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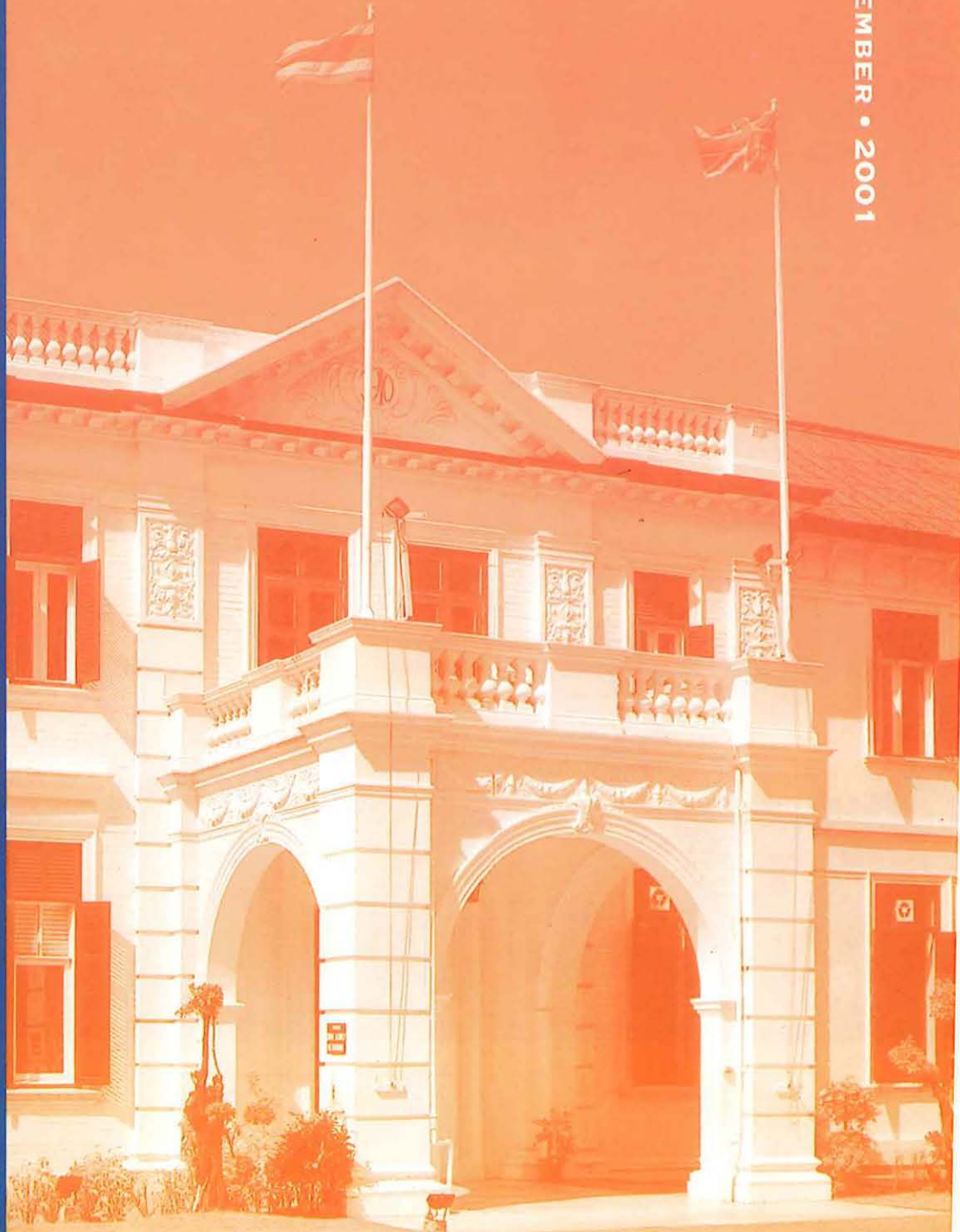
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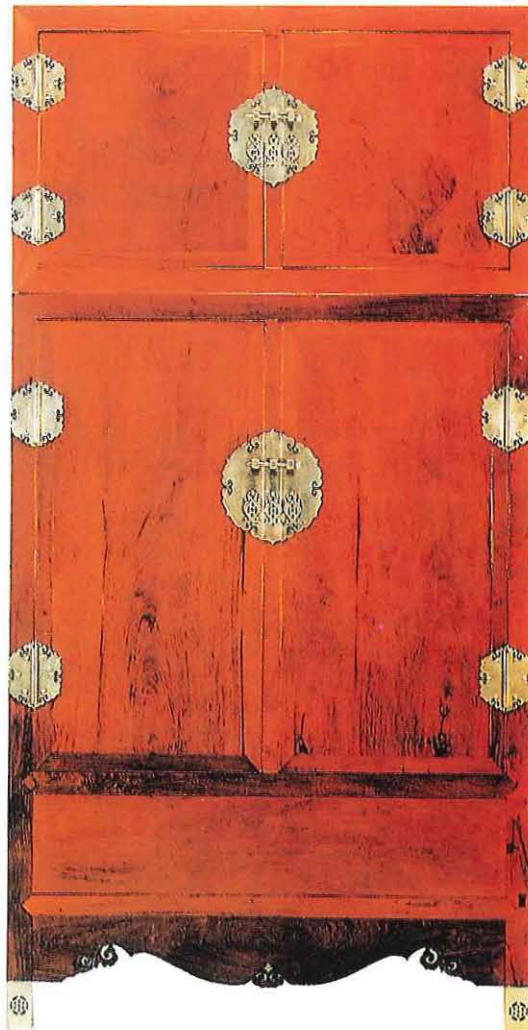
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This cabinet is simple and classic, the flower-head motif and cloudhead openwork carvings of the aprons are done elaborately. A raised beading outlines the cusped edge in the centre of each apron and extends to the sides, where it is transformed into the stalk of the curling flower-and-leaf and vanishes at its end. It is indeed a very ingenious design. The doors and side panels are flush with the framework, and there are two removable framed panels at the back which are joined to the frame with loose tenons. The bottom panel has a storage space underneath, and two shelves above it. There is a single shelf in the upper cabinet. The paktong hardware is exquisite. The metal hinges and face plates are in the form of six-cloud motifs, and the metal pulls exhibit the double-fish motif. There are also paktong shoes with openwork patterns on the bottoms of the legs. *(Formerly in the collection of Renaissance Museum of California and is open for viewing now in Tomlinson Singapore only)*

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## GM'S BRIEF



Willem T.P. Pentermann

*Dear Members,*

November sees the celebrating of many traditional events, such as Guy Fawkes Night and Loy Kratong.

**EVENTS NOT TO MISS.**

The dance practices of the St. Andrew's Society take place every Monday on the Front Lawn, please feel free to join in the fun. Don't forget to 'Beat the Retreat' on Wednesday, 28 November. The Guy Fawkes BBQ buffet, bonfire and fireworks display is on Sunday, 4 November at the Club. Don't forget to book early!

On 4 December, there will be a one-night-only performance by the Dutch Swing College Band on the back lawn. An evening of world-class Dixieland Music.

Don't forget the annual Christmas Ball, which will take place on Saturday, 15 December on the back lawn. Tickets will be on sale very soon.

**F & B**

We have invited a French Guest Chef to assist us with setting up a new menu for Lords Restaurant, this will be launched on Friday, 16 November.

29 and 30 November are the dates for the Club's Mexican Food Promotion, the venue is Lords Restaurant. Our food promotions are now regularly sold-out, so be sure to make a reservation in advance.

In November we are launching Club Manager's Night. This special night will be held monthly in the Churchill Bar - all Members are invited to attend. A complimentary curry buffet will be provided and there will be Happy Hour prices until 9.00pm.

In this issue of Outpost we have included the Christmas Order List for turkeys, ham, cakes and much more. We would appreciate if you could return these forms to us not later than 14 December. For all your private and office Christmas parties please contact our Catering Department

**LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

For the first time in the history of the Club, we have presented Long Service Awards to the staff. This event took place on 9 October 2001 at the Suriwongse Room. These awards will be presented annually, each October. Please see the photographs featured on page 29.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Yours sincerely,

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

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## SPORTS UPDATE

## Give This a Try..

**ELITE**  
 PERSONAL TRAINING

## PERSONAL TRAINING

We are pleased to be able to offer Personal Training Programmes here at the British Club. Members can now call upon the services of Mr Martin Davies from Elite Personal Training.

## WHY PERSONAL TRAINING?

Personal Training is the way forward in achieving your fitness goals. Now is the time to make a difference in your training and exercise schedule

With the latest up-to-date techniques and training methods, Martin can take you to a higher standard than ever achieved before. Being an 'Abdominal specialist' he can teach you the ways to a flatter stomach using techniques never seen before in Thailand. You too can have the body you have always desired.

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- Decreased blood pressure and a stronger heart.
- Increased vitality and productivity with greater concentration.
- Weight reduction
- Fat loss and a tighter, more toned body with an improved appearance.

For further information, or to make an appointment, contact Martin Davies, email. [davies@loxinfo.co.th](mailto:davies@loxinfo.co.th)

## BRIDGE

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

## YOGA

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

## AQUA AEROBICS

Mrs. Els Van den Broecke is our resident Aqua Aerobics Instructor and teaches in the main pool from 10.30am - 11.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Charge is just B 200 per hour. Please register at the Fitness Centre.

## DARTS

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

## SQUASH

## SATURDAY SQUASH WITH RIT

(level One Squash Coach)

Category	Age	Time	Fee/Course (4 persons*)
Individual Coaching	Open	7.30-9.00 by reservation	-
Mini Squash	5 - 8 yr	9.00-9.45 = 1 lesson	B1125 per person per course of 5 lessons
Beginner	8 - 10 yr	9.45-11.15 = 2 lessons	B2250 per person per course of 10 lessons
Individual Coaching	Open	11.15-12.45 by reservation	-
Young Player	11 - 13 yr	13.30-1500 = 2 lessons	B2250 per person per course of 10 lessons

## GENERAL INFORMATION

One Mini Squash course consists of 5 lessons, the other courses are 10 lessons.

\* Maximum number of participants in each course is four persons, minimum number 2 persons, the course fee will vary according to the number of participants as follows:

## Five session courses (Mini Squash)

4 participants B1125 per person  
 3 participants B1400 per person  
 2 participants B1850 per person

## Ten session courses

4 participants B2250 per person  
 3 participants B2800 per person  
 2 participants B3700 per person

Actual class dates: 13 October, 20 October, 27 October, 3 November, 10 November

## BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT

All bookings are to be made in the Fitness Centre, payment is payable up front. All bookings are made on a first-come-first-served basis, as class sizes are limited to enable maximum participation.

## TENNIS

# Congratulations

TO THE BC LADIES TENNIS TEAM FOR THEIR 3-2 VICTORY OVER THE ROYAL BANGKOK SPORTS CLUB ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29. SPECIAL APPRECIATION GOES TO OUR CAPTAIN YUBHARET VISITSUNTHORN FOR STEPPING IN AT THE LAST MINUTE.

## THE WINNING TEAM CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING PAIRS:

Nanthya Komindr/Chris Charlern  
 Wandee Bruton/Christine Koenig  
 Angela Theerawatanachai/Carol Ann Eastgate  
 Nou Renuka/Katy Cherdumphai  
 Patchanee Nithivasin/(captain) Yubharet Visitsunthorn

## CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

AMERICAN CLUB  
HONG KONG

September 25 2001  
Mr Willem T P Pentermann  
General Manager  
The British Club  
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Thailand

Dear Mr Pentermann

Due to the elevation of security levels, I would like to take this opportunity to update you of our rules and regulations regarding Reciprocal Visitors. Reciprocal Club Starting October 1 2001 no exceptions will be made to these requirements. Reciprocal Club visitors must present all 3 of the following documents to the Town Club Membership Office during office hours, Monday-Friday 10.00am-6.00pm and Saturday 10.00am-2.00pm before a visitor card will be issued to them. Visitor cards will not be issued outside office hours. Reciprocal Members must have:

1. Official letter of introduction of introduction from your Club.
2. Current and valid Membership Card from your Club (Temporary Membership cards will not be accepted.)
3. Proof of non-residency in Hong Kong
  - a) Valid Passport showing Hong Kong immigration Visitor's stamp.
  - OR
  - b) Foreign Residence Permit issued by a government other than Hong Kong and a valid Passport.

Under the terms and conditions of our reciprocal agreement, Reciprocal Members may visit the American Club for a maximum of 14 days, twice in a twelve month period. The reciprocal Club privilege is not applicable to Reciprocal Members who are residents of Hong Kong, therefore Reciprocal Visitors shall provide proof of non-residency in Hong Kong before a Visitor card is issued. Please note that one-day passes shall not be issued. All Reciprocal Members are respectfully reminded to abide by all Club Rules.

Sincerely,

**James Dienzo**  
General Manager

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26 September 2001

Dear Mr Pentermann

An invitation to British Citizens to join the Thai-UK Alumni and Professional Network. The British Council, Thailand launched the Thai-UK Alumni and Professional Network in January 2001, which is for all Thais who have studied in or developed their professional links with the UK, and for all British citizens who have done the same with Thailand. The network has been developed in order to provide its members with up-to-date information on each others' current whereabouts and information on current development in Thailand and in the UK in their professional and educational fields. It also provides an opportunity for all members to strengthen their links between members of the network. In addition, the members will be able to access a database search engine protected by passwords. They will also facilitate access to regular flow of information on Thai-UK relationships and assist them to engage in upcoming educational, cultural and gathering events to be organised every year. There are up to 1,850 members of the Network at present.

In this regard, we would like to extend a warm invitation to all British citizens in the British Club to join the Thai-UK Alumni and Professional Network. We are aware of data protection, therefore, we would like to ask for your kind co-operation to give us some advice on how we could send registration forms and information about the network to British members.

We will be most grateful to receive your suggestions in this matter and please accept our sincere thanks in advance for your kind co-operation. I will be available at Tel: 0 2652-5480 ext 117, fax 0 2253 5312, or email jansang.boonnua@britishcouncil.or.th. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Willem T P Pentermann  
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## MEMBER'S LETTER

# An Incident At the BC!!

**T**he members recoiled in horror. They were struck dumb, and it seemed that no-one knew what to say or do next.

The committee had been in existence for about 50 or 60 years, and some thought that the original members were still on it. Since its inception, there had been two world wars, and many other world shattering events, but not even having the enemy in the second world war take over their premises was able to shock the members as much as this.

## EMBARASSED

There before them appeared a young man of impeccable credentials, who was applying for membership. His sponsors stood by his side and, to give them their due, were somewhat embarrassed by the situation. But there was nothing they could do about it now.

The applicant was not wearing a tie! Had he been trouserless it could not have caused more concern, but he was tieless and the sight of an uncovered neck had completely thrown the committee into disarray.

They immediately went into discussion in camera, and emerged after what seemed like months to inform the young man that his application had been declined, with no reason given for their decision.

This account is a fanciful version of an incident which took place in the British Club in the 1960s or 70s. Could it happen today in the 21st century? probably not, but it does give an insight into what our forefathers considered to be important.

This is not meant to be a criticism of them, but I wonder what standards of behaviour which we adopt as normal today will be laughed at in 2050?

## ONLY ONE BRITISH CLUB

Not wearing shorts in the Churchill bar after 6pm seems very reasonable to me, but what will they think in another 50 years?

There are many clubs in the UK where it is obligatory to wear a jacket and tie in the bar and the dining room (well it's much colder over there) but you do not have to be a member of a club whose rules you disapprove. But here there is only one British Club and if you were an expatriate it was more or less mandatory to be a member in those days, as it was of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

Things have changed, moved on and for the better in my opinion. In this age of informal dress which was unacceptable to our forefathers, there seems to be a much more relaxed attitude between generations as well.

This is a great development, so long as manners are preserved, because they are not negotiable.

## THROUGH THE AGES

If you look through the ages of mens fashions, you will see that, by and large, yesterday's casual wear is today's formal wear and this process is a continuing one. Jeans were designed as tough working trousers and trainers were for sport, but now these ubiquitous garments are acceptable in all walks of life.

Smartness is in the eye of the beholder, and one should dress so as not to offend others. Clean T-shirts and jeans without holes should be acceptable in the bar, but I would draw the line at sleeveless singlets - for say, 50 years anyway!!

A tie has been described as giving the wearer a spurious air of respectability, while performing no useful purpose. Well, maybe, but does the absence of a tie make a man a vagrant?

**Guy Snow (S309)**

# Contemporary Arts & Crafts in Thailand

## PRE-CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION AND SALE

November 27 to December 2 10.00am - 6.00pm, except December 2 when we will close at 5.00pm

Promenade Décor Ground, 2nd & 3rd Floor  
Hilton International Hotel, Wireless Rd, Bangkok

Opening party with snacks and beverages on Tuesday November 27 from 6.00pm

A number of crafts projects, together with a group of Thai and international artists are working together to promote high quality, original design crafts. This started in 1998, with the objective of helping villagers to reach self-reliance via production of their crafts.

Products for sale include silk fabric, clothing, scarves, tablemats, runners, wall hangings, cushions, ceramics, wooden furniture, bamboo baskets, hand made jewellery and other décor items and artifacts.

Participants: Bang Reng Khai silk project by Lea, Sop Moeii Arts, Chahatik, Rita Hadorn, Art Deco, MariGold, CleverDeco, Ajarn Sone, Khun Sumalee  
Special participants for this exhibition - 2 Thai artists Ajarn Sone with his creative ceramics Khun Sumalee with her water paintings

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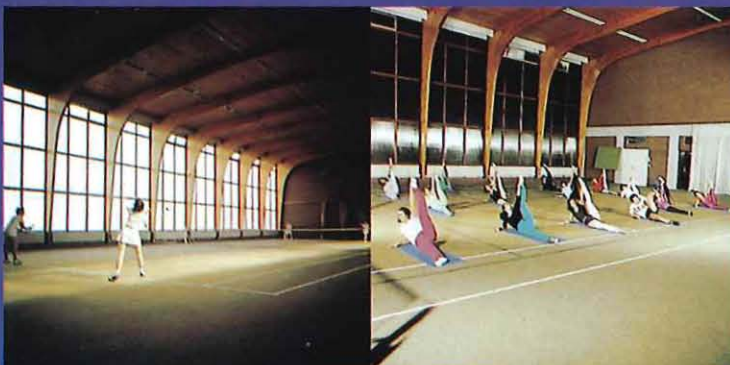
The various reception rooms can be used for private parties, business lunches, cocktail receptions, lectures, seminars....

## THE SPORTS COMPLEX

Everything in the Club is designed to meet the wishes of its members and their guests, both outside and in the multi-sports hall.

The club-house offers an attractive restaurant where a daily menu or sandwiches are available.

The Club employs highly-trained staff for swimming, tennis, squash, gymnastics, fitness, massage, aerobics and jogging instruction.



## SCUBA

# Rusty On Your Diving Skills?

## SCUBA TUNE-UP IS THE ANSWER

It happened to me. I began diving in Europe in 1983 and continued on with regular dives for the next 9 years. The frequent diving improved my skills and kept my diving knowledge current. But my career then took me far from convenient access to the sea and I spent my recreational time on the ski slopes in the winter and golf courses in the summer for the next three years.

It was at this point that a long and dear friend and fellow diver, Paul, and I decided that it had been far too long since we had been diving together and we began to plan a trip south to Mexico's Baja Peninsula. We both were accomplished divers and Paul was even a Rescue Diver (in addition to his other duties) for the Fire Department, however his recent dives had been restricted to rescuing/recovering people from the local river which was just a few meters deep.

So, off we went to Mexico with our rather dated dive gear and male egos in tow for our five-day dive vacation, excited at the prospects of getting back into diving. The first

day went fine, the diving was excellent and we enjoyed being back on a dive boat and in the water. The second day didn't go so well. We returned to the resort knowing at the time that we had incurred some fairly serious damage to our ears in the form of Barotrauma. Barotrauma is a condition that can occur when a diver does not equalize the pressure in the body's air spaces, such as the middle ear, during descent or ascent. In simple terms it is a bruising of the eardrum with the associated fluid build-up within the middle ear.

Needless to say, that was the end of our diving for the remainder of the vacation. Paul's ears healed in a few days but my injuries became infected and I spent the next two miserable months undergoing treatment back home. The lesson learned was how easy it is to forget the safety issues and skills associated with scuba diving. If you haven't been diving for a period of time a SCUBA Tune-up course may be the answer to continued safe and pleasurable diving. The course is not all work, there is a short book to read, we practice the basic skills in the shallow water near a coral island in the morning, have a hot, fresh lunch

on the well equipped dive boat, and do a fun and relaxing dive in the afternoon. Please give me a call if this fun review course is of interest.

## ON THE LOCAL SCENE

Remember Andrew Walton from the July issue of *Outpost*? In late May, Andrew, then nine years old, completed his PADI Skin Diver certification. Andrew is now 10 and has entered into his well-earned and anticipated Junior Open Water Diver Course, which he will complete in time for the next issue of *Outpost* so watch for the photos.

## MEDICAL

On the medical safety side of training, the senior staff of the British Club completed the two-day Medical First Aid and CPR course on October 10. The photos show the proud and accomplished group and a few of the training exercises during the course.

I will be happy to talk to you about a family Medical First Aid and CPR course or scheduling a diving course tailored to your interests and schedule. Please contact me for diving schedules including the Open Water Course for those wanting to begin enjoying the beautiful underwater world and the Advanced Open Water course for certified Open Water divers.

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Yours in diving,

**Don Johnson**



BC Staff members practising their 'First Aid'

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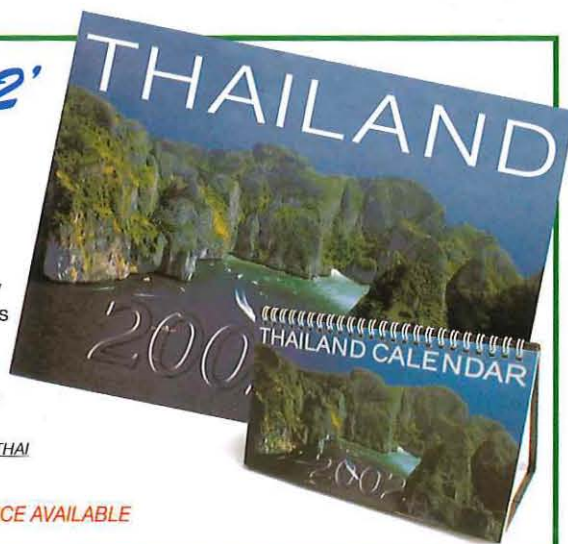


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# Sporting Times

**T**he British Club was founded in 1903 by a small group of British men working in Bangkok. None of these men would have believed how the 20th Century would bring revolutionary changes to the world and everyone's lives, from Man's first step into space to the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as South Africa's first black President. Country or nationality aside; we have all been brought together by sport. Here are some of the sporting events of the last century which members of the British Club, Bangkok would have watched, possibly in awe:

## FOOTBALL HITS NEW HEIGHTS

1903: All-Ireland football final: Commonly referred to as "the games which made the GAA". The All-Ireland home final of 1903 between Kerry and Kildare went to two replays and, along the way, established football as a mass-spectator sport.

## OLYMPIC GOLD IN 1936

1936: The Berlin Olympic Games when Jesse Owens made Olympic history by winning four gold medals in front of Adolf Hitler. Nazi racist propaganda referred to Owens as a 'black auxiliary' to the American team.

## A DAY AND A TEAM ETCHED IN HISTORY

1948: Ireland's Grand Slam: When the 20th century dawned Ireland entered it as Triple Crown and International champions" Irish rugby was in a healthy state, the game was expanding all over the country and most importantly in the schools.

## BOWLS IN BANGKOK

1952: The British Club, Bangkok received 2 logs from Mr J.D.H. Hedley for the purpose of manufacturing bowls: bowls was then played on the back lawn.

## THE THREE MINUTE, 59.4 SECOND MILE MAN

1954: On the evening of 6 May 1954 at a track in Oxford, Roger Bannister became the first man to run the mile in under four minutes - three minutes 59.4 seconds to be accurate. He was twenty-five years old.

## SNOOKER CHAMPION IN BANGKOK

1955: Mr N.Winter won the Mabbatt Cup at Snooker, held at the British Club, Bangkok Defining moment of magic in the Australian sun

1956: Melbourne Olympics: A lot of water under the bridge.

## KING OF THE RING

1964: Mentor and coach to boxing champion Muhammed Ali, Angelo Dundee stood in Ali's corner for all three heavyweight world title fights, including the fight in 1964 when Ali won the title for the first time, knocking out Sonny Liston. Cassius Clay went into the ring, and emerged victorious, the legendary Muhammed Ali.

## THOROUGHbred THROUGH AND THROUGH

1964: Cheltenham Gold Cup: Nationalism, money, conceit: often the ingredients for disaster, but on Saturday, March 7th, 1964, the background to two racehorses who were each considered unbeatable.

Brilliance and Beauty earn Brazil their just reward

1970: World Cup final Brazil v Italy: After the victory scored by Alf Ramsey's English team four years earlier, 1970's World Cup tournament, and particularly the meeting in the final of Brazil and Italy, belonged to the game's dreamers.

1973: Barbarians v New Zealand: Great moments in sport often remain, special occasions when exceptional talent and brilliance are revealed.

The greatest fight of all time

## CHANGING THE GAME FOR WOMEN

1978: Wimbledon final: Trailing 4-2 and 5-4 in the deciding set of the women's singles final at Wimbledon in 1978, Martina Navratilova courted another gallant defeat, set once again to be thwarted by the game's golden girl, Chris Evert.

## HURRICANE SWEEPS ALL BEFORE HIM

1982: World snooker final: Two years before Ken Doherty, the then world snooker champion, assisted Alex Higgins in playing a testimonial match in the Waterfront Arena, Belfast, The Hurricane's home town.

## RUNNING FOR GOLD

1984: Nawal El Moutawakel from Morocco became the first African, Muslim woman to win an Olympic track gold medal in the 400 meters hurdles at Los Angeles in 1984. A strong campaigner for women's rights and a member of the International Olympic Committee.

## JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF A TRUE TRACK KING

1984: Los Angeles Olympics: Carl Lewis had at least one good reason to assail history



British Club, Bangkok.

when he travelled the relatively short distance from his home for the 23rd Olympic Games in the Los Angeles Coliseum in 1984.

## GOLDEN MOMENT HAS SILVER LINING

1992: Barcelona Olympics: The morning of Saturday, August 8th, 1992, in Barcelona had arrived and so had one of the most exciting days in Irish sporting history.

## WHO PUT THE BALL IN THE ITALIAN NET?

1994: World Cup finals: "There are times in sport when even the longest roads appear to have no turning"

A tragedy that truly shaped the circuit

1994: Ayrton Senna, San Marino Grand Prix: Witnessing the moments that turn a sport around.

## PLAYING WITH THEIR LIVES

1993: A Century of Stadium Disasters: On Saturday, March 6th, 1993, at Anfield football ground, a minute's silence was held for Tony Bland. The 22-year-old Liverpoolian had lain comatose since the Hillsborough stadium disaster in April 1989. When he finally passed away, Liverpool Football Club wanted to pay their respects.

## A CRICKETING LEGEND

1994: Brian Lara, captain of the West Indian Test cricket team, when in the space of a few weeks and at the age of twenty-four he broke two world batting records. One of these was in Antigua, in the fifth test against England when he made 375 - the highest individual score in 117 years of test cricket.

Research for the Centenary book continues, but we need assistance with the the sport history of the British Club. If any members past or present have or hold pictures and information which we could use, please forward it to me or the General Manager at the Club.  
Kind Regards



**Sarah Allen  
B.C. Committee**

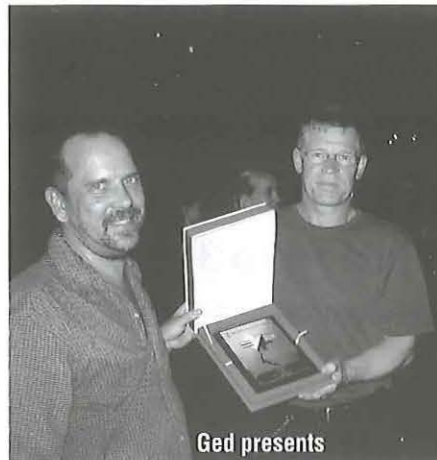
## BC GYMNASTIC EXTRAVAGANZA

# One Night In Bangkok

**O**n Tuesday 2 October, 39 graduate gymnasts of Vejstrup Ungdomsskole, travelling to Australia on a 3-week gymnastic tour, spent one night in Bangkok performing to a capacity crowd at the British Club. For many this was their first time in Bangkok and can you imagine the contrast between their school and the British Club in Bangkok? Both of my older children have been to this school and indeed my son Steffan is part of this 'team'. With the teachers were the head master and the two key gymnastic teachers on the trip, Mogens and Rikke.

Vejstrup is a small town about 30km from Odense, which is famous as the hometown of Hans Christian Andersen and is in the centre of Denmark on the middle island, known as Fyn. The school takes about 180 children for a maximum of 2 years, is fully residential and has a specialisation in the training of gymnastics. Not the type you see in the Olympics, but a type which combines rhythm, dance and gymnastics to provide a genuine show. When the school usually performs it has all 180 students in one performance, but the team who performed for us were ex-students of the school. They ranged in age from 18 to 22 years, and had been asked to join the "Lilleholdet" (the little team). They meet once a month for practice and from January to June perform at all sorts of events in Denmark.

Although the school is over 100 years old, the Lilleholdet is only 20 years old and every few years they go on an international tour; the last was to Uganda. They have also been to the USA, South America and Italy.



Ged presents



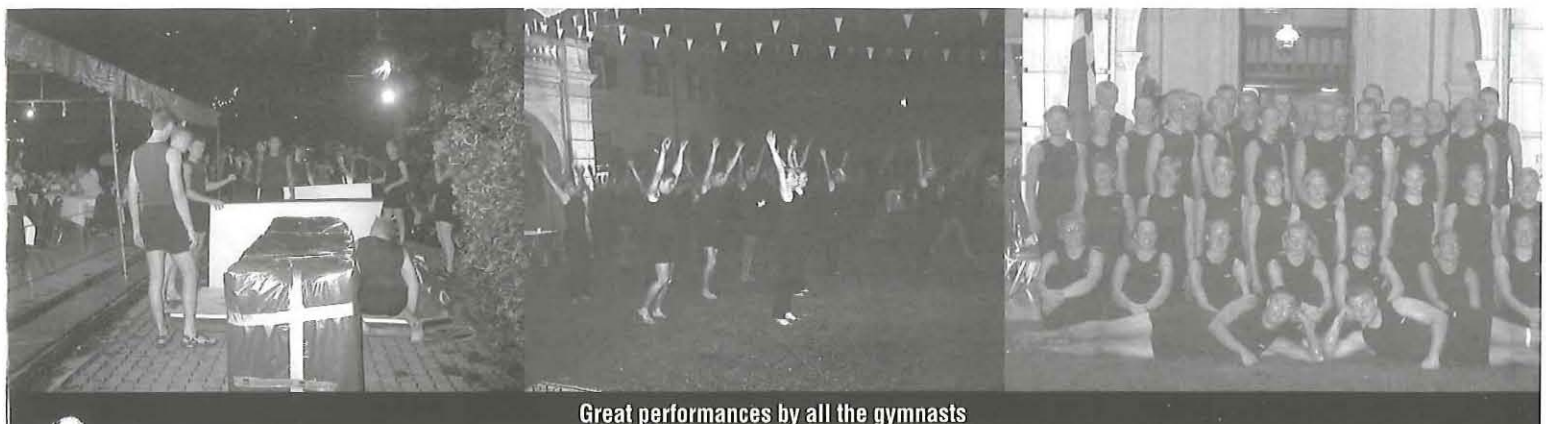
Having spent their one day in Bangkok at the Grand Palace, Wat Po, a seafood restaurant on the river behind the National Museum and a klong tour, they were all ready for their evening at the British Club. The evening started with the whole troupe performing their Lilleholdet anthem with the British Club presenting the head master with a British Club plaque. The group performed to 98 members and children that evening who watched a show which was a mixture between rhythmical gymnastics, power tumbling, Danish traditional folkdance and a lot more. A highlight for the children was a unique version of the Ugly Duckling, a H.C. Andersen classic, performed with a mixture of folk dance, acting, rhythmic gymnastics with Vikings in their long ship and other innovations.

The wet conditions also meant that the Dads present (and this included several of the football section, who had a free show... shame on you!) were provided with a 'wet

T-shirt' show by the girls. However with all the young muscular men there, the ladies were also having a feast for the eyes! The show was only made possible by Barry and all his staff, who effortlessly laid down floors, lifted them and moved gear around so the gymnasts were able to cope with the wet conditions. The students were overawed by the British Club, having never performed at such a unique venue before and their evening was made more special as they watched the electric storm over Bangkok.

43 Danish friends left Bangkok the following day with super memories of Bangkok and a lasting memory of the British Club. Our thanks to everyone who supported this event.

**Ged Allen**



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## WHAT'S ON

# Remember, Remember What's On In November!

## BAR ACCUMULATOR

Don't miss our weekly Accumulator - an excellent way of catching up with fellow members at the Bar.

### How it works:

Each Wednesday at 7.00pm there will be an Accumulator run in the Churchill Bar.

All membership numbers of active Members will be placed in an opaque container, and one number will be drawn out by the General Manager or designated person.

The winning membership number will be called, but only if the Member or their spouse is present will he/she be deemed to have won. If the Member is not present, a second number will be drawn. If that Member or their spouse is present he/she will be deemed to have won. If neither draw is won, that is neither Winning Members (or their spouses) are present, then the draw will roll over to the following week. Each new accumulator will start at 5,000 baht, and increase by 1,000 baht each week until it is won.

## CHURCHILL BAR

Happy Hour times:

You can enjoy your favourite tippie at happy hour prices from 5.00pm - 8.00pm and 10.00pm - 11.00pm.

## SUNDAY FAMILY DAY

Organised by the British Club and Family Care Centre. Every Sunday there will be an exciting new programme to keep the kids amused. Orange squash and popcorn provided at no extra charge to Members.

## FRIDAY NIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT!

*Every Friday*

*7.00 pm Silom Sala*

For all kids (parents welcome). Ages 5 years upwards. Soft drinks and popcorn supplied free of charge. Have an entertaining and relaxing family evening at the Club!

## MEXICAN FOOD PROMOTION

*29, 30 November*

*7.00pm, Lords Restaurant*

The team are currently dreaming up a menu to tickle your tastebuds. The Club is quickly developing a reputation for its culinary versatility! B600 per person.

## GUY FAWKES NIGHT

*Sunday 4 November*

Join us on this special day.

The Club will close at 3.00pm to all Members and will re-open at 4.30pm to Members

holding tickets for the Guy Fawkes celebrations. The BBQ starts at 5.00pm and therewith the festivities begin. We have entertainment for the kids, a bonfire and the evening will end with a spectacular fireworks display! Adults B550 Children B375

## WINE TASTING

*Friday 30 November*

With Jonathan Glonek of Bangkok Fine Wines.

This will take place in the Wordsworth Room. Come and try a nice selection of Australian Wines. Complimentary Cocktail Food will be provided

Club Manager's Night - Wednesday, 21 November 2001 at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 21 November at the Churchill Bar.

The Club will provide complimentary curry buffet for all members and this evening, the first of many has been introduced as a social gathering for Members. Meet fellow Members in a relaxed atmosphere. Happy hour prices for all beverages until 9.00pm.

## LARGE SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT

*Thursday 15 November*

Alfred's Hitchcock movie "The 39 steps"

7.00pm Buffet Supper

7.30pm Movie starts

Venue: Wordsworth Room

Charge B250,- including buffet dinner and movie.

## NETWORKING NIGHT.

A joint British Club and British Chamber of Commerce event, which will take place on Wednesday, 14 November at the Suriwongse Room. This provides an excellent opportunity to meet fellow Members and develop new business relations.

Complimentary cocktail food will be provided, with all beverage at Club prices.

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR.

*Wednesday, 19 December*

A choir will perform at the Suriwongse Room and followed by mulled wine and Mince Pies at the Front Lawn. Price B295 per person.

## FRENCH FOOD PROMOTION

*Friday, 16 November*

With Chef Christian. Please look out for further details on this exciting event in your e-mail inbox!

## DUTCH SWING COLLEGE BAND

Live at the British Club on 4 December.

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## EXCITING EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!!

**St. Andrew's Society Scottish Dance Practices** Every Monday in November starting from 5 November at 6.30pm on the Front Lawn.

**St. Andrew's Society Beat the Retreat** Wednesday, 28 November.

**BCB Christmas Ball**, Saturday, 15 December. Cocktails on the Front lawn, Dinner on the back lawn, a Classical Orchestra and dancing to the sounds Paul Jackson

There is a Lucky Draw with many prizes to win. Ticket price B1750 per person which is inclusive of: Entertainment, 3 course meal, half bottle of wine per person and complimentary

**24 December Candlelight Christmas buffet dinner** at Lords Restaurant.

Only B850 for an excellent festive buffet dinner for the whole family.

Children B 500 (3 - 12 years of age)

Party favours provided.

performance by this excellent Dixieland band on the back lawn. Ticket price: B 1700, per person (show and buffet BBQ dinner)

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

on the Chao Praya River and at the Club.

**Christmas Lunch** on 25 December in Lords Restaurant and Churchill Bar B800 for adults and B500,- for children (3 - 12 years of age). Complimentary gift for the Children presented by the Club's very own Santa Claus!

## CANDLELIGHT DINNER

*25 December*

At Lords Restaurant only B800 for a 4 course dinner. Contact the Club for further details.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Tuesday, 18 December 2001*

Loads of kids activities on the back lawn; ponyrides, balloon typhoon, merry-go-round, face painting and much more! Activities are from 2.00pm - 4.30pm followed by a picnic on the front lawn at 4.45pm. Santa Claus will make a special visit from 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

Price B390 per child, including a gift from Santa.

## SQUASH

# Squash Shots

## 152ND LEAGUE

League Winners

- 1 DAVID EASTGATE
- 2 STEVE BELL
- 3 MARVYN LEWIS
- 4 PETER NORRIS
- 5 BARRY DANIEL
- 6 DUNCAN RAMSAY
- 7 LINDA EASTGATE
- 8 PETER MYERS
- 9 NO GAMES PLAYED!

Trophies can be collected from the Fitness Centre

## SINGAPORE TRIP

Trip report by David Eastgate

A British Club Squash Section overseas trip!!! I don't believe it. Yes! A team of five players flew off for matches against our British Club counterparts in Singapore and the Tanglin Club on Friday 28 September and returned on the Sunday with two wins under our belts - both 3 matches to 2.

In the first match against the British Club our 1,2 and 3 players proved too strong for the opposition. Steve Bell won 3-0, David Eastgate won 3-1 and Nick Thwaites won 3-2. Peter Corney lost a very close game 3-2 and Jenny Bell put up a good fight against her male opponent going down 3-0. The British Club Singapore were excellent hosts and they really looked after us well. We have invited them to come over again to Bangkok for a return in the near future.

On the Sunday we had an early start at 10-30am against the Tanglin Club and once again we came away with a diplomatic 3-2 victory. Steve Bell lost 3-1, David Eastgate won 3-0, Nick Thwaites won 3-0, Peter

Corney won 3-1 and Jenny Bell put up a brave fight, against another male opponent, eventually losing 3-1 (don't they have any lady players in Singapore?). After the match we had a mix-in with some more of their players, including a game of doubles on their new doubles court, followed by a lovely curry buffet and a few beers. Once again the Tanglin Club entertained us very well and we have also invited them over to Bangkok for a return fixture as soon as is convenient.

Now that we have broken the ice with our first trip overseas for a number of years the Section is already considering our next trip and are hoping for many more players being involved in our next venture.

## SOFITEL-CENTRAL PLAZA

### SUNDAY MIX-IN

A good turnout of eight players worked hard in a single group, playing 7 games each, for a very close result. In the end the winner was

the sponsor, Martin Reid of Sofitel Central Plaza Hotel - some people will do anything to save giving away a free meal! Just joking, well played Martin. For once yours truly squeezed in a close second, from Tom Livingstone and Guy Hollis.

## BRITISH CLUB OPEN

The Rod Carter Open is now underway - results in next month's article.

Look out for entry details for the Tony Austin Cup, a veteran's competition open to all over-45s in Thailand. Of course, over 45's unfortunately includes most of the BC's top players, as well as former Thai champion Peerapol, but don't let that put you off.

## SQUASH COACHING

There will be group squash coaching every Monday night with Neil commencing 6.45pm. Neil is a registered Squash Coach. The cost is 200 baht per person.

## HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

When it came down to finals day it was Dick Anwar against Marc Hagelauer in the main competition and Bill Randall against Phil Hall in the Plate.

The Plate kicked off first and Bill came out a close winner 3-1 after some very close rallies. The score - 15-14, 15-14, 8-15, 15-13. I could describe it more, but modesty forbids. Well done Bill!

In the main final, Dick started strong, winning the first game, but Marc showed more stamina as some long rallies early in the second game took their toll on both players. Marc eventually won 3-1, but we saw some great squash. Congratulations to all four players for putting on a great spectacle of squash. All who turned up to watch thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment.

Hcap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Position
Guy Hollis	-8	15	14	15	11	13	15	12	95	3=
Steve Pursor	-22	1	10	5	13	7	15	8	59	8
Marvyn Lewis	-20	15	15	6	9	15	15	12	87	7
Martin Reid	-12	13	15	15	15	13	15	15	101	1
Dave	-22	15	15	15	7	15	8	13	88	6
Tom L.	-28	15	13	14	15	14	15	9	95	3=
Greg Brown	-12	13	15	12	10	15	14	15	94	5
Phil Hall	-19	15	15	15	13	15	15	11	99	2



Dick Anwar recovering after handicap Final



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## SQUASH CONTINUED

### YES LET! – PLAY BY THE RULES

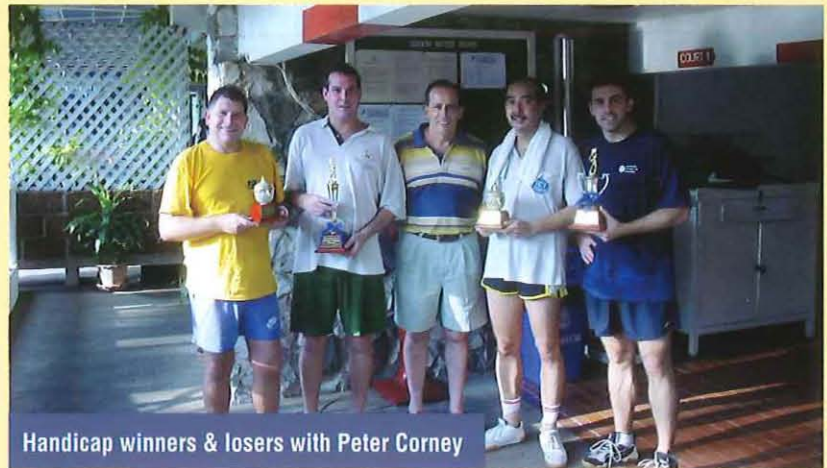
This section has been absent for a few months, but here is an important change that we should be aware of – New Rules! You may not be aware, but the rules of Squash are reviewed and updated every 4 years. Some changes are minor, some not so. The last set of changes became law in May 2001. In fact these rule changes will be very hard to apply at club level, where there is not normally a referee. I will not explain them myself, but include an article from the World Squash Web Site ([www.squash.org](http://www.squash.org)) by Ted Wallbutton, formerly head of SRA. Read them for yourselves and next month I will take a look at these in more detail.

After eighteen months of intensive study by the select Rules Sub-Committee, and thousands of e-mails, the 2001 Rules were approved at the WSF AGM in November. The full text, with changes highlighted, was published in early 2001 ready for 1 May implementation, and appears in full on the WSF website. But if, like me, you are an average player (I wish), with a less than perfect knowledge of the Rules, here is an idiot's guide to the major changes.

### PLAY ON

We all want to see top Squash with minimum lets. The new Rules encourage this. Not only do they revert to the previous wording demanding players 'make every effort to get to and play the ball', but in future 'lets' will not be awarded for minimal interference. If any interference or contact is so slight that it does not affect your sighting of the ball, or your freedom to get to and play it, then play on. Stop - and you will get a 'No Let'. If Jonah Lomu can score tries with five players hanging from his shirt and 80,000 spectators roaring their heads off surely we can ignore a racket brushing our opponent's clothing on the way through to the ball.

Another good new rule is the one which allows for a stroke to be given against you if you distract your opponent when he or she is about to make a winning return. There go another few points a game for me.



Handicap winners & losers with Peter Corney

### SAFETY

This is paramount. Dangerous play is still outlawed and in future, if your opponent is too close and has prevented (important word) your reasonable swing, or would have been hit by it if you had continued, you will get a stroke. If you stop the swing because of slight contact with an opponent who is trying to clear, or because the opponent is uncomfortably, but not too, close you will get a let. But, be warned, if you stop and your opponent is well clear - 'No Let' is the result. Also, a stroke will not be awarded to a player who causes interference with an excessive swing.

Another change that flows from the Pro Tour is in the turning rule. The new Rules dictate that if a player turns unnecessarily, to avoid playing a tricky ball rather than in an attempt to try to play it, 'No Let' is the decision. To reinforce this, if you turn and hit your opponent with the ball you lose the stroke, rather than getting a let as previously.

### SPECTATOR CONTROL

In the re-written eye protection appendix the WSF now recommends that all Squash players use purpose-made eye guards at all times. Not a popular change for some people, but eyes are important things and we idiots have a greater potential for damage than most.

Spectator control Here's a Rule, previously only a guideline, that definitely doesn't affect me. If the behaviour of any spectator, official, manager or coach is disruptive or offensive the Referee can suspend play or tell the offending person to leave the court area. In my case, the rest of my team abuse me and then leave voluntarily. Not only the players, manager and coach, but the ref too.

Easier to read. If you want to go through the whole Rules, a recommended procedure, then you will find them much easier to follow.

The Rules have now been reorganised in a much more logical fashion and are written in the active voice, rather than the passive as previously. The myriad notes in the past editions have now been absorbed into the main text as sub-rules. And best of all the Service Rule now defines what is a good serve, rather than the old rules which told us what was bad, in great detail. The Rules Sub-Committee's sterling work has not been in vain; they have done a really good job.

But for idiots, the major change is that the whole Rule book now starts with a four page Abbreviated Guide to the Rules. This is simply written from a player's viewpoint and gives the basics, with simple links to the detailed Rules later in the book.

In the meantime - Keep squashing,



Sunday Mix-in gang with winner Martin Reid - except Phil, as he took the picture!

Phil Hall

## PLOENCHIT FAIR

# PLOENCHIT FAIR AT ROYAL PLAZA 24 NOVEMBER!

**B**y the kind courtesy of the Bureau of the Crown Property, Ploenchit Fair will be held in the Royal Plaza, Ratchadamnern-Nok/Sri Ayutthaya Road. This venue was most recently occupied by the Supreme Command and offers ample space and security for an event of this magnitude.

Royal Plaza is opposite Suan Amporn, next to Dusit Zoo and Parliament Buildings and is flanked by Wat Benchamaborphit (Marble Temple) and the Chitlada Palace. Set amongst these historical sites and the Avenues of the Chakri dynasty, this venue brings a new aspect of Thai tradition to Ploenchit Fair.

It is easily reached by skytrain or bus and has ample parking on the large square outside.

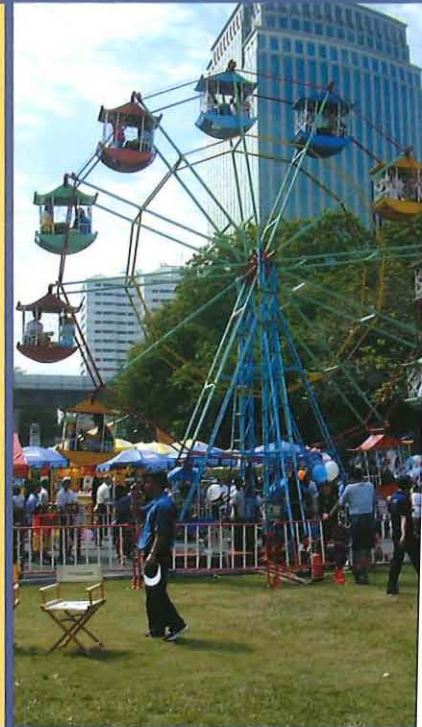
As usual, the format of Ploenchit will be a typical fairground with fun and games for all ages, lots of shopping with bargains galore, live entertainment and food and drinks of all descriptions to keep you going throughout the day. Plus, plus, plus – many new features which this larger venue affords.

Remember that all revenue raised during the day goes entirely to supporting Thai charities throughout the country – so please continue to support us in the knowledge that the more fun you have, the more benefits you'll bring to the Needy.

Gates will open at 10.00 a.m. – bring your family and friends and we'll see you there.

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## NEW MEMBERS

**HELMUT AND URSULA KREHER (GERMAN)**

Helmut and Ursula arrived in Bangkok last November after living in Singapore for almost five years - they will certainly notice a big difference between those two towns!

Both enjoy keeping fit generally and are particularly keen sailors but say that boat owning is a 'bottomless pit'. However, you should be able to find plenty of opportunities here in Thailand to pursue your favourite hobby.

Helmut works for Allianz C.P General Insurance and expects to stay here for 3 years.

Ursula likes going to the theatre, travelling and enjoys a game of Mahjong.

**ADRIAN VANDYK**

Adrian has just moved around the corner from the BC so we should be seeing his face frequently around here.

He's been in Thailand for 6 years so far and expects to stick around for at least another 4.

His passion is classic motorcycles (he very kindly offered to write an article for Outpost - we'll hold you to that Adrian!!). Other hobbies include reading, classical music, walking and watching movies.

He enjoys swimming and - squash committee take note - 'used to play squash'.

**JOSÉ TEXERA AND TANIA GERLACH (AUSTRALIAN)**

José is a pilot, but he is not working here in Thailand, he's leaving that to Tania who is First Secretary (Immigration) at the Australian Embassy.

They arrived just four months ago, so are still settling in but José currently has time to pursue his hobbies, namely snooker, backgammon and aerobatic flying!

Tania likes to play tennis and, according to José is something of a proficient writer - I know a great magazine not a million miles away from here Tania that would love you to write an article or two - so feel free!

**ROBERT AND SUPINDA AVERY (BRITISH/THAI)**

Robert was unable to attend New members evening, but our intrepid reporter Sherry Connisbee had a very interesting chat with Supinda!

Supinda spent many years living and working in Germany before moving on to the UK. Together,

she and Robert have only been in Thailand for a couple of months. He is Project manager for Penspen Ltd. and she is a Trade Settlements clerk, although she is not currently working.

They have two children, a daughter aged 2 1/2 who attends nursery school and dancing lessons part-time and a son aged 1 year who also attends nursery school part-time.

Robert's first overseas posting was to that extremely far-off and foreign land, Scotland. And he also spent a couple of 'bachelor' years in the Middle East, but didn't elaborate further.

Robert and Supinda both have plenty of hobbies. He enjoys a good game of squash and/or badminton and is also a 'lapsed' scuba diver Don Johnson take note! He likes to travel and his preferred mode is by rail but he will also go by bicycle, so long as it's a social event!!

Supinda's hobbies are sailing, badminton, table tennis and millinery. She is a member of the Burma campaign group, which sounds very interesting - perhaps you would care to elaborate?



Supinda with Susan Ferguson

**LINDA MAY ROYSTON AND BRAD CHARLES WITHERSPOON (AUSTRALIAN)**

Brad works for Alcatel (Thailand) Co., and Linda May is working as a Teachers Assistant at a local kindergarten, which she thoroughly enjoys. On their first overseas posting, they expect to stay for around 3 years and will

be indulging in their favourite hobbies - movies, restaurants and travel. On a sporting note, Linda May enjoys tennis, aerobics and swimming, whilst Brad is happy on the golf course, swimming, playing snooker, badminton and tennis.

**TREVOR AND YAI COX (BRITISH/THAI)**

Unfortunately Yai was sick with a cold on new members night, so couldn't attend.

Trevor is a keen snooker player and is planning on joining the Friday night snooker mix-ins at the Club. He says he's not much of a sporting enthusiast, preferring arm exercises with a pint in the Churchill Bar - I guarantee you won't be lonely Trevor!!

Meanwhile, Yai is sporty - swims really well - like a fish according to Trevor. She also enjoys cooking in her spare time.

So far they have been in Thailand for 7 years, but are unsure as to how much longer they will stay.



# A Busy Month

## RYESOME BOWL

The annual pairs competition for the Ryesome Bowl was held at Muang Kaew on 16 Sept. As usual there was a big turnout for this popular event and in addition to the 'usual suspects' we were delighted to welcome a contingent of golfers from Castrol (who generously sponsor the Bowl).

Despite booking months ahead and telling Muang Kaew on three separate occasions there would be 40 golfers tee'ing off (so we'd need both the 1st and 10th tee boxes) and insisting on the allocation of tee-times, on the day the Course Management (an oxymoron?) cheerfully opened the place to anyone who turned up with a bag of clubs and enough money to pay for a round of golf. The result was a painfully long day, those in the last group taking over 5 hours to finish and only just making it back to the clubhouse, in dire need of a drink, before the (cold) beer ran out.

Nevertheless it was still an enthralling competition; the course was in good shape (despite the numbers using it), the weather was co-operative and a needle-match kept everyone on their toes. Guy and Bridget Snow, after a hesitant start, quickly established themselves at the top of the leader-board with 50 Stapleford points and defied all attempts to shift them, although several teams tried hard - notably Val and Edward Ashman (who returned a score of 49), John Brice and Brian Wooton, Phil Hall and Brad Weatherstone (both teams on 48), but no-one could quite catch them.

And that was how the results closed. Keith Hales of Castrol presented the Ryesome Bowl

Guy, Nick and Bridget at Royal



to Guy and Bridget and it now sits on their mantelpiece as a companion to the Dunlop Cup they 'lifted' earlier in the year.

Despite the slow pace it was an excellent day's golf and we are indebted to Castrol for their generosity and hope to see Keith and Sue Hales, Derek and Jill Moss - indeed any Castrol personnel who play golf - at future BCGS events.

[As a closing comment - words were spoken to the Course Manager afterwards but to little apparent effect. I believe that Springfield Golf is to take over the running of Muang Kaew in the next couple of months so hopefully we'll see a less cavalier approach to the organisation of tournaments in future.]

## NOT THE RYDER CUP

As we all know, the Ryder Cup 2001 has been delayed a year - which meant that the Bangkok version of this epic struggle was never going to be all we'd hoped and planned for.

Initially it was agreed that we'd press ahead with the match as the tee's had been booked and all the arrangements made. Unhappily, it soon became apparent that so many of the American golfers had been called home they could no longer field a team, therefore what was to have been one of the golfing highlights of the year became a Club Day at Lam Lukka on 30 Sept.

Twenty-eight BC members and guests turned out to play on one of the best courses in Bangkok, however the downside of being such a good venue is that it's extremely popular and yet again some very slow rounds were recorded - the visiting Japanese 'five-balls' ahead of us were having problems as they battled with the numerous water hazards, unforgiving bunkers and thick rough, which didn't do a lot for our game either and few great scores were recorded.

The format was individual Stapleford which suited Bridget Snow perfectly - she's going through a 'purple patch' at the moment (she partnered Guy to win the Ryesome Bowl earlier in the month). Bridget's 41 Stapleford points were more than enough to 'see off' the rest of the field; the next best score being Karen Holloway's 38 points (Karen's



Phil Hall and the Scandinavians

performance was also remarkable for two Near Pin prizes and the Ladies Long Drive). [NB. Must speak to Mike Staples about the ladies handicaps!] Third place went to Mark Jasper who also took the Men's Long Drive. Although it was an enjoyable day there was perhaps an inevitable sense of anti-climax and just a little sadness at the reasons behind this turn of events. Our thanks to Phil Hall who had put a huge amount of time and effort into organising the Ryder Cup Match. We all shared his disappointment that it didn't work out, however, the Cup has only been delayed, not cancelled, and hopefully next year (when Phil will be our Captain) there will be an opportunity to revive the competition and take on the Americans again.

## VOLVO CUP

This year's tussle with the Scandinavian Society for possession of the Volvo Cup was held at Royal Lat Krabang on 6 October, the date having been altered (at the Scandinavians request) from the Sunday to Saturday. Unfortunately some of our players seemed to find this change rather hard to absorb, force of habit ("but we always play on Sundays") causing them to enter the

Mike Bain, winner of the special long drive award



**GOLF CONTINUED**

wrong day in their diaries (Oh alright, Palm Pilots). Our Captain put out a General Alert the week before the match reminding everyone of the date but by then the damage had been done and a few members had already made other plans for the Saturday. Consequently we were a little shy of our First Eleven as we tee'd off. (Sportingly the Scandinavians loaned us some of their players to balance the sides – generosity they almost regretted as some winning scores were returned by these 'Guest Brits')

At our suggestion, the format for the day was 'better-ball, pairs matchplay using 3/4 handicap' which initially sowed confusion amongst the opposition (who were unfamiliar with this system - excellent tactics Captain) but they soon grasped the idea and I have to admit played some very useful golf. Unusually for the Royal, which is normally very well organised, there was a 30 minute hold-up at the first tee but the Starter worked hard to sort things out and once all the groups got away there were few delays. Even so, it looked like being a long, hot day, the weather was uncomfortably humid as we set off but the temperature went down with the sun and a light breeze sprang up later; by mid-afternoon it would have been hard to find better golfing conditions and almost as a consolation prize for the delayed tee-off were treated to a spectacular sunset as the we came in off the 18th.

The BC began strongly and at the half-way mark were ahead (according to my Drinks-Stop Poll) by 2 points. Perhaps we celebrated too early, since our adversaries then fought their way back into the game. As the results were posted in the clubhouse the BCGS's early lead was seen to evaporate and although it was by no means a whitewash I regret to report that the final score was 7 3/4 to 63/4



A cheeky young Miss



Gimme that wine

points – a well-deserved win for the Scandinavian Society who consequently retain the Volvo Cup.

Men's Long Drive: Mike Bain was awarded a special 'Men's Long Drive' prize – the 'long drive' being his detour to Lam Lukka in the (mistaken) belief this was to be the venue for the Volvo Cup....

**SCORE CARDS**

During competitions, as soon as you have finished your round, please take your scorecards to the Results Table. The order of play is so arranged that one of the organisers goes out in the first group and thus – in theory – will be back in the clubhouse early where he/she will immediately begin collecting cards and tabulating scores. As the last player comes in off the course, the result-sheet will be complete and work can begin to determine the winners. Ideally by the time everyone is back from the changing rooms this will be complete and prize-giving can begin, after which we can all get away promptly! If players wait until after they've showered before handing in their cards the

whole process is delayed, so please! as soon as you come in to the clubhouse make your first stop the Results Table.

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**Dick Taylor**



Karen hands over the Volvo Cup to Lars



Karen's cup runneth over... drinking from the Rysome Bowl



Keith Hales presents the Rysome Bowl to Guy and Bridget

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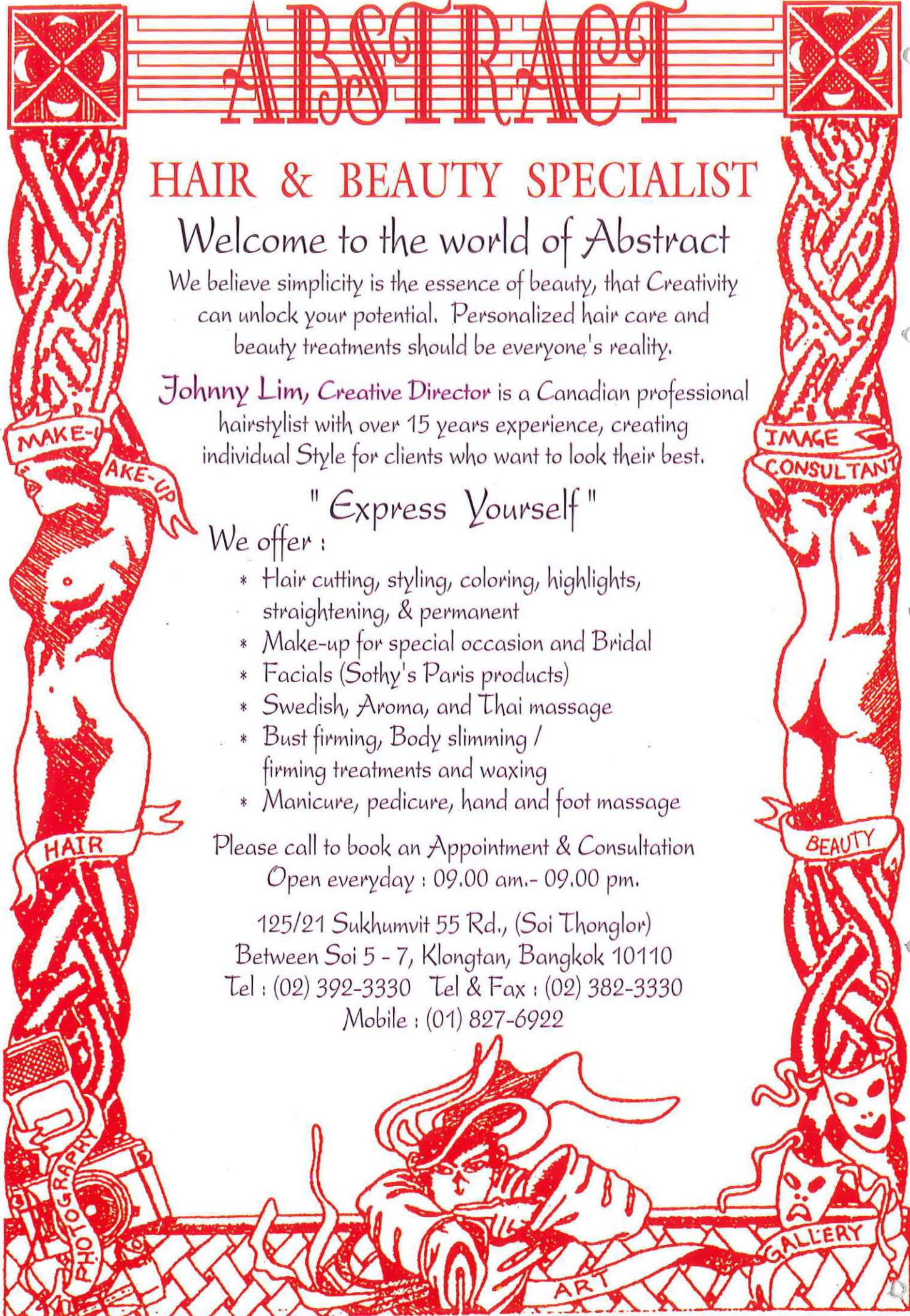
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## SPANISH FOOD PROMOTION

# “Not a Carrier bag in sight!”

It's a known fact, that the folks residing in the North East of England are experts on Spanish food...

Just to put the record straight, I've never been to Spain (Yes, I'm the one) but I know countless thousands who have, and all share the opinion that Spaniards can't cook. At one stage, in the 1980's, if you handed over your 30 quid you could spend an agonizing 28 hours on a bus, followed by two weeks in Lorette de Mar, or Salou. This allowed leisurely sampling of all the local delicacies. Fish and Chips?- No problem; Fried Chicken?- Who needs KFC? Burger and Chips?- McDonalds, who are they? Wash this down with a few pints of British beer, and you've had a good 'Spanish' night out. Even the bus ride didn't seem too bad. Unfortunately, the Spaniards' skill at cooking such delicacies lacked a certain something (Flavour, usually....) so Spanish food is lousy, right??

## LET'S GET STUCK IN

Well, no.... Barry and his barmy army once again did us all proud on 5 October with a range of real Spanish food, no sign of a battered fish or bag of chips anywhere- (Judith and I checked, don't worry) So where do we start? Let's try the soup. Many people have heard me waxing lyrical about BC soups before, so I'll tone this down; but I do love chickpeas and spinach, or to the uninitiated "Potaje de Garbanzo &

Espinacas". It was a great start, both smooth and crunchy. There was a mixed fish and shellfish option, but I left that to braver souls than I....

## BLACK PUDDING!

A huge assortment of ambitiously-named starters followed, the highlight of which was the "Morcilla" (black pudding to you and I- You can take the man from the hometown, but you can't...) For once, I tried everything, and found the fried pies slightly Greek, the Roquefort salad slightly French, and the Madrid mixed salad "Ensalada San Isidro" slightly Spanish. The burning issue now was how full I was feeling, given that I still needed to go through the rest of the menu to write this article with any degree of honesty, or even accuracy.

I have to admit to avoiding the Carvery (Shame on you, Airey) but dived into the buffet - almost literally as it turned out, get those carpets smoothed out Mr Osborne! I was pleased I did, as the bean and sausage pot and the chicken, tomatoes, pepper and cumin were among the best food I've ever tasted in the BC (And we've spent enough money over 6 years sampling it all, believe me) I managed three lots of the sausage pot, but stopped at that, as 3am indigestion is not pleasant, and that's in addition to being thumped for snoring...

The real star of the show, however, was a personal memory, brought back to life. Those

of you unaccustomed to a marvellous English Sunday lunch being "stir fried" again on Monday will not appreciate this, but my mother used to cook the most incredible hash on Mondays, using left overs and potatoes -who says there is no style in Middlesbrough??? I was unceremoniously flicked back 20 years when I tried

the splendidly named "Patatas a la Impotancia"....potatoes made important, to you and I. This was my mum's dish (No, she wasn't Spanish) and I ate several portions of it, and to hell with the indigestion, wallowing down a culinary Memory Lane. I can still taste it now.

I left the desserts to Judith, as always, although in this case down to a sheer lack of space. A small helping of Creme Brulee was up to it's usual standards, apparently (No danger of 3am acid burning with Mrs A).

This was one blockbuster of an evening, in my book. Although the food was brilliant, there were another couple of side issues worthy of a jot:

## FANTASTIC MUSIC

The Music- OK Barry, you really excelled this time. Abba in Spanish to a salsa beat??? Where *do* you get the tapes from?

The Menu translations - I guess you could be offended at a food promotion if you were actually from the host country, but I'm sure most folks would raise a smile at Barry's sterling use of language dictionaries. I imagine this was translated using 30% fact and 70% "well, that looks and sounds okay" - and all the better for it.

I really salute Baz and the team for this one, the best promotion for me, without a doubt. It does concern me, though, that Ken's mum lives on in the BC kitchen. If Chef Boonlert is ever heard rambling in a strange North-eastern English accent in future, then I'll know the potatoes made important was no accident!

Many thanks, as ever, to everyone who helped make this evening happen, and not a collarless shirt in sight.....!

## Eldorado Ken (A88)



What's this? Siriwan sat on Barry's knee!

## SPANISH FOOD PROMOTION

## MENU

## SOUP

Caldeirada de Pescados & Mariscos  
(Mixed Fish and Shellfish Soup)

Potaje de Garbanzo & Espinacas  
(Chickpea and Spinach Soup)



## TAPAS

Berenjenas en Escabeche  
(Pickled Aubergines)

Mild Cheese Custard

Ensalada de Naranjas & Limon  
(Orange Salad with Garlic and Red Wine)

Fried Whitebait with Sherry Salsa

Morcilla (Black Pudding)

Ensalada San Isidro  
(Madrid Mixed Salad)

Tortilla Espanola  
(Spanish Potato Omelette)

Oyster Mushroom with Smoked Bacon,  
Garlic, and Onion

Gambas en Gabardinas  
(Overcoated Prawns)

Ensalada Con Roquefort  
(Roquefort Salad)

Empanadillas Valencianas  
(Fried Pies)



## CARVERY

Lomo de Cerdo Almendrado  
(Almond Stuffed Pork  
with Sherry and Cream)

Chuleton de Buey a la Sarten,  
Con Salsa de Crema  
(Rib of Beef with Cream  
and Armagnac Sauce)

## BBQ

Pinchitos Morunos  
(Spicy Pork Kebab)

## VEGETARIAN

Berenjenas Rellenas de Hongros  
(Mushroom Stuffed Aubergines)

Patatas a la Importancia  
(Potatoes Made Important)



## BUFFET

Filloas de Mexilons  
(Mussel Pancakes)

Vieras de Santiago  
(St. James Baked Scallops)

Pollo a lo Padre Pero  
(Chicken, Tomatoes, Pepper and Cumin)

El Frite  
(Fried Lamb with Paprika and Vinegar)

## New Potatoes

Fabada Asturiana  
(Asturian Bean and Sausage Pot)

Porc Amb Musclos  
(Pork and Mussel Stew)

Paella Valenciana  
(Saffron Rice)

Crispy Fish Balls



## DESSERT

Gelat de Crema de Catalana  
(Cream Brulee Ice-cream)

Leche Frita  
(Crisp Custard Squares)

Bizocitoco Borracho  
(Drunken Cakes)

Flao  
(Sweet Cheesecake with Mint)



## BREAD

Tomato and Garlic  
Plat Pita  
Rosemary Breads

## COFFEE

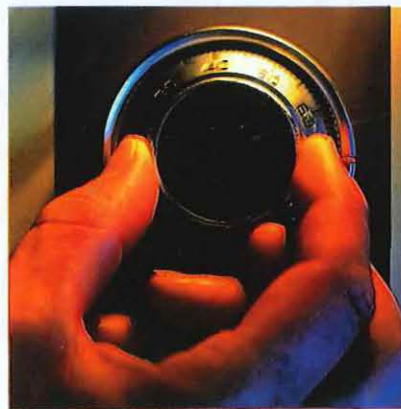
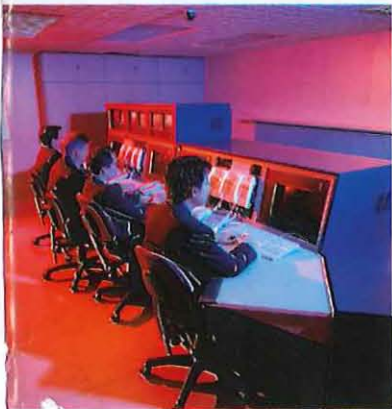
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