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All Hallows Eve . . .



Halloween Issue

Associated Groups list

New CEO Simon Roberts, Tsunami fund, On the menu, Elvis comes back!



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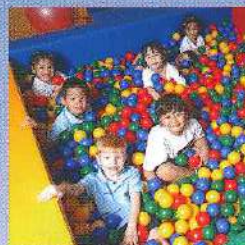
“Yes, my finances are under control.”

Of course they are. Aren't they? How many people do you know speak about how they save and manage their money? How many speak about their future - and how they have provided for their children's education? How many really save up for their holidays? Few if any; it's more fashionable to speak about what you have spent your money on (or borrowed to buy things with). Well let us ruffle your feathers. The simple facts about financial planning are that it is not fashionable, everyone pretends they have enough, nobody really knows what they have let alone what they need and absolutely nobody is prepared to admit that. The reason for this is that financial planning is easy to ignore. Most people do it subconsciously but many do it intentionally.

Finding time for someone to lecture you about the impossible sums you need in order to fulfill your dreams is not easy. Our world is full up with 'here and now' opportunities so why volunteer for a reality check? Our answer? Because you can! It's not that painful and you might even end up pleasantly surprised given your expatriate status. We already have over 100 years experience with British Expatriates and we can share some success stories with you to get the ball rolling. Don't pretend it's all under control if it's not.

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A photograph of two young women with dark, curly hair jumping joyfully on a bed with white linens. The woman on the left is wearing a white sleeveless top and a white skirt, while the woman on the right is wearing a light-colored short-sleeved shirt and a striped skirt. They are both smiling and have their arms outstretched. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

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	<u>COST PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL(BHT)</u>
Turkey			
(pre cooked weight between 4-8 kg only)	490.-/kg*		
Chestnut stuffing	300.-/kg*		
Honey Baked Ham	400.-/kg*		
Home made Mince Pie	55.-/pc.		
Home made Shortbread	30.-/pc.		
Christmas Pudding	1,700.-/500 grms		
Stilton Cheese	800.-/250 grms.		
Cranberry sauce	200.-/can(16oz)		
Black Forrest Cake	850.-		
Blueberry Cheese Cake	850.-		
Strawberry Cream Cake	850.-		
Chocolate Yule Log	900.-		
Apple Pie	800.-		
Christmas Fruit Cake	1,500.-		
Christmas Gingerbread House	1,000.-		
Christmas Crackers (red box for kids)	300.-		
Christmas Crackers(green box for adults)	300.-		
Oak Vineyards Merlot	800.-/9,600.-/bottle/case		
Oak Vineyards Chardonnay	800.-/9,600.-/bottle/case		
McGuigan Black label Merlot	700.-/8,400.-/bottle/case		
McGuigan Black label Chardonnay	700.-/8,400.-/bottle/case		
Crate No.31 Cabernet Merlot	600.-/7,200.-/bottle/case		
Crate No.31 Sauvignon Blanc	600.-/7,200.-/bottle/case		

TOTAL

Buy any case of our three house wines and receive a complimentary box of Christmas Crackers

All orders to be returned to The British Club by December 15th 2006

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Christmas Order



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CHRISTMAS ORDER LIST

	<u>COST PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL(BHT)</u>
Roasted Chateau potatoes	250.-/kg.	_____	_____
Roasted Pumpkin (Honey)	250.-/kg.	_____	_____
Mixed Garden Vegetables	280.-/kg.	_____	_____
Turkey Bisto	280.-/Litre	_____	_____
Brussels Sprout	350.-/kg.	_____	_____
Bread Sauce	120.-/500 grms.	_____	_____
Chipolata Sausage Wrapped in Bacon	30.-/Each	_____	_____
TOTAL			_____

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Invasion of the Coffee Pods

You may know that the British Club has recently introduced a wonderful range of 'pod' coffees (see page 25). As an almost complete coffee ignoramus, I decided to rectify the deficiency by doing a bit of research. Here's what I found . . .

Coffee was first discovered in Eastern Africa in an area now known as Ethiopia and first arrived on the European continent by means of Venetian trade merchants. Once in Europe the new beverage fell under harsh criticism from the Catholic church. Many felt the Pope should ban coffee, calling it the drink of the devil. To their surprise, the Pope, already a coffee drinker, blessed coffee declaring it a truly Christian beverage. The first English coffee house opened in Oxford in 1650 and by 1675 there were nearly 3000 coffee houses in England.

Today, coffee is a giant global industry employing more than 20 million people. As a commodity it ranks second only to crude oil in terms of dollars traded worldwide. With over 400 billion cups consumed every year, coffee is the world's most popular beverage.

Sharing my office with 'CoffeeWORKS', a specialty coffee roasting company, has introduced me not only to new coffee taste sensations and aromas, but also to new auditory phenomena, such as the tapping, gurgling, gronking and spurring sounds made by coffee machines. Then there's the sound made by the humans - usually coffee connoisseurs - when they're tasting coffee. This can best be described as a cross between sipping and inhaling and takes the form of an extended aerated slurp that propels a mixture of coffee and air into the upper palate and nasal area where its chemical and aromatic composition is detected and results relayed straight to the brain . . .

Chemically speaking, coffee is an extraordinarily complex substance, having roughly 1,000 chemical ingredients including sugars, polysaccharides, alkaloids, amino acids, proteins, chlorogenic acids, carboxylic acids, and hundreds of 'volatile components' like ketones, phenols, esters, aldehydes and alcohols!

If you're put off by drinking something that contains chemical compounds with names like 'ethyleneglycol diacetate' and '3-methyl-1-hydroxybenzene', don't be. Studies linking coffee to both detrimental and beneficial health effects have generally been inconclusive.

For many, the idea of the 'perfect' coffee is one that tastes every bit a good as it smells. Hmmm. Where's my Blue Mountain Arabica? I'll drink to that.

In this issue of *Outpost* there are **FIVE hidden Halloween pumpkins**. The first five persons (under 14 & one per family) to call or email Barry or Ben at the Club and correctly state the locations of **all five pumpkins** will win tickets to the Children's Halloween Party on the 29th! (To see what the pumpkins look like, go to the calendar, Page 23.) HINT: to find some of the pumpkins, you may need a magnifying glass!

Billy Beefeater



All Hallows Eve - The Club could get a little spooky on Halloween, but the

real fun will be on the 29th when all sorts of creepy and undead things attend the Children's Halloween Party.

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Letter from **the Chair**



Dear Members,

Appointment of C.E.O.

Following the summer vacation I returned to Bangkok at the end of August to learn of the very disappointing news that Russell Finney would not be joining us as C.E.O. Members will be aware that Russell was due to start work

at the Club on September 10th, and a good deal of time and effort had been spent in the recruitment process. Russell, unfortunately, had some quite sudden and serious personal problems which made it impossible for him to take up the post. It was extremely disappointing news for the General Committee.

We had started the search for a C.E.O. at the beginning of May, and with the development project now into the first phase of planning, we believed it was now crucial to get someone on board as soon as possible to take on the business side of the Club's management and allow Barry to concentrate on Operations.

The General Committee quickly reviewed our short list and also re-advertised the position. After a fairly swift interview process we were delighted to find an equally strong candidate and ultimately offered the position to Simon Roberts who will be joining us on October 1st.

Simon comes to us with a wealth of experience in managing private member Clubs, most recently in Singapore. We look forward to welcoming Simon to the Club and would like to invite members to attend an informal welcoming party in the Churchill Bar on Wednesday October 4th at 7:00 pm. We do hope you will be able to join us.

Development Project

Following feedback from the ten design companies who expressed an interest in the project, some aspects of the proposed plan have now been reviewed. Specifically, The DRSC (Development Rolling Sub-Committee) believed it prudent to review the timeline in order to ensure that any development doesn't compromise our Food & Beverage operation over the Christmas period. In addition we are also intending to invest some time in talking further to some of these design companies who offered a good deal of useful input, which now needs to be assimilated. However we are still planning to award the Interior Design Contract by the end of October with on site implementation commencing early January 2007. For more detailed information on development please see 'Development Corner' on Page 33.

Regards,

Angela Daniel
Chairman

BCB General Committee 2006/2007

Introducing **Simon Roberts** - Chief Executive Officer

The General Committee is delighted to announce the appointment of Simon Roberts as the British Club's first Chief Executive Officer. Simon is British, but was brought up and educated in Hong Kong before returning to university in the UK. Simon's background includes, most recently, senior management roles at both the Hollandse Club and the Tanah Merah Country Club in Singapore, and previously at the Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club and the British Club in Abu Dhabi. Simon is married, has two children and has spent the last year and a half in Koh Samui where he has been C.E.O. of a property company. Simon will be joining the Club on October 1st and is looking forward to moving to Bangkok and returning to the hospitality industry, where he has spent most of his career. Simon is enthusiastic about playing a leading role in the British Club's plans to upgrade our facilities as well as working with Barry and Khun Prem to move the Club forward in terms of service delivery and quality. On behalf of the General Committee we welcome Simon as a very valuable member of our Club's Senior Management Team and look forward to his contributions to the future of our Club.





BANGKOK PREP

Bangkok International Preparatory & Secondary School

A British Curriculum School



Bangkok Prep's philosophy is based on a simple conviction: it is that true education nurtures a life-long love of learning, a striving for the highest standards, not only in academic work, but also socially and spiritually. This empowers individuals to take their place as productive members of society at work, and in peace and harmony with themselves, the community and the environment in which they live.

Bangkok Prep's mission is to create a learning environment that enables students to realize their full potential through the application of the school's philosophy. Consequently, it is committed to offering a stimulating and challenging education which promotes a love of learning as well as spiritual and moral development of personal responsibility for one's own learning.

Maintenance of this learning environment requires high standards of behaviour, courtesy, tolerance, respect, an awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity. It is also rooted in the concept of the school as a community, actively involving parents and other community partners in school life.

An International Outlook

Bangkok Prep is very like the Sukhumvit Community that surrounds it, in that the school is truly international, representing 25 different nationalities.

Such a diverse mix opens students up to other cultures and ideas and encourages them to speak English - **Bangkok Prep School's** main language of instruction, communication and interaction.

Bangkok Prep's enthusiastic teachers are native speakers, mainly from the UK but also from Australia, Canada and the USA. There are also specialist EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers, who support students who may need support with their language skills, as well as native-speaking teachers of Thai and other modern languages.

Location, Location, Location!

Bangkok Prep enjoys what is probably the best location in the city. Right on Sukhumvit Road itself and just a couple of minutes from Thong Lo BTS station, the school offers a welcome sight of greenery in the middle of the city. The expansive site shaded by mighty trees creates a wonderful atmosphere for children to work, play and interact.

As the area is also home to many of Bangkok's expatriate residents, and enjoys excellent transport links, travel time to and from the school is reduced considerably. This means that parents have more time to spend with their children and can become more involved with school life.

Top-class facilities

The school boasts some wonderful facilities that challenge children, mentally and physically. As well as a 25-metre swimming pool, the facilities at the school provide for football, cricket and many other sports.

Inside the school is a large, airy and welcoming library, computer laboratories and specialised rooms for Science and CDT. Music also features strongly as both a curricular and extra-curricular activity.

Great care has been taken to ensure that all classrooms at **Bangkok Prep School** are bright and cheerful places where students are happy to create and learn. Outside, the lush grounds encourage students to meet and interact with each other in a safe and secure environment.

Halloween, Guy Fawkes and Loy Krathong!

Dear Members,

It is great to see everybody back after the holidays and the Club once again a hive of activity.

One of the highlights of the month is our Kids' Halloween Party taking place on Sunday 29th October, and followed a week later by our Guy Fawkes spectacular.

Guy Fawkes this year also falls on the same day as Loy Krathong, the Thai festival to celebrate the end of the rainy season!! Yes, well, we will just wait and see, after last year's wash-out!

As usual the car park will be closed for safety reasons as from 10pm on Saturday 4th November through to 10pm on Sunday 5th November. There is no alternative car parking so I urge members to come by taxi and drop off at the front gates. The Club is open all day as per normal but after 4pm it is only open to members with Guy Fawkes tickets. Susie's team will be along as usual and their activities will include Guy-making but, if you want, you can make them at home and bring them along. Part of the activities will also be making Krathongs for you to float here or take home with you. The activities on the night will take on a Thai theme to celebrate Loy Krathong. We have a series of shows from the Thungmahamek Orphanage, one of which features a fire dance!! I ask all members to make sure they have their children with them during the fireworks display. In the unlikely event that you do need medical treatment of any kind, Angela Stafford and her team from the BNH will be on hand at all times.

Also in October we have not one but two wine makers visiting the Club for an Australian Wine Dinner. The event is sponsored by Club member Tom Westbury and Prestige Wines. The visiting wine makers are Joe Babich from Babich Winery and John Hancock from Trinity Wines. The cost of the evening is 1,700 baht per person, and includes a sumptuous menu created by Khun Laak & her team - and each course is accompanied by wine. There is even a small cocktail reception on the front lawn before dinner with wine & canapes, so if you're a wine buff or just enjoy fine dining, then this event is for you.

In this month's edition you will also find your Christmas order list. Please return to the Club as soon as possible to guarantee your order. Last year we provided over 100 turkeys, 3000 mince pies, 50 kilos of Christmas puddings and 750 kilos of baked ham! Don't forget we also have our Christmas cards on sale at the Reception at only 40 baht each or 'buy 10 get 1 free'.

We truly are a family club and once again getting very busy around the pool area especially at weekends. Over the last few months there have been various comments about boisterous children in the Suriwongse Sala playing with footballs and running through the sala, etc. I would like to ask parents to please keep an eye on their children to make sure their behaviour is not dangerous or upsetting to other members. There are no bylaws or policies about children in the salas and we

shouldn't need a minute level of regulation - all that's required is a little consideration and common sense. We have over 1,100 members from 41 countries and as a Club there are obviously a lot of differing personalities and likes and dislikes. But it's a good Club and, above all, it's the members that make the Club - if we all just respected each other a little more I'm sure the environment would improve for all.

While I'm on the subject, parents please do not leave your children here at the Club alone with your maid; and please use the children's changing room, provided at the side of the Silom Sala by the Baby Pool, for nappy changes - not the Sala tables!

This month we welcome our new CEO, Simon Roberts, to the Club at an informal gathering in the Churchill Bar on Wednesday October 4th at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you there.

In addition we have a new Membership Sales Manager, Khun Nuttha ('Gift'), who joined us last month and has already been working hard on mobile membership promotion - see article on page 27.

Don't forget that Christmas Ball and New Year's Cruise tickets are also on sale. Contact Khun Ben or myself for further information. As from October 1st, there are 86 days until Christmas Day so book your table for the Lord's or the Churchill Bar now. MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

This month we are also introducing brand new menus at poolside and the Churchill Bar. Khun Laak and Suchon have worked hard on these menus and although there are not too many changes, we have tried to take into account all the suggestions from the Membership surveys, especially with the Poolside Menu. I hope you like the new menus and please feel free to let me know any ideas for recipes or new items. Laak and Suchon are now busy creating our new Lord's menu.

At poolside on weekends we are now offering a range of Japanese foods fresh each week. Check out the interesting and delicious items all with hot wasabi sauce.

We now also have a range of new coffees in 'pods'. Full menus are available in the outlets and see page 25 of this issue. The coffee pods are sealed in a foil envelope and each pod produces a cup of freshly brewed coffee. My favourite is the Costa Rican. Check them out!

I look forward to seeing you around your Club soon.

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager



Special Events at the Club this month

** CHINESE GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 1st October, from noon, Churchill Bar
For details, see opposite page.

** WELCOME PARTY for NEW CEO

Wednesday, 4th October, 7pm, Churchill Bar
Simon Roberts, the British Club's new CEO, will be joining us on October 1st. Simon comes to us with a wealth of experience in managing private member Clubs, most recently in Singapore. We hope you will join us in welcoming Simon to the Club at this informal welcoming party in the Churchill Bar.

** JAPANESE GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 8th October, from 1pm, Churchill Bar
For details, see opposite page.

** THAI COOKING CLASS

Tuesday, 10th October, 10am, Silom Sala
Want to learn how to cook your favourite Thai foods? Why not learn here at the Club with Khun Laak and Khun Suchon, the Club's head chefs? We start at 10am with coffee in the Silom Sala and then get cooking. The Class is designed to be very much hands on and at the end you will get to enjoy for lunch the food that you have cooked! The cooking class costs 1,500 baht per person and includes handouts of the recipes, lunch and a glass of Thai wine. The class will be informal so feel free to ask Laak or Suchon plenty of questions. Class size is limited to 10 people.

** WINE MAKERS DINNER

Wednesday, 11th October, 7pm, Lord's Restaurant
Sponsored by Club member Tom Westbury and Prestige Wines, the dinner will feature wines from visiting wine makers Joe Babich from Babich Winery and John Hancock from Trinity Wines. The cost of the evening is 1,700 baht per person, and includes a sumptuous menu created by Khun Laak & her team - with a different wine at each course. There is even a small cocktail reception on the front lawn before dinner with wine & canapes, so if you're a wine buff or just enjoy fine dining, this event is for you.

MENU

Fresh Tuna Salad

Served with soy-mirin dressing and crisp baby salad leaves

Pumpkin soup

Served with baked garlic and chillies

Sherbet

Passion fruit, strawberry and kiwi fruit

Grilled Rack of Lamb with herbs crust

Served with Portobello mushroom, creamed spinach, balsamic sauce and new potatoes

or

Grilled King Fish Steak

Served with clam and mussel sauce, sauteed fennel and new potatoes

Coconut Cream Caramel With lemon grass cream

Freshly brewed Coffee or Tea
and spicy Thai style Petit Fours

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 12th October, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room
This month's episode is THE SECRET OF BAY 5B: Playboy architect Michael Gifford has been strangled in his car and the only clues to the murder are his diary and a car park ticket. The list of suspects grows as Morse and Lewis uncover a love triangle involving the dead man. Full F&B service available. Please sign up in advance to help us with seating.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 17th October, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar
Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun. There are 4 rounds of 19 questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". There are also 3 spot rounds where you have the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons.

** ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT!

Saturday, 21st October, Leave BC at 6pm
Amazing concert using Elvis footage on a big screen combined with live band. So real you would swear Elvis had come back! See page 32 for details.

** BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX - LIVE

Sunday, 22nd October, from midnight, Churchill Bar
For details, see opposite page.

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - FROST

Thursday, 26th October, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room
This month's episode (carried over from September) is CARE AND PROTECTION: Frost investigates a missing child case, as his terminally ill wife languishes in bed. A chance digging turns up a 30-year-old skeleton chained to a strongbox that turns out to be empty. The plot thickens when a former bank employee with links to the strongbox is murdered... Full F&B service available. Please sign up in advance to help us with seating.

** MONTHLY WINE TASTING

Friday, 27th October, 6-9pm, Suriwongse Room
Join us for our monthly Tasting, featuring wines from Australia, California, New Zealand and a host of other countries. The Club will create a range of complimentary canapes to complement the wines, which members can purchase at specially discounted prices direct from the vendors. What a great way to start the weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club. Why not head down into the Churchill Bar afterwards and enjoy our famous 'T.G.I.F' Curry Buffet for only 250 baht.

** CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, 29th October, 11am to 1pm, Suriwongse Room
Full-on kids' fancy dress party with Halloween menu and plenty of activities and games, including magic show, doughnut eating, Halloween VDO and an egg-hunt on the back lawn. Tickets: Children 2-12 years, 390 baht; Under 2's and adults, 100 baht. Please sign up at Reception.

THE FINAL LAP

Just like Holmes' Last Bow or even his Final Problem, we come to not only the last lap of the 2006 Grand Prix season but also the last lap of the career of one Michael Schumacher – love him or hate him, he has still been the biggest influence in F1 over the past two decades and perhaps the greatest racer of our time

And as we enter October Michael has closed the championship gap from 21 points in June to now a mere 2 points with three races still to go. It will be an amazing end to the season, and if the championship goes to the last leg, we will show the **BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX** live at midnight on Sunday 22nd October so that everyone can taste the finale of all finales and perhaps a magnificent end to the career of the Prancing Pony.

The Final Lap....

Sunday 1 st	Chinese Grand Prix	Noon	LIVE!
Sunday 8 th	Japanese Grand Prix	1pm	LIVE!
Sunday 22 nd	Brazilian Grand Prix	Midnight	LIVE!

As usual we will start Raceday an hour ahead of start with our now traditional **PASTA & SALAD BAR** Freshly cooked pasta with sauces of your choice served with salad ... all for 140 baht **OR** you can take your pick from a choice of **THREE ROASTS** so you can tuck into Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding, Pork with crackling or Lamb with mint sauce as the cars race around the track.

At Racetime, we switch over to the European transmission of the race for a non-stop showing with commentary from Martin Brundle.

ENJOY!

"DOCTOR WHO @ 43"

23rd November 1963 was a special day in the memory of a few ... It was the day at 15 minutes past five o'clock in the afternoon that millions of children of all ages were gathered around small black & white TV sets to see a mass of swirling smoke supported by an eerie sound that together heralded the start of 'Doctor Who'. William Hartnell, known by fans as 'The First Doctor' ("the original, you might say") did not appear until ten minutes in, but what an appearance ...



Trouble three times over!

With a blue Police Public Call Box on every village green and certainly on most of London's most important streets, no-one would ever have guessed until that evening that it could "travel anywhere in time and space".

To celebrate The Doctor's 43rd birthday we will show the following

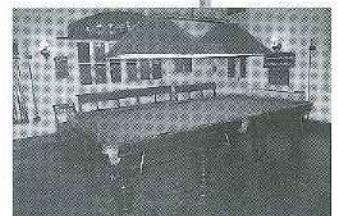
Thursday 23rd November 2006

- 6.30pm to 7pm **An Unearthly Child**
7pm to 8.30pm **The Three Doctors**

The first episode starring William Hartnell as The First Doctor.
The Tenth Anniversary Special that brought together for the first (and sadly last) time the first Three Doctors together in one story ... starring William Hartnell, Patrick Troughton and Jon Pertwee.

Children of all ages from 8 to 80 are invited.

SNOOKER TABLE FOR SALE



The British Club offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase a genuine full size snooker table. Not just any snooker table. One of the Club's two snooker tables imported from the United Kingdom in 1947. The tables were purchased second hand by the importer and were originally manufactured by Messrs W. Jelks & Son of Holloway, which company ceased trading in 1938. So the tables would be around 70 years old - or more.

The table currently in use is the one offered for sale (ie, the table farthest from the Reception doors). See photo.

Both members and non-members may bid. Send your bid in a sealed envelope to Mr. Barry Osborne, BC General Manager, by 31 October. The highest bid received by that date gets the table! Any questions about bids, removal logistics, etc, please contact Barry.

"I SAY, IS THIS CRICKET?"

October is the start of the ICC Champions Trophy being held this year in India. As we go to press, only six teams have qualified with four still to play off for the last two places....

CHAMPIONS TROPHY PLAYERS

Australia
India
England
New Zealand
Pakistan
South Africa



AWAITING PLAY-OFFS

Bangladesh
Sri Lanka
West Indies
Zimbabwe

The schedule for play is ...

QUALIFIERS

Date	Match	Venue	Times*
Oct 7	Sri Lanka v Bangladesh	Mohali	Midday-7pm
Oct 8	West Indies v Zimbabwe	Ahmedabad	Midday-7pm
Oct 10	Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe	Ahmedabad	Midday-7pm
Oct 11	West Indies v Bangladesh	Jaipur	Midday-7pm
Oct 13	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe	Jaipur	Midday-7pm
Oct 14	Sri Lanka v West Indies	Mumbai	Midday-7pm

* subject to change - see posters

FOR THE TROPHY

Date	Match	Venue	Times*
Oct 15	India v England	Jaipur	Midday-7pm
Oct 16	New Zealand v South Africa	Mumbai	Midday-7pm
Oct 17	Pakistan v Sri Lanka or Bangladesh	Jaipur	Midday-7pm
Oct 18	Australia v West Indies or Zimbabwe	Mumbai	Midday-7pm
Oct 20	New Zealand v Sri Lanka or Bangladesh	Mumbai	Midday-7pm
Oct 21	Australia v England	Jaipur	Midday-7pm
Oct 24	South Africa v Sri Lanka or Bangladesh	Ahmedabad	Midday-7pm
Oct 25	New Zealand v Pakistan	Mohali	Midday-7pm
Oct 26	India v West Indies or Zimbabwe	Ahmedabad	Midday-7pm
Oct 27	Pakistan v South Africa	Mohali	Midday-7pm
Oct 28	England v West Indies or Zimbabwe	Ahmedabad	Midday-7pm
Oct 29	India v Australia	Mohali	Midday-7pm

The Semi-Finals and Finals will be held November 1st to 5th.

The Club aims to show each match live in The Churchill Bar each afternoon of the tournament.

WANTED



Donations of TYPEWRITERS for Burmese Refugees

There are about 150,000 Burmese refugees living in 9 camps along the Thailand Burma border. Aid agencies working under the Committee for the Coordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand (CCSDPT) provide food, shelter, health and education services, but most of the work is done by the refugee communities themselves who also administer the camps. There are camp committees, women's organisations, youth organisations etc., all of whom have offices in the camps that need supplies and other support.

In particular they need TYPEWRITERS.

If you have any that you would like to donate,

please contact CCSDPT Chairperson Jack Dunford through Khun Leena at ccsdpt@inet.co.th or call 02 238 5027.

Please note that these need to be serviceable and suitable for use in remote places. i.e.

- Manual, not electric
- English- or Burmese-language
- New or second-hand (if second-hand, should be in good working condition and serviceable)
- Preferably models for which basic consumable accessories (ribbons, etc) are still commercially available
- Carriage wide enough to accommodate A4 and standard stencil (B4?) paper
- Preferably with own lid / casing (to protect from elements in camp)
- Preferably with instruction manual or notes on care and maintenance!

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

8:30pm-late

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

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

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:00-9:00pm

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

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

Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

SUNDAYS Lord's Restaurant

Noon-3:00pm

Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

Churchill Bar

3:00pm onwards

BWG Mahjong

Spoofing

CARVERY BUFFET Bt 250. Choose from 3 roast joints, 3 potato styles, 3 veggies. Also with fresh salad (Bt 280).

PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR

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

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

Chess

THEME BUFFET - **6th October:** TEX-MEX BUFFET - with empenadas, quesilladas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and more; 250 baht per person.

13th October: GREEK BUFFET - with souvlaki, tatziki, baklava, dolmades and more; 250 baht per person.

20th October: ITALIAN BUFFET - A range of pizzas and salads + pasta cooked to order with your favourite sauces; 250 baht per person.

27th October: T.G.I.F.CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.

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

FAMILY CARVERY - Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts.

Adults Bt 350 and children Bt 200 (includes soft drink)

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

Bridge Tournament

Official Opening Times

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

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



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Good news for thrifty savers!

Changes to UK Pension Legislation

From 1st April 2006 (known as A-Day) major changes to pension legislation in the UK were introduced which will have wide ranging and largely beneficial implications for British Expatriates. Up until now most British Expatriates were excluded from contributing to UK approved personal pensions unless they had earnings subject to tax in the UK or were allowed to remain members of UK approved employer's schemes. With A-Day all this has changed.

Outline of the New Arrangements

Perhaps the most welcome change has been the removal of the so called "concurrency" test. This prevented investors from being active members of two concurrent pension schemes unless they were linked to the main employer's scheme via the additional voluntary contribution route. From now on any UK citizen will be able to join any type and any number of pension schemes at the same time. However, there are restrictions:

1. Maximum contributions into a plan is the higher of £3,600 per annum or 100% of earnings (subject to the overall maximum of the annual allowance, see below.)
2. The annual allowance has been set for the year 2006/07 as £215,000 contributions rising eventually by the year 2010/2011 to £255,000 per annum.
3. A new concept, the Standard Lifetime Allowance (SLA) has been introduced. Briefly this is the maximum amount of the pension "pot" which will not be subject to any tax penalties. In 2006/07 this is set at £1.5million rising by 2010/2011 to £1.8million.

Provided these limits are not breached, individuals can obtain tax relief on contributions and the funds themselves will not be subject to income tax, capital gains tax or inheritance tax. Eventually 25% of the funds can be withdrawn tax free. Naturally, once the pensions are in payment they will be subject to UK income tax.

Age Restrictions

From A-day 2006 to April 2010 the minimum age to draw a pension benefit is 50, but if ill health strikes there are grounds for taking pension benefits earlier. From 2010 the minimum age to take a pension rises to 55.

From A-day, pension benefits must be taken by age 75 and cannot be deferred beyond that date.

Expatriate Revolution

As mentioned earlier, in the past it was difficult for British Expatriates to carry on contributing to UK schemes. That will now change. If there are earnings subject to UK tax, then pension contributions can obtain full tax relief. On the other hand, if there are no UK taxable earnings, pension contributions can still be made, but without the benefit of tax relief at source. The table below indicates how this will operate. The vast majority of British Expatriates will fall under Category 2 and can therefore make unlimited contributions to an approved UK Scheme. There are, however, plenty of individuals who are not resident for UK tax purposes but continue to have their salaries subject

to UK tax, with Crown Servants being an obvious example. If you fall into one of the following categories it is certainly worth considering making contributions to UK pension schemes after April 2006:

- (i) Non-Resident but still a Member of an existing UK Pension Scheme following Secondment Abroad.

It is possible to top up contributions or alternatively consider setting up a parallel personal pension plan for diversification and flexibility.

- (ii) Non-Resident but Member of an Overseas Pension Scheme

Whilst not possible to contribute to a UK employer based arrangement there is nothing to stop individual contributions to a personal pension plan in the UK.

- (iii) Non-Resident and Member of a UK Scheme with Pension Benefits now Preserved

Whilst it will not be possible to re-activate contributions to the preserved scheme, in parallel to that contributions can be made to a new personal arrangement.

- (iv) Non-Resident Retired early Abroad

Provided aged under 75 years it is possible to divert some of your savings or investments into approved UK personal pension plans.

Pros and Cons

As ever, there are advantages as well as disadvantages in investing in UK pension plans.

Advantages

For many the security of dealing with approved UK institutions will be a major benefit. A key advantage is that the fund built up will not be subject to income tax or capital gains tax while it is accumulating.

In addition, if death occurs before pension benefits are taken, a lump sum can be returned in full without any tax (including inheritance tax) and paid to nominated beneficiaries.

When pension benefits are taken 25% of the Fund can be taken as a tax free lump sum. Naturally there is a wide choice of providers and a range of funds to suit all appetites for risk.

Disadvantages

For those who are non-resident with no taxable UK earnings, the downside for the contributions is that there will be no tax relief granted. Eventually when the pension comes into payment, UK tax will be deducted at source but this may be avoided using the Double Tax Treaties with your country of residence.

In summary, there are massive changes taking place which will open up the world of UK pensions to British expatriates.

Whilst it was bad news that direct property investments could not be included in, for example, self invested personal pensions (SIPPs); the availability of a wide range of property funds linked to UK and international equities and fixed interest funds should give plenty of scope for the canny investor.

Aidan Bailey BA(Hons) CertPFS

General Manager – Singapore, The Fry Group

Aidan Bailey will shortly be available in Bangkok for consultations – see advertisement following.

The Scope for Individuals Resident and Non-Resident in the UK to Contribute to UK Registered Pension Schemes

- Anyone who is under age 75 will be able to join and contribute to a UK registered pension scheme.
- Eligibility for tax relief on the contributions will depend on the membership category into which the individual falls in the particular tax year.

- Category 1 – The individual is resident in the UK, or has earnings chargeable to UK tax.
 Category 2 – The individual is non-resident and has no earnings chargeable to UK tax.
 Category 3 – The individual is in Category 2 for the current tax year, but came under Category 1 within the previous 5 tax years.

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
What contributions can be made?	Unlimited personal and employer contributions	Unlimited personal and employer contributions	Unlimited personal and employer contributions
What tax relief is available on the individual's personal contributions?	Relief up to the higher of: - £3,600 - 100% of earnings Chargeable to UK tax	None	Only where contributions are paid to a scheme operating RAS such that contributions are treated as net of basic rate tax – but only on the first £3,600 (gross)
What tax relief is available on any contributions from the current or former employer?	Relief in computing profits chargeable to UK tax, subject to local inspector agreement	Relief in computing profits chargeable to UK tax, subject to local inspector agreement	Relief in computing profits chargeable to UK tax, subject to local inspector agreement
Application of the Annual Allowance (including the value of any increase in accrued benefits under a DB OPS)	All contributions count towards the Annual Allowance	Contributions do not count towards the Annual Allowance	The first £3,600 (gross) paid under RAS counts towards the Annual Allowance

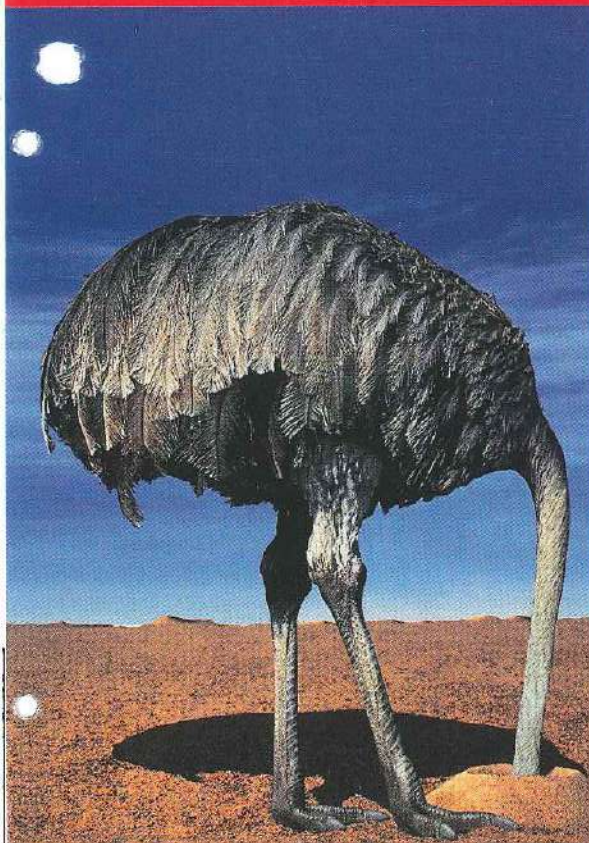
Aidan Bailey will be visiting Bangkok from 30 Oct to 1 Nov (inclusive) and individual meetings are available at The JW Marriott Hotel Bangkok, 4 Sukhumvit Road Soi 2. If you wish to make an appointment, please contact us on (65) 6225 0825 or send email to info@thefrygroupsg.com. For more details, please visit our website www.thefrygroup.co.uk

“Yes, my finances are under control.”

Of course they are. Aren't they? How many people do you know speak about how they save and manage their money? How many speak about their future – and how they have provided for their children's education? How many really save up for their holidays? Few if any; it's more fashionable to speak about what you have spent your money on (or borrowed to buy things with). Well let us ruffle your feathers. The simple facts about financial planning are that it is not fashionable, everyone pretends they have enough, nobody really knows what they have let alone what they need and absolutely nobody is prepared to admit that. The reason for this is that financial planning is easy to ignore. Most people do it subconsciously but many do it intentionally.

Finding time for someone to lecture you about the impossible sums you need in order to fulfill your dreams is not easy. Our world is full up with 'here and now' opportunities so why volunteer for a reality check? Our answer? Because you can! It's not that painful and you might even end up pleasantly surprised given your expatriate status. We already have over 100 years experience with British Expatriates and we can share some success stories with you to get the ball rolling. Don't pretend it's all under control if it's not.

For an informal exchange on how to get the best out of what you earn, call Aidan Bailey on 6225 0825 or send an email to info@thefrygroupsg.com



DOGGIE DESTINY

Scorpio (October 23- November 22)

Keywords: Intense, determined, powerful (+)
Secretive, obsessive, unforgiving (-)



Do you have a Scorpio dog? Good luck! Underneath the unruffled furry exterior is a seething maelstrom of emotions. Even if s/he's a jaunty dachshund or a fluffy Pomeranian, this is a heavy-duty dog and you'll soon find out they're not to be trifled with. Proud and independent, they won't like being told what to do. These dogs have strong likes & dislikes – they don't mess with Mr. In-between. The good news is that if your 'in' then you're really 'in'. Scorpio dogs are very affectionate to their love objects – and protective. They're usually a one-person animal. Scorpio pets are intimidating to other animals and rarely will they back down from a confrontation. They also have a secretive side that (for obvious reasons) you don't often see! They can be missing for long periods without you realizing it, and often have many hiding places for collectibles.

Survival Tip: Be careful not to seriously upset your Scorpio dog. They find it very hard to forgive and forget. Never mind that astronomers say Pluto isn't a planet any more. As any Scorpio dog would tell you (if s/he could talk) their ruling planet is not one to be messed with!

Outlook for 2007: With your dog's Pluto ruler squaring Neptune & Saturn and trining Uranus in 2007, it's going to be an exciting and full-on year for Scorpio dogs. More than usual, your pooch will want to have their paw in everything that goes on in the neighbourhood – not because they're necessarily nosey, just that it's important to ensure no other dog puts one over them! Confrontations and jealousies over possessions, strutting rights, and who gets the corner hydrant, may escalate into World War III, with nearly all the dogs in the neighbourhood being forced to take one side or the other. The really big problems will arise when the other dog is also a Scorpio! The only way to solve this mega-standoff is simply to move house, preferably to the other side of town.

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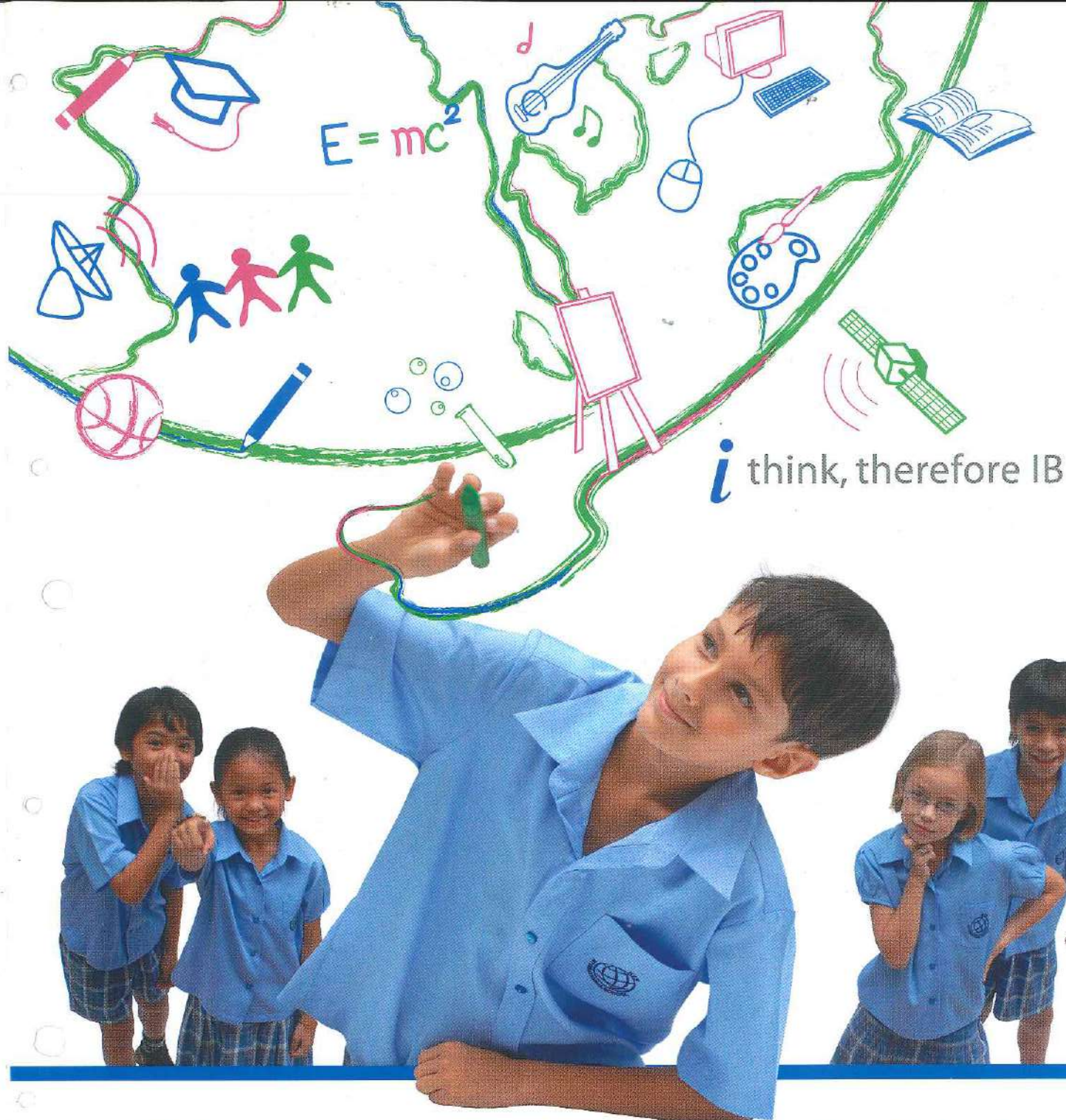
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SALTDough GHOSTS



This craft project is one your kids will quickly get into the spirit of: shaping a batch of mini sprites to use as party decorations or favours. For an even spookier effect, add these easy-to-make Paper Bag Trees.

MATERIALS:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1/2 cup water
- Bowl
- Wooden spoon
- Fine-point permanent black marker

Time needed: Under 1 hour

1. Combine the flour, salt, and water in a bowl. Stir the mixture with a wooden spoon until smooth.
2. Divide the dough into 6 equal pieces and shape each into a ghost, flattening the base so it will stand up.
3. Microwave the ghosts on a plate one or two at a time for 20- to 30-second intervals until the dough is fairly firm (about 1 1/2 to 2 minutes in total). Let the ghosts cool (they can get quite hot).
4. Use a fine-point permanent black marker to draw on eyes and a mouth.



YUMMY MUMMIES



Filled with small candies, these simple treat holders can serve double duty as festive table decorations and party favours for your Halloween bash.

1. For each holder, trace one end of the empty tissue tube onto a piece of white paper, then cut out the circle, making it slightly smaller than your trace line. (If you fold the paper into a few layers, you can cut out several circles at once.)
2. Cut the tube in half (you can make 2 holders per tube) and tape the paper circle to the bottom of each half.
3. Wrap a 2- to 2 1/2-foot strip of gauze around the tube, first taping the beginning of the gauze to the tube. Gently stretch and twist the gauze as you wrap it to give it some dimension. When you've covered the tube, cut the gauze and tuck the end under a nearby layer.
4. Finally, glue on googly eyes (or use the self-adhesive kind), then fill the mummy with candy treats.



CLIP-BATS

If your belfry is feeling a bit bare this Halloween, scare up a swarm of clip-on bats.

MATERIALS:

- Craft paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pinch-style clothes pegs

Time needed: Under 1 hour



1. For each bat, cut an extended-wings shape from black craft paper.
2. Next, cut out an oblong body with pointed ears and feet, and glue it onto the wings.
3. Add round, beady eyes cut from yellow or red paper. Then glue a clothes peg to the back of the bat, and it's ready to hang on a curtain.



skeleton costume



scarecrow costume

HALLOWEEN JOKE'S Kids Can Tell

- Why don't angry witches ride their brooms?
— They're afraid of flying off the handle.
- What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost?
— Bamboo.
- What happened to the guy who didn't pay his exorcist?
— He was repossessed.
- Who did the ghost invite to his party?
— Anyone he could dig up!
- What is a Mummy's favourite type of music?
— Wrap!
- What do ghosts say when something is really neat?
— Ghoul.
- Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
— He had no guts.



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Are tomatoes vegetables?



The Churchill Bar was packed to the gunwales on Quiz Night Sept 19th, as nine teams competed for the glittering prizes. The frenetically busy bar staff had to sidle and wend their way around chairs, bodies, tables and elbows to deliver refreshments and dinner orders, including of course the ever-popular fish 'n' chips in newspaper.

As the quiz got underway, it soon became clear that reigning champions The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers would once again be hard to beat. Some Other Team valiantly nipped at their heels for a while but a sizzling score of 39 in the third round saw the Spoofers triumphant.

In between rounds the teams chased three bottles of wine (thanks Crown Relocations!) in the usual clutch of quirky Table Questions. We discovered that the first commercial airport in Britain opened in 1919, there are 32 pods on

the Millennium Eye in London, and the rainfall at the wettest place on earth (Cherrapunji, in northern India) averages 498 inches per annum! Later on, we also learned that there were in fact eight vegetables in V8 vegetable juice. Alas, it wasn't a trick question. Jim's Junkies' spirited argument that 'tomatoes are not a vegetable and therefore V8 has only 7 veges' was swiftly quashed by the quizmaster who promptly declared tomatoes to be a vegetable for the purposes of that question!

This quiz also featured the first Doctor Who question in quite a while but, in a cruel twist of fate, this was one of the very few quizzes from which Six No Trumps' resident Doctor Who guru happened to be absent! Such are the ups & downs of your average BC Quiz Night . . . "Like sands through the hourglass, so run the days of our lives" (cue soap music).

Oh, and the scores:

1. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	136	6. BGGs	104
2. Some Other Team	128	7. Mad Medics	100.5
3. Jim's Junkies	112	8. Spent Boons	87
4. Sminky Minky Bang Bang	110	9. Do Little Davies	64.5
5. Six No Trumps	106		

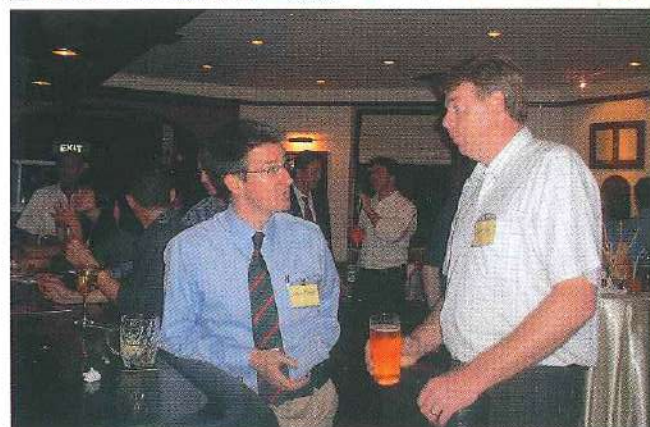
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Teams of 4-6 --- 100 Baht per player --- 7.30pm kick off

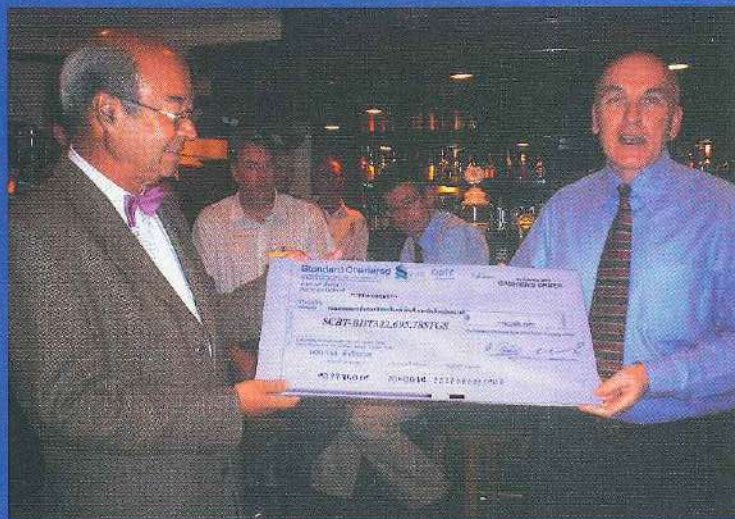
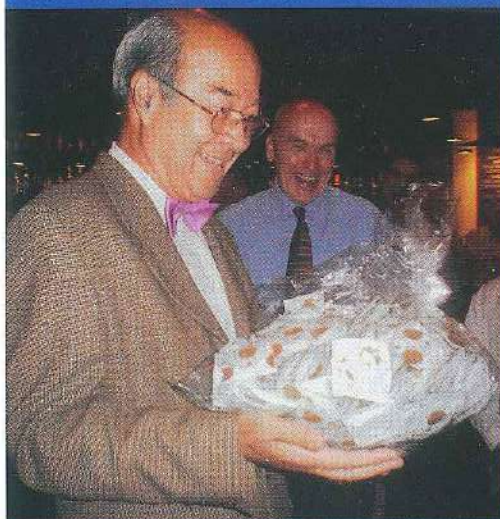
New Members' Night & Tsunami Relief



The New Members' Night on Tuesday 12th September was well attended by over 50 members both old and new. The delicious canapés by Khun Laak and her team, as well as the free barrel of Tiger Beer, made for a relaxed and salubrious atmosphere, with the highlight of the evening being the Club's presentation of a giant cheque to a local NGO undertaking tsunami relief . . .



The British Club Tsunami Relief Fund



On Tuesday 12th September 2006 we were finally able to hand over the proceeds from the British Club Tsunami Relief Fund to an excellent project in Phangna Province. We're pleased to be able to report that the project is to be run by Mr. Mechai's organisation, the Population and Community Development Association (PDA), Thailand's leading non-governmental, non-profit organisation.

A few months ago we met with Mr. Mechai who has taken on the challenge of helping affected local villagers to regain their normal way of life and even improve their economic, social, and environmental conditions so they are better off than before the tsunami. The fund had raised a total 322,695.78 baht and it was a great pleasure to present Mr. Meechai with a cheque for this amount at the New Members' Night.

PDA's staff have completed a recent exploratory health survey in 8 schools in Klong Lua, Klong Krai, Bor Muang, Laem Kruad, Lee Kee, Ta Pradu, Ban Khuan Tai and Tung Samet, totalling approximately 1,500 primary and middle school students in the post-tsunami project area and have identified a generally low quality of personal hygiene, above-average rate of dental decay, a high rate of infestation with lice among 7-10 year olds, and one-third of youth considered underweight by non-scientific methods.

In light of this latest information, PDA suggested we help put together a Preventive Hygiene Education Project, with integrated school activities as an important addition to everyday lessons. Part of the plan will include

specialty designed posters in their classrooms that depict and explain preventive health behaviours. Pamphlets will also be printed to hand out at schools explaining the various hygiene issues. Trained visitors to the schools will ensure that the message gets across, along with the provision of a 'health pack' containing such basic items as a toothbrush and toothpaste which the children will have to purchase for a nominal sum of 5 baht each. Mr. Mechai explained that once students have to pay for their 'pack', they will certainly participate in the project and take care of their hygiene products.

The project is planned to last a year and it is hoped that if it proves to be successful, it will continue to be implemented, providing of course further funding can be raised. We plan to update everyone from time to time as to how the project is progressing. If anyone is interested in visiting Phangna or would like to get more involved in the work with PDA, please contact us at the British Club or contact PDA directly through their website at <http://www.pda.or.th>

Continuing support for the families and especially the children in the tsunami-hit regions will be needed for some time to come and we're delighted that the British Club has been able to contribute, even in a relatively small way. It will make a difference and above all, we'd like to express our sincere thanks to all those British Club members who have contributed to this fund. Well done and thank you!

David Quine (Q12)

Don't miss the next New Members Night on Tuesday November 14th.

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BC CALENDAR OCTOBER – The Month at a Glance

Sunday



1 10:30am-2:15pm
Squash Mix-in
Silom Room
1:00-3:30pm
Children's Activities
Churchill Bar
From 12noon
FORUMULA ONE - LIVE
Chinese GP
Lord's Restaurant
12noon-3:00pm
Family Carvery

8 **Lord's Restaurant**
12noon-3:00pm
Family Carvery
Churchill Bar
From 1:00pm
FORUMULA ONE - LIVE
Japanese GP
Silom Room
1:00-3:30pm
Children's Activities
Churchill Bar
3:00pm
Bridge Tournament
3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice



15 **Lord's Restaurant**
12noon-3:00pm
Family Carvery
Silom Room
1:00-3:30pm
Children's Activities

Monday

2 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

9 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

16 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

Tuesday

3 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In
9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic
7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

Churchill Bar
8:30pm-late
Spoofing



10 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In
9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic
Silom Sala
10:00am-2:00pm
THAI COOKING CLASS
7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice
Churchill Bar
8:30pm-late
Spoofing



17 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In
9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic
7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

Wednesday

4 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
Carvery Buffet

From 7pm
WELCOME PARTY for New CEO
Simon Roberts
7:00 & 8:00pm
PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR
7:30pm Chivas Regal
Bottle Draw
CHIVAS

11 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
Carvery Buffet
7:00 & 8:00pm
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CHIVAS

18 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Thursday

5 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm
Squash Mix-in

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice
9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice
Churchill Bar
6:00-9:00pm Chess

12 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In
10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm
Squash Mix-in
7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice
Churchill Bar
6:00-9:00pm Chess
Suriwongse Room
7:00-9:00pm
DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT
Morse



19 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm
Squash Mix-in

Friday

6 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes
5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
TEX-MEX BUFFET
Silom Sala
7:00-9:00pm **Kid's VDO**

13 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes
5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
GREEK BUFFET
Silom Sala
7:00-9:00pm **Kids' VDO**

20 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes
5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

Saturday



7 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes
8:30-11:15
SOCATOTS
9:00am-1:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes

9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice
Wordsworth Lounge
1:00-2:00pm
YOGA STARTS
Free lesson










14 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes
8:30-11:15
SOCATOTS
9:00am-2:00pm
Junior Swimming Classes

9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice
Wordsworth Lounge
1:00-2:00pm Yoga



21 7:00-9:00am
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<p>Churchill Bar Lunch & Dinner ITALIAN BUFFET</p> <p>Silom Sala 7:00-9:00pm Kid's VDO</p>	<p>27 2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in</p> 	<p>Churchill Bar Lunch & Dinner T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET</p> <p>Suriwongse Room 6:00-9:00pm WINE TASTING</p> <p>Silom Sala 7:00-9:00pm Kids' VDO</p>	
<p>9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 1:00-2:00pm Yoga</p> <p>ELVIS PRESLEY in Concert Leave BC at 6:00pm</p> 	<p>28 7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes</p> <p>Front/back Lawn 8:30-11:15 SOCATOTS</p> 	<p>9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 1:00-2:00pm Yoga</p>	

On the menu

Here's a selection of the latest creations from the Club's chefs to tempt your taste buds. There's also a Thai recipe to try, and a run down of the super-fresh pod coffee blends available from all F&B outlets.



Coffee Edinburgh

A nice variation - contains alcohol, yet not too strong
Ingredients:

- Espresso coffee
- Drambuie
- Hot milk
- Milk foam
- Cocoa powder

Double Berry Milk Shake

(Take a rest)

Strawberry + Mixed berries
Low fat milk
Hazel nut syrup
Straw I/C
Topped with whipping cream and fresh strawberry



Cocktail of the Month October 06

Caribbean Sunset

- 1 oz Gin
- 1/2 oz Creme de bananes
- 1/2 oz Blue Curacao
- 1/2 oz Cream
- 1/2 oz Lemon juice
- 1 dash Grenadine

Shake all but grenadine. Strain into cocktail glass, add grenadine



Gaeng Som Pla Thod

Ingredients

Fish Stock	4	cups
Gaeng Som Curry Paste	80	grms.
Plakapong	120	grms.
Broccoli	30	grms.
Carrots	30	grms.
Baby corn	30	grms.
Cauliflower	30	grms.
Tamarind	10	grms.
Fish sauce	20	grms.
Palm sugar	20	grms.

Directions

Deep fry plakapong until deep gold colour.

Heat the stock to simmering point, and add all the ingredients except the fish and return it to the boil. Simmer for 8-10 minutes, then add the fish before serving.

This dish can be eaten as a soup course, but in Thailand soups are normally eaten with the other dishes of the dinner, rather than before them. Therefore you should use a slotted spoon to remove the fish and serve it in individual bowls to the diners. The soup liquid is then placed in a large serving bowl, from where they can help themselves (you can use a fire pot or fondue cooker to keep it hot if you wish).



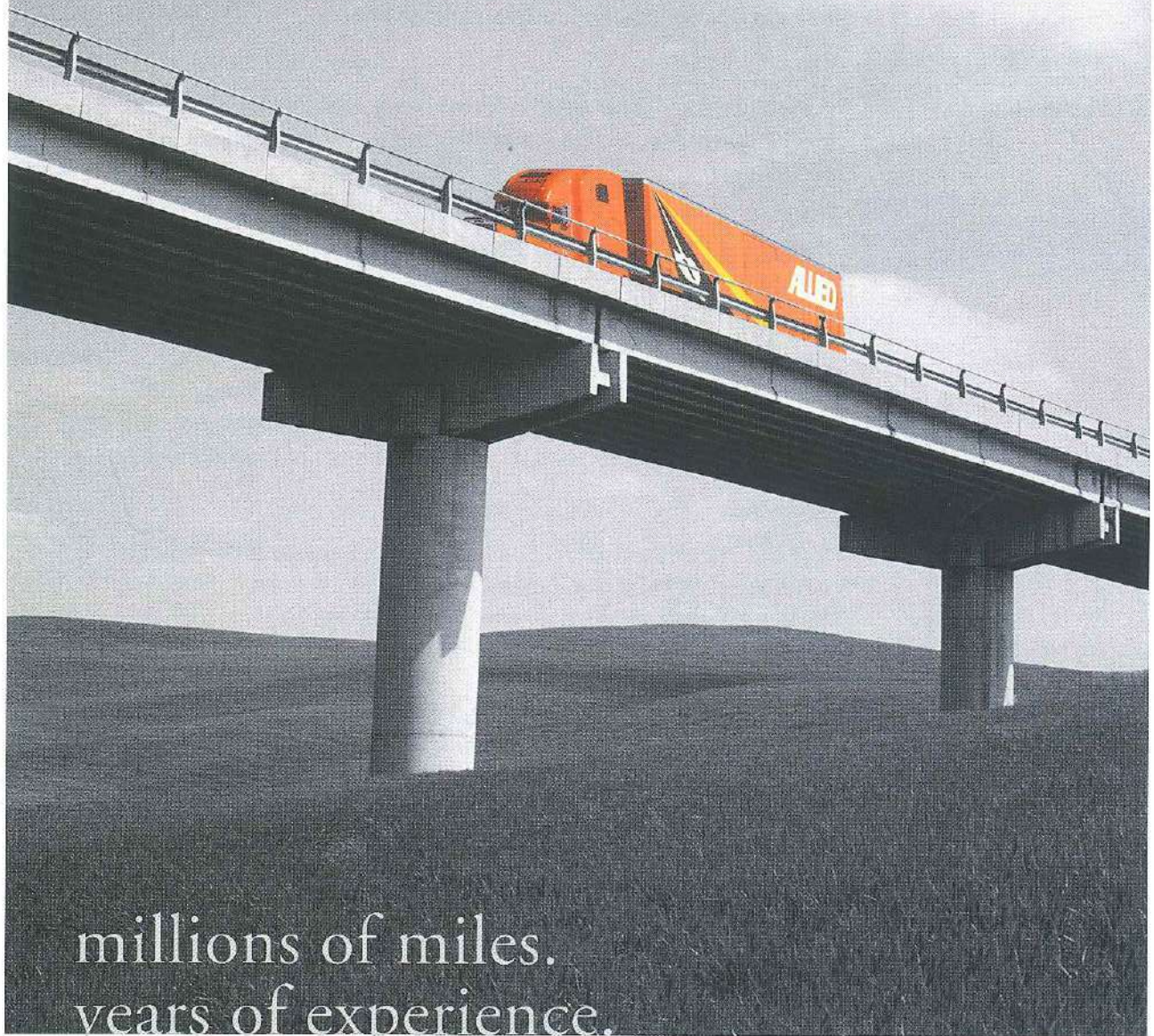
The British Club Bangkok

Choose your Blend

BONCAFÉ

 Thailand misty mountain	Thailand Local Asian Beauty. Home-Grown Northern hill tribe bean, extracting a young, uniquely sweet, fruity and aromatic coffee, of mild acidity and distinctive mellow taste.	Cup... 35.-	Mug... 50.-
 Kenya	Kenya African Fever. Beans of wonderful fruity and intense flavour, spiked with crisp and clean acidity. Almost winery, imparting a tart grapefruit note.	Cup... 45.-	Mug... 65.-
 Jamaica blue mountain	Jamaica Caribbean Blueblood. The famous crown jewel of coffee. Extremely high altitudes secure rich, full body flavours and guarantee a perfect, subtle palatable balance. Sheer coffee pleasure!	Cup... 90.-	Mug... 110.-
 Hawaii kona	Hawaii Kona Pacific-American Perfection. The reversed "extra fancy" coffee, from the world's best managed plantations. Slightly spicy, with a mellow body truly unique, exceptionally well balanced !	Cup... 70.-	Mug... 90.-
 Costa Rica	Costa Rica Central American Color. Bright citrus, berry-like flavors, with a bit of acidity and that typical bittersweet aftertaste, chocolate lovers are cherishing so dearly.	Cup... 45.-	Mug... 65.-
 Colombia	Columbia Equatorial Southern American Charm. Superbly balanced coffee, with hints of caramel and a nutty, woody accent. Rich in flavor, heavy bodied, intensely aromatic and earthy.	Cup... 45.-	Mug... 65.-
 Brazil	Brazil South American Tango. Innovative coffee beans, striking a perfect balance between body and acidity, with smooth crema and of exceptional mild chocolate roasted taste.	Cup... 45.-	Mug... 65.-
 Café Espresso	Café Espresso Southern European Tempo. The ever green Italian invention. Short, strong, dark, and bittersweet in its aftertaste. Best consumed with a spoon of sugar.	Cup... 45.-	
 Café Decaffeina	Café Decaffeina North-Western Hi-Tech. The healthy alternative to all the above coffees. Colombian coffee beans, mild and medium roasted, with hardly any acidity, well tempered, well	Cup... 45.-	Mug... 65.-
 Café Rama	Café Rama	Cup... 35.-	Mug... 50.-
 Café Classica	Café Classica	Cup... 35.-	Mug... 50.-

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OUT & ABOUT with Membership

The Membership Department was busy last month promoting the Club at two different trade fairs. It was a good opportunity for Khun Gift, our new Membership Sales Manager, to see what the Club is all about. The events were really a team effort as Khun Ben, Awe, and Prém also helped out.

Over the course of 7th-9th of September, we manned a 'booth' at the Queen Sirikit Centre for the Thai-UK Trade Fair and we were also at

Bumrungrad Hospital on the 9th for the 'Living in Bangkok 2006' exhibition.



The response to our BC 'booths' was encouraging, with many people being clearly impressed with our facilities and events, and expressing an interest in joining the Club. Actually there were also a lot of people at Bumrungrad who were already members and who just stopped in to say hello!

If you have any ideas about events that you think the Club should be attending or if you know of any potential new members, please contact Khun Gift in the Membership Department or give me a call.

Barry Osborne



Introducing Khun Gift

Hi! My name is Nuttha Loujalearnkitchai, but everyone calls me 'Gift'. I'm a 26 year old Bangkokian, and a graduate of ABAC University in Marketing.

I first heard of the British Club through a Club member who told me the Club was looking for a Membership Sales Manager. I've previously worked with various corporate service-providers, including 'Traffic Corner Holdings' but promoting the British Club will be a new and exciting challenge in my career. The Club is such an interesting and historical institution.

I've always wanted to work in the Hotel & Hospitality industry, so I'm thrilled to be here at the British Club in a professional team environment. I'm keen to take up the challenge of working in a multi-cultural setting and I hope to gain confidence in meeting people from many different nationalities.

If you see me around, be sure to say hello!



This is me at the UK-Thai Trade Fair with a friendly Beefeater.

"IN ASSOCIATION WITH"

Since 1947 a growing number of groups, which are predominantly made up of people who are not British Club members, have been permitted to use our Club premises for their events and meetings. This March, at the AGM, after six months of consultation, members unanimously agreed to take our relationship with these groups from one of a purely ad hoc nature to one of a recognised and welcome part of the Club ... so Associated Group status was born.

On 28th August the General Committee approved the below list of 12 groups who have applied for Associated Group status. Under Rule 66d this list will be reviewed at the first GC meeting following each AGM.



Mothers & babies from BAMBI enjoying the British Club's oasis in the centre of Bangkok.

BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK — ASSOCIATED GROUPS 2006

Australians in Thailand
Babies & Mothers Bangkok International
British Chamber of Commerce Thailand
Bangkok Community Theatre
British Women's Group
Committee for Coordination of Services to
Displaced Persons in Thailand
Masonic Lodge of St. John
New Zealand Society
New Zealand-Thai Chamber of Commerce
Society of Professional Engineers in Thailand
St. David's Society
Thai Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Let me take you on a tour of the groups

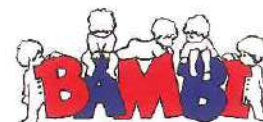
AUSTRALIANS IN THAILAND

Well the title is a bit of a giveaway but it is the foremost social group for Australians living or working in Thailand. It was established in 1996 and welcomes all those from Australia into their membership. Full details are on their website ... <http://www.geocities.com/australiansinthailand/>



BAMBI

Bambi, or Babies & Mothers Bangkok International, is the premier group in Bangkok for those who have just had a baby and those with children under 5. The group meets regularly at the Club once a month on a Thursday (see photos) but has dozens of other functions around town – for full details see <http://www.bambi-bangkok.org/>. Additionally to being a social group, the group provides support function for mothers and does significant charitable work.



British Chamber of Commerce Thailand

The oldest of all the foreign chambers of commerce, BCCT was founded in 1946 and has over 600 member companies. There are probably more BCCT meetings per month than the British Club so you know that there is always something happening in the Chamber! Their website (<http://www.bccthai.com/>) will keep you fully informed.



Bangkok Community Theatre

Bangkok's oldest (and I think only) English speaking theatre group was founded in 1972 from two older organisations and puts on several plays each year including at least one Dinner-Theatre at the Club every year ... This November we are being treated to my favourite Gilbert & Sullivan ... The Pirates of Penzance. The Club Night is once a month on a Thursday and all the rest of its details are on <http://www.bct-th.org/>



British Women's Group

What else can one say? ... a group of British women who meet virtually daily for something or another ... bridge, mah-jong, cooking, needlework, golf, yoga etc, etc, and give a very warm welcome to all on <http://www.bwgbangkok.com/>. Started in 1969, the





group has over 200 members all over Bangkok.



Transit System to Samut Prakarn's sewers! SPET meetings are a lively event and open to all Club members to attend.

Guest speakers dominate the calendar and you can also be sure of a few beers afterward. Contact is Chris Moore at lasanne@loxinfo.co.th

CCSDPT

The Committee for the Coordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand (CCSDPT) was established in 1975. Membership comprises all Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) providing humanitarian assistance to refugees from Burma and currently its members provide food, shelter, health and educational services to approximately 150,000 refugees along the Thailand Burma border. The meetings were originally held at the YMCA on Sathorn Road but moved to the British Club in 1983 when the YMCA was pulled down to build a new one. CCSDPT has therefore been meeting at the Club for 23 years. Contact is Jack Dunford at jack@tbbc.org.

Masonic Lodge of St. John

This was the first non-BCB member group to be allowed to use the Club when it met in the Suriwongse Room for the first time (post-war) on 7th July 1947. The Lodge has used the Club on a regular basis for many years. Contact is Chris Moore at lasanne@loxinfo.co.th

New Zealand Society

The New Zealand Society is a non-profit organisation that supports New Zealand families living in Thailand. It has regular social events advertised on its site at <http://www.nzsocietythailand.com/> and even welcomes non-Kiwis!!



New Zealand-Thai Chamber of Commerce

We welcome NZTCC to the Club and look forward to a growing relationship with them. The Chamber holds many events each month to further trade interests between New Zealand and Thailand. Its website is <http://www.nztcc.org/>.



Society of Professional Engineers in Thailand

An impressive group of professional engineers who meet in the Club once a month for far ranging discussions, from Bangkok's Mass

St. David's Society

Founded in 1956, the Saint David's Society is the second oldest of the Loyal Societies that exist in Thailand and welcomes Welsh people from all over the world. Famous for its Welsh Male Voice choirs (which I think come from Hong Kong) and its St. David's Ball each year, this year's Bard is Darren Jones and he can be contacted on darren.j@shrewsbury.ac.th.



And finally ...



Thai-Canadian Chamber Of Commerce

Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce

TCCC (<http://www.tccc.or.th/>) as well as being the pivot of all Canadian and Thai trade also nurtures Canadians-in-Thailand and the Canada Day Committee and is the centre point for focus of all Canadians who do business in Thailand. Founded in 1991, the TCCC welcomes all business with a Canadian connection into its membership.

We welcome these organisations into the fold of Associated Groups. The new status recognises the valuable nature of the groups who regularly use our Club facilities and who welcome British Club members to their meetings.

Paul Cheesman

Honorary Secretary
BCB General Committee 2006/07



Watch out! The pirates are coming!

***A rollicking band of pirates we,
Who, tired of tossing on the sea,
Are trying their hand at a burglar!***

That's just a taste of the witty libretto from Bangkok Community Theatre's latest production - "The Pirates of Penzance" (probably the most well-known and popular of Gilbert and Sullivan's many operettas) which will be staged here at the British Club from November 8th to 12th, 2006. As usual, there will be plenty of British Club members treading the boards in this production and working away behind the scenes. Music Director for the show is long term British Club member, Richard Hopkins (who is managing to squeeze rehearsals in between his teaching role at Bangkok Patana School) and in the Director's chair is our British Club Chairman, Angela Daniel (wearing one of her other hats!). Club members and husband and wife thespians, Jonathan and Louise Truslow both take on leading roles and another British Club member (and a BC audience favourite!) will also be appearing in the role of the Major General - a character we've already had a glimpse of in BCT's last Old Time Music Hall staged here at the Club in 2004. Can you guess who that is? Other British Club members, including Kathy Clegg, Bonnie Zellerbach and Alan Fieldus, join a cosmopolitan cast playing the roles of romantic pirates, bumbling policemen and even some very emancipated daughters.



A rollicking band of pirates we!

Bangkok Community Theatre has a long history with the Club and has been staging shows here for over 30 years. In 1999 they staged another G&S operetta 'Trial by Jury' which was very well received and opened with some excerpts from "Pirates of Penzance." It was only a question of time before the BCT decided to put on the full production. The group are very excited about staging the show as dinner theatre in this more intimate setting and British Club

members can look forward to a great evening's entertainment and also a delicious 3-course dinner prepared by our Head Chef, Khun Laak, and her team. Much of the action will take place around the audience, and may even include some audience participation! As well as the four dinner theatre shows, there will also be two matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday which might appeal more to members who would like to bring their children (over 8 years is the recommended age) and the British Club will provide a barbeque picnic on the front lawn before and after the show. This BCT



Tired of tossing on the sea?

A thoroughly modern Major General!

musical is full of crazy characters, lots of slapstick, wonderful music and a witty libretto which should appeal to young and old alike. The music in this updated version is also a bit more 'broadway' in style and less 'operatic' than the original which was written over 100 years ago, plus it's full of tongue-in-cheek humour and some marvelously memorable tunes. "Pirates" should offer something for everyone.

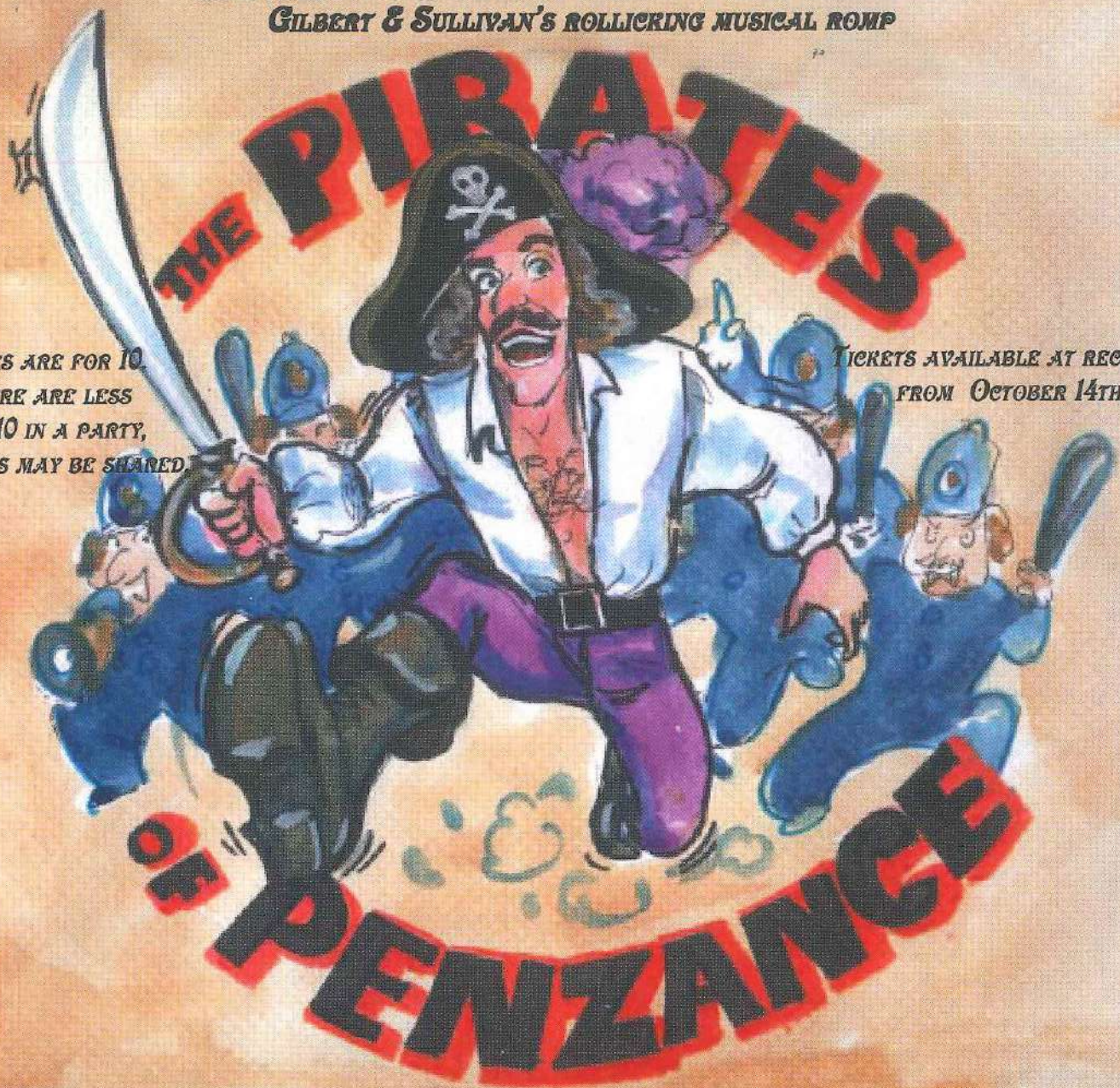
The dinner theatre evenings (November 8th to 11th) begin with cocktails on the lawn at 7:00 pm (not included in ticket price) and follow with dinner & show promptly at 7:30 pm. Tables seat 10 people (cosily!) and if you have less in your group you will probably share a table with others. The show-only matinee performances (November 11th and 12th) will be staged at 2:30 pm and refreshments will be available for purchase before and after the show on the front lawn. This show is recommended for adults and students over 8 years old but please note that children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! For more information, please visit the BCT website at www.bct-th.org or email bct@sala.net.

There is a great deal of G&S information readily available on the internet, so if you'd like to learn more about Pirates of Penzance (before coming to see it of course!) read the story; enjoy some of the parodies; or even download midi files - you can visit any number of websites. One that is easily accessible is: <http://math.boisestate.edu/GaS/pirates/html/index.html>

Come and join in the fun!

BCT welcomes new members of all nationalities and particularly would like to encourage more British Club members to get involved. If you are interested in joining the group, either in front of or behind the scenes, please do get in touch. You can check the BCT website www.bct-th.org for more information and how to make contact. BCT also has a monthly Club night on the first Thursday of every month right here at the British Club. Everyone is welcome to join in. It's a great opportunity to socialise, meet new friends and generally learn more about theatre.

BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS
GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S ROLICKING MUSICAL ROMP



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B1,000 INCLUDES 3-COURSE DINNER & SHOW WHICH COMMENCE AT 7:30 PM SHARP

SHOW-ONLY MATINEE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2006 AT 2:30 PM

MATINEE TICKETS (F&B NOT INCLUDED) ARE B600.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE LAWN BEFORE AND AFTER THE MATINEE SHOWS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE BCT WEBSITE AT WWW.BCT-TH.ORG, EMAIL PIRATES@SALA.NET OR CALL BCT ON 06-708-2738. THIS WILD & WACKY FAMILY MUSICAL WILL BE PERFORMED IN ENGLISH AND IS RECOMMENDED FOR ADULTS AND STUDENTS OVER EIGHT YEARS OLD.



ELVIS

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Elvis Presley

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All music heard in the concert production is performed live except for Elvis' voice. On either side of the Elvis performance screen are screens that carry live action from the stage. From the first song it's magic. You're at a real Elvis concert.



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(includes
transportation)**



The original Elvis band mates in this production are: Joe Guercio (musical director/conductor); Myrna Smith (vocals) of The Sweet Inspirations; Ed Enoch (vocals) of J.D. Sumner & The Stamps; and the TCB Band: James Burton (lead guitar), Glen D. Hardin (piano), Jerry Scheff (bass guitar), and Ronnie Tutt (drums).

Today, people are accustomed to seeing giant video screens used in live concerts to bring the star closer to the audience. Elvis' recorded voice and his on-screen presence are so powerful, the interaction with the live musicians and singers so seamless, the audience reaction so intense that, a few songs into the show, one can almost forget that Elvis isn't really there in person. Long-time Elvis fans who attended actual Elvis concerts say they feel that same original excitement and electricity...



August may have been a quiet month but September has been extremely busy on the Development front and things are really moving on.

Interior Designers

Revised Tender Process

In the middle of September we communicated to members our decision to change the tender process for the Interior Design Companies, and the associated reasons. Following that change we contacted all the interested parties and arranged interviews. We are now in the process of collating all the information to display in the Snooker Room.

Timeline 2006/2007

The full timeline will be posted on the notice board but in summary key dates are as follows:

- 2nd October - DRSC presents Interior Designer information to GC.
Selection of companies made.
- 6th October - Information from selected Interior Designers displayed in Snooker Room.
- 18th October - Deadline for membership feedback on Interior Designers
- 24th October - Award Interior Design Contract
- 7th January - On site construction

Project Management/Construction Tenders

We also communicated in mid-September that we would be looking for project managers and construction companies late September, early October. We are in the process of reviewing these tenders and hope to award the contracts in the next week or two.

Phasing Rationale

It was clear from membership feedback that members were not clear about the rationale behind the phasing of the development. So here comes an explanation.

Logic

A lot of work was done on how best to phase the development across the site. The primary considerations were:

- The need to provide facilities that would cater to the entire membership during the lifetime of the project.
- The need to maximize the revenue generated by the Club throughout the lifetime of the project.

There is no doubt that the poolside does need significant refurbishment and that a revitalized environment would attract new members. However the impact of construction at the poolside will be severe and will last up to 18 months. The poolside contributes around 33%

of the Club revenue and employs a significant number of staff. In addition it is the only area of the club that caters to families. We believed that it would be irresponsible to start a major project by taking out a third of the Club's revenue without providing alternative facilities that could:

- Compensate to some degree financially,
- Provide some facilities for families, and
- Provide for prospective new members some evidence of the direction that the Club is going in.

Therefore we decided to look at the potential in the Clubhouse. By re-developing the ground floor we believe we can:

- Maintain the revenue from the Churchill Bar, approximately 30% of the total Club revenue.
- Create a new F&B facility that will generate additional income over and above the revenue generated by Lord's, currently 8% of the total, by:
 - Creating additional capacity
 - Catering to a greater cross section of the membership:
 - Sports Sections after training
 - Families with children who would simply like to have a meal in an air conditioned environment
 - Integrating the back lawn into a fully serviced F&B outlet with additional seating.
 - Providing a more robust infrastructure to support external functions.
- Create a new 'Front Page' for the Club that would reassure members, both existing and potential prospects, that the British Club was moving forward.
- Move Club development forward whilst planning carefully for Phase 2 and the associated revenue and staffing implications.
- Create temporary recreational facilities for families with children as the poolside development progresses in Phase 2.

The new outlet will be extremely versatile in order to be able to support the different needs of the membership. Also as popularity of existing events such as the Quiz Night develops, and new events come on line, we will be able to switch locations from the Churchill Bar to the new outlet as required.

Financial Statistics

Cash Flow

The existing financial model is based on the need to predict cash flow over the time of the development. In addition it was designed to minimise the assumptions that had to be made

in order to support the model and therefore minimise the potential for error. Therefore the statistics used were based on actual recorded performance. The factors included:

- Average Number of New Members per Annum
- Average Number of Members Leaving per Annum
- Percentage of Members using Fitness Centre
- Percentage of Members using Sports Facilities
- Average Number of Times each Member uses each Outlet
- Average Spend per Outlet

All of these factors are recorded historically in the Club accounts and as such provide a transparent benchmark from which to project forwards both the Profit & Loss position and the cash flow.

Profit & Loss by F&B Outlet

The Club does not create individual Profit & Loss accounts for each F&B outlet. Instead they report the revenue generated which is then merged into an overall Profit & Loss account for the entire Club. In order to project P&L by outlet a significant number of assumptions would have to be made in order to create the base position and these assumptions would then

have to be projected forwards to create the model. As such we felt the exercise would provide unreliable information. Going forward the Club management will need to determine whether P&L accounts by outlet are a necessary management tool and, if so, how best to implement them. In the interim, revenue generated will continue to be the benchmark.

Cost Per Sq Metre

The budgeted costs, currently at unit level, Churchill Bar, Snooker Room, etc, are in the process of being converted to Cost/Sq Metre figures. These will be published on completion.

Phase 2

We have now compiled the following:

- Prospect lists for Sponsorship
- Details of Sponsorship Packages/ Membership Packages

We are now arranging appointments which will take place during October.

So the next update will be in November's *Outpost* magazine. Hopefully not such a lengthy one as by that time work should be well underway. See you next month.

Sally Crossley-Smith

Development Rolling Sub-Committee 2006/7



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

Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - Back lawn

Saturday 9:30-midday - Back lawn

Sunday 3:00-6:00pm - Back lawn

Football

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

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

Socacots

Third ten-week course: 9 September to 11 November
Saturdays on the Front Lawn:

8:30-9:00am: Walking to 2 yrs

9:00-9:45am: 4-5 year olds

9:45-10:30am: 3 year olds

10:30-11:15am: 2 year olds

Spooling

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

Squash

Thursday 5.15-9.00pm Mix-in

And 1st Sunday of every month 10:30am-2:15pm

Swimming

Friday 2:00-5:30pm junior classes

Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm junior classes

Tennis

Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm

Mix-in All Standards

Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm

Friday 6:00-10:00pm

Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00-11:00am

Thursday 8:00-11:00am

Tennis Coaching

With Nelson Thein . . .

Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm: Junior tennis

Friday 5:00-6:30pm: Junior tennis

Saturday 7:00-9:00am: Adult tennis

Yoga

Saturday 1:00-2:00pm in Wordsworth Room

Sports/Activities Price List

Aqua aerobics

Cricket

Massage

Squash

Squash courts

Swimming

Tennis

Adult Tennis

Ladies Tennis

Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

Tennis knockers

Yoga

Bt 350 per session

Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 500 evening if lights needed

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 per 45 min; group session

Bt 1200 per 45 min

Bt 30 per 45 min

Classes with Bangkok Dolphins - Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons of 30 min

Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 800/hour

Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning - beginner to advanced)

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Ladies clinic Tuesday mornings)

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Wednesday or Friday)

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Hourly knocking sessions with - Khun Kaew (Bt 500), Khun Tom (Bt 400),

Khun Phon (Bt 300), Khun Champ (Bt 250)

Bt 250 per lesson

All sporting activities can be booked through the Fitness Centre. For Churchill Bar games - just show up!

Starting this Month . . .

New Yoga Instructor: The sad news is that our yoga instructor, Khun Mann, is no longer available to teach at the Club. Khun Mann was a great teacher well liked by members. We wish him well for the future. The good news is that we have now found a new yoga instructor. Her name is Khun Saranya Uttraporn. She has been teaching at the Marriot, Hilton and Peninsula hotels. We are offering members the chance to meet Saranya and join in the first yoga class for free, starting at 1pm on Saturday 7th October in the Wordsworth Room. After this Saranya will be here each Saturday from 1 until 2pm at a cost of 250 baht per class. To book for your free trial please contact Amnat in the Fitness Centre.

Aqua Aerobics Instructor required: Last month we also had to say goodbye to Khun Else, our aquatics instructor. Else has moved to China to be with her family. Luckily they took out an absent membership so we hope to see them around the Club in the future. We have not yet found a new aqua aerobics teacher, so if any members are interested or if you know of a suitable candidate please call Barry Osborne at the Club.

“It’s great to be back! I thank my lucky stars that I not only missed the turmoil at Heathrow by a few days, but yours truly (Orin) also got upgraded to Club Class . . . excellent!!!! Whilst on holiday I attempted to play golf with rented clubs. I had a disastrous round and, you guessed right, I missed my caddy. Say no more . . . While I’ve been away, Val Ashman has been manning the post for August and September *Outpost*. Thanks very much Val. ”

We are sending our love and wishes to David and Cheryl Lamb for a very very speedy recovery from their motor accident. We all wish to see with our own eyes that both are well on their way to recovery, but are concerned that they will not get enough rest. They are always in our thoughts and we are sending our healing energy via ESP waves!!! So, we hope to see them up and about playing golf with us again soon.

July and August were the months of family reunions. The majority of members went away for their summer holidays. To those already back in Bangkok - welcome back and we hope that you are refreshed with the “green grass of home” and back to swinging again.

George’s Birthday Bash: 20th August

The highlight of August was definitely brunch at Karen Carter’s lovely apartment. Surprisingly, a dozen members turned up . . . to watch our charming hostess, in her apron, viciously attacking sausages, bacon, pancakes . . . all over the stove! Needless to say, the Champagne, Bloody Marys, wine, etc, disappeared in no time. Karen Carter, thanks . . . you were fab! But I was confused . . . It was her birthday present to George O!!!! Hmmm . . . Did I miss something??!! Congratulations to George, 35 (!!!!!) and Gee . . . thanks for sponsoring a particularly fine bottle of Ballantine’s ‘Vitality’ pure grain scotch whiskey for the first prize and second; a bottle of Borzoi Vodka, and many boxes of golf balls! George’s Golf Special was at the spectacular “airport golf course”. Yes, the one at Don Muang!!! A few times we crossed the runways to the next tees or played alongside . . . One excellent tee shot driven by Yurachatr, got a British Airways airliner as it was about to lift off! My eyes must be playing tricks on me!!! The noise, the takeoffs and landings of planes 50 yards from where we were playing - through their tiny windows we saw captains and passengers waving back while the planes were taxiing along the runway - made us feel utterly bewildered!!! It was an experience you would not have the pleasure of anywhere else in the world. Well, we thoroughly enjoyed the day though our golf wasn’t all that brilliant, but George, bless him, provided gifts for all who turned up. George has set an excellent precedent - the Birthday Game, and we welcome more of these in the future!

Monthly Medal at Royal - Lad Krabang: 27th August

Once more, we missed the rain . . . Someone must have negotiated with upstairs on our behalf, not that we were complaining! It was lovely seeing Andy F. and Karen H. back with us on the day, nice to see you both. Also, Mark as guest and Colin, our new member . . . Welcome to our Clan, Colin!!!

Andy played like a Pro; led by 4 shots - net 64, from second place, Roy - 68, followed by Pat 71, in flight A. Peter Skinner, the winner of flight B, also had a fantastic round with net 65, 8 shots lead from 2nd place: Barry 73 and 3rd - Harland 73 (on count back). Through the grape vine we heard that he diligently sneaked off after work to see his Pro every evening with his Mrs!!!! Uummm . . . we were very impressed - many members wanted to know your “Pro”: please provide telephone numbers!!!! Near pins went to: George, Harland, Peter and Yurachatr. Long Drive - Maureen and Pat; and Longest Putt - Andy. Congratulations to all winners.

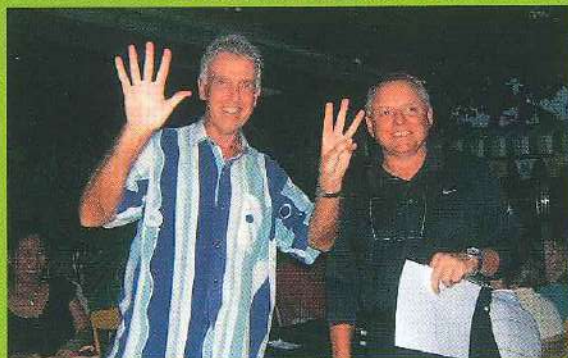
The Monthly Hassell Stableford at Krung Kavee: 3rd September

Krung Kavee is another challenging and beautiful course, near Rangsit. Those who have not played there before, be aware that the Club does not provide trolleys for golf bags. But word got round that it is OK to bring your own golf trolley! Seeing caddies carrying heavy golf bags can be quite heavy on the conscience, especially those heavy leather bags chock full of old golf balls, half empty water bottles, etc. Maureen’s caddy was so grateful to her for bringing her golf trolley from home! Be prepared to pay three hundred baht for your caddy and tip her extra - it really is a long walk around this course, but it is very pretty and the clubhouse is modest, but particularly inviting. Sitting outside after the game is very relaxing and the food is good, so it took the mozzies beginning to attack to get us going towards home.

Val was having a good day especially on her back 9, which won her the competition with 35 points. Mike Staples, also 35 points, came second on count back. Orin B. got 3rd place with 34 points and 4th went to Henry with 33. Near pins: Mark H., Joom W., George O. and Val A. - almost got her first hole in one, (6 inches from the pin!). Long drives: Belinda Skinner and Mike Staples. Long putt: Gordon. Nick White



Did I win something!



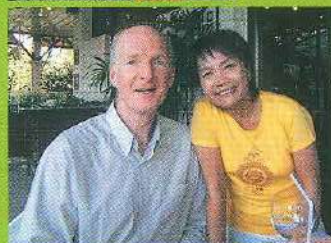
I got 8 birdies



For BA drive



I'm better looking



Guess who's standing



Guess whose wives!



Everyone loves a winner



The One that didn't get away

scored many trees - no prize provided for this one - usually we're environmentally friendly!!!! And between Nick and our Captain Brian Brook, over a dozen balls took a dive in the lakes!!!!

Well done all. Thanks to our Vice Captain **Peter Skinner of Hassell** for sponsoring wines and golf balls as prizes.

Volvo Cup at Royal Lad Krahang: 10th September

The good news is the British Club has retained the Volvo Cup after a great day's golf playing against our Scandinavian friends. We played a Ryder Cup format, which proved a great success; we each had teams playing singles matchplay, pairs better ball matchplay, Texas scramble pairs matchplay and six people played stableford, the best score attaining one point for their team. The scores were impressive and the games very close indeed. Several players had personal best scores, quite an achievement as Royal Golf and Country Club is a fairly challenging course. There are too many excellent scores to mention them all, but suffice to say we won 10 - 2. One of the losing teams consisted of Val and Peter Gale. Peter had a personal best score of 85, so no prizes for guessing who let the team down. However, it did go to the last putt on the last hole - again,

guess who missed it?

Great prizes were kindly provided by the Scandinavian Golf Society and we were very pleased to nab most of them. Technicals went to Pat Dean and Gaew for mens and ladies long drives, near pins were taken by Kob, Karen Holloway (2) - she will be playing with Titleist balls for some time to come - and Gordon.

Yurachatr, who had a bad back, obtained 44 stableford points. She couldn't use her driver and all we can say is why would you want to!

Our new member Colin, couldn't join in the competition as he didn't have an official handicap, but completed his third card and will be a contributing member by our next event.

All in all a very good day for the British Club and our thanks to Scandinavian Captain, Klaus, for providing us with such good competition and pleasant company.

Match Play sponsored by Pat Dean, Seara Intl.

The main and Plate competitions into the quarter finals were completed by August 6th with much excitement and close match results. Quarter final matches are required to be completed by 8th October.

Main	Result	Plate	Result
Mike S. vs Orin B.		Gareth vs Dianne	
Joom vs Mam	Joom	Pete G. vs Tom	
Val vs George	George	Peter B. vs Pat	
Andre vs David		Maureen vs Gaew	



It stays with us!

Future fixtures for October & November

October:

Sun 1 st	Club Day – President South and West, tee off: 11.30
Sat 7 th & Sun 8 th	Away weekend at Soi Dao (2,200 + caddy, 2 persons sharing, 1 night)
Sun 14 th	BC vs Lighthouse: Curve Cup at Chuen Chuan, tee off 07.59
Sun 15 th	Hassell Stableford at Lam Lukka CD, tee off 11.10
Sat 29 th	Monthly Medal at Royal Lad Krabang, tee off 11.30

November:

Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th	Away weekend, Intersocieties, at Royal Hills, Cha Am
Sun 12 th	Medal – Royal Lad Krabang, tee off 11.30
Sat 25 th & Sun 26 th	Away weekend - Club Championship at Phoenix Pattaya. Tee off both days at 11.12 (to be confirmed)

Great fun events you shouldn't miss - especially away weekends - so please sign up. **We also welcome new members to our fun and adventurous events** - let our Captain, Brian Brook, or Vice Captain, Peter Skinner, know of your wish to join or send email to bbrook@loxinfo.co.th or bcs2002@yahoo.co.uk. Please check our website for further details: <http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety/>.

Val Ashman
Orin Baldwin

Squashy Bits

Iron Man...



The first time I saw James Quinn at the Club was at a squash mix-in. He was wearing some wimpy white shorts and tee-shirt, looking every bit like the '97 pound weakling' in the famous 1920's Charles Atlas advertisement who lost his girl after getting sand kicked in his face. I would certainly have fancied my chances (but luckily I don't think I played him that night).

To reinforce the image, James can usually be found around the poolside with his lovely wife Sophie and their **three** very young children, carrying out his fatherly duties with great dedication, pushing the pushchair, taking care of the baby and mopping up the debris after feeding time.



But James of course is BC Club Squash number one and I imagine many an opponent has been suckered by his meek and mild boyish looks.

But Iron Man? Hardly likely! But word went around recently that James had not only competed in the UK Iron

Man triathlon but done rather well. So how did he do it? In fact, how does anyone swim 2.4 miles, then get on a bike and cycle 112 miles, then get off and run a 26 mile marathon!!!

So I sat him down one afternoon during feeding time to check it out.

The event took place on a mercifully overcast day in Sherbourne, Dorset. Apparently there are Iron Man events in 16 countries and the best qualify to compete to be **the** Iron Man in the Hawaii race where it all started 25 years ago. There were 1,100 competitors in age-groups from 18 to 65 (!) and James came a very creditable 427th. His times: swimming 1 hour 15 mins, Cycling 6 hours 18 mins, running 4 hours 15 mins.

Rather miserably they include time taken to change outfits in the overall time and James isn't very good at dressing himself, so this added up to an amazing 12 hours 3 mins. Imagine!! Most of us find it difficult to stay





awake for 12 hours at a stretch ... let alone racing!

James is of course very modest about it all, rather disappointed at going over 12 hours and determined to learn how to tie up his shoe laces quicker. He was also miffed at taking over 4 hours to do the marathon. Quite so!

James decided to enter this event early in the year after taking part in the Phuket triathlon. In the past he had enjoyed road running in Hong Kong and Singapore including 6 marathons with a best time of 3 hours 20 mins ... (See! 4 hours 15 mins was *really* slow!). But he reckons he could only swim 6 lengths of the BC swimming pool before getting tired and this event worried him because apparently you're not much good on a bike if you drown first.

James's training included getting up at 3.30 am to drive to Kao Yai and then cycle for 4 or 5 hours before coming back for breakfast and going to work (honest, that's what he said!). One jaunt included a 4 hour cycle up Doi Inthanon. Running was done lunch time (marathons presumably!) and chasing the kids, but the swimming was done during Vicky's Tuesday evening coaching sessions at the BC. Here James gave great credit to Vicky who sorted out his technique and even swam alongside him as he gradually built up his distance to 140 laps or so.

Apparently the secret to keeping going for 12 hours is competition. Nobody wants to drop out when everyone else is keeping going, and very few do ... mostly those who have accidents or bits fall off their bikes. What made James' performance all the more remarkable was that he had his accident just a couple of weeks before the event when he was knocked off his bike by a motorcycle in Bangkok which reduced him to hobbling around with bandages on his legs and arms.

I mentioned to Sophie that some time ago someone had told me that James hadn't been playing squash much lately because she wouldn't let him ... and ducked as a bread roll narrowly missed my ear. It's pretty obvious that anyone who gets away with what James does has a wonderfully understanding and caring wife, and a very tolerant employer (no wonder lawyers are so expensive!). Sophie did admit to being a tri-widow, but she's happy that it keeps James off the streets. They even manage to do a lot of things together and I can verify that James made late night appearances for World Cup matches. But fortunately my question about all the testosterone that much exercise must

generate got lost in family chatter and, come to think of it, in present company was pretty redundant anyway.

So what's next? Certainly more Iron Man attempts, but in other countries ... Dreams? Well taking part in Hawaii would be the ultimate ... but you have to get into the top 25 in a country race to do that ... And how is all this affecting your squash? Improving it apparently. Pity the poor sod who tries to win by tiring James out!

A little poke in James mid-rift soon confirms that he is no 97 pound weakling. Who knows, he might even become a Charles Atlas ... although I'm sure he would rather be Iron Man. Great stuff!

King's Cup

The Annual King's Cup singles squash tournament was held from Thursday 17th August at the RBSC and Peter Corney reports:

There were a record 48 entries, the renewed popularity mainly due to some fresh young faces on the RBSC squash committee which has created more enthusiasm. Unfortunately many of the BCB players were away and we only had two entries, Barbara Dirnberger and Peter Corney. Barbara lost the first round and Peter won his first round only to come up against Visut (former National player) in the second round.

On Friday 25th August the final was held at the Polo Club because of the better viewing facilities. Peter Corney and David Lines marked and refereed this match. It was played between Chatchawin, the Thai Number one and Gillem, a Scottish expat who was seeded number two.

Gillem won the first game 9-0 with some incredible touch shots and great retrieving but that was to be the end of his fight. He tired himself out in the first game and Chatchawin, who is very fit, steadied his game and won the next 3 games fairly comfortably. There were some great rallies and shot making and the match was well worth the effort to see it. On completion they had the prize giving and eats and drinks.

League Winners

Congratulations to the winners of August League # 210: Division 1 **Ja Chaturan**, 2 **Charles Whiteley**, 3 **Surharsh Mittal**, 4 void, no-one turned up to play Da!, 5 **Jonathon Loney**.

Happy Squashing.

Jack Dunford

jones lang lasalle

last night of the proms

conducted by leo phillips



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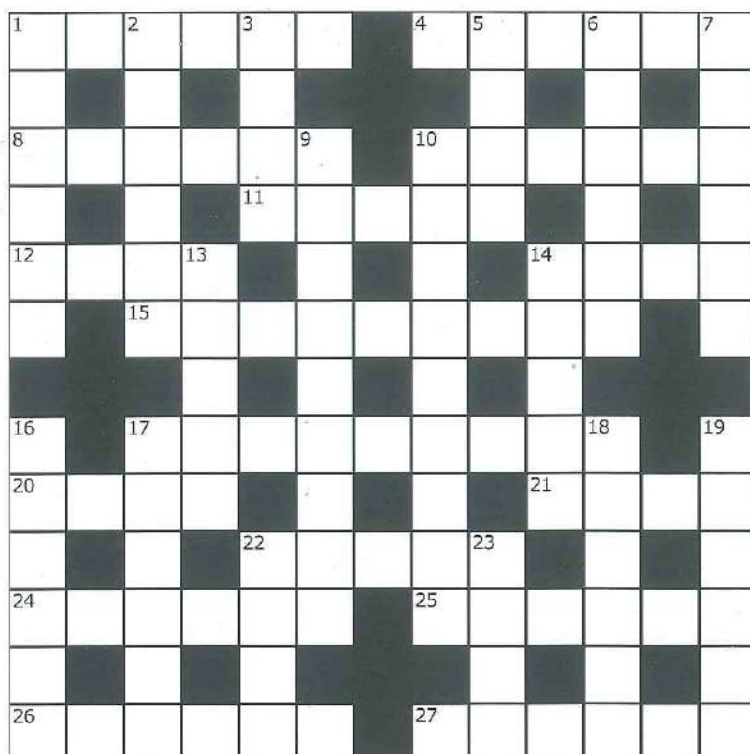


JONES LANG
LASALLE



Crossword Competition

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



September Solution

Across: 7 Adorn, 8 Sixties, 9 Neither, 10 Riled, 12 Greyfriars, 15 Victorians, 18 Doubt, 19 Donegal, 21 Malaria, 22 Stein.

Down: 1 Saintdavid, 2 Tonic, 3 Inch, 4 Osprey, 5 Extrarun, 6 Mislead, 11 Dispelling, 13 Roosters, 14 Actuals, 16 Indian, 17 Egged, 20 Nose.

Be the first person to submit the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine.

There was no winner of the September crossword competition, so the bottle of wine stays on the rack to mature for another month . . .

Don't forget there are five hidden Halloween pumpkins in this edition of Outpost. If you're under 14 and you find them all, you could win a prize. See page three for details.

Books and Show Biz

Across

- 1 One of those that Miss Blandish did not receive!
- 4 Harry is a wizard these days.
- 8 "The _____ cometh."
- 10 Charles Kingsley's were in the water.
- 11 When does it not rain but pour?
- 12 A Jane Austen heroine.
- 14 In this you're attached to your neighbour
- 15 Box Office successes. (5,4)
- 17 Plenty of this is done with TV programmes.
- 20 Movie thriller " _____ Window".
- 21 Artist Salvador _____.
- 22 Was this Australian diva a peach?
- 24 Make loveable.
- 25 One who produces something.
- 26 Belonging to little Mr. Tucker!
- 27 One who takes a long, hard look.

Down

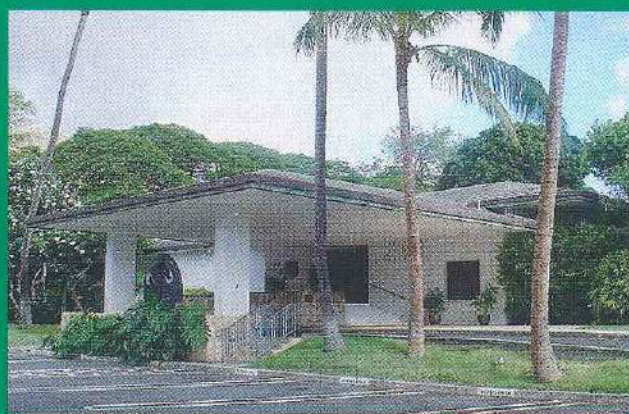
- 1 The boy who asked for more.
- 2 Ice ones are nice.
- 3 Terrible man from Russia.
- 5 Poet _____ Khayyam.
- 6 The Old Testament featured the _____ of Israel.
- 7 Europe's largest country.
- 9 Daily informer.
- 10 A biblical place . . . Sabbath he messed up.
- 13 In fiction she was famous "forever".
- 14 " _____ not upon the order of your going." (Henry V)
- 16 Agatha Christie's "Murder on the _____ Express".
- 17 By chance.
- 18 " _____ ye rosebuds while ye may."
- 19 It was asked "Who is the fairest?"
- 22 Contrary girl.
- 23 Mother's sibling.

Reciprocal Club Benefits

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



The Pacific Club



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Courtyard Dining Room

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The Club's memories and the cavalcade of history are irrevocably entwined. Two Hawaiian kings and many of their cabinet officers were members and for generation after generation the Club roster has been inscribed with the names of civic, business and cultural leaders who figured prominently in the history of Hawaii, from Kingdom, to Republic, to Territory, to Statehood.

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Club amenities Include: Main Dining Room (seats 220) with terrace, private Dining Room, five Function Rooms, Mangos Bar (seats 40), Card Room (seats 100), Library, Pool, Fitness Centre, Golf, Paddle Tennis.

Website: <http://www.thepacificclub.org>

Trivia item: From 1867 to 1892, the name of the club was . . . "The British Club"!

For more information please contact the Membership Department at membership@britishclubbangkok.org

If you regularly visit an overseas club that is not already reciprocal with the British Club, please do let the Club know and we will see if reciprocity can be arranged.

HELLOS

Welcome Aboard!

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

1. Paul Klewpatinond
2. Bradley J. & Rattana Gordon
3. Anne-Ev & Johannes Enzmann
4. Carolin & Alexander Samouel
5. Pareshkumar & Deepa Mehta
6. Emma Nickerson
7. Roger & Annie Mitton
8. Simon & Judith Fisher

and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to . . .

1. Kevin & Leilani Mok
2. Kirsty McIvor
3. Peter & Louise Rider
4. Caroline & Michael Stockmann
5. Richard & Isabel Ember
6. Antony & Kylie Sault
7. Vivian & Patrycja Daros
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WINE TASTING

The latest Wine Tasting on Friday 25th August was well attended by over 60 members and guests who were able to taste wines from a range of countries including Australia, New Zealand, California and Thailand.

The wines were sponsored by Italiasia, Strategic Wine Co Ltd, Mae Cham Thai Winery and The Californian Wine Co Ltd. As usual wines ranged in taste and price and members were able to purchase wines at specially discounted prices.

To complement the wines, Khun Laak once again created a mouth-watering range of canapes, which seemed to go down particularly well, especially with Club member Paul Cheesman! Afterwards many members made their way into the Churchill Bar to enjoy the British Club's famous 'TGIF' Curry Buffet.

If you enjoy wines, don't forget about our Winemakers Dinner on October 11th. Then there's the next regular Wine Tasting on Friday 27th October, followed next month by a special Christmas 'jumbo' Wine Tasting with 15 companies, on Friday 24th November.

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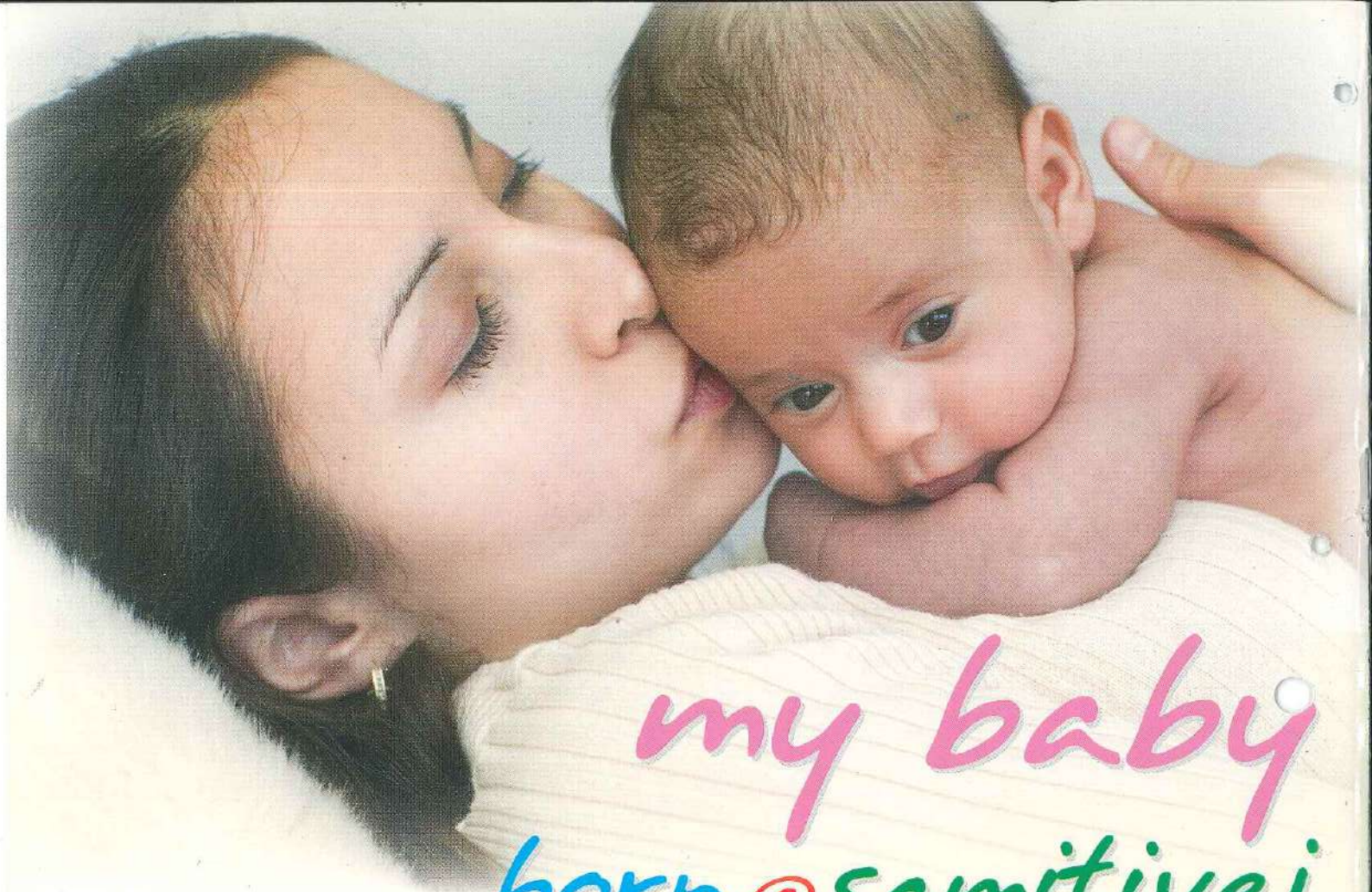
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