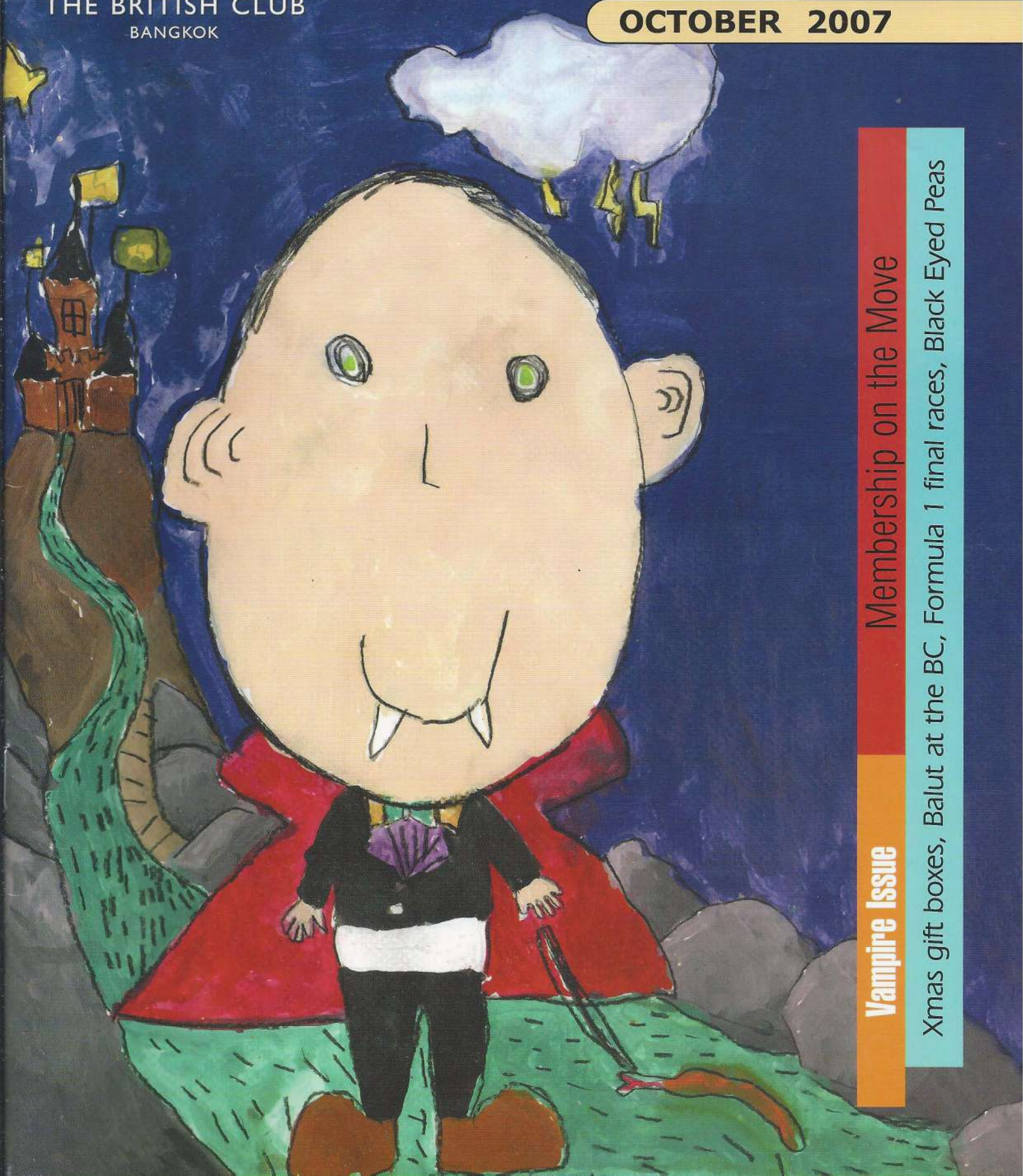




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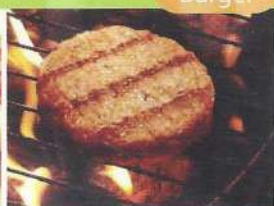
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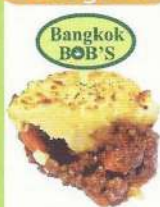
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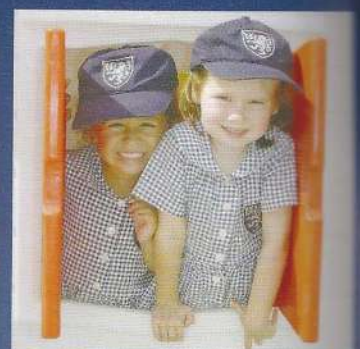
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A record 12 teams packed the Suriwongse Room for both the August and September Quiz Nights - and the competition is hot. See page 14.

"I Want to Suck your Blood"

The notion of vampirism has been around since the Ancient Greeks, Hebrews and Ancient Romans, all of whom had tales of demons and spirits who would eat flesh and drink blood. But the mythology for the entity we know today as the vampire comes almost exclusively from the folklore of Eastern Europe, in which the vampire typically was a revenant (animated corpse) of an evil being, suicide victim or witch, but could also be created in the living by demon possession or by being bitten by a vampire itself.

Beyond that basic description, vampire characteristics could vary considerably from culture to culture. Transylvanian vampires tended to be gaunt, pale and had long fingernails; others, such as those from Russian lore, had purple faces. Bulgarian vampires only had one nostril, while Bavarian vampires slept with their left eyes open and thumbs crossed. Moravian vampires only attacked victims naked and the vampires of Albanian folklore wore high heeled shoes.

Modern vampire fiction is rooted in the Eastern European 'vampire craze' of the 1720s and 1730s, fuelled by widespread reports of dead people returning from the grave to suck the blood of family members and neighbours. Even government officials frequently got dragged into the hunting and staking of vampires.

One of the first works of art to touch upon the subject is the short German poem *The Vampire* (1748) by Heinrich August Ossenfelder. Lord Byron's epic poem *The Giaour* (1813) also had a vampire theme, but it was his personal physician John Polidori who authored the first "true" vampire story called *The Vampyre* (1819) based on a fragmentary vampire story told by Byron at the famous "ghost story competition" at the Villa Diodati by Lake Geneva in 1816. Present were Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Mary Shelley and Polidori. Out of this gothic hothouse came not only the first vampire tale, but also Mary Shelley's archetypal monster novel *Frankenstein* (1818).

Polidori's work had an immense impact on contemporary sensibilities and ran through numerous editions and translations. Edgar Allan Poe, Gogol, Alexandre Dumas and Tolstoy all produced vampire tales, but in 1897 the genre really took off with Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, the most famous vampire of them all . . .

Be sure to have plenty of garlic on hand for the end of the month - vampires will be just one of the many undead creatures running around the Club on the 28th, for that is the date of the Children's Halloween Party . . . which reminds me . . .

There are **five** Halloween Pumpkins hidden in this issue (they look like the pumpkin in the calendar, but of course that one doesn't count). The first five persons (under 14 and one per family) to contact Barry at the Club and correctly state the locations of **all five pumpkins** will each win a ticket to the Children's Halloween Party.

Billy Beefeater



A vampire out for blood.
Painting by Oliver Jan Knapp, held in Billy's vault and brought

out especially for this Halloween Vampire issue.

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Letter from **the Chair**



Dear Members,

Another month has quickly come and gone and as I look at my calendar it is rapidly approaching the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Club continues to be a focus for a wide variety of activities. During the coming month or so we have the Rugby World Cup games and Formula 1 races shown live in the

Churchill Bar, the monthly bar quiz conducted by Mr Rodney Bain, special video presentations, regular wine tastings and new members nights. Scheduling details for these activities can be found on the events calendar on the British Club website (www.britishclubbangkok.org). Please contact the Club management if you have any suggestions for additional Club activities.

In the last Outpost, I mentioned the clear need for

decisive action regarding the delays to complete The Verandah Development given the time constraints and the rapidly approaching festive season. On Friday, August 24th 2007 the Club terminated the contract of the construction company we had engaged to complete the project having given them a last opportunity to complete the project whose agreed completion date was 31st May 2007. The Club has reserved all rights to recourse for damages due to non-performance and for losses incurred due to loss of revenue and profit. The General Committee recognise the need to have this outlet open in readiness for our peak-trading season and so with specific help from members John Boisclair (GC member) and Bob Merrigan we are now in the process of ascertaining the cost required to enable the outlet to be opened. We hope to have a more detailed timeline for completion soon and I will then circulate a further letter. Thanks again for your patience and tolerance.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Dr Stuart Blacksell

Chairman

BCB General Committee 2007/2008

and the **CEO's report**

Dear Members,

It will have been well over a month since I joined the British Club Bangkok by the time this publication is being read by you all. In that time I have been busy coming to terms with all the policies and procedures, Constitution and Rules of the Club, getting to know all the staff and of course meeting many of the members of all the different Sections and Associated Groups that use our facilities.

I must thank all I have met, spoken to over the telephone or corresponded with by email for the warm and friendly welcome you have given me which has made my first month at the Club extremely pleasant.

I have attended a number of local networking events and have used these opportunities to represent the Club and meet some of our suppliers, contractors and prospective members. I am most impressed with the enthusiasm and level of professionalism shown by our Senior Management Team of Barry and Khun Prem and also impressed by the efforts to market the Club and join new members from our new Membership Managers, Khun Su and Khun Jelly.

The British Club, while having similar operating features to most clubs, is quite different from my last two experiences of managing clubs in Melbourne, Australia. Obviously the weather is a major difference as is the setting I now luckily find myself working in everyday. Another feature of the Club that I find most appealing is its sense of history and uniqueness that makes it stand out in the hectic Bangkok downtown area and which makes membership here so rewarding, whether sitting at Poolside, enjoying a drink in the Churchill Bar or participating in one of our sports.

I have been informed by many that I have joined the British Club at a challenging moment in its recent history and I am getting more familiar with the large number of projects that require quick and decisive action to have the Club operating near to its peak before too long. As this becomes reality I am sure we will cater much better for all members, provide more events, entertainment and sports (especially for the kids) and increase the usage of the BCB by members and their guests over the next few months. I refer you to "Bazza's Banter" and the Calendar for all the details of our upcoming events and activities both at the Club and around Bangkok.

I look forward to meeting you all some time soon at the Club.

Michael Silcock

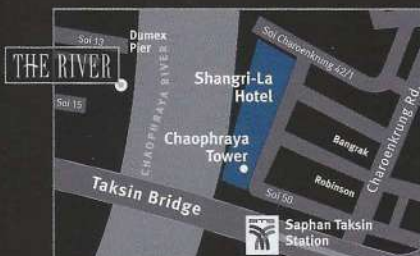
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Back to Busyness

Dear Members,

It is good to see so many members back down at the Club after the long holidays - the Club is once again buzzing with life. There are plenty of activities taking place at the Club over the next month. We have restarted the Sunday carvery now held from 11.30am until 2pm in the Suriwongse Sala and don't forget the kids' activities with Susie each Sunday in the Silom Room from 1pm to 3pm.



I would like to remind members once again that no roller blades, scooters, pushbikes or footballs are allowed around poolside for safety reasons. These items can also cause a lot of upset amongst members. Also at poolside, in the interests of hygiene, members are asked to please shower before entering the pools.



And finally the cats! Please do not feed the cats in the sala areas. Many members do not like the cats loitering around the salas and eating areas so please do not encourage the cats by feeding them!!! And whilst I am talking about cats we still have a few tickets for this wonderful show direct from the UK available at the Clubhouse reception. For further details please give myself or Khun Koy a call. We have also booked tickets to see the fabulous Black Eyed Peas in concert, once again at Impact Arena, on October 18th. We took members to see the Peas last year and it was an excellent concert - easily the best concert we have been to. We once again have tickets for front section standing (or for the energetic, dancing !!) and more sensible seats in the raised terraced area, so please come along and join us for a brilliant night out. The Club will once again have a police escort and we will be serving drinks on the coach to get us in the party mood! We have also booked tickets to see Beyonce Bootylicious (!!) at Impact on October 30th. Once again we have excellent seats and we will take care of you all night long!! To book tickets and for further information please contact Khun Koy or myself.

Coming up on October 19th we have a talent show for the kids in the Silom sala, leaving parents plenty of time to enjoy the wine tasting or to relax in the Suriwongse sala or Churchill Bar. For more info on the British Club's own Academy Fantasia see page 8. These are just a few of the events taking place. As I mentioned last month, don't forget the Kids' Halloween Party, Guy Fawkes, Loy Kratong at Suan Thip and lots more. Talking about Halloween, this month's Outpost cover was designed by the talented master Oliver Jan. Actually he entered this for last year's Outpost Christmas competition and Billy and the team of judges were so impressed we kept it especially for this Halloween 'Vampire' edition!! Also in this edition you will find 5 hidden Halloween jumpers. The first 5 children, one per family, to call Khun Koy or myself with the correct locations will win a free entry to this year's Kids' Halloween Party. Last year over 100 members attended this event!!

Also in Outpost you will find this year's Christmas calendar - yes it's that time of year again! Please do

get your form in early so that we can guarantee your order. Despite my pleas last year we were still receiving Christmas orders late in December and in fact one even came in on Christmas Day!



Last month Khun Adisorn finished off paint work around the Club and repainted the Suriwongse Room ready for the festive season. We also repaired and re-varnished the floors in the Suriwongse and Wordsworth Rooms, and carried out repair work to the squash courts. The pool was also re-tiled - even though our water quality passes each test we have a problem with pool tiles that keep coming loose due to the age of the pool. However we have hopefully now found a solution in the form of even stronger glue!!

Last month the Membership Department was very busy attending various events and networking nights on behalf of the Club. We attended the Canadian Chamber of Commerce night at Roadhouse, the British Chamber at Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, and both NZ and American Chamber networking nights. We also attended the Living in Bangkok exhibition held at the Bumrungrad Hospital. The Club also catered the British Chamber networking night at the British Embassy. The Club's catering diary is filling fast for the next few months so if you wish to host a party catered by the Club please call us now. Also don't forget our own bouncy castle which is popular at this time of year. If you can think of an event that you think our membership team should attend then please contact Su or Jelly in the Membership Department, and don't forget about our newly launched Member Get Member scheme.

I am appealing once again for members who wish to donate towards our Children's Christmas Party for the deaf children from Sutthisan School. This has become an annual event at the Club and we are into our ninth year. Last year, thanks to the generosity of members and staff, we managed to raise enough money to host two separate events and treat children from two organisations to brilliant days out and also we had enough money to buy goods for Wat Phra Baht Nam Phu (The Aids Temple). If you wish for more information about the kids' party or wish to donate or give up your time to help then please call me at the Club.

Also please remember that from 10pm on Saturday 3rd of November to 10pm on Sunday 4th of November the Club's car park will be closed due to the Guy Fawkes event. The car park is closed for safety reasons and there is no alternative car parking arranged. This year we also have a new fireworks company which should be an improvement on last year's rather disappointing performance!!

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager

WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

** MONTHLY BALUT TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, 3rd October, 7pm, Churchill Bar & Silom Room

Each first Wednesday of the month the Balut section will hold a tournament under Balut Section Tournament rules: play will commence at 7pm in the Churchill Bar then, after the accumulators, it will move up to the Silom Room. All scores will be tallied and all score sheets signed. A league will then be created for highest scores and highest average scores. The Entry fee will be 100 baht charged to your Club account which will pay for the tournament prizes. Members of the British Club who are not Section members are welcome to 'try' one Tournament and if they then wish to play each month they must join the section: annual fee 300 baht.

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 4th October, 7-8.30pm, Suriwongse Room

We continue our showing of the entire series of Inspector Morse this month with the episode: TWILIGHT OF THE GODS: *A rich businessman and a world-famous opera singer are receiving honorary Oxford degrees when a sniper opens fire on the ceremony, seriously wounding the singer - but was she the intended target?* There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service is available.

** 2007 RUGBY WORLD CUP - FINALS

From Saturday, 6th October, Churchill Bar
See page 10 for details.

** TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO

Sunday, 7th October, 10am, Clubhouse

"Genesis of the Daleks": See opposite page for details.

** FORMULA ONE - CHINESE GRAND PRIX

Sunday, 7th October, 12.30pm, Churchill Bar

With Dim Sum snacks. See opposite page for details.

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - PRIME SUSPECT

Thursday, 11th October, 7-10.15pm, Suriwongse Room

This month we will show the second episode from the hit British detective series "Prime Suspect" starring Helen Mirren as Detective Jane Tennison. This series went on to run for seven seasons and won a number of BAFTA awards. There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service is available. This episode runs for 3 hours and 10 minutes.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 16th October, 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room

The October round of the monthly BRITISH CLUB BAR QUIZ will be held in the Suriwongse Room, with a special Quiz Night menu available from 6.30pm. As usual Bangkok's premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of 19 questions (on a range of subjects from Asia to Famous People) each ending in the dreaded "Common Denominator". Prizes go to First, Second, Third and 'Second to Last', and in addition, there are also three 'between round' questions where your team has the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. So, get a team of friends (up to six) to come along to join in the fun, or just pop along to see if we can fit you in. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person.

** THE BLACK EYED PEAS, LIVE IN BANGKOK

Thursday, 18th October, Coaches leave BC at 6pm

We have booked tickets both standing and sitting for this excellent concert. The standing tickets are in the zone right in front of the stage and sitting in Zone SC. We took members last year to see the Black Eyed Peas and it was by far the best concert we have seen in many years at Impact Arena. Coaches leave from the Club at 6pm. For a fantastic night out at a price that does not hurt your pocket please contact Khun Koy or Barry to book your place, or book by signing up at Reception. Tickets are 3,300 baht each - price includes transport from/to the British Club. Refreshments will be served aboard the coach to get us in the party mood.

** MONTHLY WINE TASTING

Friday, 19th October, 6-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our regular monthly wine tasting completely free of charge and featuring wines from all over the world. Four companies will be here to let members try unlimited samples of their wines. Members can also purchase wines at specially discounted prices and the Club will create a range of canapés to compliment the wines. What a great way to start the weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club. And there's plenty for the kids to do too - see the Talent Show, below!

** CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW & DISCO

Friday, 19th October, 6-9pm, Silom Sala

Forget about Academy Fantasia, American Idol, Pop Stars or similar programmes. This month we allow our British Club kids to show they have talent. So if you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, tell jokes or have any other hidden talent, come along and join in the fun. There are plenty of prizes for best female, male or group/novelty act. There's also a disco to keep kids entertained between acts. Once again NO PARENTS are allowed, as we do not want to spoil the kids' fun. All activities are fully supervised. Tickets 250 baht per person - cost includes Disco, Talent Show, supper and soft drinks. To book, sign up at the Clubhouse Reception or send a fax or email to the Club. For further information Contact Khun Koy or Barry.

** TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO

Sunday, 21st October, 11am, Clubhouse

"Mawdryn Undead": See opposite page for details.

** FORMULA ONE - BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX

Sunday, 21st October, 10.30pm, Churchill Bar

See opposite page for details.

** CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, 28th October, 11am to 1pm, Suriwongse Room

Full-on kids' fancy dress party with kids Halloween luncheon buffet and plenty of activities and games, including magic show, doughnut eating and Halloween VDO. Tickets: Children 2-12 years, 390 baht; Under 2's and adults, 100 baht. To book for this event please send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse Reception. For further information contact Khun Koy or Barry.

** THE BEYONCE EXPERIENCE TOUR, LIVE IN BANGKOK

Tuesday, 30th October, Coaches leave BC at 6pm

We have reserved tickets to this excellent concert, held at Muang Thong Thani, with seats located in Zone SC at a cost of Bt.5000 per person - cost includes transport from/to the British Club. Beyonce has won 5 Grammy awards and her hits include 'Crazy in Love', 'Baby Boy' and lots more. To book for this event please send a fax or email to the Club or sign up at the Clubhouse Reception. For further information contact Khun Koy or Barry.

FORMULA ONE THE YEAR ENDETH!

It seems impossible that the Australian Grand prix was seven months ago and we are now down to the last two races of the 2007 Championship: and with this article going to bed before any of the September races, it is unknown how close this year's championship will actually be – but whatever, the Club will show both October races live in The Churchill Bar.

This month we visit China* and Brazil:

- China is a newcomer to the F1 championship, now in only its fourth year. The Shanghai International Circuit is situated in the district of Jiading near Shanghai and was designed to resemble the Chinese character shang (上), the first word in the name of the city Shanghai – it also means 'above' or 'ascend'.
- Autódromo José Carlos Pace is the venue of the last race of the year in Brazil, located in a suburb of the city of São Paulo. The new circuit is named after José Carlos Pace, a Brazilian F1 driver but it is still widely known by its former name, Interlagos, the name of the neighbourhood in which it is set.

As usual Formula 1 will be shown LIVE in the Churchill Bar each evening. Make sure you arrive early to grab a good seat!

Date Sunday 7th October
Race Chinese Grand Prix
TV Coverage starts 12.30pm

[NOTE: There will be Dim Sum snacks in the Bar for the Chinese Grand Prix]

Date Sunday 21st October
Race Brazilian Grand Prix
TV Coverage starts 22.30pm

* Although in the last issue we said it was the Chinese GP on the 30th September, that was actually the Japanese GP, so this month Formula One really does visit China (honest).

"THE TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO"

We continue our series of one story from each different Doctor in October with two of the best-loved stories of their era.

October 7th: 10am: **Genesis of the Daleks**
"The Time Lords send The Doctor (Tom Baker) to Skaro with a mission to destroy or delay the birth of the Daleks – but does he have the right?"



I say, aren't you the Brigadier?



The Doctor meets Davros – creator of the Daleks

October 21st: 11am: **Mawdryn Undead**
"The Doctor (Peter Davison) meets an old friend again as Retired Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart returns to Doctor Who – unfortunately The Doctor meets him in both 1977 and 1982!"

All children from 8 to 80 are welcome!

SPORT on TV

"SPORT – TO WATCH OR PLAY – BUT BOTH WAYS ENJOY!"

1 st	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 1 st ODI	5pm-1am
2 nd	Cricket	India v Australia 2 nd ODI	12.30pm-8pm
4 th	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 2 nd ODI	5pm-1am
5 th	Cricket	India v Australia 3 rd ODI	12.30pm-8pm
6 th	Rugby	Quarter-Final 1	8pm-10pm
7 th	Rugby	Quarter-Final 2	2am-4am
7 th	F1	Chinese Grand Prix	12.30pm-3pm
7 th	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 3 rd ODI	5pm-1am
7 th	Rugby	Quarter-Final 2 (r)	6pm-8pm
7 th	Rugby	Quarter-Final 3	8pm-10pm
8 th	Rugby	Quarter-Final 4	2am-4am
8 th	Cricket	India v Australia 4 th ODI	12.30pm-8pm
8 th	Rugby	Quarter-Final 4 (r)	7pm-9pm
10 th	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 4 th ODI	5pm-1am
11 th	Cricket	India v Australia 5 th ODI	12.30pm-8pm
13 th	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 5 th ODI	5pm-1am
14 th	Rugby	Semi-Final 1	2am-4am
14 th	Cricket	India v Australia 6 th ODI	12.30pm-8pm
14 th	Rugby	Semi-Final 1 (r)	5pm-7pm
15 th	Rugby	Semi-Final 2	2am-4am
15 th	Rugby	Semi-Final 2 (r)	7pm-9pm
17 th	Cricket	India v Australia 7 th ODI	12.30pm-8pm
20 th	Rugby	Play-Off	2am-4am
20 th	Rugby	Play-Off (r)	5pm-7pm
21 st	Rugby	Final	2am-4am
21 st	Rugby	Final (r)	5pm-7pm
21 st	F1	Brazilian Grand Prix	10.30pm-1am

(r) = repeat screening

For details of the BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE matches see weekly Sports sheets.

To accommodate the most members enjoying different TV Sports, it may be necessary for staff to switch channels on the Bar TVs when a second sport is advertised – please assist staff by moving tables as requested.

2007 RUGBY WORLD CUP

As this article goes to bed so England have just managed to beat USA to start a shaky defence of their 2003 Rugby World Cup title. The final 'knock-out' stages of the event will be played in October and the Club will show each match LIVE in the Churchill Bar and repeat all the 1am/2am games later the same day in the early evening – and in plenty of time to allow viewing of that evening's oncoming live events:

The FINAL STAGES Churchill Bar schedule is:

Quarter-finals

Day	Date	Match	LIVE or recorded	Start Time
Saturday	6 th Oct	Quarter-Final 1: Winner Pool B v Runner-Up Pool A	LIVE	8pm
Sunday	7 th Oct	Quarter-Final 2: Winner Pool C v Runner-Up Pool D	LIVE	2am
		Quarter-Final 2: Winner Pool C v Runner-Up Pool D	recorded	6pm
		Quarter-Final 3: Winner Pool A v Runner-Up Pool B	LIVE	8pm
Monday	8 th Oct	Quarter-Final 4: Winner Pool D v Runner-Up Pool C	LIVE	2am
		Quarter-Final 4: Winner Pool D v Runner-Up Pool C	recorded	7pm

Semi-finals

Day	Date	Match	LIVE or recorded	Start Time
Sunday	14 th Oct	Semi-Final 1: Winner QF1 v Winner QF2	LIVE	2am
		Semi-Final 1: Winner QF1 v Winner QF2	recorded	5pm
Monday	15 th Oct	Semi-Final 2: Winner QF3 v Winner QF4	LIVE	2am
		Semi-Final 2: Winner QF3 v Winner QF4	recorded	7pm

Play-Off

Day	Date	Match	LIVE or recorded	Start Time
Saturday	20 th Oct	3 rd /4 th place play-off	LIVE	2am
		3 rd /4 th place play-off	recorded	5pm

Final

Day	Date	Match	LIVE or recorded	Start Time
Sunday	21 st Oct	Rugby World Cup Final	LIVE	2am
		Rugby World Cup Final	recorded	5pm

RETIREMENT VISA CHANGES

With effect from 1st September 2007, the Immigration Department invoked changes to Police Order 606/2006 that controls the paperwork required for visas.

The changes for Non-Immigration O-A (Retirement) visa are as follows:

- Husbands and wives, and other dependants, will now be treated as individual applicants for the O-A Visa and must thus each meet the paperwork requirements for the visa. In short, a married couple will now need to show 1.6 Million Baht in a Thai bank account for the three months prior to their applications being processed and they will both need individual statements of non-criminality from their home country for their first application.
- When applying for your extension to the O-A Visa you must now supply a map with directions to your home.

If you have any concerns regarding your status you should consult your lawyer ahead of renewing your O-A visa.

SILOM ROAD CLOSURE

Silom Road will be closed to traffic on Sunday 21st October, from 4.30pm to 10pm, for the Hindu Dassera Festival at Wat Sri Maha Mariamman. Members are advised that vehicular entry to and exit from the Club during those hours on the 21st will be via the Suriwongse Gate only.



REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

8:30pm-late

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

7:00pm

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:30-9:30pm

Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

SUNDAYS Silom Sala

11.30-2:30pm

Silom Room

1:00-3:00pm

Suriwongse Room

3:00pm onwards

BWG Mahjong

Spoofing

BALUT TOURNAMENT (First Wednesday of the month)

PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR

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

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

Chess (First and Third Thursdays)

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

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

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

Bridge tournament (except last Sunday in the month)

Join us every Sunday for the Family Carvery. Due to renovations, other regular Buffets are not available in October *unless* advertised at the Club. Please check Club notice boards for the latest information.

Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm

7:00am - 10:00pm

6:00am -10:00pm

6:00am - 9:00pm

9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar

Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30pm)

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

Fitness Centre (weekends)

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)



The Early Bird gets FIRST CHOICE!

Secure the function date you want - or need - by booking your CHRISTMAS or NEW YEAR'S PARTY NOW!

Club resources are limited, so act quickly to avoid disappointment!

Email Barry Osborne on GM@britishclubbangkok.org



Christ Church Christmas Gift Box Appeal 2007

For many years Christ Church, Bangkok has taken Christmas presents to the Border Karen in the Mae La Refugee Camp and Noh Bo School. This year we have taken ideas and tips from a well known charity in the UK which makes things more manageable and a better experience for the children. I have adapted it for use here in Bangkok. Please do look at the UK website www.samaritanspurse.uk.com/occ/index.asp or watch a video and see what impact this has on the world's children www.samaritanspurse.uk.com/occ/_video_2007.asp. Can we achieve something on a smaller scale by reaching out to the Karen refugees from Burma/Myanmar?



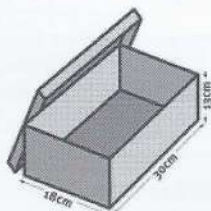
The idea enables caring children, families, schools, churches and other organisations to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for needy children. Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued. Choosing gifts and then wrapping and filling a shoe box is a fun and rewarding activity – especially when you know these gifts are going to be used and treasured.

Filling a box

1) Find an empty medium-sized shoe box, approximately 18x30x13cm. Wrap the lid and box separately in wrapping paper.

If you need to ask a Shoe Shop Assistant for a shoe box, Here is the Thai phrase: ขอกล่องรองเท้าเปล่าค่ะ (Can I have an empty shoe box, please)

2) Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl and for which age group (the older age group is least picked). Cut out the appropriate label at the bottom of this page; tick the appropriate age box on the boy or girl sticker. Securely stick the label on the outside of the lid on the top right hand as you would a stamp on a letter. You will need to tape or glue the label to the box.



3) Fill the shoe box with the gifts listed in the guidelines on the 'What to pack'. **PLEASE DO NOT** wrap any items individually. Remember to make your box both **fun** and **educational**.

BOY MY BOX IS FOR

- ☐ 4-7 YRS
- ☐ 8-11 YRS
- ☐ 12-16 YRS



GIRL MY BOX IS FOR

- ☐ 4-7 YRS
- ☐ 8-11 YRS
- ☐ 12-16 YRS



What to pack



Gift Ideas

Be age-aware
All items should be new or in excellent condition
Please include items from **each** category



Toys – something to love

Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, yo-yo, jigsaw, dominoes, games, English reading book, small musical instrument, cars, clip-on earrings, eye-shadow, hair accessories, etc



Educational Supplies – something to do

Felt pens, paints, water paints, paint brushes, art pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, charcoal pencils, colouring books, art paper, glue sticks, chalk, pencil case, stickers, personal diary, note book, card making items, crafts, etc



Hygiene items – something to use

Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, brush, hairclips, bar of wrapped soap, etc



Other items – something to eat or wear

Sweets (check sell-by-date), hat, scarf, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, watch, T-shirt (child sizes, XS or S), football shorts (child sizes, XS or S), scarf, hat, cap, flip-flops (thongs), etc

Do not include the following:

WAR RELATED ITEMS - Toy guns, soldiers or knives
SHARP OBJECTS - Scissors, razors
ITEMS of political or racial nature

Collection

Individuals & small groups

Please deliver your box to Christ Church Office, 11 Convent Road, Bangkok, 10500 (Next to BNH Hospital) between 1st November and 6th December. You can print a map from www.christchurchbangkok.org/contactus.html

Larger Groups

If you are preparing boxes as part of a large group, producing more than 30 boxes (i.e. school, church, workplace, social group) please appoint an organiser who will liaise with Christ Church (02-234 3634). We will then organise an appropriate time and drop-off point for collection.

Volunteers

This project needs your help – could you volunteer? We need volunteers from the beginning of November through until 15th December to help us with the handling of the shoe boxes. In particular we need people who:

- Can drive for collection of shoe boxes
- Have knowledge of children – checking appropriate contents
- Can act as a collection point organiser for companies, schools, etc

If you have any queries, please contact: Ineke Cook,
11 Convent Road, Bangkok, 10500.
Telephone 02-234 3634
E-mail: welcome@christchurchbangkok.org



SHOW YOUR TALENT!

Here's some ideas to help you bring out your talent at the British Club's
CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW (& DISCO) on the 19th October . . .

Talent Show Ideas

- Singing
- Acting
- Poetry
- Reading
- Juggling
- Yo-Yo Tricks
- Dancing
- Playing an Instrument
- Dramatic Monologue
- Comedy Routine
- Magic Tricks



Act out your own drama – or someone else's!

Magic Trick Sample

Walk Through Paper Trick

Effect:

This is more of a "dare"/puzzle than it is a magic trick, but it's still fun to do. The magician asks the audience if anyone thinks he can cut a piece of regular paper with a hole big enough for him to walk through.

Then the magician snips a piece of paper along the lines on the template below (he can either use the template or memorize the snips) and walks through the giant hole that's created!

NOTE: I suggest if the magician memorizes the snips that he or she still have a printed template handy, just in case they forget when they're in front of an audience.

Supplies:

- piece of paper (construction paper works well as it's a bit sturdier) with or without template printed on it (depending on if magician memorizes the snips)
- scissors

Secret:

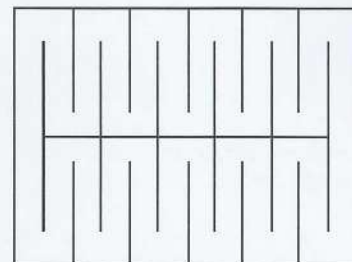
BEFORE THE TRICK:

Print out the template and practice snipping it, stretching it out and walking through it a few times.

DURING THE TRICK:

Ask the audience if they think you can cut a hole large enough to walk through in a regular piece of paper. Cut the template out as quickly as possible (you don't have to be perfectly on the lines. Stretch the paper apart carefully and walk through it. You can hand the template out to the members of the audience so they can try it out at home!

TEMPLATE



Tips and hints to help you become a successful magician:

1. Practice in front of a mirror so you can see the trick as your audience will. Practice lots!
2. Practice the "patter" as well as the trick. Figure out beforehand what you want to say during the show. Good patter will help distract the audience just enough to keep them from guessing how you've pulled off your magical feats! Here's a start for you:

**I have a magic trick for you.
It should be lots of fun.
Pay very close attention,
And guess how it is done!**

3. Resist the temptation to tell how the trick worked... keep them guessing and they'll be even more impressed with your show.
4. Never do the same trick more than once for the same audience. It makes it too easy for the audience to guess how it was done.
5. Control the seating arrangements... some of the tricks require that the people be looking straight at you. Have the audience remain seated throughout the show.
6. Wherever you can, borrow the objects from the audience... coins, pencils, napkins, etc. Borrowing from the audience makes it seem like the magician hasn't had time to do anything sneaky to the item. This makes everything seem more magical!





It's a record!

Well, so much for the holiday season being a quiet time at the Club. A record 12 teams filled the Suriwongse Room on the 21st for the August Quiz Night. Shminky Binky would have made it a Baker's Dozen but, alas, their table remained forlornly empty in the middle of the room. The Club staff somehow managed to keep up with all the F&B orders from the special Quiz Night Menu and there was even time for Khun Suwadee (Su) from the Membership Department to rather bravely introduce herself to the assembled throng.

This Quiz featured new teams the 'Scratch Cards', 'Rag Tag' and the inscrutably named 'FRB'. What those letters stand for is anybody's guess. Free Range Bantams? French Rugby Barbarians? Fluffy Red Bladderworts? . . . For Recycle Bin? . . . Mysterious indeed they were, but as the quiz got going it became ominously apparent that they were there to win. Having scored over 70 points in the first two rounds, they relegated everyone else to playing catch-up. Nevertheless, this was a very high-scoring quiz as a clump of five chasing teams, all averaging over 30 points per round, fought for the minor places – and for every point – in a sometimes rambunctious atmosphere, assisted of course by the usual contributions from the 'very vociferous' Barbary Coast Barbarians. In the end, FRB ran out clear winners but it was a photo finish for the minor places with only half a point separating the next three teams.

After the usual diabolical denominator questions and an obscure dog-related question in every round, the table questions were almost a relief! The only really difficult question was: How many sweat glands does the average person have in their skin? Apparently it's about 2,000,000 and anyone who moves around outside in Bangkok learns to use every single one of them!

Oh, and the scores:

1. FRB	130.5	7. Six No Trumps	117
2. Some Other Team	124	8. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	111.5
3. Barbary Coast Barbarians	123.5	9. Below Par	108
4. Joker's Wild	123.5	10. Scratch Cards	99.5
5. The Southerners	122	11. Textile All Stars	89
6. Jim's Junkies	121	12. Rag Tag	87.5

STOP PRESS – The Return of Shminky Binky!

It was another packed house of 12 teams on 18th September . . . No sign of 'FRB' but Shminky Binky Bang Bang came back with a vengeance and in a return to their form of old, walked away with the quiz by 4 points. The Southerners also had a good night, as did Some Other Team, with Jokers Wild trying valiantly to get into the prize money – but with a dozen or so teams, those top three spots have never been so difficult. It's all good fun of course, and great to see such a packed house – welcome back to the BGG's, Bookworms and Ad Hoc! And the Barbarians were relatively well behaved too. What more could one ask for?

See you at the next quiz – 16th October. Same place, same time.

Billy B.

Oh, and the scores:

1. Shminky Binky Bang Bang	129	7. Jim's Junkies	114.5
2. The Southerners	125	8. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	104.5
3. Some Other Team	121	9. Scratch Cards	102
4. Joker's Wild	120	10. Ad Hoc	98
5. Barbary Coast Barbarians	118.5	11. Bookworms	93
6. Six No Trumps	118	12. BGG's	81

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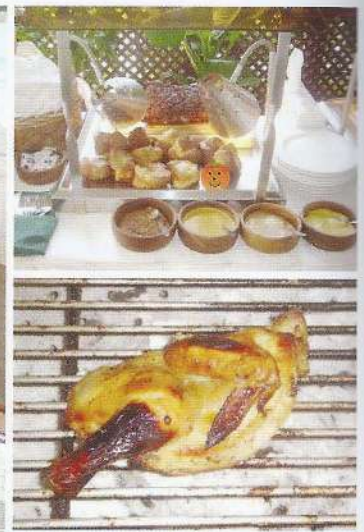
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LOOKING BACK

Poolside - Around & About





Weekends have seen poolside a hive of activity. Swimming lessons with the Bangkok Dolphins have restarted and there are still places available in most classes - if you are interested in enrolling your children please contact Amnaj or Rit in the Fitness Centre. The Sunday carverys have re-started and proven to be very popular, with 30 or more members most Sundays enjoying a choice of three roast meats and delicious veges & salads. We also held a dim sum buffet at the Suriwongse Sala on September 8th and this was also popular. We aim to provide at least one themed buffet at poolside each month. Don't forget each weekend from 11.30am until 3pm we have our regular poolside BBQ with favourites such as gai yang, som tum, nam tok moo, and lots more.

Last month we also had specials at poolside with each dish being served with delicious khao glong (red rice).

Poolside specials

- **Choo-Chee Goong Nang**
Sautéed river prawns in red curry paste.
- **Gaeng Phed Ped Yang**
Roasted duck in red curry sauce.
- **Nam Prik Long Rua**
Fried spicy shrimp paste with salted egg and Sweet pork served with fried Club Mackerel and vegetables.
- **Pla Kra-pong Nueng Hed Hom**
Steamed Seabass with Shitake mushrooms.
- **Phad Ped Srong Kuarng**
Stir-fried duck breast with Bell peppers and Cashew nuts.
- **Nam Prik Ong**
Spicy minced pork in red curry paste Northern style served with Condiments
- **Goong Sauce Makham**
Deep-fried River Prawns with Tamarind Sauce.
- **Phad Makheu Yao Moo Sap**
Stir-fried Green Eggplants with minced pork
- **Gaeng Kiew Wan Pla Salmon**
Green curry with Salmon
- **Tom Sot Gai Baan**
Spicy and Sour Soup with Free-range Chicken

All meals served with red rice

The first week's specials proved so popular we extended them by a week and added new dishes. In fact khao glong and a few of the dishes will appear on the new poolside menu.

To start off the weekend, each Friday night from 6pm there's once again free kids' videos in the Silom Sala with a free scoop of Nestle ice cream and a soft drink for every child. And of course each Sunday the kids can join in the free activities with Khun Susie upstairs in the Clubhouse from 1pm until 3pm, giving mum and dad a bit of a breather to enjoy a drink or two in peace!

See you at Poolside on the weekend!!



THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

Member Get Member!!

You can earn credit of 3,300 baht to your account simply by formally introducing and proposing a new member to join the Club with full membership.

**THE MORE MEMBERS YOU INTRODUCE
THE MORE YOU EARN !!**

For further information and conditions please contact the Membership Department, Barry Osborne or Khun Prem



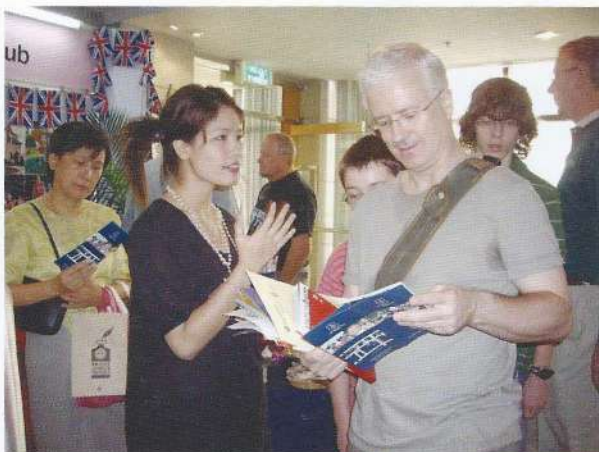
THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

Conditions

- Member must formally introduce and propose the new candidate to Club Management
- The new member must join before the end of the promotional period (before December 1st, 2007)
- The new member can be an ordinary or associate member but must pay the full entrance fee on joining the British Club Bangkok.

Michael Silcock
Chief Executive Officer

Membership on the Move



The Membership department has been very busy over the past few weeks attending a number of events around Bangkok. Our new membership managers, Jelly and Su, attended networking nights with the British, Canadian and New Zealand Chambers of Commerce, as well as a welcome party for the new Canadian Ambassador with the Canadian Chamber. We also attracted a lot of interest at the 'Living in Bangkok' festival recently held at Bumrungrad Hospital (see photos) and it is great to see that at last membership numbers are once again moving in the right direction and that all the hard work seems to be paying off.

The Club also catered for the British Chamber networking night held recently at the 'Queen Vic Pub' (at the British Embassy) and once again our Membership girls were there encouraging people to join the Oasis in the Heart of the City.

Augmenting the efforts of the Membership team is the Member get Member programme (see opposite page). With the re-launch of this programme, it's now even more in members' interests to put the word about and be a source of information for those who may well wish to join but have heard little or nothing about the Club and the many benefits of membership.

The relatively small effort involved in helping someone to join the British Club or in recommending them may well lead to a 'win-win-win' situation where the new member finds a whole new world of family, dining, social & sporting activities opens up for them; the Club of course gains a new member; and the proposing member has 3300 baht to spend on any of the delights the Club has to offer. Everybody wins.

For further details on the Member get Member Programme or any other membership matter, please give us a call or just pop into the Membership room for a chat with Jelly and Su - they're always happy to talk to members!

Baz

BC CALENDAR OCTOBER – The Month at a Glance

Sunday

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. HINT: They look like the pumpkin in this calendar, but that one is **not** counted!



7 Clubhouse
10:00am
TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO

10:30am-2:15pm
Squash Mix-in

Poolside
11:30-3:00pm
Poolside BBQ

Silom Sala
Lunch & Dinner
Family carvery

Churchill Bar
12:30pm
FORMULA ONE – LIVE Chinese GP

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

3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice

Suriwongse Room
3:00-6:30pm
Bridge Tournament

14 **Poolside**
11:30-3:00pm
Poolside BBQ

Silom Sala
Lunch & Dinner
Family carvery

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



Monday

1 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

8 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

15 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong

Tuesday

2 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In

5:15-8:15pm
Squash Mix-in

9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic

7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

10:00-11:00
Aqua Aerobics

Churchill Bar
8:30pm-late
Spoofing

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Ladies Tennis Clinic

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Aqua Aerobics

5:15-8:15pm
Squash Mix-in

Wednesday

3 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

Churchill Bar
7:00
BALUT TOURNAMENT
7:00 & 8:00pm
PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR
7:30pm Bottle Draw



Prestige Wine

10 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

Churchill Bar
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Prestige Wine

17 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

Suriwongse Room
7:00-10:00pm
DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT
Prime Suspect



PRIME SUSPECT

9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice

18 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

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

Leave BC at 6:00pm
BLACK EYED PEAS
Live in Bangkok



Thursday

4 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in

7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

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

Suriwongse Room
7:00-8:30pm
DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT
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Rugby Practice

Suriwongse Room
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DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT
Prime Suspect



PRIME SUSPECT

9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice

Friday

5 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes

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

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis

Silom Sala
7:00-9:00pm **Kid's VDO**

12 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes

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

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Junior Tennis

Silom Sala
7:00-9:00pm **Kid's VDO**

19 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes

5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis



Saturday

6 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice

9:00am-1:30pm
Junior Swimming Classes

Wordsworth Lounge
1:00-2:00pm Yoga

13 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes

9:30am-12noon
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On the menu . . .

KHUN LAAK RECOMMENDS

1. Cream Of Shilton Soup £85
2. Crispy Soft Shell Crab, soft shell crab deep fried, served with salad and a coriander dressing £180
3. Plum, Ham and Cheese Salad served with crispy green salad and a dijon mustard mayonaise dressing £180
4. Grilled cod Steak with pesto and crispy salad £310
5. Cajun salmon steak with citrus salsa and cranberry salad £340
6. Gloucester Pie, lamb, Apple and onion, top with carrots and mashed potatoes £210
7. Beef and Prawn Burger with cocktail sauce £300
8. Baked chicken and Bacon Roll, filled with cheese, served with grilled vegetables and crispy polenta £230
9. Fruit cobbler with vanilla ice-cream mixed berry, Apple, pear and plum £85
10. Walnut tart with fresh cream £85
11. Summer pudding with berry coulis and fresh cream £85

This October we feature a juicy rump of lamb, a spicy Northern-style Thai pork dish followed by a fruit fiesta of three fabulous smoothies and a fantastic fruit dessert that flirts with the British crumble!

And in the Churchill Bar, you'll find the centre of the culinary universe – the 'Khun Laak Recommends' board, with something for everyone . . .



Fruit Cobbler

This is a fantastic American recipe equivalent to the British crumble. Particularly good with strawberries and rhubarb, but you can use any fruit combo you like; about 680g/1½ lb of fruit should do it.

Serves 6

- 2 apricots, stoned and sliced
- 1 pear, cored and thickly sliced
- 1 punnet of blackberries
- 1 punnet of blueberries
- 1 punnet of raspberries
- ½ an apple, grated
- 5 tablespoons sugar
- a good glug of balsamic vinegar

For the Topping:

- 170g/6oz butter, chilled
- 225g/8oz self-raising flour
- 70g/2½ oz sugar
- A large pinch of salt
- 130ml/4½ fl oz buttermilk
- A little extra sugar for dusting

Cooking instructions:

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/gas 5. Put the fruit into a pan with the sugar and the balsamic vinegar, put the pan over the heat, and cook gently until the juices begin to run from the berries. Pour into an ovenproof dish. Meanwhile make the topping. Rub the cold butter into the flour until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the sugar and salt, stir well, then add the butter-milk to form a loose scone-type mixture. Spoon this over the hot fruit (to get a cobbled effect, flick balls of dough randomly over the fruit), sprinkle with a little caster sugar, and bake in your preheated oven for 30 minutes until golden brown. Serve with vanilla ice cream.



Rump of Lamb

Serves 1

- 200g lamb rump
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 sprig thyme
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 1/3 red pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 1/3 yellow pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 1/3 zucchini
- 1/3 egg plant
- 1 tbsp sherry vinegar
- 1 large glass of red wine
- Sea salt and pepper

Score the skin of the lamb rump lightly with a sharp knife. Put 1 tbsp olive oil in a bowl with the thyme and 2 garlic cloves. Season the lamb with pepper, add to the bowl and turn to coat in the oil. Leave to marinate for 3-4 hours, then remove the lamb.

Heat the oven to 200°C/Gas 6. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a wide pan, add the vegetables, toss to mix and sauté for a few minutes to soften slightly, then transfer to an oiled roasting pan and roast in the oven for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat a cast-iron frying pan and add 1 tbsp olive oil. When very hot, add the lamb, skin-side down, and sear until well browned on all sides. Add to the roasting pan and roast for about 15 minutes, then lift the meat onto a warm platter with the vegetables and rest in a warm place.

Add the sherry vinegar to the roasting pan, stirring to deglaze, then add the wine and bring to the boil. Skim off any fat from the jus, season and strain into a warm jug.

Cut rump into 3 or 4 slices. Spoon the roasted vegetables onto the warm plates and arrange the lamb on top and serve.



Num Prik Ong

Spicy minced pork in red curry in Northern style served with condiments and red rice.

Serves 6

1/2 kg	minced pork
1/2 kg	chunked tomatoes
50g	coriander roots
6 pcs	dried-chilli
3 tbsp	fish sauce
200g	sugar
5 tsp	vegetable oil
100g	shallots
100g	minced garlic
50g	chives and chopped spring onion

Cooking Instructions:

1. Heat the pan starting on low flame and add vegetable oil. Wait until it's hot then fry minced garlic.
2. When the garlic smells aromatic, increase the flame. Add minced pork then add the coriander roots, shallots and chunked tomatoes.
3. Mix well. Now, add fish sauce, sugar and dried-chilli.
4. Stir them well and then turn off the fire.
5. Pour the Num Prik Ong into a nice bowl and top up with chives and chopped spring onion, then serve with condiments and red rice (Kao Klong).

October Fruit Fiesta

Summer Special Soda

1 cup	orange juice
3 pcs	watermelon
4-5 pcs	raspberries
3 oz	syrup
1 scoop	vanilla ice cream

Method

Put 3 pcs of watermelon into blender, add raspberries and syrup, and blend for 15 seconds. Pour into a ball glass filled with orange juice and place a scoop of ice cream then top up with soda water and serve immediately.



Orange and Peach Juice

2 ripe	peaches in syrup
1 cup	orange juice
3 oz	syrup

Method

Cut peaches in half put them in blender, followed with a cup of orange juice, add syrup and blend until smoothie.



Apple and Raspberry Juice

2 pcs	eating apples
1 cup	apple juice
5-6 pcs	frozen raspberries
1/4 cup	orange juice
3 oz	syrup
4-6	ice cubes

Method

Cut the apples into quarters and discard the cores then chop into chunks. Blend with raspberries, apple juice, orange juice and syrup until smoothie. Pour over ice cubes in glass.



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Tennis Section Report for August/September 2007

Currently BC tennis is passing through its annual low season with many players away on their annual holidays. There have been no in-house events due to holidays and also due to the poor condition of both lights and courts, which we all hope will be remedied sooner rather than later. However a few bold souls under the tutorship of our Captain Kn. Phairoj, have been entering local outside tournaments to keep their match playing skills intact.

These have included vets age-related tournaments in Korat (details below), KS Club, Phirom Club and Navy Club (Sathaheep).

Numbered amongst participants were Kn. Phairoj, Bernie Adams, visiting member Mike Petchel, Bruce Gordon, Edge Hanao and Nut Watanapalin.

One tournament was particularly well attended as detailed below:

1. Korat Veterans Tournament

The first weekend in August saw Kn. Phairoj along with wife Minako, Nut, Champ and myself, all setting off together for Korat to take part in the age related tournament held there every year. Kn. Minako provided us with endless quantities of tidbits, refreshments of all kinds, as well invaluable support - all of which helped us to keep going in extremely hot and humid conditions.

As usual, all the top Thai veteran players were present and competition was fierce as financial prizes were quite attractive. Kn. Phairoj and I shared the same partner, he in 95 and I in 120 combined age doubles groups and we both reached our respective quarterfinals before being eliminated by better pairs on the day. Both matches were very close and we both managed to lose in tie-breaks from initial commanding leads. Nut and Champ made the second round of their 'open' singles and doubles events where competition was even fiercer.

We didn't manage to collect any prizes this year but we all had a great weekend and gained even more valuable tournament playing experience. We hope to see more BC players entering these outside tournaments as they provide invaluable experience playing in the real tennis world.

2. American ATP Tournament

The BC Tennis Section had a couple of members visiting the New York tournament this year, including Ori and Yubharet. Both have just returned in the last few days and we hope to have their write-ups in the following issue.

3. Tennis Section Committee & AGM

Your Committee held a somewhat belated AGM on 1st August at which the new BC Club Chairman, Stuart Blacksell, kindly agreed to be present. The



Photos of the stars in action at this year's French Open, taken by our own Eileen and Anton, winners of the British Club's top raffle prize awarded at the Championship dinner!

Quote of the month:

“ I would so like to be Lenny Kravitz. ”

Roger Federer, proving that no matter how successful we are in one field, we're sometimes envious of someone's success in another. Oh Roger!



Eileen and Anton with former BC members Mark and Sharon Ehler who they ran into at a driving range outside Paris

member turnout was disappointingly small to say the least, particularly compared with last year, which saw a record high with over 60 members present plus half as many proxies. Nevertheless the sitting Committee was unanimously reelected with one or two possible additions in the wings who may come on board later.

Elected Committee members for Year 2007/08 are as follows:

Chairman:	Marc Nussaume
Vice Chairman:	Bruce Gordon
Team Captain:	Phairoj Chansevikul
Treasurer:	Yubharet Visitsunthorn
Sponsorships, Leagues & Ladders:	Andrew Robertson
Sponsorships & Promotions:	Pat Dean
Overseas & Special Events:	Zandra White
PR and Outpost:	Marilyn August

Other business conducted concerned the unacceptable state of court lighting and of the carpet courts. Chairman Stuart reiterated the BC General Committee's commitment to bring the court lighting system up to the required standard and confirmed that the Club was in the process of examining the issue of possible replacement of the carpet courts by hard courts. (More on these issues later)

BC Club Coaching requirements was also touched on but this was deferred to another day as requiring much more investigation.

4. ITF TennisCoach

The ITF (International Tennis Federation) ruling body for worldwide tennis has recently developed a new web based coaching program which can be accessed at www.tenniscoach.com. Section members can have a day's free trial; thereafter if found useful, a reasonable fee of just US\$100 becomes payable. The Tennis Section intends to take out a year's membership on a trial basis and will then determine the best way of disseminating information to members. Watch this space!



Anton in the Centre Court Stands at Roland Garros



Justine Henin executing her fabulous backhand at the US Open 2007

5. Leagues

Due to annual holidays the August League is being extended to the end of September and to date most matches seem to be getting played. However we did have to do some consolidation of Leagues 7 and 8 due to absent players, so we now have just one League 7.

League Results for June/July were as follows:

Div. 1	Nutt Watanapalin.	(W 303)
Div. 2	James Young	(Y 25)
Div. 3	Ken Grimshaw	(G 214)
Div. 4	Thanayuth Mingmankong.	(M 474)
Div. 5	Mam Tabyang.	(P 72)
Div. 6	Raquel Evans.	(E 84)
Div. 7	Jib Skolthanarat.	(S 140)
Div. 8	Nang Yapmanboriboon.	(Y 38)

Congratulations to all the winners who hopefully will have picked up their winners' vouchers in the Fitness Centre by the time you read this and **'keep on playing'** you lucky people.

Bruce Gordon

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Team captain Morcar McConnell says welcome to the Pink and Black Ball

I am proud to present lots of good news this month with the league as the main feature. After a long build-up the British Club Rugby Section played its first match in the Thai league against Thammasat University, which was last year's winner of the Inter University league in both 15s and 8s a side including the yearly university games.

Our cooperation with Thonburi University is progressing well, with the development team entering the 3rd interuniversity league for the first time. The Section's members Morcar McConnell, Team Captain, and Vorawut (Wai) Vaidyanuvatti, Vice Captain, have been successful in training the development team and giving them opportunities to play against other universities. This is an important part of the Section's efforts to foster and develop the tradition of rugby in Thailand.

Morcar McConnell has also been working very hard on our yearly social event and fundraiser, the Pink & Black Rugby Ball. Well done Morcar!

Fixture report - First XV's

Kings College 7 vs. British Club 28

Kings College Nakhon Pathom, August 20, 2007

Although raining heavily, a strong British Club side managed to score a try after just 3 minutes. The well drilled under-19 team from the Kings College is famous for hard playing and physical rugby. But this time the schoolboys ran into problems against the British Club's strong scrum - again our hard hitting back row did an excellent job both in offensive and defensive play. Before the final whistle, BC had confidently secured this fixture against the Kings College. This fixture was part of the initiative to give Thai teams a chance to play against us in order to improve their skills in rugby.

British Club 17 vs. Thammasat University 3

Airforce Ground, Donmuang, September 1, 2007

The British Club came to this first match in the 15s league with very well prepared players. For the first time in many years Team Captain Morcar McConnell had a hard time picking his team from among the large squad of players. Our efforts to organize weekly friendly fixtures and give our players training through real games had paid off. The players enjoy being a part of a competitive environment so Morcar could freely pick the best players.

Morcar McConnell opened the scoring with a strong run from the halfway line with the support of the scrum and finished off with a rolling maul. The try was converted by fly-half Khung. Next was center and assistant captain Wai, whose fierce running and help from Khung's excellent moves took him through a strong Thammasat defence and over the goal line.

Scrum-half Mac would score the last try of the half with a well timed but horrific grub kick that, with a touch of luck, bounced back into his hands. His would be the last points of the match, giving British Club a comfortable 17-3 win.

The next game will be against the Royal Thai Navy on September 27 with the last game of the group against Shinakariniwhot University on September 29. The Royal Thai Navy is considered a very strong team and beat Shinakariniwhot University by an impressive 80-5.



Fast running BC center

Fixture report - Development Side

British Club Development Thonburi University 19 vs. Ladkrabang University 12

Our development side, which is comprised of players mostly from Thonburi University, had their first ever University League game in the 3rd Division on September against Ladkrabang University.

The team played amazingly like a seasoned rugby team even though none of the players have played for longer than a year. The team has improved so much since we played against them the first time in the Silapakorn University 10s at the beginning of the year. In that tournament of about 40 teams, they didn't win a single game. So being the team's first ever University league game it was very special to win.

Ladkrabang took the lead, then BC/Thonburi came back. The scores went backwards and forwards and stayed 12 - 12 for 40 minutes without a score from either side. In the last 20 minutes all the hard training with the British Club started to show results. The fitness came through and they played smart controlled rugby keeping the ball for long periods of time and tiring out the Ladkrabang

defence. In the end this lead to a score in the last minute, which was converted, giving BC/Thonburi their first ever University League win.

The players were all ecstatic. When the British Club first started going to the Thonburi University and training them, they were all very negative and didn't want to compete in the League as they had been losing in all the other competitions. They were and should be very proud of themselves on how far they have come.

Overall this month of rugby has seen the fruits of many months of hard training and effort from all Section members. We are very proud to start this year's league with a well-prepared First XV, a development team in the Inter University League, a well functioning management team with a clear vision of how to improve the Section, and with a superb relationship and dialogue with the British Club management. The Rugby Section would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new CEO of the Club Mr. Michael Silcock and wish him good luck.

Yours in rugby,

Magnus Andersson
Rugby Section Club Captain

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COACH'S CORNER

By Marcel Petit

Here are a few tips for beginner and intermediate players:

How many times do we hear coaches say, "Move your feet, don't forget to follow-through, you're late, you're not watching the ball...? These problems can be solved if you can concentrate on the following few tips. Though we each have our own style of tennis, the basics are the same. Just watch a bit of tennis on TV and you'll see the difference in style between a Federer whose strokes are smooth, fluid and relaxed because they are executed with near-perfect balance and rhythm, and a Nadal, whose technique is based more on the speed of his execution, the sheer strength of his wrist, and his unparalleled determination. They nonetheless share the same foundations!

Technique: Knowing how to anticipate and string together a series of shots means you have to be in a proper ready position: hold the racket out in front of you mid-chest, turned slightly to the backhand side. This enables you to prepare early and to hit the ball way out in front of the front foot.

Visuals: This might seem obvious but many of my former students who thought they were watching the ball were actually focusing their attention on other things: their opponent, the court, the player on another court, the fence, etc... Try to focus solely on the ball so your eye becomes accustomed to it: this will help your anticipation. The hardest part is watching every single ball; adults usually lose their focus after about 40 minutes. If the ball seems big to you, you're on the right track.

Tactics: Most often, we hit the ball just before the double bounce, not on the rise. This is something we should try to reverse: try hitting 3 out of 5 balls on the rise. Taking the ball early will put pressure on your opponent, give you a chance to get into a better position, to get back into position, and to cut off the angles: it's better to be proactive than reactive!

Fitness: Be light on your feet, hopping slightly as you anticipate the ball, your weight on the balls of your feet. IF YOU JUST STAND THERE, you're actually stopping and starting! Give a little hop just before your opponent strikes the ball; this will allow you to better anticipate the trajectory of the ball. The goal is to react faster and to get in front of the baseline so you can run and create openings for offensive play.

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FIRST BALUT TOURNAMENT

Ten Balut Section members attended our first Club Balut Tournament on Wednesday 5th September. Starting just after Khun Mickey had called the 7pm Accumulator draw, we played for just under two hours and managed to play five, very interesting and mainly high scoring, games. 'Swampy' (oka Steve Eaton) scored the window section and 'Mr C' (oka Paul Cheesman) scored the door section and all games were played on friendly terms (i.e. no alcohol!).

In Game 2, 'The Chairman' (oka Phil Alexander) threw an incredible 151 that put him on an unassailable course to win the Singles Prize, a bottle of wine, for the highest single score.

As we watched England cricket player Dimitri Mascarenhas hit five sixes against India, so 'Baluts' were coming thick and fast with 'Mr C' managing three in the five games played – for the still uninitiated that means that three times 'Mr C' threw five dice of the same face value ... including his favourite of five 'one's' ... A 'Balut' scores 30 points! As the dust settled it became slightly obvious that 'Mr C's' total score of 597 took the Aggregate Prize, another bottle of wine. If you think 597 is easy, just remember that is an average 119.4 points per game – you try it!

It was, everyone will attest, good fun and to add to the evening's enjoyment Mutton (oka John Boisclair) won a bottle of gin in the 7.30pm Bottle Draw!

The next Club tournament is on Wednesday 3rd October.

BALUT SECTION COMMITTEE

The Section AGM on 27th August elected three officers:

<i>Chairman</i>	Phil Alexander philalexander@martellorealty.com
<i>Secretary</i>	Bob van Es bob@det-5.com

Treasurer

Paul Cheesman
Paul.cheesman@gmail.com

BALUT TOURNAMENT NIGHTS

Join the section and join the monthly tournament on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. There is a league table of highest scorers and highest average scorers displayed on the Club noticeboard.

27th STC INTERPORT BALUT CHAMPIONSHIP

So far we have one team going to the Sarawak Club in Kuching for this annual event. It is being held from 23rd to 24th November 2007 and will feature teams from 30 or so Clubs around Asia.

BAR BALUT

This will run as often as members want but seems to be almost nightly at present. The British Club Balut sets and mats are kept behind the Churchill Bar. If you want to play, just ask for a set (and a pencil!). If you do not know how to play ... just ask!!

See us on www.britishclubbangkok.org under Sports & Games.

Balut

The game consists of 7 rounds. In each round, you roll five ordinary dice and then score the roll in one of seven categories:

- 'Fours'/'Fives'/'Sixes' – based upon the number of each you roll.
- 'Straight' – like Poker, a run from 1-5 or 2-6
- 'Full House' – again like Poker, a set of three and a pair
- 'Choice' – the sum of the pips
- 'Balut' – all five dice with the same number.

If you fail to score in one category you must scratch it. Once you have scored or scratched in each category, all the scores are then totalled and the winner declared!

IMPORTANT BYLAW CHANGES

Preamble

Following on from the General Committee meeting held on 3rd September, the General Committee give notice of the following Bylaw changes.



ADDITION TO BYLAW 9: CONDUCT OF CHILDREN

(f) Children over the age of 11 may not use the Children's Swimming Pool.

Rationale

There has been growing concern from members that many older children are playing in the Children's Pool to the detriment of the younger children who wish to use it. The Children's Pool is unsuitable for older children who should be encouraged to use the main pool for swimming and other grounds of the Club for racing and ball games. Parents' co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

AMENDMENT TO BYLAW 12: CLUB STAFF

(a) Club Staff are employed for the benefit of all members. Any serious deficiency in service or conduct should be reported to the Club Management. Under no circumstances should members seek to directly reprimand any staff member. In extreme circumstances members of the General Committee may act in the absence of any Club Management.

Rationale

Our staff work very hard to give us a pleasant, enjoyable and relaxing Club but on occasions errors do occur or service levels may slip: in recent months a few members have undertaken not to report these occurrences to management but to take matters into their own hands, often to the detriment of both parties. The General Committee and Senior Management alike believe that this is unacceptable.

Should members not experience the service level they expect, or if there is any incident involving staff behaviour, it is imperative that the member informs management of this incident so they can deal with it in accordance with our staff handbook and the Thai Labour laws. Members' co-operation in this matter is appreciated.



These changes to the Bylaws will be in full effect from mid-October 2006. A copy of the revised Bylaws (to September 2007) is available on-line on the "Members' data and documents" section of the Club website (www.britishclubbangkok.org).

Paul Cheesman

*Honorary Secretary
BCB General Committee 2007/08*



Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aerobics

Monday 10:30-11:30
Wednesday 10:30-11:30

Aqua Aerobics

Tuesday 10:00-11:00

Bridge

Sunday 3:00pm-6:30pm Tournament play in Suriwongse Room (except last Sunday of every month)

Chess

Thursday 6:00-9:00pm - Churchill Bar
(1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month)

Cricket

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

Football

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

Hockey

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

Pipe Band

Monday 7:00-10:30pm Practice - upstairs Clubrooms
Wednesday 7:00-10:30pm Practice - upstairs Clubrooms

Rugby

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

Spoofing

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

Squash

Tuesday 5:15-8:15pm Mix-in
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-2:00pm junior classes

Tennis

Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm

Mix-in All Standards

Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm

Friday 6:00-10:00pm

Sunday 4:00-6:00pm

Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00-11:00am

Thursday 8:00-11:00am

Tennis Coaching

With Nelson Thein . . .

Friday 4:00-6:30pm: Junior tennis

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

Yoga

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Sunday 2:30-3:30pm

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics

Aqua Aerobics

Cricket

Massage

Squash

Squash courts

Swimming

Tennis

Adult Tennis

Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

Tennis knockers

Yoga

Bt 4,000 for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 500 per session

Bt 3,000 for 10 sessions: drop-in Bt 400 baht per session

Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 600 evening if lights needed

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 for 1 hour; group session

Bt 1200 per 45 min

Bt 50 per 45 min

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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 3,000 for 10 lessons (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 300)

Bt 2,500/month for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 300 per session

Puzzles

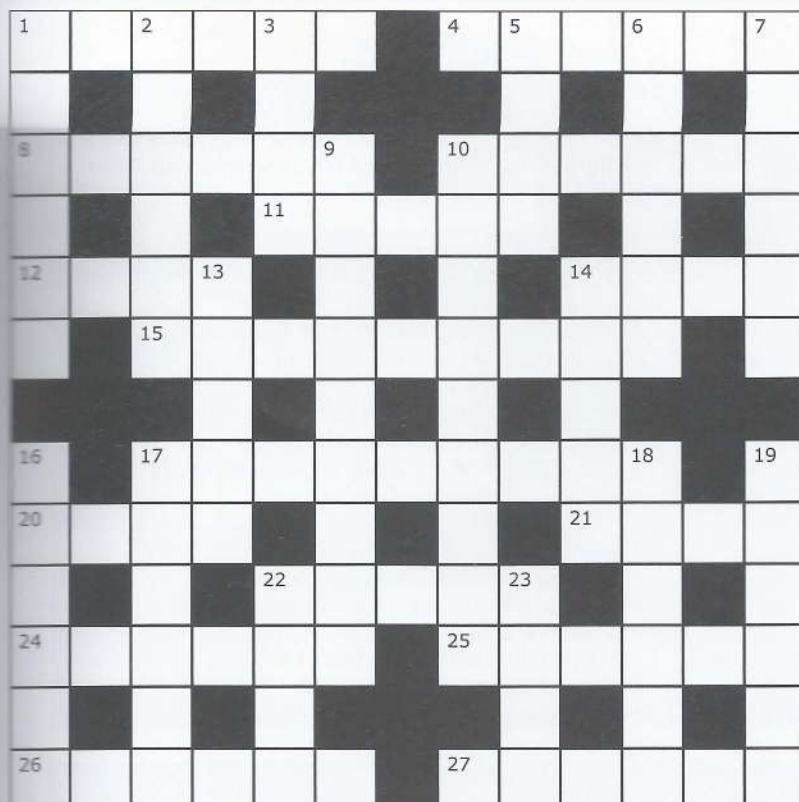
Lots of Quotes

Across

- 1 } Coward's Happy Ghost.
 4 "_____ Roland to the dark tower came."
 (Robt. Browning)
 10 "_____ and Son" by Charles Dickens.
 11 "Creeping like _____ unwillingly to
 school." (As you Like It)
 12 Competent.
 14 Mae _____, one-time Hollywood glamour
 girl.
 15 "A banner with a strange device . . .
 _____!" (Longfellow)
 17 "I met a _____ from an Ancient Land."
 (Shelley)
 20 Distinctive atmosphere.
 21 First name of the author of 1 & 4 across.
 22 Repeat from memory
 24 "The fewer men the greater share of
 _____." (Henry V)
 25 Prolong or protract.
 26 "Paradise . . . Wilderness of _____."
 (Milton)
 27 In America they are united.

Down

- 1 John _____ wrote "The Thirty-nine Steps".
 2 "You will hang like an _____ on a
 Dutchman's beard." (12th Night)
 3 They are brick carriers.
 5 The place for a dip.
 6 One who pinches!
 7 Lovers' meetings.
 9 "Creative _____ lost her wings," (Evelyn
 Waugh)
 10 Abandoned.
 13 One of the crowd on the film set.
 14 "Everybody knows Kent . . . cherries, hops
 and _____!" (Charles Dickens)
 16 Machines for turning and shaping.
 17 What Madame Acarti in 1 and 4 across
 went into.
 18 Scotland's poet . . . _____ Burns.
 19 Grassy spots in the forest.
 22 "Be strong and _____ yourselves like
 men." (Prophet Samuel)
 23 Leave the stage.



Fax or deliver your completed crosswords to Barry Osborne as soon as possible after receiving *Outpost*. After a five day collection period, the author of the first correct entry drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

Congratulations to the winner of the September crossword, Jenny Harries - her first win.

September Solution

Across: 1 Tobyjug, 5 Judge, 8 Beret, 9 Excused, 10 Saltlake, 11 Bard, 13 Oceans, 15 Bottom, 18 Dope, 19 Rainfall, 22 Fleeter, 23 Aries, 24 Risen, 25 Tilbury.

Down: 1 Tabasco, 2 Beryl, 3 Jetplane, 4 Greeks, 5 Jack, 6 Descant, 7 Ended, 12 Cornwall, 14 Empress, 16 Malmsey, 17 Carrot, 18 Defer, 20 Adieu, 21 Eton.

SUDOKU

Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

Rating: 'Super-difficult'

Solution times: < 30mins - you don't belong on this planet; 30-50mins - sublime; 50-80mins - well done; longer than 80 mins - keep practising . . .

Good Luck! Fax or deliver your completed sudoku to Barry Osborne as soon as possible after receiving *Outpost*. After a five day collection period, the author of the first correct entry drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

Congratulations to the September sudoku winner - Meilan Henderson. She's done it again - and this time we even spelled her name correctly!

6	4	1	7	2	9	5	8	3
8	3	2	5	6	4	1	7	9
9	7	5	1	3	8	4	6	2
7	1	8	6	4	3	2	9	5
3	2	6	9	5	1	7	4	8
5	9	4	8	7	2	6	3	1
4	5	9	2	8	7	3	1	6
1	6	7	3	9	5	8	2	4
2	8	3	4	1	6	9	5	7

This month we are featuring some excellent tips from Doug Hood which should take a few shots off your game if you stick with it. Doug is a U.S.G.A. Master Teaching Pro. based at the Dusit Hotel, and we are getting excellent feedback on his monthly advice. Thanks again Doug.

Millward Brown Firefly Medal

Some great results, particularly from Gaew who was flight A winner with a nett 69; Gordon also with 69, lost on countback and Ray came in a very close third with 70. Flight B winner was Peter Gale with 72, Bob second with 74 and I was third with a not very impressive 76. Near pins were taken by Gordon, Ged (2) very well done, and Barry. It was nice to have Andy playing with us, but that rather took care of the long drive for the men, Belinda won the ladies and Peter Gale had the longest putt. Gaew just gets better and better and seems to play to her handicap with alarming regularity and very

often below it: see below! Ray is always up there amongst the winners and let's not even mention Gordon...

Seara Sports Matchplay Competition

Things are hotting up - in fact some things (namely Pat's putter) are red hot! He and Gaew had an amazing game; who would think you could play four under handicap and still lose? Ask Gaew - Pat played 8 under handicap with four birdies to take the match 3 and 1. What a great game; beats some of the stuff on TV.

Maureen and I halved our first match on the last hole, but she won 3 and 2 in the replay. I was still in with a chance but Maureen sunk a very impressive putt on the 16th hole and I have to say, she played much better than I did, so it was a well deserved victory. Playing with us were Belinda and Peter. Peter had no scruples about using any

DOUG'S WAY TO PLAY

IRONS

THREE GOALS TO GREAT IRON PLAY

1. The Law of Physics - HIT DOWN TO MAKE IT GO UP!
2. HIT THROUGH TO MAKE IT FLY TO THE TARGET!
3. BALL POSITION is the primer for making good contact - Depending on the club selection: WEDGES in the middle, IRONS are left side of the face, LONG IRONS a few inches inside the heel of the left foot.

SIX FUNDAMENTALS OF GREAT IRON PLAY

LIGHT GRIP PRESSURE and RELAXED MUSCLES help create great clubhead speed.

GOOD POSTURE - Back should be as straight as possible with a little flex in the knees and the arms hanging freely while still lightly connected with the body.

STANCE - Irons demand a solid base for precision.

BACKSWING is a combination of horizontal and vertical motion. For irons the swing is not a chopping motion, nor a sweeping motion.

DOWN AND THROUGH - Remember you want to hit down to make the ball go up and through to get it to fly forward!

SWEET FINISH - A naturally balanced finish is proof that you are in control of your swing.

THREE MENTAL KEYS TO GREAT IRON PLAY

G. I. R. - Greens in regulation: SHORT IRONS - close to the hole - inside 15 ft.; MIDDLE IRONS - 25 ft. average; LONG IRONS - 35 ft. average.

LITTLE BALL FIRST, BIG BALL (THE EARTH) SECOND - Make a divot the shape of a dollar bill after impact with the ball.

SWING WITHIN YOURSELF - never more than 80 percent of full for iron play.

PRACTICE DRILLS FOR IRONS

1. IMPACT BAG - Hit into something soft but heavy. The impact bag is like the heavy punching bag that boxers practice with. You will feel the club square up at impact.
2. PLAYERS DRILL - Make half swings staying down and through the impact area . . . without looking up the club should be pointing at the target!
3. CHANGE TARGETS - On the practice range get into a playing mental state of mind. Have closest to the pin contests with your friend!



Matchplayers

tactics available to him to beat Belinda. However, he did have to stay pretty focused as Maureen and I were backing Belinda. She hit some amazing shots and Peter was showing the strain; he was one up as they approached the 17th hole at Royal, which as most of you probably know is a long par 3 over water. Distance is no object for Belinda, however on this occasion direction was and she put the ball over the water on the right and very nearly hit the roof of the hotel (?). That is a huge shot. Peter got a bogey and in fairness hardly gloated at all; I know he didn't want to win that way. Everyone knows, and most of us disagree, with the quote from Mark Twain about golf being a good walk spoiled. Well, poor Karen C. has a back injury and is unable to play for a while, so she went for a long walk with us and was a very useful marshal for the matchplay game. She found it very relaxing and played a scratch mental game.

It wasn't an official Brit. Club Day, but the other golfers played a stableford game - I have to mention it because El B. got 44 points, and no handicap cut. Ray scored 40 points; I am going to have to think of a suitable (and nice) name for him too.

Club Day at Windsor

Karen is not an advocate of early golf, so it was surprising that we had a 7 a.m. start; well she wasn't playing was she! The rest of the field, which didn't include me either I might add, set off for Windsor and had a very enjoyable day with a very innovative game. Random pairs combined matchplay, partners playing separately and if that isn't enough they had to forecast their result. Maureen and Rose are nothing if not confident and predicted 76 (Maureen probably would have scored it on her own if she played the way she did against me!) but unfortunately they came in last with 57; differential of -19. Peter G. and Brian B. decided to be conservative but they also blew it with 50



Dancing or drinking - is that how she injured herself

points, differential of -14. Peter and El Bandito (did you say they were random partners?) got it just right, well actually they didn't do that brilliantly, but enough to win with a differential of -6. Apparently the last team got a nice prize of wine (wish we always did that, I would be in A.A.), so, as they say, everyone went home tired but happy.

By the by, a few of us were playing with our friends the Londoners on Saturday morning and I feel I have to mention that we pretty much swept the board. Ray (again) took A flight, Peter S., B flight and I lost C on countback. They are a great group and we always enjoy our games with them.

Lastly congratulations to Colin who broke 100 last month. I have played several games with him and presumed he had played for years, but he has only been playing for one year.

Valerie



Practising his grip

Squashy Bits

Swinging Sixties

It turns out that not only was Marvyn 60 during this month, but also Peter. Welcome to the Swinging Sixties boyos! I did a quick Google to see who Marvyn and Peter share their birthdays with and to my surprise found that Peter ranks with the rock n' rollers whilst Marvyn lines up with famous politicians.

It seems that Marvyn, as former BC squash #1, is close to being **THE** most famous person born on 3rd September 1947. His nearest rivals are oil millionaire and republican congressman Michael Huffington who apparently said "We only have so much life left. Before I do die, I want to do something good for people." And former Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik who said "We have a good life when we manage to live with both satisfied and unsatisfied needs, when we are not obsessed by what is beyond our reach." Google doesn't list what Marvyn said but that's probably just as well given the present state of Welsh rugby.

Peter shares his birthday on 23rd August 1947 with Keith Moon, late drummer of The Who, who smashed more drum kits than most musicians get to play on in a lifetime and famously parked his car in his swimming pool. Always a rebel, his art teacher is said to have reported him to be "Retarded artistically. Idiotic in other respects". Willy Russell, the song writer was born on the same day and said "I pray that no child of mine would ever descend into such a place as a library". I guess most Aussies can resonate with that.

Oldies Mix-In

Anyway, that's enough culture for one month. Marvyn and Peter's birthdays were celebrated in true Squashy fashion beginning with an Oldies Handicap Mix-in on 3rd September. Seven players turned up meaning that they all had to play an exhausting 6 matches. Peter couldn't play but Marvyn was there and was the only person to beat Chris Venvell to deny him the honours. Peter reports:

The competition was a great workout for Thailand # 1, Chatchawin, who managed to win with a handicap of minus 50 points plus some rather dodgy looking spots. He had an amazing game with John Vivien, coming back from -3 to 14 to win 15-14. John was playing some great squash and looked certain to win but the appropriately nicknamed

Win got into his match mode, played fantastically and denied John even that single point for victory.

Partying On

Now one thing the squash section is really good at is parties and this time Nick and Jayne pulled out the stops with a star studded event in middle Sukhumvit.

It all began sedately, Nick and Jayne's pad festooned with Union Jacks to make the boys feel really at home. Being the multi-cultured lot that we are, the sumptuous grub choices included Welsh lasagne and Aussie stroganoff plus Thai barbecued seafood, all washed down with a rather splendid wine selection. As the sun began to sink in the murk everyone was nicely in the mood for an entertainment extravaganza laid on at no expense at all.

First up was a personal message to Peter from Dame Edna Everage read out with bravado by fellow antipodean Mark Thompson, clearly himself no stranger to cross-dressing. Peter appeared suitably touched and Marvyn was then piped in with a rousing selection of famous Welsh bagpipe tunes by accomplished piper Angus Arglwydd McKernan. Until Marvyn told me, I had no idea that bagpipes have been played in Wales since the 10th century, but that sure explains why they are so full of hot air. The final celebrity surprise was Coco York, internationally acclaimed jazz singer who is performing regularly at the Millennium Hilton Hotel. She sang and danced ... and melted Marvyn's heart with her sultry ways.

On then to a quiz, in which the northern hemisphere lined up against the southern hemisphere, captained by Marvyn and Peter, with



Oldies mix it



Marvellous



Dame Edna, lovely Jayne and Satan



Welsh Rugby Captain and Fan



Coco melts Marvo



Arglwydd

Nick as master of ceremonies. To give our friends a chance, this was of necessity a handicapped competition with questions for the southerners along the lines of "Which country does Dame Edna Everage come from?" and those from the northern hemisphere along the lines of "How many sheep are there in Wales ... to the nearest 10". Needless to say it was a boisterous affair but the boyos triumphed, stunning the opposition (and the quiz master) with the correct answer to the match deciding question ... "Who is the most famous Welsh children's author? Think about it!

Well the rest of evening then degenerated into the normal sort of squashy mess with the famous mingling with the not so famous. Amongst the guests was Mike (Spike) Watkins who captained Wales at rugby four times in 1984, now residing in Pattaya but no longer smashing up hotels, and Willis, a schoolboy friend of Marvyn's who had flown out all the way from Wales for the occasion. Being Sunday, it wasn't a late one ... but I suspect Monday was a trifle slow for all who were there. Thanks Nick and Jane ... and all the celebrities ... Mark, Angus, Coco, Mike and Willis. A brilliant bash!

Heard around the club...

Whilst discussing rock music greats the other night, Marvyn asked Nick "Have you ever heard of ForePlay?" Nick hesitated, but Jayne was straight in "No he hasn't!"

Having just come off the squash courts, Nick White was trying to explain why his shoulder really is worse than mine ... claiming that his **itches**. Apparently, like mine, his right arm hangs limp from the shoulder and no air gets to his armpit and so it ... errr ... itches. Pursuing the discomfort angle, I asked which side of the bed he sleeps ... but it turns out that it depends which way you are looking. I'm sure it does! ... Jum?

League Winners: Congratulations to the winners of June League # 222: Division 1 **Ja Chaturan**, Division 2 **Chris Vennell**, and Division 3 , Division 4 **Anthony Loney**

Happy Squashing.

Jack Dunford

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 American Club Singapore



Poolside



Swimming pool

The American Club came into existence in 1948 and occupies a multi-storied facility at Claymore Hill, opened in 1989, which has been purpose built to cater to a wide range of leisure and recreational interests. It's a large and active Club, with hundreds of staff and 3500+ members but it prides itself on quality of service and the dedication of its staff.

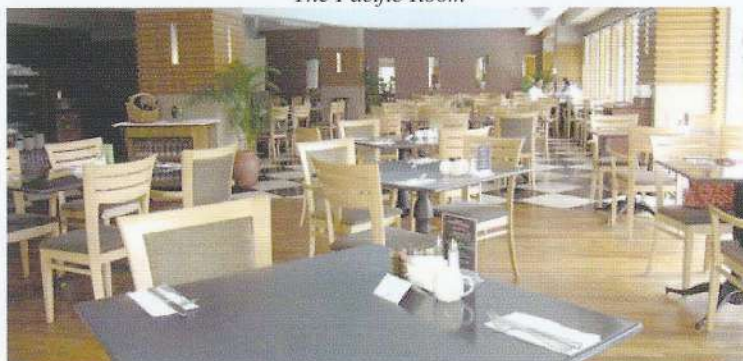
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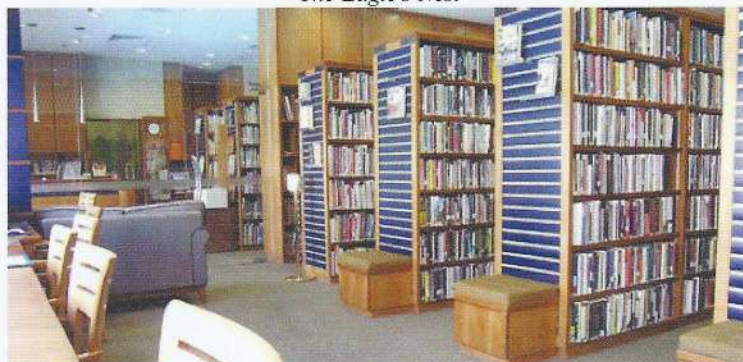
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The Pacific Room



The Eagle's Nest

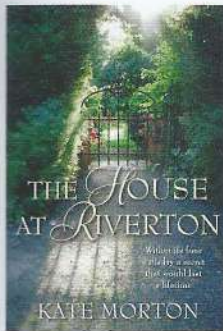


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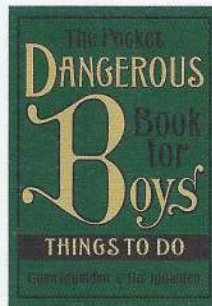


THE HOUSE AT RIVERTON
By Kate Morton
ISBN: 9780330448444
Paperback (Pan)
Bt.399

Summer 1924: On the eve of a glittering Society party, by the lake of a grand English country house, a young poet takes his life. The only witnesses, sisters Hannah and Emmeline Hartford, will never speak to each other again.

Winter 1999: Grace Bradley, 98, one-time housemaid of Riverton Manor, is visited by a young director making a film about the poet's suicide. Ghosts awaken and memories, long consigned to the dark reaches of Grace's mind, begin to sneak back through the cracks. A shocking secret threatens to emerge; something history has forgotten but Grace never could.

A thrilling mystery and a compelling love story and winner of this summer's "Richard and Judy Book Club Best Book Award", *The House at Riverton* will appeal to readers of Ian McEwan's *Atonement*, L.P. Hartley's *The Go-Between*, and lovers of the film *Gosford Park*.

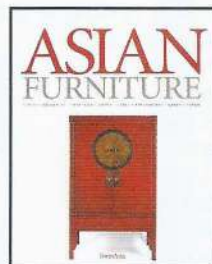


THE POCKET DANGEROUS BOOK FOR BOYS: THINGS TO DO
By Conn and Hal Iggulden
ISBN: 9780007253968
Hardback
Bt.599

If ever there was a book to make you switch off your television set, 'The Dangerous Book for Boys' was it. And now, from the same authors, comes 'The Pocket Book of Things to Do' – packed with exciting and fun things to keep you entertained all summer.

With everything from how to win at poker, make a paper hat, skim stones and write a note in secret ink, for some this book will be a nostalgic trip down memory lane – to their kids, it's a sourcebook on how to annoy the parents and do all those things Dad forgot to teach because he was too busy on the golf course.

An indispensable companion for when the PlayStation finally submits to exhaustion in the heat....



ASIAN FURNITURE
Eight authors; Edited by Peter Moss
ISBN: 9789627283997
Bt.2,995

Furniture was a relatively late arrival in Asia, where climates and lifestyles were markedly different from those in Europe. But when colonial incursions and the exigencies of history conspired to bring about profound social change, Asia underwent a sudden flowering and flourishing of furniture whose like had never been witnessed before. Today these diverse styles are treasured by collectors for their ability to lend unexpected flourishes to Manhattan penthouses or grace notes to Parisian apartments, adding breathtakingly exotic touches to otherwise familiar surroundings.

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Wine Tasting



“ ... Mr. Tulkinghorn . . . descends with a candle to the echoing regions below the deserted mansion, and, heralded by the remote reverberation of thundering doors, comes gravely back, encircled by an earthy atmosphere and carrying a bottle from which he pours a radiant nectar, two score and ten years old, that blushes in the glass to find itself so famous, and fills the whole room with the fragrance of southern grapes. ”

Charles Dickens

The August wine tasting took place on Friday the 31st in the Suriwongse Room with an impressive range of wines on offer, sponsored by Prestige Wines, Nicholas Wines, Grand President and South African Winery. Once again the attendance was very good with many members taking advantage of the excellent offers available, mostly on 'new world' wines from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and California. Khun Laak once again created a range of canapés to compliment the wines. If members wish to open a bottle of wine at the Club that has been purchased at the wine tasting then please note that there is a corkage charge of Bt.200 per bottle.

The next wine tasting is scheduled for Friday October 19th with a children's Talent Show & Disco running contemporaneously in the Silom Sala. And in the following month, we have our blockbuster annual Wine Festival (scheduled for November 16th) where once again there will be 15 wine companies coming along and selling wines for your Christmas hampers.

Baz



Annual Health Checkup for BC Staff

The Suriwongse room was turned into a mobile hospital on Monday 17th September as the doctors and nurses from Lerdsin Hospital came along for our annual staff health check-ups. All staff are pretty keen on the results as not only do we get tested for heart, lungs, blood, etc, we also get tested for cholesterol, blood pressure, weight, etc. Last year over 90 per cent of the staff, including myself, found out we were way over the recommended level of cholesterol! After which, many of us went on a diet and watched our crabs!! (Perhaps he means 'carbs'. BB) I for one am eagerly awaiting this year's results to see if all the diet cutbacks have been worth it . . .

Baz



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. David Sproule
2. Derek Palmer & Patricia Kurr
3. Matthew & Michelle Ashley
4. Raul Gallego Abellan
5. Vinamra & Seema Sengar

and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to . . .

1. Melanie & Stephen Sargent
2. Vincent & Anges Perpoint
3. Ian & Amanda Colvin
4. Jem & Katie Mert
5. Denise & Jocelyne Comeau
6. David & Gwendolyn Fall
7. Simon & Julie Lawther
8. Mark & Carla Williams
9. Peter & Pensiri Bronger
10. Graham & Pattaraporn Mattison

Building effective training

By Al Lock

We've discussed what effective training is, but how does a professional trainer build effective training?

The process isn't difficult. It does take experience, time and the involvement of management and participants before the training is delivered. Let's look at the steps involved.

First, the precise goals and expected outcomes of the training must be determined. Sometimes, this is the most difficult part because the people who determined the need for training haven't thought about what they want to accomplish in sufficient detail. A popular example is "Team-building" training. A large amount of the team-building training run every year has very little to do with building teams. The participants often are people who rarely work together or have significantly different goals that they work towards. Yet, for a weekend, they undergo training called "team-building".

Effective team-building training requires very specific goals. For example: "Improve sales team members' trust of other members" or "Improve communication accuracy and understanding between business units". With specific goals, specific outcomes can be set.

Second, a means to measure or demonstrate those outcomes must be determined. Now, knowing what skills or behaviors are to be demonstrated or measured, activities are designed (taking into account culture, physical capabilities, personalities and other factors) that will allow people to "try out" those skills or behaviors. These activities are the experience by which the participants will learn. How the activities will be debriefed must also be designed, since debriefing will have a significant impact on how well the lessons are processed and internalized.

We now have the framework of our training program. What's left? Determining what information is necessary for participants to complete the activities and how much of that information they already possess. Once that is determined, the required information is incorporated into the program so that the participants can succeed in achieving the program goals.

Not really that complicated, is it? As you can see, the key is realistic, practical and specific goals and expectations. Those goals and expectations shouldn't be the responsibility of your HR team. To be most effective, they should be the product of your entire management team. The support and understanding of management is the most important factor in the success of training.

Next column, I'll go into more detail on effective team-building training. I hope you find it interesting.



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