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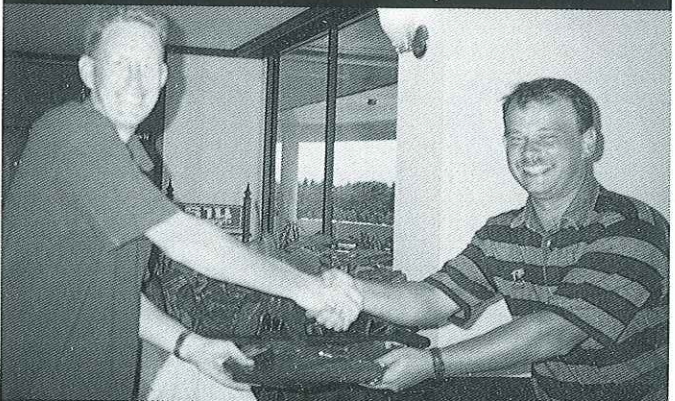
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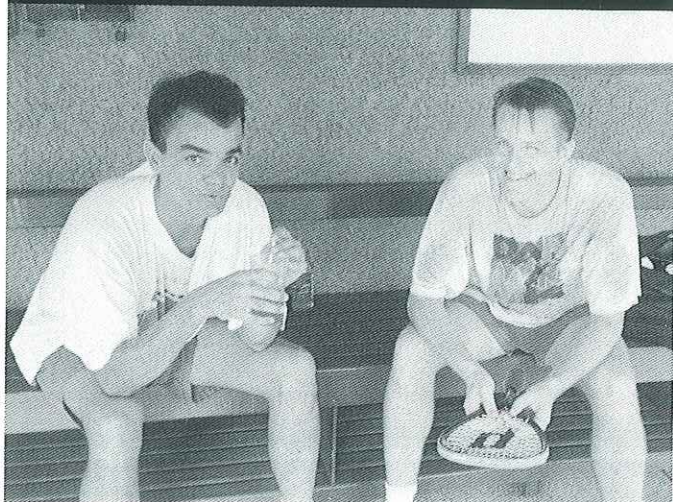
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I always know we're approaching Christmas when the Management News extends past one page! It's definitely getting busier around here — I don't think I've ever seen so much going on at the Club, and especially for our younger members. Almost makes me want to be young again... Almost.

There's lots of sporting activities for the fitter, and the not-quite-so-strenuous ten-pin bowling evening for the rest of us; and then there's all the food and drink-related events to warm us up for the bingeing season. There's even a choice of trips to go on for the Chulalongkorn weekend towards the end of this month: another trip to Angkor, Cambodia which, judging by the articles in August's *Outpost*, was well worth the insightful visit; and a sports tour to Chiang Mai being organised by the Golf, Squash and Tennis sections to play sport and have fun, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club. But if you're not leaving the capital that long weekend, the Club's still here to look after nearly all of your desires...

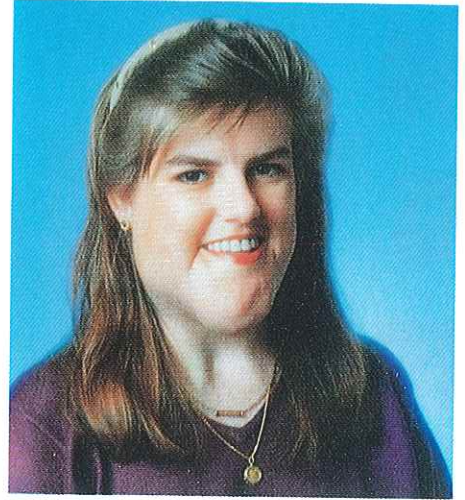
I'm delighted to report that I've received several amusing entries for the Caption Competition run in September's issue, and so far competition is stiff; I'll publish the lot next month along with the winner of the Club vino.

No letters specifically to *Outpost* this month, though page 25 shows some recent management correspondence about Club facilities and services. As always, the external catering service remains highly popular, with more orders than ever for the friendly service and yummy food of Barry, Dong and the F&B staff. Their cute smiles and knowing what your normal tippie is just don't enter into it.

One recent example of this excellent external hospitality service was the wedding of scuba diving members Ged and Sarah Allen at the end of July, at which the Club provided not only first class catering, drinks and waiter services but also an expert on monk blessing ceremonies, Khun Morakot, who kept a close eye on proceedings; a wonderful day and both Ged and Sarah wanted to thank Barry and all the hard-working Club staff from that day for making it such a special occasion for them. And what better way than an article in *Outpost*!

Also inside *Outpost* this month is a special photo report on the Sailing Camp held in August, with one of the participants, Jay Smith, also putting pen to paper. It seems a fun and educational time was had by all, and that despite the tree!

I have included in this month's issue the obituary to Anthony Freeman, past member of the Club, and would like to thank Marie Goode and past member David Ingham for their help in compiling it.



Gaynor de Wit - Editor


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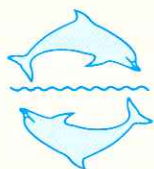


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After some not so complimentary letters sent to *Outpost* recently, members will be very pleased to see some positive comments about the Club's service in this month's edition. I would like to point out that in fact we do receive far more words of praise than complaints. Of course all negative comments are taken seriously and action taken where necessary, but in the main I believe most members believe the staff are hard-working, friendly and do a pretty reasonable job. In addition, many people I talk to who work in the hospitality industry are genuinely surprised at how few staff we have for an organisation of this size, where we do our own maintenance and gardening as well as all our service functions and office back-up.

I certainly do not think we should take the view that the staff are doing OK and rest on our laurels. There is, of course, always room for improvement. So we are looking at setting up a training programme that will improve the staff's job skills and attentiveness to members' needs. I believe the members need to play their part too, as a member's positive attitude and warmth towards Club staff, who are trying their best, always helps the situation.

At the end of this month (Cambodian politics permitting) we have our second trip to Angkor. This is truly an excursion not to be missed. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If you are interested in going please contact me for full details and either fax back or email your bookings (britclub@loxinfo.co.th). Places are limited to 20 so please book as early as possible.

The trip to Surin is now fully subscribed. However, we do sometimes have last minute cancellations so we keep a waiting list. If you still wish to come please contact me and I will try to squeeze you in (no guarantee)!

I can't let a month go by without writing about our membership drive. At the time of writing our membership figures for September look very good, with 36 new members, and it's not the end of the month yet! This now gives us a total membership of 865, which is 39 more than the same time last year. Well done Goi, Babie and O. A fantastic effort when most clubs around Bangkok are losing members hand over fist. In fact I've just read the Singapore American Club's September magazine and their ratio of leavers to joiners is 4:1.

I would also like to encourage all members whose children are over 21 to sign them up as members. Club rules are that anyone who joins, where a parent is already a member, pays only 25% of the joining fee. For a single person under 30 this amounts to a joining fee of only Baht 4,400 after the 75% discount! Please contact the membership department for more details.

Finally for this month an early warning. The General Committee wish to hold an EGM which will probably take place on Friday 6th November. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to recommend some changes to the Club Rules. Full agendas, rationale for changes and other necessary paperwork will be posted to members in the near future. Mark the date in your diary!



Thomas Bain - General Manager

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom Bain'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tom Bain
General Manager

Happy Hour

Due to popular demand the Friday night Happy Hour in the bar is now from 6-8pm instead of 5-7pm as it was before. Enjoy BC hospitality for half price on Fridays.

Bar Painted

Members will have noticed (I hope) that the Churchill Bar has been freshened up with a repaint. If you haven't seen the new finish, come in for a beer and have a look!

New Club Flagpoles

Have you noticed the two new flagpoles and large flags at the front of the main Clubhouse building? These were supplied by a new member, the Swede **Claes Ostrom** of **Poleville Thailand Ltd.** Welcome to the Club Claes!

Churchill Bar Closing

The normal closing time for the Churchill Bar is 11pm; however, the Bar may stay open later if members require it. In future, the additional hours will be limited to 12 midnight on Sunday to Thursday and to 3am on Friday and Saturday evenings. These new times commenced on 1st August.

Ten Pin Bowling Night - Thursdays

Every Thursday night at the 'Cosmo Bowl', Rama III Central Shopping Plaza (top floor, near the cinema), from 7pm. See you there... all enquiries to Lisa in the Fitness Centre.

Masters (Adult) Swimming and Junior Squad Training

Both of these training sessions are under way again. Please see Lisa in the Fitness Centre to register your participation. Masters runs every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7pm. Junior Squad starts at 6pm every Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anyone for Belly Dancing?

To commence at the end of this month or early November; please contact Lisa in the Fitness Centre if you're interested in joining in.

Lunchtime Abdominal Workout - starts 1st October

Come and join our lunchtime abdominal work-out **every Tuesday and Thursday**, starting from Thursday 1st October in the Fitness Centre, from 12.30-1pm. Warm up, work those abs and cool down in 30 minutes. Then you can do your own personalised programme before you deservedly relax poolside or in the sala for a healthy lunch. Get those abdominals in shape now!

Baby Swim Classes - start 8th October

Continuing the promotion of the earlier the better to get kids used to water, this class will run every Thursday morning at 9.30am starting from Thursday 8th October. Sign up at Reception.

Volleyball - starts 11th October

Volleyball games will take place **every Sunday** afternoon on the back lawn of the British Club, commencing Sunday 11th October. All members welcome (and all levels welcome). Join us from 3-5pm each week.

Movie Night - 17th October

The Bangkok premier of the Australian film "The Castle" will be screened at the British Club on Saturday 17th October. Don't miss this Aussie classic. It is currently the number 2 video in the UK. Sign up for the movie and meal at Reception NOW!

Weekday Kids Swimming - starts 13th October

There will be programme of kids swimming classes to run **every Tuesday** afternoon for 4 weeks starting from

Tuesday 13th October. Please sign up at Reception for the following courses:

Toddler class (2-4 yrs): 4-4.30pm
Sub-Junior (5-8 yrs): 4.30-5.15pm
Junior (9-13 yrs): 5.15-6pm

The price for these courses will be Bt 500 for Toddler class and Bt 600 for the Sub-Junior and Junior classes.

Half-Term Sports Courses - 19th-22nd October

Nothing to do during half-term? Keep the kids active with these two 4-day courses, to be held from Monday 19th-Thursday 22nd October. The summer courses showed that knowledge and skill are greatly enhanced with intensive instruction. See Lisa for details. Sign your kids up now at Reception for the following:

- Swimming Course - classes every morning.
- Tennis Course - classes every afternoon.

Guest Speaker - 21st October

Dr Leon James will be speaking at the Club on Wednesday 21st October from 7pm. Topics of discussion will include nutrition, posture, general injury rehabilitation (specifically golf, tennis and squash) and injury prevention. The cost of the talk and a supper is Bt 250. Please sign up at Reception.

Trip to ANGKOR - 23-25th October

On the 23rd, 24th and 25th October, which is the Chulalongkorn long weekend, we are holding our second trip to Angkor (Cambodian politics permitting). The trip will include Angkor Wat and numerous other historical sites in the Angkor area. There is a choice of two hotels: the Nokor Kok Thlok is a reasonable 3-star hotel with clean, air-conditioned rooms and a nice pool. For those wishing the ultimate in luxury there is the very up-market and more pricey Grand Hotel D'Ankor (run by the Raffles Group). Contact the GM for full details and itinerary.

French Food & Wine Promotion - 31st October

The next food promotion will be on Saturday 31st October and includes a 5-course meal, with five wines to sample, at Bt 800 per head. Bookings in Reception for this latest in the series of popular events.

Halloween - Saturday 31st October

A children's party is planned for Halloween from 2pm on Saturday 31st October. Fancy dress prizes, treasure hunt, games and ghoulish stories to be enjoyed by all participants. Sign up NOW at Reception.

Swimming Gala - 1st November

The next Gala will be held on Sunday 1st November at the earlier time of 9am. Please sign up outside the Fitness Centre BEFORE the day. Results of the September gala are in this issue.

Lunchtime Swim Training - starts 2nd November

Are you interested in some lunchtime fitness training in the pool? If so, come along **every Tuesday and Friday** at 12 noon and get lapping! Starting on Friday

2nd November, this is NOT a swimming instruction programme; it is a fitness programme for those who have some swimming experience.

If you are interested in instruction, please contact Lisa in the Fitness Centre to arrange lessons.

St Andrew's Dance Practices - start 2nd November

Every Monday evening in November until the St Andrew's Ball the front lawn of the Club comes alive with Scottish country dancing! Whether you're going to the Ball or not, come and join in the St Andrew's dance practices, with a barbecue dinner available.

Guy Fawkes - 8th November

It is getting close to that time of year again - this year the fireworks evening is on Sunday 8th November, starting at 5pm. Please sign up at Reception for your Guy Fawkes tickets. A sensational NEW fireworks display is planned.

A reminder that the Club will be CLOSED on this day unless you have purchased tickets for the fireworks show and dinner. This is for safety reasons; please see the notice in this issue about safety regulations.

Loy Krathong - 3rd November

Please book your place for the Loy Krathong Festival. The evening event will be poolside again this year and includes a buffet dinner. Come and experience the magic of floating your *krathong* in the pool. A great family event. See you there.

Beaujolais Nouveau - 21st November

More on the promotion of fine French produce, the date is set for Saturday 21st November: a 3-course meal for Bt 700 and Beaujolais at Bt 1,200 per bottle. Join us for this popular annual event.

British Club Christmas Ball - 12th December

Please mark this date in your diary as the date of the grand event on the British Club calendar, the annual Christmas Ball. Greatest dinner dance under the stars in Bangkok!

Obituary

Anthony Freeman

I was very sorry to hear of the recent passing of Anthony Freeman, a member of the British Club for nine years who left Thailand in 1994.

Anthony Freeman, son of Sir Ralph Freeman who founded consultant Freeman Fox, was one of the world's leading engineers on building cable-stayed bridges; during his time in Bangkok he played a key role in building the Rama IX cable-stayed bridge. He went out to Portugal to work on the Second Tagus Crossing in 1996, where he had an accident on site from which he never recovered.

A member of the British Club between 1985 and 1994, Anthony was full of enthusiasm and always ready with a smile. Most active at the Club while his wife Julia and three children were living in Thailand, Anthony is fondly remembered for his sport participation and his involvement in the community, especially at Christchurch, by many members of that time. Several longer-standing and past members of the Club attended the funeral service in Britain at the end of July.

On behalf of the members and management of the British Club I would like to pass on my sincere condolences to Julia and their son and two daughters.

G. de Wit

The months fly by and we are almost half way through the Committee year. I will therefore 'take the bull by the horns' and give you an idea of the issues that have been occupying the thoughts of the Personnel Sub-Committee (PSC). This team is chaired by myself and comprises Mike Lamb, the General Committee (GC) vice-chairman, Dugal Forrest, the immediate past chairman of the BC, and David Turner, a GC member of 4 years experience.

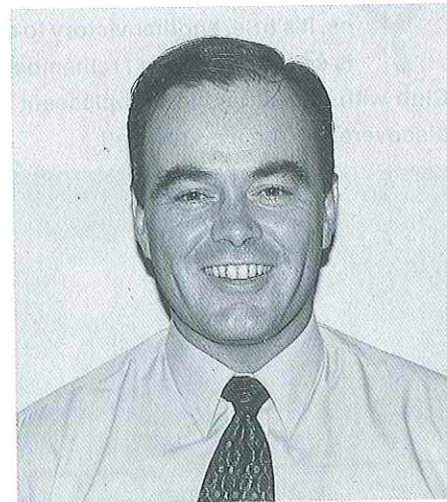
Our initial decision was to instigate a system of Quarterly Management reviews where the senior management team meets every 3 months, off-site. A thorough process of review of the daily operations of the Club takes place based on each GC portfolio, followed by brainstorming ideas for the future. Although still in its formative stages, this is showing signs of a more cohesive team, which is more aware of the needs of the Club members and the GC. A report is then produced for the PSC and ultimately the GC itself. This ensures that progress towards agreed objectives is continually reviewed and assessed. More recently, we have been addressing the thorny topic of the level of service to members, with particular emphasis on the Food and Beverage outlets. This is the subject of much correspondence to the GC. As I write this article, I have been sent two highly complimentary letters with respect to the standard of service and F&B provided at our Club. On the other hand, a letter of complaint has also been received. It seems quite obvious to us that "one man's meat is another man's poison". However, complacency must be avoided at all costs. Our staff, who probably contribute to the ambiance of the BC more than any other single factor, must know what is, and arguably more importantly, is not expected of them.

Our task is to ensure that the BC staff are fully motivated and possess the skills to provide the level of service required by the members. In these very difficult economic times it is sometimes too easy to sit back and rely on the need for a job and remuneration as sufficient motivation. Discontent spreads quickly and a general malaise sets in. We, the PSC, have embarked on a programme to address these actual and potential problems. A training programme is being developed and will be implemented before the end of the year. In addition, new staff uniforms will be phased in, starting with the F&B outlets. I am certain this will provide a more confident workforce, who will be better able to meet the needs of a demanding membership, YOU!

How will we know whether this is having a positive effect? Well, I imagine we will all be left guessing unless we get some feedback from yourselves. The BC General Manager, Tom Bain, needs to know your views. A small minority are certainly not shy in letting their feelings be known. Tom would be grateful for your feedback. This is always appreciated, whether by a short conversation as he walks through the sala or even over a beer! Best of all, write a letter or a note as this can be shown to our staff and is a very positive reinforcement of the message.

I'd like to end with a short tale to illustrate the difficulty of the task. Often, bar and sala staff are criticised for NOT asking members if they would like another drink or something to eat. Recently, a member of staff was told by a member, a little abruptly in her opinion, that when the member required further service he would make his request known at the appropriate time. The underlying feeling in this instance was that the BC is a members' Club and part of the attraction is that normal commercial pressures are not in evidence to quite the usual extent. I personally have some sympathy with this view. Individuals do have different expectations.

Through these initiatives we also hope to make you, the members, aware of our aims and standards in order that the BC can meet your needs. It is only when this has been achieved that the Club can move forward.



James Young - Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "James Young". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

James Young
Chairman



Good Grief, We Won!

Yes, it's true, another victory to chalk up next to our previous victory, which is so long ago I can't remember when it was. A great day out at the Capitol Club with lots of tennis and pleasant company, and a fantastic innovation was discovered — the iced towels!!



Them'n'us - at the Capitol Club

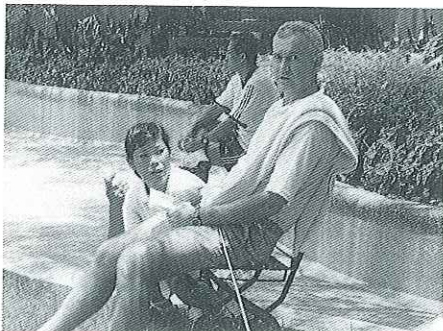
It was truly scorching hot on those car park courts not to mention blindingly bright, with no trees around to give a modicum of shade, so those cool damp towels applied over face and around back of neck post-match were a blessing... any chance of similar at the Club? Maybe our committee could recommend them for both tennis and squash courts...

**Lotsaluv
Me**

Match v Capitol Club

Sunday 30th August

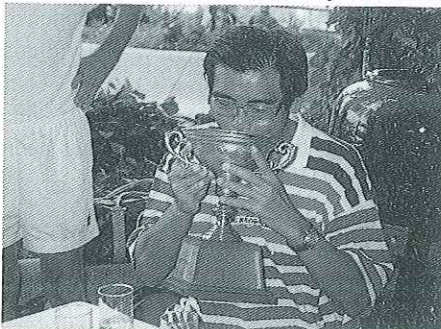
Whilst the portents were promising, your scribe didn't really expect what turned out to be the British Club's best tennis match result for many a year. It's true that our friends at Capitol Club had been prevaricating somewhat over the last few months in providing us with a return fixture



Hop-a-long Captaincy Bernie caught muttering "And while you're down there..."

date but we tended to put this down to the general economic climate and some recent staff changes. If these were ever real factors, in the event they were completely overshadowed by the absence of their star players of past encounters such as Philip Brophy who did appear briefly as a spectator, Andy and Lars and two or three of their renowned German ladies.

To add to the pot, the BC has recently acquired a number of new fairly strong players of its own and a good number of these souls turned out on the day to add significantly to the discomfiture of our hosts. Realising that "Quality" would not be their strong suite this time around, Capitol Club under the leadership of Tennis Director Randel Scott and ably abetted by our very own Pat Dean (this time on their side), resorted to the time-honoured method of 'defence by numbers' by asking for a team



Vorathep savouring the sweet taste of success - and beer

of no less than 40 players which would have been the biggest ever.

However, your scribe, up to his ears ('e' diphthong) in years of experience in some of the toughest parts of the world, was easily able to see through that one. Demanding no more than 20 players, we finally settled for 28, which for a change was a figure we were easily able to meet. In fact, so high was the demand for team places that a degree for knife wielding was called for and with such consummate skill did your captain carry this out that none was aware that it had actually happened (except Bernie, that is, who took to his putter in lieu of a knee)!!

With blood on his hands, Flash decided that keeping a low profile was paramount and thus Bernie was duly appointed 'Non-playing Captain' for the day and everyone was happy. Being host, young Randy dictated the format and was not for changing it although BC would have preferred a rather earlier start. Each match was fixed at 5 games and 'deuces' were decided by 1 point play-offs. Each match was scheduled at 12 minutes so we expected to get in lots of short matches with the 3 groups of players — men's, ladies' and mixed doubles — all being played on a "Round Robin" basis. To complete the "Round Robin" a minimum of 112 matches would have had to be played. Of course, quite impossible to complete this number in the allotted time of 4-5 hours.

Nevertheless nearly all players got in at least 5 matches and in the extreme heat of the day that was enough for most of us.



The jammy soul who gave away his mixed doubles prize and won the 3 months membership. Will he share the prize with Zandra?



Safety play was a requisite for anyone aspiring to win their group prize as it was virtually impossible to recover from any earlier deficit. Under these conditions our big hitters Tony and Marc literally blew themselves away in their opening game against Pat and his partner, who only had to keep the ball in play to come out comfortably on top.

Fortunately our other pairs took ex-captain Flash's proffered advice more to heart and from the outset it became obvious that we were going to chalk up a sizeable score.

Notable ladies doubles winners were Jeab and Jitda, who just pipped Pachanee and Yubharet to collect the ladies prize. For the men's doubles event, Tom Westbury and Ek were relatively easy winners, dropping only one game in 5 matches. James and Fons might have matched them but were somewhat unlucky to fall victims to the imposed time limit.

In the mixed doubles, Richard and Zandra did the business but generously awarded their prizes to the highest scoring Capitol Club pair as otherwise BC would have made an uncharacteristic clean sweep of all the prizes; new BC members, husband and wife team Fons and Mariska were runners up (watch this hot pair!). In any case, well done Richard and Zandra.

BC's winning score from an overall total of 68 matches played was by the huge margin of 48 to 20 giving us a clear win by 28 matches. Although we fell way short of the targeted 112, the general feeling amongst our players was that we had all played enough and the format had been very enjoyable. The more serious tennis players amongst us would have perhaps preferred longer sets but on such a hot day we were all rather relieved not to have been kept on the courts for too long.

At around 3pm a generous buffet was ravenously tackled by all surviving players and this was followed by speeches from our hosts and BC Captain for the Day, Bernie Adams. Prizes were presented to

the winning pairs and the finale was the presentation of the magnificent **Almac Challenge Trophy** by Patrick Dean to the British Club for the first time. Players then continued eating and talking into the late afternoon on a day long to be remembered. All felt that the tournament had been extremely well organised by our hosts and all had enjoyed their tennis and the occasion to the full in spite of the extreme heat. Thanks are therefore due to Capitol Club's Randy Scott and all his staff for giving us all such an excellent day's entertainment and we all now look forward to returning the hospitality sometime early in the New Year, most probably February 1999.

From the above results it can be readily deduced that contrary to the economic climate, things are definitely looking good of number of strong new players of both sexes, we have real strength in depth with many new pairings possible. We should therefore be able to put out pretty effective teams even when some of our erstwhile stalwarts slip away to the ever-increasing enticements of the golf course. They just might have to watch out for their places in future. No-shows were commendably few but still occurred in that we were 3 players short on the day with no forewarning. Particularly displeasing on this occasion as there were plenty of other players who would have liked to join in the fun but put their names forward too late to do so. There is of course the other little matter of Tennis Section income which is also hit by all these 'No-shows'. Next time I vow I will publish names as I see it as being extremely selfish and uncaring behaviour in not letting the organiser know beforehand so that replacements can be arranged. If that is not possible for some reason, then at least an apology and explanation should be given afterwards. *You have been warned.*

Well done one and all.

From your extremely militant

Captain Flash



The lunch bunch cheering the speeches



Shade was monopolised around the show courts



Bernie waxing lyrical about winning the Almac Cup...



James amid the opposition. Note Graham Beal's sponsored bum



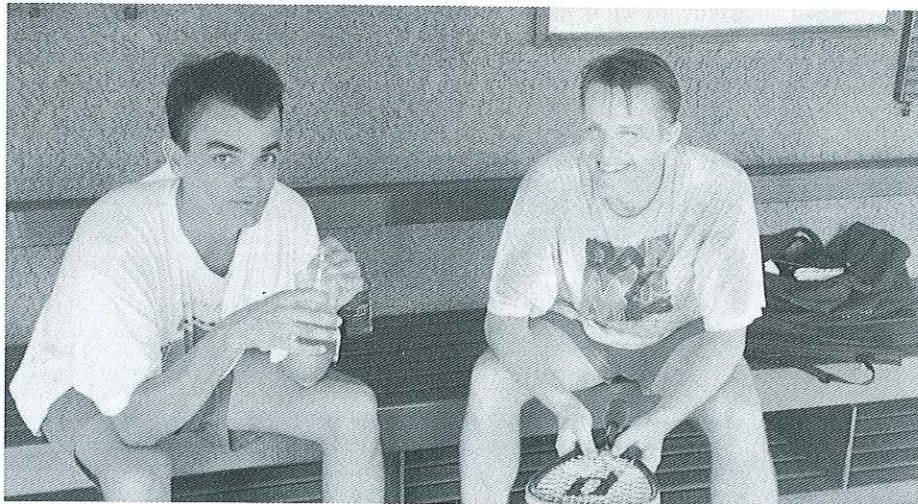
Jeab receiving the De Meglio lunch vouchers as half of the winning ladies' doubles pair



Up There With the Best

Thai-Japanese Squash Championships

Four players from the BCB participated in the Thai-Japanese Squash Championships held at the Thai-Japanese Youth Centre at Din Daeng.



Alex and Frederik resting

Howard Winn was defeated by Tony Perkovic in the first round and Tom Livingston lost to Poowis. Unfortunately the organisers of the tournament did not know Tony Perkovic's skill level otherwise he would have been seeded three which would have put him easily through to the semi-finals. Tony was defeated by Apirom, a 17-year-old Thai National player, in the quarter finals. The second game Tony was 2-7 down and fought back to 8-7 with Apirom finally winning 10-8. This game indicated that Tony is not far off being

competitive with the top Thailand players. If he gave up tennis and played squash more than once a fortnight he would certainly be equal to the best Thailand players.

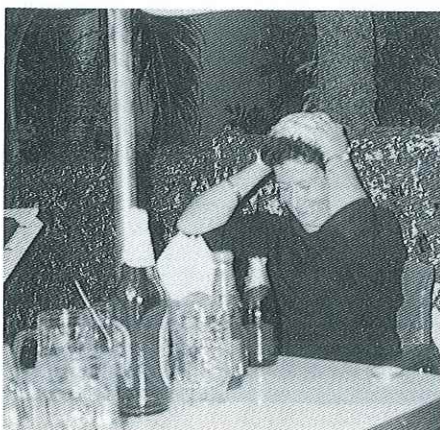
I was defeated by Apirom in the semi-finals, winning only 7 points in all. If I was 30 years younger, 10 times fitter and more talented I think I would also be up there with the best of them.

Apirom went on to win the tournament by defeating Louis 3-1 in a hard-fought entertaining final.

I received a prize for being the oldest player in the tournament. Tom received a



C'mon, I'm ready for another game



Barb still on the grog

prize for the most enthusiastic player and supporter. They must have been watching his game against Nick White's favourite opponent, Poowis.

They also gave prizes for the sexiest girl and sexiest boy. Tom did not win either of those.

League 131

League 131 was completed on 15th August and the division winners were:

- 1 Tony Perkovic
- 2 Dick Anwar
- 3 Ian Walton
- 5 Suharsh Mittal
- 6 Graham Sullivan
- 7 Guy Bondoux
- 8 Alex Brenneissen
- 10 David Turner

The league draw was won by:

Suharsh Mittal - dinner for 2 at the Central Plaza Hotel

Otto Reichholf and Glen Pendry - a year's subscription to the Traveller magazine.

Mercure Hotel September Sunday Mix-In

The Mercure Hotel September Sunday mix-in was held on 6th August. There were 12 participants who had a fun afternoon. Alex even had an ice cold shower. Otto and David Overington were the winners of their respective sections. Both players won a dinner for two at the Mercure Hotel and had slight adjustments made to their handicaps in the Handicap Tournament.

Handicap Tournament and Plate

The Handicap Tournament and Plate will have been completed by the time this hits



the streets, with the finals being held on 26th and 27th September. The results will be reported next month.

ACCOR Group Competition Prizes

The **Mercure Hotel, Bangkok** is sponsoring the Sunday mix-in for the next 12 months. They will be presenting two dinners for two, for each Sunday mix-in as well as prizes for other competitions.

The **Accor Group** has donated three prizes for the British Club Squash Handicap tournament. These are two nights for two with breakfast at each of the Mercure Hotel, Pattaya, Hotel Sofitel Hua Hin and the Mercure Hotel, Bangkok.

I had dinner recently at the Novotel Lotus on Sukhumvit 33 where they have the dancing waiters. It was a great buffet and great entertainment; well worth the visit.

League Prize Sponsorship

The **Central Plaza Hotel** has donated 6 dinners for two at any Central Group hotel which will be used for 6 league competitions.

Quest Media has donated 12 subscriptions to Traveller Magazine which will be divided into two prizes for six leagues.

Future Events

• **Annual Vajiravuth Squash Match** — the annual squash match against the Vajiravuth school will be held at the British Club one Sunday in October. There will be a team of 10 players nominated from the BCB. Apirom, the Thai National, is their number one player.

• **Lufthansa vs BCB** — the Lufthansa team have had to postpone their visit and the challenge will be played early next year.

• **Chiang Mai Weekend - Squash, Golf, Tennis** — It is planned to have a combined squash, tennis and golf visit to Chiang Mai for the long weekend of **23rd-25th October**. The sign-up list is on the Notice Board. We are hoping for about 50 BCB members to participate. This should be a great weekend as this is the centenary year for the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club. If you don't want to play any sport you are still welcome to come along.

• **Rod Carter Open and Tony Austin Cup** — the Rod Carter Open tournament will be held in October with the finals being played **31st October-1st November**. With Tony Perkovic we at least have a chance this year for a BC member to win this championships. Peerapon from the Polo Club has won this event for the last 12 years. Apirom and Louis, two Thai Nationals, will be playing in this event so we will have some top-standard squash.

Members Leaving

• **Guy and Carrie Bondoux** left Thailand for Australia in September. They have both been great supporters of the BC squash section and we are very sorry to see them go. Guy's enthusiasm and sense of humour has turned many a quiet Sunday afternoon into a party atmosphere, just ask Alex. Guy has also arranged many squash competition prizes through the Accor Group. We wish them and the boys all the best in Australia.

• **Mark Reading** is also heading back to Australia in October. Mark is one of the best players at the Club but has had limited opportunities to play due to his work load over the past 15 months. He has been on the squash committee for the past two



I don't believe that

years and his help will be sorely missed. We wish Mark and his family all the best in Australia. I don't know how they will cope with those three boys without a maid to help; looks like a good job for the mother-in-law.

Coaching

Narongrit, the **Thai National Coach**, has offered his services for Saturday mornings. It is **250 baht** for a 45-minute session and he is a real coach, not just a hit-up person. He will be able to improve anyone's game by at least 20%, even Tom's.

The sign-up list is in the Fitness Centre and on the squash notice board; ensure that you fill in both lists. Please support him as we will only have this service if there are sufficient numbers.

New Members

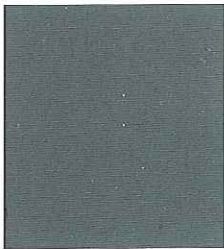
Welcome to David and Linda Eastgate who have recently joined the Club. They are both very keen squash players.

Peter Corney

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - October

Sunday



Venues

Soi 15	NIST grounds
Soi Nares	Behind Bangrak Police Station
Cosmo Bowl	Central Plaza Rama III
Aerobics	Surawong Room
Golf	As advertised

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11am-1pm	Badminton - Soi Nares
12-2pm	Sunday Carvery - Lords
3-6pm	Tennis Mix - In
5.30pm	Sunday Carvery - Lords

Monday



Opening Times

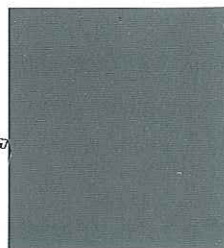
10am-11pm	Churchill Bar
11.30am-2pm	Lords Restaurant - Lunch
6-10pm	Lords Restaurant - Dinner
7.30am-10pm	Poolside Bar
6am-9pm	Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat
9am-9pm	Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols
9am-5pm	Thai Massage - Tue/Sun

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8am	BWG Mahjong
9.30am	Aerobics
6-8pm	Squash Coaching
7-9pm	Tennis Team Training

New Members Night

Tuesday



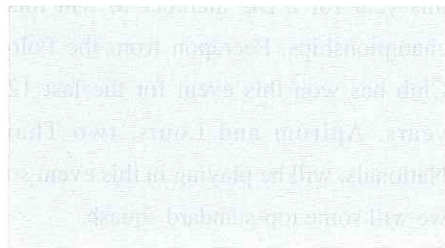
Sports - Contact the following:

Aquatics	Liz Beal	262-9351
Badminton	Anant	654-0002-29
	Leighrahathorn	
Cricket	Nick White	246-0832
Football	Matt Duke	545-5555
Golf	Bernie Adams	861-0608
Rugby	Jon Prichard	712-1650
Scuba	Cheryl Lamb	258-1382
Squash	Peter Corney	712-4398-9
Tennis	David Blowers	285-4721-2

6

7am	Ladies Golf
9-11am	Ladies Tennis
10.30am	Aqua Aerobics
12.30-1pm	Abdominal Work-out
6-7pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
7pm	Ballroom Dancing
7-9pm	Soccer Training
8-11pm	Friendly Bridge
9pm	Gentlemen's Spoof

Wednes day



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5-8pm	Squash Coaching
6-9pm	Tennis Mix-In
6-9pm	Squash Teams competition

Thurs day



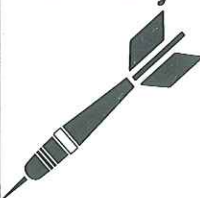
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10.30am	Aqua Aerobics
12.30-1pm	Abdominal Work-out
6-7pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
6-9pm	Squash Mix-In
7pm	Ten-pin Bowling - Cosmo Bowl
7-9pm	Rugby Training
9-10pm	Hockey

8

9.30am	Baby Swim Class
10.30am	Aqua Aerobics
12.30-1pm	Abdominal Work-out
6-7pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
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7pm	Ten-Pin Bowling - Cosmo Bowl
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9-10pm	Hockey

Friday



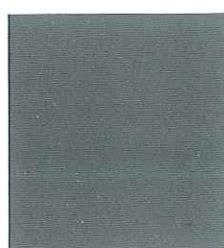
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9.30am	Aerobics
3-9pm	BC Tennis Coaching
5-7pm	Happy Hour! Churchill Bar
7pm	Social Darts

9

9.30am	Aerobics
3-9pm	BC Tennis Coaching
5-7pm	Happy Hour! Churchill Bar
6pm	Junior Squad Swim Training
7pm	Social Darts

Satur day



3

9am-12pm	Squash Coaching
8am	Junior Tennis
9am-1pm	BC Swimming Coaching
8-11am	Tennis Coaching
4.30pm	Casuals Football - Soi 15

10

9am-12pm	Squash Coaching
9.40am	Golf - Vintage
8am	Junior Tennis
9am-1pm	BC Swimming Coaching
4.30pm	Casuals Football - Soi 15

Don't Forget !!

- Get out of Bangkok on the Chulalongkorn weekend 23-25th, either with the super BC trip to Angkor or the Golf-Squash-Tennis tour to Chiang Mai.
- Learn how to keep yourself injury-free at the evening talk with Dr Leon James on the 21st.
- Keep the kids occupied during half-term with swimming and tennis courses.

11

11am-1pm Badminton - Soi Nares
 12-2pm Sunday Carvery - Lords
 3-6pm Tennis Mix - In
 5.30pm Sunday Carvery - Lords

Volleyball on the Back Lawn Starts!

18

11am-1pm Badminton - Soi Nares
 12-2pm Sunday Carvery - Lords
 3-5pm Volleyball
 3-6pm Tennis Mix - In
 5.30pm Sunday Carvery - Lords

25

11am-1pm Badminton - Soi Nares
 12-2pm Sunday Carvery - Lords
 3-5pm Volleyball
 3-6pm Tennis Mix - In
 5.30pm Sunday Carvery - Lords

Trip to Angkor Wat

12

8am BWG Mahjong
 9.30am Aerobics
 6-8pm Squash Coaching
 7-9pm Tennis Team Training

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8am BWG Mahjong
 9.30am Aerobics
 6-8pm Squash Coaching
 7-9pm Tennis Team Training

Half-Term Sports Courses

26

8am BWG Mahjong
 9.30am Aerobics
 6-8pm Squash Coaching
 7-9pm Tennis Team Training

13

7am Ladies Golf
 9-11am Ladies Tennis
 10.30am Aqua Aerobics
 12.30-1pm Abdominal Work-out
 4-6pm Kids Swimming Class
 6-7pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training
 7pm Ballroom Dancing
 7-9pm Soccer Training
 8-11pm Friendly Bridge
 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof

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7am Ladies Golf
 9-11am Ladies Tennis
 10.30am Aqua Aerobics
 12.30-1pm Abdominal Work-out
 4-6pm Kids Swimming Class
 6-7pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training
 7pm Ballroom Dancing
 7-9pm Soccer Training
 8-11pm Friendly Bridge
 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof

Half-Term Sports Courses

27

7am Ladies Golf
 9-11am Ladies Tennis
 10.30am Aqua Aerobics
 12.30-1pm Abdominal Work-out
 4-6pm Kids Swimming Class
 6-7pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training
 7pm Ballroom Dancing
 7-9pm Soccer Training
 8-11pm Friendly Bridge
 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof

14

5-8pm Squash Coaching
 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In
 6-9pm Squash Teams competition

21

5-8pm Squash Coaching
 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In
 6-9pm Squash Teams competition

Half-Term Sports Courses

7pm Dinner Speaker - Dr Leon James

28

5-8pm Squash Coaching
 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In
 6-9pm Squash Teams competition

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9.30am Baby Swim Class
 10.30am Aqua Aerobics
 12.30-1pm Abdominal Work-out
 6-7pm Masters (Adult) Swim Training
 6-9pm Squash Mix-In
 7pm Ten-Pin Bowling - Cosmo Bowl
 7-9pm Rugby Training
 9-10pm Hockey

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 9-10pm Hockey

Half - Term Sports Courses

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 9-10pm Hockey

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9.30am Aerobics
 3-9pm BC Tennis Coaching
 5-7pm Happy Hour! Churchill Bar
 6pm Junior Squad Swim Training
 7pm Social Darts

23

9.30am Aerobics
 3-9pm BC Tennis Coaching
 5-7pm Happy Hour! Churchill Bar
 6pm Junior Squad Swim Training
 7pm Social Darts

Trip to Angkor Wat

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9.30am Aerobics
 3-9pm BC Tennis Coaching
 5-7pm Happy Hour! Churchill Bar
 6pm Junior Squad Swim Training
 7pm Social Darts

17

8am Junior Tennis
 9am-12pm Squash Coaching
 9am-1pm BC Swimming Coaching
 4.30pm Casuals Football - Soi 15

24

8am Junior Tennis
 9am-12pm Squash Coaching
 9am-1pm BC Swimming Coaching
 4.30pm Casuals Football - Soi 15

Trip to Angkor Wat

31

8am Junior Tennis
 9am-12pm Squash Coaching
 9am-1pm BC Swimming Coaching
 4.30pm Casuals Football - Soi 15

Halloween Kids Party

French Food & Wine Promotion

Movie Night - "The Castle"

There's a whole host of activities happening in and around the Club these days, for young and old, so there's no excuse for doing nothing.



Lisa Fitzpatrick - SRC

In addition to the Vacation Swimming classes and Sports week held at the Club in July and August, there was also a Sailing Camp held at Royal Varuna Yacht Club from the 24-27th August. There is a write-up and photos further on in this issue. The camp was attended by 17 children aged 8-14. Everyone learnt to sail, either the Optimist sailing dinghies or the Lasers, and a fun week was had by all. September has seen the commencement of Aqua Aerobics with Kikki every Tuesday and Thursday at 10.30am. This class is still very popular. Aerobics is back on again too, every Monday and Friday with Irene and Wednesday with new instructor Lisa Cockette. The class starts at 9.30am on squash court #3.

Friday Tennis and Saturday morning swimming has also recommenced. Please sign up for these 4-week programmes in the Fitness Centre or ask me for more information.

To compliment these courses, a 4-day Half-term swimming and tennis course has been organised for the 19th-22nd October. Times, costs and sign-up at Reception.

Another successful swimming gala was held on Sunday 13th September (see Aquatics section for results and photos). The next Gala is on Sunday 1st November starting at the earlier time of 9am.

Junior Squad training on a Friday night from 6-7pm has proven to be popular for those wanting a bit of extra coaching and endurance training. Another coaching session is being offered on a Tuesday afternoon. Three class times will be offered:

- Toddler class (2-4 yrs) 4-4.30pm
- Sub-Junior (5-8 yrs) 4.30-5.15pm
- Junior (9-13 yrs) 5.15-6.00pm

The course will run for 4 weeks at a time and cost Bt 500 for Toddlers and Bt 600 for Sub-Junior and Junior classes. Sign up at Reception. The first course commences Tuesday 13th October.

For adults interested in a lunchtime swimming work-out, come along on a

Tuesday and Friday from 12 noon-1pm and get lapping! Come and join this fitness training session (swim experience necessary), commencing Friday 2nd October. Cost is Bt 100 per session.

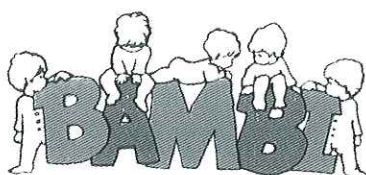
Don't miss the new lunchtime Abdominal Work-out in the Fitness Centre, every Tuesday and Thursday from 12.30-1pm, commencing 1st October. All it costs is your time... if you can spare 30 minutes! All levels catered for.

Injury struck? Or interested in injury rehabilitation and prevention? Guest speaker, Dr Leon James will be visiting the Club on Wednesday 21st October from 7pm. The cost of the talk and a light supper is Bt 200. Please sign up at Reception.

Don't miss the weekly Volleyball games on the back lawn from 3pm every Sunday, starting October 11th. Also, the Ten-Pin Bowling has commenced every Thursday at Cosmo Bowl at the Rama II Central Plaza at 7pm. See you there!

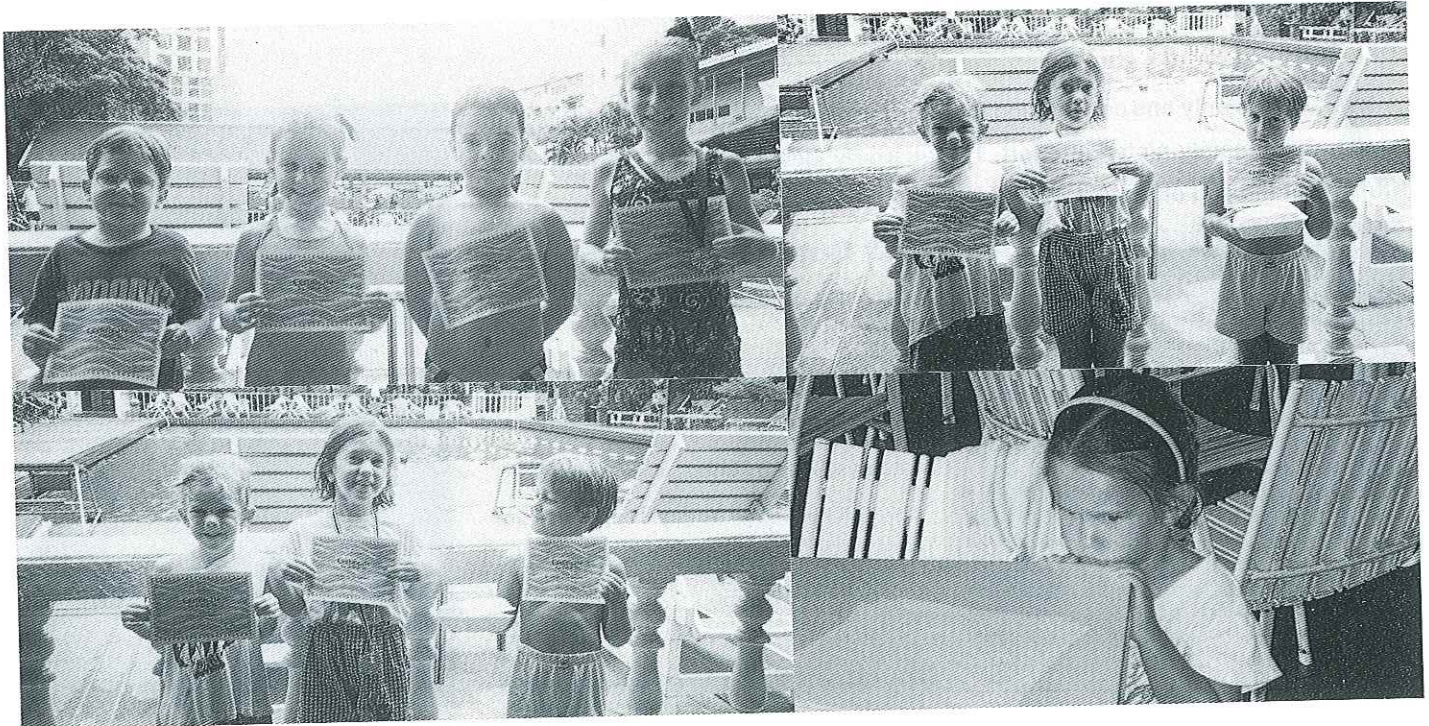
A final plug for the Australian movie "The Castle" to be screened at the British Club on the BIG screen on Saturday 17th October at 7pm. Don't miss this Aussie classic!

Lisa Fitzpatrick
Sport & Recreation Coordinator



BAMBI Christmas Party

Bangkok Mothers and Babies International - BAMBI - are holding their Christmas Party on Wednesday 2nd December on the back lawn of the British Club, from 9.30-11.30am — put the date in your diary now! For further information please contact BAMBI via their pigeonhole in the Clubhouse.



More pictures from the Sports Week in August

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Summer Lull

There is only one competition to report on since the last edition so this will be a mainly pictorial report. The quarterly Medal was held at Royal Lad Krabang at the end of August.



Peter Gouldby taking a practice swing

Winners of the different flights were as follows:

- Flight A Peter Williams 74 pts
- Flight B Gareth Sampson 74 pts
- Flight C Jamie Woodford 71 pts

The special prize went to David White who had the lowest nett score of those players without an official British Club handicap.

Next Outings

Please also check the listings on the Club notice board.

Match vs Scandinavians — Saturday 10th October at Vintage, 9.40am

Match vs British Embassy — Sunday 1st November at Green Valley, Bangna, 11am

Johnnie Walker Scramble — Saturday 21st November at Bangpoo, 7.30am

Chulalongkorn Weekend

A special three-day weekend has been arranged for the 23rd-25th October. There will be opportunities to play golf, tennis and squash as well as sightseeing all at specially negotiated rates. If you fancy a good weekend away sign up now on the Golf section notice board.

Karen Carter



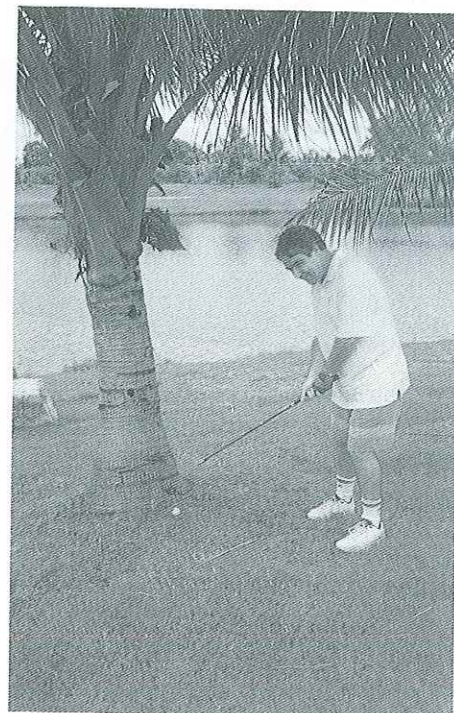
Water, water everywhere



Peter Williams, Flight A winner



David White, special prize winner



Dick Blackmore using a "tree" iron (not a wood? — G)

Philosophy Discussion Group

An opportunity exists to join a discussion group investigating the great teachings and philosophies of all time, including those of Christ, Sri Krishna, Plato, Shakespeare, Ficino and others. Enjoy good conversation with like-minded people in the invigorating company of the words of these great teachers.

Fridays, 10 am to 12 noon, at Sukhumvit Soi 20.

For expressions of interest or further enquiry, please contact Denise Bree on tel: 663 4657 or fax: 259 0579.

August Sailing Camp

Royal Varuna Yacht Club, 24-28th August

A great week of sailing was had by all at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club in Pattaya. 17 children aged between 8 and 14 were educated in rigging, boat control, directional sailing (running, reaching, beating) and turning (tacking and gybing) as well as race sailing in Optimist and Laser boats.



Instructor Somkiat and his crew did a great job teaching complete beginners and some with sailing experience how to control and manoeuvre in different conditions. A mixture of classroom style and on-water instruction every morning and afternoon proved to be the best method of acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary for the "Big Race" on the last day.

The camp not only provided a knowledge of Sailing but also developed personal confidence an encouraged friendships and teamwork.

Other activities included a walk to the Gold Buddha, lantern stalk/spot light at night on the beach, beach volleyball and cricket, badminton, swimming, beach BBQ and bonfire and drama/music skits. There was free time every day to explore, play sport or just chat or read a book.

We all had a lot of fun and hope we can hold this camp every year. A big thanks to Leenawan, Linden and Somkiat from Royal Varuna. Also, to Kerry Reading and

Ruengrit from the British Club, for their help in supervision and activity organisation. Please read participant Jay Smith's report of the week below.

Reprints of photos from the week are available through the Fitness Centre.

Lisa Fitzpatrick

Sailing Trip 24-28th August

With bags packed 18 children and 3 supervisors prepared for a 2 hour long bus ride to the Royal Varuna Yacht Club in Pattaya. By the end of the trip everyone had learnt how to sail "Optimist" sail boats with or without an instructor, learned new games, experienced a tree falling in the night, swum in a beautiful sea (and a pool) but most of all made new friends.

Very soon the last day arrived and everyone returned to Bangkok with memories that will last!

Jay Smith

Assessment Race Results

1st	Diana Rand
2nd	Chris Davies
3rd	James Suwanpatra

Reward Sticker Results

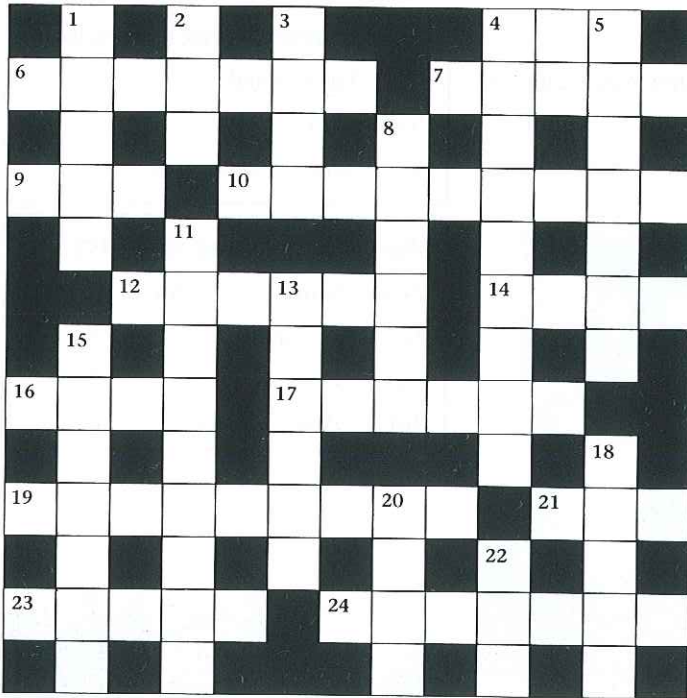
Place	Name	No. of stickers
1st	Jay Smith	13
2nd	Diana Rand	12
3rd	Andrew Burns	11



More photos on p34

Show-Biz Quiz

This month's puzzle looks at the wonderful world of entertainment. Test your knowledge of stage and cellulose with this crossword, as always by demon compiler Margaret Miller. Stars, songs and films old and new; see how many you can get!



Clues

Across

- 6 Stupendous movie?
- 7 A hit in the "The Entertainer"
- 9 Old time actress _____ Lupino
- 10 1997 film about a certain Romanov claim
- 12 She begged it not to rain on her parade
- 14 Kind of song for several voices
- 16 Historical film - "The Lady with the _____"
- 17 A good play or film should do this to you
- 19 James Bond - "Tomorrow _____" (5,4)
- 21 American movie - "The President's _____"
- 23 Shiners in the entertainment world
- 24 1930's movie - "The Gay _____"

Down

- 1 Alfred Hitchcock film - "The _____"
- 2 Miss West
- 3 Walt Disney's "The _____ King"
- 4 This is what they were in Paradise
- 5 "Seven Years _____" (2,5)
- 8 Top people get them in Hollywood
- 11 What British audiences give to a bad performance
- 13 The original Godfather
- 15 Dame Judi plays "Her _____ Mrs. Brown"
- 18 Dame Judi who?
- 20 British TV comedian _____ Sykes
- 22 Jerry's partner

Last Month's Solution

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C	O	A	U	S	E	D	I	T	
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I would like to comment on Mr Ward's letter in last month's edition, where he stated I had boasted that we had not given the staff a party or pay increase this year. To put the record straight, I wish to point out that these measures are not ones that I am proud of in any way. The purpose of my article was to point out that due to the economic conditions in Thailand the committee felt it was not wise to increase members' subscriptions last year and the major method of achieving a balanced budget was to severely cut all costs, including staff costs. It may not be possible to continue to cut costs for much longer, and some increase in subs may soon be necessary to ensure the books are kept in the black.

Tom Bain, General Manager

Sometimes We Get It Right!

Members of the BC can be proud of the service which is provided by our very own Food and Beverage staff. Please see below the response from the Australian Embassy after the BC catered for a recent function there, and other letters from satisfied customers.

Tom Bain, General Manager

Dear Tom,

The British Club did us proud on Saturday. The food and the service were outstanding. Barry Osborne and Khun Dong saw to it that the food was well presented and supervised the proceedings with a practiced eye. Thank you for taking up the challenge and for the fabulous way it was carried through on the day.

Everyone was delighted with the function. The need to have food and drink presented in an enticing way and served by pleasant waiters makes for a friendly atmosphere in which we can chat and interact. All the Committee commented on the great way in which the British Club looked after us. My personal thanks to you for this. And please pass on my gratitude to Barry and to Khun Dong.

I will ensure that you get new business as a result of this day.

Many thanks and kindest regards,

Diané Rand

Dear Barry,

On behalf of the British Women's Group, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff, for the most enjoyable luncheon we all had last Thursday.

You and your staff certainly went to a lot of trouble to decorate the dining room and it looked wonderful. The bunting, the red white and blue table theme and the staff wearing their union jack caps, certainly set the atmosphere for the luncheon.

The ladies wish to thank you for the complimentary wine served before the meal and also for the roses each lady was given when they arrived, it was a nice gesture.

The food was excellent, and the staff very attentive. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time and we would like you to pass on our thanks to your staff, for the time and trouble they took to make it such a pleasurable event.

We are looking forward to dining at the British Club again soon.

Yours faithfully,

Jill Maconochie

Luncheon Coordinator, BWG

Extract of a letter to the General Manager:

Dear Sir,

.... I must say the Club looks in absolutely splendid condition, far better maintained than in the early 1970s, and I hope the present economic problems in Thailand do not have too great an impact on the Club's operations.

Yours sincerely,

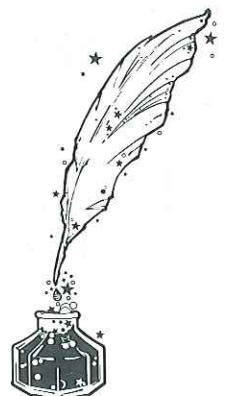
Bryan S. Lindsay

Barry,

The buffet lunch is fantastic and earned rave reviews from our group in August. We would therefore like to meet again at Lord's for our next luncheon meeting on Wednesday, September 16. A total of 14 people will be invited and may attend, although 12 is probably a more realistic figure. If you would prefer to set the table up for only 12 that's fine, so long as we can move another table if necessary.

Please give me a ring to confirm the space is available (middle table again would be great) so I can send out the notices.

Frank Goudsmit, G145





Courses for Everyone at CSB!

Community Services of Bangkok hosts a wide range of courses throughout the year; for further details of these events, or to receive more information please contact CSB directly on 258 4998 or 258 5652. Upcoming courses of interest include:

- **Survival Thai** — a short course covering basic Thai conversation, taught by Khun Tissan of Mahidol University.
- **Thai Language & Culture** — covering more complex Thai expressions and a follow-up for the Survival Thai course, or for those who have a foundation in Thai but want to learn more about the place.
- **Fruit & Vegetable Carving** — whether cucumbers, tomatoes or spring onions, you too can create the exquisite carvings of everyday fruit & veg; Khun Rawat demonstrates how.
- **Thai Herbal Remedies** — looking at the large range of alternative treatments using common plants and seeds to man's best advantage, helping lower blood cholesterol to easing fevers.
- **English for Maids & Drivers** — for domestic staff with little or no knowledge of English, covering language and cultural topics. Requested topics may also be covered.
- **First Aid for Childminders** — a morning seminar at Bumrungrad Hospital to assist your childminders to look after children aged 1-12 years, covering a wide range of health matters and first aid techniques in Thai.
- **Positive Empowered Parenting** — learn how to improve your parent-child relationships and deal with family problems, and thus enhance your family life with this workshop.
- **A Woman's Place is in the Home?** — a one-day course for expatriate women looking at the emotional impact of international assignments and building a meaningful life.

Pre-Christmas CSB Shoppers' Day

Shoppers' Day

In plenty of time for the fast-approaching Yule, get along to the ever-popular CSB Shoppers' Day:

Venue: Siam Intercontinental Hotel, Rama I Road

Date: Saturday 10th October 1998, 10am-4pm

The Shoppers' Day, with a wealth of handicrafts and home-made products, where you can make sure you're prepared for Christmas presents this year, or can buy those special birthday or greetings gifts, or simply discover beautiful household items. For further details please contact Community Services of Bangkok on 258 4998/258 5652.

ANZWG Fashion Luncheon to Support Thai Villages

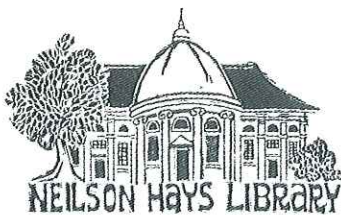
The Australian and New Zealand Women's Group, in conjunction with the Good Shepherd Sisters in Nong Khai and Holland, is hosting a welfare lunch on **Wednesday 14th October** at the **Rembrandt Hotel** with a fashion parade of simple, stylish outfits in hand-woven cotton for women, girls and trendy toddlers. This versatile range has been created by Dutch designer Ruth Nijsten, who works with her team in Nong Khai to produce the various textures and colours.

Proceeds will fund ongoing weaving projects in and around Nong Khai. Christmas craftware gifts will also be on sale. For further information, please call 262 1124, 259 8494 or 255 5184.

Guy Fawkes Night

MEMBERS - Please Read these Important Safety Regulations for the 1998 Guy Fawkes Night Sunday 8th November

1. The Club will be closed to all cars from midnight on Saturday 7th November to midnight on Sunday 8th November. Instead, members may use the AIA car park at 181 Surawongse Road.
2. As last year, the Club will be **closed to all members** from midnight on Saturday 7th November until 10 am on Sunday 9th November. **WHEN THE CLUB OPENS, ONLY MEMBERS WITH GUY FAWKES TICKETS WILL BE ALLOWED ONTO THE PREMISES.**
Members of the Club will support the security guards at all entrances onto the property to ensure compliance with this rule. This restriction is to guarantee that we do not extend the numbers we are licenced for at this event.
3. Children must be accompanied by an adult or, if in a group, then the nominated adult in charge of that group must enter the Club and stay with the group at all times.
4. **ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS OF ANY DESCRIPTION CAN BE BROUGHT ONTO THE CLUB GROUNDS BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CONTRACTORS.**
5. There will be an ambulance on site by the Silom Gate and there will be clearly marked first aid posts on the back lawn and in the front car park.
6. There will be a fire engine on site by the workshops with hoses deployed ready for use.
7. There will be a fire post established next to the first aid post. There will also be a fire post close to the point where the fireworks are ignited, with water, sand buckets and fire extinguishers.
8. There will be a fine mesh net up to a height of 15ft above the crowd to collect debris and a rope to stop the crowd approaching the display area. There will be a 25m gap between the fireworks and the crowd.
9. Spectators will be positioned with their backs to the wind.
10. There will be nominated stewards in 'bibs' to help control the crowd.
11. All access points onto the front lawn will be closed off and manned by stewards.
12. All exits from the Club onto Silom and Surawongse Roads will be lit, manned and open during the display.



Fabrics and Furniture at the Rotunda

Lea's Unique Hand-Painted Fabrics

Lea Dingian-Laarakker, international artist known for her free-hand designs on silk, will be exhibiting her distinctive hand-painted and plain silks and a whole new range of casual clothing from **Saturday 3rd October** until **Thursday 15th October**. All scarves and clothing are dyed and designed by Lea in her trademark bold and sweeping brushstrokes colours and designs, and all items are available for purchase.

Old Teak Furniture from Burma

Beautiful solid teak furniture made by skilled carpenters during the Colonial Rule (1860-1948), a mix of European style and Asian influence, have been lovingly restored by Frenchman Gaston Besson and are on display at the Rotunda from **Saturday 17th October** until **Thursday 29th October**.

Located next door to the British Club on Surawong Road, the Rotunda Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am to 4pm, and on Sunday from 9.30am-2pm. For further information, please contact the Neilson Hays Library on 233 1713, or Pascale Robert, Curator, on 424 1566.

Growing Old Disgracefully, Part II

WOE IS ME, mi figure's gone,
The wrinkly bits keep creeping on,
I've fought all mi life through thick and thin,
But it's free of charge just under your skin,

I'VE been on a diet for forty years,
Fighting the flab through all my tears,
Thin clothes, fat clothes, all of them gone,
But the blobby bits keep sneaking on,

I AM a L.O.G. and I am a S.L.A.G.
But now I guess I'm just an old B.A.G. (- BRITISH AND GREAT!)
I'll be happy that's for sure,
For once in a while I just might score!

At a party not so long ago,
I talked to a young lothario,
He asked me out that dreamy night,
But cancelled the date
When I stood in the light!

HEY! Hang on a sec,
The years have been kind,
Just think of the treasures I have in my mind,

You can't buy that for love nor money,
Someone to laugh at my jokes when I'm funny,
I have much to offer and not just this year,
For a long time to come, a BONANZA my dear!!

Judy Fitzgerald
June 1998

Where are they now?

Can anyone help me locate Mr and Mrs George Cole, who were BC members for some year around 1967-71? Their son Michael was a friend of my son Paul, they travelled to school in the UK together in 1967. Michael had a sister Alison and a younger brother Peter who unfortunately died at a young age.

I heard that the Cole family had gone to live in Australia.

George was with Anglo Thai Corporation which no longer exists; I think it has been incorporated into Inchcape. Mr Frank Plunkett was the MD for Anglo Thai at around that time, he also may be able to help.

My son, who lives in Atlanta, wants to contact Michael, so if anyone has contact details for the Cole family or for Frank Plunkett please let me know.

Many thanks,

Leonie Vejjajiva, V20

Our Auspicious Day

After two years together, Ged and I decided: whom were we kidding? - we were very happy together and marriage should be the next step! Saturday 25th July was chosen as the auspicious date and the plans began to be drawn up.



Ain't love grand?!

Bangkok was the venue: it's where we live and it's a place we've come to love. It only seemed right to ask our family and friends abroad to share some of the magic of Bangkok, so for our special day we asked our friends from all over the world to join us. To make the day appropriately Thai, we invited 9 monks to bless our marriage and we felt we should do all this in our own home.

The big question was, who could we ask to arrange the day - the monks' food, the catering, the cake, the flowers, the wine, the beer, awning, the ice carving? Of course it had to be very special and second class was not an option. Well, we chose

"Barry and his Gang", the British Club catering department! They were so organised and professional that on the eve of the wedding we chartered a rice barge and sailed off down the river on a dinner cruise without a care in the world, with all our family and friends. The dancing and drinking continued until 3.30am as it was such a beautiful evening — only in Thailand!

The day of the wedding went far beyond our expectations. We, our guests and we hope Barry and the Gang had an incredible time, even those still suffering from the night before (including the bride and her sister!). The whole wedding party was

pampered and spoilt and every request or wish dealt with immediately by the British Club staff.

For a day that started with the first guests at 9.30am and finally finished at 2.30am, mainly outside in the heat, the BC gang were simply superb. We worked them very hard; we had finger food and Pimms during the morning, a full sit-down lunch, the special sherry-laden cake, champagne for the toasts, drinks all afternoon, canapés in the evening, oh and more drinks until the wee hours. All from charming, cheerful, friendly and efficient staff.

We would also like to thank Khun Morakot, who assisted us so kindly on the day with the monks; she was mentioned specifically in the speech of the bride's father and showed great knowledge and understanding.

Clearly it was a special day for us, but the wonderful team from the British Club added greatly to everyone's enjoyment of the day. We cannot thank them enough, and hope this note will help them to appreciate how much their efforts meant to us.

**Thank you.
Ged and Sarah Allen**

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Ged & Sarah's Wedding



Ged, Sarah, Lucy (the dog) and all the guests



The ice carving from the Dusit was quite spectacular too



The family photo



The monks blessed the marriage, then were offered food by Ged and Sarah



All the guests were treated to a drink



And so, to eat!



The BC staff got friendly with some of those present!



Here's to us!



Some of the presents were unique!





That magnificent bottle of sherry, cunningly disguised as a spectacular gold leaf-decorated cake

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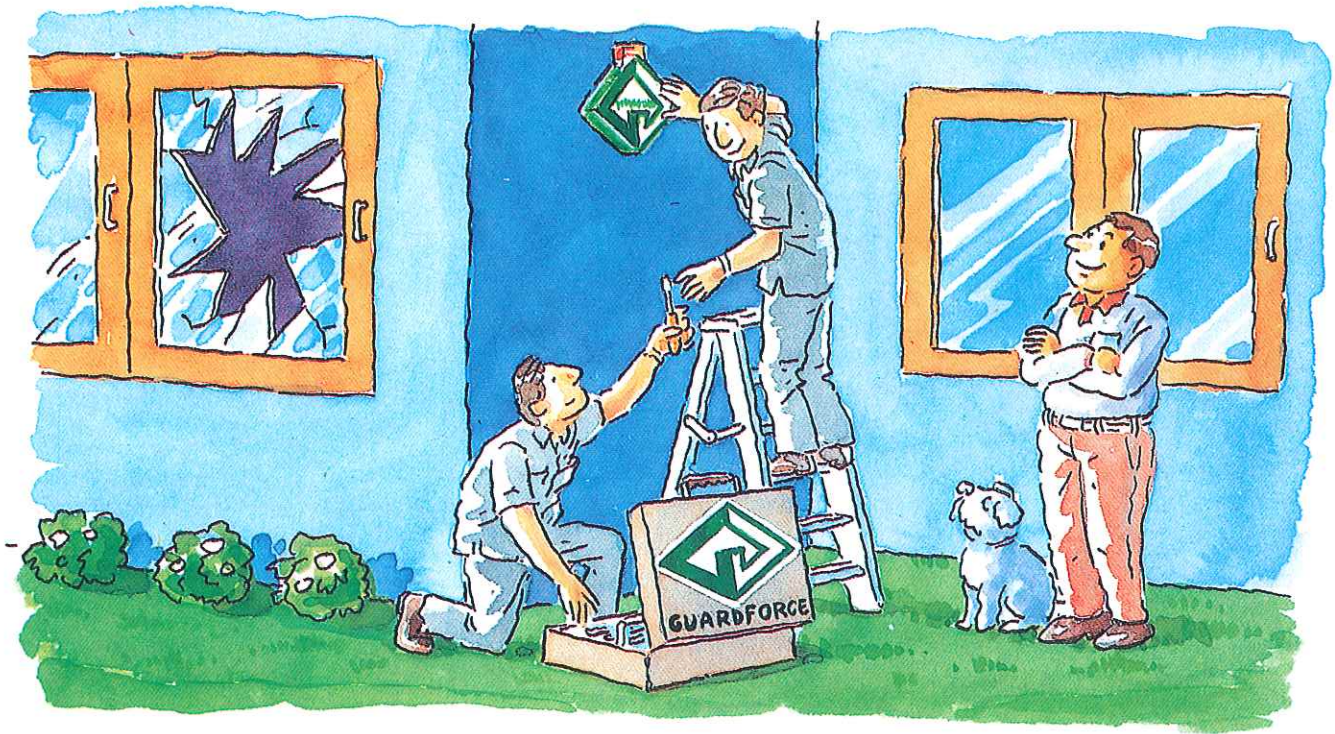
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