



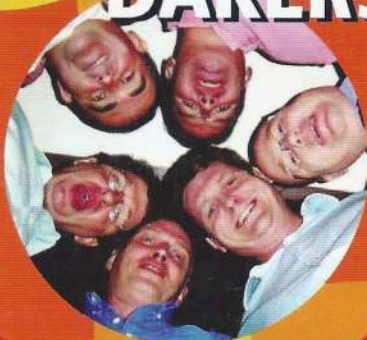
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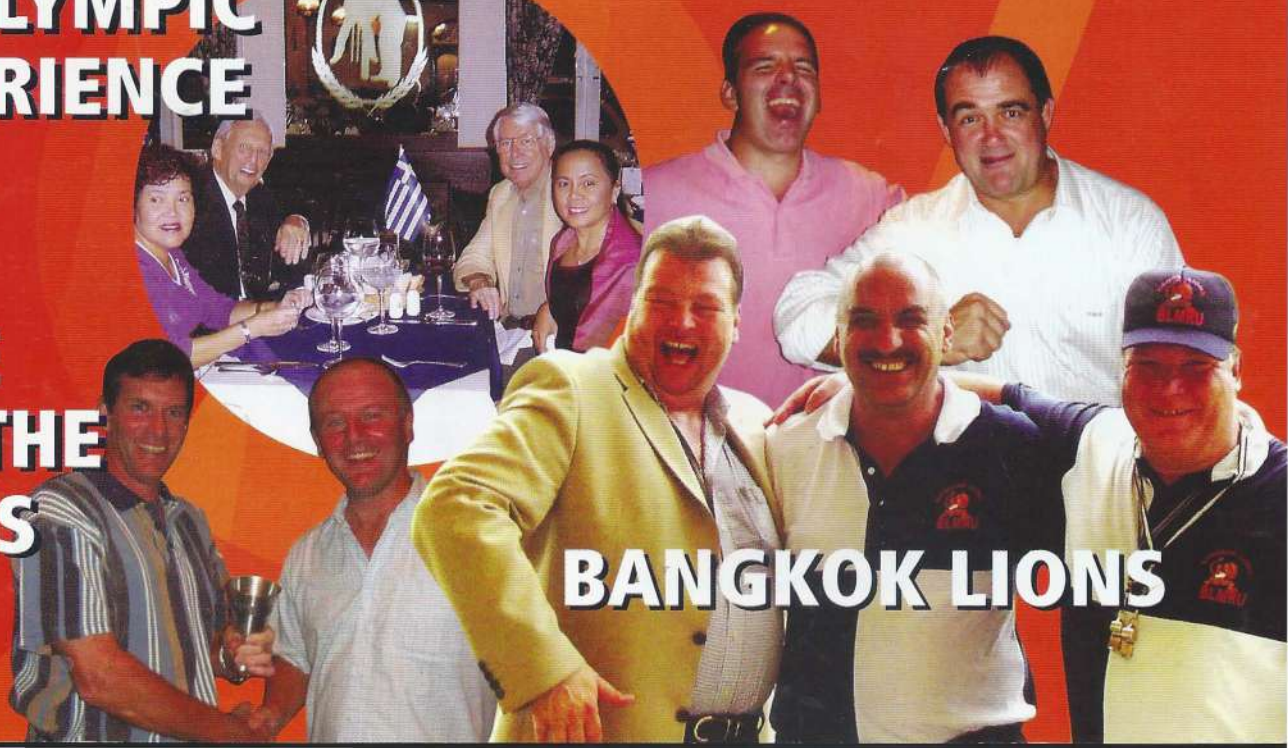
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Liz Bishop

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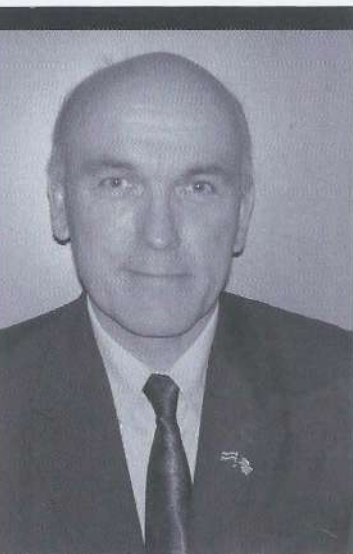
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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



## Dear British Club Members

I was delighted with Members' feedback after we announced Barry Osborne was to take over the helm as our new General Manager. Barry's popularity in the Club is tremendous and we're all glad to see him take up his new position. Behind the scenes Barry has already set into motion several new initiatives, one of which is a Health and Food Safety programme which is giving much-needed training to all the catering staff. This will be complemented by other training schedules soon to start which we want to see as part of an ongoing skill-building culture for staff at the Club.

I see that more than 70 members have signed up to use the new online Discussion Forum and this is proving a very worthwhile exercise. It certainly gives a new dimension in disseminating information and keeping Members up to date with what is happening. We also post reports and General Committee minutes on this website, so if you haven't already joined, sign up now at <http://www.bcbgc.com>. This month will also see a new website being launched which will ensure that the BC is finally catching up with Internet technology!

And yet more technology! 'WiFi' is firmly back on the agenda, with a new service now available in the main Club house building. This service is free to members and we are currently experimenting with the system and plan to deploy more access points in the Salas. If you have a laptop PC that's WiFi enabled, try it out and let us know how it works. And just for the techies, a proper firewall has been installed on the incoming ADSL but there is currently no encryption on the connection.

Communication to Members has dramatically improved with Tony making sure that regular emails are sent to the Members. However, we are also aware that 25% of the Members do not yet have an email address on their Club record, so if you do have an email address and are not yet on the BC mailing list, please inform Barry.

You will no doubt see our Treasurer's interim financial report in this month's issue of Outpost. This is an excellent initiative from Clive and furthermore, Members can also attend any of the monthly financial workgroup meetings if they want to get a more hands-on feel for the Club finances!

The Club's Centenary year now seems a long time ago and Outpost will be publishing a special Centenary supplement which will mark the end of our Centenary celebrations. I'm pleased to say that we have been privileged to be able to deliver a special edition of the Centenary book to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and as I write a special edition is also being delivered to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The letters that they so generously contributed to our Centenary book will be framed and put on display in the Club.

Finally, our latest Sports Section, Chess, got off to an excellent start at the end of July when Nigel Short, current Commonwealth Grand Master, challenged 30 players in the Surawongse room to a simultaneous exhibition match. Chess now has its regular slot on Thursday evenings in the Churchill Bar where a Chess ladder is about to make its appearance for those wishing to take up the challenge!

Yours sincerely

**David Quine**

**BCB Chairman 2004-2005**

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# SEPTEMBER - A FUN-FILLED 30 DAYS

## BACK TO NATURE

### **Magic Eyes Chao Phraya Rice Barge Saturday, 4th September**

Join us aboard the Magic Eyes, a 100 year old teak rice barge, and enjoy a full day of activities and fun whilst learning about the environment. We leave from the Club at 7.30 am for the short journey to Nonthaburi where we board the barge. Once on board we are given a safety demonstration and then the fun begins. Our day out includes canoeing, pottery-making on Koh Kred Island, river critters games, pirates plank games etc. The whole day is designed for the parents to join in the fun and activities with the children.

The cost includes transportation from & to the Club, all activities and meals. Please book early as the barge capacity is only 30 passengers. Charge: Bt 1,300 per person

## BC VIDEO NIGHT

### **The Spanish Inquisition!**

#### **Thursday, 9th September, 7.30 pm**

More Monty Python starring Michael Palin, John Cleese, Eric Idle and the rest of the Python team. The evening is free but please sign up at reception to assist seating arrangements.

## SCORPIONS LIVE IN BANGKOK

### **Friday, 10th September**

Impact Arena Muang Thong Thani is the venue. We have booked a limited amount of tickets for this concert. The tickets cost either Bt 2,850 or Bt 1,850 each. The cost includes transportation from / to the Club.

The Coaches leave from the Club at 6.00 pm and the Concert starts around 8.00 pm.

## NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

### **Tuesday, 14th September**

#### **7:00 pm Churchill Bar**

Join the committee and sports sections in welcoming new members to the Club. Everyone welcome. A complimentary buffet is available, and camaraderie and conversation is free-flowing. As is the beer - but you have to pay for it!

## WINE TASTING

### **Friday, 17th September**

#### **Suriwongse Room 6:00-9:30 pm**

Sponsored by Splendid Surplus Co., Ltd. Cannon Pacific Co., Ltd. and Simple Mind Co., Ltd. Complimentary snacks will be provided by BC. Please register at the Reception.

## FREAKY FRIDAY

### **Friday, 17th September**

#### **Silom Sala 6:00-9:00 pm**

Children's Disco - no parents allowed. Great music, loads of games, popcorn, soft drinks - and lashings of hair gel! Kids love it so please book at Reception.

## BC VIDEO SPECIAL

### **Lord of the Rings Marathon**

#### **Sunday, 19th September**

On the big screen in the Suriwongse Room... It began with the forging of the Rings of Power... but they were all of them deceived, for deep in the land of Mordor the Dark Lord Sauron forged another ring, a master ring, and into this ring he poured all his cruelty, his malice and his will to dominate every living thing...

10:00 am to 1:00 pm The Fellowship of the Ring

1:15 pm to 4:15 pm The Two Towers

4:30 pm to 7:45 pm The Return of the King

## QUIZ NITE

### **Tuesday, 21st September at 7.30 pm**

Test your knowledge on a variety of subjects, and have fun in the process. Get together with a group of friends and enter a team for this month's quiz. Max 6 per team. Great prizes for the winners. Sign up at Reception.

## WEDNESDAY WINNERS

### **Every Wednesday**

#### **at 7.00 pm & 8.00 pm**

Triple chances to win big! The standard Accumulator will now be drawn twice on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm & 8.00 pm from a pool of the total membership. Then at 7.30 pm there will be a bonus draw made up of those Members present in the Churchill Bar... there has to be a winner! And that lucky Member will have the choice of a bottle of House Whisky, Gin, Tequila or Vodka. And to help all that winning booze go down even more smoothly, from 6.30 pm there will be a Pasta & Salad Bar.

## CHECK-MATE

### **Every Thursday from 7.30 pm**

Are you bored on Thursdays? Need to give your brain a check-up? Want to defeat your enemies from the comfort of the Churchill Bar? Then this is for you! An informal gathering of like-minded Members who are interested in the noble game of Chess. Bring your board and take no prisoners.

## FAMILY CARVERY & GRILL

### **Every Sunday between 11.30 am and 2.00 pm**

The Club continues to serve the ever-popular Carvery in the Lord's Dining Room. The cost of the lunch includes soft drinks for the children along with activities in the Suriwongse Room at 1.00pm, leaving mum and dad free to enjoy a relaxing coffee and after lunch drink.

Charge: Bt 300 for adults

Bt 150 for kiddies

# OCTOBER

## TENNIS - THAILAND OPEN 2004

### **2nd & 3rd October**

Impact Arena, Muang Thong Thani

We have limited tickets available for the semi-finals on Saturday, 2nd October and the finals on Sunday the 3rd. Leave the BC by coach at 12.30 pm, games start at 2.30 pm.

## WINNIE THE POOH

### **"The Perfect Day"**

#### **Coming mid-October**

Watch out for Winnie this October at BEC Tero Hall. The BC will be organising a trip to discover with Winnie what makes a perfect day... and having lots of adventures along the way. It's a theatre-style show including singing, dancing and plenty of audience participation.

## THAI BOXING

### **Thursday, 14th October**

#### **Ratchadamnoen Stadium**

Get a kick out of joining the BC for a visit to watch the Thai national sport of "Muay Thai". Ringside tickets at Baht 1,700 per person which includes transportation to / from the stadium and a barbecue supper. Dinner at 6:00 pm, coach leaves BC at 7:00 pm.



# AN EMINENT SCOT THEY CALL DAKERS? THEY CALL DAKERS?



**British Club rugby say farewell to Susan & Simon Dakers. In the case of our Simon, it took four or five attempts and a month to complete!**

It's hard to believe that after more than 14 years Susan and Simon Dakers have left Thailand en route for the rather cool climate of Edinburgh, but before they arrive home they will embark on a six-month journey around the world and will say farewell to Bangkok one last time. For Rugby Section members this will enable us to fully prepare our livers for their return in December - plenty of advance notice, you have been warned. Please note that the reference to "Dakers" throughout the article below represents the male of the species!

## THE INITIAL THREAT

What had been rumoured and threatened for months finally turned out to be a reality when on 14th June 2004, Susan and Simon Dakers departed Thailand. This after a farewell tour, a farewell Spoof, a quiet gathering with spouses and a rugby section Sunday lunch at the BC. If you count an impromptu drink whilst visa formalities were being completed for the Indian leg of the around the world jaunt resulting in yet another week's delay in departure, Scribe's liver encountered a massive FIVE farewell functions with our man Dakers at which point the liver had said "Enough you Scottish b#\$!ard, now please bugger off!"

## THE FAREWELL TOUR

The farewell tour involved copious amounts of alcohol whilst watching the semi-finals of the Super 12 on TV during the weekend 15th / 16th May, and in the case of our Dakers brought on a severe bout of gout - so much so that former Club Captain Dr. Paul Meggison visiting from his homestead in Woga Woga had to recommend suitable medication for the canny Scotsman. Meggo later admitted that whilst such



medication worked wonders for himself, it probably wouldn't have any effect on anyone else! This perhaps explained why Dakers' walk resembled a strange combination of an Egyptian with diarrhoea or a cowboy who had ridden non-stop across the Rocky Mountains with acute saddle soreness.

## THE FAREWELL SPOOF

The second farewell involved a send-off by the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers in the Churchill Bar on Tuesday 1st June, as many of the assembled esteemed Spoofers were getting in some final practice before for the Second Asian Spoofing Championships. A great night was had with the Churchill Bar being cleared at around 2:30am but not before Dakers could be heard continually remarking "..... you're all bloody liars...!" Thankfully the following morning was a public holiday and some well-earned rest could be obtained for there were more farewells to be had!

## FAREWELL TO THE BARBICAN

The third farewell involved an evening for the spouses and comprised a very pleasant evening on 3rd June at The Barbican, allegedly arranged

in micro-seconds by Bruce Hill. The FB put his famed side step into action yet again with less than 36 hours before the proposed function. From a position of "Don't worry, I'll sort it all out" our Bruce suffered extreme conjunctivitis which resulted in both his eyes swelling to a larger size than his rotund tummy until they actually closed.

Realising that he would not be able to actually do much nor attend, he immediately delegated tasks all round with Scribe and Rugby Section Committee member Keith "The Lard" Cronshaw being told to pen a suitable Limerick or "Ode to Dakers". Whilst a good idea, this was not helped by Scribe and The Lard having a rather lengthy lunch, a couple of pit stops and then attending the farewell Spoof. With the following day a public holiday, the "Ode to Dakers" was not completed until the morning of the day of the function with Dakers being told "... well you didn't want to drag it around the world with you only to pass back through Bangkok in December. Will give you a plaque or a tankard then...!" It should also be remembered that Dakers is usually the author of departing Limericks but we didn't have the heart to ask him to do one for himself.







Next up for the FB was food and beverage and this was deliberately left until 5pm on the day of the function at which time he thought he should enlist the help of rugby section Chairman Jon Prichard. Whilst JP hurriedly arranged the food, beer and wine between 5pm and 6:30pm Bruce was no doubt busy laughing! The FB then proceeded to call Scribe to ask that Dakers be told of the problem with his eyes and that he would not be able to attend. "Please tell him I am sorry but explain that I have arranged all the beer, food and wine for the evening and that I'll see him on Sunday at the BC." Scribe duly informed Dakers that all was organised and when this was repeated to JP a little later JP responded with "The cheeky bugger! It's rather funny that he has arranged all of this whilst I have been running around ragged for the past hour and a half sorting it all out. He only told me at 5pm and it's now only 6:30pm!" Pre-function drinks were held at the Crown Royal before venturing around the corner to The Barbican where assembled wives or rugby widows as they are sometimes known joined the merry throng of rugby men for a joyous evening of laughter and banter.

In advance of the evening, Scribe had been asked the following by Dakers "Would you do me the honour of blowing my bugle at my farewell party?" A response from Scribe followed along the lines of "... yes, as long as you have washed it out!"

At the duly appointed hour both Dakers and Scribe blew their respective horns. One was short with a large girth whilst the other was a rather long and thin one. After a drunken rendition of Glen Miller's "in the mood" and "last post" JP read our "Ode to Dakers" (see right).

In a very unlike-JP manner, he followed this with very few words of thanks which continually repeated the word "nothing" when looking back

over a long period of association with BC Rugby. Aside from being a noteworthy tourist, JP progressively thanked Dakers for all his hard work, his interaction with the rugby section Committee, his help with the annual Pink and Black Ball, his help with sponsorship and the like. All were followed by "NOTHING!"

## THE FAREWELL SUNDAY LUNCH

This was something ACTUALLY arranged by Bruce Hill and assembled families enjoyed fine company for several hours in the BC's Lords Restaurant on Sunday 6th June. After food the male and female / children were segregated and after the male contingent moved to one end of the table, Trevor Day then proceeded to order Irish Coffees all round, secured a bottle of whiskey to top up each of one delivered, then was heard to utter the words " ....right, time to step it up a bit lads" as only he can! This was meant to be the final farewell as supposedly on the following Tuesday the Dakers would be off! The afternoon / evening ended up as a bit of a blur and we thought we had seen the last of an eminent Scot they call Dakers...



## THE FINAL FAREWELL

After meeting up with Meggo again at the Asian Spoofing Championships, Scribe learned that Dakers had remained in town after the "Indian visa fiasco" and whilst on the way to the BC on Sunday 13th June received a text message from the man himself suggesting a few more farewell beers. A "few" final farewell beers were had along with Keith "Shredder" Rowley before a final farewell was exchanged.

Scribe can confirm that Dakers has now actually left Thailand and at the time of writing is somewhere in South Australia. We wonder what the farewell will comprise in December?

Scribe



## ODE TO A DAKERS.

Thailand : 1990-2004

An eminent Scot they call Dakers  
Is one of those movers and shakers  
On the chance of a spree  
He joined the BC  
But can't be confused as a Quaker

He's always been fond of away kit  
On hearing of tours says, "I'll make it"  
But that lift in Durban  
It sure was perturbin'  
All that bobbling up and down whilst naked

When dressed in a kilt he's quite dapper  
The design could grab any slapper  
It's pink and it's black  
And he's game for the craic  
But he always ends up in the crapper!

So we hear that he's off, not the sack  
The lads cry "alas and alack"  
He's not on his way home  
Around the world he shall roam  
And just like Arnie ..... "He'll be back" !!

All the very best to you, Susan and  
Joy, for the future  
From all at  
The BC Rugby  
Bangkok Thailand



# SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULE

## SWIMMING

### WITH THE BANGKOK DOLPHINS SATURDAY CLASSES, STARTING 4 SEPTEMBER

Course Description	Approx Age	Time
Parent & Baby	6-18 months	9.00-9.30am
Parent & Baby	18-24 months	9.30-10.00am
Toddlers with Parent	24-36 months	10.00-10.30am
Beginners 1	24 month-36 months	10.30-11.00am
Beginners 2	3-4 years	11.00-11.30am
Introducing Strokes 1	4-5 years	11.30-12.00noon
Introducing Strokes 2	4-5 years	12.00-12.30pm
Stroke Improvement 1	5-6 years	12.30-1.00pm
Stroke Improvement 2	6-7 years	1.00-1.30pm
Stroke Correction	7 years up	1.30-2.00pm

Ability not age is the main factor in deciding what course the child should enter.

Cost of 10 week programme is Bt 3,000.

Please note: When signing up at the Fitness Centre, you will be charged for all 10 weeks regardless of whether your child can attend every lesson or not. In the case of bad weather where the lesson has to be cancelled, the lesson will either be rescheduled or refunded.

## TENNIS COACHING

### WITH ZUBIN AND PIYANART ENGINEER FRIDAY CLASSES STARTING 3 SEPTEMBER 2004

Course Category	Time	Fee/10 Lessons
Beginners 1*	4.00-4.30pm	Bt 3,000
Beginners 2**	4.30-5.00pm	Bt 3,000

\* Beginner 1: maximum 6 children/court (age between 5-6 years)

\*\* Beginner 2 : maximum 6 children/court (age between 6-8 years)

Please note: When signing up you will be charged for all 10 lessons. Should you not attend, you will still be charged. In the event of bad weather the lesson will be moved to the squash court.

## JUNIOR CRICKET

Starts Sunday 5 September 2004

Sunday 9.00-11.00 am

Cost Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons

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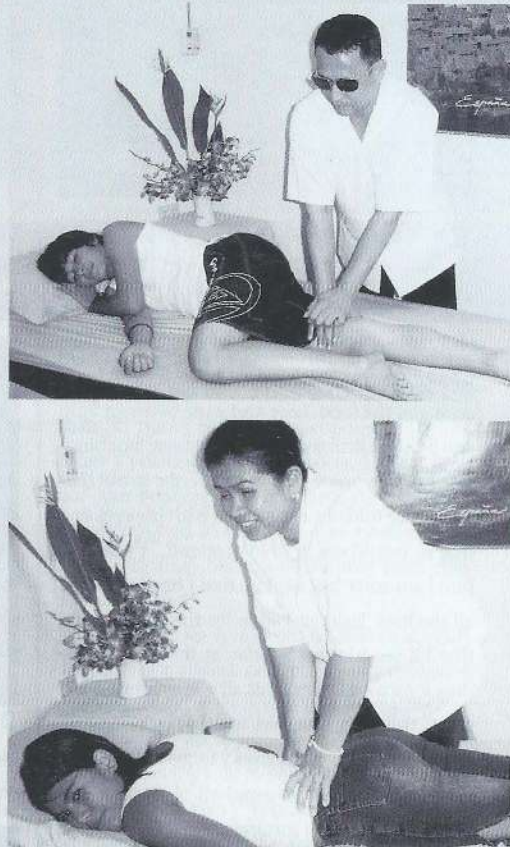
Starts Sunday 5 September 2004

Sunday 1.00-2.00pm

Cost Bt 1,800 for 10 lessons (minimum 3 children)

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# TREASURER'S INTERIM REPORT

I believe that this is the first time - at least in recent history - that an Interim Treasurer's Report has been presented to Members. The report is based on the Club's Management Accounts as at 30 May 2004. It must be emphasized that these have not been audited by the Club's Auditors; the figures presented should nonetheless give a reasonably accurate outline of the Club's financial position at mid-year.

The purpose of the Report is:

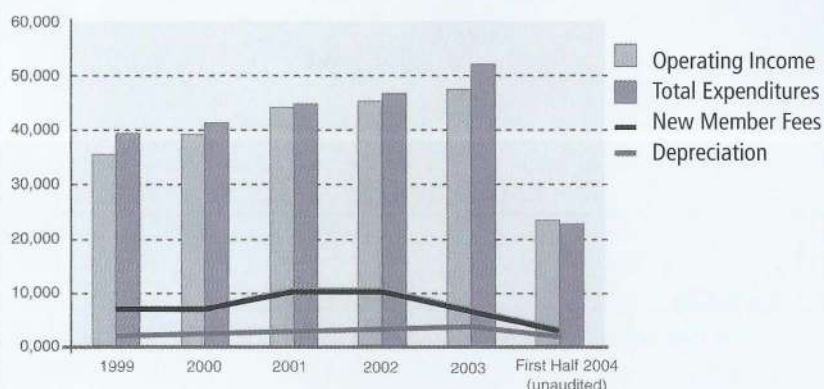
- a) to give members of the Club some insight into the financial progress of the Club since the last Audited Report (as at 30 November 2003) and
- b) to improve transparency

One of the first initiatives of the Financial Year was a rewriting of the menus in order to encourage greater usage of the Club. Unfortunately at the same time there was an unexpected steep increase in food costs (of eggs, beef, pork and shrimps in particular) following the outbreak of chicken flu. Nonetheless over recent months members have been spared 'automatic' price increases to demonstrate the commitment to deliver value. The targetted increase in sales volumes has however not ensued: F&B Sales are running around 1 1/2 per cent below previous year levels (against a budgetted increase of 3%). Unsurprisingly, the F&B costs ratio has also edged up somewhat over this period. Attention will continue to be paid not only to pricing but also to cost management in an effort to achieve the dual objectives of delivering good value and financial efficiency.

During January the Club suffered considerable disruption following severe rain damage to the Poolside Building. Many members suffered inconvenience following the loss of use of facilities but gratefully the potential financial loss to the Club was mitigated by a satisfactory settlement made by the Club's own insurers QBE Insurance Ltd.

Staff costs have been running temporarily below target (by some 10%), in part as a consequence of the unexpected delay in naming the new GM and in part from a slightly sub-target headcount. Security costs, which were higher than expected over the Christmas period, have been brought back into line. A sudden inexplicable increase in the Water Bill will have hopefully been combatted by the approval of new and overdue piping work. Regrettably bank charges continue to move higher as a result of the ever-increasing use of credit cards even though lower

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commission rates were negotiated with the Club's service providers early in the year.

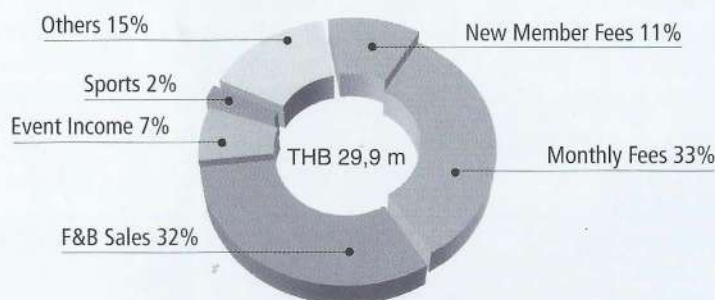
New Member Fees have picked up a good deal after the slow start to the year but are still about 30% behind target. This source of revenue is particularly important as it effectively provides the capital from which future years' investment can be funded. Revenue from this source to date is THB 3.5m compared with THB 3.8m at the same stage last year.

The cash balance at 30 May 2004 was THB 17.5 m. Whereas on the one hand this cash surplus reflects a healthy financial position it is also a symptom of underinvestment in the Club's facilities. Expenditure on Fixed Assets was just THB 3.7m so far this year. For the second half a number of Capex items are planned to be addressed, including inter alia: replacement of

furniture in the Wordsworth Room, new staircarpet in the Clubhouse, redecorating and reinvention of the underutilised Snooker Room, replacement of some old equipment in the Fitness Centre. These can rightly be judged as 'catch-up' items. It is of course recognized that attainment of spending targets has to be subject to quality management and is not simply a numbers game.

The current GC has committed itself to write a medium term Strategic Plan over the current Term. I hope that this will lead to the formulation of a vision for the Club which can be widely shared and subsequently implemented to provide a much improved facility in the interests of the membership as a whole.

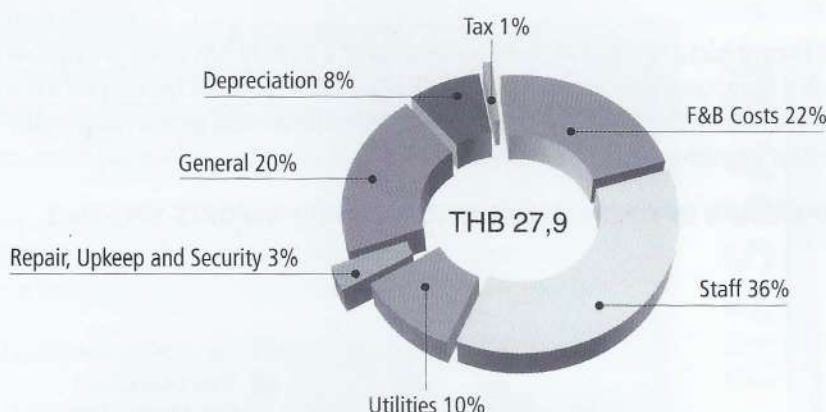
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## EXPENSES MIX: HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2004



### BALANCE SHEET

	-04	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash on hand and at banks	17,080,188	15,542,766	17,082,623
Khun Pisamai's fund	274,394	274,394	270,603
Membership fees receivable, net	4,634,683	5,781,514	5,336,573
Inventories	845,098	871,548	690,479
Other current assets	1,520,279	1,515,641	3,004,452
Total Current Assets	24,354,643	23,985,863	26,384,730
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Building and equipment, net	20,899,456	20,407,646	19,090,022
Loans to staff	1,037,500	940,100	953,950
Deposit at bank used as collateral	431,988	429,541	409,500
Total Non-Current Assets	22,368,944	21,777,287	20,453,472
Total Assets	46,723,586	45,763,150	46,838,202
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade accounts payable	1,414,922	1,906,626	2,195,496
Income and other tax payable	321,281	776,016	702,543
Members' accounts credit balances	1,137,835	1,408,205	1,113,066
Accrued expenses and other current Liabilities	2,091,704	1,578,801	1,293,207
Club sub-section funds	423,007	524,389	883,920
Total Current Liabilities	5,388,750	6,194,037	6,188,232
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Khun Pisamai's fund	274,394	274,394	270,603
Members' deposit	4,888,500	4,873,000	4,650,000
Staff retirement fund	5,301,337	5,556,152	5,918,209
Total Non-Current Liabilities	10,464,231	10,703,546	10,838,812
Total Liabilities	15,852,981	16,897,583	17,027,044
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Accumulated general fund	30,870,606	28,865,567	29,811,158
Total Fund Balances	30,870,606	28,865,567	29,811,158
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	46,723,587	45,763,150	46,838,202

There is a pre-depreciation operational surplus of just over THB 600,000,- at mid-year which is around THB 100,000,- behind target. It is worth highlighting that monthly performance is non-linear and first half results appear relatively flattering because of the traditionally high-surplus (first) month of December. In spite of the very clear pick-up in inflationary pressure on the Club's cost base it is anticipated - subject to an Operational Result at year-end not too far short of the break-even target - that any structural increase in Membership fees above the modest annual CPI adjustment can be postponed for at least another year.

This mid-year presentation is a first attempt and there may be suggestions how this can be refined in future in the interest of providing useful information on financial progress at the Club: I am happy to receive member feedback.

I would like to conclude with a commercial: The Club is currently looking for more member volunteers who would like to contribute to the better financial management of the Club's affairs. Participation on the Treasury Workgroup is guaranteed to give interesting insights. Expressions of interest from Associate Members and also younger members will be particularly welcome. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [cnb@mail.pacific.net.th](mailto:cnb@mail.pacific.net.th) or via the Discussion Forum on <http://www.bcbgc.com>.

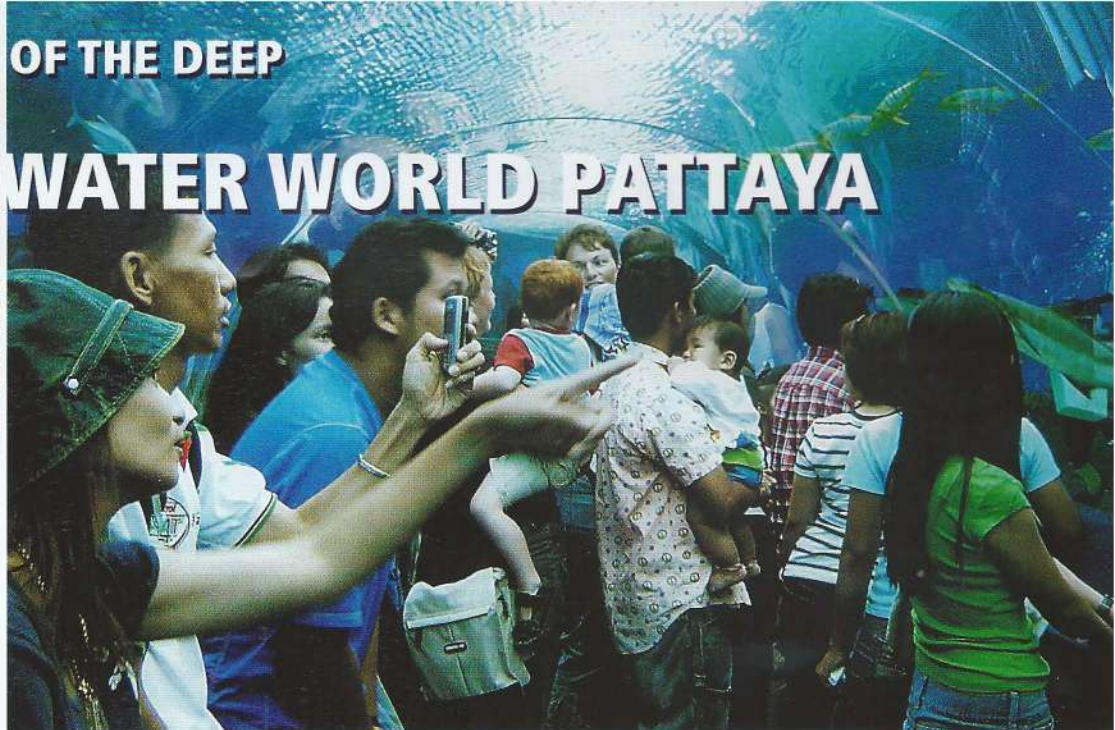
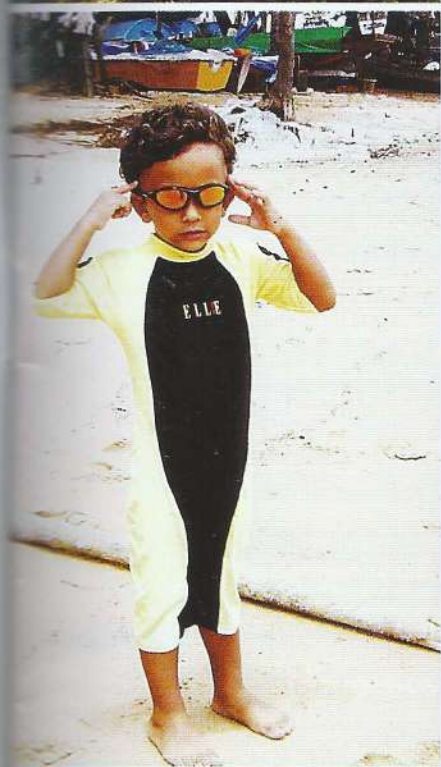


Clive Butcher



TREASURES OF THE DEEP

# UNDERWATER WORLD PATTAYA



There's no drier way to capture the treasures of the deep than by visiting Underwater World in Pattaya. On our visit in early August, we remained on terra firma, breathing fresh air, clad in our weekend best, wielding cameras... yet within touching distance of some of the world's most colourful marine marvels from big to small, spiny to smooth, tentacled to a little bit fishy! Of course, we couldn't actually touch anything, but seeing was enough! And if that wasn't enough of a thrill for one day, we still had time to dig castles in the sand at Jomtien, paint pots, eat lunch at the famous "Yorkie's", and be undeniably amazed at Ripley's "Believe it or Not" Museum in Pattaya. All in all, a grand day out.

Barry and the crew/BCB





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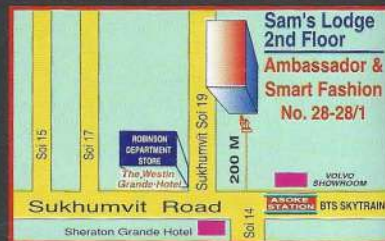
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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

After Brad Weatherstone, our Number One tennis player and Chairman of BC Tennis Committee left for Australia in early July 2004, I was nominated to take up the position of Chairman. With great assistance from the other committee members, I feel confident that we can achieve our mission which is to develop a better environment with a lively social atmosphere, improve the playing skills of members and build a stronger BC team for inter-club competition. I welcome members' constructive advice and suggestions to our tennis section committee.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome two new members to the committee. Tim Cheromcka and Pat Dean. Pat has taken over from Brad as Club Captain.

**Jesada Tanking**  
Chairman

### NEW ARRIVAL!

Congratulations to Brad and Linda on the birth of Kaitlyn Elyse Weatherstone born 7.52am Saturday, 24 July at Royal Hospital for Women - Randwick, Sydney. Weight 3.06kg and 46 cm long. Hopefully, we will be seeing them all later in the year.



Kaitlyn & Brad

### QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

24 replies were received to the Tennis Section's questionnaire. Here are the results:

#### Section 1 - General Issues

- Do you feel the need for the BC Tennis committee to put together a better program for you and your family?  
50% Yes, 37.5% No, 12.5% No response
- Do you attend the organized Tennis Mix-ins?  
80% Yes, 20% No
- Of those who do not attend Mix-in  
80% Have no time available.  
20% Would like to come along but have no one I know to introduce me.
- Monthly Newsletter.  
62% Read the newsletter, 8% did not receive, 30% No response.  
30% said it informative, 30% said it was Interesting  
60% Would like the idea to be revived/continued

#### Section II - Possible New Ideas and Programs

- Boost the Junior Program by injecting more funds improving the standards and interest.  
37.5% Sounds OK, 25% Very good idea
- Set up tennis clinics for more experienced players.  
33.33% Very good idea, 29.17% Sounds OK
- Organize Inter-Club for the average players, as well as, the top players.  
41.67% Very good idea, 37.50% Sounds OK
- Focus more on the "elite" players and try to win more events.  
37.5% Not Interested, 33.33% Silly idea forget it
- Review and change the present system of booking courts.  
29.16% Not Interested, 25% Silly idea forget it
- Change the Mix-In format and/or time.  
37.50% Not interested, 29.17% Sounds OK
- If a monthly "fun" event were organized would you be interested?  
37.50% Very good idea, 29.17% Sounds OK
- If you have children whom you would like to see be more involved, are you interested in assisting the committee to understand better the needs of junior players?  
1 Very good idea, 3 Sounds OK, 6 Not interested, 2 Silly idea forget it

Your committees will be evaluating these in our upcoming committee meeting.

### FIXED UPCOMING INTER-CLUB MATCHES

- Sunday 12th September, 15:00 - 19:00 hrs. at Royal Navy Tennis Club at Chaophaya River bank. Dinner is being hosted by Royal Navy Tennis Club
- Sunday 19th September, 08:00 - 12:00 hrs. at British Club with Japanese Association. Lunch at British Club.

### PROPOSED UPCOMING INTER-CLUB MATCHES

- Sunday 10th October, 08:00 - 12:00 hrs. at British Club with Doctor Team. Lunch 12:30 onwards British Club
- Sunday 24 October, 13:00 - 18:00 hrs. at the Piyarom Sport Club. Dinner 18:30 onwards.
- Sunday 7 November, 08:00 - 12:00 hrs. at British Club with Racquet Club. Lunch 12:30 onwards.
- Sunday 21 November, 13:00 - 18:00 hrs. at RBSC. Dinner 18:30 onwards.
- Sunday 12 December, 08:00 - 12:00 hrs. at British Club with Rajchapruet Club. Lunch 12:30 onwards.

### THE TENNIS SECTION COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS

We want to encourage you to take full advantage of the tennis facilities offered by the Club to all Members. While any member can casually use the courts by booking through the Fitness Centre, there are also many organized events arranged by the Tennis Section Committee. If you are interested, please feel free to talk to any of committee.

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday:	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Mix-In
(All Grades of Players)		
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Mix-In
(All Grades of Players)		
Friday:	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Mix-In
(All Grades of Players)		
Sunday:	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Mix-In
(All Grades of Players and now including Juniors)		

### TENNIS - THAILAND OPEN 2004 2ND & 3RD OCTOBER, IMPACT ARENA

The BC has tickets available for the semi-finals on Saturday, 2nd October and the finals on Sunday the 3rd. Leave the BC by coach at 12.30 pm, games start at 2.30 pm. Reserve your tickets at reception.



# THE MIGHTY QUINN RULES!

## DON JOHNSON CUP AND PARRA HANDY PLATE

The Don Johnson Cup, the BCB Club championships, commenced on Monday 21st June with 22 competitors. First round losers went in the Parra Handy Plate.

This was probably the most open championships for many years as there were 5 players with a genuine chance of winning. The four top seeds reached the semi finals. A game to note was that Marvyn was beaten 3-1 by James Quinn but Marvyn actually scored more points than James. I have heard that story somewhere before but cannot remember from whom.

### For openers

David Eastgate played James Quinn in the first semi and James won 3:1 in a hard fought match. David was fit and retrieved well but made a few uncharacteristic errors on key points. In the second semi final Ja played Nick Thwaites and defeated Nick 3-0. Both players were fit and fast but Nick had a bad day with a high error count which is very unusual for him.

In the plate semi finals John Vivian defeated



André Tissera 3:0 and Peter Corney defeated Kit Kulvichit 3:0.

### The finals - Sunday 11th July

The Plate: The Parra Handy final was an all

Southern Hemisphere affair between John Vivian and Peter Corney. John came out all guns firing and blew Peter completely away in the first 2 sets with some neat drop shots and power play. It looked like John was highly focused and had set his sights firmly set on an early start in the bar but it was not to be. Peter (like all Aussies) fought back tenaciously to sneak the 3rd set and won the 4th easily. In a gripping 5th set John (like all Kiwis) summoned some additional power and sneaked home, match score 9-3,9-0,7-9,0-9,9-6.

The Championship: After the plate event was completed Ja and James played the final of the

Don Johnson. This was an all Northern Hemisphere affair. This was an eagerly awaited final with Ja 16 kilo lighter than he was in January, very fit, and number one on the ladder. James was not as fit but the most talented player at the BCB with excellent balance and precise shot making. At their last encounter Ja

defeated James 3:2 so there were expectations of a close final.

Ja needed to make the first game long to tire James out but it was not his day as he made many errors with James winning the game

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quickly 9:2. In the second game Ja raced to a 5:1 lead but then didn't score another point. There were many great rallies and unbelievable retrieving but James played some of his best squash to win 9:5. We were all hoping that Ja would win the next game as the quality of play was great for the spectators and we wanted to see a five setter. Unfortunately Ja just couldn't score enough points on his handouts and lost the third game 9-4. Once again there were some great rallies but James was very focused and made very few mistakes. It was a great match with James Quinn defeating Ja 9-2, 9-5, 9-4 to become the 2004 club champion. The match was played in good spirit and was great entertainment for the spectators.

We then all adjourned to court one for drinks and eats and the presentations. The runners up both received trophies and 1000 baht vouchers from **Food-by-Phone** (02-663-4663) compliments of Marc Hagelauer. John Vivian received a plate and 3000 baht gift voucher compliments of **ACA Pacific Group** (Peter Corney). James Quinn received a trophy and 3000 baht voucher compliments of Chris Browning and **TIG**.

Thank you to the many members who participated in the Don Johnson and the many spectators who watched the finals. Also many thanks to the three sponsors, **Food by Phone**, **ACA Pacific Group** and **TIG**.

## SOFITEL SUNDAY MIX IN

August is notoriously a bad month for player activity on the squash scene but not this time. 14 players turned up for the second Sunday morning mix-in including 5 ladies. We divided up into two groups of seven players; total scores as follows :

## GROUP 1

Marvyn Lewis	51
Mark Smith	90
Jayne Mellor	87
Ruengit	77
Ross Horward	31
Sara	73
Pim	73

## GROUP 2

John Vivian	65
Mike Stuttard	90
Nick Mellor	83
David Blowers	6
Alan Fitzsimmons	38
An McKernan	79
Ae	69

The winners were Mark Smith and newcomer Mike Stuttard with maximum scores. Each will receive a 1,000 Baht F&B voucher from Martin Reed when he returns from Australia with Pam - a sort of kiss-and-make-up holiday for all his past demeanours.

Play of the Day: Khun Ae's victory over Alan. Khun Ae started on +5 and Alan on -15. According to John Vivian, Khun Ae played to a great width and length to defeat Alan 15 to -4. We are not sure if Alan was dazzled by her great shots or her good looks. Next time keep your eye on the ball Alan!

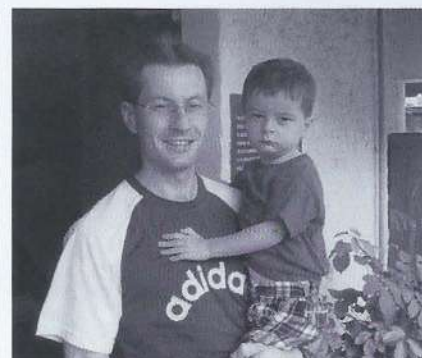
## LEAGUE WINNERS JULY 2004

Division 1	- James Quinn
Division 2	- Suharsh
Division 3	- Brian Palmer
Division 4	- Nick Mellor
Division 5	- John Drew
Division 6	- Jack Dunford
Division 7	- Colin Piprell

As reported last month numbers are increasing and we had a total on 40 entries for the July leagues.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Handicap Knockout Tournament starting in September. A great fun tournament for all standards.



Please check the squash notice board for details or Peter's emails.

## LADIES SQUASH

Jayne Mellor's ladies squash morning every Wednesday at 10 o'clock is still active. All standards are welcome including beginners. Squash rackets can be provided free of charge, all you need is a pair of non-marking shoes. For further information please call Jayne on 06 161 0868 or email mellbkk@asianet.co.th

## HELLOS

Welcome to Mike Stuttard who is a very keen squash player. An Englishman straight from Rotterdam! Also welcome to Ken Grimshaw one more Englishman not from Rotterdam. I hope we'll be seeing a lot of Mike and Ken in the future.

## Marvyn Lewis





# BARRY'S BANTER



*Dear Members,*

*If* you've been away on summer holiday, then welcome back. I hope you all had a great break, and that getting the kids back to school hasn't been too traumatic. Hopefully you're free now to become active again at the Club... so why not sign up for something such as tennis or bridge lessons, or take a look at "What's On". There is something for all of you. Over the holidays we've been having a bit of a spring clean at the Club: repainting salas, repair work to walls, windows, tables, cleaning of all the drains and generally trying to smarten up the Club ready for our busy season.

And busy it will be! This month we're back to nature on the Magic Eyes Rice Barge for a full day of fun, learning about the importance to the environment of the Chao Praya River. The programme is led by Linda Holmes and her team. We ran this trip for the first time last year and were sold out! The feedback was excellent so if you're interested in joining, please book NOW.

On the 10th you'll find us at Impact Arena enjoying the German rock band, the Scorpions. There is lots for the kids too. Strictly "no adults" on the 17th during the Freaky Friday Disco but to entertain the mums and dads that night we have a free wine tasting. Three companies will come along and members will be able to purchase wines at specially discounted prices. Don't forget our regular video nights, bar quiz, pasta buffets, curry buffets, and the new look bar accumulator. Something for everyone. On Tuesday the 14th it is NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT. This provides a great opportunity to meet new members, chat to the Committee and catch up with old friends. A complimentary buffet is provided. On a safety issue I would like to remind members that the Club does not permit children to ride bikes, roller blades, scooters etc. around the Club. The last thing we want to do is to spoil the children's fun, but with the amount of cars coming in and out of the Club and the number of people in the salas, this rule is necessary to prevent accidents.

Lastly, it's time to say 'hasta la vista' to Liz Bishop, editor of *Outpost* for 2 years. She has left for pastures new - or should that be pampas - in Argentina. Thanks, Liz, from all of us; we'll miss your colourful contribution to the Club. Adios.

We still have a packed *Outpost* though - and here it is...

Barry Osborne  
General Manager



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# BANGKOK LIONS

A few months ago Scribe updated you on how the Bangkok Lions Mini Rugby Union was progressing after being formed earlier this year and its initial success. Little did we know how it was to continue and feature visits from two leading rugby personalities. Here is a look back on weeks four to ten.

## YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE!

As previously outlined, if you are ever approached by Bruce Hill and his starter for ten is along the lines of "I've had an idea ... would you like to help?" my previous suggestion of running for cover is no longer valid as Bruce's response is either "be afraid, be very afraid" or more likely "you can run but you can't hide"! They don't call him the Folly Master for nothing and the Committee and Senior Coaches of the BLMRU are all currently in the middle of abstaining from alcohol on the basis of the damage inflicted to their livers by the frequent committee meetings called by the BLMRU Chairman or "Boss" as he likes to be called always remembering that "This is a dictatorship Not a democracy!"

The good news for all the children and parents is that the BLMRU has secured a further six weeks at the beginning of the next school term, the bad news for the abovementioned personnel is that



His Excellency The Folly Master, FB and bar will soon start issuing his routine calling to order for our regular Tuesday night committee meetings again! After good rest and requisite medical treatment most of us should be okay.

## WEEK FOUR – 15TH MAY

After being somewhat surprised that weeks one to three had generated even more registrations each session, week four was more orderly aside from the trepidation faced by Messer Prichard & Hill

along with Scribe as we were due to join farewell drinks with Simon Dakers and chums in Pattaya. This was exacerbated by the fact that our chariot was to be provided by Trevor "time to step it up a bit lads" Day. After a long morning out in the sun struggling not to get dehydrated, the thought of sharing a few drinks with our Trev on the short hop to Pattaya was a slight worry. This was put behind us as another great morning was had by all.

Amongst the matches during week

four in the 4 to 6 year group, The Warriors and The Harlequins draw three tries each, whilst The Wasps beat The Cats by two tries to one. The 7 to 8 year group saw The Crusaders beat The Sharks by 6 tries to two and The Wanderers beat The Vagabonds three tries to two. In the 9 to 10 year group The Typhoons beat The Hurricanes by seven tries to two and in the 11 to 12 age group as the Aliens beat the Barbarians by five tries to three. In the under 18's match, which groups together children in the age range of 13 to 17, The Eagles and The Falcons once again contested a closely contested five try apiece draw with Tom Coad scoring three tries. Special mention must also be made of Eric Moss a twelve year old who stood in at Scrum Half due to an injury and who played well above his age, not looking out of place with the senior teams at all.

## WEEK FIVE – 22ND MAY

Week five saw a change in format with the London Development Company 7's weekend whereby The Folly Master devised a plan so cunning that only he could understand it but in essence, all the children would play in either a Cup or Plate final on the main pitch at







Bangkok Patana School playing fields. Unfortunately he did not put his marvelous idea to paper quite as well and whilst all the Committee struggled to fathom a word he was rattling off like a Regimental Sergeant Major, Paul Clifton who is the smallest amongst us piped up with, "One thing is clear to me you know, Bruce has to be on the field co-ordinating all this, as quite frankly, I think he is the

only one of us with a f\$!%?g clue as to what is supposed to be happening out there". So it was said, so it was written and Bruce was set to be our roving pitch ambassador - a role which included refereeing some of the 7 to 8 year old matches - see below.

Scribe was thus assigned scoring duties which nearly caused a diplomatic incident when a combination of incorrect scores provided by a referee (yes the Honourable FB himself) and incompetent scoring by yours truly!

"I can't leave you to do anything you useless p\$?#k!" said the Boss, "That's because of the stupid scoring you passed to me you silly ar\$%". The Marlboro Light of peace was smoked and the quintessential dehydration-avoidance juice of Pims No. 1 was drunk, the incident overcome and the score sheets corrected before the finals of the Cup and Plate commenced! It was only 11am and for some strange reason all the Pims had gone!

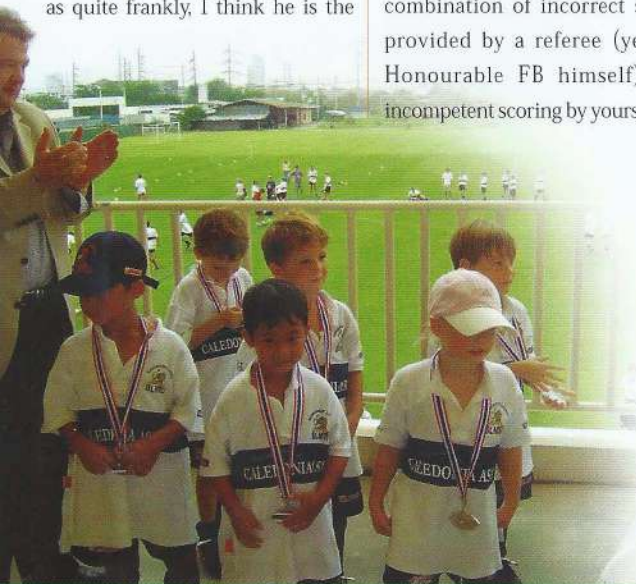
Luckily, MC duties were provided by FM 107 Drive Time DJ Russell Jay who also provided music throughout the morning, the day culminated in a presentation ceremony shortly after midday all set in a splendid family environment with a free BBQ provided by BLMRU.

## WEEK SIX - 29TH MAY

Week six clashed with the Phuket Tens tournament meaning all the BC coaches would be absent and also some of the international

schools half term break but it also coincided with the visit to Bangkok of former All Blacks Player and Coach John Mitchell, who provided a series of sensational coaching clinics for all age groups, plus an appearance by ESPN Star Sports TV rugby personality Justin "Sambo" Sampson during the Senior Lions coaching sessions. A big thank you to both John and Justin for sparing the time for the BLMRU particularly as both would be participating in the evening's gala dinner with Jon Prichard providing MC duties.

Thanks must be extended to the official video recorder of Keith "The Lard" Cronshaw, who during lunch the previous day was Shanghaied by Bruce during the serving of a sixth bottle of port to be the BLMRU's official videographer and told to be at the ground at 8 am which he duly did - a full hour before the coaching commenced! The Lard also provided transportation to enable "Sambo" to be collected - thanks Lard. Despite the half term,



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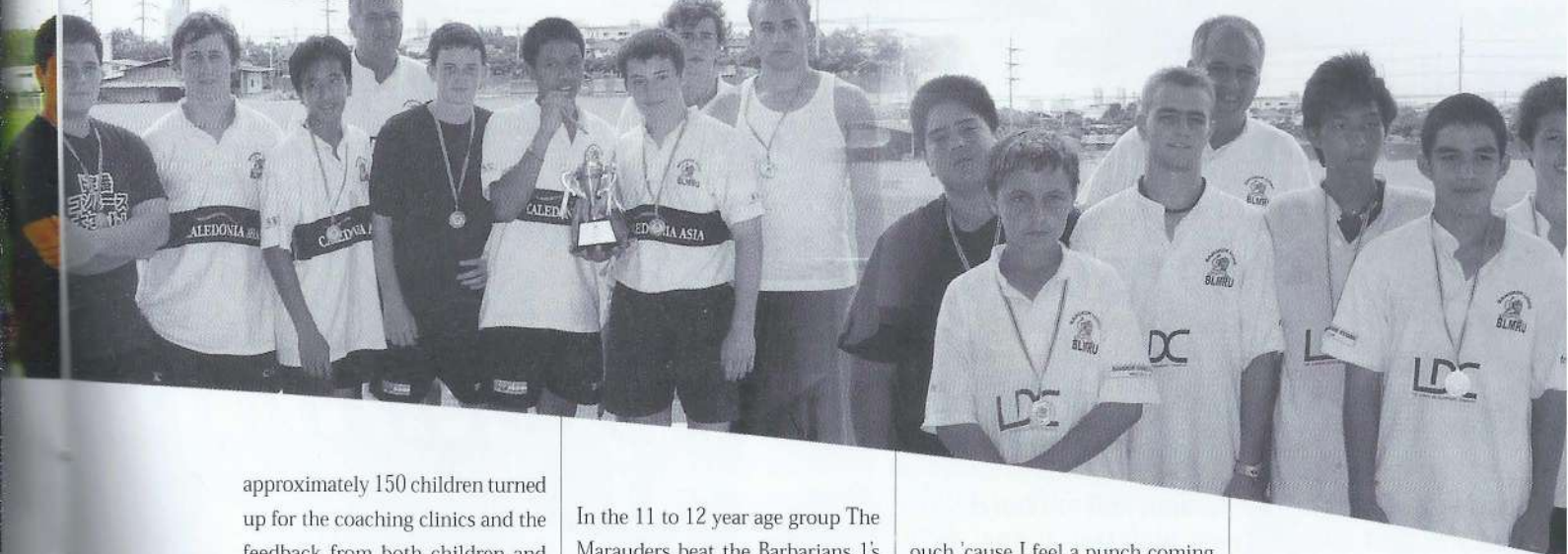
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# RUGBY



approximately 150 children turned up for the coaching clinics and the feedback from both children and parents was absolutely fantastic.

## WEEK SEVEN – 5TH JUNE

Last Saturday's matches in the 4 to 6 year group saw The Cats beat The Warriors by four tries to three whilst The Harlequins and Wasps drew one try each. The 7 to 8 year group saw The Wanderers beat The Crusaders eight tries to three and The Vagabonds beating The Sharks by eleven tries to two.

In the 9 to 10 year group The Typhoons beat The Hurricanes by five tries to two and in the 11 to 12 age group as The Aliens and The Barbarians fought an impressive four try draw.

In the under 18's match, which groups together children in the age range of 13 to 17, The Eagles beat The Falcons 24 points to 7 in a Tens match and there was once again some impressive running rugby with Tak Niino scoring three tries for the Falcons.

## WEEK EIGHT – 12TH JUNE

In the 4 to 6 year age group, which has seen the biggest improvement in the development of rugby skills, The Cats won the Cup final two tries to one against The Wasps whilst in the Plate final The Harlequins beat The Warriors four tries to one. The 7 to 8 year age group saw The Wanderers beat The Vagabonds three tries to two in the last moments of extra time in the Cup final whilst in the Plate final The Crusaders beat the Sharks five tries to four.

In the 11 to 12 year age group The Marauders beat the Barbarians 1's in the Cup final whilst the Barbarians beat the Aliens in the Plate final and both the 9 to 10 year and 13 to 17 age groups saw fewer numbers this week due to several of the international schools have closed for their summer break. The Hurricanes beat The Typhoons and The Falcons beat The Eagles to win their respective age group Cups.

A number of the Committee and coaches then departed home for a few hours rest before taking part in the Second Asian Spoofing Championships, from which some of us would recover in time for weeks nine and ten.

## WEEK NINE & TEN 19TH & 26TH JUNE

Bruce Hill has on many occasions said to Scribe "I asked you to do this one b@&\*dy thing and...", well how nice it is when the worm turns! Scribe was away on a mixture of business and pleasure for two weeks and Uncle Bruce (or BOSS as he likes to be called these days) was incapable of keeping a record of the scores! Ha! Or should I say

ouch 'cause I feel a punch coming my way! Was it a failure to recover from the Second Asian Spoofing Championships!?

By all accounts, none of them written, the final two weeks were enjoyed by all and there was plenty of talk about summer holidays and commencement of rugby in September!

## THANK YOU

To the BLMRU Committee of Jon Conrad, Bob Merrigan, Brad McElroy and Dean Robinson recharge your livers as Folly Master Hill will no doubt require a long series of meetings before the rugby recommences for another six weeks in Aug / Sept. Thanks must be extended to all the people who volunteered to coach (majority) and those Shanghaied or deceived by Bruce Hill (BC Committee and Players) for all their efforts on Saturday mornings plus senior coaches Eddie Evans (Senior Lions) and Paul Clifton (Junior Lions). Special mention must also be made of BC Rugby Section Chairman Jon Prichard who has performed a

variety of non-committee duties with the BLMRU including those of coach, assistant coach, "water boy", "gaffer" during photos sessions, "sponsor-looker-after" during both the 7's and 10's competitions plus his usual role of "chief raconteur". In addition, his response when asked by an innocent 13 year-old, "Coach, are you allowed to grab the jersey when tackling?" was a splendid "Young man, other than eye-lids, everything is up for grabs in this game!" was the pick in his role as "motivational speaker" to the under 17's team!

A very big thank you to league sponsors DHL plus other major sponsors London Development Company and Caledonia Asia without whose support the Bangkok Lions would not have been possible.

## NEXT TERM

Should your daughter or son be aged between 4 to 17 and would like to participate at the beginning of next term from 4th September until 9th October then please contact Bruce Hill on 01 754 3142 or subru@loxinfo.co.th or visit <http://www.bkklionsrugby.org>. Similarly, please contact Bruce if your son or daughter is interested in participating in a tour to Singapore on the weekend of 25th / 26th September.

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# KHAO KHEOW OPEN ZOO

JULY 2004

This is not the first time we've had a day out at the Zoo, and it certainly won't be the last. It's an enjoyable adventure, very popular and full of fun, with plenty to see, do and learn for both adults and children. From colourful parrots, regal pheasants and cheeky monkeys, to all sorts of 4-leggeds wearing stripes, spots and horns, we saw them all.



Hey Barry, what did you say to that tiger?



Hold on tight, we're off!



Picnicking in the park





# BRIDGE LESSONS

The Bridge Section of The British Club is organising 2 courses.

- 1) **Beginners Course**  
An introduction to the basics of Bridge  
Instructor: Mrs. Sally Watson

*Mrs. Watson is an accredited tournament director of the American Contract Bridge League, having represented the Malaysian National team during 1979-1985, as well as being the Open Pairs Champion at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club for 2003 - 2004. She is the author of the KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) Bridge System book.*

Course Fee: Bt 3,500 per person (payment through the British Club)  
Duration: 10 weekly lessons. Each lesson will be about 3 hours, consisting of 1 hour lecture followed by 2 hours of prepared hands practice plays.  
Time: Tuesday evenings, starting on 28th September 2004.  
Place: British Club.

- 2) **Intermediate Course**  
Instructor: Mr. Jeremy Watson

Mr. Watson is an accredited tournament director of the American Contract Bridge League, having represented the Malaysian National team during 1979-1985, and the Thai National Team during 1999 - 2001. Mr. Watson is also the Open Pairs Champion at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club for 2003 - 2004.

Course Fee: Bt 3,500 per person (payment through the British Club)  
Duration: 10 weekly lessons. Each lesson will be about 3 hours, consisting of 1 hour lecture followed by 2 hours of prepared hands practice plays.  
Time: Wednesday evenings, starting on 29th September 2004.  
Place: British Club.

Each course requires a minimum of 7 participants and is open to both Club members and non-members. Interested parties may sign up at the Reception counter of the British Club, or contact the organisers for further information:

Mr. Winlock Hsu Tel: 0-2925-9081 (office), or Email: winlock@loxinfo.co.th  
Mrs. Charlene Wang Tel: 0-2921-6040 (office)

## COMMUNITY CARE

### THAILAND HILL TRIBES

BC member Susan Race helped in setting up the Thailand Hilltribe Education Project (THEP) in 1991 in Mae Hong Son province. THEP's primary objective is to support the education of hilltribe children and promote development within the villages to secure a brighter future. Susan will talk about the objectives of THEP and the challenges faced, and invites you to join her.

Tuesday, 28th September  
at 7.30 pm  
Neilson Hays Library

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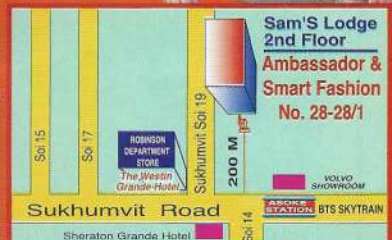


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## NEW MEMBERS

### NICK AND JAYNE MELLOR

Welcome to this friendly couple, fresh from the UK and less than two months into what they hope will be a two year-or-more stint in Bangkok. Nick is Development Director of Minelco A.B. while Jayne has already been busy developing her own pursuits by setting up a regular ladies squash mix-in – see the sports section for more info. While not playing squash, Jayne is actively seeking work as an English teacher. Between them, they are involved in squash, yoga, racquetball and badminton – a very sporty duo! Scuba is also a new interest and fits in with their desire to explore Thailand and around Asia during their stay.



### GREGOR AND GAIL MOWAT

Scotsman Gregor and his English wife have been in the Land of Smiles since December with two darling daughters, Beatriz at play school and Sasha aged 7 months. Gregor is with KPMG Audit and Financial Services and Gail is a Freelance Editor and Copywriter. In their free time they love travelling, which they hope to continue on from their previous expat stints in Sao Paulo and Hong Kong. Gail would also be keen to get into tennis, netball, squash, swimming and running, describing herself as a "very unfit"! Gregor is a keen footballer and golfer who is also interested in the theatre, literature and music! With this many interests between them, we look forward to seeing them round the Club a lot more.



### MARTIN AND RACHEL WAYMAN

These well-travelled expats have been in Thailand for under a year, having previously lived in... (take a deep breath) Colombia, Venezuela, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, the USA and the UK. Martin works as an Operations Manager in the Oil Sector. They plan to stay here for a minimum of four years during which time Martin is hoping to continue his golf, football, rugby, as well as "drinking copious amounts of beer and whisky" (well done that man!!). Rachel describes herself as a "would be golfer" between reading, needlework, holidays and, of course, shopping. However, she would also like to get involved with a worthwhile charity and learn Thai massage.



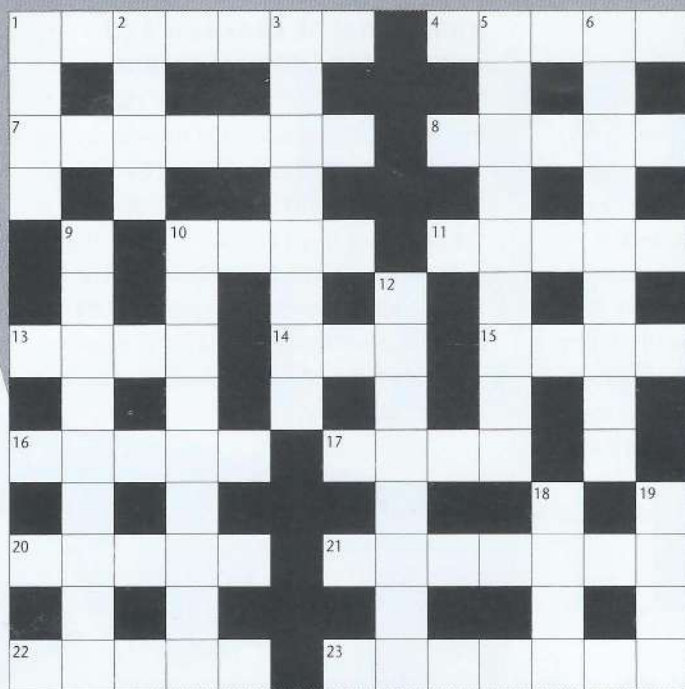
### KHUN SURAPOL BUAKAEW AND KHUN RAJADAKORN SUKPIBUL

This charming couple are clearly no strangers to the delights of Thailand, nor to its food, running their own authentic Thai restaurant ('Ban Chiang') just around the corner from the Club. When not in the restaurant they both love a round of golf, swimming and tennis, so the Club is just perfect for them. Khun Rajadakorn also works for DBS Thai Dhanu Bank and Khun Surapol, a former committee member of The Silom Club, collects Buddhist amulets; lucky for some!





## PRIZE CROSSWORD!!



Compiled by Margaret Miller

## HOW'S YOUR GEOGRAPHY?

Turning to her atlas to devise something special for us this month, BC member Margaret Miller has come up with this great crossword to test our knowledge of the world's countries, seas, rivers and towns.

To make it extra worthwhile, Club Manager Barry has kindly agreed to donate a bottle of wine to the first member to send in a correct entry by fax to me at The Creative Partnership, fax No. 02 678 1292. So, pens to the ready.... GO!

Sherry Conisbee (Acting Editor)

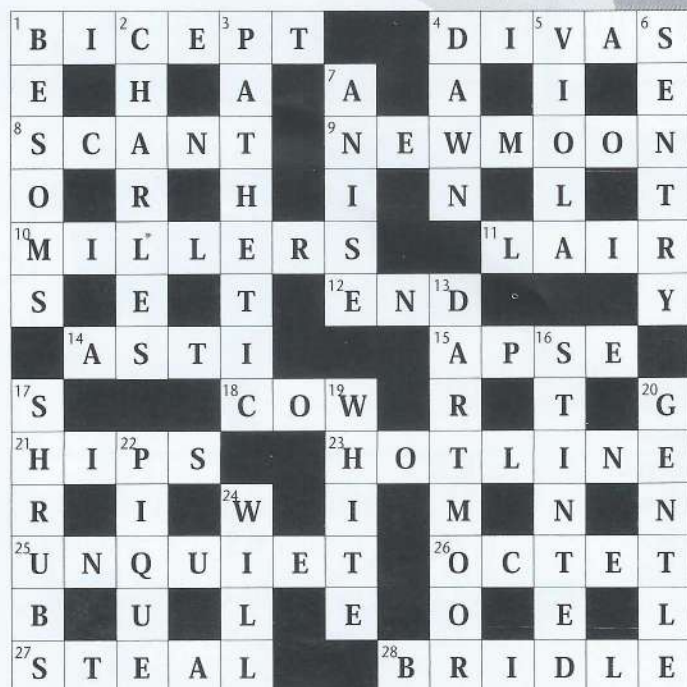
## ACROSS

- 1 Capital of the island just south of India
- 4 They were known as The \_\_\_\_\_ Islands, because of their fragrant exports
- 7 This country has a border on the Black Sea
- 8 Ailsa \_\_\_\_\_ can be seen off the west coast of Scotland ...
- 10 ... and further north can be seen this Isle
- 11 Followed by "hai", a famous city of the Far East!
- 13 This was France in the days of Julius Caesar
- 14 Diagonal from South South West
- 15 It is in Alaska
- 16 Fruit of the national tree of England
- 17 City on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula
- 20 "The country with the long border with Canada \_\_\_\_\_" (2,3)
- 21 English seaside resort popular with Londoners
- 22 It is famous for its White Cliffs
- 23 It's said to be punishment to be sent to this part of Russia.

## DOWN

- 1 Coastal City in Eire
- 2 Capital of a South American Country
- 3 A Department of France
- 5 Something from the past to be seen in Athens
- 6 Second city of the country we used to know as Siam
- 9 The Golden Gate is in San \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Country of Eastern Europe
- 12 Capital City of India (3 5)
- 18 You are bound to see one in space
- 19 Lady who was involved with Royalty in the country of 6 Down!

## Solution August







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## TRAVELERS' HEALTH GUIDE

Travel in Bangkok presents very few problems for visitors but it is best to bear in mind that here, as with any tropical climate, abundant life forms not found in cooler regions exist, from viruses and bacteria to poisonous snakes and fishes. Prevention is always better than cure so we have compiled this guide to give you a few ideas of what you should look out for during your stay.

Millions of people from all over the world travel to Bangkok yearly and depart usually healthier and fitter than when they arrived. A small number, however, do experience problems such as:

### MICROBIAL AND VIRAL INFECTIONS

This group probably afflicts the greatest number of people, mainly from intestinal infections resulting in mild diarrhoea. More serious are viral infections like hepatitis, haemorrhagic fevers and AIDS. Travellers should also beware of mosquito-borne viruses such as malaria and dengue fever.

### DIARRHOEA AND/OR VOMITING (D&V)

Traveller's Diarrhoea (or the Thailand Trots) requires some care to avoid. If you do succumb to diarrhoea, the intensity will depend on how much contaminated food or drink you have consumed.

#### To minimise your risk:

- Eat food served steaming hot and cooked to order rather than food left out on trays or in bain-marie dishes. Choose fruit that you have to peel (like bananas or oranges) rather than those you eat with the skin intact (like apples or grapes) unless you can wash them. There is a huge range here so experiment.
- **DON'T DRINK TAP WATER!** Bottled water (check that the plastic seal is intact) or water served in jugs in a restaurant will be fine. Go for ice cubes or tubes rather than chips. The huge range of fruit on offer means a huge range of delicious shakes (fresh banana ones are simply divine), slushies (lemon is tops in this category) and smoothies (try the water melon ones) to drink. The ice, water and milk will be okay in over 99.99% of cases so stop worrying! Aim to drink around 2 litres of (non-alcoholic) fluids a day.
- Exercise caution with salads and shellfish to the same degree as you would do in your home country. You do not actually run a greater risk here than there.
- If you do develop D & V then drink even more water than you did before. Dehydration is the resulting problem otherwise, especially for children. Take them to a doctor if they have D & V for more than one day and yourself for more than two. You should get medical advice immediately should you notice blood or mucus in your (or their) diarrhoea or if the D & V is violent and accompanied by a raised temperature.

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# HI'S AND BYE'S

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Peter Goodchap  
Caroline Stockman  
Michael Hague  
Judith Saengprathum  
Kenneth Grimshaw  
Kenneth Porter  
Dinesh Vaswani

**SAD TO SAY,  
BUT THESE  
MEMBERS ARE  
ON THEIR WAY!  
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WISHING THEM  
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FAREWELL  
FROM ALL OF  
US AT THE  
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John Hancock  
Gregory Solomon  
Anthony Waltham  
Travis Pamenter  
Christoph Steindorf  
Frederick Evans  
Eiji Hanao

## RUGBY

# THAI RUGBY UNION 15'S LEAGUE FIXTURES 2004

**Sunday 26th September**

**4pm Kick Off**

Versus Royal Thai Air Force at Kasetsart  
University

**Sunday 3rd October**

**6pm Kick Off**

Versus RBSC at Kasetsart University

**Thursday 14th October**

**7pm Kick Off**

Old Boys Vajiravuth at RBSC

**Sunday 14th November**

**4pm Kick Off**

Royal Thai Army at Kasetsart University

**Tuesday 28th September**

**7pm Kick Off**

Southerners at RBSC

**Saturday 9th October**

**4pm Kick Off**

Versus Royal Thai Navy at Kasetsart University

**Thursday 11th November**

**7pm Kick Off**

Royal Thai Police at RBSC

## FAREWELL TO LIZ



Departing for the pampas of Argentina, BC's magazine editor dishy Liz Bishy is saying goodbye to Bangkok after 5 years and adios to Outpost after 2.

*Good editors never  
die, they just sign off!*

Best of luck from the 'Creative' team and all readers at the BC.





## Seeing is Believing...

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## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR



### SPORTS

9.00am - midday Squash Coaching  
9.00am - 1.30pm BC Swimming Instruction

Saturday

### SPORTS

7.00am - 1.00pm Tennis Team Practice  
9.00am - 11.00am Junior Cricket  
10.30am - midday Taekwondo  
11.00am - 1.00pm Badminton - Soi Nares  
2.00pm - 4.00pm Children's Activities  
3.00pm - 6.00pm Tennis Mix-in  
3.00pm Yoga

Sunday

### SPORTS

8.00am BWG Mahjong  
7.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Team Practice

Monday

### SPORTS

7.00am Ladies' Golf  
8.00am - 10.00am Ladies' Tennis  
10.30am - 11.30am Aqua Aerobics  
11.30am Yoga  
2.00pm - 5.30pm Swim with the Bangkok Dolphins  
2.00pm - 7.00pm BC Swimming Instruction  
7.00pm - 9.00pm Football Training

Tuesday

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight Ladies' Night  
8.00pm - 11.00pm Friendly Bridge  
8.30pm Gentlemen's Spoof

Wednesday

### SPORTS

6.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Mix-in  
6.30pm Cricket Nets

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm Darts  
7.00pm Accumulator

Thursday

### SPORTS

8.00am - 10.00am Ladies' Tennis  
10.30am - 11.30am Aqua Aerobics  
6.00pm - 9.00pm Squash mix-in  
7.00pm - 9.00pm Rugby Training  
9.00pm - 10.00pm Hockey Training

Friday

### SPORTS

9.00am ANZWG Mahjong  
3.30pm - 6.00pm BC Tennis Coaching for Children  
4.30pm - 5.15pm Mini Squash  
5.15pm - 6.00pm Junior Squash  
5.00pm Tennis Mix-in  
5.30pm Swimming - Junior Squad Training  
6.00pm - 7.00pm Adult Tennis  
6.30pm - 9.00pm Poolside BBQ  
7.00pm Children's Movie Night

### September at a Glance

Saturday, 4th	Magic Eyes Barge trip
Thursday, 9th	Monty Python Video Night
Friday, 10th	SCORPIONS, live in concert
Tuesday, 14th	New Members Night
Friday, 17th	Wine Tasting
Friday, 17th	Freaky Friday disco for the kids
Sunday, 19th	Lord of the Rings Video Night
Tuesday, 21st	Quiz Nite

### Sports - Contacts

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St Patrick's	Liam O'Keeffe	0 2741 8810
St David's	Basia Filzek	0 2286 1348

### Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
Casuals Football	Colgate Ground, Rama III
Massage	Near the Silom Sala

### Opening Times

10.00am - 11.00pm	Churchill Bar
11.30am - 2.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Lunch)
6.00pm - 10.00pm	Lords Restaurant (Dinner)
7.30am - 10.00pm	Poolside Bar
6.00am - 9.00pm	Fitness Centre
9.00am - 6.00pm	Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)



# RACE FOR THE ACE IS ON!

I am delighted to announce that the British Club Golf Section has a new sponsor. MA Creation Company, a manufacturer, importer and exporter of jewelry and precious stones on Silom soi 19, has agreed to give either a Ladies' or a Gents' wristwatch to the first member of the British Club Golf Section to get a Hole-in-one at a British Club event between 1st August 2004 and 31st July 2005. We would like to thank Khun Kraisor from MA Creation Company for this generous sponsorship.



Karen presents Kevin with 2nd prize at Kiati Thani, Gaew just keeps on winning! and Mam takes 3rd place at Kiati Thani

## CLUB DAY AT KIARTI THANEE

Details of the Club Day at Kiarti Thanee are a little bit hazy as the results sheet from the event has gone astray. The format was definitely stableford and, from memory, the scoring showed the course to be quite challenging. It was a very enjoyable round albeit an epic 6 hour slog!

Apologies to the winners of the technical prizes on the day who were hoping to see their names in print in the prestigious Outpost Magazine! Fortunately, I took photographs of the top three players on the day so I can report

that Gaew, Kevin and Mam were in the top three. Based on the order in which the photos were taken, Mam was in third place, having just pipped Bryan Baldwin, Kevin was second and Gaew was our winner on the day. I seem to remember that Gaew won by a considerable margin as she continued her run of great form.

## JULY MEDAL AT KHAO KHEOW

The July medal at Khao Kheow proved to be a tough one with only three players playing to handicap or better. Net scores in the eighties were not uncommon and there

were even some in the nineties! What was making the course play so tough? Was it the pin placements? Was it the weather conditions? Was it the greens? With one player taking six putts to get down from within six feet the greens were certainly a factor. (Peter Gale asked me to mention this. Can you guess who six putted?)

One player who seemed untroubled by the course was Jo Goodliffe. Jo was playing what will probably have been her last medal with the British Club before she and Larry leave Thailand for Venezuela. We will miss them both very much and wish them the best of luck in their

new posting. Jo certainly made the most of her last medal game. She played some fantastic golf, which included a stunning eagle on the par five hole B6. Jo's third shot was a seven wood into the elevated green from around 150 yards out. It looked like a good shot but she wouldn't know just how good it was until she climbed the slope to the green to discover that her ball was nowhere to be seen. It was safely in the hole! Congratulations Jo on your first eagle and a brilliant net 64 which was more than enough to win B Flight.

Our winner in A Flight was Pat Dean who was the only other player





Pat wins flight A, Mam wins flight C, Jo gets an Eagle and wins flight B,

to card a sub-par round. Pat played a consistent round with just one hiccup on the notorious second hole on A and carded a net 69. Andre was second in A flight with a net 72 and Andy was third with a 73.

As I mentioned above, Jo was our clear winner in B Flight. Norm

Cockerill was second with a net 74 and Kevin Jones was third with 79. It was great to see Norm playing so well in his first medal with the British Club.

Mam continued her run of recent form to win C Flight with a net 76. Peter Bond was in second place with a net 80 and Val Ashman was

third with a net 84.

Vicky Jones took advantage of Karen Holloway's absence to win the Ladies long drive and Ed Ashman won the Men's. Andre Tissera was closest to the pin on hole A3. Mam was closest on A5, Bryan Dodd on B5 and Gaew on B8. Peter Bond sank the longest putt.

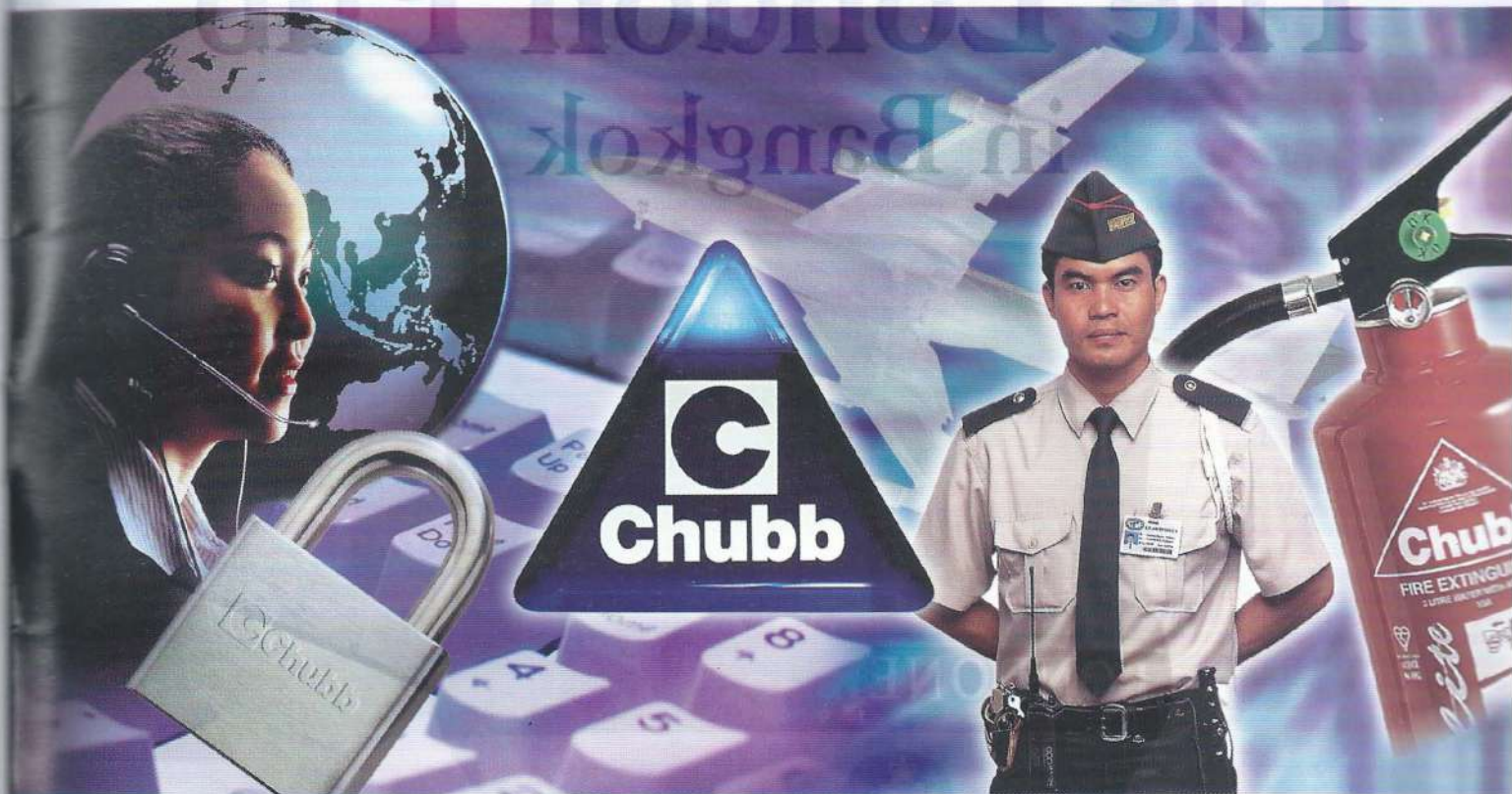
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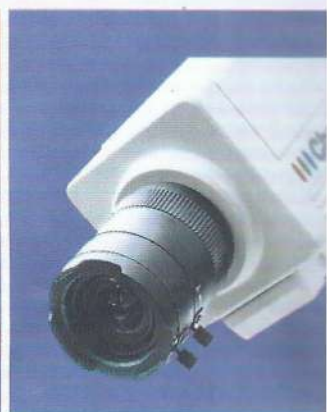
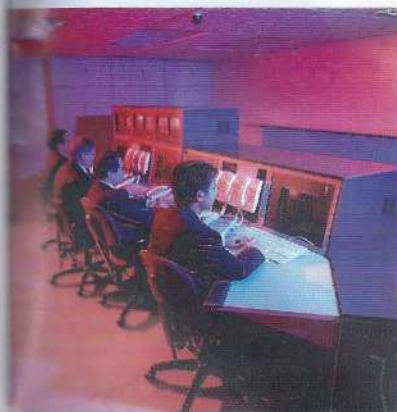
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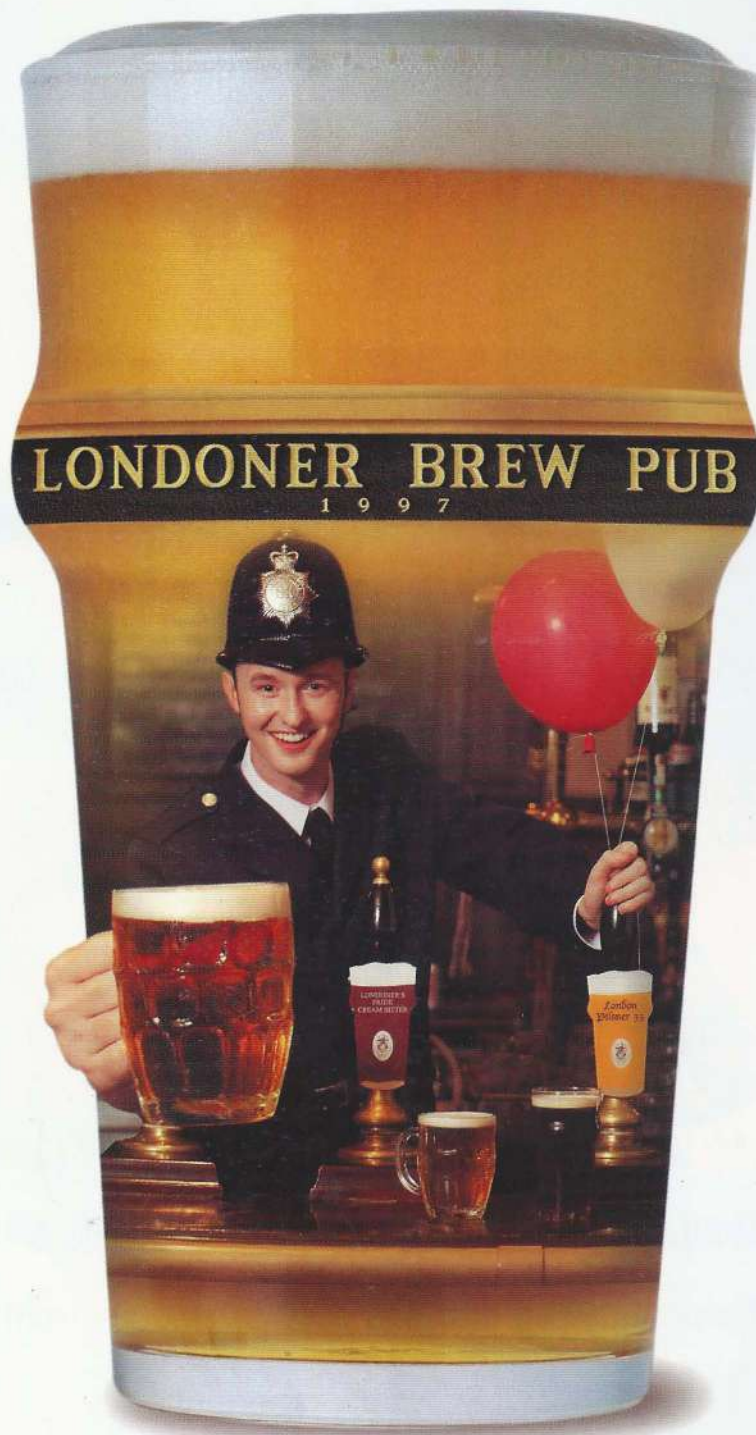
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