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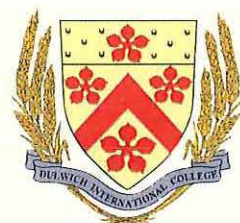
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## GM'S BRIEF

**Dear Members,**

The Club has been back in full swing since September and all our special events have been well attended. Our activities programme won't slow down over the coming months either, as we have a number of exciting events already lined up for you, from special Wine Dinners for the grown-ups to Sports Camps for the youngsters, and the elephant round-up in Surin for the whole family... And so much more. Take a look at *What's On* on page 10 and the Sports Update on page 6, and remember to book early. For those with access to Internet, take a look at the Club's website where all our activities are listed and updated on a regular basis ([www.britishclubbangkok.org](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org)). If you have any suggestions or comments regarding this website, don't hesitate to let me know.

**CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

The time has come to renovate the toilets in the main Clubhouse! Renovation work will start in the middle of this month and will take approximately 8 weeks. This renovation may cause some inconvenience to Members who are using the Clubhouse for dining or functions and I would like to apologise now for any nuisance caused.

Also in October we will be carrying out work to the children's changing rooms at the children's pool. The new location will be at the rear of the Silom Sala and they will be air-conditioned. The massage room will move back to the entrance of Squash Court 3 and sound-proofing will be installed between the wall of the Squash Court and the massage room in order to minimise noise. This project will last for approximately three weeks.

**RECIPROCAL CLUBS**

We are extending our reciprocal club network almost every month. Recently we signed a reciprocal arrangement with the Wellesley Club in Wellington, New Zealand and the Capital Club in Beijing, PRC.

If you have any suggestions or recommendations for reciprocal clubs in the region or other places, please come and talk to me. We will then contact these clubs directly and, subject to Committee approval, will be able to further expand our reciprocal club network for the benefit of all Members.

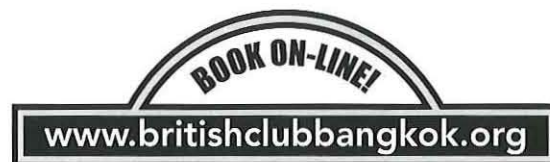
**CHRISTMAS**

The festive season will soon be upon us! An important date to mark in your diary is the British Club Christmas Ball held, as usual, on the back lawn under the stars. The date is Saturday, 14th December and please remember to book your table early. Plenty of other Christmas festivities too for young and old - just refer to this issue of *Outpost* or our website.

Hoping to see you soon at the Club.

Yours sincerely,

**Willem T. P. Pentermann**  
General Manager

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## CHARITY EVENT

# Spending is fun - at the Ploenchit Fair

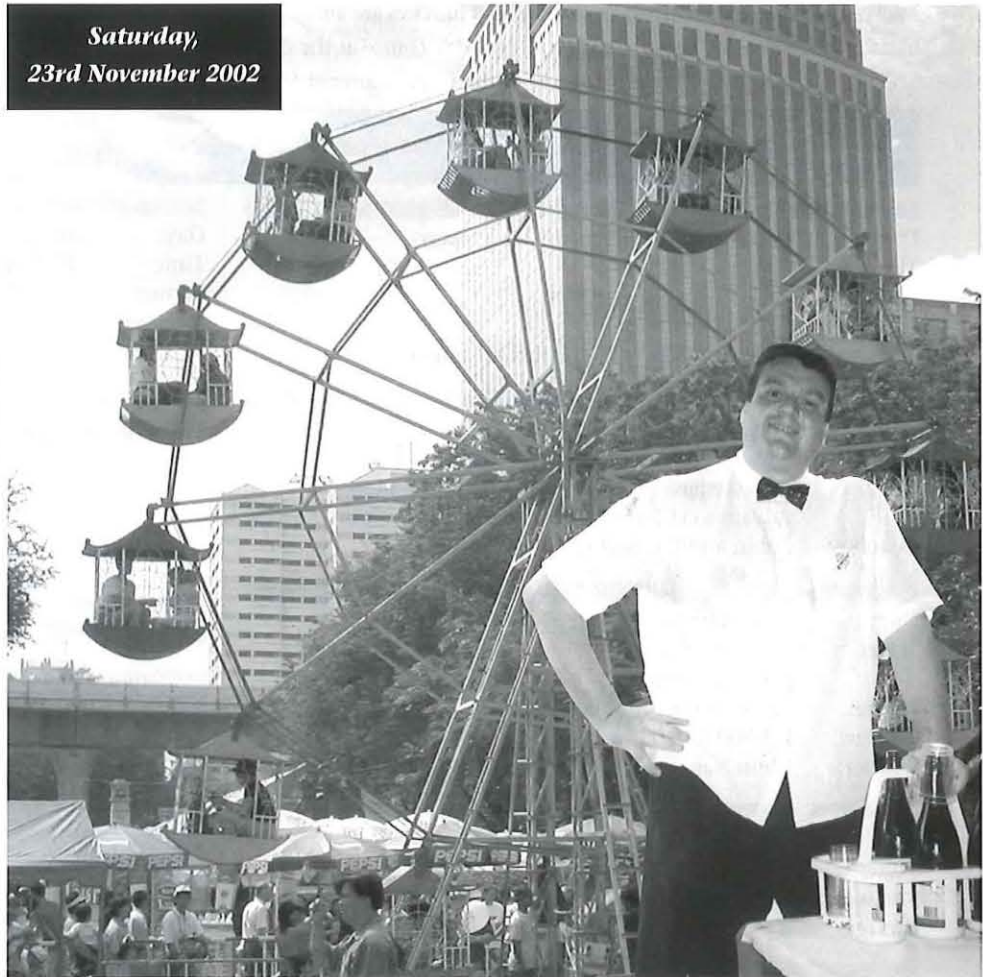
**T**he British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN) is happy to announce that Royal permission has been obtained to hold its annual fund raising event, The Ploenchit Fair, on Saturday 23 November from 10.00am til 10.00pm at Royal Plaza.

Moving from its traditional site in the British Embassy gardens last year, after over four decades and due to security considerations, the Fair enjoyed tremendous success in its new home and this year's preparations are well underway to expand the Fair - this now being possible in our new venue. Major sponsors are joining us this year; UBC will be with us and offering television coverage, as well as the usual press and radio advertising.

## ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

Ploenchit Fair is a family fun day out for all and has become a highlight in the Bangkok calendar. The British community and friends create a typical British Fairground with fun and games for all ages. There will be a Ferris Wheel, Rocket ship, Climbing Wall and Shooting Gallery amongst the attractions for older kids, Father Christmas, Typhoon Balloon, Jumping Castle and Children's Corner for the little ones - traditional Coconut Shy, Darts and Hoopla for all the family - along with fabulous Bingo and many games of chance with fantastic prizes to be won. There are oodles of shopping bargains, over 40 outlets from handicrafts to British High Street stores, second-hand books and a White Elephant stall and our International foods, traditional fish and chips, popcorn, candy floss and hot-dogs will keep you going all day. Live entertainment begins at noon and takes us through until 10.00 p.m. - relax and enjoy yourselves at our British beer bars and Wine and Champagne stall whilst all the family visit the Fair - or just spend the day

*Saturday,  
23rd November 2002*



being entertained, getting your Christmas goodies and hopefully winning one of the hundreds of prizes on offer - or you can get yourself a free medical check - you'll need your health to survive the day!!

## GRAND RAFFLE

The British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT) will, as usual, kick-off the warm-up to the Fair with the distribution of our Grand Raffle tickets in October, which will include airline tickets to UK and elsewhere in Asia along with many major prizes. Over 150 companies will be joining us; more than 2,000 volunteers will donate their time in this combined effort to say thank you to Thailand and support charities throughout the country. All revenues raised are

distributed and carefully monitored by the BCTFN to over 40 projects annually, so be assured that every penny spent at Ploenchit Fair will go to the needy.

## JOIN US, IT'S EASY!

This year will see more detailed maps and parking arrangements and we will be offering a free bus service to Royal Plaza from the Phya Thai skytrain station. More information can be obtained from the BCTFN offices, Tel: 02 204 1587, Email: bctfn@loxinfo.co.th. Any company wishing to join or assist in the donation of goods, services or promotional materials, please contact me at the above.

**Carolyn Tarrant, MBE**  
**President (BCTFN)**



## SPORTS UPDATE

# Fitness for all

## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS CAMPS

21,22, 24 &amp; 25 October • 16,18, 19 &amp; 20 December

These 4-day camps in October and December include a number of energetic and interesting activities, including tennis, squash, swimming, cricket, soccer, games and videos. Snacks and lunches are also provided. From 9.00am-4.30pm each day. Members can opt to pay on a daily basis at B 800 per day or pay in full for the 4-day course at the discounted price of B 3,000.

See page 7 for a happy reminder of one of the Club's Summer Sports Camps. The kids loved it!

The following sports sessions for juniors and adults started in September. However, it is still possible for members to join in these classes. Contact the Fitness Centre for more information.

## JUNIOR CRICKET

**Day:** Fridays (course started 13 September)  
**Time:** 4.30pm – 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Back Lawn – Cricket Nets  
**Charge:** B 3,000 for 10 lessons  
**Trainer:** Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach

## JUNIOR TENNIS

**Day:** Fridays (course started 6 September) 10 week session  
**Time/Cost:** Beginners (5-8 yrs) 3.30pm – 4.00pm B 3,000  
 Intermediate (9-11 yrs) 4.00pm – 5.00pm B 4,000  
 Advanced (12-16) 5.00pm – 6.00pm B 5,000  
**Coaches:** Zubin and Piyanart Engineer

## JUNIOR SQUASH

**Day:** Fridays (course started 6 September)  
**Time:** 4.30pm – 5.15pm Mini Squash (5-7 yrs)  
 5.15pm – 6.00pm Junior Squash (8-10 yrs)  
**Venue:** Squash Court Number 3  
**Charge:** B 1,900 for 10 lessons  
**Trainer:** Khun Narongrit, Professional Level 1 Trainer

## TAEKWONDO

**Day:** Sundays (course started 8 September)  
**Time:** 10.30am – 12.00 noon  
**Venue:** Squash Court Number 3  
**Charge:** B 1,800 for 10 lessons

## JUNIOR SWIMMING

## WITH THE BANGKOK DOLPHINS

## TUESDAY CLASSES

Category	Age	Time
Toddlers	18-24 months	2.00pm – 2.30pm
Non-swimmers	24 months up	2.30pm – 3.00pm
Introducing Strokes	4-5 years	3.00pm – 3.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5-6 years	3.30pm – 4.00pm
Stroke Improvement	6-8 years	4.00pm – 4.30pm
Stroke Correction	6-8 years	4.30pm – 5.00pm
Mini Squads	8 years up	5.00pm – 5.30pm

## SATURDAY CLASSES

Category	Age	Time
Parent & Baby	6-18 months	9.00am – 9.30am
	18-24 months	9.30am – 10.00am
	24-36 months	10.00am – 10.30am
Toddler	24 months up	10.30am – 11.00am
Beginners	4-5 years	11.00am – 11.30am
Introducing Strokes 1	4-5 years	11.30am – 12.00pm
Introducing Strokes 2	4-5 years	12.00pm – 12.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5-6 years	12.30pm – 1.00pm
Stroke Correction	6-8 years	1.00pm – 1.30pm

B 3,000 for 10 lessons

Contact the Fitness Centre for details.

## AQUA AEROBICS

**Day:** Tuesdays (course started 17 September)  
**Time:** 10.30am – 11.30am  
**Venue:** Main Pool  
**Charge:** B 2,500 for 10 lessons.  
**Trainer:** Els van den Broecke

## OTHER CLASSES

Taekwondo, yoga and aerobic classes are still active. Check the Calendar on page 17 for times or call the Fitness Centre.

## NEW TENNIS COACH

The coaching services of Mr. Brett Seagrott are now available to our adult Club members. Brett is an accredited level 3 coach, whose qualifications equal the highest coaching level worldwide, that of National/International coach. With 19 years coaching experience, Brett has an impressive list of accomplishments:

- Lecturer/examiner for professional coach development and accreditation programmes worldwide
- I.T.F. Men's squad coach (Junior/Senior World Tours)
- Coach to world ranked players
- Coach to state/national players, in the high performance section of Australia's National Development programme
- Coach to Elite training squads (N.S.W.H.T.A.)
- Coach to Talent squads (N.S.W.T.A.)
- Coach to numerous top 20 world ranked junior players
- Coach to Junior champions/Runners up at French Open, Australian Open, Wimbledon, Italian Open
- National Coach for Thai Tennis Teams (12th Asian Games)
- 1993/1994 Coach of the Year, New South Wales, Australia.
- Invited member of the board of management, N.S.W.T.P.A.

Brett is available to assist players from intermediate levels and above at a fee of Bt 1,200. Kindly contact him directly on 01 310 2477 for bookings or further information.



**Coach Brett Seagrott**  
01 310 2477



## CHILDREN'S SPORTS CAMP

# Carry on camping

**E**xhausted, but with the help of "Kids Care" we managed to run no less than six sports camps, each 4 days long with a whole host of activities to keep the kids amused. Tennis, squash, cricket, swimming and so much more... Take a look at these photos to see how much the youngsters enjoyed themselves.

Sign up **NOW** for the Sports Camp this month on 21, 22, 24 and 25 October.



Khun Amnat from the Fitness Centre, Thomas from Kids Care and budding young tennis stars.



Snack times were especially good fun!



"That's right, bend the knees!"



Khun Ruengrit with junior squashes.



Pooling around.



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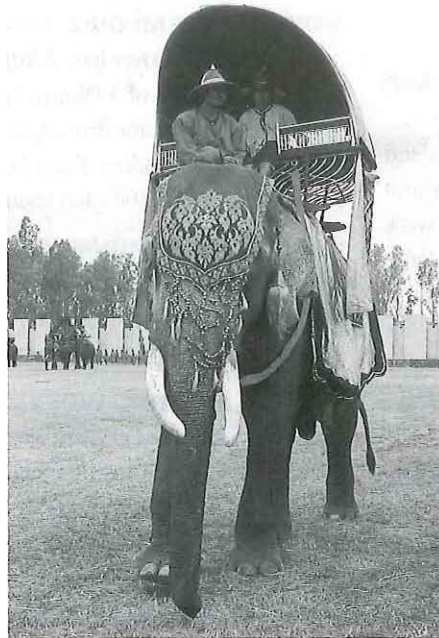
# All aboard for Surin

**T**he yearly pilgrimage by train to Surin to see hundreds of elephants majestically parading about is simply a sight too magical to miss. The sheer number of beautifully bedecked pachyderms is what makes this show so different from all others in the region, and the programme of additional ceremonies - stunts, dances and realistic battle scenes - all helps to make this trip a clear favourite with Club members.

The British Club trip includes travel by train to Surin (2nd class, by far the most interesting way to travel on track), breakfast, lunch and dinner, transport by coach and entrance to the Elephant Show. Also included is a trip to Wat Phanon Rung, a stunning Khmer temple and the largest in Thailand. For enthusiasts of ancient structures, this is one of the finest examples of Khmer architecture and reliefs outside of Angkor Wat and is well worth the walk up 40 or so steps to see it.

Cost: B 4,950 for adults, B 3,950 for children below the age of 12, and B 2,000 for children below the age of 3.

15-17th November 2002



## TELL US ABOUT IT!

*Outpost* invites anyone wishing to contribute an article, short or long, about their experiences at this year's elephant round-up in Surin, to do just that and we will be delighted to put it in print. Kids can take part too by sending in their drawings or short stories. Remember everyone, take your cameras and plenty of film, and send your Surin photos to me at *Outpost*.

Email: <creativ@loxinfo.co.th> or leave them in the *Outpost* pigeonhole at the Club. Have a great trip and I look forward to hearing from you soon... Liz, Ed.

# Creole-style Food Promotion

**Hot & tasty from the South...  
...And, no, we're not talking Yala Province here,  
but the Deep South. Of America.**

Guest Chef Miguel Kenning III brought his own style and Creole creativity to the Club's Dining Room last August, providing some mouth-wateringly good Cajun cuisine which proved a big hit with members and guests.

Shrimp smothered in Cajun spices, Blackened Salmon, Duck and Andouille Gumbo... Mmmm, soul food providing more than a little southern comfort!

Special thanks to the various sponsors involved in the week-long visit of Chef Miguel to Bangkok:

Carlsberg, Coca Cola, Narai Hotel, and Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit.



## This month...

**Cuban culinary  
revolution!**

See page 10 for details





## WHAT'S ON

# Good to be a Member, from now until December ...!

## OCTOBER

### ART ATTACK!

**1.30 till 3pm every Saturday**

Projects this term include making gifts and decorations for Christmas, painting and paper maché! Cost of B 5,000 is for a 10 week course (commenced 21st September). Drop in fee B 650. Suitable for Year 4 to Year 9. Sign up at reception now to reserve your child's place, or call Miss Vanessa at the Higgledy Piggledy House on 02 286 2015 (09162 3107) to find out more!

### NEW ZEALAND WINE DINNER

**Wednesday 9 October**

**7.00pm in Lord's Dining Room**

The British Club and Prestige Wines proudly present an evening of spectacular wining and dining. Robin Mundy, General Manager from the St. Helena Estate in New Zealand will be on hand to guide you through the wines accompanying your meal. See page 22 for more details.

### WINE TASTING

**Friday 11 October, 7.00pm**

A choice selection of wines from New Zealand sponsored by Prestige Wines Co. Ltd. The Wordsworth Lounge is the venue where a complimentary Cocktail Buffet will be available to accompany the wines.

### THE 2002 PINK & BLACK BALL

**Saturday 12 October**

**at The Grand Hyatt Erawan**

All sports, all nationalities, all organisations welcome! The BC's Rugby Section promises more bang for your baht with beer all night, 5 bottles of wine per table, a first class feed, top notch Radio DJ, table prizes, grand lucky draw, and the Chairman's famous drivell - in fact everything you could possibly need for the best night out this year.

Tickets: Andy Talling <andy.talling@hanson-pacific.com> tel: 01 843 8454 or Ben Knowles <benknowles1@hotmail.com> tel: 01 878 9358.

### BAR QUIZ

**Friday 18 October, 7.30pm**

Less of a Bar, more of a Dining Room Quiz! Join us in Lord's for another popular evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain. Maximum 6 players per team, B 100 each team player.

### COMEDY MOVIE NIGHT

**Wednesday 23 October, 7.30pm**

Comedy classic "Fawlty Towers" with John Cleese. B 250 including light supper buffet.

### SILK PAINTING WORKSHOP

**Commences Wednesday 23 October**

To learn more, have fun and unwind, reserve your place now by registering at Reception, or call Vanessa Christian on 09162 3107. See page 14 for further details.

### CUBAN FOOD FESTIVAL

**24-25 October, Lord's Dining Room**

Enjoy the flavours of Cuba. Barry and the kitchen team will prepare a tantalising selection of dishes to accompany the Cuban rhythms, Havana cigars and local rums. B 600 per person for buffet dinner.

### SPOOKY HALLOWEEN!

**Sunday 27 October, starting 11.00am**

Fun galore for the kids, lots of Halloween games, and a competition for the 'best dressed'. A buffet for the children is included and the entertainment is rounded off with a suitable movie. Kids love this stuff, so reserve your place(s) soon! Price B 325.

## NOVEMBER

### GUY FAWKES NIGHT

**Sunday 3 November at 4.30pm**

A traditional bit of English nonsense when revellers band together on a cold and wintry night to celebrate the demise of some poor bloke who failed in his attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605. Other than the "cold and wintry night" bit, the Club dutifully recreates this tomfoolery every year in the grounds of the Club, and over the years it has become very popular with kids and adults alike. So BOOK NOW! for a family event to remember, remember.

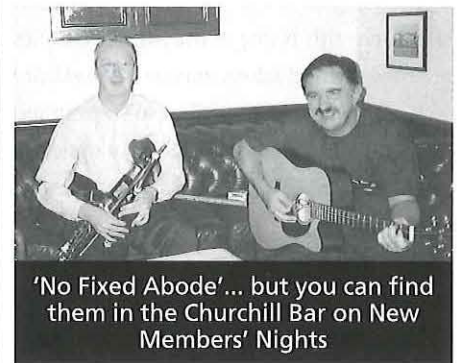
BBQ starts at 5.00pm followed by a bonfire in the carpark and a spectacular fireworks display.

As usual, the Club & Car Park closes at 3.00pm and reopens only for those members who hold tickets. Adults B 575, children under the age of 12 years B 400.

### CLUB MANAGER'S NIGHT

**Wednesday 6 November, 6.30pm**

No better venue than the Churchill Bar to enjoy a complimentary curry buffet in the company of fellow members.



'No Fixed Abode'... but you can find them in the Churchill Bar on New Members' Nights

### NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

**Tuesday 12 November**

**7.30pm in the Churchill Bar**

An evening designed to allow new members the opportunity to meet the Club's Committee, management, staff and other members in a relaxed atmosphere. It offers a chance for everyone to get to know key members of the Club's various sporting and special interest sections - from spoofers to bridge players, soccer to scuba enthusiasts, as well as representatives from the Loyal Societies. A tasty complimentary buffet is provided and the hours just whizz by. Irish 'sounds' by No Fixed Abode. The Outpost team will also be on hand to capture the moments...

### LOY KRATHONG

**Tuesday 19 November, 6.30pm**

**poolside**

Experience the magic of Loy Krathong! Enjoy the Thai style buffet and entertainment. Dress up in your fanciest Thai costume and you could be the winner of a special prize. Price:



adults B 350, children between 3–12 years B 250. Don't forget to bring your Krathong, or buy one from the Club for B 90.

### JUMBO JAMBOREE

15–17 November 2002

The British Club has been travelling to see the celebrated Surin Elephant Round-up for the last 14 years and it still proves highly popular with new and old members alike. Elephants perform the most amazing tricks of balance and dexterity at this colourful annual event where the whole family is welcome. A trip to a Khmer Temple is also included. See page 9 for further details.

## DECEMBER

### BC CHRISTMAS BALL

*Under the Stars*

Saturday 14 December

Simply the Best Ball in Town! Cocktails on the front lawn at 7.00pm, dinner at 8.00pm. A 15-piece orchestra will entertain you during dinner followed by swinging dance music from DJ Paul Jackson way into the early hours.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 17 December

Join the party on the back lawn, 2.30pm–5.30pm. Don't let the kids down by missing it! Charge B 395 per child. Pony rides, balloon typhoon, face painting, crafts and much more. Includes a picnic on the lawn and a visit by Santa bearing gifts for everyone.

### CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Tuesday 24 December

Decked in holly, Lord's Dining Room is the right place to be for Christmas Eve Dining. The Club presents a magnificent buffet dinner, Christmas delights, international and Thai dishes, warm hospitality and festive spirit all for B 850 per adult. B 550 for children between 3 and 12 years of age. No charge for children of 2 years and below. An enjoyable family evening.

### TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 25 December

Celebrate this special day with us with a set menu in Lord's Dining Room and the Churchill Bar from 12.00–6.00pm. There will be entertainment for the children with clowns, a puppet show and a visit from Santa. Charge B 850 for adults and B 550 for children

between 3 and 12 years of age. No charge for children of 2 and under.

### CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Wednesday 25 December, 7.00pm

Bring your family and friends for a hospitable evening in Lord's Dining Room with a magnificent buffet dinner, with all the usual Christmas goodies, international food and a Thai corner. B 850 per adult, B 550 for children between 3 & 12, and no charge for children of 2 and under.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER CRUISE

on the Chao Phraya River

Come on this cruise once, and you are sure to come again! Live music aboard the Royal Phraya Prince, an international buffet and an unforgettable fireworks display at midnight. Charge B 2,950 per person (not suitable for children). More details next month.

### FAMILY FUN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Celebrate at the Club

BBQ and buffet dinner, a disco in the Suriwongse Sala and heaps of activities to keep the children amused in the Silom Sala, plus a fireworks display at midnight. B 1,100 for adults, B 550 for children 3–12 years, no charge for children 2 and below.

## RECIPROCAL CLUB

# Welcome to the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly

When visiting the RAF Club, a letter of introduction or a membership card from the British Club will be required.

At the Hyde Park Corner end of Piccadilly, the RAF Club is ideally situated for sightseeing, shopping, cultural, leisure and business pursuits. There you can enjoy pleasant surroundings and good food, and the friendly RAF Club caters for all ages so the whole family is welcome.

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The Club has 92 air-conditioned bedrooms, all elegantly furnished, and a number of them are designated non-smoking. Rates start at about £61 for a single room.

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## TENNIS

# Playing away at the BC!

## MATCH VS THAI DOCTORS

*At the BC - Saturday 3rd August*

We had that most peculiar of phenomenon - an "away" match at the BC! This is one of the most eagerly anticipated matches of the year. The Doctors field one of the strongest (and friendliest) teams in Bangkok and provide a stern test for the BC. It was good to see so many familiar faces. Plenty of advice was on hand for those aches and pains that come to the fore whenever free medical advice is on hand. There were certainly a large number of bandages in evidence around knee joints!

Despite a later than scheduled start to proceedings all the top matches proved very close but ultimately went to the BC. A brave fight back followed from the Doctors. Allegations of substance abuse circulated but we were informed that no amount of testing would confirm the rumours, as they also knew how to mask them. Hmmm! Ultimately, this rearguard action was to no avail as the four game margin prevailed to the end. I believe this was the first success for the BC against the medical fraternity, so well played the BC!

Thanks to all who took part from both sides as it takes everyone to contribute to make a special occasion such as this.

## RESULTS

### MEN'S DOUBLES

Brad & James	7-6
Pings & Bob B	6-4
Steve & Fiji	6-4
Philip & Johnny	1-6
Bob G. & Orin	4-6
Philip & Fiji	5-7
Brad & Bob B	6-3
Johnny & Bob G.	2-6
<b>Result</b>	<b>4-4</b>

### LADIES DOUBLES

Pane & Nissan	7-6
Sandra & Wan	6-1
<b>Result</b>	<b>2-0</b>

### MIXED DOUBLES

Pings & Pane	6-2
James & Nissan	6-2
Steve & Annie	2-6
Steve & Wan	6-1
Philip & Annie	2-6
Orin & Sandra	7-6
<b>Result</b>	<b>4-2</b>

Overall BC beat Doctors by 10 games to 6.

## MONTHLY MIX-IN COMPETITION

*Sunday 4th August*

The Monthly Mix-in was held amongst an enthusiastic band of some 12 players. Using the 4-team format that allows latecomers and early leavers to participate, the eventual winning team comprised Jesseda, Inhale and Annie, who all received prizes of a bottle of wine. Many thanks to Ray Hughes for organising the event.

## JULY LEAGUE WINNERS

<b>League 1:</b>	James Young
<b>League 2:</b>	Ori Dolev
<b>League 3:</b>	Jesada Tankin
<b>League 4:</b>	Wan Adams

Congratulations to these four, who all received Baht 500 gift vouchers as their prize.

## MONTHLY MIX-IN COMPETITION

*Sunday 1st September*

An ideal turnout of 16 players with a good mix of A, B, and C Grade players. After 4 rounds of mix-in doubles matches, mostly very closely fought, the winners were:

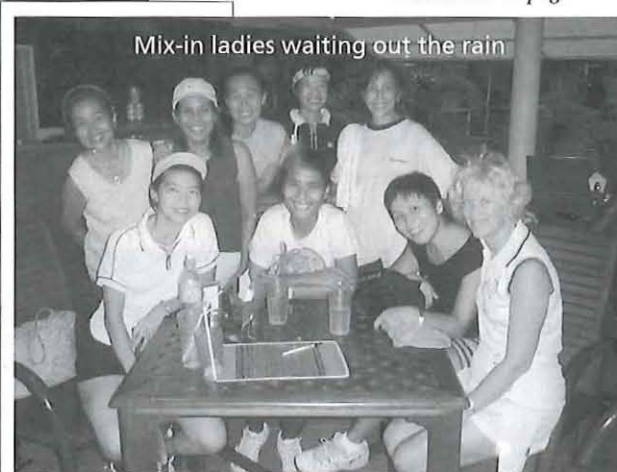
<b>1st</b>	Steve Goode	23 games
<b>2nd</b>	Id Gainsford	22 games
<b>2nd</b>	Jesada Tankin	22 games
<b>4th</b>	Michael Turner	19 games

Bottles of wine were presented to each of the above, and the white wines were already well chilled - what a nice surprise! Good fun and some good tennis!!

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Id and Pat in action



Mix-in ladies waiting out the rain



# Silk Painting Workshop

**M**ost people are amazed when they first try silk painting: with very little artistic talent you can get great results. In fact, the odd accidental splodge makes the image appear even more exciting and artistic. It's the way that the paints flow onto the silk, then mix and merge, that makes the finished product look so splendid. Very basically, an image is drawn onto the silk and then traced using the French technique of coloured gutta. This acts as a boundary, which is then filled with different coloured paint to get the desired effect. There are many different, simple techniques that you can use to make family and friends believe that you are a budding Van Gogh – alas, if only you had more time!

The course which consists of four, two hour sessions, commences on Wednesday 23rd October and is spread over a six week period. The cost of Bt 6000 includes all of your materials, and a kit for home use. To learn more, have fun and unwind, reserve your place now by registering at the British Club, or by calling Vanessa Christian on 09162 3107.

**Commencing 23rd  
October 2002**

## STUDENT PROFILES:

### TRACY

Tracy had experienced success in many other arts and crafts but hadn't yet tried Silk Painting, until she enrolled for her first course. Tracy always has a very clear image of her design before she begins, she spends a long time thinking about the layout, colours and how she wants the colours to mix and merge. In her most stunning piece 'Zebras in a Rainbow' Tracy uses a technique that requires a smooth and even stroke and a sense of timing.

Tracey's choice of colour make the painting extremely vibrant and her use of stripes in both the rainbow and the Zebras serve to complement each other.

One focuses on the sense of horizontal movement, as the zebras amble along vaguely aware of each other, against the stunning colourful vertical background.

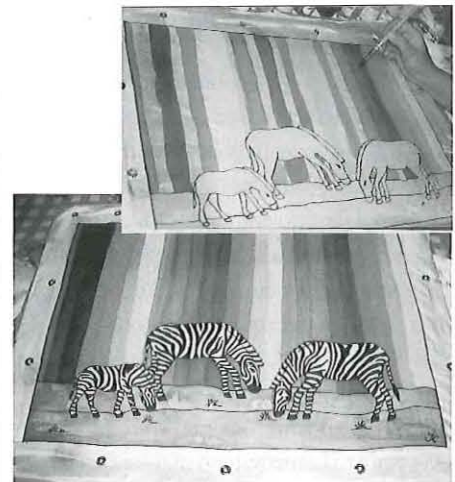
'Zebras in a Rainbow' now hangs proudly in Tracy's daughter's bedroom.

### NICOLE

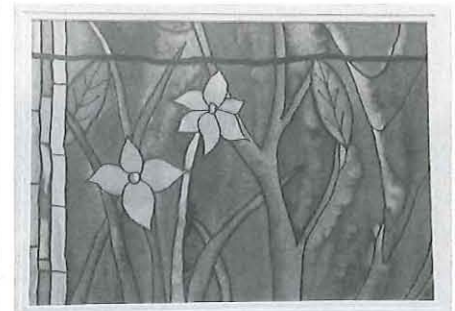
Nicole was a complete novice when she attended her first Silk Painting course held at the British Club earlier this year. Tempted by the notion that one could get by with little or no artistic talent, Nicole took the plunge.

Although initially Nicole needed a fair amount of guidance, her patience and unhurried manner paid off tenfold, and as her confidence grew so did her style and level of sophistication of her work.

'Moody Daffodils', her latest painting was based on a stained glass window and although like most Silk Painters, Nicole professes to love her first painting the most, 'Moody Daffodils' presents a much more sophisticated sense of style and use of colour. Notice how the carefully placed watermarks add a sense of age to the glass and how the horizontal and vertical lines draw your eyes to every corner of the painting.



Zebras in a Rainbow



Moody Daffodils

## SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN...

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Cost of Bt 5000 is for a 10 week course (commenced 12 September). Drop in fee 650 baht. Suitable for Year 4 to Year 9. Sign up at reception now to reserve your child's place, or call Miss Vanessa at the Higgledy Piggledy House on 02 286 2015 (09162 3107) to find out more!



## FOOTBALL

# Yearly Thriller

**T**he Irish Pikeys pulled it out of the bag once again to trounce the gentlemen of England 2:1 in the annual England vs Ireland friendly held this year on Saturday, 7 September. The game was capped by a Gala Evening at the British Club - a quiz compiled by Andy Lazenby accompanied an excellent curry buffet, all followed by Karaoke with Tony Minogue and his Hot Pants Roadshow. A complete spectacle for the eyes and, with perhaps a few notable exceptions (You know who You are!), tough on the ears. But, what a great evening, and huge thanks from the Soccer Section to sponsor, The Londoner Brew Pub, for their Londoner prize vouchers.

**Martin Conisbee**

Shirt with floral design, modelled by Andy Lazenby.



More summer fashions!

## EXEL LOGISTICS VETERANS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Spectators are welcome to come along and watch expatriate football played as it should be - slowly - in the Exel Logistics Veterans 5-A-Side Football League at the British Club. The six participating teams of over-35 year olds are dusting off their trainers and oiling their joints for a few Tuesday evenings of football from 7-9.30 pm on 1st, 15th and 29th October; and 12th November (first fixture was on 17 September). Fixtures will be placed on the Bangkok Football website - [www.somtam.com/](http://www.somtam.com/)

**Greg Watkins**

**PARTICIPATING TEAMS:**  
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 Warbler



The victorious Irish squad with hideous trophy. Spot the Irishmen - there are one or two!



The England squad (or cast of thousands), losers for the second year running. Perhaps Darrington Junior will make the difference next year.

## BC LONG SERVICE AWARDS

# Deserving a big hand...

**30**  
Years



Khun Sa-ngud Rittirak, Chef (poolside kitchen)

Whether front desk or behind the scenes, the enormous contribution of the British Club staff in making the Club such a warm and welcoming place is recognised in this annual Awards Ceremony. I am sure all Members join me in thanking our staff for their hard efforts and loyalty over the years and in wishing them well for the future.

**James Young, General Committee**

**30**  
Years



Khun Paitoon Srilanakorn, Store Staff



## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

## 15 YEARS



Khun Matha Pikrokij,  
Assistant Outlet Manager

## 10 YEARS



Khun Sumol Tanulanon,  
Purchasing Staff



Khun Krathin Klin-Ubol,  
Waitress (poolside bar)



Khun Smorn Buekuntus,  
Clubhouse Cleaner



Khun Anong Kantajula,  
Waitress (poolside bar)

## 5 YEARS



Khun Amnat  
Saklepradoo, Sports &  
Recreation  
Co-ordinator



Khun Prasert Haboonpol,  
Carpenter



Khun Preecha Maneewan,  
Chef (main kitchen)



Khun Minasa Kopol,  
Chef (main kitchen)



Khun Piek Tamjohe,  
Gardener



Khun Somsong Poorat,  
Pool Cleaner



Khun Patiroop Onkam,  
Deputy Chief Engineer



Khun Choosak Buathong,  
Chef (main kitchen)



Khun Narong Soocharoen,  
Gardener



# CALENDAR

## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2002

### SPORTS

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

### SPORTS

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

### SPORTS

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

### SPORTS

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

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight	Ladies' Night
8.00pm - 11.00pm	Friendly Bridge
9.00pm	Gentlemen's Spoof

### SPORTS

9.30am	Aerobics
6.00pm - 9.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm	Cricket Nets

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm	Darts
7.00pm	Accumulator

### SPORTS

8.00am - 10.00am	Ladies Tennis
6.00pm - 9.00pm	Squash mix-in
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Rugby Training
9.00pm - 10.00pm	Hockey Training

### SPORTS

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

### October at a Glance

Wednesday, 9th	New Zealand Wine Dinner
Friday, 11th	Wine Tasting
Saturday, 12th	Pink & Black Ball
Friday, 18th	Bar Quiz
Wednesday, 23rd	Comedy Movie Night
Starting 23rd	Silk Painting Workshop
24th-25th	Cuban Food Festival
Sunday, 27th	Children's Halloween Party

*See page 10 for further details of what's on from now until the end of the year.*

### Sports - Contacts

Aquatics	Nicole Nuttall	0 2300 3272
Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	0 2654 0002-29
Bridge	Winlock Hsu/ Charlene Wang	0 2921 6015
Cricket	André Tissera	0 2238 2718-21
Darts	Fitness Centre	0 2234 0247
Football	Martin Conisbee	01 860 4874
Golf	Karen Carter	0 2285 6169
Spoofers	Steve Eaton	0 2237 9262
Rugby	Jon Prichard	0 2662 6376
Scuba Diving	Peter Gary	0 2634 7799
Snooker	Khun Kittisak	01 633 9490
Squash	Peter Corney	01 829 2253
Tennis	Terry Adams	01 639 3856

### Loyal Societies

St George's	Angela Stafford	0 2632 0560 x 3037
St Andrew's	Meilan Henderson	0 2259 0586
St Patrick's	Ian Kane	0 2678 1813 x 1738
St David's	Basia Filzek	02 286 1348

### Venues

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

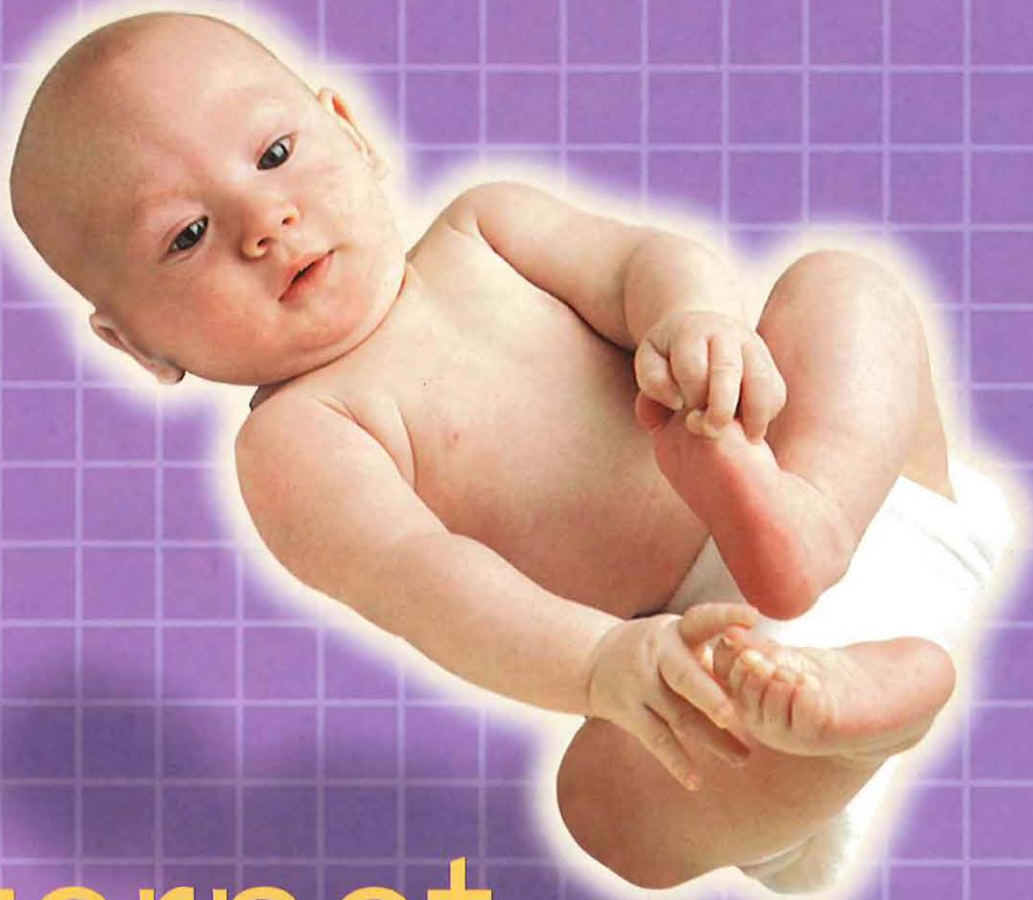
### Opening Times

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



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## GOLF

# Reporting on Pattaya

**T**he Pattaya weekend of 10th-12th August promised to be an interesting test of golf with the BC Golfers playing three courses in three days, contesting two competitions. The Seniors (over 50s) and Juniors (under 50s) and the Queen's Cup. With many of the juniors getting a little bit on the mature side, it was suggested that a 'little league' might be appropriate for Edward Ashman and myself, the babies of the BC Golf section. Maybe next year.

## DAY ONE

### CENTURY BAN CHANG

With a tee time of 11.30 on Saturday morning, those of us who travelled down to Pattaya on the Friday evening expected to arrive at the course feeling refreshed and ready for battle. How wrong we were. The problems were entirely self inflicted and the result of one too many at the Bang Saray club the night before. Fortunately we weren't too jaded to enjoy this great Nick Faldo designed course.

This was the first round of the Seniors and Juniors and Bogey golf was the format. In a nutshell, it's like matchplay against the course. Some of us had a better start to our round than others. I know our captain won't mind my mentioning that his drive on the first hole not only failed to reach the ladies tee, it didn't even reach the end of the men's! He did redeem himself though with an excellent second shot.

There was confusion for the ladies as we arrived at our first par 3 of the day to discover that there were no markers on the ladies tee. The caddies did eventually find what looked like it may once have been a marker overgrown with grass and we played from there. Larry Goodliffe and Kevin Jones were kind enough to point out that there was a raised area approximately ten yards in front of the green that may be what we were looking for. Not that they're bitter about the advantage we sometimes enjoy!

By the end of the day the overall consensus was that the course was the winner! There were a few notable exceptions. Among others,

Bernie Adams, Tom McKay, Kevin Jones, Edward Ashman, Val Ashman and myself all beat the course ending the day with positive scores to take through to the next round.

Although this proved to be a tough course for most of us, it was a great day out, the sun shone and the Caddies seemed to know what they were there for. We'll certainly see Century on the BC calendar again.

## DAY TWO

### PHLUTALUANG NAVY COURSE

The final round of the Seniors and Juniors competition was played at Phlutaluang, a tough but interesting course - it was a great challenge just to find the course.

Although the clubhouse was full as we arrived, there were no significant delays and play flowed reasonably well. The format for the day was stableford, which was a blessing for those of us who struggled to get over the water on the infamous par five. Had it been stroke play, some of us would still be there trying to get on the green!

For one player this is a hole that is probably best forgotten. In error, he dropped his ball on the wrong side of the water hazard and after much deliberation was disqualified from the competition. The rules of golf are not always simple and they can be difficult to interpret. We would all benefit from taking a little time to get to grips with them.

As the scores came in on the final day of the Seniors and Juniors, it was clear that some of us who had beaten the course at Century had been soundly thrashed on day two. There were some notable exceptions - the winners, Tom McKay and Ed Ashman who held it together over the two days. Charmaine Adams also deserves a special mention for an outstanding back nine score of 24 points.

After a relaxing afternoon back at the hotel we gathered at the Bang Saray Club for a BBQ on the beach, with sundowners of course, and the prize giving. The food was excellent, the wine flowed and a great time was had by all. There were one or two of us who would regret those last few bottles of wine. Not to mention the bottle of Bombay Sapphire that was brought out back at the hotel.

## RESULTS

### Seniors

<b>1st:</b>	Tom MacKay
<b>2nd:</b>	Val Ashman
<b>3rd:</b>	David Lamb

### Juniors

<b>1st:</b>	Edward Ashman
<b>2nd:</b>	Charmaine Adams
<b>3rd:</b>	Gareth Sampson

Congratulations to the winners.

## DAY THREE

### PHEONIX - THE QUEEN'S CUP

Monday's Queen's Cup was a blind pairs competition with everyone playing a normal stableford and the pairs being drawn after the round was completed. The pair with the highest combined score would be the winners.

Having played two tough courses, Pheonix was a relief for many of us and this was reflected by some fantastic scoring. Larry Goodliffe had the "round of his life" with a gross 80 (giving him a massive 49 points) but was nearly beaten by the "round of his wife", with Jo Goodliffe scoring her best ever round of 87.

Needless to say, Jo and Larry were very popular as the draw was made! Jo and Nick Helms were early leaders and held their first place until the last four cards were drawn. Larry's card was still in there but would his partner have enough points to secure the victory he deserved - what drama! The penultimate pair was drawn - Chris Crowley and Ed Ashman. They moved into first place thanks to a solid round from Chris and an outstanding one from Ed. Then the final cards were drawn, tension mounted as the scores were read out... Larry Goodliffe 49 points and Vicky Jones 39 points. It was enough for Larry to take home the cup he deserved.

## RESULTS

<b>1st:</b>	Larry Goodliffe & Vicky Jones
<b>2nd:</b>	Ed Ashman & Chris Crowley
<b>3rd:</b>	Jo Goodliffe & Nick Helms

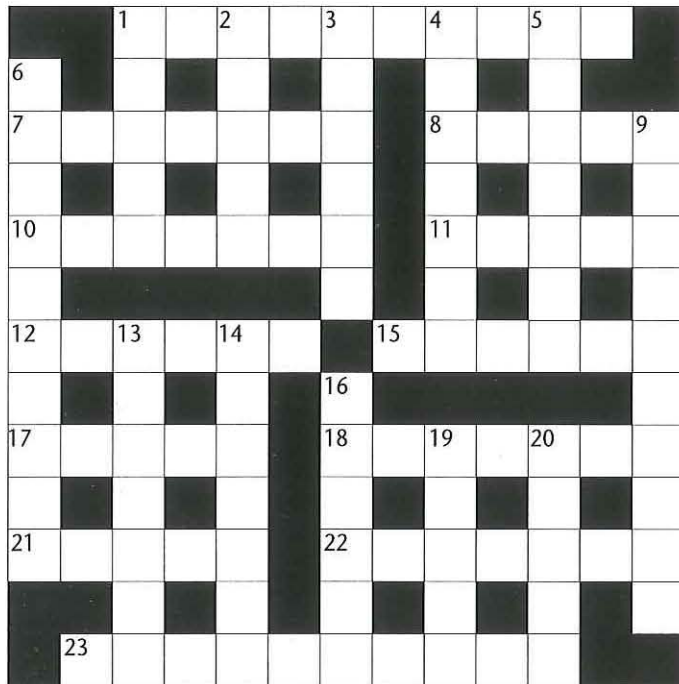
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## CROSSWORD

## A literary twist

BOOKWORMS REJOICE - HERE'S ONE FOR YOU!



Compiled by Margaret Miller

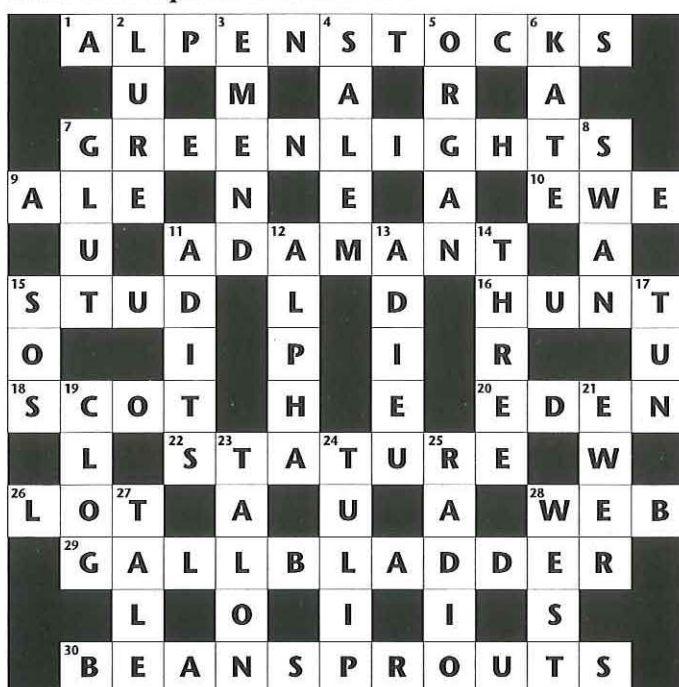
## ACROSS

- 1 (With 11 Across) This petty sinner makes the place discovered by Buchan's hero Hannay. (6-4, 5)  
 7 The hero of "As You Like It."  
 8 Barrie said that if a woman has it, she doesn't need anything else.  
 10 "Please to remember the Fifth of November, Gunpowder, \_\_\_\_\_ and plot'. (Old rhyme)  
 11 See 1 Across  
 12 He wrote "The Forsaken Merman"  
 15 "Elijah passed by him and cast his \_\_\_\_\_ upon him." (Book of Kings)  
 17 John in Scotland!  
 18 The play must be if the cast is to perform it!  
 21 Old English comedian \_\_\_\_\_ Lynn.  
 22 One who makes derisive remarks  
 23 These chaps were favourites of Gilbert and Sullivan!

## DOWN

- 1 Often made the bride's veil  
 2 Hammond was a popular adventure story writer.  
 3 "Leave her to heaven and to those \_\_\_\_\_ that in her bosom lodge." (Hamlet)  
 4 Capital of a Mediterranean island  
 5 Our \_\_\_\_\_ and dearest - we hope!  
 6 Jane Austen's Abbey  
 9 Dumas wrote about these three  
 13 One of his big hits was "The Dancing Years."  
 14 Had a meal - but not with Miss Otis!  
 16 A January wind blew this in on Robin, said 20 Down.  
 19 "Two truths are told as happy prologues .... of the imperial \_\_\_\_\_" (Macbeth)  
 20 See 16 Down

## Solution to September's crossword





## GOLF

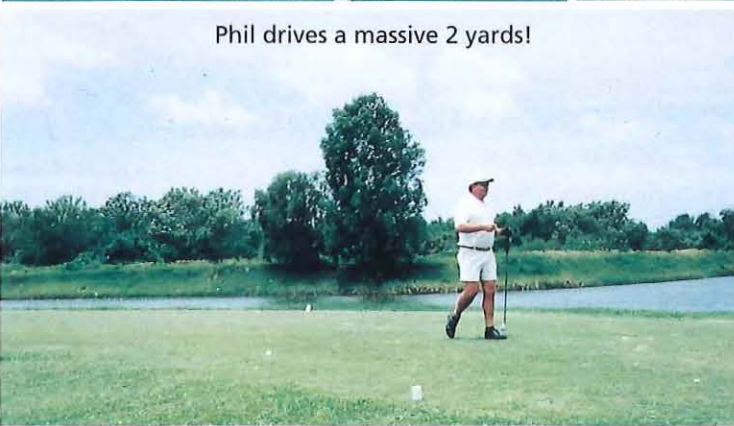
Medal Day at Royal



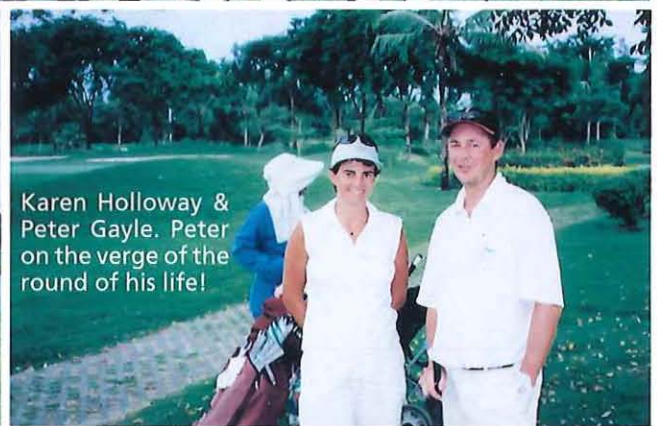
The usual suspects!



Phil drives a massive 2 yards!



Karen Holloway &amp; Peter Gayle. Peter on the verge of the round of his life!



Who said romance was dead!



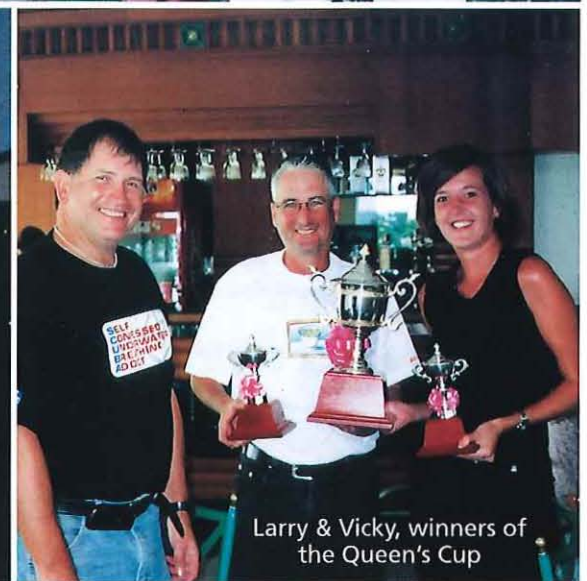
Ed Ashman wins the Juniors



A thorn between two roses!



Larry &amp; Vicky, winners of the Queen's Cup



BBQ at Bang Saray Club



Turn the page ...



## GOLF

## THE AUGUST MEDAL

Despite some technical hitches with the club e-mail we had a great turn out for the August Medal at Royal. With tee off delayed by around twenty minutes we began what was to be a very slow round. Most groups were waiting on every tee but as the course cleared for our second nines the pace picked up a bit.

It was a great day for golf. Although rumbles of thunder could be heard in the distance and black clouds surrounded the course, we managed to stay dry.

Once again, Royal proved to be a tough course for many of us with some cricket scores that really tested the arithmetic. I know I needed a calculator for mine!

There were a handful of good scores and a couple of great ones. Peter Gayle had his best round ever, scoring an outstanding net 64 to win Flt B. It was a bitter sweet moment as Peter realised his handicap could be drastically reduced for his impending match play! Mike Staples also posted an excellent net 67 to win Flt A. Edwin Ferrers also shot an under par score – net 71 – to win Flt C by a considerable margin.

The results came in as follows:

## 'A' FLT

1st	Mike Staples	(67)
2nd	Bryan Dodd	(72)
3rd	Brian Brook	(73)

## 'B' FLT

1st	Peter Gale	(64)
2nd	Karen Carter	(71)
3rd	Edward Ashman	(72)

## 'C' FLT

1st	Edwin Ferrers	(71)
2nd	Mick Murphy	(79)
3rd	Carol-Anne Eastgate	(87)

Near Pins: Mike Staples, Joom White, Nick White, Tim Evans

Mens long Drive: Tim Evans

Congratulations to all the winners.

## KHOW KHEOW

Khow Kheow provided a memorable days golf. Memorable for a deserted golf course and a 4 hour round on a glorious cool but sunny day... the kind of day you have a barbecue on the back lawn on a summer's evening in the UK. Perhaps less memorable for some was the par three 17th hole where most people put at least 3 balls in the water surrounding the island green!

The format of the day was the same as the International: -3 for a net double bogey, -1 for a net bogey, 0 for par, +2 for a net birdie, +5 for a net eagle and +8 for a net albatross. Bryan Dodd won with a very solid 13 points. Dick Taylor and Jo Goodliffe both had 12 points but Dick came second on count back.

## CLUB DAY AT MUANG KAEW

23 players reported for duty at Muang Kaew to find that the clubhouse was undergoing some serious renovation. The pro shop and the gent's locker room had been temporarily relocated and our normal meeting point had disappeared altogether.

They weren't the only changes at Muang Kaew, rather unusually we teed off on schedule and enjoyed a relatively fast moving round of golf. It was a bit of a shock to the system for those of us used to a five minute break at each refreshment hut!

There was some great scoring in this stableford competition with many people playing under their handicap. Charles Skinner took third place with an impressive 40 stableford points and a gross score of par. Barry Ashman was second with 42 points but was left thinking about what could have been after a disappointing back nine. The fact he scored 42 points shows how fantastic the first nine was. Mike Staples continued his winning streak scoring an inspirational 43 points.

We were joined by three guests on the day Sebastian, Paul and Jamie. Special mention must go to Sebastian who was playing only his fifth round of golf. He had some great shots in his round – enough to encourage him to play his sixth round of golf!

Vicky Jones

## New Zealand Wine Dinner

### 7.00pm, Wednesday, 9th October

## THE ST. HELENA WINERY

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## TENNIS

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- Matches v Japanese Club and Thana Club
- A Graded Championships Tournament with semi and finals matches played over a weekend.

## NOVEMBER

- Match v Krung Thai Bank
- Tennis Weekend to Singapore
- Men's Inter Club Tournament to be held at the Polo Club on 16th & 17th November which would follow the usual format of 6 teams of 5 age related pairs of 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, playing a Round Robin 1st round followed by a 2-group Knock Out for the final round.

## DECEMBER

- Match v United Nations
- British v German Chambers of Commerce annual tennis match
- Table at the BC Christmas Ball.

## TENNIS ETIQUETTE

A ball from your court going into an adjoining court or a ball from an adjoining court coming into your court can provide the basis for a let. In handling these balls here are some things to remember.

When play is in progress don't go behind another court to retrieve a ball or hit a loose ball to that court; this may mean holding a ball for several seconds while a point is being finished.

Don't ask for one of your balls until the point in play on the adjoining court has stopped. In returning a loose ball to another court don't hit it aimlessly as if you didn't care where it goes as long as it leaves your court. Instead, pick up the ball and hit it so that it goes directly to one of the players on the other court, preferably the server, on the first bounce; this might be termed "Rule One" of court etiquette. As a corollary to this rule, except when so doing will delay play unnecessarily, collect the match balls that are on your side of the net and either give them to the next server or place them on his baseline.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

*Courtesy of 'Tennis Quick Tips' by Tom Veneziano <tom@tenniswarrior.com>*

## The long and the short of it!

One of your highest percentage shots in doubles or singles is to hit cross court. Why? The net is lower in the middle and the court is longer cross court. A simple tip that is often ignored.

**Lower net:** The centre of the net is six inches lower than on the sides of the net. If you hit the ball down the line and it hits four inches below the top of the net, that same shot could have been in cross court!

**Longer Court:** The court in doubles is approximately eight feet longer (five feet in

## Need balls for knock-ups?

Used tennis balls are available for purchase in the Fitness Centre at the BC. Dunlop Fort at Baht 40 per can, and Volley at Baht 30 per can of 3 balls.

singles) cross court than down the line. Eight feet in doubles! I measured it. I was shocked! If you hit a ball down the line and it lands out by four feet, that same ball would have been in if you hit it cross court!

## COMMITTEE CORNER

Have you replied to the emails sent regarding:

- The proposed Tennis trip to Singapore?
- Mens and ladies pairs for key tournaments, and the use of the team practices proposal?

Your Tennis Section Committee is progressing the introduction of a website, as a part of the new British Club website, that will allow members to view all that is going on in BC Tennis, without having to leave their desks! Have a look at the new BC website at [www.britishclubbangkok.org](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org)

**Terry Adams**

Checkout these great tennis websites

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## FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM KRIS CHALMERS

"Dear Tennis Section,

Just to let you all know that I am leaving Thailand. I had hoped to play tennis one last time but unfortunately that's not possible. Sorry I am unable to say goodbye to many of you in person. Thank you for making me feel so welcome over the last 12 months. Now it's back to London!"

**We'll miss you Kris –  
Great player, lovely person!!**

# Hellos and Goodbyes

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

John Harker	John Everingham	Richard Barton
Michael Travers	Christopher	Andrew Brown
Brett Charlton	Weavers	Frank Gluck
Max Phelps	Trevor Adams	Sonny Saw
Collin Piprell	Hayley Gower	Udo Mitzchile
Graham Brian	Ian Spencer	Mattaya Vatanasuk

## FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTING MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Hugh Kennaway	Atul Jogani	Keith Bullock
Steven Slowther	Giles Wadsworth	Kirsten Chalmers
Francis Harvey	Vivien Aiton	Charles Jackson
John Pacey	Nelson Gonzalez	Dr. Ken Airey
Mark Ewington	David White	David Street
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ZOOMING IN...

## ... on the Churchill Bar

**G**ood food, a well-stocked bar, conversation and camaraderie - that's what you'll find if you drop in at the Churchill Bar on New Members' Night. Plenty more to be found on other evenings too ... bridge, darts, spoofing, live music, lucky draw, committee witterings, Hawaiian shirt collections, gripes and moans... Everything you need to unwind! No Kids Either.

**The Outposters**

Young man with a heart of gold!



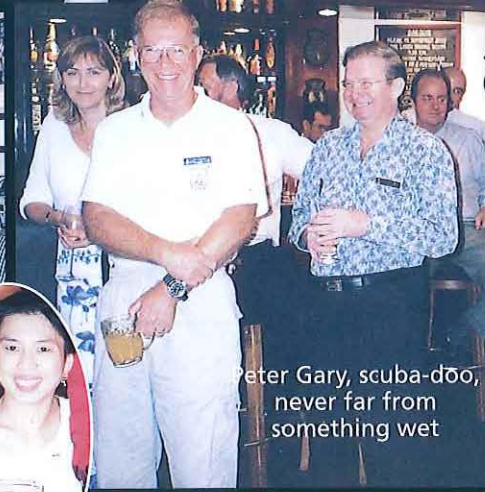
The BC Tiller Girls



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Peter Gary, scuba-dōo, never far from something wet



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## NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

**What a happy crowd we had at the last New Members' Night, despite the heavy rain and terrible traffic jams which took a toll on attendance.**

Newcomers to the Club came to meet each other over a drink (or two) and introduce themselves, via *Outpost*, to the full Club membership.

### GEOFF & SARA PAINTER

#### British

New to the Ex-pat game, Geoff and Sara have come straight from London and are raring to get stuck in to Bangkok life. Geoff plays soccer and is interested in learning to play golf, improving his tennis and taking up scuba diving (that should keep the Committee Members busy tracking him down). Sara, a primary school teacher, enjoys travel and photography and is thinking about playing tennis. Geoff is here with Frito-Lays as Marketing Director and we have it on good authority, has access to Walker's Cheese and Onion crisps!!



### JOHN & LESLEY BOVARD

#### Australian



In the twenty-five years since John and Lesley were last in Thailand they have lived in Papua New Guinea and Canada. Their children are now grown up and living in Australia, leaving John and Lesley plenty of time to rediscover Bangkok and Thailand. John expects to be here with Asia Pacific Potash Corp. for the next three years.

### PETER KELLS & SASIVIMOL MARICAN

#### British & Thai

Six years living in Thailand and Peter and Sasivimol have finally joined the Club! Welcome! Peter is the M.D. of Daimler Chrysler (Leasing) and Sasivimol is a Ship's Chandler. Peter plays tennis, squash, hockey and golf and they both enjoy fine wining and dining, theatre and travelling.



### MARTIN & LUCY MALINS

#### British

More happy new Members, Martin and Lucy are both active sports people and play tennis and scuba dive. Martin also plays football, squash and golf when not at work with Diethelm and Lucy spends her free time gardening, flower arranging and cooking.



Compiled by: Liz Bishop, Ed.

## RELAXED REGULARS

# Get into a groove...

### PLAY AWAY!

#### Sunday Afternoons - Silom Room

Play time for children, jointly organised by the British Club and Kids Care.

Lots of interesting activities followed by a movie. No charge for this event. Starts at 2

### CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

#### Friday Nights - Silom Sala

No charge for the kids. Starts at 7.00pm o'clock.

### DARTS

#### Wednesday Evenings - Churchill Bar

Join the lads and lasses every Wednesday evening in the bar for a friendly game of 'arrows'. Everyone is most welcome, regardless of whether you can hit the board!

### BRIDGE



A full pack! Join them every Tuesday evening in the Bar

### BAR ACCUMULATOR

#### Wednesday Evenings - Churchill Bar

Every member (and spouse) has the chance to win the every-growing cash prize. All you have to do is be in the Bar when your membership number is drawn from the hat. You can't win if you're not there!

### LADIES'S NIGHT

#### Tuesday Evenings - Churchill Bar

From 6.00pm til midnight, ladies can enjoy any of our cocktails for B 80 only.

### GENTLEMEN'S SPOOF

#### Tuesday Evenings - Churchill Bar

Join the gents on Tuesdays for this spiffing spoofing bar game.



One potato, two potato...



## SCUBA

# Cleaning up their act

**First, let's start with congratulations to our newest Open Water Divers, Tim Dumenil, Bob van den Broecke and John Kalnins, pictured here.**

They completed their open water dives at Koh Man Wichai on 18 August.

Bob has already signed up for the advanced Open Water course starting this month.

## ILLEGAL NET DAMAGES CORAL

On our last dive at Koh Man Wichai, we came upon a very large fishing net caught on the delicate coral of the island's southeast corner. The net was illegal because it had such a small tight weave that nothing could escape it. It was already starting to kill some of the coral by stopping the sunlight from getting through in addition to the silt covering it. Don Johnson was also diving on the site and we both decided that the net had to be removed as soon as possible to prevent further damage to the coral, as well as it being a danger to other scuba divers.

## INTO ACTION

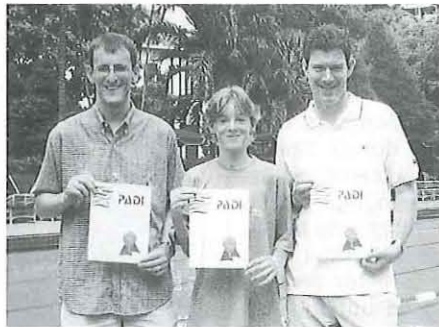
Two days later at the monthly PASS (Pattaya Alliance for Safe Scuba) meeting, we agreed that removing the fishing net was a top priority. Mermaids Dive Center donated for



Net entangled on the coral



Diver moving away as the net goes up to the surface



Open Water Divers: John Kalnins, Bob van den Broecke and Tim Dumenil.

a day their dive boat, scuba tanks, diving weights and belts. Several instructors brought airlift bags to help bring the heavy net to the surface for collection.

With no less than 7 instructors (2 equipped with underwater videos) and 6 volunteer divers who wanted to help save the coral, along with 5 airbags and a variety of cutting tools, we dove in at 10.30am and had removed the entire net by 3.00pm. It was a challenging job as the net was now attached securely onto the razor sharp coral. Much of the net was twisted and torn. As we picked up the net, sediment was floating everywhere and visibility was often less than one meter. We were sometimes temporarily entangled in the net as it was lifted up by the airbags. This part was very dangerous. There were numerous sea urchins on the net to avoid, in addition to the occasional poisonous scorpion fish sitting on the bottom next to the net. Wearing gloves, we were able to remove the net and get sections of it to the surface. The dive boat then came along and pulled it on board.



Peter removing net with silt-reduced visibility



Peter & Ming Gary at the end of a long day



Neil Chandler carefully removing net from Sea whip Coral

## TESTING OUR SKILLS

Most of us dove at least 3 times ranging from depths of less than 6 meters to 14 meters. We were going up and down frequently and had to watch both our air supply and our bottom dive time very carefully.

On the boat going back to Pattaya with a very large pile of wet fishing net estimated at more than half a ton in weight, we decided to cut it into smaller pieces and bag it up. We didn't want anyone to get the idea of trying to retrieve and reuse it. At the pier, we hauled it to a waiting truck for disposal. It had been a very hard working day, but we all felt good in knowing we had helped save the coral along with small fish, and removed a danger for future divers.

The two underwater video instructors, Dave Chandler and Don Johnson worked together and made a 2 minute video that was shown



by a local TV station in Pattaya. If you want to see it, give me a call to arrange a time. I hope that we will not see any more of those nets again in Pattaya waters.

**Peter C. Gary**

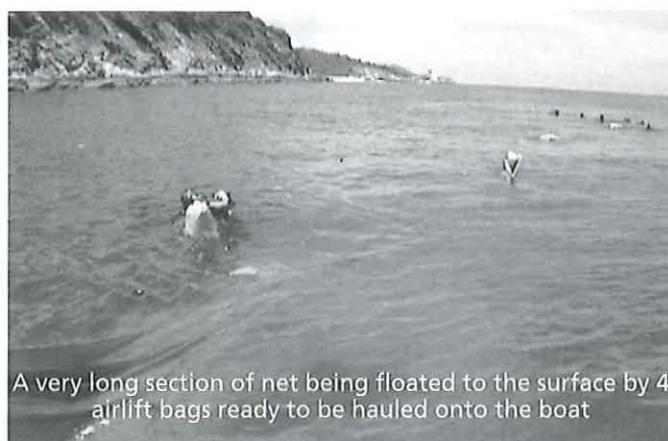




Carefully removing the net from razor sharp Stag Horn Coral



Section of net being pulled up by an airlift bag



A very long section of net being floated to the surface by 4 airlift bags ready to be hauled onto the boat



Single diver bringing up net from deeper water



Pulling the net onto the dive boat

## Obituary

### Hans Hollstein

#### Bangkok's expatriate community and the British Club lose a friend

Bangkok's expatriate community lost a long-time resident on August 7th with the untimely passing of Hans Hollstein, who died from a massive heart attack in the arms of friends. Hans, 62, had lived here for 35 years and had been a Member of The British Club since 1978. Some of the older Members of the Club will remember him from the weekly Saturday lunch gatherings, which used to occur in The Churchill Bar at that time. Born in Germany, Hans traveled to Australia where he married and later divorced, before arriving in Bangkok in 1967. Following two years at Coopers & Lybrand he started his accounting business, Trade Partners Limited (TPL), offering company incorporation, accounting and tax services in April 1978. Since this time his company has incorporated well in excess of 200 foreign companies in Thailand. He leaves behind him a "family" of employees who have said they will carry on with the business. This is known to have been his wish.

Hans was always a larger-than-life character, and while some people may talk of doing things he would just go ahead and do it. He liked music, so he played as the drummer in the Gert Steffens Band at the Narai Hotel in the 1960s. He took over a financially ailing steak house, the Beefeater on Thaniya Road, and turned it around. He liked the idea of flying, so he became an officer in the Thai Air Force and did the hours of training needed in order to get a pilot's licence with Thai Flying Club.

Hans is also well known to many computer enthusiasts for his early support of the Bangkok User Group and must have been one of the earliest computer owners in Bangkok having assembled his own machine in the late 1970s.

He was also fond of radio and communications becoming a radio ham, which was to become a life-long passion. But Hans was not just another ham radio operator: he was amateur radio for many foreign radio amateurs who visited Thailand, serving as an officer of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (Rast) for over two decades.

Hans D.P. Hollstein was a Bangkok institution, a larger-than-life cheerfulness with generosity to match, a willingness to do the right thing plus a fastidious attention to detail. Many will mourn his passing.

R.I.P.



## SQUASH

# What a racket!

## 162ND LEAGUE

**Ended on 31st July. The winners were:**

Division 1	David Eastgate
Division 2	André Tissera
Division 3	Nick White
Division 4	Morten Knudsen

## 163RD LEAGUE

**Ended on 31st August. The winners were:**

Division 1	Glenn Mills
Division 2	Shiraz Poonevala
Division 3	Jamie Heywood
Division 4	John Vivian
Division 5	Peter Myers

## HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP & PLATE

The Handicap competition was held between 3rd and 11th September. The number of entries was relatively small but nevertheless produced some very competitive games, with the handicapping ensuring that there were some very close finishes.

The main competition started with a number of surprises including Marc Hagelauer's defeat of Steve Bell 15-13, 15-10 and Ian Walton overcoming Chris Browning, in a closely fought match, 9-15, 15-12, 15-8. The first round also saw a very good performance from Peter Corney who beat an in-form Steve Harvey 15-12, 15-9. There was also an

encouraging debut from Jonnny Bell (aged 11) who competed extremely well before succumbing to Kit Kulvichit by two games to one.

As the competition progressed Glenn Mills showed his strength and fitness in defeating Jerry Wright and Shiraz Poonevala, both in 3 closely fought games. Unfortunately, Marc Hagelauer had to concede the semi final to Glenn, due to injury in what would have been an intriguing encounter.

In the other half of the draw there was a notable performance from Uwe Warncke who played very well to defeat Peter Corney 15-2, 15-3, to progress to the semi-final. His opponent in the semi was Kit Kulvichit, who had progressed with a strong performance over Charles Whiteley, finally winning 15-9, 10-15, 15-10. The semi final was played over the best of 5 games, which favoured Kit against a tired looking Uwe. Kit ran out the winner by three games to nil, 15-12, 15-6, 15-13.

In the final Glenn once again demonstrated his excellent squash technique and overall fitness and strength to stretch Kit to his limit. Kit competed with great determination to try and contain Glenn but lost the first game 15-9. In the second game he worked even harder

and pushed Glenn all the way before losing 15-14. Unfortunately, Kit had put so much effort into the first two games that, at the start of the third game he was forced to retire with severe cramp. Congratulations to Glenn on his performance, both in the final and throughout the competition. Glenn received a Central voucher for 3000 Baht, which was kindly donated by Peter Corney of ACA Pacific Group.

The Plate competition was notable for the rivalry between Marvyn Lewis and the Bell family! Marvyn started off by beating Jonny, 15-12, 15-13. He then went on to defeat Jonny's mum, Jennifer by two games to one. This winning double took him into the final to face the Old Man, Steve, who had earlier come through the other semi final by beating Jerry Wright in 3 tough games.

The final was played in a competitive, though friendly spirit, with one member of the Bell family even shouting support for Marvyn! However, the match went to Steve who won the Final by three games to love, 15-13, 15-10, 15-11. Steve also received a Central voucher for 3000 Baht, which was kindly donated by Steve Harvey of Euro Iseki Overseas (Thailand).

Thanks to all of those who came to watch the games, and also to those who volunteered to mark and referee. Many thanks also go to ACA Pacific and Euro Iseki for sponsoring the competitions.

**Report by Steve Bell**

## Next month's issue!

The British Club was represented by Steve Bell and David Eastgate at the 3rd Raintree International Jumbo Squash Tournament held at the end of September in Kuala Lumpur. Too late to catch the deadline for the October issue, a full report will appear in next month's Outpost. Watch out for it.

## BRITISH CLUB VS RAJAPRUEK SQUASH

On 27th July, the British Club played a particularly enjoyable team squash fixture versus Rajapruek. British Club fielded a 10 man team – an encouraging sign of the enthusiasm for such fixtures, in the absence of a number of our "Stars" (Bell, Eastgate, Thwaites, Corney etc). Rajapruek struggled to find a strong team, but all 10 British Club players, had an enjoyable game. British Club won all the games; Nick White the only player to drop a game. The facilities and hospitality of Rajapruek made this a memorable afternoon (I know the committee are keen to maintain the regularity of these fixtures) – Well rounded off by the Australia South Africa Rugby Match, viewed in the bar. Partisan interest emerged with Martin Reed (for the Aussies) and Nick de Witt (for the Boks).

## MATCH RESULTS

BCB	Rajapruek	Match	Score
Chris Browning	Uthian	1	3-0
Shiraz Poonleva	N/S	2	w/o
Nick White	Uthian	3	3-1
Colin Hastings	Chomchanit	4	3-0
Steve Harvey	Surin	5	3-0
Tom Livingston	Tinnakorn	6	3-0
André Tissera	Thalerngchai	7	3-0
Marvin Lewis	Burada	8	3-0
Chris Reed	Anyu	9	3-0
Martin Reed	Thawapol	10	3-0

**Report by Chris Browning**



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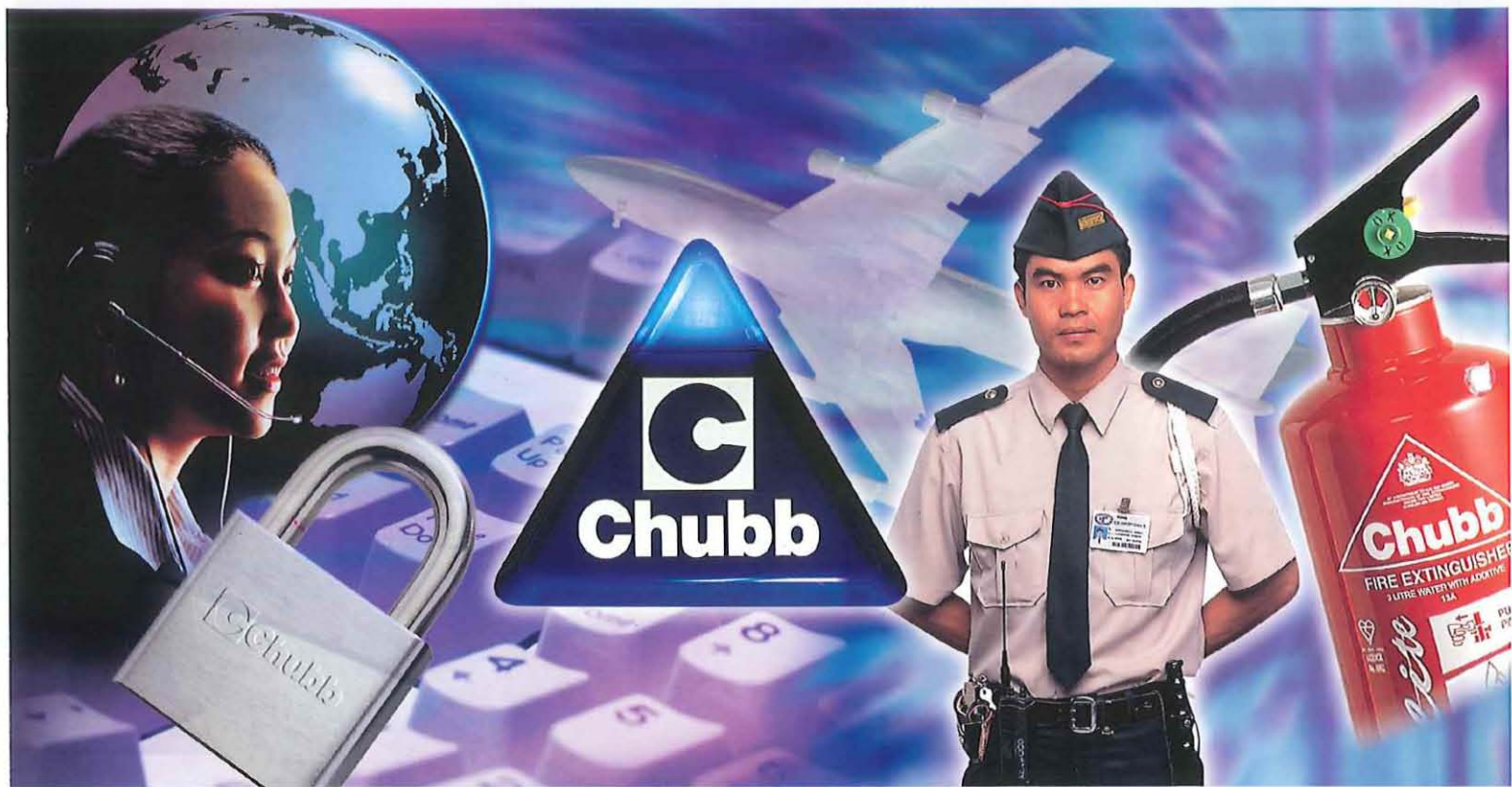
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