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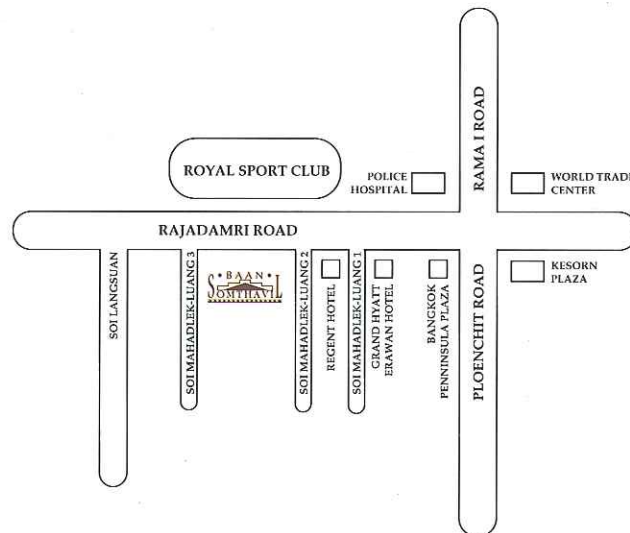
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## From the Editor

People are returning in droves from long holidays in faraway and exotic places, and even Britain, as we approach a new school year and the run-up to the silly season in the expat community as well as here at the Club.

This summer/rainy season has been traditionally quiet but surprisingly (so far) not that wet, so there's still hope that we will not be emulating the 1986 antics of wind-surfing down Silom Road... although there's still a good couple of months of rain to fall yet!



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

### Crossword Champs

I am delighted to say that we had an early winner of the crossword competition from last month despite the couple of minor hiccups on the crossword grid numbering. David Hawkins (H240) faxed through his correctly completed grid by the 5th August, so a bottle of wine should be winging its way to him soon. I must add that David Krajnyk (K80) had in fact pipped him to the fax post by a couple of hours, but unfortunately there was that one word not quite right... bad luck David, with such speed I'm sure you'll be in

the prizes soon, and well done the other David! And for the rest of you crossword fiends, look out for more competition puzzles in the near future.

### Modern Society

In Outpost this month, one of the effects of today's changing economic situation on society is reflected in Trixie's modern-day poem, while a similarly "modern" version of a potential Olympic Games bid is outlined in a humorous but no less realistic form. There's news on the recent bar quiz and the oft-requested recipe for chicken and cashew nuts (a Churchill Bar staple), while Ron regales us with the origins of more of those everyday English sayings.

Finally, there's an article on page 36 about the new Central Blood Register which is being established to provide a network of minority blood group carriers in case of emergencies. With only 0.03% of Thai people being rhesus negative as opposed to around 5% of Caucasians and Indians, it is easy to see how recent difficulties in obtaining enough blood of the correct group came about, so make a note of the details - it could save a life.

**Gaynor de Wit**  
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## From the Manager

**A**s usual August has been a quiet month at the Club with so many of our members away on vacation. Events during the month to keep the Club ticking over have included the wine tasting hosted by John Harvey of Bristol



**Thomas Bain - General Manager**

Cream Sherry fame and, following hard on the heels of the Arabian food promotion, was a Caribbean Festival (Barry in a grass skirt!). At least the quiet period has enabled the staff to do some housekeeping around the Club before the rush at the end of the year.

### Take a Dip!

Have you been for a swim at the Club recently? A few weeks ago major repairs were done to the water circulation system. Since the pool has re-opened the quality and clarity of the water has been excellent. Many members have commented on how pleasant it is to have a swim at the Club these days! If you haven't tried out the new water yet dig out your bathers and come and join us.

Most of you will have noticed that the security gates are almost complete. Within the next couple of months members will need to use their membership cards in a card swipe system to gain access to the Club. A number of members will need to get their cards re-issued to contain the magnetic strip which can be encoded to activate the security gates. Detailed information about how the system will work will be forwarded to members soon.

This month the new member-get-member scheme will be introduced. Each month there will be a prize drawn at the New Members Night. Proposers of new members will have the chance of winning a Baht 1,000 voucher to spend at Lords, but they must be present on the evening to claim the prize. Best of luck to all proposers.

To all those members who have been away, welcome back to Thailand. It will be good to see you all in and around the Club again!

**Thomas Bain**  
**General Manager**



## Management News

### **M**ember-get-Member Prizes

The August New Members Night saw the conclusion of the year-long Member-get-Member scheme. Three prizes were awarded in August; first, the prize for the person who had sponsored the most new members over the course of the year went to Paul Turner of SGS. His prize is a 3 days, 2 nights stay for two at the Holiday Inn Resort in Bali.

Then the quarterly prize for the proposer whose name was drawn out of the hat, won by Adam Caro. His prize is a trip for two to the Holiday Inn Resort Damai Beach in Sarawak. The prize for the new member he proposed, Mr Jonathan Spruce, is a trip to Le Meridien Phuket.

Well done to all the winners.

### **Member-get-Member Scheme Continuation**

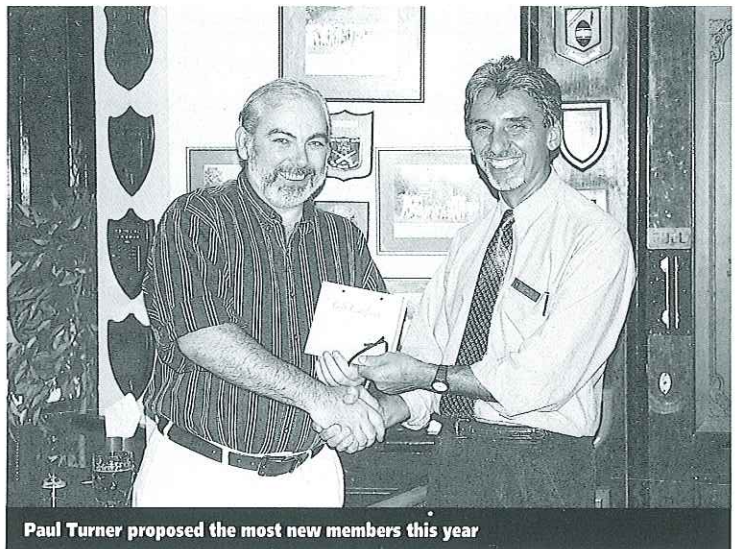
Due to the success of the previous member-get-member scheme, it has been decided to continue it but with a slight change of format. From now on, at each New Members Night a proposer's name will be drawn out. The prize will be a Bt 1,000 voucher for a meal at Lords Restaurant. However, the proposer MUST be present to claim the prize; if not, the prize will go to the seconder.. if s/he is present!

### **Associate Membership**

Club members are reminded that the Club has an international outlook and is happy to consider applications for membership from people of all nationalities. Ordinary membership is available to the four core nationali-

ties, namely, British, Australian, Canadian and New Zealand, whereas Associate membership is open to other nationalities.

Associate members enjoy all the facilities of the Club and pay the same fees but they are



not allowed to vote, propose or second new members or hold a position on the General Committee.

There has been a slight dip in membership numbers recently as a number of people have left Thailand to return home, so the Club is on the lookout for bright new faces.

If you know someone who would like to join the Club either as a Ordinary or Associate member please contact the Manager, Mr Tom Bain, for details.

### **BC Staff Awards**

The staff awards for August are as follows: The overall winner was Khun Soontit, one of the Club gardeners. The second prize was shared by Khun Soontit and Khun Darat. This Khun Soontit is the Club's painter and is

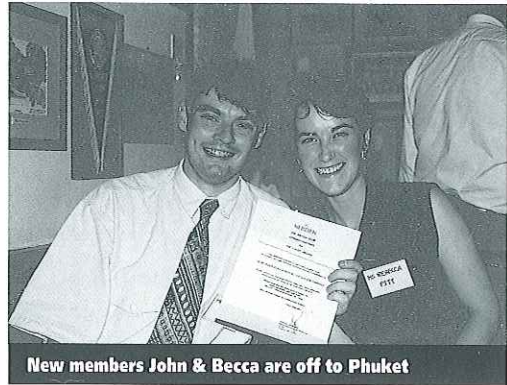


always diligent in his work. Khun Darat works in the store and is always hard working and efficient.

Well done to these staff members!

### **Weekend Poolside Barbecue**

Have you noticed the new blackboard menu for the weekend barbecue at the salas? Many people have and the barbecues are now being sold in record numbers. Come along and give it a try!

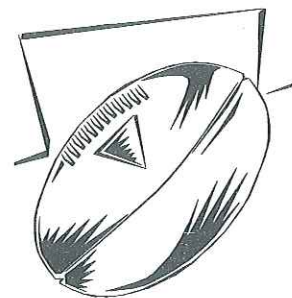


**New members John & Becca are off to Phuket**

## **Rugby Club Ball**



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## New Members

### Anthony Cloney

Anthony is a single Australian working here for the next three years, he's in insurance with Sahasin QBE. Anthony plays golf, basketball and tennis in his sporting moments and plays with his computer and reads during his quieter ones, but his real passion is riding motorbikes, so he should enjoy the trail rides that are Bangkok streets.



### Helena McSweeney

Helena is yet another SGS bod, you can see why Paul Turner won the prize for most members introduced to the Club! Helena is a management consultant, she's Irish and single and will be here for a year only. Prior to Bangkok she was in Australia; she used to row but wouldn't chance the Chao Phraya and has yet to find a substitute sport here.



### Robert Brown

Robert has been here for two years already and anticipating at least three more and plays tennis and bridge. He's well travelled, having been brought up in Hong Kong and worked in New York, Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, Nigeria and finally Malaysia, which is where he met wife Angela, an occupational therapist, now in UK looking after their two sons.



### Martin and Ann Gilroy

This is the first overseas posting for Martin and Ann; Martin is an engineer with Total E & P and plays golf while Ann is a "full time mum!", although she used to be an active fundraiser for children's playgroups in Scotland, their previous home, and she would like to take up tennis. Their children, Ben 4 and Rebecca 2, will be starting pre-school in September.



### David and Jennifer Lyster

Aussies David and Jennifer are adventurous types, having back-packed around the world, but are now too busy with their two small boys to do anything else! David's an architect with Woods Bagot and Jennifer's a teacher; they both play tennis and golf and while David plays cricket Jennifer enjoys aerobics. They have also worked in London and hope to be here for 5 years.



### Barry and Anne Yates

Barry called himself a "refugee from Hong Kong" as he and Anne were based there for 15 years before coming here, although he'd visited several times. Barry is First VP of Multi Credit Corp and is therefore a stockbroker which apparently makes him an upstanding member of the community. They have one son, Andrew 11, at boarding school in the UK. Barry said they'd be here for 2 years but then he said that in Hong Kong...







**Pete and Lorraine Galloway**

Pete is a corporate executive with Siam Unisys and Lorraine too is a computer bod, they are American and expect to be here for several years. Previously in Singapore for a year,

Pete plays tennis and croquet while Lorraine is into white-water rafting. Both enjoy their hobbies of photography and wine.



**Timothy and Carol Gammons**

The first of the couples with JMP, Tim is an electrical engineer and a Leeds fan as well as a golfer and shares a love of badminton with wife Carol, who also enjoys the theatre

and reading. They have two children, Gemma 12 and Leigh 9, both at Patana. This is their first overseas posting and they expect to be here for two years.



**Jonathan Spruce and Rebecca Pitt**

The other JMP engineer, John amazingly is a Walsall fan (I didn't know they existed - G). He also plays football, rugby (union and league) and squash

while Becca plays tennis and squash, and both enjoy live music. John holds the sad record of having spent more in 2 weeks trying to get out of Patpong alive than Walsall F.C. have spent on players in the last year!

**Keeravoot Kitiyadisai**

Keeravoot is with Mitr Charoen Cosmetics, he plays golf and also tennis with wife Kesanee, and enjoys watching TV. Their

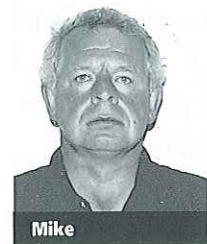


Keeravoot

children are Kanapak, 3, and Kanvara, 1, which means that everyone in the family has the initials "K.K." - must be a lucky letter! Keeravoot is also involved in the Lion's Club here.

**Michael Chandler**

Mike's the Commercial Lines Development Manager for Sun Alliance; he's 48 and single and lives for golf and fast cars! "A bit



Mike

of a mechanic", having done up and sold a Mini Cooper S, he has a Sierra Cosworth Sapphire awaiting him in the UK. Mike's also a qualified English teacher so he'll be popular here!

**Melvyn Birkinshaw**

Mel is a semi-bachelor here, with wife Angie and children living in adopted-home Australia; he's a civil engineer with IP-GEL



Mel

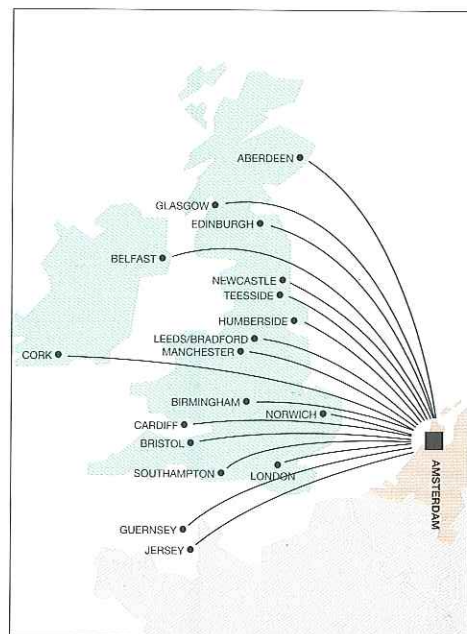
based in that den of inebriation, Royal City Avenue. As well as a keyboard player, Mel used to be a pro standard bass guitarist and played with a Abba-clone group in the UK! He also plays football and hopes to be here for several years.



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Louise and Stuart

### **Stuart and Louise Parkinson**

Brits Louise and Stuart are both financial bods, Stuart being a banker with HongKong and Shanghai Bank and Louise being an accountant. They have worked in the region in Hong Kong and Vietnam before coming here. Stuart plays rugby and cricket and both play tennis, squash and golf; they have non-sporting hobbies but reckoned they're unpublishable...

### **Tricia Heywood**

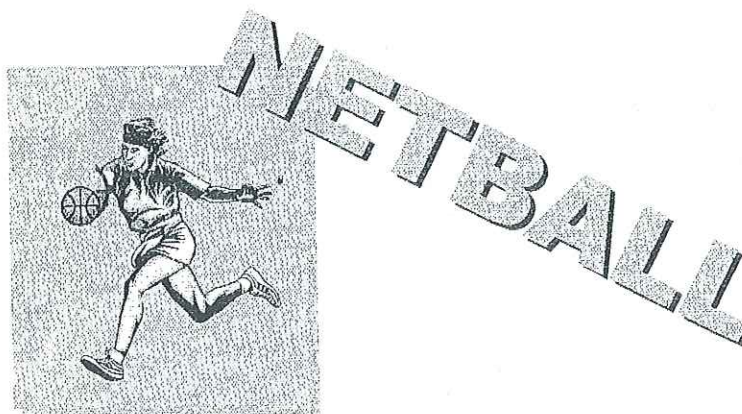
Canadian Tricia's the Marketing/Research Manager at SMR Holdings, formerly Stratmark, and expects to be here for three years plus; previously in America and Japan for several years, Tricia unfortunately enjoys all the sports you can't do in Bangkok, including downhill and cross-country skiing and rollerblading, so she's converted to tennis by default!



Tricia

## **NETBALL GALA!!**

Come and join us in the first Netball Day on Sunday 22nd September at Patana School!



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# Capital Squash at the Capitol

## **Match with Capitol Club**

A team of seven players were invited to the relative luxury of the Capitol Club for a squash match on 25 July. A successful evening with all matches won by the BC team. As the first squash team to be invited to play at this club, the team were treated royally and we hope that this match is the first of many. The Capitol Club have already been invited to our place for a return match.

## **Paulaner Bräuhaus Handicap Competition**

Already underway, the finals of this annual tournament will be on the weekend of 28/29 September. Should be a fun event and hope that lots of you will come and watch the finals.

## **SNIPPETS**

League No.119 will be finished by the time this hits the printer. At the time of writing there has been some interesting developments, especially in League 1 where newcomers to the league have made it a bit of a challenge for some of the more established members. Yours truly, after basking in the glory of winning League 1 last month, will be battling in League 2 next time after being soundly beaten by just about everyone !!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday Mix-in**

1st Sunday of every month. Next one is 1 September and then 6 October. Sign up on the day at 12:30p.m.

### **Chiang Mai weekend away**

The committee is finalising the arrangements for 23 and 24 November with the Gymkhana club in Chiang Mai. Keep your eye on the Noticeboard for details.

### **Rod Carter Open**

Our only "open" tournament of the year is coming up next month. Hope that everyone is training hard.

By now, those of you who have been away on leave recently enjoying some well earned R & R are back, and probably struggling around the court trying to rediscover some form and fitness. Keep at it !!

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## A Strip for the Casuals



Aliwassa Pathanadabutr and James Pitchon, directors of Richard Ellis Thailand Co Ltd, hand over the new British Club Casuals football strip to Casuals Captain Alan May on Wednesday 17th July

### ***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown***

From 3rd-5th October the Bangkok Community Theatre will be staging the musical interpretation of America's Best-Loved Cartoon Series at the Alliance Française on South Sathorn Road. Written and directed by William Monsour, there will be three evening performances and one matinee. The production is a cast of six playing the Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy from the series created by Charles M. Schulz.



For more information please contact William Monsour on 308 2961



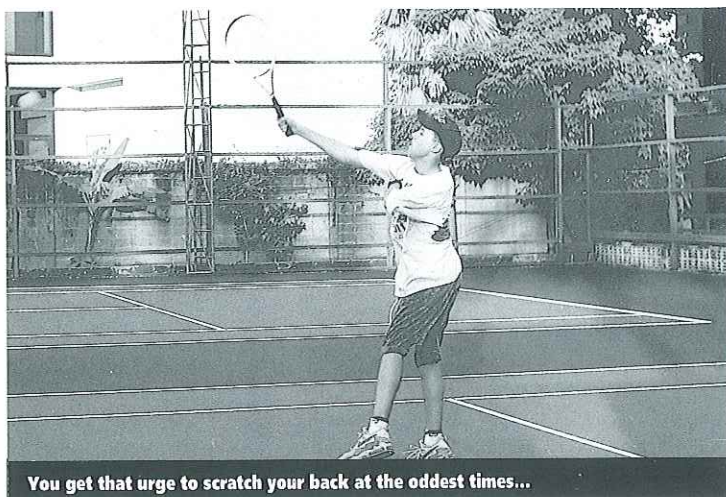




## Showing the Adults How to Play

With many away on leave and no committee meeting, there appears to have been little to ruffle the feathers of the Outpost tennis section reporter this month. Amazingly, perhaps, there has still been considerable tennis played despite the absences, going by the booking sheets and the numbers turning up on holiday weekends when the courts are usually deserted.

Following is an update on the hard courts after their recent facelift and the report on the July second Sunday tournament from new organiser supremo, David Henton, and some photographs which prove that none of the finalists could keep their feet on the ground that day!

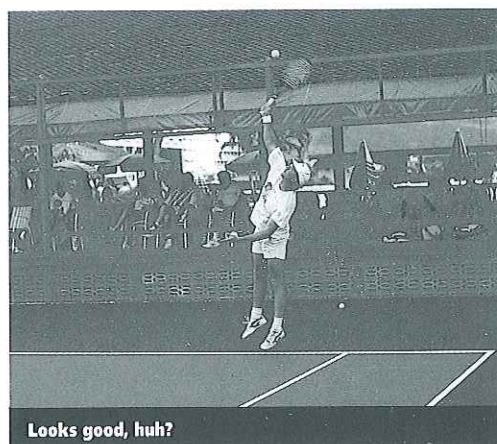


### New Court Surface

July saw the complete resurfacing of the Centre and No.1 courts, bringing them up to the highest international standards for playability, durability and safety. The old playing surface, after nearly two years of intensive use, was becoming dangerously slippery underfoot and the speed of the ball off the courts

was making it increasingly difficult to control.

We of course have to thank the Club Committee for its wisdom in allocating already overstretched funds to such a worthwhile

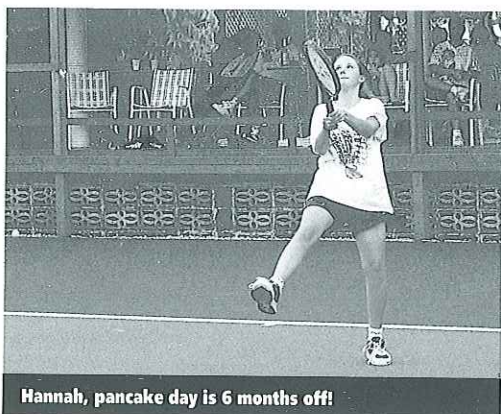


and necessary project and we are sure that the Club will reap the benefits of more members wanting to play on what can now be clearly seen as a very attractive facility indeed.

The new "Plexipave" surface was laid by Almac, run by tennis playing member Pat Dean who very generously donated new posts and nets to the Club on the reopening of the courts. A big "thank you" is due to Pat from all of us "racquettophiles".

"Plexipave" is formed from a silicon acrylic self-levelling mastic which should last for more than five years of heavy use, justifying the relatively high cost. Interestingly, the unique radiused corner, pyramidal-shaped sand grains used in the mix can be found in only quarry in the world, in Missouri, USA. After extensive testing by Nike and many similar august organisations, this particular grain shape has been found to offer the best possible combination of durability, sureness

of footing and consistency of bounce. Any Doubting Thomases should be reassured to know that Michael Chang, Bjorn Borg and Pat Cash have all installed this surface on their home courts. Indeed, Pete Sampras must now also be seriously considering installing it if he is to have any realistic hope of keeping up with our talented tennis trio of Bernie, Marc and James...



**Hannah, pancake day is 6 months off!**

The speed of the ball off the court is very noticeably slower, allowing much more time for players to make their strokes. This should in the long run lead to an improvement in the stroke play of all players. Indeed, one can immediately see the difference in that rallies are much longer than before as it is almost impossible to win a point by outright power. At least at our level of play, placement is now paramount.

From now on accuracy, consistency and sound stroke play will be the key to success and that is as it should be. So *Go To It* all you keen types and make the most of these pristine courts which both look and play the part.

**Bruce Gordon**

### **American Round Robin Tournament - Sunday 14th July**

With the school holidays started and many families already returned to the UK a low turn-out seemed likely and at the appointed hour of 2 o'clock, men's doubles was all that could be achieved. However, the stragglers began to roll in and a field of 22 took part in a round robin doubles league format competition.

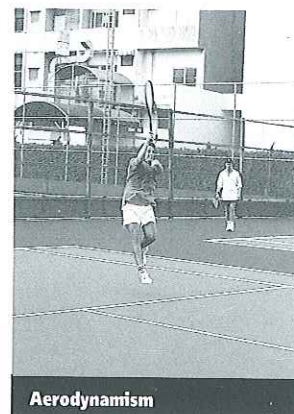
Once again our juniors showed the old and infirm how to play and cope with the heat. In the first league Mark Verheyen and Tom Henton dominated all and swept to the final. The second league was much closer but Beauty and the Beast (Hannah Morrison and David Blowers) made the final by a short neck to challenge Tom and Mark.

The final gave some exciting tennis with many rallies (aided by the greatly improved court surfacing) and Tom and Mark eventually won through to become the day's champions.

An excellent afternoon's tennis which was enjoyed by all and confirmed that the spirit of the Sunday mix-ins/monthly tournaments is alive and well when the young, the not so young, the good, the bad and the ugly can all play together to enjoy social tennis.

We must also give a special mention to our surprise sponsor Paul Williams who, when time overran, donated his court booking and above all bought the tournament organiser several much-needed beers...

**David Henton**




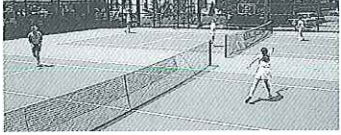





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# Calendar

## British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - September

Sunday	1	8
	11am-1pm <b>Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares</b> 3-6pm <b>Tennis Mix-In</b> 5-7pm <b>Children's Video</b>	8.30am <b>Golf - Vintage</b> 11am-1pm <b>Badminton Mix-In- Soi Nares</b> 2-7pm <b>Tennis Tournament</b> 5-7pm <b>Children's Video</b> 3.30pm <b>Rugby - Chula Stdm</b>
Monday	2	9
	8am <b>BWG Mahjong</b> 2pm <b>Aerobics</b> 6-8pm <b>Squash Coaching</b> 7-9pm <b>Badminton - Soi 49</b> 7-9pm <b>Tennis Team Training</b>  <b>7.30pm New Members Night</b>	8am <b>BWG Mahjong</b> 2pm <b>Aerobics</b> 6-8pm <b>Squash Coaching</b> 7-9pm <b>Badminton - Soi 49</b> 7-9pm <b>Tennis Team Training</b>
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### Children's Sports Activities

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Swimming Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning  
Saturday Morning

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### 15

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**  
3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**  
5-7pm **Children's Video**

Scuba course - poolside

### 22

7.24am **Golf - Vintage**  
11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**  
3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**  
3pm **Rugby - Army Stdm**  
5-7pm **Children's Video**

### 29

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**  
3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**  
5-7pm **Children's Video**

### 16

8am **BWG Mahjong**  
2pm **Aerobics**  
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
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7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

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### 30

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### 18

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5-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

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9.30am **Aerobics**  
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6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

### Opening Times

10am-11pm **Churchill Bar**  
11.30am-2pm **Lords Restaurant - Lunch**  
6-10pm **Lords Restaurant - Dinner**  
7.30am-10pm **Poolside Bar**  
6am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat**  
9am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols**  
9am-5pm **Thai Massage - Tue/Sun**

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7-9pm **Rugby Training**  
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

### Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton	<b>Gaynor de Wit</b>	<b>237-4031</b>
Cricket	<b>Peter Young</b>	<b>679-7644</b>
Golf	<b>Geoff Lamb</b>	<b>326-0381</b>
Rugby	<b>Joe Grunwell</b>	<b>262-0220</b>
Squash	<b>David Turner</b>	<b>279-1234</b>
Soccer	<b>Peter Rodgers</b>	<b>240-0678</b>
Tennis	<b>John Kelly</b>	<b>264-2100</b>

### 20

9.30am **Aerobics**  
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**  
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

### 27

9.30am **Aerobics**  
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**  
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

### Sports - Contact the following:

**Non-BC Sports**

Ladies Golf		
BCLG	<b>Wil Agerbeek</b>	<b>259-7019</b>
LIGIT	<b>Eileen Cook</b>	<b>295-4596</b>
Hockey	<b>Lois Carson</b>	<b>258-5295</b>

### 21

8am **Junior Tennis**  
8-11am **Tennis Coaching**  
4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

### 28

8am **Junior Tennis**  
8-11am **Tennis Coaching**  
3pm **Rugby - Army Stdm**  
4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

### Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**  
Soi 49 **Soi Klang Racquet Club**  
Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**

**Golf - As advertised**





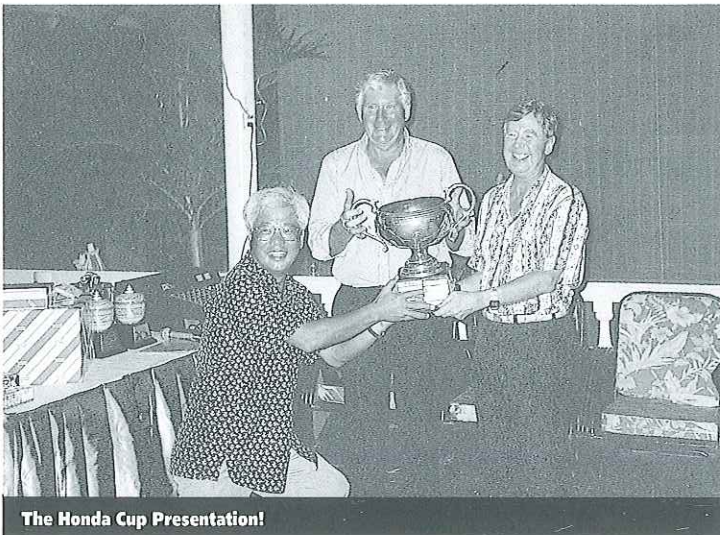


# Losing the Battles but Winning the War for the Honda Cup!

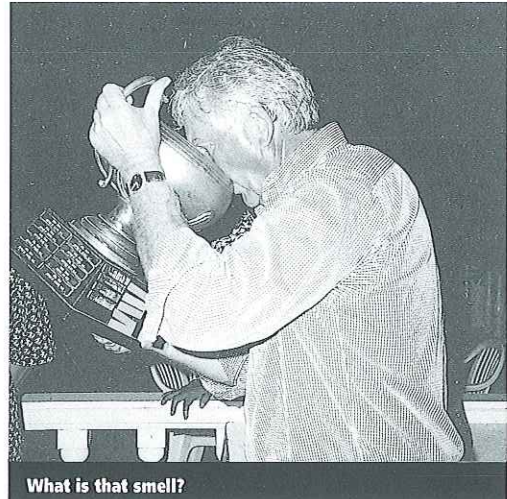
I would like to thank Joan Adams for taking over the responsibility of the newsletter for the August Outpost while I was away in Australia sorting out the house, family and animals, etc. GEE it's good to be back home and on the job again, even though the weather (in Sydney) was great I didn't have time to enjoy it!

## **Honda Cup - BCGS v. Japanese Association**

The first event for July was on Saturday 13th played against the Japanese. We won the Cup but they went home with most of the prizes. After the match most of us were seen eating, drinking and with the odd head in the bowl (hiccup) at the Silom Sala, many thanks to Barry and his troops for the scrumptious BBQ English/Japanese sushi style meal.



The format was pairs better ball medal matchplay and was played at President. The team prize was the Honda Cup, with prizes for the lowest net scoring pair as well as first and second runner-up pairs. There was also a prize for the individual coming in with the



lowest gross score of the day. The results were as follows:

### **Honda Cup Winner:**

British Club with 6 1/2 wins

### **Pairs net winner:**

Mr Yoshioko/Mr Sakuma with 59

### **1st runner up:**

Mr Ishiseki/Kuraoka with 61

### **2nd runner up:**

Mr Yamaguchi/Mr Maeda with 62

## **Captains Day - Davidson Cup**

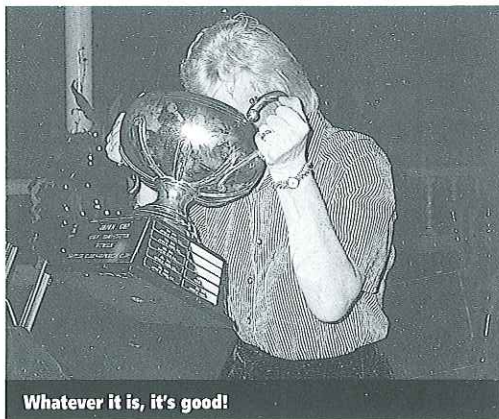
Well, even though it was not quite the start of the Rainy season, Sunday 28th July saw the start of the Captains Day bucketing down on us and the wind blowing balls of tees (well, nearly!); it did manage to stop just when we got used to the wet greens. We had a great response for this event with many guests playing as well.

The match was put into teams with the Captains team v. the Past Captains team, with Dugal Forrest standing in for the Past Captain Paul Nears who unfortunately could not be with us due to.....well, that's another story.



I think we should have this kind of match every time, just for the technical prizes alone (hiccup).

The format was a stableford using full handicaps, the best ten scores from each team determining the winning team. There were individual prizes for the best three stableford scores. The Captain presented Peter Bond with an engraved tankard in appreciation for the Johnnie Walker League Organisation.



Whatever it is, it's good!

The results were as follows:

The winning team were the Past Captains with 333 points,

Runners Up: Captains team with 313 points

The three best stableford scores were: Jeff Rydon (37), Ernie Jurgens (37) and Roy Barrett (36)

Two other surprise prizes were awarded to Pauline Griffiths with lowest stableford points and Liz Southcombe for best scores on 4 "hidden holes."

Near Pin: A. Southcombe, M. Verheyen, L. Lambert, R. Barrett

Longest Drive

Ladies: Lauren Lambert

Men: Mark Verheyen

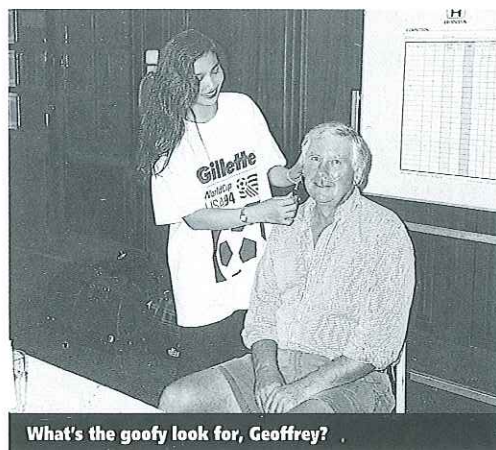


Dugal receiving the Davidson Cup on behalf of Past Captains team

### Johnnie Walker League

The final of the Johnnie Walker League was played on July 20th with the Cocktail Lounge winning the event, followed by THE BRITISH CLUB and the Wanderers.

The next events for September 8th at Vintage is BCGS v. The Scandinavians and September



What's the goofy look for, Geoffrey?

22nd at Vintage is BCGS v. Bangkok Cosmopolitan Ladies Group. Please put these dates in your diaries now, the sign-up sheets are on the Golf Section notice board, we would love to see you there.

**Lauren Lambert**



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## Ron Thomson's Adages

# Black Books and Blue Moons

### **G**rog

Alcohol is sometimes referred to as "grog". Why? Strictly speaking, "grog" is rum diluted with water. Its name originates from the year 1740, when Admiral Vernon R.N. ordered that the daily neat rum ration issued to officers and men be cut to one part rum and three parts water.

Admiral Vernon's nickname was "Old Grog" owing to his penchant for wearing a grogram coat. Needless to say, the new beverage was not popular with the sailors and immediately became contemptuously referred to as "grog".

### **Pidgin English**

Pidgin English was and is a simplified and distorted form of English used by many indigenous peoples, mainly in the Eastern hemisphere. The term "pidgin" has no connection with the bird, it is actually a distortion of the word "business" since some oriental people found it difficult to pronounce the letter 's'.

Pidgin English was initially used to conduct business.

Interestingly, the word has come back into standard English in the expression, "It's not my pidgin", meaning "It's not my business."

### **To Be in the Black Books**

Meaning to be in disgrace. The earliest reference to this was in 1726 when a history of the University of Oxford refers to the college proctors' "black books." Any student whose

name went into the black book would never graduate.

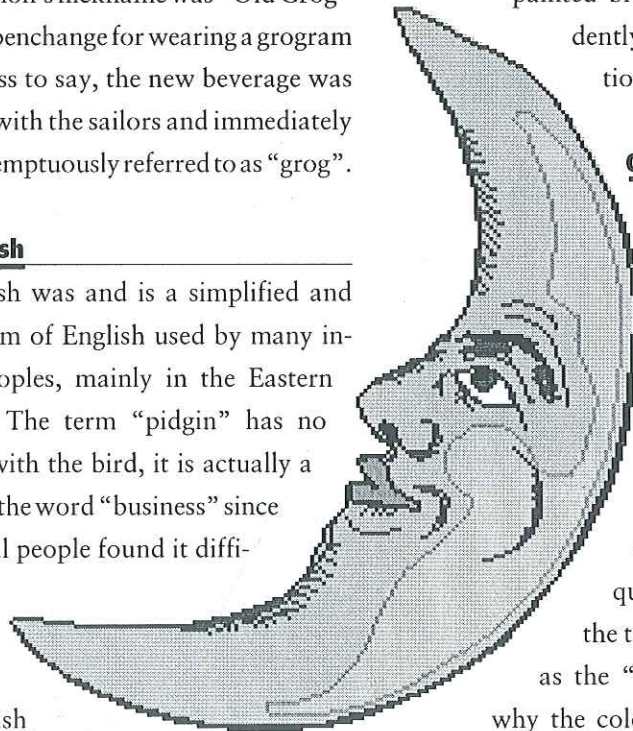
### **Blue Movies**

Meaning indecent films. Although I have no personal experience in this matter, I am told by some of the regulars at the Churchill Bar that in China, of all places, brothels are painted blue externally. This evidently gave rise to the connection.

### **Once in a Blue Moon**

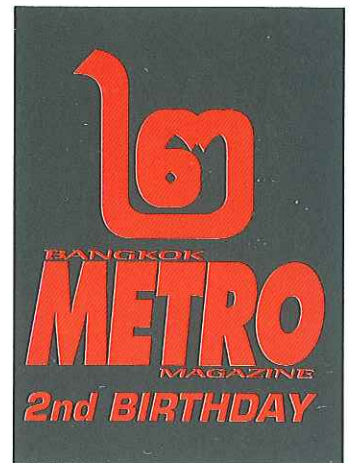
Meaning not very often. A "blue moon" occurs when there are two full moons inside the same calendar month - a full moon occurs every 28 days. This event is, of course, mathematically quite rare. The second of the two full moons is known as the "blue moon", but quite why the colour blue was chosen is uncertain. Interestingly, we had a blue moon in Bangkok in July.

### **Ron Thomson**





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I've got no money, it's all been spent  
Today's the deadline to pay the rent

The wife's getting fat, and I'm getting thin  
You can understand the trouble I'm in  
Her indoors managed to find a job  
That means we can feed the stupid dog

She'll be out in the morning looking her best  
I'll just sit here with my chin on my chest  
At five she'll come home with the chat of the day  
We'll try to work out, how to stretch her pay

I'll set the table with fork and knife  
I used to be a husband, now I'm a wife  
Across the table she'll take my hands  
"THE WIFE" is the only one, who understands!!

**Trixie Brann**





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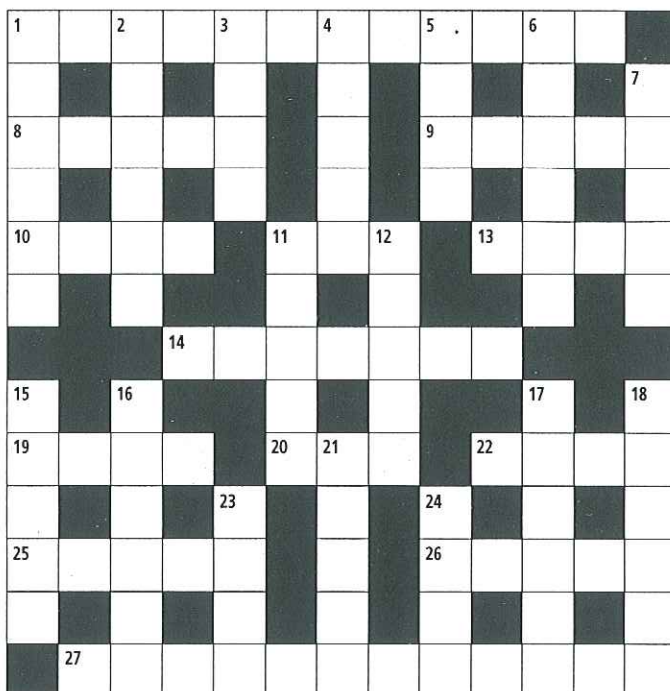
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# Crossword

## Show Biz Crossword

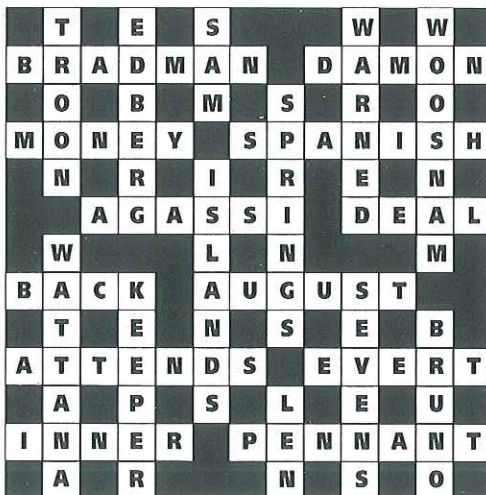
Out with the panstick and costumes and on with the show! See how you get on with this crossword on all aspects of entertainment, from dramas to dancing, from music to movies and from literature to live entertainment.



### Across

- 1 There were some mighty big characters in this movie (8,4)
- 8 "\_\_\_\_\_ Gold" - an old title recently used for U.S. military exercise
- 9 He played Butler
- 10 Mr Novello
- 11 Fred's kind of dancing
- 13 Thus Elsa was born
- 14 Marilyn was in this movie with a big drop
- 19 "\_\_\_\_\_ again, Whittington, Lord Mayor of London"
- 20 Rider Haggard's woman
- 22 Old Mr Hayes
- 25 You might hear 19 across in this seasonal entertainment
- 26 Simon Rattle uses one
- 27 Bob and Bing took it with Dorothy (4,2,6)

### Prize Solution



### Down

- 1 Silent screen star \_\_\_\_\_ Coogan
- 2 Tie a yellow one
- 3 Where Anna went
- 4 A film was made of Forster's passage to here
- 5 Singer Patti
- 6 Taylor or Redford
- 7 Mr O'Toole
- 11 The play had French without them
- 12 Peyton \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 There were 39 of them
- 16 He was The Godfather
- 17 See the circus in here! (3,3)
- 18 British actress and M.P. Jackson
- 21 A Marx brother
- 23 007
- 24 The sort of part a movie extra gets! (1,3)

Well done to David Hawkins, H240, who sent the first correct crossword from the August issue to me - a bottle of wine is on its way!



## Recipe

# Chicken with Cashew Nuts

A long-time favourite, this recipe for gai phad med mamuang (chicken and cashew nuts) has been requested by a few of you who have sampled it at the Club and elsewhere. As normal, this recipe feeds ten hungry horaces.

### Ingredients

- 2 kg chicken breasts
- 1 ½ kg onions, diced
- 200 g spring onions
- 500 g cashewnuts
- 100 g dry whole chillis
- 400 g oyster sauce
- 200 g garlic
- 50 g fish sauce (nam pla)
- 50 g Maizena/cornflour
- 50 g ground pepper

### Method

- 1 Dice the fresh chicken breasts and sauté with the garlic
- 2 Add the diced onion, whole dry chillis and the cashewnuts
- 3 In a separate bowl, mix together the oyster sauce, fish sauce and ground pepper
- 4 Bring the chicken, onion, chilli and cashewnuts to a hot temperature and add the oyster sauce, fish sauce and pepper mix. Thicken with the Maizena/cornflour
- 5 Serve with steamed rice and decorate with shredded spring onions

## Farewells and Hello Again!

The Club will definitely need a boost in new membership to make up for the exodus over this last couple of months! Those leaving last month included:

Marianne Blaszkevicz, Brian Bolton, Susan and Paul Boonsodakorn, Richard and Helen Burleigh, Sara Corbett and Tony Corbett, Andy and Uthai Davies, David and Henrietta Franklin, Timothy and Geraldine Hayes-Jones, Eric and Duangru-

tai Hudson, Andrew and Susan Kerr, Peter and Adi Kirketerp, Graham Mannion, John and Margaret Millard, Alastair and Julie Olver, Jojo and Resmi Philip, Stephen Powley, Malcolm and Andree Sabourin, Ratanavadee and Panja Senadisai, Neil Shilbury, Stephen and Caroline Simmons and John and Munintra Twigg.

After all that, it's nice to welcome back to the Club Bernard and Vanarat Grogan!



## Bar Quiz

# The Nana Lads Do It Again!

**T**his year's bar quiz attracted the grand total of four teams, namely the Nana Knights, the Spoofers, the Guests and the Aces. Despite very stiff competition, the Nana Knights ran out eventual winners.

Congratulations to the Nana Knights on this famous victory. Also, many thanks go to the

question master Rodney Bain and his able assistant Dave Haworth.

Watch the noticeboards for details of another highly popular Music Quiz to be held in the Churchill Bar some time this month.

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# A Bid For Olympics 2004?

Having just witnessed the spectacular phenomenon of the Olympiad in Atlanta, with its record-breaking runs and lifts, we now dismiss all talk of "teething problems" (hey, they only had 4 years to prepare for it) and turn our sights to the future - both the next Olympic Games to be held in Sydney in 2000 and the extravagant bids for the 2004 Games. Should Manchester bother to bid again after the Brits' rather sad performance at these Games?

I have always thought that the Olympic Games should be continually revised to reflect modern society. The following is what a future bid by a British conurbation may resemble...

## Opening Ceremony

The Olympic flame will be ignited by a petrol bomb and will burn for the duration of the Games in a large chip pan situated on the roof of the stadium.

## The Events

Note: In previous Olympic Games, Britain's competitors have generally not been particularly successful. In order to redress the balance, some of the events have been altered slightly to the advantage of local athletes.

### • **100 metres Sprint**

Competitors will have to hold a video recorder and a microwave oven (one under each arm), and on the sound of the starting

pistol, a police dog will be released from a cage 10 yards behind the athletes.

### • **100 metres Hurdles**

As above, but with added obstacles (ie car bonnets, hedges, garden fences, walls etc).

### • **Hammer**

Competitors in this event may choose the type of hammer they wish to use (claw, ballplane, sledge, etc). The winner will be the one who can cause the most grievous bodily

harm to members of the public within the time allowed. Points for difficulty will be awarded to contestants facing victims who attempt to fight back.

### • **Fencing**

Entrants will be asked to dispose of

as much stolen silver and jewellery as possible in five minutes.

### • **Long Jump/High Jump**

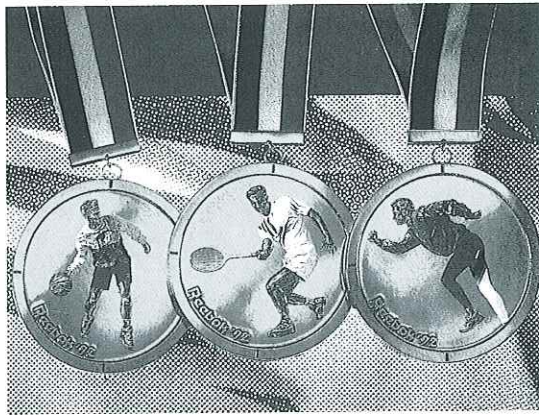
These events have been amalgamated and will be referred to simply as "A Jump". Mixed teams, in loose fitting clothing only.

### • **Shooting**

A strong challenge is expected from local men in this event. The target will be a post office counter clerk, bank teller or a Securicor-style wages delivery man.

### • **Boxing**

Entry to the boxing will be restricted to husband and wife teams, and will take place on a Friday night. The husband will be given 15 pints of beer, while the wife will be told





not to make him any tea when he gets home. The bout will then commence.

- **Cycling Time Trials**

Competitors will be asked to break into the university bike sheds and take an expensive mountain bike owned by some mummy's boy from the 'country', on his first trip away from home. All against the clock.

- **Cycling Pursuit**

As above, but the bike will be owned by a visiting member of the Australian rugby team, who will witness the theft.

- **Modern Pentathlon**

Amended to include mugging, breaking and entering, flashing, joy riding, and arson.

- **The Marathon**

A safe route has yet to be decided, but competitors will be issued with sharp sticks and bags with which to pick up litter on their way round the course.

- **Swimming**

Competitors will be thrown off a bridge on the Thames. The first three survivors back will decide the medals.

- **Weightlifting**

Competitors will be asked to lift increasing

quantities of building materials above their heads. Local construction industry recruitment consultants will be on hand to sign up the top twenty or so athletes.

- **Mens 50km Walk**

Unfortunately, this will have to be cancelled as the police cannot guarantee the safety of anyone walking the streets of any major inner city in Britain.

### The Closing Ceremony

Entertainment will include formation rave dancing by members of the Bethnal Green "Health in the Community" anti drug campaigners, synchronised rock throwing and music by the Boy Scouts Band and Virgin Symphony Orchestra (if still in existence).

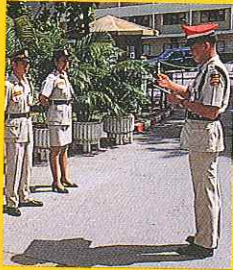
The Olympic flame will be extinguished by someone dropping an old washing machine onto it from the top floor of the block of flats next to the stadium.

The stadium will then be boarded up before the local athletes break into it and remove all the copper piping and the central heating boiler.

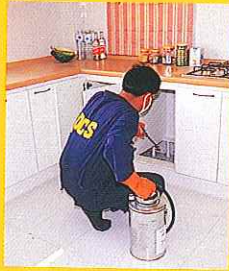




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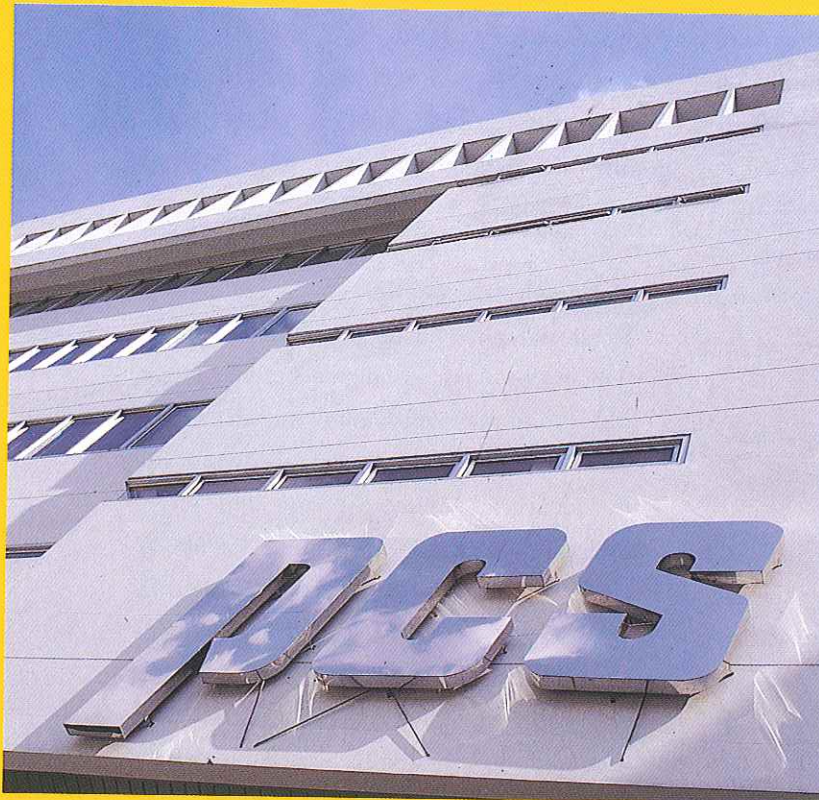
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## From the Chairman

**T**he copy requirements of Outpost being what they are, I find myself in the strange position of writing this article just a few days before going on leave in the knowledge that it will not be published until after I have returned. Many of you, too, will be reading this upon your return home and so may I firstly say that I hope you and I and our families all enjoyed ourselves!

Adding to the tribute in last month's Outpost, I should like to record my own and my wife's personal sadness at the recent and sudden death of Christian Adams, our Ambassador. He was a very approachable man and always displayed a particular interest in this Club, often asking how things were going and what the Club was up to. He and his wife, Pauline, were strong supporters of all British activities out here, always seeming able to find the time in their busy schedules to attend most of them, not least of which being our Christmas Ball. Their friendliness and interest will be sadly missed and our sympathies go to Pauline and her family at this distressing time.

### Quiet Before the Storm

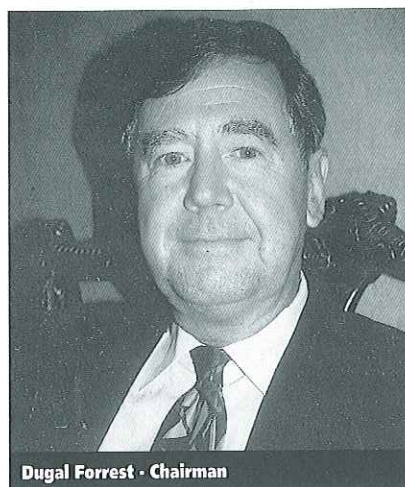
There appears to be little of note that has happened at the Club over the past few weeks

that warrants comment this month as the Club experiences its annual quiet period, the lull before the steady build-up to the frenzy that is December. It only seems a few weeks ago when I was wishing you all a Happy New Year and here we are again looking, from not too great a distance, at another one.

I would like to finish by congratulating first Adam Caro, winner of the final lucky draw in our successful Member-get-Member drive,

and to the new member he introduced, Jonathan Spruce, and also to Paul Turner for winning the grand prize for introducing the most new members over the year. Congratulations to the lucky winners and also thanks to all of you who have introduced new members during this promotion and helped boost our membership numbers. Keep up the good work!

**Dugal Forrest**  
**Chairman**



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

# Central Blood Register

*It's one of the worst scenarios you could face in expatriate life: Your wife, husband or child desperately needs blood and you belatedly discover that the local population rarely has that blood type. As you frantically phone around friends and organisations, your fears grow that you could lose your loved one simply because you cannot locate the few pints of fluid to save their life.*

It may sound dramatic, but given that negative blood types are rare amongst the Thai population, this situation has arisen three times in Bangkok in the last few months. Thanks to the efforts of various groups and individuals, blood has been found at the eleventh hour in each case. Next time, however, we may not be so lucky. And next time it could be you or your family in trouble.

With various organisations banding together the names and blood groups of their members, a Central Blood Register (CBR) is being created. This should ensure that whatever your blood type, if it is out there, it can be located quickly should the need arise.

Many people are understandably wary of adding their name or their spouses to a list which they fear may not respect their privacy. The following points should allay these fears:

- The CBR will only be held by the two CBR coordinators, plus the duty officers at participating Embassies. All people signing up to the CBR will be given clear instructions on how to contact the register should the

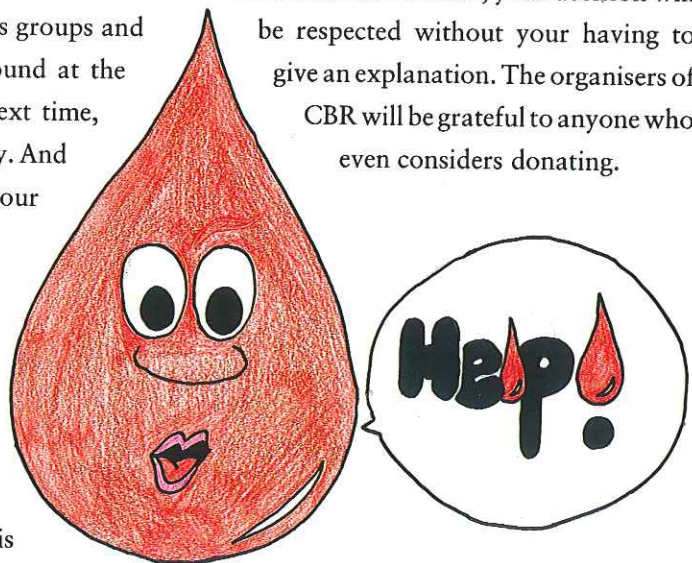
need arise.

- The CBR will not be held by hospitals; however, hospitals may call up the holders of the CBR in cases of emergency. Blood has a very short shelf life, so with the limited supply of some rare blood types, it is better "stored" in people's bodies.

- Due to the procedure to be followed, if you are asked to donate, it is most likely to be an emergency.

- You will never be charged for donating.

- If you are asked to donate but for any reason do not wish to, your decision will be respected without your having to give an explanation. The organisers of CBR will be grateful to anyone who even considers donating.



The register is open to anyone - you do not need to be a member of an organisation.

Remember, the chances are that you may never be called upon to donate, but if you are, you are probably helping to save a life.

**What a wonderful gift to give!**

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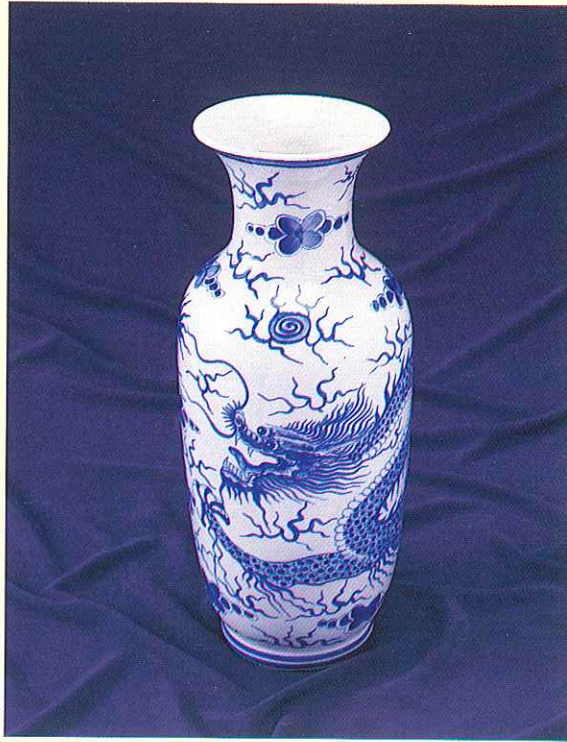
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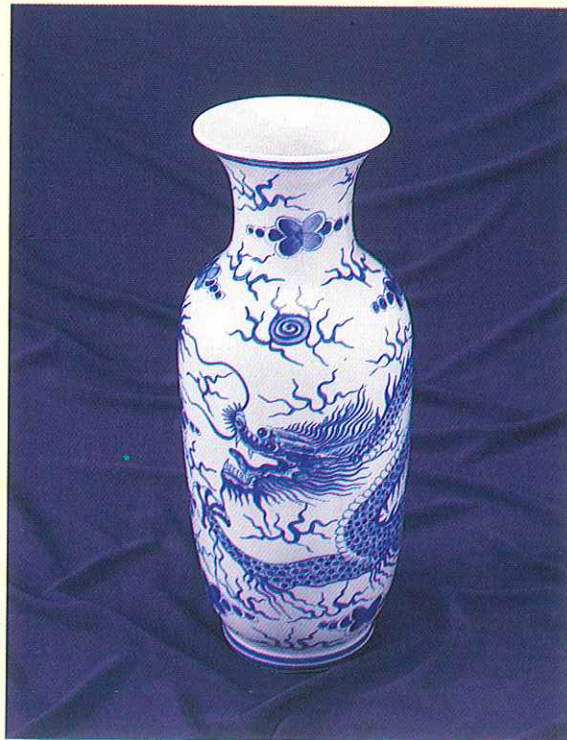
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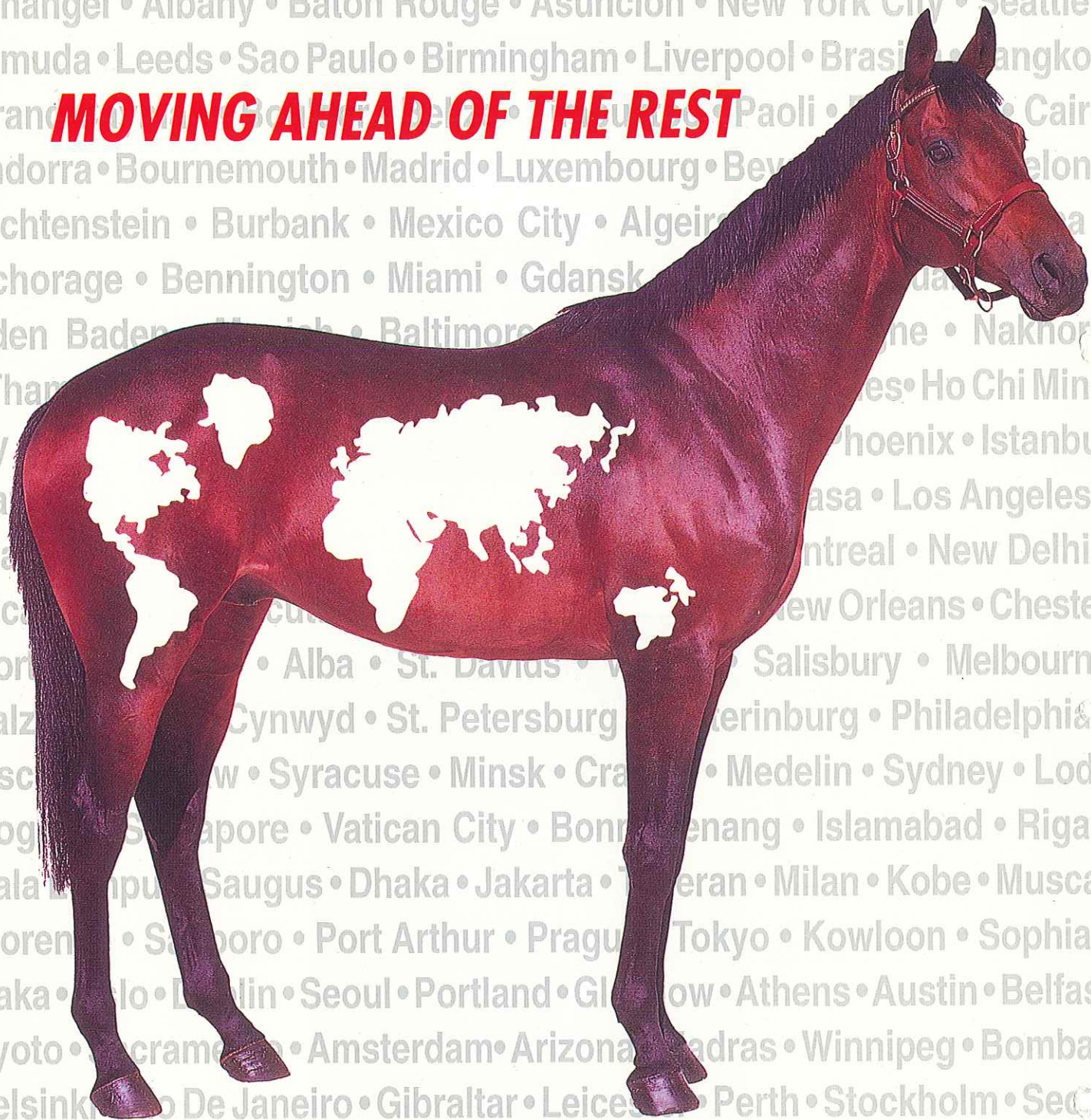
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