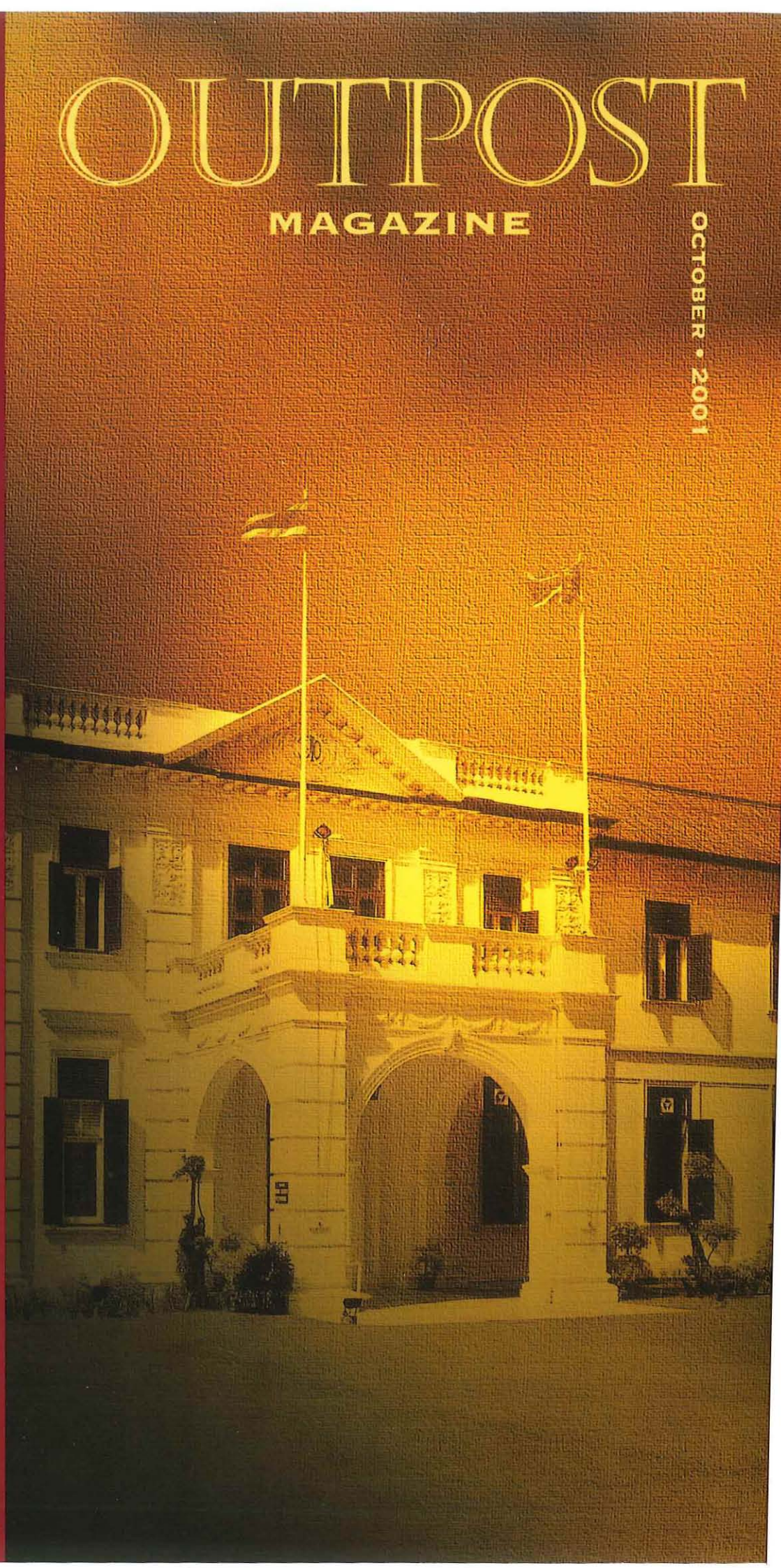




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Dear Members,

This month we are teeming with activities for you at the Club. The children's Halloween party at the end of the month, Loy Krathong celebration, Spanish Food promotion in Lords and a great deal more. Basically another exciting month at the Club.

Also the children's activities on Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon are becoming extremely popular - remember there is no charge for these activities for Members.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Food and Beverage-wise we have introduced revised menus at the pool side. In October the Churchill bar and Lords restaurant will also have changed menus. In particular, the Lords restaurant menu will be completely revamped. Members will be notified by email of the exact date this change will take place.

Illy Coffee is now permanently available at the pool side and Suriwongse Sala for lovers of real coffee.

The festive season is coming up and a lot of year-end parties and other celebrations have been booked through our Catering Department. If you would like to arrange a function please do not hesitate to contact Khun Aranee, our Catering Co-ordinator for more information. In November's *Outpost* we will publish all the Christmas and New Year activities for the silly season.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Sports and recreation continues to expand at the Club. Swimming and tennis lessons have re-commenced and during the schools mid-term break, on 22, 24, 25 and 26 October 2001 we are organizing a sports camp here at the Club. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

For adults we have yoga, aerobics and aqua aerobic classes. Please feel free to join these classes, as without you, the Members, we cannot run them.

Members interested in specific sport sections please contact the Fitness Centre or the representatives of the sections concerned. The Rugby and Soccer seasons have started again. Tennis and squash are planning many activities this autumn. If you are interested in any of these sports, please make sure that you register your name in time at the Fitness Centre.

MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

We have installed new back ends to the pool ropes and all broken discs have been replaced. We would really appreciate it if all parents ensure that their children do not climb or hang on these ropes at any time.

Also this month we will install new water stations at the tennis courts in order to improve the outlook of the courts.

A covered walkway is to be constructed towards squash court 3 and the children's changing room.

GENERAL

We recently started a Member and spouse birthday programme. In the month of your birthday you will receive an invitation to celebrate in Lords restaurant and receive a complimentary bottle of wine. If you would like to take advantage of this special arrangement, please make a reservation in advance.

All Members should now have received a letter with a car park sticker attached. The General Committee decided to re-introduce the stickers. This is because on certain function days our car park becomes very full. We want to give British Club Members priority over non-members who are attending a function at the Club. The stickers will help our guards identify Members more easily.

We are very pleased that many Members have applied for the direct debit facility provided by the Club. For those members who are still using the old standing order arrangement, we would really appreciate it if you could also use the direct debit facility instead of the standing order. If you require any further information on this subject, please do not hesitate to call Khun Prem our Financial Controller.

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Yours sincerely,



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As the first pairs came back to the Clubhouse the BCGS took an early 2 match lead – although ominously none of the victories was by more than one hole. The next two results ‘in’ were draws and then Lighthouse won a game, then another... whatever the tension was like out on the course at the Results Table the suspense was killing. However as the last cards were handed in we began to relax as, slowly but surely, the BCGS began to pull ahead of the Lighthouse. When all the results were posted it became clear that we’d won by a 5-3 margin with two matches drawn.

Peter Ford from MERC awarded the Cup to the BCGS Captain, Karen Carter, and also presented the individual prizes in the Stapleford Competition: Andre Tissera took first place with an excellent 41 Points (net score 67; remember this was the course where, two weeks earlier, the lowest net score in the Medal Competition had been 70) whilst Peter Van Zanten, Dale Lamb and Phil Evans were tied with 40 Points. On countback the 2nd, 3rd and 4th places were awarded to the players in that order.

It was an excellent day's golf – the weather was near-perfect, the course in great condition (and very quiet) and the competition itself a nail-biting affair; our sincere thanks to Peter Ford and to MERC for sponsoring this highly entertaining event – and we look forward to retaining the Cup in 2002!



The BCGS win the MERC Trophy...again.

‘BETTER BALL,’

3/4 HANDICAP, MATCHPLAY’

There was some confusion about this format during the MERC Trophy – it's used in the PWC League and it tends to be forgotten that many members of the BCGS are unfamiliar with this system. My apologies – and an explanation:

In a pairs competition that uses this format you begin by determining which player in the group has the lowest handicap, take this foursome for example:

Ian, who has a 15 handicap, Phil – 20, Dick – 27 and John – 33.

Ian is the lowest and so plays ‘scratch’ golf in this game – everyone else will get strokes depending on the difference between his handicap and theirs.

Starting by comparing Phil and Ian, the difference in their handicaps is $(20 - 15 = 5)$, 5 strokes. Now we come onto the ‘three-quarters’ part of the calculation: taking $\frac{3}{4}$ of 5 gives $3\frac{3}{4}$. Obviously you can't use that so we round it up to ‘4’ (always ‘round up’). On the four most difficult holes (HS 1,2,3, and 4) Phil will get one stroke.

Using the same system for Dick/Ian we get $(27 - 15 = 12)$, 12 strokes. Three quarters of 12 is 9, so on the nine hardest holes (HS 1 – 9) Dick will get a stroke.

For John/Ian we get $(33 - 15 = 18)$, an 18 stroke difference. Three quarters of 18 is $13\frac{3}{4}$. Again an unworkable figure so we round it up to 14.... John will get a stroke on the holes with an HS 1 – 14.

The ‘Better Ball’ is exactly as it sounds, when a hole is finished members of the team check their individual scores and select the lowest of the two (the ‘better ball’), this is then compared to the oppositions score and the hole is either won, lost or drawn accordingly.

‘Matchplay’ – most of us are familiar with this so I won't labour the point. Each hole is taken as won, lost or drawn – regardless of the number of strokes – and play moves on to the next hole. The game is won when the

opposition cannot – even if they win every remaining hole – beat that total. Thus ‘winning 4 and 3’ means the victorious team were 4 holes up with 3 holes still to play...

ODDS AND ENDS

Just a reminder about restaurant bills – before tee'ing off most of us have a bowl of noodles or breakfast of some description in the restaurant. Almost inevitably we get distracted by a last minute change in the order of play or the Starter appears at our elbow saying that the tee is clear and why aren't we out there? We leap to our feet and rush off to do battle, leaving the last person in the restaurant to foot the bill for six coffees, two Kao Pad Gai's and four rounds of toast... Please try to pay your ‘check bin’ as soon as you receive your order – it saves a lot of embarrassment all round.

Speaking of order - on club days – and even some competitions – the order of play is pretty much ‘first come first served’, groups will be organized according to who is in the clubhouse when the Starter begins to compile the list. If you want to play against (or with) a particular person or group please get to the course early and tell the starter so that he/she can arrange it.

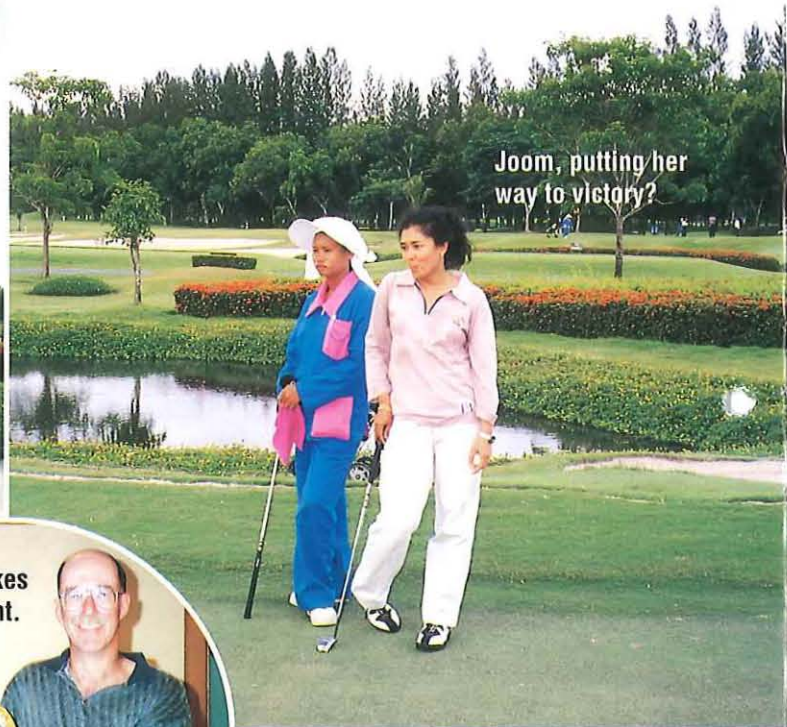
E-mail addresses; sorry to harp on about this one but it is important. E-mail is now just about the only practical means of keeping in touch - but ISP Servers come and go - so if you have to change your account (and e-mail address) please tell the Captain as soon as possible so that she can update her contact list.

Photographs – an appeal. If you've taken any interesting golfing photo's over the past few months don't be shy, there's always space for a good picture, especially as I'm running out of ideas! Just drop a copy of the photo in the ‘Golf’ mailbox at the BC or pass it on to any member of the committee - all contributions gratefully accepted.

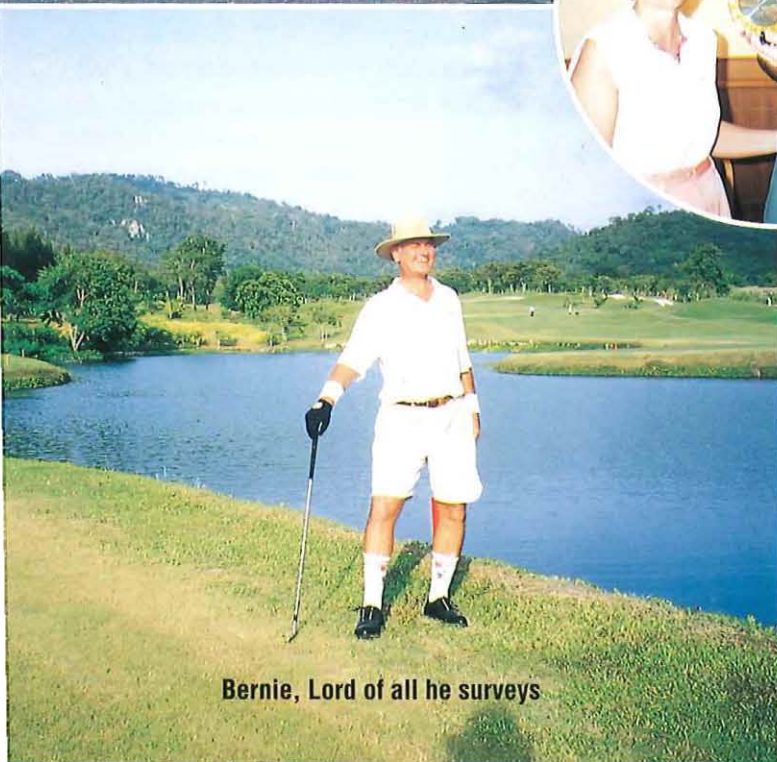
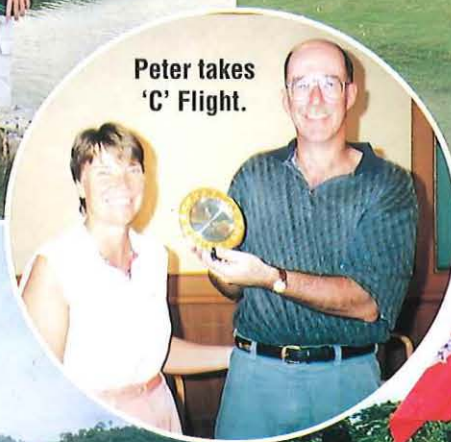
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GOLF CONTINUED

Barry, Val and Edward Ashman at 'Royal'.



Peter takes 'C' Flight.



Bernie, Lord of all he surveys



Jo and Geoff at 'Royal'.

Not another 'near pin', Brad?

Bryan wins the 'A' Flight medal.

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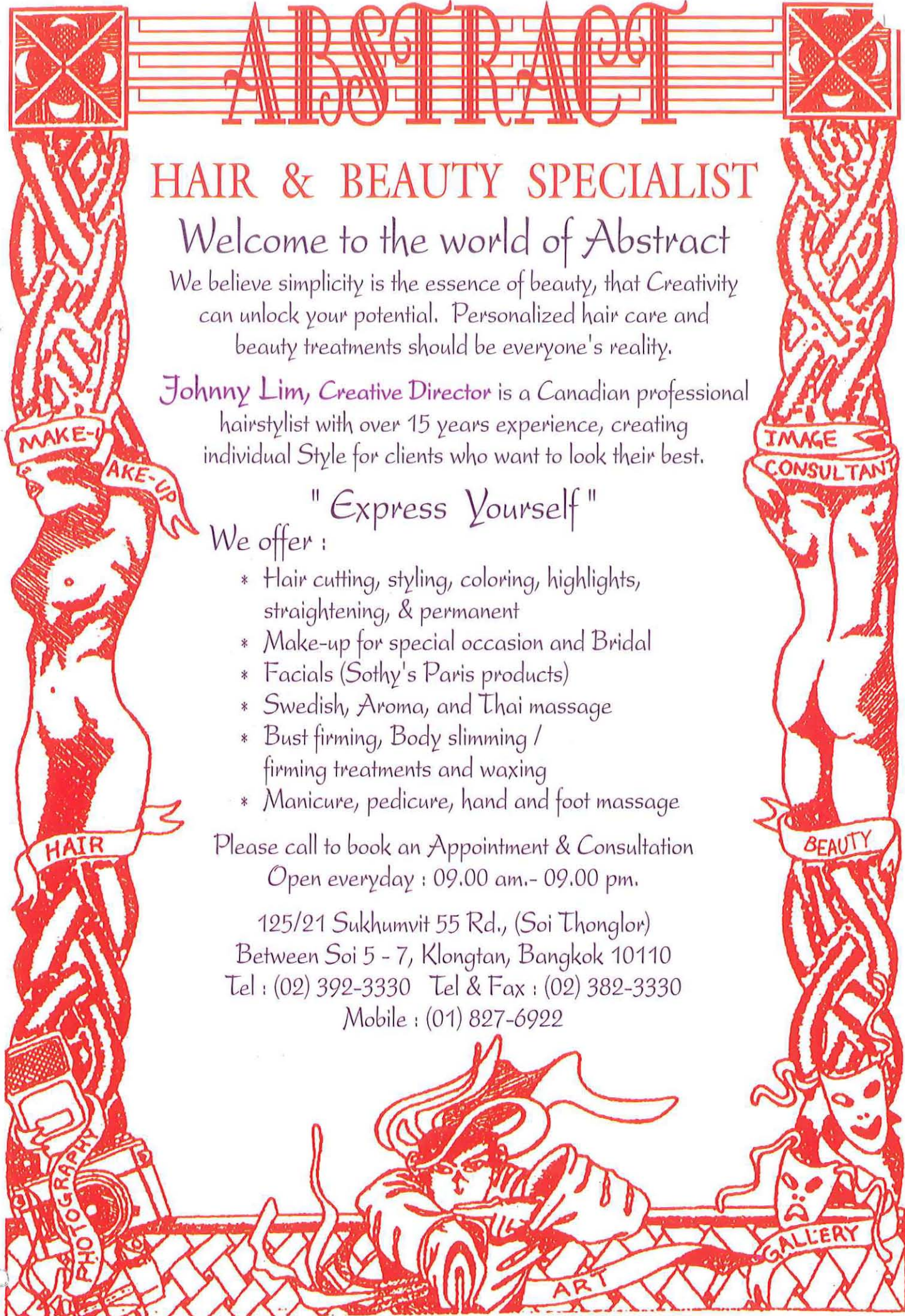
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SPORTS UPDATE

Be a Sport...

...And join in one of our many activities.

DARTS

We are building up a group of regulars playing every Wednesday evening in the Churchill Bar. Everyone is most welcome to come along to join them.

BRIDGE

Our Bridge section meets every Tuesday evening in the non-smoking area of the Churchill Bar. Please come along to enjoy a friendly, social game.

YOGA

Classes take place twice a week at squash court 3 - Tuesdays 11.30am and Sundays at 4.30pm. Yoga is believed by many to provide numerous health benefits using control techniques over the mind and senses. Try it and see for yourself!

AEROBICS

We are pleased to announce that aerobics is back! Classes start Wednesday 12 September, 9.30am at squash court 2. The cost for a ten week course is B 3000. Please register at the Fitness Centre. Our new Instructor is Khun Pranom Srimai who is a qualified instructor with more than 4 years experience teaching in various Bangkok Hotels.

AQUA AEROBICS

Mrs. Els Van den Broecke is our resident Aqua Aerobics Instructor and teaches in the main pool from 10.30am - 11.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Charge is just B 200 per hour. Please register at the Fitness Centre. See Els' write-up below for more details.

TENNIS COACHING WITH PAUL HO

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Mini Tennis	4-6 yr	3.30-4.00	750 Baht	1125 Baht
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Beg II	8-11 yr	4.00-5.00	1500 Baht	1875 Baht
Inter	12 yr +	5.00-6.00	1500 Baht	1875 Baht
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***Ability is the main factor in deciding what course the child should enter - not age.*

Class Dates:

October - 4 classes

5 Oct	12 Oct
19 Oct	26 Oct

November - 5 classes

2 Nov	9 Nov
16 Nov	23 Nov
30 Nov	

December - 2 classes

7 Dec	14 Dec
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All Tennis courses are sold as a course and will be billed after the second class. No drop-in option is available.

Mid Term Sports Camp only at The British Club 22,24,25 and 26 October.

Daily from 9.00am - 4.30pm which will include tennis, squash, swimming, lunch, football and much more. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

Only B5500 for the course..

AQUA AEROBICS

Come and Join Us

Hello, I am Els Van den Broecke and I am the water aerobics instructor. I would like to introduce my program of water workouts. Many of my participants left and the new members seemingly don't dare to jump in the pool! What I like most about water workouts is that they have many of the same benefits as swimming. Many people enjoy swimming, exercising and splashing about in the water. Water sports are a popular way of keeping fit. Aqua-fitness might be defined as any type of physical exercise undertaken in water with the purpose of maintaining or developing a desired level of fitness.

Whereas swimming can be a lonely activity (and for some that is heaven and for others hell), then waterworks are the complete opposite. Aqua-aerobics allow participants the ability to look around, be social, and utilize music. For those of you, who

are sensitive about their personal appearance, the water will hide much of the body from the view of other participants and onlookers. This aspect may be desirable for those who feel they don't perform as well as some others, or are not happy with their body image. Our classes are every Tuesday and Thursday morning and at that time we enjoy a lot of privacy.

Any fitness activities undertaken when the body is submerged or partially submerged in water could be considered as aqua-fitness. We need to warm up before starting any work that is strenuous or likely to increase the heart rate. The exercise session itself is challenging but without any risk of injury or overexertion, and we move from hard work to cool down slowly and finish with some stretches. These aqua exercises are less likely to cause damage to muscles or joints through rapid or sharp movements as compared to other sports.



A Class in action

Participants may feel that very little work is being done while they are exercising in the pool, but when they come out of the water they find themselves exhausted.

What is the effect of water?

Water is buoyant: When the body is partly submerged in water the force of gravity is countered by the buoyancy effect of water.

Water is cooling: the body is less likely to overheat because it is surrounded by water, a continual source of cooling.

Compression forces are decreased in water: The weight of the body tends to compress joints. Weight

SQUASH

Squash Shots

151ST LEAGUE

League Winners

1	DAVID EASTGATE
2	NICK WHITE
3	CHARLES WHITELEY
4	MARVYN LEWIS
5	STEVE HARVEY
6	BARRY DANIEL
7	DAVID WHITE

Trophies can be collected from the Fitness Centre.

SINGAPORE TRIP

The squash section organised a BCB squash trip to Singapore September 28-30 September, playing the Singapore British Club and Tanglin Club on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning respectively.

We left Bangkok on Friday evening and returned, tired, Sunday evening. This was the first BC squash overseas trip for many years; thank you for your support. In fact, our many communal years of squash committee-dom fail us in remembering the last overseas trip, so those attending made a little piece of history!

SUNDAY MIX IN

Sofitel-Central Plaza Sunday Mix-In on Sunday 2 September had a smaller group than normal.

Guy Hollis was the eventual winner, with Ignacio second.

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

In progress at time of writing – results next month.

BRITISH CLUB OPEN

Two tournaments coming up are the Rod Carter Open and the Tony Austin. Both open

to all residents of Thailand, the Rod Carter is one of the land's premier competitions, after the King's Cup and has been won by many of Thailand's top players and a few farangs from time to time.

The Tony Austin is a veterans competition for those over 45, which unfortunately includes most of the BC's top players. Watch the notice board for entries in both of these.

PATTAYA TRIP

I am in contact with Pattaya Sports Club, arranging a BC trip to Pattaya, probably late October. More to follow.

HONG KONG OPEN

I have visited the Hong Kong Open Squash every year for the last 8 years – OK, I lived there for 2 of them, but travelled for the others. This year I was joined by fellow BC squasher Danny Raviv, and together we enjoyed 3 days of the best squash you will ever see.

The actual tournament – the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Squash Open – has been going on for almost 20 years, it is one of the top 10 tournaments, and best paying competitions in the world, which together with a great city and keen, knowledgeable, supporters make all the top players want to come back year after year.

This year was even better, as it featured the world's top ladies as well as the men. Surprises galore, as world number 1 and reigning champion Peter Nichol of Scotland, sorry England, was dumped out in round 1 by Frenchman Thierry Lincou, who later owned up to being half Chinese – or was that just to get the locals on his side? He didn't need it, and went all the way to the final. Past

champion and last year's runner up Jonathon Power, from Canada, dropped out after winning his first round, hospitalised with a stomach infection. British Open champion David Palmer – the new boy from Australia – not only took the title, but put himself on top of the world, dumping Nichol back to number 3.

The ladies final was contested by the world number 1 and 2, so the best possible squash was on show. As someone who has never watched top class ladies squash, I thought it was an excellent spectacle, and would recommend it to anyone.

Try it next year – you won't be upset.

PERSONAL REQUEST

A while ago stupid me played squash on a Tuesday evening and in my exhausted state left my racket outside court 1 as I went for a drink. Next evening, when playing again I realised my mistake, but was surprised to find it had not been handed in to lost property, and still has not.

This is not a new racket, but a 4 year old Wilson, 135gm Purple framed Sledge Hammer, with green strings and numerous chips in the paintwork – not pretty but a match for the other one in my bag!

It is of no use to anyone around the BC because it is so obvious – if you find it, please hand it in to lost property – no questions asked.

Give me back some good feelings about my fellow members, return the racket.

In the meantime...

keep squashing,

Phil Hall

AQUA AEROBICS CONTINUED

above the base of the spine causes the joints at the bottom of the spine to squash together and this impact is increased with exercise. When the body is immersed in water these forces of compression are significantly decreased hence there is less wear and tear on the joints.

Hydrostatic pressure on the body is even in water: There is equal pressure on the body in all directions around parts of the body at any given depth of water. Hydrostatic pressure can affect blood movement: Any part of the body that is submerged will have

greater pressure on the skin than that imposed by normal air pressure. This situation means that the heart pushes more blood harder to get it into blood vessels that are close to the skin's surface.

There are three stages to any session:

Stage 1: warming up and stretching. Bringing the body into a condition that can support active exercise without causing any stress.

Stage 2: the aerobic activity. Carrying out maximum exercise.

Stage 3: cooling down and stretching. Returning

the body to normal status without causing any stress.

The sessions last approximately one hour, starting at 10.30 a.m. when temperature and light are most pleasant in Bangkok. After the workout, quite often we enjoy a healthy lunch in the Club.

Give it a try and join us, it is a real sport, it improves your body condition, it is social, it is fun.

Els Van den Broecke

MEMBER'S LETTER

"A Dress Code Too Far"

I am not sure how the General Committee plans to share the views invited by their flyer sent out with September's Outpost. However, I was a member of the General Committee which made the decision referred to and I resigned afterwards as a matter of principle. I hope therefore that you can print this letter in next month's Outpost.

Firstly, the flyer is deliberately misleading. It implies that the Committee felt obliged to enforce a long-standing rule which somehow embodies the very tradition of the British Club in response to a groundswell of opinion. This is nonsense. It was permissible to wear T-shirts in the Churchill Bar throughout my thirteen years on the General Committee from 1984 to 1997 (and probably before). We had several debates about this and a dress-code was adopted which banned shorts and soiled sports-wear but made no reference to collars or T-shirts. At some point in more recent times, notices appeared outside the bar saying that collars were required. Maybe this was a Management action, maybe the bylaws were changed. But I have no Rule Book setting out this supposed bylaw. (Incidentally, when WAS the last time an updated BC Rule Book and bylaws was sent to the members?)

When this issue was discussed at the July GC meeting I do not remember a single member's name being mentioned as requesting this enforcement. What I do remember is a handful of committee members expressing a strong personal view that this standard should be enforced. Not that this matters too much, because all members have now been invited to express their views. I hope they do. Unfortunately this is not a very effective way of canvassing opinion because whichever side 'loses' will likely to claim that the 'winners' were simply better organised in mobilising their point of view. At the end the day the Committee will still have to make a decision unpopular to those on the opposing side. Having polarised opinion it must decide which decision is least damaging to the club.

I believe this decision will say a lot about what sort of club the British Club is and aspires to be, since it is much more than about the wearing of T-shirts.

My own view is that a collar on a shirt is no measure of standards.

★ As I said at the meeting there is no logic to an argument that says a gentleman must wear a collar on a shirt whilst a lady need not. Yes, that brought the only too predictable sniggers. But think on this is the 21st century! Is there something inherently "smart" about a bit of cloth stitched around the top of a shirt? There are many places in the world, especially Asia where formal fashion does not require a collar. And why stop at collars? Perhaps we could insist on turn-ups on trousers as well? And how about long sleeved shirts? And...

★ T-shirts are accepted as fashionable wear in many "smart" social situations throughout the world. A friend was wearing a US\$ 50 T-shirt the other night when trying to enter the bar. He was told by staff that this was unacceptable but that he could "hire" a 150 baht "Silom Road" shirt with a collar from the club to enter the bar. He was dumbfounded at this affront and stupidity.

★ On another occasion I observed a well-groomed businessman enter the bar wearing black trousers, shiny black shoes and a smart grey T-shirt. He was told this was unacceptable. He took it well (to the amusement of his friends),

returned to his car, pulled out the crumpled business shirt he had been wearing all day and re-entered the bar. Now acceptable. He looked and felt a dick head!

★ I can go anywhere I want to in Bangkok wearing a smart T-shirt ... 5 - star hotels, restaurants, bars. Yes, you will probably be able to name me some establishments where this is forbidden. But would I want to go there? Are these the sorts of places the British Club wishes to compete with or compare itself with?

★ When it comes to comparing our prices with other "comparable" establishments the GC is happy to liken us to the Bull's Head, Barbican, Shenanigans etc. These establishments do excellent business. They would be insane to ban T-shirts. Are we comparable or not?

★ There is only one bar in the British Club and yet the Committee wishes to impose one restrictive concept on the members ... a concept different from most other establishments frequented by most members. The bar is badly under-used. The Club cannot afford to turn away business. But it is. Maybe if we had alternative

outlets we could experiment with alternative concepts and dress code. A very sensible compromise suggestion by one GC member at the fateful meeting to delay this decision until we have a sports bar was rubbished.

★ I agree with common standards of decency. But this can be achieved without such a silly rule. Nobody to my knowledge has ever tried to drink in the Churchill Bar wearing swimming trunks as one committee member warned during the debate. The "no shorts (except formal long shorts), no vests" rule has been generally accepted as a compromise over the years without much controversy. We have a nonsensical situation now where someone wearing a shabby shirt with collar, shabby jeans and trainers is OK (yes, even members of the self-appointed "British Club Rules Police", sitting at the bar abusing fellow members both visually and verbally, sometimes look like this) ... whereas a person wearing a smart T-shirt, trousers and shoes is banned.

★ I hate elitism. For me the British Club should be available and affordable to the majority of the British community in Bangkok. I believe that the success of the club and its uniqueness lies in its friendly, relaxed atmosphere and its accommodation of family and sporting interests. It is one of the few genuine Members clubs around ... where members genuinely get involved in helping run/organise club events and where there is a genuine sense of community. I believe this happens because we appeal and are accessible to a cross-section of the British community (and a cross-section of other nationalities too). Some members of the General Committee seem to want the club to become exclusive, attractive primarily to business executives defined of course by the clothes they wear. There are plenty of other snobbish establishments around town with marble floors, brass knobs, fawning staff and people strutting their stuff in their finery. I don't believe that the average British Club member wants this.

★ As I said at the meeting, what people wear is no measure of standards. I prefer to judge people by what they say and what they do, not by what they look like. Some of the worst thugs and crooks in this world wear ties and collars.

I rest my case. I hope that other members give their feedback and I hope that common-sense prevails. Let's move forwards, not backwards. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views

Jack Dunford D44

MEMBER'S LETTER

Dear Editor
 Fellow British Club Members might find the following of interest. I discovered this information when researching my individual pension situation.

THE ISSUE:

460,000 British expatriate state pensioners have never received any uprating to their pension since they received their first payment whilst living in a 'frozen' country.

390,000 British expatriate pensioners, on the other hand, receive the same annual uprating as the pensioners still residing in the United Kingdom.

All UK state pensioners were required to contribute on an equal basis during their working life whilst resident in Britain.

COUNTRIES WHERE PENSIONS ARE FROZEN:

No uprating has ever been paid to pensioners living in 48 of 53 Commonwealth countries, representing 98% of all frozen pensioners. The remaining 2% are spread across 100 other non-Commonwealth countries, including Thailand.

COUNTRIES NOT AFFECTED BY PENSION FREEZING:

Annual uprating is paid to UK resident pensioners, pensioners living in the European Union (where regulations forced Britain to treat all EU residents alike), and to those living in the USA, Israel, Bosnia-Herzegovina, etc.: in total 35 countries.

Britain is the only OECD (western developed) country which discriminates against some of its contributory pensioners in this way.

A TYPICAL EXAMPLE:

FROZEN COUNTRY RESIDENT

(e.g. Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Thailand etc.):

First pension received in 1974:	£10.00/week.
1999 pension payment:	£10.00/week.
Total pension benefit paid over 25 years:	£14,020.00.

NON-FROZEN COUNTRY RESIDENT

(e.g. U.K., U.S. or E.U. member states etc.):

First pension received 1974:	£10.00/week.
1999 pension payment:	£66.75/week.
Total pension benefit paid over 25 years:	£53,812.00

BENEFIT ADVANTAGE

to Non-Frozen vs. Frozen Country Resident over a 25 Year period	£40,000.00+
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Put another way, in 1999 this frozen pensioner had been cheated out of more than £40,000.00 by successive British Governments!

This long-term State sponsored discrimination is clearly iniquitous, and resulted in the formation of "The World Alliance of British Expatriate Pensioners". This is a coordinated group of organizations of British Expatriates, which draws its expanding membership from present and future 'frozen' pensioners in major Commonwealth countries and more than twenty-five other countries around the world, where UK state pensions are also 'frozen'.

Their single focus is on the ending of benefit discrimination.

The World Alliance has no administrative facilities or staff. Its value relies on excellent coordination and communication between designated individuals from each country. The Canadian Alliance is the largest organization with an increasingly strongly supportive membership base, and if you are interested in this issue, I would urge you to visit their website at:

www.britishpensions.com to learn more.

Best regards

Terry Adams (A45)

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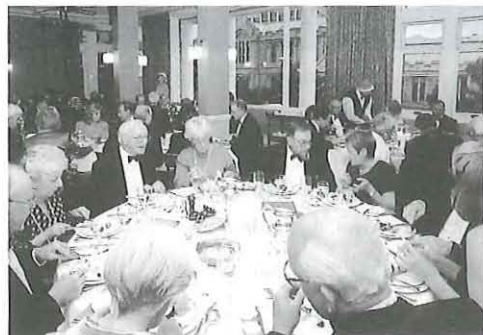
The name Athenaeum was chosen to illustrate their commitment to excellence which Athena, Goddess of the Arts was considered to represent.

Times have changed a little since then, however the club still provides the same homely atmosphere that its originators planned for, excellence in fine food and wine, a range of sporting and social activities and an opportunity to enjoy stimulating company, introduce guests and to relax in the ambience of beautifully preserved and cared for premises.

Please do take advantage of the reciprocal agreement we have with the British Club and use our facilities whenever you are in the area.



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(Can birds go to this club then? - Ed)

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The Club will hold the next Open Weekend on 6/7 October. Anyone who is interested may come at that time to sample and perhaps join. The Officer of the Day can sign in prospective members on any other weekend. Just introduce yourselves!

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RUGBY

Yellowbellies Catch BC Offguard

Shall we have a whip-round?, inquired grumpy old Barbarian's Captain, Bruce 'Atilla the QS' Hill. "But why?", probed the gathered throng. "To buy a new knee brace for that miss-kicking malefactor, 'Archer' Bawden", he hissed.

Personally, I think blaming our 19-17 defeat to a bunch of "fat, old, un-fit forty year olds" on Bawden's boot (or his aged knee-strap) is an unjust accusation, even from cantankerous, part-time inquisitor, Judge Dredd. Especially when the gap betwixt desire and aptitude in the rest of the team was clearly evident on several occasions. However, whilst clearly frustrated by his squads' absent ability to turn pressure into points, (and it is alleged, his self-imposed beverage ban), Captain Hill later praised the visiting Kiwis for their precise execution of a well-conceived game-plan, their resilience, and for making the effort to visit us here in Thailand.

With the majority of the play proceeding in the New Zealander's half, BC should have capitalised on their possession and pace advantage. Too many times, though, the ball failed to go to hand, and with the fatigued front five, unable to maintain the necessary work rate, often the speedier back line found themselves isolated and the ball subsequently lost at the breakdown.

Still, the traffic was not all one-way. Sharp acceleration from pace boy (and scapegoat) Bawden, left the Kiwis static on a number of occasions, twice leading to solo tries for our fleet foot fly half. BC's third try resulted from an atypically secure handling effort from the backs, sending an unnamed Khun Thai rocketing past the comparatively pedestrian antipodean defence.

Unfortunately, the heavy-weight Hamiltons, bolstered by the addition of several, yet-to-be punished turn-coats, responded to each and every score with a try of their own. And they managed to kick one conversion more



Captain Rusty Chalon leaps for the ball

than BC.

Perhaps the curious "Tin Bin" rule, where any score or display of uncommon skill resulted in the offender having to sup a can of ale before returning to the field, subdued BC's

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RUGBY CONTINUED



Jon Pritchard confers honorary life membership on Vincent Swift.

normally flair flaunting fellows. Perhaps. In BC Rugby's truest tradition, the teams joined together to round off the evening with a sumptuous curry supper in Lords restaurant, and there was, of course, speeches, presentations and shirt swapping.

BLOOD RUNS FREELY AT TOSHIBA

Sunday, 1 July offered the chance to a few weary Lions revellers to sweat off the previous night's intake in the form of a pre-season "friendly" against the Bangkok Japanese. Despite the somewhat misleading and highly colourful description of the route to Toshiba's sports ground, provided by Yoshi-san, BC managed to field a strong squad most of whom had prepared themselves by watching Pearl Harbour the week before, and were ready for an early attack.

Fortunately, it was never to arrive. The Japanese were markedly less ferocious than usual and even the remarkable Hiro could not penetrate the stalwart BC defence. BC capitalised on its clear weight advantage in the pack, even taking a number of scrums against the head, with inevitable points resulting. Despite the presence of our own Riverdance ruffian, 'orrible 'ollings, the game progressed with courtesy and good humour, BC putting up an outstanding performance, concluding with a 7 to 1 try win.



Captain Rusty confirms Jon Pritchard as a 'lifer' overlooked by an overly content Bruce

So what's all this about claret, clashes and claudication? Well, Atilla would have been proud! A feign to the left, a shimmy to the right, and a 200lbs brow butt cleaving our captain's cranium.

"I thought you said this was a friendly", I hear you cry. But no, 'twas not the BKKJ causing actual bodily harm. After ably avoiding the action all day, Andy the Ambler, normally adverse to aggression, resolves to rush into the wrestle, without first determining the direction of his detour. Now, with enough forehead foliage to provide for nesting necromancers, one might think the blow would be adequately attenuated. Nah! Four stitches and a fortnight of explaining uneven eye-shadow resulted.

You see, rugby can be a tough game, especially when your own team-mates nut ya!

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Less than 18 hours after the fabulous British Lions were robbed of the series down-under, the BC lined up against our own antipodean nemesis, the Bangkok Southerners. Despite having spent the best part of the previous evening in joint revelry, simply enjoying the quality of the rugby displayed in the Test match, there was to be no quarter given nor expected in the final game of the pre-season "friendly" series.

Held at the Port Authority "stadium", where the earth had been baked iron hard, it was clearly an uninviting prospect as many of the regular Pinkies failed to show. So in the usual co-operative spirit, a few players were purloined off the opposition's squad and the game got underway. The marble-hard ground soon proved advantageous to the Southerners, as many of the BC's normally hard hitting defenders failed to make their usual impact, holding off, preferring to try to stay on their feet in the tackles, giving away just enough margin for the slippery southerners to slide through.

Although BC dominated the set forward plays, the southerners took advantage of their rapidity around the park, getting in early at the breakdown, retaining and recycling the ball, and releasing out to the back line. Inevitably possession led to points, the game concluding with a convincing win for the Southern boys.

Skrybe



Chairman Jon, ably assisted by blonde beauties - Jenny and Jane, unveils the Trophy cabinet.

Letters

(From Major Michael Roycroft, H.M. British Army)

Dear Bruce,

I wanted to thank you for all the help you gave us before, during and after our match in Bangkok. Both sides appeared to enjoy themselves, despite the pitch and the downpour. Your hospitality back at the club was superb. I expect that you take for granted the excellent standard of service and the wonderful food that you provided but for us it was outstanding. Altogether you and the others from the club put together a package that ensured that the tour ended on a highpoint. I ended up herding some of our more alcoholically challenged brethren round the city and unfortunately did not get to meet up with you after we left the Club and was neither able to thank you in person for your help nor to experience the "downtown hospitality" that the boys were still talking about all the way home. But I really appreciated all that you did for us.

Thanks again,

Mike

EDITOR'S NOTE: APOLOGIES TO ALL RUGBY FANS THAT THIS ARTICLE WAS NOT IN LAST MONTH'S OUTPOST. OK, SO THE PHOTOGRAPHS DON'T RELATE TO THIS, BUT, WHAT THE HECK, THEY CERTAINLY BRIGHTEN UP THE PAGE!

PINK AND BLACK BALL

The upcoming MAIN social event of the Rugby Section calendar. The Annual Pink and Black ball will be held on 13 October. This is a truly excellent event, last year's attendance topped 350 and was regarded by many as the best gathering of the year.

TO BE HELD AT THE GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL.

For bookings, please contact
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INTERESTED?

Here's the way it works; After a quick lesson on the operation of the Sony underwater camera, the associated underwater housing and some basic video techniques we begin the first dive of this two-dive experience. During the dive you are the "producer and director" of the dive. Naturally I am always happy to assist to make the best of the limited time we have underwater.

Once the first dive is completed we will enjoy a hot lunch on the boat and review and analyze the results of the shooting. The techniques learned on the first dive (and the

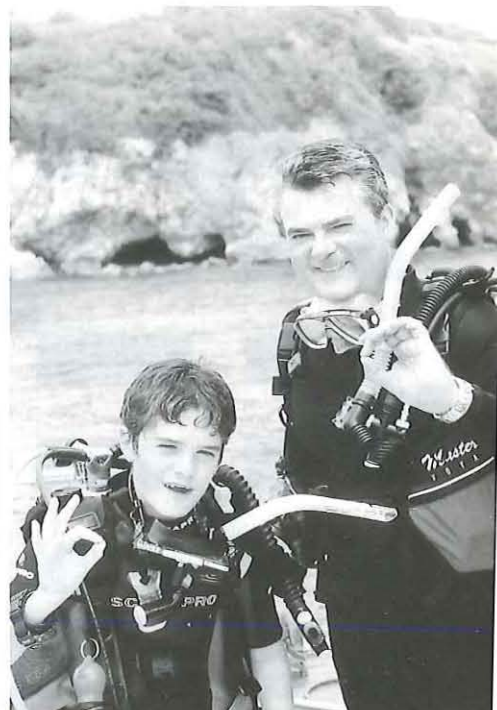
subsequent analysis) will be used to improve the results of the second dive.

Of course the video is yours to keep to enjoy for years to come. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and contact me to schedule your first underwater video experience.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

Paul Carty and his 12 year-old son James completed their PADI Open Water Diver Course on 16 August 2001. The initial confined water training dives took place in the pool at the British Club on the weekend before and the four open water training dives were conducted near the islands off the coast of Chonburi. Paul brought his 9 year-old son Oscar along for a bit of snorkeling while dad and James enjoyed the dive training. The photos show the happy faces of two new British Club certified divers.

I will be happy to talk to you about scheduling a diving course tailored to your interests and schedule. Please contact me for diving schedules including the Open Water Course for those wanting to begin enjoying the beautiful underwater world and the

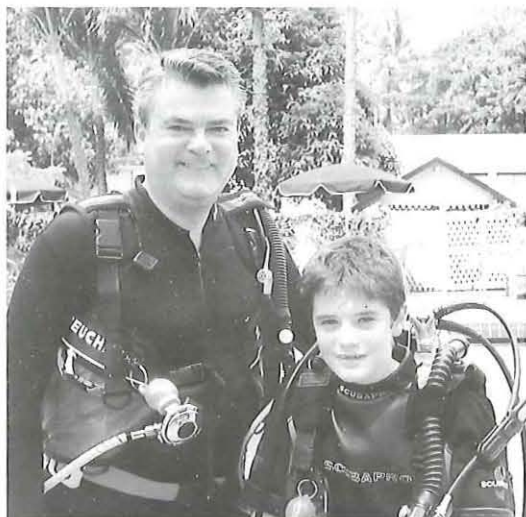


James and Paul Carty near Koh Nok

Advanced Open Water course for certified Open Water divers.

I can be contacted at 038-225-364 or by e-mail at don@ddjohnson.com.

Yours in diving,
Don Johnson



Paul and James Carty training at the Club

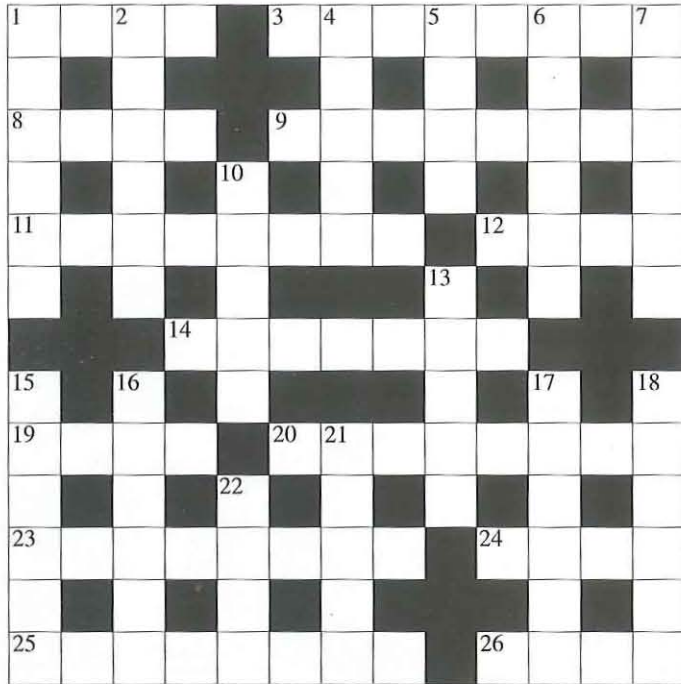


Don, James, Paul and snorkeler Oscar, near Koh Nok

CROSSWORD

A Bit of General Knowledge

Sink your teeth into this one then....



Compiled by Margaret Miller

ACROSS

- 1 ____ Bull or Elton ____.
- 3 She led a revolt against the Romans in Britain.
- 8 His pen name was 'Elia'.
- 9 Surf it World-wide.
- 11 In book and film he was the "Ugly ____".
- 12 Kept by an apiarist.
- 14 A taste of Italy.
- 19 A girl who was once worth money in India.
- 20 The "Merry Widow" was one.
- 23 Austere round the North, maybe, but it is sweet!
- 24 Curdle it - idiot!
- 25 Battle Station in London.
- 26 Before - prefix.

DOWN

- 1 Great Caesar introduced this calendar.
- 2 It divides Yorkshire from Lincs.
- 4 This was "All" to the Ancient Romans!
- 5 What Queen Victoria did in 1901.
- 6 Horses' gait between trot and gallop.
- 7 Degas was a French one.
- 10 One of those in Sheridan's play.
- 13 Star of the silent movie days- ____ Bow.
- 15 A popular piano solo - "The ____ Concerto".
- 16 "The rain falls also on the ____". (Lord Bowen)
- 17 Uncle Joe of the old Soviet Union.
- 18 Conductor Sir Simon ____.
- 21 Popular term for festive season entertainment in Britain.
- 22 "Exit- pursued by a ____" (Shakespearean stage direction)

SEPTEMBER'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION



BC CENTENARY - APRIL 2003

Staff Tales

Here is the first in a series of BC Centenary articles... Let us introduce Girl 1, Boy 1 and Girl 2, collectively they have worked at the British Club Bangkok for 150 years and Yes, they have some stories to tell!

IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

"Sawadee Khah: My name is Arpha: I was born in Thonburi, Bangkok.



Khun Arpha

I left school when I was 17 and my first job was with the British Club on 650Bht per month. I was told about the Club by the supervisor Khun Saman but Mrs Mada also interviewed me. My first day of work was difficult but 30 years ago most members spoke Thai as the Club provided Thai lessons for members with a Thai teacher. There used to be a Klong along the wall on the back lawn filled with

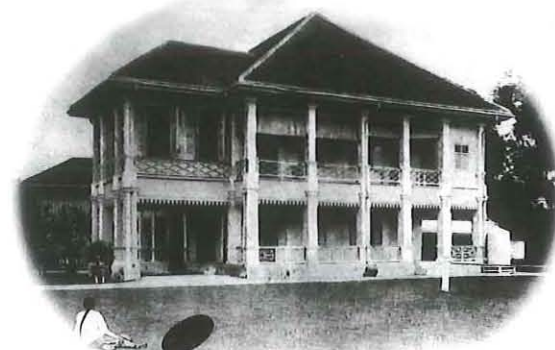
fish. But it smelt dreadfully and when there was a lot of rain the bar would be flooded up to your knees - sometimes the staff would use the water to wash the bar.

"My name is Penkhae: I was born in the North East of Thailand in a village called Yasothon on the 1 November 1941. I was told of a job opportunity by the British Club gardener and was interviewed by the only woman Club Manager, Mrs Mada. My first job was as a waitress at the poolside, I also cleaned the pool because they had no one else available. I would clean the pool until 11.00am then change my uniform and serve tables until 8.00pm. Mrs Mada told all the staff, we had to treat members politely and the Chairman, Mr Somerfield ensured all his staff were treated kindly and when there was a coup on the 14th October he told us all to go home because there were buses available. The swimming pool used to have a very high diving board and the Club had some very beautiful diving competitions with Members, but later it was removed after accidents with children. originally the tennis courts were laid with real grass, when the surface was changed - they were officially opened by Bjorn Borg. When I was moved into Lords Restaurant I took care of a lot of celebrities such as Benny Hill, Margaret Thatcher and the Duke of York. I also worked on reception and one day I received a call saying that there was a bomb at the Club. I can remember, the GM wasn't allowed to leave the Club and the Embassy sent soldiers and dogs to check the grounds and they stayed at the Club for 1 week until everything became normal! The first security guards at the Club



Khun Penkhae

were Indians, the Committee decided to change them and get local people from the Khlong Toey district, but they were asked to leave when they started stealing from the members. Saturday mornings were busy at the Club but generally Sundays were very quiet. Many years ago my friends thought I was very lucky working for the British Club and I have always enjoyed working here."



British Club, Bangkok.

"My name is Paitoon: I was born in the North East of Thailand in a town called Khon Kaen. I was told of the opportunities in Bangkok by my brother, who was in the Dusit police force. My first job was with a hotel on the



Khun Paitoon

Chao Phraya River for 3 years before I 'picked the ball' and become a soldier. On my return to Bangkok I worked in a couple of restaurants, one on Sukhumvit, which at that time did not have soi numbers - after Soi 33 you were in the country. I also worked for one of the first Indian restaurants on Silom before joining the British Club at the age of 25 and on a starting salary of 500Bht per month. All staff started as pool cleaners but I quickly moved into the bar where I became Boy 1. I worked with 9 other staff in the Churchill Bar and 8 staff in Lords - but no member ever used our names - just our numbers!"

Sarah Allen

Centenary Committee Member

If anyone has particular ideas or interest in our Centenary activities please contact me on tel 026167813, fax 026187811, email sarahem@ksc.th.com.



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IN BOUND

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ITALIAN FOOD PROMOTION

Buono Appetito!

Another successful food promotion was held in Lords Restaurant over the two evenings of August 30 and 31. Khun Boonlert and his team of chefs certainly did justice to the Italian cuisine.

Those who attended were treated to a whole array of delicious food, starting with superb homemade soups (Gazpacho and Minestra Di Ceci), with anti pasta which included melanzine alla mozzarella, crostini alle olive, prosciutto e melone and insalata verdi to name but a few. The carvery consisted of pork with rosemary and braised beef in barolo wine.

Then on to the sumptuous buffet spread to eat your fill, choosing from butter beans and broccoli on fennel in a rich creamy cheese sauce, baked eggplant, stewed artichoke with potato, trout with cream sauce, seafood kebabs, lamb chop in herb sauce, braised chicken, canelloni, lasagne and gnocchi.

With the Italian reputation for dessert, who could resist trying the tiramasu, the torta gionfranco or the crosata di mascapone? Cappucino or espresso coffee completed this gastronomic experience, which seemed to be extremely enjoyable to all who attended.

Special thanks go to the *Italian Embassy* and to *Alitalia* who generously supplied

decorations in order to help complete the authenticity of the evening.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all the staff who worked to make this event the success it was and, of course, many thanks to the 67 Members who supported this promotion.

You don't have long to wait. Our next food promotion is *Spanish* and will be held on **October 4 and 5** (and not on September 28 as previously advertised).

Barry Osborne

See over for pics ➡



BC MEMBERS' MOVEMENTS

HELLOS & GOODBYES

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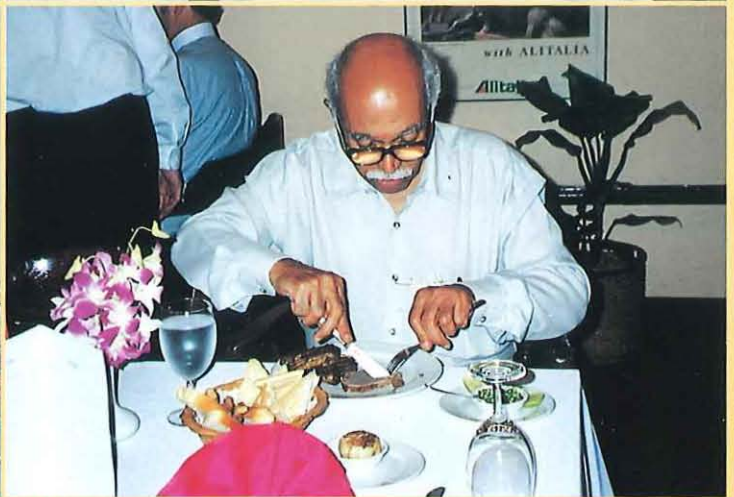
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ITALIAN FOOD PROMOTION CONTINUED



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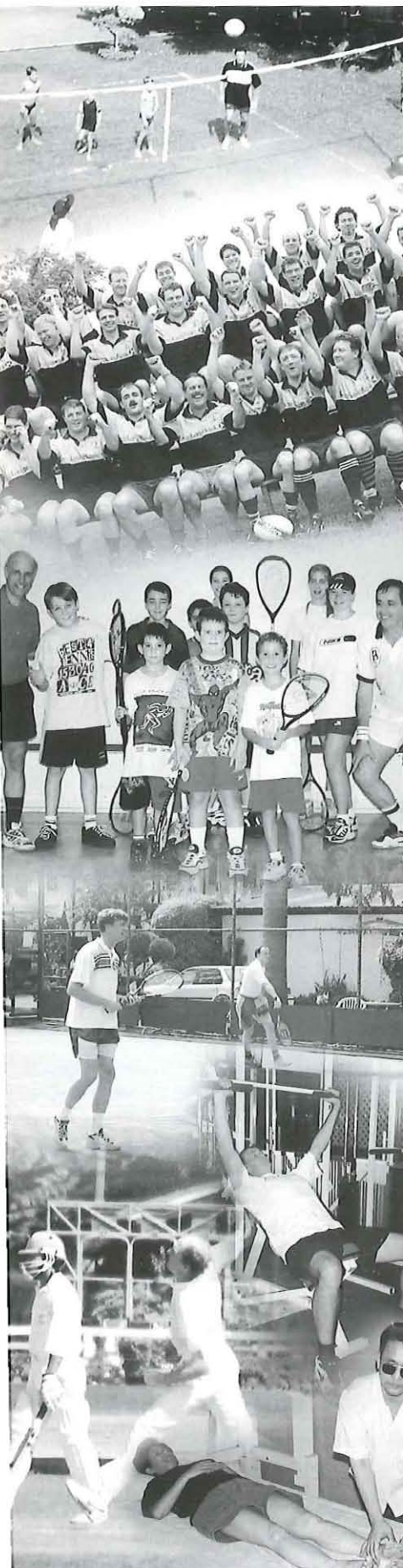
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CALENDAR

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - October 2001



7 am - 1 pm
11 am - 1 pm
2 pm - 4 pm
3 - 6 pm
4.30 pm
5 - 8 pm
10 - 11 pm

Tennis Team Practice
Badminton - Soi Nares
Children's Activities
Tennis Mix-in
Yoga
Happy Hour
Happy Hour II

8.00 am
5 - 8 pm
7 - 9 pm
10 - 11 pm

BWG Mahjong
Happy Hour
Tennis Team Practice
Happy Hour II

7.00 am
8 - 10 am
10.30 am
11.30 am
2 - 7 pm
5 - 8 pm
7 - 9 pm
8 - 11 pm
9 pm
10 - 11 pm

Ladies Golf
Ladies Tennis
Aqua Aerobics
Yoga
BC Swimming Instruction
Happy Hour
Football Training
Friendly Bridge
Gentlemen's Spoof
Happy Hour II

9.30 am
5 - 8 pm
6 - 9 pm
6.30 pm
7.00 pm
8.30 pm
10 - 11 pm

Aerobics
Happy Hour
Tennis Mix-in
Cricket Nets
Darts
Accumulator
Happy Hour II

8 - 10 am
10.30 am
5 - 8 pm
6 - 9 pm
7 - 9 pm
9 - 10 pm
10 - 11 pm

Ladies Tennis
Aqua Aerobics
Happy Hour
Squash Mix-in
Rugby Training
Hockey Training
Happy Hour II

9.00 am
3.30 - 6 pm
5.10 pm
5.30 pm
5 - 8 pm
6 - 7 pm
6.30 - 9 pm
10 - 11 pm

ANZWG Mahjong
BC Tennis Coaching for Children
Tennis Mix-in
Swimming - Junior
Squad Training
Happy Hour
Adult Tennis
Poolside BBQ
Happy Hour II

9 am - 12 noon
9 am - 1.30 pm
5 - 8 pm
10 - 11 pm

Squash Coaching
BC Swimming Instruction
Happy Hour
Happy Hour II

MAKE A NOTE!

Thurs 4, Fri 5 October Spanish Food Promotion

Wednesday 17 October Australian Networking Night

Saturday 27 October Commonwealth BBQ

Sunday 28 October Children's Halloween Party

Wednesday 31 October Loy Kratong

Every Friday Night Movies for the kids!

Every Sunday Family Fun Day

Every Wednesday Night Accumulator

See page 7 for full details.

Sports - Contacts

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Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	0 2654 0002-29
Bridge	Winlock Hsu/ Charlene Wang	0 2921 6015
Cricket	Nick White	0 2246 0832
Darts	Fitness Centre	0 2234 0247
Football	Martin Conisbee	0 2366 0432
Golf	Karen Carter	0 2285 6169
Rugby	Jon Prichard	0 2662 6376
Scuba Diving	Don Johnson	038 225 364
Snooker	Khun Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	George Dunford	0 2635 2346
Tennis	Anton Bontje	0 2211 9550

Loyal Societies

St George's	Terry Adams	01 639 3856
St Andrew's	Jim Napier	0 2617 9620
St Patrick's	Jerome Kelly	0 2682 7526
St David's	Gareth Hughes	01 859 6140

Venues

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

Opening Times

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

WINEMAKER'S DINNER

Lording It Up

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DRINKS ON THE LAWN

On to the evening, which started with drinks on the BC lawn, made more convenient by the prior removal of the new fence. We were then ushered into what was soon to be a "packed to the rafters" Lords (62 people, Baz the turnstile operator reliably informed me). The tone of the evening was set with a welcome and introduction speech from a curiously camera shy Willem, the Club GM (Selected shots will be sent under cover of a plain brown envelope...). A five course dinner, with a chosen wine to accompany each course followed. The wines all hailed from the Odyssey winery, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand - obvious, given the title of the dinner, but you never know - and were introduced at the start of each course by Rebecca Salmond, from Odyssey. As Rebecca was performing to a full house, sans microphone, I guess there might have been a problem hearing in the corners of the room, but most people seemed to get the message, and the introductions went smoothly, prior

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THE FOOD AND WINE

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On to the second; Pumpkin and whisky soup. Delicious actually - I've always been impressed with the BC homemade soups, even though some of them seem to have been formulated at 4am in a bar somewhere (pre police clamp down that is!!). The Reserve Iliad Kumeu Merlot 2000 was a great choice. This is probably the only time I have ever mixed wine and whisky, but then again you get a sheltered upbringing in the Industrial North East....

The mouth-cleansing kiwi fruit and champagne sherbet followed, and then to (my choice) the marinated rack of lamb, accompanied by the usual highly described assortment of vegetables. I went for the previous Merlot again, but there was a Chardonnay choice with the optional Fish and Lobster course.

This heavier wine brought out the excellent flavour of the lamb, cooked just as I like it.

The Reserve Iliad Gisborne Chardonnay was my first "white" of the evening - and combined with the peaches, coconut ice-cream and raspberry caramel sauce, superbly. At this point I started to realise that my stomach contents resembled the active ingredients of a stag-night cocktail, but I, along with everyone else it seemed, felt in a relaxed and expansive mood, amply fuelled by the previous hour and a half or so.

To sum up - a thoroughly enjoyable evening, helped by the refreshing company of the next table, top class service from Barry and the dream team, and excellent food and wine. A big thank you to Tom Westbury (who still managed to play tennis at first light on Saturday morning), the Paris-bound Rebecca Salmond, and everyone else who helped to make it all happen.

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SURIN ELEPHANT ROUND-UP

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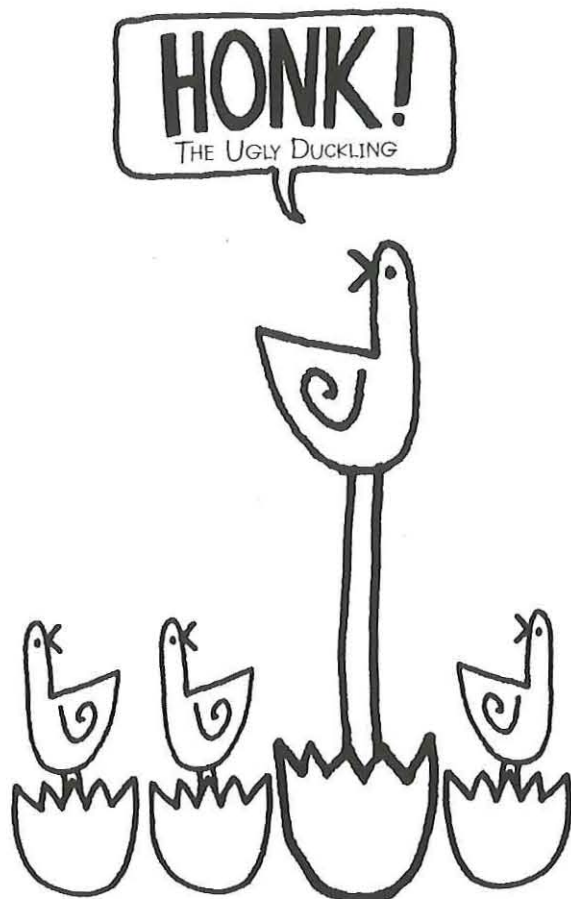
As if you could forget! We will be travelling to the fantastic Surin elephant round-up from Friday November 16 - Sunday November 18. This is one exciting trip that you really should 'do' whilst you are in Thailand. Many of our members have visited several times because they enjoy the entertainment so much!

We will also visit the Khmer temple Prasart Hin Phanon Rung, which is the largest Khmer temple in Thailand and overlooks the Cambodian border.

Make sure that you don't miss this exciting and thrilling adventure!!

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NEW MEMBERS

SIMON AND WILAIWAN GIBSON

Sadly Wilaiwan was not able to attend New Members night, but Simon was able to fill us in on everything in her absence! They have two children Gan, 10 and Rebecca 10 months, their combined occupation is to cause trouble, which they apparently do proficiently!

Simon spends his working time at Price Waterhouse Coopers, where he is also proficient, whilst Wilaiwan is a housewife.

Nothing was listed under sporting hobbies for either of them, however they do enjoy drinking and one of them enjoys complaining about drinking. Simon was the one who filled out the form.....!



ALOYSIUS WEE AND JENNY LEE



Aloysius and Jenny are Malaysian and Aloysius is a banker with Standard Chartered Bank and he likes to swim, play squash and badminton when he's not working.

Back at the ranch, Jenny has 6 year old Jezamine and 4 year old Benjamin to keep her busy. She enjoys tennis and swimming in her spare time.

In the two years that they will spend

in Thailand they intend to pursue their hobby of travelling.

JIE SNIEN MA AND NANCY WONG

British/Hong Kong Jie and Nancy both work for B.R. Jewellery Manufacturer Co., Ltd., he as Assistant General Manager and she in Marketing. They are committed Thai residents, having been here for fifteen years already and expecting to spend the rest of their lives here!

They both like bowling and swimming and Jie is a snooker player. Their two children are eight and six years old and are both students.



CHARLIE AND DAVID ROBERTS



Brits, Charlie and David arrived a couple of months ago and intend to stay for around two years.

They are keen swimmers and Charlie loves cooking and playing tennis.

Their children are now grown up and working.

CHARLES JACKSON AND JOANNE ENNIS

Charles and Joanne (not present at New Members night) are both American and are 1 1/2 years into a '5 years or better posting'. Their children are 'all grown up' and working in the USA.

They enjoy working with the Bangkok Community Theatre and also play cards and darts in their spare time.

Both are keen swimmers. Charles also enjoys racquetball and says that he is looking forward to 'converting' to squash! Charles is Managing Director at C & C Global Co., Ltd.



TOM & LIZ MACKAY

Unfortunately Liz was unable to be present at New Members night, so Tom had to do all the 'filling in'. Implementation manager with Orange PCS, Tom (one New Members night) had been in Bangkok for the grand total of 2 days out of his 12 month stint here.

Tom and Liz are British but have lived everywhere (almost) listing Botswana, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Maldives, Ascension Island, UAE and Qatar as their other postings.

'Non-specific' was listed under hobbies for Tom, except for golf. Liz, a little more forthcoming enjoys tennis, golf and Bridge.



JOHN BLEHO AND CHERIE HART

Canadian John and American Cherie are here with their children Casey (10) and Kaela (8), who are both students at NIST.

John is General Manager of Thailand Tatler (oh, I think I've heard of that!) and Cherie is Regional Press Co-ordinator for UNDP. That sounds like more than enough to keep them extremely busy, but in addition they are both into sport in a big way. John likes running, tennis, swimming, squash, racquetball, cycling, soccer (lousy), hockey (rusty) walking, hiking, coaching soccer, reading, travelling, helping charities and then some....Cherie is into tennis, swimming, cycling, walking, hiking reading and travelling.



RICHARD AND CATHY OLIVER

Richard wanted to know why a Dutchman is running the British Club?

British Richard is here in Thailand to run a Dutch Airline.....hang on a minute!!

On to less contentious issues. When she can fit it in, Cathy is getting back into netball. She says, having forgotten most of the rules, she now enjoys it! Meanwhile, Richard plays football and golf well and will be receiving a phone call very soon from the captain of the BC football team!

Richard and Cathy believe in enjoying life to the full. They, together with their 4 children Michael (10), Charlotte (8), Matthew (4 1/2) and Megan (11/2) have lived in The Netherlands and Scandinavia and are now looking forward to sampling the delights of SE Asia!

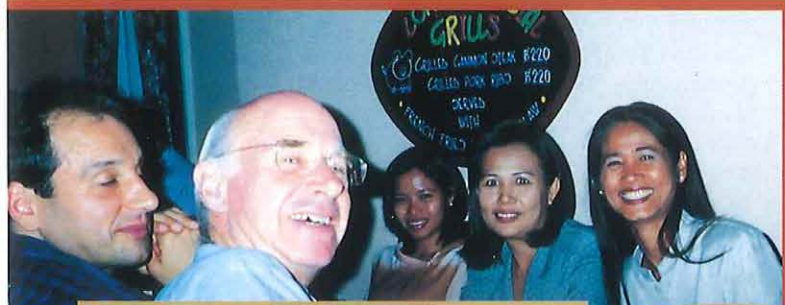


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ZOOMING IN

Wine Maker's Dinner

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