s Curry Buffet. The Balinese Buffet was postponed until July 11th as Club Executive Chef Khun Laak had to go on emergency leave due to bereavement.

The August wine tasting will take place on August 29th and I look forward to seeing you there.

Baz





With Reed Passmore

Dear Members,
June was another busy yet fun month with sports, events and races at the Club.



A bit of pre-race banter ...



And they're off!



Swimming Gala, 29th June

It was a bright and early yet beautiful Sunday morning that greeted us all for the first swimming gala of 2008. The gala started with a laugh as the adults competed in a 25m noodle race.

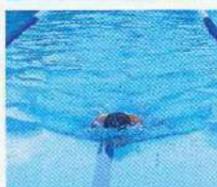
To the shock of many of their children the adults were eager, sober and very competitive. In total there were 24 races in age groups - freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke, family relay races and, my personal highlight, the kids' 25m noodle race.

The men's noodle race was hotly contested with Richard, Ali and Neil taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. And the ladies noodle race was over in a flash with Elise, Carol and Andrea taking to the podium.

About 30 children who are currently doing swimming lessons at the Club and 10 other British Club children joined in the races to make it a fun, competitive and healthy day out for all. It was great to see the kids competing and at times beating the adults.

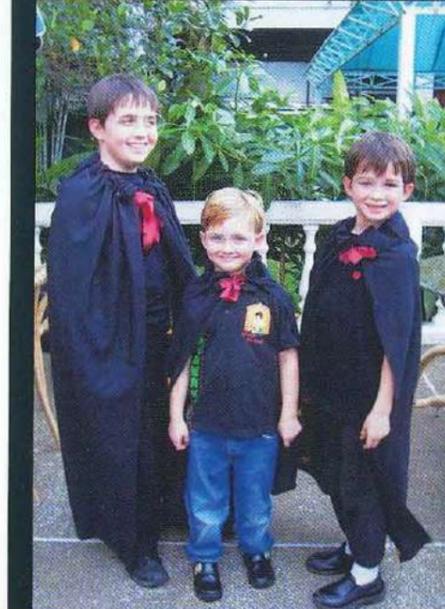
The next swimming gala will be run at the end of next term. Late November.

Thank you to all the members who competed and supported on the day.



Hogwarts Party - Freaky Friday

On the only Friday 13th of the year we thought it appropriate to throw a party. Everyone who attended dressed up as their favourite Harry Potter characters, witches/wizards and we even had a goblin on the night. The theme was Hogwarts school dinner. We made wands, tested everyone's knowledge with a Harry Potter quiz, raced around on brooms, ate dinner, Dumbledore scared some of the kids and we all settled in to watch Harry and his wizard friends on the big screen. It was a fun Friday night and I am looking forward to Halloween. Baz and I are already putting things together to make this the biggest kids party of the year!!



How fit are you?

Test your physical fitness against U.S. Ranger Standards

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The Ranger goal: 80 in 2 minutes
Keep track of the total number of pushups you perform in that time period, and try to beat it in your next workout.

SITUPS

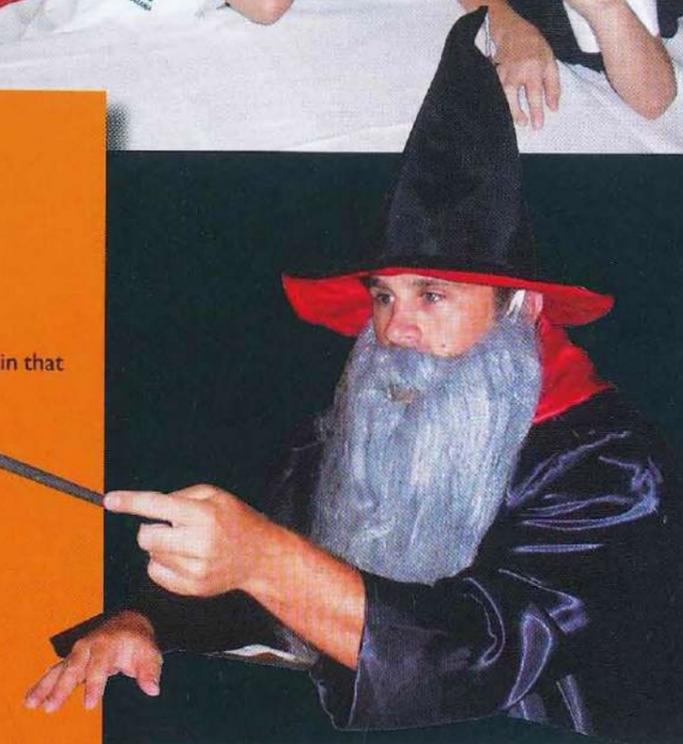
The Ranger goal: 80 in 2 minutes
Work your way to the 2-minute goal.

CHINUPS

The Ranger goal: 12 or more

2-MILE RUN (3.2km)

The Ranger goal: 13 minutes or less



Rugby Report for June 2008

This month's rugby article features some different perspectives on what the Rugby Section is doing in terms of development of rugby in Thailand and within our Club. We have noticed a great interest in the Section's activities from the Club's members and therefore decided to report from the World Cup qualifying tournament for Asia. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and the Asian Rugby Football Union (ARFU) are partners in a major innovation in Asian Rugby, the HSBC Asian Five Nations Series (HSBC A5N). Remarkable for its scale and inclusiveness, the HSBC A5N features four tiers of elite competition across 25 Asian rugby unions with promotion and relegation opportunities for participating teams.

The Top 5 competition was played across a five-week, single round robin home and away format featuring the Arabian Gulf, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan and Korea. Test matches were held on consecutive weekends throughout April and May 2008. As proof of the uniquely inclusive nature of HSBC A5N, the last placed team in the Top 5 competition in 2008 will be relegated to the 2009 Division I competition to be replaced by the top placed team in Division I. The promotion and relegation policy will also be in effect for the Division I and Division II competitions, guaranteeing an equal share of the spoils for Asia's most progressive unions.

After the successful completion of the HSBC Asian Five Nations (A5N) Top 5 competition in May 2008, the groundbreaking new regional rugby series carried on its next stage with last month's kick-off of the Division II Tournament in Bangkok. Adding to the excitement surrounding the launch of the new series, the Division II Tournament has been named by the International Rugby Board as Asia's first qualifier event for the Rugby World Cup 2011. In addition to keeping its Rugby World Cup dream alive, the winner of the Division II Tournament will be promoted to the HSBC Asian Five Nations Division I Tournament in 2009, replacing the relegated last placed finisher in Division I 2008, (to be played between China, Chinese Taipei, Singapore and Sri Lanka in Chinese Taipei in November). Next year's Division I Tournament will serve as Round II of the Rugby World Cup Qualifiers for Asia. The Asian Five Nations Division II Tournament features top seeded Malaysia, second seeds Thailand, third seeds India and fourth seeds Pakistan vying for promotion to Division I and the opportunity to further progress on the road to the Rugby World Cup in 2011.

The Rugby Section attended the qualifying round played here in Bangkok during June 11 - 14. After the first round of play Thailand had made it to the final to face favourites and fierce local rivals Malaysia and the British Club Rugby Section was down at the Army Stadium in full force cheering Thailand - six of our former players had been selected for the Thai squad, proving that the hard work and training is really paying off. Special mention must go to Che our speedster on the wing for the last 5 years, who when he joined us had never even

picked up a rugby ball while being a student at Ramkamheang University. After leading just 13 - 7 at the interval, Thailand scored 17 points in the second half, including two tries in the first 11 minutes after play resumed to seal victory in front of a vocal crowd of supporters.



Players belonging to our development team after a hard game

The British Club has become a well known breeding ground for Thai rugby talent as many off the top teams recruit our players offering rankings and wages in the forces which we just can't compete with, making it hard for us to keep players once they gain notoriety from playing successfully with the British Club. However, we are extremely proud to be involved in the process of developing rugby in Thailand and unearthing new talent. With this year's season fast approaching at the end of August we hope we can continue our success on and off the field.

For July and August the Section has a tight program with the yearly Silpakorn 10s coming up on July 19 and the tour to Kedah State in Malaysia during the first week of August. Last time we participated in Silpakorn 10s we brought back prize money (not common in Thai rugby) and hopefully we will do it again this year!

The British Club Rugby Section committee members participated in the Development Special Interest Group (DSIG) meeting which was held at the Club on June 24th. Chairman Magnus Andersson and Secretary Morcar McConnell represented the Rugby Section. It is for us very valuable to be invited and provide input on behalf of not only rugby but also try to create consensus among the different sports sections within the Club in order to reach the best and optimal development solutions for all Club members. Sometime it is forgotten that we all belong to the same Club and that all members should be able to benefit from the activities organized by the different sections. Events such as the DSIG meeting are important features within the process of developing our Club to the better for all members. The Section would like to express our thanks to the DSIG for their excellent work in proposing plans on the future development of our Club.

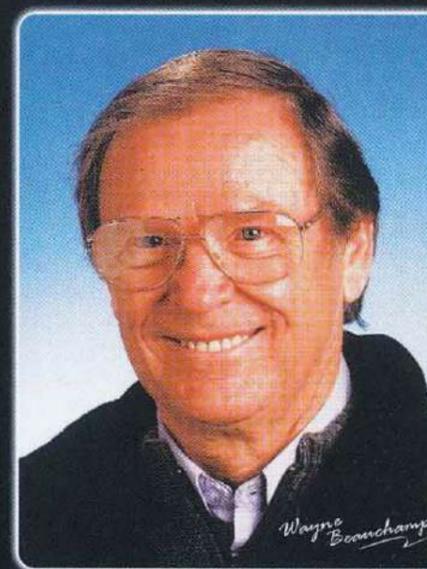
As a consequence of the construction at the tennis courts where we normally practice we have decided to organize fitness trainings every Thursday at 7 pm on the back lawn. New and old members are very welcome to join for some rugby fitness training. Please also keep an eye on our board for updates on our activities.

Looking forward to reporting on our tour to Malaysia in the next issue of Outpost!

Yours in rugby,
Magnus Andersson
Chairman
Rugby Section



BC hosting Kedah State - looking forward to visiting Malaysia



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Squashy Bits

The Squashy highlight of June was the annual Club Championships played for the Don Johnson Cup and Para Handy Plate (see box) with the finals played at the Club on Sunday 23rd.

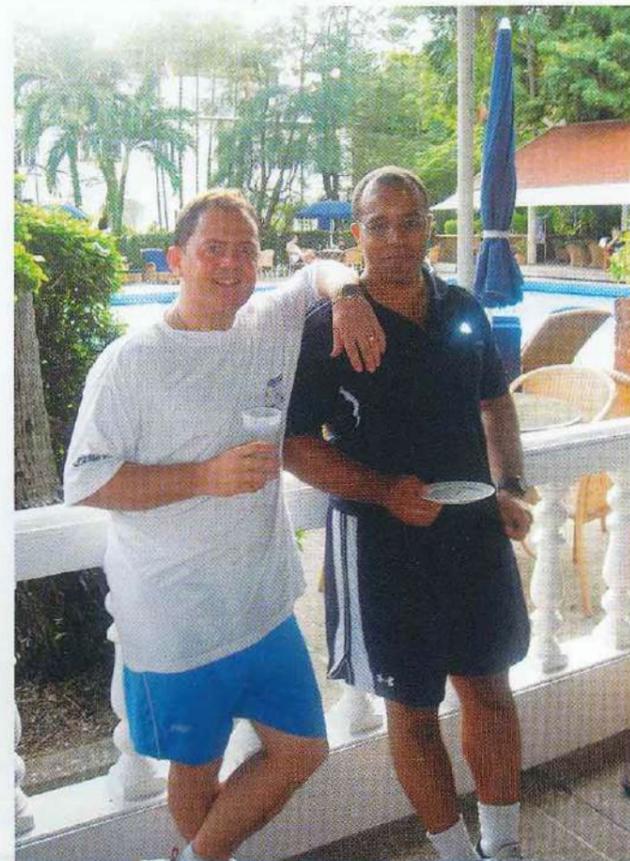


The Gallery

Para Handy Plate

The Para Handy Plate was between Walter Gray and Dean Thompson, both relative new-comers, both playing in their first Club finals, both a little overwhelmed at being in the spotlight, but both delighted at being there. Walter has only been a member 3 months and hales from the USA. At 40 he is one of the younger BC squash players! He claims he was taught squash by an English friend in California and played most of his squash on Rhode Island. Dean, 41, comes from Southampton, has been a member 2 years, learned in Egypt and played most of his squash in Dubai.

This was always going to be a good match and both players were coy in their pre-match interviews. Walter though was well-prepared, early to bed the night before and early at the Club for a warm-up with his coach David Lines. David at least had no doubts. "If he does what I told him ... no problem!" ... "What did you tell him?" ... "You'll have to pay 1,000 baht



Bookseller and Energy Conserver

to find out!" ... I didn't. Dean was relaxed too though, arriving a couple of minutes before the match. "Got to bed about 2, had some friends over for drinks"

Both Walter and Dean like to give the ball a good whack and the match got off at a cracking pace. Walter's pre-match preparations served him well as he surged to 7-1 with Dean making all the mistakes. Dean though also soon began to get into his stride and pulled the game back to 7-7 with some amazing running to all corners of the court. This proved his undoing though as, having pulled even, he relaxed a tad and played a couple of tired unforced errors to give Walter the game at 9-7.

Dean started the second game strongly and this time it was he that surged ahead to 7-1. But again 7 seemed to be his bogey score and Walter's pre-match preparations were paying off as he forced the errors and came back strongly to win 9-7. The match might have folded at that point, but Dean is a tenacious player and never gives up. In the third game he again raced to 7-2 before again making a couple of unforced errors to almost let Walter back. But this time he hung in and, after a couple of long rallies with both players playing deep and tight on the wall, it was Walter that tired, Dean finishing it off 9-4 with a great passing shot to the back left hand corner.

The fourth game was rather scrappy taking a long time to reach 3-1, but then it was suddenly all Dean with Walter tiring and going down 9-1. At 2-2 the match was anyone's. With both players tired, it was always likely that whoever could string a few points together or win an important rally would go on to win. And so it turned out. After a tight start, Walter served at 4-2 with one of the longest rallies of the match. Mid-way through the point, Dean played what looked like a perfect lob as Walter was stranded mid-court ... but somehow Walter found the energy and the inches to scrape it off the fans, kept the rally going and eventually won the point. This was the pivotal moment. Dean now knew he was up against it, completely missed the next serve, quickly folding to 9-2.

This was a great match to watch between two very nice guys who played in the best spirit of the game. There was hardly a grunt or an expletive, I don't recall a disputed point, and if Dean also gets a few lessons from David, these two will enjoy many a memorable match. Walter, by the way, works in energy conservation whilst Dean flogs books. Not a bad combination.

Don Johnson Cup (1967) and Para Handy Plate (1973)



The Vital Spark

Back in 2005 nobody seemed to know the origins of the Club Championship Trophy and first round losers Plate ... Don Johnson and Para Handy ... so I launched an inquiry through Squashy Bits. After some very entertaining correspondence we decided that Don Johnson was just a nice bloke and moderate squash player who worked for the New Zealand Insurance at the Borneo Company in the 1960s (Thank you David Fisher). We never found out who actually donated the Para Handy plate but Barry Daniel discovered that it was named after Peter (Para) Handy (played by Roddy McMillan), skipper of the "Vital Spark", a Highland tug boat which featured in a 1960's BBC TV series. Para Handy was a quintessential second-rater who could be relied upon to stuff up the simplest cargo delivery assignment, week after week, in a blaze of Scotch Whisky and misunderstandings. He was created around 1902 by one of Scotland's greatest Victorian writers, Neil Munro, whose biographical notes suggest he had a strong streak of the lovable Para Handy in himself.

Don Johnson Cup

By contrast, the players in the main event, the Don Johnson Cup, were well-known to all. 52 year old Yorkshireman, David Lines, ex-bus driver, reigning Club Champion, Club Captain and Club Coach against 46 year old, quiet and unassuming Ja Chaturan, a long timer who several years ago shed about 20kgs to become one of the fittest players in the section. The contrast could hardly have been greater and the contest was eagerly awaited. After their semi-final wins on the Friday night both celebrated in their unique styles ... David with a Dr. Singha in his hand, Ja pounding up and down the swimming pool. "Do you think Ja can win?" I asked David. "Naaaaaaa ... No chance!" replied David, but then adding "not unless he can take me to 5 ... and I'm not going to let that happen!"



Winners All



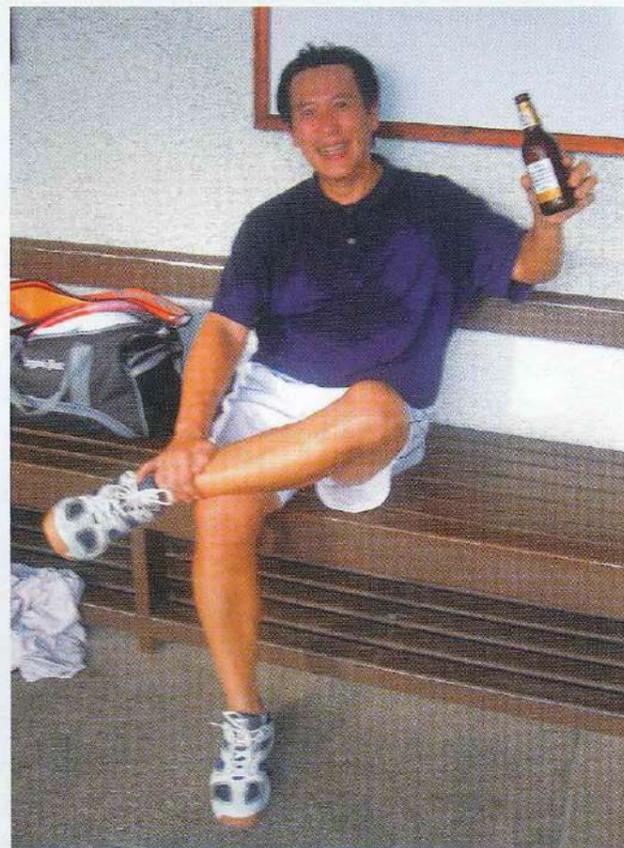
Ja Chaturan - Club Champion



Before - Eager anticipation



After – David deals with defeat



After – Ja celebrates

Well, we were treated to grand match. David is by far the most experienced and technically correct player in the Club, but Ja has recently become a very stubborn opponent with a couple of league wins against David under his belt. Both players wanted to win this one ... David quickly ... Ja knowing the longer it went the better his chances.

In a long, tight first game, Ja generally had the upper hand, inching ahead to 7-4, before David pulled it back to 7-7. After that it could have been anyone's game, but Ja finally ran out winner 10-8 ... the crucial advantage he was looking for. But there can hardly be a more determined or dangerous squash player than David when he is up against it. Incredibly focused, he began to force errors from Ja racing ahead to 8-2 in the second game. Ja came back, but a couple of exquisite nicks from David closed it out at 9-6. One-all!

The third game was very close, swinging both ways, a wonderfully balanced match with very little between the two players. Ja took the lead 5-3, David pulled it back to 6-5, then Ja 8-7 ... but it was Ja that won 9-7, the score now 2-1 to Ja and David's chances not looking good. But yet again he came back in the fourth, probably playing his best game of the match, and began to make Ja look tired. David was always ahead, 3-0, 6-3, 8-4, to win 9-4. 2 games all and suddenly ... well yes ... David could still win over 5!

It took a long time for either player to get on top in the decider and, as in the plate, it seemed likely that the player who could win a crucial point or rally might well go on to win. This time it came at 4-2 with Ja serving and, after a long rally, David ran to the front left hand corner to play what should have been the winning drop ... but instead his tired shot found the tin and as he looked up at the gallery his tortured face said it all ... and through his grimaced teeth there might well have been uttered a rich piece of Yorkshire folklore! It wasn't quite over, David hung on 7-5, but the damage had been done and Ja ran out the worthy winner at 9-5. Ja, the new Club Champion, winning his first final after 4 attempts.

Two fantastic matches played by four great guys. Back in the 1960's court #2 was designed to take 120 spectators, 80 in the gallery and 40 on the side. We didn't quite manage that, but there was a good turnout of Squashies to enjoy the squash and a few beers after. Peter Corney presided over the presentations and could feel justifiably proud of yet another well-organised tournament. Thank you and well done Peter.

League Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the June League #232: 1 **David Lines**, 2 **Shiraz Poonevala**, 3 **Jonathan Loney**. No nonsense in this month, David Lines winning Division 1 yet again.

Happy Squashing!

Jack Dunford

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Are you looking after your guests?

Dear Members,

There have been a number of situations over the last few weeks that have indicated that some members are not familiar with, or are not observing, the Club's Rules regarding the introduction of guests into the Club. Please follow the Rules on Guests, reproduced below, to save embarrassment to you and your guests. In particular, if you have a function here you must also provide us with a name list of all your invited guests, so that we can inform security and your guests may pass security at the Club gate. If you have a guest who will be arriving at the Club without you, please inform us and we will tell security - if your guests are coming in alone and their name is not at the gate they will not be allowed entrance to the Club.

Guests arriving before members are also not allowed to purchase any F&B - this Rule is for members' protection - please ensure you arrive before your guests.

Barry Osborne, General Manager

GUESTS

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- (i) Members may introduce guests to any of the Club's F&B facilities. However, on weekends and on public holidays, prior management approval is required for guest use of the Poolside Salas and Swimming Pools.
 - (ii) Guests may not use the Fitness Centre or Sports Facilities at any time without prior Management approval.
 - (iii) All guests who enter the Club must be registered as laid down in the By-laws.
 - (iv) Not more than three guests may be introduced by any one Member or spouse on the same day without the prior approval of the General Committee or the General Manager.
 - (v) Such guests may not remain at the Club after the Member by whom they were introduced has left. This shall not apply to a properly booked function where the guests may remain in the Function Room only until the close of the function.
- (b) The Management and/or the General Committee reserve the right to limit guest usage at busy periods and the General Committee may, if they deem it in the interest of the Club, curtail or suspend privileges granted to guests through the Bylaws, or by notification in a Club circular.
- (c) The Management and/or the General Committee reserve the right to refuse further Club use to any guest resident or working in Thailand who, in the opinion of Management and/or the General Committee, are deemed to be making regular use of the Club's facilities when a membership option is open to them.
- (d) Members shall be responsible for the observance, by their guests, of the Rules and Bylaws of the Club.
- (e) No person who has been expelled or suspended from the Club or who has their application for Membership disallowed may be introduced to the Club as a guest.

Double Diabolical Sudoku

We received 11 entries again for the July sudoku, the majority being first-time players, but it was a couple of the "regulars" who scooped up the prizes this month - see below. Times ranged from 11 minutes from this month's "speedy sudokusan" to 110 minutes, which by sheer coincidence just happens to be exactly ten times longer than the fastest time! The first puzzle was easy this time, taking an average of just 27.3 minutes, but the second puzzle proved much more of a challenge for nearly everyone, with an average time of 51.9 minutes!

Here are another two minimal Diabolical Sudokus. As usual, each Sudoku will have its own draw and for each a bottle of wine goes to the skilful - and lucky - winner.

Fax or deliver your completed sudoku/s to Barry Osborne as soon as possible after receiving Outpost. Entries must be received by the 10th of the month (but we will extend the deadline in the rare event that Outpost is late out). The author of the first correct entry (for each Sudoku) drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

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Rating: 'Diabolically Difficult'

Solution times: You tell us! Write down your time next to your completed puzzle(s) - be truthful now!

July SUDOKU WINNERS

Well, it's a clean sweep for the ladies this time.

The winner of the draw for the first puzzle is Jenny Harries (H361). Congratulations Jenny on your very first sudoku win after quite a few tries!

And, for a record-breaking fifth time, the winner of the second diabolical sudoku draw is Meilan Henderson (H243). Congratulations Meilan... How do you do it?? Have you considered entering more lotteries?

To all those not-so-lucky souls who missed out this time, don't give up! Keep sending in your sudokus, because one day, when you least expect it, your number might come up...

To the current winners, just a reminder that we at Outpost are always available to help you drink your wine, should you need assistance...

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Rating: 'Diabolically Difficult'

Solution times: You tell us! Write down your time next to your completed puzzle(s) - no fibbing!

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Saturday & Sunday mornings - Junior cricket practice

Fitball Training

Monday-Thursday 10:30am
Saturday 2:00pm

Football

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

Hockey

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

Pipe Band

Monday 7:00-10:30pm Practice - upstairs Clubrooms
Wednesday 7:00-10:30pm Practice - upstairs Clubrooms

Rugby

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

Spoofing

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

Squash

Tuesday 5:15-8:15pm Casual Mix-in
1st Saturday of every month 2:00pm Handicap 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
Ladies Mix-in
Tuesday 8:00-11:00am
Thursday 8:00-11:00am
Team Practice
Sunday 9:00-11:00am

Tennis Coaching

With Khun Pierre...
Friday 3:30-5:30pm: Junior tennis
(Contact Reed in the Fitness Centre for more details)

Yoga

Sunday 2:30-3:30pm

Sports/Activities Price List

Aqua Aerobics

Bt 3,000 for 10 sessions

Cricket

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

Fitball Training

Package deals or Bt.200 per session (drop in)

Massage

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session (except Mondays)

Squash

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 for 1 hour

Squash courts

Bt 50 per 45 min

Swimming

British Club Swimming lessons - Bt 325 per session, Bt 3,250 for 10 lessons

Tennis

Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour

Junior Tennis

Bt 5,500 for 10 lessons (Friday)

Tennis courts

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Tennis knockers

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

Yoga

Bt 2,500/month for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 300 per session

Golf Report for June 2008

Honda Cup

Our main event in June was our annual match against the Japanese Golf Association for the Honda Cup. This has always been a hotly contested fixture and previously we have been out-golfed by the very able Japanese team. So this year we set out to try to even the score.

The enormous amounts of planning by Captain Maureen and Vice Captain Frank to ensure that we provided a hospitable and fun day for our Japanese guests really paid off. We welcomed 24 of them to President Golf Club (their home course - was this a tactical error?)



Organising the teams

where six groups teed off the first and six off the tenth hole. Just getting everyone to the right tee at the right time took some doing and the BCGS golfers seemed to be scattered to the four winds so a team photo was not possible. We did



JC modelling his wonderful new club shirt

get a photo of John Carter proudly modelling his new club shirt. There were also a few scares with one of our team getting lost on the way to the course and another's golf clubs not arriving - they were in the car belonging to someone else who was taken ill and

had to drop out. Our opponents were different however, seemed very disciplined and gathered together before the match for a team morale boosting session, so we took a photo of them instead.



The Japanese Team

Historically, we have always found this fixture hard to win and always approach it with some trepidation, wondering just how good a team we will be up against. The format was combined stableford match play and this year we managed to close the gap and actually drew the match with each side winning six games. So the JGA get to keep the cup but we look forward next year to actually moving ahead. Some of the matches went all the way to the 18th hole with the lead seesawing backwards and forwards and there were some very good combined stableford scores with the top prize going to Mr Suzuki and Mr Ohashi with 78 points.



So that is what his driver is for!

While waiting to tee off, Bob Randle demonstrated the excellent control he has over his driver --- when balancing it on his nose. The driver was much less controllable on the tee unfortunately.



Still organising the results



Somebody tore up a scorecard

After the game we all went to the British Club for an excellent carvery buffet in the Suriwongse Room and our guests enjoyed the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, although the fruit crumble and custard needed some explaining. After dinner, and when all the scores were finally checked and double-checked, the prizes were presented with many additional gifts from the JGA. Again some explanation was needed for the Japanese couple who won a booby prize for second to last place. Finally the Honda cup was ceremoniously handed to Mr Wattanabe, the Chairman of the Japanese Golf Association.



The Honda cup stays with the Japanese this time

Club Day at Royal Lakeside



Fun Day winner JC

Format for the day was Strokeplay – but it was not a Medal, just a “fun” day – so someone, who shall remain nameless!, suggested that only scores on hole numbers beginning with T or F should count, amazingly that is half the holes (count them.. Two, Three, Four etc.) less half handicap. (Some people thought The First should count as well – ha ha!!) Bottles of wine (full bottles, although there is an argument they should only have been half bottles) went to John Carter (net 30) and George Okrasa (Net 30.5).

Hassell Stableford at Bangkok Golf Club



Stableford winner George

Another good day's golf was had here with no rain. The scoring was reasonably high with Gorgeous George Okrasa (again) beating Bob Randle by just one point 38 to 37 points.

Millward Brown Firefly Medal

The June medal which, as always, is generously sponsored by Millward Brown Firefly, was played at the Royal at the end of the month with flight A being won by Peter Skinner with net 69 from Ray Harries on net 70 and Karen Holloway on



Flight A winner Pete



Flight B winner Rosemarie

net 71. Well done Peter after giving us all a scare being ill the previous week!! Rosemarie Milne won flight B with net 72 and received her medal from husband Gordon on behalf of the sponsor.

Upcoming Events

Date	Location	Event
August 10th	Subhapruek	Hassell Stableford
August 31st	The Royal	Millward Brown Firefly Medal
September 7th	Bangkok Golf	Fun Day
September 14th	To be confirmed	Volvo Cup v Scandinavians
September 21st	The Royal	Millward Brown Firefly Medal
September 28th	The Royal	Magpie Putter v The Wanderers

Remember, we welcome guests and new members to all our events, and anyone can contest the technical prizes such as near pins and longest drives at all events. However in order to qualify to win the main prizes at the Stableford, Medal and cup competitions, players have to have handicaps recognised by the British Club Golf Section. Either email or phone to find out about and to sign up for the next games and to clarify your handicap.

Happy Golfing
Jenny Harries

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TENNIS

Quote of the month:

“ Experience is a great advantage. The problem is that when you get the experience, you're too damned old to do anything about it. ”

Jimmy Connors

British Club v. Royal Bangkok Sports Club

A good time was had by all at this friendly match played at the RBSC on 14th June 2008. Expectations of playing on grass were dashed with the morning rain shower but by the time the match had begun, courts both in and outdoors were used.

The RBSC had some very good players on their squad and some of the BC's best players were unable to play so this friendly match turned into a real thrashing where the BC were unable to win any of the matches. However, RBSC was a very good host and a good time was had by all. They want to make this an annual event and would like to come and play at the British Club when the courts are finished. A big thank-you to all who participated.

Steve Goode (G93)



British Club junior tennis player Charlie Roberts won the under 10 Boys' singles championship at the Wilson Olympic Junior Tennis Rising Stars 2012 Tournament held in Bangkok between June 28 and July 6th. Charlie is pictured receiving his gold medal from Mr Sombat Eummongkol, Advisor to the Minister of Tourism and Sport of Thailand.



A very nice memento of the day for the British Club



The RBSC Chairman of the Tennis Section, Khun George



Khun Anil and his wife



Khun Anil, the RBSC Social Convener, was an excellent player and MC for the day with nice RBSC tennis shirts being awarded to Khun Marie and Khun Tip for their excellent play



Khun George, Anil and Khun Yubharet sharing the annual trophy before returning it to winners of this year's match - the RBSC

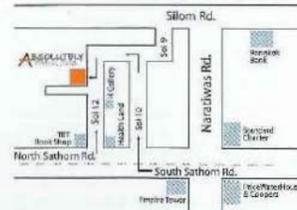


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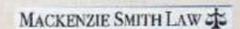
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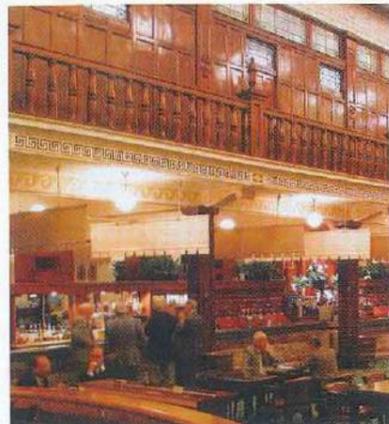


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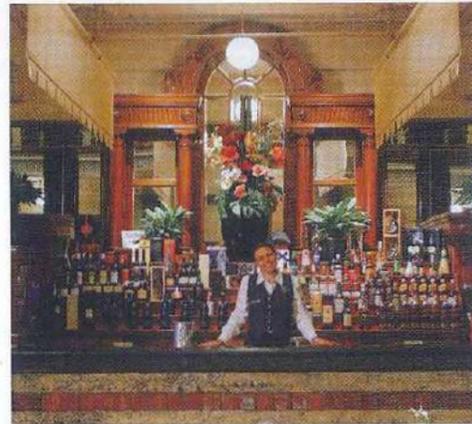
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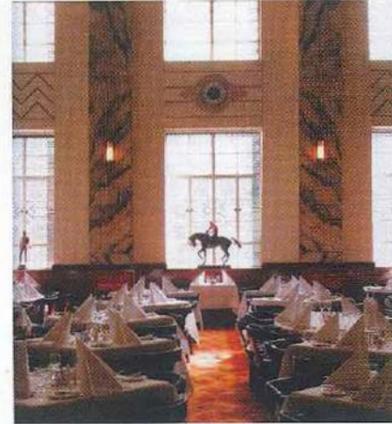
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Members' Dining Room

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The Club derives its name from Tattersall's, the London horse auction mart and "subscription rooms" founded in 1776.

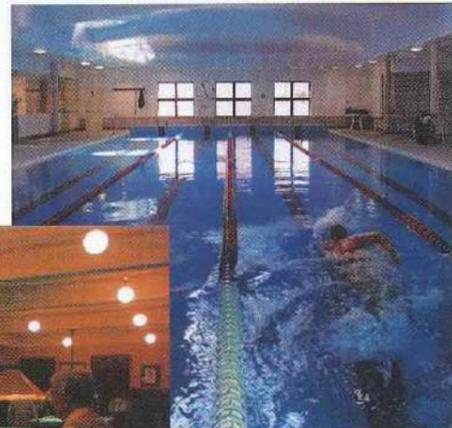
For over 100 years Tattersall's Club has been associated with the growth of Brisbane and Club membership now spans all the professions, government, commerce and sports.

In 1997 the Club's redevelopment was completed to include a fine dining restaurant, function and accommodation rooms, a new gymnasium, swimming pool, library and administration offices.

Tattersall's Club offers elegance and style in traditional and historical surroundings and is committed to excellence in all its facilities and service.

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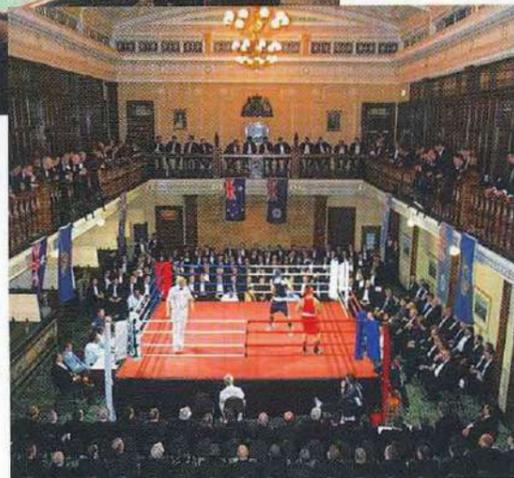
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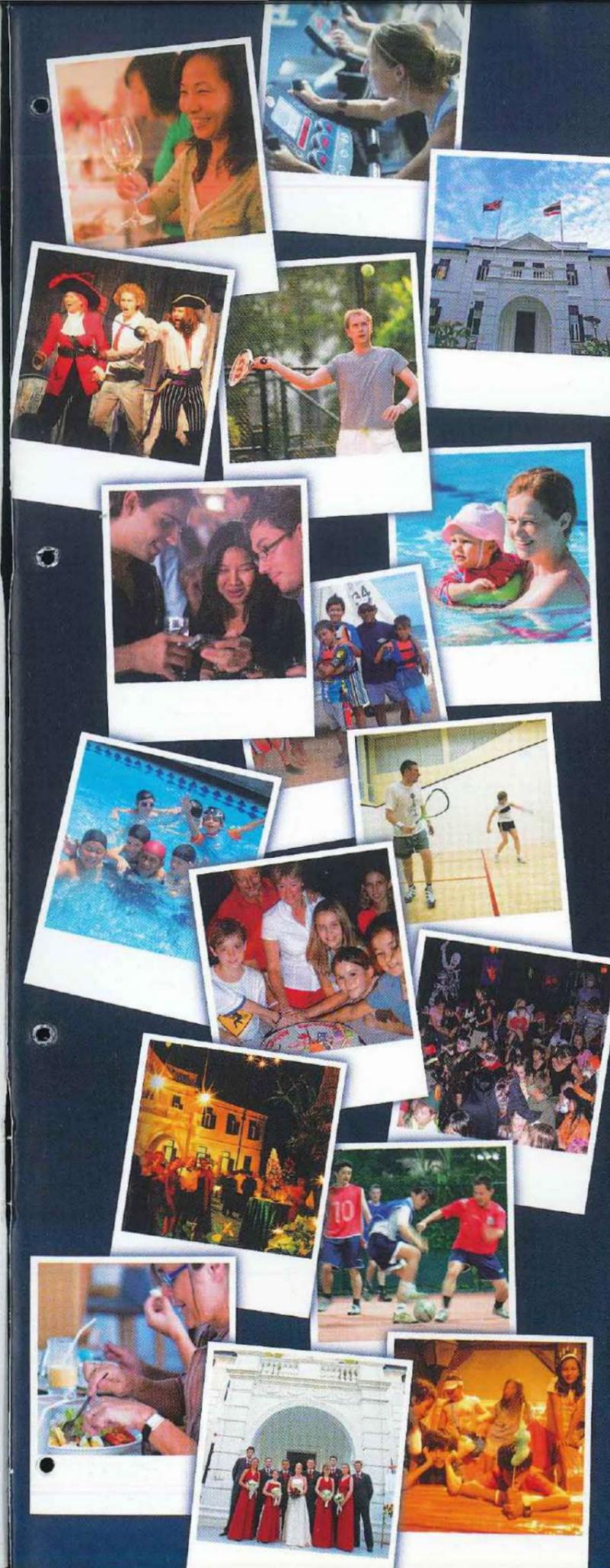
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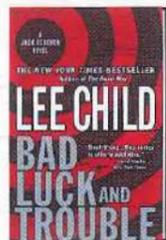
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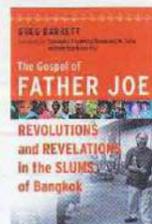
BAD LUCK AND TROUBLE

By Lee Child
 ISBN: 9780440243663
 Paperback (Dell)
 B2S price: Bt.275

While hardly new (this is, after all, his 11th Jack Reacher novel), Lee Child has never quite attained the international thriller writer status of an Archer, Ludlum or Patterson and to be honest, it's hard to see why this is the case. His hero is vogueish, a loner with a strong sense of justice, most often compared to James Bond and Jack Bauer. Maybe it's because there are no movie adaptations in the pipeline but, as Child himself says, the thing about Reacher is he's huge; he's 6'5" tall and about 250 pounds. There aren't any actors that size!

Anyway, this particular story starts with Reacher finding some unexpected money in his bank account. He quickly works out that the amount deposited is a code and from whom. The messenger turns out to be an old army colleague, and before the reader can blink, one learns that Jack used to lead a crack unit, a team who vowed always to help each other out when any of them were in trouble. One of their former comrades has been thrown out of a helicopter so now it's time to reassemble the old unit, find out what happened and inflict the appropriate vengeance.

The New York Times referred to Child's novels as utterly addictive and certainly this is no exception. The formula may be familiar but it never gets in the way of the punchy writing and a plot that is taut and electrifying. Jack Reacher deserves, or rather demands, your attention – you'll be hooked.

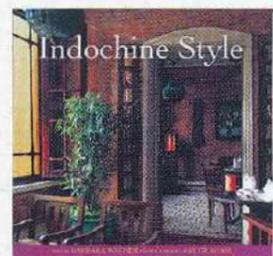


THE GOSPEL OF FATHER JOE: REVOLUTIONS & REVELATIONS IN THE SLUMS OF BANGKOK

By Greg Barrett
 ISBN: 9780470258637
 Hardback (Jossey-Bass)
 B2S price: Bt.795

Three decades ago in a cordoned-off corner of the developing world an irascible Catholic priest armed only with pencil, paper and crayons, declared a revolution. From a shanty school shared with Buddhists and Muslims in Bangkok's squatter slums, Father Joe Maier began his advance on abject poverty. Today, his Human Development Foundation and Mercy Centre charity is responsible for thirty-two preschools that have taught more than twenty thousand children how to read and write. Despite the crippling neglect found in impoverishment, he is raising international scholars and injecting a sense of purpose into shantytowns and squatter camps that used to have neither.

Based on his own meetings with Father Joe, his keen observer's eye, and on numerous early-morning interviews in Bangkok's Lumpini Park, where the priest engages in his daily run, Barrett tells his story sometimes with the objectivity of the experienced journalist but also manages, through his clear and thoughtful writing, to deliver an honest portrait of a compassionate, ornery and, in the opinion of some colleagues, eccentric man.



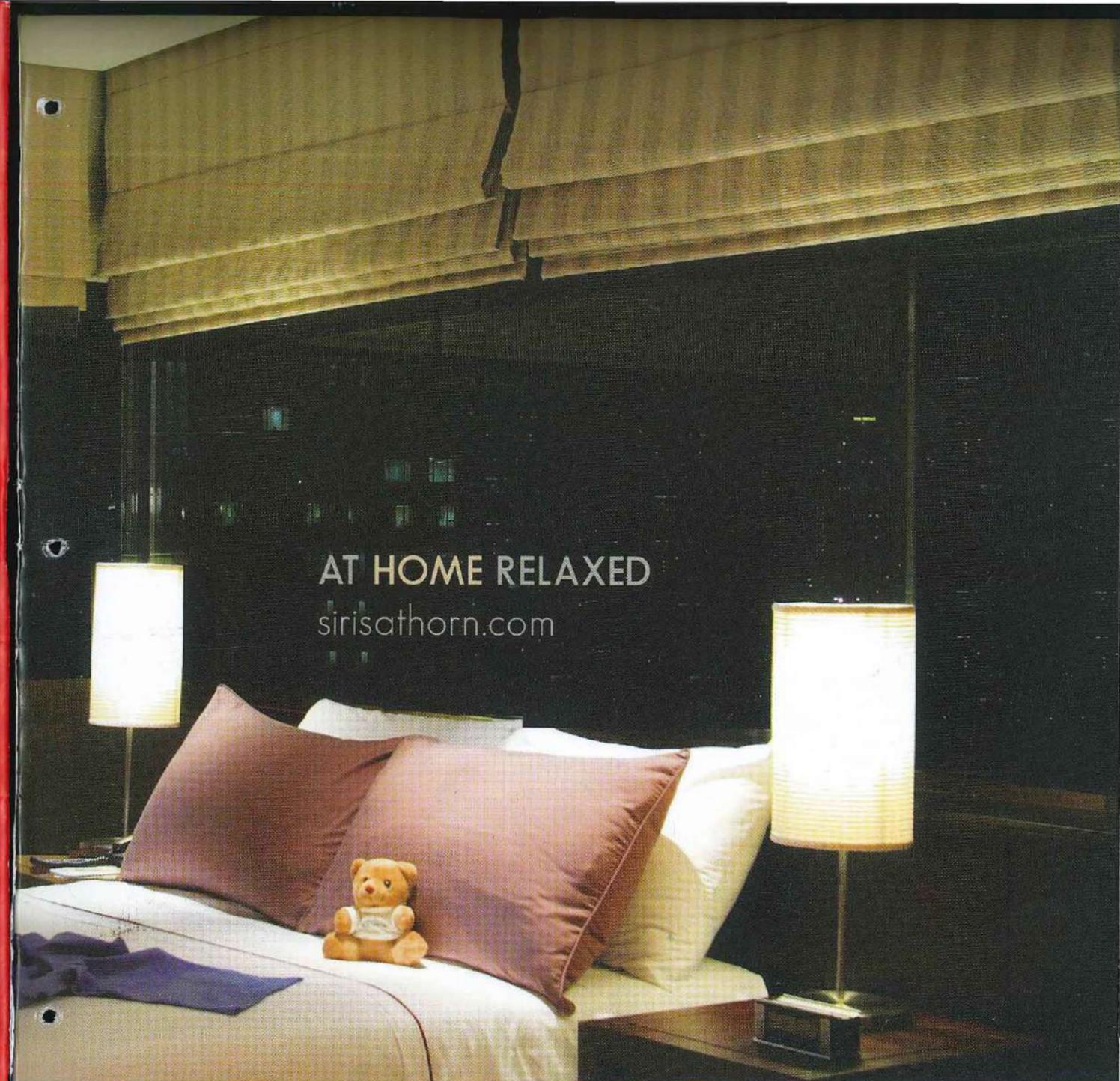
INDOCHINE STYLE

By Barbara Walker, photographs Jay Graham
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 Paperback (Marshall Cavendish Editions)
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Barbara Walker has been writing enthusiastically about the rich architectural and design heritage of South East Asia since the early 1990s, beginning with Bali. An experienced architectural-interior designer herself, she has now turned her attention to the colonial traditions of Indochina. Illustrated by the sumptuous photography of Jay Graham, her book describes the Indian, Chinese and French melange that is Indochine Style.

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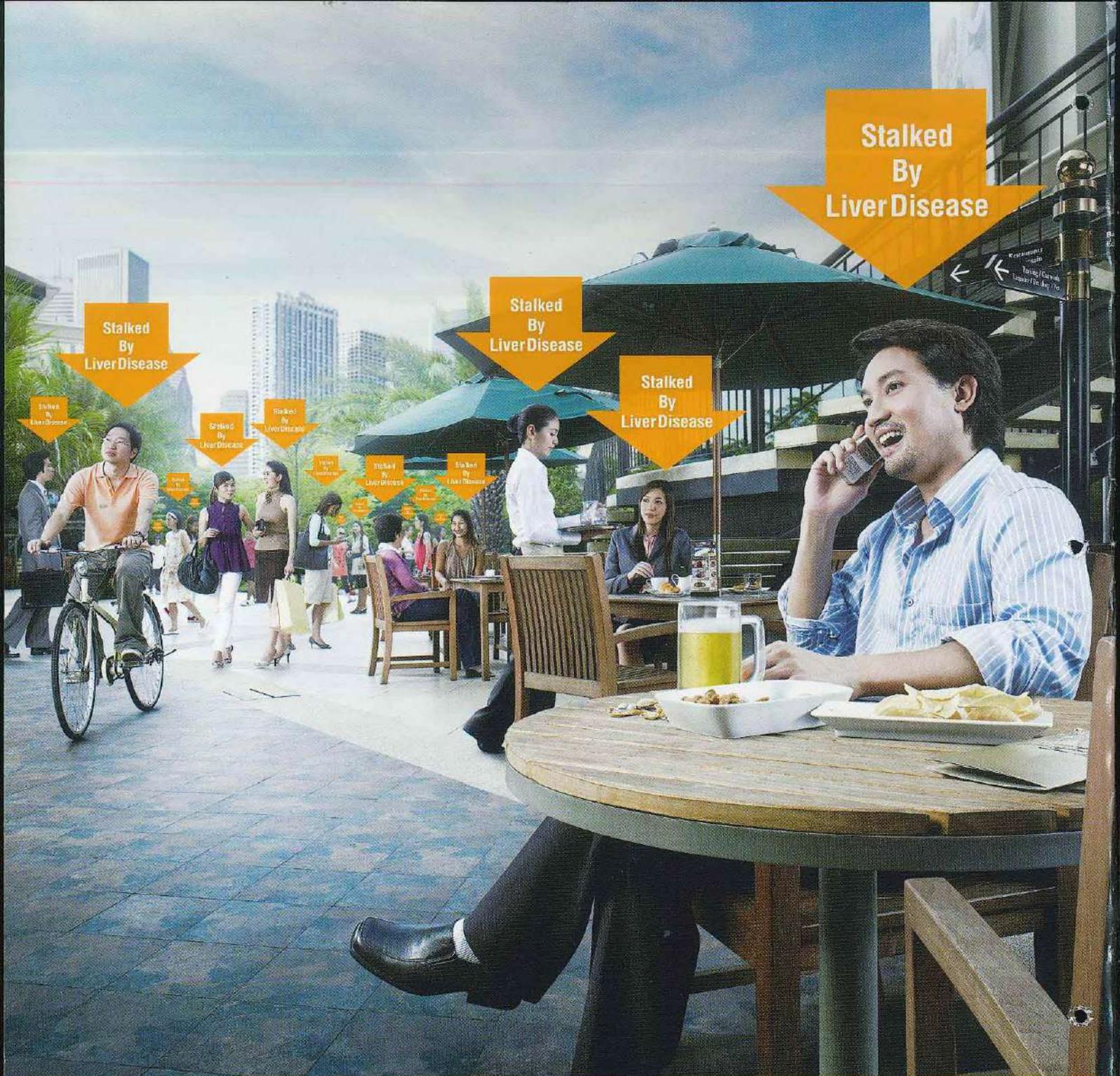
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