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## Any suggestions?

It's a funny old job, this. Being Editor of *Outpost*, many people believe you to be a member of Club staff, others reckon you're on the General Committee, or at least have a direct line of communication with it. As a result, people often approach you to suggest improvements, complain, seek confirmation of rumours or praise an activity or event.

Not that I mind at all, but despite my pleading very few of these suggestions, praises and complaints are ever written down, either in the suggestion book or as a letter to *Outpost*, where more members could be made aware of them, or even as a private note to the management or committee. In general, people seldom get around to writing, a fact you can see from the lack of letters in *Outpost* (and that despite all sorts of controversial issues arising over the years). And this is a pity, as quite a few of the suggestions are of considerable merit.

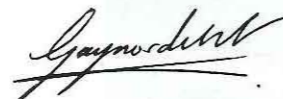
Mind you, I'm not one to lecture. I put pen to paper in the suggestion book for the first time in over eight years last month, despite having had several brainwaves over the years... well, they sounded like brainwaves at the time. My suggestion was to install a shelf or basket in the women's showers at about waist height – i.e. the height of the old soap dish, now removed to make way for those streamlined goo dispensers – to rest the bottles of specialised shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and any other lotions and potions we women take into the shower. Previously I'd made do with the soap dish as a perch for the most-frequently-groped-for bottle, now everything is precariously balanced on the window ledge. I've spoken with several women about this and so far all are in agreement (and they all use their own preferred shampoo too), so I've actually written it down.

However, I might start a column here in *Outpost* for all those who still can't manage that much. And perhaps the management would like to forward some of the recent suggestions put in writing, whether in the book or separate correspondence, or better still, let me rifle through the submitted suggestions and comments every now and then to pick out the goodies (with the authors' permission of course) for wider comment amongst the members. Well, Committee, how about it?

Onto this month's *Outpost*, a sport-heavy edition due to the absence of reports on other Club events, this will I believe be rectified next month. However, you simply must cast your eyes over the centre page feature on the BC's Eastern & Oriental Express deluxe dinner evening – this truly splendid treat is being organised as a one-night-only special fare on this legendary train to Ayutthaya and back, and looks set to be the most romantic evening since Valentine's Day...

I'm also delighted to see recent-editor Sherry keeping up with the 'Paws for Thought' articles, this month highlighting the work of one of Bangkok's unsung heroines and looking at how you can help ease Bangkok's dog situation.

In the meantime, any suggestions?



Gaynor de Wit  
Editor



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

# SHE'S BEAUTIFUL... AND SHE'S ALL WE HAVE

*But why do we think we can do what we like to her?*



Sure, the environment is at least on the agenda these days, but what has actually been achieved? We have rampant over-population, poisoned rivers and oceans, polluted cities, a depleted ozone layer, greenhouse gases, decimated forests; and we haven't even stopped it getting worse yet.

You might think this is an academic problem but this is where we live. So even if we don't see why we should honour the life of our planet, what about pure self-interest?

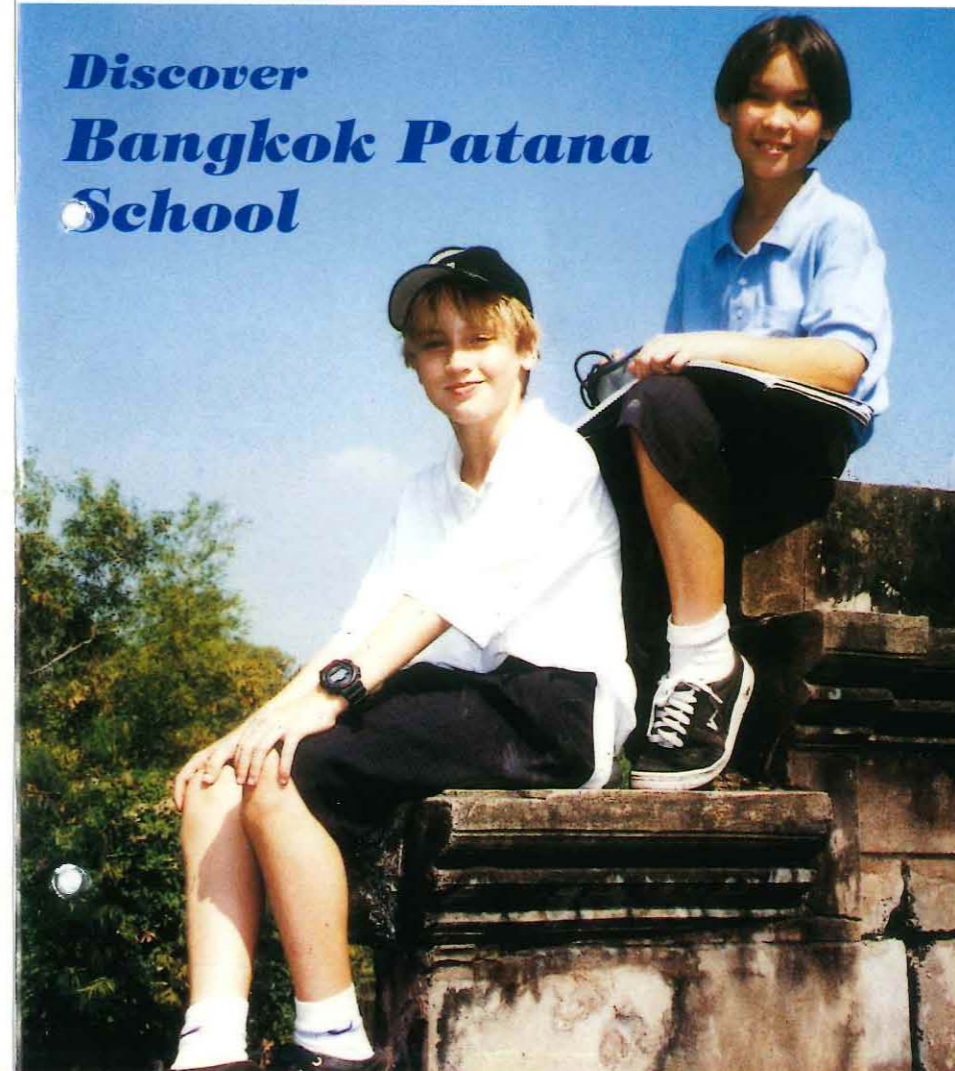
Since the earliest cities of Mesopotamia 6,000 years ago, long since claimed by the desert, nature has shown us repeatedly that there is a balance that needs to be respected.

**So why do we think we can do what we like to her?**

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### From the Manager

For those members who have been away on home leave, welcome back and we are looking forward to seeing you down at the Club in the near future.

On the development side we have almost completed the fencing around the centre court and court number 1, as well as the Sala extension in order to reach the entrance gate for court number 1. The new surface has now been laid on both centre and number 1 courts.

This month we will continue upgrading the electrics and will install a fire safety system at the Clubhouse and adjacent buildings.

In October the Club is delighted to be organising a dinner on the exclusive Eastern Orient Express. For members wishing to take advantage of this great experience, please contact Barry Osborne. The deadline for booking is 28 September.

On the safety side, we would kindly request all parents to ensure that children do not bring any 'roller devices' to the Club. Recently there was an accident involving a child's scooter and we wish to avoid this happening again.

All sporting activities are starting again this month following the summer break. Please do not hesitate to contact Damon Nemish for more information about what's going on in and around the Club.

The Food & Beverage Department of the Club will soon be producing their exciting variations for the Christmas menus which can be used for outside catering or on the Club premises. Watch out for these.

We look forward to seeing you again at the Club in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

Willem T.P. Pentermann  
General Manager



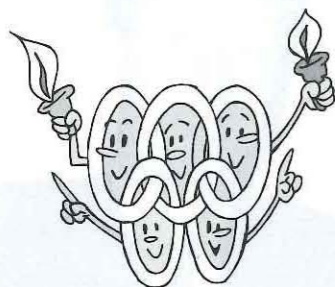
Willem T.P. Pentermann - General Manager

# A Touch of Class Aboard the E&O

## Olympic BBQ

Friday 15 September

Watch the opening ceremony of the Olympics live on the big screen in the Silom Sala followed by coverage of the



first day of this new millennium Olympics. A barbecue will be lit at 6.30pm with Spit Roast Lamb flown in specially from Australia. Sign up at Reception. Adults Bt 350, children Bt 200.

## BC BCCT Networking

Thursday 21 September

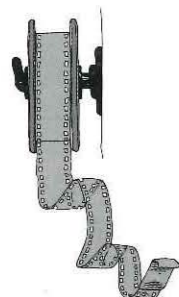
Starting at 5.30pm in Lords Restaurant, the Club is hosting a Networking Evening for the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT). An excellent opportunity for making new business acquaintances and meeting new friends. Cocktail food will be provided by the Club and beverages at Club prices.



## Film Night

Friday 22 September

On the big screen in the Suriwongse Room, "The Man in the White Suit" with Sir Alec Guinness. Cost: Bt 250 including a buffet supper.



## PTK Wine Tasting

Friday 29 September

Join Tom Westbury in the Snooker Room from 7.00-8.00pm for snacks provided by the Club and some of Tom's wines at special prices. There's no charge - just sign up at Reception.



## Italian Food & Wine

Friday & Saturday, 6 & 7 October

Sample the delights of Italian cuisine created by Khun Boonlert and his team of chefs. Ample Italian wine and liqueurs will be served, compliments of Italiasias, Khun Tanya. The "eat-as-much-as-you-can"



buffet includes wine and costs Bt 700 for adults and Bt 350 for children. Evenings only.

## Clowns of Shakespeare

Friday 13 October

Back by popular demand for one night only - "Mr. Shakespeare", Daniel Foley in "The Clowns of Shakespeare". Starting at 7.30pm, the evening includes a buffet dinner and costs Bt 600. Maximum 80, so please book early at Reception to avoid disappointment.



## All Aboard the E&O

Saturday 28 October

A unique opportunity to enjoy a touch of refinement aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express with a luxury five-and-a-half hour train journey to Ayutthaya and back. This exciting one-off event starts with pre-dinner drinks on the front lawn of the Club. On board the train an exquisite 4-course meal with wine will be served in the dining carriage. Places are limited to 60 people so reserve your seat early. The special price for BC members is Bt 8,000 per person, including coach transfer to Hua Lumphong Station and all beverages on the train. See centre pages for full details. Deadline for booking: 28 September.



## Come Dancing

Social dancing will be returning soon with shorter, more specific lessons for both beginners and the more advanced dancer. Bangkok Dance will again run the classes and we will try to hold more frequent dances for members to show off their stuff. Watch for more information via e-mail and on posters around the club.



## REGULAR EVENTS

### Churchill Bar Cocktails

Now available: a small range of cocktails at just Bt 95 per glass! Currently we have Mai Tai, Pina Colada, Banana Daiquiri and a special Cocktail of the Month; if these prove popular we will expand the list to include more of your favourites.

### No Fixed Abode in the Bar

Friday nights

Come and listen to 'No Fixed Abode', Bangkok's Celtic, Antipodean and folk band, every Friday in the Churchill Bar from 8pm until midnight, and enjoy an evening of good music, fine fare and convivial atmosphere!



### Poolside BBQ: It's Back!

Friday nights

"All You Can Eat" at the barbecue at the poolside every Friday from 6.30-9pm, including beef burgers, lamb koftas and sausages, and the likes of tiramisu for dessert, all for the ridiculously low price of Bt 295 for adults and Bt 185 for kids under 12 - and the kids get free Coke too!

### Kids Corner

Every weekend there are activities for kids. Orange squash and popcorn will be



provided free of charge at both events. For details, please contact Khun Aey.

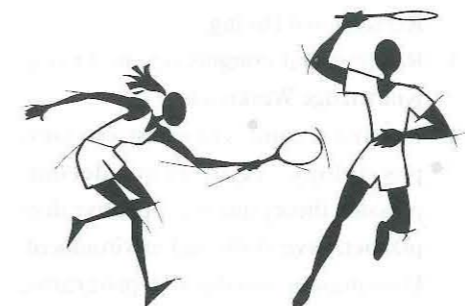
- Saturdays - a cartoon movie from 2pm onwards in the Surawongse Room or the Wordsworth Room.
- Sundays from 2pm to 3.45pm - children's games on the front lawn, such as lawn games, board games and an art corner. At 4pm there is a cartoon movie shown on the second floor of the Clubhouse.

## SPORTS UPDATE

### Tennis clinic

Friday 1, 8, 15 & 22 September

Paul Ho is holding a tennis clinic from 6.00-7.00pm, minimum 3 people and maximum 6. This is for players with good basic skills who are looking to improve and add a new dimension to their game. Cost: Bt 1,700 for the 4 hour course.



### Swimming Gala

Sunday 17 September

Please register before September 14. Contact Damon Nemish in the Fitness Centre for more details.



### Sport accessories

A reminder that we have HEAD tennis and squash accessories along with rackets for sale in the Fitness Centre. Prices are 10% less than retail - a great deal for members!

### Racket stringing

Pick-up	Return
Saturday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Thursday	Saturday

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### Super Sun Protection

The BC has Quincy Quokka sun-suits in all sizes for children large and small. We can order your size if we do not have it. Prices range from Bt 980 for little ones to Bt 1,300 for big kids. Come to the Fitness Centre for a look.

# Become a Divemaster

**F**irst off, congratulations to British Club members Yanik, Yahren and Yhevin Tissera who have graduated as PADI Certified Skin Divers.

Nicholas Law also attended the above PADI Skin Diver course at the British Club during the week of July 24-28. In addition to the basic skin diving course, they received a preview of 3 new advanced skin diving courses: photography, navigation and search & recovery.

## Scuba Divemaster - a second part-time career?

I have been pleasantly surprised at the number of experienced, professional career people, who are already certified divers, who have come to discuss with me the possibility of completing the requirements to qualify as a Divemaster. They are interested in a new part-time activity that is very different from their ongoing careers. They are all still working full-time at the moment, but are beginning to plan for retirement or part-time work only within several years.

It makes good planning sense to find and develop an activity that can be flexible, fun and can pay for itself!

Mature career professionals with successful backgrounds who are already certified divers are in many ways excellent candidates for the Divemaster position. Maturity, experience, judgement are all valuable assets to have in this entry-level professional leadership position of scuba diving.

For those of you interested in the PADI Divemaster program I have prepared the following information.



Practicing with the underwater camera - good job!

## What is a PADI Divemaster - really?

The characteristics for a PADI Divemaster include:

1. Exemplary diving skills
2. Rescue skills
3. Professional-level knowledge of dive theory
4. Competence as a certified assistant
5. Dive management and supervision abilities
6. Ethical role model behavior
7. Enthusiastic and fun

## What are the duties of a Divemaster?

Virtually all aspects of recreational diving except instruction of scuba diving and Medic First Aid courses. A brief summary includes:

1. Assisting a teaching status PADI instructor in both the confined and open water training of divers
2. Conducting any subsequent dives for Discover Scuba Diving participants
3. Conducting the PADI's Discover Local Diving experience, Discover Snorkeling program, and Scuba Review programs
4. Generally supervising both training and non-training related activities by assisting certified divers and student divers in the planning, organizing and direction of dives
5. Teaching and certifying PADI Skin Divers independently
6. Dive shop equipment sales and office management after appropriate training.
7. Logistical support

## Pre-requisites for the PADI Divemaster course:

1. Be a certified PADI Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver or proof of equivalent rating



Together underwater

2. Be at least 18 years old at the start of the training
3. Proof of 20 or more logged dives documenting experience in deep diving and underwater navigation. Proof of 60 dives is a certification requirement
4. Medical clearance for diving signed by a physician, attesting to fitness to dive. It must be current within the previous 12 months.

## What is involved in the Divemaster program?

First of all, the certified Divemaster is expected to have the technical knowledge of an instructor. PADI recently updated the entire course and made many improvements to the program. A brief summary includes:

- **Knowledge development**
  1. Reading and completing the new PADI Divemaster manual and completing its nine Knowledge reviews.
  2. Reading the Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving.
  3. Reading and completing the Diving Knowledge Workbook.
  4. Passing exams covering physics, physiology, equipment, decompression theory and the repetitive dive planner, dive skills and environment, Divemaster conducted programs, supervising certified divers and supervising students.
  5. Have a working basis of the Instructor manual and its standards.

## Water skills and stamina (timed and scored)

1. 400 meter/yard swim
2. 15 minute float/tread
3. 800 meter/yard snorkel swim
4. 100 meter/yard diver tow
5. Rescue assessment.

## Demonstration quality skills (all scored)

1. Mask removal/replacement
2. 18 skills of the Open water course

## Practical Application

1. Underwater mapping project
2. Underwater equipment exchange
3. Divemaster conducted programs

## Internship

Option 1: Participates in 5 confined water sessions, 6 open water sessions, or  
Option 2: Practical Training exercises  
Certified divers in open water, confined water-open water diver course, open water-open water diver course and open water-continuing education course.

## What does it cost for the program?

It can range from approximately 22,000 to 33,000 Baht. The lower price probably does not include the required books and materials. The candidate is expected to have his or her own equipment. There is a one-time processing fee and yearly renewal fees.

## Is it worth all the work?

Sounds challenging? It is! Is it worth all the studying and time? Only if you enjoy working with people, have lots of patience, enjoy working on dive boats around the world and scuba diving in exotic places, working hard and then enjoying long periods of relaxation in the sun watching the ocean waves. As a Divemaster, you will not get rich with money, but will be richer in personal and professional satisfaction! During my career, I have been in the same position as many of the people described above and, for me personally, the



Yahren, Yanik, Yhevin and Nicholas with Instructor Peter Gary and Divemaster Sasil Sirivadhanakul

Divemaster and Instructor positions have been the most rewarding. Carrying scuba tanks and equipment bags is definitely not glamorous or fun but the real motivation and reward is at the completion of a course - seeing the new students with excited smiles on their faces, pleased with the new skills they have learned and the adventure they have had, and their eagerness for more.

Peter Gary

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## Don't Let Mobiles!

**A**fter the frantic activities of June and July, we came to the peace of August when many of us headed off on holiday, so there's not too much to report this month.

### Handicap Tournament

As you read this the annual Handicap Tournament is about to start, with the finals on 24 September. Your handicap is based on ladder positions, unless we know you are a bandit, then it's whatever we want. Just joking! The Handicap is traditionally the competition when lower league players get their own back on the better players, and there are usually some interesting results, so get your entry in and let's have a good turnout.

### Thanks to John Vivian

John has been on the squash committee for many years and has done great work as treasurer, making sure we have the funds to keep the section running, but he has decided that he needs a break and has called it a day. All of the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank John for his efforts as the job of treasurer is often a thankless one and we hope to see him back on court soon as well.

We are looking for new blood on the squash committee, so if you are interested let Peter Corney know (e-mail [peter@acapacific.co.th](mailto:peter@acapacific.co.th)).

### Appeal to New Members

Every month new members join the Club and when interviewed by Gaynor for *Outpost* many of them express their love of squash, but few seem to make it out of the bar and across to the other side of the swimming pool! So here is an appeal to all the new, and not so new members. **JOIN THE SQUASH SECTION NOW!**

The BC is lucky to have one of the best groups of squash players in Bangkok. We run the following events:

- Leagues (6 or 7 players, lasting 8 weeks start every other month)
- Ladder (3 mixed ladders. Challenge up to 7 places above you)
- Individual Competitions (normal and handicap)

- Team competitions
- Inter-club matches
- Inter-port matches with clubs from overseas
- Mix-ins

In fact the only thing we haven't done in recent years is to go on tour. There's something about Bangkok and everyone wants to come here, and those who live here don't want to leave! Actually we did go to Chiangmai two years ago – does that count?

The section runs a mix-in every Thursday evening from 6:00pm until everyone gives in. Format is usually one game of American scoring to 21 points, and keep changing partners. All grades of player take part and you may find yourself playing the club number No. 1, David Eastgate, for one game and a lesser mortal like me for the next. One of the best things about BC squash, now and always, is that there are no prima donnas. Everyone will play with anyone no matter what standard they are – don't you wish all clubs were like that?

We also run a special mix-in on the first Sunday of each month. Just turn up between 12:30 and 1:00 and put your name on the board outside court 1. The format is a handicap tournament of one or two leagues, depending on how many show up. If we are feeling really vindictive we will even make the two league winners play off – prizes are a 'meal for two' at Central Plaza Hotel courtesy of Martin Reid.

So there you are new members – no excuse now. Get over to the other side of the swimming pool and get into the squash action.

### Court 1

After a couple of weeks off limits, court 1 is back in action with a newly varnished floor. Enjoy it, but please remember to only play with non-marking shoes and make the work last longer.

### Yes Let! – Play by the rules of squash

I was not sure what to write about this month, but like manna from heaven, an e-mail arrived from one of our squash section members about an incident that happened to him in his last league game, which had left him a little non-plussed. We will leave out the names to protect both the innocent and guilty, but they will know who they are.

In this particular game, play was proceeding well until in the middle of a rally a mobile phone went off. The player whose phone it was stopped, got the phone from his bag at the front of the court, answered the call, put the phone away and went back to serve and continue the game. Needless to say his opponent was not amused and probably lost more than a few points in anger and frustration.

Technically the rules of squash were not designed for such crass behaviour, and without a referee you would have little joy in this. A referee would have to award the point in play against the person whose phone went off – definitely not a let. The referee would then quote rule 7 – continuity of play – and penalise the offending player for not continuing play, by a conduct warning, conduct stroke or even conduct game.

Unfortunately most of our games are not played with referees, so we have to appeal to common sense. If you have come to play a game of squash, have the courtesy to turn off your phone for 45 minutes, or leave it and your bag outside the court or in a locker in the changing room. The tennis section has big signs by the entrance to the courts stating "No mobile phones". Up til now squash players have been sensible enough not to need telling, let's keep it that way!

**Happy squashing!**  
**Phil Hall**



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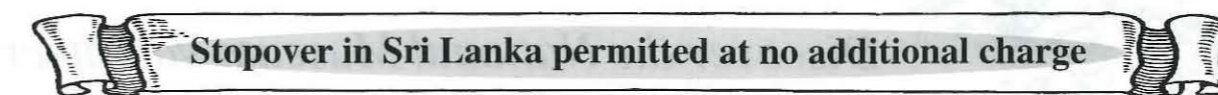
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## Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - September 2000

### Sundays



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

### Mondays



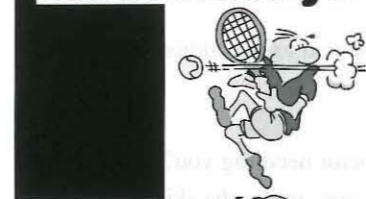
8.00 am BWG Mahjong  
9.30 am Aerobics  
6-7 pm Masters (Adult) Swim  
Training  
6 - 8 pm Happy Hour  
7 - 9 pm Tennis Team Training

### Tuesdays



7 am Ladies Golf  
8 - 10 am Ladies Tennis  
10.30 am Aqua Aerobics  
3 - 5 pm BC Swimming Instruction  
6 - 8 pm Happy Hour  
7 - 9 pm Football Training  
7.30 pm Darts  
8 - 11 pm Friendly Bridge  
9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof

### Wednesdays



9.30 am Aerobics  
4.30 - 9 pm Squash Coaching  
6 - 8 pm Happy Hour  
6 - 9 pm Tennis Mix-in  
6.30 pm Cricket Nets

### Thursdays



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

### Fridays



9.30 am Step Aerobics  
3.30 - 6 pm BC Tennis Coaching for  
Children  
4.30 - 5.30 pm BC Swimming Instruction  
5.30 pm Swimming - Junior  
6 - 8 pm Squad Training  
6 - 7 pm Happy Hour  
6.30 - 9 pm Adult Tennis  
8 pm Poolside BBQ  
'No Fixed Abode' in the  
Churchill Bar

### Saturdays



9 am - 12 noon Squash Coaching  
9 am - 1.30 pm BC Swimming Instruction  
4.00 pm Casuals Football  
6 - 8 pm Happy Hour

#### MAKE A NOTE!

• **Starting Friday 1:** Improve your tennis at Paul Ho's tennis clinic. Learn the different serves, topspin and underspin lob, half volley and drop shot.

• **Friday 15:** Olympic BBQ. Watch the opening ceremony and the first day's coverage on the big screen.

• **Thursday 21:** British Chamber Networking Evening. Make new friends and influence a few people!

• **Friday 22:** Buffet Supper and film "The Man in the White Suit".

• **Friday 29:** Wine Tasting otherwise known as 'Drinks on the House'. Courtesy of Tom Westbury.

See "What's On" for further details.

#### Sports - Contact

Aquatics	Michele Law	295 4595
Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	654 0002-29
Bridge	Ernest Lee	612-3580 ext 503
Cricket	Nick White	246 0832
Football	Martin Conisbee	366 0432
Golf	Bernie Adams	675 6123
Rugby	Jon Prichard	662 6376
Sailing	Damon Nemish	266 0597
Scuba Diving	Peter Gary	634 7792
Squash	Peter Corney	714 2426
Tennis	David Blowers	285 4721-2

#### Loyal Societies

St George's	Andrew Pickup	245 6400 x 229
St Andrew's	Rosemary Imlah	437 9693
St Patrick's	Jerome Kelly	682 7526
St David's	Gareth Hughes	01 859 6140

#### Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
Aerobics	Squash Court 3
Casuals Football	Colgate Ground, Rama III
Massage	Near the BC Squash Courts

#### Opening Times

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

# to the ready...

traffic jam? Waiting for the dessert to arrive? Then you've plenty of time to figure out this month's, by member Margaret Miller.



## Across

- 1 Has this chap arrived very recently?
- 4 Where sailors call for sport, maybe!
- 8 Herb? Yes, but another boy.
- 9 One river to a Scotsman makes another.
- 10 Rome is this city, they say.
- 11 It's nothing on court.
- 12 America's Uncle.
- 14 Man or Wight.
- 15 Just the last word!
- 18 This was the thing to Julius Caesar!
- 21 These little craft have guts.
- 23 If it's No. 1 it must be. (3,4)
- 25 Tangle with a compass point - chic!
- 26 No, no, I can make a vegetable.
- 27 "Our castle's strength will laugh a \_\_\_\_\_ to scorn."  
(Macbeth)
- 28 A show is, when presented to the audience.

## Down

- 1 Talk fast - like the doctor needling you?
- 2 It is said that women are - under the skin.
- 3 A resident of 14 Across.
- 4 Plenty of money in ceramics!
- 5 One of the Star Crossed Lovers.
- 6 "I know that's a \_\_\_\_\_ for it's whispered everywhere."  
(Congreve - Love for Love)
- 7 Slap nothing around for stones.
- 13 Pretends to be discerning? (5,3)
- 16 Levelling out at the end of the day.
- 17 The cackling female sat drunkenly around the capital city!
- 19 California is one.
- 20 Drunk - or cruelly punished?
- 22 They were used as watchdogs in Ancient 10 Across.
- 24 "Behold a \_\_\_\_\_ horse." (Book of Revelations)

## August puzzle



## Letter from Members

# Farewell from us!

On Monday 10 July 2000, we were told by our company that they were recalling us back to Australia immediately, with only 19 days to pack our bags, our home and our life, then be on a plane to Melbourne.

This news was incredibly shattering and we took it rather badly. Now it has started to sink in we are very, very disappointed and sad to be leaving Thailand at such short notice with so many dreams left on the shelf for now, and so many good friends who we can't say goodbye to because of the small timeframe we've been given. Our farewell is firstly to the British Club, without which we would not have survived the rat race in Bangkok quite so well. The sala staff have been absolutely wonderful in meeting our needs at difficult times and if it wasn't for them taking Ben for little

walks around the place, one of us would have gone starving on most visits. Thank you to Khun Arpha, Khun Anong, Khun Monthira and every other sala staff person who has been a part of our lives. We will miss you all.

To Barry Osborne, with your zesty personality, vibrant smile and happy-go-lucky nature, it's been a joy and pleasure knowing you and spending time with you at British Club events. Keep up the good work and we look forward to seeing you on future trips to Bangkok.

To Damon Nemish, your energy levels are amazing when it comes to keeping up with the kids at the Club, not to mention the sports/fitness fanatics. Thank you for your friendship and support, and we wish you every happiness and success in the future for you and your family.



To all the friends we made inside and outside the Club, thank you for your support and helpfulness over the last two years. We will miss everyone and the fun times always had at the Club.

As the Ozzies say - See ya later!

**Simon, Leanne and Ben  
Hutchinson**

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# Mini-Carlsberg Cup

On Saturday 22 July, with the kind cooperation of the British Club, the Mini-Carlsberg Cup Football Tournament was staged at the Club on the Astroturf tennis area. Played in a 5-a-side format, the squads for the tournament were each limited to 10 players and on the day seven teams took part:

British Club Bangkok (BC)  
The Vikings (Scans)  
British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT)  
Caltex (Thailand)  
Bulls Head Brazilians  
BC Mongrels  
Unocal (Thailand)

The tournament kicked off at 10.00 am with a game between the Brazilians and Unocal. Unfortunately Gavin of the Brazilians was still in bed at this time and as he had the team kit it was a rather ragtag Brazilians team that took to the field. Not an auspicious start from the Brazilians, you would think, but their day got better. In the BC's first game we scored 3 goals - almost unheard of this season - but

unfortunately it was downhill after that. The BC Mongrels, an odds and sods team formed on the day, also started brightly with a 1:1 draw against the Scans, a disgustingly fit and strong-looking squad. This was the Mongrels high note of the day and, alas, a string of narrow defeats was to follow.



Brazilians can't keep their shirts on even when they have some.



Members of the BC team finding inspiration - some from the tennis courts!



Beaten finalists, the Brazilians. You should have seen the state they were in at 10.00am.



Sporting gestures from Unocal and the Brazilians before the Final. Note Unocal's strength in depth - a No. 65 shirt!



British Chamber of Commerce tactical talk - pity about the No. 13 shirt.

The tournament was played on a league basis with the top four teams going into the semi-finals. These four were BCCT, Unocal, Scans and the Brazilians and, against all expectations, Unocal beat BCCT and the Brazilians pipped the Scans after some brave defensive work by Will. The final between Unocal and the Brazilians was played at a hectic pace and the standard of football was excellent considering that the players had been out in the heat for five hours or more. Again the Brazilians defended valiantly against a lively and creative Unocal team and forced the match into extra time. The game was decided by a superb 'golden goal' from Unocal captain, Andy Lazenby, just as the thunder started and the heavens opened. Perfect timing!

Rounding off the day was the Cup presentation followed by an excellent barbecue buffet prepared by the British Club.

Special thanks to Barry Osborne and his catering team for the fine spread and their ability to carry on as normal despite the storm. The beer flowed, stories of past glories became more exaggerated and the stragglers finally left at around 10.00 pm. Thanks also go to our referees and to Andy Lazenby for devising the format and keeping the scores. Congratulations to Unocal and we hope that all the teams will be back for next year's competition.

Martin Conisbee

## Swelling the ranks of British Club members are:

Gareth Hughes & Janice Eaton, Julian Goatcher, Mark & Jacqueline Giuliano, Dene & Julie Green, Peter Harper & Piyyarat Suksiri, Puneet & Sanjna Jasuja, Vikram & Meghna Jogani, Adriaan Rodenburg, Maurizio Spampinato & Ivan Zanardini, Alan Williams & Helen Walker, and David & Lee Winfield



## Goodbye and good luck to all those leaving the Club:

Bill Anderson, Andrew Barrett, Lisa Cockette & Erik, Barry & Lindy Edney, Christine Elliott and Adam, Clifford & Jacqueline Grove, Rob & Amanda Hornman, Simon & Leanne Hutchinson, Christopher Iuul, Anthony Jeffreys, Stephen & Jane Jones, Jonathan & Elizabeth Lush, Kevin McTavish, Nick & Suzannah Moore, Mark & Emily Nydam, Christian Relster, Thana & Valaiporn Senavattanagul, Wendy Thomas, Bradford Tribble, and Ron & Deborah Webb.



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# Doggy Heaven

**R**inging the doorbell at Pym Isarangkura's house in Bangkok receives a loud and immediate response as the 60 or so dogs that share her home bark out their greeting.

The gate opens and a succession of tail-wagging canines in all shapes, sizes and colours runs to sniff out those brave enough to have lingered after the bell was first pressed.

I've been to Pym's many times and on each visit this canine greeting never fails to please me, for these dogs once numbered amongst the packs of pitiful strays that can be found on most streets in Bangkok, hungry or sick and many suffering from crippling injuries. Here at Pym's they have found sanctuary – the very best of doggy heavens - where there's plenty of food, space to run around, medical attention when necessary, and a human to pat them on the head when they've been a 'good boy'.

Whenever I show up, Pym takes me on a tour to meet the newest arrivals and say hello to the old residents. On my last visit, one dog was recovering nicely after a leg amputation and another following a brush with distemper, two or three are paralysed in their hind quarters and have their own set of wheels to get around, others were recovering from mange or the myriad of other ailments that inflict street dogs – but

all were clean and happy, and the vast majority of them looked in the peak of health.

Pym is passionate about dogs but her objective in life isn't to run a home for strays. Instead her goal is to greatly reduce the number of dogs remaining on Bangkok's streets and she goes about this in a way which she hopes will set an example for others. I

talked to her at length recently to find out more about how she does this.

## The dog problem

"I'm not sure of the exact number of street dogs in Thailand" says Pym, "but they are definitely in the hundreds of thousands. Disease is widespread and many of the dogs have been hit by cars leaving them with horrible injuries." Pym feels even sorrier for those which are caught and taken to the dog pound as she knows an unpleasant death awaits them there. What

bothers her most, though, is that all this is allowed to happen in a culture which believes in the sanctity of all life.

When asked why the 'dog problem' has become so bad in Thailand, Pym took time to consider. "There are probably many reasons but neutering certainly hasn't been high enough on anyone's agenda" she said, adding that although the Government of Thailand is trying hard to battle the problem by offering incentives to the public to neuter their pets, as yet they have been unable to come up with and legislate for an effective and humane dog control system.

"There's not enough education either" Pym added, believing that education at primary



Bangkok's litter problem.



Pym at home with friends.



"Leave us some!"

and senior school levels on the importance of responsible pet ownership is not emphasised enough in schools, and public awareness of the need to control breeding is certainly lacking. "Our philosophy in Thailand and Buddhist reverence for life stops many people from neutering their pets, as they believe it may be a sin. But this is not so," Pym concluded, adding that she didn't want to point the finger of blame at anyone but hoped that everyone in the community would accept some of the responsibility in attempting to solve the problem.

## Positive action

For her part, Pym lends a hand to those people who provide food for the street dogs but who cannot afford to neuter them or provide other medical treatment. With the help of these people, she rounds up the dogs and takes them to the veterinary centre of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) to have them neutered. She also provides the dogs with a place for pre- and post-operative care until the stitches are removed, and arranges for them to be vaccinated and given a vaccine tag and collar. She then returns them to their original locale where the people will continue to feed and care for them. Recently she has started to tattoo each dog while they're still under anaesthetic, clearly showing for future reference that they have already been neutered.

Pym tries to take about 10 dogs to be neutered each week. If in one particular area the strays number more than 10, she



Sleeping beauties. Only one remains alive today.

takes them to her own compound and arranges for a BMA mobile clinic to perform the neutering there. With the help of the vets and support from her friends and family, Pym has managed to neuter nearly 400 street dogs in just under a year. This may seem an insignificant number, but when one considers that each bitch can give birth to two litters a year of between 3-8 puppies, which themselves are capable of breeding in under a year, well, the number has more value. In real terms, Pym's efforts save thousands of puppies from being born into a life of misery on the streets.

## Don't just sit there

Pym firmly believes that the neutering of just **ONE** dog is an act of kindness and can be an inspiration to others to do the same. If you want to do something to ease the situation, here's her advice.

- Make sure your own pet is neutered. If you are caring for a street dog and cannot afford the services of a private vet, then the BMA offers a free neutering service. By doing this, the number of unwanted animals will fall.
- Take a more pro-active role in your community and accept some of the responsibility for the dog on **YOUR** street corner. Pym believes you will feel good by giving a little kindness to a defenceless animal.
- If you own a dog or are thinking of getting one, take the time to discover what your responsibilities to that animal are, such as neutering, vaccinations, exercising, proper feeding and grooming. Any of the many vets in Bangkok can advise you - or watch out for a forthcoming article in *Outpost* when the facts about responsible pet ownership will be outlined.

**Sherry Conisbee**

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There are 8 BMA veterinary clinics dotted around. Contact me if you need their numbers : <sheridan@loxinfo.co.th>



Born on the streets, 'Parsnip' now has a safe home with Pym.

## New Members

### Mark Winter Ingrouille

President of the McCann-Erickson Worldgroup, Mark is an old hand in Southeast Asia having spent two years in Thailand previously, as well as a longish stint in Singapore and a further 2 years in Hong Kong. Taking Mark's word as gospel, he says he has two sons, Matthew aged 9 and Luke aged 8, enjoys music and writing, along with sex, drugs and alcohol! Strong as a rugby prop-half, he is pictured here holding up the bar.



Mark

### Paul and Sally Bardeleben

Just settling into Bangkok as first-time expats, Brits Paul, his wife Sally and baby daughter Kayla Demi, hope to stay here for about 3 years, giving Sally plenty of time to practice her favourite sports of tennis and swimming. Paul works for Castrol (Thailand) and his sporting interests are tennis, cricket and golf.



Paul

### Bruce Hall

Brand new in Bangkok, bachelor Bruce is another Brit who has joined the ranks of Castrol in Thailand. Fit and footloose, Bruce is unwilling to divulge too much to *Outpost* other than his sporting interests, namely swimming, tennis, tae kwon do and mountain biking.



Bruce

### Nisa Adams

For tennis-playing members of the Club, Nisa needs little introduction. She's been an ace on the Club's tennis team for a while and her folks, Terry and Wan, are longtime Club members who can be found on the courts (by those who rise early enough) most mornings. A student at Assumption College, Nisa has just turned 21 and now joins the Club in her own right. Besides tennis, Nisa enjoys reading, shopping and watching TV.



Nisa

### Vijendra and Vasudha Singh

MD of Berger Paints, Vijendra has been in Thailand for nearly 3 years and hopes to stay a few more, long enough at least to improve his golf handicap! Vijendra and Vasudha, both members of The Siam Society, have two children - a son, aged 16, who is a student at Assumption College in Bangkok and a daughter of 15 who is studying back home in India. Vasudha's passion is music and singing, and for exercise she enjoys swimming and aerobics. Vijendra's hobbies are reading, the theatre and travelling.



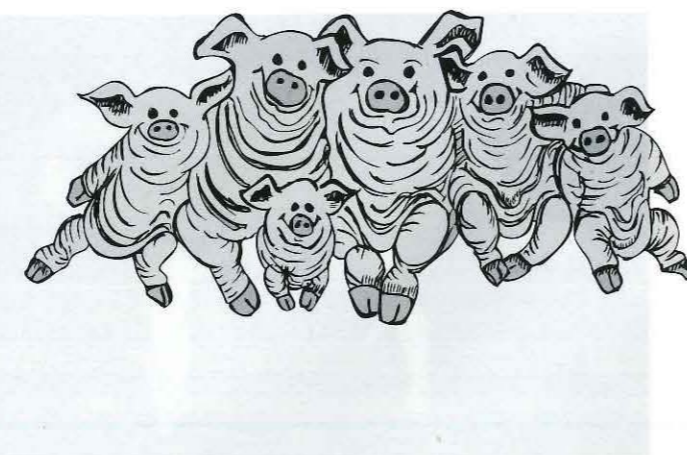
Vijendra

### Pitiporn Thiraphan

Pitiporn has reached 21 and now joins her parents, Pol. Col. Dusdee Thiraphan and Tuangrat as a fully-fledged member of the BC. She enjoys tennis and swimming and is currently studying hard for a Masters degree.



Pitiporn with her parents



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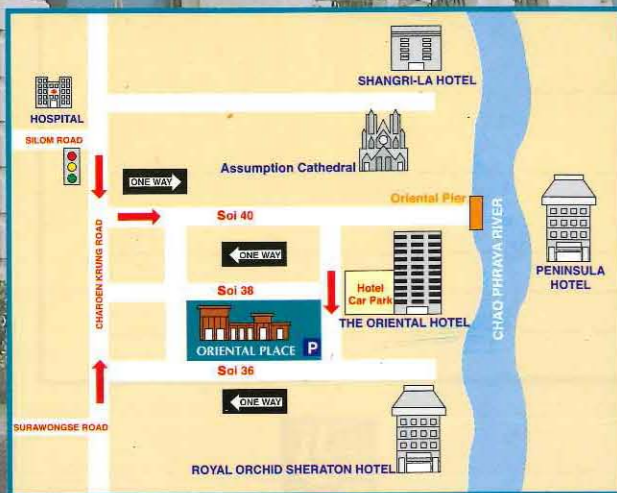
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Not far behind Roger



Runner up Nick



Golf



## Bandits

### Bisque Bogey

There was a strong turnout for the annual Bisque Bogey event held at Muang Keaw Golf Course. The idea was to use your handicap where you wanted to score points. I had a lot of trouble getting the hang of it last year and obviously still haven't grasped the concept as I still had half my handicap left at the end. Dugal Forrest got the idea and scored lots of points. He did have his best round ever scoring a 78 gross on a handicap of 17. Yes, if you remember Dugal was formerly the handicap secretary and obviously put a bug in the programme before he passed it on to Mike Staples. In second place was



Winner Dugal

Nick White whose handicap has not caught up with his improved golf game. Third was Roger Fitzgerald.

And don't forget... presentation of your British Club card at Muang Keaw gets you a reduced rate... Trafalgar Insurance Brokers are sponsoring a hole in one.

### Royal Hills

During the quiet season, there are opportunities to explore any of the 200 golf courses in Thailand at leisure. One Sunday the Carters and the Whites decided to go to Royal Hills in Nakorn Nayok. As the 'Blue Book' states "the 18 holes are laid out on the hilly country and arranged in a good placement of natural feature in the area." This means that you are playing in beautiful surroundings with running water and small waterfalls featuring on many holes. The course is very challenging and makes a nice change from the cultivated fairways and klongs of Bangkok. The course was a bit soggy on the day we visited but in the dry season it must be stunning.

Only one and a half hours drive from Bangkok, there are lots of activities in the area for families, from cycling to white water rafting. Nang Rong waterfall is close by. There are also lots of roadside restaurants. There is a hotel on the course which only opened in January this year. The green fee is 1,000 baht at the weekend reducing to 700 baht with the RS card. If you stay in the hotel, the weekend rate per person per night including a round of golf is 1,900 baht. The telephone number is (037) 328 403-9.



Neil, Hazel and Phil

To get there take Highway 305 north of Don Muang airport to Nakorn Nayok town. In the town take route 3049 and proceed to Nang Rong Waterfall. The golf course is on the left hand side about 14 kms from the town.

And yes, the men defeated the women!

### On line

The British Club Golf Section is now on line and can be found at [www.siamgolfbiz.com](http://www.siamgolfbiz.com)

### Next outings

**Sunday 10 Sept, 11.42am** – Rysome Bowl at Lad Krabang

**Saturday 23 Sept, 11.42am** – Match against the Scandinavians at Lad Krabang

**Sunday 8 Oct – Match** vs Scandinavians

**Thursday 28 Sept to Monday 2 Oct** – Trip to Sri Lanka.

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Views of Royal Hills Golf Course



Karen Carter

# Rugby Returns to Outpost

**W**ell I cannot remember the last time we were in the magazine, our writers obviously suffering from cramp. However I shall try and use my shining wit to recall the past 6 or 7 months.

After the disgust felt with the disappearance of the playing field fund, knowing that the Club will never have a pitch to call home, we decided to be adult about the whole business and never go to the Club; however with that behind us never to be mentioned again, we are now returning to the racket club to boost the coffers so we can afford to repaint those courts.

## Phuket

Moving swiftly onwards, there was a Phuket tour where Wixcey managed to not win us the game by missing a kick so centre of the posts that even I could have done it. So the year ended with a dull draw. However, the annual weekend was a tremendous success and as can be seen by the photos we added a new sort of look to the Phuket scene.

## Manila

To my knowledge the next main item on the Agenda was the Manila tour. However for the first year since our entrance to the competition I did not go. All I know is we did not win this year. Should anyone want to make further comment, please feel free to email me.

## At Home

Next was the Singapore Bucks game which saw the BC teamed up with the Southerners, Vagabonds, the Japanese and the French, resulting in about 40 players in pink and black. We won the game by a couple of tries, the game mainly being memorable for the Bucks front row who stomped over everyone and showed the BC front row you can stick your head up your rear. Enough about the game, we will be remembered for our hospitality. After the game we went to the BC, changed and

went straight into Lords restaurant for an excellent curry buffet and a few barrels of beer. Thanks to Barry and the staff once again for great service - it's not easy keeping 40 odd guys topped up, fed and happy.

After the BC we went to one of our sponsors, The Long Gun, for one or 2 beverages - several tons of Tequila drunk with a special lime and salt, full of body. I believe that after the mere mortals went home, Roddy was able to carry the bucks through till dawn. The Bucks have nicely written and thanked us for a great time and vowed to return to avenge their defeat.



Our ball

## Phuket Again

Next was a trip to Phuket by Rod and essentially our Thai lads. Feel free to ask Roddy his feelings as to the rest of our attendance - I am bored of listening! Anyway the boys managed to bring home the Cup which was an amazing effort. It will mean a better turn out next year, according to Rod, who highlighted his hair prior to leaving to tour SA with the Rhinos.

## Pattaya

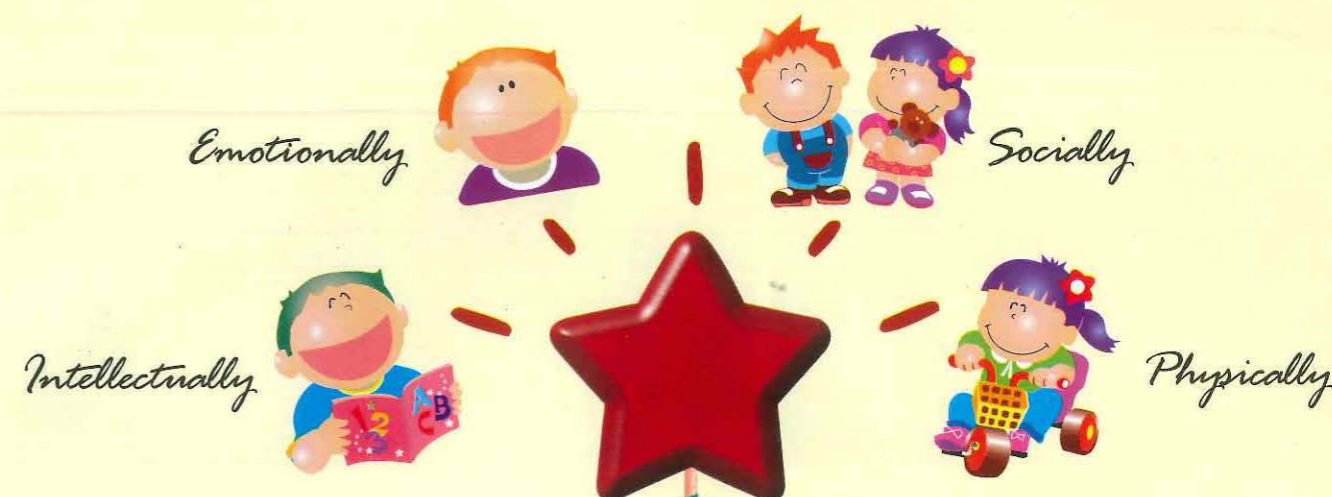
Last weekend we had a very enjoyable trip down to Pattaya to play against the combined forces of the Manila Nomads and the Panthers, who we apparently thrashed in the Phuket 7's. Although they had played against each other before turning out against the BC, the BC used their secret weapon of 2 hours and several pints of Carlsberg in Delaney's. Another W was shown on the scoreboard with the BC winning by 10 points to 5.

Some outstanding performances on the park included Rusty winning 90% of all the line outs; Paul Matthews running with the ball; Prote moving from Flanker to Full Back putting in try-saving tackles; Dominic the skipper amazed that more

than once there was support behind him; Roddy clearing his hangover by 5 pm and Magnus who played 5 years ago returning to the fold; Andy Talins all over the place; and Eric, after wanting to play for the oppo, being made to prop. Finally an impressive debut by Adam Hall from all aspects of touring.

After the game we went to Delaney's to see England completely trash SA and then

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Deluxe transport for the lads



The court

another W for the BC as we beat the Panthers again in the Boat Race even after Rusty had been beaten by a girl from Leeds.

Being in such good spirits, we proceeded to show Pattaya what the BC boys could do away from home. Dawn didn't look that good but it was an enjoyable evening. Up and about by 11 off to find Greg's Kitchen with both Rusty and Rod directing the driver down every street in Pattaya until finally finding it. Bloody Mary's all round, finally ending back at the BC by 3.

### Khon Kaen

Next trip will take us to Khon Kaen around 22/23 July. Let's not upset Roddy with our poor attendance. Even JP may attend this one.

Its better than a Corsaires Shirt



### Tri Nations Games

We will also be watching all of these at the BC for either breakfast or dinner. Will inform you of time and dates on the notice board. Try to attend as these days will also be fund raisers for one of the BC backroom boys who has recently been taken seriously ill.

### Training

Remember that Training is on Tuesdays 7.30 at Chula and Thursdays 7.00 at the BC. Try and make the effort chaps.

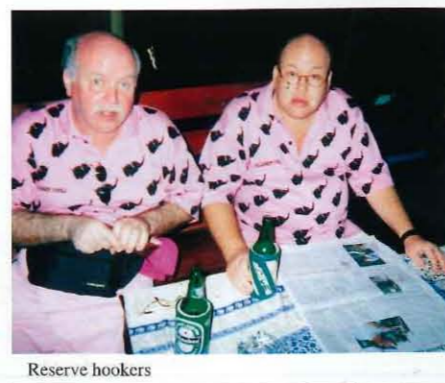
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