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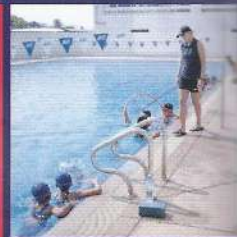
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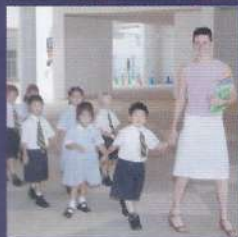
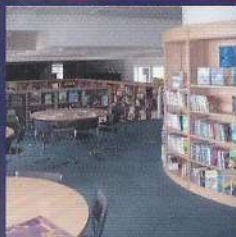
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The Quiz-winning 'Gentlemen Spoofers' with the fruits of victory. (Article, p24)

## Carry On as Usual

Well, here it is September already and nearly all the BC members have returned to the fold after summer holidays in Old Blighty and other exotic destinations. In addition to the improving weather, there's a warm welcome from the BC Management Team who've really spruced up the place over the "holidays" with a programme of re-painting, re-piping, re-grouting, re-rattaning, re-tiling and remaining calm under pressure. It hasn't been all beer and skittles, you know, especially when the Astroturf on the tennis courts left some members' normally fluffy balls looking a bit waterlogged. "We were told our balls weren't bouncing properly but now they're soggy" lamented an anonymous BC Manager . . .

After a short hiatus, it's time to carry on with a full edition of *Outpost* in glorious colour. You'll find laid out in this Issue a veritable smorgasbord of events coming up for this month and beyond, including the "Upcoming Attractions" listed opposite.

The auditions for "Dracula Undead" catch the eye. Perhaps one could spot a few prime candidates from among the denizens of the Churchill Bar on a quiet Monday! Or maybe the Scottish Night is the obvious place to look - there's bound to be a few potentially undead Russian musician-types tossing the caber on the 23rd! By the way, will there be a red flashing warning-light when the caber-tossing is in operation to prevent those stepping out for a breath of air from being brained by a flying caber? Aye, perhaps, but there's nothing like the skirl of pipes and a full tartan and kilt with badger's head sporan. And I'm sure the DGM will look his best . . .

*Let the wind blow high, let the wind blow low,  
Aroond the Club in mae kilt I'll go,  
All the lassies say "alooo!"  
"Johnny, where's your troosers?"*

That's quite enough prattling for a deputy guest editor. Carry on Regardless!

**Billy Beefeater**, deputy guest editor-at-large



**Welcome Back!** A warm welcome from the BC Management Team and staff, resplendent in new uniforms designed by Khun Annie at Strawberry Hill (as opposed to Strawberry Fields). Don't be put off by the wet season drizzle - there are plenty of activities to carry on with at your newly renovated Club facilities.

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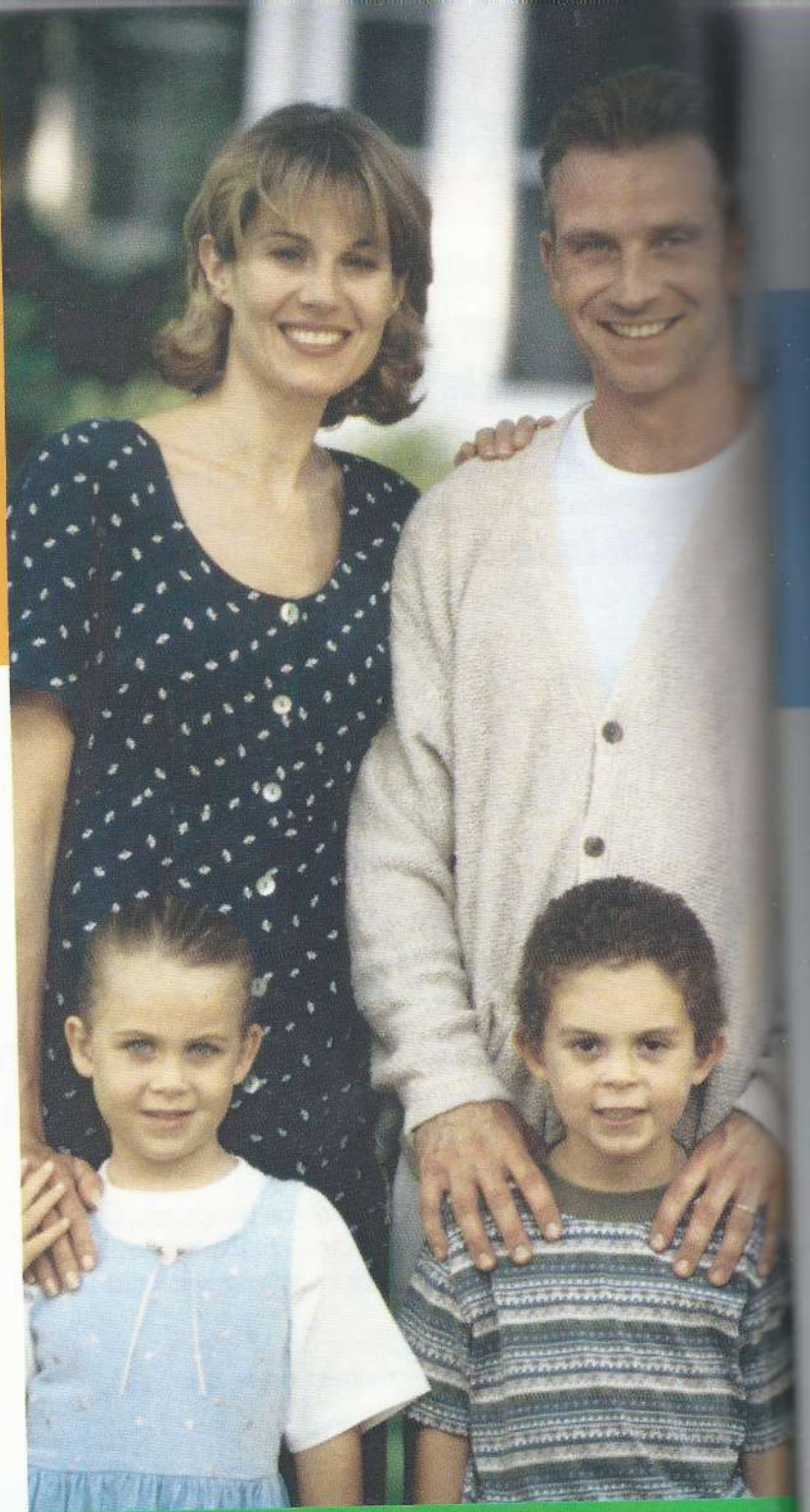
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## Constitution, Rules and Bylaws



**Dear Members,**

Welcome back to those of you who have returned after the school holidays. This month I'd like to update you on our progress with the Constitution, Rules and Bylaws. We have now embarked on a complete review with two major objectives in mind:

1) To ensure that all rules are aligned with each other and to eliminate some inconsistencies, and

2) To bring the Rules into line with more modern practices and address what we perceive to be some current issues. The following are just a few examples (some more significant than others!):

- Guest Rules – At present our rules limit the number of times the same guest is allowed to visit the Club to three times per year and restrict us to three guests on each occasion. Do we enforce this rule or continue to allow some relaxation, which has been recent practice?
- Temporary and Reciprocal members currently cannot bring in guests - other Clubs in the region differ – should we be more accommodating?
- When the GC adopt new bylaws or make alterations to existing bylaws, should they continue to come into immediate effect or be displayed on the notice board for a period of one month ahead of coming into force? (To allow member comment if desired.)
- At present if the member leaves a booked function, all guests must leave – should we relax this?
- At present our Field Sports teams (mainly Rugby and Soccer) are restricted to five non-members. To encourage more competitive sports teams should we reconsider the number (and privileges) allowed as an "under-30, non-member sports player" in line with the 'non-member playing pass' proposed by a previous GC?
- Our Club has been open for use on a regular basis by a number of 'Associate' and 'Community' groups (eg BAMBI, BCT, SPET, BWG, St. George's, etc). Should we formalise the relationship and establish rules to allow their continued use of the

facilities? Should we have these groups endorsed annually at the AGM? Current rules do not address use of the Club by these groups at all.

- As they are not members, should maids/child carers be considered 'guests'? And therefore abide by the respective rules? Or should there be a special membership category adopted with its own set of rules/restrictions? Should child carers/maids/drivers only be allowed in the Club when the member is present?
- In the event of the divorce of a principal cardholder, should the divorced spouse (if they are an Associate member applying to join the Club in their own right) be allowed to join again immediately, without having to go to the bottom of the waiting list? (This is currently applicable for the spouse of a deceased member, children of Associate members and Associate members returning from absence).
- Should we allow members' next of kin, who are visiting Thailand, to use the Club's facilities free of charge for up to one month in any given year? This was actually agreed in principle by the GC last year, but never formalised.
- Should Associate members be allowed to attend and speak at General Meetings?
- Should there be reform of our GC composition and election procedure?

These are just some of the areas that in our view, and from member feedback, need reviewing. To help with the process, Barry and the membership team have been doing some research of other Clubs around the region to compare the various policies on some of these common themes. When the review is complete we will present it to members and ultimately take the proposals to an EGM. In the meantime, if you would like to comment on any of the above, or have any additional items that you think should be reviewed, please post your comments on the BCB Discussion Forum: <http://forum.britishclubbangkok.org> under the heading **Constitution Rules Procedures**.

Finally, I would like to add a word of thanks to Paul Cheesman (C267) who will moderate this topic on the forum and for all his hard work and help with this project to date.

Yours sincerely,

**Angela Daniel**  
Chairman  
BCB General Committee 2005/2006

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## Round Ups, Bed Pushes and Old Speckled Hens

### Dear Members,

I hope you all had a great vacation and I look forward to seeing you at the Club! After your bags are unpacked, why not head to the Churchill Bar to relax and enjoy your favourite sport - we have seven draught beers for you to enjoy including our latest Old Speckled Hen direct from the UK. I can assure you that this is rather a nice smooth pint of English ale!

We've been busy over the last few months! Both the Club pools are now open after a major refit. We replaced over 1800 tiles in the main pool, re-grouted and added a new automatic chlorine feed system, and added two new steps into the baby pool. The Club staff have also been busy repainting the salas and repainting and repairing the Children's changing room. We appreciate your patience during the downtime.

Whilst you were away, the Lord's Restaurant had a face-lift with the efforts of the Club's staff. Chef John Hogg (DGM) created a new Lord's dining room menu, a new Churchill menu and re-vamped our function menus.

Thanks to the purchase of some new equipment, we can now show different satellite channels at the same time. Last month, members in the Bar and Wordsworth Lounge enjoyed lots of sports on UBC's new pay per view service. We showed the Grand Prix, The Ashes Cricket, the Sri Lanka and India test, golf, various football matches, rugby and lots more.

We have many events coming up over the next few months. In the Churchill Bar during September we will host the New Members Night on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Churchill Bar Quiz on the 20<sup>th</sup> and a Scottish food promotion on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Grab your camera and head out with us to Thailand's biggest elephant round-up. Join us for a weekend to Surin, our first visit back after a two year break. Interested members should contact Khun Dong or me as we are limited to 40 persons only. On

October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Club will be among the entrants in the BNH Hospital Bed Push, a popular event among Club members last year. This time the Push will be longer and will finish up on the Club's very own back lawn. Also mark in your diary, the Children's Halloween party on October 30<sup>th</sup> and Guy Fawkes Spectacular on November 6<sup>th</sup>. British Club members will again participate in the Ploenchit Fair this year and, as usual, the Club will staff the Bingo Stall. If you are an expert Bingo caller or just wish to help out, then please give us a call and your help will be greatly appreciated. We are also taking along the Club's new bouncy castle to the city-wide event.

Believe it or not, it's time to think Christmas! In the next edition of *Outpost*, we will include order forms for your Christmas food items. We are taking bookings now for Christmas lunch and dinner in the Lord's and Churchill Bar. Christmas is a fun day down at the Club with loads of activities for the kids, which leaves plenty of time for the mums and dads to have a few drinks and enjoy the holiday season also.

Well that's about it for another month. Carry on!

**Barry Osborne**  
General Manager



Club employee  
Khun Ruengrit  
Turiwongse with  
Barry Osborne  
and Hanni  
Phillips, Sports &  
Grounds  
Manager.

## Congratulations

To Khun Ruengrit Turiwongse on receiving a special award from the Club for exemplary conduct in returning lost property to a Club member last month. Rit's conduct shows great loyalty and honesty to the Club and its members. Huge congratulations from all the senior staff here at the British Club.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Special Events at the Club this month

### \*\* FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - "Italy."  
 Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - "Belgium"  
 Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - "Brazil"  
 (More details below)

### \*\* VDO NIGHT

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, Suriwongse Room  
 "CARRY ON SERGEANT!"  
 Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Suriwongse Room  
 THE BODY IN THE LIBRARY (Miss Marple)  
 Each evening will kick off at 7.30pm, and a full  
 F&B Menu will be available from 7pm.  
 (More details, p11)

### \*\* SWIMMING GALA

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9.00am to Noon  
 Events for all ages from 2 to adult! Come along  
 for a 'splashtastic' day, complete with medals,  
 certificates and buffet lunch on the front lawn.  
 150 Baht per entrant, everything included.  
 (Volunteers welcome . . . please!!) Contact  
 Hanni for more information.

### \*\* NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Churchill Bar  
 A great night to catch up with old friends, meet  
 new members and of course members of the

General Committee. Sample an array of John's  
 new Canapés and enjoy free draught Tiger Beer.  
 Live music by 'No Fixed Abode'. (Article, p18)

### \*\* QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, Churchill Bar  
 Join host Rodney Bain for our BC Bar Quiz.  
 There are four rounds of 19 questions each, plus  
 the ever-popular "Common Denominator". Cost  
 is 100 Baht per person, with teams of 4 to 6  
 persons. To book please contact Khun Ben or  
 Reception. (Article, p24)

### \*\* WINE TASTING

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Suriwongse Room  
 Taste a range of wines from around the world.  
 All wines presented are on sale at special rates  
 for members. This is an ideal time to start  
 stocking up your Christmas wine cellar! Come  
 and sample the delicious wine and free Club  
 canapés. (Article, p19)

### \*\* TENNIS THAILAND OPEN 2005

See the Quarterfinals on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
**Leave BC at 10.30am** for Round One; For Round  
 Two, **leave BC at 5.00pm**. Tickets Bt.1,950, which  
 includes return transportation from venue.  
 Tickets for Semifinals (1 Oct) and Finals (2 Oct)  
 also available. (See p34)

## FORMULA ONE RACES AHEAD!

As we race into the final five races on  
 the 2005 Formula One Calendar,  
 Spaniard Fernando Alonso is still  
 leading the Drivers' Championship but  
 with 50 first place points up for grabs  
 over the next two months can he fend  
 off challenges from both Kimi  
 Raikkonen and Michael Schumacher?

Well come and find out with us in The  
 Churchill Bar each Sunday evening for  
 LIVE coverage of the races — the only  
 exception being the Brazilian race  
 which is at 2am on Monday September  
 26<sup>th</sup> so we will show it recorded at  
 6pm that evening!

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 Brundle, make your way to the  
 Churchill Bar for Formula 1 and as  
 usual *three roasts each Sunday!*



### Dates – September 2005

Sept 4th	<b>Italian Grand Prix</b>	LIVE AT	7pm
Sept 11th	<b>Belgian Grand Prix</b>	LIVE AT	7pm
Sept 26th	<b>Brazilian Grand Prix</b> (Recorded)	VIEW AT	6pm

### Dates – October 2005

Oct 9th	<b>Japanese Grand Prix</b>	LIVE AT	Noon
Oct 16th	<b>Chinese Grand Prix</b>	LIVE AT	11am

All on the PLASMA SCREEN in the Churchill Bar!



# The British Club Returns to **Surin**



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Thailand's  
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and Best  
Elephant  
Round Up*

## **Friday 18 November**

Meet at Hua Lamphong Station at 8.00pm  
& depart by 2nd class sleeper for Surin.

## **Saturday 19 November**

At 6am, Good morning breakfast in Surin  
and off to the Elephant Show. Afternoon  
trip to the amazing Khmer temple of Khao  
Phanom Rung, and evening elephant rides.

## **Sunday 20 November**

Arrive back at Hua Lamphong around 6am.

### **Cost :**

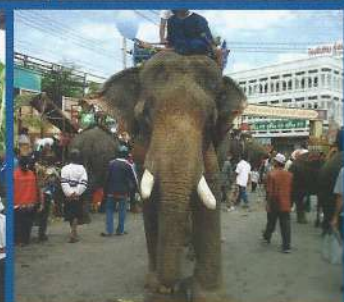
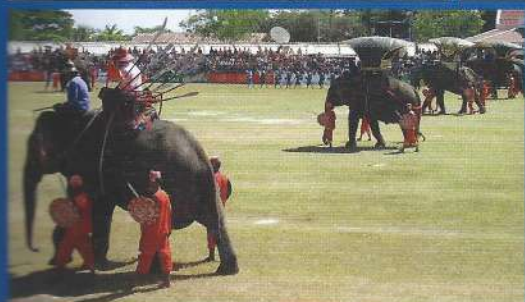
Adults **Bt.6,500-**

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*Please sign up at Reception*



*Elephant photos courtesy Yale Needel*



## **BRYAN BALDWIN O.B.E.**

1937 - 2005

**O**n 25th July Bryan Baldwin passed away only three days after his 68th birthday. Bryan was a great supporter of the British community in Thailand. He was Chairman of the British Club from 1991-1993 and most recently served on the Committee of the British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN), organisers of the Ploenchit Fair. He was also an Honorary Member of the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT) and served as Chairman from 1992-1996.

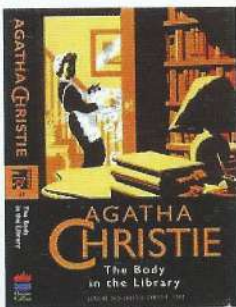
Bryan was born in Lowestoft in Suffolk in 1937. He studied at Bromley Grammar School in Kent and, after school, completed National Service with the Royal Air Force before beginning his career with Castrol. Bryan undertook postings in London, Germany and Swindon before becoming Managing Director in Thailand only four years after the company was established here. It is a great tribute to Bryan that when he retired from Castrol some 20 or so years later, it was the fourth most profitable company in Castrol's worldwide network. He was awarded the OBE for 'Services to British Commercial Interests in Thailand' in December 1993.

I will always be grateful to Bryan for welcoming me to the British Club when I returned to work in Thailand permanently in December 1991. I remember well joining the Darts section at Bryan's invitation. He also appointed me as BCCT's Executive Director in December 1996. Admittedly I was a little concerned when he resigned as BCCT Chairman a few weeks later!

Bryan was a kind and generous man. A gentleman. He will be greatly missed by all who came into contact with him.

**Greg Watkins**  
W119

# "CARRY ON ... MISS MARPLE?"



We are relaunching our regular bi-monthly VDO Nights by moving to a Season by Season theme . . . and for Autumn 2005 we have chosen to show a selection of the infamous Carry On films and the wonderful Miss Marple series starring Joan Hickson.

For September we have . . .

## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

The original Carry On film which started the whole run . . .  
**CARRY ON SERGEANT!**

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

The first in the BBC's 'Miss Marple' series . . .  
**The BODY IN THE LIBRARY**



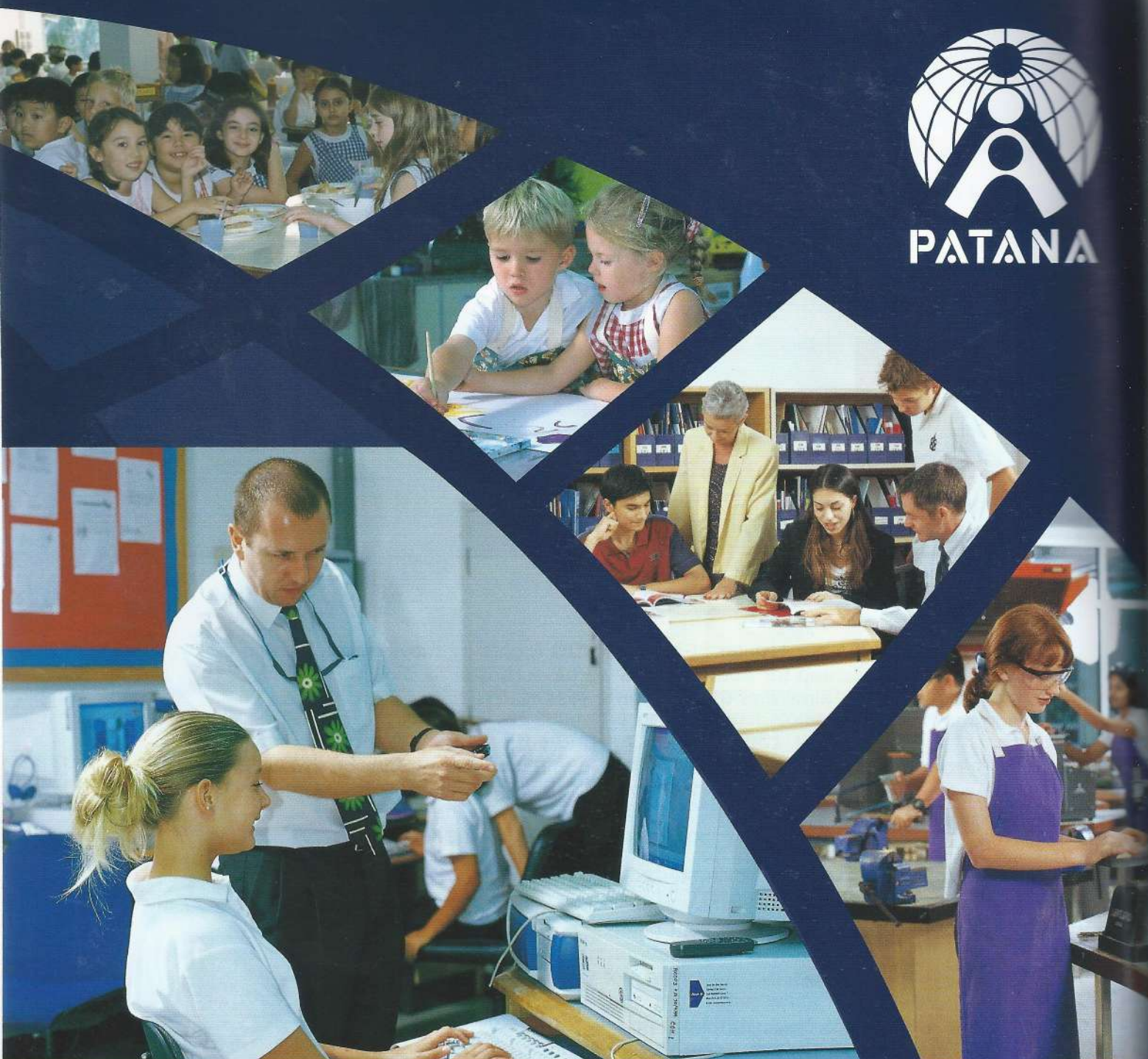
For the rest of the Season we will be showing . . .

October 13<sup>th</sup>: 'CARRY ON CRUISING!'  
 October 27<sup>th</sup>: 'Murder at the Vicarage'

November 10<sup>th</sup>: 'CARRY ON SPYING!'  
 November 24<sup>th</sup>: ' 4.50 from Paddington'

Each evening will kick off at 7.30pm, and a full F&B Menu will be available from 7pm.

In order to assist seating arrangements, please ensure you sign up at Reception or send an Email to the club!



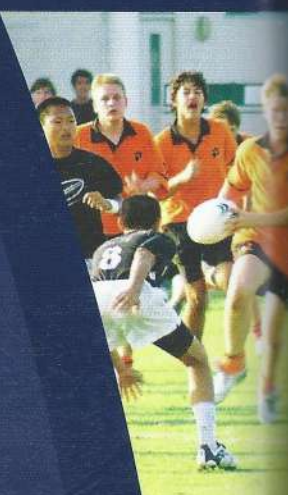
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# REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

## TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

5:30-9:00pm  
8:30pm

## WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

Lunch & Dinner  
(Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

## THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:00-9:00pm

## FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

Lunch & Dinner  
(Noon-2:00pm & 5:30-9:00pm)

## Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

## SATURDAYS Lord's Restaurant

8:00am-Noon

## SUNDAYS Lord's Restaurant

9:00am-Noon  
Noon-3:00pm

## Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

Friendly Bridge  
Spoof

CARVERY BUFFET Bt 270. Choose from 3 roast joints, 3 potato styles, 3 veges.

### CROWN RELOCATIONS ACCUMULATOR

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

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

Chess

THEME BUFFET - Scottish Night (23rd Sept); and for Jacque Chirac, we're working on a Finnish Night . . .

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

BREAKFAST BUFFET Bt 250. Starts 10th Sept! All the traditional British favorites + omelette-cooking, continental bakery delights, freshly homemade toast, breads, waffles and pancakes + cereals, mueslis, Khao Tom, Jok and Porridge, fresh juices and fruits.

À LA CARTE BREAKFAST - Starts 18th Sept!

FAMILY CARVERY - Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roast joints, pasta station, children's buffet, and range of desserts. Adults Bt 330 and children Bt 150 (includes soft drink)

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

## Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm  
11:30am - 2:00pm  
6:00pm - 10:00pm  
7:30am - 10:00pm  
6:00am - 10:00pm  
6:00am - 9:00pm  
9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar  
Lord's Restaurant\* (Lunch)  
Lord's Restaurant\* (Dinner)  
Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30pm)  
Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)  
Fitness Centre (weekends)  
Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

\* Special opening hours may apply for Buffets and weekend Breakfasts

# The Constitution is a Load of ... CRAP!

No, I am not being rude about this sacred document - it is just that the acronym used for Constitution, Rules And Procedures is C.R.A.P!

Now I have got you reading this, onto the boring part. As Angela has outlined in the Chairman's letter this month, we are conducting a full review of our Constitution, Rules & Procedures not only to ensure that they are up-to-date, and not self-contradictory, but also to let members create policy in areas where rules are ignored, unenforceable or just plainly do not exist!

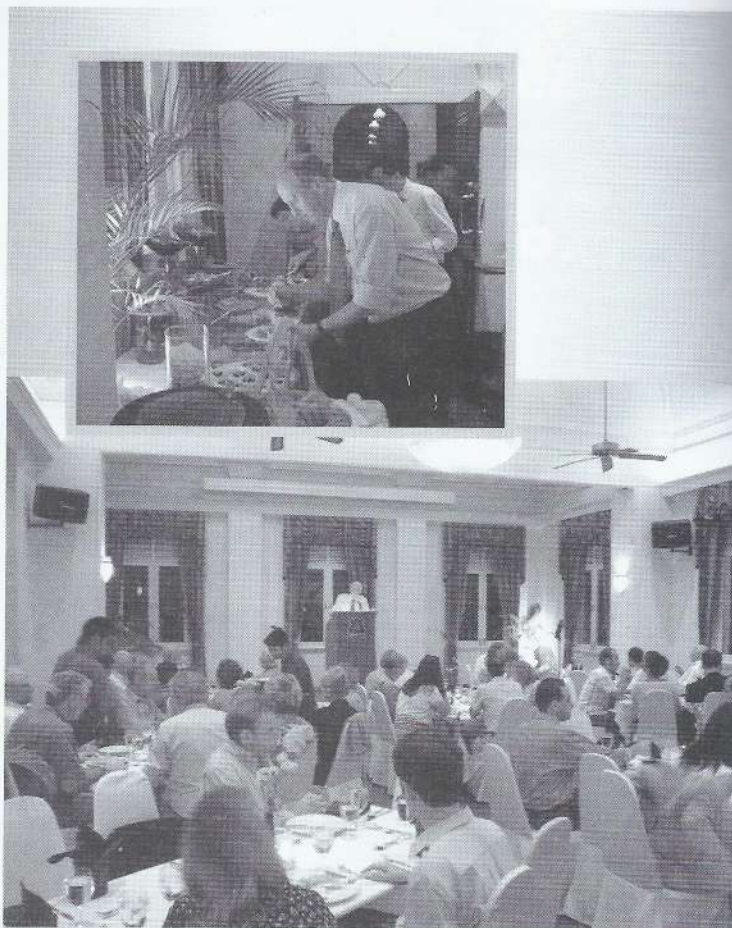
As Angela outlined, we want your full participation and instead of holding 25 Extraordinary General Meetings of six hours each just to get agreement on 'holding a meeting', we are going to use the Club Forum to collect views ahead of calling a meeting to debate issues fully.

**USING THE FORUM IS EASY** - Type <http://forum.britishclubbangkok.org> into your computer - register if you are not . . . just your name or nickname and membership number . . . and contribute! After all, if I can do it, anyone can!

The issues are wide-ranging, from areas like how to deal with the number and frequency of your bringing 'guests' into the Club instead of their joining, to 'should maids be able to use the Club when the member is not present', through to issues like our need for more non-members in some Club Sports teams, and the whole issue of the dozens of non-member groups who use the Club!

**Everyone has a view - so put it on the Forum!**

**Paul Cheesman**  
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## Islamic Studies joint dinner



This event took place in the Suriwongse Room on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of August and was attended by over 50 people.

The guest speaker was Professor Tim Niblock, Head of the Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies at Exeter University, whose impressive credentials include a seven-year stint in the 1970s as a Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at the University of Khartoum.

The topic of Prof. Niblock's Presentation was "Understanding Islam - Myth and Reality". Recent events have brought Prof. Niblock's field of interest to a worldwide prominence that perhaps not even he anticipated. After his Presentation, the Professor was kept busy answering many questions from the floor, and lively discussions continued well into the evening.

The chefs from the Club, under the guidance of John Hogg, created a sumptuous "Arabic" buffet dinner for the members and guests to enjoy. All in all, it was food for the body and the mind.

This special event was jointly organised by the BCCT, the British Council and the British Club.



# OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS . . .

## BRIDGE LESSONS

The Bridge Section of the British Club is organising a Beginner's Level Bridge Course. No prior Bridge playing experience is required.

**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- (payment through the British Club)  
Duration: 10 weekly lessons. Each lesson will be about three hours, consisting of a one-hour lecture followed by two hours of practice plays.  
Time: Tuesday evenings at 7pm, starting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2005.  
Place: British Club.

The course requires a minimum of 8 participants. 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)  
Email: charlene@loxinfo.co.th

## "DRACULA" AUDITIONS

Bangkok Community Theatre and Director Dale Gutzman are looking for a versatile cast for this ground-breaking production of "Dracula Undead" to be performed in English in February 2006. Roles include 12 principals of varying ages and also a strong creative ensemble of gypsies. The gypsies convey the story to the audience by becoming bats, werewolves, mental patients, hospital guards, as well as singers and dancers.

Auditions (for fluent English-speaking adults) will be held on the afternoons of **Saturday, October 1st & Sunday, October 2nd, 2005**. However, everyone interested in auditioning should register now to receive complete details. To register, please email [dracula@sala.net](mailto:dracula@sala.net) your full name, age, contact details, and role preference. Once you have registered, you will receive complete information regarding the audition venue, the audition process, etc. Please visit the BCT website [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org) for detailed information and to review character descriptions and rehearsal commitment requirements.

"Dracula Undead" will be a multi-media, theatrical experience. The show is both passionate and dramatic, and includes suggestive violence. It involves adult themes and performers cast in this production must be willing to set their inhibitions aside.

Also wanted: a young man or woman who plays the guitar and can learn Russian gypsy songs to perform in the play. An actor/musician is ideal.

Volunteers for backstage or production team are most welcome. Please email [dracula@sala.net](mailto:dracula@sala.net) or call 09-006-5259 or 01-869-1104.

# By John

“Whoever eats goose  
on Michaelmas Day  
Shall ne'er lack money  
for his debts to pay . . .”

*Michaelmas Day: September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005*



## Dear Members,

We have a busy month ahead of us, but before I go into what's on in September, I would like to answer a few of your questions regarding food prices.

We are striving to offer quality at value for money. All the dishes on the à la carte menu are costed before we come to a selling price. For obvious reasons I cannot compare our selling prices with the food at the market or side of the soi and it is not always useful to compare with other bars and restaurants, as one may not know if they are in fact costing out their recipes and if they are running at a loss or a profit on their food operation. Each business has a different strategy or approach, if you like, to capturing trade.

Here at the Club, the Food and Beverage team are working for the members and we are continually sourcing out safe food suppliers with competitive prices. I am more than happy to answer any questions from any member and take in their points of view. Please do not hesitate to approach me. I, like all the staff here at the Club, have the members' and the Club's long term best interests at heart.

## What's on in September .....

### • POOLSIDE

Now that the pool is back in order, I am happy to say that the long-ago promised and long-awaited hard scoop ice-cream selection is here.

Along with the new menu, look out for the new sandwich menu for that quick snack.

We realize there are quite a number of challenges with the poolside dining experience so now I have assigned a manager to oversee the operation on a day-to-day basis.

Kuhn Vanit will be concentrating on the poolside operation and helping us to improve the service, so if you experience any problems please do not hesitate to contact Kuhn Vanit who will be on hand throughout the day.

### • LORD'S

Saturday Breakfast Buffet at the Lord's!!!

What better way to start off the weekend than a wholesome breakfast in the air conditioned comfort of the newly decorated Lord's Restaurant.

This fantastic buffet breakfast spread will include all the traditional British favourites, along with an omelette cooking show, and continental

bakery delights, freshly homemade toast, breads, waffles and pancakes in their own cooking station. Cereals, mueslis, Khao Tom, Jok and Porridge cooked fresh for you. Fresh juices and fruits.

So bring the family along for a British Club Breakfast on Saturday and get the weekend off to a great, hearty start.

Adults Bt.250 and Children under 14 years Bt.150.

Starts Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 8am till noon.

Newspapers available and TV.

A breakfast à la carte menu is available on Sundays in the Lord's Restaurant from 9 am till noon.

### • CHURCHILL BAR

New Members Night, September 13<sup>th</sup>, is a special night when we greet all new members to the Club and say farewell to those who are moving to new pastures. There will be a special free cocktail buffet on the night and a barrel of Tiger beer free flowing.

On Quiz Night, September 20<sup>th</sup>, a special menu will be available. Winning teams receive food and beverage vouchers. There's wine to be won in every round and a round of drinks for the losing team.

### • September the 23<sup>rd</sup> is . . . SCOTTISH NIGHT

Weh hey!!! With tartan in abundance we will be transforming the Churchill Bar into a Scotsman's paradise. Be welcomed to the sound of the bagpipes and a wee dram of fine Scottish whisky from behind the bar. There will be a special buffet available, full of Scottish delights to tempt you.

Feast your ears and eyes on Scottish music and traditional sword dancing, courtesy of the St. Andrews Society.

The Chivas team will be there with a special promotion.

Toss The Caber For Your Dinner! On the back lawn we will have a caber tossing competition, with the longest male tosser and longest female tosser eating from the buffet for free. If you have no idea what a caber is, come along and find out. You might be a natural.

There will also be a prize of a bottle of malt whisky for the best outfit of the night.

So see you all at this most wonderful evening. Don't forget your kilt.

See you around the club.

Regards,  
**John James Hogg**

## Mushroom and Barley Soup

- 1/3<sup>rd</sup> cup barley
- 7 cups water
- 1/4 oz dried porcini mushrooms
- 1 white of leek
- 1 tblsp olive oil
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 sticks of diced celery
- 2 whole chopped carrots
- 250 gram shitake mushrooms thinly sliced
- 2 tblsp tomato paste
- 2 tblsp medium dry sherry
- 1 3/4 cups beef broth
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper



Cook barley in the water until tender, sauté the onion and celery until golden. Add carrots, shitake, leek and porcini and sauté until liquid disappears. Add tomato paste, sherry, beef stock, mushroom stock, cooked barley, salt and pepper and about three cups of water. Simmer for 10 to 14 minutes, until vegetables and barley are cooked. Correct seasoning, add a knob of butter and some chopped parsley then serve.

## Smugglers' Beef

- 200 grams beef tenderloin
- Pinch of paprika
- 50 grams red bell pepper sliced
- 50 grams green bell pepper sliced
- 50 grams yellow bell pepper sliced
- 50 grams onion sliced
- 1/2 tsp garlic freshly chopped
- 3 tblsp red wine
- 2 tblsp oyster sauce
- 3 fresh oysters
- 3 tblsp chicken stock
- 3 tblsp gravy
- 1 tsp spring onions chopped
- 1 tsp basil freshly cut
- Salt and pepper
- 1 knob of butter



In a hot wok, fry the strips of beef. Add the paprika, add all the vegetables and garlic, add the wine, add the chicken stock, add the oyster sauce, and add the gravy. Reduce down, being careful not to stew the beef. Add the oysters, chopped spring onions, basil and finish with the butter. Serve with rice.

## Rich Chocolate Crème Brulee

- 2 pints double cream
- 22 egg yolks
- 4 oz Sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 250 grams extra bitter chocolate



Beat the egg yolks and sugar in a bowl over hot water. In a separate pot heat up the cream with the cinnamon stick until nearly boiling, add to the egg yolk mixture, and stir over a very low heat, making sure not to scramble the eggs. Add the chocolate then pour into moulds and place in a bain marie of water to cook in an oven at very low temperature until nearly set. Remove from oven; allow cooling at room temperature, then place in the refrigerator to set. When set, sprinkle with sugar and burn under a salamander or with a blowtorch if you have one. Top with hazelnuts and grated dark chocolate then serve.

## NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

**A** British Club Bangkok welcome or "*yin dee dtwaan rap*" to new members David Osborn, Bertrand Vidal, Mikael Olausson, Christopher Morley, Kiattisak Kanlayasirivat, Lalaporn Alderson, Steve Bennett, Kitti Limkeeratikul, and Jittinun Techasarin.

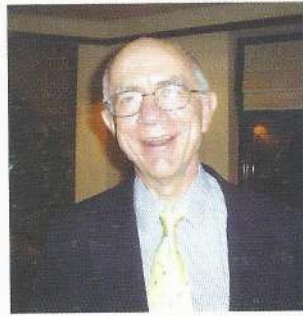
Members new and old joined in the fun at the recent New Members Night party held in the Churchill Bar July 12th, where everyone enjoyed delicious food by Club chef John Hogg and live music by our friends with the band "No Fixed Abode".

A few of the new members shared the following information about themselves. Mr. Steve and Prapeesuk Bennett have been in Thailand for 10 years and are now both retired from Bangkok Bank headquarters. They previously lived and worked in Japan, Korea, Brunei, Philippines and the U.S.

To be a good, honest businessman and be able to pay back to society are the noble goals of Khun Kiattisak, who persevered with the Club's wait-list in order to become a Club member.

And getting to the core of things is Mr. Christopher Morley, a geologist for PTTEP, who has been in Thailand for six months. Previously, he worked in the U.S., France, Brunei and Morocco. His goal is to understand the geology of the Mae Ping and metamorphic core complexes of Chiangmai.

Don't miss the next New Members Night coming soon on September 13th .





## WINE - TASTING



On Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 60 people attended the Club's monthly wine-tasting event in the Suriwongse Room. Members enjoyed wines from Chile, Australia, France, California and the best wines from Thailand. The Club also made tasty canapés to complement the wines. The wine-tastings are free and a great way to catch up with friends and start off your weekend break.

The wines were sponsored by Splendid Surplus Co, Grand Monte, Grand President and Diethelm.

Don't miss out on the next wine-tasting - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

# BC CALENDAR SEPTEMBER – The Month at a Glance

**Sunday**

**4** **Lord's Restaurant**  
12:00-3:00pm  
Family Carvery

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

**Wordsworth Room**  
3:00-4:00pm Yoga

**Churchill Bar**  
7:00pm  
**Formula 1 Grand Prix**  
15<sup>th</sup> Race live from Italy

**11** **Poolside**  
9:00am-12:00pm  
**SWIMMING CLUB**

**Lord's Restaurant**  
12:00-3:00pm  
Family Carvery

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

**Monday**

**5** 8:00am  
BWG Mahjong

10:00am  
Aerobics

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

**12** 8:00am  
BWG Mahjong

10:00am  
Aerobics

**Tuesday**

**6** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-In  
10:30am  
Aqua Aerobics

6:00-9:00pm  
Cricket Practice  
7:00-9:00pm  
Football Practice

**Adult Swimming Clinic**  
7:30-8:30pm  
Swimming Pool

**Churchill Bar**  
5:30-9:00pm  
Friendly Bridge  
8:30pm Spoof

**13** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-In  
10:30am  
Aqua Aerobics

6:00-9:00pm  
Cricket Practice  
7:00-9:00pm  
Football Practice

**Wednesday**

**7** 5:00-6:30pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in  
**Churchill Bar**  
**LUNCH & DINNER**  
**Carvery**  
7:00 & 8:00pm  
**CROWN RELOCATIONS BAR**  
**ACCUMULATOR**

7:30 pm  
Barry's Bottle Draw

**Suriwongse Room**  
7:00-8:00pm.  
**CIRCUIT TRAINING**

**14** 5:00-6:30pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in  
**Churchill Bar**  
**LUNCH & DINNER**  
**Carvery**  
7:00 & 8:00pm  
**CROWN RELOCATIONS BAR**  
**ACCUMULATOR**

**Thursday**

**1** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-in  
10:30am  
Aqua Aerobics

5:15-9:00pm  
Squash Mix-in  
6:00-9:00pm  
Cricket Practice  
7:00-9:00pm  
Rugby Practice  
9:00-11:00pm  
Hockey Practice

**Churchill Bar**  
6:00-9:00pm Chess

**8** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-in  
10:30am  
Aqua Aerobics

5:15-9:00pm  
Squash Mix-in  
6:00-9:00pm  
Cricket Practice

7:00-9:00pm  
Rugby Practice  
9:00-11:00pm  
Hockey Practice

**Churchill Bar**  
6:00-9:00pm Chess

**Suriwongse Room**  
7:00pm **VDO NIGHT**

**15** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

10:30am  
Aqua Aerobics

**Friday**

**2** 4:00-6:00pm  
Junior Tennis

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

**Churchill Bar**  
Theme Buffet  
Lunch and Dinner

**Kid's VDO**  
7.00-9.00pm Silom Sala

**9** 4:00-6:00pm  
Junior Tennis

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

**Churchill Bar**  
Theme Buffet  
Lunch and Dinner

**Kid's VDO**  
7.00-9.00pm Silom Sala

**16** 4:00-6:00pm  
Junior Tennis

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

**Saturday**

**3** 9:30am-12:00pm  
Cricket Practice

3:00-6:00pm  
Cricket Practice

**10** **Lord's Restaurant**  
8:00am-12:00pm  
Breakfast Buffet

9:00am  
Swimming Lessons  
Bangkok Dolphins

9:30am-12:00pm  
Cricket Practice

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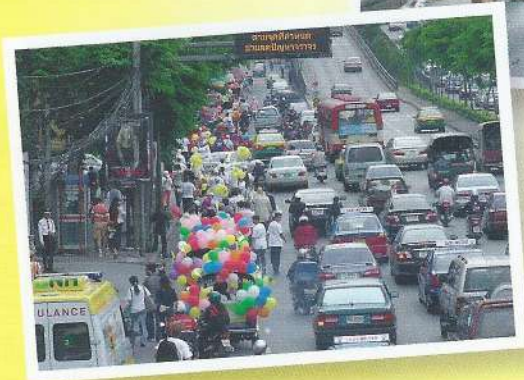
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<p>10:00-6:00pm Circuit Practice</p> <p>10:00pm Music Section Weather Sport Club</p>	<p><b>24 Lord's Restaurant</b> 8:00am-12:00pm Breakfast Buffet</p> <p>9:00am Swimming Lessons Bangkok Dolphins</p> <p>9:30am-12:00pm Cricket Practice</p>	<p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p>		

# Memories of BNH Hospital BED PUSH 2004



Come and join  
the fun this year.  
Why not enter for the  
'best bed design' trophy?

Last year  
we raised 1.3 M baht  
for the Thai Red Cross.  
Please help us raise more  
money this year.







## Quiz 'n' Pizza



**I**t was all fun and action at the revamped Churchill Bar Quiz Night on August 16<sup>th</sup> as six teams battled for the honours under the watchful eye of Quizmaster Rodney Bain. John Hogg created a specialty Pizza menu for the evening and jolly good they were too, especially the Banana, Toffee and Chocolate Cream dessert pizzas!

Amid much hilarity and bonhomie the **Gentlemen Spoofers** emerged with a comfortable early lead in round one . . . and there they stayed, despite the efforts of **Sminky Minky Bang Bang** who had to be content with a comfortable second. Finishing ten points back were **Norfolk 'n' Chance**, who turned in their first top-three finish. Just one point behind and nipping at their nether regions came **The Southerners**, followed by the gallant **Six No Trumps**, and finally **The BGG's** who were clearly the cleverest on the night by securing a free Round of Drinks from the winning team in the best traditions of the Quiz!

The top two teams received dining vouchers from the Club with the third-placed team winning British Club Super-Brollies - as featured on the cover of July's *Outpost* magazine. Available at Reception for a mere 500 baht, they make the perfect Christmas present for folks back home. The Spoofers, Southerners and Sminky teams also won bottles of house wine in the spot round questions.

Why not get some friends together for the next Quiz Night of pure fun and laughter on September 20<sup>th</sup>? Teams can be of 4 to 6 players; be sure to bring your brain.

**Come as a team, come as a single, or come as a pair. But, please, come!**

See you on September 20<sup>th</sup>!



# Regular Sports, Games & Activities

## Aerobics

Monday 10:00 - 11:00 am - Squash Court 3

## Aqua Aerobics (from 6<sup>th</sup> September)

Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30am

Thursday 10:30 - 11:30am

## Bridge

Tuesday 5:30 - 9:00pm - Churchill Bar

## Chess

Thursday 6:00 - 9:00pm - Churchill Bar

## Cricket

Tuesday 6:00-9:00pm Practice - Back lawn

Thursday 6:00 - 9:00pm Practice - Back lawn

Saturday 9:30 - 12:00pm and 3:00 - 6:00pm

Back lawn

## Football

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

## Hockey

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

## Rugby

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

## SpooF

Tuesday 8:30pm - Churchill Bar

## Squash

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

## Tennis

### Mix-in All Standards

Monday 6:00 - 10:00pm

Wednesday 6:00 - 10:00pm

Friday 6:00 - 10:00pm

### Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00 - 11:00am

Thursday 8:00 - 11:00am

### Adult Tennis

Saturday 7:00 - 8:00am Beginner class

Saturday 8:00 - 9:00am Intermediate/

Advanced

Private and semi-private (2 persons) classes also available

## Junior Tennis

Wednesday 5:00pm - 5:45pm or 5:45pm - 6:30pm Lessons with Nelson Thein

Friday 4:00 - 6:00pm Lessons with Nelson

## Yoga

Sunday 3:00 - 4:00pm in Wordsworth Room

## Sports/Activities Price List

### Aerobics

Aqua aerobics

Cricket

Massage

Squash courts

Swimming

Tennis

Adult Tennis

Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

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## Filipinos take the honours – and new trophy

**A**mid blustery winds and occasional drizzle, the British Club Tennis Section hosted a team from the Tennis Association of Filipinos (TAF) in their annual friendly match on the final day of July. The format of this year's contest was simple: each team would play 18 sets lasting 9 games each and divided into mens, ladies and mixed doubles matches. The winner would take home a glittering new trophy.

Despite fielding a team weakened by the absence of several leading players, the BC team put up a good fight against their more powerful Filipino counterparts. It soon became clear, however, that the TAF men's squad had greater strength and depth, and they defeated the BC side by 30 points to 24.

The BC ladies restored some of the section's pride, with a 34-20 points victory. However, the Filipino team won the overall event by taking the mixed doubles match by the same margin. Accordingly, the final score was 84 points to 78 in favour of the TAF.

After congratulations and commiserations were exchanged and group photos of the two teams were snapped, all the players sat down to a delicious buffet dinner of Thai and Western food on the BC front lawn.

Once everybody had eaten their fill, the British Club's acting tennis captain Jesada Tanking presented the new trophy to the TAF team captain Camilo Jose Lim, vowing that the Club would make strenuous efforts to win it back next year.

## Rules on Cancellation and Guests

### *Dear members*

It has come to my attention that some members are unaware of the tennis cancellation rules. Cancellation of tennis court bookings must take place at least 24 hours prior to the booking time. Any member failing to give 24 hours notice will be fined the standard fee of 500 Baht, unless there are special circumstances, communicated to fitness staff or management prior to cancellation.

I would also like to remind all members that the tennis courts are available for members' use only. Although members are permitted to allow non-members to play tennis, any member is only allowed the same non-member into the Club three times per annum.

Below is the information on guests from the 'Constitution, Rules and Bylaws' booklet (Rule 62):

Each Ordinary, Country, Honorary, Non-Voting and Associate Member, and spouse thereof shall be entitled to bring guests into the Club with them so long as

such introduction does not interfere with the convenience of members.

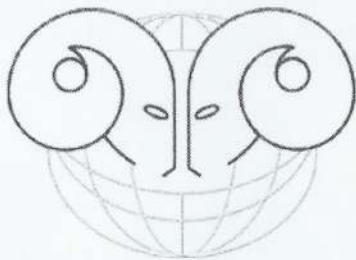
Such guests if they are residents of, or working in, Thailand may not be introduced to the Club more than three times per year without the prior approval of a Member of the Committee or the Manager. On each occasion a Member brings a guest to the Club the guest's name, nationality and address shall be entered in the book and kept in the Hall of the Club for this purpose. (Books are located at reception and in the Surawongse sala.) Such guests may not remain at the Club after the Member by whom they were introduced has left. Not more than three guests may be introduced by any one Member on the same day without the prior approval of a Member of the Committee or the Manager.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Kind regards

**Barry Osborne**  
General Manager

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# HANNI'S HOTSPOT



## LOOKING BACK:

Although poolside was quiet during the month of July and the beginning of August, it was a busy time here for the BC maintenance, housekeeping and management staff. All fingers were crossed for the 'smooth sailing' of the pool repairs and 'revamp'! Thankfully all went according to plan, with minimal complications. Both pools are now improved and cleaner than ever, with a new automated chlorine feed, which ensures tip top water quality and a new step in the baby pool for ease of access and safety. You may notice too, that all the poolside furniture has been re-rattaned, so your 'well deserved poolside rests' will now be even more luxurious!

Two sports camps went ahead as planned here at the Club, the first including a day horse riding at the 'Phoenix Riding School', Bangna-trad, where we all had a great time riding the ponies and horses, even backwards at times! Thanks to Charlie Nicholls for a great day out! I am considering making trips to the school a regular occurrence, so if anyone is interested in horse riding (all ages), please inform the fitness centre and we'll see if we can organize something for you.

The second sports camp involved an extremely exciting trip to the 'Mall Bangkhae', where we sped down the water slides, and showed them 'how it was done' on the bowling alley! (Photos on page 35.) British Club bowling team budding I think!! Again, if you're interested, just let me know.

Then there was Pattaya! Rather than surfing the web, we surfed the waves! Myself and the team took 12 kids down to the 'Royal Varuna Yacht Club' for a fun-packed week of sailing on the open sea. (Photos on page 32.) The five day, four night camp was a huge success and there was real comradeship by the end of the week. This will now be an annual event with the British Club, so keep an eye on those emails for all the details!

## COMING UP:



*Aqua Aerobics starts again on 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

offers a full fitness programme, for any member, designed especially for you! The question is . . . can you guess who the trainer is? (The answer is on page 31!)

### Swimming Gala:

September 11<sup>th</sup> is Swimming Gala day here at the club. All are welcome to enter and entrance will be 150 Baht per person, with a buffet lunch on the front lawn and medals and certificates for all who enter. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the fitness centre.

### Personal training at the British Club:

Ever wished you could have personal training with a familiar face? Well now you can, right here at the club! The British Club now

## Squashy Bits

**In search of the Trophy Antiquarians:**  
As promised, this month I pursue my quest to write something about more of the names behind the squash trophies we all play for. I covered Harold Mercer a couple of months ago which was a doddle because I knew him well and his obituary had appeared in *Outpost*. But the challenges this month were the Don Johnson Cup, the Club Championship inaugurated in 1967, and the Parry Handy Plate, for first round losers, inaugurated in 1973. Both were well before my arrival in Bangkok.

My quest started one gloomy rainy afternoon early in July, when I caught my old friend David Mason in the Suriwongse Sala, the swimming pool being closed for repair. I thought it was going to be easy:

"I'm writing an article for *Outpost*. I'm hoping you can tell me all about Don Johnson and Parra Handy" I started chirpily.

"No idea mate . . . Before my time" was the disappointing, but cheery, reply.

"But I thought you had been around for ever . . ."

"Must have been one of those periods when I was away . . . Did you hear the Committee are going to put food prices up 20%? . . ."

"Yes, but surely you have some recollections? . . . Don't you remember any stories being told about them? Do you know whether Parra Handy is a squashing term or the name of an actual person?"

"You know, I can get a nice *nua ratna* AND a large Singha beer for 85 baht in my Soi. How can they justify prices like that? Ridiculous"

"Can you think of anyone who might remember?"

"Well you could try Brian Heath or Brian Thompson. I think Arthur Phillips would have been around then as well. Mike Greenwood of course . . . Roy Barrett? Colin Hastings? And I won't be using the Club any more I can tell you, not at those prices."

"Guess I'll have to make a few phone calls. I've always wondered whether Parra Handy was an actual person or has some other meaning."

"No idea. I think it was a person. My guess is that Don Johnson was one of the old farts in the bar who fought against building a swimming pool and when he lost, said "here's a bloody trophy, go away and play for the damn thing". My bet is that they won't get the swimming pool back open again until December. What's yours?"

"Thanks David. Hope you enjoy your holiday in the UK"

"Hope it's better than last year. Bloody awful last time..."

My next call was to Brian Thompson. No.

No idea who Don Johnson was but thought Parra Handy was a term something to do with losers. Probably donated by someone who wasn't very good at squash, a perennial loser. But he did remember that he beat Adrian Lamb in the first final in 1973. Great day that, he recalled. Adrian apparently didn't have a very good reputation as a loser and all the lads were there to cheer Brian on whilst Adrian fired a few well-directed squash balls up his backside. Thanks Brian. I'm still trying to get Adrian's version of that story but he's overseas at the moment!



Nick Thwaites: "And I could do it again . . ."



(Marvellous) Marvin Lewis, dad-to-be, telling them how it happened (boyo).

Brian Heath? "Don Johnson? Don't know. I think he was an Australian. Parra Handy? Think that was the name of the trophy, not a person"

Roy Barrett? "I don't know who Don Johnson was but someone told me that Parra Handy was the name of a boat that always came second". That makes sense. The Parra Handy Plate is a competition for first round losers in the Don Johnson Cup. "Try a search on Google", suggested Roy helpfully.

I'm not much of a surfer. "Parra Handy" brings up only five references, the most interesting being "British Spanking Community". And "Don Johnson Cup" brings up 385,000 references, which I refuse to go through. Seems there are a lot of 'Don Johnsons' around. Apparently one is a *Miami Vice* star and another, a former baseball player. No squash, British Club or Bangkok references in the first 50 I checked out! There are 121 references for the "Don Johnson Cup" though. Seems like there is a Canadian Hockey Tournament for this one! What a boring way to do research! No idea how the World Wide Web ever took off!

Back to the interviews: Colin Hastings? "No idea."



I have just bumped into Michael Ball in the Churchill Bar. Now he HAS been around for ever and has the low-down on everyone . . . "Now, there was a Johnson who was Manager of the Standard Chartered Bank. Bit of scandal there. Went off with a bar girl. Retired to France I think. But no, I don't think his name was Don. Scottish I think."

So, the quest must continue. More next month...

**And now to squashy news:** Congratulations to the June winners of League 196: Division 1 Nick Thwaites, 2 Steve Bell, 3 Peter Corney, 4 Chris Platt, 5 Joey Aung.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the squash section organised a competition to farewell two prominent section players, Nick Thwaites and Ian Walton. Chris Browning Reports:

**Nick is taking the bold move away from Linklaters to set up on his own in Devon as a cabinet maker. Perhaps this is Nick's major step forward to make merit after years in the legal profession. Ian is leaving Unilever to set up a creative consultancy in the UK.**

**We wish both gentlemen and their families all the very best back home. We were pleased to have 14 players for the match - 7 a side, with Nick and Ian captaining respective teams.**

Nick's Team		Ian's Team	
David Eastgate	lost 1-2 vs	James Quinn	
Nick Thwaites	won 2-0 vs	Ian Walton	
Steve Bell	won 2-0 vs	Charles Whitely	
Suharsh Mittal	lost 1-2 vs	Neil Evans	
George Dunford	won 2-0 vs	Marvyn Lewis	
Michael Stuttard	won 2-0 vs	Peter Corney	
Brian Brook	lost 0-2 vs	Ruengrit	

**The performance of the night was from Nick Thwaites, who won his tie against the opposition captain 2-0. In the end Nick's team won by 4 ties to 3. A close contest!**

Chris gave me some photos of the occasion but actually they don't seem to have anything to do with the event. Nevertheless, I've attached three of the best. (Alas, I can use but two, ed.)

No meetings for our hard-working Committee this month as everyone seems to be away on their hols. So, same progress to report as usual on that front.

That's your lot. Happy Squashing.

Jack Dunford

## PERSONAL TRAINING

### WITH A FAMILIAR FACE!

**A**mnat Saklebpradu has worked at the British Club for nine years. I'm sure you have all seen him in the fitness centre (even if you were just walking past!). Amnat is soon to be a fully qualified personal trainer and the Club is therefore offering personalised fitness programmes to all BC members, right here in the gym.



Amnat is currently attending the 'Certified Personal Trainer' course with 'Fitness Innovations (Thailand) Ltd' otherwise known as 'fit'. This is a complex, trying programme, which teaches Amnat how to train others and puts him through a tough physical programme too!

Amnat is studying for his course part-time and will pass at the beginning of November this year. Amnat will, however, be satisfactorily qualified to design and deliver personal fitness programmes by the end of September. All members are eligible for these programmes and merely have to contact Amnat or myself for more details.

If you choose to sign up with Amnat, the first session will be free of charge and involves health screening, some dietary advice and a fitness test.

Amnat recommends a block of ten sessions thereafter, each costing a total of 600 Baht, which will be charged to the member's account. Each session will include information and advice on which exercises to do for which muscles, demonstrations and a sustainable fitness programme to suit your needs. Whether it's weight loss, toning up or getting fit, the programme can be designed for your needs.



If you wish to sign up for a fitness programme with Amnat, please contact myself, or Amnat personally, to discuss the details!



Oh . . . and watch this space for the 'New year, new you' British Club Management training plan!

# LOOKING BACK





## SAILING ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD

**O**n August 8<sup>th</sup>, Hanni and helpers took a group of children on a learn-to-sail holiday in paradise. Commentary by Hanni.

Our Pattaya Sailing Adventure started with a warm welcome, warm weather and a warm lunch buffet at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club. Rooms were then allocated (and midnight feasts arranged) before hitting the ocean for our first sailing experience. Still full of energy and 'first day excitement', myself, Khun Rit and Khun Awe were then inspired to tire everyone out with a good game of rounders, a movie and then bed.

Despite the apparent Varuna ghost (only visible to those aged under 12 years old) a good night's sleep was had by all.

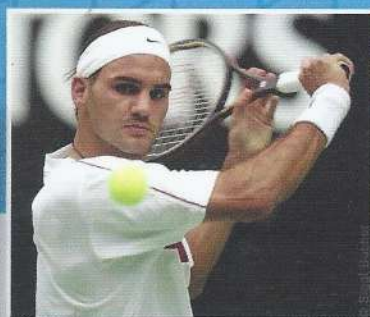
The next day it was down to serious business with an introductory lesson from the Club's General Manager, Khun Kamolchai Padungkit (better known as James), followed by an afternoon's sailing where theory was put into practice.

As if not exhausted enough, we all then piled into a Song Thaew and headed into Jomtien for a ride on the banana boat and refreshments at Yorkies Pork Platter. We then walked up to take a look at the gorgeous Pattaya sunset from the "view point" and returned to the Yacht Club in time for a late dinner.

More sailing practice continued throughout Wednesday, until some of the group were proficient enough to sail around to the next bay all by themselves!

This trip was a great success and all who attended had a superb time, despite the jellyfish!

A special thank-you to all the children who attended, participated and passed their course. Congratulations! A big thank-you also to Khun Rit and Khun Awe for all their help and of course to the staff of the Royal Varuna Yacht Club for making the week a truly memorable one.



# Tennis Thailand Open 2005

## Quarter finals

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
1st Round starts at 12 noon  
Leave BC at 10:30am  
Bt. **1950.-**

2<sup>nd</sup> Round starts at 7:00pm  
Leave BC at 5:00pm  
Bt. **1950.-**

## Semi finals

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Start 2:30pm  
Leave BC at 1:00pm  
Bt. **1950.-**

## Finals

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Start 2:30pm  
Leave BC at 1:00pm  
Bt. **1950.-**

Impact Arena  
Muang Thong Thani

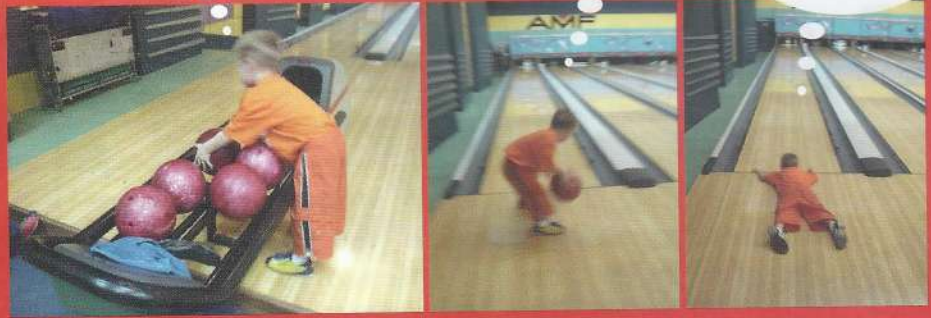
Price includes transportation  
Limited tickets available  
Please sign up at Reception

"Hmmm. These look heavy . . ."

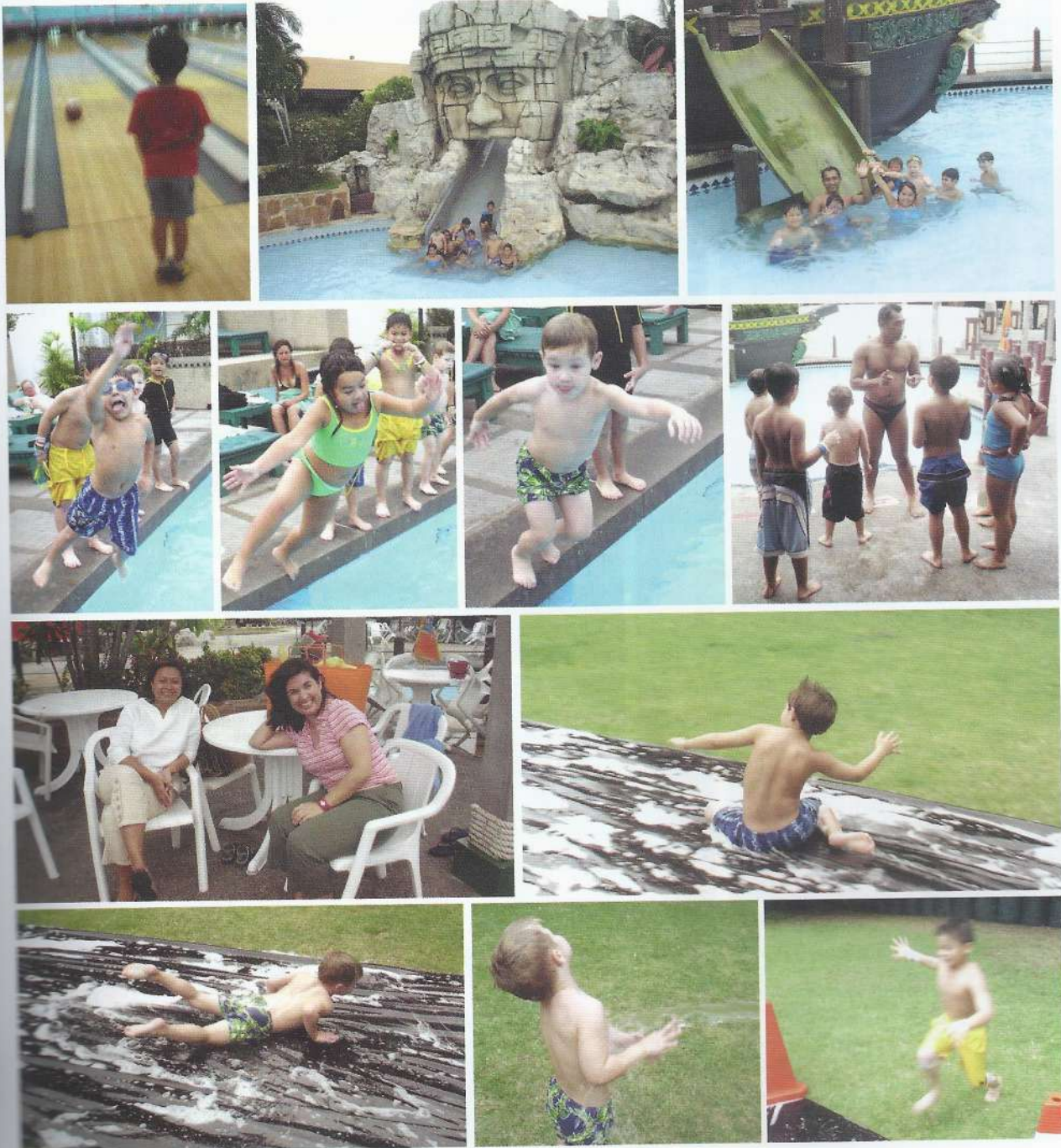
"aaarrrrrrrrghh!"

"Did I hit anything?"

# KIDSPORT



Hanni and her team organised lots of activities and fun for the children who attended her sports camps in July. Here's some of the action from the second camp, including fun and games at the Mall Bangkhae Water Park and Bowling Complex.



# Reciprocal Club Benefits

*As an active British Club Member, you are entitled to enjoy the full use of other associated Club facilities around the world. This month we feature the reciprocal club ...*

## **Muthaiga Country Club - Nairobi, Kenya**

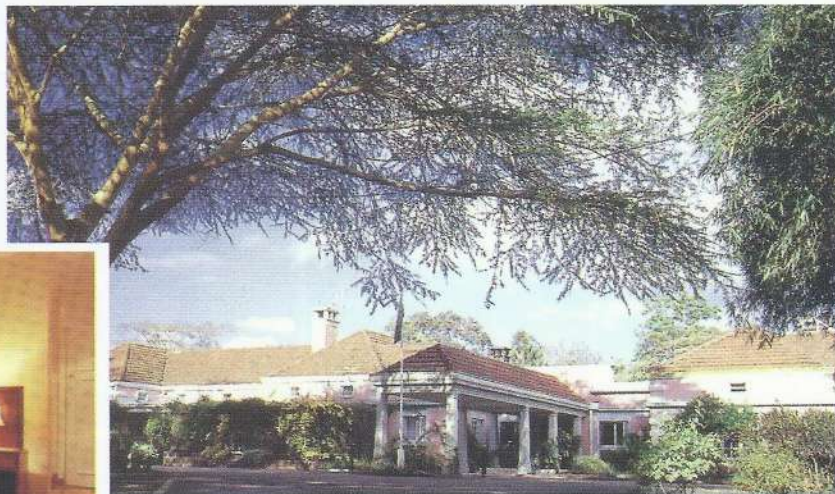


Located in 15 acres of beautiful tropical gardens just ten minutes drive from the city center, Muthaiga Country Club offers Kenya's most comfortable and convenient club facilities, including six tennis courts, two squash courts, a card room, library, snooker room, swimming pool and bowling green.

In the evenings, you can dine in the wood-panelled splendour of the dining room. Male visitors will often find themselves drawn to the Members Bar, where history hangs heavy from the walls in a celebrated collection of clocks, crests and colonial artifacts.

If you visit Kenya in the near future please contact the Membership Department where you can obtain an Introduction Card to visit Muthaiga Country Club.

***We now have reciprocal arrangements with over 150 clubs in 30 countries: Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, China, Canada,***

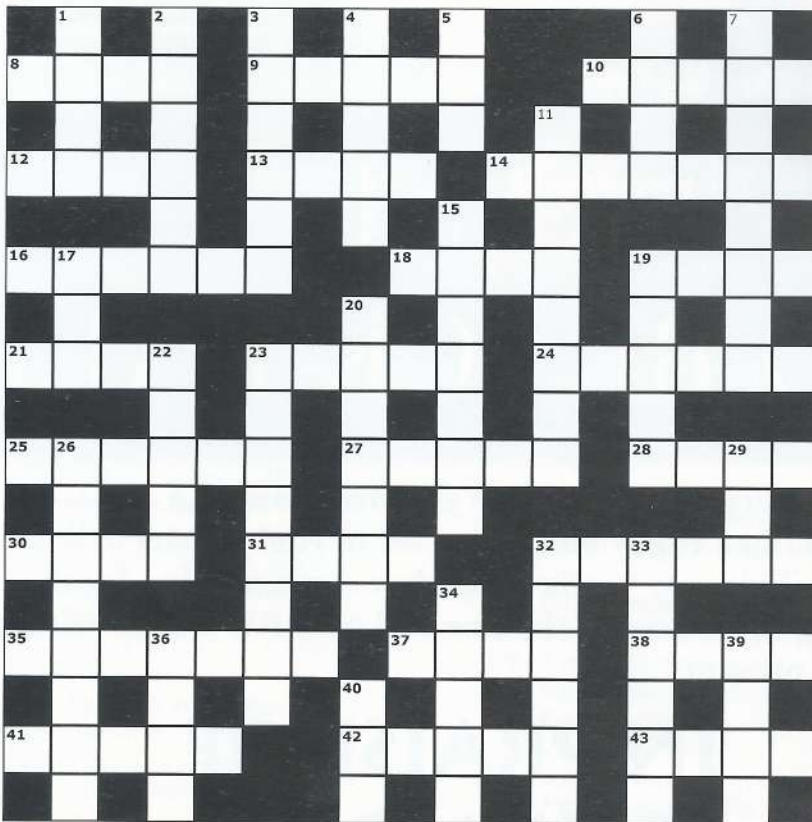


***Columbia, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Malta, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, South Africa, UAE, UK and USA.***



# Crossword Competition

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Margaret Miller

### Dress Sense

The Across clues consist of jumbled-up articles of clothing. The Down clues are normal.

#### Across

- 8 CEPA
- 9 OPANR
- 10 KOALC
- 12 ETBL
- 13 TCOA
- 14 SMAPAYJ
- 16 RAGTRE
- 18 GOAT
- 19 PWAR
- 21 TIKL
- 23 HIRTS
- 24 TOFUTI
- 25 KINBII
- 27 LOSTE
- 28 BOER
- 30 VILE
- 31 LIPS
- 32 MEPURJ
- 35 WEDSRAR
- 37 SAIR
- 38 WONG
- 41 THIBA
- 42 VLEGO
- 43 TUUT

#### Down

- 1 Visage
- 2 Composition for six players
- 3 Cup's dish
- 4 Sound made by a frog
- 5 Black liquid ejected by an octopus
- 6 Largest bone of the arm
- 7 Squid dish
- 11 Maple tree with winged seeds
- 15 Regulate
- 17 \_\_\_\_\_ Baba, Arabian Nights character
- 19 Vital liquid
- 20 Familial connection
- 22 Woven fabric
- 23 Cutting tool
- 26 Cold confection (3,5)
- 29 Extra cricket run
- 32 Imprisoned
- 33 Powerful
- 34 Mayhem
- 36 Abandoned child
- 39 Unit of power
- 40 Sturdy range-type cooker

### July Solution

**Across:** 1 Domesdaybook, 8 Norse, 9 Shire, 10 Ship, 11 Usa, 13 Bear, 14 Hadrian, 19 Tort, 20 Roe, 22 Smog, 25 Never, 26 Magna, 27 Princealbert.

**Down:** 1 Danish, 2 Martin, 3 Suez, 4 Arabs, 5 Bush, 6 Oliver, 7 Henry, 11 Under, 12 Abide, 15 Stone, 16 Trevor, 17 □migr□, 18 Aghast, 21 Obese, 23 Iran, 24 Emil.



*"Ah, fruit of the vine . . ."*

Be the first person to enter the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine. The speedy winner for July was crossword virtuoso John Sands (pictured), who received a superb Australian Merlot. John is presumably building up quite a nice little wine cellar, this being his fourth win.

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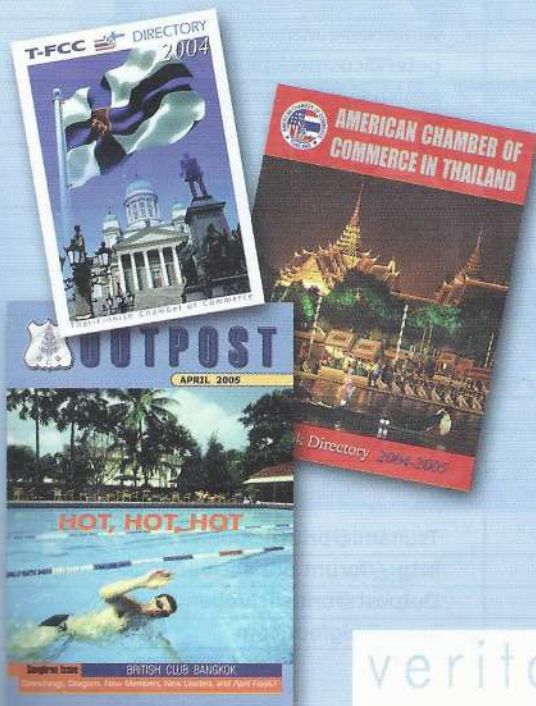
Please join us in welcoming the following new members and their families. We look forward to seeing them around the Club.

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2. Philip & Susan Kent
3. Ian & Pamela Manning
4. Simon & Julie Lawther
5. Andrew & Sarah Treble
6. Gregory & Anna Raymond
7. Jittinun Techasarin
8. Bertrand & Piyapat Vidal
9. Kiattisak & Sunan Kanlayasirivat
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15. Timothy & Debra Evans
16. Jim Fowler
17. Aamir & Huna Kureshi
18. Daniel & Gabriella Paris
19. Francis Fawker
20. Eric & Meria Carlson

# and GOODBYES

## Farewell and best wishes to . . .

1. Peter & Mary Clarke
2. Gibert Langner & Kirsten
3. Christopher Parkinson & Aurelia
4. Robert Parra & Germaine
5. Dominique Ottevaere & Wilai
6. Michael Carver
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31. Pascale Trouilland & Louise
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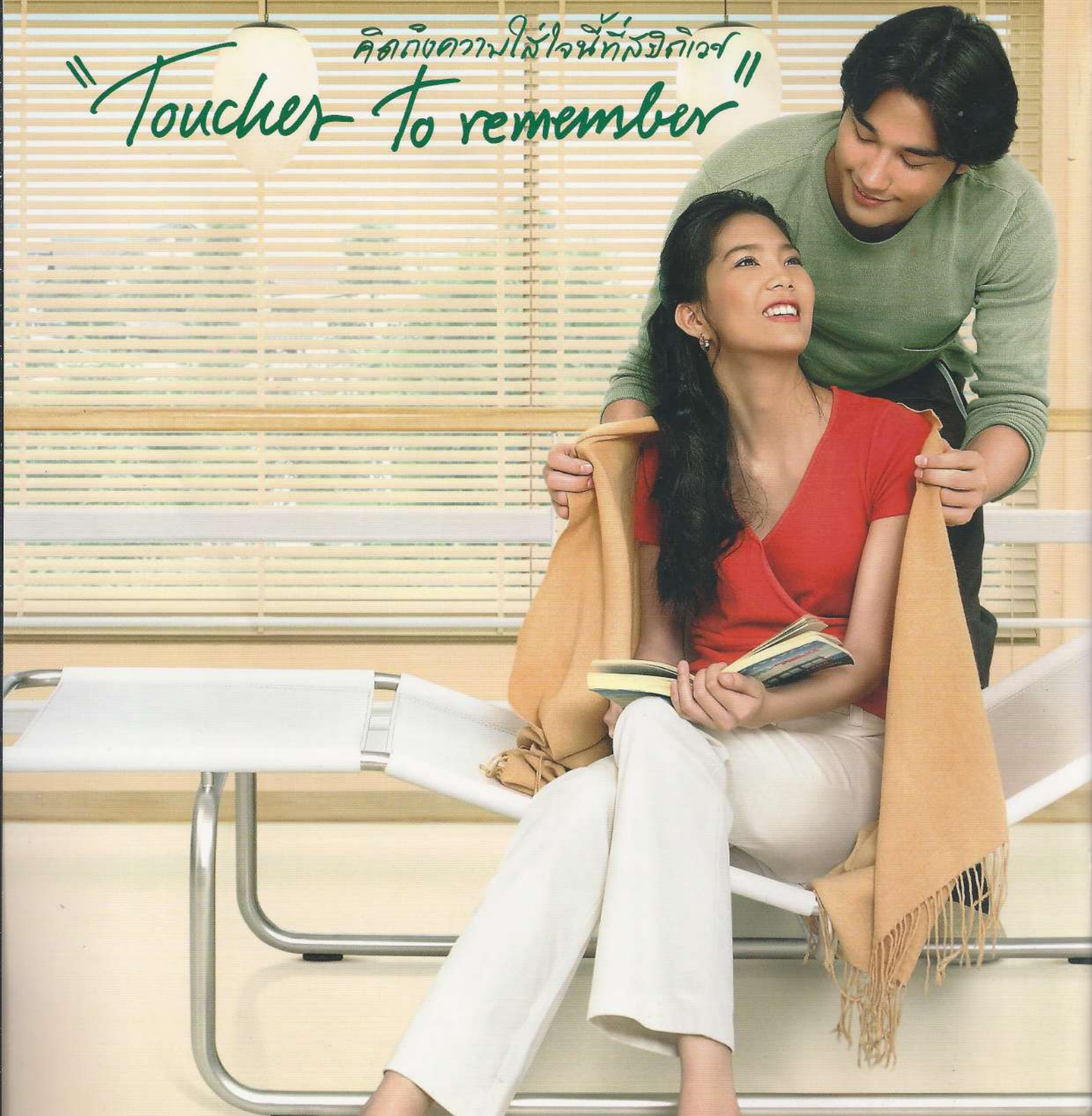
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